

DIARY DATES (further dates and details elsewhere)			
May	Tues	7 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Reading Room AGM – the Reading Room – 7pm
	Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	Rusland and District WI – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 7.30pm
			Thanksgiving for Lambing and Farming – Bowkerstead Farm – 6pm
	Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	“The Bible in Art” Lecture at Brathay Church Hall – 7.30pm
	Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Benefice Walk – Meet at Rusland Church at 10.30am
	Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day Walk – Meet at Brathay Church at 6pm

#### DALE PARK RAINFALL

The rainfall for March was 12.27" with only 7 dry days. By contrast April, up to 25th, measures only 1.38" and there have been 18 dry days, meaning that there has only been measurable rain on 7 days. Last April, which we thought was dry, measured 4.31".

#### PERSONAL

- Continued Best Wishes to Jennifer Threlkeld, who has been enduring a long spell in hospital, and as this goes to press, is currently in the Langdale Unit at Westmorland Hospital.
- Welcome home and Best Wishes to Peter Moreton after his stay in Hospital

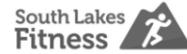
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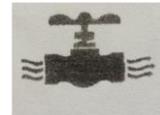
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## “ROUGH WINDS DO SHAKE THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY”

#### SPRING SHOW VISION.

Twenty six years ago Elsie and Gordon Wilkinson had a vision to hold a Spring Show in the valley mainly as a community event but also to raise a few extra funds for the Parish Room.

Elsie baked to compete and also to sell on the cake stall and Gordon grew flowers but both also encouraged other people to do likewise thus producing a show. With their enthusiasm, hard work and support of the community the show became an Annual event.

As the years have gone by the show has improved, generating new interests and activities but this year's show was the best ever.

There was an amazing display of spring flowers, floral art and home produce.

The three local schools produced some great crafts - castles, cave man necklaces and pictures of daffodils. Hawkshead school won the trophy for the most points. Photographs and limericks were also popular. Homemade soup and chilli were on sale in the kitchen along with freshly prepared sandwiches, homemade cakes, biscuits and pies. All thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The kitchen was run this year by Rusland and District WI, who did an amazing job!

The show was well attended with families enjoying the activities held in the wood by Rusland Horizons. There was also *Little Beasties* with snakes, rabbits, guinea pigs and spiders for everyone to hold. On Saturday the owls were very popular. Satterthwaite Choir and Rusland Bell Ringers sang and played on Sunday. Various Crafts Stalls proved popular.

Sadly we don't have Elsie anymore but we hope she would be proud of us as we have tried to continue her legacy but Gordon has been there to support and encourage the committee along the way in the show preparations.

This year four generations of the Wilkinson family won trophies or prizes - Gordon now 89 won the trophy for best in show by an incredible 10 points which included amazing flowers and delicious homemade treacle toffee! His daughter Anne won the Home Produce Trophy and his Granddaughter Nicola won the best Floral Art trophy. Elsie Tickle his Great Granddaughter also won a few prizes.

We would just like to say Thanks for your idea and see you all again next year!

#### THE FIRST CUCKOO

--was reported by Jean Moreton at Ickenthaite. It was heard at 10.30am on Easter Day!

#### OXEN PARK READING ROOM

Hurrah! After so many years of trying we now have a flushing loo. Look out for celebratory events. The AGM will be held in the Reading Room on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All welcome. Tea and coffee & biscuits provided – come and see what we have done so far and use the new loo if needed!

#### PRINTFEST 2019

Coronation Hall, Ulverston  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm  
Admission £5

Exhibition and sale of original contemporary prints. View and buy direct from the Artists. Become a Friend of Printfest and enjoy a Private View on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 7-9pm  
Go to [www.printfest.uk](http://www.printfest.uk)

#### CYCLE EVENT AT GRAYTHWAITE MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup>

This is Round 2 of a National series, held on the Bank Holiday weekend, as it has been since 2017, when the National Championship was held here. Expect extra traffic, and bikes on the roads round the Northern end of the Graythwaite Estate, Esthwaite and Dale Park.

