



NOVEMBER 2014

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"SEASON OF MISTS"

RUSLAND HORIZONS' PARTY

There will be a FREE Christmas Party at The Yan, Grizedale on Saturday 13th December, starting at 7 pm sharp. The evening will include a Director's Cut premier of the new Rusland Horizons video, made by Tim Fleming and Tom Lloyd, and starring several local heroes. There will be food and drink, and live music by some of your favourite local musicians. There will also be a chance to find out more about Rusland Horizons. Just bring a friend and turn up. You don't need a ticket but it would be helpful if you could let Colin Barr or Giles W-S know if you're coming. Our thanks to the Forestry Commission for providing the venue. Meanwhile, you have a chance to have your say about what Rusland Horizons is up to, and what it should be doing. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/JF7L2DW to complete a five-minute questionnaire. And you can go to www.ruslandhorizons.org for more information.

POACHING ON INCREASE

There has been a recent increase in poaching of red deer in the valley. This is being done with illegal, under-powered rifles causing drawn-out and agonising deaths. If you see any suspicious activity, especially late at night, please ring 101 immediately and ask to be put through to PC Jon Reed (Collar number 574), the Wildlife Officer, to report your observations. If there's something nasty actually taking place, then ring 999.

HATE WINTER?

Looking ahead to spring? Now is the time to plant your Spring Bulbs. The Rusland Spring Show will be held at the end of March 2015, so let us all get cracking, make a really good Show with lots of exhibits and also cheer up our homes after the dark winter nights with some beautiful pots of flowers.

BROADBAND FAST APPROACHING!

It is expected that parts of the area (Satterthwaite, Greenodd and Newby Bridge exchanges) will be connected to Superfast Broadband (fibre) before the end of the year. For more information see Mike Postle's excellent blog at <http://postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/>

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Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum, Backbarrow
Friday 21st November 2014 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7.50 include interval refreshments and free entry to The Lakeland Motor Museum from 6.30pm

Come along for an enchanting evening whilst supporting your local hospice.

Tickets can be booked and paid for at the door on the night and are available from: -

Dorothy Crabtree 015395 30132 or
Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685

MID LIFE CRISIS AT THE EAGLE'S HEAD

Saturday 8th November at 9pm

Rock Band Mid Life Crisis always gives its performances here for free, but invites audiences to donate to a nominated charity on the night. Over the years MLC have raised many thousands of pounds for charity in this way. This year's chosen charity is Alzheimer's Research UK. Most of us know someone who has been afflicted by this dreadful disease, so do come along to enjoy the evening and support the funding of research if you can.

BOGGLE BANNED are confirmed for New Year's Eve with more surprises and guest appearances so get that in the diary.

The Eagles Head has a new chef and we are currently developing a new menu but in the meantime look out for some exciting specials.

OPENING HOURS FOR NOVEMBER:

Closed all day Monday and Tuesday.

Open all day Wednesday to Sunday.

OXEN PARK DOG CLUB

Tuesdays 5 - 6pm at the Village Hall.

£2 per session

Just turn up ... with your dog!

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lengthsman: Your 'celebrity' lengthsman (*more anon!) Archie Workman, is doing a fabulous job working his way along the parish drains. Colton is a large parish of some 20 square miles, extending from the head of the Rusland Valley in the north to the A590 in the south, and from Lakeside in the east to Coniston-side in the west. It has some 50 miles of roadway to maintain, mainly UCRs (Unclassified Country Roads). We can afford to have Archie for only 2-3 days a month, so covering the whole parish is a challenge, but one he is embarking on with enthusiasm! Just some of his recent efforts include: clearing culverts of huge stones in Finsthwaite, searching for 'lost' drains from Bouth through to Oxen Park with his metal detector, clearing and cleaning them all, clearing vegetation around bridges and junctions in Rusland, and removing wash-out debris from the road at Nibthwaite and Rigg Wood, on Coniston-side. He is also working his way up the C5022 (Penny Bridge to Force Forge) finding and clearing drains.

***Dull Men:** You may have seen Archie featured in last week's Westmorland Gazette and on the 'One Show' as he is now a pin-up in the Dull Men's Club Calendar, 2015 – Mr March! (www.dullmensclub.com)

County Highways: High Furness area parishes are making a representation to County Highways about the general lack of communication and consultation and particularly about the poor state of the verges which are no longer being cut back, resulting in 'lost' drains, sometimes a good 3 ft from the tarmac and therefore no longer functional. Your Clerk does, however, have very good communication with one extremely helpful Highways officer who is doing his very best to work closely with us to solve major problems.

