



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

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A HAPPY AND ACTIVE NEW YEAR!

FUNDING ON THE HORIZON AT LAST

The Rusland Valley and Fells Landscape Partnership is delighted to be able to confirm that it has been successful in its bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the sum of £1.3M which will provide much of the funding for the *Rusland Horizons* scheme. Additional partnership funding is also in place for the first year.

The Steering Group will begin the process of recruiting staff in February and 15 projects will be launched at intervals during 2016. These carefully planned projects cover aspects of traditional skills, landscape and wildlife, local history, archaeology and access. We will be recruiting up to 12 apprentices to help with the work and to learn a range of land management and conservation skills. The scheme runs for three years but we will also be planning a legacy programme to continue what *Rusland Horizons* is starting.

There are many opportunities for local people to become involved including volunteering their skills, stories and knowledge, learning about the landscape and just enjoying taking part in a range of events. Please visit the website – www.ruslandhorizons.org – for more information; updates will also appear in community newsletters. It has taken a lot of hard work and commitment to get to this stage; it will be rewarding to see the aspirations of local people, who came up with the ideas over five years ago, finally come to fruition.

Colin Barr (Chair, RVFLP)

IN SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOMS

Scottish Country Dancing and Yoga continue, both starting at 7.00pm on Mondays and Thursdays respectively, £2 and £5 per session. All welcome.

DOMINO EVENINGS IN THE RUSLAND READING ROOMS

Wed Feb 10th and Wed March 9th at 7-30 pm,
Admission £4-00 including Tea and Cakes.
Book with G Wilkinson Tel 01229860253.

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

present

A Flower Demonstration

by Roz Harrison of Dodd's Flowers, Ulverston
Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum
Friday 29th January

Tickets £7.50 to include admission to the Motor Museum and refreshments.

Tickets available from: -

Dot - 015395 30132, Sylvia- 015395 31685,
and Marian - 015395 31779

RUSLAND VALLEY SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY MARCH 19TH AND SUNDAY MARCH 20TH

This year will be a special one, our 21st show, with celebration events for children and adults.

Prizes for best in class with up to 50 classes on offer, from a bowl of bicolour daffodils to a jar of chutney, a chocolate cake or an orchid. A printed Schedule, with all the classes offered will be available shortly.

Events for children include Story telling; Circus Party Workshop; Treasure Hunt; Music and singing.

Food? Oh yes! Lots of eats for all. Here you will be able to have your cake and eat it!

So come and enjoy the 21st anniversary of the Rusland Valley Spring Show. It will be a very special one. Your support will help keep the Reading Rooms open.

For more information, contact Robert Wallace: -
on 01229 860244 or rwallace209@btinternet.com

OXEN PARK READING ROOMS

The following activities have started in the hall: -

DOG CLUB (Tuesdays 5-6), **CARPET BOWLS** (Thursday 7-9) and **STARTER TENNIS** for 4-7year olds (Fridays 3.45 – 4.30). Route maps for local walks can be borrowed or bought – they are in a container by the door, so why not come to Oxen Park for a new walk, with easy parking. Other activities are in the pipe line so look out on notice boards and in these newsletters. If you would like to use the hall for a gathering or activity, contact Sue McKinnon to book. (861128)

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

After the heady success of the Carol Evening, Rusland & District W.I. is looking forward to the 2016 meetings. We start on Tuesday, 19th January with a Cookery Demonstration by Jean Crabtree at the Parish Room Satterthwaite at 7.30 p.m. The annual dinner will take place on Wednesday, 27th January at the Ford Park Café. On Tuesday, 16th February we shall meet at the Rusland Reading Room at 7.30 p.m. to hear Stephen Sykes speaking about Arthur Ransome.

All welcome to either of these meetings.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting on 12th January,

Gritting Machine – The acquisition of a gritting machine was discussed.

Car Parking Plan – The Council members have agreed to meet in the area being discussed as a possible car park at their earliest convenience, to look at the site in more detail and check on the dimensions, with regards to spaces and access.

Broadband – As yet the fibre optic broadband has not been connected but it has been said it should be all up and running by March.

Moor Lane is being used increasingly by motorbikes and it was suggested that a gate at the bottom would deter the bikes from using this lane. We will write to Lake District National Park regarding this, asking if a gate can be placed at the bottom of the lane preventing the motorbikes from accessing this route.

