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SPRING INTO MARCH!

RUSLAND HORIZONS

Hedge planting event - Tim Fleming's - Thwaite Moss
Saturday 12th February saw a tremendous turnout of volunteers for hedge planting on Tim Fleming's land at Thwaite Moss, as part of the Colton Greening Project and part-funded by Tim himself. Sadly, Tim, a long-term supporter of Rusland Horizons and the community in general, passed away shortly before the event, following a long illness. His family encouraged us to carry on with the event and we are sure that Tim would have been pleased with both the turnout and the product of the volunteers' activity. It can be inspected up the green lane starting at What3Words location ~~///strike.hasten.stiletto~~

Under the experienced guidance of countryside ranger Andrew Wilkinson, the work carried out by the volunteers aimed to improve biodiversity and create essential wildlife corridors for many important species. The hedge plant will also protect the verge from off road traffic damage. Tim provided 600 whips for the hedge plant, which was also part funded by the Colton Parish Council Highways Greening Fund to help with additional material costs.

We hope that a successful hedge plant and a job well done, will serve as a fitting memory to Tim.

Colton Greening Project - future events

Events will take place later in the year at three additional locations: in Rusland itself, adjacent to Colton Church and in Oxen Park next to the reading room.

Walling work party - Saturday 12th March

Booking is open for our next walling work party with Jim Doherty, at Abbot Park Farm

Full details and booking are available on our website at the What's On page

<https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>

Calling all volunteers!

More volunteers are needed from within the Rusland Horizons community to step forward and assist with various aspects of our current projects, in addition to day-to-day activities of the Rusland Horizons Trust.

If anyone is interested, or would like to learn more about the volunteering opportunities available, please email us at hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org

WE ARE BACK.....

The Rusland Valley Community Trust is back after an enforced 2-year break for reasons we are all aware of!! For those of you who don't know, the RVCT is a group of 5 trustees. The trust was set up to financially help different activities in our community. In the past we have funded the Rusland hand bellringers who have gone on to be independent. We started a book club, a creative writing group and also various courses such as walling, photography and computer skills. Flower Arranging workshops have been very popular and junior orienteering was a great success.

We have helped local schools to buy extra craft supplies and a set goal posts at one school. Also funding of a picnic bench for the playground at Satterthwaite

The trustees would like any ideas for something new for us to fund which will be enjoyed by or be of benefit to local people. Especially if it involves children.

Please contact Anne Robinson at ruslandannie1@icloud.com

PILATES CLASS IN SATTERTHWAITE?

Would anybody be interested in a Pilates class taken by Renell Brennan in the Parish Room in Satterthwaite? Ren is willing to take a class working on Pilates, core stability and balance, so suitable for all ages, one morning a week, probably a Wednesday, if there is enough demand.

If you would like to express an interest (even if Wednesday doesn't suit),

contact renellbrennan@gmail.com or phone 860 433

PATHS IN BOUTH WOODS CLEARED!

The community woodland group spent a productive morning clearing the path parallel to the road south of Old Hall Farm – chain saws, loppers and hands were in action and by lunch time you could walk through without ducking. Why not take a walk there?

THE MANOR, OXEN PARK – The new kitchen is coming along but it's likely the pub will be shut for another few weeks.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

We have had some pretty awful weather again recently with more power cuts. It is nice to see the community helping each other in these situations. It is good to check whether neighbours who are elderly, have small children or even people who are on their own are okay and ask if they need any help, or if you are someone who needs help don't be afraid to ask.

There has been lots of flooding in areas that are not normally affected. We are speaking to Archie to see when he will be able to have a look at those for us. The newly tarmacked area from Force Forge to just before Satterthwaite is already starting to show wear, with potholes appearing and the edges of the road crumbling. We have spoken to Highways and they are coming out to inspect the work, with the view to getting the contractors back to repair the road. They have been and marked other areas to repair and are due back early this month.

There was a recent incident, when a wagon turned into Nursery Lane, thinking it was a through road, and got stuck, making a mess and knocking walls down on its way. We will be writing to Forestry England to see what they can do to make good the damage that occurred and at the same time see if they can use money available from United Utilities to repair the huge potholes in the road, already there. We are contacting Highways to see if they can install a sign at the entrance to Nursery Lane, to stop people using the road, using funding from the Members Highways Budget.

