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CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

PULLING TOGETHER

Your Editor has had the bad luck of experiencing the incompatibility of modern technology and some of nature's extremes, i.e. her computer has suffered at the hands of a lightning strike. So, you will have to make do with your former editor's efforts to squeeze the glut of contributions into this edition (with apologies to those whose offerings have been shortened - quarts into pint pots and all that).

Perhaps this provides an excellent opportunity to thank Liz for her efforts in the hot-seat over the last two years (she is actually beginning to enjoy it, reportedly) and also to thank the small but dedicated production team, and those who deliver this worthy (and free) periodical to your door. Thanks also to our sponsors and advertisers. And, of course, we could not have a Newsletter without contributors. Well done everyone!

SEASONAL LOCAL HOSTELRIES

The Eagle's Head, Satterthwaite (860237)

December: Mon's - evenings only (7 - 11pm) - no food; Tues & Weds - closed; Thurs - open usual hours but check lunch; Fri/Sat/Sun - open normal hours, full service; Christmas Day - open noon to 2 pm - no food; Boxing Day - 7th Jan - normal hours, full service. New Year's Eve - fancy dress extravaganza. Theme TBA on local notice boards, or ring 860237. Free buffet and lots of fun.

The Manor House, Oxen Park (861345)

Christmas Eve - Carols 8 pm; Christmas Day open eve; Boxing Day - open eve (with supper - all welcome); New Year's Eve - Fancy Dress, prizes and supper.

SUCKERS WANTED

Nigel Woodhouse is keen to re-introduce damson trees into the valley and is busy planting as many as he can. He would welcome any suckers that people can give him between now and February. Contact Nigel on 860252.

GET YER DIARIES OUT!

We have been inundated with requests to include information about a huge range of events - far too much info for one edition. Please check the Diary (back page) and Church Service times (page 3) and note brief highlights given here:

Dec 2nd - Cumbria Westmorland On The Edge - events in Satt Parish Rooms (10.30 Local History; 1.30 Music, etc. for 7-11 year olds; 3.00 Music, Arts, Theatre & Cultural History for teenagers and young adults. The afternoon clubs will meet again on 13th Jan. Contact MusicLinks (01539 742626) for info or visit www.musiclinks.org.uk

Dec 3rd - Christmas Fayre at Grizedale, with craft, gift and food stalls (11 am to 3 pm).

Dec 9th - Grizedale Stages Rally on the West side of Grizedale Forest - all the tracks closed for the day.

Dec 9th/10th and 16th/17th - Craft Workshops at Grizedale - opportunities to make festive decorations and gifts. Call the Visitor Centre on 860010.

Dec 10th Leven Valley School Kristkindle Market at the school at 2.30 pm. Entrance £1.50 to include wine and mince pie. Stalls of festive goods, gift ideas and crafts, live music, children's games and a visit by you-know-who!

Dec 12th - WI Carol Evening (including Rusland Bell Ringers' Recital) at Satterthwaite Church - 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Collection for St Mary's Hospice.

Dec 17th - Rus & Satt Churches Carol Service - 4.00 pm at Rusland Church - followed by mince pies, a glass of wine/soft drink and/or tea/coffee.

Christmas Eve - Satterthwaite - carols round the tree on the Green, at 6.30 pm, followed by mince pies and coffee in the Parish Rooms.

Boxing Day - Ride from Grizedale Riding Centre at 10 am (2 hrs). Mulled wine, mince pies and warm soup after. Bring own horse or hire. Ring Sue 860208.

Jan 22nd - Upholstery Classes commence again - anyone interested should ring 860253.

Feb 17th Satt & Rusland Churches Entertainment Evening - Rusland Reading Room (more later)

Mar 24/25 - Rusland Spring Show (more later).

