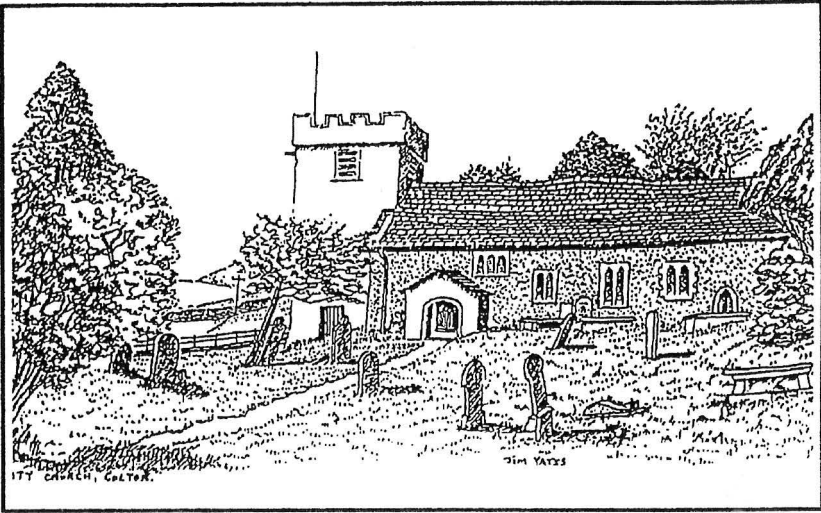




PARISH NEWS

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COLTON

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Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

EUROPEAN NATION” OR “OFFSHORE ISLAND”?

My father often took delight in quoting a headline from the Daily Telegraph in the 1930's, which read: **“FOG IN CHANNEL – CONTINENT ISOLATED”**. Which nicely highlights a dilemma! I am required to write this letter **before** the Referendum on the E.U., for publication **after** the result is known! What can I say?

As a Christian, I naturally look to the Bible for help. The basic biblical units for human existence (from God's point of view?) seem to be the Individual – the Family – the Tribe/Clan – the Nation – Alliances and Empires, (Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Egyptian and Roman). Of course, the **Nation** stands out as of greatest corporate importance. It is primarily that which unites us by birth, language and culture (including “faith”) with others and is the basis for God's corporate dealings with human kind, and for His judgement at the close of the age.

One of **our** great problems, given our “mongrel” history, is to discern whether it is the United Kingdom or “Britishness”, or being English/Scottish/Welsh/Irish that defines **our** “nationality”! And, as with everything else in life, there is a sinful and perverse side to the matter. Samuel Johnson rightly said “Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel,” and my generation is haunted by the evils of Nazism, Fascism and Communism in Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, Spain, China etc. We must even look to ourselves, and admit that “the Love which asks no questions” (in “I vow to Thee my country”) is very little different to the Nuremberg defence, “I only did what I was told to do!”

In the matter of relationships **between** nations, the options seem to be threefold: Isolationism, Co-operation or Subordination. The “middle way” of the European Union (so long as it does not deteriorate into a federal

“United States of Europe”!) seems to me the most acceptable of these, so I shall be voting for us to remain, as a co-operative partner.

However, there is as always a **spiritual** dimension to all this. Jesus Christ said emphatically that “My kingdom is NOT of this World”. The Kingdom of Heaven, of which He is King, consists of the “real” or “true” Israel whose members, united to Him by the New Covenant, secured by His Sacrificial Death and vindicating Resurrection, are citizens of the New (Heavenly) Jerusalem and heirs of eternal life, with Him, in glory forever. Whatever the outcome of the referendum, “**Your** Kingdom come” will still remain as the fundamental priority for His friends and disciples.

Yours sincerely, in His Name,

David Gregg

GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS
SUMMER “COFFEE AND BIBLE” SESSIONS
“I AM SENDING YOU”

Wed. July 20th: (at Lowick Farm House, Lowick Green)

Session 1: **MISSION IS ONE** (John 20: 19-23)

- The Nature and Method of Mission

Wed July 27th: (at Tottlebank Baptist Church)

Session 2: **THE WHOLE GOSPEL FOR EACH PERSON**

(John 20: 24-29 “My LORD ...”)

