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A NEW LEAF?

POACHING AND OFF-ROADING.

There has been an increase in poaching activity in the valley. If you see anything suspicious, do not investigate but ring the police (e.g. 01539 722611 or 01768 891999). Also, a brief reminder that driving motorised vehicles other than on roads and green lanes is illegal. If you see any perpetrators, please report them to the police (as above) and/or to Tony Hill, the Park Ranger, on 015394 46892. Nothing will be done unless a high volume of complaints is received!

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

As you may read elsewhere, our planned January speaker, Edward Collins, has had a brief spell in hospital and so, as well as wishing Edward a speedy recovery, we have excused him duty this month. Instead, Geoffrey Kremer has very kindly offered to bring his talk forward. On Tuesday 23rd January (7.30 at the Rusland Reading Room) he will speak on 'Afghanistan under Russian occupation' following his visit there in 1986-7. It should be absolutely fascinating. There will be a February meeting on Tuesday 27th although we cannot yet confirm the speaker's identity - watch this space.

RUSLAND and SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES

Present their fourth hugely popular
ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

Saturday 17th Feb 2007 at Rusland Reading Room
7.00pm- Curtain Up 7.30pm

Music, Poetry, Prose, Songs, Monologues, Dialogues, Community Singing, and Laughter.

Interval Meal: French bread, pate, cheese: free glass of wine or soft drink

Tickets £6.50. children free

Contact, Elsie Wilkinson (860253), Giles Wingate Saul (860300), or Sue Brooke (860250)

MAKE A DATE...

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW 24TH/25TH MARCH
Schedules from Gordon Wilkinson (860 253)

'CHAPTER ONE'

A fun evening with words and music
at Rusland Reading Rooms
Friday 13th April 7.30 pm.

Admission £4. Children under 16 free (Tickets on sale in February)

The Rusland Writing Group are hosting their first event and will be joined by The Rusland Reading Group and the All Write project.

CHAPTER ONE will be a fun evening (with prizes!) celebrating creativity from within the Rusland Valley. If you enjoy reading, writing and songs or are just curious to know what we have all been doing then please come along (and bring your wine, beer etc.). There will also be a raffle and other competitions. It is in aid of the Rusland Valley Community Trust. We would love to have children reading a short story or poem and so please contact Jean Wilkinson on 015395 58985 if you are interested in taking part or, better still enter the competition below.

SHORT STORY/POETRY WRITING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16

For children and grandchildren of the Rusland Valley

A short story of fewer than 500 words or a poem, maximum 25 lines

Winners to be announced at the CHAPTER ONE evening

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD.

Closing date for entries 1st March 2007

send to J. Wilkinson,

1 Derwent Cottages, Cark in Cartmel
Grange over Sands, LA11 7NY,

or email jeaniewilk@ktdbroadband.com

and **REMEMBER TO TYPE RUSLAND IN THE SUBJECT**

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

We would like to thank all those good people who supported our annual Carol Evening. Gale force winds rocked the trees, rain lashed the windows, but the elements were not enough to deter the largest number ever assembled for this event. The capacity audience enjoyed carols, readings, items by the WI Choir, an Oratorio, an Organ recital and Hand Bells played by WI members and invited artists.

The famous Festive Supper was a very crowded affair but the most important part of the evening was the large sum raised for St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston, almost £600 (there will be one or two minor expenses) A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed so generously. It costs around £2 million per year to keep the doors of St Mary's open, so every donation is well and truly valued.

There will be no meeting in February.

STOP PRESS!

The final figure for St Mary's is £580.

LEVEN VALLEY CRICKET CLUB

The Club has carried out major ground improvements, bought new equipment, upgraded the pavilion and is looking for new players as part of its development. Players of any experience (and no experience) are welcome as are umpires, helpers and anyone keen on cricket.

Winter indoor nets (at Ulverston) -Tuesday Evenings-February/March 2006.

Junior coaching evenings (at Haverthwaite)-Tuesdays in cricket season

Anyone interested contact: -Russ Thompson (015395 30110), Dick or Dan Procter, (01229 861 466), Peter Yates (01229 480 686), Giles Wingate-Saul (01229 860 300)

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Colton Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has achieved Quality Parish status, becoming the 8th parish in this status. Hopefully, if the government's recent White Paper on 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' becomes law, Quality Parish councils will be given more power over local issues and services.

Colton Parish is undertaking a Local Housing survey next month in conjunction with Cumbria Rural Housing Trust and South Lakeland District Council. Questionnaires will go out with the February Parish Council Newsletter to all homes in the Colton parish, and the council would urge everyone to complete and return the relevant parts of the form. It is vital that information about housing is collected, to ensure that young people have the chance to live and work in the community to keep it - as in the title of the government White Paper - Strong and Prosperous.

A short list of 4 people has been drawn up for interview for the post of Parish Lengthsman. The interviews will take place at the end of January, so more news in the next newsletter.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We have a busy February, with one of our highlights linked with the Word Market Festival in Ulverston. Wednesday 7th February, Coronation Hall Supper Room, 7.30pm. Henry James and The Innocents - Guest Speaker, Katherine Baxter (from Blawith) will talk about Henry James and the adaptation of his book, *The Turn Of The Screw* followed by the well reviewed, newly mastered film *The Innocents* directed by Jack Clayton (12A).

