

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

I have to say that this is one of my favourite times of the year. The long dark nights are over, evenings are getting longer and spring is really here

Flowers are blooming, the blossom is out especially the magnolia and cherry blossom.

It does occur to me however that some of the pruning I did in October is starting to take effect. Even though I needed to give my Raspberry canes a further prune a few weeks ago.

Pruning is very necessary on lots of plants because it encourages new growth.

When we bought a house a few years ago the lady we were buying from took us around the garden and stopped at the thin looking Raspberry canes. She said “do not prune these or you will damage them, leave them as they are and you will get lots of raspberries”

When I showed them to my father who was a very keen gardener, he took one look and said. “dig them up they are no good at all and I will let you have some that really will give you fruit” Sometimes pruning is no good at all.

In John 15 Jesus says. “He (God) removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.”

In some ways pruning is a bit like spring cleaning, we remove all the dust and dirt and leave everything clean and tidy.

I wonder whether we need to look at our own lives to see if there are areas that we need to cut back on or areas that need de cluttering.

Peter Fox

Licensed Lay Minister.

COLTON CHRONICLES

Oh dear! It is 'Dear Readers' time again with an apology for the mish mash of the pages in last month's issue; it was primarily caused by the computer having a hissy fit and this editor failing a final check before sending off to the printers. Will try to do better.

Funding: We have mentioned the financial loss in the Church account for last year which was not caused by any mismanaging but because every church in the Diocese is required to make an Annual Payment to the Diocese; and the amount requested from Colton was £17,625. Clearly this cannot continue.

Fête: At their last meeting the PCC decided that we would continue to hold our Church Fête: this year it will be held on **Saturday 20 July**. As usual we will be asking for help in order to make the occasion a success as you will see from above, we need the money – badly! More information in June.

Services: We are now in an enlarged Benefice and whilst lucky to have so many retired priests in our midst they are retired and have their lives to live, so it is not always possible to have a service in every church every Sunday. Never-the-less every effort will be taken to try to maintain regular Sunday services.

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

PARISH NEWS

REFLECTIONS: We are fortunate in this parish to live in a beautiful part of the country but more importantly in an incredibly helpful and friendly place where if you need help you only have to ask; this may seem common place, but far afield not so. We should, therefore, give thanks for these our Blessings!

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CONCERT: The Micki Consiglio concert at Bouth Village Hall was a sell out success and made a profit of £195 to go towards funding the next concert on in July, after which, any profits will be donated to the Bouth Womens Institute. Thank you to the organisers.

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Bouth Village Hall: The Bingo night was well attended and successful making a goodly sum of £210 for the Hall funds. Thank you to all who organised and those who worked on the night.

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Very best wishes and our prayers to Dave Minton who is suffering bad health, we wish him and Milly all the best. On a lighter note we send our felicitation's to Innes Scrimgeour of Bouth who foolishly broke his toe at the bottom of the stairs and not a drink in sight!



In the last decade there seemed to be an influx into the parish from those from the south and it so happened that a couple game up from north London to Bouth and mentioned was made in these pages. Unfortunately, one was from Lancashire and one from Scotland; the male of the species wrote a testy reply, which in all fairness was printed. You might think that that was the end of the matter, but no, for sir, whom we will not name, but is a stalwart of the hamlet and plays a lot of golf, still, after all these years keeps harping on about it.

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“A puritan is a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things.”

G. K. Chesterton

Cinema Club: The last film of the season is a special showing of *‘Children of the Snow Land’* at **Outback Hall (behind Leven Valley Primary School) Friday 26 April, 7:00pm.** only £4, under 18’s £2. This is about Nepalese children who are sent to Kathmandu for their education and return home, often 15 years later to find their parents and a very different life to be adapted to. A film for all the family.

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Oxen Park Reading Room: Wow oh wow! We have a flushing toilet. After a century of trying we have made it. A true celebration. We are so excited!!! Does anyone know when a W C became a toilet?

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NEW

BOUTH VILLAGE HALL

As you will see below there is move afoot to improve Bouth Village Hall, but oddly although this decision was made at the last A G M in November 2018 it is only now, five months later, that we have been informed.