If you have any queries or want items brought up at the next Parish Council meeting, please email Dawn Yoxall clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com

The next meeting will be held at Forestry England Office at Grizedale on 15th March 2022 at 7.00pm.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall on Monday 21st February, was attended by six councillors and eleven members of the public. The main item of interest for many, was the planning application, 'in principle', for five 'local needs custom built' houses in Bouth. After discussions and with participation from a number of local residents, the Councillors decided to object to the application. It is now up the LDNPA planners to consider the proposals.

Cllr Kate Tripp, from Windermere Town Council provided an update on the ownership of the Windermere lake bed particularly in the light of the local government reorganisation and the dissolution of SLDC. Both Cllr Matt Brereton from Cumbria CC and Cllr Ian Wharton from SLDC, submitted emailed reports on matters of interest, with the latter promising financial support to the local Green Sparks environmental project.

In view of the problems caused by the recent storms, especially Arwen, it was decided that the Councils community grants would, for 2020/21, be placed in a resilience fund and be earmarked for expenditure related to improving the resilience of village halls as community hubs.

Other issues on the agenda were various highways and flooding issues, planning applications in Nibthwaite, Finsthwaite, Lakeside, Bandrake Head and Bouth, and the successful first phase at Thwaite Moss of the Council's Greening the Highway project.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT W.I.

At the February meeting we remembered two of our members who had recently died -Jennifer Threlkeld who had been a member for more than 40 years and Marion Martindale from Finsthwaite who joined us a few years ago.

Our speaker was from Dalefoot Composts who use a variety of ingredients in their mixes including bracken, sheep wool and comfrey and definitely no peat. The compost they produce for tomatoes includes sheepwool and the plants require no further feeding. The composts can be delivered but are also available at local garden centres. Several bags were raffled in aid of our funds.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30 p.m. when David Weild, former Chief Engineer on the submarine Astute will give a talk on submarines and is open to everyone. Details on how to connect are available from any member nearer the time.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

A reminder of our last set of films before Easter when we have a summer break.

March 8th – *The Closer We Get* - 7. 30pm. Local film maker Karen Guthrie comes to introduce her own film and stay for Q&A at the end. We showed Karen's tremendous film *Bataville* on 30th March 2006.

March 19th – *Knives Out* - 7.30pm. A crime drama with Daniel Craig.

April 5th – *Ali and Ava* - 7.30pm. An outstanding British made film set in Bradford. Could be the best of the year.

More details about all these films on : -

www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Please book in with me as soon as possible, as we are still working with reduced numbers. Hopefully next season (from September) we will be as near back to normal as we can. (whatever normal means). In August we celebrate 20 years of OPCC – would we be allowed to have a party? Wait and see.

ROOK HOW

We're looking for volunteer guides for our Open Days on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from May 10am-4pm. You don't have to be a Quaker- anyone with an interest and knowledge of local history would be especially welcome.

The bunkbarn is well booked over the Spring and Summer (70% occupancy May-August) with two thirds of our bookings from charitable groups. Students from Furness College are staying next month with an initiative from Rusland Horizons as well as Forest Schools training and a cultural group from Barrow, supported by the Quaker Mental Health Funk UK.

There is now renovated stone flooring with underfloor heating throughout the whole of the downstairs of the Meeting House powered by an air source heat pump (about to be installed!) and the hemp loft insulation has been put in. The final part will be the addition of an accessible toilet and shower and a wide doorway at the side.

For more details, or to ask about volunteering, please contact:

Sue Nicholls, Development Manager.

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent starts this year on 2nd March. When we think of Lent we think of giving things up. Of course, it is often pointed out that Lent needn't necessarily be about giving things up- it could just as easily be about taking things on, something that would be good for us, or the people around us. So, we might be asking ourselves 'What should I do for Lent this year? What bad habit should I give up, or what good habit should I adopt?

Behind these questions lie two more very important questions, which really are worth asking ourselves.

Firstly, what really matters? And secondly 'Why do I spend so much time and energy on other stuff?' The answer to the second question is often that we spend so much time on the other stuff because we haven't really worked out the first question.

