



DECEMBER/JANUARY 2012

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## IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

**JOIN THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**  
26 - 27 JANUARY 2013

Do you like watching the birds in your garden? Then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey. This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see. Last year, over half a million people counted more than nine million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well - each species is doing. Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover that populations of house sparrows starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased. Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden. Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26-27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or by post. You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330.

### CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE

Wrap up warm, bring a torch and join us for Carols round the Tree on the village green at 6.30pm – or if it's really wet, inside the Church, round the Christmas Tree in the dry! There will be a bucket collection for donations towards the Church of England Children's Society, the charity we usually support at Christmas, so bring some loose change. Afterwards, come down to the Eagle's Head to warm up by the fire – mulled wine and mince pies available.

### TOO MANY MINCE PIES?

Scottish Dancing sessions will resume in the New Year on Monday January 14th. Dance away those extra inches in genial company.

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**For Tickets contact Giles Wingate-Saul on 860 300**  
**Proceeds to the Four Benefice Churches**

### FESTIVITIES AT THE EAGLE'S

**SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER** returning after huge public demand 'Cuckoo Bridge' will be playing their unique blend of songs to sing along with and dance to. Starts at 8.30pm.

**THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER** at 8pm the annual 'Carols and Christmas songs' provided by the lovely ladies of the W.I choir accompanied by an unplugged Cragg Atak. Mulled wine and mince pies provided. Always a great night to get you in the Christmas mood.

**SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER** starting at 8pm the annual Darts, Domino's and Pool Knockout competition which is always hotly contested and provides a lot of fun and entertainment. Get your name down, £1 per person per event...Trophies and prizes to be won.

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY...31st December....our** legendary knees up with Party music by Cragg Atak and our excellent free buffet...Fancy Dress theme this year is 'All Stars' let your imagination run.....doors open at 8pm.

**THROUGHOUT DECEMBER ( Thursday to Sunday Lunch** 12noon to 2.30pm) book your Xmas Dinner of traditional Turkey and all its trimmings followed by a choice of desert and coffee for only £10 per person. Strictly by booking only. Groups welcome. Tel: (01229) 860237

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### OUR DECEMBER/JANUARY OPENING TIMES

Mon to Wed - Closed

Thurs to Sat - 12noon - 2.30pm + 7pm - 11pm

Sun - 12noon - 2.30pm + 7pm - 10.30pm

Food service - 12 - 2.30pm + 7pm - 8.30pm

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, Grant Nickson was co-opted to fill a six-month vacancy.

The main item on the Agenda of that meeting was the Budget for 2013-14. Councillors resolved to submit a Precept request for £2,600 to cover the extra commitments that the parish council is making: to employ a lengthsman for two days per month; to create a residents car park; and, to maintain the playground as a free facility.

The Council is keen to engage with its electorate and would like to create a directory of email addresses to keep it informed of between-meetings issues. Anyone wishing to be included in the directory should send an email address to [clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com)

Councillor Gary Thomason is the council's liaison officer for Highways issues and anyone wishing to draw the council's attention to problems on the local roads should contact him. And, in this role, Councillor Thomason will work with David Walker, the lengthsman, to maintain tidy roadsides and efficient gullies.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, the parish council will manage the playground. The council thanks Paul Townsend, David Granville and all who have worked so hard to keep the playground an important feature of the village. Now, in the short term, to oversee the transition, Councillor Thomason will act as the council's playground officer.

To create and control a residents' car park the parish council will need the co-operation of the National Park Authority. Councillor David Fletcher is working at this.

Hawkshead Parish Council forwarded its 2012/13 Budget for the National Trust car park. Satterthwaite residents who wish to use this facility are to be charged £26.

It was resolved to hold the next Meeting of Satterthwaite Parish Council on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Satterthwaite Parish Room.

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our next film is *Midnight in Paris* – An Oscar winning film by Woody Allen, definitely worth watching! – This will be shown at Rusland on Tuesday 4th December at 7:30pm.

Our first film of 2013 is *Coriolanus* on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Rusland. Please book, as it is a Supper Special. This is a good telling of a Shakespeare tale. Ralph Fiennes and Vanessa Redgrave live up to their reputations but be warned – it is a bit dark and bloody at times!

### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**New Councillor in West Ward:** We are very pleased to welcome Katherine Patterson onto the Council as a member for west ward. She lives at High Ickentwaite Farm with her husband, Hamish, and their two children. Katherine has a BA degree in Public Relations and Masters degree in Public Relations Management. She has worked for various local organisations, such as YMCA National Centre at Lakeside, Furness Enterprise and, most recently, the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, doing PR and Events Management. She is Chair of Hawkshead Pre-School, and is a member of Hawkshead Esthwaite School PTA, the Hawkshead Agricultural Show Committee and the Bethacar Moor Commoners Association. In her spare time, Katherine enjoys walking, spending time with her family, and looking after their Belted Galloways, Fell Ponies, Gloucester Old Spots, runner ducks, geese and hens.

**Colton Housing Needs Survey 2012 – Full Report:** The Cumbria Rural Housing Trust has completed its full report from the housing survey conducted earlier this year. A link to the report and summary findings is available from our website. From the survey, 7 households were identified as being in affordable housing need within the next 5 years. These figures are down from 17 households identified in the 2007 survey. Reasons may be i) that some need had since been satisfied through the Satterthwaite School development, and ii) the survey also indicates that that some people have had to move away from the area in order to be able to afford somewhere to live. A further 5 households were identified as being in need of local housing (as opposed to 'affordable' housing) for example wanting to downsize to smaller properties. A fuller analysis will be contained in our own winter newsletter.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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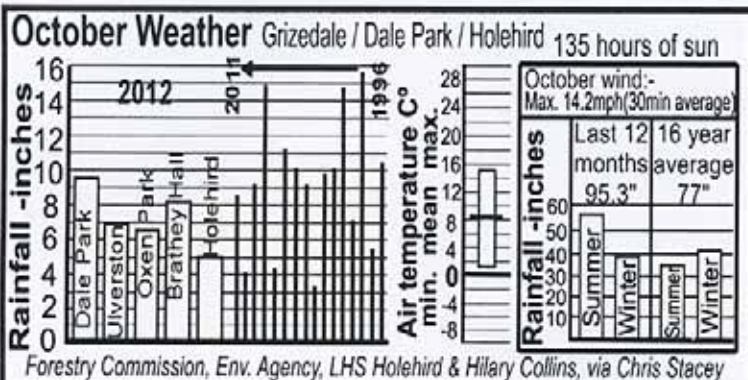
### RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

At the Annual Meeting in November, Janet Taffs was re-elected as President. Anne Lewis and Carol Driver continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Committee were re-elected en bloc and all the various duties were filled by enthusiastic volunteers. We were fortunate to be guided through the meeting by W.I.

Advisor Anne Walshaw who initiated a lively discussion on the future of the W.I.'s Denman College. She also brought a W.I. Gift Stall and many members were glad to get ahead with some Christmas shopping!

Our next event is the 34th Annual Carol Evening in Satterthwaite Church in aid of Legacy Cumbria Friendship Group (Jack's Appeal). Starting at 7.30 p.m. there will be an interval with wine and canapes.

Admission free - retiring collection. Please come and enjoy singing some of your favourite carols.



## CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

There is an understandable convention that in a December Parish magazine, the 'vicar's letter' says something about Christmas. But I am writing this letter in the middle of November, and I haven't really mentally got round to Christmas yet. I know that for the commercial world Christmas started a while ago and there are lots of adverts which refer to it, but I'm not there yet, and am struggling to think of anything to write. Anyway, perhaps it would be better not to write anything.

The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us, we say. In that context, even framing words can seem like a contradiction. Isn't Christmas about God's Word becoming flesh?

How can I then in this letter try to turn the Sacred Flesh back into words? And isn't trying to do so, you know, a bit boring. If God could have communicated the essence of Christmas in words, surely that's what he would have done. But what God had to say could only be said by actions. God among us, as one of us; now that is what communicates! God so loving the world that he couldn't bear to be apart from us. Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh. We forget how shocking that is, no longer is the sacred kept at a safe distance. It is here with us, sharing our flesh and dwelling among us.

No words can do that justice. So when the time comes let us celebrate, let us keep the feast with joy, exchange presents with delight, let us sing our carols and lift up our prayers. We'll just not bother with a letter here about Christmas.

