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SPRING THINGS!

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April

Rusland Reading Rooms and St Paul's Church. The Show Schedules are out and entries in the Spring flowers, floral art, home produce and Arts classes are now coming in! The children's classes will be better than ever this year, and delicious home-made soup, sandwiches and cakes will be on sale. Entertainment by way of the Hickory Dock Magic Show, Rusland Young Horizons, a 'Scavenger' Hunt and Face painting will make for a good time. Show entry is free for children under 16, and £4 for adults (covering both days). Entries, and enquiries, to Judi Winterson, New House, Thwaite Moss, LA12 8JZ or judiwinterson@gmail.com.

RUSLAND HORIZONS

ACTIVITIES AT THE RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

- Meet the LA12 Gang from Leven Valley School and find out about their 'memory catching' company
- Woodland archaeology taster sessions in Stoney Hazel wood (Sunday only)
- Make your own artist's charcoal
- Cooking over a fire
- Willow hoopla
- Leven Valley School and Penny Bridge Academy kids' exhibitions
- Find out what's been happening with Rusland Horizons projects

FAREWELL TO JON AND DELIA

As you probably already know, Jon and Delia will be leaving the Eagle's Head at the end of April to return to Hungary. Their hard work and dedication have been major factors in the success of the pub over the last three years; they have really embraced village life and made a lot of friends. We will be very sorry to see them go. There is to be a suitable Satterthwaite send-off on the evening of FRIDAY 28th APRIL at the Eagle's Head, accompanied by Mid-Life Crisis, so come along and wish Jon and Delia well.

GREEN DOOR ART TRAIL

SIX ARTISTS AT JANE MEADOW,

High Dale Park, Satterthwaite, LA12 8LJ

Open 10-5 Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April

Jen Benefield, Angie Flynn, Tina Balmer, Judy Evans, Sally Bamber and Hilary Farnsworth

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

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 19th March, Paul Townsend organised a small friendly table tennis tournament for locals and friends of all abilities at the Yan, Grizedale.

There were three tables in action and the 12 participants had plenty of games in the group section. The exciting final was won by Donald, a visitor from Scotland, with Colin Barr a very worthy runner-up. Thanks to the Forestry Commission staff for their help and to all those who supported. Hopefully this event will happen again, and many more of you can come along and take part.

A COMEBACK FOR RED SQUIRRELS- CAN YOU HELP?

"Wouldn't it be great to have red squirrels back around here?" That's a remark you often hear in Cumbria, particularly in the south of the county, where greys seem to have gradually muscled their way in and ousted our native reds. Thankfully, there is every chance that we can reverse the trend but you will need to get involved. Experience elsewhere in South Lakeland shows that a coordinated approach to grey control can restore red squirrels remarkably quickly.

Rusland's Reds is a three-year project to support the local community in making more space for red squirrels in the area. With Heritage Lottery funding, thanks to the Rusland Horizons Scheme, we have access to tester feeders, wildlife cameras, traps and bait. But first we need the help of local people across the Scheme area who will report greys (and reds) and allow grey control by trapping or shooting on their property.

A local steering group is at the heart of the project, coordinated by Ian Lumsden of Windy Hall, Rusland (01229 860605) and led by Bob Cartwright of Westmorland Red Squirrels (01539 561514).

WHAT GOES ON IN OUR VALLEY

Visitors often remark "it's very quiet here....". They would probably be amazed to hear about all the activities that go on in the Satterthwaite and Rusland valleys. So in case you would like to be similarly awe-struck, here is a reminder of some of them: - Table tennis (in three different venues) – fitness classes (two venues) – yoga – Scottish country dancing (autumn and winter) – Nordic walking - orienteering – dog training and agility - WI meetings, socials, outings – film club – social and supper evenings in the village halls – coffee mornings - flower arranging – competitive horticulture – rural skills workshops – voluntary environment restoration work - choral singing – handbell ringing – live music concerts – summer barbecues – garden parties.....and not forgetting the major annual events such as the Rusland Show. All the above are publicised in advance in the newsletter, so look out for details.

If you want to try a new activity and make some new friends, Fran and Paul Townsend (860206) can give you contact details for the regular activities.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our final film of the season is coming up and we look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 8th April – *Eye in The Sky* (no supper as advertised in the programme) 7.30 at The Carthouse. Please book in as we don't want to turn anyone away. Some Easter holiday children's films are planned for Friday, Saturday & Sunday 21st – 22nd and 23rd April – the flier will be out soon but a wide variety of films include *Swallows & Amazons*, *Howls Moving Castle*, *Kiki's Delivery Service*, and older films such as *The Thief of Bagdad*, *The Singing Ringing Tree* and *The Secret Garden*. Check the website or contact Carol by email. The pub is still closed but we can still use the car park and bring your own drinks if you would like.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT W.I.

At the March meeting a report was given on the W.I. International Women's Day event held in Ulverston and the play was chosen for this year's visit to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick - a performance of "Handbagged." We were then delighted to welcome Terry Peet who gave us a most interesting talk on his life as a diagnostic radiographer, together with some interesting short films explaining the different scanning machines used today, x-rays of various broken bones and even some amusing incidents. He was thanked by Jean Crabtree. The next event is on 4th April when we are hosting the Group Meeting at Rusland Reading Room at 7.30 p.m. when Peter Brown will entertain us with his life as a cocktail pianist. Our next monthly meeting will also be at Rusland on Tuesday, 18th April at 7.30 p.m. when we are looking forward to a flower arranging demonstration by Joan Bentley. All welcome.

OXEN PARK DOG CLUB will start again for a 6 week stretch on Tuesday April 11th 6- 6.45 pm, £2 a session. Just turn up by the Reading Room with pooch(es).

