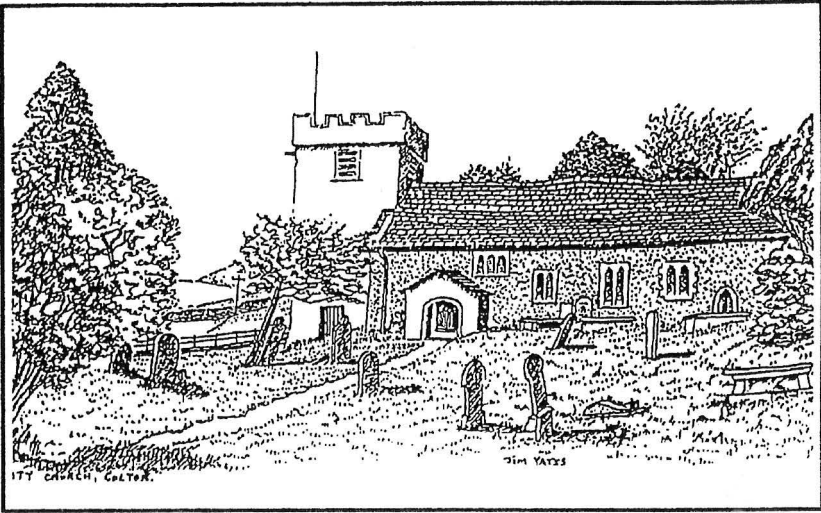




# PARISH NEWS

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## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear Friends*

### IN-PERSON

*“Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume”.*

The story above takes place after Jesus has raised Lazarus from the dead, and a matter of days before Jesus would face his own death and resurrection. It takes place in a home, which is filled with people who are friends and who are very familiar with one another. The story is very much an “in-person” event.

As if to emphasis the in-person or incarnational nature, the story continues with Judas Iscariot complaining of Mary wasting the costly perfume. But then Jesus responds by chiding Judas with the words, *“Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me”*. In other words, Jesus is saying “make the most of this in-person meeting”.

There are many people in this nation and across the world who would echo those words – make the most of your in-person meetings. As we slowly emerge from the COVID lockdowns and restrictions, people are having to re-assess how often they meet and how they meet, i.e. in-person or virtually. And there is no doubt that there are advantages that have been

discovered regarding virtual meetings – less travel and the benefit to the environment, the comfort of meeting from home, the sharing of resources digitally and not on paper... But, and it is a pretty big “but”, but there are also disadvantages and a growing recognition that something is missing with virtual meetings – true human connection and the full human experience.

In our story about Jesus, if there had been no in-person meeting then there would have been no costly perfume made of pure nard, no anointing of Jesus’ feet with the perfume, and no wiping of Jesus’ feet with Mary’s hair. But most importantly of all, the house would not have been “*filled with the fragrance of the perfume*”.

When we do not meet, in-person, then there is no opportunity to change the whole atmosphere of our lives, or the lives of others.

**Blessings in Christ,**



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

**REMEMBRANCE:** Out Remembrance Service this year will be held on **Sunday 14 November at 10:30am, repeat 10:30am.**

As there was no service last year we held a short ceremony with the laying of a wreath on Bouth Village Green. As it was appreciated we intend to repeat this year BUT on **REMEMBRANCE DAY, Thursday 11 November, Village Green 10:50pm repeat Bouth Village Green, 10:50am.**

Prior to those dates there will be Morning Worship on ALL SAINTS DAY, **Sunday 31 October, 9:30am.** Plus an All Souls Service, 2:00pm And there is no excuse for not attending as it is the end of British Summer Time, an extra hour in bed.

**Harvest:** We returned to our traditional Harvest Service and Supper and what a return! It was a wonderful and joyous evening that could not have happened without the sterling work of the faithful few. A full church with an excellent service led by Pam Priestley and a wonderful supper provided by Carole Dickenson our local caterers, a beautifully laid out Church Hall.

The 'faithful few' were more than ably led by Sue Dean who organised the caterers and with her strength of mind, cajoled and otherwise persuaded the attendees. The rest of our wonderful team were Sue's daughter, Rachel, Pauline Parkinson, Sue & Roderick Smith and Rachel & John Tarr all of whom deserve our grateful thanks. They were helped with some delights provided by an unknown "Nibbles Gnome!●

**'Winter Warmer':** Come to Colton Church Hall on a dark November Day for a Winter Warming bowl of homemade soup followed by delicious cake. A chance to have lunch, meet up with old and new friends and browse through the selection of Christmas Cards and 'Stocking Filler' gifts on offer.

**On Saturday 27 November, 11:00am – 2:00pm, Colton Church Hall**

All are welcome



## **PARISH NEWS**

**CAROLS:** Yes, it is a little early, but it is good news in that once again we will be having 'Carols Round the Tree' on Christmas Eve on Bouth Village Green. More information next month.



**BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE:** This month we were visited by Diana Mathews, former High Sheriff of Cumbria. Diane a former magistrate served as High Sheriff between 2013-14.

She told how you have to prepare for 5 years before your actual year of service.

The theme for the year was arts and crafts. This started by an original project in the design of her uniform by her daughter; a member of the arts and crafts guild in London.

She spoke about visiting all the Alms House communities in the county, organising an Arts and Crafts exhibition at Blackwell promoting local Craft's people, and attending many other events

Next month we will have a talk from Shed1; Gin makers of Ulverston



**BOUTH VILLAGE HALL:** In October the Village Hall Development Group (DG), will be hosting a pie and pea luncheon in the White Hart. The aim of the lunch is to update the community on activities of the DG to date, the interim changes in the hall and the future efforts required to obtain Grant monies.

The village hall risk assessments have been updated and capacity has increased again

While we can't have a "full house" again at the moment, the Hall can now be booked for family parties for group of up to 40 people.



**CINEMA CLUB: :** We have three films in November – 2 & 7 November ‘Balloon’ – A family wishing to escape East Germany make a balloon. 16 & 21 November ‘Sweet County’ – A Western. 30 November, - ‘Minari’ – A family from California move to Arkansas in search of a dream.

Note: Please check the details on our website and to book, contact Carol McNeill at [crimcneill@gmail.com](mailto:crimcneill@gmail.com)



*“The less one has to do the less time one finds to do it “ Anon*

## RUSLAND HORIZONS

Following a short lull in events while the Rusland Horizons team did some long-term planning, including working on funding applications to support our activities, we are ready to spring back into action and are busy setting up a calendar of events and activities to keep us all active through the winter months! Here's a taster of some of our forthcoming events.

**Dry stone walling with Jim Doherty:** There are two dates planned, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Both events will be held at Abbot Park Farm, above Bandrake Head. Whether you're an experienced waller or would like to try this traditional skill for the first time, this is a great hands-on event led by the very experienced Jim Doherty - full time dry stone waller. Our walls are such a treasured part of our landscape, and there is nothing more satisfying than standing back and admiring a section you have helped to restore.

**Hedgerow Planting:** We will be helping to plant a completely new line of hedgerow up at Thwaite Head in November. This is exciting for any number of reasons including helping with local biodiversity and providing a new, safe habitat for our native species. It will also be great fun to learn about the different native species chosen to plant, including taking into account climate change challenges and finding out how the hedge will be maintained until it is mature enough for traditional hedge laying.

**Polytunnel Work Party:** Our polytunnel will remain in storage for a short while longer until we are able to establish it at one of two possible earmarked sites. However, so as not to miss the current seasonal opportunity, we are delighted that Tony Woods, at Abbots Reading, has kindly offered to let us use an existing polytunnel at his farm.

There is some work to be done to get the polytunnel fit for purpose. We therefore will be holding a work party to help with clearing out of the polytunnel, mainly of brambles, before being able to put it to good use for some wildflower cultivation and growing of saplings. The final work party date is still to be confirmed but we will likely be looking for up to four volunteers to join us towards the end of October. Keep checking our website, social media and newsletter for updates.

**The Photo Competition and 2022 Calendar:** By the time you read this, the winning photograph will have been announced and those making up the remaining eleven months will also have been chosen from among the 90 entries received. Don't forget to order your calendar (and one for your friends!).

**The Rusland Horizons Christmas Bash!** Leaving the best until last! The most important date for your diary is the Rusland Horizons Christmas bash! This will be held on Sunday 12 December, and everyone is welcome. Details and activities are still being worked on, but we will share plans once they are finalised. As always, it will be the perfect way to get you and your family feeling festive and start your Christmas celebrations.

For the latest updates and details of these events, and all others, please keep checking our 'What's On' page on our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram and for any enquiries including volunteering opportunities to help support the Trust's activities, please contact [hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org](mailto:hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org) Website - [www.ruslandhorizons.org](http://www.ruslandhorizons.org)



## COLTON PARISH COUNCI

The new Highways Information Asset Management System (HIAMS) system appears to be working well and some parishioners are having a busy (fun?) time uploading as many road issues as they encounter. Apparently it is working well and the Highways teams are steadily working through them. Please see Colton Parish website or Cumbria Highways website for details on how to access it and have a go at using it to report your particular road issues!

A recent application for funding from CCC and their "Greening the Highways" Fund was successful so watch this space for details of plans being put together for how the funding will be spent across the Parish. Please contact Cllrs Abigail Bennett, Bob Henson or Marion Brown if you have any suggestions on where this might be focussed on.

