

**CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST: RUSLAND LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP**

Sunday 28th June – Moth and Butterfly Event: Come and see the wonderful diversity of moths revealed by overnight moth light traps (moths are released unharmed), followed by a wander to spot our local butterfly species. A lovely family-friendly event led by local enthusiast, Rob Fitter. Meet at Oxen Park Reading Room (LA12 8HG, [///webcams.cookbooks.twin](http://webcams.cookbooks.twin)), starting at 08.30 am (early so that we can release the moths as soon as possible). We expect to be finished by midday. Adults £5 donation please (children free). Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. Sorry, no dogs at this event. Please book via [RuslandLSG@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:RuslandLSG@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEER ART TECHNICIAN – JOHN RUSKIN SCHOOL.**

We are seeking a practical, creative volunteer. You will help maintain materials and equipment, prepare classrooms for lessons, and help keep supplies organised. An interest in art would be ideal as it will involve close work with our art teacher. Ideally, one or two mornings per week. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced check for regulated activity via the Disclosure and Barring Service and any other checks in relation to the safeguarding of our students as necessary. Please contact [admin@jrs.org.uk](mailto:admin@jrs.org.uk)  
Closing date: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

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**JUNE, GATEWAY TO THE SUMMER**

**SATTERTHWAITE SUPPER EVENING**  
More than 45 people attended the very convivial May supper evening in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms, particularly enjoying Simon Brock's "street food" themed menu which was a great hit. Thanks to all who supported the evening, and to those who helped. Over £700 was raised for the Parish Room regeneration.

**AN INVITATION TO ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS**  
Ragged Rock wishes to encourage and support music in the valley. We are amateurs who enjoy making music at home and in public. Are you dreaming of being a star but find it hard to start? Spend some time with us trying out your voice and/or instrument. We will try and get you started and we will show you how we sort out pieces so that we can play them. Are you a confident musician looking for group playing or even a gig? Join us for a session to see if we can work together.  
Contact Paul at [craggatakbas@gmail.com](mailto:craggatakbas@gmail.com) or phone 01229 860 269 if interested.

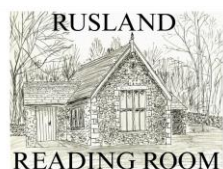
**SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION**  
Judging for the RVHS Summer Garden Competition is planned to take place during the week starting 13<sup>th</sup> July. The classes are : - Large gardens, Small gardens, Vegetable gardens, and Children's container garden. The class for Hanging baskets/window boxes has been dropped. Entries to me by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July please. Colin Barr ([cjbarr50@gmail.com](mailto:cjbarr50@gmail.com) or 07870 581535)

**JAR FEST**  
After hours of deliberation, it has been decided that Jar Fest will happen again this year at the Oxen Park Reading Room. The planned date is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. More details to come but it may be a slightly different event to last time. Colin Barr.

**OXEN PARK NEWS**  
**CINEMA** - we are now selecting films for our new season starting in September. If you would like to sponsor a film (£25.00 + 2 free seats) just let Carol know and she will arrange to send you the selected film list. ([clrmcneill@gmail.com](mailto:clrmcneill@gmail.com).) As usual collect a programme at The Rusland Show.  
**DOG CLUB** - last one on Tuesday 3rd June. 5.30 - 6.15. As well as puppies we have several very well-behaved dogs coming just for the fun and socialisation.

**NEWS FROM THE FOREST**  
Grizedale now has a new waymarked network of bike and walking trails. Some routes have lengthened, some are shorter and the way markers are different. The new map is available to download via the Grizedale Forestry England website or purchase at the Visitor Centre. For locals, walking trails they are familiar with, nothing really has changed but for visitors unfamiliar with the forest and reliant on a map it is best to direct them to the online map or to the Centre. We are removing the old way markers and this will continue throughout summer.  
6/7<sup>th</sup> June - Sisters in the Wild – at Grizedale campsite and cycling within the forest  
7<sup>th</sup> June - Lakeland Trails Marathon – passing through at High Cross onto Parkamoor

**DALE PARK RAINFALL**  
The April rainfall was 4.65" with 13 dry days (2025 1.91", 21 dry.) May to the 26<sup>th</sup> total is 3.11" and 10 dry days (2025 1.56" and 21 dry, though it rained every day for the rest of that month. The yearly total to date is 31.39" with 48 dry days (2025 16.22" and 92 dry) which is almost twice last year's total at this date.



