



PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

When I was working at the General Synod, there was a story going the rounds concerning the then Bishop of Worcester, (who had previously been Dean of Windsor, and therefore a confidante of Her Majesty). He had been seated one day in the tea-room with his senior chaplain and, at the next table, was a very new and young synod member showing off about all the famous people that he claimed to know. After a while the bishop got a bit fed up with it, and said in a rather audible voice to his companion, "If there is one thing that the Queen and I cannot stand, it's *name droppers!*"

On another occasion, at table during my time in Cambridge, an American student from the Bronx said, "Can't understand why you folks go on havin' a monarch in this country." My reply to him was, "It's so that we never have to put the word 'President' and the word 'Thatcher' into the same sentence!" "Ah! Gotcha! Gotcha!" he said feelingly. (In all fairness I ought to say that he would have got a similarly caustic reply over the possibility of "*President Blair*" or "*President Cameron*"!)

With the rôle of the Queen in the recent outcome of our General Election, we have seen another example of the inestimable benefits we enjoy under a constitutional monarchy. To have an hereditary Head of State, who can stand above day-to-day politics, and give focus for our nationhood through a mutual "subject" status, rather than an egalitarian "citizenship", is an enormous blessing. And we are particularly blessed at present to have a monarch, Queen Elizabeth the Second, whose whole life is spent in devoted duty and service to her people. It is fitting that she was given crown, orb and sceptre and sword of state at her coronation, to symbolize her as the focus (generally referred to as "The Crown") for all the vital functions of good government in the defence of the realm, and the maintenance of law and order and the preservation of justice and freedom. Without these, other aspects of her government, like social welfare,

education, health, environmental responsibility, management of the economy etc. would be impossible to pursue. From a Christian point of view, perhaps the most significant thing is that to which the Queen herself has pointed, when asked. She avows that it was *not* the placing of the crown upon her head that marked the climax for her of her coronation, but the symbolic anointing with oil under the canopy on her bare head, in consecration of herself and her reign to act under the LORD, God Almighty. So we have a ruler who, herself, goes to worship and bows her knee, Sunday by Sunday, to our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is Himself King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As we come to Her Majesty's official birthday on June 12th let us pray together, "Long May she reign".

Yours sincerely, in Christ's name

David Gregg



COTTON CHRONICLES

There are many movements with the Anglican Church that many of us know little or nothing about and one of these is "Cursillo"; some members of our church recently spent a few days at Rydal Hall experiencing this movement. One was Judy Redhead and she writes 'Not knowing what to expect, I was nervous – was it Evangelical, Born Again or Christians with no doubt about their faith and, importantly, would I fit in?

I need not have worried as I joined some 28 other Christians, some with absolute faith, some with occasional doubts but everyone full of love for each other and for me! It was a very humbling weekend with the emphasis on learning how God's love for us is in all our lives; if we accept God as our loving Father, through Him, he will help us to love our friends and neighbours. It was a wonderful weekend.

Joanna Henson, Christine Holden and Barbara Watson have been involved for some time and I now realise why they are so enthusiastic about worship, and modern hymns. It was all very uplifting and following on from my experience I have accepted the formidable task of letting others know how the Love of God can work through everyone.'

Strange, that the Gospel reading on that particular Sunday contained these words "That you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

There has been a meeting of the Worship Group, who in time, will be reporting to the P C C. Whilst nothing is definite, well it is the Anglican Church, there was a strong feeling for the need for change, to look forward rather than back; as the Book of Common Prayer, loved by many, puts it: "There was never anything by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which in the continuance of time hath not been corrupted."

And that was written in 1662.

Church Fête

A reminder, that the Fête this year will be held on **Saturday 17 July**. Prizes for the raffle to John Tarr and prizes for the Tombola to Judy Redhead Tel: 588 684 or at the back of the church. If anyone would like to help in **anyway** please contact Johnny Tarr Tel: 586 174 email john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk.

