



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
NEWSLETTER

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

ARRIVALS!

The first swallow seen on 7th April and the Cuckoo heard on 16th April, both at Ickenthaite.

The first House Martins seen in Satterthwaite on 9th April

SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION.

Anyone wishing to enter, please contact Gordon Wilkinson tel 01229860253.

They will be judged on the Thursday 11th of May.

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

This was a great success and the organisers want to thank all the volunteers, the participants and everyone who visited the Show. The weather was beautiful, the Spring bulbs and floral arrangements stunning, and the arts and home produce of a very high standard. Anne Robinson was the star with the highest number of winning entries!

The children's entries were particularly good and we wish to thank the teachers and pupils from Hawkshead Primary, Leven Valley School and Penny Bridge Academy for their support and efforts. This year Penny Bridge won the cup for the most prizewinning entries although it was a close run thing!

Finally the organisers are grateful to the Rusland Valley Community Trust, the Forestry Commission, Go Ape Grizedale and the Rusland Horizons team for their great support.

Looking forward to Rusland Spring Show 2018!

HAWKSHEAD SURGERY PPG.

A big thank you to all those people who donated prizes and to those who came along to support the pub quiz evening in aid of surgery equipment. A very special thank you also goes to Paul and Lynn at the Red Lion who generously provided the venue and donated the pie and peas. The evening made a fantastic £475 which makes a significant difference to the fund.

Moving in to the new surgery has been postponed until June. This is because the flats above need a bit more work and it was agreed that this is best to avoid noise and disruption. It also allows a bit more time to get the IT, phones and furniture sorted.

RUSLAND HORIZONS: FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fields and Field Patterns in the Lake District: Talk by Professor Angus Winchester, landscape historian. Tuesday 9 May, 19:30 to 21:00, Outback Hall, Levens Valley School, Backbarrow, LA12 8QF. Free event, but booking essential.

Go to www.ruslandhorizons.org Whats On pages to book, or contact the team on Tel: 01539 792698 ext 2759 Email: rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Practical Conservation Volunteer Work Parties

Wednesday 10 May 9am to 4pm meet at LDNPA Southern Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite LA12 8AB

Join our monthly practical conservation volunteer work party and help to complete a section of boardwalk on the Greenwood Trail at Rusland Moss.

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Hidden Hedgerows – Survey Training for Volunteers

Wednesday & Thursday 17 and 18 May

9.30am to 4.30pm at Rusland Reading Rooms, opp St Pauls Church, Rusland LA12 8JZ

Two training days for undertaking some surveys during June to October.

To book please contact Cumbria Wildlife Trust on 01539 816 300 or email mail@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk.

A WRITER IN OUR MIDST

Andrea Meanwell's book 'A Native Breed' about moving to Rusland and the animals she breeds in Rusland and Blawith has been nominated for the Lakeland Book of the Year 2016. It is available from www.hayloft.eu or a limited number of signed copies are available from The Syke priced £12.

Andrea is also the new columnist for Cumbria magazine, so look out for articles about the Rusland and Lowick shows in coming months.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carole, Carron and everybody at Abbot Park Farm and Tearoom for raising £500 for St Mary's Hospice at their recent coffee morning. Well done everybody!

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council's questionnaire was finalised for the proposed car park at beside the Church and is going to be distributed to residents of Satterthwaite, to find out their views of on whether they feel extra parking is required in the village and if the site proposed is the best place for it to go. Please take this opportunity to let us know your thoughts.

The annual Satterthwaite Village BBQ will also be a village sports day, with lots of races for all the family and also a game of rounders for everyone to join in. The confirmed date is 22nd July 2017 and will start sometime in the afternoon. We will be looking for volunteers to help out. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please contact Dawn Yoxall.

Andrew Stoker has resigned from the Parish Council and after asking for expressions of interest for a new councillor Helen Bright has been now co-opted onto the Parish Council as our new Councillor.