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

Members gathered on 21st Nov for the Annual meeting. Doris Aldworth came from County Offices to ensure that the business was conducted in proper fashion. Hilary Collins was returned as President and Anne Lewis and Carol Driver are again Secretary and Treasurer. We welcomed one more member on to the Committee. The meeting discussed arrangements for the Annual Carol Evening (Tues 12th Dec) in Satterthwaite Church, followed by the now famous Festive Supper in the Parish Room. Proceeds will go to St Mary's Hospice. Please come along and support us. Looking ahead to 2007, the first meeting will be on Tues 16th Jan, 7.30 pm in Satterthwaite Parish Room. Dorothy Cook will be our speaker and her subject will be 'Cumbrian Dialect'. Subscriptions of £26 are due from all members at this meeting. All members join to wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy Christmas, followed by a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

The Housing Needs survey was late coming from SLDC but is now being circulated. Please help the cause by completing and returning the form even if you have no needs yourself in this area. The Council proposes to write to highways concerning a number of road and track issues. It was also proposed to write to the FC about safer use of cycle routes using the road from Bogle Crag to the Centre.

GRIZEDALE LOCAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

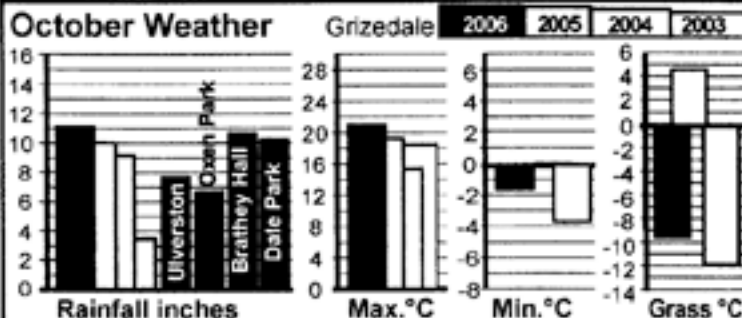
Now that the project has the funding in place to proceed, this group has been established to liaise with local residents and others who have an interest. The minutes of the first meeting are available through the Forestry Commission (Emma Athersmith 860373) or Parish representatives, who are: Ron Mein (Colton and Chair), Barbara Brown (Hawkshead), Liz Cringle (Satterthwaite) and Charles Sargeant (Coniston). The next meeting is on 17th Jan. Anyone wishing to make input to meetings should contact their Parish representative in the first instance. Further information will become available on the FC website: www.forestry.gov.uk/northwestengland

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Local MP, Tim Farron (with family) and 40 others watched our 'Awards For All' launch film *Robots*. The film was introduced by Russell Peet who told the audience how the animation was put together. The next Family film is on Dec 16th at Rusland - Tom Hanks in *Polar Express*. This is followed on Jan 13th by *Shark Tale* at Colton - all a 4 pm start and only £1 entry. Our next Tues evening show (Dec 5th) is *Pierrepont (15)* - don't let the hangman theme put you off - there's some great acting. *Pride and Prejudice (U)* is our New Year film - 2nd Jan.

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

Lin MacIntosh and Dave Higgs attracted a large audience for their excellent talk on East Africa. The UK Disasters Emergency Fund will benefit by £74.10 as a result. There is no meeting in December but Edward Collins will talk about the people & buildings of North India on Jan 23rd.

DOGS BEWARE

The attempted theft of a dog was only just foiled at the Grizedale Centre on 9th Nov. Subsequent enquiries have revealed that a number of dogs have been stolen recently in Ulverston and district.

RAISING MONEY [Well done everyone - Ed.]

Zella Slater says: "I am pleased to tell you that I have sent a cheque for £350 to the NSPCC after my Coffee Morning [in Oxen Park]. Many thanks to all who braved the miserable weather to come and support us, and the donations from those unable to come, and most grateful thanks to my hardworking Helpers."

Sylvia Chadwick says: "The Leven Valley Support Group for the Hospice of St Mary of Furness held a splendid Musical Evening at the YMCA Chapel at Lakeside on Friday 31st November. The music was played by the well-known organist, Paul Gregson, from Hawkshead and Mrs. Carol Campbell, Bursar of the Hospice, was presented with £442 raised from the evening's entertainment. The Committee is very grateful to the YMCA for donating their facilities for the evening and to all those who attended and made it such a successful event."

