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AN EVENT FULL AUTUMN!

BARN OWLS OF THE RUSLAND VALLEY

The Rusland Valley project, jointly run by the World Owl Trust and Forestry Commission, has collectively monitored the Barn Owl population of the area for some years. The aim of the project is to aid the dispersal of young through the valley, by providing nest boxes in suitable areas of habitat.

The Barn Owl breeding season for 2010 was expected to exceed last year's numbers (eleven chicks fledged) after a prediction that field vole numbers were set to increase. Out of fifteen sites visited in the project area, five nest sites were occupied. A total of seven barn owlets were fledged, two of which were ringed using BTO monitoring rings.

As the numbers of young fledged for 2010 show a decline, it must be said due to a harsh winter at the end of 2009, the heavy rainfall and the snow cover did not allow the majority of females to reach the ideal breeding weight and condition for the 2010 season. An excessive duration of snow cover, i.e. in January, confines the small mammals beneath, thus reducing the feeding opportunities for Barn Owls. This can reduce breeding success and cause increased mortality.

Despite this year's disappointment, since the project started, we have exceeded our target with more than ten nest boxes erected in areas of suitable habitat. The provision of nest boxes at such sites can be an effective way of encouraging the Barn Owl population to disperse throughout the Rusland Valley and Grizedale area. During 2010, five new landowners have come forward with suitable habitat on their property, to request boxes for erection and these will be added to the list of sites monitored by the project.

Some of the aims of the Rusland Valley project featured recently on the BBC's 'Countryfile' with the World Owl Trusts, Honorary President, Tony Warburton (M.B.E) and the UK Conservation Officer, Hilary Lange explaining the plight of the Barn Owl in this country. With a highly successful Barn Owl Education Day run early 2010 for local primary schools, where children got the opportunity to learn all about what Barn Owls eat and even to meet one up close and personal, another Barn Owl Awareness Day is going ahead next year with the aim to show interested local volunteers how to spot Barn Owl signs.

AUTUMN EVENTS AT THE EAGLE'S HEAD

The summer may be over but The Eagles Head is bracing itself for a busy Autumn and Winter Season with plenty of events lined up to keep us all entertained for the dark months.

Thursday Night is Curry Night and the curries are as great as ever. This year washed down with a genuine Indian beer (included in the price!). Every Thursday evening.

Hawkshead Bowls Club will be having their Annual Dinner and Prize giving once again at 'The Eagles' on 15th October

and a week later on the 23rd October, Cragg Atak will be entertaining us with their "Glam Rock and Bubble Gum Pop" Concert, which starts at 9.00pm

Anyone for cocktails? The Eagles Head will be shaking up a few on Friday 29th October & Red and Sarah Demmick will be providing appropriate musical accompaniment. Exotic Cocktails will be on offer and canapes served.

The now traditional Halloween Party is on Saturday 30th Oct. Don't miss the usual ghoulish goings on !! Fancy dress is optional, but why not get into the spirit of things by donning an outfit. Prize for the best fancy dress.

FOREST MURMURS!

FEED THE BIRDS!

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Oct 11am - 4pm

Join us and the RSPB as we help the birds get ready for winter. Make some bird cake and find out more about what you can do at home in your gardens. and

BENEATH THE SURFACE!

Sat 24th - Sun 31st Oct 11am - 4pm

Join us as we take part in The Big Draw, and explore and draw what lies 'beneath the surface' of the forest. Underground and beneath the bark - there's so much to discover! Contribute to our giant picture of the underworld.

Both events are free and for all ages - Find us in the Yan. (www.forestry.gov.uk/grizedalehome)

CHANGE OF START DATE FOR RUSLAND TABLE TENNIS

This will now start on Wednesday 20th October Rusland Reading Room s at 7.30pm

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

At the first meeting of the new season, the speaker was Andrea Meanwell of Rusland Valley Alpacas, her subject, "Keeping Alpacas" which proved most interesting. Arrangements were made for a team to enter the W.I. Furness Area Quiz and to hold the 2010 W.I. Dinner at The White Hart, Bouth on October 20th. It was decided to sponsor one issue of the Rusland & Satterthwaite Newsletter and that the charity to benefit from the 2010 Carol Evening should be Furness & Duddon Mountain Rescue, as they had been particularly helpful last winter when road conditions prevented access by normal ambulances. The next meeting will be on October 19th in Satterthwaite Parish Room when Joan Bentley will be demonstrating floral art on the theme "Christmas is Coming."

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Date of Next Meeting

Monday October 18th 7.30pm at Graythwaite Hall
We are still looking for marshals to help at the Grizedale Rally on 3rd and 4th December. We are looking for 4 people on each day. Anyone willing to help should contact Tim Gill or David Fletcher.
We would also remind community groups that at the next meeting the Council will be discussing the award of grants to community groups for the current financial year and for 2011/12. Any group that wishes to be considered should provide information to the Clerk explaining how much is being sought and for what purposes. It would be helpful if applicants could send a representative to the meeting to answer any questions.
The Council has been informed that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for further development at Stricely Fell was dismissed by the planning inspector. The planning application was contested by both Colton and Satterthwaite Parish Councils. In the report the inspector stated that: "great weight should be given to conserving the natural beauty of the landscape and countryside in National parks. Installing two further caravans would add to the intrusive and incongruous nature of the existing site and would clearly harm both the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside and conflict with planning policies."

