



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
NEWSLETTER

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APRIL COME SHE WILL

THE RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

The run-up to the Spring Show was horrendous, but Gordon Wilkinson, the dedicated organiser, never lost faith in the ability of the community to produce a show to be proud of. With a very late Spring and snow in the run up to the Show, the skill of the gardeners in and around the Valley was tested to the extreme. But they did it. The words of those entering the room and seeing the sight of the flowers and catching the scent were a true tribute. "Amazing", "Good heavens", "Look at that", "How wonderful" were just a few of the expressions to be heard. The cooks, craftspeople and artists showed equal skill and the children yet again set a corner of the Reading Room ablaze with their vibrant entries. Although the weekend of the Show (Mothering Sunday) was not kind in the weather it produced, no one who visited the Show left disappointed. Thanks to all those who worked so hard. Profits go to Rusland Reading Room.

LAKELAND ORIENTEERING CLUB EVENT ON SUNDAY 23RD APRIL, GRAYTHWAITE.

Why not come and have a go!
Family groups or pairs welcome. Sign up for a
colour coded course.
Details from Carol McNeill on 861507

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND SCHOOL SITE LOW COST HOUSING SCHEME

This scheme for 6 dwellings is moving forward but it is necessary to show that there is need for such a scheme, to get planning permission and funding. If you are interested in living in this lovely location please take a survey form from Satterthwaite Church or Rusland Church and return it to Eden Housing Association in the envelope provided. Returning the form is not a commitment by you and the information in the form remains confidential to Eden HA.

EASTER ACTIVITIES IN THE FOREST

There are lots of activities taking place in Grizedale Forest over the Easter Holidays, with plenty of novel ideas to keep the children amused. The Easter Egg Hunt is happening between 1st and 23rd April; on Thursday 6th April, there are Origami craft workshops at three different times during the day, whilst on Thursday 13th April, there is an Eggstravaganza workshop, to teach you how to blow and decorate eggs.

On the WILDLIFE side, you can play Nature Detectives on Tuesdays 4th and 11th. For the early risers, on Saturday 8th April, there is an escorted Deerwatch at 6.00 am with one of the Wildlife Rangers, and at the same time on Sunday 30th, an escorted "Birds and Breakfast" walk.

On the TIMBER PRODUCTION front, there are two escorted tours on Wednesday 12th April to see the giant harvesting machinery in action, and to get a 'behind the scenes' insight into how the Forestry Commission balances timber production with the needs of conservation and recreation.

Full details from the Visitor Centre (860 010)

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

By the time you read this, we will have had an excellent presentation from Lin Mackintosh and Dave Higgs on their recent visit to Venezuela. This will have included another wonderful set of images, from mountain peaks to coastal bird sanctuaries, all with a most informative and enjoyable commentary. Next month (April 25th) Bobby Dobson will give a new talk on Dogsledding in the Arctic (see diary for details). This updates an earlier talk that Bobby gave some years ago and comes highly recommended.

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP ST. MARY'S HOSPICE.

We raised £350 clear of expenses at the recent Coffee Morning at Greenodd Village Hall. Our next event will be the Summer Fair & Car Boot on Sunday 18th June at the Playing Fields, Haverthwaite.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

Red and white wine and nibbles awaited members at the March meeting, held in Satterthwaite Parish Room, courtesy of the President, who was celebrating the tenth anniversary of becoming a member of the Rusland and District WI. Chattering is never a problem at the WI but it was even easier after such a start! We were pleased to welcome guests from Spark Bridge and Bouth WI's, who joined us to enjoy the lovely slides and lively commentary given by Chris Crowder, Head Gardener at Levens Hall. A trip to the gardens is to be arranged later in the season. A raffle was held. Supper was served and the competition was judged.

The next meeting will take place on the 18th April at Rusland Reading Rooms, when the speaker will be Andrew Taylor on "Kendal Mint Cake ". Meanwhile we will be entering a team at the Furness Area Reading Aloud Competition to be held at Greenodd Village Hall on 30th March and are looking forward to the Group Meeting hosted by Bouth WI, also at Greenodd, on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Two vacancies occurred on the parish council in January. Cllr Margaret Dryden stepped down after 10 years loyal service, due to family commitments and Cllr Sylvia Nichols stepped down after 3 years service as she was moving from the area. Several residents expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and an election was called for 16th March. However, in the event only three people submitted applications to SLDC, one of which was declared void so the remaining two applicants were duly elected unopposed without the need for an election. Our new parish councillors are Mrs Sally Baxter representing East Ward and Mrs Penny Lovegrove representing Central Ward. The Council is looking forward to working with both new councillors.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 13th March in the Rusland Reading Room but owing to the atrocious weather conditions, it was poorly attended. The next parish council meeting is on Monday 3rd April in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7.30pm. As always, there is a slot for any member of the public to speak, so do come along, have your say or just listen, and meet the new councillors.

