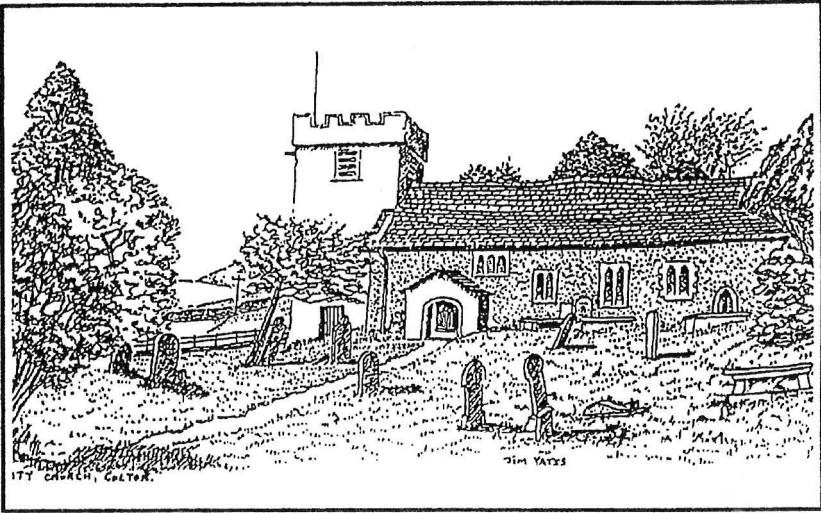




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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December 2005

Dear Friends

We do we see?

I have just returned from the Judge's Service at Carlisle Cathedral and the thing that hit me most was the robes of the High Court Judge (red robes with white fur around the neck and sleeves).

In fact, last year, he was taken from the service to the courts in Carlisle by horse and carriage and the children thought that Father Christmas had arrived.

We make much of appearances and tend to see the outward visual portrayal as "truth". What you see is what you get. But so often there is far more to a person than their outward appearance.

This is particularly important at Christmas time. We are offered a picture of a baby lying in a manger - human, weak, defenceless, dependent on his parents and seemingly in need of so much support.

However, this is the Christ-child about whom the season of Christmas is celebrated. He is not human but of God; he is not weak but is so strong that he will conquer death and sin; he is not defenceless as he will be a King, a Messiah, the Christ; he is not dependent on his parents but on God and most importantly he is not in need of support for he will give it to those who commit themselves to him and seek his help in prayer.

Do not be fooled by appearances. Christmas brings a season of goodwill and sharing of presents and giving of cards. But the essence of Christmas is a baby who can bring peace to the world and peace to our lives.

To know this peace we need to know Jesus. Why not make an appointment to meet him in church this Christmas and hear a little about this baby who, not only changed the world, but can change your lives with his love.

Winter Warmer of Supper & Song

Greenodd Village Hall

6th January 2006 at 7:30pm

Pie & Peas Supper with Sweet

Bar Raffle Entertainment

Tickets £5-00 Adult £3-00 Children

Available from C Line, J Lancaster or the Vicar

(Proceeds to the building project at Penny Bridge Church)

The entertainment will be provided by the *Jubilate Singers* comprising Elizabeth, Cathy Styles, the Vicar and three unknowns.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

Despite the idiocies of Political Correctness, Government at all levels, some Charities and the fact that we have a decorated tree in church, Christmas is and will remain a Christian Festival and we must all remember that.

A recent survey has shown that two thirds of the population of this fair land profess to call themselves Christians and a quarter of those say they go to church on Sundays. If this is so, then our church going population on a Sunday is about 10 million souls, sadly these figures do not relate to Colton, for if they did, our congregation would be two and a half times bigger than it is. You can make a difference.

As you will read elsewhere there were some chilly beings in Rusland church in recent times and the answer is simple; the Churchwardens did not know that a service was being held. Rusland is a lovely church in a wonderful setting and they love for people to hold services there. If you intend to do just that will you make sure that the Churchwardens know.

Please contact either **Gillie Dobson, Tel: 01229 860 241** or **Giles Wingate – Saul Tel: 01229 860 300.**

The amount raised by the British Legion Poppy Appeal is now over £3.000 and still counting. We have been asked to thank all those who helped in some way.

Although there will be no flowers in church in December, it being Advent, the church will be decorated, for our good Lord, not Father Christmas, on **Saturday 17 December, kick off 10.00am. Help is always welcome.**

A wonderful Morning Service was held in Carlisle Cathedral on 15 November and very well attended by parishioners from this benefice and our friends up the valley. It was the Judge's Service and the attendance was in support of the new High Sheriff of the County, Adam Naylor from Lowick. The sermon, which was brilliant, was given by the Chaplain to the Sheriff, one Revd. Gary Wemyss; it was worth the journey for that alone.

At this time of the year it is sad to be talking about money but regrettably the Parish News does not come free and your modest contributions of £4 does not even cover the cost of printing. This is the ONLY cost apart from the wear and tear on the editor's nerves trying to wring contributions out of

people; some are on time but many not, even the Vicar strays from time to time, most of the time really. So if you have not paid your dues to your distributor please do, ASAP. You do not want to get on the wrong side of the 'Money Gnome'.

