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DECK THE HALLS

THE WI CAROL EVENING

Satterthwaite Church

7.30pm Monday 12th December.

Come along and sing all your favourite carols
There will be wine and homemade mince pies.

All donations will go to Growing Well, the horticultural charity near Kendal that offers a safe, supportive working environment to nurture mental health recovery.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE

Join us to sing carols round the tree on the village green at 6.00pm on Saturday 24th December. Wrap up warmly, bring torches and do please bring some cash for the charity collection. We do have permission to use the Church if the weather is bad. Afterwards Gary has invited us to the Eagle's Head for a complimentary glass of mulled wine and mince pies.

RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

POTATO DAY

GREENODD VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 22nd January 2023

10am – 2pm

Admission £1 (children free)

HOMEMADE SOUP & CAKES

See website for available produce

www.growvegandfruit.co.uk

You can also pre order to collect on the day.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK APPEAL

Thank you for the generous donations to Barrow and Ulverston Foodbanks Christmas Hamper Appeal. Collection boxes in all parts of the Parish were filled with Christmas goodies that will help many financially struggling local families to enjoy a better Christmas. Thanks also to the folk who kindly helped with the collections.

THE RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

18th and 19th March 2023 12pm and 4pm.

GET AHEAD AND PLANT YOUR BULBS NOW!

Entry details and details of classes, will follow in the January - February newsletter, but eager bulb-planters can start now:

BULB CLASSES:

1. A bowl or pot of Daffodils or Narcissi (bi-colour)
2. A bowl or pot of Daffodils or Narcissi (yellow)
3. A bowl of Hyacinths
4. A bowl of Tulips
5. A bowl or pot of Spring Bulbs
6. A bowl or pot of miniature bulbs less than 10 inches / 25 cm
- 7 Children under 17: A pot or bowl of spring bulbs of their own choice

1ST LEVEN VALLEY (ST ANNE'S) SCOUT GROUP

The Cub Scouts are Boys and Girls age 8 - 10 ½.

This active pack meets 18.15 -19'30 on Wednesdays during Termtime at the Leven Valley and District Sports and Community Hall in Haverthwaite.

However, the Beavers (age 6-8) are not meeting as we need a leader to re-open the Colony. We have a waiting list. Support and training will be provided. Can you help?

For more information, please contact Group Scout Leader Marguerite Calvert 01229 885498.

DALE PARK RAINFALL

October rainfall was 10.69" with 3 dry days and November to 24th ,10.21" with 2 dry days. The last two months have produced nearly 2 feet of rain. Last year's figures - October 18.1", 7 dry days and November, to 24th only 4" and 7 dry days again. Last year's total rainfall including November was 63" and this year the same period is 66"

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Over the summer and the October school holidays we have carried out speed surveys through the village. The average speed was 29.1mph with the fastest speed being 67mph! This has given us the evidence to move forward with applying for a 20mph speed limit through the village.

Also, on the subject of roads, Gary met with a representative from Highways. They have agreed with the Parish Council regarding the state of the roads. They have said the whole road will be top dressed and all gullies cleaned and repaired. The poor repairs will be re-done with the proper camber.

The Highways are also changing the policy on the road closure signage, so they will be more co-ordinated with neighbouring parishes. The road down through the valley is also going to be treated as a road that cannot be closed due to it being the only access road into the village.

The Parish Council will be pushing on with the plans for the car park as it has been on the back burner for a while. We will contact ENWL to discuss moving the electricity pole.

The Eagle's Head has been designated as a warm space for people to go and sit for a few hours to keep warm. We will apply for a small grant of £1000 for this but there is also a larger grant available which will possibly pay for solar panels and batteries which will be ideal during power cuts.

We are still looking for another member of the Parish Council so if you would like to come and join us, please contact Dawn at clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com

Our next meeting is on 12th December in Forestry Commission Offices at 7pm. The January meeting will be on 23rd, 7pm venue tbc. Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep safe and well.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Take a look at our website for all the films coming up, trailers, reviews and booking a seat. www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Sunday 11th 7.30 - WILD MEN: a typical wacky Scandinavian film with their sort of humour.

Saturday 17th December 7.30 - DUNE - visually stunning big screen adaption of Frank Herbert's bestseller. Book early as this will fill up quickly.

Tuesday 17th December - 4pm - EMILY THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL- Our Christmas Family Show. £3 adult members, £4 non-members, £2 children.

Tuesday 3rd January 7.30 - OPERATION MINCEMEAT - A great British film with Colin Firth. Hoping to change the course of World War II, two intelligence officers plot to break Hitler's deadly grip on Europe.

Bring a drink over from The Manor or enjoy a meal beforehand. Book for 5.30 - 6pm.

MAGNIFICENT FUNDRAISERS

On November 5th Arthur and Emma hosted a bonfire party at Bowkerstead Farm and provided a complimentary hog roast; so big thanks to them and to all who donated fireworks. Gary also held a collection at the Eagle's Head, and then on 12th November Mid Life Crisis played their annual gig - another great evening. All the proceeds from these three events go to Satterthwaite Parish Rooms, a fantastic total in excess of £1100. The Parish Room committee would like to extend a huge thankyou to everyone who contributed to this magnificent amount, much needed to offset the increasing costs of running this valued village facility.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the last meeting parish council meeting, we were delighted to approve a community grant for Finsthwaite and Lakeside village hall to purchase equipment to improve resilience in the event of utility problems such as those experienced as a result of Storm Arwen last year. We look forward to further community grant applications. Please contact the clerk at clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk if you need an application form.