THE GRIZEDALE PROJECT- WHAT THE LOCALS THINK

Elizabeth Pollock writes: -

Many thanks to all of you who signed the petition asking for a public inquiry into the Forestry Commission's plans for the Grizedale Visitor Centre. Altogether there were 540 names on the petition and over three hundred were of people in the valley and its access points. This petition has been handed on to Tim Faron M.P., who will be formally presenting it to the Deputy Prime Minister and also presenting it on the floor of the House of Commons at the end of the parliamentary day. This procedure will be recorded in Hansard. A copy of the petition has been sent also to Lord Clark of Windermere, the Chairman of the Forestry Commission.

A simple survey of 186 people in the parish of Satterthwaite, suggested that 66% of those asked were opposed to the plans as they stand at the moment, whilst 14 % supported them and 20% preferred not to express an opinion. Hopefully the Commission will understand that people here are deeply interested in their valley and, whilst welcoming visitors and appreciating the financial complexities of timber production, they continue to have real concerns about the effect of increased traffic on our roads.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

"Your community film society"

Congratulations to the club for winning another award, this time a 'Distinction' at the British Federation of Film Societies Annual Awards for the best Community Film Society. The Club runs a variety of workshops and special events; to find out more check our website: oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Our next show is on Tuesday 4 April – Finsthwaite Village Hall - 7.30pm, when we will be showing a classic oldie, about a cinema, 'The Smallest Show on Earth,' starring the inimicable Peter Sellers.

For a starter we have the Premiere of the OPCC Film Making Unit's 'Lost Industries of the Leven Valley 1 – The Low Wood Gunpowder Works', starring Ronnie Mein and John Walton. Not to be missed!

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

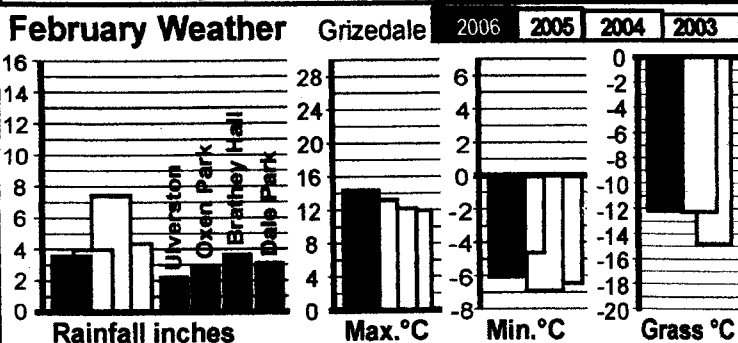
Installation of the toilet for the disabled will start on Monday 24 April and the work is expected to last several weeks. The Parish Room itself will still be available for use during this period, but there will be no kitchen or toilet facilities.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

The new season starts on 1st April, and after that date last year's key won't let you onto the Satterthwaite Centre Court! So don't forget to come and get your new key. For £25 you can have a key for the year and play as often as you want, all year round. For occasional games you can rent a key for £5.00. Keys will be available at the Eagle's Head (860237) and at Penber House (860206).

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



A LETTER FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS OF SATTERTHWAITE AND RUSLAND

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday 19 March we said farewell to Canon Stephen Pye at a Joint Benefice Service at Hawkshead. This was a very happy occasion but it was also tinged with sadness because Stephen has served the Parishes well and he will be much missed. As a token of our esteem he was presented with a cheque for £2,260 donated by his parishioners throughout the Benefice.

We have now started an "interregnum" while the process of appointing a new Vicar takes place and this is likely to last for several months. However we wish to stress that in both our churches it will be very much business as usual and our normal pattern of services will continue. This is a difficult time for your Churchwardens and they would very much appreciate all the support you can give.

In addition to the usual services there will be a service at Satterthwaite Church on Good Friday (14th April) at 10.30am and a Bonfire and Service of Light at Rusland church on Easter Saturday (15th April) at 8.00pm

If you have any problems in connection with the Church please contact one of us on the telephone numbers given below. Or if it is a bereavement or other sensitive matter you should contact the Revd Derek Goddard (Vicar of Haverthwaite with Finsthwaite and Staveley) on 015395 31476.

