

Colton Parish News

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Church Services		
First Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Second Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Fourth Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Fifth Sunday	Service Format will vary	11.00 am
Keep your eyes peeled for details of other services and Special Sunday Afternoon Events		

For all Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and any Pastoral Needs
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Message from your editor



The image on the front cover kindly came from the history society and shows at one time Colton used to be served by a regular bus service to Rugeley. It was provided by the Green Bus company of Rugeley. Can any of you readers remember it?

Please see below details of the memorial service for Rhona Darlington from her family.

Best wishes

Fiona

All Items for inclusion in the NEXT EDITION

Must reach the Editor by 15th of THIS MONTH



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Thank you Fiona O'Brien Editor

Rhona Darlington
1933 - 2026
Memorial Service
Friday 26th June 12.00 Midday
St Mary's Church , Colton.
Afterwards at
Ye Olde Dun Cow, High Street
Colton.



Colton Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30 pm unless advised to the contrary.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and should note their participation is limited to a maximum 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting when questions and comments from the public are taken

Parish Council Elected members

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No one elected at Annual meeting.
Councillors will take turns to chair meetings

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Have you been on holiday yet? Are you planning to go away? Many of us go on holiday to 'get away from everything.' We want a break away from the stress and strains of everyday life. To refresh, recharge and renew our energy levels. As practising Christians, we have the opportunity to take mini-breaks, as often as we choose, in the form of meditation.

Christian meditation is a spiritual discipline that allows us to draw closer to God, seek inner peace, and deepen our understanding of faith. Unlike secular forms of meditation, which often focus on mindfulness or relaxation alone, Christian meditation is rooted in scripture and prayer, inviting practitioners to reflect upon the teachings of Christ and the presence of God in their lives.

Christian meditation typically involves focusing the mind and heart on a particular passage of scripture, a phrase, or an aspect of God's nature. Common techniques include:

- **Lectio Divina:** An ancient practice that involves reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation of scripture. Participants read a passage slowly, reflect on its meaning, pray about its significance, and rest in God's presence.
- **Breath Prayer:** Repeating a short prayer or phrase, such as "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me," with each breath, helping to centre one's thoughts on God.
- **Contemplative Silence:** Sitting quietly in God's presence, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak and guide, often without words or structured prayer.

Christian meditation offers a range of spiritual and practical benefits, including a deeper relationship with God, inner peace, spiritual growth, discernment.

Christian meditation has gained renewed interest among people seeking spiritual depth and relief from daily anxieties. Many churches and Christian communities now offer guided meditation sessions, retreats, and resources. The practice is accessible to all and can be adapted to individual needs, whether through silent prayer, scripture reflection, art or music.

Starting a meditation practice can be simple. Find a quiet space, select a favourite Bible verse or prayer, and spend a few minutes in reflection. Journaling thoughts and insights after meditation may also enhance the experience.

Christian meditation is a timeless practice that offers profound benefits for those seeking a closer relationship with God and greater peace in daily life. Rooted in scripture and tradition, it invites believers to pause, reflect, and listen, making space for God's presence amidst the noise of the modern world, without the hassle of travelling, or packing a suitcase.

Happy holidays. Lynda.

Observations From the Kitchen Window



To all my readers (assuming I still have some) I would like to thank you for sticking with me through thick and thin. This latest scribble is number 120 in the series. I have now been composing these pieces for 10 years, month in month out. It all started out as a bit of fun a year or so after we moved to Colton. The intention was to bring a bit of light relief to the usual serious content of the Parish Magazine (aka the Colton Times) and it just sort of continued! It has not always been easy to conjure up inspiration for these pieces, but 'Er Indoors as editor-in-chief has always made huge contributions to the compositions.

