

PERSONAL

- Congratulations to Hazel and Hanson Charnley on their Diamond Wedding. They were married at Rusland Church on the 14th of October 1961. Hazel lived at Windy Hall and Thwaite Moss before the big day.
- Best wishes to Jennifer Threlkeld, at present in hospital in Preston, hoping to have Back surgery

RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY POTATO DAY

(Seed potatoes, fruit bushes & trees,
Seeds, flower bulbs, tubers & more)

Greenodd Village Hall FALLINTO WINTER- 23rd January 2022 - 10am to 3pm

Admission £1 (Children free)

Homemade soup & cakes.

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FALL INTO WINTER

RUSLAND VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
After two years of "No Show", almost unheard of in our 138-year history, we are now planning a really special Show for 2022. We would love YOU to come and join us in making this a really special event for our community on Saturday 20th August 2022.

We are looking for people to come and join the committee and to help out on show day, the week before and after for erecting the marquees, general setting up and taking down. We would particularly welcome any young people who might be able to move us forwards with modern technology and social media!

If you are interested in being a special part of our community then please give me a call or email, ask any questions and have a chat - 01229 885300 or m.boyren@btinternet.com
I look forward to hearing from you!

Maureen Boyren
Secretary RVHS Ltd.
Our AGM is on Friday 26th November in Rusland Reading Room at 7.30pm

RUSLAND HORIZONS

Here's a taster of some of our forthcoming events.

Dry stone walling with Jim Doherty: There are two dates planned, Sunday 31st October and Saturday 20th November. Both events will be held at Abbot Park Farm, above Bandrake Head. Whether you're an experienced waller or would like to try this traditional skill for the first time, this is a great hands-on event led by the very experienced Jim Doherty - full time dry stone waller. Our walls are such a treasured part of our landscape, and there is nothing more satisfying than standing back and admiring a section you have helped to restore.

Hedgerow Planting: We will be helping to plant a completely new line of hedgerow at Thwaite

Head in November. This is exciting for any number of reasons including helping with local biodiversity and providing a new, safe habitat for our native species. It will also be great fun to learn about the different native species chosen to plant, including taking into account climate change challenges and finding out how the hedge will be maintained until it is mature enough for traditional hedge laying.

Polytunnel Work Party: Our polytunnel will remain in storage for a short while longer until we are able to establish it at one of two possible earmarked sites. However, so as not to miss the current seasonal opportunity, we are delighted that Tony Woods, at Abbots Reading, has kindly offered to let us use an existing polytunnel at his farm. We will be holding a work party to help with clearing out of the polytunnel, mainly of brambles, before being able to put it to good use for some wildflower cultivation and growing of saplings. Keep checking our website, social media and newsletter for updates.

2022 Calendar: By the time you read this, the winning photograph will have been announced and those making up the remaining eleven months will also have been chosen from among the 90 entries received. **DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CALENDAR (AND ONE FOR YOUR FRIENDS!).**

The Rusland Horizons Christmas Bash! Leaving the best until last! The most important date for your diary is the Rusland Horizons Christmas bash! This will be held on Sunday 12 December, and everyone is welcome.

For the latest updates and details of these events, and all others, please keep checking our 'What's On' page on our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram and for any enquiries including volunteering opportunities, please contact hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org Website - www.ruslandhorizons.org

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met at Finsthwaite Village Hall on Monday, 11th October and received a presentation from the Green Roads Alliance on the problems caused around the Parish and beyond, by 'off road' vehicles on small roads and green lanes. The LDNPA can impose Temporary Road Orders to restrict usage where damage and nuisance is caused but seem reluctant to do so. The councillors agreed to support the Alliance in their work.

The Parish Council will be represented at the Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance at Rusland Church on Sunday 7th November at 2.45pm.

Ulverston Town Band will be present for the hymns, and the Reverend John Dixon will take the service. All are welcome.

The Parish Council's email information link now reaches over 140 'subscribers' in and around the area. If you want to publicise an event or just keep in touch with what's going on, email coltonparishlink@gmail.com and ask to join. Your details won't be passed on to anyone and you can unsubscribe at any time.

The next Council meeting will be at Oxen Park Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 29th November. Please contact a councillor or email clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk if you want to raise any matters.

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

At the October meeting, we were delighted to welcome Bryan Edmundson for a drawing class. What we didn't know beforehand was that we were to draw a self-portrait in charcoal. Suitably equipped with large sheets of paper and a mirror each, we were first shown how to divide the paper and to put the eyes in the middle. Then it was time for a demonstration of drawing the nose and mouth and later the hair, with tips on highlighting and shading. From the hushed atmosphere in the room some very creditable portraits emerged and group photos were taken of us holding our portraits. Sue Brooke thanked Mr. Edmundson for a most inspiring evening.