- Mission and Evangelism

Wed. August 3rd: (at Wetherlam, Penny Bridge)

Session 3: **THE WHOLE GOSPEL FOR THE COMMUNITY** (John 20: 24-29 “... and My God”)

- Mission and Social Action

Wed. August 10th: (at Water Yeat House)

Session 4: **THE CHURCH AND MISSION** (Acts 1: 6-9)

- Mission and Church Unity

All sessions start with Coffee at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tim's Goodbye Service

Sunday 31 July will be the Revd. Tim Harmer's last Sunday as Vicar of Coniston & Torver. As part of saying goodbye to Tim and June, there will be a service held at St. Andrew's, Coniston at **11:00am** followed by refreshments, and all are invited to attend and offer their prayers and best wishes.

It is important to remember that when we say goodbye we are really saying "God be with ye" from which the word goodbye derives. So please join us on **Sunday 31 July, at St. Andrew's, Coniston at 11.00am** and say "God be with ye" to Tim and June.

Brian Streeter.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Sorry: That your Parish News is late this month, this is due entirely to having no internet connexion for over two weeks for reasons outside our control.

Tottlebank: What a joy to attend the Service at Tottlebank Baptist Church; the simplicity of the service was overwhelming and beautifully led by their Minister (whose name escapes us). We thank him and for the hospitality so generously bestowed on us the visitors.

Meetings: There have been a series of meetings at various levels, all of whom leave the impression that they went on longer than was needed to conduct the business. One in particular consisted mainly of monologues (presentations) leaving little or no time to discuss church business. The first 'presentation' was everlasting, lacking both substance and humour, although there was one bright moment when the speaker mentioned the language used in Parish Magazines causing a certain vicar and lady head teacher to glance at your editor and snigger.

Our Church: As we attend church regularly or not, as the case may be, there is always a welcome, the church sparkling, the flowers blooming, people to look after you, music and someone to take the service whether robed or not. So we give thanks and particularly to those behind the scenes; there is Susan King who keeps the church so neat and tidy working tirelessly for the good of the community and also our guardian; there is 'John Tarr & Son' who recently dismantled the flagpole, repaired it,

repainted it, re-rope it, re-erected it and sourced a National Flag which flew proudly from the tower for the first time for many a long year. We are indeed fortunate.

Then is dear Judy Redhead who plays the organ for us and we should not forget the hours of practise needed during the preceding week. Sadly Judy has suffered a misfortune which resulted in a short spell in hospital; she is now home on the road to recovery. We send our best wishes with the hope that she will be back with us as quickly as possible: we miss you.

Church Fête: A reminder, if such is needed that the Fête will be held, this year, on **Saturday 16 June. 2:00pm, the Church and Church Hall.** *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

Oxen Park Reading Rooms: We are delighted to welcome news from Oxen Park to these pages; the residents and also those from Bandrake Head have overwhelmingly ‘voted’ to keep and improve the rooms. There is already a table tennis table in place and there is a need for more detailed planning and fund raising. Congratulations to David Jackson who won £25 in our OPRR lottery. Anyone interested in helping, please get in touch.



We are not aware of any other celebrations for the Queen’s 90th. Birthday other than that on Bouth Village Green which was a joyous and happy occasion well attended, some from wider areas of the parish. In expressing thanks to all who worked to make the day a success one is conscious of the many in this parish who give their time and energy for the good of the community.

The Parish Council, the Cinema Club, Rusland Horizons and lately those involved in the resurrection of Oxen Park Reading Room and any others that we have carelessly forgotten.

Note: Those in Bouth have had more than their fair share of praise in the past.

Success: Due to the generosity of the Rawden Smith Trust the ‘White Hart Defibrillator Fund’ has reached its target and it should not be too long before it is in place.