The meeting also discussed road safety and known accident black spots in the parish with a view to siting a temporary Speed Indication Device (SID) where feasible to gather data and evidence about the extent of the problem. If you have concerns about safety for a specific road in your area please get in touch with the clerk at clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

We are delighted to confirm that Stony Hazel Wood has been renewed for another five years as an Asset of Community Value on the SLDC register.

Our January meeting will be held at 7pm on 16th January at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall. All very welcome.

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At the Annual Meeting Sally Lister, Judy Shaw and Rachel Lumsden were all re-elected and two new members joined the Committee. A collection of photographs from past events was shown. The evening concluded with supper, a glass of fizz and a power cut caused by the secretary's pony!

The Walking Group met at Grizedale, enjoying a sunny walk to admire the new wolves sculpture.

On 6th December there will be a Jacob's Join lunch.

The January meeting is at Satterthwaite on 17th when Jamie Normington's talk will be "Lost Words". Why not make a New Year's Resolution to join this lively group. You are assured of a very warm welcome

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

At Christmas we are so used to the image of the baby Jesus, that we forget what an extraordinary thing that is. You can't get more vulnerable than a new born human baby. We've seen them. They won't be able to walk for another year. Talking and feeding themselves will take another couple of years. And they don't become financially independent until they are in their fifties.

I suspect that God doesn't have to fill out risk-assessment forms, but if he did it should have made him think twice about this plan.

This is the unique wonder of Christianity. God's desire to be our companion was so deep that it involved coming among us as a human being. It meant growing up in a carpenter's home, sharing our human drama, facing the challenges of life, and eventually enduring betrayal and the agony of death in Jerusalem.

But at Christmas we concentrate on the first part of that: being a tiny, defenceless baby. If Jesus were simply a superhuman hero, why would he need to undergo the trauma of birth at all? You'd think he could just show up in Galilee, fully grown, good to go. But God becomes flesh as the most vulnerable little person imaginable, at the mercy of inexperienced parents, clumsy animals and hostile rulers.

What if this is what God really looks like? What if God is so longing to be in relationship with us, that the central image of that relationship is of God yearning to be embraced by us, made warm by us, cradled by us? In some ways we'd prefer the superman Jesus. But it's time once again to discover the real Christmas. God risks absolutely everything to be cradled in our arms. God is entrusted to us. Big enough to make the whole universe. Small enough to fit in our embrace. That's the wonder of Christmas.

John

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER/ JANUARY

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
Dec 4 th	5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	
11 th			11.15 Holy Communion
18 th	4pm	Carol Service	
25 th	9.30	Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
Jan 1 st	5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	
8 th	5pm	Evensong	

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
Dec 4 th	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion.
11 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Matins
18 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
	6pm Christingle		
24 th	11pm Midnight Mass		6pm Carol Service
25 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
Jan 1 st	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
8 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion

Thursdays at 10am Hawkshead Methodist Church 'Time at 10'

ANCIENT WONDERS IN TURKEY

The Rev John Dixon will give an illustrated talk about his journey

Saturday 21st January at 7.30 pm at Satterthwaite Parish Room. Coffee and cake will be served

ROOKHOW NEWS

History Rookhow is beginning to dig into its history with our 300-year-old anniversary in 2025. Some of our volunteers are looking through documents at Barrow archives. A piece from 1846 said, "What a feeling of solitude and awe came over us at the Meeting House of Rookhow, placed in the bosom of dense forests and far removed from the haunts of men!" There are lots of fascinating documents to go through, some in old script. If anyone locally would be interested in joining this small group, especially to look at Rookhow's place in the Rusland valley, please let us know.

Curious about Quakers We will be running a residential retreat 3rd-5th February at Rookhow to explore Quakerism. Open to all, especially people new to Quakerism. The weekend will be made up of reflections, quiet time, sharing, discussions and some input from local Quakers. See the Rookhow website for more details:

<https://rookhow.org.uk/meet-with-us>

Open Days Open Days on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Our volunteer guides will be happy to show you around and you can wander into the woods too.

Quaker Meetings at Rookhow Meeting House On the first Wednesday of every month 7.30-8pm and 1st and 3rd Fridays 12.30-1pm. All welcome.

Day bookings Rookhow Meeting House can be booked for meetings & day events (Monday-Thursday) and as a base for use of the woodland.

Contact: Sue Nicholls, Rookhow Development Manager Tel 07377 971783

Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

HELP US TELL THE STORY OF THE GRIZEDALE LUMBERJILLS.

In 1942, a separate branch of the Women's Land Army, the Timber Corps, was set up to address the shortage of British timber for the war effort. The women of the Timber Corps, known as the 'Lumberjills', harvested and processed timber and many other forestry jobs. Sadly, the work of the Women's Timber Corps is little known today.

Our project will celebrate the women who worked in Grizedale and tell their story.

Can you help us? Do you have relatives who worked here, or know of people who did? If you have any information we would love to hear from you.

Contact hazel.stone@forestryengland.uk

WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

The Rusland Community Trust

We have a small pot of money and would like to hear if any need our support. In the past we have helped the local schools, organised courses such as computer, photography and upholstery. We have started clubs such as writing, hand bell ringing, table tennis and orienteering. you need help or have an idea.

Please contact: - Angus - anguslighthall@gmail.com or Anne - ruslandannie1@icloud.com

BARRY HARRISON

Following Barry's failing health since he and Margaret left Force Forge House, we learn with regret that Barry has sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with Margaret and the family.

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