



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

213TH EDITION

There is no sponsor this month

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF?

HAY BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE

Charity Registration Number: 501384

FOUNDER'S DAY TEA

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2014

Tea and refreshments with a presentation about Tissie Fooks and the origins of the Reserve.

Guest Speaker: John Corfield

For: Members/non-members (Note: limited numbers)

Meet: The Study Centre, Hay Bridge Nature Reserve at 3.00pm, Saturday 22nd February.

Bring: Memories of Tissie or Herbert Fooks, warm clothes

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EVENTS IN GRIZEDALE FOREST

Sunday 23rd February – the Montane Races

For runners over distances of 10K, 13miles and 26 miles.

Advance notice: Saturday 8th March

The Malcolm Wilson Rally will be taking place on the West side of the Forest and so all footpaths, bridle-paths and trails will be closed that day. The East side will all be open.

For further details on these and other events contact the Visitor Centre on 860010.

LITTER PICKING – for those so inclined this is a good time of year to clear the hedges of all that disgusting litter. A large bin bag, some gloves, a bit of time and a sense of achievement!

WATER QUALITY

Take note of the flier we received through the post recently about not putting phosphates into our waste systems and lakes. Check the ingredients next time you shop. Bio-O, Bold 2in1 gel, Bold & Daz liquitabs, Ecover, Fairy non bio gel, Soap Nuts are all okay.

OXEN PARK DOG CLUB

The dog club has started again – Tuesdays 5-6pm at Oxen Park Village Hall (£2), spaces available. Dogs and owners of all ages welcome. Just come!

WORK OFF THOSE MINCE PIES!

Scottish Dancing continues with vigour in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms from 7.00 – 9.00pm on a Monday evening. All are welcome @ £2.00 a session, going towards the upkeep of the Parish Room facility.

COUNTING THE BIRDS THAT ARE COUNTING ON YOU
It will be all eyes to the skies on Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th January 2014, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch. The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden. Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings.

This year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife you see in your garden too. We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home.

To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. Then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or in the post.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

After all the radio & TV news the Carthouse has been packed out so do remember to book if you would like to see a film.

We have *Rust and Bone* at the Carthouse on 4th February and *Beasts of The Southern Wild* on 15th February (an SSS including pie & peas at The Manor).

Our next children's film show at Leven Valley School is 3.45 on Thursday 13th February. Look out for our posters for all these films.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

A very successful Carol Evening was held in All Saints' Church, Satterthwaite on 10th December. The singing of the carols was led by the WI choir and friends, who also performed many items themselves. The singing was interspersed with readings by Helen Adams, Renell Brennan and Mhari Elkington Crabtree. Charlotte Salisbury delighted everyone with her harp playing. Wine and mince pies were served in the interval. The collection was in aid of St. Mary's Hospice (where long-standing member Jennifer Stoker died during the year) and a total of £533 was collected. The next meeting will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Room on Tuesday, 21st January at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be an old favourite - Martin Cooper on the West Highland Way.

Why not come along at the start of this New Year and find out what we do. You will be most welcome.

LETTING AGENTS – KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

With a shortage of affordable or social housing across South Lakeland many people have no choice but to find accommodation in the private rented sector. Citizens Advice across the country helps many people to sort out problems with their Landlords and we also lobby Government for improvements.

From 1 November 2013, letting agencies must provide information in their advertisements, in print and on their websites, on what fees they charge. This new Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) requirement does not stop agencies charging excessively high fees – but it does mean they have to tell you about them, clearly and upfront.

Our colleagues at Shelter have produced an online tool to help enforce the new requirements. You can use it to tell Shelter every time you come across fees that have not been advertised and they will pass the information on to the ASA to take action, just use this link:

http://england.shelter.org.uk/campaigns/fixing_private_renting/letting_agencies/report_hidden_letting_fees
Please note that this does not apply to adverts listed on property portal sites such as Rightmove, Zoopla and Primelocation, as they are exempt from the new requirement.

A new consumer redress scheme is also being developed, a draft was issued by Government in November, and we hope that the scheme will soon be implemented. www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February 2014, 7.30pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Highways: Your Chairman and Clerk attended a Highways 'Meet and greet' event at the Barrow depot in December. We received an update on the status of County Highways from the new Area Engineer, Nick Raymond, and we also met with our 'Better Highways' Area team. Highways is still undergoing major restructuring, suffering resource cuts and understaffing, pending recruitment. It was fully acknowledged that during this time, work had been very reactive, mainly responding to hotline reports, as opposed to maintenance schedules or the list of issues drawn up by Parish Councils. We (and others) expressed our strong concern about the false economy of not clearing drains or cutting back verges, resulting in costly damage to the road surface. We were reassured that once the structures and staff were in place, we would see a return to more Area Team visits and maintenance work.

Lengthsman: Meanwhile, our Lengthsman, Archie Workman continues to do great works on Colton's drains and verges. Contact the Clerk if you would like him to visit your patch. If you are able to check your local roadside drains and simply clear off the leaves with your boot, that can be a great help, and is immensely satisfying to see the water gurgle away (*OK – perhaps your Clerk should get out more!*).

Archie has produced a 2014 'Lengthsman's Calendar' - take a look at the website for some of the images from it – it includes the 'Rusland Slug'!