RUSLAND IN BLOOM

Tuesday 26th October- 7.30pm- Rusland Reading Room
Multiple prize-winner Gordon Wilkinson will give a talk and demonstration on growing indoor flowers from bulbs.
Enhance your home! Win at the Spring Show! Bulbs provided.
Entry Free. Refreshments.

THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT BECKSIDE
Thank you to everyone who supported us! We had a lovely morning and made £210.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

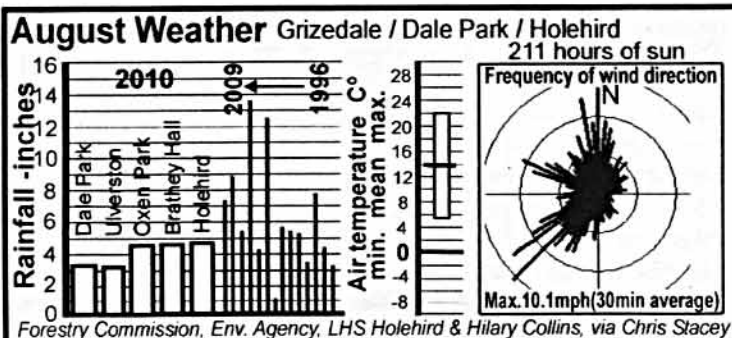
We give a warm welcome our new Councillor, Vanessa Champion, who lives in Finsthwaite where her family have lived for over 25 years. Vanessa has a background in education, having been an LEA inspector, a lecturer in educational management at St Martin's College, and a governor at Leven Valley School. She chaired the Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall Committee for some years, helping to secure the future of the building for the community, and she now runs a keep-fit class there for the over '50s! Since retirement, Vanessa has become an Ancient Tree Verifier for the Woodland Trust, leads a group of woodland archaeologists surveying woods for the National Park, and enjoys volunteer work for the Lakeland Arts Trust and the Lake District Horticultural Society.
DIARY DATE: On Friday 1 October, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30 pm - A second Community Plan Event - "COLTON 2020". A talk, a quiz and a FREE supper! (Bring your own drinks)
Please come along to another of our very sociable evenings with neighbours and friends to decide on what are the key issues for future of your community and to discuss the results of the recent CP questionnaire.
We already have evidence that the County and the National Park are adapting local policy according to local opinion on housing, and we hear that future funding may be linked to needs identified in Community Plans. So come along to make sure your views are represented.
For more details, contact Brenda Fishwick (01229 885329, brenfishwick@hotmail.co.uk) or Mandy Lane (01229 861408, coltonpc@btinternet.com). Look out for posters and flyers nearer the time, but do try to come along. All ages welcome. No need to book - just turn up. All FREE!
The next Council meeting is to be held on Monday, 25 October, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm. All welcome, as ever.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our new programme continues with 'The Hurt Locker', on Tuesday 5 October, at Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30PM.
Next month we will be showing 'Welcome' A French/English film, Tuesday 2 November, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
Seats, programmes and more information from Carol
Tel: 01229 8610507. Email: carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk

GRIZEDALE EVENTS

Satterthwaite Parish website now has a special notice board giving details of events taking place in Grizedale Forest. The main aim being to provide the community with information about forthcoming activities, such as mountain bike events, so that local people know what's going on, when and where. The notice board may be found here: www.satterthwaitepc.org.uk/forestevents.html



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

I am grateful to Eddie Askew for pointing out that in the British Museum in London they have stones for use with a sling as a weapon, which had been dug up in Israel by archaeologists. They are about the size of cricket balls- the stones that is, not the archaeologists. Apparently, thrown expertly with a sling they could travel at about 100 miles per hour. I imagine that must take a lot of practice.

Eddie Askew is reminded of the story of David and Goliath. You probably remember the story. Goliath is the baddy, a giant soldier stronger than anyone else. David is a shepherd boy, who with a sling and just such a stone, went out with great courage and faith in his God. Exit giant, hit on the head by the stone.

You may remember that when David first saw Goliath, David was up on a hillside and Goliath was in the valley below. You can imagine that from up there the giant did not look so big, but as David moved down and moved closer, the giant would have looked bigger and bigger and more and more threatening.

That is how our problems sometimes appear to us- the nearer they get, the bigger and heavier they feel, but they are really the same size as they always were. Sometimes it is very easy for us to get things out of proportion.

Somebody has imagined what David's reaction must have been when he saw the giant close up. His first thought was, 'He's big!', or words to that effect, but his next thought was, 'Good, that means I can't miss!' Some of our problems are only as big as we make them and can be cut down to size with a bit of courage and the kind of faith in God that David had in the famous story.

