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Dear Friends

Before I write anything else I want to thank all of you who made my retirement so memorable. It made me very happy to see so many of you from all the churches around Colton worshipping together joyfully and, of course, the contribution of the school children made it very special.

Afterwards we were all treated to mulled wine and delicious nibbles, which we all enjoyed – so a big thank you to all of you who made that so special as well – and then there was that wonderful present which I found quite overwhelming and which I will spend sensibly, I promise! Thank you so much. All in all it was quite a day and was one of the best birthdays I have ever had (the best being the day I married Bob, of course).

To more serious matters now since this is supposed to be the Pastoral Letter.

I don't know about you but I do find this time of year a bit bleak. The pleasure in drawing the curtains on the dark and having it cosy indoors begins to cloy about now and I, for one, begin to long for a bit of warmth and light. However, we know that have to wait until the Spring arrives (hopefully) for that to happen. In the meantime we just have to wait it out. So how will we wait it out? Impatiently?

Resignedly? Or one day at a time? I recommend taking it one day at a time and am minded of the chorus of a song I once heard

One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm asking from you.
Just give me the strength
To do everyday what I have to do.
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus

And tomorrow may never be mine.
Lord help me today, show me the way
One day at a time.

Good advice to get us through the winter days yet to come.

Every blessing on all of you.

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna



~~COTTON~~ CHRONICLES

The year ended with a sad farewell to our beloved Curate Joanna who has ministered unto us for many years and at no small cost to herself. A simple thank you seems inadequate but, knowing Joanna that is all she would want. The most wonderful thing about her ministry is that she found her true vocation – ministering to children. The good news is that this year we welcome a newly retired priest, Joanna who will continue to minister unto us in her spare time away from the children.

It is sad that a small myopic group of latter day Pharisees should bring our church to its knees in opposing Women Bishops and for reasons that do not bear scrutiny. ‘Jesus was a man’ they cry, true, but there again, he couldn’t be both and what they deliberately forget is that above all he was a human and on this earth for ALL mankind.

‘All the Apostles were men’ they wail, again true, but in those days there wasn’t a choice and was not Mother Mary as much an Apostle as any man?

Perhaps the bigger sadness is the effect this decision has had on Women Priests without whom the Anglican Church would be in dire distress, a predicament ignored by the blind and selfish few.

It does not seem that long since the Wise Men were wearily trekking home and yet shortly, 13 February, Lent begins and the birth of our Lord is forgotten and it is not the only one that got forgotten, for during December our beloved Vicar became eligible for his bus pass; apologies and belated congratulations.

Electoral Roll: This year requires a complete update of the Electoral Roll which means that everybody on the current roll and any who wish to be need to fill in a form and sign. This thankless task is being undertaken By Ian Pirnie **T:** 885 250 who has been trawling the parish but if he has not been in touch then please contact Ian but do it before mid-February as he will be away after that and the Roll need to be completed by the end of that month.

Service Times: The PCC has had an initial debate on service times; if any of you have views on this subject, **and it is important**, please let any member of the PCC, the Vicar or even this editor know.

Parish News: Some, too many, have not yet divvied up for the cost of this superb publication so please make an effort to give the £6 to your distributor ASAP. Colton Church can ill afford to subsidise you; the Bouth area has been particularly unresponsive. *Donald.*



FLOWER ROTA

3 February Mrs. Susan Smith.

10 February Mrs. Susan Smith.

The remaining Sundays in February are in Lent as are all but the last in March. The church will be next decorated on **Saturday 30 March, 10:00am. Be there.**



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Once again the weather forced the 'Carols Round the Tree' in Bouth indoors but as it was the White Hart there were not too many grumbles. The singing was a vast improvement, but there again, with Jane Patton firmly in command who would dare to do otherwise. Thank you, Jane and also to Cathy & Nigel Barton for their hospitality, mince pies and mulled wine. The collection raised £127.56 for the Hospice.

It was perhaps as well we were indoors, as the tree lights had failed and no one knew the reason why, which just goes to show that this situation is typical of the problems of the country. What was needed was not those with qualifications in such subjects as Solid State Physics, Civil

Engineering, Medicine, I T, Teaching, Accountancy, Insurance or even Seamanship but someone with a vocational qualification – like an electrician.

