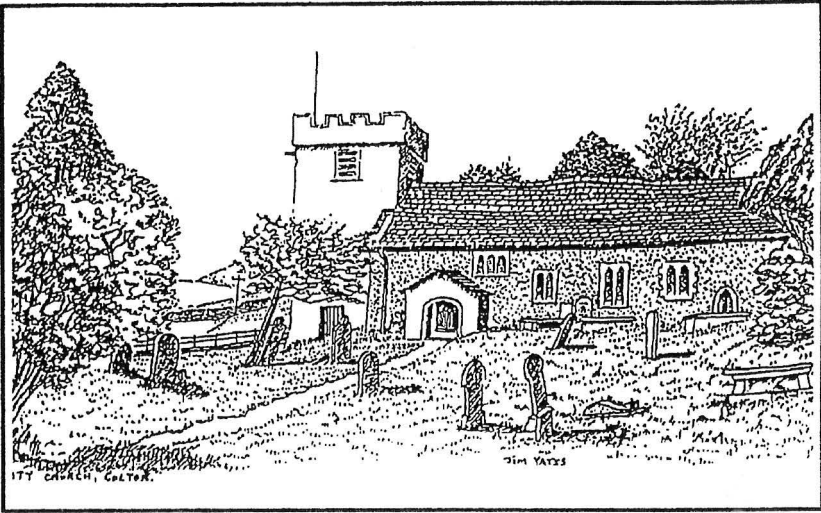




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Over the years I have attended more than a few social activities in residential homes and the like and, while I was still quite young, (i.e. in my 50's!) I vowed to myself that when I got older there were at least three things that I would never, ever do. The first being line-dancing, the second playing bingo and the third singing along to "The White Cliffs of Dover with Vera Lynn. However.....recently I found myself being persuaded by a very nice Canadian couple to take to the floor at an HF ceilidh to line-dance!

Well, do you know? I really enjoyed it and as I got into it I realised that it was metaphor for my life as a Christian. At first I had no idea which foot to use first or which way to step or turn and the only way I could stay on track was to keep the teacher in view at all times, which is difficult if you are trying to do what they call a wall to wall dance where you dance to all four walls of the room. Necessarily you have to turn your back on the teacher and that is when you are most likely to make a hash of things. After a short while, however I got the hang of it and started to strut my stuff with some degree of confidence and pride; but then a neighbour said to me that she was copying me because I had obviously got the hang of it. Oh! my pride, how it rose to even greater heights – only to be dashed as I slipped into complete confusion!

It was then that it dawned on me how learning to line dance is so like is so like learning to follow Jesus and His teaching.

1. You must keep your eyes on the teacher – Jesus.
2. You need to listen to what he has to say – as a Christian by reading the Bible and praying.
3. Don't try to run before you can walk – being Christian is a journey with lots of ups and downs.

4. Don't turn your back on the teacher – stay in touch by praying regularly.
5. Practice humility and don't set yourself up as any kind of example. Expect to make mistakes and know that you are forgiven. Learn from them and keep on trying to be better.
6. It is no fun being a Christian if you don't get together with other like-minded people. You get encouragement and strength from other people.

Please don't ask me about bingo and community singing – the thought that I might actually enjoy them is now a scary prospect!

With love and blessings

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna



MOTHERS UNION

Sharing Day at Cartmel was our first meeting of the year and time to catch up with old friends. The speaker, Lynne Tembey, although West Cumbrian she has held the office of 'York Provincial President' and been elected as 'Worldwide President', quite an honour for our region. Membership throughout the world is growing although sadly not on this county. Her speech was inspirational documenting her years as a member and the part that the Mothers Union has played in her life.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9 October, 2:00pm, Haverthwaite**, the speaker, Anne Garland on the AFIA, a Mother's Charity.

Edwina.



FLOWER ROTA

7 October Whoever volunteers (Sue Smith has)
 14 October Harvest Festival.
 21 October Harvest Festival.
 28 October Harvest Festival.



