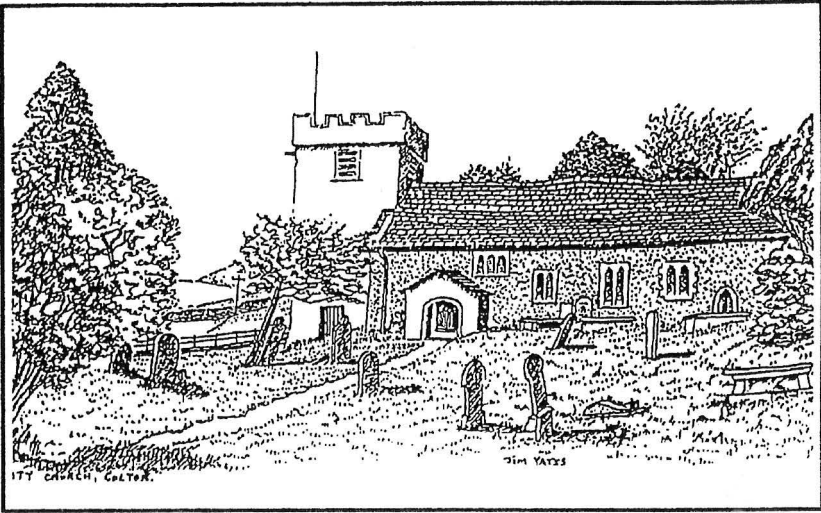




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

It grieves me that so few people come share our worship Sunday by Sunday, although I rejoice that many for many people our churches are still the venue of choice for baptisms, marriages and funerals; but has Christianity really ceased to have any relevance at all in most people's lives except for marking the big events in their lives?

(I find little comfort in the oft repeated "fact" that more people go to church on Sundays than attend football matches on the previous day.)

I fear that Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor was right when he suggested that

Christianity has been "all but eliminated" as a source of moral guidance in people's lives..... society has been demoralised, with people seeking transient happiness in alcohol, drugs and pornography.

The big issues of our society at the moment seem to be about justice and poverty, things about which Jesus had a lot to say, yet when our church leaders speak up on behalf of those people who suffer, their critics are quick to tell them that they should mind their own business, and yet it is their Christian duty speak up boldly for the dispossessed and poor, how can their faith be irrelevant when it directly challenges the rest of the world on those big issues? It seems as if folk want it both ways. Our leaders are damned if they do and damned if they don't!

I can hear people saying, "Yes, but what about all the dreadful things that have been done in the name of religion?" My answer to that is that there is a vast difference between faith and religion. Religion is about all too human organisations and that faith is quite another thing altogether, something very personal to the believer although faith alone doesn't keep any one of us free

from temptation and the evils of things like our need for revenge, self-aggrandisement, spiteful cruelty, exclusion and so much more.

Our Christian faith is more than just trying to follow a short set of rules and striving to be “good”, because we are bound to fail unless we get to know the Person who created us and who, most importantly, loves us and wants to have a personal relationship with us - meeting us where we are - before we even try to be good!

The unrecognised joy comes from our relationship with Christ moment by moment through the day. If we have that kind of bond it leaves us with no desire for the things that bring transient happiness; our waking moments have purpose; and mindfulness of God’s presence with us builds up our strength to follow His teaching and avoid falling into the snares of temptation.

For me there is nothing better than gathering with people who share my faith Sunday by Sunday. Try to get to a church near you sometimes – you never know – you might even like it when you get to know the Person who extends the invitation.

“COME AND SEE!”

With best wishes from your sister-in-Christ

Joanna



FLOWER ROTA

4 May Easter Flowers

11 May Wedding Flowers

18 May Wedding Flowers

25 May Mrs. Dewhurst



COLTON CHRONICLES

Dissentation is everywhere and the Anglican Church is no exception so it was such a delight to be at Colton on Mothering Sunday where the sun shone, before, during and after the Service: love joy and friendship abounded.