It is intended to erect the marquee on **Thursday 15 July**. Helpers are needed and should meet at the **Old Vicarage, 7:00pm**.



We told you last month to be on guard, as the Vicar and wife Elizabeth were going on holiday; and they have not let us down. The good news is, that they are both fine but their ancient 4x4 broke down and sir had to return, mid-holiday, to pick up more reliable transport. But the curse, if there be such a thing, still lingers on, as Pauline Parkin, flower arranger extraordinaire apparently collided with her dog and lost, finishing up with a broken leg. We wish Pauline and husband Derek, who also has been in hospital, and are now both at home, speedy recoveries. They wish to thank everybody for their kindnesses. The dog is fine.

At a beautiful service on 9 May, Bethany Jane Lydon, daughter of Emma & Duncan and first grandchild of Sue, was baptised. Not only was Bethany extremely well mannered throughout the proceedings, which she clearly enjoyed, but also took a shine to our Vicar or at least his chin. We wish Bethany a happy and Christian upbringing.

Donald.

FLOWER ROTA

Many will know by now that Wendy and Peter Smith are moving to near Preston to be close to their daughter. Wendy had been the heart of the magnificent flower arrangements we have had in our Church for over two decades not only organising the rota but also the supply of the flowers.

Words cannot express our gratitude for the work and dedication both have bestowed on our church in so many ways for so many uncounted years; a simple thank you seems inadequate, but thank you! We wish them well in their new home. We do not know, as yet, what will happen in the future.



MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting in May Sarah & Mark Callaghan gave a wonderful talk on Christian care with children in schools. They told us how they encourage the children to enjoy 'Christian Teaching' both in school, Holiday Clubs and Christian three day events. We all enjoyed the children's stories and even a magic show, all in the name of Jesus.

Our next meeting is our Annual Outing, which this year is visit to **Coniston Priory on Tuesday 8 June**. For further details contact Judy Redhead, Tel: 588 684. *Judy.*



PARISH NEWS

William Watson is now well after his spell in hospital and our thoughts are with William and family as their farm at Low Longmire is to be sold. The Watsons have farmed at Longmire all their lives and have lived in harmony with their neighbours and have been very involved in the local community especially the Rusland Show, the Oxen Park Reading Room and many other 'old fashioned' country pastimes. We all hope that the farm will remain a farm and we wish William a happy and healthy retirement.

On a happier note congratulations to Allan Lovegrove of Bouth, on the birth of a daughter May Holly Ellen to his daughter Clare on the 6 May. All is well, with father Neil pleased and proud, grandparents Allan and Penny, thrilled.

Recently there was a noise and rushing of wind in the idyllic hamlet of Bouth, which brought residents bursting out of their dwellings half expecting large amounts of Icelandic ash dumped on their doorsteps. Nay, 'twas nought but a helicopter landing in the White Hart car park which caused this interest, mind you, it was menacingly dark coloured.

Bouth Village Green: The Annual Meeting was held on 26 April attended by the committee and 'one other' and ably chaired by J Osborne. Main matters of interest were the deterioration of the safety surface brought about by a wet summer and a cold winter and now needs replacing. The fence holding the hedge, or perhaps the other way round is in need of some TLC.

Donations of plants have been made by Bridget Hughes & Barbara Osborne, who were duly thanked; any other donations of suitable vegetation would be welcome. The committee re-elected itself although to be fair, it was proposed by the 'one other', probably in self defence. The officers were also re-elected apart from Secretary Penny Lovegrove would has stood down and has been replaced with Marion Hamer.

Congratulations to Kath & Nigel Barton as their Inn, the White Hart, has won a prestigious National Award being named 'Authentic Pub of the Year'. The good residents of Bouth, however, are not altogether sure of the description 'sleepy snoozy village' although all would agree that the portrayal of the menu as 'no –nonsense' is a fair reflection of the character of mine host.

