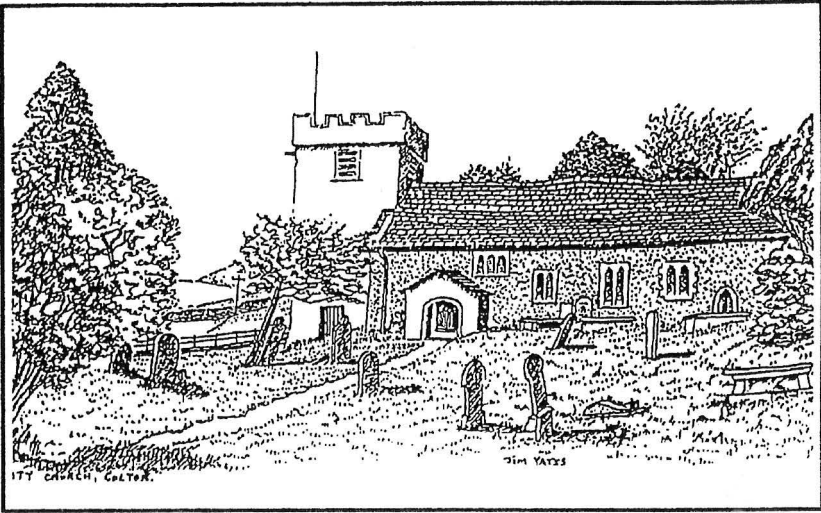




PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Light in the Darkness

We are continually being told how selfish and badly behaved young people are today. Disrespectful, unruly and having no sense of loyalty to anyone except themselves, are some of the thoughts of the press.

How wrong I believe these commentators to be. Having thirty years plus of involvement with young people I believe there are still tremendous signs of encouragement in the way they think about creation, the planet and other people

One of these signs showed itself very clearly whilst Elizabeth and I were on holiday in Norfolk. We had parked the car in what looked like a building site in Thetford but was the car park for Thetford Abbey. On entering we went to look first, at the notice board, and after a couple of minutes we were approached by two girls (about eleven or twelve years of age) who asked if the grey jeep was our car. On assuring them it was they asked if we knew that we had left the keys in the door. (At the time £600 worth of camera was in the back)

Apart from our stupidity, (our first thought), I was overwhelmed by their honesty. Wanting to reward them with a small cash token for that honesty - they refused. At first saying that they only wanted to help and did not want the car to be broken into and that it was the right thing to do. Encouraged by that I told them it was our right thing to do to repay their thoughtfulness and if they would take no reward to at least accept it and give it to a charity they supported. This convinced them and I have no idea whether they put the money to charity, or not – nor do I care.

This and other stories I hear convince me that the majority of young people are a credit to their families and society. They are like a light breaking down the darkness so often portrayed by the media. My prayer is that they come to know Jesus – the Light of the World.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



My Favourite Bible Passage

Isaiah was a prophet, a man who heard God speaking to him, and in turn spoke to the people of Israel. The book of the Old Testament which contains his prophecies, and is named after him, was written around 500 years before Jesus was born. And yet in my favourite bible passage it contains the whole of the gospel message, in one amazing paragraph that tells us about Jesus, and how he died to set us free.

Isaiah 53 verses 4-6

*'Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.'*

Look at the last sentence – Jesus is the good shepherd, who wants to care for us, but we have strayed off, like foolish sheep. Each of us knows that we have not always followed God's plan for our life, that we have thought we know better, and have gone our own way in life. And when we stray off, and don't follow God's plan for us, we invariably do things we know to be wrong, things we are not proud of.

Because God is a just God, we should have to pay the penalty for those things, at the end of our lives. But look at the second sentence – ‘he was wounded for our transgressions’ – the things we have done wrong, ‘he was bruised for our iniquities’ – that’s the same message again for emphasis. And get this - ‘upon him was the chastisement that made us whole’ – when Jesus died on the cross he paid the penalty we should have paid, by his dying we have been made whole. Jesus has done this for all of us – ‘the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity (wrong things) of us all’. Jesus died to pay the penalty for every one of us, so we can be set free to be friends with God.

So this is my favourite bible passage because it tells the story of the great things Jesus has done for us, and told it 500 years before Jesus was born – how can that not be true? Perhaps have a look at the rest of Isaiah Chapter 53, and see how it describes what would happen to Jesus, and what that means to us.

Incidentally, I generally prefer modern versions of the bible, but I particularly like the language in this passage. Here’s the modern version – it’s certainly easier to understand – see which you prefer.

He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God. He was wounded and crushed because of our sins, by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.

All of us were like sheep that had wandered off; we had each gone our own way, but the Lord gave him the punishment we deserved. Colin Dykes.



COLTON CHRONICLES

For those of you who like to be amused rather than informed, read no further, that is if you have actually got this far; it all looks a touch boring this month.

