

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

300TH EDITION

There is no sponsor this month. New sponsors would be welcomed.

BLOOMING JUNE

RVHS SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION 2023

Please start getting your garden ready for the Summer competition; judging takes place at the end of July.

Categories are:

Hanging baskets, window boxes and similar;

Large gardens;

Small gardens;

Vegetable gardens;

Child's garden, hanging basket or planted container (U/16).

If you would like to enter this year's competition, please contact Sally Fisher by email (sally.fisher072@gmail.com) or phone (01229 861876). Please include your name and address.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

At the May meeting Marilyn Hale taught us how to do encaustic wax painting and to make coasters out of coloured glass. We had great fun making pictures by heating the coloured waxes on warm irons and transferring the wax onto heat proof paper to make landscape scenes. Some of the results were amazing and worthy of framing. The walking group had a wonderful day out in glorious weather on Brant Fell, preceded by coffee and cake at Blackwell. The next meeting is at the Rusland Reading Room on Tuesday, 20th June at 7.30 p.m. when we are looking forward to learning about the history of button making. All welcome.

DALE PARK RAINFALL

The total for April this year was 3.81" (2022 3.1") with 11 dry days (2022 18 dry)
 May total to the 25th is 1.63" (2022 2") with 16 dry (2022 9 dry)
 The yearly total so far is 32" (2022 23") and 60 dry days about the same as last year but we have had 9" more rain.

WOMEN IN FORESTRY

The Lumberjill Story. Exhibition at Grizedale
 This exhibition, curated by Hazel Stone, has just opened in the Gallery at Grizedale Visitor Centre, and tells the story of the forgotten army - The Women's Timber Corps, who became known as the Lumberjills - who provided vital work during WW2 felling, sawing and carting trees, operating sawmills and running whole forestry sites, to provide the timber that was vital to the war effort. In Grizedale, many of the Lumberjills were billeted with local families in Satterthwaite. The exhibition has some marvellous photographs, many provided by locals here. Do make a point of visiting it - sometime between now and mid-December.

LANEQUESTS - the renowned series of 6 x cycle orienteering 'Lanequests' start again on Tuesday 6th June. To find out more go to the Wheelbase website. or ask Carol in Oxen Park
ORIENTEERING - there are several mid-week events coming up which are good for families, beginners and the experienced. The nearest is in Bell Wood (above Nibthwaite) on Wednesday 14th June open from 5pm to 6pm
www.Lakeland-orienteering.org.uk

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB AGM

The Carhouse Cinema, Monday 26th June 7.30pm. All welcome

RENELL'S SUCCESSES

Our own triathlete, Renell Brennan, of Satterthwaite has enjoyed considerable success this spring in international triathlon events. She won her age group event in Malta earlier this year, came fourth in Ibiza in the ITU event early in May and was second by a gnat's eyelash in the XTerra World Tour event held at Weston Park recently. Congratulations Renell.

HAWKSHEAD AND SATTERTHWAITE FIRST RESPONDERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12th June at 6pm

The Outgate Inn, nr Hawkshead LA22 0NH

Come and find out more about our work.

New members in either emergency or non-emergency roles always welcome.

Contact Neil Morris, Chair. 07752 145 834

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Parking around the entrance to Church Lane is becoming an increasing problem. Recently there was a minor accident at the end of Church Lane due to cars blocking the line of sight. The Parish Council want to get the white junction lines reinstated, as this may help a little. We are also going to resubmit the 20mph speed limit application and we will look into the possibility of putting double yellow lines along these areas. Please could you avoid parking opposite the Parish Rooms and at the junction to Church Lane as a more serious accident could happen.

The Rawson Trust are offering to fund sailing lessons for children in the Parish. Please email Dawn for the contact details if you would like to take them up on their offer.

Phil Southworth is now Lengthsman for Satterthwaite Parish. Welcome aboard Phil.

We look forward to working with you. If anyone knows of any work that needs doing, please contact Dawn at

clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com
Gary has asked for people to be aware that if they change their broadband provider, they should check if they will be retaining their BT phone and phone line. There are a few people who have asked for this to happen, but they have been sent digital handsets that work over the internet instead.

A meeting with all local councils is going to be arranged to discuss the issues with Highways that are happening across the county.

Next meeting date, 5th June 2023 at 7.10pm

Next AGM 5th June 2023 at 7pm

Both at Satterthwaite Parish Room.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

People from all across the Parish gathered at Rusland Reading Room on Saturday 20th May for the Parish Open Meeting. We were treated to presentations by Archie Workman, our amazing lengthsman and by Jonathan Brook, leader of Westmorland and Furness Council. We look forward to working with the new council and are heartened to hear they are looking at ways to give more on the ground powers to local communities.

A lively and thought-provoking discussion followed with topics including:

- Green energy, solar power and embracing new technology as individuals and communities and how

- planning and other support can facilitate this.
- Housing and the challenges of meeting the needs of existing residents, young people and people on low or middle incomes given the age and nature of much of the existing housing stock in our area.
- Balancing the economic benefits of tourism, including its contribution to the income of many local people, and the needs of the resident community and people who would like to make this area their home.
- Infrastructure to enable people to work in Colton helping to enable people of working age and with young families to live in the area.
- The opportunities that improved connectivity will bring as fast and reliable broadband is rolled out locally via Project Gigabit.
- Travel, transport, the conditions on our roads and the lack of alternative options forcing people into their cars - and solutions in terms of flexible bus services, safe ways to walk between local villages and managing traffic and road repairs.

All the ideas raised will be fed into our community plan consultation over the coming months.

Thanks to Carole Dickinson and family of Abbot Park Farm for the wonderful cake and traybake catering which was much enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks also to everyone who came along and all those who made event happen.

