



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
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MIDSUMMER MIRTH!

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT ON THE NIGHT

A wealth of local talent was on show in Rusland Reading Room on Friday night at an evening of light theatrical entertainment in aid of the benefice of Hawkshead and Sawrey and Rusland and Satterthwaite. The first of two plays *The Space Between the Years* by John Scholes saw Zoz from Jupiter (John Dixon) resplendent in full Tudor attire looking wonderfully bemused as an alien who thought he had landed in Ye Olde Spotted Cow Hotel in Elizabethan days rather than 21st century. With expert comic timing much fun was had in the misunderstandings of language and culture of differing times and planets. Mellissanda (Helen Tasker) delightfully captured the sullen put-upon receptionist muttering 'it's not my job' whenever her landlady boss Doris (Liz Cringle with fine Yorkshire accent) asked her to do anything. Having seen that Zoz possessed a large bag of sovereigns Doris sashayed her way around the bar using all her charms to relieve him of his wealth while her husband was ill upstairs. All was resolved when a robber (Mike Derry) turned out to also be from Jupiter and unable to return seemed the perfect companion for Zoz. Produced by Mike Derry with help from Karen Warren and Danny Dawson (costumes) and John Dawson (props) Vernon Chapman and Kevin Chapman (sound effects).

Catastrophe at the Vet's is written with great powers of humour and observation by local writer Jean Crabtree. With a large cast it centres around Denise (Elizabeth Mallett) a receptionist more concerned with her birthday and fiancé Jake than the riot going on. With great aplomb, a striking blonde wig and a bottle of brandy she deals with the new vet (Vernon Chapman), an irate customer (David Shaw), a brick through a window, constant phone calls, noisy parrot, sick elderly lady (Jean herself) and more to great hilarity. This was produced by Evelyn Marsh with sound effects by Kevin Baverstock. Hard to imagine how the well-chosen casts of both plays managed to get through the rehearsals. Their enjoyment provided a truly entertaining evening.

Thanks go to Elsie Wilkinson and all her helpers for the delicious supper provided in the interval. £430 was raised to be shared between Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches.

The performance to a packed house of 120 at Hawkshead Market Hall the following evening raised approximately £950.

RUSLAND SHOW

20th August, 12:30pm, Whitestock Meadow

Plans are well in hand to make this an entertaining afternoon for the whole family.

As a result of popular demand Jesters of Ambleside will be attending the show again this year. They provide a circus workshop which will be free for all children to join in. There will also be children's sports as well as the children's exhibits in the marquee.

There are plenty of classes to enter to cater for all interests, so pick up a show schedule from The Syke, or view it online on the Colton Parish council website <http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Rusland/Documents/EntryForm2011.pdf>, if you have not received one yet, and decide what you can enter. Entries should be posted into the red post box outside The Syke by noon on the 13th August.

For the more energetic there are sports, fell races and a tug of war to enter. For those who want to relax and soak up the atmosphere of this traditional Cumbrian show you can buy a pint or a cup of tea and watch the hound trials or the traditional Cumbrian wrestling.

This year there will also be representatives of the Forestry Commission, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, National Trust and Hay Bridge Nature Reserve Society. The rural crafts tent will be humming with activity as local crafts people demonstrate their skills. The local interest tent will also be of interest to locals and visitors alike, with interesting displays from the Oxen Park Cinema Club and other local groups.

All in all an unforgettable day. We hope to see you there. Antony Meanwell 01229 860076

ON THE CATWALK!

On 8th April there was a marvellous fashion show at the Café Ambio (Lakeland Motor Museum) in aid of St Mary's Hospice. Many thanks to Jan and Rachel of "Two by Two", Ulverston, who put together a delightful collection of holiday clothes and fabulous wedding outfits. The show was a complete sell-out and £11000 (approx.) was raised. Also thanks to the staff at the café.

THE FELL PONY CENTRE AT THE SYKE

Following our well attended Open Farm Sunday event we are pleased to announce that The Fell Pony Centre is now open for pony trekking. We are the only pony trekking centre in the Lake District to use exclusively Cumbrian Fell bred registered Fell Ponies, our native breed which have been used for centuries in the Rusland Valley. We have a wide range of rides available, led by Danielle Metcalfe, and a Fell Pony Club on a Saturday where children can learn about the ponies and have fun riding out with their friends. We are currently involved in a project to trial some traditional pack saddles and you may see us experimenting with various saddles on our green lanes. Do come and have a go at riding, or encourage any visitors you may have over the summer to support our new business! We are happy to take riders who are experienced or those who have never ridden before. You can read all about it at www.lakedistrictfellponycentre.com

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Lucy Galloway writes: - At school there is an option to undertake the extended project qualification where you come up with a question and research the necessary information and write a 5,000 word essay on what you have achieved/ found out and then do a presentation on this.

