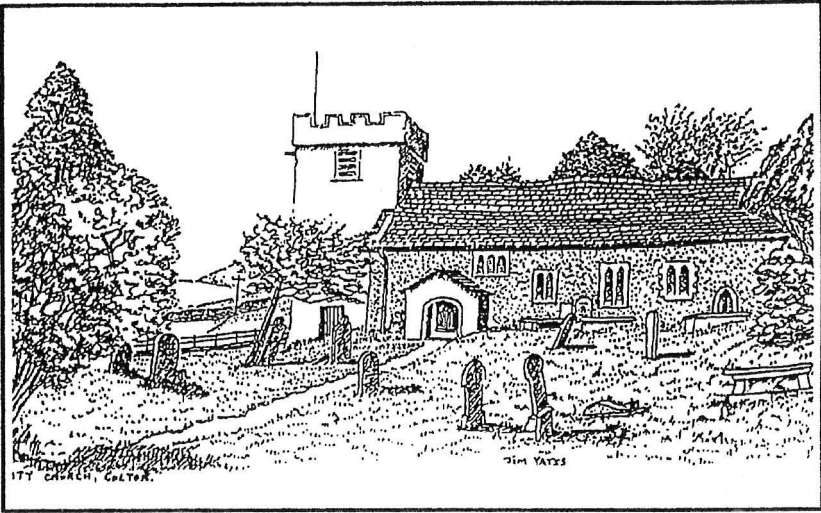




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

“THE KING OF SCOTLAND!” (or so he said!)

When Idi Amin brutally seized power in Uganda in 1971, it was reported that every vehicle coming into Kampala was stopped by armed soldiers, and the occupants were made to get out and take off their footwear and headgear for scrutiny. This was apparently in pursuit of an order to “Search all boots and bonnets”!

Sometime after Amin was deposed in 1979, I got talking with a gracious Christian sister from Uganda who had lived all through his period of ruthless terror, and I asked her which was the worst of it – when he first seized power (?), when he was at the height of his vindictive reign (?), or when he was thrashing around in decline(?). She said, “None of them! When *he* was in charge you did at least know where you stood, and could act accordingly. The worst time was during the six months *after* he was deposed, when the country descended into almost complete anarchy!”

The same situation is reflected in the Book of Judges. “In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.” The consequences of such a situation for social order and national security are obvious.

Today we are confronted with the anarchic situation in the Middle East. 100 years ago

T. E. Lawrence promised the Arabs an Islamic Caliphate based on Damascus in return for helping to overthrow the Ottoman empire, but the British and French imposed the secular client states of Syria, Iraq and Transjordan on them instead. It is a fundamental precept of Islamists to strive for the Koran-based ideal of an *Islamic* State everywhere, imposing Sharia law, and this must always remain their prime objective.

Christians should have a totally different aim. Jesus emphasis was always to establish the “Kingdom of Heaven” – the *spiritual* realm embracing the whole of humanity (past, present and future), open to people of every tribe and tongue and nation. He said most emphatically, “My kingdom is *not* of this world.” The New Testament writers regard God’s provision for *human* government in a different light, and as an aspect of “Common Grace”. Like Marriage and the Sabbath and Communal Life it is His will for the well-being of the *whole* of humankind. “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s”. “The Powers that be are ordained by God”. “The Magistrate does not bear the sword in vain” are all part of this New Testament endorsement of an ordered *secular* state as God’s will for human governance.

We in Britain are particularly privileged to have a constitutional monarchy headed by our committed Christian Queen, who, as “Supreme Governor” of the Church of England is able to hold together Church and State, and to ensure the freedom and flourishing of *every* individual and community in her realm. What a blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

Congratulations to Brian & Ann Streeter who are now joined together in Holy Matrimony; we send them our good wishes for a long happy, healthy and harmonious life together.

“God, the best maker of all marriages. Combine your hearts in one.” Shakespeare



WEDDING GIFT – A BIG THANKYOU!

“We are now married and looking forward to being together and sharing our ministry among the parishes of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick with Blawith and Colton. As our first act together we want to say thank you for your welcome to us both and for the very generous wedding gift in particular. The monies will be used to purchase a dishwasher as we hope to host and entertain many of you – and you are always welcome to drop by the vicarage!”