Jesus said 'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Mathew 6:21). The heart follows one's treasures. When we name our treasures, the things that are really important to us, we find ourselves, our very hearts. When we name our treasures, we begin to see (for better or worse) the direction in which our lives are headed. Some treasures enrich and grow life. Other treasures hold our hearts captive and impoverish life. Let us approach Lent as treasure hunters, discovering what we truly value, and where that is life enhancing, resolve to spend more time on it.

John

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
March 6 th		5pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
13 th			11.15 Holy Communion
20 th		5pm Evening Prayer	
27 th		11.15 Holy Communion	

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Sawrey
March 2 nd	6pm Ash Wednesday Service	
6 th	9.30 Morning Worship	11.15 Holy Communion
13 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Matins
20 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion
27 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Morning Worship

OBITUARIES

Satterthwaite and the wider community have lost two dear characters, in the deaths of Robert (Bob) Fletcher on 20th January and Jennifer (Jen) Threlkeld on 21st January.

Bob grew up in Accrington, where he trained and worked as a butcher. He met and married Joan, and they had three children. The family took frequent caravan holidays in Hawkshead, and a chance meeting with Bill Grant, then Head Forester at Grizedale, led to Bob being offered a job with the Forestry. From an early age, Bob had always loved drawing, and coming to work at Grizedale enabled him to spend more time working alongside and studying wildlife. Bob and family moved to Laburnum Cottage, Satterthwaite. Following an injury, Bob left the Forestry Commission, and concentrated on developing his skill as a wildlife artist, working particularly in pastels. He started exhibiting his work locally, and eventually was travelling all over the country, exhibiting at shows and country fairs. This wider exposure earned him many commissions. Bob also had a great affinity with birds of prey, particularly owls, and rescued and rehabilitated many; they were housed in aviaries in the garden at Laburnum Cottage where visitors were encouraged to come and see and learn about them. Bob, Joan and David developed a wildlife studio at Laburnum Cottage which continues to attract many visitors.

Jennifer grew up in a farming family in Lancashire, moving to several farms before the family took Ormandy Farm (now the Grizedale Lodge) in 1959, when Jen was 15. Later she and her parents Betty and Leslie (Les) moved to Satterthwaite Farm, where Jen established a very successful poultry and egg business. She and Les also delivered milk in Satterthwaite. Jen embraced all aspects of village and valley life with enthusiasm. She was active in Young Farmers, played tennis, table tennis, darts and dominoes, was a very busy member of Rusland Valley WI, taking part in all their activities, and always exhibited at the Rusland Show. She was an enthusiastic driver, especially of sports cars. Jen also established a very successful holiday let business in a former stable at the farm. Jen eventually moved from the farmhouse into Stable Cottage in 2015. During recent years she had become virtually chair-bound, but still was a hub for friends to gather and chat; the cottage was always filled with laughter of people dropping in for a brew, and, in spite of not going out, Jen was always first with all the local news. She never once complained about her condition and was always up-beat and positive.

Bob and Jen will be sorely missed in the community and we send heartfelt condolences to both families.

PERSONAL

- Our sincere condolences go to the family of Bob Fletcher following his death, in January.
 - Also, our sincere condolences to the family of Jennifer Threlkeld who also died in January.
 - Similarly, our deepest sympathy to the family of Tim Fleming, on his death after a long illness, in February.
- Each one was a valued member of our community and will be much missed.

DALE PARK RAINFALL

Dry January can have two meanings, but the rainfall was only 4.12" with 13 dry days (2021 9.18" and 11 dry days.) What a contrast February has been so far to 25th - 9.8" and only 1 dry day - similar rainfall in 2021, but there were 11 dry days in the month.

Some readers of our newsletter have been asked whether they would be happy to read online versions, rather than receive a paper copy. This would reduce paper usage (currently nearly 6,000 sheets of A4 equivalent, per year) and save our volunteer distributors some time and effort.

The newsletter has been available to read online for a number of years – see the Satterthwaite and Rusland Valley websites but if you wish to have it sent as an email attachment, then please email 5959davehiggs@gmail.com and let Dave know. For reassurance, there are no current plans to abandon paper versions for those that prefer to receive them!

Ed's Note: All of our Distributors have done the job for many years and we are grateful and thank them for the excellent job they have done. If you would be willing to take over from any of them, please contact me – liggerc@hotmail.com

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