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ONE SWALLOW.....

-does not make a summer, but John Walton saw two at Roger Ridding on 9th April and so it's official. Summer is here at last! As you will read in this issue there are lots of things to look forward to, but gardens will be the priority for many of you and the first two items may tempt some new gardeners. In any event I hope you enjoy the months ahead!

THE GARDENING CLUB

We run an active gardening club, with membership of approximately 35 drawn from across Leven Valley, and are now in our sixth season. Our annual programme is a mixture of private garden visits and guest speakers. These are always lively and focus on very local issues! We also run a bulk buying scheme for composts and fertilisers etc.

We know that there are many enthusiastic gardeners in the Rusland Valley and, if you are interested, we can assure you of a warm welcome. We normally meet on the evening of the third Thursday of the month between April and October and our current membership fee is £5.

If you would like to know more please contact Chris Potts on 015395 31735 or christopher.potts@virgin.net

RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Spring Garden Competition is to be judged on Friday 19th May, if you are interested in entering your garden please ring Margaret Dryden on 01229 861432

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND – 2006 BARBECUE

A date for your diaries – this year's playground BBQ is on Saturday 15th July. Come one, come all and join in the fun. Spread the word.

The playground committee is still short of two volunteers to help run the playground through the year. This is not onerous, but help is needed if the playground is to continue. Roll up and volunteer to Paul Townsend – 860206. It only takes a phone call.

THE DOWNSIDE OF RURAL LIFE

The Morecambe Bay NHS Trust find they have overspent by £6.5 million and their website outlines some economies being considered at Westmorland General Hospital. These include closure of the Coronary Care Unit and the Stroke Unit, amongst other changes. The Trust's idea is that these facilities are adequately provided at Lancaster or Furness and anyway patients from our area can be transferred back to WGH after a couple of days when they are stable.

Only two years ago WGH opened an extra cardiac facility to do angiograms and fit heart pacemakers – the only one in the Bay area. The changes now outlined are strangely silent as to whether this facility will also be moved? Or will patients just have to take the risk that they can be taken quickly enough to Furness or Lancaster, should a heart attack be induced by such procedures, when there is no longer a Coronary Care Unit to back it up?

These ideas seem to commit already vulnerable people in rural areas to being treated like a commodity, to be moved yet further round the countryside in pursuit of economies of scale? Is that fair? Is it safe?

There is also the cost of extra car journeys that such changes incur for patients and stressed relatives commuting to other hospitals with the inherent risk of road accidents involved. Depending on your assumptions, the back of my envelope shows between 300,000 and 700,000 extra car miles per year producing 100 to 250 extra tons of carbon dioxide.

The Trust has invited public comment on their proposals. There is still time – if you're quick.

Website at www.uhmb.nhs.uk/downloads/review

By post to: - Morecambe Bay Hospital Trust,
FREEPOST,
NAT 13265,
Lancaster LA1 4BR

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI

In April we met at Rusland Reading Room. Andrew Wilson came to talk to us about Kendal Mint Cake, and the other confectionary products from the Wilson factory – everything from cans of chocolate worms to absolutely scrumptious chocolate gingers! Summer activities were discussed, starting in May with a visit to the old gunpowder works at Haverthwaite, with Ron Mein on the evening of the 24th, followed by an afternoon walk on 7th June, ending with afternoon tea at Rothay Manor, Ambleside at 3.30pm. The annual Safari Supper will be on the 24th June and a trip to Levens Hall Gardens – open to husbands, friends, etc.- is planned for 6th July. Members will be busy at Rusland Show in August and a theatre trip to Keswick is in the making for September.

A busy summer lies ahead. Watch this space for reminders/confirmation of all these dates. Come and join us. We welcome new members.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

"Your community film society"

Our last film night of the season will be at 8.00pm on Tuesday 2 May at Rusland. This is a 'Shorts' evening with a variety of short films between 20 seconds and 20 minutes. We provide the drinks and hope it will be a very social evening to celebrate a successful year of film watching.