To achieve the above, I am taking part in the Great North Run on 18th September which is 13.1 miles. I have chosen to run for Multiple Sclerosis which my uncle is affected by and my aim is to do it under 2:30 hours.

I have a donation website and the link is: - <http://beatms.mssociety.org.uk/netcommunity/LuciesRun> Please do donate as it is easy to do and will make a real difference to those who are affected and their families. If anyone has any questions please do feel free to contact me.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

Rusland & District W.I.'s June meeting was a Garden Gathering at Middle Dale Park, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Edward Collins. A garden quiz and tour of the garden took place and all members contributed to a Jacobs Join supper. Sandra Derby of Torver W.I attended to relate her experiences at the National A.G.M. in Liverpool. She told members that the resolution regarding mega farms had been prevented from recording a vote, and the one urging the government to halt the closure of local libraries had been passed. Rusland members had been involved with entries at the Holker Garden Festival and photographs were shown of their displays. They were congratulated on their excellent efforts.

The next meeting will be in Satterthwaite when Colin Barr will be the speaker on "The Importance of Cumbrian Hedgerows." Everyone is most welcome.

THE SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ.
SATURDAY 9TH JULY 6PM
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

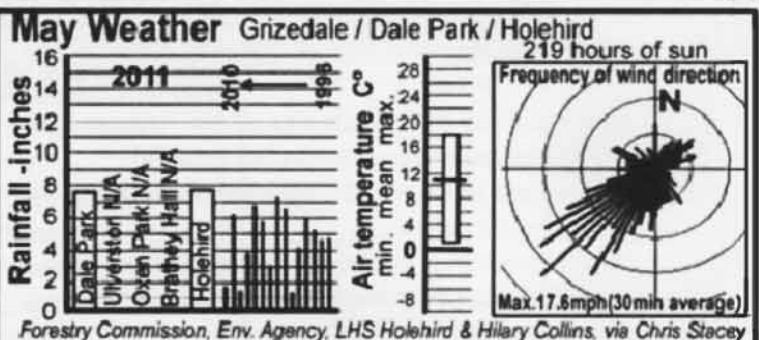
The National Park and South Lakeland Council have commissioned the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust (CRHT) to conduct a new housing needs survey to be conducted in Colton this year. You may remember that the first survey was conducted 4 years ago, and this found that 17 households in the Parish would be in housing need within the next 5 years. The demand was principally for affordable housing for rent. Judith Derbyshire, from the CRHT is planning to come to speak to the Council at our next meeting on 25th July to discuss the format of the new survey. Remember that Colton residents are eligible for the affordable housing being built at the old Satterthwaite School site. If interested, contact Eden Housing on 01768 861470 for an application form.

Bouth speed limit: The good news is that it seems that Bouth IS eligible for a 30 mph speed limit. The bad news is that putting in speed limit signs could cost around £5000 (!) and that it represents 'improvements' for which County has no funds at present. However, there is clearly a need for a speed limit, not least in relation to the playground, and we will press for a source of funding to be identified.

We have been asked by a young resident of Colton (hamlet) if we can find somewhere nearby for him and friends to ride their BMX bikes. The roads are too dangerous and we'd like to encourage kids to get out in the real world rather than playing too long in the virtual one! The Council does not own land and cycling is not permitted on common land, so we are asking if anyone has a small patch of suitable land for this activity? Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

The Eagle's Head Inn - Saturday 30th July.
Enjoy High Tea (sandwiches, cakes, tea & coffee) while listening to classical guitar ensemble *Essex Guitar Group* supported by *Justyn Thyme*, 5-30pm-7-00pm.
Then 9-00pm-11-00pm bring your own guitars, tambourines, voices and other instruments and join in with *Cragg Atak Acoustic* playing a selection of ballads and folksy songs.
Collection in aid of Satterthwaite Church funds.



The wettest May since Chris started his records in 1996!

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

In the British Museum in London they have stones for use with a sling as a weapon, which had been dug up in Israel by archaeologists. They are about the size of cricket balls- the stones that is, not the archaeologists. Apparently, thrown expertly with a sling they could travel at about 100 miles per hour. I imagine that must take a lot of practice. You probably remember the story of David and Goliath. Goliath is the baddy, a giant soldier stronger than anyone else. David is a shepherd boy, who with a sling and just such a stone, went out with great courage and faith in his God. Exit giant, hit on the head by the stone.