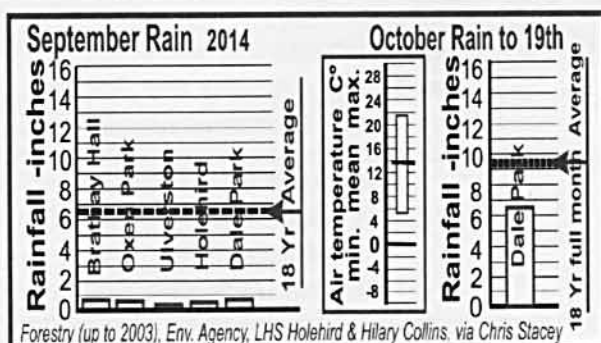
Stolen and damaged signs: Once again, possibly the same time as last year, some of our signposts have been tampered with (signs turned round to point a different way – hilarious....not) and this time one of the Oxen Park village signs has been stolen. Why someone would want an Oxen Park sign is beyond us....

Highways say they don't have the resources to replace the sign at present. (Clerk: *maybe the idea is that we will do away with signs altogether now that 'everyone' has a sat-nav? Should be interesting on our roads!*)

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 1st December, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.

Mandy Lane (Clerk), T: 01229 861408, E:

coltonpc@btinternet.com W:



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Coffee Morning, Thursday 20th November

The Coronation Hall, Ulverston

Donations of cakes, raffle and tombola prizes and any good quality bric a brac would be most welcome. Please contact Jane Chaloner on 861283 if you would like collection.

The Rusland Valley Horticultural Society

POTATO DAY.

Greenodd Village Hall, 18th January, 10am - 3 pm.

The following will be available for purchasing:

- Over 80 varieties of potatoes supplied in 1kg nets, including first and second earlies, main crop and salads. Organic varieties will be available
- Onion sets, Shallots and Garlic
- Large range of vegetable seed
- Fruit bushes including, Raspberries, Black, Red and White Currants, Blueberries and Gooseberries
- Rhubarb and Strawberry plants
- Fruit Trees
- Dahlia tubers and Gladioli bulbs

HOMEMADE SOUP AND CAKES!!

A great opportunity to get out, meet up and beat the winter blues. Come and support your local show!

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Cumbria County Council's Cabinet has agreed and launched the Councils Public Budget Consultation 'Securing our Future'. This document highlights the challenge ahead and also indicates that over next three years the council is likely to lose a further 1,800 jobs as we intensify our efforts to save £83 million in an effort to balance our books by 2018.

The county council is very keen to hear as many views as possible on the difficult road ahead so that councillors can make informed choices when they agree the Budget in February 2015 and we would appreciate your help in getting as many people as possible to respond to our consultation. Therefore we would be grateful if you could forward the link to our budget consultation on to as many of your contacts, partners and other organisations as possible. All of the savings proposals, issues of discussion and further background on the scale of the challenge are available www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation and the consultation document is also being circulated through libraries and council offices. The consultation, which is now open, will run until 20 January.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Members of the public are welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our next showing is 'Philomena' at the Carthouse on Tuesday 4th November at 7:30pm. Then on Saturday 15th November at 7:30pm 'The Selfish Giant'. This is a Saturday Supper Special - Pie and Peas at the Manor House before the film, price £4. Booking essential.

We are also showing *Lost Industries of The Leven Valley: Backbarrow Blue Mill*, for the Cumbria Industrial History Society on Thursday 20th November at Greenodd Village Hall. 7.30pm. Admission £3 - everyone welcome.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

I'm going to let the Bishop of Carlisle, James Newcome, do the letter this month. It relates to the recent decision to bring Carlisle Diocese's 270 parishes into about 40 larger groupings (Mission Communities) with Methodist and United Reformed Church congregations. There is still quite a bit of work to be done before we know how this decision will be worked out in the parishes covered by this newsletter.

John

The Bishop writes: This step has been the subject of much discussion over the last year. Now that we have had the vote we want local conversations to continue and for Mission Communities to emerge. There is an element of urgency here, and of reality too. We do face financial pressures and there is also a shortage of stipendiary clergy. But this is not a strategy for managing decline, it is a way of becoming a more effective and faithful, sustainable and growing church.

