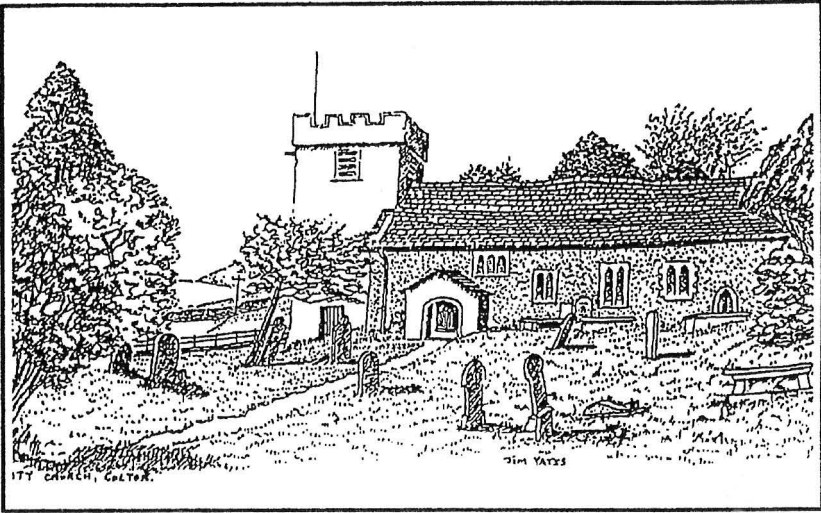




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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“COME UNTO ME”

Dear Neighbours.

I once had to go our local G.P. (a staunch member of our church in Haddenham) for a complete medical check-up in connection with some life insurance. Having thoroughly examined me, he said, “Well, I’m glad to say that you seem to have reasonable prospects *both* sides of the grave!” (He then went on to say, “Mind you, you could do with losing a bit of weight.” “Do you have any recommendations for a diet?” I asked. Hugh leaned across his desk, looked me straight in the eye, and said slowly and deliberately, “Yes. Eat....*less!*”)

October is the month for St. Luke’s Day (18th). In view of the good weather we have been enjoying, some of us will be hoping, no doubt, for a “Saint Luke’s Summer” around that time. Luke, of course, was a doctor. “The beloved physician”, Paul calls him, and he is the patron saint of doctors. But the Greek word for doctor means “Healer”, and in his gospel Luke records time and again the wonderful healing deeds of the greatest healer of all, Jesus Christ. By His Spirit, Who gives gifts of healing, and in His Name, this healing ministry has continued from the apostolic age down to the present day. (I have myself experienced the wonderful blessing, several times, of healing through prayer with the laying on of hands. Also, when diagnosed with cancer of the prostate, I asked for anointing with oil, and I am convinced that it was this act of consecrating this whole condition over to the LORD in this way that enables me to say, over eleven years later, that I have never had a moment of anxiety or concern since, because I honestly believe it is now all in the hands of our loving Heavenly Father.)

This healing ministry is *not* intended to *replace* the activity of doctors, nurses, psychiatrists and the like, but to *augment* it. (We should be duly grateful, and remember in our prayers, all those who serve us so well here, in hospitals, health centres, general practice and in the community.) But it is

the privilege of Christ's Church to supply the *spiritual* aspect of the natural, God-given feature of Creation – the in-built ability of the human body for self-recovery, the amazing faculty for “putting things right”. And even when our infirmities are terminal, it is the gift of Christ's spirit to strengthen us for our ultimate earthly end, and to sustain us with the hope of eternal bliss, through the conciliatory promises of God in Christ.

The invitation of Jesus to all is “Come unto Me, all who ... are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”. So do pray, through Him, for healing, and do please contact any of the ministers of our benefice churches, if you would like our help or ministry in this.

With love in Christ,

David Gregg



FLOWER ROTA

6 October Mrs. Pauline Parkin

13 October Harvest Decorations

20 October Harvest Decorations

27 October Mrs. Jenny Hare



COTTON CHRONICLES

Our Vicar who is, by and large, a tolerant soul has gently commented that the piece in the August issue about the Future of the Church in Cumbria was not entirely accurate. The situation is that the Diocese together with other churches e.g. Methodist *et al* have produced Strategy papers on how they think our churches can survive with a falling number of ordained ministers.