John

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

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 Morning Worship	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Benefice Eucharist, Penny Bridge	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
16 <sup>th</sup>	3pm Carol Service	5pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	No Service	4pm Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Family Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Benefice Communion	No service	No service
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>		5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>		11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion	6pm Healing Service
	9.30 Service for All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	Hawkshead Methodist Chapel
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Christingle
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm Midnight Mass	11.15 Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Church at Home ,Little Ees Wyke
30 <sup>th</sup>		6pm Carol Service
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Service for All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
		11.15 Matins

### ANNUAL QUIZ

Satterthwaite Parish Room-Saturday, 26th January at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £6, to include supper, available from Hilary Collins or any member of the Parish Room Committee

All proceeds in aid of the refurbishment of our Parish Room.

### TOP TIPS TO AVOID A DEBT HANGOVER

As Christmas approaches it's important to keep an eye on your spending and be savvy about where and when you shop. If you do get into money difficulties, get advice as soon as you can from your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Our top ten tips to keeping your festive finances in check:

1. **PLAN EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS.** Be realistic and set a budget, stick to it and manage expectations as to what you or Santa can give!
2. **DON'T FORGET THE EVERYDAY BILLS.** Even though it's Christmas, get your priorities right and don't fall behind on the routine bills.
3. **DON'T BANK ON AN OVERDRAFT.** If you need more money, talk to your bank before going into overdraft. Unauthorised overdrafts are very expensive.
4. **KEEP THINGS SIMPLE.** Don't be persuaded to take out extended credit agreements unless they really do work out cheaper.
5. **SHOP AROUND FOR THE BEST PRICE.** Be wary of extended warranties; the cost of a repair could be less than the cost of the warranty.
6. **BUY SAFE TO BE SAFE.** Beware of unauthorised traders and unauthorised lenders. Initial savings may prove to be a false economy.
7. **READ THE SMALL PRINT.** Check for hidden extras in any credit agreement. Make sure you know the total amount payable and you can afford monthly instalments.
8. **DO YOUR OWN CREDIT CHECKS.** If you are going to use a credit card, shop around and compare terms. Budget for all the costs and put the payment dates in your diary.
9. **BE ORGANISED.** Keep aware of any promotions, especially on food and drink, so you get the best prices and deals.
10. **START PLANNING AND SAVING FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS.** Once Christmas is over, what did you do well? Start planning for next Christmas. You might want to start saving!

Free, confidential advice and help is available from the Citizens Advice Bureau on any aspect of debt, benefits, housing, 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. If you don't need us for advice, how about helping us by becoming a volunteer or making a donation? Not many people realize that we are a charity - see our website for details [www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk](http://www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk).

**DIARY DATES.**

Dec	Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colton Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Midnight in Paris</i> - Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI – Carol Concert – Satterthwaite Church – 7.30pm
	Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	"Cuckoo Bridge" play at the Eagle's Head – 8.30pm
	Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	"Carols and Christmas Songs" with the WI Choir and Cragg Atak – the Eagle's Head – 8pm
	Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Darts, Dominos and Pool Knockout Competition – the Eagle's Head – 8pm
	Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	Carols around the Christmas Tree – Satterthwaite - 6.30pm
	Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Party – the Eagle's Head – 8pm
Jan	Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	The Frantic Theatre Company with "Alo Vera" and music from Paul Gregson – Hawkshead Market Hall – 7.30pm
	Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Country Dancing – Satterthwaite Parish Room
	Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club Supper Special – <i>Coriolanus</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rusland and District WI – "Cycling Around the Hebrides" presented by Colin Barr, Satterthwaite Parish Room, 7.30pm
	Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Quiz Night – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm

**BROADBAND CHAMPION**

At a time when it looks as though Superfast Broadband (SFBB) will shortly be rolled out across Cumbria, Colton Parish Council is looking for a new 'Parish Champion' to help deliver SFBB to the area. This is vital to make sure that the area is included early on in the roll-out process. Duties include attending meetings of the Broadband Working Group of the High Furness Local Area Partnership (usually held at two-monthly intervals), and helping promote SFBB in the parish. Travel expenses will be paid. Anyone with an interest in, and/or knowledge of, SFBB can volunteer to carry out this important community role. Please contact the Clerk, Mandy Lane, at coltonpc@btinternet.com and/or talk to the previous champion, Colin Barr – contact details below.

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