



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
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SPRING INTO MARCH!

RUSLAND HORIZONS TRUST - WHAT'S ON?

Butterflies of the Rusland Valley Talk - Thursday 26th March (6.15pm - 8.30pm)

Rusland Horizons Trust and Butterfly Conservation Cumbria are joining together to hold a number of butterfly and moth events. The first will be a talk by Chris Winnick, Chairman of Butterfly Conservation Cumbria, held at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve Study Centre. With the Rusland Valley being home to a number of rare and threatened species, Chris will share his endless knowledge and expertise with a fascinating talk about the butterflies of Cumbria and in particular, the local area.

Join fellow nature enthusiasts to enjoy an interesting evening all about butterflies and moths, future conservation work and events such as moth mornings and butterfly survey days. Full details and registration information can be found on the Rusland Horizons website (below).

Calling all Farmers and Landowners - White Hart, Tuesday 25th February - 7pm

Martin Wain, from Butterfly Conservation Cumbria, and Edward Mills, of Rusland Horizons Trust, are holding their first 'discussion group' on Tuesday 25th February at the White Hart. There will be chips and a chat about meadow management, orchards, sharing and swapping trees, chainsaw training, habitat management, swifts or anything else you can think of! Any questions, or suggestions, please contact us at the email address below.

The Local History Group has decided to embark on two new project ideas. These will be, mapping ancient routeways and rediscovering old orchards. More details and progress updates on all the projects will be shared soon. Please visit the website <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/> or email

OXEN PARK READING ROOM

We have two more fund raising presentations. The first on Friday 6th March with Ronnie Mein on "The Pack Horse and Bouth". The second on Friday 3rd April with Gordon Pickles & Matthew Jones on "Their Expeditions to Sarawak". Both at the Carhouse, 7:30pm. £4, pay at the door and as these always fill up book ahead with Carol - crlmcneill@gmail.com

SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 17th March

10am until 3pm at Rusland Reading Room

£10 per person. Bring your own lunch.

If interested please contact Anne Robinson. 01229860242 or ruslandannie@hotmail.co.uk

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of March

There is a Mothers' Day theme to the Rusland Spring Show this year, with lots going on for Children, Mother's and all the family. Homemade food, stalls, exhibits, workshop, demos and Rusland Horizons. A Schedule should be enclosed with this Newsletter. Come and join the fun!

COFFEE AT THE READING ROOMS

The first Rusland Coffee Morning was held on the 29th January when more than 20 friends and neighbours came to meet-up to share the local gossip with tea and biscuits supplied. If you missed it, the next is on the 26th February, between 11am and 12.30pm, and thereafter the last Wednesday of each month. Everyone welcome.

RVAFS - RUSLAND VALLEY ACTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY.

Are you interested in what we can all do individually and collectively to live in a more sustainable way? The Rusland Valley Action for Sustainability is a newly formed group that is looking for people to share information and work with other like-minded organisations. We're planning an interesting and entertaining evening - Watch This Space! If you're interested email Fiona Baxter noisymother@icloud.com

Tip of the month: Instead of using the plastic bags supplied by supermarkets for your fruit and veg - why not take your own little bags?

David Oldham, aka "The Rusland Handyman", no longer wishes to climb to great heights, and so has For sale, A 5 metre Youngman Trade 350, double extending, alloy ladder; and a 6 metre wheeled, alloy roof ladder, with support brackets and ridge hook. Offers: 07966 274 375.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PCSO Paul Harris reported on a number of attempted break-ins in the area and suspicious vehicles seen loitering around key locations. Please remain vigilant at all times and ensure that your property and vehicles are kept secured and personal effects are kept out of temptation's way!

LDNPA Ranger Sara Spicer described plans to develop the Southern Windermere trail which would be a bridle path cum family friendly cycle route. Key locations en route potentially are the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, Lakeside, Bobbin Mill at Finsthwaite and Black Hill Wood (YMCA). Currently these are only proposals, but views were being sought on how the plans might be received by local people. When the Parish Council receive formal notification, we will of course post it around the Parish for your views.

Website

The website has been launched and we have already received positive feedback from a number of parishioners. The "Community News" section is still a work in progress but in order to keep it current and relevant I would appreciate contribution from parishioners, comments on other sections are also welcome!

Community Plan and Parish priorities

Cllr Hoyle is currently updating the original 2015 Parish plan to bring it up to date for 2020 and at our meeting we spent some time discussing how we could find out which priorities are important for our parishioners. We would welcome any suggestions on how we can best involve YOU in reflecting your views and ensuring that the Parish Plan is relevant to you and your family and friends!

