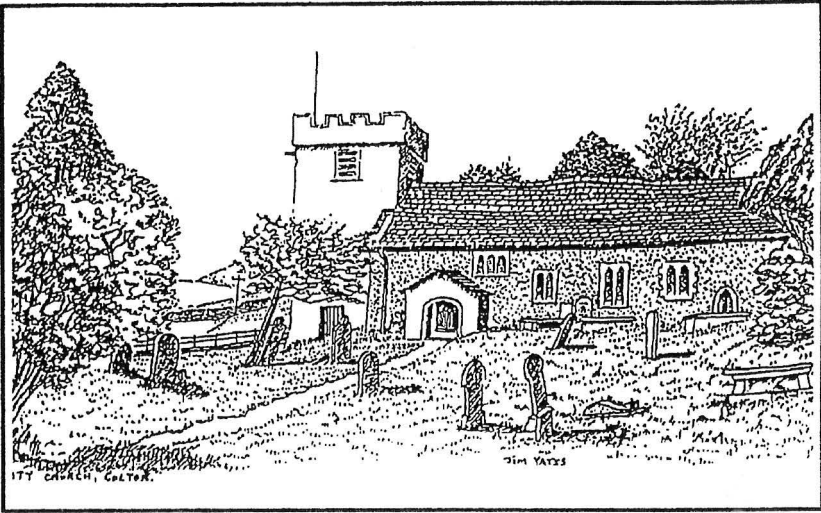




PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

In the last seven or eight months there have been some tragic events reported in the news and I wonder if you, like me, have noticed that In the aftermath the press have seemed so keen to encourage apportionment of blame?

Usually it is the Police or Social Services who are the butt of so much criticism, not least because of their inability to predict the future, and I have been stirred to wonder what the Christian point of view might be of this developing habit.

I am minded immediately of Jesus' teaching about neighbourliness and of his commandment that we should love God and love one another as much as we love ourselves. Also of His teaching In Matthew's Gospel in which He tells us that in as much as we tend the hungry and thirsty, clothe the destitute and visit the imprisoned we have in truth been following His commandment – to love God and our neighbour.

How easy it is to pass off individual responsibilities as compassionate members of society on to paid professionals when it is all of us who have prime responsibility as family, friends and neighbours for the well-being of children, the sick, the troubled in mind and elderly.

How fortunate we are that we live in close communities where many troubles are shared and those in need of support find that it is readily offered. There is a world of difference between "nosey neighbourliness" and the sort of kindly, sincere interest that I am writing of and I believe that rural communities have a lot to teach urban folk about what it means to be a good neighbour.

I hope that we can affirm that when we sing

"When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?"

we can confidently respond with a resounding “Yes, Lord, I was there!”

With love and prayers for you all this holiday season – that you will all manage to find some time for mental, spiritual and physical renewal.

Your sister in Christ

Joanna



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Church of England has got an unique talent for getting itself into, what can only be described as an unholy mess, as once again the enigmatic subject of ‘Women Bishops’ was debated at General Synod. The majority voted to go ahead ignoring a compromise proposed by Archbishops Rowan Williams and John Sentamu.

The opposition is adamant that the Bible forbids such appointments but were not the three Marys - mother of Jesus, mother of James and Magdalene, not just as much disciples as the men?

As is usual in our Church it is the traditionalists who are unmoved but it is difficult to sympathise with those threatening to convert to the Roman Church and sadly most of them seem to be clerics. As Lewis Mumford said *‘Traditionalists are pessimistic about the future and optimistic about the past.’*

The future lies with youth and Joanna (Henson) is very involved with the young especially the JAM Club – Jesus and Me. It was started by Caroline Dyke some time ago and now prospers as an after school club at Penny Bridge School attracting 20 children, 15 of whom are regular attend. Joanna tells us she never imagined it could be so much fun and she would not willingly be parted from it. It is also fun for the children.

If you are a parent of a child at Penny Bridge and would like to know more you can contact Joanna, see inside front cover.

