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## DECK THE HALLS!

### RUSLAND HORIZONS NEWS

Autumn marks the start of the coppicing season so the apprentices have been out working hard in the woods. The four new apprentices (Tom, Jonny, Matt and Richard) have just got their chainsaw certificates so they are making good use of their new skills. We have had some lovely woodland sessions at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve with adults and children, including a family forest day and a Halloween night walk where we heard the local red deer stags roaring and listened to stories around the fire. Penny Bridge Academy pupils have been having great fun recording local people for the oral history project, so there is more to listen to on our website on the Peeling the Onion project page. Don't forget that on the 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2017 we will be running 'THE BIG CHRISTMAS BASH'; this is a fun day doing conservation activities in the local area. It's for everyone and a chance to get your hands dirty while at the same time helping the local community and wildlife. The various activities will be held between 10 am and 2.30 pm in various locations (where parking is also available). After the activities you can head to the Manor House Hotel at Oxen Park from 3pm to warm up with FREE hot stew (vegetarian option available), mulled wine and mince pie.

BOOKING ACTIVITIES VIA OUR WEBSITE IS ESSENTIAL.

### TOP AWARD FOR RENELL

Active Cumbria and the Cumbria media organise the Annual Cumbria Sports Awards in order to recognise the achievements of the county's top sportsmen and women over the past twelve months. This year Renell Brennan was selected for an award to honour her outstanding international successes in off-road triathlon. She was presented with the award at a sparkling ceremony at the Low Wood Hotel.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The Satterthwaite house-to-house collection raised a wonderful £135.36, so thank you to everyone who generously contributed.

### W. I. CAROL EVENING

Monday, 11th December, 7.30 p.m.  
Satterthwaite Church.

A wonderful start to your Christmas - come and sing your favourite carols, enjoy seasonal readings and mince pies and wine in the interval. Retiring collection in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice - a most worthy charity which serves our area.

### RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY POTATO DAY

Sunday 21st January

#### GREENODD VILLAGE HALL

Sale of 120+ varieties of seed potatoes, fruit bushes & trees, seeds, onions, flower bulbs & tubers, & more!  
(supplied by Brighter Blooms Nursery, Preston)  
HOMEMADE SOUP AND CAKES  
Admission £1 (children free)

The Potato Day has become quite a popular event and it's not just for gardeners but a chance to meet up on a dark January day and have some lunch.

Beat the winter blues and come along!

### OXEN PARK READING ROOM

Table Tennis (Mondays & Saturdays), Fitness with Ren (Tuesdays 4.45) and Dog Club (Tuesdays 6pm) are all on the go until refurbishment starts. Monthly fund-raising presentations are in The Carhouse. Next up will be young Fergus Meanwell on Friday 1st December telling us about his successes in sailing, BMX and climbing; please book in with Carol or Gill in Oxen Park. On 5th January Russell Peet will be here to tell us how he is progressing in the world of animators.

### ORIENTEERING

There are 2 local events coming up if you want to have a go. The first is at NIGHT on 13th December up Bessy Bank Lane using Sales Bank Wood. A better than average head torch is required and surefootedness. Ask Carol McNeill for details.

Also on 30th December there is a now annual event up at Abbot Park farm from 10.30 - 12.30, this includes a beginners/family course. Wellies recommended! All day breakfast and cake on offer by Carole at the farm.

#### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Police and Crime Commissioner's survey regarding Council Tax for policing: You may have heard in the local news that Peter McCall, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria wishes to raise the amount residents pay through their council tax to cover policing in our communities. He is asking if residents will pay an additional 1.92% next year. If you would like to comment on the consultation, then please follow this link <https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/finance-governance/budget-finance/budgets/>

**Forestry work at Grizedale:** Over the coming months there will be winter woodland thinning taking place within Grizedale forest. The main route for haulage vehicles who are extracting the wood is via the Grizedale to Colton Road. Please be aware that there is going to be an increase in traffic along this road, but the hauliers have been requested to respect the communities who live and travel along these narrow country lanes.

