



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Celebration

The last few days have seen times of celebration in various parts of the benefice and in a variety of ways.

Saturday saw the Annual Colton Church Fete opened by Donald Wroe. It was very fitting that Donald opened the fete as he is a central figure in church life and in the community at Bouth. He uses the gifts and talents God gave to him to the full in the different communities in which he is involved. The fete itself is an opportunity for local people and those who live further away to get together and chat, share what has been happening and, of course, spend money in support of Holy Trinity Church, Colton. It is appreciated. A church and community celebration.

On the Tuesday before that there was a concert given by the pupils past (a few) and present (many) of Penny Bridge School. It was an excellent evening when again, using God given gifts and talents, a variety of instruments, (recorders, violins, flutes, clarinets, guitar, keyboard, trumpet, saxophone, hand bells and the voice), were played to the delight of those listening. A school celebration.

The Saturday before that saw an event in Spark Bridge to support the work of Breast Cancer Care. It was a local community effort and just looking at the scones, covered in cream and decorated with strawberries, made one's cholesterol level jump. Add a glass of "bubbly", or a cup of tea!, and all were ready to spend money on the raffle, tombola or stalls. It was a celebration of all the good work done by Breast Cancer Care. A local community event and celebration.

Just before that on the Thursday saw an open day at the Crake Valley Waste Water Treatment Works. The afternoon saw about 35 people having a tour around the works after seeing developments and planning that had brought the work into being. In the morning a cheque for £300 was presented to Penny Bridge Nursery and I had been asked to say prayers at the works for its accident free completion and for the local communities it serves. This was requested by those who have worked on the project and shows the interweaving of our daily life with the God who loves and sustains us. A celebration from within and without the local community.

Perhaps we do not realise the part God plays in our lives and we may laugh at the idea of prayers at a Waste Water Treatment Plant but it is there for the good of the community. The local community is important and as churches in the benefice we pray for all members of our surrounding villages on a regular basis as well as where there is specific need.

At church, Sunday by Sunday, we have a celebration which you are all invited to. Sometimes there are only a few gathered but we celebrate the God who loves us and loves you. You will be welcomed to share with us on any Sunday when and wherever the church celebration takes place.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss



COLTON CHRONICLES

"Be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." We are not altogether sure what category the Vicar falls into but on Ceefax page 1625 there was his name shining bright. At the official opening of the new Waste Water Plant (Sewage Works to you and I) at Greenodd, the Revd. Canon Gary Wemyss carried out a 'Blessing' in front of the staff and local representatives. Do not smile, as without such plants our rivers would be dirty and disease prevalent. Clean water, that we take for granted, has saved more lives than medicine.

Church Fête: The Vicar got there before me but we must give thanks to all who worked, gave and spent, especially on such a shocking day. The amount raised is £1000 or thereabouts. Well done everybody. *Donald.*

FLOWER ROTA

7 August	Mrs. Pauline Parkin
14 August	Mrs. Sally Pirnie
21 August	Mrs. Sally Pirnie
26 August	Rev'd. Joanna Henson
4 September	Rev'd. Joanna Henson



COFFEE & THE BIBLE



- What has Paul's Letter to the Philippians to say to us today?
- A look at the letter for the last two sessions.
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- **August 10th** Philippians Chapter 3 at the Gregg's
- **August 24th** Philippians Chapter 4 at Donald's

If you haven't been before, do not worry but give the Vicar a ring first.



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Congratulations to 'mature' student Bob Henson on achieving a highly creditable 2:1 degree in philosophy from Lancaster University and it has not been easy. Bob became a full time student travelling at least four days a week from Colton to Lancaster for three long years, no doubt feeling like a

grandfather to the other students and wondering whether he would ever make it. Bless him, he did and with style.

The Constabulary have been making their presence felt visiting Bouth and encouraging the populace to reintroduce the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. They also introduced 'Cumbria Community Messaging' which offers you the means to receive information from Agencies in the County; it is free and there are no obligations or costs. To register go online to www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk. If you do not have a computer a friend can register on your behalf.

The last month was indeed a time of celebration, celebration of the talents of our parishioners and their families. The Furness Bach Choir gave a superb, if unusual concert, in the Ulverston Methodist Church with solos from Naomi Tarr, Daisy Ball and Cathy Styles. Daisy Ball also won the Governor's Award for Service to the School (Victoria High) and Esther Lambert has been appointed Head Girl at John Ruskin School. Congratulations all round but where were the chaps?

Bouth Village Green: John Osborne, Head Green Keeper, would like to thank all the villagers who turned out in 'interesting' weather to weed, clean and tidy the Village Green - to the mowers, working the rota to keep the Green looking so smart and to Paul and Steve for their fence mending plus special thanks to Ron Mein for completely renovating the notice boards.

In return the villagers would like to thank the Osborne family, Bridget, Barbara & John for their unstinting efforts and gardening skills in ensuring that the Green continues to be maintained to its high standards.

Rusland Show: The Show, this year, will be held on **Saturday 20 August**. Schedules can be had from Antony Meanwell, The Syke, Rusland, email: a_meanwell@msn.com. Tel: 01229 860 076.

St. Mary's Hospice: The Leven Valley Support Group's Annual Fair was its usual success and raised a magnificent £4,500 for the Hospice. The next event will be a performance by 'Voce', a male voice quartet, on **Friday 7 October, Café Ambio, Backbarrow**.

Divine Intervention?: The problems of rural Post Offices was aired on BBC 'Country File' with interviews at Greenodd Post Office, but wasn't it odd that the two men who were interviewed were both priests?

