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RUSLAND HORIZONS

By the time you read this, the deadline for applying for our five new staff posts will have passed and there has been plenty of interest. Next month, we will be able to give you full details of the five successful candidates who will be crucial in delivering our 16 projects over the next three years. One of those projects is to fund two new apprenticeships for the Bill Hogarth Memorial Apprenticeship Trust (BHMAT). Bill was a great advocate of coppicing and coppice crafts and many of the woodlands that the scheme seeks to bring back into management are the very ones that he worked over his lifetime. After local advertising, BHMAT has wasted no time in setting up a recruitment event at Moss and Height Spring Wood, Bouth. Five candidates were invited to attend and spent time coppicing hazel, cleaving oak palings and making besom brooms. Interviews will lead to the appointment of two candidates with a proposed May start date. To hear more about how these apprentices get on, and other exciting news about the Rusland Horizons scheme, sign up to receive the quarterly e-newsletter which will start in June - please email Rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk.

Colin Barr and Rebecca Oaks

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARY'S HOSPICE

present

THE ARTY FARTY FASHION PARTY

A celebration of fifteen years of *Two by Two* in memory of Chris Benefield

Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum, Fri 15th April.
Tickets £8.00, to include entry into Motor Museum at 6.30pm, Fashion Show at 7.30pm and light refreshments, courtesy of Andrew Southcott.

RUSLAND VALLEY SPRING SHOW

The Rusland Reading Room Committee is very grateful to everyone who made the 2016 Spring Show such a success, raising over £1800 to support the running of the Reading Room. In particular, we'd like to thank David Hoyle and Judi Winterson who kindly took up the 'baton' from Gordon and Elsie Wilkinson and who, with Robert Wallace, organised the Show this year. Of course the Show simply wouldn't happen without the huge amount of voluntary effort and wonderful teamwork provided by so many people with so many skills - a real tribute to the community in Rusland. We cannot name everyone individually here, but the Committee would like to thank in particular Susan King for her role in coordinating the amazing level of participation and quality of children's entries from the schools, and Tim Fleming and friends for their enchanting shadow plays in the church. The spring sunshine was the icing on the cakes. A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who entered, visited, participated & helped out during the weekend.

OXEN PARK READING ROOMS

The Oxen Park Reading Room Committee held an Easter Fun Day on Saturday 26th March. The horrible weather forecast didn't put too many people off and the event was well attended. Amazingly, the rain held off until we'd finished the outdoor activities, which comprised the egg-hunt and an egg-rolling challenge. Indoors, Easter bonnet and decorated egg competitions plus plenty of cake to eat saw us through to the egg and spoon races, which included some rather competitive adult races! The day was great fun, and it was lovely to see the hall full of people. Many thanks to all who came. Find us on Facebook or check out our website (www.oprr.org.uk) to get information about future events and our restoration fund-raising plans.

GREEN DOOR ART TRAIL

SIX ARTISTS AT JANE MEADOW,

High Dale Park, Satterthwaite, LA12 8LJ

Open 10-5 Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April

Celebrating Chris Benefield's seas and skies, Jen Benefield's dales and hills, Angie Flynn's painting with fabric, using her sewing machine as a drawing tool, Tina Balmer's flowers and everyday objects, Judy Evans 'Scottish landscapes and Sally Bamber's oil portraits and flower watercolours.

Tea, coffee, soup and cake made by Janet & Rachael.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

In March we were delighted to welcome Kevin Tickle of Forest Side, Grasmere, as our speaker on *Foraging*. He brought many of his preserved foraged items for us to try. Who had ever before tried green elderflower capers or garlic buds in brine? They were delicious, as was the seaweed broth! Many dried flowers, including coltsfoot were passed round and we all had a tasty canapé made from cooked and dehydrated parsnip peel - and were told how to make it. He generously donated a voucher for lunch for two at Forest Side which was raffled and the winner was Maggie Biddlestone. The next meeting is at Rusland Reading Room on Tuesday, 19th April when the speaker will be Rachel Lumsden showing us how to weave baskets. All welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Saturday 2nd April, 8pm. **GOING CLEAR-** Scientology and the Prison of Belief -

Tuesday 5th April 7.30 – **DARK HORSE** – the incredible true story of Dream Alliance. Carthouse at 7.30pm A feel good, good-natured documentary.

Saturday 7th May 8pm – **ADDICTED TO SHEEP**. In the North Pennines, tenant farmers Tom and Kay spend their days looking after their flock of prized sheep, and hoping that this will be the year they breed the perfect one.

Please book in for these Carthouse films. More details on the website.

RAINFALLS for FEBRUARY

<u>Brathay</u>	<u>Oxen Park</u>	<u>Ulverston</u>	<u>Dale Park</u>	<u>Historical</u>
10.8"	8.4"	5.8"	9.5"	6"
RAINFALLS up to 28 MARCH			2.7"	4.7"

Forestry (to 2003), Env.Agency, Hilary Collins Dale Park, via Chris Stacey

HAY BRIDGE OPEN DAY

The John Strutt Conservation Foundation is proud of its role as a guardian and manager of the central part of the Rusland Valley and extends a warm invitation to you to come and see the Hay Bridge Nature Reserve on our OPEN DAY 11am - 4pm Saturday 7th May. Tea and scones will be available and Trustees, our Warden and staff from Natural England will take you on a guided walk and discuss management plans for the Reserve's wetlands, woodlands and meadows and especially the newly acquired Hulleter Moss.

