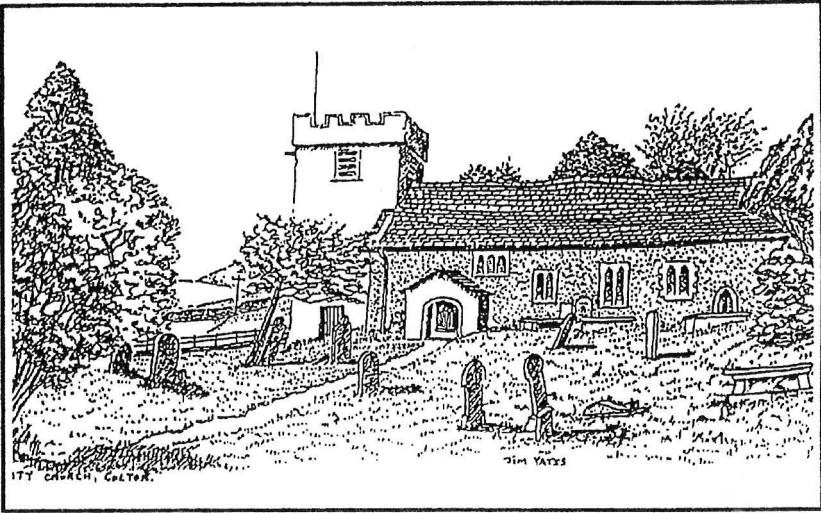




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

COLTON CHRONICLES

A change in the format this month as the Pastoral Letter has apparently got lost in the ether and time is of the essence. Some contributors seem to think that the morning of the 15th. of the month is a movable feast, which leads to the editor spending an inordinate amount of time nagging on the telephone. The usual excuse is being busy, but aren't we all? They appear to have no consideration of the time schedule in putting the News together, getting it printed and distributed before the end of the month. Too Busy!!

Sunday 22 October was a day to remind us that God's Church is for all, not for the few. In the morning there was a Baptism where the babe was in good voice. It was a wonderful service as Ellie-Louise Fleming the lovely daughter of Julie and Trevor was introduced to our Faith; but it was more than that, a prompt for all of us to 'affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.' We will continue to pray for Ellie-Louise, her parents and sponsors in the hope she will grow up in a better and more peaceful world.

In the afternoon a young couple, Sarah Holden and Craig Alan Baker exchanged vows as they were joined together in Holy Matrimony; we also pray for them in that they have a long and good marriage. Anyone can be happy but being good at it takes hard work.

Apparently half the fun reading this rag is to spot mistakes, which is fine, but now the Vicar, not only is at it, but revelling in it. He reminds me that in the piece about the Deaneries, it should have read Penny Bridge & Lowick!

The **Carol Service is on Sunday 17 December 4.00pm.** As usual the church will be decorated and this takes place on **Saturday 16 December. 10.00am.** be there.

Joanna, full of new ideas as always wants to make '**a new kind of tree decoration**' for our Christmas tree. To this end there will be a **Workshop, Church Room, Saturday 9 December, 2.00 to 4.00pm.** Mince pies and tea provided and if you can't make it ring Joanna for homework!

We have been very lucky in that Judy has quietly persuaded sister Sue to play the organ occasionally; this also has the advantage of Judy being able to take her place in the choir; thank you to both of them.

Donald.

FLOWERS

The first Sunday in December is Advent Sunday when churches are bereft of decoration as we all prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The church will be decorated on the 16th. and will last until the New Year.

COFFEE

3 December Mrs. Margaret Sanders & helpers.



MOTHERS UNION

Afternoon tea was held in Bouth Village Hall on Wednesday 4 October when a charming lady police(man) officer explained the measures we could take to avoid vandalism and burglary especially on farms.

Over £60 was raised for the Mothers Union at home and overseas. Our grateful thanks to all.

The **Deanery Advent Service** will be held on **Thursday 7 December at Rusland Parish Church 2.00pm.** (whatever it may say in the Diary dates) Wendy



PARISH NEWS

It is all too easy to upset people in these pages but now and then it is not the fault of the editor but rather misinformation. Last month there was a comment on the tidy verges and road edges in Bouth and complimented Colin Young for his efforts, but he was not alone, and somewhat belatedly we say a sincere thanks to his close friend John Silcock who shared the task.

