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MARCH INTO SPRING!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

A performing turkey (an escapee from Bernard Matthews?) opened the fifth Evening of Entertainment at Rusland, followed by that incomparable impresario, Giles Wingate- Saul, introducing the varied programme which this year, for the first time, included ballet! The Royal Ballet must have been missing the services of Hilary Swarbrick and John King that night, as they danced in costume, "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies."

The talented children of the valley performed with panache- recitations, songs, and musical instruments- the future of Rusland Entertainments looks assured; while the older generation delighted the large audience with, among other items, the "The Gardeners Hymn" to the tune of "All Things Bright and Beautiful", "Joyce the Librarian" and "The Runcorn Ferry". The versatile Joanna (on the piano) Henson performed and accompanied many of the items, including the community singing.

An excellent supper of bread, pate, cheese and wine was enjoyed in the interval and over £500 was raised to be divided between Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches. A huge thank you to Giles and everyone else who helped to make the evening such a resounding success.

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

Special thanks got to Geoffrey Kremer who brought his talk forward by a month so that, at the end of January, we could enjoy an extremely interesting evening when he recounted his visit to Afghanistan in 1986/7 while the country was still under Russian occupation. We also raised yet more money for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee. By the time you read this, we will have had a brief trip to New Zealand and then, at the end of March (27th), we look forward eagerly to hearing from Edward Collins who, having recovered from his recent spell in hospital, will talk to us about Northern India. Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you at 7.30 in the Rusland Reading Room, as always.

THE RUSLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW at RUSLAND READING ROOM

(IN AID OF RUSLAND READING ROOM FUNDS)
12 noon to 4.30pm Saturday 24th March
10am to 4.30pm Sunday 25th March

ADMISSION £1 (to include refreshments)
Bric a Brac Stall - Cake Stall - Plant Stall
Exhibitions by local craftspeople

To make the show a huge success, contributions to the stalls would be welcomed.

All entries to Gordon Wilkinson by Wednesday 21st March

SATTERTHWAITE AND RUSLAND SCHOOL SITE

The trustees would like to thank everyone who returned their housing survey forms to Cumbria Rural Housing Trust in November 2006. As a result, significant progress has recently been made in relation to the trustees' aim to provide affordable housing on the site.

SEEING STARS!

Congratulations to our Galloway sporting stars! Joshua Galloway has been selected for the Lancashire County Under 17s Rugby team. In a recent match he captained a Lancashire Schools side, which beat Northern England U16s 12 points to 5. Sister Lucy is in the Under 13s training squad for Cumbria County hockey team. Well done both.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Jon Woddy will hold the following classes in the Spring.

- (1) Introductory Class. - This will be a 5-hour workshop over one day (date to be arranged).
- (2) Advanced Class. - This will be spread over 6 two-hour sessions.

There are six places on each course. Computers will be provided. You will need your own digital camera. The courses are free being funded by RVCT.

For information contact: -The Administrator, RVCT
The Dower House, Whitestock, Rusland, Ulverston,
LA12 8LB (Tel 01229 860 300)

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At our meeting on the 22nd January there was lively public debate over the planning application for seasonal camping use of a field at Bowkerstead Farm. The council heard arguments for and against the proposal to open a field next to Grizedale Beck to family tents for the summer, as the tents do not fit in the assigned woodland pitches already approved. After consideration the council supported the application, given the proposed screen planting planned and the fact that uncontrolled camping could go ahead under the "28 day" rule – this being considered less desirable.

A two-storey extension and other alterations at Old Breasty Haw were also supported.

A number of comments were received from the public concerning contractor traffic connected with the Grizedale development. In discussion it was agreed that most activity is perfectly legal and to be expected, but parishioners who encounter any illegal or dangerous activity can contact the Grizedale Project Manager, Mark Street, or anyone on the Grizedale Consultative Committee chaired by Ron Mein. Our representative is Liz Cringle.

Next Meeting: Monday 26th March, 7.30pm

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND....

.... has a new committee- Paul Townsend (Chairman), Keith Leatherbarrow (Treasurer), Paul Brady (Secretary), Peter Brown (ex Officio). Early in March we will be putting a new lock on the tennis court.

