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AUTUMN HASTENS ON

GLORIOUS 12TH - SOGGY 18TH!

If the 124th Rusland Show is remembered for any one thing, it will probably be MUD!! In the midst of a very poor summer, the 18th of August, as forecast, was horrendous. The Committee, having bravely taken the decision to press-on with the Show, had done sterling work to chase up reticent Exhibitors and by our extended deadline, entries were looking very healthy. However when I looked out on the morning of the 18th, I thought 'We must be mad'. Barbara and I duly arrived and already people were being towed onto the field. We were no exception! The rain continued but the entries arrived and by the time judging began, the marquees were a picture, with great exhibits and lots of smiling, even laughing people, sloshing around in ankle deep mud. The Craft tent, Local Interest tent and all the other displays were set up and the public started to arrive dressed in suitable attire, determined to make the most of the day.

By closing time the field was what can only be described as a quagmire and only the most skilled of drivers were able to leave the site un-aided.

Special thanks go to the 'Rescue Team' who pulled and tugged all the vehicles clear.

The atmosphere was fantastic and the general comment was "Well Done for letting the show go on". Numbers were obviously down on the gate, but far more turned out than I think could have been expected. So, on behalf of the President, Chairman and Committee I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who helped with and supported the 124th Rusland Show and roll-on the 125th.

PRIZEWINNING AUTHOR IN THE VALLEY!

Congratulations to Fiona Baxter, the runner up in Word Market's 2007 E Short Story Competition, with "The Waiting Room", which the judges felt was "written to shock, with a good descriptive turn of phrase and a nice twist at the end". You can read her story on the website, www.wordmarket.org.uk

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

The Globetrotters will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rusland Reading Rooms. The new season starts on September 25th with a talk by Marion Bray, ably assisted by Colin as ever, and she will speak to the title 'India in the Monsoon - trekking, flowers and family life in the Himachal Pradesh). Everybody is welcome. We are putting together the new programme and would very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to tell us about recent travels. Please ring Colin Barr (861408).

THE RUSLAND VALLEY INFORMAL LIAISON GROUP

You are invited to join us for the day on Tuesday 25 September 2007

11am-3.15pm at the Rusland Reading Rooms
Theme - Looking after our National Park

Talks, discussion, and a visit to Stony Hazel Woods and Finery Forge, looking at the management of a semi-natural broad-leaved woodland and industrial archaeological site.

Pie and Peas lunch (please book).

To attend this day and for further information please contact Tony Hill, LDNPA ranger by email: tony.hill@lake-district.gov.uk or phone 015394-40263

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COMMUNITY WEBSITE (satterthwaitepc.org.uk)!

Satterthwaite's on-line notice board for information on current events and village life, local history & geography, as well as parish council news, is one year old this month. Please tell us your views on the site and ideas for additions and improvements. Come on, get thinking - your website needs YOU!

Contact: -
KevinBaverstock at admin@satterthwaitepc.org.uk
or Sue Tiplady on 860269.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

We were delighted to have such a large entry for the Rusland Show film-making classes. Katie Nash and Ari Cooper Davis were worthy winners. All films (two at a time) will be shown before the Children's Saturday Film Shows (starting on 22nd Sept at Rusland). Check the website for details.

The new programme is out (you should see it!) and new season membership subscriptions invited. Our first SATURDAY SUPPER SPECIAL is on 22nd September at Rusland. We are showing Svaert Boek (Black Book) and a free supper is thrown in. No it's not all war rations! Booking essential for this show. Phone Carol on 861507 or see the website for all films and news.

www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A new seat, with a magnificent view, has been placed on the lane up to the Church. Our thanks are due to Cllrs. Atkinson and Cunliffe for positioning and securing the seat.

The Council has submitted a letter of support to the 'Save our Post Offices' campaign. It is a case of use them or lose them.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FOREST

Natural and social history events predominate in the Forest this month.