Halloween can be a headache for residents, due to the imported American 'Trick or Treat'; residents in Bouth however, opened their doors to some beautifully attired and scary looking young people, who to everyone's utter amazement, said that they had come to treat **us** !! It was very touching and we thank the young people for their consideration and generosity. One suspects that the ring leader was the ever young Kath Barton.

Judy is back to form having now got a telephone : 01229 588 684. She and Bryan 'thank all of you who sent cards (40), flowers and even a very >>

Welcome cake to wish us well in our new home and you are all welcome to come and visit us.' She says she will still be around As they are only 10 minutes away.

Burn Knott is now occupied and we offer our warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Turner to Colton Parish and Bouth; with just a little effort you will find that both the parish and the village are friendly, welcoming and incredibly caring; we wish you well and a happy stay.

Joanna and Bob are proud grandparents again and you would think that they had something to do with it. Congratulations to Rachel and Matthew Henson on the birth of Emily Lucy on 20 October, 6lb 12ozs. Half sister to Holly and Harvey,

Zella thanks you all who braved the miserable weather to support her coffee morning. The one that I forgot. £350 was raised for the NSPCC. As always she thanks everyone else, but we thank her and especially for the heavenly bread she bakes.

Scot Jones and Molly Lynch, whoever you are and wherever you come from, we send you our best wishes and pray that you do get married and in Colton. Readers, to find out why, look at the visitors book at the back of the church.

Silvia, she of Betterware fame, tells us that the 'Musical Evening' organised by the Hospice Leven Support Group at the YMCA Chapel raised £442. Thanks are due to the YMCA for donating the facilities and those who attended,

We all thank our curate the Revd. Joanna for her superb organisation of and for the lovely Remembrance Service. Pity there weren't more there, some of whom preferred to sit in front of the television and watch that bit of a show from Whitehall!

Donald.



ADVENT SERVICES

Colton Morning/Family Worship 10.30am. Joanna

Lowick Holy Communion 9.30am. Gary

Penny Bridge Morning Worship 11.00am. Gary

The Posada venture will be launched at each of these services.

PASTORAL LETTER

Bridge End House
Penny Bridge
Ulverston

December 2006

Dear friends

Wool, Walk and Wonder.

Over the last month I have had the enjoyable task of gathering together the knitted figures so beautifully made by members of our communities for use in our Travelling Crib. As a complete 'no hoper' when it comes to knitting I am amazed at the intricacy of each figure, made from the same basic pattern but with the makers own creativity adding individuality.

The Travelling Crib is based on a Mexican tradition called Posada, where a couple of youngsters act out the journey made many years ago by Mary and Joseph as they travelled to Bethlehem and went from place to place in search of somewhere.

Our travelling crib set contains Mary and Joseph, the kings, shepherds and some wonderful woolly sheep. (We eagerly anticipate meeting Jesus later!)

Whilst collecting the sets I have been struck not only by the individuality of the figures but also that the trip to Bethlehem was made by people from very different backgrounds, approaching the journey from very different perspectives.

Take the kings or wise men, clever, educated, perhaps with an interest in the scientific. The shepherds on the other hand overwhelmed by an emotional experience making a journey driven perhaps more by the heart than the head.

Mary and Joseph both experienced supernatural reassurances but were also journeying out of obligation to the laws of the time. Whatever drove the groups to make the journey all were to meet Jesus – Immanuel, which means God is with us.

I wonder which group of travellers you would align yourself with?

Are you a clever scientific questioner, or are you already journeying out of a sense of duty. Perhaps you respond best through feelings.

The journey to meet Jesus and beyond to know the daily reality of God walking with us is not exclusive to one or other type of person. The essential element for us all is the desire to travel.

The assurance is that as we journey with that desire God is already responding. If you are able, have a look in the bible at Luke 15v20.

