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NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES

LOCAL COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO ENSURE FUTURE OF SHOW

The future of the Rusland Show looks to be safe. A community effort to bid for the Show field at auction has been successful, thanks to a consortium bid by the Rusland Valley Horticultural Society and the Rusland Valley Community Trust. Many local people also contributed interest-free loans to allow a credible bid to be put together.

The Show field was part of a lot at the recent auction of Ickenthaite Farm, following the death of Mr Joe Jackson.

The Rusland Valley Horticultural Show has been running for 127 years and for most of that time, the show has been held on Whitestock Meadow. Mr Jackson had kindly allowed the show to take place on the same field for many years but local people were worried that new owners might not be so accommodating.

The show which takes place on the third Saturday of August is renowned for its traditional, non-commercial character and is enjoyed by several hundred local people and visitors.

Antony Meanwell, Secretary of the Show Committee, was delighted and said "It is fantastic to know that the show is guaranteed for the future and that the young people of the valley will have the chance to enjoy this great local occasion for years to come".

MORE ORIENTEERING!

There will be an event in Bouth Woods on Sunday 20th February from 10am until 12noon. If you would like to have a go, park at the Black Beck Caravan Site Car Park to register.

For more details contact Carol McNeill on 01229 860507 or go to: - www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk

RUSLAND VALLEY & FELS LOTTERY BID

A reminder of the dates of the Public Meetings: -

Jan 18th - Rusland Reading Rooms

Jan 19th - Satterthwaite Parish Room

Jan 20th - Haverthwaite Church Hall - all at 7.30pm.

More information from Colin Barr (01229 861408)

SAVE LAKELAND'S FORESTS!

Following last month's leader article, a new website has been set up to provide a focal point for coordinating efforts in the Lake District to oppose the Government's proposed sell-off of ALL our public forests.

www.savelakelandsforests.org.uk has information, facts and figures, and most importantly, links to all the MPs and Government Ministers to whom we all need to write to express our views. It is hoped that a rally of all interested forest users - walkers +/- dogs, horse riders, mountain bikers, orienteers, sculpture enthusiasts, etc. - will take place to raise awareness. Keep an eye on the website for details.

BARN OWL AWARENESS DAY

Saturday 26th February 2011 - The Yan, Grizedale.

Here is the chance for local volunteers to contribute to the project and learn more about Barn Owls in the Rusland Valley / Grizedale area.

Learn about the project. Meet an Owl: Meet one of the owls from the World Owl Trust. Discover what Barn Owls eat. Learn about the Barn Owls habitat and ways we can help them in the local area. Learn how to identify Barn Owl signs.

Free event aimed at local adults. Lunch not provided but Cafe facilities open or bring a pack lunch. Places are limited so please phone to book a place.

Contact: Hilary Lange 01229 717393, World Owl Trust Conservation Officer. www.owls.org

TAXI

Jazz, Blues, Soul, Latin ...

LIVE AT THE RUSLAND READING ROOMS

Saturday 29th January at 7.30pm

£6 on the door (In aid of the Reading Rooms)

Relaxing Dinner Music followed by
a real blast to get you dancing!

Please bring some food to share and your own drinks.

Contact Mandy Lane on 01229 861408 for more details.

SPRING SHOW NEW DATES, Sat. 9th and Sun. 10th April.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following intensive lobbying by your Parish and County Councillors, we are very pleased to hear that a temporary footbridge is to be installed this month at Bouthrey Bridge over the River Crake between Nibthwaite and Water Yeat, strong enough to support a farm quad-bike and trailer. Work to restore the bridge itself will begin in June next year.

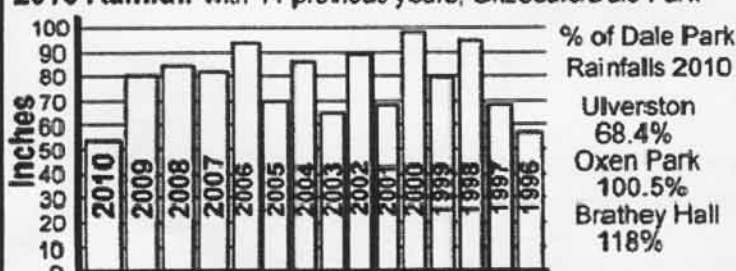
Following the news that the government is considering the large-scale sale of Forestry Commission woodland, we invited a member of FC staff, Mr David Lowe, to speak at our meeting on 10th Jan. The government is due to announce its review on 24th Jan, following which there is expected to be a consultation period. You may be aware of local concern over the Forestry Commission's sale of Rigg Wood in Colton Parish on the east shore of Coniston. Despite Rigg Wood being dedicated CROW access land for walkers, it has now been fenced with padlocked gates. Unfortunately, it seems that the legislation does not require the owner to provide for access. This has now drawn national interest, as it appears to illustrate one possible consequence of the sale of our woodlands. The Parish Council has expressed its concern, and has written to the local MP, Tim Farron, and to Jim Paice MP, Minister of State for Defra. A local website has been set up by a Satterthwaite-based community group which gives latest news and contact information if you wish to express your own opinion - see www.savelakelandsforests.org.uk. A meeting to consult local councils about governance arrangements for the National Park was attended by Cllrs Colin Barr and Vanessa Champion in December. The principle outcome was a preference to increase local representation at the expense of county or national appointees.

