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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

With wonderful weather at the start of Spring, our valley is looking particularly beautiful and it seems appropriate that, with our thoughts on outdoor life, we have a report in this issue from Tony Hill, our local Ranger, and a guided walk to look forward to, in June. Gardeners have had an excellent start to the growing season and the Spring Gardening Competition is taking place very soon, so show off your talents and help to make this a success. Cuckoos were heard by Jean Moreton and Anne Lewis on 20th April and Swallows have also arrived. There is also a report on a new website for the Crake Valley, including Colton, joining the existing Satterthwaite site in helping to strengthen our community by promoting events, businesses and local affairs.

UPDATE FROM TONY HILL NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY RANGER

1. There is a new walking leaflet to the area entitled 'The Greenwood Trail'. It concentrates on the walking opportunities in the Furness Fells, highlighting woodland industries and industrial archaeology. For further information go to www.fellsanddales.org.uk
2. The new five-year management plan for Rusland Moss National Nature Reserve is now available. It aims to continue the work to return the raised mire back to *favourable condition*. Other practical works will include improving access onto the mosses. For further information and a copy of the plan please contact Tony on 105394 40263 or e-mail TonyHill@lake-district.gov.uk. You are welcome to join us on regular work parties on the moss, envisaged for later this summer, early autumn. Most of the work involves burning brash – contact Tony for more information.
Ranger South
Lake District National Park Authority

IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN.....?

If you would like to enter your garden for the Spring Garden Competition please ring Margaret Dryden on 01229 861432
Judging will take place on Friday 11th May.

INVITATION TO A 'FLORA OF THE FELLS WALK' WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007

This is an ideal opportunity to walk and view the new permitted footpath installed by the landowner, Miles Dickinson, under a Woodland Grant from the Forest Authority. The footpath commences in Corker Lane and ascends the woodland above High Ickenthaite, connecting with the new Native Woodland (also planted by the same landowner) on the fringes of Bethcar Moor.

The walk which should take about 2 hours or so will commence at High Ickenthaite. Parking is available on the Green. Strong shoes or boots are advised. You will be joined by others from Natural England and the local National Park Ranger, amongst others. For further information please call Tony Hill, Ranger, on 015394 40263

HAPPENINGS IN THE FOREST

On Saturdays 5th and 12th May, at 10.30 am there are opportunities to accompany the wildlife rangers as they check the owl boxes in the Forest and ring baby owls.

On Wednesday 16th May, at 7.30 pm, there will be a badger watching evening, with a visit to an active set. For more information on all these activities, and on others – including the Owl Prowls - during the half term week, contact the Visitor Centre on 860 010.

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ SATURDAY 14TH JULY AT 6.00PM.

Put the date on your calendar now and please come along and support this village event. Donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome, to Keith Leatherbarrow, Paul Brady or Paul Townsend. Likewise offers of help!

SINGLES OR DOUBLES?

Don't forget to buy your key for the tennis court - £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).

WRITE ON!

On Friday 13th April, The Rusland Writing Group hosted their first event, 'CHAPTER ONE', sponsored by Word Market in aid of The Rusland Valley Community Trust (RVCT). They were joined by the Rusland Reading Group, Write Note Songwriters and Ann Wilson, poet and NW Coordinator for Apples and Snakes. Each writer read or played pieces of their work and the readers shared books and experiences from the reading group. The audience participated in the games which included a word tombola and Beatrix Potter quiz.

Thanks to all the above (performing is a scary business – especially when it's your own work) and to those who supported the evening- £200 was raised for the RVCT which has funded so many great courses over the past few years. It is wonderful to be able to put something back into the valley.

The Rusland Writing Group began in Autumn 2005 when the RVCT funded a series of workshops led by Ulverston based writer, Zosia Wand and Keswick poet, Geraldine Green but has since run independently, meeting on a monthly basis at Becks Cottage. Last August the group won the Heritage Trophy at Rusland Show with a collection of their work, entitled 'This is Rouff's Land'.