#### EAGLE'S HEAD NEWS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – the ever-popular Mid Life Crisis are playing again for charity at the Eagle's Head, from about 8.30pm.

#### EVENTS AT THE MANOR

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Manor House at Oxen Park will be holding the regular 'Open Mic' night. Come along and have a blast! And on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, live band 'Route 66' will be playing from 9.30. They are a very sixties-based rock 'n' roll band with a little more ROCK than Roll and great fun yet with a professional approach to their performance. The Manor will be open from noon on both May Bank Holiday Mondays. It's always wise to book a table in advance on 01229 861345

**RUSLAND HORIZONS STILL NEEDS YOU!**

Initial Heritage Lottery funding finishes in June, and we need your support to make the next stage happen! Rusland Horizons is a community-led scheme. Since the very beginning, local people have been closely involved in creating and delivering a wide range of projects; everything from hedgerow conservation to oral history and protecting our native red squirrels. Now we are planning for the future, and we need your support to make it happen!

What might you gain by volunteering?

We recognise that everyone has their own unique reasons for volunteering, and that everyone gets something different from the experience too. Whether you want to make a difference, feel part of your local community, gain new skills, develop your confidence, take on a new challenge or meet new people, volunteering is one of the most rewarding things that you can do.

Can you help us?

There are lots of ways that you can get involved with Rusland Horizons. You may have seen volunteers out and about doing practical conservation work. You may have been one. We now need other, perhaps less visible skills, too.

We are currently looking for specific help with:

- Fundraising and planning for the future
- Membership administration, communications and community liaison

Experience in these areas would be an advantage but is not essential; it's enthusiasm and a willingness to 'get stuck in' that we're after!

Whether it's a regular commitment, or a block of time, we would love to have you on board our small friendly team. Full training is available and we are very flexible on time and location.

Don't just take our word for it, here's what some of our current volunteers have to say:

"Volunteering for Rusland Horizons in the office supporting the administration side of things has been fun! (I know -admin – fun?!) – But working with a great collaborative team, on such an important local, community-led project has been really rewarding. I've got to know a lot of positive and committed people from all the different projects, and at the same time I've kept my skills updated, and my mind active. To be recommended!"

"Working alongside the Rusland Horizons team and other volunteers I feel that I've learnt a lot and developed my skills. My input always feels valued and I've been involved in decision making. Now is a great time to get involved and help shape the future of Rusland Horizons."

"I balance volunteering with looking after my two boys and part-time study. I really appreciate that the team understand this and offer me total flexibility. It's a really supportive organisation to be involved with." "As some who was new to the area, volunteering on this project has been an absolute dream. I now actually know some people and can just about negotiate my way around the Rusland Valley and surrounding areas!"

If you are interested, please contact Rick Emslie to arrange a no-obligation chat  
rick@emsleanalytics.co.uk or 07785 248145

**RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI.**

At the April Meeting, we welcomed fellow member, Meg Fletcher, who gave us a wonderful insight into the work of the Kinamba Community Project in Rwanda. She has been involved with the project since 2006 and spends a lot of her time there. She gave a very inspirational account of the work of the school and the stories of the pupils. Her photos were captivating. She was thanked by Sue Brooke

Many members had attended the Spring Show and everyone was thanked for their hard work in the tea room - there were many compliments!

The next event is the group meeting, hosted by Bouth WI on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Greenodd.

Our May meeting is at Satterthwaite on May 21<sup>st</sup>, when there will be a presentation & selection of photos for our 2020 calendar - a new project. All welcome!

**RUSLAND HORIZONS NEWS**

**Practical Conservation Work Party 4<sup>th</sup> June 9 - 4pm**

These monthly volunteer days help with woodland restoration and other conservation work, this month we hope to be working on a Boardwalk. Please see our website for more information. Booking is essential via <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>. We meet at National Park Southern Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB.

**Celebration Events**

To celebrate the Rusland Horizons project and mark the beginning of a new chapter we are holding a programme of events which include, guided walks, evening talks, the chance to try out some greenwood skills and an afternoon tea. For more information on all of our events please visit the What's On page of our website <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>.

