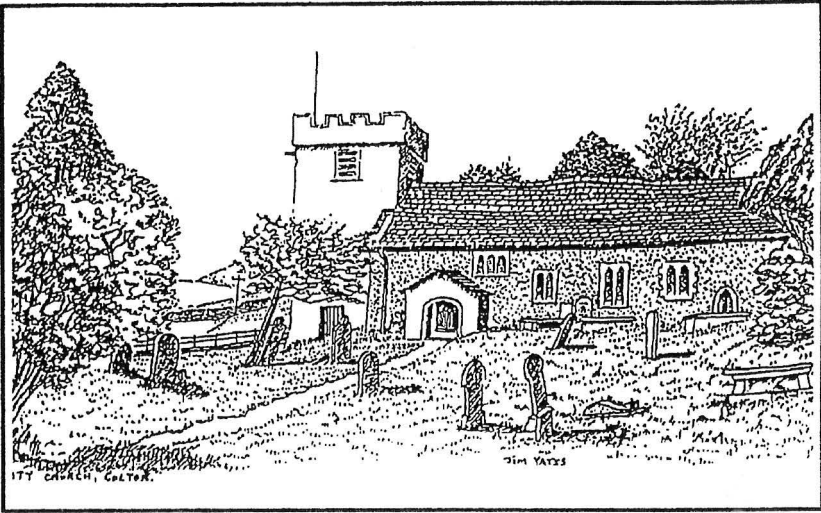




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

Rain or Shine

I am writing this the evening before I go on holiday and we recently had a dry spell after many days of rain since around St Swithun's Day. The forecast is rain yet people say, "Have a good holiday, vicar" and I wonder what the weather will be like. Well we shall see what the next two weeks bring. Perhaps it might be rain for a fortnight or else we could come back suffering from sunstroke, or even a combination of the two! Anyway we will be prepared for both.

The weather is very much like life; good and bad with our fortunes mixed. What God enables us to do as Christians is to live everyday as it comes, to take each day at a time and live for God throughout it. As Christians we cannot expect to be excused from the downs and always enjoy the ups.

Harvest reminds us of the faithfulness of God, that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. Whatever the weather we have food to eat and clothes to wear and a roof over our heads. It might not be what we wished for but God is faithful and has provided for our needs again.

Not only is God faithful in providing for our physical needs but he is faithful; in providing for our spiritual needs as well. As the hymn writer put it:

*Pardon for sin, and a peace everlasting,
your living presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow;
these are the blessings your love will provide.
Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
you have fulfilled all your promise to me;
you never fail and your love is unchanging,
all you have been you forever will be.*

“Further outlook wet and windy,” is the forecast, “with changeable periods over Biscay”. Does it really matter when we have a God who is faithful, who has given the Lord Jesus to be our Saviour and unchanging friend? Let us put up the umbrella and put on our wellies and go for a walk. We can always change our clothes when we come back. After all it may be swimwear today and sunglasses tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

The summer, or what there was of it, has departed and regretfully, it is not on its own, for after 31 years ‘The Last of the Summer Wine’ is no more. Apart from being the longest running comedy programme on television it was unique as it showed three men who had never really grown up enjoying themselves. It was a senior ‘Just William’ with Norah Batty playing Violet Elizabeth.

But it was more than that for it showed that you do not have to be young to enjoy yourself, being silly is better than being miserable and love for one another and companionship are not only vital but are important in our fight against age and ageism.

Farmers’ Harvest Service this year will be held on **Friday 8 October, 7:00pm** and followed by a **Harvest Supper**. There will be a clipboard at the back of the church to be signed by those who want to attend the supper, cost £7. Contact Sue Dean 01229 861 435. Closing date **Sunday 3 October**.

The church will be decorated, also on the **Friday, 10:00am**; gifts of vegetables, fruit and flowers **are needed** if the church is to look at its best.

The indomitable Margaret Sanders is at it again and has organised yet another fund raising event for Colton Church for which she has all our grateful thanks. A **Dance** will be held on **Friday 22 October** in **Greenodd Village Hall** at **8:00pm**. Price a modest **£6 including Supper**. Further information contact Margaret Tel: 01229 861 046.

Donald.