It might be raining but not, as yet, freezing which is just as well for although Alex Sharphouse at Old Hall Farm has the will and equipment to spread salt (grit to the uninitiated) on our roads the attempt to get supplies from the County has been like hitting your head against a brick wall. If that weren't bad enough the County officials cannot, even after 5 weeks, have the courtesy to reply to a letter. Such arrogance from public servants is unacceptable although to be fair the MP and elected members have taken some, sadly not enough, interest.

The boundary hedge to Bouth Village Green is still there although we here that there has been some surreptitious visits to garden centres in search for a replacement. No doubt, sometime in the future, all will be well.

On a personal note, this editor has been struck down with a nasty virus, usually and unkindly named by the ladies of the parish as 'man flue'; the seriousness of this condition is reflected in the absence of visits to the White Hart. The loving care of friends and neighbours (the same really) has been beyond belief and an example that there is still a caring world out there. Thank you!

Donald.



MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union is an important part of our church and as such its activities have always been reported in the Parish News. Of late however, their lines of communication have all but disappeared and again we have nothing to report. Perhaps things will improve 'ere long.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth WI's first meeting of the new and 70th year was given a fascinating talk by the Ghana Girls: eight local ladies (and one man) who went to Ghana to volunteer in a small isolated village for a charity called 'Village by Village'. They entertained us to stories and slides of village life, how they helped build toilets, made bricks and taught in the 'school'. It was an eye

opener. The main feeling which came across was how much they had enjoyed their experience, how happy the Ghanaians were despite their deprivations and how worthwhile it had been.

This being the 70th year of the Bouth WI we have a very good calendar of talks to celebrate. Next month, **Wednesday 13 February, 7:15pm, Village Hall** will be an 'Open' meeting - i.e. all are welcome when there will be a talk given by the Coniston Mountain Rescue Team. Another date to put in your diaries is **13 April** when we will be holding our 'Annual Spring Walk'.

As always, we welcome new members. Our meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday, each month, 7:15pm, Bouth Village Hall** and make for an entertaining evening. Jane Chaloner, Press Secretary, 01229 821283. *Jane.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Another new Councillor in West Ward: We are now up to our full 'quota' of 9 members on the Parish Council, with John Milburn co-opted to fill the second vacancy in west ward. We welcome John who farms at Stock Farm, High Nibthwaite and has lived in the area all his life. He went to school at Satterthwaite and then at John Ruskin, Coniston. After leaving school he was a farm worker at Lowick for 5 years and then became a groundsman for Cumbria Education, looking after schools in the south lakes area for 11 years.

He took over the tenancy of Stock Farm in 1988 when his father retired. He is a member of the Bethacar Moor Commoners Association, running a hefted flock of Swaledale ewes, along with a beef suckler herd. He has been a member of the Lowick & District Agricultural Society for the past 20 years.

Illegal off-road activity: There has been quite a lot of illegal activity over the Christmas period, from trail bikes up on Bethacar Common, but also from 4x4s who have apparently smashed up the barriers at the Strands, Rusland Pool. Reports to the police of number plates and descriptions are really helpful – they have recently sent out warning letters out as a result. A van disgorging motor bikes without plates was seen at the parking spot in the wood just beyond Old Hall Farm, Bouth. All motor vehicles must be

road legal (e.g. with plates) even on the unmetalled green roads – so these were illegal. If you witness this type of thing, please ring the police non-emergency number 101 and report it – the police might just be in the area and able to respond – and also send details to the Clerk for logging on the database. For information on legal routes for motor-vehicles and how to report, please go to our website:

<http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Off-Road.htm>

Our next meeting is on **Monday 18 February, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm**. Everyone welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory C of E Secondary School

Autumn term ended with the traditional Priory Service and Christmas Dinner on Thursday followed by “Cartmel’s Got Talent” the students’ talent show on Friday. It was a great end to term with a combination of fun and reflection.