Joanna is also involved in another project ‘Big Stories for Little Children’ whose objective is Christian teaching for our children so that as a church we can give our support to their parents in order that both they and we can fulfil our pledge to bring them up in the Christian faith. There will be stories, fun, singing, craft activities and a snack time. All children whether

baptised or not are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

The sessions will be held in **Lowick Community Hall** on **the 4th. Sunday of every month** at **3:30pm**.

Donald.



MOTHERS UNION

Barbara and Judy attended a training day at Haverigg prison where M U members supervise the children of prisoners, many of whom have travelled from Liverpool and Carlisle. There is a shortage of helpers so if anyone would like to help, whether M U members or not, please contact Judy Redhead Tel: 01229 588 684.

At the training day we had three talks one from Keppleway who run outdoor courses for disabled children, one from two security officers who gave us an insight to prison life and the third from an immigration officer, as Haverigg is a holding prison for foreign nationals awaiting deportation.

Keppleway also provide respite for carers of the disabled and for disadvantaged families. If anyone knows a family who might benefit from their services please get in touch with Keppleway, Tel: 01229 716 936.

There will not be meeting in August so the next gathering will be on **Tuesday 14 September, Rusland Parish Rooms, 2:00pm** when we will have a talk by the members of the Cenacolo Community.

Judy.



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It was a beautiful day with two beautiful people, Charlotte & Alex, bride and groom, a beautiful wedding with beautiful people beautifully turned out in Victorian clothes. The ladies were gorgeous and some men, being aware of their station in life, were dressed accordingly whilst others with dreams of grandeur regaled themselves top hat, tails and cane, only to return back to earth at midnight.

The wedding service was unique with a masterly talk by the Vicar, suitably attired, reminiscent of Tim Vine at the Edinburgh Festival, matching the comedian pun for pun, so much so that he received a rousing and well deserved ovation from a delighted congregation. Not only do we

congratulate Charlotte & Alex Sharpehouse, wishing them well for the future but our heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality and superb organization which made the day, 3 July, so memorable. The wonderful thing is that this matchless occasion, typifying rural England, could not have been possible without the help of their many friends, whom we also thank, especially the ‘steam nuts’ who brought their ‘big boy’s’ toys along.

A certain Henry D Thoreau once commented “*I say beware of all enterprises that require new clothes*” but, bless him, he also said “*There is no remedy for love but to love more.*”

Bouth Village Green – If any gracious soul was thinking of coming to the Fête on the Green on 21 August and being generous, forget it; as everybody, apart from this editor, knows, that is the day of Rusland Show. Mr. Gordon Wilkinson was understandably not too pleased; that is my garden marked down then, but we can assure him that it was a genuine mistake and the actual date is **Saturday 28 August at 12:00pm or noon.**

You can help by buying a ticket for the Treasure Hunt (**Thursday, 29 July. 6:00pm**) and having fun on the evening. Baking a cake or offering produce or plants for the Fête, manning a stall and joining in on the day but importantly spending generously.

If you would like to be more involved or would like to know more please contact Barbara Osborne at Meadow View(opposite the Village Green) Tel: 01229 861 451 or email barbaraosb@gmail.com

St. Mary’s Hospice - The Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Annual Summer Fair was a huge success once again; the total amount raised was **£4511.00** .We would like to express huge thanks to all who supported us by way of coming to the fair, buying raffle tickets, the volunteers, donations and the ladies who made those wonderful cakes for the cake stall! See you next year!



Mike Maher and his cohorts from the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, together with their architect, especially their architect, are to be congratulated on their resplendent new building which has now shown its face to the world. It faithfully replicates the original Victorian Station building and is a credit to the craftsmen who built it; Lord Rogers probably

would not approve as it lacks acres of sheet glass and concrete but Bonnie Prince Charlie of Wales would surely approve.

Although there is much happiness about there is also sadness and there are those whom we know and those who we do not know who are suffering from ill health and worry. We pray for better things for them and ask for God's blessing for them and also for those who care for them.

We have just heard that Desmond Dalton, of Bouth, has had a hip replacement and we wish him a good and speedy recovery. *Collated by Donald.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our July meeting Secretary Susie Smith was absent, sunning herself in Guernsey, so we were grateful to Brenda Patton taking over. The talk by Mrs. Wilton on Vision Aid Overseas was quite brilliant.