Ann & Brian Streeter

SERVICES

There has been some confusion of late over the times of services at Colton, mainly as the result of errors in the Service Rotas. To clarify the situation **ALL Services at Colton are held at 9:30am.** other than **Benefice Services** which are at **10:30am.**

If in doubt contact this editor **T:** 01229 861 275.

Sunday 30 August: Benefice Service – St. Luke’s, Lowick 10:30am.



We may be few in Colton but those who work for our church are many and none work harder than the Tarr family, Cumbria’s answer to the Von Trapps.

Lately it has been their time – on a pleasant Saturday in May Vicar Brian took his first wedding at Colton, a moving and personal service. It was a very happy occasion with the radiant bride Rebecca Shatwell arriving on time for the waiting groom, middle son Luke Franklin. The church was glorious and the music superb. Three down and three to go!

On the last Sunday in June Vicar Brian had another first at Colton with the Baptism of Frank Edwin Tarr son of Joshua & Flora Tarr. Young Frank let his presence be known but was an angel during the actual Baptism. It was an enchanting morning and we thank Rachel and John for their hospitality after the service.

Cleaning: Special thanks to the energetic team, led by Susan King, who swept, washed, dusted and polished high and low giving Colton Church a ‘Spring, Summer and Autumn clean’. And not forgetting the welcome refreshment provider.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Sadly, very sadly we have to tell you of the death of Jane Johnson, wife of Bonzo. Jane was a lovely lady, in every sense, a talented costume creator for all disciplines of the theatrical art; her creations could be seen in all the great London theatres. It was always a pleasure to see her in church when she insisted in walking from Oxen Park; any offer of a lift was refused with

a lovely, if meaningful smile. Like Bonzo she will be sadly missed. Our prayers and condolences are with the family in their time of grief.

Celebration: The third weekend in June proved to be a wonderful example of Bouth coming together; a celebration of a special birthday of a special lady, Cathy Styles. The celebrations began with Cathy's house being decorated with bunting and balloons with Friday evening being well spent toasting the 'Birthday Girl' in the White Hart where she generously provided both drinks and food.

Saturday morning's drizzle looked unpromising but, with a touch of Bouth magic, the clouds cleared and we enjoyed a plentiful 'Jacobs Join' party on the Village Green. Needless to say, a trip down the slide by Cathy was required to finish off the evening. All agreed birthdays are a lovely excuse to get our community together.

Marion H.

Celebrations are also in order for Desmond Dalton who has now clocked up 80 years and has the distinction of having been born and lived in Bouth longer than any another resident. Happy Birthday, Desmond!!

We say a sad farewell to Jane & Nick Chaloner from High Hay Bridge who have moved to pastures new, in Cartmel and we extend a warm welcome to the new residents, Deborah & David Letts. We hope you will be happy in your new home in this wonderful and friendly village. Do join in.

Bouth is a veritable haven for cat owners and their cats but one wonders whether they are apprised of recent research which has shown owners do not accept that cats are a threat to wildlife and are in denial about the detrimental impact their pets are having on other animal species.

Apparently the number of animals killed each year by domestic cats in the UK runs into millions. Birds account for 26.5 per cent of kills.

Cats are not the only animals causing problems as annually, deers are responsible for 70,000 accidents on UK roads resulting in 700 injuries and 20 fatalities.

Errors: The occasional errors that appear in this esteemed publication cause irritation to some and amusement to others but even the worst are not in the same league as a BBC news presenter who said "When Lord Nelson led the troops at Waterloo...."!!!

Insurance: Did you know that Age UK is campaigning for “ageism in insurance” to be illegal. They stated “For too long insurers have relied on date of birth, not individual risk records, to determine the cost driving for older people.”

Donald.

It's funny how we never get too old to learn some new ways to be foolish'



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our July and Open meeting the arm of the law, in full battle kit, descended on the Village Hall with two lovely hounds. P C Glen Myerscough gave a fascinating, interesting and illuminating talk on ‘Dog Handling’ in our Police Force, surprising the dog owners present with the fact that the training period only lasted 3 weeks. It has taken some we know 3 years and then not altogether successfully.