Keys for the year (£25 – play as often as you like, or £5 per session) will be available as usual from Pepper House and the Eagle's Head. If you have a holiday cottage here, why not purchase a key for guest use, as an added attraction? With more pairs of hands to help, we plan to reinstate the barbeque this summer, so look out for the date in a future issue. Please support the tennis court and the barbeque if you can, as these are our only fund-raisers for playground maintenance and the ever-increasing costs of insurance and inspections.

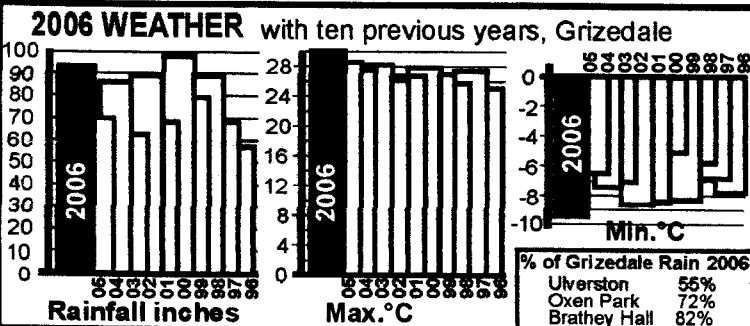
TANK UP (for sale)

Rusland Reading Room has a 300-gallon circular plastic oil tank in good condition suitable for domestic premises.

Offers to Gordon Wilkinson (01229 860 253)

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

From data provided by the Forestry Commission (read by Melanie Gard), the Environment Agency (Penrith) plus local contributors.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council Lengthsman has now been appointed. He is Mr Christopher Slater who starts work on Friday 15th February. He will work one day a week in Colton and one day a week in Hawkshead, doing a variety of jobs that the county or district councils either don't do, or do badly. A register is being compiled of small jobs which may need to be undertaken on a regular basis throughout the year and Penny Lovegrove (01229 861091), the administrator, would be pleased to hear from anyone who can identify such a job in their area. For one-off jobs your local councillor is your first point of contact, who will then pass the request on to the administrator to prioritise. Contact details on the Parish Council newsletter and on the website coltonparishcouncil.org.uk.

At the meeting on Monday 12th February the council was presented with the Quality Parish Certificate by Winston Collinge, Chair of Cumbria Association of Local Councils. He congratulated the parish council on their achievement. Ron Mein, chair of the parish council, thanked all the people of the parish for their support in making Colton a Quality Parish in which to live, not just a Quality Parish Council.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 19 March at Colton Church Room, 7.30 pm. and is the Annual Open meeting for any member of the parish to have their say.

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

The scheduled speaker was unable to be with us at our meeting on 16th January, due to illness, but Mr Ron Mein of Bouth nobly stood in at short notice with a very interesting history of his home village from the days of pack –horse routes to the present day.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March in Satterthwaite Parish Room. The speaker will be Janice Langmire, her topic " Hats to suit everyone". Please bring a mirror. This sounds like fun and we look forward to seeing you all then. The competition is, you've guessed- A Hat!

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Congratulations to Russell Peet who will represent the North West at a 'Community Champions' award gathering in Liverpool on 1 March.

It was a successful Book & Film event at the Coro when Katherine Baxter gave a lively talk about Henry James' *The Turn Of the Screw* and the *Innocents*.

Forthcoming films: at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 6 March, Rusland - *The Wind That Shakes The Barley*. Tuesday 3 April, Bouth - *L'enfant*. At 4.00pm, Saturday 17 March, Colton, *Lassie* - To book Tel: 0122986150

Church News

Dear Friends

After church last Sunday, which was the first Sunday in Lent, somebody talked to me about the Church of England 'Lent Lite' campaign, something which had somehow passed me by. According to The Times online, a Church of England spokesman has 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 kickstarting a very positive take on the season." The debate this has sparked is interesting. Some people are all in favour, rightly pointing out that our faith is one of joy, celebration and hope. Others have been 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 Dixon, The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394 36301