Nigel Buckley says "The collection for the Poppy Appeal on Remembrance Sunday came to £122.13".

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Lengthsman Pilot Scheme is to be introduced within the next couple of months. The council is looking for a suitable candidate for the job which entails working 2 days a week, one day in the Colton parish and one day in the Hawkshead parish. Anyone who is interested in more details of the job should contact either Judith Dove (01229 885647) or Ron Mein (01229 861452).

The Government White Paper entitled 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' has just been published. The aim of this White Paper is "to give local people and local communities more influence and power...". This will mean changes at parish council level, which will be revealed over the next few months - watch this space!

STOP PRESS - Colton has been awarded Quality Parish Status after 12 month's hard work in the preparation!

LICENSING ACT 2003:

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Satterthwaite Parochial Church Council has applied to South Lakeland District Council for a Grant of a Premises Licence for Satterthwaite Parish Room to allow the holding of Regulated Entertainment to include:- Music, Singing, Dancing, Live performers, Playing of recorded sound, Sporting/game competitions in the presence of an audience (including but not limited to, darts and snooker/pool etc). Other forms of live dance, Performance of a play and late night refreshment between the hours of 0900 and 0300 daily. The proposed latest terminal time for the provision of regulated entertainment, late night refreshment and closure of the premises will be 0300.

Any person intending to make relevant representations on this application should submit them in writing by not later than 21 December 2006 to the Licensing Manager, Licensing Section, South Lakeland District Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UQ or by emailing licensing@southlakeland.gov.uk. The full application, including details of the proposed Grant may be viewed at The Old Vicarage, Satterthwaite between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday. **IT IS AN OFFENCE**, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application for which you may be liable to a fine of up to £5000 on summary conviction.

Church News

Dear Friends,

I once read Christmas described as a cross and a woolly hippopotamus. I felt that some explanation was needed and thankfully it was provided. The writer had just been to a Christmas service, but it was not an ordinary service. Normally the altar in his church was simple and uncluttered- just a cross and a Bible (and bread and wine at communion services) but at this service things were different. The table was nearly covered, the cross almost obscured. There were two woolly hippos, several dolls, a whole family of teddy bears, a furry rabbit, boxes, books and crayons. It was a Toy Service. That is not to say that it was a chance for toys to celebrate Christmas. Instead the toys were gifts from the congregation to a local centre helping children with severe learning difficulties.

On the altar were woolly hippos and a cross. It seems a rather odd contrast, but below the superficial difference there is a deeper similarity. Both are expressions of love, both make the incarnation a reality. Both point to the truth that God cares, that he stands with the weak and vulnerable. Christmas should always be a reminder that God gives himself to the world through his Son. God is not remote and distant: he is intimately involved in the life of our world, he is there in the nitty-gritty and the eccentricities.

Sometimes theology seems so abstract and remote, yet the reality of love is simple and concrete. And can be expressed as well in a woolly hippo as anything else.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the carol service at Rusland on 17th December and at either Rusland or Satterthwaite on Christmas Day. I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