CHURCH FLOWERS

A far as we are aware there are not yet any formal process for the weekly decoration of the Church or the rota for after Service coffee, which is just another illustration of how difficult it is to maintain the traditions of Colton Church. The good news is that the church continues to be decorated and the coffee provided. Thank you to the earthly angels.



MOTHERS UNION

New Beginnings - For a number of years Colton, Rusland, Satterthwaite and Leven Valley Mothers' Unions have met jointly. The relationship has proved amicable so after a long "engagement" it has been decided to validate the relationship and come together as one.

The union was formalised on Tuesday, 7 September, at Haverthwaite, with our Joining Service, when we played hosts to members from several branches and were delighted to welcome Shirley Payne, Diocesan President and Sue Bailey, our Deanery Leader. The Service was led by the Rev'd. Canon Robert Bailey assisted by the Rev'd. Canon Peter Calvert. The "marriage" was celebrated afterwards with afternoon tea.

Earlier, on the first of the month, we were invited by Grange for tea and to hear a talk on the National Trust by Mr Peter Barker.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12 October, at Rusland Reading Rooms, 2:30pm** when we will learn about the work of Sandside School. You are most welcome to come.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Christine who was, until ill health led her to give up her position, our Branch Leader. Her funeral was held at Colton on 6 September. Despite her illness she was unfailingly cheerful and supportive of others, always minimizing her own problems. She was kind and gentle, actively engaged in many aspects of village life. At her funeral the Rev'd. Canon G Wemyss spoke of the three "fs" important to Christine, her family and friends who are in our prayers, and her faith which was never shaken.

Edwina Davies.

PARISH NEWS

It is with great sorrow that we have to record the death of Hilary Brooks, after a mercifully short illness and just over two years since husband Noel died. Hilary was, above all a devoted wife, mother and grandmother but always had time to be a friend to anyone in need of friendship, a very special gift. She was ardent member of the W I and was supremely talented especially with Ruskin Lace and embroidery but lately was even prouder of some D I Y work she carried out in her cottage.

Hilary was brought up a Methodist and was often cheerfully critical of the choice of hymns at Colton especially if the name of Wesley did not appear at the end of at least one of the hymns. Bouth and the parish are poorer for her loss and we pray that she is now at peace.

We have been told of the death of Dot Todd form Woodland who was known and connected to many people in our parish and was a good friend to all who knew her.

Our prayers and condolences go out to both the families.

Bouth has always been a friendly and caring village but as the residents have got older there has been a lull in activities but with the introduction of new and younger blood, comparatively speaking, there has been a welcome resurgence in community spirit. The Village Green is in much need of essential repairs and our thanks are due to all those who worked, gave and spent; the Treasure Hunt, the Fête and the Black Beck Tombola, raised a magnificent £1143.80.

Our congratulations and those of her family to Hannah Cooper, of Bouth and a pupil at Cartmel Priory C o E School, who achieved nine passes at C and above including an A* and 2 As in her GCSE exams. Hannah thanks all those, both within school and without, who helped and guided her along the way. We all hope that she will continue her academic success at Ulverston High.

We warmly welcome to Bouth, John and Lorraine Pilkington and children Georgia and Jamie at Rose Cottages. They hail from Ashton-in- Makerfield and when they get to know us they realise what a wonderful village this is.

Cross the Bay Walk – Susan King wishes to thank all those who generously supported her on the recent Cross the Bay Walk, raising money

for Colton Church; the final total for all the churches may never be known but certainly exceeds £4,000. It was a challenging venture with walkers coming from all over the country, children, adults and dogs splashing through deep channels with no landmarks or horizon; we just trusted our guide, Cedric Robinson. Companionship was very soon generated and we finished with a sense of achievement with requests for another walk in 2011. (Ed. Some people never learn). Overall it could be described as a biblical experience.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

We started our last meeting, in September, with a period of silence to respect and reflect upon the memory of Hilary Brooks and Christine Holden. We are lucky and privileged to have known and worked with them. Our thoughts and sympathies are given to their families.

We were pleased to see another of our members who has not been too well, Peggy Mather, who thanked everyone for the many messages and cards she had received.

On the business front various celebrations are in the offing: it will shortly be the 90th. Anniversary of the formation of the W I and we look, in the future, to taxing our brains with quizzes. Christmas Party arrangements are in hand, caterers booked, the wine merchant organised, whilst Debbie & Judy, directors and producers of the 'Bouth Belles', are looking for volunteers (Ed. Ladies, take it from me, 'tis better to volunteer than to be conscripted.)

