



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING THINGS!

SPRING SHOW

The Spring Show was once again a huge success, due in no small measure to all those who helped in any way – the marquee erecters, all those who helped with the children's entries, all those who entered their exhibits, which made such an excellent display of flowers, cookery, floral art etc. and the judges, stewards and helpers on the day. Thanks to all of you.

It all helped to make a wonderful local event!

And special thanks from us all, to Gordon and Elsie for all their hard work every year, which enables this event to continue to take place. Ed.

THE SECOND SECRET GARDENS OF FINSTHWAITE

Saturday May 16th and Sunday May 17th

Don't miss this opportunity to view eight of Finsthwaite's hidden gardens. They range in size from tiny to grand, and all should be looking at their best in mid May. They are all maintained by enthusiastic amateurs, who are prepared to share their gardens in order to help raise funds for the current repairs to the church building.

£4 per person gives entry to all of the gardens. Children are free and can enjoy participating in an I-Spy trail. There will be good quality plants for sale and lunch will be available at the Village Hall. Tea, coffee and home baking will be offered at Finsthwaite House and at the Village Hall. The two day event will end with a celebration of Songs of Praise at St Peter's Church at 6pm on Sunday May 17th. Please come and join us!

Gardens will be open for viewing from 11am to 5pm.

OLD FRIENDS RETURN TO VALLEY!

The first Swallow was seen at Crosslands on 8th April.

The first Cuckoo was heard at Ickenthwaite and Crosslands on Easter Sunday.

SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION 2009

Please contact Margaret Dryden on 861432 to enter your garden. Judging will take place on May 14th.

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ

This will be held on Saturday 18th July at 6.00pm. Put the date on your calendar now and please come along and support this village event. Donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome, to Paul Townsend (860206). Likewise offers of help!

WALK YOUR VALLEY WITH RANGER TONY HILL. Wednesday 6th May 2009

Start 10.15am at High Dam car park, Lakeside. Grid reference: SD368882

Mini-bus to Low Hay Bridge Nature Reserve. Walk across Rusland Valley Mosses to Rusland Tannery. Continue into the Rusland Woods, climbing up to the Rusland Heights and across to High Dam. Tony will talk about the landscape and the management of the valley, particularly in view of the *Vision* for our National Park.

Price: Free. Grade: Moderate. Length of walk: 6.3kms, 3.9 miles. Time: 5 ½ hrs

You should wear suitable footwear, with good support and comfort. A packed lunch, with sufficient snacks and drinks, is required.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL – 0845 272 0004. For further details, refer to the 2009 Events Guide.

COME AND HEAR "VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS FOR CHILDREN"

A Concert Given By

Hawkshead Esthwaite Primary School

Leven Valley Primary School

Hawkshead Junior Choir

Rusland Church - 7.00pm - Thursday 21st May

Followed by

Refreshments in Rusland Reading Room

Entrance free.

Donations invited on the night.

In aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Colton Community Plan Working Group held its first meeting in Bouth on 24th March. Liaison officers Clive Wickham (LDNPA) and Judith Quigley (SLDC) explained the increasing importance of these Plans as a source of local opinion for informing policy on key issues like housing, planning, countryside access, etc.. The Plan is to be a community-led initiative that will express your views, desires and ideas for the future of the Parish, so we need your participation! The Working Group will be consulting you in the coming months by holding events as well as sending out questionnaires. We welcome anyone who would like to play an active part in the development of the Plan - please contact the Clerk.

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been involved in discussions about 'Locality Working' and 'Local Area Partnerships' (LAPs). LAPs are groupings of parishes that will enable us to have greater influence on how District and County services are delivered and budgets spent. The Highway Stewardship scheme is an example of this new way of working and so far seems very successful - we have had a much greater say on priorities for road repairs over the past few months (see our website Highways page). Each Parish Council was asked which LAP it would like to join; Colton has opted for High Furness, which includes for example Blawith, Coniston, Satterthwaite and Hawkshead parishes. We await the final outcome of the consultation. Our next meeting is the Annual Parish Council, Monday 11th May, 7:30 pm, Bouth Village Hall.

