



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

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Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

We are well into this New Year now and I hope you are able to look forward positively to all that life will bring in the forthcoming year. There are certainly new things to look forward to in the Benefice.

People who don't "do" church, often say these things about it

- It's dull
- I feel conspicuous in a small congregation
- I can't find my way round the Prayer Book
- The hymns are like dirges
- It's always cold in churches
- Nobody speaks to you

They are commonly held reasons and we are trying to address them as best we can to encourage you to join us. I would really like you to just try church on the second Sunday in the month and tell us how we are succeeding. It is seeking to be different, the 3 congregations come together in one of the churches, which means that you would not be conspicuous and there will be one near you every three months (although that is no reason not to travel a few miles to the one where the service is happening).

What you find may surprise you. We have turned up the heating, there are no complicated books to find your way around, we are moving away from those dirge like hymns and the language is respectful but the kind of English you speak; **plus**, you may even get a video during the time for reflection. And to round it off – we share food together after the service.

Just to remind and encourage you here is what Paul wrote to the Christian family in Rome

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory.....”

We are all family with one Father, and that includes you. Please join us, we would love to welcome you.

With love and prayers for you all

Your sister in Christ

Joanna

P.S. Watch this space, we have more plans!



COLTON CHRONICLES

If the attendance at the Colton Service on the first day of the New Year is any indication then our Church is in for a rough 2017. Sadly and shamefully there were but six worshippers, including the Vicar and the organist.

In a few weeks time it will be Lent and it may seem inappropriate to discuss Christmas but it is a necessity as we do not have a magazine in January. Why? Mainly because both contributors and this editor have other things to do and not much happens in November and early December.

We wish to thank all those who made our Christian Christmas celebrations so memorable. Those who took services, Sidespersons, those who read and led intercessions, those who decorated the church, the wonderful choir and those who provided the delights and the mulled wine after the Carol service.

And indeed all those who did most of the things that needed doing throughout the year!

THANK YOU

Way back in November some idiot, probably the same one, kicked in a section of the eastern window in the transept. Due to the good services of our faithful servant, John King, it was quickly repaired. Thank you, John. *Donald.*

Benefice Lunch: From the beginning of 2017, the parishes in the Benefice, Holy Trinity, Colton, St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith and St. Mary's, Egton cum Newland, have started to follow a new pattern of worship.

On the second Sunday of the month, the parishes are now getting together for a joint benefice service, at 10.30am, rotating round the churches of the three parishes each month. This month, on **Sunday 12 February**, we are holding the joint service at St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith. The service will then be followed by a light lunch in the Lowick Community Hall.

You are warmly invited to come to the service and lunch, or if you would prefer, simply come and join us for food and friendship at **11:30am** at Lowick Community Hall. *Brian Streeter.*



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Apologies if too much of this issue is old but then old is often better than young, which gives your editor an excuse to thank all of you who made my 'special' birthday so memorable and an additional thanks to those who ignored my instructions and brought gifts, most of which, somewhat oddly, were bottles. It was good to be born in the same year as the Queen although not perhaps Fidel Castro.

Colton Parish is, without doubt one of the most caring, loving and helpful communities in these isles and we should all be grateful. No doubt many acts of kindness have happened over the Christmas period and you should congratulate yourselves.

One particular act of friendship was the 'Christmas Card Delivery Service' in Bouth, organised and efficiently executed by Paul Holden and his elves, Roger P & Scotty. Another **THANK YOU** and we look forward to this coming December.

Once again the 'Carols Round the Tree' became the 'Carols Round the Bar'. Our thanks to Kath & Nigel Barton for their hospitality; the amount raised for the Air Ambulance Service was £152.

Defibrillator: Is now installed on the wall of the White Hart Inn, Bouth and is fully operational. As a community we are obliged to all those who made this possible.

Congratulations to Lois Barton who in November passed her driving test, which now is a lot more difficult than it was for the older generation. A passport to adulthood!

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Well here we are again another Christmas Party done and dusted. A good time was had by all who attended with the help of Donald's special brew, the Village Hall decoration looked great with the help of the villagers who got involved on the morning of the party. The catering was its usual high standard, which was excellent, thanks to the two ladies from K&E catering.

The entertainment fronted by Cathy Styles, who encouraged W. I. members to do their bit, was also excellent as was the 'audience participation'; the singing rang the rafters!

