

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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DON'T LOSE YOUR LIBRARY!

Cumbria County Council have launched the first stage in a conversation they want to have with residents, about the future shape of the county's library service in order to ensure it is fit for the future.

They very much value your views and ideas about the future of libraries in Cumbria and want to involve you right at the start, before the council has firm proposals and well before any decisions are made. They would be grateful if you would read the information document they have provided and respond with your thoughts on this valuable service. You can pick up a paper version of this document from your local library, community centre or Connexions office or contact them at yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk and they will be happy to post one to you.

They have also set up a dedicated website which can be accessed by going to www.cumbria.gov.uk and following the links to the libraries consultation.

If you have any queries please get in touch on the contact details below or at yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk

DISCOVERING THE RUSLAND VALLEY

Join a National Park Ranger and Tony Wood of Abbots Reading Farm to discover the valley's rich diversity of habitat, landscape and cultural heritage.

4 May 2011 - Grade: Moderate - Type: Special Interest
Start: 11:00 am Abbots Reading Farm, Haverthwaite

- ✓ Price: Free
- ✓ Duration: 4.0 hrs
- ✓ 4.9 miles, 8.0 km
- ✓ Appropriate footwear essential
- ✓ Walking equipment required
- ✓ Bring a packed lunch
- ✓ Booking essential, call 0845 272 0004
- ✓ Grid ref: SD343850

SPRING GARDENS COMPETITION

Judging will take place at the end of May. If you are interested in entering, please contact Margaret Dryden on 861 432.

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ

Will be held on Saturday 9th July at 6.00pm. Put the date on your calendar now and please come along and support this village event. This year David and Lynn Granville of Townhead have kindly offered to organise it.

SATTERTHWAITE SINGS AT THE SAGE

On Easter Monday a small group of singers from Satterthwaite, including some members of the WI Choir, made the trip to Gateshead to take part in "Come and sing Messiah" at the Sage concert hall. The group had been rehearsing since January under the expert tutelage of Joan and Elizabeth Pollock. On the day we were by the Northern Sinfoniaand several hundred other aspiring choral singers, all under the inspirational baton of Simon Halsey who is, amongst other things, Chorus Director of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Chorus. It was a marvellous opportunity to sing in a world-class concert venue with a professional orchestra, and we all thank Elizabeth and Joan for encouraging us to get involved.

THE SPRING SHOW

Gordon Wilkinson writes:-

On behalf of the Rusland Reading Rooms Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting our Spring Show, especially all the exhibitors. There was a wonderful display of home produce, floral art, bowls of bulbs, vases of cut flower, poems, limericks, photographs, paintings and much much more - not forgetting the excellent exhibits done by the children Well done everyone! The atmosphere and community spirit were second to none - we are very privileged to be part of it. The Spring Show is the main income for the lovely Reading Rooms, and I am pleased to announce that we made in excess of £800.00. Thank you all again!

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND MOWER APPEAL

Our ancient sit-on mower, which has been nursed along for years, has finally died. We urgently need to replace it to keep up with the grass. The cost of a suitable replacement will severely deplete the Playground's small reserve, so we have launched an appeal to fund it. Any donation, large or small, will be most welcome and can be given to Rob at the Eagle's Head, or to Fran and Paul at Pepper House.

STRUT YOUR STUFF!

It's rock-a-bop party time with Cragg Atak and friends at the Eagle's Head on Saturday 14th May. Muzak and dancing starts at 9pm. Collection in aid of Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue.