



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear Friends

Twenty Five Years On.

The service pattern this month is slightly different to usual with a social to celebrate my twenty five years in Ministry.

We ask that people coming bring their own picnic and drinks will be provided.

There have been many changes in the pattern of ministry in the Church of England over those twenty five years – some of which we agree with whilst others we disagree with and the pace of change continues even faster than before as the twin main resources of ordained priests and finance decline.

People talk about a *Mission Shaped Church*, of a *Minster Model*, of *new ways of being the church*, of *fresh expressions of church* and so on but why do we need more change and where is it leading?

The diocese is holding a number of “road shows” called *Resourcing Revival in Your Parish* which Colton Parish had a taster of last month and your “road show” was on the 16th May. Issues looked at included: *How many ministers do we need? How many are we prepared to pay for? How should they be deployed and who should decide?* These are important questions for church members to be thinking about and the Furness “Road Show” is on Tuesday 28th June in Ulverston Parish Centre starting at 7:30pm. Colton members will be most welcome at this meeting if you missed the one on the 16th, or if you want to attend a second “Road Show”.

Why the need for change?

- Financial position - ££ is short and parish share increases are unsustainable

- Designed to forward God's mission
- Times are changing and the church needs to move with them – e.g. networked society; different demands from different age groups; different ways/venues for presenting the Good News needed
- Congregations are declining so – we need a structure that will deliver mission and growth - some congregations are not viable
- A way of applying expert resource to new and critically important tasks
- Stewardship of resources (both financial and other)

This sounds challenging but no decisions have been made – consultations are taking place and if you want your voice to be heard be there at the “Road Shows”.

Father of all light, with whom there is no variation, no shadow caused by shame; give us grace to rest upon your eternal changelessness, and in your faithfulness to find peace; through Jesus Christ, who is the same today as he was yesterday, and as he will be for ever. Amen.

Confirmation

The group confirmation service will be on Sunday November 27th at 10:30am in St Anne's, Haverthwaite. Any adult or young person who is thinking about confirmation should contact the vicar during May, or June to find out more about confirmation and the background to it.

Sincerely yours

Gary

Vicar.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

We were remiss last month in not thanking retiring Secretary Margaret Campbell her sterling work over many years, thank you! Also to thank Elizabeth Wemyss for so graciously agreeing to become our new Secretary especially as she is also the PCC Sec. to both Lowick and Penny Bridge.

COLTON CHRONICLES

For those of you who were not at out service on 15 May, which is most of you, greetings were brought from the Vicar and congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Funchal, Madeira.

Best wishes were also sent to our friend Canon the Revd. Stephen Pye as his beloved Carlisle United were promoted back to the Football League. As a National Newspaper put it “ following the bleakest of winters.... residents of Carlisle were overdue an evening out in the spring sunshine.” But one wonders what will happen if baseball caps are banned from Brunton Park.

The ladies and the odd man, from the various parishes, spun their usually magic for the **Christian Aid Lunch** and so far have made £700 for this admirable charity. It was good to see Stephen Pye, Doreen Harrison and Derek and Hilary Tinsley.

Someone asked the old question of what do you call a group of clerics. Well *Flock* comes to mind as does *Chattering* but in researching, some strange 15th. century group names were found. A *Drunkenness* of cobblers; a *Hastiness* of cooks and a *Faith* of merchants and perhaps clerics.

Judy says thanks to EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS CHARITY and one to never miss a chance adds **Do not forget the Garden Fête on Saturday 16 July**. Whilst on this subject Tombola prizes are needed and delivered to Susan King, Cakes for the stall to Sue Smith and Cakes for the teas, on the day.

Complaints have been received, mainly from those who do not go to church, that the Parish News is getting too bland. Your editor suggests a tombola prize ‘Guest Editor for one issue’ – complete freedom. Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

5 June Mrs. Wendy Smith
12 June Wedding
19 June Wedding flowers
26 June Mrs. Joanna Henson.

Coffee. 3 July Mrs. Sue Smith & Mrs. Hilary Brooks.

MOTHERS UNION

At our April meeting we were joined by members from Leven Valley when we were privileged to hear Ronny Mein give an informative talk on the life and work as a County Councillor over the last four years. Not only was it interesting but it made us realise how much time and effort was involved, all on our behalf.

On the **Tuesday 7 June** we shall be having an outing to **Swarthmoor Hall**, meeting at the Hall at **2.00pm**. If anyone requires a lift please contact Wendy Tel: 015395 31872.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

It is a sad old year and we have to report more departings. Jessie Dickinson from Abbot Park Farm has died after several years of infirmity. Stan Woods of Bouth has also sadly died after a long illness and much suffering. Also Mrs Bickestaff formerly of Broughton in Furness but latterly in Colton House. Our condolences and prayers go out to the bereaved families in their hour of need.