Whilst paying tribute to our Sovereign's 90th. Birthday we should not forget that Prince Philip recently celebrated his 95th. Birthday as has our Jean Prickett to whom we send our belated Birthday Greetings.

One Phillip French, who recently came to reside in this Parish, has now become firmly established as he has joined the infamous band of pedants who delight in finding errors of syntax, grammar and spelling in this publication and informing the editor in no uncertain terms, preferably in public and with a glass in their hand. Welcome Phillip.

* Many Congratulations to Roger 'Nuclear' Coates on his award of an OBE for his work on Safety in the Nuclear Industry.

† Sadly, so sadly we have to tell you of the death of that wonderful lady, Jean Sly 97, a stalwart of our Church and Parish. Jean was fantastic person, a superb teacher, a talented musician who both sang, in the church choir when we had one, and played the organ. Added to which her poetry was a joy. To say we will miss her is an understatement.

We also have to report the death of John Smith of Ickenthwaite; our prayers and deepest condolences go out to both families.



Bouth Womens Institute

Having decided to move our usual 'Annual Outing' to July our June meeting consisted of a get-together with drinks, nibbles and a catching up (translation – gossip). An excellent quiz was put together by Alison and Christiana won by Mrs. Jennifer Smith.

The **Annual Outing** will be to Halecat Nurseries for a talk by Tom Atwood on **Wednesday 13 July, Old Hall Farm 5:00pm** for a quick meeting; carriages **6:00pm. The Royal Oak, Lindale, dinner, 7:45pm.** Partners and friends welcome. Our next meeting will be in September.
Susan S.



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Sharon Callaghan and Claire Green have recently joined our team; Sharon has taken on the role of Administrator gathering information for our funding reports and helping the team prepare for events and activities.

As the Skills & Training Co-ordinator Claire will be responsible for recruiting and supervising our team of apprentices, when appointed, and running a program of 'Heritage Skills Workshops'.

Meanwhile, two of our delivery partners, Butterfly Conservation and Cumbria Wildlife Trust, are looking for volunteers to help with butterfly and hedgerow surveys over the summer months. You will need keen eyes and sturdy footwear. All training will be provided.

If you would like to help please contact Rusland.Horizon@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Together with English Heritage and the Coppice Association, North West, we are planning a day of free activities to celebrate the launch of the scheme.



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary School

The big news from school is that Class Three are on their outdoor residential visit. This is very much about independent travel. They begin with a train journey from Haverthwaite station to Lakeside. Thank you very much Lakeside and Haverthwaite Steam Railway! They then travel by boat: it is wonderful to have all this steam transport locally. There is an element of camping, an element of cycling, an element of canoeing and an element of staying at Rydal Hall. It has been a bit windy at times but everyone has had a good time and gained a real sense of achievement.

On return to school there are lots of things to look forward to: **Tuesday 5 July** (12 is reserve date) the **'Peninsula Olympics'** is being held at **Cartmel Priory School: Tuesday 19 July** there are afternoon and evening performances of the **'School Summer Play'** and **Thursday 21 July** there is **'Leavers Assembly'** at 1:30pm.

Sue S.



Did you know?

The skies above Lavenham in Suffolk inspired the song, 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. The words were written in 1806 by 23-year-old poet Jane Taylor, who lived in Shilling Street in the village.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

If you are 50 already, it's time to get to grips with your pension.

The average age of people getting guidance with their pension is 61 despite free support being available for anyone over 50. Planning early will help you make the most of your pension.

In April 2015, rules around pensions changed and for the first time, people were able to decide whether they buy an annuity, cash in their whole pension pot, take a lump sum, or a mixture of these options.

The Pension Wise service has been around for over a year now. If you are 50 or over with a defined contribution pension, you can book a free session with a Pension Wise guidance specialist, who will advise you on your best options.

To book a 'face to face' **Pension Wise** appointment in your area call 01900 68981.

To prepare, work out the value of your pension pots, check if there are any restrictions, such as penalties for taking it early, get a state pension forecast - you can find out how to do this from:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-state-pension>,

In order to gather information on any benefits you receive, and work out your likely living expenses.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No:6113551. FRN: 617574.



