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# MIDSUMMER MADNESS?

## WOODLAND INDUSTRY REVIVAL

Tony Hill our LDNP Ranger writes: -

Stony Hazel Woods are owned and managed by us and in recent years we have been doing a lot of practical work, to return part of the woods to coppice rotation. By enclosing the northern section of the woods with deer fencing, installed by a local contractor, we are now able to commence a cycle of coppice management.

We have what is perhaps a unique situation, of having three separate charcoal burners operating in the same wood simultaneously. This may be the first time in many, many years that this has occurred in the Furness Fells.

In addition to charcoal production, wood for swill basket making, hurdles and furniture is also utilised by local craft persons.

I would encourage you to take a walk into the woods, if you have not already done so, to see the work for yourself. Enter the woods using the public footpath from Rusland Church in the south, or Force Forge at the northern end. Brewer Wood is in the area of grid reference SD 335/904.

## RUSLAND MOSS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE SD335/885 - The Rusland Valley Mosses

This year we are extending the boardwalks on the public footpaths throughout the Mosses, to improve access on the site, particularly when it is wet and/or during high tides. We are also installing a viewing platform, so the public can view the central dome on Rusland Moss, a highly attractive and atmospheric landscape, where both Red and Roe deer can be seen throughout the year.

Also, don't forget about the new opportunities for walks across the Heights from the Rusland Valley. They are well signposted and waymarked throughout. The Greenwood Trail leaflet, highlights some of the suggested routes.

For further information please contact Tony on 015394 40263.

## INVITATION TO A 'FLORA OF THE FELLS WALK'

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007

Meet at High Ickentwaite at 1.30pm

For further information please call Tony Hill, Ranger, on 015394 40263

## HAPPENINGS IN THE FOREST

Various outdoor activities take place during June to enthuse youngsters of all ages about the flora and fauna of the forest. These include badger watching (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, evening), den building for dads (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>), and an introduction to the flowers of the woodland and meadow near the Ridding Wood trail (Friday 29<sup>th</sup>), to learn about their history and uses.

For more information on all these activities, contact the Visitor Centre on 860 010.

## SATTERTHWAITHE PLAYGROUND BBQ

Don't forget the village BBQ on 14<sup>th</sup> July at the new time of 5 - 8pm. Lots of fun and games for all the family. Full details next month. Anyone who would like to donate a raffle prize please contact Joan Leatherbarrow, telephone: 860 268. All proceeds to the play area.

## SHOW PLANS!

The next Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 22nd June at 7.30pm in the Rusland Reading Rooms. Any items for the Agenda should be received by the Secretary no later than Wednesday 20th June.

## LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP ST MARY'S HOSPICE

### SUMMER FAIR AND CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, HAVERTHWAITE PLAYING FIELDS

Gates Open 9am - Car boots may be set up from 8am.

ALL THE OLD FAVOURITE ATTRACTIONS AND STALLS

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FIFI THE FLEA- SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

Car boot £6 in advance, £7 on the day

For booking contact: Sylvia Chadwick - 015395 31685 or Marian

Wilson - 015395 31799

Donations welcome for Hospice Stalls:

Cakes/Plants/Tombola/Bric a Brac

### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Ron Mein, who has been the Council Chairman for the past 3 years, retired at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14th May. He has presided over a period of change in the make-up of the Council, in the gaining of Quality Parish Status and in the numerous changes and initiatives introduced by the government, LDNPA and County and District Councils. We have been fortunate that Ron has been able to call on his experience as a County Councillor to guide us through these changes, which he did with professionalism, good humour and many hours work. He will be greatly missed and we would like to thank him on behalf of all members of the Parish and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

Cllr Colin Barr is our new Chairman for 2007/2008, and under his Chairmanship we are confident that the Council will continue to move forward. Anyone interested in being considered for filling the vacant seat in Central Ward should contact the Clerk on 01229 885 647.

Following several reports of traffic travelling at inappropriate speeds in parts of the parish, CCC Traffic Management Department has loaned the parish council a Mobile Electronic Speed Reduction Device, in an attempt to draw drivers' attention to the speed at which they are travelling. This is being placed in various parts of the parish on a weekly rota, and its effectiveness is being monitored.

