

## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear Friends*

Across the road from the house where I spent my childhood stands the local library. Built in 1908 to serve the local community it is still going strong today. The library cost £8,183 to build and was funded by a trust set up by the steel magnate and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie and in 2012 became a Grade II listed building. I recall spending many hours in that library, first of all in the children's section and later studying for homework and exams. In particular I recall using the library to help revise for my G.C.E. English Literature O Level exam. The set books were *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens and something by Shakespeare (I confess I never could get to grips with dear William hence my lack of recall as to the exam subject matter, however despite my lack of enthusiasm for his works I did pass the exam).

Our next-door neighbor was Mr. Bromley. I cannot recall having seen Mrs. Bromley, just an awareness that she had passed away some time before I was aware of such possibilities. One day Mr. Bromley called me into his front room and asked if I would like to borrow some books. He offered me Winston Churchill's *History of the Second World War*. There were six volumes, each bound in red leather with pages so thin they felt like tissue paper. I recognize both the library and Mr. Bromley's encouragement and generosity as being a spur to my enjoyment of reading.

The above recollections were prompted by the sight of a 'mini library' in the former red phone box in Oxen Park, and a collection of books (and a chair) in a remote bus shelter in Poole we in Scotland. Each mini library may not be Grade II listed but each provides the opportunity for those so minded to enjoy reading a book they may never have had the opportunity to do were it not for these improvised libraries. The repurposing of the phone box in Oxen Park also includes the housing of a defibrillator.

The Christian life is like that phone box in Oxen Park. The defibrillator is a reminder of both the frailty of life and the power to save life. This saving power lies in Jesus Christ alone. To release Christ's power to heal and save, not only for this life but for all eternity, there must be the confession of need, the admission of sin, and the acknowledgement of our helplessness to effect any inward change under our own power.

Only Christ alone can bring new life to the human heart and through this, acceptance by God.

The books, with their variety of subject and dust jackets, are a reminder human beings are varied in shape, size, depth and outward presentation. Yet each person is a veritable living library of books: a history book; a dictionary and thesaurus; an encyclopedia of facts and wisdom; and for the Christian, a testimony of Christ's power to heal and to save.

We are each created uniquely and are fearfully and wonderfully made. We bear, to a greater or lesser extent, the hallmarks of our Maker upon our lives, and our response to Him; and all this for the world to see and read. May all that we are, all we think, do and say, reveal the new life that is ours in Christ Jesus and encourage those who pass by to find Him for themselves.

*In Him,*

*Harry*



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

We have had a recent PCC meeting where, perhaps understandably, one of the main topics was finance. Every parish is obliged to send what is known as the Parish Share every year to the Diocese which finances their work and the salaries of the clergy. In the last financial year Colton's share was £17,625 added to which is our contribution for the cost of the Benefit Administrator.

This year we have agreed to pay last year's some less the cost of our contribution for the Administrator. In that year we had a deficit of £14,000 resulting in the need to sell assets from our reserves. The running and

upkeep of the Church and Hall does not come cheaply and in particular the Hall is in need of urgent renovation.

Even this magazine costs money as too many readers fail to pay the miserly annual sum of £6; the church has also had to stand the loss on the Harvest Supper caused by non-attendees. To try to cover the loss the price for the Supper this year will increase from £7.50 to £8.

Then road past the church is well used by walkers but unfortunately the Church Notice Board is in the church grounds and not easily seen from the road so the PCC have decided to have a new board situated outside of the church wall and perhaps attached to the railings.



## PARISH NEWS

Our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Kathy Skelton of Bouth who is in Furness General Hospital, but sadly we are bereft of news of her condition. Also, the ‘Mine Host’ of the White Hart who has been seen hobbling around the village on crutches. A case of ‘hip, hip, hooray’?

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**Bouth Village Hall:** Following the coffee morning when over 40 villagers, old and new, and other locals attended we are delighted to give advance notice of further dates to repeat the success! We had such a positive response from all attendees and unexpected offers of donations that we will in future ask for a donation of 50p towards Bouth Village Hall funds. They will be used to improve the environment of this vital village meeting place so that villagers and local people have a venue that will continue to provide a focal point for all members of the community.

**Diary dates (all 11:00am-1:00pm) are: 20 August, 22 October and 17 December**

We are looking for suggestions for other activities for Village Hall use and also suggestions for what “entertainment” can provided at the coffee morning. Please let any member of the Village Hall committee know via email [bouthvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:bouthvillagehall@btinternet.com) or in person (Roger Perry is chair and Alison Gruber is secretary)! Suggestions include a book/magazine

stall, board games, bingo or a quiz though there will be plenty of other ideas out there, some might even just appreciate the coffee and a chat only!

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**Rusland Horizons Trust:** The Trust is a registered Charity and as such is run by the members who have the responsibility for its future, but we need help to continue doing all the things which have been enjoyed by so many people and which has benefitted our treasured landscape and environment.