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OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

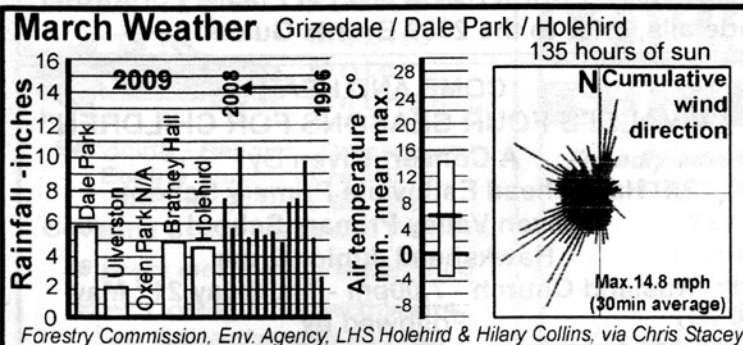
Oxen Park Cinema Club is running its annual 3 day workshop for film-making at Leven Valley School at the beginning of the Summer holidays. Make a 2-minute film for the Rusland Valley Show Classes, in 3 days. This is for 8 - 13 year olds.

If you are over 13, consider entering the under 16 or over 16 film-making classes at the Rusland Valley Show. The title this year is NEWSREEL- make a newsreel item or a complete newsreel - real or imaginary.

Apply to Carol McNeill for more details of show classes or workshop 861507 or carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk

SATTERTHWAITE TENNIS COURT KEYS

Don't forget to come and renew your key - £25 for the year, play as often as you want, or £5.00 for occasional games. Keys are available at the Eagle's Head (860237) and at Pepper House (860206).



Oxen Park readers might like to know that their Environment Agency rain gauge has been out of order since it froze up early in February - hence the 'N/A'.

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

In April 2008 a group of members entered a National WI Competition, "One Step Further", to produce a leaflet describing their favourite local walk. A year later when the results were announced we found we were the winners of the Cumbria/Westmorland round, and our entry has gone forward to the final. At our April meeting, it was decided to commercially produce the leaflet - details of how to obtain a copy will be published soon.

Dorothy Cook was the speaker on "Cumbrian Dialect". Plans were discussed for the next meeting which will be held in the President's garden, Middle Dale Park, on Tuesday 19th May. The resolution for the AGM in London in June, "SOS for Honey Bees" will be discussed, with, maybe, an opportunity to see the President's bees. There will be a surprise competition, and a Jacobs Join Supper. The usual May Sales Table will be held in September instead, when a visit to the Theatre at Keswick is also planned.

To support National Family Week, we are holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic, as part of the Guinness World Record for the worlds' largest simultaneous picnic. Please join us on 25th May at Rusland Reading Rooms from 11.30am for activities; picnic at 1pm. Bring a two course picnic, drinks, a rug, your family and a bear. The WI will serve tea and coffee and biscuits. Indoors if wet!

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Report on 6th April Meeting

In response to requests the Council has decided to organise litter picking operations on Wednesdays June 3rd, 10th and 17th at 7.30pm. The operation can only be conducted with your help and volunteers are asked to contact the Clerk with the date on which they can help. An application has been made for funding to conduct the feasibility study to install a micro hydro turbine at Farra Grains. It is hoped the project will generate funds to help the community.

Now that the percentage of second and holiday homes has reached 50% in the parish the Council has decided to ask the Planning Authority for help in changing the local occupancy clause wording, issued as part of planning permission, to try and ensure the clause does indeed result in local occupancy.

The Council has decided to develop a Parish Plan in order to establish what the parish should look and feel like in the future. As part of the development process we will be looking to engage parishioners in what we hope will be a lively debate. Anybody who would like to contribute should contact the Clerk.

Information has been forwarded to the Highways Department that contains the proposed sites for new grit bins to ensure that we do not experience the problem December again.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday May 18th 2009, 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite. It will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. All welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 28th May - 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

The Market Hall, Hawkshead

Cake stall, raffle, second-hand books and bric-a-brac All proceeds to Legion funds. Donations of cakes, home produce, second-hand books and bric-a-brac, also raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Please bring them along at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help with setting up and manning stalls, please contact John Dewhurst (36340).

Church News

Dear Friends,

There aren't many vicars who get to spend Holy Week and Easter in bed, and I imagine that in future years I will think back to this one with a pang of nostalgia. I had a rock climbing accident the week before Easter and damaged my left ankle. I was told (fairly forcibly) by an orthopaedic doctor that I had to go to bed in order to get the swelling down. So I spent a good while a bit like Grandpa at the beginning of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", directing Easter from my bed. It did all get a bit frustrating though. St Augustine said, 'Patience is the companion of wisdom' - I will just have to take his word for it.

I am very grateful to my friend, James Buxton, for all the help he gave. He is chaplain of a college, which of course closes down at Easter, and I had already arranged for him to come and stay and do some preaching. He ended up doing rather more than he had bargained for, but actually thoroughly enjoyed himself. He tells me that I am very lucky to be vicar of four churches made up of such nice people. I am tempted to say that you pulled the wool over his eyes, but in fact I know that I am lucky.