The next parish council meeting is on 25th June in Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7.30pm

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

There are three film-making classes at this year's Rusland Show (18th August), for over 16's, under 16's and under 12's. Details from Carol McNeill at Oxen Park on 861507

Thanks to a grant from the Local Network Fund we are running a 3-Day Workshop for under16's to make a film for the show entry. This will be on July 23rd, 24th and 25th at Leven Valley Primary School. The cost will be only £5. For more details and an application form get in touch with Carol McNeill (contact details as above.)

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 14th August at Rusland. Put it in the diary now!

### RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

Our meeting on 15th May was a "Members' Night". A Sales Table was held and one Resolution was discussed- " This Resolution urges H M Government to stop the closure of Community Hospitals which provide essential services to local people". All present were in favour.

Members and two visitors then settled down to enjoy a demonstration of Floral Art given by our very own Margaret Dryden and Barbara Woddy. Working side by side, they gave an interesting display of their considerable skills and produced four lovely arrangements, which were raffled over supper, along with two tickets for the Holker Garden Festival.

The next meeting will be in Rusland Reading Rooms on Tuesday 19th June, when Ann Thompson will be speaking on "Designing Cards".

### SATTERTHWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There was a disappointing turnout at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th May. You missed an excellent presentation from the Cumbria Fire & Rescue boys who are keen to educate all of us in the art of fire prevention – prevention being better than cure when it takes a minimum of half an hour to get an appliance here! Sign up for a free home inspection, advice by the cartload, and free smoke alarms if you need them. Application forms are enclosed with this issue.

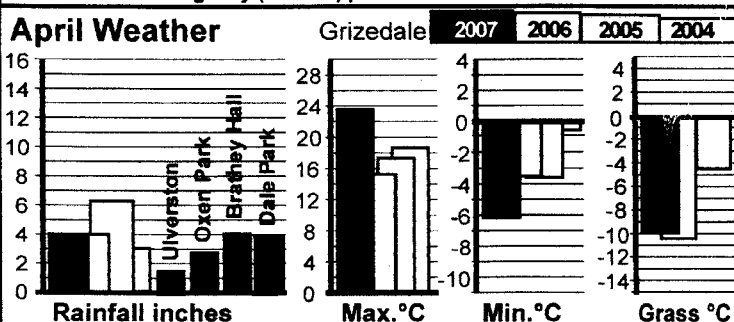
There were presentations from all the usual village organisations including a first report on PCC activity from our new Vicar, the Rev. John Dixon.

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

A very quick Council meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting saw Mr P Townsend and Mr T Gill re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. The end of year financial report was received and approved and the Annual Return was completed. At a second meeting on the 22nd May the Council considered the demand for a 30mph speed limit through the village to be commissioned concurrently with the one at Grizedale. This initiative follows some specific complaints from villagers and after a short discussion, Councillors were unanimously in favour.

There was also a short discussion on developments at Stricely which had been brought to the Council's attention. In the event, Mr David Spedding, one of the owners of the site, was present and had a letter from the LDNPA enforcement officer who confirmed that developments were in order and no breach of planning laws had been made. The Council took the opportunity to stress to David Spedding the special nature of the site and the ongoing concern, which Parishioners had for this area. At present it is believed there are no immediate concerns. Next meeting Monday 9th July at 7.30pm.

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)  
From data provided by the Forestry Commission (read by Melanie Gard),  
the Environment Agency (Penrith) plus local contributors.



## Church News

Dear Friends,

I have a friend who is a vicar in Birmingham. In fact he is actually vicar of Spaghetti Junction (that is not the proper name of the parish, but it is accurate). He and I must have two of the most contrasting places of work in the Church of England.

As summer approaches and the roads get busier, perhaps Hawkshead will come to feel, to hassled locals, a bit more like Spaghetti Junction, but I don't think my friend would recognise it as such.

