



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER REVELS!

RUSLAND SHOW

This year's show will be held on 16th August at 12.30pm on Whitestock Meadow. Now is the time to start planning your entries for the many classes that aim to cater for all interests, with something for everyone to enter. Pick up a schedule from The Syke in Rusland, or view it online at www.ruslandshow.org.uk/entries.html. Entries need to be posted into the red post box outside The Syke by noon on 9th August. As the show secretary will be away for the week before this, please try to pick up your schedule/entry form early to avoid causing chaos to our farm sitters!

There are several new horticultural classes this year, so check the schedule and start working out what you can enter. There are classes which are for the show area only, and those for people from further afield, so don't forget to encourage friends and relations to enter so that we can put on a good display of flowers, vegetables, home produce and handicrafts. We are really looking forward to seeing the photographs in the 'Our Valley' class.

This year we are anticipating a wonderful sun drenched afternoon of entertainment. We have remembered to order the good weather! There will be plenty to see and do with the sports, fell races, Jesters, hound trials and wrestling. There will also be a beer tent, ice cream stand and catering tent. Towards the end of the show there will be the popular tug of war, where we can all enjoy watching our friends and neighbours take on the Young Farmers from Cartmel and Lowick.

For any queries about entering the show, please contact the show secretary Antony Meanwell on 01229 860076 a_meanwell@msn.com

IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN

The Summer Garden Competition will be judged during the week beginning Monday July 14th. The Classes are: Large Garden, Small Garden, Vegetable Garden, Hanging Baskets, Tubs & Window Boxes. Entries by 12th July, to Gordon Wilkinson - T. 860253

HAWKSHEAD & SATTERTHWAITE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

This is not an appeal for money. We have enough in the kitty for the moment and we know how generously you respond when we do have to ask.

But we do need some practical help.

First, we need help with our committee. Like any other charity, there has to be a committee to guide our affairs and, very importantly, to ensure that the money so generously given to us is safeguarded and properly spent. It's not an onerous job: usually two meetings a year. But we do need fresh blood, if that's not an unfortunate way to put it. The Secretary would like to be free to help with the training; the Treasurer, though still skilled with his abacus, would like some relief and the Chairman is getting decidedly long in the tooth. None need be active First Responders themselves: not all are at the moment. It is, however, an important and worthwhile contribution to the community and to a charity which deserves to be kept going.

Second, we have 9 active First Responders at the moment, only the bare minimum to cover our large area, from Outgate to Bouth. We received 44 call-outs during 2013, 25 of which we were able to attend. So, we'd welcome new recruits. You'd be making a real and sometimes literally vital contribution to the community. But it takes time, energy and commitment, so if you're interested discuss the practicalities with our team leader, David Higgs, on 01229 860 239, or with me on 015394 36604. Peter Stones. Chairman

GRIZEDALE ROCKS AT BOWKERSTEAD FARM FRIDAY 25TH AND SATURDAY 26TH JULY.

Don't forget – if you haven't already booked your tickets - they are £10 and cover both evenings, including a hog roast on the Saturday evening. Eagle's Head Bar on site, serving two real ales, wines and soft drinks. This is a fund-raising event for Satterthwaite & Rusland Churches. Contact Arthur at the farm or on 860208.

'THE SATTERTHWAITE SINGERS', inspired as usual by Joan and Elizabeth Pollock, are joining a 'come and sing' performance of Faure's Requiem in Lancaster Priory Church on Saturday 19th July at 4.00pm. It is a very short requiem, so anyone who would like to attend will be back in the Valley in plenty of time for the WI 70th Birthday celebrations!

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Progress with the Community Led Plan has been slow, but like other parish councils we are trying to jump through the same bureaucratic hoops. With shrinking numbers in our communities, engagement is difficult. We have been updating the plan and are hoping to have it ready for publication in the New Year. If adopted, then the hard work will begin, with the implementation of the plan and the formation of a community action group. Nevertheless, we are making progress with many of the issues highlighted in the draft Parish Plan.

We are now at the end of the first year of implementation of the Community Lengthsman scheme. This scheme has been very well received with no negative feedback. We have now budgeted in this scheme for the life of this parish council, having raised the precept slightly next year in order to do so and see good reasons why the precept should be raised above inflation in the future to accommodate this scheme. The Satterthwaite car park project is on hold until we have finalised the Community Led Plan which will give the parish council a better chance of gaining planning consent and access funding streams that are available to the community. The PC meetings have been well attended by all councillors over the year and issues have been well debated. Highways issues over the year have include the difficulties caused by parking on the roadside at Grizedale and in front of the Church area in Satterthwaite. We are looking to the Forestry Commission to help resolve the problems with parking and congestion on our roads through Grizedale when outside events are taking place. Gritting this winter has not been an issue because it was very mild. Thanks to our Community Lengthsman, David Walker of Force Forge, the effects of flooding were kept to a minimum, with great improvements in drainage being made in many areas. I would like to thank David for his efforts and his diligence. Dog fouling on the village green has been resolved.

