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COLOUR IN THE VALLEY

It may have been overcast outside but children's entries and wonderful flowers brought a splash of bright colour to Rusland Spring Show. The profit was a record £550 which was a tribute to all the hard work and especially that put in by Mhari Elkington Crabtree, Hannah Fox and Susan King for the workshops at Leven Valley Primary School which produced over 210 entries. Sport was a special theme for this year's event. A total of 350 entries in adult and children's classes dazzled the many visitors who crowded into the tent and the Rusland Reading Room to enjoy this well known event in the South Lakeland calendar. The clear overall points winner was Elsie Wilkinson and several local families excelled in the children's classes.

STOP PRESS: Why not enter the Spring Garden Competition which will be judged in mid-May? Contact Margaret Dryden for details (01229 861432)



"A TASTE OF FRANCE"

Hear a Talk on French life and enjoy a meal of French Dishes, French Desserts, French Cheese at Rusland Reading Room

7.30pm Saturday 19th April

In aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

French wines on sale by the bottle or the glass

Tickets £7.50

From Nigel Buckley (860 212), Sue Brooke (860 250), Giles Wingate-Saul (860 300) or Elsie Wilkinson (860 253)

X30 DOWN YOUR WAY ?

A new bus service is now running from Haverthwaite to Hawkshead via Greenodd, Oxen Park, Satterthwaite and Grizedale. Although primarily set up by the Forestry Commission to cater for visitors to Grizedale, the bus can be used by anyone on a wave-me-down basis. There are three runs per day, in each direction, plus an additional run between Grizedale and Hawkshead and return (see timetables). Yet another case of 'Use it or Lose it' ?

HAWKSHEAD PRE-SCHOOL

The Hawkshead Pre-School offers an excellent, friendly facility for the tinies, but is struggling for numbers – likely to be down to five, come next September. So if you know of any parents of young children who might be interested, do spread the word.

Nursery Education for 2½ - 4 year olds - places available.
Opening hours: Monday: 9.00 – 11.30 session; 11.30 – 12.30 lunchclub; 12.30 – 3.00 session. Tuesday CLOSED.
Wednesday: Same hours as Monday. Thursday: 9.00 – 11.30 session. Friday: 0-5 playgroup; 9.30 – 11.30 (with parent/carer). For further information please contact 07796113059 (term time only) or Angela on 015394 36425.
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POST OFFICE CLOSURES - HAWKSHEAD, LEVEN VALLEY AND GREENODD

The consultation period is now open and the closing date has been extended to the 27th May because of local elections. However, don't wait til then; EVERY INDIVIDUAL is urged to contact: -

- 1) The National Consultation Team, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM (email: consultation@postoffice.co.uk)
- 2) FREEPOST POSTWATCH, or 08456 013265
- 3) Mr Alan Cook, Chief Executive, Post Office Ltd, 80-88, Old Street, London EC1V 9NN
- 4) Tim Farron MP, The Cottage, Yard 2, Stricklandgate, Kendal, LA9 4ND

Letters are best written from a personal perspective i.e. how the changes will affect YOU. New information or unforeseen consequences are particularly important to mention.

HAPPY RETURNS TO THE BAR?

NW Air Ambulance has benefited from a staggering £1,000 which was raised at the Manor House, Oxen Park, during birthday parties for Will Bowers and Dora Dudson. We wish both of them Many Happy Returns and thanks to everyone involved.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

Members met on 18 March. The 'Pudding Club' event had been much enjoyed. A final total of £507 had been raised and was donated to the local Community First Responders. On behalf of the Responders, Andrew Stoker thanked the WI for their hard work and generosity saying the money would go towards a defibrillator. Members of the public and WI members were enthralled by the speaker, Mrs A Sandys, and her stories of life at Graythwaite. The next meeting will be on 15 April at Rusland when the speaker will be Simone Cookson, Community Problem Solver. This will be interesting and members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Cumbria CC will discontinue support for the popular Lengthsman Scheme which has run in our Parish for the past year. Despite saying that the pilot scheme has been successful, they propose to launch their own 'Highway Steward' Scheme (using Amey) which will be "more cost-effective" for the whole County. They propose 7 Stewards to be based in S Lakeland, performing similar functions as the Lengthsman, plus being responsible for road repair. We estimate that the Highway Steward would only manage ½ day per week here with a likely decline in service. However, there is a glimmer of hope! The Parish Council had already budgeted some funding to support our own Lengthsman in the coming year, and there might be further funding from elsewhere.