Broadband: Mike Postle continues to work hard on our behalves to try to ensure that Colton gets the best possible outcome from the 'Connecting Cumbria' project. We have been told that 70% of Colton's properties should get super-fast broadband sometime in 2015. The remaining properties are promised speeds of somewhere between 2mb/s and 24mb/s. There are ways in which the Parish Council may be able to help enable more properties to be connected to super-fast broadband. Watch this space and see Mike's blog at:

postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/

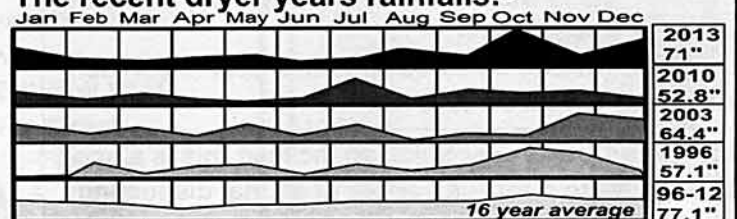
Our next meeting is on Monday 17th February, 7.30pm in Finsthwaite Village Hall.

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www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

The recent dryer years rainfalls:-



Forestry Commission, Env. Agency, LHS Holehird & Hilary Collins, via Chris Stacey

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

I gather that when people in far- away lands work in call centres, targeting Britain, they are encouraged to pick a suitable English name for themselves, so as to appear less foreign. The person who telephoned me a while back must have had an unusually comprehensive book of English names. The phone rang and I answered it, only to be put on my guard immediately by that characteristic pause that indicates a foreign call centre.

'Could I speak with Mr Dixon, please?' The man had a strong Indian accent.

'Speaking,' I replied without enthusiasm.

'Hello Mr Dixon. My name is Ethelred'.

Well, this took me completely by surprise and I found it very funny indeed. So much so that I felt it necessary to apologise to Ethelred for laughing so much. I found myself saying that I was so sorry- it was just that I wasn't ready for that. The call ended with me having no idea what Ethelred was trying to sell me.

I reflected afterwards that I had spoken with a real human being in a real place, with real feelings and needs, pleasures and pains. Perhaps he was struggling as best he could to feed his family, and this rubbish and thankless job telephoning strangers was something of a lifeline. Or perhaps he was being abused horribly by his employers as well as by the people he was calling. I'll never know.

Anyway, Ethelred, who was unready for the reaction his name caused, featured in my prayers that day.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead.01539436301. jjcedixon@btinternet.com

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JAN/FEB

Sunday		Colton	Rusland		Satterthwaite	
Jan	19 th		5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	26 th		11.15	Holy Communion		No Service
Feb	2 nd	9.30 Morning Worship	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	9 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	16 th	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	23 rd	10.30 Benefice Service Egton cum Newland		No Service	11.15	Holy Communion
Sunday		Hawkshead		Sawrey		
Jan	19 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion
	26 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Morning Worship
Feb	2 nd	8am Holy Communion	6pm	Healing and Wholeness Service Methodist Chapel, Hawkshead	11.15	Holy Communion
	9 th	9.30 Morning Worship			11.15	Matins
	16 th	9.30 HC with Sunday School			11.15	Holy Communion
	23 rd	9.30 HC with Sunday School			11.15	Morning Worship
Normally, Wed. 10am weekly – Holy Communion at Hawkshead						

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM ANNUAL QUIZ

Saturday, 1st February at 7.30 p.m. (Please note change of date).

Tickets £6, to include supper, available from all members of Parish Room Committee or can be ordered from Hilary Collins 860312. All proceeds to go to the Parish Room.

LOCAL CHURCHES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN STYLE

The best attendances for many years were recorded at both Rusland and Satterthwaite churches in the Christmas period. It was Rusland's turn to host the Carol Service and over 90 people were in the congregation singing lustily, with Paul Gregson at the organ. Helen Adams was the narrator of the Christmas story and several people made individual contributions of readings or music. Tea, coffee and cakes were served at the end of the afternoon.

Carols Round the Tree took place in All Saints' church, Satterthwaite on Christmas Eve when it was estimated that around 100 people were present. The organ was played by Harry Elkington Crabtree and a collection was made for the Childrens' Society, which raised £81

St. Paul's Church, Rusland had 60 in the congregation on Christmas morning, the organist being Elizabeth Clegg and All Saints' Church, Satterthwaite had 49, where Joan Pollock played the organ. At both services the celebrant was the Reverend John Dixon.

The Sunday immediately after Christmas saw a Joint Benefice Service held at All Saints' Church, Satterthwaite when worshippers from Hawkshead, Sawrey and Rusland joined with those from Satterthwaite. The Reverend John Dixon was the celebrant and Joan Pollock was organist. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits were served afterwards.

DIARY DATES

Jan	Tues	21 st	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
Feb	Sat	1 st	Satterthwaite Parish Room Annual Quiz – Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues	4 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Rust and Bone</i> – The Carhouse – 7.30pm
	Thurs	13 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – Leven Valley School – 3.45pm
	Sat	15 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Beasts of the Southern Wild</i> - the Carhouse – 7.30pm
	Mon	17 th	Colton Parish Council – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Tues	18 th	Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat	22 nd	Founders' Day Tea – Haybridge Nature Reserve – 3pm
	Sun	23 rd	Montane Races – Grizedale Forest

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you. Phone 01229 825656 or 08457 909090

MRS SUE JONES OF THE OLD VICARAGE, SATTERTHWAITE

Dear Malcolm, Emma and Simon, Andrew and Sonya,
 The villagers of Satterthwaite want to express their very deepest sympathy to you and profound distress on learning the news of the tragic death of Sue on Saturday 11th January.
 That such a lovely, vibrant and fit person could lose their life on an innocuous morning walk close to the village is beyond belief. We can only begin to imagine the pain you are feeling, and we share it with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we will support you in any way that we can.

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