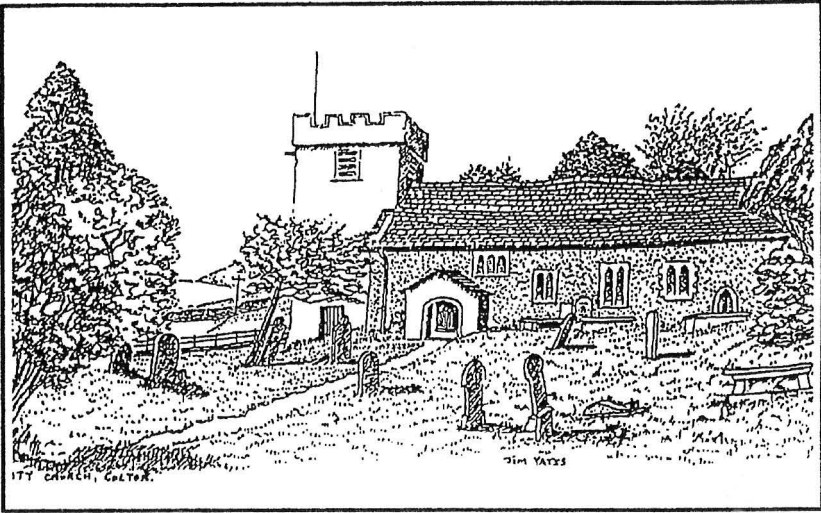




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

The Summer will be well and truly over by the time you read this, although we are still basking in a small Indian Summer as I write, and I hope that you all had the opportunity to take some time away to refresh yourselves.

I have just had a week away on Orkney - as many of you know it is one of my favourite places to go for a completely away from it all holiday - but I can truthfully say that I have never really been anywhere else where it is possible to be completely still and silent except for the sound of the wind, the sea and the occasional sound of stock in the fields. There are no planes overhead and no busy roads to contend with – just peace and quite.

In the Bible we can read that Jesus often withdrew from the crowds that jostled around him wanting to hear what he had to say. He, too, needed some solitude and silence in His life. A time, too, when He could be alone and talk to His Father. How much solitude and silence do you have in your day to day life? A little, some or none? It is all too easy to become submerged and absorbed into the busy-ness of our lives and leave ourselves with no space for recovery from the stresses and strains of our lives, especially now that there is so much to do at the weekends because we have crammed the week full of duties and responsibilities and Sunday is not the day of rest it used to be.

How about trying to make a little space for yourself every day? Just five minutes is a good start, perhaps taking time to review the day that has just past. From there you might feel comfortable starting to say some prayers – perhaps not prayers that were written by someone else, but prayers to God about your own concerns in the way that you would talk about them to a friend – because of course – that is what God is! Our best friend.

I would like to commend Bishop James Teaching Day on prayer to those of you who would like to know more. The nearest one to us is to be held on Saturday, November 5th at St. Mark's in Barrow from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

It is worth remembering that “serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm”.

With love and prayers to you all,

Joanna



A Garden Fête

Once upon a time, in an unspoilt spot in a magic land, a Garden Fête was held; the little gnomes and fairies scurried to and fro' to make and get things to sell and when the great day came, all was well. The gnomes and fairies were very good at getting pennies from people especially if hands went anywhere near a pocket or purse and it was a good day.

It so happened that there were a lot of other things on that day and there were perhaps, not so many present as expected and to make things worse the money gnome was not there. Now this worried some people but fear not he had only gone away for a few days and was soon back with his little money fingers itching.

All seemed to be well until along came the nasty editor of the ‘Gnomes’ and Fairies” magazine and he sniffed a story; there in the magazine was a piece about those who had better thing to do and that the number of pennies collected was disappointing.

A nice fairy, with a gift for teaching and used to telling off naughty elves, chastised him and told him to mend his ways. Then a little magic came along and those gnomes who had been doing other things, like trying to hit a little white ball with a funny stick into a hole, which was a bit odd for the ball did not want to go into the hole no matter how many times it was hit and it was many, quietly passed some pennies to the money gnome.

So the money gnome got his money fingers working and lo and behold the although nasty editor was not entirely wrong the total number of pennies came to a creditable £1,244.53 (£8.38 less then 2004) . All were happy and even the nasty editor said he would behave himself in future, but few believed him. *The End.*

‘Not quite the end for a roguish elf who was exceeding generous complained, loudly and publicly, that his recent marriage had not got a mention in the Parish News and berated the editor. But that my children is a story for another day.’