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Vacancy for Central Ward: We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the Central Ward of our Parish. This covers Bouth and Rusland. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this vital role within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com). The vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Councillor Natalie Bibby. The council would like to take this opportunity to thank Natalie for her hard work and commitment during her time as Councillor. There is still also a vacancy for a Councillor in the West Ward of our parish. This covers Colton, Oxen Park, Nibthwaite, and Spark Bridge (Colton side of the Crake).

Rural Crime initiative: As you may be aware there is a project underway to help reduce rural crime in both our parish and the neighbouring parish of Satterthwaite. A public meeting has been held in Bouth and another will have taken place in Satterthwaite. The Bouth meeting was very positive with residents expressing an interest in helping with the project. If you were unable to attend the meetings but would like to be involved or would just like to know more about the initiative, contact the Clerk.

Protecting the Manor House at Oxen Park:

The parish council has applied to SLDC for the Manor House pub to be an Asset of Community Value (ACV). A well-supported public meeting has been held and generated enthusiasm for community involvement in the future of this pub. ACV status confirms this local support and, normally, gives local people a chance to raise funding to bid for the asset when it comes on the market. Although too late for the current sale, the application demonstrates the need to retain the property as a pub into the future. If you would like to be kept informed of any developments, please contact the Clerk.

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RAINFALL

The February figures are: -

Ulverston 3.3", Oxen Park 5.8", Dale Park 6.54" and Brathay 8.5"

The rainfall in Dale Park up to 28th March is 8.35".

It is very interesting to see how much rain there is the further north one goes. Thank goodness we don't live in Grasmere!

Each month this year has been wetter than the one before. With nine months to go in 2017, let's hope this trend does not continue.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

What a long three days it was between the first Good Friday and Easter Day, a three days we often forget about, a time of loss and despair. But at the end of those three days there is Good News. And the good news is that there is a love that is alive with compassion and saving grace, alive enough even for those of us who struggle to find concrete answers. There is a love that forgives our denials and overcomes our fears. There is a love so powerful that it stands in the face of those trying to destroy it and offers to heal their wounds. It is a love that will not die. We know that no other love matches it, and we know that all other greatness is marred by littleness. And it is a love that stays with us.

Thousands of people in every generation and of varying ages and personality types share an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love. It brings sharp challenge too. Jesus commands us to love and serve our troubled and divided world, in his strength and in his name.

On Easter morning we greet something truly lovely. Let us try not to forget that as we tuck into our Easter Eggs. For it is Good News indeed. Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead.01539436301. jjcedixon@btinternet.com

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
April 9 th		11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
14 th			10.30 Good Friday Service
15 th		8pm Service of Light	
16 th		11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion
23 rd			11.15 Holy Communion
30 th		10.00 Joint Benefice Service	

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
April 9 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer
13 th		11.15 Matins
14 th	10.00 Children's service	7pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
16 th	9.30 Holy Communion	2pm Good Friday Service
23 rd	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer
		11.15 Holy Communion
		11.15 Morning Worship

COME FOR A WALK

The next Benefice walk will be on Thursday, 27th April, meeting at Finsthwaite Church at 10.30 a.m. for a walk of about five miles. Please bring a packed lunch and all are welcome. Further details from Anne Robinson (01229 860242) or Gesine Steinart (01220 860083)

LENT LUNCHES - SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID

The last two lunches are on: -

Friday 7th April, at The Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey, (co-ordinator Elizabeth Mallett 015394 36450)

Saturday 8th April, at The Market Hall, Hawkshead (co-ordinator Judith Dixon 015394 36301)

ST PAUL'S RUSLAND

The AGM will be held on 9th May 2017 at 5pm. All are welcome.

THE WINE TASTING EVENING

This was a very successful and jovial event. Thanks in particular to Iain and Rachel Lumsden for researching and selecting the wines, and to Iain for his excellent presentation and Quiz.

£265 was raised to be shared between the two churches.

CAN I CLAIM SICK PAY?

"I took 7 days off work for flu and my employer won't give me sick pay. I work on a flexible shift contract and when I called in sick they just took me off the rota and didn't pay me till I came back. Is this right?"

Whatever your contract type, your entitlement to statutory sick pay is the same. It is paid from the fourth day you are off work. You need to earn £112.00 a week or more before tax, and to report your sickness according to your workplace rules. Removing you from an agreed rota cannot change your entitlement to sick pay. The first step is to ask your employer to fill in the government form SSP1 explaining their reasons for not paying you, then call the number for HMRC on the form. They'll clarify whether you're entitled and if you are, make sure you're paid. If your employer won't fill in the form, contact HMRC, who have a legal duty to solve issues around sick pay.

For further help and advice contact South Lakes Citizens Advice on 03444 111 444

DIARY DATES

April	Sat	8 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Eye in the Sky</i> - The Cart House - 7.30pm
	Sat	8 th	
	&		
	Sun	9 th	Rusland Spring Show - Rusland Reading Room and St Paul's Church Six Artists at Jane Meadow, High Dale Park - 10am to 5pm
	Tues	11 th	Oxen Park Dog Club - 6 to 6.45pm
	Tues	18 th	Rusland and District WI - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm
	Thurs	27 th	Benefice Walk - Meet at Finsthwaite Church at 10.30am
	Fri	28 th	Jon and Delia's Farewell Party at the Eagle's Head + Midlife Crisis

PERSONAL

- Congratulations to Emma Threlkeld and Jordan on the birth of Zack Thomas.
- HAROLD - As someone said, "it's not just the shortage of a mobile butcher, it's the fact that we just don't know what's going on." Harold was our messenger and we miss him bringing the news. Harold is waiting for an op so is taking it easy for a change. We all wish him well and look forward to his return.

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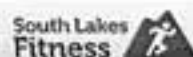
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