The next Council meeting is to be held on Monday 21st Feb, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm. All welcome, as ever.

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

After long deliberation Rusland & District W.I. decided to cancel their Carol Evening on 14th December, due to weather and road conditions. Almost immediately the snow melted and temperatures rose above freezing. Joan and Elizabeth, who had been training the choir, decided that the show must go on and they produced a lovely evening of carols to sing, items by the WI choir, festive readings and the Benefice Junior Choir. Thanks go to them for all their hard work. The event raised over £200 for the Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue team, which had been the chosen charity of the W.I. The next meeting of the WI will be on 18th January in Satterthwaite Parish Room when Ron Mein will speak on Pack Horse Trails. The competition is a "Horse in any medium," and new members will be most welcome at the start of a new year.

2010 Rainfall with 14 previous years, Grizedale/Dale Park



from Forestry Commission, Environment Agency & Hilary Collins, via Chris Stacey

SATTERTHWAITE HYDRO UPDATE

Apologies for a long silence but we have had some drawn out dialogue with the grant awarding body. We are however now in a position to provide you with an update. Back in September we were informed that we had been offered a 100% grant but that they wanted to impose certain terms and conditions. When we received written information the terms and conditions imposed offered less than a 100% grant. We successfully negotiated the removal of this clause only to then have further requirements placed upon us at the last minute.

As you know one of the vital components to our revenue stream was the ability to receive Feed in Tariff payments and you will recall that there was (and still is) considerable confusion about these. We have tried to clarify this position but it is just about impossible to get someone to provide us with a definitive position regarding our potential eligibility. In the absence of such information we have to assume that the information we have received is correct - meaning that our project would not be eligible to receive these payments.

The fact that our revenue stream will be drastically reduced means that we have been unable to satisfactorily agree the grant terms and conditions without raising the risk profile to a high level. Consequently the grant offer has been withdrawn.

This means we cannot progress the project further in its current format. We have begun looking for alternative funding methods, but we suspect this is unlikely to be quick!

Whilst the project team is obviously disappointed that the large amount of work has so far not provided a successful outcome we feel it is important to highlight that we have shown that the project is technically feasible. It is the funding climate which is making things difficult. Feed in tariffs are new and the people who are supposed to be implementing them appear to not have been told how they will work. The bodies they work for are also under threat from the spending cuts. Add to this that the availability of finance is not exactly plentiful and you will understand our problems. Let's hope we can find another way of making it work. We will of course keep you informed as and when we have anything meaningful to report.

!! A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

St Marys Hospice Leven Valley Support Group are pleased to announce the first charity event to be held at the recently opened Lakeland Motor Museum Complex situated on the banks of the River Leven. "Two by Two" of Ulverston will stage a Fashion Show called "Best of British Fashion" in Café Ambio by kind permission of Mr Andrew Southcott. Tickets will also include a visit to the museum, thanks to the generosity of Mr Edwin Maher. The event will be held on Friday 8th April. Tickets will be £7.00 including refreshments. Further information will be available in the March edition.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The season continues with a showing of the highly acclaimed *The Secret in Their Eyes* at Rusland Reading Rooms on Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm. There will a film show at Leven Valley School on Thursday 17th February. A snack will be provided at 3.30pm followed by the film at 4pm. Childcare provided. Cost £1.50.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The other day I received a free pen through the post. This particular pen did have something written on it in the way that such pens do, but this particular pen had St Paul's, Rusland written on the side. It appeared to be advertising our church in Rusland. In fact though, it was advertising itself. I could if I so wished have ordered a whole lot of them. I didn't so wish- they were quite expensive and the minimum order was 1000. Also, the company who made the pens had sent a standard letter much of which didn't quite apply in our case- the language used revealed that they were not just targeting churches. The pens, I read, were to be used to reward our loyal customers. We could send them to shareholders. They would help our 'organisation' establish a foothold in the market place.