The next meeting will be held at the Forestry Commission Offices on 22nd May 2017 at 7.30pm

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

At the April meeting we were delighted to welcome Joan Bentley who gave a wonderful flower arranging demonstration based on Customs of the Countryside. These ranged from charcoal burning, rush bearing to maypole dancing. Lots were drawn at the end for the eight arrangements made. Without any pause in her artistic arranging, Joan entertained us with many amusing anecdotes. Truly a splendid evening. Dates were fixed for afternoon tea at Old Hall Farm, lunch at Forest Side and an afternoon of bowling at Hawkshead. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 16th May at Satterthwaite Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. when we are looking forward to hearing Angela Monckton-Brushett talking about Cartmel Priory. All welcome.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy: We currently have several vacancies for Councillors across our parish. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this voluntary position within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com).

Cumbria County Council's new highways fault reporting system: Cumbria County Council has launched a new service improving how they manage and respond to highway issues. It's a web-based system with a new 'Report a Highways Fault' page. The new pages have been designed to be easier to use and more interactive. Not only is the reporting system easier; better mapping, easier to see if report has already been logged, etc, but keeping in touch and being updated on progress has also been improved for users. If you have a highways fault to report here is the link - <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp>

Rural Crime initiative: The Rural Crime initiative is progressing well, you may have seen leaflets or posters around the parish. Please do remember if you see anything suspicious this can be reported via 101. If you see a crime taking place then this should be reported via 999.

Hawkshead First responders: At our March council meeting we were joined by Neil Morris from Hawkshead First Responders. He gave a very informative talk on the role of the responder within the community, how the service relies on volunteers and voluntary money whilst being supported by the NW ambulance service. It was clear from the talk that the responders provide vital first aid cover for our remote communities; but that they need support. For more information contact Neil via morrisfamily123@hotmail.co.uk

Our Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by our Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th in Bouth Village Hall, 7pm.

Karen Birch (Clerk), T: 01229 860115, E:

A PERSONAL NOTE TO COLTON RESIDENTS FROM THE OUT-GOING PARISH CHAIRMAN.

At the Parish Council's forthcoming AGM, I shall be standing down as a Councillor after 10 years in the Chair. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with such a go-ahead Council over a challenging period, with increasing pressures on services and facilities always at the forefront of our thinking. However, I am stepping down with some concern for the future: by an unfortunate set of circumstances, it is likely that by mid-May the Council will have four unfilled vacancies leaving only five stalwarts to continue the work of the Council. There are vacancies in all three parish wards so if you would like to do your bit and make a difference to the wellbeing of this great community and its beautiful parish, why not volunteer for one of these positions? Although certain residency conditions apply, no previous experience is necessary and great support is offered by all concerned. For further details, please contact the clerk, Karen Birch on 01229 860115 or coltonpc@btinternet.com, or speak to a Councillor.

Parish councils are important in representing local views and in exerting pressure on the principal authorities, as well as promoting local issues. Please don't let our progressive and lively Council founder at this crucial time.

Kind regards, Colin Barr

RAINFALL

The March figures are: -

Ulverston 3.1", Oxen Park 9.7" and Brathay 14.6"
The Dale Park rainfall for March was 11.11". This is now beginning to look very fortunate, as the total for April to the 26th is only 0.8"! This is the lowest since records began in Dale Park in 2002. April is usually a dry month, the average for the last 15 years being 3.86". Only three Aprils have been over 4", with the wettest 2005 with 6.67". So far in 2017 there have been 39 days without measurable rain, 15 of these being in April.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

On Thursday the 25th May it will be Ascension Day...a very significant time in our season of Easter. When Jesus ascended into heaven he had accomplished all that he had come to do here on earth, it signalled the end of His earthly ministry and it is closely connected with the theme of mission.

Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus' final words to his disciples, that they should go to all nations and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20)

So what of 'our' mission, our earthly work and earthly ministry?

We have the privilege to live in a most beautiful part of God's earth here within the Diocese of Carlisle, and with this privilege comes a responsibility to do the best we can as disciples to grow God's Kingdom through mission as part of our Diocesan 'God For All' vision.