We had a good response to the parish questionnaire - many thanks to those who sent them in. We will be discussing the issues raised at a Parish Plan Update meeting shortly. Our Annual Parish Council meeting is on 12 May at Finsthwaite. (Mandy Lane 861408 coltonpc@btinternet.com www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

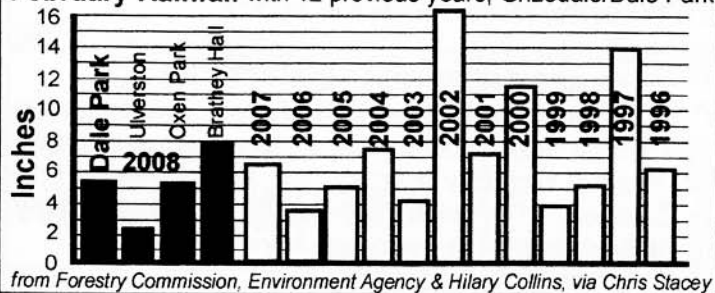
SATTERTHWAITE TENNIS COURT

The new season has started and you now need to come and get your new key (£25 for the year or £5.00 for occasional games). Keys are available at the Eagle's Head (860237) and at Pepper House (860206).

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

The Committee has reluctantly decided to increase the room hire charge to £12 per session from 1 May, to cover the rising cost of insurance and energy. Other charges will be increased pro rata; details may be found on the notice board in the Parish Room.

February Rainfall with 12 previous years, Grizedale/Dale Park



RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

Anne Robinson brought the season of presentations to a close with a well-attended talk on Sri Lanka, focusing on a fascinating mix of wildlife and local culture (and cake!). A further £55.55 was raised for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee. Whether Globetrotters will start again in September depends on whether an organiser can be found - please contact Giles Wingate Saul (860300) if interested.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

The last film of the season is *The Prestige* (an absorbing and gripping thriller about magicians) which can be seen on 8 April at Rusland. To end the season, and raise some funds, we have a Fish-&-Chip Quiz night on 26th April - Rusland again, 7.30. Ring Carol to put in your Chippy Bank order and come and be challenged by one of Colin Barr's quizzes. We have received a grant from Neighbourhood Forum to purchase an editing station to offer young film-makers a greater variety of editing experiences at our workshops. The 3-Day Summer Workshop for making a film for the Rusland Show (*My Friends*) will be on 21-23 July. Contact Carol (861507) to book a place

FRIENDS OF GRIZEDALE FOREST

The AGM was held recently. The Community Liaison Officer from the Forestry Commission was asked to assist with a variety of problems. These included roadside litter (a clean-up was arranged - thanks to all involved); jackdaw nuisance; a slurry spill into Grizedale beck; new wooden buildings in unexpected places; out-of-season camping; and coach sizes. Officers were appointed for the coming year.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Met on 11 March. There is good news on our search for a new Parish Clerk as a volunteer has come forward. Chair and Vice-chairman will meet to make the appointment before our next meeting (22 April) The council elections will be on the 1st May. Applications for those wishing to stand as councillors close on 4th April so be quick to contact Sue Tiplady for forms if you plan to stand.

A reply from Highways on gritting of the C5022 was inconclusive but not hopeful; we are still awaiting a visit from the Planning Authority to consult on car park options in the village; and we hope to distribute our Holiday Cottage charter letter over Easter.

We discussed the "bad press" that Hawkshead is giving us over the Old Police Station car park but resolved not to further open old wounds. The resolution now imposed by Hawkshead means that residents wishing to use this park will pay £5 for an annual permit. Anyone wishing to understand the whole sorry story is more than welcome to call Paul Townsend. Good news from the Grizedale Consultative Group is the inauguration of a new minibus route from Haverthwaite through Grizedale to Hawkshead with links at both ends (see Page 1)

Church News

Dear Friends

I am writing this a couple of days after the Rusland Spring Show. What a remarkable display of talent that was! It was great to see that pupils from the Leven Valley School were so involved - the future must be bright for children with such creative flair. And it was good to see how the whole thing had been approached by the adults of the valley, everybody doing what they could to help.

