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PASTORAL LETTER

AUGUST 2021

'If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those imposters just the same'

Rudyard Kipling 'IF' 1909

I'm writing this letter the morning after the Wimbledon tennis finals and the Euro Cup

And just days ahead of when England is going to be told of what lies ahead of our Corona Virus restrictions. A morning of mixed emotions and anxieties - whoever one was backing to win at either of the above finals, and, at least for those of us who live in England - a time of awaiting anxiety of how we might be returning to 'normal' life.

In these times of uncertainty, divisions and anxieties of how we want 'normal' times to return my thoughts turned to the many Biblical texts we have from GENESIS through to the Book of REVELATION whose wisdom might help us throughout the coming weeks.

Too numerous to mention – you will have your favourite and perhaps well-known ones which will help you through these anxious times of worry, anxiety, bereavement - and often a feeling of HOPELESSNESS:

Some which have helped me through times of personal darkness and despair are:

DEUTERONOMY 31: 8 'The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you. He will be with you.

He will not fail you or forsake you. DO NOT FEAR OR BE DISMAYED' Words spoken by Moses to his successor JOSHUA who after decades of exile in a 'foreign land' would be led by Joshua into their 'promised land'. Its' underlying message being whatever the lowliness of our situations, personal and communal – do not despair God is with us in times of darkness as well as in the sunny uplands of life.

JEREMIAH 29:11 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares The Lord 'Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you. To give you A FUTURE WITH HOPE' Hope for the Babylonians who had been in exile for 70

years yet whose history of peoples in exile was not yet over – but within God's HOPE , better times would be ahead. A timeless message of Hope from the exiled Babylonians to us all and world in these Pandemic times.

PSALM 121: 7 – 8 'I will lift up my eyes to the hills (Fells) from whence comes my help. My help comes from the Lord who made Heaven and Earth . . . 'The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in FROM THIS TIME FOR EVERMORE' Whenever I travel up to my Cottage at Lowick when the Old Man of Coniston come into view 'I lift up my eyes' to its' majestic form and give thanks to God for the wonders of His world in all its' natural formation praying for urgent need to give caution to climate change – to enable the world before it is too late to preserve the natural beauty of God's world who in the beginning 'LOOKED UPON ALL THAT HE HAD MADE, AND INDEED, IT WAS VERY GOOD'

The GOSPEL OF JOHN: Chapter 14: 'Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth give I unto you. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID' These words spoken by Jesus in John's Final Discourse to his anxious, troubled and very frightened Disciples are words of reassured hope that whatever may overcome them in their lives of discipleship - though not in an earthly body-

He would always be besides them. They have been described by some as the most comforting words in the Bible and are words of comfort to us in all our varied troubles and anxieties for the future today as we travel together into the months ahead.

Returning to the sentences of Rudyard Kipling' IF poem :

IF YOU CAN MEET WITH TRIUMPH AND DISASTER AND TREAT THOSE TWO IMPOSTERS JUST THE SAME (Lines displayed at the entrance to Wimbledon's Centre Court)

I recalled the headlines of Sundays papers eulogising the England Team and their expected win in the final against Italy – how different were the headlines of today's papers.

When I listened to Gareth Southgate's humble and measured words in his Press Conference today there was graciousness as he encompassed 'Triumph and Disaster' in the same manner. Likewise, before the Finals of

the Women's Tennis match on Saturday when the Finalist Ashley Barty before her meeting with Anelique Keber was asked in a Press Conference how she would feel if she lost to her opponent? Her reply was simple as with calm acceptance of possible defeat she commented that 'The sun will still come up the following day'. It seems to me that the replies of Gareth Southgate and Ashley Barty sum up the universality of Hope and a letting go of any misfortune or disappointment – looking forward to A FUTURE WITH HOPE (Jeremiah 29.11)

I conclude with a humbling PRAYER OF BELIEF scratched on a wall of a Nazi concentration camp placed there by an unknown Jewish inmate – in a place of hopelessness here was a soul who had not given up their Hope of God even amidst the daily horrors of such a place:

*I believe in the sun
Even when it doesn't shine I believe in love
even when it is not shown
I believe in God
Even when He does not speak
I believe in Go*

Here is HOPE in God personified.