**Volunteers**

We have a range of volunteering opportunities available either with our upcoming celebratory events or with RH II. If you are interested and want further information you can contact the office on 015395 31932 or you can email us at [rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk](mailto:rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk).

**Westmorland Red Squirrels** If you are visiting the Grizedale area of the Lake District, keep an eye out for the new red squirrel fact sheets and leaflets that are available. They have been produced by the Westmorland Red Squirrels group to help promote the conservation of red squirrels. There is also a "spotted form" which you can complete if you are lucky enough to see a red squirrel. Or any sightings of squirrels can be reported at [www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk/sightings/](http://www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk/sightings/).

**CHARITY YOGA WEEKEND**

Jenny Armstead (The Old Vicarage, Satterthwaite) is organising another **Yoga Weekend 14th – 16th June**. There will be some non-residential places available (with or without the delicious meals) to locals with previous Yoga experience. All costs are covered by Jenny's generous sponsor, so all donations will be going to the Get A-Head charity, which provides research into Adenoidal Cystic Carcena, and to the Satterthwaite defibrillator. For further details contact: [jennywren213@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennywren213@hotmail.co.uk)

**CHURCH NEWS**

Dear Friends,

So Easter has gone, and with it, for many, a chocolate bonanza. As a boy I used to try to preserve the experience so much so that the chocolate often went off! Easter is gone but actually is followed by two important festivals this month which are inextricably linked to the Easter experience - Pentecost and Ascension. Often ignored in our society, Pentecost shows that faith is a spiritual experience, and Ascension reminds us that we cannot hold onto the past no matter how good it was. Jesus' 'ascension', portrayed by a sadly comedic depiction of his feet sticking out from a cloud, reduces the reality of the demand on his disciples to turn to their world and do his work 'on earth' until he 'comes again'. However one interprets these events, they point to the spiritual power within the Christian message - that the life of Jesus goes on, in and through his disciples, that the past is gone, and there is hope that the way of Jesus will be seen on the earth into the future. Now for me these things are worth preserving as, unlike chocolate, they will never go off!

Andrew Dodd Joint Minister of Hawkshead Hill Baptist Chapel;

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY**

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Morning Worship	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	9.45 Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	No Service	11.15 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.15 Holy Communion	

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Methodist Chapel	Sawrey
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Morning Worship	6pm Churches Together H.C.	11.15 Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 H.C. with Sunday School	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	11.15 Matins
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	11.15 Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion		6pm Songs of Praise Braithwaite Hall

**COME FOR A WALK**

The May Benefice walk will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, meeting at Rusland Church at 10.30am. The walk will be a loop taking in Satterthwaite and is 4 ½ miles long.

**A THANKSGIVING FOR LAMBING AND FARMING AT BOWKERSTEAD FARM**

Tuesday 21st May at 6pm

A Service to thank, bless and pray for our local farming community will be held at Bowkerstead Farm (Grizedale Campsite), to the south of Satterthwaite. All are welcome to come to this special occasion. Refreshments will follow.

**THE BIBLE IN ART**

Five Wednesday evenings, 22nd May- 19th June, 7.30pm at Brathay Church Hall  
Each of the 5 sessions will explore a Bible story by looking at a painting from the National Gallery's collection. Anyone is very welcome to come and no prior knowledge of art or the Bible is required.

**ASCENSION DAY WALK - THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

Meet and park at Brathay Church at 6pm for a walk to Todd Crag. There are superb views of Ambleside and Windermere from the Crag, where we will share an Ascension Day Meditation.  
More information from Andrew Dodd on 015394 36451.

In Aid of Rusland Satterthwaite and Brathay Churches

A Recital by Martin Roscoe, Acclaimed International Concert Pianist

Brathay Church, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm

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**HELP FROM CITIZENS' ADVICE**

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It's important to speak to someone in the council tax office about your situation immediately. You'll probably be asked to commit to paying a regular amount each month. If you're on a low income, you might be able to get a reduction on your council tax bill. You may also qualify for your council's Hardship Scheme. For more help, use the Citizens Advice budgeting tool or contact your local Citizens Advice on 015394 46464

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