More than 80 people have become members of the Rusland Horizons Trust since membership was opened up last month. If you are one of them, we are eternally grateful to you, particularly if you joined as a Life Member. If you haven't done so yet, please give joining some thought. The membership fees are low and it would be great if everyone in the parish were to become a member. If you are interested simply go to [www.ruslandhorizons.org](http://www.ruslandhorizons.org) and click on "Get Involved". Alternatively, call 07908 986795 for a paper application form. You can also sign up to be a volunteer, if you would like to help.

There are a number of membership options:

- Individual Membership - £20p.a. (£15 if paid by direct debit)
- Joint Membership - £30p.a. (£25 if paid by direct debit) for two people living in the same household.
- Young person's Membership m- FREE up to age 16 (a parent or guardian must sign the application)
- Life Membership - £250 one off payment.

The preferred method of payment is by Direct Debit but there are others and if you are a UK tax payer your fee will qualify for Gift Aid. To find out how to pay go to [www.tinyurl.com/rhtl-member](http://www.tinyurl.com/rhtl-member) or **E:** [secretary@ruslandhorizontrust.org](mailto:secretary@ruslandhorizontrust.org) or **T:** 07908 986795.

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**Rusland Show:** The 136<sup>th</sup>. Annual Show, this year, will be held on **Saturday 17 August, Whitestock Meadow** and opens at 11:30am with events at 12:20pm. The schedules are being distributed and if you haven't got one then please contact a member of the RVHS committee or look

online at [www.ruslandshow.org.uk](http://www.ruslandshow.org.uk) (for those like me just Google Rusland Show). Meanwhile, the committee members are not getting any younger (neither is this editor) so any offers of help will be gratefully received. Please contact our Acting Secretary, Maureen Boyren **T:** 01229 885 300 or **E:** [m.boyren@btinternet.com](mailto:m.boyren@btinternet.com). A reminder that we are looking for a permanent Secretary and this would be a great time of the year to shadow Maureen and get a feel for the job. Thank you!

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**Cinema Club:** Welcome to our 2219/2020 Season which starts in September. Our first film "*The Wife*" will be shown on **Tuesday 3 September** Followed by "*Shoplifters*" on **Saturday 21 September. At the Both at the Cart House, 7:30pm.**



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

As you may know Suzanne Pender has resigned as Secretary to the Council and we wish her well for the future. One Julie Hendry has been appointed as her replacement as from 1 July and she has been asked to let us know a 'little' about herself.

"My name is Julie Hendry and I would like to introduce myself as the new clerk for Colton Parish Council. I took up position on 1<sup>st</sup> July so am very new in post and still trying to understand my roles and responsibilities, including those of contributing to Colton Parish newsletter.

I am living in temporary accommodation in Bouth at present having previously lived in Bouth at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century when I took up first NHS management role in Morecambe Bay Hospitals. My initial career was as a biomedical scientist based in Leeds, which is my hometown, then I moved across the Pennines to work in Manchester! I have never returned to live in Yorkshire and fell in love with Bouth and Colton Parish in 2000 and wanted to return to Bouth once I took the decision to take early retirement after 30 years NHS service. In the intervening period I have lived and worked in the NHS in Lancashire, Liverpool and North Cumbria.

I have been involved in Rusland Horizons by planting hedgerows and building walkways and hope to continue my involvement now that Rusland

Horizons Trust has been established with more dates being offered for volunteer work-parties.

Now having (allegedly) more spare time, I enjoy scuba diving which is my passion and something that I could easily bore anybody with and following a programme of training and supporting the training of new divers I am hoping to become a PADI Divemaster.

Clearly, I am drawn to the water and recently completed a 6-week rowing course hosted by Windermere rowing club, which I heartily recommend; I also enjoy the pleasures of living in these beautiful surroundings by walking by day and stargazing at night. (Ed. I hope she can find the time for her secretarial duties and keeping us informed.)

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## COUNCIL REPORT

Following the regular traffic disruption on the local roads when the A590 is closed due to traffic incidents, the parish council has written a joint letter with Councillors Willis and Brereton to the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and to Tim Farron to ask for better planning for such emergencies. The issue is being raised with the Highways Agency Committee.