At this time, we were still finding our feet in the village and enjoying our new home. However, although we very much liked the idea of living in the rustic charm of a conservation area, we came up with a jolt when we suddenly discovered that the idyll had a downside. We had men doing some building work. It was springtime and they kept on breaking off to chaperone a duck with her brood as she crossed the road from our house to Coachmen's Walk and back again. It was a convenient excuse for extended tea breaks several times a day.

On one such occasion, one of the men looked up and spotted a large broken branch precariously balancing in one of the big trees fronting the house. With the wind in the wrong direction passers-by on the pavement, especially school children were at risk of being injured if it fell. A good citizen, someone who, we later learned, should have known better offered help to get it down, and I then set to work cutting the branch up on the front lawn with my chain saw. This action got some local blood boiling! The next morning just as we were finishing our corn flakes, there was a hammering on the door, and a large shape blocked out the light shining through the frosted glass.

It was the tree police! Without preliminaries he barked at us "It has been reported that you have been cutting down trees in the conservation area without permission!!!" Isn't it amazing how stories evolve!! After we explained the facts and made apologies for not adhering to protocol, he calmed down and put the handcuffs away. To show that we intended to be responsible residents within Colton, we then asked him to walk around the garden with us to advise on how we should manage some of the larger trees. That was an expensive mistake!!

He took one look at a huge lime tree that was visibly hollow with a void big enough to accommodate both 'Er Indoors and me. Without delay he slapped it with a five day order with instructions for it to be felled. He then found a second tree of similar age and said at the same time as the original one was cut down, we had to remove at least one third off the crown. He then made various comments on other trees which were less drastic. After a cup of coffee he left with all of us on good terms.

As Colton novices we then had the problem of finding someone who could do the work. 'Er Indoors put her foot down with a firm hand and forbade me from attempting the work myself. So inevitably we ended up giving the contract to Mark Bull after receiving several recommendations. Before long we had views of Tarzan in Hi Viz clothes swinging through the treetops and raining branches and sawdust over the garden below.



We were most amused when the first tree was felled into the Village Hall field next door. An unidentified lady who was walking by with her dog, made her feelings absolutely clear "it's always the same with you people moving in from the towns. You have no respect for the countryside. You immediately set out to ruin it. By the way, what are you planning to do with the logs!? Can I have some!?"

There have been many incidents and experiences on which I have reported during this series. These include the time when, after seeing a recipe in a Gardening Magazine, we tried to make marrow rum in a pair of tights. The marrow was hollowed out and filled with raisins and brown sugar. The tights were suspended over a plastic bucket to let it drip away without interruption. After a while it was enveloped in a cloud of fruit flies and mosquitos until the tights gave way and the whole lot fell with a splash into the bucket!! We never tried that again.

When we moved in, there were already sheep feeding in the bottom paddocks, and we have retained the practice. The sheep graze for free and we get the benefit of not having to mow the paddocks. Then a couple of years ago, the owner of the sheep offered us goats instead. We agreed, and that was a big mistake. The goats were great fun and friendly. Then one day we had a knock on the door. It was our neighbour. "Have you got some goats?" she asked. We answered in the affirmative." Well, they are all in my garden eating the vegetables and one is trying to get into the kitchen!!" Trying to herd snacking goats is no easy matter, 'This was another urgent job for Tarzan who had to repair the bit of fencing that the goats had trampled down. While waiting for him, 'Er Indoors pulled up a chair and sat in it in front of the hole, cuddling the ringleader, to prevent further escapes. No more goats. Welcome back sheep

Best regards from all at Sheringham



COLTON GARDEN & PRODUCE CLUB.

Hello once again. The mystery speaker for the May meeting was well received – a presentation by Ruth on the rise, fall and rebuilding of the Trentham Estate. Hence, the title Ruth gave to it – “A Phoenix Rising from the Ashes”. An excellent evening with a great presentation on Trentham. Our next meeting is on Thursday, the 4th of June at 7.30 pm, when we will have the annual Strawberries and Cream evening and a competition for members for the best bowl or vase of Roses. Let us hope the weather is a little kinder than May, to let the roses bloom properly. At present, the trees, bushes and other plants are struggling to cope with the strong, blustery winds and the heavy rain squalls. It is not very helpful, either, to anyone trying to do a bit of gardening!