Thanks again to Historian Ronnie Mein for his amusing, interesting and informative talk, at our January meeting, on his beloved Blue Mills.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 February, 7:15pm** when Jen Berry will be giving a talk on 'Making Sugar Flowers'.

Jenny Smith.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At a relatively quiet time of year for the Council, we are struggling to come to terms with the loss of a familiar face at the table. Our clerk, Mandy Lane, has stepped down after more than nine years' loyal service. ("See '**Mandy**'")

Every cloud has a silver lining and we are pleased to announce our new clerk, **Karen Birch** who has already demonstrated her undoubted capabilities and experience, running two council meetings most effectively. As part of her duties, she will be contributing to future editions of the newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 February, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.**

Colin Barr (Chairman Colton Parish Council)

Karen Birch (clerk), T: 01229 860 115, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com, W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Mandy: Mandy Lane has recently resigned from the position of Clerk to the Parish Council after nine years of very active service. She brought a commitment, efficiency and sense of purpose to the role that culminated in Colton Parish Council being awarded Quality Status in 2010 and the Local Council Awards Scheme Qualification in 2016. The Councillors bathed in the reflected glory of her successes!

Outside recognition is good, but more important to the work of the council, has been Mandy's professional and personal skills as an efficient and effective clerk. The parish website, Community Plan and Newsletters - key ways in which the PC reaches out to the community – are testaments to her ability to produce high quality, informative and attractive communications.

On a personal level, she has worked maintained positive working relationships with the variety of authorities and agencies as well as with the people of the parish. Her qualities of persistence, gentle assertiveness and a great capacity to 'see things through' in the face of frustrating, bureaucratic inertia... have been greatly appreciated

Mandy's local knowledge is 'awesome' and goes alongside a warm attachment to the locality, its landscape and its people. We may have lost her from the council but, happily, not from the parish.

Vanessa.



OXEN PARK READING ROOM

Our next Traveller's Tales is on **Friday 3 February** when Tamsin & David Kidwell will be telling us about their 8 years at sea; almost sold out – tickets from Carol, or Gill, Oxen Park. **Carthouse 7:30pm.**

We are trying a number of 'taster' sessions to find out what people would like once refurbishment is complete. The first will be on **Tuesday 17 January 4:45- 5:45pm** a Fab fun fitness session at the Reading Room. It will include general aerobic/cardio work and strength exercises for our core, back and everyday life.

Just turn up, **£5**. Remember – no loo yet! Local personal trainer Ren is helping the community keep fit active and healthy with fitness classes in the local community.

If you have an idea for another taster then let us know.

Carol.

CINEMA CLUB

Our next film is on **Saturday 28 January** when we will be showing the new Ken Loach film *I Daniel Blake* followed on **Tuesday 7 February** with *'Carol'* featuring Kate Blanchett. Both at the **Carthouse, 7:30pm.**

Saturday Supper Special (+£4) **Saturday 18 February, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.** *'Rams'*. **Booking Essential!**

Our spring series of 6 weekly children's films started on 26 January all at **Outback Hall 3:45 – 5:30pm.** Only **£2.**



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Our apprentices, identified by their bright green T shirts are doing a great job and making a positive difference to our environment. To date they have completed a 250 metre stretch of boardwalk across part of Rusland Moss and restored an area of neglected coppice at Sales Bank wood, near Colton.

We shall be recruiting more apprentices this spring; details available in February on our website. For more information contact Claire Green
Email: claire.green@lake-district.gov.com

There's also plenty of activity gathering local history with both the mapped history team busy collecting old field names and a new enthusiastic group of volunteers preparing to conduct oral history interviews with a select group of locals. The volunteers are achieving results well beyond the resources of any individual or small specialist team and seem to be having a lot of fun at the same time. We can't wait to hear the fruits of their hard work!

Can you help support our heritage skills training course programme?

We are looking for a volunteer to attend training courses, hand out and gather a few forms and promote what else is going on with the projects. If you are interested please contact Claire Green, Rusland Horizons Skills and Training Coordinator. (See above).

You are invited to attend our various functions. Dates for your diary :-

Thursday 9 February, 7:00-10:00pm, Outback Hall (Leven Valley School), *Cunsey Forge Archaeology Dig – Celebration and Findings.*

Tuesday 14 February, 7:30-9.00pm, Carthouse, Oxen Park, Dr. Jean Turnbull on *Aspects of Rural Life in South Lakeland*.

