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## **THE 16<sup>th</sup>! SHOW DAY- SEE YOU THERE!**

### **NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T!**

An all age audience of over 130 crowded into Rusland Church, on 28<sup>th</sup> June, for an afternoon of magic performed by the North West Society of Magicians, whose six magicians dazzled the audience. A procession of eager participants joined the masters of magic on the brightly lit stage, to have their heads cut off, cards mysteriously found in their clothes, predictions proved true and to have essential items of clothes removed without their knowledge. In the interval everyone had a wonderful tea in the Rusland Reading Room before returning to the church for the second half of this dazzling display. The children went away with a Word Search challenge. The Reverend John Dixon thanked all who worked so hard to make this a successful joint event for Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches, especially those who made the tea and Susan King whose idea it was.

### **SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ**

Once again, a fine evening was conjured up out of a miserable spell of weather, for the annual barbecue. A good turnout of residents, friends and visitors enjoyed excellent barbecue fare, complemented this year by the addition of venison burgers – thank you to the Forest Rangers. Various games were on offer, and a spelling treasure hunt around the adjacent field, kindly organised by Dawn Yoxall. Overall, £283 was raised towards playground maintenance, which we hope will include some new fencing. Thank you to everyone who lent equipment, helped with the organisation and came along and supported on the night.

### **WILL YOU BE A PAWN IN THE GAME?**

You've had a month to think about it. Now the time has come when you need to make a decision. So far there are five prospective adult members and three children, but a minimum of eight adults is needed to make the proposed Chess Club viable. All ages and standards, including beginners, will be welcome. If numbers are sufficient, a preliminary meeting will be arranged to discuss times, frequency of meetings and minimal cost. Interested? Please ring Edward Collins, 01229 860312.

### **NEW TROPHIES ON SHOW**

Two cups have been donated in time for this year's Rusland Show-The Hannah Wilson Memorial Cup for a mixed vase of perennials, and the Marian Parker Memorial Cup for a miniature flower arrangement. Thank you to the donors.

### **SATTERTHWAITE SCHOOL SITE AN UPDATE**

Following a report in the Diocesan Newspaper "The Way", the trustees have received confirmation that funding for the seven affordable homes on the site has now received government approval. However work on the site is not programmed to start until August 2009 and completion is expected in August/September 2010. The trustees have suggested a name for the site, "Little Heights" as this was the name by which it was referred to in the deed of 1849 when the land was donated for a school by Rev John Twisaday.

### **GLOBETROTTERS (SUSPENDED)**

We are sorry to say that nobody has come forward with an offer to organise the future programme of Rusland Globetrotters events (the new season was due to start in September) and so are obliged to suspend proceedings until further notice. Thanks to all those who have supported this charitable series over the last two and a half years; we raised nearly £1,000 for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee.

### **SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM**

Everyone is painfully aware of the recent increases in fuel prices! Our oil tank was recently filled and at 65 pence per litre this was twice as much as the previous fill. The Committee has therefore decided to keep the basic hire charge at £12.00 per session but to introduce a heating charge during the winter of £1.00 per hour. For a normal evening meeting the boiler is set to fire one hour before the meeting starts and it is assumed the meeting lasts from 7.30pm - 9.30pm; therefore the running time of the heating is two and half hours and for this the heating charge will be £2.00. For all other meetings the hirer is asked to agree the heating requirements with Nigel Buckley in advance.

**A CUMBRIAN EVENING**  
In aid of Rusland Reading Rooms  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Save the date!

**COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The Lake District National Park's "Local Development Framework (LDF) - Core Strategy" has been published for consultation and your Parish Council will be responding. Broadly, the LDF divides the National Park into five 'distinctive' areas based on socio-economic and environmental criteria; Colton falls in the 'South Lakes' designation along with Coniston, Broughton and Hawkshead. There are proposals to relax some planning restrictions in cases where need, e.g. for affordable housing, can be demonstrated, using local information (e.g. housing needs surveys such as that already undertaken for Colton). The LDF recognises that development needs to be linked to employment and services. See [www.lake-district.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/ldf) for more details. Your Council has sent in comments on the Stribers Wind Farm scoping study, explaining that it is likely to object to the planning application on the basis of visual amenity (preservation of which ranked 5<sup>th</sup> of 15 priority issues in the recent Parish questionnaire). Many of Colton's fine views look south-east over the Ellerside ridge and the wind-farm would be highly visible. SLDC has granted permission for a wind monitoring mast on the ridge. The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm. in Rusland Reading Room.