Thank you to all who made this possible and particularly to Susan Smith and Elspeth Cooper for the charming spring posies which are representative of the true meaning of Mothering Sunday.

During our interregnum everything will be done to keep things as normal as possible but it may require more lay people taking services: the important thing to remember however, that it doesn't matter who stands on the chancel steps, what does matter is that you are there.

As things go it is unlikely that we will have a full time vicar mainly due to the shortage of ordained priests and the lack of those coming forward to be ordained. It is likely that we will have what is known as a 'House for Duty Priest.

“‘House-for-Duty’ is an arrangement whereby a priest can live in the vicarage in exchange for offering priestly ministry to a benefice, but without receiving a stipend”.

In the meantime the church needs all the support it can get and importantly so do Joanna & David in there wonderful efforts to keep things normal, remembering that they are both retired, allegedly.

It has been decided that instead of just two 'Bible Studies' a year, Lent & Advent, we will have a mid-term one. They are pleasant mornings with coffee & biscuits plus some lively discussions. Watch this space.

Church Fête: The Fête is just as much a social occasion as a fund raising event but it is getting more & more difficult to find able bodied persons to erect and take down the marquee so this year it will be held in the Church Hall & Church on **Saturday 19 July**. Raffle and tombola prizes needed but please, not too many unwanted Christmas presents. *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

It has been a sad month as we have to tell you of the death of Tommy Woodburn, 79 – Mr. Bouth. Tommy was born, bred, brought up and until recently lived all his life in Bouth. He was a man of many parts turning his hand to numerous things, but particularly a talented mechanic, specialising as an Agricultural engineer, honing his skills during his National Service in the REME. He also worked at the Backbarrow Blue Mill and the Stott Park Bobbin Mill.

Many will have happy memories of Tommy, particularly on a Sunday night, playing dominoes in the White Hart. We send our condolences and prayers to Jacqui and the family.

Uncoupling seems to be the flavour of the month so it is with joy that we send our congratulations to Hetty & Jim Walker who recently celebrated their 60th. Wedding Anniversary. Hetty must have been a child bride as shortly she will be celebrating again, but this time her 80th. birthday. All bells and whistles.

The announcement of birthdays in the Parish News is enigmatic, as one is castigated for mentioning a significant celebration and equally castigated for not doing so. Does anybody want the job as editor?

It must be spring as we came across an unlikely sight, one Roger Perry clearing out his garage, we say garage although it has never housed a vehicle other than a dust covered bicycle that only occasionally sees the light of day, which is a reminder that:-

The **'Biking for Steve'** event will be held this year on **Sunday 29 June**. It consists of cycling round the Rusland Valley and environs usually stopping off at as many pubs as can be found. Contact Linda Perkins **T:** 01229 861 762 **E:** linda.perkins7@btinternet.com or Roger Coates **T:** 01229 861 462 **E:** coates.roger@tiscali.co.uk.

A warm welcome to Barbara Westhead and partner Gary Pember who have taken up residence in one of the bungalows at Crag Brow, Bouth, the far one next to the Fleming household. Most will know Barbara who is the lady who cheerfully and always with a smile dishes out our pills at Haverthwaite surgery. It is a wonderful community so please join in.

We understand that we have some more new residents at Crag Brow; we do not know who you are, but whoever you are a very warm welcome to Bouth and Colton Parish.

St. Mary's Hospice is £708.50 better off thanks to the efforts of Karen Maher and her team for hosting, organising, running and cooking for a Charity Lunch at the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway; also thanks to the suppliers for their generosity in providing the ingredients and for the bounteousness of the 'eaters'. A truly community effort!

My thanks to whoever left that wonderful bouquet of daffodils and narcissi at my front door a cheerful gift in an hour of need.

Donald.