Highways and road safety

There are two planned meetings in the coming weeks to discuss issues relating to the A590 and associated plans to improve road traffic safety, there is also a Facebook group, A590 Action for Safety. The first of the events is:

A590 Leven Valley – Drop in Event

Highways England would like to invite you to attend an event to discuss the improvement of the A590 from Greenodd to Ayside. We have been working with local community representatives to review their concerns along this section of the A590. At the drop-in session we would like to share with you our thoughts on the places where we understand there are issues, the nature of those issues and possible ways the route could be improved. The event will be held at Leven Valley Primary School – Outback Hall, Backbarrow, LA12 8QF on 24th February 2020 at 2pm – 7pm

The other event involving Cllr Brereton is planned for early March at Rusland Pool Hotel. At the time of writing there are no more details on date and time, but this should be available in time for the Leven Valley event as the councillors involved are trying to join up these discussions.

Planning

The planning application which was discussed at great length, and objected to, at the Parish Council meeting was the submission number 7/2020/5044 on the planning section of the website

www.lakedistrict.gov.uk relating to the erection of a (12m high) Smart Metering pole at Nibthwaite Grange Farm. The other related plan has since been submitted, numbered 7/2020/5063, and is from the same company wishing to install a similar pole on the grass verge near Old Hall Farm in Bouth.

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The Parish Council has asked questions of the company and have still not received a reply, but this is being followed up as we speak! As these are such "prominent" developments the Parish Council suggest that Parishioners take the time to consider and provide their views on the developments directly to the LDNPA.

Each year the Parish Council is able to offer small grants to local community organisations. The recent round of applications has allowed the Council to grant the following:

Rusland Reading Rooms, £150 approved for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner

Rookhow Quaker Meeting Room and Bunkbarn, £500 approved for the

commissioning, design and production of a new wooden sign that is sympathetic to the age and environment of this historic building.

Finsthwaite Village Hall, £700 approved to improve the lighting in the Village Hall

Oxen Park Village Hall, £450 approved for the purchase of foldaway tables for use by various groups in the Village Hall

If you are involved in a local group or organisation that could benefit, please watch out for the next round of grants which will be advertised later in the year.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7pm at Rusland Reading Room (Chair's Surgery at 6.30), feel free to come along and learn more about your local community, all welcome!

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

A new venture in February was to meet at the Cart House, Oxen Park to see a film featuring Adam Crowe and then have a most informative talk by him entitled "Ethical Farming." The business meeting took place first with many plans for a meal out at the Royal Oak, Lindale, and a dabble day making cards at the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Saturday, 2nd May from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., members £8 and none members £12 (bookings to Rachel Lumsden 860605.) We are also having a stall at the Spring Show 21st/22nd March. After the meeting we all crossed to The Manor for a drink paid for out of our funds. the next meeting will be held at the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Tuesday, March 17th, 7.30 p.m. when we will be welcoming Nicky Fletcher with a talk on Starting and Running a Business. All Welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

As the end of our year approaches there has been a large demand, so we have organised extra shows. Tuesday 3rd March *Wind River* - sorry, full! A second show Sunday 8th March, 8:00pm.

Saturday 21st March, *The Keeper*, also on Sunday 22nd March, 8:00pm.

Sunday 5th April 8pm and Tuesday 5th + Supper 7pm – *Woman at War and Repeat Hikari – a short film by Tess Baxter*

Saturday 18th April *Green Book* - full. A second show on Sunday 19th April 8pm

Book with Carol crmcneill@gmail.com

Do let us know if you find a great film which you think our eclectic audience would enjoy.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

If someone were to come to me and say that they would like to read the Bible a bit, but didn't really know where to start, what would I suggest? I think I would advise reading Mark's Gospel. The first reason for this is that it is short, and I am a fan of brevity. It is by some way the shortest of the four Gospels and it doesn't take much more than an hour to read it. This is one very good reason for recommending it. Scholars generally agree that Mark's was the first of the four gospels to be written. Mark took from the mouths of teachers and prophets the jumble of events that comprised Christ's life and fixed these events into some kind of biographical form. He did this with such breathless insistence, such compulsive narrative intensity, that one is reminded of a child recounting some amazing tale, piling fact upon fact, as if the whole world depended upon it - which, of course, to Mark it did (perhaps it does for some of us too). 'Straightway' and 'immediately' link one event to another, everyone 'runs', 'shouts', is 'amazed', inflaming Christ's mission with a dazzling urgency. Mark's Gospel is a clatter of bones, so raw, nervy and so lean on information that we yearn for more. It starts abruptly and ends even more abruptly. And Christ is at his most human. The essential humanness of Mark's Christ provides us with a blueprint for our own lives. I recommend it. How about reading Mark's Gospel this Lent?

