



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
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A FESTIVE FEAST!

CAROL EVENING

Rusland and District WI warmly invite everyone to a Carol Evening in Satterthwaite Church at 7.30pm on Monday, 11th December, in aid of Growing Well, the mental health charity near Kendal. Wine and Mince Pies.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE, 6.00PM.

Come and sing carols round the tree on the green, organised by David Ham and Mhari (or in the Church if it is wet). Wrap up warm, bring torches and some cash for the usual charity collection. Festive fare on offer at the Eagle's, afterwards.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE EAGLE'S HEAD

The RagTag Misfits will be performing, from 9.00pm onwards. Cover charge of £5.00, payable on the night. Hot Pot Supper.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

Many annual meetings are tedious dull affairs but not at Rusland and District WI where our three officers headed by the president Sally Lister dispensed the business quickly and efficiently. We then had a most entertaining and sociable evening beginning with two ladies taking the parts of women who worked on the land and in the forests during the wars. The County Federation Chairman Karen Hanks then gave a more detailed talk on the subject. Wine, cheese and cake were then served whilst members enjoyed a quiz.

The following day there was a visit to The Gin Shed in Ulverston for a sumptuous Afternoon Tea.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th January.

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POTATO DAY at GREENODD VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 21st January 2024 -10am – 2pm
Sale of 120+ varieties of seed potatoes, fruit bushes & trees, seeds, onions, flower bulbs and tubers, and more!

(supplied by

Brighter Blooms Nursery, Preston)

Admission £1 (children free)

HOMEMADE SOUP AND CAKES!

See website for lists of produce available:

Produce can be ordered online & collected on the day.

www.growvegandfruit.co.uk

RUSLAND HORIZONS CALENDAR 2024

We are delighted to announce that the Calendar is now available to order! There are 12 beautiful images within the calendar, plus a great front cover photo, all showcasing brilliantly the theme of 'Life in the Rusland Valley'. Treat yourself, your family, friends, neighbours. All profits go towards supporting the work and activities of The Rusland Horizons Trust. Take a look at all the featured photos, plus details of how to order your calendars, on the Rusland Horizons website here <https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/latest-news.aspx>

MIDLIFE CRISIS gave another great performance at the Eagle's Head on 11th November and over £200 was raised and generously donated to the Parish Room regeneration project, so thank you to them and to all who supported the evening.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Winter Preparation

As part of our winter preparations, we have been checking the grit bins and heaps around our local lanes. If there is one near you that needs topping up or you have identified a spot where a grit heap would help the local community if the weather turns icy, please report it to Westmorland and Furness Council To report a salt heap or salt bin that requires a refill:

- Find out the What3Words location or nearest postcode
- Follow the link to Cumbria Highways on the Westmorland and Furness Council website
- Select "report a problem" then type in salt bin/salt heap in the search box and follow the instructions.

You can use this service to report other problems such as potholes, flooding and other hazards.

Autumn is always a busy season for our lengthsman Archie. He has been out on a regular basis clearing drains of leaves and dirt as well as keeping our lanes debris free.

Through the contract that the Parish Council has with Westmorland and Furness Archie is permitted to work on minor roads, where it is safe for him to do so, If you notice a problem on a minor road or lane you can contact the clerk at Colton Parish Council. We will then work with Archie to assess if the work is something within our scope and can be safely undertaken. If not, it can be reported to WFC. We have sent an updated list of current urgent priority items that Archie is not able to deal with to our District Councillor, Suzanne Pender and to the highways manager at WFC.

Community Plan Consultation - The Business Voice

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire as part of our community plan consultation. We are now seeking local business views via our Business Consultation so we can feed in the priorities for businesses based in the Colton Parish Council Area. We hope to hold an informal community get together in January to help us confirm priority actions.

Our final parish council meeting of 2023 is at 7pm on Monday the 11th December at Bouth

DALE PARK RAINFALL

October rainfall was 8.03" and 6 dry days (2022 10.69" 3dry). November to 25th is 8.96" and 5 dry days - 2022 10.2". The year's total rainfall to date is 84.3" (2022 66") 2023 has seen 1.5 ft. more rain than last year.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Emma Nield has been co-opted on the Satterthwaite Parish Council. This completes our number of Councillors. We happily welcome to Emma to the Parish Council.

A number of residents are concerned about the migration of a normal BT landline to a digital phone. Unfortunately, this is not something that is just local to us it is a national scheme. There is more information in the minutes on the Parish website.

Alison Leyshon from Forestry England also attended our meeting with updates.

Events at Grizedale 1st and 2nd December there will be the Grizedale Stages Rally. Using Grizedale East on Friday 1st and Grizedale West and Broughton Moor on 2nd.

Canicross – A route is being laid out this year and it will be run every 3 months.

Low Bowkerstead Self Catering Cottage – Closed now for redecoration and repairs. Hopefully reopening again in the spring.

Grizedale Hall Lodge – Repairs ongoing to open again for rental. Staff will be offered the property first and if no staff take on the tenancy it will be opened to the public.

High Barn – This is on the list for renovation but is not currently a priority.

The Kennels is having work carried out to make it available for the wildlife ranger currently living in Fern Cottage. Fern Cottage for rent.

Forest Update – Planting is currently underway as a priority to replace the number of trees lost to Storm Arwen. There will be some harvesting work carried out, but this will be focused at the top end of the forest!