We will be at The Rusland Horticultural Show this year with a stand showing the entries to the new film making class for under 16's. If you are interested in the film making contact Carol McNeill for an entry form, guidelines and 'how to do it' workshops. Having your own camcorder and editing software is useful but not essential. Phone Carol on 861 507

The OPCC AGM is to be on Tuesday 22 August. Make a note in your diary now.

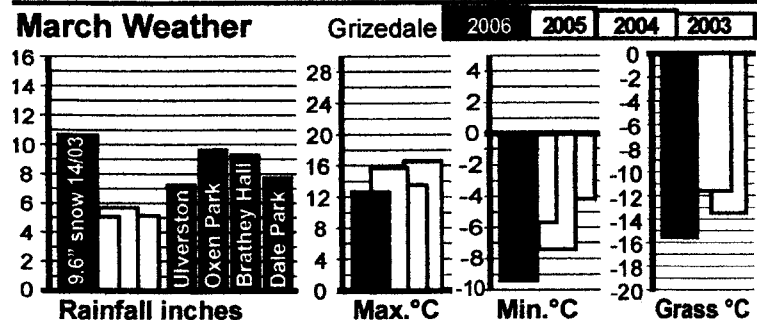
If you are passing through Oxen Park keep an eye on the progress of The Carhouse Community Cinema opposite The Manor House.

SATTERTHWAITE TENNIS COURT KEYS

Don't forget to come and buy your key - £25 for the year, play as often as you want, or £5.00 for occasional games. Keys are now available at the Eagle's Head (860237) and at Pepper House (860206).

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Our meeting on 3rd April was relatively quiet. We are still keeping a close eye on happenings at Stricely and have replies from Highways and LDNPA that show they are on the case. We have had some helpful responses from owners of holiday cottages in respect of wheelie bins and hopefully bins will be kept tidily where possible. I am hearing that the two weekly collection of household waste is not ideal (not only in this parish) and this is something for us to debate in the near future. Following an informal survey in the parish, the council received a letter seeking its support in taking action against the Grizedale Project. As approval has already been granted for this project and in view of the council's status in that process, the council found that the only possible action was to forward the letter to the LDNPA without support and validation. It is worth mentioning here that a member of the parish has reported three members of the council to the Standards Board over our failure, immediately to declare a prejudicial interest in the project, when it was up for planning approval. This process could take months (or years) and will make it impossible for us to discuss this project until a decision is reached. Our next meeting, which is the Annual Parish Meeting, will be Monday 15th May at 7.30

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Having received a number of complaints from residents the council has written to the Lake District National Park and Tim Farron MP expressing its concern about the damage off-road vehicles are doing to our ancient paths and bridleways. Tim Farron supports our concerns and has held meetings with the Chief Superintendent of Police and the LDNPA to demand effective local policing in these areas. New legislation, The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, will make it easier to put Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on unsealed roads. A letter to the council from David Robinson (Trails Advisor for LDNPA) on this can be found on our website at coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Responding to a suggestion from a resident, the Parish Council has written to Cumbria County Council to ask if the money raised from council tax on second homes and holiday lets (which has been raised from 45% to 95%) be paid directly to the parish councils in which those second homes exist. This money could then be used to help young people to live and work locally, so encouraging them to stay in the rural areas to make our communities vibrant and sustainable. In the Colton Parish about 25% of houses are second homes or holiday lets. I will report on the response to this in the next newsletter. The next parish council meeting is on 15th May at the Bouth Village Hall at 7.30pm

ORIENTEERING AGAIN! -MONDAY 7TH AUGUST. Parking will be in Dale Park (remember Easter 2004?). There is always entry on the day for families who would like to try the sport.