**Bouth Playground:** Following on from last month the Council submitted an application to the Big Lottery Fund and also has received £500 from the ‘Epic Man’ event’

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1. The North West Ambulance Service attended the June Parish meeting as they are looking for volunteers to provide first response in our area. Full training is given and the hours are flexible – and can be as few or as many as you can give. To find out more visit [www.nwas.nhs.uk/volunteer](http://www.nwas.nhs.uk/volunteer)
2. The new South Lakeland Councillor Ian Wharton attended the meeting, and he is very keen to support the Parish community. You can contact him by email [Ian.Wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:Ian.Wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk) .
3. Highways – the tragic accident on the A590 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and the resulting traffic disruption across South Lakeland and Furness

was discussed. The Parish Council has written a joint letter with Cllrs Willis and Brereton to the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and to Tim Farron MP to ask for better planning for such emergencies. The issue is to be raised at the next area Highways Agency Committee. (*Apologies for the repeat*)

4. Parish Lengthsman, Archie Workman continues his good work unblocking drains across the parish. At this time of the year he is also busy strimming our verges. If you have any request for work please contact [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)
5. Playground Improvements – the Parish Council has submitted an application to the Big Lottery to fund the resurfacing of the Bouth Village Green Playpark and has also received £500 from the Epic Man Event that took place in our Parish towards the improvements.
6. The next Parish meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 September, 7:00pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall**, all welcome, Chair's surgery from **6.30pm**.

For more information on any issue please contact secretary Julie Hendry

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## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

**About five years ago my father-in-law was the victim of a scam artist who fleeced him out of £5,000. Once he realised, he was devastated and we only got part of the money back. In the last six months he's received numerous calls, letters and texts from what look like other scammers. His memory isn't the best, what can we do?**

Unfortunately, falling victim to a scam once can increase exposure to further scams - personal details are sold on to other criminals. Ask your father-in-law's telephone provider if they will block numbers you have identified as suspicious, and register your father-in-law's number with the Telephone Preference Service.

Tell your father-in-law never to reply to a text from an unfamiliar number, as there can be costly hidden charges. Again, ask his mobile phone provider

to block the number. If he's already been stung, report it to Phone-pay Plus.

Scammers often send letters impersonating legitimate organisations. Advise your father-in-law not to respond unless he's sure it's genuine. He should contact the organisation directly to check – and don't just ring up the number on the letter, as it could be a bogus call centre. Register his name and address with the Mailing Preference Service.

Doorstep scammers commonly target older and more vulnerable people. Tell your father-in-law not to let anyone in unless he's expecting them, and not to feel embarrassed about turning people away. You can check their credentials and make an appointment if appropriate. Once again, make sure to not just use the contact details they provide.

*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 – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. Please note the opening hours at Windermere have been reduced, but contact details remain the same.*



**Banks:** The closure of so many Banks locally has caused problems with so many people, but do not despair for help is at hand. Your bank has a new branch – **Your Post Office** and that includes our local sub branches.

Whoever you bank with, pay cash or take out money you can at any Post Office counter.

- Use your card and pin number to withdraw cash, free of charge.
- Pay in cash using your card or pre-printed paying in slip.
- Bring a pre-printed paying in slip to pay in cheques

Find out more at [postoffice.co.uk/everydaybanking](http://postoffice.co.uk/everydaybanking)



*“Wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.”*

Ecclesiastes

## DIARY DATE

- 4 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**  
11 August **Combined Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am.**  
17 August Rusland Annual Show Whitestock Meadow, 11:30am >  
18 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**  
20 August Bouth Village Hall, Coffee Morning, 11:00am – 12noon.  
25 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



- 1 September **Morning Worship, 9:30am**  
3 September P C C. Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.  
Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.  
8 September **Combined Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Colton, 10:30am.**  
15 September **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**  
17 September Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, & 7:00pm.  
Chair's Surgery from 6:30pm  
21 September Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.  
22 September **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**  
29 September **Combined Holy Communion, St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge,  
10:30am.**



## CLICHÉ

**Loose Cannon:** “A grave and unpredictable hazard. This term comes from the days of sailing ships, when cannon- guns for firing heavy projectiles – were mounted on deck.

If during combat or a storm a cannon came loose from its mounting and rolled about the deck, it could severely damage the hull, causing the ship to sink, as well as injuring the crew.

In the twentieth century the expression began to be used figuratively for a person who behaves unpredictably and is potentially damaging.”



## Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

### Month August 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
<b>4 August</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Morning Worship</b>	Sue Lydon	Revelation 3:24-22	Susan King
<b>9:30pm.</b> <i>Pam</i>	Graham Wallace	Luke 9:23-27	

<b>11 August</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Combine Holy Communion		
<b>10:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i>	St. Luke's, Lowick		

<b>18 August</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jane Pickles	Jerimiah 23:23-29	Judy Redhead
<b>9:30am</b> <i>Harry Welsh</i>	Roderick Smith	Luke 12:29-56	

<b>25 August</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Gordon Pickles	Isaiah 58:9b-14	John Tarr
<b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>	Susan Smith	Luke 13:10-17	

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#### SIDEPERSONS ROTA

4 August Mrs. Susan King  
 11 August Mrs. Susan Dean  
 26 August Mrs. Susan Smith

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#### FLOWER ROTA

4 August Mrs. Zella Slater  
 11 August Mrs. Sylvia Greave  
 18 August Mrs. Sylvia Greave  
 26 August The Walker Family

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*“Great men are not always wise.”*

Proverbs

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