



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY EASTER

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW 2025

They came from as far and wide as Millom and Michigan to enjoy the delights of Rusland Spring Show on a beautiful Spring weekend. A big thank-you goes to all those who helped and worked hard to make it a happy successful community event, raising over £1,200 for the Reading Room.

We are very grateful to all those from two years old to those over 80 who had a go and brought their entries. The excellent judges took their difficult task seriously.

The Limerick class was tightly contested but first prize went to David Kidwell;

*"There was a young girl by mistake
Called Derwent a Mere not a Lake
Now we all know she ought'a
Call Derwent a Water*

'Tis an easy misjudgement to make"

The cup winner for the most points in show goes to Anne Robinson, notably sharing the prize in the chocolate cake section with grandson Rory and the joint winners of the Spring Plants and Flower Power section are Gay Jarvis and Jan Benefield.

The Show could not take place without the support and hard work of many organising, putting up signs, working in the kitchen, selling raffle tickets, stewards, and manning the door etc. Special thanks go to those who came to enjoy a cuppa and chat while admiring the talent and creativity on display. The delicious homemade soup, cakes and biscuits were generously provided by members of Rusland with Bouth WI and other supporters.

DALE PARK RAINFALL

The dry spring continues. February rainfall was 4.25" and 15 dry days (2024 9.54" 3 dry) and March to 23rd is .74" and 16 dry days (2024 6.42" and 5 dry days) The yearly total so far is 11.8" (2024 26)

LAST CALL FOR SOUP LUNCH

Satterthwaite Parish Rooms,
Monday 7th April - 12.30pm

Final chance this season - come and enjoy a get-together over a bowl of home-made soup, wonderful fresh sourdough bread, and a tasty treat for afters. No cost but a small donation towards ingredient costs is always welcome. Please let Simon know if you can come, by 4th April.

simonbrock@btinternet.com or 07870 852049

At the soup lunch we will also have the architects' drawings on show for the proposed refurbishment project, and Paul Wellstead plus other committee members will be there to answer any questions.

If you cannot come at lunchtime, we are having a "drop-in" session the same day from 7.15pm where you can see the plans and ask questions.

SOCIAL EVENING WITH TALK AND SUPPER

Satterthwaite Parish Rooms -
Saturday 17th May at 6.30pm

As a slight change to our usual social supper format, Suzanne Tiplady and Kevin Baverstock are giving an illustrated talk on the history of the Force Forge Bobbin Mills. This is a must-see, given the current redevelopment work there, and owners Paul and Pauline Wellstead will be on hand to give an insight into some of their discoveries along the way. There will be a pay-bar serving wines, beer and soft drinks, and the talk will be followed by a buffet supper. Price for the evening is £10 and places MUST be pre-booked with Fran Townsend - pandftownsend@gmail.com or 860206 - for catering purposes. Fran will provide the bank account details for pre-payment.

Our thoughts are with Margaret Dryden (née Myers) and family following the recent death of husband, John. They lived in Oxen Park for many years before moving to Sussex. Maggie is planning to organise a memorial service locally in due course.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOMS AGM

The first AGM of the newly-created charity took place at the Parish Rooms on 4th March. The Reverend John Dixon, as Chairman, gave a report on the year's events and progress on the project plan. Treasurer Jane Rhodes presented the accounts, which were approved and adopted. The current Trustees of the charity are the Reverend John Dixon, Kevin Baverstock, Fran Townsend, Jenny Armstead, Simon Brock and Paul Wellstead. All being eligible and happy to stand for re-election, they were voted in en bloc. The Reverend Dixon, having chaired the committee for many years, wished to step down from this role, and was warmly thanked for his chairmanship over the years. Simon Brock was elected as Chairman, Kevin Baverstock as Vice-Chairman, Fran Townsend as Secretary, Jane Rhodes as Treasurer. The full Minutes of the meeting are available by email to anyone who wishes to see a copy; please contact Fran Townsend on pandftownsend@gmail.com if you would like one.