+James

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday			Colton			Rusland			Satterthwaite			
Nov	2 nd	9.30	Morning Worship			2.45	British Legion Service of Remembrance			9.45	Holy Communion	
	9 th	9.30	Remembrance Service			11.15	Remembrance Service			6pm	Remembrance Service	
	16 th	9.30	Holy Communion			5pm	Evensong			9.45	Service for All Ages	
	23 rd	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion				No Service	
	30 th	10.30	Advent Service, Lowick			10.00	Confirmation Service					

Sunday			Hawkshead			Sawrey						
Nov	2 nd	8am	Holy Communion			6pm	Healing and Wholeness Service			11.15	All Souls Holy Communion	
		9.30	Morning Worship				Hawkshead Methodist Chapel					
	9 th	10.50	At the War Memorial then			6pm	Evensong			9.30	Remembrance Service	
			Remembrance Service in Church									
	16 th	9.30	H.C.with Sunday School			6pm	Evensong			11.15	Holy Communion	
	23 rd	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School			6pm	Evensong			11.15	Morning Worship	
	30 th	10.00	Confirmation Service at Rusland									

TROUPERS

We were treated to a very entertaining but also moving performance from the four talented actors of the Mikron Theatre, at the Rusland Reading Room on 18th October. They told the true story of a troupe of entertainers who went out to the Front during the First World War to try to bring a little cheer into the lives of the soldiers. A magnificent £521 was raised to be shared between the two churches. This was a great result from a fantastic evening which has drawn nothing but praise. Thank you to all those who helped but particularly to Gillie Dobson for her generous sponsorship of this event which could not have taken place without her amazing initiative.

COME FOR A WALK

On Monday 10th November the Benefice walking group will explore the Kentmere valley and reservoir. Meet at St. Cuthbert's Church, Kentmere village at 10.30am for a walk of approximately 7 miles. It will be fairly easy walk on predominantly made up tracks, although there is about 500 yards of single track rough path. There is parking for 6 to 8 cars at the Church with further parking available as you enter the village on the left. The walk will start and finish at the Church and will be dog friendly in the main, but the walk does pass through a couple of farmsteads. Kentmere Church is clearly visible as you approach Kentmere from Staveley. Bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Roger Bonham on 015394 36390

HARVEST SUPPER

£200 was raised for each church. Thank you to all who helped and supported a splendid evening.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

At the October meeting we were delighted to welcome two visitors. We are planning our annual Carol Evening to be held on Tuesday, 9th December, and the choir are busy practising. Several members had enjoyed a performance of Rookery Nook at Keswick and our annual meal out will be in January. Two teams have been entered for the Federation Pub Quiz at the beginning of November. The craft classes held on Tuesdays at Haverthwaite are proving most popular with many crafts being taught, the current one being Barbara Woddy teaching proddy rug making. Gordon Wilkinson then gave a fascinating talk on the history of Rusland show and we were amazed to hear of musical chairs being played on motor bikes - any chance of a revival of that game? Most members took home a packet of small daffodils, given by the Rusland Valley Community Trust, to be grown for the Rusland Spring Show W.I. class and Gordon gave us lots of tips for success with them. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th November at Rusland Reading Room - our annual meeting when elections will take place for officers and committee. All welcome.

MACMILLAN COFFEE

Congratulations to Carole Dickinson and helpers who recently held a successful coffee-morning at Abbot Park Farm tea-rooms and raised an enormous £300.69 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done to all involved.

DIARY DATES

Nov.	Tues	4 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Philomena</i> - the Cart House, Oxen Park - 7.30pm
	Sat	8 th	Mid Life Crisis play at the Eagle's Head - 9pm
	Mon	10 th	Benefice Walk - Kentmere - 10.30pm
	Sat	15 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club Saturday Night Supper Special - <i>The Selfish Giant</i> - The Cart House, Oxen Park
	Tues	18 th	Rusland and District WI- Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm
	Fri	21 st	Voce - Café Ambio, The Lakeland Motor Museum - 7.30pm
	Thurs	20 th	Cumbria Industrial History Society - <i>Lost Industries of the Leven Valley</i> - Greenodd Village Hall - 7.30pm
	Tues	25 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm
Dec	Mon	1 st	Colton Parish Council - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm
	Tues	9 th	Rusland and District WI Carol Evening - Satterthwaite Church - 7.30pm
	Sat	13 th	Rusland Horizons' Christmas Party - The Yan, Grizedale - 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

with Joan Bentley

Monday 24th November 2014 - Rusland Reading Rooms - 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm

For further information please contact Elsie Wilkinson on 01229 860253

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS - Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you. T: 01229 825656 or 08457 909090

- Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Allan Armitstead who died at the end of September. Allan & his brother Brian were the fourth generation of farmers at Hulleter Farm continually improving their herd of Friesians and caring passionately for their land.

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