The travelling Crib moving from house to house in our parishes provides an opportunity for those who receive it to reflect on their personal faith journey to meet Jesus. (At the time of writing there are just a few spaces left for any who wish to join in)

Whether or not you are able to join in this year can I encourage you to use the next few weeks to re energise, restart or begin for the first time your faith journey, and then join with us at Christmas to celebrate God sending Jesus to meet with us, the most important encounter any of us can ever have.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn

Carolyn Dykes, Commissioned Lay Minister



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 8 November, which included the report of the treasurer, Debbie Perry and a recap of the previous year given by secretary Susie Smith. We said farewell to two committee members ,Debbie and Judy Redhead who both stood down. Kaye Croasdale has joined the committee as vice (what do the WI get up to?) secretary and Peggy Mather is our new treasurer. The rest of the ‘usual suspects’ remain and in their posts: Elspeth Cooper, President, Susie Smith, Secretary and Penny Lovegrove, Press Secretary.

Our next gathering is the **Christmas Party on Wednesday 13 December 7.15pm** for members and the mature citizens of Bouth, who will no doubt receive invitations, but you have to pay. **£5**

The next proper meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 January 2007, Village Hall, 7.15pm.** when the speaker will be Ian Lovegrove, brother in law of Penny who will speaking on 'My life in Antarctica' This is an open meeting so the chaps are welcome. Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our October meeting the speaker was Mr. Raymond Tyson and his subject, Post Cards. These are becoming very collectable items and he showed us some very early examples including lace ones which were sent by our troops in France, to their loved ones, during World War 1.

We shall be having our usual Christmas Dinner but the date and venue have yet to be decided.

The next proper meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 January 2007, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.** and will a members Night. Barbara.



COLTON PARISH NEWS

The Parish Lengthsman Pilot Scheme is to be introduced within the next couple of months. The council will shortly be looking for a suitable candidate for the job which entails working 2 days a week, one day in the Colton parish and one day in the Hawkshead parish. Anyone who is interested in more details of the job should contact either Judith Dove (01229 885647) or Ron Mein (01229 861452).

The Government White Paper entitled 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' has just been published. The aim of this White Paper is "to give local people and local communities more influence and power to improve their lives, creating strong, prosperous communities and delivering better public services through a rebalancing of the relationship between central government, local government and local people". This will mean changes at parish council level, which will be revealed over the next few months – watch this space! Judith.

HAVE A SAFE CHRISTMAS

Rapidly approaching is the time of year for old tree lights, illuminated figures and candles to be taken out of boxes and placed ‘tastefully’ around the home.

This is just a brief reminder from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service to check wiring and fuses and to use candles wisely.

With extra seasonal fire hazards in the home this time of year please do not let your first Christmas or New Year visitor be one who arrives in a large red vehicle with blue flashing lights.

If anybody needs any advice please contact:-

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service
Barrow & South Lakeland Area Office
Phoenix Road
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria LA14 2NS

Tel: (01229) 821363



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

This has been a very busy term and some highlights not already reported are the ‘Amelia Caldwell’ project where pupils are working as a ‘catalyst’ in publicising *Scheuermann’s disease* with Lancaster University and local medical professionals. The Fire service have introduced a programme in schools for adolescent boys which is proving very successful.

Our talented musicians treated us to a feast of music at our School Concert, which belied their years. The standard was excellent and the enthusiasm infectious and thanks are due to not just the pupils but to Mrs. Houston who gave time and energy at a busy part of the term. Lynda.



LEVEN VALLEY

We have a new addition! Not a new pupil this time (although numbers are very healthy at 72 pupils), but Stephen Cooper, our Class Two teacher, is now the proud father of Edward, born on Friday 10th November, a brother for Emily. We feel quite modern, as we have been involved in “paternity leave”.

Our **Kristkindle** sale is on **Sunday 10 December, 2.30pm**. You are cordially invited to attend; to look round, sample mulled wine and mince pies, and maybe visit Santa. If you are interested in hiring a stall, please contact me at school (31365). The cost is £10.

We are holding our **Christmas Service** in school this year, on **Friday 15 December, 2.45pm**. We have been invited to Church, but we have so much stuff to carry for the Nativity, that it is easier to be “at home”. You are very welcome to join us, and see how lovely the school looks for Christmas. A Merry Christmas, and peaceful and healthy New Year to you all, from everyone here.