Mrs Doreen Woods has asked us to express her grateful thanks for all the letters, cards and support she has received from people in the parish.

Ruth Pearson, Chris Holden's mum has had a hip replacement and is recovering well, not that there was any doubt. Mind you she is living it up in the Nuffield, Lancaster and all on the NHS. Ruth we wish you all the best.

As we do to Bryan Redhead who is also getting on well with his treatment but Mollie and Bill Jackson are not so well. We pray for you all.

Please Note: Community Challenge cards were distributed to residents in Bouth but a digit escaped from the Police telephone Nos. the correct numbers are **Barrow 01229 824 532 & Kendal 015297 222 611**.

It is a comfort to this embattled editor to know that even the WI can get things wrong.

A food article in a local paper praised the atmosphere and the quality of the food and beer at the White Hart, Bouth. We the locals were described as >

apparently country-folk enjoying ourselves three deep at the bar; this is not so, the first row usually consists of our beloved and much needed visitors, not so much hogging the bar, but understandably soaking up the wonderful atmosphere of a proper country pub. The article goes on to say there was lots of chat and plenty of great characters to observe, which was better than a young lady's observation that, 'you can tell the locals, because they are loud.'

Judy/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Whilst Debbie Perry & Judy Redhead were splendid in the 'Furness Reading Aloud' evening they did not quite make it to the winners rostrum but congratulations for the performance.

The resolutions put forward for the AGM are 'Care of the Environment' & 'Farmgate Milk Prices.' The ladies are planning a trip to Portpatrick but it is all a bit in the air at the moment.

The dreaded lurgy (remember the Goon show?) which attacked Sparkbridge has now moved to Bouth as the speaker, Mrs Hayward was unable to present her announced topic having, apparently, fallen off a horse. Instead she gave a delightful talk on Teddy Bears bringing with her part of her collection. Plenty of oohs and ahs!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 June** starting with a short meeting in the Hall at **5.40pm** followed by an outing to Furness Abbey and a meal at the Coot. Chaps please note 'Carriages' at **6.00pm**.

Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Unfortunately communications seem to have broken down and there is nought for us to report.

POACHER WATCH

Readers of this magazine will already be fully aware of the importance of deer as part of the local scene. You may also be aware of the threat to that local heritage through an increase in the indiscriminate killing of deer by

poachers and the response to that threat by the setting up of 'Operation Stag' by the South Lakes Deer Management Group in partnership with Cumbria Constabulary.

Since the Summer of 2004 a 'Poacher Watch' sub-committee of the South Lakes Deer Management Group has set up an observation and communication network of volunteer observers to monitor suspect vehicle movements and lamping in the vulnerable areas as well as recording any shots fired (night shooting of deer is illegal) and carcasses or parts of them subsequently found. Details of how the scheme works have already appeared in the local press and on television and need not be repeated here. What does merit inclusion is that the scheme is alive and well and beginning to yield useful intelligence for our local police. Any suspicious vehicles or individuals acting in a suspicious manner should be reported directly to the police (Tel **01229 824532** or **01768 891999**). Vehicle descriptions are very useful since registration numbers, although usually invaluable, can be and may have been changed!



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Mrs. Janet Pickles from Colton has been appointed as a Foundation Governor and has settled into school life; she sits on the Curriculum committee and has volunteered to be the English Subject Governor. Those of us who know Janet will be aware that her mental discipline will be invaluable to the school.

Mrs Ruth Houston has been appointed Assistant Head & Music Teacher and has planned a very exciting program including the formation of a Wind Band and a Choir. Our congratulations and best wishes.

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

We have just completed all our tests: as ever, some children really enjoy them, and other find them a real chore. The youngest children are always surprised we are testing them on something they know. It was probably ever thus!

Our coffee morning in the Coronation Hall Ulverston was a great success. As well as raising more than £300 for PTA funds, we met many people who had been past pupils, who told us some lovely tales about happy and sad times here at the school.

Summer sport is starting, and we are busy practising cricket, rounders, and athletics, as we are soon to be involved in matches with other local schools.

Susan.



Footpaths in the Crake Valley

“There have been recent changes in the type of farming in the Crake Valley especially between Greenodd New Bridge and Penny Bridge. Young stock, that are both unfamiliar to their new surroundings and to walkers, are being released into these fields. They are naturally more inquisitive and can be quite frisky.