The breed of dogs vary and the point was made that they do not use German Shepherds any more relying of the Belgium breed, which are mainly used against criminals and spaniels for finding and tracking.

The highlight of the evening was a demonstration at Cringle Mire where ‘criminals’ David Hamer & Roger Coates were well and truly apprehended and hidden objects almost miraculously retrieved.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9 September, 7:15 pm.** when Sandra O’Neill will give a talk on ‘Hedgerow & Medical Herbs’. *Jane & Donald.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Do you want a say in the future of your community? Then come and join us as a Parish Councillor. We currently have a vacancy for co-option in central ward: this covers Bouth and Rusland - click on the map on www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk to see the Parish and ward boundaries. As a Councillor you are able to comment and vote on a wide range of consultations that affect our community, from planning applications to health services.

We are known as an active, positive and good-humoured team! A Community Plan has recently been completed which consolidates the views

and aspirations of the community for the future of the Parish – come and help us embark on projects to see these through.

A parish councillor must be 18 or over, a British subject or a citizen of a member state of the EU and be (a) an elector of the parish; or (b) a person who, over the whole of the last 12 months, has been owner or tenant of land or premises in the ward or has lived in the ward (or within 3 miles of it) or has had his/her principal place of work in the ward.

If you want to find out more, then please contact the Clerk, Mandy Lane, or the Chairman, Colin Barr (both on 01229 861408, or email Mandy on coltonpc@btinternet.com or Colin on cj.barr@btinternet.com), or speak to your local Parish Councillor – their details are on the website under 'Your Councillors'.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 7 September, 7:00pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall.**

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL – MAGNA CARTA

Year 8 recently enjoyed a workshop activity day on the Magna Carta, at both school and Cartmel Priory led by William Marshall: the day got off to a great start with an introduction by Lord and Lady Cavendish of Furness.

The workshops themselves examined how the Magna Carta came to be written; the part played by William Marshall in the history events of the time, the influence of Magna Carta and the relevance of some of its clauses to the way we are governed today.

As a key document in establishing that no one including the King was above the rule of law and that “free men” have a right to fair trial, the Magna Carta represented an important watershed in British history.

The students therefore enjoyed exploring the influence of the Magna Carta. But, they also had the time to think about the process of democracy and decision making in modern Britain. Including, debating some tough decisions that are currently under consideration nationally.

Dr. Paul

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

The Support Group along with the help of friends, family and volunteers held their Annual Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale at Haverthwaite Playing Fields on 21st June which once again proved to be another successful year and raised a magnificent amount £4,250!

The weather started off being wet early in the morning (6am to be precise!) which mostly cleared up and apart from having to stop a couple of marquees from taking off in a huge gust of wind the rain kept away.

Fun was had by all which included Taffy Thomas the Storyteller, Magician, Craft and Produce Stalls, Books, Plants, Pony rides, cakes etc. Little Beasties attended with their weird and some might say wonderful creatures. As usual Fifi the Flea was found among the crowds doing her magical tricks to the delight of the children who finally took off in her balloon basket (I think to warmer climes)!

The fair ended with an egg throwing competition in which rows of competitors threw raw eggs at one another in the hope of catching it without it breaking! Some might say the 'Yolk' was on them as there were scrambled eggs all round that day!

Joking aside the group would like to thank all those involved in making the event such a wonderful day especially to the volunteers, family and friends and the kind generosity of everyone who helped us to raise such a wonderful amount for the hospice!

The day was a fantastic success once again. Thank you!

Dorothy.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

First film of the season is on **Tuesday 1 September at The Carthouse 7.30** – '*Gone Girl*' followed by a Supper Special on **Saturday 19 September** – '*The Dark Horse*', a film from New Zealand which is NOT about horses!



"Many churches are serving coffee after the sermon. Presumably this is to get the people thoroughly awake before they start to drive home."

Anon

GRIZEDALE FOREST

Grizedale Forest Needs families like you! Three days out for families in the summer holidays to get hands on in your local forest at Grizedale.

Over the summer rangers will be working alongside families to carry out some valuable practical work at Grizedale.

