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AUTUMN ACTIVITY!

HARVEST FEAST

Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches held their joint Harvest supper on Saturday 7th October in Satterthwaite Parish Room. All tickets were sold well before the night and fifty people enjoyed an excellent meal of cold meats and salmon, with salads, puddings made mainly from local seasonal fruit, cheese and locally grown grapes – and got good value for money.

It was an opportunity for those who had not already done so to meet the new vicar, the Reverend John Dixon. Everyone was delighted to welcome John, his wife Judith and their children Catherine and Edward, to their first Harvest Supper in Satterthwaite. Edward was the youngest there, at six years of age, and with two nonagenarians present there was quite an age range!

The event made a useful profit of approximately £90 for each Church.

Grateful thanks to all those who helped in preparing and serving the food, preparing the room and clearing up afterwards- as always, many hands make light work.

MUSIC LINKS WORKSHOP 4TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

Come along and help to create a musical about rural and environmental issues.

LEVEN VALLEY CRICKET CLUB

LVCC Annual Dinner

at The Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite

Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm

Further information from Peter Yates on 01229 811 811 or
pyates@poolletownsend.co.uk

LVCC AGM

**Tuesday 7th November at 8.30pm
at The Anglers Arms**

NIGHT-TIME ILLUMINATIONS RALLY

By the time you read the Newsletter, this rally will have taken place, with cars passing through the Rusland Valley in the middle of the night.

Please write with your views on this rally to Charlotte Emmens, the Lake District National Park Authority, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7RL. Charlotte is liaising with the motor sports authority on the future of rallies in the National Park.

GLOBETROTTERS

The new season is well under way with another great presentation in October, this time by Antony Haynes describing his bus travels in Uzbekistan (some of the colourful and intricate tiled patterns on various religious buildings just had to be seen to be believed). We raised £84.62 for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee.

Next up, its a move into big game territory and a welcome return by Lin MacIntosh and Dave Higgs who will be showing some remarkable East African wildlife photos, as well as describing an ascent of Mount Kenya. So, please turn out for their talk on Tuesday 28th November, 7.30 pm at the Rusland Reading Room.

WRITE NOTE SONGWRITERS

Workshops continue at the Reading Rooms through until January 07. We have people for both sessions, but there is room for more. Interestingly there is only one local adult from the valley in the evening group! People are coming from Barrow, Flookborough and beyond - but where are all the valley musicians?

Times are:

Every Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30, 11-16yrs
7-9pm - Community Group

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The Cinema Club has been awarded an "Awards For All" lottery grant to show 6 family and children's films over the winter. This allows us to keep the cost down to £1 entry. As usual they are all on Saturdays at 4pm using Rusland and Colton Church Halls.

The official launch will be the first film on 25th November at Colton. A showing of *Robots* - where we are transported to a wacky, clanky world where robots rule the earth!

Bring the family and your cushions.

The monthly film show on 7th November is *The Constant Gardner* - 7.30 at Water Yeat. Booking seats is advisable - Contact Carol on 01229 861507.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

IN AID OF ELIZABETH FINN CARE AND ST. MARY'S HOSPICE
ULVERSTON

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 10.00am -3pm

ADMISSION £2.50 (including coffee/tea)

Our Christmas Fair has moved this year to CARTMEL RACECOURSE. They have a brand new Grandstand, which is an ideal location to do your Christmas shopping. A lift will take you to some wonderful stalls selling a great variety of items to suit all ages and taste. There is plenty of free car parking where you can drive to the front door.

Elizabeth Finn Care has over 46 beneficiaries in the Cumbria area who are supported by events like the above. We support people from a wide range of occupations and backgrounds who are struggling on very low incomes, usually through no fault of their own.

St. Mary's Hospice cares for local people suffering from cancer and other life threatening illnesses where they receive the best palliative care available. Every penny raised at this Fair will go towards the beneficiaries of Elizabeth Finn Care and the patients of St. Mary's Hospice.