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Bouth Village Hall Development

“Discussion about the potential development necessary to improve access and use of Bouth Village Hall (BVH) at the BVH Management Committee took place at the AGM held on 29 November 2018, it was agreed that Julie Hendry, newly elected member of the BVH Management Committee, would form a sub-committee to consider how this might be achieved.

A number of volunteers came forward at the meeting and Julie also agreed to seek additional input from villagers and other users of BVH to consider the options available and to agree how the local community would be involved and communicated with as part of the planning process.

This purpose of this note in the Parish News is to let villagers know that this work is about to commence and that villagers will have the opportunity to join in and contribute. There will be a flyer posted through the doors of villagers and/or an email sent giving more information on how they can volunteer or suggest ideas for the team to consider. We hope that the villagers of Bouth and all users of the Village Hall will be happy to support

this work to make the Village Hall the centre of community activities in Bouth and that the good work already started will continue to keep this important venue thriving.” *Julie Hendry.*

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RVHS SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

It’s time to start planning your garden so that it is in peak condition when the judges call round towards the end of May! It would help Sally Fisher greatly to know that there will be lots of entries pouring in.

So, if you would like to enter this year’s Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Spring Garden Competition, please contact Sally **T:** 01229 861876, mobile 07908 429342 or **E:** sally.fellows12@icloud.com as soon as possible. Please include your name and address.

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RUSLAND HORIZONS

Practical Conservation Working Party: On **Tuesday 30 April, 9:00am – 4:00pm.** To help with woodland restoration as part of our ‘Couples & Cords’ project. Volunteers will work alongside Rusland Horizons apprentices.

- Essential: Suitable outdoor clothing, sturdy footwear, lunch and drink.
- Desirable: Gloves, protective boots and hard hat.

To find out more and to book just click on Google – Rusland Horizons.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

There was concern about the attendance t the April meeting but all was well as ladies from local W I groups, Broughton Beck, Lowick and Rusland came in their number and the hall was FULL! Their visit was well worthwhile as the speaker Jules Natiacen a cheesemonger from Barbon was not only knowledgeable, interesting but could have made his name as a stand-up comedian.

After opening a cheese shop in Kirby Lonsdale, he bought a run-down village shop in Barbon which is now very widely known. Still a village shop it is also a cheese shop, a cafe and a Bistro. He introduced cheeses most had never heard of and was generous with his tastings. Now, all roads lead to Barbon.

The next meeting, is a **Group Meeting at Greenodd Village Hall on Tuesday 7 May, 7:15pm.** Where the speaker Alison O'Neill will give a talk "The Barefoot Shepherdess". Tickets £6 from Alison Gruber.

Note: There will not be a meeting in Bouth in May.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There was a full agenda for the Parish Council meeting of the 18th March 2019, including the usual items such as planning, finance and correspondence.

The following community issues were discussed:

- **Mobile Phone Reception:** two issues were discussed, firstly the Crake Valley where concerns have been raised by members of the Parish who are experiencing poor signals. This apparently is due to Vodafone's plans to de-commission the Lowick Common mast and the implementation of a temporary solution. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Vodafone expressing concerns about the impact of the loss of signal on vulnerable people on the Parish, on businesses and generally on people's ability to work and live in the Valley. Secondly the issue of the EE Mast at Hulleter was discussed, planning permission was approved for this in 2016 however, this does not appear to be functioning yet, although residents and the local emergency services require the service as a matter of urgency. Again, it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to EE in relation to commissioning the mast.
- **Community Plan:** The Parish Council is in the process of updating its plan and aims to complete this within the next few months. As part of the process some community consultation is being planned to enable local voices to be heard. Please feel free to offer your

ideas of how you would like to be involved by contacting the Parish Clerk.