Let's hope there are more chapters to follow! Copies of 'This is Rouff's Land' for sale at £3.50 each in aid of the writing group – orders taken – ask a writer!

POEM by ANN WILSON
Danish butter cookie tin
Homemade cakes within
Rusland writers special treat
Dream parades and things to eat
Lyrics laced with something sweet

RUSLAND GLOBETROTTERS

After a very enjoyable season, the Globetrotters will now be taking a summer break (for more globetrotting maybe? - Ed.), reconvening in the autumn.

As well as enjoying some excellent presentations, this year we have raised over £360 for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee. Thanks to all who have contributed so generously. Thanks also to our speakers, to the RVCT who pay for the hire of the room, and to the OPCC for the use of their big screen.

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE EAGLES HEAD 7.45PM WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY.

Come and test your brain and enjoy an evening of fun with a good buffet. There will also be a raffle. TICKETS £7.50(inc Buffet) available from Rob at the Eagles, Nigel Buckley or any other member of Satterthwaite PCC.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB NEWS

The last film of the season is, "*Berserk in Antarctica*" supported by "*Kendal's Dark Secret*". Showing at Rusland Reading Room, Tuesday 1 May, 8.00 pm. Cost £4.50, members £3.00. If you wish to book a seat, contact Carol Mc Neill on 01229 861 507.

We are now preparing the programme for next season and any suggestions would be welcome. Please contact any member of the committee. Our new induction loop is due to arrive in time for our film in May, so if you use a hearing aid and have been put off film watching so far, come and test the system and watch a great film as well.

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

A good company of members gathered in for the April meeting. Plans were made and dates confirmed for a wide variety of summer activities, such as Theatre trips and tea at Rothay Manor, the Safari Supper and more immediately, the group meeting at Greenodd, when David Ryland was to be the speaker and demonstrator of flower arrangements.

The speaker for the monthly meeting was Jean Rafaelli of the R.N.L.I.. Jean gave a very interesting and informative account of this wonderful organisation, which relies completely on public support both for manpower and finance.

The May meeting will take place in Satterthwaite Parish Room on 15th. This will be a "Members Night" when Margaret Dryden and Barbara Woddy will be demonstrating flower arranging. We are in for a treat. There will also be a sales table- goodies and glad rags galore! Come and enjoy.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE www.crake.org WEBSITE.

There is now a community website for the parishes between Coniston and Ulverston, hosted by six Parish Councils, (including Colton).

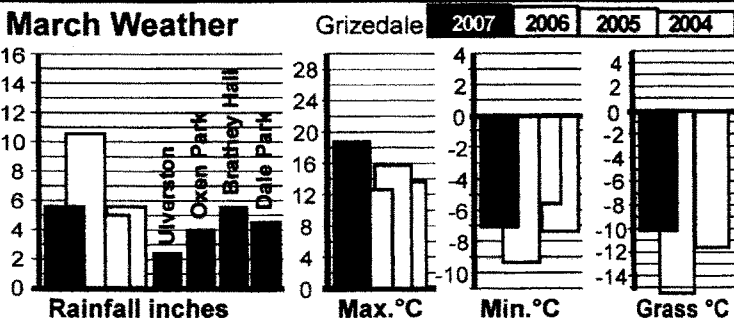
You can use it to find local information, and to publicise events and your group, activity or business.

Why not register on the site? It's the easiest way to have a web page for your events or business. You can update it whenever you like, and it will be searchable by Google (e.g. try searching 'Yewfield concerts' or 'Yoga Water Yeat'). Or you can just recommend walks, swop garden stuff, and more....

Also remember that Satterthwaite's website, www.satterthwaitepc.org.uk, was launched last October-please make use of this impressive facility!

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



Church News

Dear Friends,

Satterthwaite and Rusland churches are both keen to be as thoroughly involved in the local community (as indeed are Hawkshead and Sawrey churches). There are many ways in which this can happen, but one way that we can easily forget about if we are not careful is prayer. As a church within a community, it is our duty to pray for that community, to hold it and all its needs and hopes and aspirations before God.

