

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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DON'T LOSE YOUR LIBRARY!

Cumbria County Council have launched the first stage in a conversation they want to have with, residents, about the future shape of the county's library service in order to ensure it is fit for the future.

They very much value your views and ideas about the future of libraries in Cumbria and want to involve you right at the start, before the council has firm proposals and well before any decisions are made. They would be grateful if you would read the information document they have provided and respond with your thoughts on this valuable service. You can pick up a paper version of this document from your local library, community centre or Connexions office or contact them at yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk and they will be happy to post one to you.

They have also set up a dedicated website which can be accessed by going to www.cumbria.gov.uk and following the links to the libraries consultation.

If you have any queries please get in touch on the contact details below or at yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk

DISCOVERING THE RUSLAND VALLEY

Join a National Park Ranger and Tony Wood of Abbots Reading Farm to discover the valley's rich diversity of habitat, landscape and cultural heritage.

4 May 2011 - Grade: Moderate - Type: Special Interest
Start: 11:00 am Abbots Reading Farm, Haverthwaite

- ✓ Price: Free
- ✓ Duration: 4.0 hrs
- ✓ 4.9 miles, 8.0 km
- ✓ Appropriate footwear essential
- ✓ Walking equipment required
- ✓ Bring a packed lunch
- ✓ Booking essential, call 0845 272 0004
- ✓ Grid ref: SD343850

SPRING GARDENS COMPETITION

Judging will take place at the end of May. If you are interested in entering, please contact Margaret Dryden on 861 432.

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND BBQ

Will be held on Saturday 9th July at 6.00pm. Put the date on your calendar now and please come along and support this village event. This year David and Lynn Granville of Townhead have kindly offered to organise it.

SATTERTHWAITE SINGS AT THE SAGE

On Easter Monday a small group of singers from Satterthwaite, including some members of the WI Choir, made the trip to Gateshead to take part in "Come and sing Messiah" at the Sage concert hall. The group had been rehearsing since January under the expert tutelage of Joan and Elizabeth Pollock. On the day we were by the Northern Sinfoniaand several hundred other aspiring choral singers, all under the inspirational baton of Simon Halsey who is, amongst other things, Chorus Director of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Chorus. It was a marvellous opportunity to sing in a world-class concert venue with a professional orchestra, and we all thank Elizabeth and Joan for encouraging us to get involved.

THE SPRING SHOW

Gordon Wilkinson writes:-

On behalf of the Rusland Reading Rooms Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting our Spring Show, especially all the exhibitors. There was a wonderful display of home produce, floral art, bowls of bulbs, vases of cut flower, poems, limericks, photographs, paintings and much much more - not forgetting the excellent exhibits done by the children Well done everyone! The atmosphere and community spirit were second to none - we are very privileged to be part of it. The Spring Show is the main income for the lovely Reading Rooms, and I am pleased to announce that we made in excess of £800.00. Thank you all again!

SATTERTHWAITE PLAYGROUND MOWER APPEAL

Our ancient sit-on mower, which has been nursed along for years, has finally died. We urgently need to replace it to keep up with the grass. The cost of a suitable replacement will severely deplete the Playground's small reserve, so we have launched an appeal to fund it. Any donation, large or small, will be most welcome and can be given to Rob at the Eagle's Head, or to Fran and Paul at Pepper House.

STRUT YOUR STUFF!

It's rock-a-bop party time with Cragg Atak and friends at the Eagle's Head on Saturday 14th May. Muzak and dancing starts at 9pm. Collection in aid of Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue.

THE FIRST CUCKOO?

Fiona Baxter heard one at Dane How on 18th April.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the April meeting the Police reported that crime levels remained low, but warned about the theft of fuel and scrap metal. Anything suspicious should be reported to the Police.

John Ruskin School has asked for opinions from local people about whether academy status should be sought. The Council expressed support for the Governors in making the decision but encourages people with an interest to contact the school directly. The Council also expressed their frustration about the lack of progress from the Highways team in repairing potholes and the lack of our promised grit bins. We are continuing to make what representation we can to resolve the matters.

The Council is also trying to resolve the rubbish problems at the Old School construction site and outside the cafe at Grizedale.

On 16th May at Satterthwaite we have the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting this gives the community a good opportunity to get an update on the work of the Council and other bodies within the parish. It is also a good time to express your views on what you would like the Council to work on in the forthcoming year. All members of the public are welcome.