Yours

In the hope of Christ

Vivienne Plummer



COLTON CHRONICLES

We send our best wishes to our Vicar Brian in his grief and hope for a speedy return for we need you!

Sadly: Despite the move to more or less normality the Anglican Church moves at less than a snail's pace so we are unable to bring you up to date with information on our Service Rota and when we can sing. And, as we do not publish a September Magazine you will just have to be patient,



Harvest Supper: Through the good offices of Sue Dean we are having a Harvest Supper this year on **Friday 8 October, 7:00pm**. Bookings required to Sue Dean on or before 1st October Telephone :- 01229 861435 Mobile :- 07769 551155 Email :- suedean1@btinternet.com

If bookings made and then not cancelled before 4th October, payment will still be expected.to pay!



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Health: Not a good month in the Parish for Susan King has had a fall and is now confined to a chair, Sue Dean has been in hospital and now is at home recovering and this editor has also had a fall as had Paul Holden.

Roger Perry, of Bouth was innocently walking his dogs when attacked by a horde of hornets which cause him to collapse and ended up in hospital. Wife Debbie wishes to thank all the villagers whom came to help and for the wonderful Emergency Services. He is now back home and well.



Bouth Village Green: Apologies to Mr. Hamer as I have mislaid his email with regards to the work on the Village Green. The committee arranged for a grant and now ALL the safety surfaces have now been replaced. It is now safe for children of all ages to slide and swing.



Cinema Club: We will start showing films again in September and we are going to be ‘spontaneous’ – that means we will select films month by month. It will save putting out a programme which we might then need to change. There are lots of great films come out in the last 12 months and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. **See page 9.**

If you are not a member and would like updates then email Carol to be put on the contact list. crlmcneill@gmail.com

We were fortunate enough to receive covid recovery funds and would like to invest some of this in helping local film makers make a film about something local or other creative artists with an idea they would like to develop. Contact carol for more data.

RUSLAND HORIZONS

The last few weeks have been a midsummer flurry of busyness, with the Rusland Horizons Trust continuing to be active in a number of ways.

We've valued lots of fantastic opportunities to learn from local folk who have particular knowledge in an area of ecology or natural history.

A small but enthusiastic group have enjoyed a further wildflower walk, this time across the meadows of the Haybridge Nature Reserve, with 68 species seen- beating our previous walk's count of 37. Vanessa Champion has enthused another two groups of walkers about the value and significance of Veteran and Ancient trees. This should enable a fair few of us to record noteworthy trees for the Woodland Trust, for whom Vanessa volunteers for. Once Vanessa has verified these trees are worthy of recording, they are then entered into the Ancient and Veteran Tree Inventory. To find out more, you can go to their website at <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>.

We were delighted with the opportunity to learn too from Rob Fitter, who is a local butterfly enthusiast, through a guided 'stroll' at the end of June. Rob and his family were brilliantly engaging and informative, and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of making a new spot; amongst other more commonly seen butterflies, the group were pleased to see a small pearl-bordered fritillary. To download and print a new spotters' guide we have developed especially for the Rusland area, see our website at <https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/downloads/247/wings-in-the-woods-ruslands-butterflies-and-moths-id-guide.ashx>.

As well as another work party at Great Lindeth Wood, the group of local residents who help manage the Oxen Park Share Wood, known as TOPS, met for the first time in almost a year-and-a-half for a work party. The footpaths in the wood had become very overgrown and indistinct, so a warm and humid Sunday afternoon was spent rescuing the footpaths from the undergrowth, as well as a group of oak saplings which are in a deer-protected enclosure.

We have another couple of walling days set up for Saturday 17th July and Saturday 21st August, this time we are focusing on wall on the common ground behind the Oxen Park Reading Rooms. This is such a good chance to learn something of this wonderful heritage skill from a real craftsman.

