



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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ULVERSTON
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Dear friends

All Things Bright and Beautiful?

Words from the popular harvest hymn but things were not all bright and beautiful when that line was written by Cecil Frances Alexander in the Victorian times, nor are they any better for many people today.

At some point in the harvest celebrations at our three churches fund raising will take place to support the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest for the Hungry appeal. This year sees two projects being supported: an '**Opportunity for Food in Mali**' and an '**Opportunity for Health in Argentina**'.

In Mali things are not bright and beautiful as it is one of the poorest countries in the world. The severe heat and inhospitable terrain make life difficult for the majority of people who earn a living from agriculture or fishing. The aim of the project is to help people in five farming villages and twenty-three fishing groups in the Niger Delta to find an adequate and reliable source of food.

In Argentina the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) is responding to the increased poverty experienced by many Argentineans since the devaluation of the peso by providing practical help in the form of soup kitchens and medical aid.

Teams of volunteers and doctors visit the diocesan soup kitchens, based in local churches, and offer free medical consultations, treatment and medicines, counselling and prayer.

As another harvest hymn goes, we need to *Thank the Lord* for all the abundance that we have and enjoy but how often do we thank God? I implore you to give generously to the '**Harvest for the Hungry Appeal**'. Through giving we will be supporting these two excellent projects in Mali and Argentina.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss, Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

If you were thinking of sending our Vicar a birthday card on the 21st. December – don't! Due either to a misunderstanding, a mishearing or even misinformation this date is wrong and we understand from a reliable source that the date is in fact 14 December.

A new manager, Alistair Galbraith, lately manager of Higham Hall, has been appointed to Rydal Hall. This is a lay appointment and replaces the Warden, as the Diocese wanted a more commercial approach. This has led on to the appointment of a Rector for Grasmere, a Vicar for Rydal and a Chaplain for the Hall. All one person and we thought we had problems. As yet we do not know who.

Autumn is approaching fast and it is intended to repeat the successful **Farmers Harvest** of last year with a **Pie & Peas Supper** afterwards in the newly painted Church Hall. The **Service will begin at 7.00pm. on Friday 10 October** and the cost will be a very reasonable £3.50.

To the chagrin of the male population of the parish Joanna, organised as ever, gathered together a working party for the hall improvement consisting of eight ladies – herself, Chris, Pam, Barbara, Margaret & Margaret, Vanda and Sarah together with two solitary men Julian and Rod Demick.

Remarkably Vanda & Julian Lampton do not even reside in the parish but more remarkably, so we are told, was the sight of spider woman Margaret Sanders lithely scrambling up and around the scaffolding as in the manner born.

Joanna wishes to remind us of the '**Emmaus Course**' which is running in the **Church Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.** "*Emmaus is a village near Jerusalem in which two disciples met Jesus on the day he arose from the dead. He talked to them, took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. It was through this action that they then recognised Him*".

Gary and Elizabeth are, at the time of writing, on Dartmoor although they were careful not to say where. Instructions have been left to tell you that there is to be a **"Bishop's Teaching Day" on 4 October in Ulverston Parish Centre from 10.00am. – 2.00pm** Bishop James (Penrith) will be there.

Also on **4 October** from **10.00am – 4.00pm Egton-cum-Newland Church** are to have an **Open & Gift Day** to raise money for the Roof Repairs & toilet. Refreshments will be available and the church will be decorated for Harvest.

Fresh from that triumph those with artistic souls and green fingers can foregather at **Colton Church** on **Friday 10 October** at **10.00am.** onwards to decorate **our Church** for **Harvest.** If you haven't got those skills do not despair for you can come along with Harvest Gifts, but as they will be distributed make sure that they are going to be useful.

You are not off the hook yet as your time and money is much needed for the **NSPCC.** Zella will be holding her **Annual Coffee Morning** at **Frazel Steps, Oxen Park** on **Saturday 1 November – 10.00am > noon.**

*Joint Services are not always well attended, which is a pity. The service at Lowick on 14 September was, in the words of one parishioner, 'smashing'. So do come along and join us at these and all services – they are really happy occasions where everyone can have a good sing, quiet peaceful prayer and feel refreshed.

Donald.