John Dixon - The Vicarage, Hawkshead - 015394 36301

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
3 rd Dec	10.30 Morning Worship	5pm Evensong	09.45 Matins
10 th Dec	10.30 Benefice Euch'st (P Bridge)	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
17 th Dec	4pm Carol Service	4pm Carol Service (Rus & Sat)	09.45 Holy Communion
24 th Dec	11.30pm 1 st Communion (P Bridge)	- No service	- No service
(25 th Dec)	10.30 Family Communion	09.30 Holy Communion	10.45 Holy Communion
31 st Dec	10.30 Ecumenical Ben. Euch'st	- No service	- No service
7 th Jan	10.30 Family Service	5pm Evensong	09.45 Matins
14 th Jan	10.30 Benefice Comm'n (Lowick)	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
21 st Jan	09.30 Holy Communion	5pm Evensong	09.45 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey (N.B. Wray)
3 rd Dec	08.00 Holy Communion (1662)	6pm Evensong
	09.45 Holy Communion (CW)	11.15 Holy Communion (CW)
10 th Dec	09.45 Holy Communion (CW)	11.15 Matins
17 th Dec	09.45 Hope for Advent service	6pm Christingle***
18 th Dec		11.15 Holy Communion (1662)
		7pm Carol Service at <u>Wray</u>
24 th Dec	09.45 Service for all ages	11.30pm Midnight Service
(25 th Dec)	09.45 Holy Communion (CW)	6pm Carol Service
31 st Dec	10.00 Joint Benefice HC	11.15 Holy Communion
		- No service
7 th Jan	08.00 Holy Communion (1662)	6pm Evensong
	09.45 Holy Communion (CW)	11.15 Holy Communion (CW)
14 th Jan	09.45 Holy Communion (CW)	6pm Evensong
21 st Jan	09.45 Christian Unity	6pm Evensong
		11.15 Matins
		11.15 Holy Communion (1662)

N.B. Normally, there is Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesday at 10.00

*** Followed by refreshments

ALPHA IN HAWKSHEAD

Churches Together in Hawkshead invite you to join Alpha in Hawkshead which will be running on Tuesday afternoons from 3-5 pm, 9th Jan - 6th March 2007, at the Ivy House Hotel in Hawkshead. Everyone is welcome, whether just for the taster session (9th Jan) or for the whole course. For further details, or to book a place, please contact Rev Nick Hallam on (015394) 36069 or Nick.Hallam@uwclub.net. Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith and an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over eight thought-provoking weekly sessions following an initial introductory or "taster" session. There are now thousands of Alpha courses running in over 120 countries around the world.

Last date for items for January/February Newsletter is 10th January. Send to:

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DIARY DATES

Dec.	Saturday	2 nd	Cumbria Westmorland On The Edge - events in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms (see Page 1)
	Sunday	3 rd	Christmas Fayre at Grizedale, with craft, gift and food stalls (11 am to 3 pm).
	Tuesday	5 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Pierrepont</i> - Rusland Reading Room - 7.30 pm.
	Saturday	9 th	Grizedale Stages Rally on the West side of Grizedale Forest - all tracks closed.
	Sat/Sun	9 th /10 th	Craft Workshops at Grizedale - opportunities to make festive decorations and gifts.
	Sunday	10 th	Kristkindle Market at Leven Valley School at 2.30 pm.
	Tuesday	12 th	WI Carol Evening at Satterthwaite Church - 7.30 pm. All are welcome.
	Saturday	16 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - Family Film - <i>The Polar Express</i> - Rusland Reading Room - 4 pm.
	Sat/Sun	16 th /17 th	Craft Workshops at Grizedale - opportunities to make festive decorations and gifts.
	Sunday	17 th	Rus & Satt Churches Carol Service - 4.00 pm at Rusland Church - followed by refreshments
	Sunday	24 th	Carols Round the Tree, on the Green, Satt, at 6.30 pm, followed by refreshments.
	Sunday	26 th	Boxing Day Ride from Grizedale Riding Centre at 10 am (2 hrs). Refreshments.
Jan	Tuesday	2 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30 pm
	Sunday	7 th	Trailquest Cycling Event - Oxen Park - 9-11 am start - (beware lots of bicycles in the lanes!)
	Saturday	13 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - Family Film - <i>Shark Tale</i> - Colton Village Hall - 4 pm.
	-	-	CWOTE - pm events repeated in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms (see Page 1)
	Tuesday	16 th	Rusland and District WI Monthly Meeting Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30 pm
	Wednesday	17 th	Grizedale Local Consultative Group Meeting - (see page 2 for your local representative)
	Monday	22 nd	Upholstery Classes commence again - anyone interested should ring 860253.
	Tuesday	23 rd	Rusland Globetrotters - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30 pm - Edward Collins - North India

PERSONAL

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