- **Playground Update:** Working with the Bouth Village Green Committee the Parish Council is looking to make some safety improvements to the playground this summer. We have asked for some quotes for the work to be undertaken and have been exploring grant funding opportunities. Again, if you are interested in being involved or finding out more please do not hesitate to get in touch.
- **Great British Spring Clean:** The Parish Council will be joining this national campaign organised by the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. We will be running a pilot litter pick on **Friday 26 April** starting at **Bouth Village Hall at 10.30am**. This will only be an hour or so of your time and we will be offering tea, coffee and biscuits by way of reward at the end as well as asking for your views on whether this is something we could usefully repeat in other areas of the Parish. We will provide litter pick tools, gloves and reflective vests and arrange for the disposal of the litter collected. We hope you will join us on the day and help keep our parish beautiful! Just turn up at the **Bouth Village** all at **10.30am** to join in, all welcome, families, pushchairs, young, old (young at heart) and visitors.
- **Rusland Horizons Phase 2:** A verbal report was received from Rick Emslie on the plans to carry forward work started by the Rusland Horizons project, on a smaller and hopefully sustainable level, embedded in the community. For more information contact Rick@emslieanalytics.co.uk.
- **Highways:** Archie Workman the Parish Lengthman continues to work hard in the Parish and has recently been working at Rusland Triangle, Thwaite Head and Hulleter Sheepwash to clear blocked drains. If you require assistance from Archie on drains in the Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk on the email address at the end of this article. The Parish has also been working with our County Councillor Matt Brereton to raise concerns regarding the

new signs at Fearing Brow directing visitors to Grizedale Forrest via a difficult route in terms of road safety and we are continuing to pursue this issue. The Clerk and Councillors have been busy reporting trees down and pot holes as a result of the recent storms. Don't forget anyone can do this easily and quickly on <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/wdm/default.asp>

- Finance: The Parish Council has received a small grant from Cllr Anne Hall towards the playground improvements at Bouth and from Cllr Tracey Coward towards the new litter picking equipment. The Parish Council received a letter of thanks from the Great North Air Ambulance for a donation made toward the charity from our community grants scheme this year.
- The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Monday 13 May 2019** in **Bouth Village Hall**, starting at **7:00pm**. All welcome, tea, coffee and biscuits provided.[]

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APOLOGIES: Humble apologies for the date errors for the Palm Sunday Service in both the Rota and last month's magazine. Particularly to those whom turned up an hour early. It was a wonderful service and thanks both to our Vicar, Revd. Brian Streeter, and John Tarr for his wonderful marathon Gospel reading of the trial and execution of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



We Pray: God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are sufficient to me. To be worthy of you I cannot ask for anything less. If I were to ask less, I should always be in want, for in you alone do I have all.

Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1413)



DIARY DATES

- 1 May **Philip & James, Apostles.**
5 May **Morning Worship 9:30am. Colton.**
6 May May Day Bank Holiday.
7 May Bouth W I Meeting Greenodd Village Hall, 7.15pm.
8 May **Julian of Norwich.**
10 May ‘Clean up your room Day.’
12 May **Combined Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
13 May Colton Parish Council A G M, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.
18 May ‘Armed Forces Day.’
19 May **Morning Worship, 9:30am. Colton.**
26 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am. Colton.**



Damon Runyon was an American Newspaperman who wrote short stories celebrating the world of Broadway, New York during the Prohibition era. He was the original author of “Guys and Dolls.” He created wonder characters with names, such as “Harry the Horse”, “Good Time Charley” and “Dave the Dude”

He is credited with coining the phrase "Hooray Henry", a term from the past used in British English to describe an upper-class, loud-mouthed, arrogant twit.

An Excerpt: “The man in evening clothes dining with the napkin on his lap will eat only half as much food as a diner in evening clothes with he napkin in his collar.

The former will not be worrying about spotting his shirt bosom but about the remarks his wife will make if he does”. [‘Napkin Techniques’]



“Thrice is he armed that bath his quarrel just. But four times he who gets his blow in fust.”

Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw)



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month May 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 May	Third Sunday of Easter		
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	Acts 9: 1-20	Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Donald</i>	John Tarr	John 21: 1-19	
12 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>Ian Swift</i>	St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge		
19 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Morning Worship	Sue Lydon	Acts 11: 1-18	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	Ian Pimie	John 13:31-35	
26 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Acts 16: 9-15	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Roderick Smith	John 14:23-23	

SIDEPERSONS ROTA

5 May Mrs. Susan King

19 May Mrs. Susan Dean

26 May Mrs. Susan Smith



FLOWER ROTA

5 May Easter Flowers

19 May Mrs. Denise Wallace

26 May Mrs. Denise Wallace.



“A Prayer for Faith” Patrick Cavanagh

O give me faith
That I may be
Alive when April's
Ecstasy
Dances in every
Whitethorn Tree

O give me faith
That I may see
The angel of
The mountainy
Places of dream's
Infinity

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