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## SUMMER'S LEASE HAD ALL TOO SHORT A DAY!

### ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER SHOW!

This year's Rusland Show will be held on Whitestock Meadow on 21st August from 12:30pm. Plans are well in hand to make this an entertaining afternoon for the whole family. New this year is a circus workshop from Jesters of Ambleside, which will be free for all children to join in; there will also be face painting and children's sports as well as the children's exhibits in the marquee.

For the more energetic adults there are sports and fell races to enter. We are hoping for a good turnout in the 5-mile race this year, and have advertised the event to local running clubs. For those who want to relax and soak up the atmosphere of this traditional Cumbrian show you can buy a pint or a cup of tea and watch the hound trials or the wrestling.

This year there will also be representatives of the Forestry Commission, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and the National Trust. The rural crafts tent will be humming with activity as people demonstrate their skills. The local interest tent will also be attractive to visitors, with interesting displays from the Oxen Park Cinema Club and other groups, demonstrating what a vibrant community we have here.

**DECIDE NOW WHAT YOU CAN ENTER**-there are plenty of classes to cater for all. So, if you have not received one yet, pick up a show schedule from The Syke, or view it online on the Colton Parish council website: -

<http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Rusland/Documents/RVHSEntryForm.pdf>

Entries should be posted into the red post box outside The Syke by noon on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

All in all an unforgettable day - we hope to see you there. Antony Meanwell, Secretary, 01229 860076.

### DEADLINE REMINDERS

**SATTERTHWAITE PARISH CALENDAR 2010** - Entries by Sat 14th August. Digital copies (high quality JPEGs, max size 2000 pixels by 1450 pixels)

to [admin@satterthwaitepc.org.uk](mailto:admin@satterthwaitepc.org.uk) or hand in prints (high quality only please) at the Eagles Head.

**COLTON PARISH PHOTO COMPETITION.** For an entry form, please contact Colin Barr (see back page for contact details). Entries must be submitted by 30th September!

### SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ

During mid July's monsoon there was a brief sunny respite, pre-booked as usual by the BBQ team specifically for this event. A select and convivial gathering enjoyed a friendly drink and chat, and excellent barbecue fare. Stars of the evening were Emma's Pygmy goats and Fran's pet lambs, who were the subject of an amusing guess the weight competition. Thanks to all who helped on the evening, those who donated in any way, and those who came along and supported. The evening raised over £150 towards playground maintenance costs.

### HAPPENINGS IN THE FOREST

There are several events planned through the August holiday period which will appeal to young and old alike, including a chance to see behind the scenes of the state-of-the-art woodchip boiler which now heats Grizedale (Thursday 5 August); Nature Detective on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Miniature Forests on 25<sup>th</sup>; and a bat-spotting evening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Details as always from the Visitor Centre on 860010.

### AUTUMN EVENINGS

Look out for the following events: -

- A talk by Gordon Wilkinson on growing flowers from bulbs to display at Rusland Spring Show. Bulbs will be provided. The Reading Room Committee is very keen to revive this skill especially now that Peter Smith, who was a master of the craft, has retired from showing
- An antique valuation evening, with a professional valuer. There will be a modest charge for entry to the room.

### PROPOSAL FOR A HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BID

A presentation of a report by Dr Brendan Quayfe commissioned by Natural England, to identify potential project opportunities for the community, is being held at The Yan, Grizedale Forest Visitor Centre on Wednesday 18th August from 6.45pm until 9pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please book by contacting Tony Hill on 01539 792698 no later than Friday 13th August. Thank you.

### WANTED! EVIDENCE OF DORMICE.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the North-west Dormouse Group are investigating the potential spread of dormice in our area. If you know of the presence of this cute, long and furry tailed mammal (alive or dead) please contact the Colton Parish Clerk with details.

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our new season's films have been selected and our programme will soon be available. We have kept to the first Tuesday in the month starting on 7th September with *Nowhere Boy* at Rusland and 25th September will be our first Saturday with *Where The Wild Things Are* at 4pm and *Mic Macs* in the evening. Keep an eye on the website for full details [www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk](http://www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk) Our young (& older) film-makers have been busy making films for the Rusland Show classes - watch out for special showings of these along with our Junior film club and evening films. A reminder, that entries for the Rusland Show should be sent to Carol McNeill in good time!

### BACK TO SCHOOL - IT ALL ADDS UP

The School holidays are expensive enough on family budgets but *Back to School* costs can be equally worrying. Check below to see if you can claim free school meals and a clothing grant towards school uniform.

Free school meals could save you around £30-£40 per month, per child. To apply you can download form WB1 from [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk) or pick up a paper copy from Children's Services Kendal in Busher Walk. You need to be getting Child Benefit *and* one of a range of benefits which include Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, or Income-related Employment & Support Allowance, there are other benefits which also count and you can check these online using the Cumbria Council website or call your local CAB.

If you get free School Meals you can also apply for a Clothing Grant to help towards the cost of school uniform (£25 for primary and £35 for secondary schools). You can apply for both on the same WB1 form.

