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## LAMBS' TALES

### 'CHAPTER ONE'

A fun evening with words and music  
(In aid of The Rusland Valley Community Trust)  
at Rusland Reading Rooms  
Friday 13th April 7.30 pm.

Tickets £4.50 Children under 16 free admission  
from Maggie Dryden, Sarah Demick, Mary Burrow &  
Fiona Baxter

Light refreshments and nibbly things included in  
price of ticket.

The Rusland Writing Group are hosting their first  
event and will be joined by The Rusland Reading  
Group and the WRITE NOW SONGWRITERS plus  
Geraldine Green and Ann Wilson (two established  
Cumbrian Poets)

CHAPTER ONE will be a fun evening (with prizes!)  
celebrating creativity from within the Rusland Valley  
(and putting something back!)

If you enjoy reading, writing and songs or are just  
curious to know what we have all been doing then  
please come along (bring your own wine, beer etc.)

There will also be a raffle, and other competitions  
plus a second hand bookstall. 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 AND GRANDCHILDREN OF THE RUSLAND VALLEY UNDER 16

Please Please Please encourage your children to  
write a short story of under 500 words or a poem,  
maximum 25 lines

Winners to be announced at the CHAPTER ONE  
evening-Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Entries by 7th April 2007 to J. Wilkinson, 1 Derwent  
Cottages, Cark in Cartmel, Grange over Sands  
LA11 7NY or email [jeaniewilk@ktdinternet.com](mailto:jeaniewilk@ktdinternet.com) and  
**REMEMBER** to type RUSLAND in the subject box.

### GLOBETROTTERS

By the time you read this, Edward Collins will have  
delivered what was bound to have been a most  
interesting talk on northern India. Our next speaker  
(and last for the current season) will be Jo Mason  
who will be talking about Humanitarian Aid work in  
the Sudan and other countries. Her talk is entitled  
'The Dust of Darfur' and will be delivered at 7.30 pm  
on April 24th at the Rusland Reading Room.

### RECORD ENTRIES FOR SPRING SHOW

Although it was sad to see Satterthwaite & Rusland  
School close last July, clouds do have silver linings.  
Rusland and Satterthwaite are now in Leven Valley  
Primary School's area and the children of that  
school did the Spring Show proud. Every child in  
the school entered and between them they produced  
well over 100 entries. The children's works filled one  
end of the Reading Room and the centre of the tent  
outside with vibrancy and originality. Thanks to  
Mhari Elkington-Crabtree, Jean Crabtree and the  
staff at the school for supporting the children in  
their endeavours.

For the adults, the home produce entries were lower  
than in previous years but there was a splendid  
range of pasche eggs (including a goose egg) and  
many chutneys, lemon curds and marmalades.  
Flowers filled the room with heady scents and in a  
new class the Valley's poets filled our minds with  
captivating word-pictures. Margaret Dryden won the  
cup for the most points in adult classes. Thanks as  
always to Gordon and Elsie Wilkinson and their  
helpers for all the hard work put into this event

### SATTERTHWAITE TENNIS COURT

The new season has started, so don't forget to come  
and get your 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 are available at the Eagle's Head  
(860237) and at Pepper House (860206).

### RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

Having missed a meeting in February due to exceptional circumstances, members gathered enthusiastically on the Eve of Springtime, to hear Janice Langmire talk about "Hats to Suit Everyone". Janice and the hats fostered a mixture of emotions-decorum, hilarity and the somewhat surprising knowledge that we can all be "chic" when occasion demands!

A double dose of business was dealt with easily and efficiently. Then members enjoyed refreshments and chatter before going home through the frosty night.

Events to look forward to are: - 17th April at Rusland Reading Rooms, when Jean Rafaelli will come along to tell us all about the R.N.L.I., and two days later, on 19th April, the Annual Group Meeting at Greenodd Village Hall, when David Ryland will give a flower arrangement demonstration-Tickets £3.50.

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

We were delighted to win a "Commended" award for best Community Film Society at the National Film Society awards ceremony. We would like to win this one year, so watch out for lots of film activities around the area.

We are starting to make up short lists to select films for next season so if there is a film you would really like to see, contact any member of the committee, to ask for it to be considered.

Three more films to go - *L'enfant* - 3rd April at Bouth (7.30pm), *Beserk in the Antarctic* on 1st May at Rusland (8pm) and *The Lady and The Tramp* on Saturday 21st April 4pm at Rusland - now, when did you last see that?

