

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE  
NEWSLETTER

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**181<sup>ST</sup> EDITION**

*There is no sponsor this month*

**LOTTERY FUND UPDATE.**

After much blood, sweat and tears, the Rusland Valley & Fell Heritage Project bid has now been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Under the slogan 'Along The Greenwood Trail', the £2M project hopes to build on our rich woodland and farming heritage to bring additional employment into the area, keep alive traditional skills and knowledge, and enhance and protect our unique landscape and historical sites. If successful, we will carry out a range of activities including: creating a Heritage Skills Centre (to include apprenticeships) and a modest Interpretation Centre; create a Greenwood Trail; manage more woodland in the traditional way (including coppice); lease woodland to be run by the local community; create an archive of oral/aural histories, films, maps and place-names; increase species and habitat diversity; improve (and increase the use of) Halls, Churches & Pubs as community hubs where appropriate; and encourage the use of sustainable energy and alternative technologies. The outcome of the bid will not be known until much later in the year but, meanwhile, big thanks are due to members of the Steering Group for all their hard work, to the National Park for their leadership and facilities, to our consultant, Brendan Quayle, who, funded by the Rural Development Programme for England, has pulled the whole thing together and to the large number of local organisations who provided support. Fingers crossed!

**A RIGHT ROYAL CELEBRATION**

There will be a day of fun and frivolities at Oxen Park on April 29th! Does the date sound familiar? The fun begins after THE Wedding. There will be a Tombola, Raffle, Mr & Mrs Competition and MORE!

We would be very grateful for any Raffle and Tombola prizes, which should be given to Margaret Postlethwaite.

All proceeds are going to the refurbishment of our Reading Room

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS?**

New tennis court keys for the year will be available, soon, 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?

**You are invited to  
A SPRING LAMB GAMBOL!**

Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Rusland Reading Rooms

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**THE RUSLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
SPRING SHOW AT RUSLAND READING ROOM**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon to 4.30pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am to 4pm

Admission £2 (to include refreshments)

Cake Stall – Plant Stall – Books – Raffle

Exhibitions by Local Craftspeople

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

*For schedules and entries contact Gordon Wilkinson - 860253*

**THE SATTERTHWAITE GRAND PRIX**

Get ready racers, the Annual Satterthwaite Scalextric Challenge will take place at the Eagle's Head on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Racing commences at 8pm. Book your slot now! Telephone Rob on 860237.

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Fashion show begins at 7.30pm

Raffle

Tickets £7 including refreshments, from: - Two by Two, D.Crabtree, 015395 30132, S.Chadwick, 015395 31685, M.Wilson 015395 31779.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RENT IN SATTERTHWAITE

Eden Housing Association will soon have housing available for rent at The Old School, Satterthwaite. The development, which will be ready for occupation in April 2011, consists of 4 new build houses (2 x 4 bed and 2 x 3 bed) and the conversion of the Old School which will provide 2 x 2 bed, single storey houses. The scheme is subject to a S106 Agreement (Local Occupancy) therefore all applicants must have a Local Housing Need in "The Immediate Locality". This is described in the Agreement as being Satterthwaite Parish and the parishes of Blawith and Subberthwaite, Claife, Colton, Coniston, Hawkshead and Torver. Please contact the Housing Team on 01768 861470 for an application form.

### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Sale of Public Forests - Government U-turn: Public pressure seems to have won the day with the government's U-turn on their proposed sale Forestry Commission woodland. See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/forests/index.htm> (click on the press release for their explanation). The example of the locked gates at Rigg Wood in Colton Parish (which became national news) served to illustrate what could happen to forests sold into private hands. Nor did the Defra consultation paper offer any reassurances about safeguarding public access and ecological protection; your Council remained concerned about the future of other FC woodlands in Colton Parish (e.g. at Bessy Bank, Bouth and Rusland). The government intend to establish an independent Panel to consider forestry policy in England; we will keep an eye on developments. The National Park has decided to go ahead with the installation of a pay-and-display machine at High Dam car park. We have asked that they liaise with Highways on the control of roadside parking, consider reduced charges for local people, review the effects of the new system, increase investment in the High Dam area and properly police the by-laws.

