

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 6PM "SUPPER SOCIAL" IN SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM
Join us for another convivial evening with food by Rock Cottage Dining and Katvandu, and a pay bar with wine, beer and soft drinks.
Tickets - which must be pre-ordered - are £16 per head including first drink. Please order early! Further bottles of wine can be preordered with tickets @ £15. Otherwise please bring cash for the cash only bar on the night We have kept the cost low but any profit will go towards the refurbishment of the Parish Room. Further donations are welcome.
Contact Fran Townsend for tickets, on 860206 or pandftownsend@gmail.com

RUSLAND & DISTRICT WI
We had an attractive stall in the Local Interest tent at Rusland Show. Six of our members are either on the committee or were helping. Hilary Collins was the President this year and Gay Jarvis won, among other awards, the Doreen Dickinson Memorial Trophy for the WI member with the most points won in any section of the Show.
The next meeting is at the Oxen Park Reading Room on Tuesday, 19th September at 7.30 p.m. when we shall learn about the work of the Mountain Rescue Service. All welcome.

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AS THE NIGHTS DRAW IN ---

138th Rusland Show
By Sunday 13th August most marquees were up and we were on our way for another Rusland Show. There was more work to do but with a band of helpers through the week everything was ready. Friday night and the winds came along with the rain. What would the morning bring? Answer - more wind and rain! As people arrived with their entries it was getting muddier and the wind continued. A little panic was setting in, as the tents were looking unstable; major work was underway to keep us on track. But then the wind calmed and the rain stopped in time for visitors and locals to venture out to Whitestock Meadow, where an array of local crafts people, eager exhibitors and athletes had gathered to put on a show for everyone to enjoy. Even though the wind persisted it did not take anything away from a super day. The main marquee looked wonderful with some lovely home grown produce, baking of the highest standard, exquisite floral art and handicrafts along with children's exhibits that they were very proud of. There were many new exhibitors whom we hope will continue to show in the future and find that Rusland Show is a new part of their life. Exhibitors returned to see if all their hard work had paid off and excited children rushed around checking to see if they had got a certificate. The local crafts on display were splendid, such talent and variety, along with the Local Interest stands, for people to see what actually happens in this area. These are great assets to the day. Did you have a go at croquet? The runners were, as always, great to watch. How they compete in so many events is quite amazing.

As usual the fancy dress and pet show had plenty of entrants, quite a task for our President Hilary Collins to judge, I am sure she will agree. Egg throwing and catching is quite a skill. With the wind, there was a bit more ducking and diving this year! A few more teams in the tug of war made for an entertaining finale to the ring events. As in previous years "Jesters" circus skills workshop proved a hit with the children. Did you know adults can have a go too? A thought for next year, give it a try! The auction of produce had a good crowd and many a bargain was snapped up; vegetables, cakes, flowers, jams etc all off to new homes. There was music in the bar after the show which was really enjoyable and well worth staying on for. It is always good to have a sit down and chat about the day, with a lovely cold drink in hand! Before we knew it all the marquees were down and either packed away or moved on to another event. Rusland Show has gone to bed for another year. Maybe not behind the scenes though. A massive thank you to all who have helped in any way to make this event a great occasion for this lovely Valley. It is so good to see familiar faces from near and far, also visitors coming for the first time who will hopefully return for years to come. Your continued support is what makes our show such a success. All results are on www.ruslandshow.org See you on 17th August 2024.

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SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
 We would like to thank Helen Bright, Phil Southworth, Jo Wem and Fran Townsend and all the other people who offered help, for their hard work clearing the tennis court. Phil is going to treat the moss on the court. There may be another work day later in the year. Next meeting 4th September in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms at 7pm

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Rusland Show
 Colton Parish Council had its very own show tent this year at the Rusland Show. Our Cabinet of Curiosities was on display along with our Schools Manifesto recently developed with Leven Valley and Penny Bridge Schools. Owen Evans performed stories and songs specially written for the Rusland Valley by Steve Wharton as well as a beautiful piece composed by Tim Fleming. Our botanical print making table was very busy with lots of gorgeous prints created by children and adults alike. We all enjoyed meeting and talking to residents and visitors and were delighted to see the show as busy and successful as always. Thanks to all who came by to say hello and tell us what is important to them.
Community Plan Update

We will be busy in September reading and analysing the questionnaires completed as part of our community plan consultation exercise. We plan to hold an informal social meeting on the evening of the 14th of October to share results and get any final input over a simple supper. Keep an eye on the website and Colton Link for more information and how to reserve a spot.

Councillors
 Having a full complement of councillors is vital to making sure that the views of the community are fully represented and that meetings can be quorate and effective. We currently have vacancies and would welcome applications. If you are interested in helping your community grow and thrive, please talk to a current councillor (details are on the website) or contact the clerk at clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk. Our next meeting is at 7pm on Monday 4th September at Rusland Reading Rooms.