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
4 th March	10.30 Family Worship	5pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
11 th March	10.30 Benefice Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
18 th March	9.30 Mothering Sunday H.C.	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
25 th March	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service
Sunday	Hawkshead		Sawrey
4 th March	8am Holy Communion 1662	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion CW
11 th March	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		11.15 Matins
18 th March	9.45 Service For All Ages		11.15 Holy Communion 1662
25 th March	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		6pm Evensong

N.B. In addition to the above, there is an Evensong Service at 6pm at Hawkshead Church each Sunday except on the fourth Sunday of the month (when Evensong is held at Sawrey) and, normally, a weekday Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesdays at 10am

PEOPLE FLOCK TO GOOD SHEPHERD'S PIE

The evening of Tuesday 20th February saw a buzz of activity at Satterthwaite Parish Room. Young and less young from Hawkshead, Sawrey, Rusland and Satterthwaite gathered for the annual Shrove Tuesday Party. The room was packed. The main course, excellent shepherd's pie, was followed by a mouth-watering array of sweets. Then it was eyes down for a game of beetle. The winner was Sue Benham (Rusland) who won a play-off. The name of the winner of the booby prize, a bottle of pancake mix, is withheld to save embarrassment. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all who contributed especially those who provided the wonderful food.

HAWKSHEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is now an active Sunday School in Hawkshead, at Sunday morning services on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of each month at 9.45am. On the 3rd Sunday, there is a Family Service, at 9.45am. All children from the age of 0 upwards are welcome. For more information, contact Judith Dixon (or the Vicar), 015394 36301, or Ruth Barr, 015394 36029

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

This Spring every Parish church is required to prepare a new Electoral Roll, which happens every sixth year. In other years the Roll is merely revised. Everybody who wishes to be entered on the new Roll for either Rusland or Satterthwaite- including those who are on the existing Roll- should apply for enrolment by completing an application form, which can be obtained from any member of the P.C.C. of each Church. Completed forms should be returned as soon as possible, and at the latest by 27th March, by handing the form to any member of the appropriate P.C.C. or by post to the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer; for Rusland Church, Mrs Gillie Dobson, Ash Slack, Ickenthaite, Rusland, LA12 8LD; for Satterthwaite Church, Miss Jennifer Threlkeld, Satterthwaite Farm, Satterthwaite, LA12 8LS

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP- ST MARY'S HOSPICE

An Illustrated Talk on the Crake Valley by Mr Walter Johnston, Followed by Afternoon Tea At The Whitewater Hotel, Backbarrow on Sunday 25th March at 3pm. Raffle and Cake Stall.
 Tickets £4.50 from: Sylvia Chadwick-015395 31685; Marian Wilson,-015395 31779; Eileen Wilkinson-015395 31040

DIARY DATES

March Sat. 3 rd	Malcolm Wilson Car Rally- Grizedale Forest –All tracks on West side closed to public.
Tues. 6 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Wind That Shakes The Barley</i> – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm
Sat. 19 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Lassie</i> – Colton Church Room – 4pm
Mon. 19 th	Colton Parish Council – Annual Open Meeting – Colton Church Room – 7.30pm
Tues. 20 th	Mothers' Union-Bouth Village Hall – 2pm
	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Low Furness and Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
Sat/Sun 24 th /25 th	Spring Show- Rusland Reading Rooms- (see article on front page for times)
Mon. 26 th	Satterthwaite Parish council – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
Tues 27 th	Rusland Globetrotters- Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
Sat. 31 st	Grizedale Trail Race –From Moor Top Car Park (which will be closed) – 2pm
April Tues 3 rd	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>L'Enfant</i> – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- We wish Annie Oldham all good wishes as she continues to battle against illness and visits hospital more often than she would wish.
- All the best to Manor host, Terry McCready who, at the time of writing, is also recuperating in hospital. We want to see you pulling those pints again as soon as possible!

Last date for items for April Newsletter is March 27th... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: liggerc@hotmail.com, Colin Barr- Oxen Park Tel: 01229 861408, email: cjb@barrecol.co.uk, Elsie Wilkinson- Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253, Frances Townsend- Pepper House Tel: 01229 860206, frances.townsend@virgin.net, Sylvia Chadwick- Monks Cottage Tel: 015395 31685

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