



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITHE NEWSLETTER

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MARCH INTO SPRING!

RUSLAND HORIZONS LATEST

After jumping through various formal hoops, the Rusland Valley and Fells Landscape Partnership (RVFLP) now has the Heritage Lottery Fund's 'permission to start' the *Rusland Horizons* scheme. The first step is to appoint our project staff and a recruitment plan has been drawn up by the Lake District National Park Authority, our lead partner and accountable body. Opportunities to apply for some of our three-year posts will be advertised on our website (www.ruslandhorizons.org) as well as in the local press. In the summer, at school-leaving time, we will be recruiting our apprentices who will spend either two or three years working towards an apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation (Levels 2 or 3).

Meanwhile, if anybody wants to volunteer to help with any of the 15 projects, as outlined on the website, they should email gwws@hotmail.co.uk. Exciting times ahead!

Colin Barr (Chair, RVFLP).

OXEN PARK READING ROOMS

The AGM, with an update on progress, will be held on Friday 15th April 7pm at the Reading Rooms. An EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT is scheduled for Easter Saturday 26th March. Probably 10-12. This will include a raffle, a cake stall, teas & coffee for all comers as well as treasure hunts and egg races for children. Look out for the posters.

A trial of 'T & Toast' on Tuesdays and Saturdays in February has been fun but will be put on hold for a few weeks while its value is assessed.

A questionnaire is being distributed to gather ideas and local opinion on future use of the hall.

RUSLAND VALLEY SPRING SHOW

COME AND SEE HOW COUNTRY SHOWS USED TO BE!

Saturday 19th March 12 noon to 4pm

Sunday 20th March 10.30am to 4pm

Held indoors in the Reading Rooms opposite the historic Rusland Church, (where Arthur Ransome is buried) in the Marquee and in the Church.

Just 15 minutes from the A590 at Greenodd

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS INCLUDE:

TAFFY THOMAS famous Story Teller (Sunday pm)

CIRCUS WORKSHOP by Ragtag Arts (Saturday pm)

SHADOW PUPPET SHOW by Tim Fleming (both days)

TREASURE HUNT by Mike Benham (both days)

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

PLANT AND HOME MADE CAKE SALES

AWARDS for best in Class, with over 50 classes on offer, from a bowl of bicolour daffodils to a jar of chutney, with special children's categories.

A printed Schedule is now available.

Entry £4 with free teas and coffee. Children free. Proceeds help keep the doors of Rusland Reading Rooms open for all

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARY'S HOSPICE
presents

THE ARTY FARTY FASHION PARTY

This year's Fashion Show will be a celebration of fifteen years of *Two by Two*, in memory of Chris Benefield. At Café Ambio, Fri 15th April. More details in April edition.

THE MALCOLM WILSON RALLY

This takes place in the West side of the Forest on Saturday 12th March, so all the tracks on that side will be closed for the day.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

At the February meeting we were delighted to welcome two new members - Sheila Rotheram and Judi Winterson which brings our membership up to 27 - more than we have had for a while. In the absence of our President, Sally Lister (Vice President) presided. The annual sales table raised £56 for our funds. Several friends joined us to hear Stephen Sykes from Hill Top who had done an enormous amount of research into Arthur Ransome's time at Hill Top, uncovering many unknown photographs which were mostly stored at Leeds University. We were all fascinated to see these and also the slides of the restoration of the garden there. He was warmly thanked by Jean Crabtree. Many members are entering the WI classes at the Spring Show for a bowl of tete a tete daffodils and four slices of tray bake. The craft classes are very popular with 17 people turning up to make green hearts to raise awareness of environmental issues. We meet next at Satterthwaite on Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Kevin Tickle of Forest Side who will talk on foraging. All welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

There are four films coming up. The first is WILD at Greenodd on Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm. WILD powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddens, strengthens, and ultimately heals her. Booking ahead not necessary for this film. Then on Saturday 6th March DIFRET at The Carthouse 8pm. Three hours outside of Addis Ababa, a bright 14-year-old girl is on her way home from school when men on horses swoop in and kidnap her. A Supper Special on Saturday 19th March - WILD TALES, an Argentinian (black) comedy, the highest grossing non-Bollywood foreign language film in 2014. Then On Tuesday 2nd April GOING CLEAR- Scientology and The Prison of Belief - A devastating documentary based on Lawrence Wright's book of the same name. Scientology is laid bare by a film that skilfully knits together archive footage, testimonials from former high ranking officials and public, and dramatic reconstructions. A film the Scientologists tried to ban in the U.S. Please book in for the 3 Carthouse films. More details on the website.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Transport: 'Voluntary Car Scheme', 'Rural Wheels', 'Village Wheels', 'Community Minibus Service', 'Wheels to Work' - are you confused about all the different Community Transport schemes in Cumbria? Our website now has details and contact information: go to the 'Local Information' link on www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk. Notice-boards - Oxen Park and Colton: Oxen Park now has a new notice-board mounted on the 'gig-house' door. Many thanks go to David Oldham for his time in sourcing and mounting it for us, and thanks also go to Henry and John Watson who own the gig-house. The original notice-board will now go to Colton (hamlet) to replace their dilapidated one (this was bought under a specific grant scheme some 10 years ago, but sadly was never really fit for purpose).