Your schools uniforms should be available at more than one shop. School symbols and logos should be available as sew-on patches, and parents should be given the chance to buy and sell second hand uniform from other parents. If your school is not doing any of these, you can complain to the School Governors or let your local CAB know and we will take up the challenge for you as part of our National Campaign for fairer school costs.

*Free, confidential advice and help is available on any aspect of this article as well as debt, benefits, employment, and any other problems. You can contact the Grange or Windermere Citizens Advice Bureau by phone or in person. Call 015395 33100 / 015394 46464.*

### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Colton Parish Council summer newsletter will be through your door imminently, containing a short Community Plan questionnaire. Please do take a little time to complete and return it (to your nearest Councillor or the Clerk); we need your input to tell us what the key issues are for the future of our Parish and to ensure that the Plan is a properly representative document. The National Park's new Local Development Framework refers specifically to Community Plans for establishing local area policy, for example, in assessing housing need.

Your Council's Green Energy Working Group organised an open meeting on 15th May at the John Ruskin School, Coniston to encourage the development of hydropower in the Lake District. There was enthusiastic discussion on the pros and cons of different micro-hydro schemes, legal issues, environmental issues and how to navigate the possible pitfalls to create a successful community scheme. A full report can be found on our website. See also Cumbria Vision's report "The Scope for Renewable Energy in Cumbria"; which can be found at : - [www.cumbriavision.co.uk](http://www.cumbriavision.co.uk).

Another meeting is planned to encourage small-scale solar power and heat pump systems. Village Hall Committees struggling with the soaring cost of oil or conventional electric heating may wish to attend—there will be more information in due course.

Please note that Colton Parish now falls in High Furness Neighbourhood Forum area (as opposed to Low Furness) in order to be consistent with Local Area Partnership boundaries. For more information, see :- [www.cumbria.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/forums/south-lakeland/high\\_furness/](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/forums/south-lakeland/high_furness/)

We are now the proud owner of 2 red phone kiosks - one at Oxen Park and one at Nibthwaite - please contact the Clerk with novel ideas for their use!

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th Sept, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.

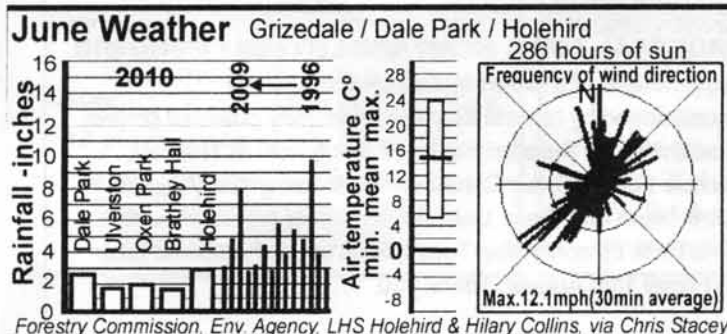
### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the Parish Council held a public meeting about the proposed hydro scheme. Following presentations providing information the community was asked to vote on whether or not the scheme should proceed. The vote recorded 36 people in favour and 23 against. Consequently, the scheme will progress to the next stage.

It was announced at the meeting that the scheme was one of the 22 projects out of 78 that had been selected to the next round for funding consideration. A detailed application now has to be submitted by the end of August. If this is successful we have until the end of the year to finalise contracts.

Since the meeting a detailed flow model using site specific data for the last ten years has shown that the annual mean flow is 99 litres per second. This compares favourably with the feasibility study figure of 104 litres per second. The detailed data has now been submitted to three suppliers. Progress is also being made on creating the organisations to run the scheme and manage the use of the monies. In order to keep the community aware of progress the parish website is being used to publicise information.

The next meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in Satterthwaite Parish Room



## CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The appalling events in West Cumbria on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with 12 innocent people shot dead, shocked us all. It happened in a part of the world I know well, and like nearly everyone else, I find myself unable to make sense of it.

For people of faith, it brings us up hard against the so-called 'problem of evil'. The problem can be stated very simply: if God is so good, why is his world so bad? If an all-good, all-wise, all-loving, all-just, and all-powerful God is running the show, why does he seem to be doing such a miserable job of it? Why do bad things happen to good people? This is one of the biggest obstacles to faith. And this isn't just an intellectual problem. We feel it. We live it. To attempt an answer to this problem here would be crazy: as you can imagine a lot of people with more able minds than mine have used oceans of ink discussing these matters. All I shall do is point out that I suspect that any attempt to address the problem of evil will have to include a discussion about free will.

God has created us with free will, which is one of the most astonishing and beautiful things about human beings. Without it there would probably be no human pleasure, desire, achievement, freedom, virtue, creativity, vulnerability, love, or many other aspects of being human we hold dear to.

It is also, of course, potentially the ugliest part of being human. With free will comes the freedom to be cruel or petty or vindictive, or actually evil. If God were to prevent us from being these things then we would no longer be human. We would cease to be the wonderful extraordinary creatures born out of the love of God.