We are, of course, fast approaching the longest day of the year, and we hope there will be no more frosts to attack any tender plants and produce. According to the RHS, we should immerse ourselves in the shimmering colours of early summer, with roses and peonies as the stars of the show. I do hope this will be the case, so we have a competitive number of vases/bowls of roses for the competition at the June meeting. The colourful displays can be extended by religiously deadheading flowers and by even removing the shoot tips of late-summer and autumn flowering perennials, as this encourages bushier growth and more blooms later in the year. The removal of dead flowers from roses will encourage more blooms, especially on bush and climbing roses. Hardy geraniums, which should be cut back as soon as the flowers have faded, by removing the flower stems at the base. This should encourage fresh, new leaves to form and sometimes a second flush of blooms.

A gardener's nightmare is the never-ending problem of keeping weeds under control - sometimes called unwanted plants. These consist of bindweed, docks, cleavers and chickweed, which will threaten to swamp your plants and crops. Hoe them, dig them out or smother them with mulch. I prefer to collect them up and dispatch them to the brown garden bin as I have known them to flourish and take over a compost heap. We need to spend time preparing for the latter part of the year by sowing annual bedding plants such as violas and bellis daisies in pots or trays, as well as biennials such as wallflowers and sweet williams, to provide a garden full of flowers next spring.

From May to July is the best time to prune trees in the Prunus genus. These include ornamental cherries, damsons, plums and almonds, which are all susceptible to silver leaf disease as the spores are less severe during these months. You can prune out dead, diseased, and crossing stems, trimming lightly to form a balanced shape, if required. Any wounds created by doing this will heal quickly during the height of the growing season. Remember to leave this until flowering or fruiting is complete. I will have to clear some sprouting raspberry canes which are not growing in the designated area, as they will also be taking nourishment from the main plants bearing the ripening fruit. I also need the space for other crops. It is a good policy to use stakes or stout canes to support the canes, or they will fall over and break under the weight of the fruit. This also applies to tall perennials and large-flowered dahlias. To combat any bouts of excessive heat, we can help to retain the moisture for our vegetables and crops by applying a good 2" of compost or manure around the root bases to slow down the drying process in long spells of



sunshine. Remember to water either early in the morning or late in the evening. If it is extremely hot, you may need to do this in the morning and at night. |

No matter what the weathermen say, there is definitely a change in the weather with a changing climate pattern. It is becoming warmer all year, as is evident with the lack of snow and only a few frosts, and it is predicted it will be wetter during the winter months. The dry weather in the summer will tend to stress garden plants and increase the demand for water. Well-established trees and shrubs seldom need watering, and lawns may turn brown, but will soon recover when the rains return. Maybe we need to turn to more drought-resistant varieties to keep our gardens attractive. Plants from drier climates, such as Artemisia, Ceanothus, Cistus, Lavandula, Salvia, and Stachys, will all come through times of drought as they variously have waxy, grey, hairy, small, narrow or succulent leaves to inhibit water loss. Succulents certainly seem to be more readily available at the garden centres. Using these varieties will save water for seedlings and new plants, as well as for the greenhouse and vegetable plants. Water butts may be a short-term solution, and using some household wastewater may provide supplies, but be careful not to use water contaminated with bleach, disinfectants, dishwasher salt, or strong cleaning products. If we get a spell of hot weather, I will be using my duvet cover to shade the greenhouse to protect my tomato plants and other seedlings. |