It was a timely reminder of what a joy it is to be human. Christians believe that we are 'made in God's image'. It can be a bit difficult to know what that means; but I suppose it means that in a very limited but real way, we reflect some of the main attributes of God. One of these attributes is God's creativity- He is the supreme creator of all. So, the human creativity so manifestly displayed at the Spring Show, is a reflection of God's creativity. It is one of the most wonderful things about human beings that we are able to bring things into being simply for the sake of their goodness and beauty. Free creative activity is one of things that makes us human, whether that be making something, painting something, writing something, acting something, making music, or whatever. Congratulations to all involved with the Rusland Show for a wonderful celebration of human creativity.

Don't forget that we have a new service at Satterthwaite, a 'Service for all Ages', at 9.45am on the 3rd Sunday of every month, starting on 20th April.

John Dixon

The Vicarage, Hawkshead. 015394 36301. jjcedixon@btinternet.com

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
6 th April	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
13 th	10.30 Benefice (Penny Bridge)	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
20 th	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
27 th	9.30 Holy Communion	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion
4 th May	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
11 th	10.30 Benefice (Colton)	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
6 th March	8.00 Holy Communion 1662	9.30 Service for All Ages
13 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Matins
20 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
27 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
4 th May	8.00 Holy Communion 1662	9.30 Service for All Ages
11 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion, CW
		11.15 Matins

In addition, there is an Evensong Service at 6 pm at Hawkshead Church each Sunday except on the fourth Sunday of the month.

On Wednesdays, at 10 am there is Holy Communion at Hawkshead.

The Vicar will be pleased to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

REMINDER

Please come to the new Service for all ages at Satterthwaite at 9.45am on Sunday 20th April and on the third Sunday of each month thereafter. We will sing five hymns accompanied by the organ and the Service will be timed to last 45 minutes. There will be coffee afterwards.

CHRISTIAN AGE LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 12-2pm - RUSLAND READING ROOM

8 SOUPS, ROLLS, CHEESE, BISCUITS, TEA OR COFFEE - ALL FOR £5 - PLANTS CAKES BOOKS RAFFLE

A WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service was held at St Anne's Church, Haverthwaite, and was prepared by the Women of Guyana. Our speaker was John Dawson who developed the theme of the service "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding" to incorporate the work of Hospices. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards and total donations were £101.40. Warm thanks to our speaker, our readers, our pianist and everyone else who made it a successful afternoon. (Jean Crabtree)

FOOTNOTE

Your Editor, Liz, is currently sunning herself in New Zealand. This edition has been put together by a former editor so please don't blame Liz for any errors or drastic wielding of the blue pencil. Twasnt er wot did it.

DIARY DATES

March	Mon	31 st	WI Reading Aloud Competition – Greenodd Village hall – 7.30pm
April	Tues	1 st	WI Group Meeting – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Sun	6 th	Leven Valley Support Group, St Mary's Hospice – <i>The Lakeland Alphabet</i> – Whitewater Hotel – 3pm
	Tues	8 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Prestige</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues	15 th	Rusland & Dist WI Meeting - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30pm
	Sat	19 th	Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches – <i>A Taste of France</i> - Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sun	20 th	First 'Service for all Ages' at Satterthwaite Church - 09.45
	Mon	21 st	All Saints Satterthwaite Annual Vestry & PCC Meeting, Parish Room 7.30 pm
May	Tue	22 nd	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting
	Sat	26 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – Fish and Chip Quiz Night – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30p
	Mon	12 th	Annual Colton Parish Council Meeting - Finsthwaite - 7.30pm
	Thu	14 th	Christian Age Lunch - Rusland Reading Room - 12-2pm
	Thu	29 th	Friends of Grizedale meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room.

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

TA!L-PIECE

Dog-owning residents and visitors to Satterthwaite are asked to be more careful about dog-fouling. The message is clear. Don't let your dog out unaccompanied, and if it does foul in the village, clean up after it!

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