On Wednesday 5th September at 2.00pm you can take a stroll to learn all about the fascinating history of Grizedale, from monks to prisoners of war.

On Thursday 6th September at 8.00 pm, you can become a bat detector for the evening and learn how to identify them and all about their habits. Then on Wednesday 19th Sept. at 10.30 am, there is a morning stroll to investigate tree tales and forest folklore, discovering some of the facts and fiction surrounding the common trees of the countryside. Details of all of the above from the Visitor Centre on 860010.

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

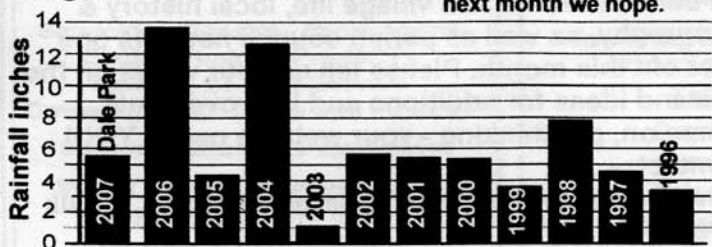
The next meeting will be at Rusland Reading Rooms on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm. This is to be an Open Meeting, to do full justice to our speaker – old friend, Maurice Steele, who will talk to us and show slides, with music, on "Orchids". Come along and bring a friend.

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

From data provided by the Forestry Commission (read by Melanie Gard), the Environment Agency (Penrith) plus local contributors.

August Weather 1996-2007

Grizedale data will resume next month we hope.



DEVELOPING SHORTS 2007

AN EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ASPIRING CUMBRIAN SCREENWRITERS.

Ten places are available on our 4-day Developing Shorts Workshop, taking place over two weekends from 6th to 7th & 20th to 21st October.

This course is for writers who have developed basic screenwriting skills either through one of our previous courses, at college or through self-tuition. You need to already have a short film script(s) which you'd like to develop to make as good as it possibly can get.

Course fees for successful applicants are fully subsidised. Applicants must be aged over 18 and living in Cumbria.

Deadline for applications: Friday 21st September

To request an application form or if you have any questions please contact Anna on 01229 839983 or email shorelinefilms1@aol.co.uk

FIRST RESPONDERS

Community First Responders are local volunteers who are trained and activated by North West Ambulance Services to attend certain emergency calls where time can make a difference between life and death. The Ambulance Service controller sends First Responders to Category A (immediately life threatening) medical calls; they are despatched at the same time as the ambulance crews. In rural areas like ours they can often arrive more quickly than the ambulance.

Responders' carry basic First Aid equipment and a simple to use Automated External Defibrillator. They provide care until the Ambulance arrives, usually a short time later.

For information on becoming a First Responder, contact Steve or Mary Wyburn. Tel.015394 31808

The current annual running costs are £2,250. If you would like to support Hawkshead and Satterthwaite CFR by making a donation, or would like to make a regular subscription, please contact David Lawson, (Treasurer), The Old Brew House, Outgate, Ambleside . LA22 0NH

RUSLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

RVCT is intending to run the following courses over the next few months. The courses and tutors are

- CORSAGE (Margaret Dryden)
- ALPINE TROUGH MAKING (Rob Dove)

THESE COURSES ARE FREE

If you are interested in joining the courses or want more information, please write to The Administrator, RVCT, The Dower House, Whitestock, Rusland, Ulverston Cumbria LA12 8LB or telephone 01229 860 300.

A CURIOUS THING----

Susan King writes: "Is this unusual? A pair of blackbirds has been diligently rearing their own two fledglings. Unfortunately the hen bird of another nearby family met with an accident, and the hen bird of the first family supported the lone parent by feeding his family along with her own. This behaviour has been observed for several weeks. The said female is exceptionally domesticated. If the door is open she hops inside to collect currants, while the two cock birds just stand by!"