The charity collect discarded spectacles, which are repaired in our prisons and taken out to Ethiopia, one of the world's poorest countries, where they go out into the community giving eye tests to the population and, where necessary, the spectacles they have collected. She told us of the joy of being able to help those with sight problems to be able to see the beauties of the world again. They also train doctors in ophthalmic surgery.

Sadly several of our members have been quite poorly so it was good to see Sylvia Chadwick at our meeting; Alison Whytell has had her knee operation and is gradually recovering, Peggy Mather and Hilary Brooks are still in hospital and may be for some time. Our thoughts are with both of them.

Sue Dean won the raffle and Noreen Smith, Penny Lovegrove and Noreen Smith (again) took the first three places in the competition.

Although we do not have a meeting in August, a walk is planned; the next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 September, Village Hall, 7:15pm.** Our speaker will be local boy Steve Perkins, his subject; 'The Fire Service' and we graciously invite any members of the male population.

The competition is a limerick, the first line, 'There was a fire fighter from Bury.'

Penny & Judy.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Colton Parish Council summer newsletter will be through your door imminently, containing a short Community Plan questionnaire. Please do take a little time to complete and return it (to your nearest Councillor or the Clerk); we need your input to tell us what the key issues are for the future of our Parish and to ensure that the Plan is a properly representative document. The National Park's new Local Development Framework refers specifically to Community Plans for establishing local area policy, for example, in assessing housing need.

Your Council's Green Energy Working Group organised an open meeting on 15th May at the John Ruskin School, Coniston to encourage the development of hydropower in the Lake District. There was enthusiastic discussion on the pros and cons of different micro-hydro schemes, legal issues, environmental issues and how to navigate the possible pitfalls to create a successful community scheme. A full report can be found on our website. See also Cumbria Vision's report "The Scope for Renewable Energy in Cumbria"; which can be found at www.cumbriavision.co.uk. Another meeting is planned to encourage small-scale solar power and heat pump systems. Village Hall Committees struggling with the soaring cost of oil or conventional electric heating may wish to attend—there will be more information in due course.

Please note that Colton Parish now falls in High Furness Neighbourhood Forum area (as opposed to Low Furness) in order to be consistent with Local Area Partnership boundaries. For more information, see www.cumbria.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/forums/south-lakeland/high_furness/

We are now the proud owner of 2 red phone kiosks - one at Oxen Park and one at Nibthwaite - please contact the Clerk with novel ideas for their use!

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 13 September, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.**

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"It is never too late to give up our prejudices"

H. D. T.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory - It has been a hectic, but enjoyable end to a very successful year. Year 11 left the week beginning the 28 of June and we wish them every success when the results come out later on in August. Year 7-10 took part in a school sponsored walk around the Cartmel area, followed by their annual rewards trips.

The new prefects and senior students were elected and Year 10 then completed their year by spending a week on work experience - thank you to all the local employers who support the school and students by making this very important learning experience possible.

Years 7-9 took part in a successful second annual cross-curricular science day. Year 9 took part in the Learning Maze a problem solving workshop which helped students learn about the future opportunities open to them through a series of exciting and engaging activities.

Year 7 took part in camping at Coniston and a retreat day based in school and the Priory. Finally, the year ended with our final Priory Service of the year led by Father Robert.

Dr. Paul Williams.



Leven Valley - Pupils, staff, governors,, parents, past and present, attended the Grand Opening of the Quadrangle Development of Leven Valley Primary School. Representatives from the consultants, Shepherd Myers, designer Duncan Copley and builders Sheldons were also present alongside many local people and organisations who had contributed to the development.

The old quadrangle has been transformed into a unique learning area incorporating quiet areas, sand and water areas, a roof garden, bridges, and natural water features. The learning area known as the Green Valley has been made purely from sustainable materials. The natural theme from the quadrangle has also been incorporated into windows, shelving and doorframes in other parts of the school

The weather brightened up at the appropriate time much to everyone's relief. Mr Steve Lawler, Chairman of Governors, began proceedings welcoming everyone to the event. Mr Ian Nicol, the headteacher, gave a vote of thanks to the many people who had contributed to the wonderful

development, particularly to Duncan Copley who had brought all the imaginative ideas and inspirations to a reality. Warren, the youngest pupil, Emily, the oldest pupil and Mrs Jean Errington, the longest serving member of staff, all cut the beautiful blue ribbon across the door. Guests were all invited in to view the development, sign the special visitors' book and enjoy refreshments of coffee, tea, scones, jam and cream. There was also a copy of a special visitors book from 1979 when a special occasion was held to celebrate the school 's 50 year anniversary.