Some things the letter said (it was quite a long letter) did make a little more sense in our case. The pens apparently would show that our organisation valued each and every 'customer', that we recognised that all our 'customers' were individuals, and we cared about them. They weren't just part of the 'customer base'. It went on like this quite a bit, emphasising the importance of the individual. To some extent this applies to us. Of course, we are all individuals. Everybody who comes to our churches, or who reads this magazine is uniquely different. We celebrate that, we enjoy our differences, we aim to be a tolerant and accepting church community, welcoming people whoever they are, and whatever their background.

But we are more than just individuals, we are also part of a community. I think we ought to distrust the rank individualism of our age. We do have individual 'rights' but, as our Gospel makes plain, we also have duties to our neighbours. Our God values us as individuals but knows that we are also part of a society, a society that gives us immense privileges but also responsibilities.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394 36301. jjcedixon@btinternet.com

Sunday			Colton	Rusland		Satterthwaite	
Jan.	23 rd	9.30	Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	No service	
	30 th	10.30	Benefice Ecumenical Communion		No service	No service	
Feb.	6 th	10.30	Morning Worship	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	13 th	10.30	Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge.	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	20 th	9.30	Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	27 th	9.30	Communion		No service	11.15	Holy Communion
Sunday			Hawkshead		Sawrey		
Jan.	23 rd	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	6pm	Evensong
	30 th	10.00	Joint Benefice Service at Sawrey				
Feb.	6 th	8.00	Holy Communion, 1662	6pm	Healing Service		
		9.30	Service for All Ages		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel	11.15	Holy Communion
	13 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Matins
	20 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong with Hardwycke Consort	6pm	Evensong

CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE

It was one of the coldest nights in this bleak midwinter, but that did not deter a very good gathering of well-wrapped-up locals and visitors from gathering round the tree to sing carols. This year we had musical accompaniment from Harry Elkington-Crabtree on the organ, who played really well, despite freezing fingers. Bob's bucket collection raised £68 for the Children's' Society. Thanks to all who supported the festive evening and to Bob and Joan Fletcher for co-ordinating.

OPEN FORUM

Open Forum is a series of evening discussion meetings (organised on behalf of the Windermere Deanery Mission Group) on a range of topical issues and which are open to everyone. The next meeting will be at 8 pm on Thursday 17th February 2011 at the Parish Centre, Ambleside. The topic will be – "Should we keep religion out of politics?" with Baroness Warnock and Tim Farron MP.

Tea and coffee will be available. Everyone is very welcome and there is no need to book. Please contact Rev Nick Hallam for further information (015394 36069, Nick.Hallam@uwclub.net).

COLTON AND LEVEN VALLEY MOTHERS' UNION BRANCH

The next meeting will take place at 2pm on Tuesday February 8th in Haverthwaite Church Hall, when the Reverend Chris Jenkins will give a talk on his trip to Uganda – "The Kasese Street Kids"

NEW YEAR BRAINTEASERS

A very jolly event took place in Satterthwaite Parish Room on 15th January when the many who had braved the rain tried to answer Quiz questions, brains no doubt oiled by the mulled wine which greeted arrivals. An excellent supper of sandwiches and cakes was enjoyed in the interval. The Quiz was won by Anne and Colin Lewis and Jennifer Threlkeld. Thanks were given by the Vicar, the Rev. John Dixon, to everyone who had helped but, particularly, to Jennifer Stoker who had set such excellent questions and Andrew Stoker who acted as quizmaster. All proceeds went to the Parish Room funds.

DIARY DATES.

Jan.	Tues	18 th	Rusland and District WI- Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm Rusland Valley and Fells Lottery Bid - Public Meeting - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
	Wed	19 th	Rusland Valley and Fells Lottery Bid - Public Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm
	Thurs	20 th	Rusland Valley and Fells Lottery Bid - Public Meeting - Haverthwaite Church Hall - 7.30pm
	Wed.	26 th	High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Hawkshead Market Hall - 7pm
	Sat.	29 th	Taxi Live - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
Feb.	Tues.	1 st	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>The Secret in Their Eyes</i> - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
	Tues.	8 th	Colton and Leven Valley District Mothers' Union - Haverthwaite Church Hall - 2pm
	Tues.	15 th	Rusland and District WI - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
	Thurs.	17 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club at Leven Valley School - 3.30pm refreshments - 4pm Film. Open Forum with Tim Farron and Baroness Warnock - Ambleside Parish Centre - 8pm
	Sun.	20 th	Orienteering Event in Bouth Woods 10am to 12noon - Meet at Black Beck Caravan Site Car Park
	Mon.	21 st	Colton Parish Council Meeting - Finsthwaite Village Hall - 7.30pm
	Sat.	26 th	Barn Owl Awareness Day - The Yan, Grizedale.
	Mon.	28 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you. Phone 01229 825656 or 08457 909090

- Our very sincere condolences to Jane Johnson and family on the death of Bonzo.

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