Donald.

“The office of High Sheriff is the oldest continuous Crown Appointment. predating the Judiciary, the Chancellor, Lords Lieutenant and a host of other dignitaries. The name ‘*Sheriff*’ derives from the Saxon ‘*Sai-Reeve*’ or ‘*Gerefa*’ meaning ‘Guardian of the Shires’ which were first created by Alfred the Great.”



COFFEE

4 December Mrs. Margaret Sanders + Helper(s)

1 January is a Benefice Service at Colton but no names as yet.

Perhaps D I Y



MOTHERS UNION

Our Closing Service together with the Leven Valley Branch was held at Rusland and conducted by Canon Stephen Pye. It was a nice service but short, as the church was a trifle chilly (see Colton Chronicles).

The program for 2006 is not yet ready and as there will not be an issue in January, you will have to wait until February. Wendy (with a little help from a friend.)



WHAT A BEGINNING

“NATIVITY - what Nativity? Come and join us for Christmas Eve Celebrations as we walk round Penny Bridge in search of the Nativity. Meet at the **Church at 3.30pm**. Please wear warm clothing and bring a lantern or torch. For more information contact Carolyn Dykes, Tel: **01229 861 509.**”



PARISH NEWS

Despite careful scrutiny of the drafts, when the printed version is opened, mistakes, grammatical and facts, leap out from the pages, which I am convinced is caused by a leprechaun in the keyboard. Probably female.

Apologies are due to young Mathew Richards for getting his phone number wrong; it should have been 01229 861 269. Also to Elspeth and Birkett Cooper whose number was mistakenly printed; strangely there has been no complaint from the Coopers which leads one to believe that they did not read the Parish News with due diligence.

Zella Slater writes "I am pleased to tell you I sent £310.00 to the NSPCC after my Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who came, or sent me Donations and especially my wonderful Helpers. Please put my thanks into the magazine." It is amazing that those who work the hardest always thank everyone else: thank you Zella!!!

Headstone

The Headstone which commemorates the names of those whose ashes are buried in the churchyard is about to be taken away and brought up to date. If anyone requires the name of a loved one to be engraved please get in touch with the Vicar **as soon as possible**.

We see many reports about the lack of services in rural villages and it is time to give thanks for what we have in nearby Greenodd. Furthermore the shops are run by exceptionally pleasant people; thank you then, to Peter, the Butcher, Angela and Mark, the Bakers and Janet and Lloyd who run the Post Office and General Store.

I have a note which says 'Leven Valley Cricket Club' but have not a clue what it is about. Does anyone know?

Donald.



"The worst enemy of truth and freedom in our society is the compact majority. Yes, the damned, compact, liberal majority."

Ibsen. *'An Enemy of the People'*

Low Cost Housing

Hawkshead/Satterthwaite/Rusland/ Colton Area. Anyone interested as a possible tenant of such a development should ring Helen Irwin on 01768 861407 for further details or write to Helen Irwin, Mitre Housing Association c/o Blain House, Bridge Lane, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 8QU.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

Our November meeting, the 62nd. A G M. began with a few moments of silence to remember our Founder, Barbara Gill, who sadly died, recently. President Elspeth Cooper read part of her Newspaper Obituary; she was a remarkable women and her untimely loss will be greatly felt.

The ‘Cavalcade of 85 Years’ was a great success and enjoyed by those who attended. As was the Furness Area Quiz but regrettably our team did not achieve a podium finish. The Festival of Flowers at Cartmel Priory was also a huge success with £3,000 being donated to the upkeep of the Priory Church.

As it was our A G M our guest was Mrs Susan Bray, WI Special Adviser, who spoke later of moving house, which she had done thirteen times ! All the ‘old’ officers we re-elected with President Elspeth continuing her rule. But a new member of the committee was elected – the lively Peggy Mather.

Our next event will be the Christmas Gathering, **Thursday 15 December, Village Hall, 7.15pm. for 7.30pm.**

Penny.



Sparkbridge & Lowick

The gremlin has struck again! Our speaker gave backword so it was home made evening. We played bingo and had a beetle drive and whilst this might not have been very educational everybody had a good time.

We do not meet in December, therefore our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 January, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.** The speaker will be Richard Scott, his subject, ‘Wind Farms’.

Barbara.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council has had a successful year, with meetings very well attended, and well supported by our County and District councillors. We have been pleased to welcome Cllr Ted Walsh, our new Cumbria County Council representative at the meetings. We have been working all year towards Quality Parish status, having only a few more criteria to reach before we can put in the application.

Look out in the new year for the Parish Council website, which will be going on line early in 2006, and a review and update of the Parish Plan on which everyone will be able to make a comment if they wish.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 9 January, Rusland Reading Room, 7.30pm**. We would love to see you there.

Judith.