Not many people know, that the Church in Cumbria run a Housing Association, unsurprisingly named the ‘Mitre Housing Association’. It manages 130 properties mainly at affordable rents but also has a few on a Shared Equity basis. So far they have not made inroads into the south of the county other than at the old St. John’s Church, Windermere but are

hoping to develop the redundant Satterthwaite School site to provide six dwellings for local young persons.

You are probably aware that our dear Joanna is to be ordained on **Sunday 24 September, 10.30am., Carlisle Cathedral**; the Revd. Joanna has a nice ring about it. We all must support her but it is essential that the numbers are known well in advance. **Please** let either Joanna or me know by **Sunday 17 August**.

Little old Colton was ahead of the game in the introduction of women priests and it was all so effortless. Over a decade or so ago we first had Sheila Wareham to look after our spiritual needs, which she did with a loving warmth and firmness. After the Diocese let both her and us down Doreen Harrison took over, certainly with firmness but also with love despite the fact that she tried to hide it behind a sometimes austere façade.

The Diocese did not do much for Doreen either, but in allowing Joanna to stay with us is clearly taking a more enlightened approach. Our new reverend is full to the brim with warmth and love but make no mistake, the tradition of firmness is well and truly there. Who would have thought that this rural backwater is, in truth, a matriarchal society?

If the rest of the parish is anything like Bouth, this editor would!!!



FLOWER ROTA

4 June Pauline Parkin

11 June Pauline Parkin

18 June Wendy Smith

25 June Wendy Smith



COFFEE ROTA

4 June Sue Smith & Hilary Brooks



“Look here, if this coffee, I want tea; but if this is tea, then I wish coffee.” Punch 1902

MOTHERS UNION

Apparently the M U is a bit at sixes and sevens this month but they did have a meeting at Haverthwaite when the speaker was Father Edwards. Mark Edwards had an appalling childhood but overcame his problems to become a successful priest at St Mathew & St Francis in Barrow. He is also a member of the inshore Duddon Estuary Rescue Team.

There is a meeting next month, which will be an outing, but as yet, nobody seems to know when.

All this bears little resemblance to what Wendy told Donald.



ANNUAL GARDEN FÊTE

Just a kindly reminder that the Fête is to be held on **Saturday 15 July** and tombola & raffle prizes are welcome as are *willing* volunteers. Just contact the extraordinary, the remarkable Judy on **01229 861 238**.

Anon.



PARISH NEWS

The fourth generation of the Fleming's has arrived at Burn Knott; Ellie Louise was born on 5 May 2006 to parents Julie and Trevor and proud grandparents Mary and Gerald. A lady coach driver in the making, perhaps. Congratulations all round.

We are glad to hear that Ian Pirnie is improving, slowly but improving and Janice Lancaster is now home but not, as yet, chasing sheep. Jack Burns is still in hospital and getting around slowly with assistance. Ruth Pearson is very much better as is daughter Christine. Poor May Lambert had a fall which shook her up more than a bit. But we all know May and she is continuing as if nothing happened in her own determined way.

Sadly we have to report the funeral of Henry Sanders, brother-in-law of Margaret, at Colton. He was a countryman and farmer all his life; our prayers and condolences go out to all the family.

The Lake District National Park is having one of its bureaucratic moments and has sent a letter out to many organisations advising them of an Advert Control Project. They tell us that 'it is an offence to display advertisements

in contravention of the regulations, with a maximum fine of £2,500.’ We know the Authority are strapped for cash but....

The Archbishop’s office in London has written to all parishes telling them to conserve energy and to measure their ‘carbon footprints’. A senior member of our church wryly remarked that anyone would be pretty hard pressed to find one at Colton. The righteous indignation of the money man is already hovering over the head of this poor misunderstood editor.

If there are any budding artists among you the Bouth Impressionist, Penelope to you and I, is trying to organise ‘Water Colour’ classes in the Village Hall. If anyone is interested please contact Penny Lovegrove on 01229 861 091.



CHRISTIAN AID

What a wonderful event and our thanks to all those who worked, contributed and to those of you who came and gave so generously. At the first count the nett amount raised was about £760. And wasn’t it good to see Christine Dobson and Hilary & Derek Tinsley.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

On the 24 April we hosted a Group Meeting at Greenodd Village Hall; the catering was up to its usual excellent standard and the evening was a great success.

The speaker in May was, eventually, Mrs Hayward and we have now discovered the mysteries behind “Whatever shall we do with it...” Mrs Hayward is a highly entertaining speaker and we were all much amused. We were exhorted not to confuse exotic with erotic ‘as if’.