COMMUNITY PLAN SCHOOLS' MORNING

On the 24th of May we were delighted to host 51 children from Leven Valley and Penny Bridge schools at beautiful Rookhow. The weather was perfect allowing us to both enjoy the experience of spending time in the 298-year-old Quaker Meeting Room and get outside into the sunshine. During the morning the children created the lyrics for a song with local storyteller and musician Steve Wharton. The song and poems also using words from the day will be performed by Owen Evans at the Rusland Show on 19th August. Following a warm up of music we spent time talking about the origins and history of the Rusland Valley area including the meaning of local place names and some amazing facts about local wildlife. Finally, we held a short 'parliament' giving the children the chance to talk about what they want for the future of the area. We particularly liked the cheese factory idea drawing on our rich meadowland and farming history. A huge thanks to both schools for taking part in the session.

Next meeting 19th June, Colton Church Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends, Many years ago now a British Telecom's advert ended with these words: "The more connections we make the more possibilities there are." Today as I go about my daily routine, I carry with me a phone and a laptop. My music is in a cloud and can be accessed almost anywhere. If I wanted to, I could connect to other people all over the globe via Facebook, Skype, Zoom, Twitter, Instagram, Google and others. Amazing really! Especially, when you consider that I am not the most technologically competent person around and yet I am able with the help of others to navigate my way round it! There are times when it can all feel rather overwhelming but most of the time I am glad it's there and thankful to God for it. We make connections in our lives in all sorts of ways and not only through the means I have just described. However, this word connection fascinates me and provides us with a vital clue as to how we grow in our faith as Christians. The greatest commandment is to Love God, but we connect to God by truly knowing him not just knowing about him. God desires intimacy with us. A deep connection as His Spirit resonates with ours. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord (Exodus 34:29). For Moses, however, he wanted the people to focus on the Lord and not on his face. That radiant look comes to us too when we spend time with God, soaking in His presence. Each genuine moment we spend and connect with Him will change us from the inside out, and people will notice just as they did with Moses. Our faith journey as Christians is not meant to be a solo sport. That's why being part of a church community is so important. The connections we make here will not always be perfect, but it is and always will be a privilege to run this race alongside others. It's how we were created to be. I am so grateful to God for placing Ali, Olivia and me within the fellowship here at Hawkshead Hill Baptist Church and of course the wider community of Hawkshead itself. We have made some wonderful friends and we look forward to deepening those connections over the coming months and years. In closing I'd like to finish with the quote I started with, "The more connections we make the more possibilities there are." May we all continually look for ways to make connections within our community so that we can make a transforming difference within it. Matt Hirst

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
June 4 th		6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
11 th			11.15 Holy Communion
25 th			11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
June 4 th	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
11 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Matins
18 th	4pm Evensong.	10.30 Morning Service	
	The Herdwyke Consort		
25 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Morning Worship

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND

A very jolly time was had by all at the post-Coronation picnic afternoon held at the playground in glorious sunshine on Sunday 7 May. Special thanks to Mike Armstead for cutting the grass for us in advance, to the Bunting Girls (Fran T and Rachel H.) for decorating the lane, and to everyone who brought gazebos, tables, chairs, barbecues, picnics and drinks for all to share. It reminded us all what a delightful spot Satterthwaite Playground is....and it is freely available for all to use. So, if any of you with young families want to have a children's games afternoon or a family barbecue or organise some racquet games, do take advantage of it. Maybe just let a member of the Parish Council know - best contacts are Gary Thomason (garfield.t@me.com) or Helen Bright (helenbright@hotmail.co.uk). The PC hopes to get the barbecue repaired and the tennis court tidied up, but if anyone can lend a hand with the occasional work party, please get in touch.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Edward Collins, who has been the Newsletter's Treasurer since September 2002, thinks that the time has come for him to retire. He would like to hand over to his successor now, with the accounts in good order, the financial position healthy and Edward himself still able to give advice and assistance if required.

The work is not onerous and involves virtually no meetings. It requires perhaps two or three hours work each month and can be done at one's own pace at one's own desk. Computerisation would no doubt be possible, although Edward has relied simply on a good memory (now not quite so good as it used to be) some very basic filing and a hand written Income and Expenditure Account.

Any reader who is resident in or near the Rusland Valley, has a little time to spare, and is interested in taking on this task is welcome to ring Edward on 01299 860312. He will be pleased to make the or near the Rusland Valley, has a little time to spare, and is interested in taking on this task is welcome to ring Edward on 01299 860312. He will be pleased to make the Account available for perusal and to answer any (relevant) questions.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

The Parish Room Committee are looking at ways that we can improve and future-proof the building and enhance its appeal, whilst preserving its history. As well as basic repairs, we have in mind things like a new heating system, full insulation, modernisation of the kitchen, installation of wi-fi, safer storage of equipment, as well as "softer" aesthetics and lighting. To do any of this requires considerable fund-raising and to this end, we are exploring all grant-funding options. But we do need, above all, to have the views of the community – all of you who do, could or might use the Parish Room currently or in the future. What might encourage you to use it more? Knowing how everyone has enjoyed getting together lately socially for a chat, we thought we might tempt you to come to an "Open House" at the Parish Room for eats and drinks (provided by the Committee this time!) most likely Thursday 13th (to be confirmed in next newsletter)

Get in touch with thoughts and suggestions, or you know you cannot make that date but have some ideas to share, you can drop Jenny or Fran an e-mail:

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pandftownsend@gmail.com

THE NSPCC ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING for more volunteers in Cumbria to join the School's Service, providing workshops in our local primary schools to empower children to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe' The basic commitment we ask is two half days a month. For more information please visit <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers/vacancy/speak-out-stay-safe-volunteer-information-meeting-cumbria/6606/description/> or search NSPCC volunteering.



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