RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE

NEWSLETTER

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SPRING IN OUR STEPS?

POST OFFICE CLOSURES-HAWKSHEAD AND GREENODD

There is to be a series of local consultations about Post Office closures, based on parliamentary constituencies. Westmorland and Lonsdale is to have their Consultation in March 2008. Therefore time is of the essence.

EVERYONE is urged to write letters as soon as possible to: -

1) FREEPOST POSTWATCH, or telephone them on 08456 013265

2) Mr Alan Cook, Chief Executive, Post Office Ltd., 80-88,Old Street, London EC1V 9NN

3) Rt. Hon John Hutton M.P., Secretary of State, Dept. of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,1, Victoria St., London, SW1H 0ET

4) Tim Farron M.P.,The Cottage, Yard 2, Stricklandgate, Kendal, LA9 4ND

There are also petitions you may sign in Hawkshead and Greenodd Post Offices.

The more letters we write – they only need to be short and to the point – the more fuss we make, the more "they", are likely to listen to us.

We must not take this threat to our rural way of life, lying down. We must fight to retain our few remaining services.

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP, ST MARY'S HOSPICE PRESENT

"THE LAKELAND ALPHABET"

AN AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION BY MR MAURICE STEELE

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

AT THE WHITE WATER HOTEL, BACKBARROW ON SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2008

DOORS OPEN 2.30PM.TALK COMMENCES 3PM

RAFFLE - CAKE STALL

TICKETS £4.50 FROM; SYLVIA CHADWICK - 015395 31685, MARIAN WILSON - 015395 31779, EILEEN WILKINSON – 015395 31040

THE RUSLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW AT RUSLAND READING ROOMS

(IN AID OF RUSLAND READING ROOMS' FUNDS)

12 noon to 4.30pm Saturday 15th March

10am to 4.30pm Sunday 16th March

Admission £2 (to include refreshments)

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 Wed 12th March

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

Carol McNeill's talk about taking young people on 'proper' adventures in high places was well received (and on her birthday too - cake provided!).

We raised another £37 for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

On 25th March, Anne Robinson will give an illustrated talk about Sri Lanka. Usual time and place (7.30, Rusland Reading Room).

We are still looking for an organiser for next season's programme - please contact Giles Wingate Saul or Colin Barr if interested.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FOREST

Saturday 1st March is the date for this year's Malcolm Wilson Car Rally, so all the tracks on the West side of the Forest will be closed that day.

Sunday 9th March – small-scale Mountain Bike Orienteering event – starting and finishing at the Visitor Centre, with controls throughout the Forest – approx 200 competitors.

Saturday 15th March – Grizedale Trail Race – this annual event is a ten–mile run on forest roads starting and finishing at Moor top – approx 200 – 300 competitors.

There will be a limited events programme at the Centre this year, due to the redevelopment – when we hear of any events, we will publish them.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By now Colton residents should have received the Parish Council Winter 07/08 Newsletter and accompanying short questionnaire asking for views on priority issues. Many thanks to those who have already responded – keep them coming in! You can also access the newsletter and download the questionnaire from the website (details below).

In May, Colton Parish Council will be holding elections and we are aware that some Councillors may not be standing for re-election. If you are over 18 and would like to play your part in the local community, you might like to think about becoming a Councillor. Contact the Clerk for details.

The public consultation period for post-office closures in Cumbria begins on 18th March. To support your local post-office, add your name to MP Tim Farron's petition, send a letter of support to his office, and/or write to the Post Office directly (see newsletter or website for details).

We are awaiting a decision on the continuation of the popular Lengthsman Scheme – watch this space.