RUSLAND WITH BOUTH W I

At the March meeting there was a most informative talk, given by Ros, the Deputy Manager of the Barrow Food Bank, who told us of the many ways in which they can help people. Our member, Meg Fletcher, is holding a Coffee Morning at Baycliff on Sunday, 13th April in aid of the Food Bank. The walking group is meeting at Wray to walk round Bleham Tarn and the craft group meets weekly at Finsthwaite. Our next meeting is at Rusland Reading Room on Tuesday, 15th April at 7.30 p.m., when Tracy Mills from Designer Millinery, Ulverston will show us how to block a Percher Hat. If you do not know what that is, (your correspondent doesn't!) come to the meeting to find out! You will be most welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Only two more films to end of the season and then we start selecting films for our new programme in September.
Tuesday 1st April - ONE LIFE - there might be a 2nd showing on Sunday 6th - look out on the website the week before the first show and add to the waiting list
Saturday 12th April - PERFECT DAYS - a 2nd show would be on Sunday 13th - put your name on the waiting list if you would like to come
Both 7.30pm starts and should be booked through www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk
Why not bring a drink over from the Manor and relax in one of our VERY comfy seats

BLS and Defibrillator Training

6th May 6-7pm and 7-8pm
Satterthwaite Parish Room.
£5 per person (which will go to the Parish Room fund.) Email drcazz@gmail.com to book - spaces limited

RVHS SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

If you are interested in entering this year's competition, please contact Sally Fisher sally.fisher072@gmail.com (or call 07908429342) as soon as possible .

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Open Meeting. 17th May, Finsthwaite Village Hall from 10:30 to 12:30 We will be discussing the progress in the past year and proposals for the coming year. It is an opportunity to meet the Councillors. We are interested in people who would like to become Council members. The guest speaker this year is Gavin Capstick, CEO of the Lake District National Park, who will be speaking on the role of LDNPA and how it is engaging with Parish Councils.

Refreshments and Cakes will be provided.

Consultations

1: The Government is consulting on future land use in England. To access go to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use-framework/land-use-consultation>. Closing date April 25th

2: There is a Government consultation on Cumbria devolution and having a Mayor. To access go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultation/s/cumbria-devolution>. Closing date 13th April
Community Grant Scheme Grants are available to Colton based community groups or residents based in Colton to residents, including village hall committees.
<https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/02/Grant-awarding-policy-and-application-form-October-2022.pdf>

Voluntary Car Scheme Westmorland and Furness are looking for Voluntary Car Drivers and a local coordinator. If you are interested contact Kate on 07788 3961944 or on e mail www.Westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/voluntarycarscheme

Road Closures To get accurate updates check <https://onenetwork/> and search by road number, or location.

For further information email us at clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk. phone 07761 485956

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Please look out for the dates of the proposed litter pick and work party to tidy the graveyard.

We now have a vacancy if anyone would like to join the Parish Council, please contact clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

A twenty first century reader will find great comedy if they look up what the 1662 Prayer Book has to say about finding the date of Easter. Here is a little taste:

To find Easter, look for the Golden Number of the year in the first Column of the table, against which stands the day of the Paschal Full Moon; then look in the third column for the Sunday Letter, next after the date of the Full Moon, and the day of the month standing against that Sunday Letter is Easter Day... To find the Golden Number, or Prime, add one to the Year of our Lord, and then divide by 19; the remainder, if any, is the Golden Number; but if nothing remaineth, then 19 is the Golden Number... To find the Sunday Letter, add to the Year of our Lord its fourth part, omitting fractions; and also the number 6; divide the sum by 7; and if there is no remainder, then A is the Sunday Letter...

And so on. It does not really seem like a handy formula. Why didn't they just Google it? Actually why not simply fix a date? Well, I can think of a couple of reasons to keep system we have, even if it jars with our modern way of organising calendars. Firstly, the date is in line with the timing of Passover in the Jewish calendar. And the Jewish calendar was based on the moon, while ours is based on the sun. Secondly, I would not like a fixed date for Easter precisely because the system we have is a bit inconvenient. It is gloriously right that Easter should keep us guessing, should jump out on us from behind the apparently locked door of ordinary time. Easter remains a new gift, a fresh gift, a surprise present from the world's creator. Three words take us by surprise again, three words which turn sadness into hope, despair into life, grief into joy. Those three words are: Christ is risen. Why not explore them by coming along to one or more of our services in churches this Holy Week and Easter.