If I were to go out on a limb and suggest that God was unable to stop those horrors in West Cumbria, I would not be doubting the omnipotence of God. I would just be saying that he is not able to do the logically impossible. He can't stop us from being human any more than he could create a square circle. A human being without the ability to cause hurt is an impossible logical contradiction. Once again the churches have been at the centre of dealing with a tragedy, helping people come to terms with what has happened and offering practical, emotional and spiritual support. In the outpouring of generosity and compassion and love both from church people and from people not connected with any church, there is much to praise God for, and many reasons to praise the wonderful human race he created.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394 36301. [jjcedixon@btinternet.com](mailto:jjcedixon@btinternet.com)

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 Communion	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Communion, Lowick	No Service	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am Holy Communion, 1662	9.30 Service for All Ages 6pm Healing Service, Methodist Chapel
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion, CW
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Matins
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion, 1662
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
	6pm Songs of Praise at Bowkerstead Campsite	

### MOTHERS UNION

Barbara and Judy attended a training day at Haverigg Prison where M U members supervise the children of prisoners, many of whom have travelled from Liverpool and Carlisle. There is a shortage of helpers so if anyone would like to help, whether M U members or not, please contact Judy Redhead Tel: 01229 588 684. At the training day we had three talks one from Keppleway who run outdoor courses for disabled children, one from two security officers who gave us an insight to prison life and the third from an immigration officer, as Haverigg is a holding prison for foreign nationals awaiting deportation. Keppleway also provide respite for carers of the disabled and for disadvantaged families. If anyone knows a family who might benefit from their services please get in touch with Keppleway, Tel: 01229 716 936. There will not be meeting in August so the next gathering will be on Tuesday 14 September, Rusland Parish Rooms, 2:00pm when we will have a talk by the members of the Cenacolo Community.

**THE BLAGOVEST ENSEMBLE - CONDUCTOR OLGA KOSLOVA**  
An evening of Russian Choral Music, sacred and folk.  
Hawkshead Parish Church - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - 7.30pm  
No admission charge - retiring collection  
(Contact: 015394 36301 or see [www.hawksheadbenefice.co.uk](http://www.hawksheadbenefice.co.uk))

### RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

Members recently enjoyed afternoon tea at Lindeth Fell Hotel, a time of sheer indulgence, with delicious food, attentive service and beautiful surroundings on a glorious day, all contributing to the annual "Let's spoil ourselves" event. As the sun continued to shine the Strawberry Social was held in Rusland Reading Room. A delicious supper of cheese, pate, strawberries and cream was enjoyed, followed by "Tales from a country practice" by Dr. Chris Blackburn - a sensitive and amusing account of his long years as friend and physician in the area. A raffle was held and a "Guess who is the baby" competition provided further amusement. Proceeds of £274 will go towards W.I. funds.

Our July meeting was held at Jane Meadow, Dale Park, by kind invitation of Janet & Chris Benefield. Rain did not spoil our enjoyment of the garden and a quiz, before returning to the house for the business part of the evening.

The annual dinner will be on 20th October at the White Hart, Bouth. Those who entered the W.I. section at Holker Garden Festival had been pleased to receive an explanatory and apologetic letter from the judges' secretary, informing them that they were only 2.5 marks behind the first prize winner! Following the business, members had a splendid supper with wine.

The next meeting will be on 21st September in Rusland Reading Room when Andrea Meanwell will tell us how to keep alpacas!

DIARY DATES.

Aug	Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	Find out how the wood chip heating system works – Grizedale
	Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nature Detective - Grizedale
	Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Last date for entries for Rusland Show Deadline for Satterthwaite Parish Calendar Entries
	Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting –Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation at the Yan – 6.45pm – 9pm
	Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Annual Show - Whitestock Meadow – 12.30pm
	Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Miniature Forests – Grizedale
	Tues	31 <sup>st</sup>	Bat Spotting – Grizedale
Sept	Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Blagovest Ensemble – Hawkshead Church – 7.30pm
	Tues	7 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Nowhere Boy</i> – 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

- Belated condolences to Lynn and David Granville of Townhead, Satterthwaite, and their daughter Cheryl, on the untimely loss of Cheryl's twin sister Stephanie.
- Congratulations to Sarah Jackson of Oxen Park on gaining a 1st class degree in Arts & Design from the University of Carlisle.
- Belated best wishes to Julia Buckley as she continues to recuperate after her recent spell in hospital.
- Welcome to Amanda and Rus Howard and family who have moved to Long Mire Farm, Oxen Park.

Last date for items September Newsletter is 25<sup>th</sup> August. Send to: Liz Cringle Tel: 01229 860274, email: liggerc@hotmail.com, Colin Barr-Oxen Park Tel: 01229 861408, email: cjb@barrecol.co.uk, Elsie Wilkinson- Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253, Frances Townsend- Pepper House Tel: 01229 860206, frances.townsend@virgin.net, Sylvia Chadwick- Monks Cottage Tel: 015395 31685

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