David Granville (Clerk) 01229 86039

Website www.satterthwaitepc.org.uk

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The Leven Valley School Film Making Club has made a great 5 minute film about the Lakeland Motor Museum - watch out for the premier in the summer term

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE SCHEME (BWC)

Trading Standards is looking for reputable traders in Cumbria to join this approved trader scheme which currently has 20 local authorities participating, making it the largest scheme of its kind nationally. Local traders must agree to abide by the scheme's code of conduct which requires them to follow the letter and spirit of the law. With an increase in doorstep crime, it is hoped that BWC will help protect older and more vulnerable adults at risk from rogue traders who may approach them in their homes.

Traders and customers who are interested in finding out more about this scheme can log onto

www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or telephone (01539) 713594.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

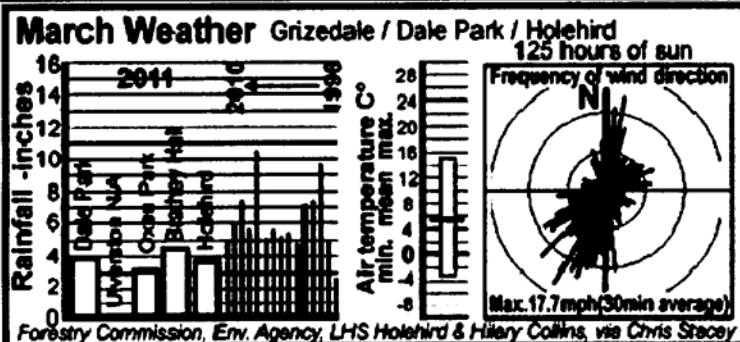
We were sad to learn that we are to lose our popular Park Ranger, Tony Hill, who has been moved to 'pastures new' in west Cumbria. We wish him all the best and thank him for all his hard work, dedication and wisdom over the years. As Tony Hill announced in the April Newsletter, David Pickup is to take his place. Many people already know Dave who is also an experienced ranger and knows this 'patch' well. Dave has recently set up a working group to tackle the increasing problems of illegal use of the countryside by motor-vehicles, particularly trail bikes, in the south of the Park. As a reminder: motorised vehicles are permitted only on Unclassified Country Roads (UCRs) or By-ways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) - collectively termed 'Green Lanes'; it is illegal for motor-vehicles to venture onto the fells or other land without permission. Colton Parish has 7 UCRs and 1 BOAT (see the website for more details and maps); the UCR that fords the Rusland Pool is closed to traffic from October to May. The Working Group is looking for volunteers to record illegal behaviour for the police, using a standard format; volunteers will be fully briefed on how to go about recording safely. Please contact the Clerk, Mandy Lane on 01229 861408 or email coltonpc@btinternet.com if you want to help.

A related Parish Council initiative is the Colton Green Lane Pilot Study, involving Cumbria Highways and the National Park, which has been set up to tackle the extreme erosion problems caused by the pressure of traffic legally using our green lanes. The Group has surveyed two green lanes and estimated the cost of repairs. Cumbria Highways and our County Councillor, Rod Wilson, are allocating as much funding as they can, but more is needed. Further Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are a possible option to control use, although the legal costs could be as high as £3,000 for implementation. Work continues.

Our next meeting is the Annual Parish Council on Monday 9th May, 7.30 pm at Bouth Village Hall.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

A letter from H.R.H. Prince William's Office has been received, extending warmest appreciation from the Prince and Miss Catherine Middleton for the unique greetings card sent by our branch, expressing good wishes for their wedding. Copies of the original painting and card will be available to members at a nominal cost. Sadly, the President made known her intention of resigning for personal reasons. The speakers were John Baldwin and Tony Suart, Wildlife Crime officers with Cumbria Police. They gave a humorous and sometimes gruesome account of many aspects of their job, answered lots of questions and endeared themselves to their audience. The next meeting will be in Satterthwaite Parish Room on Tuesday, 17th May when members are bringing along their own wedding mementos, including dresses if they still have them (do not need to be worn.) There will be a surprise competition on the wedding theme.



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Sometimes I begin my day by counting my blessings. One of those blessings has to be that I have a job, and I suppose just occasionally, once in a while I have to admit to feeling blessed that I have this job. I'm lucky. I really feel for those who are unemployed especially in this time of cuts and job losses. It's grim when you suddenly can't earn or support your family; and there are psychological as well as practical difficulties. Who are we when we don't work? So much of our identity is based on what we do.