**Lengthsman:** Another busy month for Archie out clearing flood water and unblocking drains. Lin Bridge – Cleared flooded drain, cut back vegetation and swept road, Finsthwaite – Cleared 4 blocked drains, cut back vegetation, dug out blocked drain chamber, Colton-Oxen Park Road – Cleared 12 drains after hedge trimming works, Rusland – Cleared flood water, unblocked drains and swept the road, Thwaite Head – Dug out drains, cut back damaged verges, Rusland Triangle – Dug out and rodded 5 drains after flooding. As always please do remember to log any highways incidents through Cumbria County Councils - 0300 303 2992 or visit [cumbria.gov.uk](http://cumbria.gov.uk)

**Community Transport:** A number of community transport schemes operate in Colton mainly through the efforts of volunteers and Cumbria CC.

1. The Voluntary Car Scheme - organized by Cumbria CC and run by local coordinator (Marguerite Calvert 01229 885498). Pre-book via the coordinator, costs 45p per mile for a door to door service. Drivers are paid 45p per mile, more volunteer drivers are always being sought.

2. Rural Wheels - administered by Cumbria CC (contact 0845 6023786). Users purchase a £5 smartcard to register which comes with £5 credit. The service uses local taxis, must be undertaken between 8.30am and 6pm and is limited to 2 return door to door trips per week to the nearest town. Costs 45p per mile (or 25p for shared journeys).

3. The Community Minibus scheme provides accessible and affordable transport for community groups, either self-drive or with a volunteer driver. [www.cumbriact.org.uk](http://www.cumbriact.org.uk) or Linda Howarth on 01539 727001.

4. The Royal Voluntary Service (tel 0845 608 0122) which provides help particularly to the elderly to get to hospital and GP appointments, but also shops and town trips.

5. NHS Patient Transport - If you are unable to use public transport due to a medical reason, you may be eligible for transport to hospital appointments or after discharge from hospital. Ask your GP surgery for more information.

Next parish meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, Rusland Reading Rooms 7pm.

#### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

More great films coming up:

*A United Kingdom* (5<sup>th</sup> Dec), *Manchester By The Sea* (16<sup>th</sup> Dec), *Sherpa* (30<sup>th</sup> Dec), *The Lunch Box* (2<sup>nd</sup> Jan), and *The Fencer* (20<sup>th</sup> Jan). Check them out on the website and please book in to avoid having to be turned away.

We are showing a special members only screening of Helen Mirren in *The Audience* on 13<sup>th</sup> January starting at 7pm. This is a new venture for us as we can now access recordings of some of the popular live theatre presentations. This first one will be a trial to see if these shows could be popular. There will be a flat £5 charge for everyone – a bit less than Zeff's or Fellinis. There will also be an interval. Book in if you are a member.

This term's children's film shows finished with a special National 'Intofilm' festival showing of *Wallace & Gromit – The Curse of The Were Rabbit*. Over 100 children attended from different schools.

#### RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

The November annual meeting was held at Rusland Reading Room when we were delighted to welcome Noreen Leese as our WI Advisor for the evening. Three teams had entered the Federation quiz and one team, the Rusland Rakes, consisting of Anne Lewis, Rachel Lumsden, Anne Robinson and Hilary Collins had won the quiz at Rusland Pool. Final arrangements were made for our Carol Evening on Monday, 11th December in Satterthwaite Church. Sally Lister was re-elected as our President and Judy Shaw continues as Treasurer. Rachel Lumsden takes over as Secretary from Anne Lewis who had done, altogether at one time or another, 24 years in that job. She was warmly thanked by Sue Brooke. The January meeting will be at Satterthwaite on Tuesday, 16th January when Mr. Archie Workman will talk about drain covers. The competition for the evening is a limerick starting "There was a young man cleared drains." Why not come and join this vibrant group - you will be most welcome.

#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT THE MANOR

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - Open mic evening. Bring your instruments along and join in - a free drink for all performers.

Christmas Eve – Open from 12 noon serving Sunday lunch until 5pm, followed by carols and mince pies around the Tree!

Christmas Day – open for drinks from 6 pm

Boxing Day – open for drinks from 2 pm and Live Music from Billy D at 9 pm

27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> open as usual, 5 pm onwards

Old Year's Night (New Year's Eve) – Sunday lunch served noon till 3 pm, followed by Manor House Party Time including live music and an evening buffet – no entry fee.

New Year's Day – open for drinks from 2 pm.