The welcome quietness that descended on the parish in the middle of May had nothing to do with the aftermath of the General Election but rather the ladies of the Bouth WI swanning off to Venice on a jolly, leaving husbands and other male friends to enjoy peace and to get a word in, edgeways or otherwise. Venice will never be quite the same. *Donald + Judy.*

BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our May meeting Ms. L York who had been on a history course at Lancaster University and got interested in the role of women in WWI researching what had occurred in Barrow; it was a lecture on Social History.

In these modern days of equality it was interesting to hear how the women learnt to coped with factory and home life especially as most of their

husbands were still at home rather than at war because they were needed in the shipyards and ironworks. It was the first time they had money to spend and they spent it, even on the luxury of fur coats.

President Elspeth won the competition 'Any wartime memorabilia.'

The next meeting is our **Annual Outing** (with the chaps) **on Wednesday 9 June**, probably to Hole Hird, followed by supper at the White Hart. There will be a short meeting in the **Village Hall, 5:30pm, carriages 6:00pm.**

Sue S.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bouth residents may have noticed that part of the playground has been cordoned off. This is because the safety surface in that area has lifted badly and the whole area is to be re-surfaced. Bouth Village Green Chairman, John Osborn, is arranging a meeting with Abacus playgrounds and our Parish Lengthsman, Mr Chris Slater, to decide how to solve the drainage problem and then re-lay the surface. The work will be funded through the Parish Council, voluntary contributions from the box on the green and in the pub, and with the £1000 grant from the County Council's Neighbourhood Forum.

On 12th May, Councillor Chris Potts attended a hearing meeting for the National Park's 'Core Strategy Development Plan'. He expressed the Council's concern about the exclusion of Lakeside from the lakeshore protection policy. The National Park officers clarified that development plans were not for the whole of Lakeside, but specifically for the area immediately around the station, quayside and hotel. They agreed to define the area in the next version of the Strategy. Cllr Potts emphasised again concerns about the safety of the road from Newby Bridge to Lakeside, if more visitors were to be encouraged along this route. The National Park are consulting on three more development plan documents: 'Allocations of Land', 'General Development Policies' and 'Housing Provision'. The closing date for the first two is 1st June, and for the last one, 15th June. See the LDNPA website: www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/ldf for details and to submit comments.

Footnote: Your Chairman is half-way through his 'sabbatical' tour of the western isles! To follow his progress, see www.60islandtops.com. This includes a link to the 'just giving' website if you would like to sponsor him in aid of the RNLI.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on: **Monday 21 June, 7:30 pm.**
Colton Church Hall.

Mandy.

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LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

The summer term is becoming very busy at Leven Valley Primary School. Pupils are attending after school activities of rugby, orienteering, karate and multi skills for the younger ones. Extra singing practice is underway as part of the preparations for the summer term end of year play.

Work for the residential visit in June has been going on over the last few weeks, particularly honing everyone's cycling skills. The visit is very exciting involving a lot of commitment from children and staff alike.

Work continues on the building and recently the entrance section has really taken shape adding a much greater feeling of space, and enhancing the welcoming atmosphere.

The governors continue to be very busy ensuring that the school continues to develop in a very positive way. They have also been improving their skills by attending training on Finance and preparing for the new Ofsted inspection regime. A new governor was also welcomed on to the governing body Mrs. Anthea Hanson.

The Bags2School collection organized by the PTA to raise funds for school was very well supported. Thank you to everyone who gave items, we will let you know the total when we know it.

Sue Anderson, Governor.

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CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

Cartmel Priory School was inspected on the 15 and 16 April this year by both Ofsted and SIAS. Both inspections recognised the excellent work that is going on in the school.

Ofsted Report

"This outstanding school has a great many strengths including:

- the way in which equal opportunities are promoted and the talents of all are recognised and nurtured so both students and staff feel valued and morale is high
- the excellent care, guidance and support it provides which makes all students feel very safe and allows them to really enjoy learning and achieve their very best
- the curriculum which is very closely matched to the needs of all students and in this small school has been enriched by very close links with other schools and colleges
- the high quality of leadership and management at all levels.