News from Keswick

Dear All,

Firstly very many thanks to everyone who contributed to my gift, which was presented to me at my last service. I was both astounded and humbled by the amount given. I haven't yet spent the money. I want to buy something that I can keep and treasure. I had in mind an oboe and a pet rat, but Julia will not allow the latter, so it might be just an oboe, which I have always wanted to learn. Then again, if I'm as busy as I am at present, then its unlikely I will have the time. Thank you to everyone who attended my last service at Hawkshead, it was an amazing turn out, also to the 'away supporters' who came in great numbers to Keswick.

I feel the loss of many things, especially Hawkshead church and Satterthwaite and Rusland school. The mountains are nearer but I miss running in Grizedale Forest and on Claife. We have five nuns as our next-door neighbours, who live in the real vicarage. They are all very sweet and one helps me a bit in the parish. The eldest is an "eco-nun", which pleases Julia and the youngest is a "computer whiz" nun. Everything is quite strange at present. The house is nice when inside but looks like a Swiss chalet gone wrong from outside. Our bedroom looks right on to Skiddaw. It's warm, a sensation we had forgotten! I managed to get all my books on the new Shelves, apart from some, which I gave to Oxfam. The previous vicar was noted for his efficiency and for running a "tight ship". The new vicar lost his notices on his first Sunday and wandered down the wrong aisle. I have six PCC's (church council meetings) a year and six services a week. The music & worship is of a high standard.

Tonight I am in a race around Keswick. I saw a Hawkshead parishioner at Brunton Park on Saturday. By the time you read this, Carlisle will have been promoted!

Keep in touch,

Love and Prayers, Stephen.

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
7 th May	10.30 Family Service	6pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
14 th May	10.30 Benefice Communion (Lowick)	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
21 st May	9.30 Extended communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion (Arch Deacon's Visit)
28 th May	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Low Wray	Sawrey
7 th May	8.00 Holy Communion(1662)	9.45 Holy Communion CW	11.15 Holy Communion CW
14 th May	9.45 Holy Communion C.W.		11.15 Matins
21 st May	9.45 Matins		11.15 Holy Communion 1662
28 th May	9.45 Holy Communion		6pm Evensong

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

FRED HAMBREY

We are very sad to report the death of Fred Hambrey, who was Vicar of Colton and Satterthwaite for 15 years. He will be remembered by those who knew him, for his humility, kindness and concern for his parishioners. He and Alison, his wife, started the Christian Aid Lunches, at first known as a "DIY Frugal Lunch", and held at Satterthwaite.

Our sympathy and prayers go to his family in their sadness.

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE EAGLE'S

In aid of Satterthwaite Church

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY AT 7.45PM

£7.50 per head to include Supper.

RAFFLE

Tickets from; Eagle's Head, Nigel Buckley (860 212), Edward Collins (860312), or on the door.

MOTHERS UNION

Our April Meeting at Colton was most enjoyable and our grateful thanks go to Brenda and Malcolm Grainge, who came at short notice to talk and present slides about their trip to Blantyre, Malawi, where they saw the result of the financial aid from "Christian Action with the World's Poor".

Our May meeting will be on Tuesday 16th May at 2pm, at Haverthwaite Parish Room, when the speaker will be Father Edwards.

DIARY DATES

May Tuesday	2 nd	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Shorts Evening</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 8pm Satterthwaite PCC Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
Monday	15 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm Colton Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall - 7.30pm
Tuesday	16 th	Mothers Union - Haverthwaite Parish Room – 2pm Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
Wednesday	17 th	Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12noon to 2pm
Wednesday	24 th	Rusland and District WI – Visit to Haverthwaite Gunpowder Works - Evening
Tuesday	30 th	Colton PCC – Colton Church hall – 7.30pm
Wednesday	31 st	Quiz Night in aid of Satterthwaite Church – Eagle's Head – 7.45pm
Wednesday	7 th	Rusland and District WI – Afternoon Tea at Rothay Manor

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- Condolences to Raymond Redhead, formerly of The Kennels, Grizedale, on the death of his wife Joan.

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