Alison will find out if the Highways or Forestry England are responsible for the culvert flooding at Bowkerstead double gates.

Mark Holroyd Head of Recreation and Public Affairs has met with the heads of the new Council and raised concerns about road closures.

Alison is reporting any sightings of illegal motorbikes accessing the forest, to the Police.

Planning Application Submitted by Satterthwaite Parish Council for Proposed Car Park in the land behind the Church.

The 20mph application – We have had to start this process again, but we are discussing with Highways as the village should be a priority with the amount of traffic coming through.

We will continue to contact Highways about reinstating the white lines at the junction beside the Church.

Some residents want double yellow lines beside the Church and along part of Church Lane. The Parish Council has been informed that, double yellow lines are very expensive for councils to implement and that we should be considering a single white line option. If this is taken forward it is with a full consultation with the community.

We are hoping to hold a Parish event early in the New Year.

Next meeting date 4th December in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms at 7pm

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The story starts with an Emperor and a governor, and an international decree that everyone has to change their plans. "All went to their home towns." The decree did not care that a teenager was pregnant. Decrees of this kind do not have eyes or ears or hearts, they do not have compassion or hope. There was an emperor and a governor and a decree. Powerful men doing things, a familiar story.

But then something astonishing happens in our story. Nowadays, we may not realise it is astonishing, but it is. Before the Victorian novel nobody wrote about people who were not powerful or notable. But here is a name, a name of an ordinary person, Joseph. And then another name, another ordinary person, Mary. Then ordinary scruffy shepherds turn up. The wise men went to the local king as they assumed it must be somewhere of political or religious significance... but no, it appears God wanted to enter our world in an ordinary domestic setting.

At the centre of the story is a baby. Again, a surprise. Babies were not worth writing about in ancient literature- too common, too ordinary. Babies cannot use force to get what they want. They cannot elicit commands like Roman Emperors that multiple countries will follow. Babies require kindness to survive. They entice us to soften our voices and care for them. God's first gift for humanity was not to do something for us, but to have big eyes that entice humanity to coo and stroke hair and play peekaboo. God comes to us today as God did 2000 years ago, not from a position of religious or political strength but in the ordinary places of our lives, our places of work, our homes. Christ comes not as a decree but as a person, not as a powerful leader but with childlike hands held out.

Even if you impossibly have got everything sorted, and have no worries, no frailties, no pain, no vulnerability, this story is still for you. It is just a little distant maybe, like it is in translation. But to you who have uncertainties and worries and pain...

Blessed are you for to you is born a Saviour. And this shall be the sign. He will be found wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed with you, even if you feel those living arrangements are less than ideal. John

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
Dec 3 rd		5pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
10 th			11.15 Holy Communion
17 th		4pm Carol Service	
25 th		9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
31 st			
Jan 7 th		5pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
14 th			11.15 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
Dec 3 rd	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
10 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Matins
17 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion BCP
	6pm Christingle		
24 th	11pm Midnight Mass		6pm Carol Service
25 th	9.45 All Age worship		11.15 Holy Communion
31 st			10.30 Holy Communion
Jan 7 th	9.30 Morning Worship		11.15 Holy Communion
14 th	9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Matins

ROOKHOW NEWS

ROOKHOW SUPPORTS VULNERABLE GROUPS We have recently allocated over £8,000 to 12 community groups for subsidised stays at Rookhow in the 6th Round of its Retreat Away Fund for vulnerable groups. The groups include refugees, domestic abuse support, drug and alcohol addiction recovery, rape and sexual exploitation support, workshops for young black people and activities for families from deprived communities. Individuals report huge benefits from having time away in nature away from the stresses of daily life. They find Rookhow a safe place of simple calm and beauty. Rookhow puts 5% of its booking income into the fund and local Quaker Meetings, visitors and guests support it too.

WINTER 'QUAMPING' While the Bunkbarn is closed over the Winter for renovation work, we'll be offering 'Quamping' (a Quaker version of glamping or champing) in the 300-year-old Grade II* listed Quaker Meeting House and yurt in the woods. See the website for more details. rookhow.org.uk

Rookhow continues to be open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Fridays 10am-4pm throughout the Winter.

NEXT RUSLAND HORIZONS' EVENTS

We still have places for the last couple of events this year. Full details and booking for all events can be found on the website <https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>

Invasive Species Removal Work Party: Saturday 9th December/Saturday 13th January
We are returning to Black Beck wood, near Bouth, to cut back and remove more invasive rhododendron to help with the restoration of this native woodland and its flora.

Rhododendrons are an invasive species, removal of them is important conservation work that will enhance and protect the woods, the wildlife and their habitats.

Dry Stone Walling - Initial Training: Sunday 17th December

Get hands-on helping to restore a treasured part of our landscape near Holywell Wood

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

December 5th AND 2nd show on Sunday 10th - A Man Called Otto.

Saturday 16th - Are you There God, It's Me Margaret.

Wednesday 27th at 4.30pm - Our family Christmas film - Arthur Christmas

In January we have on Tuesday 2nd - Polite Society.

Saturday 20th A DOUBLE BILL - Top Gun (1980's) at 4pm followed by Top Gun Maverick at 8pm - book in for one or both and Sunday 28th January - Fadia's Tree.

Notes on all these films can be found on the website and of course book your seat online.



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