Students are keen to learn, show respect for each other and behave well. Relationships are excellent and informal styles and friendly approaches pervade the school. Students make a very valuable contribution to their own and the wider community and are extremely well equipped with the skills needed for the world of work. “

SIAS Report

“Excellent relationships and concern for each valued individual result in the school community providing a secure and effective learning environment. Pupils develop their full potential, both academically and as caring responsible citizens who put Christian values into practice. Collective worship challenges pupils to reflect on their own values. A committed staff team and visionary Christian leaders make this a rewarding place to work and learn.”

These reports reflect the hard work of staff, students and governors and the community spirit that is so much a part of school life.

Dr. Paul Williams.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We are now all gearing up for our **Strawberry Tea** on **Sunday 20 June** at **Rusland Reading Rooms** (it will be totally different to any other strawberry tea!). Come anytime between **2:00pm & 5:00pm** and bring the family to enjoy a woodland map walk (or run) with a woodland quiz.

If you would like a shot at making a film then we have a parent and child workshop at **Rusland** on **Saturday 29 May (10:00am – 4:00pm.)** and 3 days for under 13's at Leven Valley at the end of term. Contact Carol for details, Tel: 01229 861 507.

Carol.

Services and Rotas for June

6th	First Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Kings	17: 8-16	
	Second Reading	Galatians	1:11-24	
	Gospel	Luke	7:11-17	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	S Smith	E Fleming
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	P Ashton	E Wemyss
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	& J Atkinson	
13th	Second Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Kings	21:1-10, 15-21a	
	Second Reading	Galatians	2:15-21	
	Gospel	Luke	7:36-8:3	
Readers:		D Lancaster	B Watson	J Gregg
Sidespersons:		A Wood		
	No service at Colton and Penny Bridge			
20th	Third Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Kings	19:1-4, 8-15a	
	Second Reading	Galatians	3:23-29	
	Gospel	Luke	8:26-39	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	G Pickles	R Smith
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	R Long
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
27th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings	2:1-2, 6-14	
	Second Reading	Galatians	5:1, 13-25	
	Gospel	Luke	9:51-62	
Readers:	Colton	D Wroe	I Pirnie	M Sanders
	Lowick	D Gregg	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	C Styles	D Lancaster
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster	

DIARY DATES

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

- 8 June Mothers Union Annual Outing.
9 June Bouth W I Annual Outing – Start, Village Hall – 5:30/6:00pm.
11 June **Barnabas, Apostle.**
13 June Benefice Holy Communion, Lowick – No service at Colton.
20 June Cinema Club – Strawberry Tea, Rusland Reading Rooms - 2:00/5:00pm.
21 June Longest Day.
Colton Parish Council Meeting – Colton Church Hall – 7:30pm.
24 June **The Birth of John the Baptist.**
27 June Veteran's Day.
29 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles.**



It is not too late to join the **Cross Bay Walk** on **Saturday 24 July** starting at **5:00pm** led by Guide, Cedric Robinson. This event is being organised by Rusland & Satterthwaite Churches for their funds and will be a £10-00 (non-refundable) entry fee per person which can be recouped by personal sponsorship.

Sponsorship raised in excess of £10 can go either to those churches or to other charities/churches of the entrant's choice. There are a limited number of places for entrants on the walk, contact, Susan King 2 Colton Cottages, Colton, Nr Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8HF (01229 861 173)



Mans' Lament

The time I've lost in wooing.
In watching and pursuing
The light that lies
In woman's eyes,
Has been my heart's undoing,
Though Wisdom has often sought me,
I scorn'd the lore she brought me,
My only books
Were woman's looks,
And folly's all they've taught me.

From a poem 'The Time I've Lost In Wooing' by Thomas Moore.