The solution offered is, that whilst there is only likely to be one Stipendiary (salaried) Priest in an enlarged ‘cluster’, there will be at least two maybe three House for Duty Priests (these are ordained clergy working part time unpaid but with the provision of a house) supported by lay people. The problem is that most HFDPs are retired clergy and their number is likely to

fall, also congregations are decreasing in number and it may be difficult to find those willing to serve. Clearly this is a stop gap solution and deeper thought will be needed in the future.

“Out of the mountain of despair will be hewn a stone of hope”

Martin Luther King.

It will be interesting to see whether the natural insular inclinations of congregations can be overcome: in the meantime the PCC has discussed the matter (at length) and submitted a reasoned response.

Harvest: Farmers’ Harvest will be held on **Friday 11 October, 7:00pm** followed by **Harvest Supper** in the Hall. There will be a list at the back of the Church to book or contact *Sue Dean* **T: 01229 861 435** or *Email: suedean1@btinternet.com*. Please do your best to support.

But before, the Church has to be Decorated: Friday: 11 October, 10:00am. Come, work and enjoy the nibbles!!!

Susan King is running a Raffle at the Supper for Church Funds, but to do so needs prizes: **T: 01229 861 173** or at the back of the church, quietly, as Reverend sir is, understandably, a touch ambivalent about raffles.

Fêtes are old fashioned and ‘have had their time’ was a comment made in a local inn. This maybe so but our Fête in July raised over £1,000; uncharacteristically the weather was fine resulting in a good turnout. It was opened, charmingly, by Susan King who as you would expect, with well chosen words. It is, as she said, just as much a social occasion as a fund raising effort and we thank all those good people who attended and spent generously.

With such a small congregation it is amazing how all the work came to be done and we sincerely thank all those involved in any way. We also must thank Dr. & Mr. Ball for the use of their garden and facilities. There is however one complaint in that this editor, over a period of 20 years, has never won a bottle of ‘acceptable’ and drinkable liquid!

***Change:** The Service on **Sunday 20 October** will be **Morning Worship, 9:30am**, first Sunday worshippers welcome*



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After her nasty fall Charlotte Sharphouse is back on her feet, looking well and with that 'I'm in charge look' back on her face: somehow one doubts it never left!

Congratulations and best wishes to Neville Stark who celebrates his birthday on 9 October and joins the illustrious band of ninety year olds in the parish.

Your ancient editor found himself, somewhat foolishly, in the middle of Grizedale Forest on a segway, which is a timely reminder of a comment made by Judy Murray – "Age is no guarantee of maturity".

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St. Mary's Hospice: The Leven Valley Support Group will be holding a 'Flower Decoration Demonstration' on **Friday 18 October, Café Ambio, 7:30pm**. Tickets, £7.50 which include a look round the Motor Museum, from **6.30pm** and refreshments.

Tickets: Dot **T:** 015395 30132 Sylvia **T:** 015395 31685 Marian **T:** 015395 31779

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Haverthwaite Surgery: Patient Participation. The Surgery has formed an independent group of surgery users – Patient Participation Group (PPG) – who care about the way the surgery works and the service it can provide.

We are looking to recruit new members who can help in the planning, provision and delivery of local healthcare services representing a patient's point of view (Ed: Note, the objective is for serious discussion for the good of patients and the practice: it is NOT a forum for whingers).

The PPG will form a link between users and the Practice working in close association with the Practice Team. Meetings will take place every **six weeks** on a **Thursday** at **6:30pm**. **Next meeting Thursday 21 October, Haverthwaite Surgery, Contact: The Surgery T: 015395 31619.** *Donald.*

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A Tribute: "When in the White Hart, our esteemed editor can often be heard extolling the virtues of our community, its closeness, its kindness and its supportive nature and over the last couple of months I have experienced

that community at its very best. I would like to thank everyone for their love, care and support following the unexpected and very sudden death of my beloved brother.

