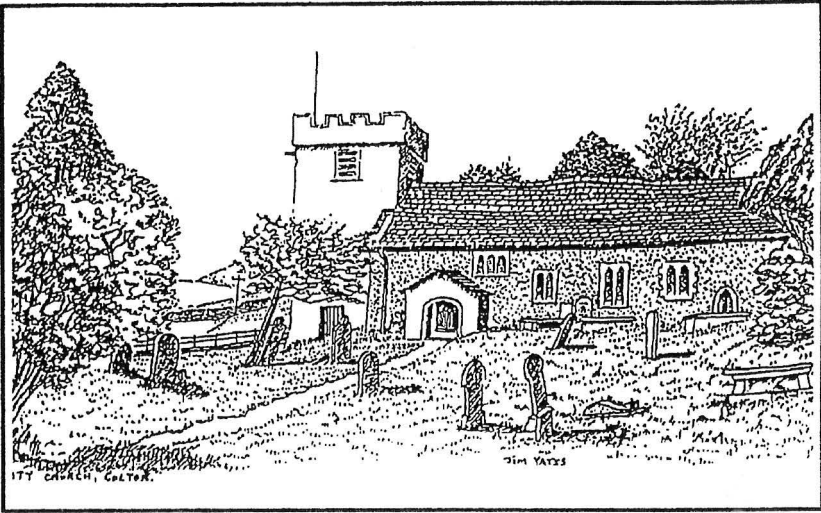




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

MAY MUSINGS

Christian Aid Week (15th – 21st May 2005)

The Benefice community has always been ready to be generous during Christian Aid Week and in its response to other disasters and charity concerns. In January the response to the Tsunami Appeal was unbelievably generous but I ask that we do not forget the long term work of Christian Aid in fighting poverty throughout the world.

How does our donation help?

- **£5** Buys five chickens, helping to restore a family's livelihood in Mozambique
- **£6** Maintains one girl at the Bridge School in India for a month, giving her a chance of education that otherwise would not be available.
- **£66** Will pay for the internet connection for a computer school for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **£11** Will buy the network card to access the internet, so students can train in computer programming.
- **£112** Buys a water tank for a Peruvian village. This means that the villagers can get water without having to walk to the nearest stream which could be over 2 km away.

Please be generous and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

A prayer for Christian Aid Week:

Holy Spirit of God, light a flame within me, burning for justice, glowing with kindness, shining with hope for the end of poverty and the peace of all people in this ever-turning world. 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.

Gift and Coffee Morning

As all will know by now the church at Penny Bridge has had the rest of the roof repaired, the east wall pointed and a toilet put in which fulfils the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. Unfortunately, to achieve this, all reserves have been spent and there is still further finance outstanding to raise.

We are to have a *Gift and Coffee Morning* on Saturday 21st May from 9:30 – 11:30am at the Vicarage. There will be various stalls, the drawing of the Grand Raffle and an opportunity to make a donation to the church to help to pay for the work undertaken. Unlike some churches Penny Bridge has no reserves to draw on to pay the outstanding amount and we rely totally on parishioners and supporters to help.

Please come along and support this event and support the local church.

Special Services and Events

Two special services and a special event are to be held . 1) The *Ascension Day Service* is on **Thursday 5th May** (Election Day) at **7:30pm** *and although it is organised by Furness Deanery members of Colton will be most welcome at the service. (This could be an opportunity to wind down after the “excitement” of the election!).

2) *Pentecost Praise* is a High Furness Group service and is at St Anne’s, Haverthwaite on **Sunday 15th May at 6:30pm.**

Finally, Furness Deanery are organising a *Songs of Praise* type event on the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway. **Again Colton members will be most welcome but tickets are limited so buy early in May.

Gary.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Church is struggling but is trying to move on hence the Bishop’s plan ‘Survival to Revival’. There is to be an open Deanery meeting to discuss options for the future.

RESOURCING REVIVAL

1. How many ministers do we need?
2. How many are we prepared to pay for?
3. How should they be deployed?
4. Who should decide?

It is no earthly use staying at home and sitting on your hands, if you want your church to survive then do something. The first thing is to attend the meeting at **Windermere Infants School on Monday 16 May, 7.30pm.**

As a result of this meeting the PCC scheduled for that date has now been moved to **Wednesday 25 May. PCC members please note.**

Whilst people, you and me, can give generously for a specific parish purpose we are a little shy with our day to day giving. Gordon our Gift Aid Secretary write “Our financial position has deteriorated in the last year to the extent that it appears that we shall now need in future to use some of our reserves to balance the books, Our total estimated deficit of expenditure over income for the two years from January 2004 to December 2005 is **£2,600. This is not desirable and your contributions will help a lot.**”

Gordon does not like me tinkering with his words otherwise I would have typed **extra contributions! We need more.**

Now that is off our chest it is time to turn to more but pleasurable giving for **Christian Aid** with a reminder that the **Annual Soup & Cheese Lunch** will be held on **SATURDAY 14 May at Rusland Parish Room from 12 to 2.00pm, £4 a head** and cheap at half the price.