FLOWER ROTA

5 October Mrs M Campbell

12 October Harvest

19 October Harvest

26 October Mrs T Teasdale

2 November Mrs T Teasdale

COFFEE

October Margaret Campbell & Barbara Watson

Wendy



MOTHERS UNION

The new program for our small branch began with an Opening Service in Satterthwaite Church, when Mrs. Barbara Watson was commissioned by Canon Stephen Pye as our new Enrolling Member, and we were joined by our neighbours from Leven Valley, and our PAL link branch from Rampside. Afterwards, in the parish room all enjoyed a sumptuous tea, and new programs were given out.

We are holding our annual **Coffee Evening** in **Bouth Village Hall** at **7.00pm. - 7 October**, when a representative from St. Mary's Hospice will give a talk. Proceeds from a raffle on the night will be given to the Hospice.

Margaret



“Not as young as we were.”

When you have reached a certain age and think that a face-lift or a trendy way of dressing will make you feel twenty years younger, remember – nothing can fool a flight of stairs.

Dennis Norden



PARISH NEWS

Betty Proctor, formerly of Greenodd and aunt of Brian Redhead, sadly, died on Monday 15 September. Our sympathy, condolences and prayers are with the family in their hour of need.

Congratulations to Bronwen Sly and Richard Ault who were married in Redditch on Friday 12 September. A very happy occasion.

Many will remember Bronwen as a former choir girl at Colton and sometimes organist; we all wish them both the happiest of lives together

Parish Council

The following note is from Judith Shuttleworth Clerk to the Colton parish Council.

The Parish Plan has now been completed and published. It is a splendid document, and makes very interesting reading. Each council member has a copy, which can be made available to anyone who wishes to read it. Contact

me to find out who is your nearest councillor, on 885647 or colton@tesco.net.

The next parish council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th October at Finsthwaite Village Hall**, at **7.00pm**, at which Tony Hill, the LDNPA ranger for our area will be our guest speaker. It is, as are all meetings, open to anyone to attend. In fact we would be delighted to see members of the parish support the meetings.

Oxen Park Cinema Club

The first film of the season 'The Shipping News' attracted 60 people at Oxen Park Reading Room and we are hoping for a similar attendance for 'The Rabbit Proof Fence' on **Tuesday 7 October – Rusland Parish Room – 7.30pm**. As a bonus there will be a short film of the Rusland Show 2003.

All shows are on the first Tuesday in the month and matinees will start at **2.00pm – 4 November- Oxen Park** with 'About a Boy,

Seats can be reserved by phoning Carol McNeill – 01229 861 507. You can also become a member (£10), which is encouraged. Forms can be collected at each show or 'phone Carol.

Good news for young people hereabouts is the promise of a grant from the Local Network Fund which will allow us to show at least one film per term for those under 16 for only £1 entry (including adults). The choice of films and dates are yet to be decided.

More information on our web site www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk or phone Carol and ask to be put on the Saturday Club's mailing list. The four local Junior Schools will be kept up to date and there is a possibility of a film workshop the week before each film.

Carol

Judy/Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

At our September meeting we enjoyed an interesting talk on 'Damsons in the Lythe Valley' by a very nice gentleman, Peter Cartmell. He explained the history of the Damson industry and the rise and demise of the orchards during and after the Second World War.

Their committee is now trying to encourage more people to plant damson trees and hope that in the future a cottage industry may develop.

On Monday 15 September the ladies went to Zafferelli's in Ambleside to watch a private W I showing of 'Calendar Girls' and enjoyed a cup of tea and a cake (as always) by courtesy of the Ambleside W I. An absolutely wonderful film and a smashing night out.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 October – Bouth Village Hall – 7.15pm** when our speaker will be Alison Whytel of Furness General Hospital, famed for her work on the outbreak of Legionnaires Disease. Her subject – 'Ali and the microbes'. Not to be missed!

Judy



*I am depressed
You are moody
He is in a sulk.*

Sparkbridge & Lowick

The aroma of new leather was prevalent at the August meeting. Simon Leech filled the table with pieces of harness and saddles, which he had made to gain his certificates to become a Saddler, there were some stunning items all beautifully hand stitched and members were amazed that these had been made to a very short set time for tests.

Simon had gone in to this work to fill in time when work was short, his partner had a horse and he seen an opening for this type of work, which he now operates from a spare bedroom in his home.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 28 October – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.** when Mrs Cook will be giving a demonstration on 'Upholstery'.