The recreation ground is now under the management of the parish council which is in the process of reviewing how it is best run. The main issues to be dealt with, will be long term viability of the play area, because of the small number of residents with children now and the overall costs incurred to retain the area to the same standard. We may have to look at an alternative use for this area but this may be something to consider in the Community Led Plan.

The main concerns in the community are still those put forward in our draft plan and reflect the pressures of a decreasing and ageing local population. However, these will have to be revisited in the revised Community Led Plan as recent events have threatened the loss of our neighbouring doctors' surgeries at Hawkshead and Coniston. The council fully supports the retention of both services as the closure of these surgeries would make life so much more difficult for all here and in the wider community. There may also be issues with the access to adult social care with regards to a shrinking service and the need to use the third sector to facility these services in the future. On a good note the Eagles Head has new owners and we them well in their new business venture. Go Ape is expanding its business activities at Grizedale by offering Junior Go Ape, Go Ape Adventure Safari and Segway Safari. The parish council had reservations about the transportation of clients by mini bus from Grizedale to the Adventure Safari site. The parish council agreed in principle to development but registered its concerns. Go Ape is now making alternative arrangements, which is a positive response and outcome. If,

staffing levels are increased (up to 40?) during the summer months this should have a positive effect on the community and for the businesses in the area. Though issues remain regarding the accommodation of people working in the valley and the extra vehicular activity. We wish them well.
Cllr David Fletcher (Chair)

BOOK LAUNCH

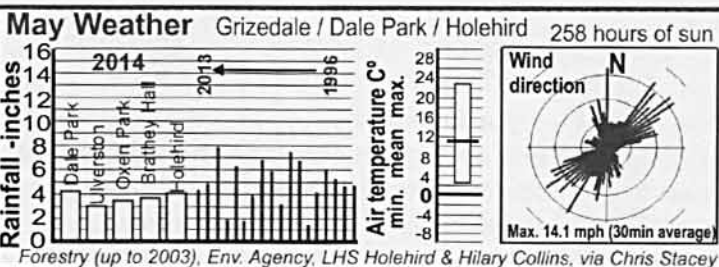
After eight years in the brewing, Suzanne and Kevin proudly announce that their book "The Parish of Satterthwaite, A Social History" will be available from 14th July. A whopping 592 pages in A4 format, it is packed with information, stories and anecdotes about what the residents of Satterthwaite, Grizedale, Heald, Dale Park, Force, Graythwaite and Low Cunsey got up to through the centuries - both good and bad! The text, in full colour, is vividly brought to life with 450 illustrations, and the book is hardback with a dust jacket. The cost is £35. Come to the Eagle's Head Inn on Monday 14th July between 5pm and 7pm for the book launch and to purchase your copy. For further information e-mail info@saetpress.co.uk or phone Kevin on 860181. Don't miss out - there are only 300 copies - but please note we can only accept cash payments.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

All About Highways: At its June meeting, the Council reviewed the list of ongoing Highways-related issues. These include re-painting of various road markings (e.g. double yellow lines around Bouth Village Green), substantial repairs needed on the Bessie Bank road and the Ickenthaite loop, and enquiries about SLOW signs at Oxen Park. Communications with Highways appear to be at an all-time low: we are still unclear about who is our liaison officer, reports to the Highways hotline go un-acknowledged, and we are no-longer consulted about re-surfacing priorities. These problems were discussed at a recent 'South Lakeland District Parishes Association' meeting, and it seems most parishes are experiencing the same breakdown in communications - whatever happened to Localism?! The Area Highways Engineer for South Lakeland will be asked to attend the next meeting in the autumn. On the plus side, we have worked together with one very helpful officer at Highways to get some trees cut back at Lowick Bridge and drainage works resolved at Colton - so there is hope!

If you want to add your voice to the present Highways issues - then please phone 0845 609 6609 or Email:

highways@cumbria.gov.uk. We have intervened in works planned for July (laying electricity cables) at Tottlebank crossroads, and asked that works be delayed until the autumn. The 4 roads meeting at the crossroads were each to have been closed for a week at a time with various diversions, some of which were definitely not suitable (Cappy Lane/Hellpot Bridge for example....!). BUT, officers from Highways and Electricity North-West have been extremely helpful following a meeting at the cross-roads - they have re-scheduled the works and re-routed the diversions. They will The next meeting will be on Monday 21st July, 7:30pm
Rusland Reading Rooms



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

As of course you know, many people who live and work here are involved in the tourist industry in one way or another, and that is also true of the churches. We get visitors from all over the world. The churches at Hawkshead, Sawrey, Rusland and Satterthwaite are all kept open during the day and all receive a significant number of visitors.

People visit churches on holiday for all sorts of different reasons. It may be something you have done yourself in other places. You go into a church building, perhaps because it is an attractive building, perhaps because it is something to do, perhaps because it is cool inside on a hot day, or dry when it is raining. You look around, and then, because your feet are tired, you have a little sit down and a quiet moment.

And then maybe what you find is that the experience is somehow more than the sum of its parts. You are doing more than just sitting quietly in an old building.