With our best wishes,

Sue Brooke (860250) Nigel Buckley (860212) Gillie Dobson (860241) Giles Wingate-Saul (860300)

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
2 nd April	10.30 Family Service	6pm Evensong	9.45 Matins and Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Preston
9 th April	7.30pm Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
14 th April	10.30 Good Friday service	No service	10.30 Good Friday Service
15 th April		8pm Bonfire and Service of Light	
16 th April	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Easter Communion
23 rd April	9.30 Holy Communion	No Service	11.15 Holy communion
30 th April	10.30 Methodist Benefice Communion	10.00 Joint Benefice Communion	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
2 nd April	8.00 Holy Communion(1662)	9.45 Holy Communion CW
9 th April	9.45 Holy Communion C.W.	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
13 th April		11.15 Matins
14 th April	2-3pm Last Hour Service	7pm Holy Communion
16 th April	8.00 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion CW
23 rd April	9.45 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
30 th April	No Service	6pm Evensong
		No Service

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY

On 28th February it was Rusland Church's turn to host the Joint Benefice Shrove Tuesday Party at the Reading Room. Those amongst the sixty or more who attended who thought of Shrove Tuesday as Pancake Day would not have got the pancakes they expected. Instead they feasted on wonderful cottage pie provided by the master cooks of Rusland and Satterthwaite and superb puddings from Hawkshead and Sawrey. Thanks to all who worked so hard and to Nigel Buckley for a fiercely fought and enjoyable beetle drive. Nearly £400 was raised, to be divided between the two churches.

SOUP KITCHEN!

The annual Christian Aid Soup and Cheese lunch will take place on Wednesday 17th May from 12 noon until 2pm at Rusland Reading Rooms. Admission £4 (reduction for children)

MOTHERS UNION

Our February meeting was held in Haverthwaite when Canon & Mrs. Ellis described their journey to Jordan & Syria and illustrated it with slides. It was both interesting and enjoyable. In March we met in Bouth Village Hall when Mrs Joan Jeffreys spoke about her stay in Southern India, where a group of people are giving help and financial support to the villages. Her photographs made us realise how well the villages are now managing. We all appreciated her visit. Our next meeting will be held on 5 April, Colton Church Hall, 2.00pm.

DIARY DATES

April Sunday	2 nd	Service of Thanksgiving for Joan Preston – Satterthwaite Parish Church – 9.45am
Monday	3 rd	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm. Colton Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall - 7.30pm
Tuesday	4 th	Satterthwaite Annual Vestry Meeting & Annual PCC Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Smallest Show on Earth</i> – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
Wednesday	5 th	Mothers Union – Colton Village Hall – 2pm
Tuesday	11 th	Friends of Grizedale Forest Meeting – Satterthwaite – 7.30pm
Tuesday	18 th	Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
Sunday	23 rd	Lakeland Orienteering Event – Graythwaite
Monday	24 th	Group WI Meeting – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
Tuesday	25 th	Rusland Globetrotters – Dogsledding in the Arctic – 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 Tony Ingram who has been spending some time in FGH and associated establishments during the last month. Let's hope we see him back in Oxen Park soon.

Last date for items for May Newsletter is 24th April. Send to:

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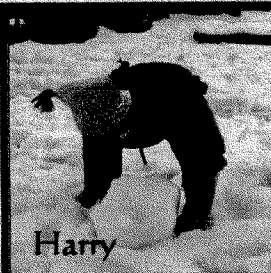
SCHOOL DAYS

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Thank you to everyone who contacted us with suggestions for activities for the end of our last year. Our final celebration will be at school on Saturday 1st July and we will give more details nearer to the time. Please spread news of the date if you know anyone who might be interested. We were all sad to see Steven Pye leave to go to Keswick and we would like to thank him for all he has done for the school and wish him all the best for the future.



Harry

When it snowed Mr Wilson asked us to make a sculpture out of the snow. First I helped Jessica and Rosie but then I helped Katie and Jack. When I was helping Jessica and Rosie we made a castle. When I helped Katie and Jack we made an igloo against a wall. That was over a week ago but the igloo is still standing against the wall and the castle ruins are still there.

By Frankie

We went to Australia to see Grandad. The plane journey was horrible. When we got there it was so hot I wanted to jump in a freezing pool. We met Grandad at the airport and he took us to his car and we drove to the unit we were staying in. When we got there Grandad had some presents for us. I got a dvd player and a frisbee. We had a balcony that looked out onto the beach. The next day we went swimming in a pool just outside. There was a deep end and a shallow end. I played in the deep end most and it was really fun. We went to a zoo and saw loads of animals and reptiles. There were lots of colourful snakes and turtles. We also saw some crocodiles.