DALE PARK RAINFALL
 I have records going back to 2002 and this July's total rainfall at 12.02" is by far the most at more than twice the average for July over the last 21 years. There were only 7 dry days. August rainfall to the 22nd is 4.23" and 6 dry days. The yearly total to date is 53.25"

RUSLAND VALLEY HANDBELL RINGERS
 Rusland Valley handbell ringers would like to thank the RV Community Trust for their generous donation towards two new bells. These enhance our two-octave bell set so we can now play more tunes from the music books that we currently use. We are making great progress, but due to the vagaries of life (illness, ringers moving away, for example) we would ideally like one or two more people to join us. We would encourage anybody who thinks they might enjoy this unusual but rewarding pastime, to contact us: perhaps arrange to come to a practice sometime and see what we do. We are lucky to have such a set-up locally, and are better off than a lot of other rural communities in this respect. We meet on a Wednesday afternoon at Rusland Reading Rooms, at 13.45 to set up. We finish at 15.30 with a cup of tea and a biscuit. Absolutely no musical experience is necessary, but an ability to enjoy tunes and tea is an advantage. Teaching is incorporated into every session and is taken at a very leisurely pace. Please call or email Mandy Bartlett if interested on 07785 396053 mandyloubartlett@hotmail.co.uk

RUSLAND HORIZONS TRUST NEWS
Veteran Tree ID Walk: Saturday 9th September, 10am - 3pm Following the great response to the last Veteran Tree ID Walk in the Spring, Rusland Horizons has decided to hold another event, this time in autumn. Join us on a guided walk around Finsthwaite Heights to explore this fascinating landscape, visiting veteran and ancient trees. At the last event in May there was a real mix of trees, ranging from the expected such as oak, hazel, hawthorn and beech, to rarer species of cherry, juniper and aspen. As part of the guided walk, there will also be the chance to record one or two particularly special veteran trees for the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory. Full details and booking can be found on the Rusland Horizons website now, at the usual 'What's On' page. <https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE
 Now is the time to be thinking about buying and planting bulbs for the Rusland Spring Show 2024 on March 16th /17th. Let's make it another special weekend. All are welcome to enter.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,
As many readers will know, in the early hours of Saturday 29th July, Hawkshead church was broken into. A window was broken, the vestry door lock smashed, and entry was made to the safe using drilling equipment. All the silver belonging to the church was stolen, as well as silver that had come from Wray church. The robbery was very similar to couple of others in churches in the North West, including St John's, Keswick back in February. In each case drills were used and the thieves only seemed to be interested in the silver. This was undoubtedly a horrid thing to happen, and I felt a bit surprised by how shocked I was. St Michael's is a holy place, and is an important part of my life, and this felt like a desecration, a violation. And I wasn't the only one- we received dozens of messages of shock and support, from people in the community, as well as from people literally all over the world, a timely reminder of what a special place it is. And it is a place which belongs to the whole community, in the broadest sense of that word. God is present everywhere, but perhaps we particularly feel his presence in places where prayer has been practised regularly. In this place Christians come to meet others on the same journey, and have done so for centuries. Here, people have come with their deepest needs. Some have had great faith and others were not sure what the word 'faith' might mean for them. Here the rhythms of the seasons have been observed and celebrated. Here people have received the gift of the Holy Spirit in baptism. Here people have searched for a pardon for their sins and understood God's forgiveness. Here people have come to make their wedding vows, or in grief to say farewell to a loved one. Here people have received a foretaste of the kingdom in the sacrament of the Eucharist, using the vessels that are now who knows where. Thanks to the hard work of those who cleaned up and made the building safe, we were able to hold our Benefice service the next day. It was a beautiful well-attended occasion, and a reminder that in the end light overcomes darkness. We even found the strength to pray for those who had committed the crime. John

| Sunday | Colton | Rusland | Satterthwaite |
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| Sept 3 rd | | 6pm | Celtic Evening Prayer |
| 10 th | 10.00 | | Holy communion |
| 17 th | | 6pm | Evensong |
| 24 th | 10.00 | 11.15 | Morning Worship Harvest Festival Holy Communion |

| Sunday | Hawkshead Church | Hawkshead Hill Baptists | Sawrey |
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| Sept 3 rd | 9.30 | 10.30 | 11.15 |
| | Morning Worship | Morning Service | Holy Communion CW |
| 10 th | 9.30 | 10.30 | 11.15 |
| | Holy Communion | Morning Service | Matins |
| 17 th | 9.30 | 10.30 | 11.15 |
| | Holy Communion | Morning Service | Holy Communion BCP |
| 24 th | 9.30 | 10.30 | 11.15 |
| | Harvest Festival HC | Morning Service | Harvest Festival HC |

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ROOKHOW NEWS
Retreat Away Fund - The Rookhow Retreat Away Fund provides subsidised stays for vulnerable groups, including refugees, youth groups, drug and alcohol recovery and women dealing with domestic violence. So far it has supported over 400 people from 30 organisations to benefit from Rookhow's peace and tranquility. Rookhow puts 5% of its booking income into this fund which is also supported by local Quaker Meetings and individuals. The next round's deadline is 27th September. Please contact Sue for more details. Check the website for details and an application form. <https://rookhow.org.uk/charitable-work>
Quaker Meetings at Rookhow Meeting House - On the first Wednesday of every month 7.30-8pm and 1st and 3rd Fridays 12.30-1pm. All welcome.
Open Days - Our friendly volunteer guides will be happy to show you around Rookhow on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month 10am-4pm with a Quaker Meeting 12.30-1pm. All year round. Individuals and groups welcome. Recent groups who have visited include Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society, Satterthwaite Book Club, St. Paul's Church Grange and Coniston Mothers' Union. If you're coming as a group, please let us know so we have enough cake ready!
Winter 'Quamping' - The Bunkbarn will be closed from the end of November until the end of March for renovation work. During that time we'll be offering 'Quamping' (a Quaker version of glamping or champing) in the Meeting House and yurt. 2 nights minimum. £200 per night. Up to 12 people. See the website for more details. Availability over Christmas and New Year if you need overspill accommodation. Website: rookhow.org.uk LA12 8LA Contact Sue Nicholls, Development Manager Tel 07377 971783 Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com