Planning permission was approved for the first section of the Southern Windermere Trail, from Newby Bridge to Finsthwaite which, when complete, will provide a safe way of getting from Newby Bridge to the YMCA for walkers and cyclists alike.

The Community Plan review is due and Councillors are planning to meet with experts on community involvement to assess progress against the last plan, devised in 2015, and to update it with what is important to people in Colton in 2021 and beyond.

The Parish Council would love to hear your views on what should be included and you can obtain a copy of the 2015 version by contacting the Parish Clerk on [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council also intend to link the updating of the plan with ways to involve members of the public at Parish Council meetings and in working towards developing an approach to environmental and “green” matters. To launch this there was a Spark Bridge Greening project event called Green Sparks that took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Watch this space for more information on how this went and on any ideas that emerged following it.

**Finally:** There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council for a Councillor to represent central ward (Bouth and Rusland Valley) and posters on PC notice boards are advertising the vacancy providing details of what you need to do next if interested. Please don't be shy and let us know whether there are any budding councillors out there wishing to get involved with the Parish Council at such an important time!

Julie Hendry, Clerk to Council [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)



## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

**I'm moving into a shared house with friends for the first time. Although I'm excited, I'm also a bit nervous as I've never rented**



**from a private landlord before. What should I look out for when I move in?**

Most landlords are reasonable people who look after their properties and tenants well, but it's always a good idea to know your rights. Here's a checklist of things to do when you first move in:

- **Make sure you have your landlord's contact details.** Your landlord is responsible for keeping your home in good condition and arranging repairs when they're needed. They should be your first point of contact if anything goes wrong.
- **Make sure your deposit is protected.** Check that your landlord has given you information about the scheme used to protect your deposit.
- **Take photos on the day you move in.** It's also worth asking your landlord or letting agent for an inventory, to check everything is in order. Use this to note down any problems and the condition of the furniture, kitchen, carpets, bathroom etc.
- **Check if you're in a 'house in multiple occupation'.** If you're living with two or more people who aren't part of your family, and share a toilet, bathroom or kitchen with you, this is considered an HMO. This means your landlord must make sure your home meets certain safety standards. This includes making sure smoke alarms are installed and there's a safe fire exit. The landlord must also ensure shared areas such as staircases and corridors are clean and in good repair. Some HMOs need to be licensed by the council - if you're unsure whether this applies to your home, check with your local council.
- **Make sure your landlord gives you:** a copy of the Gas Safety Certificate, an Energy Performance Certificate and a How to Rent leaflet.
- **Understand your tenancy agreement.** It's important to know who's responsible for paying bills and what to do if there are any

changes, like if someone wants to move out. The Citizens Advice website explains the different ways shared accommodation can be organised.

If you encounter a problem with the property, contact your landlord. If it relates to disrepair, for example if your heating system fails or there's damp in the property, it's best to put this in writing so that you have evidence if you need it later. The landlord shouldn't come in without your permission.

If your landlord is unresponsive or refuses to help, contact South Lakes Citizens Advice for support. In serious cases, for example if your health or safety is at risk, you may be advised to contact the council.



### OXEN PARK NEWS

- A new bridge, with a hand rail has been installed across the beck north of the Reading Room.
- Table Tennis is now going again on Saturdays 10-12 – all welcome. Cake often provided.
- The Manor will have a great Christmas menu coming up in the next month or so. Closed on Christmas Day only. Booking still advised for any meals wanted.
- The OP based Lanequest in July raised £440 for the Rusland & Satterthwaite (& Hawkshead) First Responders. A great result bringing in support from outside the area. Thanks to all who helped on the night.

Carol



**LANCASHIRE DAY:** Lancashire Day, held on 27 November, is an annual celebration of the first elected representatives from Lancashire to be called to Westminster by King Edward I in 1295 to attend what later became known as "The Model Parliament".



## BELLS

On Tuesday afternoons  
A cheerful band of ladies  
Come to the Rusland Valley  
To play a merry tune  
No pianos drums or steel guitars  
Invade this pastoral scene  
*Just bells*

With bells in hand we stand erect  
Await to see the tune select.  
And on the count of two  
We flick our wrists  
The clapper moves  
So makes a strident sound  
*Just bells*

Three Blind Mice  
And Molly Malone  
These tunes float o'er the air  
Surprising walkers passing by  
Who stand to listen and wonder where  
From whence these chords to come  
*Just bells*

We go Around the Mulberry Bush  
Chased by Daisy Daisy  
This frivolity we soon must end  
To serious tunes our minds must bend  
For Christmas is a coming soon  
There are Carols we must learn  
*Just bells*

The First Noel  
Silent Night  
And one I can't remember  
Must all be practised  
And perfect made  
For our recital in December  
*Just bells*

Anon

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