Although the pace of life is slower here than it is in other parts of the country, we still get frustrated by delays and little inconveniences, at least I do. Even here, we find ourselves rushing from one thing to another. While it is undeniably frustrating to be delayed, we need to remember that pausing is often a good thing to do. It is good to stop the rushing, the constant doing, and relish a moment or two of quietness. Quietness is even more important than ever in our loud and fast lives. We need silence. We need to learn what silence is. We need silence to make sense of the words we use and to make room for the unspoken. And we will find that silence is often more eloquent than speech because it is deeper and more complete.

The vicar of Spaghetti Junction is much better at finding and using silence than I am, which only serves to remind me how privileged we are to live in a place where silence comes on tap.

John Dixon

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

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30 Family Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 Benefice Communion Lowick	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 Extended Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 Holy Communion	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	8am Holy Communion 1662	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion CW
10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		11.15 Matins
17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45 Service For All Ages		11.15 Holy Communion 1662
24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		6pm Evensong

Normally, there is Evensong at Hawkshead each Sunday at 6pm, except the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, and Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesdays at 10.00a.m.

### STOP PRESS!!!

**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT AT THE EAGLES HEAD ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY? IF NOT DON'T DELAY-**

Contact Rob at the Eagles, Nigel Buckley or any other member of Satterthwaite PCC

### SOUP KITCHEN

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Christian Aid Lunch such a successful occasion once more. Around £630 was raised for this excellent cause.

### MOTHERS UNION

Unfortunately at our April gathering at Rusland our speaker was unable to attend but we had an extremely good meeting led by Barbara Watson. It gave us an opportunity to discuss the future and to plan for the next few months.

Our next meeting is our Annual Outing, Wednesday, 6 June, but we have not, as yet, decided where and what to do.

### GRAND SALE AND AUCTION

In aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2007 - GREENODD VILLAGE HALL - 1.30pm-3.00 pm**

Auction of Superior Items 2.30 pm

Saleable Items Wanted - Small Furniture, Pictures, Silver, Jewellery, Glass, China, Ornaments, Linen, Books, Kitchen and Garden Equipment, Bric-a-Brac

Please Contact (01229)-Elsie Wilkinson (860 253), Edward Collins (860 312), Nigel Buckley (860 212), Sue Brooke (860 250), Jean Crabtree (860021), Giles Wingate-Saul (860 300), Sue Benham (860 295)

### RUSLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

RVCT is a charity, which aims to support financial activities in the vicinity of Rusland. However the trustees do have the secondary power to financially support by grants community activities aimed at improving skills or knowledge in Satterthwaite Parish.

The trustees would like to hear from

- anyone who has an idea for any such activity or classes or
- from any young person under 16 who would like to be considered for an individual grant to help him/her to improve any skill. (other than schoolwork).

Please write to The Administrator, RVCT, The Dower House, Whitestock, Rusland, LA12 8LB, or Tel. 01229 860 300.

### DIARY DATES

May	Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite Church Quiz Night- Eagle's Head – 7.45pm
June	Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Union Outing
	Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI- Safari Supper
	Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Leven Valley Support Group St Mary's Hospice – Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale- Haverthwaite Playing Fields – 9am
	Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Committee Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Wed.	27 <sup>th</sup>	“Flora of the Fells” Guided Walk – High Ickenthaite – 1.30pm
July	Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches Grand Auction – Greenodd Village Hall – 1.30pm to 3pm
	Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI- Tea at Rothay Manor – 3pm
	Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite Parish Council – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Sat.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite Playground BBQ – 5pm-8pm

### PERSONAL

### THE SAMARITANS

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

- Friends and neighbours wish Annie Oldham very best wishes during her stay in hospital. We all hope to see her home soon.

Last date for items for July Newsletter is June 26<sup>th</sup> ... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: [liggerc@hotmail.com](mailto:liggerc@hotmail.com), Colin Barr- Oxen Park Tel: 01229 861408, email: [cjb@barrecol.co.uk](mailto:cjb@barrecol.co.uk), Elsie Wilkinson- Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253, Frances Townsend- Pepper House Tel: 01229 860206, [frances.townsend@virgin.net](mailto:frances.townsend@virgin.net), Sylvia Chadwick- Monks Cottage Tel: 015395 31685

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