Mark in 2012

Week beginning October 7th

Mark 14:1 – 11 Jesus Anointed at Bethany

What spontaneous and costly ways do we have of showing our devotion and commitment to Jesus? We have the poor with us today – do we try to help them or do we turn a “blind eye” to their problems?

Week beginning October 14th

Mark 14:12 – 25 The Last Supper with the Disciples

Why do you think the planning is so secretive? Are there times when we betray Jesus by “hiding” our faith or by denying our following of him? Are we embarrassed by what others might think about us if we went to church to worship Jesus and share the bread and wine today?

Week beginning October 21st

Mark 14:26 – 42 Jesus Prays at Gethsemane

Prayer is seen here as important to Jesus – he knew that difficult times were ahead and he needed to talk to God. Do we pray to God in times of difficulty? Do we pray to God to thank him for other times, especially those of celebration? Do we ask what God’s will might be in a situation?

Week beginning October 28th

Mark 14:43 – 54 Jesus is Arrested

Do we stop following Jesus in times of difficulty? Do we think he has left us alone? Do we try to follow Jesus at a distance not wanting to get too involved? What does loyalty to a friend mean to you?

Prayer themes for October

At this time of harvest services we pray for the farming community and for all who provide for our needs – for those who hunger for food and for those who hunger for the Word of God - for the communities in Broughton Beck, Gawthwaite and the neighbouring parish of Osmotherley.



“The harvest is truly plenteous, but the labourers are few.” Matthew.

COLTON CHRONICLES

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Peter Smith who lived for many years with his family at Ealinghearth; he was the loveliest man you would ever wish to meet, quiet unassuming, a Christian who dedicated his life to his family, the Church, the community and the family business rarely complaining and never raising his voice. Like many quiet men however, Peter could be stubborn. At Peter's last service daughters Janet and Gillian told us, with tender affection, all this and more. A beautiful and fitting tribute to a true gentleman.

Our condolences and prayers go out to Wendy, Janet, Gillian and the family.

The PCC decided at their last meeting that the Church should remain open at all times, unfortunately disturbances at church are continuing, which is distressing, but we, as Christians, should follow the counsel of Pam (Priestley), in recent intercessions, by praying for those responsible rather than just condemning. Clearly nobody in their right senses would do what has been done.

Money remains tight and we are indebted to Mrs. Susan King who has raised £100 towards new church linen and a thank you to Roderick (well there is only one) for not only painting the church gates but for wielding his Hammerite brush over pipes and fittings inside the Church.

Thanks also to Jim Walker and his new apprentice Hetty for fettling the Church gates, which needed adjustment following the surfacing of the paths, and with stainless steel spacers.

Harvest: Harvest Supper will be held on **Friday 12 October** following the "The Farmers' Harvest Service", **7:00pm**. There is a list at the back of the church or contact Sue Dean **T:** 01229 861 435

There is to be a Joint Confirmation Service on Advent **Sunday 2 December** at the church with the most candidates.

Parish News: We print 155 copies of the magazine each month, 55 of which are distributed by Roger Perry in Bouth and the remainder by Susan King. Susan feels it is time to retire and we are asking for someone to volunteer. If you want you know what it entails please contact Susan **T:** 01229 861 173.

Signpost: You might recall that we are committed to fund 2 Dalit children for a 5 year period; 4 years have passed successfully but we are now in some difficulty as several of our ‘donators’ have died and regretfully a few have not carried on. Please can you help with either a one off donation or a monthly one. Please contact Judy Redhead **T:** 588 684. *Donald.*



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Congratulations to Hannah & Josh Cooper and to Faye Patton on their excellent results in their GCSE & A Level exams: parents and grandparents are basking in reflective glory but are still wondering whether two and two makes three or five; the answer, it all depends on whether you are buying or selling.

A very warm welcome to Christiane Gruber, our latest Bouth resident; you have come to a wonderful caring hamlet but unfortunately the Highway Authority does not seem to see it that way.