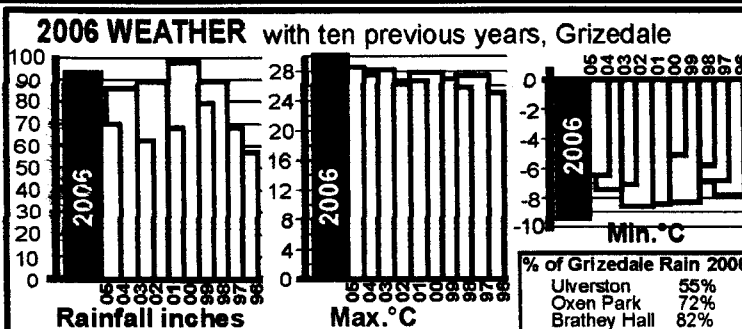
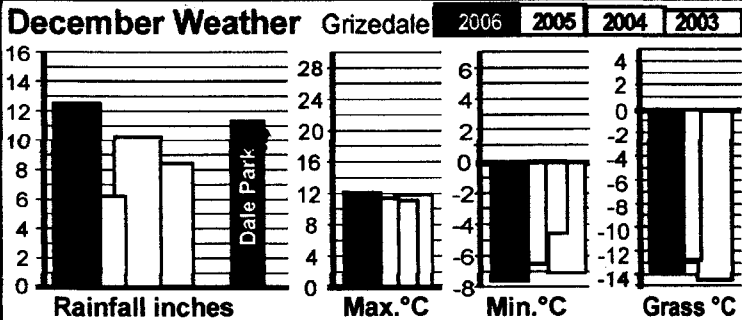
Tickets on the door or book ahead with Carol McNeil (861 507). £4.50p (Members £3.)

Tuesday 6th February (the day before) - *The Quiet American* (15) at Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30pm. Sponsored by Neighbourhood Forum. A film you may have missed or one that is well worth seeing again.

Saturday 24th February 4pm at Rusland - *Madagascar* another animal animation for the Saturday Film Club supported by an *Awards For All* grant and Rusland Valley Community Trust. Admission £1. A good outing to finish the half term holiday.

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Thinking of a new community project?..... Any community project, large or small, which is of use to local people, can be considered for funding by the Neighbourhood Forums. We can also suggest other organisations that may also fund your project. If you have an idea or are involved in a group which needs funding or other advice, please call the County Council's Neighbourhood Development office on 01229 894103

Church News

Dear Friends,

I clock up quite a few miles in my car in this job. I knew that was going to be the case, and I knew that Sundays would see me dashing from church to church, gathering my thoughts for the next service. I didn't know, though, that pheasants had quite so little road sense. Despite the rush, I still have to wait for the pheasants to wander backwards and forwards in front of the car. And before you ask, no, I haven't hit one yet and brought it home for dinner.

The natural world is always blissfully unaware of the mad rush which characterises so many human lives, and the pheasants are no different, living life in the road at their own pace, and the humans in their preposterous cars will just have to wait!

It occurs to me that it was quite right and proper that a car, no matter how sophisticated, could be brought to a standstill by something so wonderfully simple as a bird. Nature still has the power to stop technology in its tracks.

Nature should stop us, from time to time. It should stop us because of its sheer beauty (we live in a place where this can happen often), and it should remind us of God's wonderful creation. It should also sometimes stop us as a society. If human 'progress' is at the expense of nature we should wonder if it is progress at all.

John Dixon

The Vicarage, Hawkshead (015394 36301)

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
28 th Jan	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service
4 th Feb	10.30 Family Worship	5pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
11 th Feb	9.30 Benefice Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
18 th Feb	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
25 th Feb	9.30 Extended Communion	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
28 th Jan	9.45 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
4 th Feb	8am Holy Communion 1662	9.45 Holy Communion CW
11 th Feb	9.45 Holy Communion CW	11.15 Matins
18 th Feb	9.45 Matins	11.15 Holy Communion
25 th Feb	9.45 Holy Communion CW	6pm Evensong

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Thanks to Joan and Bob Fletcher, for again organising this annual Satterthwaite favourite, which raised £70 for the Children's Society.

JOINT BENEFICE SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM - TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

HOT SUPPER, RAFFLE, BEETLE DRIVE

Tickets £6 from Sue Brooke (860250) Hilary Collins (860312) and Elsie Wilkinson (860253)

CASH IN THE ATTIC?

Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches plan to hold a Silent Auction at Greenodd Village Hall at the beginning of July. More details will be published later, but please do not chuck out any items, which might be suitable for this sale.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

This year our local service will be held at the Baptist Chapel, Hawkshead Hill at 2pm. All are welcome.

MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be held at Haverthwaite Parish Room on Tuesday 20th February, when Keith Butler will give a talk about his trips overseas.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

From mid January until the end of February Jennifer Threlkeld will be responsible for setting the heating. Hilary Collins will oversee bookings. Regular users note your bookings on the calendar in the usual way. Non-regulars should contact Hilary on 860 312

DIARY DATES

Jan. Monday	22 nd	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm Upholstery Classes recommence - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7pm
Tuesday	23 rd	Rusland Globetrotters - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm Low Furness and Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum - St Mary's R.C.School, Springfield Rd.- 7.30pm
Feb. Tuesday	6 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>the Quiet American</i> - Finsthwaite Village Hall-7.30pm
Wed.	7 th	OPCC/Word Market Festival - Henry James and <i>The Innocent s</i> - Coronation Hall Supper Room- 7.30pm
Monday	12 th	Colton PC Meeting - Finsthwaite Village Hall - 7.30pm
Tuesday	13 th	High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Hawkshead Market Hall- 7pm
Saturday	17 th	Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches Entertainment Evening - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7pm
Tuesday	20 th	Joint Benefice Shrove Tuesday Party - Satterthwaite Parish - 4pm
Tuesday	27 th	Rusland Globetrotters - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- Best wishes to Edward Collins for a speedy recovery following his recent surgery.

Last date for items for March Newsletter is Feb 26th... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: lizzerc@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

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