Margaret



Misplaced News

There is always a scrap of paper with indecipherable writing that suddenly appears on the desk when the particular item to which it belongs is all done and dusted on another page. Apologies for this lapse of concentration.

Mrs Teasdale is doing well but still in Ulverston Hospital and Molly Jackson remains in Furness General. Betty Hall is on the mend and is allowed home during the day. Also good news in that Jack Burns is home and doing well.

The Cake Stall for Bouth Village Green was not very well attended this year but still managed to raise £288. Thanks to the cooks and the workers and the few that had a plethora of cakes to eat.

Cumbria County Council runs a series of Neighbourhood Forums throughout the county so that you and me can find out what is going on. Importantly each Forum has a sum of money to help clubs, village halls and similar organisations with projects; there is a limit of £1000 per application. Our Forum is in Ulverston but meets around the area and the next meeting is in **Bouth Village Hall – Wednesday 19 November – 7.30pm.**

The Forum has been generous to the Hall and recently awarded £1000, which will allow the re-cladding and new guttering to go ahead. Thanks are due to Cllr. Ronnie Mein for his continuing support.

Donald



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

The GCSE results were adequate but not as good as last year's; schools, like all organisations, have their ups and downs. Not only do we welcome new teachers, Miss Jackson, R E – Mrs Stockdale, Music – Miss Travis, French and Mr Ward, History but also a new Adult Education Manager Mrs Godden.

As the number of students has risen by 25% it has been necessary to improve and enlarge the school premises especially for Art, Design and Technology. A very welcome decorating scheme has been carried out internally and the school now looks as if somebody owns it.

When all goes well something happens and in this case it was an unwelcome deluge. Apparently after some water main repairs elsewhere there was very high pressure in the system which caused water hammer which in turn split five joints. The result was damage to the Head's and Deputy Head's rooms but more importantly to the nerve centre of the school, the Admin. Office and file store. Temporary repairs have been carried out and the insurance assessors are hard at work.

Dates for the Autumn Term – **Half Term – 27 to 31 October – End of Term – 19 December. Prize Night – 14 October.**

Donald



Leven Valley

We are now well into the swing of the new school year and the new heating is quite splendid. The staff, governors and pupils have been working very hard preparing for the imminent OFSTED inspection in order to look and be our best.

Our topics for this half term will include 'holidays', 'rivers' and 'post 1948 history'. If you have any interesting information to share with us, do let us know.

At our computer club we are starting to make a recipe book on the theme of 'local produce'. The children are writing to local hotels and restaurants to ask for recipes, which they will word-process and make into a book. As we are hoping to launch it in the New Year with a cookery demonstration recipes are vital. If you have any please let us know ASAP. We will be very grateful.

Special good wishes to 'our' pupils who have moved onto Year 7 at secondary school. We hope you have settled in well (and are doing lots of hard work).

Harvest Festival will be held in **School** on **Wednesday 22 October at 2.45pm.**

Susan

DIARY DATES

- 4 October **Francis of Assisi**
Bishop's Teaching Day – Ulverston Parish Centre – 10.00am/2.00pm.
Penny Bridge Open & Gift Day – Church – 10.00am/4.00pm.
- 5 October Family Service – 10.30am. Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 7 October M U Coffee Evening – Bouth Village Hall – 7.00pm.
Cinema Club – Rusland Parish Room – 7.30pm.
- 8 October Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 10 October Farmers Harvest – 7.00pm – Supper afterwards
Church Decoration 10.00am. >
- 12 October Joint Harvest Communion & Baptism – **Colton** – 10.30am.
- 14 October Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.00pm.
Cartmel Priory School Prize Night.
- 18 October **Luke the Evangelist.**
- 19 October Extended Communion – 9.30am.
- 22 October Leven Valley School – Harvest – 2.45pm.
- 26 October **Bible Sunday** – Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 27 October Half Term.
- 28 October **Simon and Jude Apostles.**
Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
- 1 November NSPCC Coffee Morning – Frazel Steps, Oxen Park – 10.00am. >
- 3 November Joint PCC at Lowick Sunday School 7.30pm. (?)
Emmaus Course every Wednesday – Colton Church Hall - 7.30pm.



All contributors got their pieces in, in good time, which makes an editors job much easier My heartfelt thanks.

DAW

I charm

You fib

He spins