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

There was no news of Prize night (last issue) as it has been postponed until 29 November. Congratulations to the six pupils from year 11 who have passed a Short Course Module at the Open University and received their certificates at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick on 1 November.

The GCSE 5 A* – E results this year achieved a very creditable 67% and although it has been better the National average is 57%. Well done.

Our new kitchen, dining hall and library were officially opened by Bishop James shortly before half-term. A welcome innovation for healthy eaters, is a Salad Bar; indeed pupils (not students) are being encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle and are testing their health and fitness.

Donald.



Leven Valley

We are pleased to say Mr Stephen Cooper will be joining our teaching staff after Christmas. He will be teaching our Class two children.

Our PTA held an evening disco for the children just before half term: it was a lovely evening, and many thanks on behalf of the children to our willing helpers.

Mr Steve Lawler has been elected as chairman of Governors for the current academic year. We wish him well! Thank you to Derek for all his help, guidance and support during his term of office as chairman.

Our **Kristkindle Fair** will be on **Sunday, 4 December, 2.30pm**. Do come and join us if you can. If you would like a stall, please contact me at school.

You are most welcome to join us at our **Christmas Service**, which will be at **St Anne's Church, Haverthwaite**, on **Friday 16 December, 2.30pm**.

Susan.



Oxen Park Cinema Club.

There is something for everyone in December: *The Magic Roundabout* (U) - **Saturday 3 December, 4.00pm** at **Colton**. A film for children of all ages. £1 for all.

The Day After Tomorrow (12a) -New York is being taken over by a new ice age - just what we want in preparation for the anticipated 'coldest winter on record!' **Tuesday 6 December, 7.30pm , Rusland** and in **2006 Vera Drake - 3 January, Rusland**

For budding film makers or anyone who would like to try we have: **Tuesday 13 December, 7.30 - 8.45pm. Rusland** (again) a special presentation by **North West Vision** on lottery funding for short films.

More details from:-

Carol McNeill 861507

E-mail – carol@mcneillc.freemove.co.uk

Website - www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Carol.



After Emerson

Lives of all great men remind us

As we o'er their pages turn,

That we too may leave behind us

Letters that we ought to burn.

Anon.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 4 December **Family Service – 10.30am.** – Coffee to follow.
11 December ***At Penny Bridge* – Holy Communion and Baptism – 10.30am.**
18 December **Carol Service – 4.00pm.**
24 December **First Communion of Christmas – 11.30pm.**
1 January **Benefice Communion- 10.30am.**



Other Dates

- 3 December Cinema Club - Colton Church Hall – 4.00pm.
4 December Leven valley School – Kristkindle Fair – 2.30pm.
6 December Cinema Club – Rusland Parish Rooms – 7.30pm
8 December **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
10 December **Ember Day.**
15 December Bouth W I – Christmas Gathering – 7.15 for 7.30pm.
16 December Leven Valley Christmas Service – St Anne's, Haverthwaite – 2.30pm.
17 December **Decorating the Church – 10.00am. onwards.**
24 December Nativity Search – Penny Bridge Church – 3.30pm
.25 December **The Birth of Christ – Christmas Day.**
26 December St. Stephen.
27 December **John, Apostle.**
28 December **Holy Innocents.**
6 January Pie and Peas Supper – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm
9 January Cinema Club – Rusland Parish Rooms – 7.30pm.
24 January Sparkbridge & Lowick WI – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.



Nearly Forgot – Christmas Eve – 6.30pm – Carols Round the Tree – Bouth Village Green – 6.30pm. Wrap up warm and bring a torch and some money.

4th	Second Sunday before Advent		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship and Baptism
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40: 1-11
	Second Reading	2 Peter	3: 8-15a
	Gospel	Mark	1: 1-8
Readers:	Colton	TBA	
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor
	Penny Bridge	R Long	J Lancaster C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea	
	Penny Bridge	C Dykes	
11th	Third Sunday of Advent		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist and Baptism
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	61:1-4, 8-11
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	5: 16-24
	Gospel	John	1:6-8, 19-28
	No service at Lowick and Colton		
18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton	4:00pm	Carol Service
St Mary	Penny Bridge	4:00pm	Crake Valley Carol Service
Readings:	First Reading	2 Samuel	7:1-11, 16
	Second Reading	Romans	16:25-27
	Gospel	Luke	1:26-38
Readers:	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood	
	Penny Bridge	J Lambton	& V Lambton
24th	Christmas Eve		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	3:30pm	Open Air Nativity (Penny Bridge Church)
Holy Trinity	Colton	11:30pm	First Communion of Christmas
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	52: 7-10
	Second Reading	Hebrews	1: 1-4
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14
25th	Christmas Day		
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Family Communion on Christmas Day
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	9: 2-7
	Second Reading	Titus	2:11-14
	Gospel	Luke	2: 1-14
1st January 2006	Second Sunday of Christmas		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	61:10-62:3
	Second Reading	Galatians	4: 4-7
	Gospel	Luke	2:15-21
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	S James	