COLTON CHRONICLES

Harvest

To clear up any confusion that may have been caused by a bemusing announcement in Church the **Harvest Supper** will take place on **Friday 7 October at 8.15pm.** following the **Farmers Harvest Service at 7.00pm.** It will cost you **£5** per person and there is a list at the back of the Church, otherwise phone **Sue Dean at 861 435.** Last orders by **4 October.**



Our grateful thanks are due to the mower(s) for doing a great job in the Churchyard. It now looks as if it belongs to someone instead of a set aside field. It is also fit that we should thank the ladies who provide us with coffee and biscuits on Sundays and also decorate the Church at Festivals.

* And they will be at it again on **Friday 7 October 10.00am.** for Harvest. *

Help, gifts of flowers and produce would be very much appreciated.

Coffee Morning

Zella is baking again and so she will be holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 29 October at Frazel Steps, Oxen Park, 10.00am. 'til 12.** And it is for the **NSPCC.**

Donald



Children's Society

The amount raised from the boxes for the year was £297.01 plus £80.00 in donations – total £377.01. Thank you for all your support for this worthwhile cause. If anyone would like to help please contact Wendy Tel: 015395 31872.

Wendy.



FLOWER ROTA

2 October Mrs W Smith

9 October Harvest

16 October Harvest Flowers

23 October Mrs T Teasdale

30 October Flowers for Barbara

COFFEE

2 October Mrs M Sanders and Helpers.



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It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Jannette Cuthbertson formerly of Tottlebank farm who had fought her illness so bravely over the past year. We are also saddened by the sudden death of Brian Armitstead of Hulleter farm.

In addition we have tell you that Talbert Williams died recently; he was Organist at Rusland Church for many years and was also involved in the early days at Haybridge when the museum was set up. Since his wife died he has been in a Residential Home in Arnside.

Our prayers and condolences go out to all the families.

We send our best wishes to George Ridley who was the Huntsman to the North Lonsdale Foxhounds for many years and has suffered poor health since the spring. George always gave generously to Colton church when there had been Hound Trails on Colton Heights. We send our kind regards and wish him better health in the future.

Christine Holden has had a successful operation and is beginning her slow journey to full health: Bryan Redhead is nearing the end of his chemotherapy and all appears to have gone well.

We send our good wishes not only to those who have been poorly but also to the husbands, wives and families who support their loved ones and in a different way suffer almost as much.

Judy who does most of the work in the Parish News section, the editor just struggles to read her writing, also comments how lovely the churchyard has looked this summer and adds her thanks to all those who have put in the hard work.

The Parish Council notice board is now in place at the junction of the road to the church and the main road and very smart it is too. The main thing is to use it.

Christian Aid

Please remember to bring your Christian Aid Boxes to the **Friday Harvest Service, 7.00pm. or on Sunday to the Harvest Benefice Service, 10.30am.**

Judy.



MOTHERS UNION

Unfortunately at our last meeting the speaker failed to turn up although he did apologise – two days later! After our business meeting the Bring & Buy did well but, as yet, we have not got a final total.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18 October at Haverthwaite Church Hall at 2.00pm.** On **Saturday 22 October** there is to be a Service at **Cartmel Priory also at 2.00pm.**

On Wednesday 2 November there will be another **Service at Rusland Church at 2.00pm.**

Wendy/Barbara.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

It has been a busy summer with an excellent trip to the Royal Horticultural Society Show at Tatton Park, Cheshire. It was super day and we hope to be there again next year.

Thanks to everyone in the village for all the efforts made for our entry in the 'Cumbria in Bloom' competition and although we did not get a trophy we were presented with a 'Silver Award' certificate for the Best Hamlet. Hilary and Noel Brooks travelled to Muncaster Castle to receive the Certificate. We understand that the lunch was excellent.

The intrepid ladies of Bouth also went on a walk and trip on the Coniston launch during summer and enjoyed themselves so much that they completed another stroll to the top of 'Parkamoor'.

Our talk this month was given by Mr Lowe who entertained us with a slide show and fascinating information about Lake District Villages.

Our next meeting will be **OPEN**, which means that the chaps can come. It will be held on **Wednesday 12 October at 7.15pm.** when Mr. Crossman will give a talk about 'Life as a Coast Guard'.
Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our July meeting we were privileged to have as our speaker Jenny Case who gave a talk on 'Kitchen Antiques' (ed. a comment is very tempting but I know my place) She brought a wonderful selection and some of our older members remembered using them. (ed. now that really is ageist).