For booking details see. <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BDEJ>. Although we are having a quieter few weeks for events whilst the busy weeks of holiday season are upon us, we will be holding plenty more events and activities from early September onwards, so do keep an eye on our website and for our newsletters.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highways and Road Safety

Lots of recent discussion has taken place regarding the new “no right turn” layout at The Swan, Newby Bridge and the fact that a number of local people still turn right. I have a message from those who know about these things that soon fines will be issued for those who continue to ignore the sign!

Planning permission is currently being sought for the first section of the Southern Windermere Trail, from Newby Bridge to Finsthwaite which, when complete, will provide a safe way of getting from Newby Bridge to the YMCA for walkers and cyclists alike.

Community Grant applications were approved in March for a number of local groups with the intention of planting up our villages and centres of communities. The awards ranged from £150 to £450 and you should be able; to see the almost finished results in Oxen Park, Finsthwaite, Bouth, Tottlebank and Bandrake Head as you travel around the Parish. Keep an eye on the website www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk for the photographs that have started to come in from our proud planting groups as we show off our very own Colton in Bloom!

Parish and other Council Elections took place on 6th May and the Parish Clerk is pleased to report that Colton Parish has elected unopposed eight Councillors with Cllr Ken Dean voted in as Chair at the AGM that took place on 24th June. This means that there is one Councillor vacancy and parishioners are asked to consider whether they would like to be co-opted as a councillor on Colton Parish Council. We hope to discuss this at our next meeting with a view to formally co-opting by the following meeting that will take place in September so watch this space for the posters that should appear across the Parish on our noticeboards. If you are interested,

please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk or keep reading the website if you want to know more about what we are doing!

Date of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 26th July 2021 at 7pm at a venue TBC (Chair's Surgery at 6.30pm)** feel free to come along and learn more about your local community!

With best wishes from Julie Hendry, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for Colton Parish



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I've been saving up to have my kitchen redone, but I'm a bit worried about it. Last time I had any work done on the house, it took more than double the time I thought it would and ended up costing me a fortune. I'm looking for a different builder this time, but how will I know I can trust them?

Here are some steps you should take when choosing a trader:

Find a Trading Standards 'approved trader' - use the internet to search for one in your area or the Government's approved trader scheme [TrustMark](#).

Get references or recommendations - ask people you know or ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

Find out if they are a current member of a trade body - trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong, so check your trader is a member. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

Only use certified traders for gas and electrics - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. Check the [Gas Safe Register](#) for a list of traders and use a [registered electrician](#) who can certify their own work. When you're having a kitchen fitted, it's worth checking whether the person you've hired will be doing the electrical or gas work themselves. If not, check who they will be using and whether they're registered.

Get a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the builder can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. Try to compare quotes from a number of contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Get a written contract - this should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors.

Think carefully about payment - opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Where possible, try to pay by card as this can afford you **extra safeguards if something goes wrong**.

Keep copies of receipts - also keep your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor, and you're not sure what to do or where to go, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or talk to South Lakes Citizens Advice.

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. South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you.

How to access:

- Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2:00pm
- Adviceline: 0808 2787 984
email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444



Greenodd Horticultural Show

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to cancel this year's show, as some of the committee members felt, that they wouldn't feel safe within the show, especially if people chose not to wear masks. We are of course upset that we have had to make this decision.



Cinema Club Oxen Park will open again in September – showing the 2 films which kept getting postponed – 'Space Walker' and 'Official Secrets'. Details on the website.

Out in the Fields with God

The little cares that fretted me
 I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea
 Among the winds at play
Among the lowing of the herds
 The rustling of trees
Among the singing of the birds
 The humming of the bees
The foolish fears of what might pass

 I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass
 Among the new mown hay
Among the rustling of the corn
 Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good are born
 Out in the fields with God.



Time: Apologies for misleading on the times of the services. Having checked the PCC minutes the change to 10:00am is on hold until the Vicar's return. *Editor,*



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