The verges are overgrown, narrowing an already narrow highway, gullies are blocked causing intermittent flooding, the carriageway in parts is deteriorating with the surfacing completely gone and potholes forming, the white lines and slow signs are barely visible causing concern to this editor on returning from the ‘local’. Nobody seems to care, not even the Parish Council. Added to which, Bouth must be the only village in South Lakeland without a proper ‘Speed Limit’. Speaking of which

Attending ‘Speed Awareness Courses’ appears to becoming fashionable; the latest student is none other than our own Revd. David Gregg, who apparently was unaware of his transgression. His next sermon should be interesting.

Did you know that the profits from these courses go towards updating and providing new cameras?

Village Green: Some little time ago there was an ill judged suggestion that the boundary hedge to the Green should be replaced as it was on its last legs. The hedge clearly bridled at this pessimism and has grown forth with such vigour that it is now badly in need of a ‘short back and sides.’ Perhaps the progenitors of that original proposal are feared to go near in case the hedge bites back. *Donald.*

WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our September meeting we were entertained by an excellent talk by Martin Booth on 'Living in Malaysia'. He and his wife resided there whilst he was the British Defence Advisor; not only did he give us a wonderful geography lesson with personal anecdotes but skilfully summed up a complicated social, political and educational system with clarity and humour. Should you ever need a masterclass on 'How to get on in Malaysia' he is your man.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 10 October, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when the speaker will be Robert Hutton of the Royal British Legion, his subject – 'The Poppy Appeal'. If you want to know more about the Bouth W I and how you can join contact Susan Smith **T: 861 370.** *Jane.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Councillor in West Ward: We are very pleased to welcome Katherine Patterson of High Ickenthwaite onto the Council; Katherine was co-opted at our 10th September meeting and will take up the position on 22nd October. Katherine has a background in public relations, communication and events management, and is currently working for the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. She is Chair of Hawkshead pre-school and a member of Hawkshead-Esthwaite School PTA. Now at High Ickenthwaite Farm, she is a member of the Bethacar Moor Commoners Association, and keeps various stock on the farm as well as fell-ponies.

Another Vacancy in West Ward: Councillor Ian Cunliffe has decided to resign after very long service on the Council – we think some 20 years! We will greatly miss Ian's helpful, practical 'let's get on with things' approach and extend a huge thank-you for all his hard work with our Lengthsmen and Highway Stewards over the years. We also would like to thank his wife Joyce for doing the main foot-work for the newsletter round in that part of the Parish!

This of course means that there is another vacancy in west ward. According to the rules, we must first advertise to see if 10 electors wish to claim a bye-election (by 27th Sept - see notices on the boards and the website); if not then we can co-opt at our next meeting. We have one applicant at the

moment; contact the Clerk if you would like to apply (you need to live in west ward or within 3 miles of it, be over 18 and a British or EU subject).

Lengthsman and Highways: Our Lengthsman, Tony Atkinson, continues to do fantastic job on our roads, and on the drains in particular. He and the Clerk met recently with the team from County Highways to discuss a list of items for them to deal with – some of which are badly blocked drains requiring excavation under the road. Now that the Highways teams have been brought back 'in-house' we find that they are relatively local people who know the area well – what a difference that makes!

Our next meeting is on **Monday 22 October in Bouth Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome.

Mandy Lane (Clerk) – 01229 861408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com – www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory C of E School

Congratulations go to this year's GCSE students who performed extremely well this summer. Every student achieved GCSE qualifications, 29% of students achieving 3 or more A/A* grades and 82% of students at least 5 grade Cs at GCSE, 68% with both English and maths, well above the national average last year.

Congratulations also go to Carrie Beadle, Rebecca Hazzard and Sam Tickle who completed their GCSEs at Cartmel Priory C of E School in 2010. Having followed up their outstanding performance at GCSE with similar success in their A-levels, Carrie, Rebecca and Sam are all on their way to Cambridge. They will be joining their Cambridge colleges just a year after ex-Cartmel students Rebecca Daley and Charlotte Fitt started their studies at Oxford. Rebecca is at Somerville College reading History and possibly looking at a career in the museum sector, whilst Charlotte is at Hertford reading Japanese.