Our speaker this month was the doughty Steven Perkins, a recent Bouth resident who with wife Linda hailed from Bury (pronounced Boory) who entertained and educated us with reminiscences of his life as a Fireman. Steve clearly has missed his vocation as, despite the gravity of his subject, it was the most hilarious evening we ever have spent with some crying with laughter at the funny side of serious events. Peter Kay, eat your heart out!

Of particular interest was his helmet that saved his life protecting him from a falling girder. Steve also gave us some sensible advice in case of a fire - 'get out fast!' His talk was all the more poignant as Steve had given it in honour of a promise made to Hilary.

During the summer recess the ladies enjoyed a walk, over the sands, to Piel Island when the weather was very kind to them. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 October. Village Hall, 7:15pm**, when our speaker will be Marion Hamer, a member and Bouth resident. Her subject - "How to say what you mean, and get what you want". The competition is 'A Mystery Object.'

Penny.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

We give a warm welcome our new Councillor, Vanessa Champion, who lives in Finsthwaite where her family have lived for over 25 years. Vanessa has a background in education, having been an LEA inspector, a lecturer in educational management at St Martin's College, and a governor at Leven Valley School. She chaired the Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall Committee for some years, helping to secure the future of the building for the community, and she now runs a keep-fit class there for the over '50s! Since retirement, Vanessa has become an Ancient Tree Verifier for the Woodland Trust, leads a group of woodland archaeologists surveying woods for the National Park, and enjoys volunteer work for the Lakeland Arts Trust and the Lake District Horticultural Society.

Diary Date: On Friday 1 October, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30 pm
a second Community Plan Event - "**COLTON 2020**". A talk, a quiz and a FREE supper! (Bring your own drinks)

Please come along to another of our very sociable evenings with neighbours and friends to decide on what are the key issues for future of your community and to discuss the results of the recent CP questionnaire.

We already have evidence that the County and the National Park are adapting local policy according to local opinion on housing, and we hear that future funding may be linked to needs identified in Community Plans. So come along to make sure your views are represented.

For more details, contact Brenda Fishwick (01229 885329, brenfishwick@hotmail.co.uk) or Mandy Lane (01229 861408, coltonpc@btinternet.com). Look out for posters and flyers nearer the time, but do try to come along. All ages welcome. No need to book - just turn up. All FREE!

The next Council meeting is to be held on **Monday, 25 October, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm**. All welcome, as ever.

Mandy Lane (Clerk) - 01229 861408 - coltonpc@btinternet.com - www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

A reminder that Colton Parish had been moved to a new Forum and one with which it has little connections, but those in authority apparently know better. It is named the High Furness Forum.

The new Forum consists of the parishes of Torver, Lowick, Blawith & Subberthwaite, Kirkby Ireleth, Duddon, Coniston, Claife, Hawkshead, Satterthwaite, Egton with Newland, Osmotherley, Mansriggs and Colton.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6 October, 7:00pm** at **Burlington School, Kirkby-in-Furness**. Contact Kath Craig, Cumbria County Council, Community Unit. Tel: 015695 713180. *Kath.*



LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The summer term ended with pupils, staff, Governors, parents, past and present, attending the Grand Opening of the Quadrangle Development of Leven Valley Primary School. Representatives from the consultants, Shepherd Myers, designer Duncan Copley and builders Sheldons were also present alongside many local people and organisations who had contributed to the development.

The old quadrangle has been transformed into a unique learning area incorporating quiet areas, sand and water areas, a roof garden, bridges, and natural water features. The learning area known as the Green Valley has been made purely from sustainable materials. The natural theme from the quadrangle has also been incorporated into windows, shelving and doorframes in other parts of the school

The weather brightened up at the appropriate time much to everyone's relief. Mr Steve Lawler, Chairman of Governors, began proceedings welcoming everyone to the event. Mr Ian Nicol, the headteacher, gave a vote of thanks to the many people who had contributed to the wonderful development, particularly to Duncan Copley who had brought all the

imaginative ideas and inspirations to a reality. Warren, the youngest pupil, Emily, the oldest pupil and Mrs Jean Errington, the longest serving member of staff, all cut the beautiful blue ribbon across the door. Guests were all invited in to view the development, sign the special visitors book and enjoy refreshments of coffee, tea, scones, jam and cream. There was also a copy of a special visitors book from 1979 when a special occasion was held to celebrate the school 's 50 year anniversary.