There are still plenty of vegetable seeds that can be planted directly outdoors. It is not too late to sow beetroot, carrot, courgetti, cucumber, French beans, herbs, lettuce, peas, radish, rocket, runner beans, spinach, salad crops, spring onions, turnips and winter squash. I wish my vegetable area were bigger so I could plant a wider variety of crops, but I am probably not the only one who will have to be selective in my crop choices. If you have been diligent in planting seeds earlier, you will be able to harvest broad beans (the first ones are always the best), early potatoes, lettuce, spring onions, cabbage and cauliflower. Black, red and white currants, gooseberries, rhubarb and strawberries should also be coming into harvest – please remember to water if we have a warm, dry spell of weather. Blackfly can be a real nuisance on Broad beans, and later in the year on runner beans. They can form dense colonies and suck out the sap from young shoot tips, flower stems and young leaves, causing distorted or stunted growth. They rarely kill plants and provide a vital food source, so they are vital for a wide range of wildlife, so small groups are best tolerated. To limit numbers, gently squash them with your fingers, spray with a diluted solution of washing-up liquid, and encourage natural predators such as ladybirds, although last season I had to resort to the use of a bug spray as it got out of control.

Whatever you do, please try to encourage pollinators into the garden. This is done largely by an army of wild species that do not live in beehives. Solitary wild bees do most of the work with the females making their own nests independently. Mining bees and others make their nests in the ground by boring holes to lay their eggs in – I have found quite a large number of these bore holes in the lawns and borders, and thus now trying to avoid them when cutting the lawns. More about how to encourage and feed these pollinators in a few months, but this is probably the main reason I have a designated wildflower area in my garden. |

Whatever the weather, soldier on and enjoy what you are doing. If it is a chore, maybe it is time to consider hiring a gardener!! It takes less effort to SMILE, so keep SMILING. |

HAPPY GARDENING TO YOU ALL. |

Peter Brightman – 07896521941 | 01889803678 |



We hoped our May meeting would be special and it certainly was. We had a full house, over 50 of us enjoyed Joanne Massey (Lola Lamour) explaining her love for vintage clothes, especially the 40's and 50's. What's more, she was able to demonstrate how well made clothes of that era were, with fitted waists and detailed stitching. How most of us wished we were able to wear the sizes she could! What's more, the fabric could be washed time and time again without losing colours, can't always say that about the clothes we buy now. Joanne has a collection that must take a lot of wardrobes and cupboards in which to store them as she has been buying and acquiring vintage clothes from her early years. Kevin, her husband who accompanied her, was worth his weight in gold, he unfolded and folded each garment as required and packed all the cases away when he could. A tremendous partnership.



It was hard work providing a welcoming hall, with flowers on the tables, and home made cakes for refreshments, but it was agreed it was well worth it, and certainly our guests from local WI's seemed to appreciate it from the thanks that were given at the end of the meeting.

Kevin agreed to judge the competition which was a vintage jewel. The items brought by our members and guests were amazing, and Kevin must have found it very difficult to decide on the winner. Pearl's item – a necklace of beautiful garnet stones - won, but each and every one entered was a fond remember of times past.

There was a very short business section of the meeting, apologies were given and members reminded of future outings and events, including a garden visit, a birthday meal in July to celebrate another year of Colton WI, a curling session in



September, and invites from two local WI's to their meetings in June and July. A busy programme.

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 10 June is a talk on the Pickwick Bicycle Club – a Dickens of a Tale by Trevor Bevan, with the competition being a bicycle ornament or accessory.

If any of you ladies would like to come, then please do, you will be made welcome. The meeting starts at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

SUMMARY OF COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 6th MAY
(Full minutes will be available at www.coltonpc.org.uk after approval at the June meeting)

Annual Council Meeting – This was held prior to the usual PC meeting. No one was elected as Chair but Noel Talbot was prepared to continue charring meetings when available. PC to consider whether frequency of meetings could be reduced, as, with the small number of councillors, it was sometimes difficult to obtain a quorum.