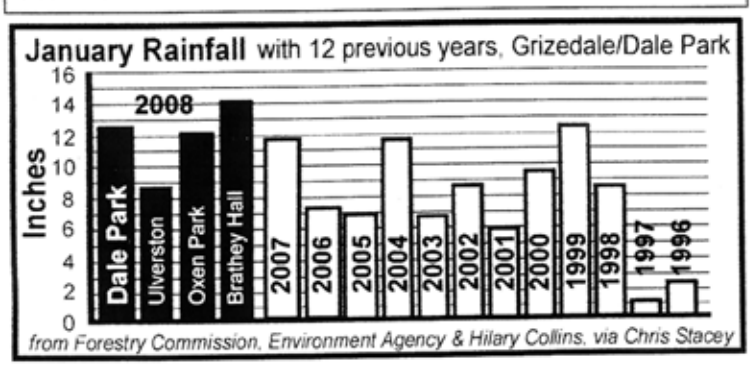
The next meeting is a Parish Open Meeting on Thursday 27th March at Rusland Reading Room.

Clerk: Mandy Lane –

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on 21st January. In addition to the usual financial reports, payments and standard housekeeping issues the council discussed the forthcoming May 2008 elections. A number of council positions will become vacant and all interested persons in the parish are urged to contact the clerk with a view to obtaining the necessary application forms nearer the time. In addition the council is also pursuing candidates for the position of Parish Clerk including the possibility of sharing the Colton Clerk. The chairman and other councillors will be following this up but if there are other candidates please contact Sue Tiplady.

Discussion also took place on the question of car parking – a perennial problem exacerbated in some hotspots by the demands of holiday cottages. Some of these spots are remote to the centre of Satterthwaite so there is clearly no single solution but the council undertook to investigate again what options might exist in the village and it was resolved to contact the planning dept for some professional advice.



SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND AND TENNIS COURT.

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?

We hope to hold the barbeque in the 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.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

Our Book & Film event at the 'Coro' in conjunction with the Wordmarket Festival attracted over 70 people and on this basis it looks as though it might become an annual event. Let us know if you think of a good book/film link.

The Leven Valley School Film Club has started again – watch out for the results of these young film-makers.

The Rusland Show "2 minute film classes" (for all ages) 2008 will be entitled '*Friends*', more details from Carol.

Showing on Tuesday 4 March, 7.30pm. Finsthwaite Village Hall – '*Amazing Grace*' together with Tim Fleming's innovative work, '*Slavelabel*'

Two dates for your April diary are:

8th April - '*The Prestige*'- at Rusland –Last film of the season.

26th April - Fish and Chip Quiz Night, 7.30 at Rusland -

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

Members travelled on a wet and windy January evening to Satterthwaite Parish Room for the first meeting of the New Year. In retrospect it was felt that the Carol Evening was a great success and the final total donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, was £475.

The speaker for the evening was the Reverend Joanna Henson who gave a lively talk accompanied by spectacular photographs of Orkney. Joanna held us all in the thrall of these beautiful islands, which are so full of wildlife and history from ancient times to the present day. We can feel a "further than usual" WI outing coming on!

Despite sub-zero temperatures, a goodly number of members gathered at Rusland Reading Rooms for the February meeting, to hear Frances Jarvis of Cartmel ,descibe her cruise by river, lake and canal to St Petersburg. Frances illustrated her talk with interesting photographs and judged an amazing selection of Russian artefacts entered in the competition.

A report on "the Pudding Club" evening will appear in the April News.

The next meeting will take place on Tues 18th March in Satterthwaite Parish Room, when Mrs A Sandys will speak on her "Life at Graythwaite". This to be an open meeting and everyone is welcome.

In April members are looking forward to the Group meeting and entering a team in the Reading Aloud Competition. We enjoy many and varied activities in the WI – why not come and join us?

Church News

Dear Friends

A NEW SERVICE AT SATTERTHWAITE CHURCH

Easter is a time to think about change and new-birth. Our Easter faith in a Christ who overcomes the confines of death will always be of primary importance for Christians. But the way that faith is communicated and expressed changes with passing generations.