Dr. Paul.

Leven Valley C of E Primary School

Reflecting on the end of term we need to mention that the Summer Play, "Scenes from the Schoolroom" was a great success. It was, of course, written and produced by Mrs Jones. The children did very well acting and singing with enthusiasm. Everyone enjoyed the main characters: Mrs Know

-it-all, Mrs Nearly Know-it-all, Mrs Do-it-all, Mr Clean, Miss Starch, Miss Trendy with her friend “Wayne” and of course all the supporting cast, scene makers and shifters and other members of the PTA who provided refreshments and a raffle.

The new year began with the admission of 6 new Reception pupils. Special topics to be studied this term are “The Tudors” for Key Stage 2 which will involve building a Tudor house to scale in the hall and Key stage 1 are studying “The Seaside”.

After school club has restarted with Mrs McSherry and is open from Monday to Thursday weekly. After school activities for this term are football coaching and multi sports. The school **Harvest Festival** will be held on **Monday 1 October**.

There will also be some significant changes to the staff and governors: Mrs. Jean Errington, the School Administrator announced her retirement from school where she has worked for twenty six years. Mrs. Sue Potts, Foundation Governor, also retired after many years support and service to the school.

Also congratulations need to go to Mr and Mrs Baddeley on the safe arrival of Alice, hopefully there will be a visit to school soon.

Representatives of the Leven Valley Jubilee committee will also be visiting soon to present the children with Jubilee mugs engraved with “From the Leven Valley Community”. Funds were raised through personal donations and grants from both Staveley and Haverthwaite Parish Councils. *Sue Sanderson.*



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We are off again and our first film will be ‘*Jane Eyre*’ showing at the newly refurbished Outback Hall which is behind Leven Valley School **Tuesday 2 October, 7:30pm**. The next film for children is ‘*A Little Princess*’ also at Backbarrow, **Thursday 18 October, 3:45pm** – straight after school. We provide child care, a snack as well as carefully selected films. Children can be collected at **5:30pm**. New programs from Carol McNeill **T: 861 507**.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on **Thursday 15 November, Coronation Hall**. Usual stalls and we need bric-a-brac, books etc, can collect & store. Contact Jane Chaloner **T: 861 283**. *Carol.*

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 October Leven Valley School, Harvest Festival.
2 October Cinema Club, Outback Hall, 7:30pm.
7 October **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
10 October Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
12 October **Decorating the Church for Harvest, 10:00am.**
Farmers' Harvest Service and Supper, 7:00pm.
Leven Valley Support Group, Concert, Café Ambio, 7:30pm.
14 October **Benefice Harvest Communion, COLTON, 10:30am.**
18 October **Luke, Evangelist.**
Cinema Club, Children's Film, Leven Valley School, 3:45pm.
21 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
22 October Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
25 October St. Crispin and Agincourt, 1415.
28 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Simon & Jude, Apostles.
B S T Ends, Clocks go BACK.
31 October Hallowe'en.



St. MARY'S HOSPICE

Despite the problems with our English Summer the re-scheduled Leven Valley Support Group's Fair & Boot Sale raised a magnificent £4,500! This, plus the amount raised from the earlier Fashion Show allowed the Group to present a cheque to the Hospice for £6,700.

The next event will be a Concert by 'Voce', a male voice quartet singing classical style music including Pavarotti & Andrea Bocelli. **Friday 12 October, Café Ambio, 7:30pm.** Tickets, £7.50 including refreshments, available from Dorothy Crabtree **T:** 015395 30132 Sylvia Chadwick **T:** 015395 31685 and Marion Wilson **T:** 015395 31779. *Dorothy Crabtree.*



Grange Old Tyme Dancing & Social: We have regular social events from September to the end of May, all for a £1., and held on every Tuesday evening, Lindale Village Hall, 7:30 to 10:30pm. We would welcome new members and if interested please contact our secretary, Dorothy Crabtree **T:** 015395 30312. *Dorothy Crabtree.*