Planning Matters – Appeal made to Planning Inspectorate after LDC's refusal of application to convert stables on Jonghams Lane into a dwelling. New application received for various demolitions and new side extensions at Wharf Cottage, Bellamour Lane. Application for demolition of agricultural building and erection of 4 dwellings on land at Malt House Farm, Newlands Lane, Stockwell Heath had been refused. Some large, mature trees had been felled at a property in the Conservation Area but no evidence had been seen of the required permission for such action. So this had been raised with District Councillor Keith Vernon and would be checked with LDC's arboricultural officer and/or conservation officer.

Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

Flooding and highways maintenance - Sonja in the SCC FAIR team had emailed to say that work on the drainage at Hollow Lane was scheduled for mid-May.

State of Stoneyford Lane and Newlands Lane – Work is scheduled soon on Newlands Lane, on the section from the top of High St towards Blithbury. However it is the section towards Stockwell Heath, which is much more frequently used by parishioners and considered by PC to be higher priority. **Clerk** to report again to Highways.

Speeding – County Cllr Janet Higgins had recently followed up the speeding issue on the Admaston Rd with an email to the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, following gatherings and speeding again at the sunny bank holiday weekend. A reply is awaited.

Finance and audit

Parish defibrillators - **Clerk** to press Janet Higgins for an answer as to whether an external cabinet at the Dun Cow could be funded from the SCC Community Fund. If not, it could be purchased using Colton's CIL money, as it is classed as infrastructure.

Parishioner request for lights in the village for Christmas – Quote recently received from a contractor for required electrical work was thought to be unreasonably high. PC to pass on to PCC to see what they want to do (**Clerk**).

Dates of next meetings – Wednesday 24th June at 7pm (essential payments and accounts items only) then Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm (to follow Burial Ground Committee meeting/inspections).

(Meeting on usual date of Wednesday 3rd June cancelled due to lack of quorum)



Friendship Club Report: 16th April 2026

At 9.00 am, all available members of the Committee (assisted by Karen Foster) assembled at the Village Hall to stage the room and prepare the food in readiness for our annual lunch.

After being supplied with drinks, members were invited to help themselves to a buffet lunch and then, a wonderful selection of desserts made by the committee. With tea and coffee served, we were then entertained by the wonderful Gabriela with her trusty ukelele.

After many raffle prizes were distributed to the winners, another successful lunch was over for another year – all bar the washing up!

We would like to express grateful thanks to:

- Mark Hill for setting up the tables and chairs and to Matt Hill who helped him to put them away
- The Committee (and Karen F.) for all of their hard work
- To Gabriela for her lively entertainment

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May at the normal time of 10.30 until midday and the speaker will be Karen Foster, Her topic being 'The Dark side of the Theatre. Please note, the annual subs of £8 will be due at this meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Karen Hill
01889 586 379.

Colton History Society April Meeting. “Beauesert. A talk by Bob Marsh.

In ancient times Cannock Chase had always been a royal hunting forest. Around 1140 two hermits set up a small hermitage in the forest. As the hermitage began to attract more monks the Bishop of Lichfield persuaded them to become members of the Cistercian Order and it soon expanded and became known as Radmore. One of the things the monks did was to provide food for people travelling through the forest. Some of the King’s foresters started to abuse this and the monks petitioned the King to move to a new site. He agreed to this and they established a new abbey on land in Warwickshire and the Cannock forest site became a royal hunting lodge used by the King and members of his entourage. When Richard 1st came to the throne he sold Cannock Chase to the church to raise money for his crusades. The then Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Langton, decided that the hunting lodge was not grand enough and built another far grander building calling it “Beauesert,” Norman French for “Beautiful wilderness”. It was built using the local sandstone. At the Dissolution of the monasteries ordered by Henry V 111, Beauesert and all its land was given to his close advisor William Paget.