The Parish Statement for the Satterthwaite Parish is in need to people to come forward and help with the issues arising in the plan. Without anyone coming forward the plan cannot be acted upon and therefore we may lose out on funding which is available for the various projects. Please could anyone interested in helping please contact Mhari Crabtree.

The Lengthsman / Highways -The lengthsman will be asked to concentrate on the drains for the present time with some work needing to be done on the saplings, which is less of a priority at the moment.

Next Meeting: Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm
Forestry Commission Office's, Grizedale.

RAINFALL

I have kept records of rainfall in Dale Park since 2003, and 2015 was heading up for a dry year with 131 dry days and rainfall of 58.94". Then the rain started and November and December's rainfall totalled 34.59", with 5 dry days in November and none in December. There were 11 days in those two months where the rainfall exceeded an inch, with 14th November recording 3.2". December's rainfall of 19.6" was a monthly record, beating the previous record of 17.6" in November 2009 when Satterthwaite village was flooded. It will be noted from the figures below that 2010 was the driest year (52.85") with the December rainfall that year only 1.99".

2003 62.05	2007 74.97	2011 85.81
2004 83.07	2008 83.81	2012 99.05
2005 63.36	2009 80.74	2013 77.39
2006 76.61	2010 52.85	2014 77.39
		2015 93.53

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

December Floods: Although most of Colton Parish escaped the worst of the recent flooding, some properties and businesses in Finthswaite and Lakeside were unfortunately inundated, either from the lake or from fell-side water. The Parish Council has expressed its sympathies and sent those affected information and advice from County and District Councils; links are also on the website.

In terms of the roads, County Highways of course have their hands full with the aftermath of the flooding, and your Clerk has been holding back from bothering them for a while. However, even before Storm Desmond, the rains and high tides turned Bouth causeway into a lake, with the water deep enough to cover the top of the hedges. Despite many calls to County Highways, the road was not closed for 3 days, during which time two cars drove into the floods, resulting in fire engines, police, ambulances and other rescue teams being called out. The Parish Council wrote to County lamenting the waste of resources, which could have been prevented had the road been closed earlier, and asking how the local community could help with early alerts for closing the causeway in future.

Our roads in general are awash with water and debris. Maintenance of our roadside drains have been neglected by County Highways for a long time, with many now so overgrown by the verge that they cannot operate. Archie, our Lengthsman has been working extremely hard in all parts of the Parish to get some of the badly blocked drains running again. He is buying some even longer drain rods!

Green Roads: Some of you will have noticed that Pegg Lane, between Oxen Park and Ickenthaite, is almost impassable on foot, even wearing wellies. Meanwhile, recreational off-roading groups continue to use these lanes (which they are legally allowed to do), making the situation much worse. Our Chairman has been attempting for at least two years to arrange a meeting with Highways about the status of these lanes.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 15th Feb Finthswaite Village Hall, 7pm

Mandy Lane (Clerk), T: 01229 861408, E:

coltonpc@btinternet.com W:

www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

As always we have some great films coming up. In February. There is *The Homesman* (2nd), *X+Y* (6th), and *Human Capital* (13th). This is a Supper Special, with supper at The Manor first at 7.30pm.

There are 6 more children's films to be shown at Leven Valley School on Thursdays 3.45pm – 5.30pm, starting on 21st January with *E.T.*, then *Pinnocchio* (28th) and *Mr Bean's Holiday to France*. (4th Feb).

All families welcome. Admission £2.

Enquiries and bookings through the Secretary:
861507.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends

Lent will be starting soon (this year on 10th February). A few years ago the Church of England had a relatively low-key campaign called 'Lent Lite', which was low-key enough to pass me by. Apparently, at the time, a Church of England spokesman said: 'Traditionally Lent has been seen as a sombre time of sackcloth and ashes. What we are suggesting is that people share jokes, which is a way of kick starting a very positive take on the season'. I discover that that this did spark a bit of a debate. Some people were all in favour, rightly pointing out that our faith is one of joy, celebration and hope. Others were rather less enthusiastic, rightly pointing out that Lent is a time for taking our faith seriously.