Rusland Reading Rooms - An 'Asset of Community Value': The Localism Act 2011 gives parishes and community groups the right to nominate a building (e.g. a village hall) or other land for listing by the local authority as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV). This means that the community has a 'right to bid' should the owner decide to sell. There is no compulsion on the owner of the asset to sell to the community; the listing simply provides a moratorium on the sale for 6 months to allow the community time to raise funds. We began the listing process with Rusland Reading Rooms and have now received confirmation that has been formally listed as an 'ACV'. We will be contacting other Colton village hall committees to talk about going through the same process.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21st March in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7pm
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WEATHER

RAINFALLS for JANUARY

Brathay	Oxen Park	Ulverston	Dale Park	Historical
15.1"	9.5"	6.9"	10.6"	6.9"
RAINFALLS up to 21 FEBRUARY				6.6"
Conclusion: 50 to 60% more than usual!				4.5"

CORRECTION

Apologies to Hilary Collins, the author of last month's Weather, whose name did not appear at the end of the article. Thank you for an interesting report.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends

Many of us know the church's Easter story. Some of us have heard it lots of times. Once there was a man called Jesus, who was so filled with God, that we call him God's Son. He was a prophet and wisdom teacher, passionate about a world of justice and equality.

He was also an advocate of peace in a world that was filled with violence. Both of those commitments challenged the religious and political authorities of the day and so they killed him.

But death couldn't hold Jesus. The powers killed him and sealed him in a tomb, but that was not the end- he continues to be known. Jesus lives- he is not just a figure from the past. He is an abiding presence in the lives of his followers.

The Christian celebration of Easter, though, is not just about remembering things that happened in the past. We let this be our story. This is not just about what God did- it is about what he does. He brings life out of death. It is partly about what happens after you die, but let's not limit it to even that. To borrow and adapt Christian Aid's slogan- we don't just believe in life after death. We also believe in life before death.

So we see lots of mini Easters: overcoming bitterness and anger, and being reconciled with another person perhaps; or responding to another's harsh words or actions with forgiveness rather than your own harsh words or actions.

There is a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins called the Wreck of the Deutschland. Towards the end of the poem Hopkins speaks of his hope that Christ will enter our lives. "Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us." Let him Easter in us.

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday	Colton			Rusland			Satterthwaite	
March 6 th	9.30	Morning Worship		5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion	
13 th	9.30	Holy Communion		11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong	
20 th	9.30	Holy Communion		5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for all Ages	
25 th						10.30	Good Friday Service	
26 th				8pm	Service of Light			
27 th	9.30	Holy Communion		11.15	Holy Communion	9.45	Holy Communion	

Sunday	Hawkshead			Sawrey		
March 6 th	8.00	Holy Communion	6pm	Churches together Communion	11.15	Mothering Sunday Service
	9.30	Mothering Sunday Service		Hawkshead Methodist Church		
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	11.15	Holy Communion
24 th					7pm	Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
25 th	10.00	Children's Service	2pm	Good Friday Service		
27 th	8.00	Holy Communion				
	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion

The GAMES EVENING in aid of Rusland & Satterthwaite Churches raised £150 for each church, an excellent result for a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all who helped with the food, organisation & donations of Raffle prizes.

COME FOR A WALK

The Benefice walking group commenced the 2016 programme on a glorious, cloudless day in February with 13 walkers and 11 dogs which included 3 holiday makers from Sawrey. We started from Pelter Bridge at Rydal and walked over to Loughrigg Tarn, stopping for a leisurely picnic in the sunshine on a lovely fellside with views of Windermere in the distance. The Rydal Caves were visited on the way back and the first two verses of Love divine, all loves excelling were sung in the cave which had wonderful acoustics, led by one of our visitors who had an excellent voice. A truly memorable day.

The March walk will take place on Thursday, 17th (St Patrick's Day) and will be centred on Cartmel, ending at the Priory. Meet at 10.30 am in the car park on the Racecourse – pay to park there or find somewhere else in the village to park for free. Bring a picnic for just over a 5 mile walk in generally undulating country.

St Paul's, Rusland, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, April 11th, Rusland Reading Room, at 7.30 pm.

All Saint's Church, Satterthwaite, Annual Parochial Church Council meeting, 25th April, Parish Room, 7.30 pm.

DIARY DATES

March	Tues	1 st	Oxen Park Cinema Club – WILD – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Sat	5 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – DIFRET – The Cart House – 8pm
	Wed	9 th	Domino Evening – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm
	Sat	12 th	Malcolm Wilson Rally – west side of Grizedale Forest
	Tues	15 th	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Thurs	17 th	Benefice walk – Meet Cartmel Race Course Car Park 10.30pm
	Sat	19 th	Rusland Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12 noon to 4pm
			Oxen Park Cinema Club – WILD TALES – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Sun	20 th	Rusland Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms – 10.30 am to 4pm
	Mon	21 st	Colton Parish Council – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat	26 th	Easter Egg Hunt - Oxen Park Reading Rooms – 10am to 12 noon
April	Tues	2 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club - GOING CLEAR – The Cart House – 7.30pm

PERSONAL

- Best wishes to Bob Fletcher, at present in Hospital in Preston, for a speedy recovery and return home.

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