The school remained open until 7.00 p.m. to allow many other local residents, parents and governors to see how the school has been transformed.

Parents, carers, governors and friends attended two performances of "Saving Planet Earth" a play written and directed by Mrs Julia Jones. The play was brilliantly performed by the children and enjoyed by all. The children were also entertained by a puppet company from New Zealand who came to celebrate the opening of the quadrangle by providing puppet workshops and performing "Dragon Song."

Sue Sanderson, Governor.



AGE CONCERN LUNCHES

Age concern organise a three course lunch at the **Manor House, Oxen Park**, on the **first Thursday** of every month and it costs **£6**. Anyone over the age of 50 can join; it is an ideal way of making new friends.

We are also looking for anyone whom could help by giving a lift to those who no longer drive. The next two lunches will be held on the **Thursdays 5 August & 2 September**. For more information please contact Jean Birkett at Age UK South Lakeland, Tel: 015397 728 118.

Jean Birkett.



CINEMA CLUB

A reminder, that entries for the Rusland Show should be sent to Carol McNeill in good time. Our new program of films will be available on our website from mid- August.

Carol.



"Broadly speaking, the short words are the best, and the old words best of all."

Churchill.

Services and Rotas for August

1st	Ninth Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am BCP Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship			
Readings:	First Reading	Hosea	11: 1-11		
	Second Reading	Colossians	3: 1-11		
	Gospel	Luke	12:13-21		
Readers:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan		
	Penny Bridge	M Henderson	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& S Smith		
	Lowick	S Wood			
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	& J Atkinson		
8th	Tenth Sunday after Trinity				
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	1:1, 10-20		
	Second Reading	Hebrews	11:1-3, 8-16		
	Gospel	Luke	12:32-40		
Readers:		J Lancaster	A Naylor		
Sidespersons:		M Sanders	& S Dean		
No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick					
15th	Blessed Virgin Mary				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	61:10-11		
	Second Reading	Galatians	4: 4-7		
	Gospel	Luke	1:46-55		
Readers:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	R Long	J Henson	
Sidesmen:	Colton	R Smith	& C Holden		
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law		
22nd	Twelfth 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	Jeremiah	1: 4-10		
	Second Reading	Hebrews	12:18-29		
	Gospel	Luke	13:10-17		
Readers:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	D Gregg	& J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	E Wemyss	D Lancaster	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Smith	& B Johnson		
	Lowick	G Mitchell			
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line		
29th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Communion			
	No service at Colton & Penny Bridge				

DIARY DATES

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



5 August	Age Concern Lunch – The Manor, Oxen Park.
6 August	Transfiguration of our Lord.
15 August	The Blessed Virgin Mary.
21 August	Rusland Show.
24 August	Bartholomew, Apostle.
28 August	Bouth Village Green Fête – Village Green – Noon.
2 September	Age Concern Lunch – The Manor, Oxen Park.
8 September	Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7:15pm.
13 September	Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7:30pm.
14 September	Holy Cross Day. M U – Rusland Reading Rooms – 2:00pm.
21 September	Matthew, Apostle.
28 September	Michael and All Angels.
29 September	Fifth Sunday – Holy Communion – Lowick – 10:30am. No services at Colton & Penny Bridge.



Readers are always quick to complain when, to their delight, they find errors in this esteem publication but I am not alone, as in the Weddings page of the Westmorland Gazette of the 15 July whilst Colton is described as being near Ulverston, Bouth apparently is near Cartmel. However the pictures of the happy couple are stunning. Elsewhere Fête is spelt Fete.

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Whilst compiling this issue of the Parish News I note that it is raining; sadly it is St. Swithin's Day! *Donald.*

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"Whilst Adam slept, Eve arose: Strange his first sleep should be his last repose."

Anon.

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