As part of our own mission community I had the opportunity recently, throughout the season of Lent, to participate in a local course called 'Your SHAPE for God's Service'. Over our weekly meetings we explored and examined ourselves to discover the unique gifts given to us by God, and to reflect on how we may already be using these gifts to build His Kingdom and how we could do so in the future...we questioned ourselves "What is my mission? What is my ministry?" Some answers were reassuring and some very surprising and exciting!

This spring, as the days grow longer and we feel the warmth of the sun, there is newness and freshness all around. Perhaps we could each consider how we can use this energy to refresh both our individual mission and our community mission to help to build God's Kingdom in our local area.

Helen Hoyle

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday	Colton		Rusland		Satterthwaite	
May 7 th	9.30	Morning Worship	6pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	9.45	Holy Communion
14 th	10.00	Holy Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
21 st	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong	9.45	Morning Worship
28 th	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion
Sunday	Hawkshead			Sawrey		
May 7 th	9.30	M.W. with Sunday School	6pm	Churches Together Holy Communion Hawkshead Methodist Chapel	11.15	H.C. with Baptism
14 th	9.30	HC with Sunday School	6pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	11.15	Matins
21 st	9.30	H C with Sunday School	6pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	11.15	Holy Communion
28 th	9.30	H C with Sunday School	6pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	11.15	Morning Worship

COME FOR TWO WALKS!

The next Benefice walk is a return visit to Frith Hall. We did this walk two years ago when the daffodils were out, but this year we are doing it on Thursday, 11th May when the bluebells should be out in Rainsbarrow Wood. Meet at Ulpha Bridge at 10.30 a.m. The walk is about 5.5 miles and is open to everyone and there will be an opportunity to visit Ulpha Church where the altar is carved from a single cherry tree. Please bring a picnic. Further details from Hilary Collins 860312.

The Ascension Day walk is on Thursday, 25th May meeting at Tarn Hows main car park at 6 p.m. to walk up to Black Crag, the highest point in the Parish of Hawkshead, where there will be a short service. Further details from the Rev. John Dixon, 015394 36301

CELTIC SERVICE

Evening prayer in the Celtic tradition is to be held on the first Sunday of the month starting on May 7th at 6pm at St Paul's Rusland. The services include very ancient prayers, rediscovered recently and translated into modern English and developed in places like Iona. Although never the official prayer of the church prayers like this were said at small gatherings in family homes throughout Northern Britain. There is a strong emphasis on creation.

Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

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FRIDAY 19TH MAY- 7.30PM - RUSLAND READING ROOMS

Tickets £7 from members of the P.C.C.s

DIARY DATES

May	Mon	8 th	Colton PC Annual Open Meeting and Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7pm
	Thurs	11 th	Benefice Walk – Meet at Ulpha Bridge – 10.30am
	Tues	16 th	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
	Fri	19 th	"Pandemonium at St Bumbles" – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7.30pm
	Sat	20 th	"Pandemonium at St Bumbles" – Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey – 7.30pm
	Mon	22 nd	Satterthwaite Parish Council – Forestry Commission Offices, Grizedale – 7.30pm

LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – CALL FOR SITES 2017

The Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) wants help to identify sites for either housing, employment, retail or tourism uses that may have potential for development over the next 15 years. This offers an opportunity for the community to get involved in the plan making process and influence the location of future development within our parish. Individuals and/or landowners can submit their suggestions by email: localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk or post: Strategy and Partnership Team, LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7RL. The closing date for submissions is 4:00pm on 2 June 2017. Further information is available on the website: www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/call-for-sites

PERSONAL

- Congratulations to Arthur and Dhanelle on their recent engagement.

Copy date for June edition, 24th May. Send to: - Liz Cringle Tel: 01229 860274, liggerc@hotmail.com ; Colin Barr – Oxen Park Tel: 01229 861408, cj.barr@btinternet.com; Gordon Wilkinson – Crosslands Tel: 01229 860253; Frances Townsend - Pepper House Tel: 01229 860206, pandftownsend@gmail.com; Sylvia Chadwick – Monks Cottage Tel: 015395 31685.

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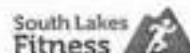
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