Thank you for all the kind messages and thoughts and cards.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394. jjcedjjcedixon@btinternet.com

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
May 3 rd	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
10 th	No service	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
17 th	9.30 Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
24 th	9.30 Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service
31 st	No Service	No Service	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
May 3 rd	8am Holy Communion, 1662 9.30 Service for All Ages	6pm Healing Service Hawkshead Methodist Chapel
10 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
17 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
24 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
31 st	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion, CW 11.15 Matins 11.15 H.C. with Baptism 6pm Evensong 11.00 Joint Benefice H.C.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP AND CHEESE LUNCH
WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY AT RUSLAND READING ROOMS- 12NOON TO 2PM
 Bedding Plants – Cake Stall – Bring and Buy – Raffle
 Admission £5. Donations Welcome.

CELTIC SAINTS
BENEFICE AND CHURCHES TOGETHER - QUIET DAY - 14TH MAY - ROOK HOW -10AM TO 3PM
 Led by the Reverend. John Dixon and the Reverend Cameron Buckland (Grasmere)

MOTHERS UNION

Our April meeting in Bouth started with prayers after which our speaker Mrs. Pam Priestley gave us a most interesting talk about helping children, under five, to understand faith in a simple way, beginning with the Baptismal Service, then continuing with meetings with the mums and children.

We thanked Pam very much for her talk. It was a very educational and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be a Service conducted by the Reverend John Dixon on 12th May at St Paul's, Rusland, 2:00pm.

A TASTE OF ITALY – UNA BELLA NOTTE!

Grazie mille to all those who cooked the delicious meal, provided raffle prizes or helped in any way. £233 goes to each church.

ENCOUNTER 2 is a brand-new Christian introductory course created by Rev John Reeves. It is a follow-up to John's first course *Encounter*, which he led at the Parish Centre, Ambleside last autumn and which was both well attended and very much enjoyed. John will lead *Encounter 2* over five Tuesday evenings from 12th May to 9th June at 7.30 pm, again at the Parish Centre, Ambleside. It is open to everyone (whether or not they attended *Encounter* last year) and is an excellent opportunity to come and hear more about the Christian faith in a very relaxed setting. For more information or to book a place please contact Rev Nick Hallam (015394 36069) or Rev Robert Coke (015394 33205).

ST MARY'S HOSPICE – LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP
ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR AND SUPER CAR BOOT SALE
SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2009 – HAVERTHWAITE PLAYING FIELDS
 Contact Sylvia Chadwick(015395 31685) or Marian Wilson(015395 31779) for more details and advance Car Boot bookings

PLEASE NOTE!
SATTERTHWAITE CHURCH KEYHOLDERS ARE : - Nigel Buckley, Jennifer Stoker and Joan Pollock.

DIARY DATES

May	Wed.	6 th	Local Walk with Ranger Tony Hill – High Dam Car Park – 10.15am
	Mon	11 th	Colton Annual Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Tues	12 th	Mothers Union – Rusland Church – 2pm
			Encounter 2 – Parish Centre, Ambleside – 7.30pm (and for following four Tuesdays.)
	Wed	13 th	Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12 noon to 2pm
	Thurs	14 th	Judging of Spring Gardens Competition
			Benefice and Churches Together Quiet Day – Rook How – 10am to 3pm
			Rusland Reading Room Committee – Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm
	Sat	16 th	Secret Gardens of Finsthwaite – 11am to 5pm
	Sun	17 th	Secret Gardens of Finsthwaite – 11am to 5pm
	Mon	18 th	Satterthwaite Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish room – 7.30pm
	Tues	19 th	Rusland and District WI – Middle Dale Park House – 7.30pm
	Thurs	21 st	Vivaldi's Four Seasons for Children – Rusland Church – 7pm
	Thurs	28 th	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning – Market Hall, Hawkshead – 10.30am to 12.30pm

PERSONAL

- Best wishes to Julie Crowe, for a good recovery after her recent surgery.
- For sale – Garden Gate 12'2" wide. Joiner made. Call J. Stoker; 01229 860292.
- Free to good home! Three-seater sofa, good condition, new foam seat cushions, feather back cushions, upholstered in dark blue cotton print with green & pink floral design; washable cushion and armrest covers. Call Fran Townsend at Pepper House, 860206.

Last date for items for June Newsletter is 27th May. Send to: Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, email: liggerc@hotmail.com, Colin Barr- Oxen Park Tel: 01229 861408, email: cjb@barrecol.co.uk, Elsie Wilkinson- Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253, Frances Townsend- Pepper House Tel: 01229 860206, frances.townsend@virgin.net, Sylvia Chadwick- Monks Cottage Tel: 015395 31685

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