Please keep away from the stock, particularly cows with calves at foot. As a result walkers are kindly requested to restrict themselves to designated public footpaths and to keep dogs on leads and under close control at all times.

Keen walkers may have noticed that the Estate has recently created a new “permissive” footpath through the Crake valley, commencing just beyond Greenodd New Bridge at the field gate and running just below Legbarrow.

This is as yet unsigned but walkers are welcome to use it. It will shortly be fenced against the field and directional signs erected at either end.

Please ensure that all gates are kept securely closed.”

Pennybridge Hall Estate



Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

DUCK RACE

SUNDAY 26 JUNE – 2.30PM.

This is the **MAIN** fund raising event for the two churches and will be held on **Grizedale Beck, Satterthwaite** by kind permission of Arthur Thredkeld.

Ducks @£1 from any member of the two PCCs - Prizes £50 - £25 - £1

Music, competition and games with **Teas** in the Village Hall

Put a date in your diary and come with your friends and spend.

NEW LEADER REQUIRED

THE 1ST CRAKE VALLEY RAINBOWS will be losing their leader in July, when we finish meeting for the summer, and we are looking for someone to take her place from September.

We meet on a **Monday from 5:00pm – 6:00pm** during school term time. For those who do not know who the Rainbows are, they are the Pre-Brownies of the Guide Association, so are girls aged five and six years.

If you, or someone you know is interested, and would like to know more about what this voluntary position entails, please telephone **Donna Kirby (01229 885332) or Caroline Lambert (01229 861282).**

We will do our best to keep our Rainbows group running in September, as not only do the girls enjoy attending, but we are full, with a waiting list which shows that there is a need for a Rainbow group in our area, and it would be a loss to our community if we had to stop meeting.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have had requests for publicity in the newsletters from two local organisations. Firstly, Cumbria Special Constabulary is recruiting Special Constables whose principal role consists of local patrols, crime reduction, and specific local crime problems. People between 18½ and 50 are invited to send for an information pack Tel: **01768 217741**.

The second organisation, the Citizens Advice Bureau need volunteer advisors. Full training will be given, and travel expenses will be met. Anyone interested should contact Sandra Whittaker Tel: **01229 585635**.

Speaking of volunteers, a Parish Council steering group is currently working on the setting up of a web site. If anyone has expertise (and time) in this area, the clerk would be very pleased to hear from them Tel: **01229 885647**. Judith.



FURNESS DEANERY

Do not forget the ‘Summer Songs of Praise’ on the *Ratty* – Sunday 3 July. Tickets are now available from the Vicarage until 26 June.

Adults £5. Children £3

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 5 June Morning Worship, Family Service – **10.30am**. Coffee to follow.
- 7 June M U Outing – Swarthmoor Hall, at the Hall – **2.00pm**.
- 8 June Bouth W I Annual Outing – **5.40 for 6.00pm**.
Benefice PCC – **Lowick – 7.30pm**.
- 11 June **Barnabas, Apostle**.
- 12 June Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge - **10.30am**.
- 13 June Holy Communion – **9.30am**.
- 24 June Birth of John the Baptist – Ember Day
- 26 June Benefice Communion – **Colton – 9.30am** – Picnic to follow.
Duck Race – Grizedale Beck, Satterthwaite- **2.30pm**.
- 28 June Diocesan Road Show – Ulverston Parish Centre – **7.30pm**.
- 29 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles**.
- 3 July *“Songs of Praise”* on the ‘Ratty’ – Tickets from the Vicarage.



POSTSCRIPT

The Sparkbridge & Lowick W I have finally got their act together and :-

A very interesting and educational evening was enjoyed at the April meeting when Fred & Mary Barnes gave a slide show on “How to Grow Roses”. When and how to prune, when and what to feed, and how to detect and treat pests and diseases were all covered. The evening was finished off with slides of the different roses they had grown and displayed at shows over the past years, where they had been awarded many trophies.

The speaker at our meeting on **28 June, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm**. is Margaret Metcalf who is giving a “Cake Icing Demonstration”, and we welcome ladies to join us for another enjoyable evening. Margaret.

Keeping with the W I theme the Bouth ladies, charming though they are, are inclined to be bossy. They have decreed that the Village WILL enter ‘Cumbria in Bloom’ contest condemning the rest of us to moil and toil when we would rather be sitting down with a glass in our hands. Allegedly the judging will take place between 18 – 30 July. You have been warned! Anon.

“Moil” is Middle English from Old French *moillier* – ‘to paddle in mud.’”