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*Yoga for All Beings*

**Monday** Satterthwaite Parish Room 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm  
**Thursday** Rusland Reading Room 6:00pm - 7:15pm  
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**COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

You are invited to our Annual Meeting of Parish Electors on Tuesday 2nd June at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve.

Meet at 6.45pm at Hay Bridge for a short, guided walk or come to the Hay Bridge Centre at 7.45pm for refreshments and discussion about the issues that matter to people who live or work in the Colton Parish area. Please wear suitable footwear for footpaths and possibly board walks. No dogs thank you. No booking required, although it will help us plan refreshments if you let us know you're coming. Email [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.gov.uk) All welcome!

Find Hay Bridge @ Bouth, Cumbria, LA12 8JG, What 3 Words //flipping.cheek.rezoning Grid ref SD 33681 87605

**Calling all Community Champions !**

In the coming months we will be distributing leaflets to help households with their contingency planning and to provide you with information about the support available. However, to be effective, each village or community will need ways of ensuring a coordinated village response. To make this possible, Colton Parish Council is building a network of "Community Champions". If you are your local WhatsApp group administrator, you would be perfect for the role of Community Champion. The Parish Council will ensure you have useful information to share. Or, if there's not a contact group where you live, we can help you set one up. We will share guidance and resources as required.

If you are interested in being a "Community Champion", please email [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk) Our next meeting is on Monday 6th July at 7pm at Bouth Village Hall. [www.coltonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.coltonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Satterthwaite Parish Council co-opted Howard Joseph at the April meeting and we have already put him to work getting quotes to renovate the tennis court. We have now had two visits from companies regarding the playground and are awaiting our last visit on the 4th June before putting the suggestions to the community for the final design. We still have not heard the outcome of the Community Governance review regarding parish boundaries and have put in formal feedback regarding home to school transport, especially as it adversely affects rural communities.

If you have anything you wish to raise please contact [clerk@satterthwaiteparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@satterthwaiteparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**RUSLAND WITH BOUTH WI**

It was an eye-opening talk at May's meeting about the present and future plans for recycling our household waste, given by Katherine Banks of Westmorland and Furness Council. She gave us many ideas about reusing and not binning. At present WFC, who covers 1,500 square miles with nearly 118,000 properties, spends £1.48 per week per household on waste disposal/recycling. Instead of going into landfill almost all of our non-recyclable waste goes down to be used to fuel Cheshire cement kilns. Among measures to be rolled out, most households will get 4 wheelie bins (2 large and 2 medium) which will include one for food waste in line with the rest of the country.

In a book review, Hilary Collins recommended Susie Dent's debut novel *Guilty by Definition*. "A mystery thriller. A most unusual, enjoyable book". Members had a valuable IT session with Zak Woods from Lakes IT Services, mainly focussing on cyber security. The walking/dining group led by Chris Jackson had a walk at Wray. Meg Fletcher has had a plant sale at Baycliffe which raised a 'truly wonderful' £630 for her school project in Rwanda.

At the Victoria Wood Theatre in Bowness many members enjoyed the poignant, funny new play '14 Again' which included many Victoria Wood songs performed brilliantly. Judy Shaw has reserved tickets for Calendar Girls at theatre by the Lake, Keswick on September 1st.

For anyone interested in craft, the Glitter and Glue group is on Tuesday afternoons at Finsthwaite Village Hall.

The next meeting on June 16th at Finsthwaite is 'blood bikes - a life-saving journey'. All welcome.