Your Boxes, heavily laden, should be brought to church on **Sunday 15 May 9.30am.** service. It is a Joanna & Donald duo, be there!

Donald.

“This dull product of a scoffer’s pen.”

Wordsworth.

FLOWER ROTA

1 May Sally Pirnie

8 May Sally Pirnie

15 May Whit Sunday

22 May Trinity Sunday

29 May Pam MacIver

5 June Pam MacIver

COFFEE ROTA

1 May Margaret Campbell(?) + Helper



MOTHERS UNION

A service, for the Deanery, was held in Colton church for Lady Day. Our vicar surpassed himself (he was a wow with all the ladies) with a lovely service, much appreciated by everyone. We were few on the ground but made up for it with enthusiasm and love, singing new Hymns to well known tunes. It was good to meet other M U members from our Deanery and we all enjoyed tea in the hall after the service.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17 May in Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2.00pm.** when the speaker will be Father Mark Edwards - "Tears in the Dark."

Margaret & Wendy.



ANNUAL GARDEN FÊTE

Yes folks, it is that time again and you may think it a little early but one has to plan and a man called Brecht said "*The finest plans have always been spoiled by the littleness of them that should carry them out. Even emperors can't do it all by themselves.*" In other words you are needed to make the event a success.

The Draft Plan – 16 July 2005

Tombola	Susan & John King
Big Raffle	Peter & Wendy Smith + helpers
Cakes	Sue Smith and her gang
Plants etc	Sue Dean + helpers
Bring & Buy	Anybody - please remember we don't want your junk or jumble.
Teas	Chris Holden & Tea Ladies
Gate	A willing volunteer,

There will also be a toy stall. Volunteers or amendments to Judy – 861 238.

Judy.

PARISH NEWS

We are sorry to hear that Bryan Redhead is experiencing continuing ill health and hope that the horrible treatment to come will be successful and he makes a full recovery and importantly gets back to playing golf.

Mollie & Bill Jackson are still both poorly and we wish them some comfort in the months to come. Janice Mulcaster from Sparkbridge has also had a tough time and we wish her continued improvement. We understand that Stan Woods is still not very well.

We continue to pray for those in need, whatever their needs, and hope for better times trusting that those of us who can help will not be found wanting.

It is pleasing to be able to send our congratulations to Hannah and Andy John on the safe arrival of a son, Henry BRYAN. No prizes for guessing who the grandparents are and our congratulations to them as well.

Just outside the parish congratulations are also due to Dr A C Illingworth Naylor of Lowick on his installation as High Sheriff of Cumbria. Whilst on the other side of the border our best wishes go to Cath and Paul Broom who have just had a triple celebration; the Brooms do nothing by half, they even take the Parish Magazine.

Both have had important birthdays and their 25th. wedding anniversary; with the usual discretion of this esteemed publication we do not reveal just what the birthday age was but despite her youthful appearance it can be told that Cath was not a child bride. Work it out!

Donald.

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Cinema Club

The final film of the season is the classic *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*. **Tuesday 3rd May at Rusland Parish Rooms. 7.30pm** We will also show a short documentary about Miles Dickinson's new woodland and permitted path at Ickethwaite. This was made by the film making unit.

Non members are welcome (£4). Book seats if you want a front row. Tel: Carol @ 01229 861507.

Carol.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our April meeting we welcomed Andrew Taylor who not only gave us a history of Kendal Mint Cake but also entertained by describing all the other confectionary made by Wilsons, the firm he represents.

He passed round various packaging to illustrate the diversity of their products and to the delight of the members gave out a variety of samples including Kendal Mint Cake, chocolate covered Mint Cake, fudge and other goodies. For those who wondered – white chocolate is made from ‘buttermilk’ from the cocoa bean.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 May 7.15pm.** when Mrs Hayward will be talking on “What do I do with it, exotic fruit and veg?” Polite answers on a post card.

Penny.

Carefully not reported is the Bouth WI visit to London and this editor wonders why? More could be said but then it would be corkscrews at dawn!



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our last meeting, in March, Mrs Joan Jeffries, one of our members, gave us a fascinating insight into her recent visit to one of the Southern Indian Aid camps.

She and her fellow travellers had helped with painting rooms, clearing land and making a garden at the camp. Her descriptive talk and wonderful slides made it an evening to remember.

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday 26 May, Lowick School Room, 7.30pm.** when the main topic of our discussions will be the Resolutions and then have fun with a Beetle Drive.

Wendy Keegan.



“Why didst thou promise such a beauteous day,
And make me travel forth without my cloak
To let base clouds o’ertake me in my way,
Hiding thy bravery in their rotten smoke?”

No, not the Cumbrian weather but Shakespeare.