Paul loved Bouth and was a regular visitor, both with his family and on his own: if it had been a little closer than a five hour drive I know we would have seen him even more frequently.

On returning from my nightmarish forty-eight hour trip south it was as though I had another family, my Bouth family, as you, and many friends from the surrounding area, gathered around. I felt embraced, cared for and loved and I cannot express how important that has been in helping me get through the dark days that followed. We are fortunate enough to live in a very special place and I cannot thank you all enough".

Cathy Styles.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our September meeting we had an 'interesting' presentation by Mr. D. Fellows on the history of Ulverston Railway Station. The Furness Railway's line from Barrow to was completed in June 1854 and extended to Lancaster three years later, August 1857. The current buildings, which have some architectural merit, date from 1873; the clock tower and glass awnings have been extensively restored. The Mercedes garage was once part of the station.

The unusual platform layout is a legacy of the station's former role as the interchange for the branch line to lakeside. This branch opened in June 1869 and ran throughout the year until 1938 after which it only ran in the summer months. This continued until September 1965 when the line fell victim to the Beeching Axe.

Its northern end was subsequently reopened in May 1973 as the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, which has just celebrated its 40th. Anniversary, but the remainder was destroyed in order to improve the A590 Trunk road.

The annual passenger usage for the year 2011/2012 was 225,000 down from 240,000 in the previous year.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9 October, 7:15pm Bouth Village Hall** when we shall be having a '**W I at Home**'. *The Editorial Fairy.*

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Flooding at Finsthwaite, Stott Park and Lakeside: The torrential rain on Monday 5th August saw severe flooding at the eastern side of our Parish – in Finsthwaite, Stott Park and Lakeside. At least 2 houses were badly flooded and a car was written off in Stott Park where the flood was estimated to be some three feet deep. Our local Councillor is to contact the Cumbria Local Flood Risk Management Team who bring the various agencies together to solve problems. This approach has been successful in other areas prone to flooding.

The pilot "Finsthwaite Community Resilience" project, initiated by Councillor Vanessa Champion, was put to its first proper test during the floods, and the channels of communication operated very well. More information about this project will be provided in due course as we anticipate that other communities might want to follow suit.

Rural Surgeries: Your Council is writing in support of rural surgeries threatened with possible closure due to withdrawal of government grant. Many Colton residents attend Hawkshead surgery. Tim Farron MP is fully supportive of efforts to retain these important services, saying in response to a letter from Hawkshead Parish Council: "I entirely share your sentiments that our invaluable rural practices **MUST** be rescued to continue to serve the health needs of communities like yours."

Highways: We are not sure what happened to the 'Better Highways' initiative. The promised visits from Highways teams have not materialized for over a year now, and this seems to be the experience of most South Lakeland parishes. Our new County Councilor, David Fletcher, will be attending a meeting this month of the County's South Lakes Local Committee at which he hopes to find out more. Emergency repairs are, however, being carried out and the Tottlebank to Toll-bar road has been patched recently. Residents should contact the Highways Hotline **T: 0845 609 6609**.

Or email: [*betterhighways.southlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk*](mailto:betterhighways.southlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk) to report road defects, as this seems to be the best way of getting anything done. Meanwhile our temporary lengthsman, Archie Workman, is doing a splendid job strimming junctions and clearing drains. To make a request for his time, please contact the Clerk (see below).

Our next meeting is on **Monday 21 October, 7.30pm. Bouth Village Hall.** Everyone welcome

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



LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This update on activities at Leven Valley Primary School will cover the end of one term and the beginning of another : the end of the summer term was an exciting one with performances of “Fantastic Mr Fox” which were enjoyed by parents, children, governors, relatives and friends.

The Peninsula Athletics event was held for all of Key Stage Two, everyone was able to participate in all the events and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The final delivery of food from “Suma” took place on 17th July and was distributed by year 6, supported by Year 5 in readiness for this academic year.