Bouth Womens Institute

At our March meeting Mrs. Jean Park, a Natland W I member, gave an interesting summary of the work of Age UK. The South Lakeland branch, part of a National organisation, is a charity working independently with its own trustees and headquarters in Kendal; it is financially stable and employs full time staff, relying on grant monies, mainly from 'Comic Relief'. Volunteers man the shops.

It provides a wide range of services for those over 50 aimed at providing social inclusion, equality, care and support in their own houses especially those with financial difficulties. They also provide a wide range of activities including computer courses, exercise classes, lunch clubs, insurance etc. There is a monthly magazine but due to costs the next one will be the last but the helpful booklets will continue.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 May, 7:15pm, Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mrs. P Hetherington, her subject – 'Problems and Feet'

Reminder: Spring Walk, Saturday 3 May, Village Hall 1:00pm. *Susan S.*



From a National Newspaper: "Many people think that TV schedules are drawn up by juvenile, metrosexual hipsters obsessed by novelty and youth. Nonsense! Middle-aged women rule the roost..... the real power behind the screens is the Womens Institute". Now there's a surprise!!!



COLTON PARISH NEWS

There have been expressions of concern with regard to the parking arrangements for the Cinema Club and residents have requested the Parish Council to hold a meeting to clarify the situation. The council resolved that a meeting should be held and that representatives would be invited from the authorities and the parties involved.

The issue of trail bikers has been raised and warning notices have been issued to bikers caught riding illegally off road.

Highways and Lengthsman: The council are to apply for funds to paint SLOW markers on the road on either side Oxen Park. A request has been made to the Highway Authorities for a 'Width Restriction' sign to be erected at the junction of the A590 at the Toll Bar in order to prevent large vehicles accessing the route to Spark Bridge and beyond.

The nuisance of litter on this route is continuing to be a problem and the S L D C have stated that they will monitor the situation. It has been reported that the flooding of the highway adjacent to the 'Field of Pigs' has been resolved and the deep potholes filled in.

There has been a meeting of the Illegal Off-Road Working Group where it was reported that the illegal activity had got significantly worse over the last six months. It was unfortunate that the key organisations appeared to have withdrawn from the group; the police, Forestry Commission and Natural England were not present.

The council will try to re-engage these key authorities and are looking for funding opportunities for more robust signs.

The next meeting will be an **Open meeting, Tuesday, 6 May, 7:30pm Bouth Village Hall.**

In the absence of an offering from the Council this has been cobbled together by this editor, any mistakes are his.



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley: Class 3 and the PTA ran the Annual Community Coffee Afternoon when over 50 people came for tea, coffee and some delicious cakes! The children led tours around the school and served our guests wonderfully. The guitarists provided entertainment and there were three quizzes to tackle with prizes generously donated by Suma.

Thanks are given to all those involved in making the afternoon such a great success, especially those families who donated cakes and biscuits, PTA members, the children and of course, the guests!

Classes 2 & 3 went to the National Trust's Fellfoot Park for their final orienteering coaching session with Derek and Jo from the Lakeland

Orienteering Club. In very atmospheric conditions with mist hanging over Lake Windermere, the children quickly put their newly acquired navigation, map reading and running skills into action – there was plenty of mud and puddles too!

They used electronic dibbers to punch each control they visited and then received a printout of their timings at the download. Everyone had a wonderful time, well done to you all and many thanks to Derek and Jo from the Lakeland Orienteering Club and the National Trust at Fellfoot.

The last exciting event of the term was a ski race competition at Kendal Ski Slope; there were some superb individual and team performances in head-to-head races which added up to a sensational event with a great atmosphere.

Leven Valley entered two teams with children from years 2 and 6, both of whom were fantastic. In the year 6 and under category team 27 was rewarded with a second place overall.

A special thanks to the team at Kendal Snowsports Club, especially Tracy Oncal.

The Spring Term ended with a lovely Easter Service at St. Anne's Church on Wednesday 9 April. The service was led by the children and attended by parents, friends and governors. Refreshments were provided in the church hall after the service.