The school remained open until 7.00 p.m. to allow many other local residents, parents and governors to see how the school has been transformed.

Parents, carers , governors and friends also attended two performances of "Saving Planet Earth" a play written and directed by Mrs Julia Jones at Leven Valley Primary School. The play was brilliantly performed by the children and enjoyed by all. The children were also entertained by a puppet company from New Zealand who came to celebrate the opening of the quadrangle by providing puppet workshops and performing "Dragon Song"

The new term has begun with a welcome back to Mrs Juliet Baddeley returning from maternity leave and a welcome to six new Reception children. The new quadrangle will provide excellent facilities for them for both structured and imaginative play. Pupils in Key Stage 2 enjoyed workshop sessions on creative writing with Alan Gibbons, a children's author who was also working with Lindale School. Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to an activity morning at Castle Head Field Centre and a Forestry Workshop.

Sue Sanderson.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We can now present our new program with a fine selection of films for all members of our eclectic community. *'The Hurt Locker'*, **Tuesday 5 October, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30PM.**

Next month we will be showing *'Welcome'* A French/English film, **Tuesday 2 November, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.**

Seats, programs and more information from Carol Tel: 01229 8610507.
Email: carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk

Carol.

Services and Rotas for October

3rd	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Harvest Service
Readings:	First Reading Lamentations 1: 1-16
	Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
	Gospel Luke 17: 5-10
Readers:	Colton B Watson E Fleming S King
	Lowick A Naylor & M Calvert
	Penny Bridge Penny Bridge School
Sidesmen:	Colton TBA
	Lowick S Wood
	Penny Bridge Penny Bridge School + R Long & T Long
10th	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Benefice Communion & Harvest Service
Readings:	First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
	Second Reading Philippians 4: 4-9
	Gospel John 6:25-35
Readers:	E Wemyss C Styles J Tarr
Sidesmen:	TBA
	No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge
17th	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Harvest Service
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34
	Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
	Gospel Luke 18: 1-8
Readers:	Colton M Sanders R Smith I Pirnie
	Lowick G Mitchell & B Mitchell
	Penny Bridge M Henderson R Atkinson S James
Sidesmen:	Colton TBA
	Lowick A Wood
	Penny Bridge D Lancaster & J Lancaster
24th	Last Sunday after Trinity
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Methodist Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Joel 2:23-32
	Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
	Gospel Luke 18: 9-14
Readers:	Colton S Smith J Pickles B Watson
	Lowick D Gregg & J Davis
	Penny Bridge P Ashton R Long D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton TBA
	Lowick G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge W Greateorex & A Greateorex
31st	Ecumenical Benefice Service at Penny Bridge at 10:30am

DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



- 1 October Parish Community Event, Colton 2020, Finsthwaite Village Hall 7:30pm.
3 October **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
5 October Cinema Club Film, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.
6 October Neighbourhood Forum, Burlington School, Kirby-in-Furness, 7:00pm.
8 October **Decorating the Church for Harvest 10:00am.**
Farmers' Harvest Service, 7:00pm. Followed by Harvest Supper.
10 October **Benefice Communion & Harvest Service, COLTON, 10:30am.**
12 October M U - Rusland Reading Rooms, Meeting, 2:00pm. Talk 2:30pm.
13 October Bouth W I – Village Hall, 7:15pm.
18 October **Luke the Evangelist**
22 October **Dance**, in aid of **Colton Church**, Greenodd Village Hall, **8:00pm.**
25 October Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
28 October **Simon & Jude, Apostles.**
31 October **Ecumenical Service, Penny Bridge, 10:30pm.**

'Tis Autumn, the 'Clocks Fall Back'; Welcome good old GMT.



Autumn Verses

*Autumn is strange stuff
anagram of Aunt mu
but not for nostalgia.*

*Scarves come out, clocks go back
faulty or otherwise,
pumpkins enjoy brief popularity.*

*Kids collecting cash
for slouched-on-the-ground
ash-bound bad dressers.*

*Ore tummy, heart of mould
old leaves leaving
enter the cold.*

*Last October
I got very depressed
When our dog got knoctorber.*

John Hegley