For further information on any WI business please contact Judy on [tspeed585@aol.com](mailto:tspeed585@aol.com).

**WORKOUT SPACE AVAILABLE**

Do you ever need a bit of extra indoor room for a workout space for yourself, friends or family? You can hire Satterthwaite Parish Room at a very modest cost. We have a set of floor mats, full set of weights from 1kg - 10kg and a portable upper body strength station, all available to use at no extra cost. Also table tennis equipment. Any queries, please contact Fran Townsend ([pandftownsend@gmail.com](mailto:pandftownsend@gmail.com)) or book at [www.satterthwaiteparishroom.org.uk](http://www.satterthwaiteparishroom.org.uk)

**CHURCH NEWS**

*Dear Friends*

*Summer is a season many of us look forward to each year. The longer days, warmer weather, and beauty of nature encourage us to slow down and appreciate the world around us. Gardens bloom with colour, birdsong fills the mornings, and families gather for holidays, walks, and shared meals. In all these simple pleasures, we can catch glimpses of God's goodness.*

*The Bible often reminds us that creation reflects the love and care of the Creator. It invites us to see God's hand in the beauty of the earth. Summer gives us a special opportunity to pause and notice these gifts. A peaceful sunset, a gentle breeze, or the sound of rain on a warm afternoon can become moments of quiet thanksgiving.*

*For many people, summer also brings a change of pace. Schools close, routines soften, and there may be more time for rest and reflection. In our busy lives, this can be a valuable chance to reconnect with something beyond us and eternal and important, something I would choose to call God. Even a few moments of stillness each day can refresh the soul.*

*At the same time, summer reminds us to care for one another. While some enjoy holidays and celebrations and time with family, others may feel lonely or struggle with illness, grief, or financial worries. We can share something of God's love through kindness, hospitality, and friendship. A visit, a phone call, or an invitation for tea can make a real difference.*

*As we enjoy this season, may we remember to thank God for His many blessings and seek ways to share His light with others. May this summer bring peace, renewal, and joy to all our hearts.*

John

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE**

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Service	6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Green H.C. CW1		11.15 Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	No Service	6pm Evensong	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Green H.C. CW1		11.15 Holy Communion

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion (CW)
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion 4pm Lego Church	10.30 Morning Worship	11.15 Matins
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion (BCP)
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Morning Worship

Thursdays at 10am Hawkshead Methodist Church 'Time at 10'

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, RUSLAND**

**Open Meeting at Rusland Reading Rooms at 7 pm on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

As you may know, we have been experiencing very serious structural problems at Rusland Church. For a long time the Parochial Church Council have been exploring all the options available, but very sadly have come to the conclusion that we are not able to secure the funds to repair the building. The PCC has recommended that the church is closed and it will become the responsibility of Carlisle Diocese, which will set about finding an alternative use for it. The churchyard will be maintained and kept open to the public.

This is not a decision that has been made lightly, and we feel very sad that the situation has come to this, but feel we have no option.

There will be an open meeting to discuss these matters at Rusland Reading Rooms on Wednesday, 3 June at 7 pm, to which you are warmly invited (John Dixon).

The church will remain open for services (via the vestry door) for the time being.

**HAWKSHEAD PARISH CHURCH  
MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING 2026**

*All concerts start at 7.30 pm. Concerts are free but we welcome donations in support of our chosen charities.*

*Parking is free after 6.00pm in the main car park on concert evenings, courtesy of LDNPA*

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> June: James Williams, oboe and cor anglais; Kate Halsall, piano, performing music from Baroque to the present

Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> June: Burneside Brass Band

Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> June: John Turner, recorder; Richard Simpson, oboe; Helen Simpson, piano

Music by Telemann Poulenc and more modern composers

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Northern Light - A four-piece band consisting of lead vocals, acoustic/electric guitar, backing vocals/ percussion, bass guitar and drums.

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> June: The Autumn String Quartet - performing Haydn, Janacek and Beethoven