#### THE WEATHER

What a wet autumn! Up to the end of August the year's rainfall was 45.4" and 96 dry days. Since then we have had 31.72", and only 15 days without measurable rain!

The October total was 11.21" and the November total to 27th was 8.86".

## CHURCH NEWS

**Dear Friends,**

*If I asked you to name the main characters in the Christmas story, I reckon you could have a pretty good stab at it. But I also suspect that there is one group of characters that many people here would forget about. And that is a great shame because without these people the Christmas story doesn't really make sense.*

*We can name Mary and Joseph. We probably won't forget the baby Jesus. Then there are the shepherds. Who else? We could probably allow the Magi, the wise men to be part of the Christmas story.*

*But we have still not named a crucial group of people, some of the most important people, without whom it doesn't really make sense.*

*We have forgotten ourselves-we are the forgotten characters of the Christmas story. Let's not limit the beauty and breadth of the Christmas story to the historical particularities of Jesus' birth. It's bigger than that. It's more than that. That Jesus' birth happened within a particular set of circumstances – a specific place, a specific time, to a specific woman – doesn't mean his birth is limited to those circumstances. Christ is born in the particularities of life, his and ours, then and now. God so loving the world that he can't bear to be separated from it.*

*There isn't just one Christmas story- we all have our own mangers into which Christ is born. Born into all the joy and suffering of life. Born for richer and poorer, in sickness and in health.*

*Remember what the angel told the shepherds, "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people." Not some people, not just the good people, not the believing people only; all people.*

**John**

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### CHURCH SERVICES FOR DEC 2017/JAN 2018

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 Morning Worship	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion.
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Holy Communion	1.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup>	3pm Carol Service	4pm Carol Service	
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 and 11pm Holy Communion		11.15 Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>		9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>		5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 Morning Worship	6pm Churches Together Holy Communion Hawkshead Methodist Chapel
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Christingle
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Carol Service
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 Joint Benefice H. C.	11.15 Holy Communion
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>		
14 <sup>th</sup>		

### CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE.

Meet round the Christmas Tree at the back of the Church at 6.00pm - Harry Elkington-Crabtree has kindly agreed to play organ accompaniment to some of our favourite carols, so come along for a rousing sing-along. There will be a bucket collection as usual on behalf of the C of E Children's Society.

### IN AID OF RUSLAND AND SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES

#### A TRADITIONAL TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Satterthwaite Parish Room. Quiz and raffle

Tickets £7.50 to include a delicious supper, tea and coffee. Wine and soft drinks available to purchase.

To purchase tickets please contact Sue Brooke (860250) or Giles Wingate Saul (860300)

### CITIZENS ADVICE

**Q.** I am behind on my energy bills and my energy company wants to install a prepayment meter. I don't want one as I've heard they can be more expensive than paying by direct debit. What can I do?

**A.** If you don't want a prepayment meter, ask your supplier to help you agree a repayment plan, based on how much you can afford and how much energy you use. If you are already on a plan but can't afford it, see if you can make a new arrangement, or change to a cheaper tariff.

Once you've agreed to pay back your debts, your supplier won't install a prepayment meter if you don't want one. Also check if you are eligible for government financial help with fuel costs, or a grant from either your own supplier or another company or charity. For further help on negotiating with your supplier and applying for benefits or a grant, contact South Lakes Citizens Advice on 015394 46464.

DIARY DATES

Dec	Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tales Worth Telling – The Cart House, Oxen Park – 7.30pm
	Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Big Christmas Bash – see Page 1 for details
	Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>A United Kingdom</i> - The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI Carol Evening – Satterthwaite Church – 7.30pm
	Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	Orienteering – see Page 1 for details
	Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Manchester by the Sea</i> - The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Carols Round the Tree – Satterthwaite Church – 6pm
	Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Sherpa</i> – the Cart House – 7.30pm
Jan	Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Lunch</i> – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tales Worth Telling – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Audience</i> – The Cart House – 7pm
	Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	Potato Day – Greenodd Village Hall

PERSONAL

- Best wishes for a speedy return home to Jennifer Threlkeld who is currently in hospital.
- We are sad to announce the recent death of Mary Burrow, stalwart of Oxen Park, following a period of illness at Hollow Oak. Our thoughts are with Richard (Dick) and daughters Gina, Judith and Sue, and their families.

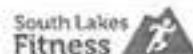
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