The County's new 'Better Highways' scheme has meant the withdrawal of our local Highway Steward for fixing potholes and flooding problems. We are awaiting further information, but for the time being, the more people who report defects through the Highways Hotline: 0845 609 6609, the better!

Our next meeting is the Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at Rusland Reading Room.

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The last Tuesday night film of the season, on 1st March, is *Goodbye Lenin* at Finsthwaite Village Hall.

On Wednesday 30th March (NOT 24th as advertised in the programme) the last children's film of the season is *DESPICABLE ME* - it's a silly name but a good animation and the Leven Valley venue has proved really popular with child care offered and a snack all for £1.50. It starts at 4pm.

Our very last film is a Saturday Supper Special on 2nd April. The *Asgard Project* was a Kendal festival winner in 2009. Chris Rabone (ex John Ruskin School and local resident) was one of the support team and will be coming to introduce the film and answer questions. Don't forget to book your seats for this. (861507)

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January meeting the budget for the financial year 2011/12 was agreed and the precept will remain unchanged from the current year.

The County Council has agreed to provide several new grit bins which should enable us to improve the provision of grit in Dale Park and Cunsey. The new bins are yellow and consequently can't be missed!

The Council also discussed reports from residents about the inappropriate use of grit by some residents. It is important that residents use the grit from the bins only for public highways and pavements. The use of the grit for private driveways is illegal. There have been several prosecutions elsewhere in the county for such illegal use. It would also be appreciated that if residents use the last of the grit in a bin that they contact the phone number, which is located on the bin, to arrange for a fresh delivery. Date of next meeting, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at Graythwaite.

### CHANGES TO HOUSING BENEFIT

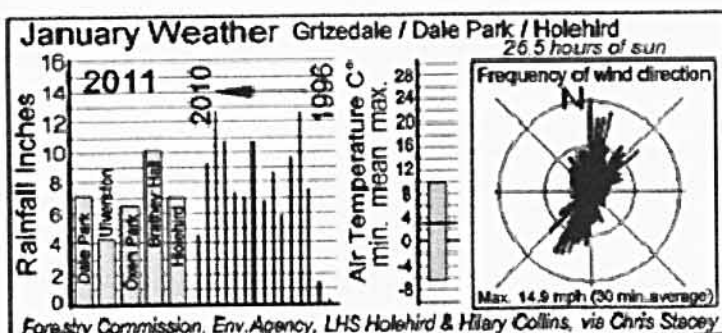
Big changes to housing benefits start to come into effect from April 2011. If you are getting Housing Benefit (social housing tenants) or Local Housing Allowance (private rented tenants) then you need to know what is happening. If you are a Private Landlord, then the amount of rent you charge may become too expensive for some people to pay but there are things you can do to help your tenants.

Almost everyone will be affected. New claimants, including people that already claim but are moving house, will be subject to the new rules from April. Existing claimants will be affected from their 'annual review date' and there will be a 9-month transition period for most aspects of the benefit. So if you are planning on moving house, you may want to get advice before you sign a new tenancy agreement.

More changes are due in October, when the Local Housing Allowance benefit will be reduced, on average by £12 per week. You can check out more detail on the changes and timings online at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) (put Local Housing Allowance in the search box).

The CAB is very worried about all these changes which could lead to more debt and homelessness in our area. Across the country we are collecting evidence of people who are struggling to pay their rent because of the changes in housing benefit. Do let us know your story so we can add it to the national picture and lobby Government for change.

Windermere Citizens Advice Bureau - 015394 46464.



## CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

*During the last few weeks in church, the readings set for us have taken us through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Oh dear, what an impossible set of instructions we are given, with Jesus demanding that we go to the spirit of things behind the law, search our hearts, examine our motivation, learn to do the right thing for the right reason. He asks us to turn the other cheek, go the second mile, give our coat and even the shirt off our back. He wants us to show mercy; to forgive our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us.*

*The instinctive response to this is to say that we can't do that, it is against human nature. That phrase, 'human nature', is usually used negatively- such and such an idea is far too idealistic to work, it is against human nature.*

*But we can remind ourselves that the Bible and our Christian tradition actually have very high regard for human nature. It insists that we are created in the image of God, that at the deep roots of our being there is something very God-like about us.*

*Apparently we are not being asked the impossible, after all. We are not being asked to flap our arms and fly or to breathe under water without special equipment. We are simply being asked to be our true selves. We fail dismally all the time, but this is not because we are being asked to be unnatural. It is because, for whatever reason, we find it difficult to be that true to our nature.*

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394 36301. [jjcedixon@btinternet.com](mailto:jjcedixon@btinternet.com)

Sunday	Colton		Rusland		Satterthwaite	
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Worship	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Benefice Communion, Lowick.	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Communion	11.15	Holy Communion		

Sunday	Hawkshead		Sawrey			
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Holy Communion, 1662	6pm	Healing Service	11.15	Holy Communion
	9.30	Service for All Ages		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel		
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Matins
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	6pm	Evensong

### COLTON AND LEVEN VALLEY MOTHERS UNION

During February an Exhibition was held in Cartmel Priory to celebrate Marriage and to emphasise the importance of marriage to family life. We were invited to contribute our wedding memorabilia and many brought photographs, but the star exhibit was the Wedding Dress of Charlotte Sharphouse, who married in Colton last year.

At our normal meeting we were privileged to hear an inspiring talk by the Revd. Chris Jenkins about his journey with his wife, to Uganda, to visit the Kasese Street Kids. They had managed to raise £2,700, in and around Orton, for a centre for these abandoned and frightened children.

The Lady Day Service will be held at Cartmel Priory, 25 March, 2:30pm.

### PRAYING TOGETHER ACROSS THE CONTINENTS

The annual service for the Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at Sawrey Church on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The service this year is entitled "How many Loaves Have You?", and has been planned by the women of Chile.

Refreshments will follow the service.

A warm welcome is extended to all. Parking is available alongside the field on the right, just before you reach the Church. There are also parking spaces at Braithwaite Hall.

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM NEWS

Some new books have arrived on the bookshelves – various subjects – do have a look. All donations for these books go to the upkeep of the Parish Room (in the box please!).

Further to the report in the January/February edition, the January Quiz Night raised £192 for funds.

### RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

At the February meeting, Eileen Belshaw, S.R.N., S.C.M. spoke about her years of training to be a nurse and then a midwife. Members were amused and enthralled with her account. Names were taken for the lunch at Clarence House, Dalton on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and it was decided that Members' Night in May should follow a "wedding" theme, and that we should produce a hand made card to send to Prince William and his bride on the occasion of their marriage on 29<sup>th</sup> April. It was further decided to send a letter in support of the Rusland Valley and Fells Heritage Project Lottery Bid. A W.I. Group Meeting will take place at Greenodd on 14<sup>th</sup> April, Rusland & District being responsible for the Vote of Thanks. The March meeting will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Room on the 15<sup>th</sup> March when Paul Swann will speak about his micro brewery. Everyone will be welcome.

**DIARY DATES.**

March	Tues	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Goodbye Lenin</i> – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's World Day of Prayer – Sawrey Church – 2pm
	Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm Wilson Rally- Grizedale
	Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Benefice Shrove Tuesday Supper – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm Satterthwaite Scalextric Challenge – Eagles Head, Satterthwaite – 8pm
	Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>A Spring Gambol</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7pm
	Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Union Lady Day Service – Cartmel Priory – 2.30pm
	Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Parish Council – Annual Parish Open Meeting and Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
April	Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Despicable Me</i> – Leven Valley School – 4pm
	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Asgard Project</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Hospice – Best of British Fashion Show – Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum- from 6pm
	Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	RVHS Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12noon to 4.30pm
	Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	RVHS Spring Show – Rusland Reading Rooms - 10.30am to 4pm
	Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Satterthwaite Parish Council – Graythwaite – 7.30pm

**PERSONAL**

**THE SAMARITANS**

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

- Best wishes to Josie Casson who is currently in hospital.

Last date for items for April edition, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Send to: Liz Cringle Tel – 01229 860274, email; 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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