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

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
March 1 st	9.30 Morning Worship	5pm Celtic Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
8 th	10.00 H.C Penny Bridge	11.15 Holy Communion	5pm Evensong
15 th	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm Evensong	5pm Celtic Evening Prayer
22 nd	9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Holy Communion
29 th	H.C. Lowick		10.00 Green Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Sawrey
March 1 st	9.30 Morning Worship	11.15 Holy Communion
8 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Matins
15 th	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion
22 nd	9.30 Holy Communion with Baptism	11.15 Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
29 th	10.00 Joint Benefice Green Communion at Satterthwaite	

In aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

A GAMES NIGHT

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020 AT 7.00 PM

Quiz, Dominoes, Raffle and Entertainment.

Supper will be a choice of six soups followed by cake, with a glass of wine or soft drink.

Tickets, £7.50, from Hilary Collins (860312) Giles Wingate Saul (860300) or Sue Benham (860295)

COME FOR A WALK

The next Benefice Walk will be led by Anne and Gazine on the 25th March, meeting on "The Farmers Arms" car park, Lowick at 10.30am. The walk is 6 miles and moderate. It is mainly lane walking and a little muddy in one place. We will be visiting Lowick Church. For more details please contact Anne [01229860242](tel:01229860242)

ROOK HOW

We are having a special celebration coffee morning on Wednesday 18th March, 11am-12.30pm, with an unveiling of the new sign at 12noon. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and have a look around Rookhow, especially local people.

LENT LUNCHES

A simple lunch of soup and bread will be held at the following places during March, arranged by the local churches. A donation of £5 is suggested, which goes toward the work of Christian Aid. For the lunches in private homes, please let the host know beforehand that you intend to come. The lunches are held between 12 and 2pm.

We are very grateful to the hosts for taking part in these events, which build local community and also help people in the world's poorest places.

Thursday 11th March Susan Dewhurst, Hawkshead Sawmills, 015394 36340

Thursday 19th March Mike and Patsy Derry, Summerhill, Hawkshead Hill, 015394 36095

Saturday 28th March The Market Hall, Hawkshead

Tuesday 31st March Alan and Judith Marshall, Greystones Hannakin, 015394 36417

Friday 3rd April Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey

DALE PARK RAINFALL

The rainfall in January was 7.37" (2019 4.73") and up to 20th February 10.86" (2019 8.24"). There were 10 dry days in January (2019 13) and in February 11 dry days, so far (2019 11). Last year was wetter than the year before! Maybe 2020 will improve yet.

DIARY DATES

Due to lack of space this month please note the Diary Dates from the various articles.

RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY LTD.

Marquee Organiser and Riggers Wanted.

The Rusland Show is a very successful local Show now in its 137th year.

A major part of its success is down to its ownership of a range of marquees, flooring, tables and chairs. These are let out, on an occasional basis, to other local shows, local events and infrequent weddings. The income from this activity is vital in keeping the Rusland Show "alive".

MARQUEE ORGANISER - Following the retirement of our existing organiser, we are now looking for someone new to take on this key role of "Marquee Organiser".

The role will involve the taking the bookings for marquees and other equipment, advising the riggers when the marquees are required, where they are to go out to and which bits of equipment are required for that event. This role will suit and organised person with a keen wish to support a key local institution.

RIGGERS - We are also looking for strong well organised people who are prepared to act as riggers for the marquees. The riggers principally oversee and advise the team erecting the marquees (provided by the hirers) on how to erect the marquees.

This is an occasional activity to match with when the marquees are hired out and involves overseeing the collection of the required equipment, the erection and they taking down of the marquees and their return to storage.

Full training will be given for both roles.

If you are interested in either of these roles or wish to ask any questions about them, please contact Maureen Boyren tel: 01229 885300 or email - m.boyren@btinternet.com

Copy date for April edition, 24th March. Please send to: -Liz Cringle -01229 860274 liggerc@hotmail.com Colin Barr - Tel: 01229 861408, cjbarr50@gmail.com (please note change of email address); Gordon Wilkinson - Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253; or Frances Townsend - Pepper House, Satterthwaite Tel: 01229 860206, pandftownsend@gmail.com.

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