The August meeting was poorly supported, which was a pity for our speaker Judith Slater gave a fascinating talk and display on the subject of 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Judith brought along a friend who was deaf and had a hearing dog with her. Members missed an interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 September at Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.**
Barbara.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

We have just held a very successful Open Evening and are greatly encouraged that school numbers are now up 415 so it is just as well that the extensions to the dining hall and library are now complete and will be officially opened in October by Bishop James.

The Speech & Prize Night will be held this year on **Tuesday 11 October at 7.30pm.**

Information is a little sparse as the new publicity person has not yet settled in and the school has had a complete revamp of its computer systems, so anything can happen and clearly has.

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

Another new school year!

It has started on a sad note, as Judi Crowther, who was our Class Three teacher before she became ill, passed away in the hospice at the beginning of August.

Pam Brook's son Duncan is now in hospital in Barrow after his cycle accident, and is waiting to move to the rehabilitation ward at Preston.

We welcome four new children in Reception this year: Amy Anderson, Oliver Cowell, Tyler Holden and Emily Satterthwaite. Three other children have also joined us: Dot and Jake Gibbons, and Hannah Cleary Hughes. We wish them all well in their studies.

Our **Harvest Festival is at Staveley in Cartmel church on Thursday 29th September, at 2.15pm.** You are very welcome to join us.

Finally, congratulations to our teaching assistant Juliet Malkin and Will Baddeley, who were married in the summer. We wish them health and happiness in their future together.

Susan.



"Education is what survives when what has been learnt is forgotten."

B F Skinner.

Oxen Park Cinema Club

There is no new information but for those who are computer literate the full program can be found on their award winning website www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk. For potential members please contact our membership secretary Fiona Bruce Tel: **01229 860 267**.



NEARLY FORGOTTEN

With the turmoil and the tenseness of the cricket we almost forgot our own little competitive affair, the Rusland Show. Susan King is to be congratulated on winning the best Small Garden Award; no doubt John did his little bit, under instruction. Also to Sally Pirnie who won a first prize for her drawing of an owl.

Oddly Sally wanted to dispatch it to ashes, perhaps in the hope that a phoenix would arrive in time for next year but her grandson came to the rescue and is now the proud owner of her work.

Library Van

The Library Van now operates from out of Barrow but will continue to come on Fridays at the same time. For any queries telephone Barrow Central Library on **01229 894 370**. The next visit will be on **21 October**.

Fact and Fiction

Those who are not too certain about history could be forgiven for thinking that the **Battle of Trafalgar** took place in the summer and that the funeral of Lord Nelson took place in September, bearing in mind all the celebrations we have witnessed in recent times.

The facts are that the Battle actually took place on **21 October 1805** and the Funeral at the end of the **first week in January 1806**. The sad facts are that the French and Spaniards lost 4,400 men with 2,500 wounded and gave up 20,000 prisoners. The English lost only 450 men with 1,200 injured. Napoleon called it a day and gave up all thoughts of invading this fair isle. As did another dictator in the forties.

Donald.



DIARY DATES

- 2 October Family Worship – **10.30am**. Coffee to follow.
- 7 October Farmers Harvest – **7.00pm**. Supper to follow
Decorating the church – 10.00am.
- 9 October Benefice Harvest Communion – **10.30am**.
- 11 October Cartmel Priory School- “Speech & Prize Night” – 7.30pm.
- 12 October Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 16 October Holy Communion - **9.30am**.
- 18 October **Luke, the Evangelist.**
M U - Haverthwaite Church Hall – 2.00pm.
- 21 October **Battle of Trafalgar - 1805.**
M U Service – Cartmel Priory – 2.00pm.
* Benefice P C C. – Colton Church Hall – 7.30pm.
- 25 October Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
- 29 October NSPCC Coffee Morning – Frazel Steps, Oxen Park – 10.00am.
- 30 October **Simon & Jude, Apostles.**
- 2 November M U Service – Rusland – 2.00pm.



* The subject of the Benefice P C C. will be ‘Healing Ministry’ and with a little luck and a following wind there will be a speaker and as they say TBA.



*“Roses have thorns, and silver fountains mud;
Clouds and eclipses stain both moon and sun,
And loathsome canker lives in sweetest bud.
All men make faults.”*

Shakespeare