The church council at Satterthwaite Church has decided that it is time to try something just a little bit different. Instead of the monthly matins service, there will now be a new service, which we are calling A Service for All Ages. It will take place on the third Sunday of every month at 9.45am, and we shall be trying it for a year to see how it goes. The idea is that it will be slightly less formal than what has gone before, although the dignity of our worship will be maintained. It will also be a bit shorter, with services lasting about 40 minutes- so plenty of time to do other things on that day!

Why not come along and see what we do? There will be plenty of chat afterwards if you are able to stay for a cup of tea or coffee. The first one will be Sunday 20th April at 9.45am. It would be great to see you there.

John

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

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
2nd March	10.30 Morning Worship	5pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
9th	10.30 Benefice Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
16th	9.30 Communion	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
21st	10.30 Good Friday Service		10.30 Good Friday Service
22nd		8pm Service of Light	
23rd	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion
30th	No Service	10.00 Joint Benefice Service	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead			Sawrey
2nd March	8.00 Holy Communion 1662	9.30	Service for All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion, CW
9th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School			11.15 Matins
16th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday school			11.15Holy Communion 1662
20th (Maundy Thursday)				7pm Holy Communion
21st	10.00 *Children's Service*	2pm	*Good Friday Liturgy*	
23rd	8am Holy Communion 1662	9.30	Holy Communion	11.i5 Holy Communion
30th	Joint Benefice Service at Rusland			

In addition, there is an Evensong Service at 6 pm at Hawkshead Church each Sunday except on the fourth Sunday of the month.

On Wednesdays, at 10 am there is Holy Communion.

The Vicar will be pleased to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communions to the sick and housebound.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service this year will be held at St Anne's, Haverthwaite at 2pm on Friday 7th March. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

WHAT A SPLASH!

A magnificent effort by Susan King brought to life a sponsored swim, in aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches on 5th December 2007 at Cascades Health Club, Whitewater, Backbarrow. Swimmers from six to eighty-one years of age and from as far afield as Barrow ploughed up and down in relays, for 12 hours, achieving the incredible total of over 1800 lengths. The final swimmer of the day was the Reverend John Dixon, who powered through the pool and whose final touch ended a wonderful day. Many thanks are due to Susan for all her hard work, to the swimmers who took part, to all the sponsors who supported them and to Cascades Health Club for their enthusiastic support. Sponsors' money keeps coming in and by mid-January it exceeded £1,000.00.

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES

"A TASTE OF FRANCE"

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 7.00pm Rusland Reading Rooms

French Food - French Wine - French Music

A Talk on Life in France

Wine and soft drinks on sale

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

Tickets on sale from mid March from: - Nigel Buckley, Sue Brooke, Elsie Wilkinson, Giles Wingate-Saul, Susan King.

DIARY DATES

March	Tues 4th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – *Amazing* Grace – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Wed. 7th	Womens' World Day of Prayer – St Anne's , Haverthwaite – 2pm
	Mon 10th	Satterthwaite Parish Room Committee Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues 11th	Mothers' Union – Rusland Reading Rooms – 2pm
		Satterthwaite Parish Council Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Sat. 15th	Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms- 12noon to 4.30pm
	Sun. 16th	Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms – 10am – 4.30pm
	Tues 18th	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues 25th	Rusland Globetrotters- *Sri Lanka* – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Thurs 27th	Colton Parish Open Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Mon 31st	WI Reading Aloud Competition – Greenodd Village hall – 7.30pm
April	Tues 1st	WI Group Meeting – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Sun 6th	Leven Valley Support Group, St Mary's Hospice – *The Lakeland Alphabet* –Whitewater Hotel –3pm
	Tues 8th	Oxen Park Cinema Club –*The Prestige* – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat 19th	Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches – *A Taste of France* - Rusland Reading Rooms – 7pm
	Sat 26th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – Fish and Chip Quiz Night – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm

PERSONAL

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

- **We are sad to report that Alison Hambrey died on 18th February. She was the widow of the Revd Fred Hambrey, Vicar of Colton with Satterthwaite and Rusland 1971 – 1984.**

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