"In an autocracy, one person has his way; in an aristocracy a few people have their way; in a democracy no has his way".

Celia Green, *The Decline and Fall of Science*.



In Colton Churchyard

The old gravestones lean,
Crusted with lichen;
It's so hard to see the names
But there they are,
So many in a family
That died so young.
Around the tombstones
Bushes of yew and box
Sigh in the soft wind.
I can feel the past
Surge around me from
The hidden, distant years.
Groups walk up the path,
Country women, bonneted and shawled,
Little feet trample the gravel.
Small faces pinched with cold
Swarm up to the porch,
To shelter and to fellowship.
Still in the quiet emptiness
I stand alone
And hear the crunch of boots,
The childish voices,
The rough greetings
Carrying on the breeze.
They were held within their time
To this, their one locality,
Parochial in truest sense.
Now we are travellers,
Witnesses to everywhere,
Parishioners of the world.

Jean Sly (1919-2016)



DIARY DATES

Services at Colton are at 9:30am. Benefice services both home and away 10:30am.



- 3 July **Morning Worship, 9:30am. Thomas, Apostle.**
5 July Leven Valley School 'Peninsula Olympics', Cartmel Priory School'
10 July **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
13 July WI Annual Outing, Old Hall Farm 5:00pm. Carriages 6:00pm.
16 July **Church Fête, Church & Hall, 2:00pm.**
17 July **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
19 July Leven Valley School, 'Summer School Play' – Afternoon & Evening.
20 July Bible Study. Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
21 July Leven Valley School, 'Leavers Assembly', 1:30pm.
22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
24 July **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
25 July **James, Aspostle.**
27 July Bible Study, Tottlebank Baptist Church, 10:00am.
31 July **Benefice Methodist Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
'Tim's Good Bye', St. Andrew's, Coniston, 11:00am.



An Over View: Whilst this subject has been covered elsewhere both the Vicar and the writer are insistent that this version be included. Mrs. Susan King writes > "The privileged few residents within the environs of our church watched with pride as a new Union Jack was gallantly hoisted up the repaired flag pole on the eve of our Queen's 90th. Birthday. It stands proudly, being viewed from all directions, unfortunately not across Colton Heights to Bouth. Beyond the PCC parishioners may not be aware of how quietly and conscientiously our Church Warden & his family look after our church. We are indeed fortunate.

We have a lively group of young people finishing exams and taking up holiday jobs prior to moving on to further education; our small hamlet is flourishing and we look forward to our Church Fête, bringing the community together".



"Long experience has told me that to be criticised is not always to be wrong."

Anthony Eden.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month July 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 July	1. John Tarr	Isaiah 66:10-14	
Morning Worship	2. Margaret Sanders	Galatians 6: 7-16	Susan King
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Roderick Smith	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	
10 July	1. Rachel Tarr	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14	
Holy Communion	2. Sue Lydon	Colossians 1: 1-14	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Susan Smith	Luke 10:25-37	
17 July	1. Margaret Sanders	Genesis 18: 1-10a	
Holy Communion	2. Roderick Smith	Colossians 1:15-28	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 10:38-42	
24 July	1. John Tarr	Genesis 18:20-32	
Holy Communion	2. Sue Lydon	Colossians 2: 6-15	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Pam Priestley	Luke 11: 1-13	
31 July	Benefice Methodist Holy Communion Service - Lowick		
10:30am <i>Graham Ransom</i>	2. Donald Wroe	Colossians 3: 1-11	

SIDESPERSONS ROTA

3 July	Mrs. S King
10 July	Mrs. S Dean
17 July	Mrs. M Sanders
24 July	Mrs. S Smith



FLOWER ROTA

3 July	Mrs. S Dean
10 July	Mrs. Z Slater
17 July	Mrs. Z Slater
24 July	Mrs. J Hare



Philosophical Advice

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not; he is fool, shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not; he is simple, teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows; he is asleep, wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows; he is wise, follow him.