Contact Carol in Oxen Park for more information or visit the website: [www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk](http://www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk)

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

At its meeting on 20 March the Committee approved the annual accounts. The income from letting the room only just covers the running costs. The Committee decided, with reluctance, that they would have to discontinue allowing charities free use of the room. The hiring fee of £10 per session will be held for at least another year, this is about the lowest in the local area. There is also an agreement with the Eagles Head to provide refreshments making it an ideal venue for small day conferences

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

At our meeting on 26th March we hosted two officers from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service. Conscious that we live over thirty minutes from the nearest retained fire stations (Coniston & Ulverston), they are keen to come and talk to us in our homes about fire safety - prevention being better than cure - and even to fit smoke alarms free of charge. The Parish Council will now co-ordinate a presentation to the whole village at the Annual Village Meeting on 14th May this year. Come along and put your name down for a visit from these informed professionals.

Also, Kevin Baverstock updated the council on the community website and how it is being used. It is clearly serving a purpose in our far-flung parish but could do a lot more. In particular, those of you with business websites should consider setting up a link to the website to expand your own and the parish opportunities. And don't forget that events can be easily promoted through the events page. Think WWW! Talk to Kevin or Rob Bruce for more info.

### 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 31st March and 15th April. There is a guided mountain bike ride on Wednesday 11th April.

On the Wildlife front on Saturday 14th April, there is an escorted Deerwatch at 6.00 am with one of the Wildlife Rangers, and at the same time on Sunday 29th, an escorted Dawn Chorus walk. Booking essential for these activities; full details are available at the Visitor Centre (860010).

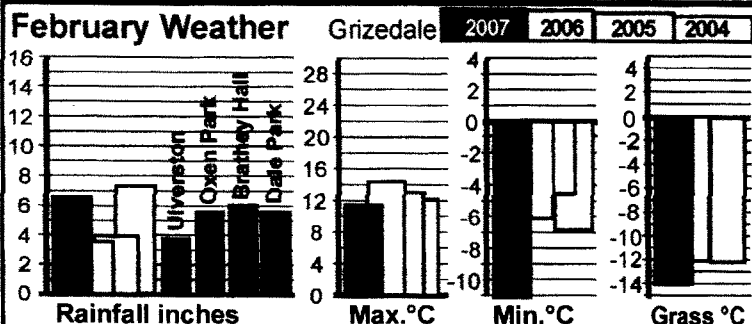
### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council has responded to the 'Save Our Post Offices' campaign with a letter of support for keeping open rural post offices. However, unless we all use our local post offices regularly, there will be no reason for them to be kept open. So we are appealing to all our residents to use our Greenodd and Leven Valley post offices as often as possible. Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service have asked us to publicise their free Home Safety visits. They will come to your home, advise on safety and, where necessary, supply and install smoke alarms free of charge. More than 70 people a year are killed by fires in their homes, either because they have no smoke alarm or because the battery was flat or missing. To arrange a visit ring 01229 615735 or 0800 3584777.

Our Lengthsman is employed for the benefit of all of us, so if you see anything that you think needs attention, please ring Penny Lovegrove on 01229 861091.

### WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



## Church News

Dear Friends

We moved to this area at the beginning of September; so we were here to enjoy the gorgeous colours of autumn; we were here through a mild and wet winter; and now we are here for our third season. As I write this on a Monday morning, the sun is shining, the sky is blue, and spring is very definitely here. There are flowers everywhere. Every spring we are reminded that Creation did not happen just once at the beginning of time but happens all the time, a continuing process of new life and freshness which I believe must have God at its heart.

The Church has its most important festival in spring. For Christians Easter is even more important than Christmas. Winter is a good time to celebrate Christmas because it brightens up those darkest of winter days and nights and spring, with its abundant new life, is a good time of year for us to celebrate Easter, this most special of celebrations. In winter nature seems dead but it suddenly breaks forth into life when spring comes. For the first disciples Jesus was certainly dead on Good Friday, but just around the corner was something even more miraculous than our yearly miracles of nature. Easter is new life for Christ in his resurrection from the dead and it is new life for all of us who claim to be followers of Christ.

Everybody would be very welcome to join us to celebrate on Easter morning. There is also a Good Friday service at 10.30am at Satterthwaite, and the wonderful drama (complete with bonfire) of the Service of Light at Rusland at 8pm on Easter Eve.