In January a visit from the well known author G P Taylor takes place. Graham Peter Taylor born in Scarborough is a New York Times best selling author. Before taking up writing full-time, he was a police officer, motorcyclist and former rock band roadie turned Anglican vicar in the village of Cloughton, North Yorkshire (see his website for more details <http://www.gptaylor.info/>). His books include Shadowmancer, Wormwood, Tersias, The Curse of Salamander Street and The Tizzle Sisters. During the day GP Taylor will run workshops and presentations for all the students in years 7, 8 and 9.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley Primary School

Christmas activities began with a special celebration of Advent with an afternoon of craft activities followed by a party tea. The event was called “Everyone Together” and was supported by parents, governors and members of all three churches of the Leven Valley. The Christmas Play

was enjoyed by packed audiences at both performances. The singers and guitarists made it a very special show this year. Class 3 visited the Lunch Club at St Anne's Church hall, Haverthwaite and entertained members at **their Christmas Party. The children also sang at Hollow Oak Nursing** Home after school. The school term ended on Thursday 20th December with Carols round the Tree which everyone enjoyed.

The new term began with lots of activities: Zumbatonic dance and ball games clubs, guitar lessons and swimming.

Class 2 have also been working very hard to prepare for their residential visit. Sixteen children with staff and helpers will be enjoying three days staying at the Coniston Coppermines Hostel. This is the first time the school has done this and I am sure everyone will have a wonderful time.
Sue.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

This is the time of year to be watching films; with Oscars on the horizon and still dark evenings to fill. OPCC has some more great films coming up: *Coriolanus* (SSS) and *The Pirates* on **19 January at Rusland, 7:30pm.**

My Week With Marilyn (yes, Munro) on **5 February at Greenodd**, (lovely and warm), **7:30pm.**

And the French film *The Kid On The Bike* (SSS) with *Up and Over* on **16 February at Rusland, 7:30pm.** This is a SSS – supper special.

Russell Peet, our local animator made 'Up and Over' from beginning to end –all the figures, Wallace & Grommit style, wrote the story and shot the film, which has won several awards already and Russell will be along on **16 February** to introduce his film and Q&A.– so you need to book with Carol to ensure you get a seat. This one will be popular.

Check the NEW website for all the details and film reviews
www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk



Oxen Park Dog Club.

The Dog Club starts again on **Tuesday 5 February 5.30 at the Reading Rooms.**

All dogs welcome – we specialise in socialisation and the dogs get some as well! Contact Carol for more information **T: 861507.**



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The Leven Valley Support Group are holding

(St. Mary's Hospice)

A VALENTINES DAY DANCE

With music by

RUSTY BULLETS

On **9 February, Greenodd Village Hall.** Tickets, which are limited, are **£7.50** and include a **Pie & Pea Supper!** **Doors open 7:00pm to 11:30pm.** Raffle and licensed bar. All proceeds to St Marys Hospice

Tickets available from:-

Dot Crabtree 015395 30132

Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685

Marion Wilson 015395 31779



TAPESTRY

In January an acoustic folk band from Cumbria, Tapestry, performed in Bouth Village Hall with a blend of storytelling, lovely melodies and vocals. Unfortunately this gig was poorly attended, which is a pity, for this group clearly has talent and these days artistic talent needs all the support it can get. You can learn more from their web site:-

www.myspace.com/tapestryunplugged



New Technology: It has recently been announced that new technology has been introduced. Apparently you can now watch TV on your TV set !!

DIARY DATES

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



- 2 February **Presentation of Christ to the Temple.**
- 3 February **Candlemas: Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
- 5 February ‘Dog Club’, Rusland Reading Rooms, 5:30pm.
Cinema Club, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 9 February Leven Valley Support Group (St. Mary’s Hospice)
Valentine Day’s Dance, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:00 ’til 11:30pm.
- 10 February **Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 13 February **Ash Wednesday, Communion, Lowick, 7:30pm.**
Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 February **Valentine’s Day.**
“St. Valentine was a priestly physician beheaded in Rome 269 AD. He had nothing to do with courtship; this is a prime example of the established Christian ploy of ‘borrowing’ pagan festivals”.
- 16 February Cinema Club. Supper Special, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 17 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 18 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 24 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Village Halls

Village halls like churches are becoming an endangered species; little used, expensive to maintain and yet would be sorely missed if not there. Bouth, for example, has strived over the years to keep their hall in reasonable state but it has come at a cost and most charitable activities seem to be directed at the more well known and often better off organisations.

The current management, with this in mind, has arranged for a Bingo Night in the Hall on the **15 March** and together with the W I for a Coffee Morning at the Coronation Hall on **4 July**. Your support is essential.