This is perhaps partly because we so rarely sit quietly and do nothing, or because, no matter what we believe, it is moving to be in a building that has been set aside for prayer and worship, a building that exists because of a belief that there is more to life than our day-to-day concerns. And it is a place where many people before us have found something similar, and have done so for generations. As a Christian I believe that this is one of the ways in which God speaks to us.

It is our hope and prayer that people find something significant in our churches, whatever they choose to call it.

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

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Sunday				Colton				Rusland				Satterthwaite			
July 6 th		9.30 Morning Worship		6pm		Evensong		9.45		Holy Communion					
13 th		9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Holy Communion		6pm		Evensong							
20 th		9.30 Holy Communion		6pm		Evensong		9.45		Service for All Ages					
27 th		9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Holy Communion		No service									
Sunday				Hawkshead				Sawrey							
July 6 th		8am Holy Communion		6pm		Healing and Wholeness Service		11.15		Holy Communion					
9.30		Morning Worship		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel											
13 th		9.30 H.C. with Sunday School		6pm		Evensong		11.15		Matins					
20 th		9.30 Holy Communion		6pm		Evensong		11.15		Holy Communion					
27 th		9.30 Holy Communion		6pm		Taize Style Service		11.15		Morning Worship					

CONFIRMATION

We are to have a Service on 30th November this year at Rusland Church. It will be led by Bishop James, the Bishop of Carlisle. If you or somebody you know would like to be Confirmed, please have a word with John (015394 36301). Confirmation is appropriate when candidates are in a position to profess the Christian faith for themselves.

COME FOR A WALK

The next Benefice walk will take place on Tuesday, 15th July, St Swithin's Day! Meet at 10.30 a.m. at the Gummers How car park. From Newby Bridge it is the third turning on the right, immediately after Fell Foot (.8 of a mile) signed Cartmel Fell, Bowland Bridge and Gummer's How picnic area. The car park is .6 of a mile up this road, on the right. For anyone who would prefer to avoid the 500 yard climb up through the woods to Sow How Lane, there is parking for 2 cars a good half mile along Sow How Lane (if they have not already been taken.) We will walk to St. Anthony's Church on Cartmel Fell where we will have lunch and look round the church. Bring a picnic. This walk was described by John Wyatt (the first Lake District National Park Ranger) as "a walk for connoisseurs of the countryside." If you are a connoisseur come and join us for this 5 mile walk. Further details from Hilary Collins 01229 860312.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT W.I.

The date for our 70th birthday party in July is almost upon us after several months of planning our 1940s theme evening. At our June meeting, several hats of the period were available to buy and much fun was had trying them on. Those who have been to classes have finished their hats, and it is proposed to hold bag making sessions next. The £10 challenge has been a resounding success with over £900 raised towards our party. Plans for our anniversary book of life in our W.I. and the Rusland Valley are proceeding and members now have their questionnaires to complete.

Our speaker for the evening was a return visit by favourite Eileen Belshaw who took us through the 25 page booklet which new pregnant mothers have to complete with the midwife on their first visit to the surgery, and carry with them if they go away. Members who had had babies over 40 years ago were amazed to discover how much information and advice is now both demanded and given. She was thanked by Anne Lewis. The competition for a nostalgic baby item was won by Elsie Wilkinson, and the flower of the month by Judy Shaw. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 15th July at Satterthwaite when Tony Wood will speak on Cumbrian Wild Flowers. All welcome.

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

The Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale, surpassed all expectations by raising the magnificent sum of £4900! Ulverston Town Mayor, Helen Irving, opened the fair. Furness Clog Dancers gave a magnificent performance while the magician enthralled the children with his tricks and the Storyteller took them on a journey to another world. Fifi the Flea flew in from Paris with Uncle Tim and Daisy. There were many local craft and produce stalls with wonderful gifts and goods. Heartfelt thanks to all our friends and volunteers for helping us make the day such a success and a big thank you to everyone for their continued support. Dorothy Crabtree, Chairman.

DIARY DATES

July	Mon	14 th	Book launch "The Parish of Satterthwaite. A Social History" at the Eagle's Head - 5pm to 7pm
	Tues	15 th	"Come for a Walk" - Hawkshead Benefice Walking Group - Meet at Gummer's How Car Park - 10.30pm
			Rusland and District WI - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm
	Sat	19 th	Faure's Requiem - Lancaster Priory Church - 4pm
			Colton Church Fete at the Church and Schoolroom - 2pm
	Mon	21 st	Colton Parish Council - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
	Fri	25 th and Sat. 26 th	Grizedale Rocks - Bowkerstead Farm

EVENTS IN GRIZEDALE

Further information available from the Visitor Centre on 860010

July 19 - 2 November 10am - 5pm Atkins CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year 2014

Now one of the fastest-growing photographic competitions in the World, this is an international showcase for the very best in environmental photography and film. Free Admission.

July 30 11am-4pm Give Nature a Home with RSPB

Simple and fun activities for the whole family to give nature a home on your doorstep. Making mini bug homes for the garden using household objects.

July 30 Watercolour in the Forest

Brewery Arts Centre watercolour course. More info and booking visit www.breweryarts.co.uk

PERSONAL

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- A warm welcome to Mr & Mrs Jarvis the new occupants of Crosslands House, Rusland

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