John

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

| Sunday | Colton | Rusland | Satterthwaite |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Oct. 3 rd | 10.30 Morning Worship | 6pm Evensong | 9.45 Holy Communion |
| 10 th | 10.30 Benefice Harvest Communion | 11.15 Holy Communion | 6pm Evensong |
| 17 th | 9.30 Communion | 6pm Evensong | 9.45 Service for All Ages |
| 24 th | 9.30 Communion | No Service | 11.15 Holy Communion |
| 31 st | 10.30 Ecumenical Benefice Service. P.B. | No Service | 10.00 Joint Benefice H.C. |
| Nov. 7 th | | 2.45 British Legion Service of Remembrance | |

| Sunday | Hawkshead | Sawrey |
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| Oct. 3 rd | 8am Holy Communion, 1662 | 9.30 Service for All Ages |
| | | 6pm Healing Service, Methodist Chapel |
| 10 th | 9.30 H.C. with Sunday School | 6pm Evensong |
| 17 th | 9.30 H.C. with Sunday School | 6pm Evensong |
| 24 th | 9.30 H.C. with Sunday School | 6pm Evensong |
| 31 st | 10.00 Joint Benefice H.C. at Satterthwaite | No Service |
| | | 11.15 Harvest festival |
| | | 11.15 Matins |
| | | 11.15 Holy Communion |
| | | 6pm Evensong |

A MUSICAL EVENING

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SATTERTHWAITE, SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER AT 7.30 P.M.

LA SERANATA ENSEMBLE - TRACIE PEMBERTON (SOPRANO), DAVID EDMONDS (FLUTE) AND CHARLES EDMONDSON (ACCOMPANIST.)

The programme includes music from five countries and four centuries - Purcell to Bernstein.

Tickets cost £5, which includes interval drinks (wine or fruit juice) and nibbles and can be obtained from Sue Brooke (860250), Edward Collins (860312) or Caroline Peet (860302) or can be bought on the day at the door.

LIFE AND WORK

How do you feel about your work (be it paid or voluntary); very positive, or perhaps rather stressed but grateful to have a job? Maybe you're seeking work at the moment or are retired but have a wealth of wisdom to share. Whatever your situation, come and join us at *Life & Work* – a very informal course that will give an opportunity to share experiences, listen to other people and hear some helpful Christian insights. The course will be running over six Thursday evenings from 21st October until 25th November 2010 at 7.30 pm at the Minstrels Gallery, Hawkshead. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Nick Hallam (36069) or Frances Stride (36423).

MOTHERS' UNION

New Beginnings - For a number of years Colton, Rusland, Satterthwaite and Leven Valley Mothers' Unions have met jointly. The relationship has proved amicable so after a long "engagement" it has been decided to validate the relationship and come together as one. The union was formalised on Tuesday, 7 September, at Haverthwaite, with our Joining Service, when we played hosts to members from several branches and were delighted to welcome Shirley Payne, Diocesan President and Sue Bailey, our Deanery Leader. The Service was led by the Reverend Canon Robert Bailey assisted by the Reverend Canon Peter Calvert. The "marriage" was celebrated afterwards with afternoon tea. Earlier, on the first of the month, we were invited by Grange for tea and to hear a talk on the National Trust by Mr Peter Barker.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 October, at Rusland Reading Rooms, 2:30pm when we will learn about the work of Sandside School. You are most welcome to come.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM FEES

It is over two years since heating oil was purchased and since then the price has risen considerably. A recent delivery cost £600. As a result the Parish Room Committee has reluctantly increased the cost per hour for heating to £2.50, with immediate effect. This amount is over and above the rent of the room.

DIARY DATES.

October Tues. 5th Oxen Park Cinema Club - *The Hurt Locker* - Greenodd Village Hall - 7.30pm
 Fri. 8th Farmers' Harvest Service and Supper - Colton - 7.30pm
 Sat. 9th *Feed the Birds* - The Yan, Grizedale - 11am to 4pm. Also Sun. 10th
 Thurs. 12th Mothers' Union - Rusland Reading Rooms - 2.30pm
 Fri. 15th Hawkshead Bowls Club Annual Dinner - The Eagles Head, Satterthwaite
 Mon. 18th Satterthwaite Parish Council - Graythwaite Hall - 7.30pm
 Tues. 19th Rusland and District WI - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm
 Wed. 20th Table Tennis commences - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
 Thurs. 21st *Life and Work* - The Minstrels Gallery, Hawkshead - 7.30pm
 Sat. 23rd La Seranata Ensemble - Satterthwaite Church - 7.30pm
 Cragg Atak at the Eagles Head - 9pm
 Sun. 24th *The Big Draw* - The Yan, Grizedale - until 31st
 Mon. 25th Colton Parish Council - Bouth Village Hall - 7.30pm
 Tues. 26th *Rusland in Bloom* - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
 Fri. 29th Rod and Sarah Demick play at the Eagles Head - *Catallu evening*
 Sat. 30th Halloween Party at the Eagles' Head

PERSONAL

Sincere condolences to Elsie Wilkinson and all her family on the death of Joe Jackson.

Last date for items November is 27th October. 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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