I loved it so much I wish we didn't have to leave.

By Rosie



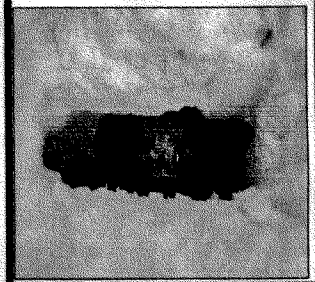
Reuben dressed for World Book Day

On the 18th of March we went to the Rusland Reading Room to do an animation workshop. First we had to think of a story and then we had to write it down on a piece of paper. Next we made our models out of plasticine and we made our backdrops. Then we had to take 24 pictures for one second of film. Each time we took a photo we had to move the plasticine just a very little amount. After we took all the photos we loaded them onto the laptops and put the finishing touches on it and put on a disk and it's finished.

By Jessica

Me and Frankie and Jack made an igloo. We got so cold we had to go in and then me and Frankie had a game of Chess.

By Katie



The aliens have landed on Earth. They are from Mars. They have twenty eyes and ten legs and four arms. They look like dogs and their



space ship is made out of gold. They are gone now. They have just landed on the sun. The Lava King is not happy. We have gone and they have gone now. Until next time.....

We are back for the news. The aliens have landed once again on the sun. the people on the sun wanted the aliens. "What did you do with my dogs?" said the people. "We ate them," said the aliens. "Why you little bugs," said the people. "We are out of here". "Ah, the space ship." "What has happened?" "It is only pieces," shouted the aliens. "What are we going to do?" "I have an idea, why don't we fit the space ship together again?" So they did and they went back to Mars.

By Jack Yoxall age 6

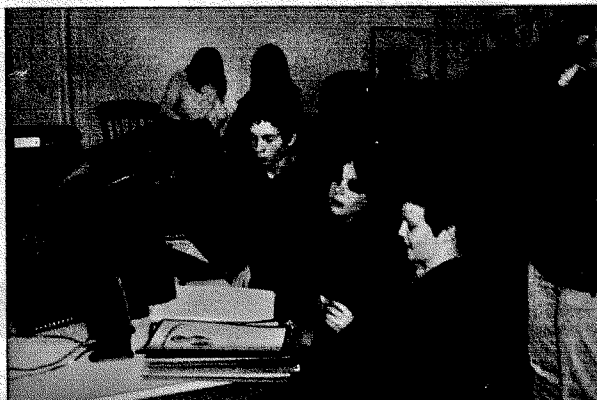


My aliens have ten arms, six legs, three eyes, eight heads and five ears. It has a ship, it is really big. He has a bigger

brother, he has eleven arms, seven legs, four eyes, nine heads and six ears. He has a really big ship as well. Then some aliens landed on the planet. They don't belong on that planet. They do not believe in people. Then they had a party with all of the aliens. Then the aliens went to their planet. They are from Jupiter and they are blue, green and red. When they move, one slithers, one runs and one walks. The aliens have a king, he is king of the jungle. They will come back soon, but the king of the jungle isn't happy. "Bye, see you next summer." "Bye bye" said all the aliens. They went back to Jupiter.

by Thomas Yoxall age 6

I suppose that many people last Saturday left the oxen park cinema club wandering what 'Speed Brothers' were, as it was at the start of mine and Ari's animated video. And for those who went and also for those who didn't I am going to explain. The Speed Brothers are simply two best friends. Me and Ari. It all started about a year ago not long after Godfrey started teaching sport on Fridays. Me and Ari begged to be on the same team but he always split us up! Well we kept on begging until one Friday he finally let us. On the



condition that we were the only ones on our team and everyone else was on the other! That was us against: Katie, Jessica, Frankie and Rosie! We were doing relay races but amazingly we won. Godfrey lengthened our course and shortened their course. We still won! We won about 5 times in total. Well, me and Ari were chuffed to pieces as you can imagine and ever since then we have been the two speed brothers. We do speed bro's everything now. SB films, SB codes, SB games (I made a SB monopoly board with cards and money too!) also just last week we have turned Ari's old tool shed (more like a garage without the cars) into a speed brothers shed! It is brilliant with a hammock a couch, a chest of draws, rocking chair (we found it in the loft), a fire (but we don't use it) and plenty of room to stack things, hang things up and play games, lounge around or eat food. I hope Speed Brothers carries on for a good few more years. SPEED BROTHERS FOREVER...By Bobby