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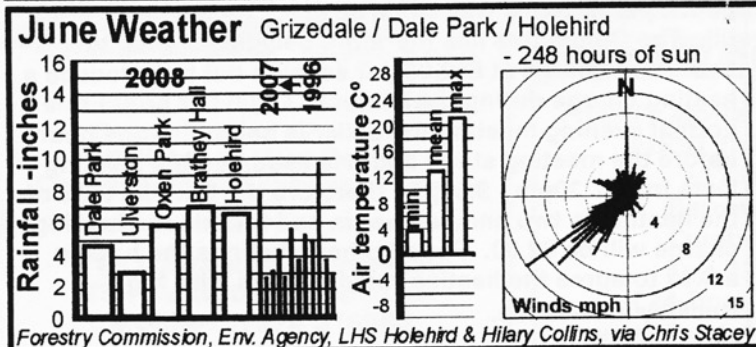
**OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB**

We had a three day film-making workshop at Leven Valley School during the first week of the holidays. The results from the 10 young people who attended will be entered in the film classes at the Rusland Show on 16<sup>th</sup> August and will be shown at the Saturday Family Film Shows throughout the year.

Come and visit our stand at the show and collect a programme for our new season of films. If you are interested in any aspect of making films or have a good idea for a film project contact Carol or Roger Layfield. The season starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Rusland Reading Room, 7.30pm, when we will be showing *The Kite Runner*.

Following our first Family Film Show at Rusland on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm- two of the popular *Wallace & Gromit* Films - *A Close Shave* and *A Grand Day Out*, we also have the first of four Saturday Supper Specials with *The Commitments* to be shown after a light supper at 7.30pm.

For further information and details of membership see our website; [www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk](http://www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk)



**RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI**

Being a member of the WI enriches your life! We work hard to promote the aims and ideals of the WI and (especially in the case of Rusland) to raise money for charity. In a recent span of a few months we raised over £1000 for Macmillan Nurses and the local First Responders. Who knows when anyone reading this will need one of those services? On a smaller scale we have sponsored an issue of the Newsletter, provided two memorial bursaries and are organising a scheme to provide tablecloths for the Parish Room. In the process however, our own funds have become depleted and in an attempt to rectify this, one of our members has devised a Summer Quiz Sheet – all members have them for sale at £1. The prize is £25, so it is well worth having a go! Ask your nearest member for one.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Harry Ashcroft, on "Cumbrian Wildlife". Bring along a friend and a wildlife book for the competition – the book not the friend!

Our speaker at the July meeting was Judith Slater of Field Broughton on "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". Judith showed heart-warming slides of dogs on duty and the WI gave a donation to her cause.

**SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Cumbria Highways has not yet responded to a request for road safety signs warning of horse riders, but as Hawkshead and Colton are also seeing increased numbers of equestrians, they will be approached about a joint signage request. The questionnaires for the Second Home or Community Charter will be delivered shortly to all holiday cottage owners. As the cost of attending meetings outside the parish is becoming prohibitive, it was agreed that Councillors should have the option of claiming mileage expenses if they wished. Quotes for the demolition of the redundant fire equipment lean-to at Satterthwaite Parish Room will be obtained and a feasibility study for a water turbine for small-scale hydro electricity production at Farra Grain will be undertaken if grants are available. The present maintenance arrangements for the land behind Satterthwaite Church will continue. Use of a notice board and meeting room at Grizedale is still under negotiation but use of facilities at Graythwaite has been arranged, which is the venue for the next meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm

**SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND – S.O.S.**

Can any able-bodied person spare a couple of hours, approx. four times a year in the late spring and summer months to trim around the playground equipment and edges?

Man-sized strimmer with harness and fuel supplied – we just need the manpower!

Please contact Paul Townsend, 860206

**BETTER WEATHER AHEAD?**

Our thanks to the Lakeland Horticultural Society at Holehird for some new local weather data:-  
**SUNSHINE** i.e. the strength of sunlight above a fairly low threshold to accommodate our winter values  
**WIND** speeds and direction indicated by the lengths and directions of the vectors  
**AIR** temperatures.  
**GRASS AND SOIL** temperatures are also available.



## Church News

Dear Friends,

Imagine you are walking through a wood (Grizedale Forest perhaps). You are walking quickly. You are in a hurry. Your breathing is quite heavy and with each step twigs snap and leaves crunch. You are in such a hurry that you do not take time to look about you.

It is hardly surprising that you do not see any of the wildlife that lives in this forest.

Now imagine that you stop. You sit down, your breathing quietsens. You make no movement or sound. You stay like that. And very gradually animals begin to come out all around you; animals you never knew were there. You can hear sounds you never thought were there; a tiny trickle of water perhaps, birds beginning to sing, animals moving. And we discover that the whole world around us is teeming with life, with movement, with sound. We knew it was there all the long- we've watched David Attenborough programmes to know that, but we had never stopped to experience it.

And I find that something similar is true of my prayer life. I know that God is there- that is my faith. But often in the rush of life, I don't really give myself a chance to experience him.