SCHOOL NEWS

Unfortunately we have no news from Cartmel but they have been having trouble with their E-mail set up so we hope for better things next month.

LEVEN VALLEY

Our tiled archway in the entrance hall is to be created between **Wednesday 18 May** and **Friday 20 May**. If anyone would like to come and “have a go” at making a tile, they are welcome to join us in school time. We have received funding from lots of local agencies, including the Brow Edge Foundation, Field Broughton and Staveley in Cartmel PCCs, the Friends of the Lake District, Cumbria Arts, the Inner Wheel, SLDC, and others. Many thanks to all concerned for your support. We hope our work is a credit to you!

Mr and Mrs Beadle are taking some Class Three children on an adventure weekend to Glenridding in May as well. Let's hope for good weather! Thank you to Mr and Mrs Beadle for their support and hard work. Susan.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Colton Parish Council set a budget for 2005/6 at £3588.00, an increase of 2.5% (in line with inflation), which was the lowest of any parish council in South Lakeland. When the Council tax bills arrived, they showed an increase of 12.5%. Thinking that this must be a misprint, the chairman rang SLDC to investigate further. He was told that yes, the precept increase set by the council was only 2.5%, but the parish council was being charged £390 to cover the costs of administering last year's parish council elections, which brought the increase up to 12.5%. Fortunately we only have to have elections every 4 years!

The **Annual Parish Meeting** which is dedicated to listening to the views of the members of the parish (no boring business items), will be held on the **23rd. May at Bouth Village Hall** starting at **7.30pm**. Please come along and have your say, it would be a great encouragement to the councillors if there were a good attendance, and any ideas for future projects within the parish would be warmly welcomed. Judith.



Furness Deanery

Summer Songs of Praise on the 'Ratty', Sunday 3 July. Tickets from the Vicarage, May onwards, last day 26 June, Adults £5, Children £3.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Would you like to help your community?

Citizens Advice South Lakeland (Ulverston and Kendal) are currently recruiting volunteer advisers. Full training given and travel expenses met.

Learn how to give information and advice on a wide range of areas from Consumer, Housing, Debt & Benefits.

We are also recruiting Volunteer Trustee Board Members. If you have an interest in developing a busy Bureau and would care to assist with finance, planning or publicity, just a few hours per month, please contact us. For information contact: **Sandra Whittaker on 01229 585 635.**



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Tuesday 22 March with the usual pathetic attendance; you could be forgiven for thinking that the residents of this parish do not care whether they have a church or not, that is, until they need it.

As far as one can remember and in no particular order those elected to the PCC are Margaret Campbell, Barbara Watson, Chris Holden, Judy Redhead, Sue Dean, Joanna Henson, Elizabeth Wemyss, Peter Smith, Bonzo Johnson and John Tarr.

Ian Pirnie and Donald Wroe are elected as Deanery representatives and are also on the PCC. Donald is also the lay vice-chairman and apparently still the Parish News editor, an appointment that is always studiously ignored.

The various officers are on the cover sheet which, at long last, has been brought up to date.

A copy of the Accounts and the Independent Examiners report for last year can be found on the notice board in the church porch. They do not make happy reading.

Donald.



Whilst we do not have advertisements we are pleased to publicise local events, always providing we have space.

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1 May Family Worship – **10.30am.**
- 3 May Cinema Club – Rusland Parish Room – **7.30pm.**
- 5 May Ascension Day – Service – Penny Bridge – **7.30pm.**
- 8 May Benefice Communion – Lowick – **10.30am.**
- 11 May Bouth W I –Village Hall – **7.15pm.**
- 14 May Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Parish Room – **12 to 2.00pm.**
- 15 May Extended Communion- **9.30am**
Pentecost Praise Group Service – Haverthwaite – **6.30pm.**
- 16 May Deanery Open Meeting – Windermere Infants School – **7.30pm.**
- 17 May M U – Haverthwaite Church Hall – **2.00pm.**
- 21 May Gift & Coffee Morning – Vicarage – **9.30am. >**
- 22 May Trinity Sunday – Patronal Festival – Communion – **9.30am.**
- 23 May Colton Parish Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – **7.30pm.**
- 25 may P C C – Church Hall – **7.30pm.**
- 26 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – **7.30pm.**
- 29 May Methodist Ecumenical Service- don't know where, don't know when.



Correction

Although the ladies from Bouth who went to London were all members of the WI they went with different hats on. Pretty hats, it has to be said, and colourful for it was a Ruskin Lace outing. Sorry for the confusion.

As the great man said “ *The purest and most thoughtful minds are those which love colour the most.* ”



Nearly forgot, there is to be an **Orienteering Event at Graythwaite on Sunday 15 May.** Come between **10.00** and **11.30am** and there will be two courses, white for children and yellow for beginners. Note that there will be extra traffic on the road between Graythwaite and Thwaite Head between 9.00am and 2.00pm.

For more information – Carol McNeill – Tel: 01229 861 507.