Unfortunately some people seem to believe that Christian discipline is completely incompatible with humour, which is sad. I am pleased to report, though, that church life is full of humour, and at least some of it is deliberate. Laughter is one of the most precious gifts that we have.

And perhaps it can help us look more objectively at ourselves. One of the problems with Lent is that often it is used as an excuse to diet or not diet, to take more exercise or less exercise. In other words it is used to focus attention on ourselves and it can become a kind of inverted luxury, a way of pampering ourselves, another way of putting me first. This is not the point of Lent. In fact it is the opposite of the point.

Perhaps a good laugh may help us see beyond the narrow limits of our own lives.

John *The Vicarage, Hawkshead. 015394 36301 jjcedixon@btinternet.com*

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Sunday		Colton		RuslandSatterthwaite			
Jan	17 th	9.30	Holy Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	24 th	9.30	Holy Communion	11.15	Holy Communion		No Service
	31 st				No service		No service
Feb	7 th	9.30	Morning Worship	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	14 th	9.30	Holy Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	21 st	9.30	Holy Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for all Ages
	28 th	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion

Sunday		HawksheadSawrey					
Jan	17 th	9.30	H. C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion
	24 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Morning Worship
	31 st	10.00	Joint Benefice Holy Communion				
Feb	7 th	8.00	Holy Communion	6pm	Churches together Communion	11.15	Holy Communion
		9.30	Holy Communion		Hawkshead Methodist Church		
	14 th	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Matins
	21 st	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion
	28 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Morning Worship

In Aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

A GAMES EVENING

Satterthwaite Parish Room, Saturday 30th January 2016 at 7.30pm

Table Quiz and Beetle Drive, Raffle

Refreshments – Sandwiches, Cakes, Tea and Coffee.

Tickets - Adults £7 Children £3.50

COME FOR A WALK

The next Benefice walk is on Tuesday 23rd February, starting at Rydal Church at 10.30am. It is usually possible to park on the road that runs past Rydal Church to Rydal Mount. We will walk round Loughrigg and back along Loughrigg Terrace, visiting Rydal caves. The walk is about 5 miles and everybody is welcome. Bring a picnic.

RUSLAND AND DISRICT W I CAROL EVENING

What a joy it was to enter the warm, beautifully decorated Satterthwaite Church on Monday, 14th December and see every window sill ablaze with candles. The largest Christmas tree ever seen in church was lit, and a magical programme awaited the large audience with four choir items, bell ringing, Charlotte Salisbury playing her harp and singing with Harry Elkington Crabtree, three seasonal readings and eight carols for all to sing. Wine and mince pies were served during the interval amid much chatter. The charity chosen was the Romic Foundation and a record breaking collection raised £646, which was used to buy Christmas presents for the children they help.

THANK YOU SATTERTHWAITE

The British Legion Poppy Appeal in Satterthwaite raised £87.56 and the collection at Carols Round the Tree on Christmas Eve raised over £68.00 for the Church of England Children's Society.

DIARY DATES

January	Tues	19 th	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Selma</i> – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Thurs	21 st	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>E.T.</i> – Leven Valley School - 3.45pm
	Thurs	28 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Pinnocchio</i> – Leven Valley School – 3.45pm
	Friday	29 th	Flower Demonstration – Café Ambio – 6.30pm onwards
	Sat	30 th	Games Evening – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
February	Tues	2 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Homesman</i> – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Thurs	4 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – Mr Bean's Holiday In France – Leven valley School – 3.45pm
	Sat	6 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – x+y – The Cart House – 7.30pm
	Mon	8 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council – Forestry Commission Offices, Grizedale – 7.30pm
	Sat	13 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Human Capital - Supper Special</i> – 7.30pm
	Mon	15 th	Colton Parish Council – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7pm
	Tuesday	16 th	Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
Tuesday	23 rd	Benefice Walk – Meet by Rydal Church – 10.30am	

EVENTS IN GRIZEDALE FOREST

Sunday 7 February – the Montane Races - For runners over distances of 13miles and 26 miles.
February Half term week 13 – 21 February - There are many activities for all the family happening on various days during this week. For full information contact the Visitor Centre on 0300 067 4495 or forestry.gov.uk/grizedale
Advance notice: Saturday 12 March - The Malcolm Wilson Rally.

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