A very happy Easter to you all.

John Dixon

The Vicarage, Hawkshead. 015394 36301

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
1 <sup>st</sup> April 10.30	Family Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
6 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30	Good Friday Benefice Service		10.30 Good Friday Service
8 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30	Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30	Extended Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.30	Holy Communion	No service	11.15 Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> April		10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion	

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
1 <sup>st</sup> April 8am	Holy Communion 1662	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School
8 <sup>th</sup> April 8am	Holy Communion 1662	9.45 Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> April 9.45	Service For All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion CW
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.45	H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
		6pm Evensong

Normally, there is Evensong at Hawkshead each Sunday at 6pm, except the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, and Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesdays at 10.00a.m.

**BENEFICE SERVICE OF LIGHT**  
 RUSLAND CHURCH, EASTER SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2007 at 8.00pm, led by The Reverend John Dixon  
 Bonfire and Candles. Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks after the Service.

**SATTERTHWAITE CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING-Parish Room -26<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm- all Parishioners welcome.**

**MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARIES! - Mission Walk Lunch, Rusland Reading Rooms after the service on 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

**RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES SILENT AUCTION- 1<sup>st</sup> JULY- please start collecting items for this event.**

### Christian Aid

The Annual Soup and Cheese Luncheon will be held, this year, on Wednesday 16 May, 12 noon to 2.00pm. The cost this year will be £5, (cheaper than going to a pub), with a reduction? for children. Comic Relief and Red Nose Day are all very well but please support this worthy cause; at least we know where the money is spent.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women from all corners of the Benefice gathered in the simple beauty of the recently refurbished Baptist Chapel, Hawkshead Hill, to unite in prayer and praise prepared by the Christian women of Paraguay. Margaret Taylor of Flookburgh gave the address, painting a verbal picture of the life of the people of Paraguay, many of whom are very poor even though their land is rich in natural resources and the women are skilled in many crafts, especially nanduti lace making, a sample of which Margaret brought to show us. Every one present felt privileged to be a small part of the wave of prayer that began on the island of Tonga and winged its way around the world on this special day. A collection was taken and following a donation to the chapel, £70 will be sent to the W.W.W. P. head office.

### MOTHERS UNION

At our last meeting on 20 February, at Haverthwaite, Mr Keith Butler gave a most interesting talk on his voluntary work overseas caring for communities needing medical help. There was a heartfelt wish that these communities had enough fresh water to keep them well. We all enjoyed his visit and thanked him for coming. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 April, Rusland Reading Room, 2.00 pm. The speaker will be Mrs Mary Newman who will talk about her time spent, as a teacher, in a girls school.

## DIARY DATES

<p>April    Tues    3<sup>rd</sup>                    Friday 13<sup>th</sup>                    Tues    17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>          Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>                    Sat     21<sup>st</sup>                    Tues    24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>May     Tues    1<sup>st</sup>                    Wed    16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>L'Enfant</i> – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm          Chapter One- Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm          Mother's Union – Rusland Reading Rooms – 2pm          Rusland and District WI- Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm          WI High Furness Group Meeting- Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm          Oxen Park Cinema Club-<i>The Lady and the Tramp</i>- Rusland Reading Rooms – 4pm          Rusland Globetrotters – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm          Oxen Park CinemaClub – <i>Beserk in the Antartic</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 8pm          Christian Aid Soup and Cheese Lunch – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12noon-2pm</p>
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### PERSONAL

#### THE SAMARITANS

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

- Barbara and Jon would like to thank all friends for their good wishes on the recent birth of their first grandchild, Erin Grace Woddy.
- Sincere condolences to Colin and Mandy Barr on the death of Colin's mother.
- Best wishes to Janet Dobson following her recent emergency admission to hospital.

Last date for items for May Newsletter is April 25th... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- *Low Dale Park* Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: [liggerc@hotmail.com](mailto:liggerc@hotmail.com), Colin Barr- *Oxen Park* Tel: 01229 861408, email: [cjb@barrecol.co.uk](mailto:cjb@barrecol.co.uk), Elsie Wilkinson- *Crosslands* Tel: 01229 860253, Frances Townsend- *Pepper House* Tel: 01229 860206, [frances.townsend@virgin.net](mailto:frances.townsend@virgin.net), Sylvia Chadwick- *Monks Cottage* Tel: 015395 31685

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