This makes me think. As a Christian, I believe that God loved created humanity so much that he became created humanity, and so I must have a wider view of what constitutes our humanity than just what we do to bring home the pay cheque each month. I know people who work in dull and thankless jobs who are great mums and outstanding dads. I know people who have hobbies-they are excellent at doing the things they love like amateur dramatics or throwing pots or running the local youth club or just being good friends. Perhaps 'we are what we love' rather than what we 'do'. To be human is to draw upon all the qualities we have as human beings rather than just the ones that we are paid for.

John

The Vicarage. Hawkshead. 015394 36301.

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
May 1 st	10.30 Morning Worship	6pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
8 th	10.30 Benefice Communion, Penny Brid	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
15 th	9.30 Communion	6pm Evensong	9.45 Service for All Ages
22 nd	9.30 Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No service
29 th	10.30 Ecumenical Eucharist, Lowick	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrev
May 1 st	8am Holy Communion 1662	6pm Healing Service
	9.30 Service by All Ages	11.15 Holy Communion
8 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Hawkshead Methodist Chapel
15 th	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
22 nd	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Evensong
29 th	10.00 Joint Benefice Holy Communion, Rusland	11.15 Matins
		6pm Evensong
		No Service

PLEASE NOTE! We are sorry to announce that the concert in Satterthwaite Church on 21st May has been cancelled

RUSLAND AND SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES – ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR FUND-RAISING VISIT TO FLOOKBURGH CAR BOOT SALE ON 22ND MAY. Contact Sue Benham on 01229 860295

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

Tuesday 10th May, 12 noon to 2pm. Rusland Reading Rooms
 A choice of 8 home made soups, bread and cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee – all for £5!
 Stalls – plants, books, cakes etc.
 Tickets available from Hilary Collins (01229 860312)

**A THANKSGIVING FOR LAMBING AND FARMING AT BORWICK LODGE FARM, HAWKSHEAD HILL
 WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY AT 6PM**

All are welcome at this special Service. Refreshments will follow.

**BENEFICE TRIP TO EVENSONG AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL
 SUNDAY, 12TH JUNE**

A bus will leave Hawkshead at 1.00 p.m. for the service at 3.00 p.m. and leave Carlisle at about 5.30 p.m. The bus will cost £10 per person. There are lists in the churches to sign if you would like to come.

DRAMATIC HAPPENINGS!

Two one-act plays, 'The Space Between the Years' by John Scholes, and 'Dilemma at the Vet's' by Jean Crabtree. will be performed by brave thespians of the Benefice, on Friday 24th June at Rusland Readings Rooms, and on Saturday 25th June at the Market Hall in Hawkshead, both at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £7.50. including a light supper.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our April meeting was a Communion Service held in Holy Trinity Church, Colton for our Branch and for members from our linked Mothers Unions (PAL Links). The Reverend Canon Gary Wemyss led the service, as he did last year, speaking with his usual warmth and humour.

There is a change of time and venue for our next meeting on 10th May. So that members can attend the Christian Aid Lunch at Rusland we shall start at 2:30pm and relocate to Haverthwaite. Father Parker will be coming to talk to us.

DIARY DATES.

May	Wed.	4 th	National Park Ranger Walk – Meet at Abbots Reading Farm at 11am
	Mon	9 th	Colton Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm
	Tues	10 th	Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading Rooms – 12 noon to 2pm Mothers Union - Haverthwaite – 2.30pm
	Sat	14 th	Cragg Atak and Friends play at the Eagles' Head – 9pm
	Mon	16 th	Satterthwaite Parish Council Annual Meeting and Parish Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Tues	17 th	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Wed	18 th	Outdoor Service – Borwick Lodge Farm – 6pm
	Thurs	19 th	Rusland Reading Rooms Committee AGM – 7.30pm

ARE CUTS TO BUS SERVICES AFFECTING YOU?

Please let us know if you are affected by the cost of bus fares, or the bus timetables you use. Perhaps you cannot take up a new job because there is no way of getting to work on time, or children cannot attend after school clubs because of fewer buses running on the route you use. We want to hear your stories so we can lobby for better services in rural areas.

You can contact the Grange or Windermere Citizens Advice Bureau by phone or in person. Call 015395 33100 / 015394 46464 or www.cumbriarural.org.uk

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- Welcome to Chris & Sally Fellows and their family who have taken up residence at Old Park Barn, Oxen Park.

Last date for items for June edition, 24th May. Send to: Liz Cringle Tel – 01229 860274, email; 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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