In between these meetings we had a trip, with some hardy husbands, to Chatsworth House where a visit ‘behind the scenes’ included a somewhat nervous trip on the roof, but what marvellous views, and then into the depth of the cellars to see what life and hard work used to be like.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 14 June** and will be an outing to Graythwaite Hall followed by a meal at the Anglers. A short meeting in the **Village Hall at 5.45pm. carriages at 6.00pm.** Please remember to return the menus , ticked, to Penny by **6 June.**

Penny.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The speaker at our April meeting was Mr Adam Naylor who gave a talk on his year as High Sheriff of Cumbria. He included a history of the High Sheriff and brought along his regalia worn during his year of office. Barbara.

Ed. - The next meeting is on the 23 May, to late for this issue, when 'resolutions' will be discussed. Sounds like the 'Wheel Tappers & Shunters Club'. Unfortunately we do not have the June date.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The "Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 – Green Road Driving" has now come into force; its intention is to 'restrict the claiming of vehicular rights of way based on historical evidence of use by non-mechanical propelled vehicles'. Of the 107 routes in the National Park 31 have had their rights extinguished.

Of the 8 green roads in Colton parish only one will be affected and that for only part of its route. For further information contact Tony Hill, Park Ranger, on 015394 46892.

The next parish Council meeting is to be held on 10 July at Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Judith.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The school has been busy appointing new staff; Wilma Robertson is the new head of maths and Christine Jennings new head of modern languages.

The 10th Art Exhibition as held recently to wide acclaim; work included industry linked design for both the prestigious Langoustine restaurant and the 'Body Shop'. Sophisticated computer designs were much in evidence as

were professional textiles, which represented, according to a Manchester based observer, a wholly commercial standard. Clive, with much help from the staff.



LEVEN VALLEY

Our tests are over for another year, so we can enjoy the rest of term! The two top classes are studying local history and geography, so we should be out and about quite a bit.

Class Three had a very enjoyable residential stay in Port Erin, on the isle of man. This was at the end of April, and we were very lucky with the weather, and the state of the sea for our ferry crossing!

The school did very well with the “puppets for Pakistan” project, as the children and our families made over fifty puppets. A special thank you to the people who helped in class with the sewing.

Susan.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Well, the season has finished and we are now onto the task of selecting films for next season. If you know of a great film (under 2 hours) which you think our audience would enjoy please get in touch.

We also appreciate film sponsorship (£25) and there is advertisement space in the programme (£20) - these contributions go a long way to keeping us on the road and sustainable.

30 of our local children have attended film making workshops so look out for their 2 minutes films at the Rusland Show. Entry forms and guidelines from Carol McNeill (861507).

Many of you will be watching the building progress of the Carthouse Cinema in Oxen Park - it's very exciting and who knows, one day it might be finished!

Carol.



*“That man who is from God sent forth,
Doth yet again to God return? –
Such ebb and flow must ever be,
Then wherefore should we mourn?”*

Wordsworth.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 4 June **Family Service - 10.30am..** (Joanna). Coffee to follow
11 June **Benefice Communion – 10.30am.** (David). Coffee to follow
18 June **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)
25 June **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)



Other Dates

- 4 June **Pentecost**
11 June **Trinity Sunday – Colton’s Patronal Festival. Barnabas, Apostle.**
14 June Bouth WI – Meeting & Outing – 5.45/6.00pm.
22 June **Alban – First Martyr of Britain c250.**
24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
29 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles.**



LOCAL EVENTS

St. Mary’s Hospice – Leven Valley Support Group

The **Annual Summer Fair/Car Boot Sale** will be held this year on **Sunday 18 June from 9.00am** at the **Haverthwaite Playing Fields**. Just off the A590 towards Flookburgh.



Haverthwaite Steam Railway

From Steam to Stream Fun Day. Hop on the Froggy Express to Lakeside and discover more about the creatures that live in our streams, rivers and lakes. Fun, goodies, a quiz and some education. **17/18 June.**



“How blessed is he, who lives a country life.”

Dryden.

Services & Rotas for June

4th	Day of Pentecost			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2: 1-21	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:22-27	
	Gospel	John	15:26-27, 16:4b-15	
Readers:	Colton	M Campbell	C Holden	R Smith
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	R Atkinson	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton			
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
11th	Trinity Sunday			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	6: 1-8	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:12-17	
	Gospel	John	3: 1-17	
Readers:		J Pickles	B Johnson	G Pickles
Sidesmen:				
	No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge			
18th	First Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Ezekiel	17:22-24	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	5:6-10, 14-17	
	Gospel	Mark	4:26-34	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	M Campbell	D Wroe
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	C Dykes	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton			
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorox	& W Greatorox	
25th	Second 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	Job	38: 1-11	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	6: 1-13	
	Gospel	Mark	4:35-41	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	J Redhead	B Watson
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	S James	R Long	J Lambton
Sidesmen:	Colton			
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord	
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	C Line		