But I know that if I am still in the presence of the Lord, then I experience God. It is not that I find God, it is that he finds me. If we give him a chance we will find that God is searching for us, like a shepherd for his sheep, like a woman with a lost coin, or like a father with his lost prodigal son.

Have a good summer everyone.

John

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Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Benefice Communion,	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Communion		11.15 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	8.00 Holy Communion 1662	9.30 Service for All Ages
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion CW
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion with Baptism	11.15 Matins
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion CW	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion	6pm Evensong

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SONGS OF PRAISE, BOWKERSTEAD FARM, SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT 6PM

### MOTHERS UNION

There is to be a Memorial Service in remembrance of Hannah Wilson on Saturday 9 August, Rusland Church, 1.00 pm. Our meeting on Tuesday, 9 September will be held in Colton Church Hall, 2.00pm.; our speaker will be Ms. Simone Cookson who will give us a talk on the 'Father Gilson Project'.

### BISHOP GOES APE!

"Is man an ape or an angel? Now I am on the side of the angels." – thus said Benjamin Disraeli in a speech at Oxford in November 1864. He and the other eminent Victorians who joined in the great 18<sup>th</sup> century debate on evolution might have been rather disconcerted by the thought of a Bishop taking up an invitation to "Go Ape."

But that is just what Bishop James of Penrith did on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, as part of the Windermere Deanery Mission. He was accompanied by a few other intrepid (or faithful?) climbers, including our Vicar, the Reverend John Dixon, our N.S.M. Dr Nick Hallam and the Reverend Joanna Henson. The only mishap was the loss of Nick Hallam's spectacles. After reaching for the sky, the party received a warm welcome in Satterthwaite Parish Room and an excellent lunch provided by Satterthwaite and Rusland churches. The Bishop gave a short talk to the forty people present and then went on, suitably fortified, to more conventional engagements through the rest of the week-long Deanery Mission.

**EWART WILSON**, father, grandfather and friend. Born Keen Ground Farm Hawkshead 1931. Died Thwaite Head Farm, Rusland 2008. His daughter, Karen writes:-

As a small child Ewart moved with his family to Home Farm, Grizedale. He went to Satterthwaite and Rusland School and then passed the "11 Plus" to go to Ulverston Grammar School. After school he wanted to go out into the world to work, but as the youngest son of a farmer he had to stay and work on the family farm.

Eventually he met and married Elma, had three children and moved to live and work at Thwaite Head. To make ends meet, Ewart and Elma opened the first caravan site in Rusland – even then farmers needed to diversify to survive. He also bought a minibus to drive children to schools around the area. This led on to driving for Sproats of Bouth. He kept his passengers amused by telling them tales of how Beatrix Potter used to threaten local children around Hawkshead with her stick, if they got too near her, and tales of Grizedale Hall Prisoner of War Camp.

His hobbies included gardening, reading, and listening to classical music. While driving for Sproats he visited large houses and gardens all over Britain and so several shrubs and plants growing around the farmhouse were "borrowed" from these larger gardens- sometimes with the permission of the gardeners!

Ewart Wilson was also a community minded person. He served on Satterthwaite Parish Council, South Lakeland District Council and Hawkshead Co-operative Committee.

He is missed by his family and friends, but will be remembered by all who knew him.

### DIARY DATES

AUGUST	Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Edmondson- Harpsichord, Organ, Piano – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Service for Hannah Wilson – Rusland Church – 1pm
	Tues.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lake District Summer Music Concert – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Sat.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland Valley Horticultural Show – Whitestock Meadow
	Tues.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Stevie Jennings-Adams, Soprano and Piano, Sheila Fawcett, Accompanist – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
SEPT.	Sun.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise – Bowkerstead Farm – 6pm
	Tues.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Gregson the Organist Entertains – Hawkshead Church – 8pm
	Thurs.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches Coffee Morning at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston.
	Mon.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Satterthwaite Parish Council – The Old Chapel, Graythwaite – 7.30pm
	Tues.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Satterthwaite Parochial Church Council – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
OCT.	Mon.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Kite Runner</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Parish Council – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Union – Colton Church hall – 2pm
	Fri.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Farmers' Harvest Service and Supper
	Sat.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches Harvest Supper "A Cumbrian Evening" – Rusland Reading Rooms

### PERSONAL

### THE SAMARITANS

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

- Condolences to Frances Newby on the death of her sister
- Welcome to Andrea and Anthony Meanwell and Peter Bolland, new residents at *The Syke*
- We wish Carol McNeill all the best for her forthcoming hip refurbishment and we hope to see her fighting fit and back on the newsletter delivery rota before too long!
- Congratulations to Lucinda Wingate-Saul on gaining a First Class Honours degree from the University of Leeds

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