To find out about the two charities please contact:

www.elizabethfinncare.org.uk

e mail: stmarys.ulverston@virgin.net

RUSLAND AND DISTRICT WI

Congratulations to the members of the Rusland and District WI Quiz Team, who reached the semi-finals of the Furness Area Quiz, from an entry of 15 teams. Well done against fierce competition.

Equally enjoyable, but less nerve-racking was the visit to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, on a lovely autumn day, at the beginning of October.

The October Meeting took place in Satterthwaite and the speaker was Freddie Harris with slides and an excellent commentary on *The Life and Times of John Ruskin*, - very enjoyable and informative.

The Annual Meeting will be on 21st November at Rusland Reading Rooms, when all members are urged to attend, this being an important milestone in the WI year.

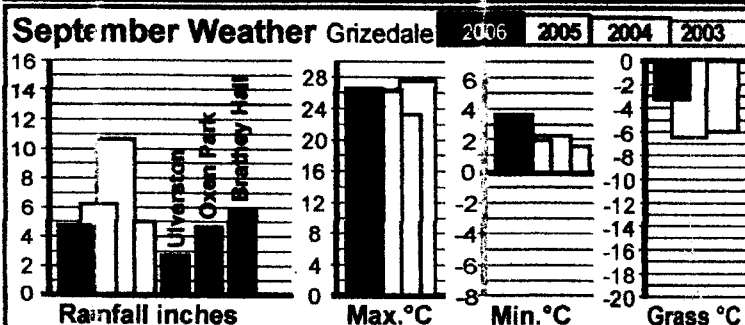
We are already planning ahead for the Festive Season. The Carol Evening will be on Tuesday 12th December in Satterthwaite Church, followed by the Festive supper in the Parish Room. Choir and Hand Bell practices, readings and catering are all in hand. The Charity to benefit this year will be our local St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston. Make this a date for your diary. We look forward to welcoming you then.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has been successful in its application to take part in the Parish Lengthsman Pilot Scheme, which is to be run by Cumbria County Council starting in December, in which the parish would have the services of a lengthsman for a day a week for the year, carrying out basic care and maintenance duties. A special parish council meeting was held last Thursday evening in Bouth Village Hall to decide whether or not the council should proceed with the project. This involves committing £1000 to the scheme to show commitment. This money will have to be raised from an increase in the precept for 2006/2007. Several residents of the parish attended the meeting and made valuable contributions to the discussion, highlighting both positive and negative aspects of the project. However, the overall consensus was favourable, and the council vote was unanimously in favour of proceeding.

WEATHER RECORDS (ASSEMBLED BY CHRIS STACEY)

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



GUY FAWKES' NIGHT PYROTECHNICS

Arthur Threlkeld's wonderful Bonfire and Fireworks, will take place in the usual field off Church Lane, at 6.30pm on the 5th November, followed by a free buffet supper at the Eagle's Head. Arthur puts in a lot of effort to make this evening a success. Any contributions to the firework fund can be made directly to him or dropped in at the Eagles' Head.

Church News

Dear Friends,

The other day we had a power cut in Hawkshead. The electricity was just off for a few hours, but it had quite a striking effect. We don't realise how much we have come to rely on instant electricity until we have to do without it.

This power cut was not as dramatic as one I experienced three years ago. Judith and I were in central London with the two children who were then very small. While we were there, there was a power cut which made national news. For a few hours there were no tubes or mainline trains running to take us back to where we were staying. Instead, we joined the really quite desperate crowds trying to muscle their way on to buses, which were already full-to-bursting. Needless to say, of course, that we did make it back in the end- it just took much longer than expected and was much more of a hassle.