You may remember that when David first saw Goliath, David was up on a hillside and Goliath was in the valley below. You can imagine that from up there the giant did not look so big, but as David moved down and moved closer, the giant would have looked bigger and bigger and more and more threatening.

That is how our problems sometimes appear to us- the nearer they get, the bigger and heavier they feel, but they are really the same size as they always were. Sometimes it is very easy for us to get things out of proportion.

Somebody has imagined what David's reaction must have been when he saw the giant close up. His first thought was, 'He's big!', or words to that effect, but his next thought was, 'Good, that means I can't miss!' Some of our problems are only as big as we make them and can be cut down to size with a bit of courage and the kind of faith in God that David had in the famous story.

John

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Sunday		Colton		Rusland		Satterthwaite	
July	3 rd	10.30	Morning Worship	6pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	10 th	10.30	Benefice Communion, Lowick	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	17 th	9.30	Communion	6pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	24 th	9.30	Communion	11.15	Holy Communion		No Service
	31 ^a	10.30	Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge		No service		No Service

Sunday		Hawkshead		Sawrey			
July	3 rd	8am	Holy Communion 1662	6pm	Healing Service	11.15	Holy Communion
		9.30	Service for All Ages		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel		
	10 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Matins
	17 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion with Baptism
	24 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	6pm	Evensong
	31 st	10.00	Joint Benefice Holy Communion				

A SALTY STROLL

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE WALK TO CHAPEL ISLAND ON SATURDAY 23RD JULY
 Contact Caroline Peet on 01229 860302 or email: - rschurchesciwalk@aol.com for a registration form.

A FOREST IDYLL

High on a hillside in Grizedale Forest overlooking Coniston Water, the Lawson Park Farm House and Garden have been reclaimed from nature and the ravages of time to provide an imaginative setting for Grizedale Arts. The garden, mostly created by Karen Guthrie, was opened in June for charity under The National Gardens Scheme. To delight visitors there were brambles (ornamental) and bluebells, orchards and orchids, poultry and pigs, fuchsias and farm house teas, and much, much more. A trusty minibus hauled visitors up the hill and just over £800 was made to be shared between Macmillan, Marie Curie and St. Mary's Hospice. A big thank you goes to all who worked so hard for so long and to everyone who gave so generously. A similar event will be held on 3rd September.

GIVE US A BREAK!

Has your boss stopped you taking holiday? Have you not been paid for holidays? Have you left a job with holiday not yet taken and not been paid for it?

If so, you are not alone. During April and May, many British workers have enjoyed 5 bank holidays but every year we see thousands of people seeking advice on their right to paid holiday. Citizens Advice is campaigning for a Fair Employment Agency to protect workers and target rogue employers. We would like you to tell us your experiences because it will help make a stronger case. Why not complete the survey in our Waiting Rooms or fill in our survey at

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/giveusabreak>.

While most working people take their right to paid holidays for granted, many others are forced to work all year without a break, or only allowed unpaid leave. People missing out tend to be in unglamorous but essential jobs in small, non-unionised workplaces such as care homes, hairdressers, bars, restaurants, hotels and shops. Others work in building and decorating, clothing and food processing factories, or contract cleaning. The majority are women, many juggling part-time work with family commitments.

If you would like information on Rights to Paid Holidays, you can contact the Grange or Windermere Citizens Advice Bureau by phone or in person. Call 015395 33100 / 015394 46464 or www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk

DIARY DATES.

July	Tues	5 th	The Ghyll Singers – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat.	9 th	Satterthwaite Playground Barbecue – 6pm
			Craven Accordion Orchestra – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Mon.	11 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues	12 th	Peter Brown, Popular Piano Recital – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat	16 th	Colton Garden Fete – the Old Vicarage, Colton – 2pm
	Tues	19 th	<i>Cinderella</i> – Leven Valley School – 1.30pm and 6.30pm
			Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
			Simon Martindale, Tenor and Ken Forster, Piano – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat.	23 rd	Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches' Walk to Chapel Island
	Mon	25 th	Colton Parish Council – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
		25 th -28 th	Film-making Workshop for 9 to 13 year olds
		26 th	Flutes & Co – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat	30 th	Festival of Music – Eagles Head, Satterthwaite – 5.30pm – 11pm

Leven Valley School Productions present

CINDERELLA

Tues 19th July at 1.30pm and 6.30pm

All Welcome! Refreshments provided.

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

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