John, the Vicarage, Hawkshead

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2025

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Salterthwaite
April 6 th		5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
13 th			
19 th			
20 th		11.15	Holy Communion
27 th			9.45 Holy Communion 11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
April 6 th	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion CW
13 th	9.30 Palm Sunday Holy Communion with procession from the Village	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Matins
	4pm Lego Church		
17 th			7pm Liturgy for
Maundy Thursday			
18 th	2pm Good Friday Service		
19 th	8pm Service of Light		
20 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
27 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Morning Worship

Thursdays at 10am Hawkshead Methodist Church "Time At 10"

The Annual PCC meeting for All Saints ,Satterthwaite will be on 29th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

ROOKHOW NEWS

300th anniversary celebrations: Saturday 7th June, 300 years ago people travelled from outlying areas to Rookhow to meet with their wider Quaker community. In the spirit of this, for the 300th anniversary we would like to invite people to travel on foot or cycle from different places to a big Quaker Meeting for Worship, shared simple lunch with an afternoon of speakers and activities.

There will be 3 cycle rides from local Meeting Houses and a walk from Newby Bridge via High Dam. People can also share lifts from local train stations, park close by and walk to Rookhow. Local people from other churches (or none) are especially welcome. For more

info: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/74130?> or contact Sue Nicholls, Rookhow's

Development Manager Email:- contactrookhow@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help in the grounds at Rookhow- processing logs, making kindling, gardening, taking out invasive species from the woodland, maintaining the paths, looking after the yurt. We can offer travel expenses, good company and homemade cake. Every Friday 10am-3pm. Non-Quakers and local people are welcome.

THANK YOU TO CONSERVATION PEOPLE A huge thank you to all the local people who have taken part in the Rainforest Days at Rookhow with Georgie Stephens the Rainforest Officer and to those who have helped on the Conservation Days with Marion Brown. Quakers' Wood is looking really healthy and beautiful!

EMERGENCY/ RELIEF CLEANER AT ROOKHOW - During our busy period we may need to call on another relief cleaner, when our wonderful cleaners are busy or away. If anyone would be interested in being on our list of available cleaners, please let me know. Pay £14 per hour. Usual turnaround is 4-6 hours. Contact: Sue Nicholls, Development Manager. 07377 971783. Email- contactrookhow@gmail.com

CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST: RUSLAND LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP EVENTS

Our first 'official' event as a CWT Rusland Group made a brilliant effort in removing invasive rhododendron from Black Beck woods on a lovely spring day. Well done everyone who came along. Our next event is a 'Dawn Chorus Walk' on 10th May in Stoney Hazel woods to enjoy listening and learning to identify different birds from their song. There are just a few places left - go to the Cumbria Wildlife Trust What's On pages to book or find the link on the 'Wild About Rusland' Facebook group. Keep a look-out for a Moth and Butterfly event planned for late June. Our Rusland Rainforest project (see <https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/projects.aspx>) has seen capital works and conservation activities at Quakers' Wood (Rook Howe) and Resp Haw/Bull Coppice (up Skowbarrow Lane). Trained volunteer surveyors have also been checking out other Rusland woods for indicator species with encouraging results. All activities are free to join. There are opportunities for all levels of fitness and for some administrative work too. To get involved, contact: ruslandlg@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk.

BUTTERFLIES OF BETHECAR

Thursday 24th April 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Greenodd Village Hall

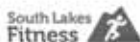
Bethecar Moor Common is home to a wide range of rare and beautiful butterflies. Wood pasture is being created on some areas of the site, which will improve the habitat for these butterflies and a wide range of other species. Join Ryan Clark to learn more about the butterflies of Bethacar Moor Common, how to identify them and how you can get involved to help monitor these butterflies through four sessions this year in the field. Join us at 6:30pm on Thursday 24th April at Greenodd Village Hall, or email Ryan at eucraecology@outlook.com to find out more. We will also be running two moth trapping sessions to see which moth species call Bethacar home,



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