Donald, this Donald, gives his grateful thanks for all the loving care, kind thoughts, cards and especially the hugs received following the loss of his sister, Barbara. Words cannot express the wonders of the caring society we all enjoy in this select part of the United Kingdom.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

The July meeting was, in the truest sense of the word, extraordinary; the speaker who was unable to attend in January because of the snow rescheduled but, despite being an alleged 'Blue Badge Guide', got lost and arrived rather late. Clearly in a confused state he proceeded to decorate the floor with his slides and by the time order was restored, enough was enough. He disappeared to find his way home, the ladies had a natter and did likewise (probably via the White Hart.)

The next meeting is not until **Wednesday 14 September, 7:15, Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mr. Martin Cooper, his subject, 'Advice to the Community'. The competition: *An Interesting Document*. Like a Birth Certificate, perhaps!

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There has been no Parish Council meeting since the last edition of this newsletter, so there is not a great deal to report except for one item concerning Old Hall Wood, Bouth:

Thank you to everyone who came along on 15th June, for an informal meeting with Nigel Williams and his colleagues from the Forestry Commission, to gather views on how the woodland should be managed. The FC are keen for communities to have a say in developing management plans for local woods like Old Hall. They hope that local people will want to become involved in monitoring wildlife, improving paths and drainage, and in woodland industries, for example.

At this informal walk around the wood, the general consensus was for a 'light touch' management approach, with some small-scale coppicing work to open up glades for wildlife sites and viewpoints. The existing paths would be improved, drains unblocked, and some overhanging vegetation cut back.

The future of the larch by the roadside and the area of spruce at the top of the wood was discussed at some length. The FC intends to thin the larch plantation at the bottom of the hill, but the spruce at the top would be difficult and costly to remove. Although national policy is focussed on the restoration of broadleaf woodlands, allowing some conifers to remain actually maximises biodiversity, providing important winter cover and an essential food source for some species, for example red squirrels (the larch), siskins and redpolls (the spruce). An obvious solution for the spruce seemed to be to leave it alone to provide wildlife and landscape benefits; over time, some trees will succumb to wind-throw, leaving some to become mature specimens.

We hope that Bouth residents will be keen to take this community woodland plan forward, and so we have arranged a meeting with the FC to be held during August at **Bouth Village Hall**. A provisional date of **Wednesday 10 August, 7:30 pm** has been pencilled in, but not yet confirmed. Look out for notices on the Village Green board shortly.

Our next Parish Council meetings are on **Monday 25 July, 7:30 pm** at Rusland Reading Room and **Monday 12 September, 7:30 pm** at **Finsthwaite Village Hall**.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their next exciting but unsettling change: the transfer to secondary school. They have been working on their Leavers Assembly and also visiting their new schools and meeting staff from their new schools in their home environment of Leven Valley. Everything is done today to make their transition easier and more successful.

A far cry from my own memory of taking an exam, being told at which school you had obtained a place and travelling on your own on two buses across a city! Things have certainly improved.

All pupils have enjoyed and learnt a lot during “A wonderful Week of Work” at school when a number of parents, friends and associates have

Pupils have found out about sheep shearing, outdoor education, yurt building, dry stone walling and the police force, just a few examples. Children were also interviewed by Radio Cumbria about the footbridge or lack of it and the impact it has had on their lives. It was due to be replaced in June. It seems it may be done in August. Pupils are also very busy rehearsing for their end of year production of Cinderella to be performed twice on July 19th.

SATs results have been received by the school and were very pleasing for the children involved who had worked very hard and for the staff who had also worked very hard. The results of the surveys that were undertaken were very positive and have been shared with the governors; ideas and suggestions have been discussed and will be integrated into the School Improvement Plan. The school also had its Ofsted Inspection and Church Inspection, the results of which are not yet available to be published. It has been an interesting way to end a school year.

Sue Sanderson.



Adult Education: Cartmel

The Adult Education Centre is housed in Cartmel Priory School and offers a wide variety of courses both academic and social. These include Pilate classes, Creative Felt Pictures, Scottish Country Dancing, Flamenco Dancing, Dry Stone Walling and Photography. There are lots of language classes during the day and evenings; for those who want more academic there is understanding religion, a local history class and many more.

The Brochure is out now and to find out more you can contact the centre, by phone: 015395 36323 + a 24 hour answering service, by email: adulted@cartmelpriory.cumbria.sch.uk

The Adult Education manager is Jude Godden and they also have a website: www.cartmelpriory.cumbria.co.uk



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Our New season's programme is just about finalised so look out for our film shows on the first Tuesday of each month and some Saturday Supper Specials. We are kicking off with *Another Year* – an award winning Mike

Leigh film with Jim Broadbent and Lesley Manville. So pencil in **Tuesday 6 September, 7.30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.**

Our first Saturday film also at **Rusland** is *Submarine* on **Saturday 24 September, 7.30pm.** We look forward to seeing many of you at our film shows in the coming months.

Carol.



DIARY DATES

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



August

7 August	Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.
10 August	Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, Lowick Green, 10:00am. Forestry Commission Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
14 August	Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.
20 August	The Rusland Show.
21 August	Holy Communion, 9:30am. Bible Study, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
28 August	Holy Communion, 9:30am.

September

4 September	Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.
6 September	Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
11 September	Benefice Communion, Colton, 10:30am.
12 September	Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm
14 September	Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
18 September	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
24 September	Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
25 September	Holy Communion, 9:30am.



Please note: there will not be a magazine in September.

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