William Paget was a very powerful statesman in Henry’s court and was known as the King’s “fixer”. William had risen from humble beginnings, very little is known about his origins. He was very bright and was eventually noticed by Bishop Stephen Gardiner who introduced him to Henry’s court. Various increasingly important rolls led to him receiving from the King large grants of land including Beauesert. In 1549 he was created Baron Paget of Beauesert. He continued to serve the monarchy throughout the reign of Edward V1 and Queen Mary eventually retiring at the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth .

Upon the death of William his first son inherited but did not live long. His second son then inherited and began extensive building works at Beauesert turning it into a huge Elizabethan mansion described at the time as “a fair brick house”. The great east wing that he had built was made of local stone and over 8000 bricks produced locally. He also had stables and coach houses built and created a grand garden in the valley that ran below the house. As it was only one of their many houses it was used by

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Henry Paget the 5th Marquis of Anglesey who became known as the "Dancing Marquis", was famous for his lavish lifestyle at the turn of the 19th Century. He re-mortgaged the house to pay for his excessive lifestyle but at the end of his life left many debts. When the 6th Marquis inherited the house had been badly damaged by a fire. He then set about restoring a lot of the house trying to bring it back to the glories of its former years. However after a few years he too was facing huge financial difficulties and so broke up the estates and sold off many of the treasures at Beaudesert including the famous Waterloo staircase that went to be installed in a house in Australia. The house then was totally neglected and fell into a ruinous state finally being sold for demolition. The demolition company went bankrupt before it was completely demolished. In 2002 an archaeological survey of the ruins was carried out and one of the conclusions was that it had been one of the greatest Elizabethan houses in the country. In 2003 a lottery grant was applied for to help maintain what was left of the house but the bid failed. A second and third bid also failed. There are now attempts ongoing to preserve what is left.

Before he died the 6th Marquis bought back 123 acres and set up a trust for the land to become a centre for young peoples' activities. The scouting movement has used this facility for many years for scout and guide camps. The land provides space for over 35 campsites, indoor accommodation and specialized out-door activities. The Trust still owns and manages the land. The ruins of the old hall, a walled kitchen garden and an ice house remain standing. The Paget family reside at Plas Newydd their estate in Anglesey.

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The next meeting of Colton history society will be on Wednesday 27th May at 2.30pm. There will be a change to the advertised speaker and topic. Michael Priest will be doing a talk entitled "The Wolseley Family of Wolseley Hall".

Tribute to Bev Croft from Colton History Society

It is with great sadness that we heard of Bev Croft's death recently. Bev and Gill his wife, joined the history society when it was first founded in the village many years ago now. As well as participating in all of our activities over the years, he also did a considerable amount of research on people who had lived in the village in the past particularly Frederic Bonney. It was Bev who found out that Frederic Bonney who lived at Colton house at the end of the 19th. century , had spent many years out farming in Australia with his brother. He unearthed lots of facts about the Bonney's and particularly a vast treasure trove of photographs that Frederic had taken whilst living there and which are now in the archives of the National Library in Australia. He took the first known pictures of the aboriginals in N.S.W. and of the settlers who had gone to farm there. His photographic record is considered to be of great significance in Australia. When he came back to England and settled in Colton he continued to use his camera and left us a wonderful archive of photos of life in Colton.

Bev should also to be acknowledged for the work he did helping to establish a wild flower meadow in Colton. He had a great love of nature particularly for trees which for anyone who has seen his wonderful arboretum behind his house will know.

Bev contributed a great deal to the village in many ways and he will be sorely missed.

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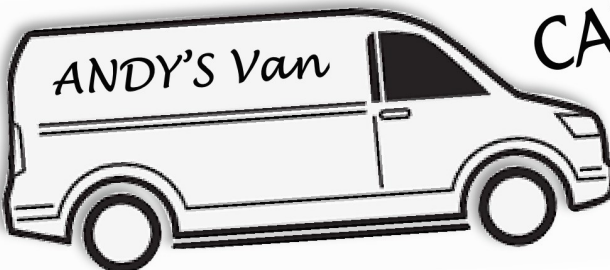
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