Please note that it is essential to book for these events:

- www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'Rusland Horizons.
- **E:** rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk
- Call the Rusland Horizons Team **T:** 015397 724 555

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Bouth Group: The Bouth Group has been active again and a work party met on 4th January to carry out further work on the footpaths in the woods behind Old Hall Farm. Ten members of the Group and three from Rusland Horizons split into two groups with one redirecting a stream that had overflowed and flooded the footpath and the other group working on clearing windblown timber from the original path.

The path is now passable and takes a higher level route through the wood instead of over a very boggy area. Many thanks to all those taking part.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 7 February** and will be a talk about coppicing and woodland management at **Bouth Village Hall** during the morning and then a practical session in the woods during the afternoon. Anyone interested please contact pholden1@hotmail.co.uk . Thanks

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

Faulty Electrical Goods

“Don't be stuck with electrical goods that don't work.”

This time of year, many people buy electrical goods. But what do you do if they go wrong?

South Lakes Citizens Advice is reminding people to go back to retailers if they are sold faulty electrical goods. If an item breaks and it's not your fault, you have a right to a free repair, replacement or refund depending on when and where you bought it.

Many people are initially turned away by retailers, who may not be aware of the rights and responsibilities around faulty electrical goods. But persistence pays off.

Knowing your rights means that you can approach the retailer for a repair, refund or replacement confident in the knowledge that they should help you find a solution.

You can get information from Citizens Advice's online:

faulty goods tool (www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) or contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on **T: 03454 040 506** and don't put up with broken electrical goods!

*Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – **T: 03444 111 444** for an appointment and help. (Please note the new number.) 015394 46464 for on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574*



Haverthwaite Surgery: Considering the Nationwide problems with GP's Surgeries we in this community are truly blessed. Not only is it simple to get an appointment and unbelievably quickly, but the service we receive from the Doctors to the reception staff is of the highest quality. To maintain this wonderful service it is up to us, the patients, to be reasonable in our demands.

As proof, we have received this message: "*Doctors and staff at the surgery wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year, flu jabs still available!*" *Donald.*



Concert: On **Saturday 15 July** Martin Roscoe, generously, is giving a Piano Concert at **Brathay Church**, when the proceeds will be donated to the three Valley Churches. We will let you know full details at a later date.



"Husbands are like fires – they go out when unattended."

Zsa Zsa Gabor

DIARY DATES

3 February	Travellers Tales, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
5 February	Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.
7 February	Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm. Rusland Horizons, Bouth Group, Village Hall, 9am.
8 February	Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
9 February	Rusland Horizons, Function, Outback Hall, 7:00pm.
12 February	Benefice Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am.
13 February	Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
14 February	Rusland Horizons, Function, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
17 February	Oxen Park Reading Room, Fab Fun Fitness Session, 4:45pm.
18 February	Cinema Club, Saturday Supper Special, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
19 February	Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.
26 February	Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.



‘The Devil’

So here we are then, apparently caught between the deep blue sea and a little red imaginary man with a goatee beard, eating his own devilled chicken and the devil’s chocolate fudge cake.

But if he is imaginary, who is it who keeps saying ‘The grass is always greener’? *Milton Jones.*



‘He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven’.

Had I heaven’s embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

W. B. Yeats

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - February 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 February	1. Susan Smith	Ruth 1	
Morning Worship			Susan King
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	2. Graham Wallace	Matthew 5:13-20	
12 February	Benefice Service - Holy Communion - St. Luke's, Lowick		
Holy Communion			
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>			
19 February	1. Roderick Smith	Ruth 3	
Morning Worship			Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	2. Gordon Pickles	Matthew 5:21-37	
26 February	1. John Tarr	Ruth 4	
Holy Communion			Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>David B</i>	2. Ian Pirnie	Matthew 17: 1- 9	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

5 February Mrs. Susan King

19 February Mrs. Susan Smith

26 February Mrs. Susan Dean



FLOWER ROTA

5 February Mrs. Margaret Sanders

12 February Mrs. Margaret Sanders

19 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper

26 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper



*"He who binds himself a joy
Doth the wingeth life destroy;
But He who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise."*

William Blake



Magazine Money: It is noticeable that it is missing and we need it –pay up!

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