The Year 6 Suma Project is a local food group run and organised by children in Year 6. Now in its 4th year at Leven Valley it is providing a service to local people and at the same time a great opportunity for Year 6 to learn some important skills for life and hone their entrepreneurial skills! Contact the school if you're interested in joining. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic evening of ghyll scrambling & eating out as their leavers' party.

The new academic year began with eleven new starters and fifteen new children starting altogether across the year groups. Class One are looking forward to visiting Abbots Reading farm in preparation for harvest. If you look on our website on the twitter account you will see a wonderful sunflower that has been grown, the seeds have gone home today for eating and planting.

Sue Sanderson.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The season got started with a great turn out at Greenodd showing the film ‘ARGO’. Our next film is ‘UNTOUCHABLE’ a supper special on **Saturday 21 September, Finsthwaite 7:30pm** start with supper. Please book in with Carol **T: 861 507**, last minute bookings usually available.

'LIFE OF PI' is to be shown at the **Backbarrow Outback Hall** (behind the primary school) on **Tuesday 1st October** – plenty of space so just turn up, **7:30pm** start as usual, cushion recommended (school chairs!).

The programmes are out – if you haven't had one then phone Carol and she will deliver to your door.

Carol.



Old Hall Farm: We had been asked by the heavy horse fraternity in Cumbria if we would host a small show. On a brilliant sunny September Saturday we opened our gates to entries from all over the county. The competitors arrived from 8:00am and there was an industrious atmosphere as these horses were being prepared for the ring. All had been bathed at home and were ready for plaiting of the manes and tails in traditional ribbons and braids.

There were 4 classes, including mares and foal, yearlings, barren mares, geldings and a ridden class. The day was well supported and we saw around 18 different horses being a mix of clydesdales and shire horses.

John Moorhouse from Cartmel was the judge selecting winners on confirmation, movement and turnout. The final class was the supreme and reserve champion of the day. The judge took time to explain to the gathered crowd his choice of winners.

Charlotte.



COLTON CHURCH

On the rear wall of the Church there is a wooden shrine dedicated to those who died in world wars and we have come across this little piece of history which is pertinent bearing in mind that 2014 is the hundredth anniversary of WW1.

Colonel Dobson of Rusland presented the shrine, without the doors, to the church in 1919 and it is thought that it was created by Hughes Bolckow & Co, ship breakers & builders of Blythe, Northumberland from the timbers of *HMS Britannia*, formerly *Prince of Wales*, a line of battle ship of c1849. Hughes Bolckow acquired the ship for breaking in 1916 and took the opportunity to utilise the well seasoned exotic timbers that she provided in abundance to create all sorts of objects. Colonel Dobson had the doors added in 1923, again at his own expense.

DIARY DATES

*** SERVICE TIMES: ALL at 9:30am.***

- 1 October Cinema Club, Backbarrow Outback Hall, 7:30pm.
- 6 October **Family Morning Worship, 9:30am.** Coffee afterwards,
- 9 October Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 11 October Decorating the Church for Harvest, 10:00am.
Farmers Harvest Service, 7:00pm, followed by Harvest Supper.
- 13 October **Harvest Communion, 9:30am.**
- ‘ **Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066**
- 14 October Battle of Hastings, 1066.
- 18 October **Luke, the Evangelist.**
- 20 October *** Morning Worship, 9:30am.** First Sunday worshippers welcome.
- 21 October Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
- 25 October Battle of Agincourt 1415, ‘Once more into the breach...’
- 22 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 26 October **Simon & Jude, Apostles**
- 31 October The dreaded ‘Halloween’.



From Poems in the Porch’.

I must confess that for my part
In time of pain and mortal stress
I’ve been like him, my trust grown less
And thought that Christ can never know
The Suffering I undergo.
Oh, when my life draws near its end,
God give me grace to make amends
For wrongs I’ve done. Give firm belief,
May I be like the penitent thief
And turn to Christ with trusting eyes
And hear him promise paradise.

John Betjeman.