It was incredible to think that a short time without electricity could cause so much chaos. Electricity has become so much part of our lives that we seemingly struggle to live without it, even for a short while. It is almost impossible to imagine that there was once a time, and not very long ago, when electricity as something that could be useful was unheard of. This is a striking time of year to be reminded of that fact. As the nights close in, and particularly as the clocks change, the world around us changes dramatically- we get up while it is still dark outside, and then it is dark again by mid-afternoon. Just think what it would be like without electric lights! The dark months would feel very dark. No wonder, when the nights are dark and cold, light seems such a good spiritual symbol, a symbol perhaps of goodness. Many of the world's religions celebrate festivals to do with light in the coming months- Diwali, Hanukah, Christmas.

As Christians, we call Jesus the light of the world - he shines in the darkness (even after the clocks go back). And just as a little bit of light can lighten the darkest corner, so a little bit of the light of Christ can and does lighten the darkest moments in our lives. To know Christ gives us much more light than all the power stations in the world can manage.

John Dixon

The Vicarage, Hawkshead

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
5 th November	10.30 Family Service	2.45 British Legion Service of Remembrance	9.45 Matins
12 th November	10.30 Family Service	11.15 Service of Remembrance	6pm Service of Remembrance
19 th November	9.30 Holy Communion	5pm Evensong	9.45 Holy Communion
26 th November	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	No Service

Sunday	Hawkshead	Sawrey	
5 th November	8.00 Holy Communion (1662) 9.45 Holy Communion CW	6pm Evensong	11.15 Holy Communion CW
12 th November	10.50 At the War Memorial	6pm Evensong	9.30 Service of Remembrance
19 th November	9.45 Matins	6pm Evensong	11.15 Holy Communion 1662
26 th November	9.45 Holy Communion CW		6pm Evensong

MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be held at Haverthwaite Parish Room on Tuesday 21st November at 2pm, when Caroline Dykes will give a talk entitled, "Jam, Jesus and Me"

The Deanery Service will take place at Rusland Church on Thursday 7th December at 2pm

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The annual Remembrance Service will take place at Satterthwaite Church at 6.00pm Sunday 12th Nov. Standards from Hawkshead and Backbarrow Branches of The Royal British Legion will be paraded.

A reminder that the January/ February edition of the Rusland Valley News will not be published until 12th/13th January, so please send any details about events in early January, for inclusion in the December edition.

Last date for items for December Newsletter is 27th Nov.. Send to: THE EDITOR, Liz Cringle- Low Dale Park Tel: 01229 860274, e-mail: lquerc@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

DIARY DATES

October	Tuesday	31 st	Friends of Grizedale Meeting – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
November	Saturday	4 th	Music Links Workshop – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 10.30am – 1pm
	Sunday	5 th	Bonfire and Fireworks – Satterthwaite – 6.30pm
	Tuesday	7 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>The Constant Gardener</i> – Water Yeat Village hall – 7.30pm Leven Valley Cricket Club AGM – Anglers' Arms – 8.30pm
	Saturday	11 th	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning – Market Hall, Hawkshead – 10.30am – 12.30pm
	Sunday	12 th	Annual Remembrance Day Service – Satterthwaite Parish Church – 6pm
	Thursday	16 th	Christmas Gift Fair (Elizabeth Finn Care /St Mary's Hospice)–Cartmel Race Course–10am-3pm
	Saturday	18 th	Leven Valley Cricket Club – Annual Dinner - Anglers' Arms – 7.30pm
	Tuesday	21 st	Mothers' Union – Haverthwaite Parish Room – 2pm Rusland and District WI – Annual Meeting – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm
	Saturday	25 th	Oxen Park Cinema Club – <i>Robots</i> – Colton Church Hall – 4pm
	Tuesday	28 th	Globetrotters – Lin Macintosh and Dave Higgs – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

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

- Love and prayers are extended to the family of Norman Little, formerly of Well Cottage, Satterthwaite, who died, aged 96, on 15th Sept. at Wells, Somerset. Interment of ashes at Satterthwaite, which was always his spiritual home, will take place in November.
- We extend a warm welcome to the village to Mr and Mrs David Granville, who are shortly moving from Leicestershire to live in Townhead, Satterthwaite.

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