Susan.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Concerts

Cancer Research Concert **Sunday 10 December Greenodd Village Hall 7.00pm** £3.50 & donations to cancer research. Starring our own Cathy Styles. Judy instructs you to be there!!

Christmas Carol Concert **Saturday 16 December Ulverston Parish Church 7.30pm.** £7

Films

Pierpoint **Tuesday 5 December Rusland 7.30pm.**

Polar Express **Saturday 16 December Colton 4.00pm.** Only £1.

Pride & Prejudice **Tuesday 2 January Rusland 7.30pm.**

Shark Tale **Saturday 13 January Colton 4.00pm.**

Carols Round the Tree

Sunday 24 December 6.00pm Bouth Village Green. Don't forget your torches!!

Neighbourhood Forum

Tuesday 23 January St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Ulverston 7.30pm.

Other

Entertainment Evening **Saturday 17 February Rusland Reading Room 7.30pm.**

Tickets will be on sale in January and will be at a premium.

If anybody or event has been omitted – SORRY!!



Hospitals do some strange things these days and Allan Lovegrove from Bouth has just returned from Furness General after having his knee joint stretched. Apparently he is none the worse for his experience as he has been seen walking his excuse for a dog. It is more like a young pony.

DIARY DATES

Services at Colton

- 3 December **Family Service – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow.(Joanna)
10 December **No Service – Benefice at Penny Bridge – 10.30am.** (David)
17 December **Carol Service – 4.00pm.** (Joanna)
24 December **No Service.**
25 December **Christmas Day Family Communion – 10.30am.** (David)
31 December **Ecumenical Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am.** (Gary)



Other dates

- 3 December **Lowick – Holy Communion – 9.30am**
Penny Bridge – Morning Worship – 11.00am.
7 December M U **Deanery Advent Service – Rusland, 2.00pm.**
8 December **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
9 December Joanna's Workshop – Church Hall, 2.00 to 4.00pm.
10 December **Penny Bridge Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am.**
Leven Valley School – Kristkindle – 2.30pm.
13 December Bouth W I Christmas Party – 7.15 for 7.30pm. Village Hall.
16 December Decorating the Church – 10.00am.
25 December **The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Family Communion. 10.30am.**
Otherwise known as Christmas day.
26 December **St. Stephen.**
27 December **St. John, Apostle.**
29 December **Holy Innocents.**

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- 10 January Bouth W I Open Meeting – 7.15pm. Village hall.
23 January Sparkbridge & Lowick W I Meeting – 7.30pm. Lowick Sunday School.



Due to several unconnected circumstances it has been a difficult month so apologies for any mistakes or omissions. There will not be an issue next month but be prepared for the Vicar's more serious version.

Donald.

Services and Rotas for December

3rd	First Sunday of Advent – Posada See Pastoral Letter		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton	10.30am	Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11.00am.	Morning Worship
10th	Second Sunday of Advent		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist
Readings:	First Reading	Malachi	3: 1-4
	Second Reading	Philippians	1: 3-11
	Gospel	Luke	3: 1-6
	No service at Lowick and Colton		
17th	Third Sunday of Advent		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton	4:00pm	Carol Service
St Mary	Penny Bridge	4:00pm	Crake Valley Carol Service
Readings:	First Reading	Zephaniah	3:14-end
	Second Reading	Philippians	4: 4-7
	Gospel	Luke	3: 7-18
Readers:	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood	
24th	Christmas Eve		
St Luke	Lowick	3:00pm	Posada (See in front of magazine)
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:30pm	First Communion of Christmas
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	52: 7-10
	Second Reading	Hebrews	1: 1-4
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14
25th	Christmas Day		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Family Communion on Christmas Day
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	62: 6-12
	Second Reading	Titus	3: 4-7
	Gospel	Luke	2: 8-20
31st	First Sunday of Christmas		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Ecumenical Benefice Eucharist
Readings:	First Reading	1 Samuel	2:18-20, 26
	Second Reading	Colossians	3: 12-17
	Gospel	Luke	2:41-end
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	S James	

Services

As always the services for December are different from the usual pattern. I ask you to check carefully to see where a service is before setting out. The enclosed card with the magazine gives details for the month.