The next meeting will be our A.G.M. on Tuesday, 16h November at 7.30 p.m. at the Rusland Reading Room when the portraits will be displayed for all to guess who is who!

DALE PARK RAINFALL

The September total was 3.19" (2020 5.36") and October to 23rd 8.99" which is very similar to last year. In September there were 16 dry days (2020 11 dry days).

NOT TO BE MISSED!

As Covid Restrictions relax, it means MID LIFE CRISIS return for their Annual Night at the Eagles Head on Saturday 13 November from 9 pm 'till late. Entry Free.

November 2020 was the first year the Band have missed since, we think, 2001, so come along and support the pub. Enjoy a great night of music, song, dance, drink, and Rock 'n Roll.

MLC never charge for their evenings at the pub, but hope that people will donate to the bucket collection for a charity which will be named on the night. They have raised many thousands over the years.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

It is so good to see full houses although we are still limiting numbers. Booking ahead with Carol is still essential so we can make sure everyone is spaced out.

November films are BALLOON – based on a true story of a family escaping from East Germany – 2nd and 7th followed by SWEET COUNTRY - on 16th and 21st. To fit in with Christmas we have brought forward the well-reviewed MINARI our first December film to 30th November. Email Carol at crlmcneill@gmail.com

OXEN PARK NEWS

The Oxen Park Lanequest (Orienteering on a bike) held in July, based at The Manor, raised £440 for the local First Responders. A great result bringing in funds from outside the area. Thanks to all who helped on the night. This event celebrated 25 years of Lanequests which started in Oxen Park that many years ago.

THE MANOR NEWS

The Manor in Oxen Park is open throughout December and January, only closing on Christmas Day.

ANYONE FOR PING-PONG?

Oxen Park sessions have started again – Saturdays 10-12 at The Reading Room. Cake often on offer. Beginners and newcomers welcome.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

Satterthwaite Parish Room is now back in use and more bookings would be very welcome. The room is well decorated, light and bright and can seat 55 people. The kitchen is well stocked with an excellent cooker and the hall is suitable for family celebrations and meetings of all kinds. There is a new table tennis table. The hire costs are most reasonable - the local rate is £12 for up to 6 hours, heating extra, and the rate for other users is £20 + heating, for up to 6 hours. For bookings, please contact Kevin Baverstock on 01229 860181 or visit the Satterthwaite Parish Room website.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Matt Hirst, and I am the new minister at Hawkshead Hill Baptist Chapel. Together with my wife Ali and our 4-year-old daughter Oliva, we moved from the Rossendale Valley in Lancashire into the community of Hawkshead Hill at the beginning of August. I officially started my new role on September 4th and as a family we have received such a warm welcome for which we are truly grateful. When I'm not working you will find me up on the fells or on the golf course (weather permitting obviously!) I also enjoy listening to music, and for my sins I am a loyal supporter of Arsenal Football Club! We are thrilled to be here and look forward to getting to know you all and becoming a part of the wider community of Hawkshead.

I read recently of an experiment that took place in America on a Winter's morning in 2007, to assess the behaviour of commuters at a Washington metro station. They wanted to analyse people's reactions to a violin playing busker, but this was no ordinary violinist. The busker in question was the famous violin virtuoso Joshua Bell. Apparently, his concert at the Boston Symphony Hall three days earlier had sold out when he played to more than 10,000 people. Using his 1713 Stradivarius, Bell stood in the lobby of the metro and played six of his most beautiful pieces of music, and the incredible thing was, apart from a couple of children and a handful of commuters, nobody stopped! Nobody paused to listen to the great man.

Out of context, Bell became completely invisible, and the organisers of the experiment concluded that 'the majority of people rushed ahead into their morning, unaware of the treasure in their midst.' During the last 18 months I have been learning to see things with a new perspective and not to miss the treasure that God sends my way. Treasure comes to us through many different guises. It might come through the beauty of creation; it might be a card from a friend. It might be an act of kindness extended to you which has helped to lift your spirits. However, big, or small each one has been a glimpse of God's treasure, there to uplift and indeed encourage. Perhaps this week we can all look out for glimpses of God's treasure.

Matt

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

| Sunday | Colton | Rusland | Satterthwaite |
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| Nov 7 th | 2.45 | Royal British Legion Service | |
| 14 th | | | 6pm Remembrance Service |
| 21 st | 5pm | Evensong joint with Satterthwaite | |
| 28 th | 11.15 | Holy Communion joint with Satterthwaite | |
| Sunday | Hawkshead Church | Sawrey | |
| Nov 7 th | 9.30 Morning worship | 11.15 Holy Communion for All Souls | |
| 14 th | 10.55 Remembrance Service | 9.30 Remembrance Service | |
| 21 st | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11.15 Holy Communion | |
| 28 th | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11.15 Morning Worship | |

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