If you are looking for some free and active days out in the summer holidays, want to help look after your forest, don't mind getting stuck in and getting your hands dirty, then come down to **Grizedale - Monday 20 July, Wednesday 5 August or Sunday 30 August, from 10:00am until 2:00pm.**

We could be rhododendron bashing, cleaning up the river, or helping to look after the sculptures in the forest.

It's **FREE**, including parking, booking is essential so get in touch and reserve your place by emailing;

volunteer.lakelandforests@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or call 0300 067 4492.



RUSLAND SHOW

This year the Show will be held on **Saturday 19 August, 12:30pm, Whitestock Meadow.** You can pick up a schedule from 'The Syke' in Rusland or online – www.ruslandshow.org.uk/entries.html. Entries need to be posted into the Red post box outside the 'Syke' by noon on **12 August.**

Queries: contact the Show secretary Antony Meanwell **T:** 0122986076 or **email:** meanwell@msn.com.

Little Edens! There are many wonderful gardens in the Rusland Valley area and, if you did not already know the Rusland Show has a **Summer Gardens Competition.** The categories are 1) hanging baskets, window boxes and containers, 2) large gardens, 3) small gardens, 4) vegetable gardens. There is also a competition for Child's hanging basket or Planted Container for under 16s.

The competition is not looking for Chelsea standards but a bit of **creativity and love.** So, get your entries in to Gordon Wilkinson as soon as possible because judging takes place the third week in July.

T: 01229 860 253. **E:** gordon.wilk876@btinternet.com

DIARY DATES

Services at Colton are at 9:30am. Benefice services both home and away 10:30am.



- 1 August Rule Britannia, sung for the first time, 1740.
- 2 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 5 August Bible Study, 10:00am. Woodside Cottage, Colton.
Grizedale Forest Family Volunteer Day, 10 'til 2.
- 9 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 12 August Last Day for entries for Rusland Show.
- 16 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 19 August RUSLAND SHOW.
- 22 August Battle of Bosworth Field, Death of Richard III. The Lancastrians thrashed
The Yorkists!
- 23 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 30 August **Benefice Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am.**
Grizedale Forest Family Volunteer Day, 10 'til 2.
- 31 August Late Summer Bank Holiday.
- 1 September Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.,
- 7 September Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 9 September Bouth W I Meeting, 7:15pm. Village Hall.

The Lost Land

There is a story of a beauteous land,
Where the fields were fertile and where flowers were bright;
Where tall towers glistened in the morning light,
Where happy children wandered hand in hand,
Where lovers wrote their names upon the sand.
They say it vanished from all human sight;
The hungry sea devoured it in a night.
You doubt the tale? ah, you will understand;
For, as men muse upon the fable old,
They give sad credence always at the last,
However they have cavilled at its truth,
When, with a tear - dimmed vision they behold,
Swift sinking in the ocean of the Past,
The lovely lost Atlantis of their Youth.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month August 2015

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
2 August	1. John Tarr	Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15	
Morning Worship	2. Margaret Sanders	Ephesians 4: 1-16	Susan King
9:30am <i>Brian</i>	3. Roderick Smith	John 6:24-35	
9 August	1. Sue Lydon	1 Kings 19: 4- 8	
Holy Communion	2. Janet Pickles	Ephesians 4:25-5.2	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Gordon Pickles	John 6:35,41-51	
16 August	1. Susan King	Proverbs 9: 1- 6	
Morning Worship	2. Rachel Tarr	Ephesians 5:15-20	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 6:51-58	
23 August	1. Judy Redhead	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	Ephesians 6: 1-20	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Brian</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 6:56-69	
30 August	Benefice Communion, St. Luke's, Lowick		
10:30am <i>Brian</i>	2. Donald Wroe	James 1:17-27	

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

2 August Mrs. Susan King

9 August Mr. Roderick Smith

16 August Mrs. Sue Dean

23 August Mrs. Margaret Sanders



FLOWER ROTA

2 August Mrs. Charlotte Sharphouse

9 August The Revd. Joanna Henson

16 August The Revd. Joanna Henson

23 August The Walker Family



'Manners Maketh Man'

Eat slowly: only men in rags
 And gluttons old in sin
 Mistake themselves for carpet-bags
 And tumble victuals in.

Sir Walter Raleigh.

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