But in order to do this properly we need help. And here is where you come in. We need you to tell us what you would like us to pray for. In our services we already remember in prayer people who are ill. Let us know if you would like someone to be remembered in this way (do ask them first).

But there are also other people and situations we could refer to in our worship. These could be causes for joy as well as sadness or worry. We could make use of a wedding anniversary to give thanks to God for a marriage, for example; or we could say a special prayer to celebrate the birth of a grandchild; or prayers could be said for a new business venture, a change of job, somebody moving house. Or we could just say a prayer for you and your family without any particular special occasion.

Please let me or a churchwarden know what you would like to be mentioned in our prayers and which Sunday would be most appropriate and we will do our best to offer the person, place or situation to God in prayer.

God bless.

John Dixon

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

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
6 th May	10.30 Family Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Matins
13 th May	6pm "Walk Cumbria" Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
20 th May	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
27 th May	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service
Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey	
6 th May	8am Holy Communion 1662	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School	11.15 Holy Communion CW
13 th May	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		11.15 Matins
20 th May	9.45 Service For All Ages		11.15 Holy Communion 1662
27 th May	9.45 H.C. with Sunday School		6pm Evensong

Normally, there is Evensong at Hawkshead each Sunday at 6pm, except the 4th Sunday of the month, and Holy Communion at Hawkshead on Wednesdays at 10.00a.m.

SATTERTHWAITE CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual meetings were held on Thursday 26th April. Nigel Buckley and Sue Brooke were re-elected as Churchwardens. Jean Crabtree, Edward Collins and Jennifer Stoker continue as members of the PCC and it is hoped to co-opt additional members. The Parish Room Sub-Committee members are Nigel Buckley, Jean Crabtree, Hilary Collins and Andrew Stoker with two representatives of the user groups (WI and Table Tennis). The annual report and accounts were approved and copies are available at the back of the Church.

MISSION WALK

It is hoped that several walkers will attend our service at Rusland on 13th May, which will be followed by light refreshments. Do come along to welcome our visitors and chat with them.

CHRISTIAN AID ANNUAL SOUP AND CHEESE LUNCHEON

Wednesday 16 May, 12 noon to 2.00pm. at Rusland Reading Rooms. Admission £5

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Kath Wise was the speaker at our March meeting explaining the work done by the Mothers Union members in Cumbria to help mothers who have had still born or premature babies. Small nightgowns, shawls and crosses are sent to hospitals as a help and comfort to parents at such a difficult time. The 'cross stick' crosses are also left in chapels for anyone who would like one. We all enjoyed her visit and thanked her for coming.

Our next meeting will be a service on Tuesday 15 May, St. Anne's Church, Haverthwaite, 2.00 pm. when we will be joined by Crosscrake and Rampside branches. The service will be taken by our old friend the Revd. Doreen Harrison. The June outing has yet to be arranged.

DIARY DATES

May	Tues	1 st	Oxen Park CinemaClub – <i>Beserk in the Antartic</i> – Rusland Reading Rooms – 8pm
	Friday	11 th	Judging of Spring Gardening Competition
	Monay	14 th	Satterthwaite Annual Parish Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues	15 th	Mothers' Union- St Annes Church Haverthwaite – 2pm
			Rusland and District WI- Satterthwaite Parish Room- 7.30pm
	Wed	16 th	Christian Aid Soup and Cheese Lunch – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12noon-2pm
	Wed	30 th	Quiz Night and Buffet Supper at the Eagles Head Satterthwaite-7.45pm
June	Wed	27 th	Guided Walk from High Ickenthaite –Time to be announced.

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- Congratulations and best wishes to Donald and Christine Brown, who were married in London on 17th April.
- We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to full mobility to Sue Threlkeld, currently wearing an attractive pot on her leg due to a broken foot. She really should give up the sky-diving!

Last date for items for June Newsletter is May 23rd ... Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: lizzerc@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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