Sue Sanderson.

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Cartmel Priory: Encouraging young people to read is an important part of our work in school, especially now there are so many other ways young people can entertain themselves. With this in mind the school started a new programme called Accelerated Reader for Year 7 students in September 2013, this has been a great success so far, with many students making significant progress with their reading. To further encourage reading for pleasure an "Active Reading Week" was held in March. The week started with a Readathon assembly included each form decorating their classroom door in the theme of a novel and finished with an active reading day for years 8 & 9. This involved a day of activities around the theme of reading: activities included a climbing wall, a workshop on creative writing and a talk by Russell Fralick. Russell is pastor, writer, active climber, climbing instructor and mountain leader who has written a book about his adventures and how coming face to face with death changed his life and his faith. *Dr. Paul.*

CINEMA CLUB

The cinema club will be showing *Blue Jasmine* scheduled for **Saturday 10 May** and *Gravity* on **Tuesday 7 June**, but please check the website nearer the time in case we have to change the dates. Booking not essential but advised.

We are working with Leven Valley Primary School and the Cartmel Schools Film Project and have just received 52 films from 158 pupils ready for judging. The festival and awards ceremony, supported by the Kendal Mountain Film Festival, will be held at the Victoria Hall in Grange on **Monday 19 May 6:00pm**.

Carol.



NOTICES

Crake Valley Croquet Club: Are having an **Open Day, Tuesday 13 May, 2:00pm–8:00pm**. Come along to watch, learn & have a go. Equipment, tuition & refreshments provided. At Greenodd, on the right after the A590/A595 roundabout.

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St. Mary's Hospice: Are holding a **Forget-me-Not Ball, Saturday 17 May, Cartmel Race Course**. This will be a Black Tie Event including a drinks reception and a 3 course meal. Doors open **7:15pm** for **8:00pm**. Tickets, £40, Contact Natalie Duncan at the Hospice **T: 01229 483782**.

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Ulverston Choral Society: 'Spring Concert', Ulverston Parish Church, Saturday 10 May, 7:30pm. Performing Karl Jenkins *'The Armed Man'* & Vaughan Williams *'Donna Nobis Pacem'*. Tickets £12 available at the door or from Mrs. P Gillman **T: 01229 716 321**.

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Windermere Reflections: The National Park is organising a 'Winderclean' community litter picking event which will take place on **Saturday 17 May**. If you can give some help on that day or are willing to co-ordinate we would love to hear from you.

Contact Debbie **T: 015394 34401, E: debbiebinch@windermere-reflections.org.uk**

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DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.



- 1 May **Philip & James Apostles.**
- 3 May Bouth W I Spring Walk, 1:00pm, prompt!
- 4 May **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 5 May May Bank Holiday.
- 6 May Colton Parish Council, Open Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 8 May World Red Cross Day.
- 10 May Ulverston Choral Society, Concert, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm.
Cinema Club, Oxen Park, 7:30pm.
- 11 May **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 13 May Crake Valley Croquet Club, Open day, 2:00pm – 8:00pm.
- 14 May **Matthew, Apostle.**
Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 17 May St. Mary's Hospice, Forget-me-Not Ball, Cartmel Race Course, 7:15pm.
Windermere Litter Collecting Day.
- 18 May **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
Brathay Hall Trust
Family Fun Day, 11:00am – 5:00pm.
- 19 May Cinema Club, Kendal Mountain Film Society, Victoria Hall Grange, 6:00pm.
- 25 May **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 29 May **Ascension Day.**
- 31 May **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



Brathay Hall, Windermere: The Brathay Trust is holding a **Family Fun Day, Sunday 18 May, 11:00am – 5:00pm.** Free entry, car park £5. Enjoy zip wire, high rope course, canoeing, live music, art & craft stalls and food. www.brathaywindermereathon.org.uk

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