Church News

Dear Friends,

We recently returned from a 'once in a lifetime' kind of trip to visit my brother-in-law and his wife who live in San Francisco. What friendly people we met and what kindness we encountered! This was not just from family but from people generally. They wear their friendliness on their sleeves in that part of the States. But by the end of our time there, I found myself looking forward to getting back to the more reserved friendliness I find here. The whole 'Have a nice day' thing is great for while, but (how can I put this?) I think I can manage to live without it. And we don't do too badly for friendliness and kindness here. I know that there are many bad things in our society, and they make the news and the letter pages and our conversations. But I still believe that most people are decent for most of the time. Obviously people do bad things. All of us can be selfish and greedy and petty, but if we were to make a catalogue of all the sins of our community, we would need a much larger catalogue to write down all the quiet, altruistic, unmeasured goodness that flows from the people around us. It is rather un-English to celebrate such a thing, but there is much to celebrate in the uncalculated goodness of ordinary people who in small ways brighten the lives of others, without any blowing of trumpets.

John Dixon

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

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
9 th Sept	10.30 Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
16 th Sept	9.30 Extended Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
23 rd Sept.	9.30 Extended Communion	11.15 Harvest Festival	No service
30 th Sept.	10.30 Ecumenical Benefice Communion Penny Bridge	No service	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion

N.B. Satterthwaite Church's Harvest Festival is on 14th Oct.

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
9 th Sept.	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Matins
16 th Sept	9.45 Service For All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
23 rd Sept.	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
30 th Sept	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Satterthwaite	No Service

Normally, there is Evensong at Hawkshead each Sunday at 6pm, except the 4th Sunday of the month, and Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesdays at 10.00a.m.

MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY

for

THE RUSLAND AND SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES HARVEST SUPPER

Satterthwaite Parish Room Saturday 13th October 2007

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

The Parish Room is available for any organisations or private individuals to hire. All the Committee requires is a responsible adult in charge and that the room is left clean and tidy as you found it. The facilities include a well-equipped kitchen, plenty of tables and chairs and the wooden floor is suitable for indoor games etc. Access for the disabled is level and close to the road and there is a disabled toilet. The room has Premises Licence, which permits plays, films, indoor sports, live and recorded music and dancing. All this is available for just £10 per four-hour session (including central heating in winter) Contact Nigel Buckley on 01229 860 212

MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September at Haverthwaite Church Hall at 2pm. There will be a coffee morning at Greenodd Village Hall on Saturday 20th October.

FARMERS' HARVEST SERVICE

This will take place at Colton Church on Friday 12th October at 7pm and will be followed by a Pie and Pea Supper. Contact Sue Dean on 861435.

Last date for items for October Newsletter is Sept.25th ... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: 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

DIARY DATES

Sept.	Tues.	11 th	Low Furness and Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Mon.	17 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues.	18 th	Mothers Union – Haverthwaite Church Hall - 2pm
			Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat.	22 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Rooms – 4pm – <i>Charlotte's Web</i> 7.30pm – <i>Black Book</i>
	Tues.	25 th	Cumbria/Westmorland Fed. WI Annual Council Meeting – Coronation Hall, Ulverston – 10.15am
			Rusland Valley Informal Liason Group - Rusland Reading Rooms – 11am to 3.15pm
			Globetrotters – India in the Monsoon by Marion Bray – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sun.	29 th	Sponsored Bicycle Ride, (Kendal and Windermere Deaneries)
Oct.	Wed.	3 rd	Rusland and District WI - Visit to Theatre by the Lake, Keswick.
	Thurs.	4 th	Friends of Grizedale Forest Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Mon.	8 th	Furness Area WI Quiz.

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you. Phone 01229 825656 or 08457 909090
FARM CRISIS NETWORK

Helping Farmers through difficult times. National FCN Helpline 07002 326 326, 7am-11pm every day of the year. www.fc.n.org.uk

- Belated congratulations to Christine Dobson on her 89th birthday.
- Our thoughts are with David Oldham and family following the recent death of Ann.

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