Representatives of the Hay Bridge Nature Reserve Society will be present to explain how those interested can support this diverse and beautiful place.

www.haybridgereserve.org.uk

RUSLAND READING ROOM AGM

12th May 2016 - 7.30pm at Reading Room

THE GREAT GRIZEDALE DOG WALK

Following on from the success of the 2015 walk, The Great Grizedale Dog Walk returns to Grizedale on Sat 30th April. A 5km walk with many sculptures and spectacular views to enjoy. Many things happening onsite through the day including:

- Vets from Oakhill Veterinary Group to give advice and information to dog owners
- Barking Mad Dog Grooming – Fiona will be grooming dogs of all shapes and sizes. Pop along, meet Fiona and treat your pooch.
- Meet the Newfoundlands from the Northern Newfoundland Club
- Free Goodie bags for all dogs who join the walk
- Fun Mini Dog Agility Course
- Dogs Trust stand and more ...

Special this year! Mini Crufts - Most Expressive Eyes, ears, tail competition.

Prize: a Grizedale & Whinlatter Discovery Pass which allows the winning dog and owner many wonderful dog walks in The Lakes Forests free of charge for a year! Winners will be judged by one of the vets from Oakhill Veterinary Group and presented with their prize before being photographed. 2nd and 3rd place competitors will receive certificates and rosettes. £5 per family (includes car parking) - ALL money raised will be donated to The Dogs Trust - help this wonderful charity to care for thousands of dogs in need. Registration 10am. Walk starts 10:30am. Fun throughout the day until 15:30pm. Please book: grizedale@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or tel 0300 067 4495.

CHURCH NEWS

Hello! My name is Helen Hoyle. I live in Cunsey and worship at St.Peter's Church, Sawrey. I am involved across our Benefice and Windermere Deanery with a number of roles, one being Windermere Deanery Lay Chair. I just love this time of year don't you? We have just experienced one of the wettest winters on record and now around Easter time we are experiencing a truly beautiful period of new life all around us.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (Chapter 6) describes the meaning of Easter as 'New Life in Christ.' This hits at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian and the defining feature of the Christian life. The idea of the old self dying and us being born into a new life in Christ... 'we too might walk in newness of life' (verse 4). We are to walk in our new life, which means that living in the grace of God should absolutely impact how we live out our everyday lives. The more we rely on the grace of God in our lives, rather than trying to live in our strength, the more we will reflect the love, kindness and compassion of Jesus in our daily interactions with other people. Whenever I sing this hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander, I think how wonderful God is giving us all this beauty at this Easter time:

*'All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.'*

Blow away the cobwebs and get outside to enjoy our beautiful countryside and all the new life around us, we are truly blessed.

Helen Hoyle

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

	Sunday		Colton		Rusland		Satterthwaite
April	3 rd	9.30	Morning Worship	6pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	10 th	9.30	Holy Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	17 th	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for all Ages
	24 th	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion

	Sunday		Hawkshead		Sawrey
April	3 rd	8.00	Holy Communion	6pm	Churches together Communion
		9.30	Morning Worship		Hawkshead Methodist Church
	10 th	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	17 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong
	24 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Taizé Style service
					11.15 Holy Communion
					11.15 Matins
					11.15 Holy Communion
					11.15 Morning Worship

COME FOR A WALK

On Monday 18th April the Benefice walk will start from Ash Landing car park at 10.30 a.m. The route will take us along the lake shore, past Low Cunsey Farm and Eel House to arrive at Sawrey Church, about five miles in length. Bring a picnic.

In Aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches
A GRAND SCOTTISH FEAST
 Saturday 23rd April – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm
 A two course meal of Scottish Delicacies complemented by a wee dram!
 Wine and soft drinks available to purchase.
 Tickets £8(children £4) from members of the PCC's

BRATHAY RESIDENTIAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - 17th to 19th June 2016

The local churches are again organising a weekend residential for young people who live in the Hawkshead / Ambleside area, at Brathay Hall from the evening of Friday 17th June to the afternoon of Sunday 19th June. There is space on the residential for up to 20 young people, who are from Year 7 upwards (aged 11 – 16). The weekend will follow a similar pattern to the one held last year, which was very much enjoyed by those who went (you can see some photos in the picture galleries at www.hawksheadbenefice.co.uk).

The accommodation for young people comprises of five rooms that sleep four, and there are two further rooms for leaders. All meals and bedding will be provided as well as equipment for outdoor activities. During the course of the weekend there will be time for young people to get to know each other; there will also be Christian input. On the Saturday we will have a full day of outdoor activities led by qualified instructors from the Brathay Trust. This could include water sports, scrambling and high rope activities. Because of substantial funding from a local trust we are able to offer the weekend for £30 per young person. For further information and an application form, contact Rev John Dixon – jjcedixon@btinternet.com 015394 36301. Applications by 29th May, but please note that spaces are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

DIARY DATES

April	Tues	2 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Going Clear</i> - The Cart House - 7.30pm
	Sat	5 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Dark Horse</i> - The Carhouse - 7.30pm
	Sat	9 th	Green Door Art Exhibition at High Dale Park, Satterthwaite - 10am to 5pm
	Sun	10 th	Green Door Art Exhibition at High Dale Park, Satterthwaite - 10am to 5pm
	Fri	15 th	The Arty Farty Fashion Show - Café Ambio - from 6.30pm
	Mon	18 th	Benefice Walk. Meet at Ash Landing Car Park 10.30am
	Tues	19 th	Rusland and District WI - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm
	Sat	23 rd	A Grand Scottish Feast - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish and Open Meeting, 5 May, 7:00pm. Bouth Village Hall.

COLTON OIL SYNDICATE

The annual meeting provided many good 'stats' on price savings for everyone who has joined the scheme. New members are welcome - just contact your local co-ordinator. Names can be found on local notice boards.

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