

# *St Bees News*

*July / August 2007*



# St Bees News

## From the Vicar

“We’re here for a good time (not a long time)” is the title of a classic rock’n’roll song by *Trooper*. They’re a Canadian group, so I don’t expect many of you to have heard of them. The song popped into my head while I was considering what to write as we head into the summer months (worse songs from Canadian artists could have popped into my head, like *anything* from Celine Dion, which would have properly scuppered this article). What does it mean to have a good time? What underpins it?

The word I would like to explore is *leisure*. Some of you are thinking, “well I’m not getting any time off work, so don’t talk to me about *leisure*...” Leisure is misunderstood today. Many people think leisure is not compatible with work, but it is. Also, leisure is not the same as lazing around and doing nothing. Leisure is more like “being at peace” in whatever we are doing.

Perhaps you may think this is a flippant subject, but how we spend our “spare time” is important. The most important thing we can do with our spare time is to spend it doing leisurely things. Leisure is not spending hours and hours in front of the TV or computer. Leisure is not sleeping all day. Leisure is not being slumped on a sofa wondering what on earth there is to do. True leisure has nothing to do with laziness or despondency.

Leisure is any activity that strengthens and expands our human nature. Leisure activities are those things that we do that deepen us, expand our skill-set, and keep us fit and healthy. Positive pursuits like reading a good book, doing crafts, playing

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sports, gardening, building play forts or whatever are all leisure activities. These leisure activities are unnecessary because they depend upon us having “free time” (time not having to work for a living, keep the house in order, or flee from people or things trying to kill us). But on the other hand, life would not be worth living without these same unnecessary activities.

If we are working it is possible to be at leisure as well. It is possible to spend our time conscious of how our work can build up our character and our friendships with one another. If we have time to think at work, we can exercise our attentiveness to the world around us and to think about our lives and purpose. A truly happy work place is one that encourages true leisure in the midst of function. Space for leisure at work is maybe considered as bad for productivity, but in reality a work place that gives no space for moments of leisure throughout the day is proven to be negative both personally and productively.

But what is the root of leisure? A philosopher once said, “Culture depends for its very existence on leisure, and leisure, in its turn, is not possible unless it has a durable and consequently living link with the *cultus*, with divine worship.” True leisure, activities that build up the human soul and body, ultimately need to be linked to worship. The Westminster Shorter Catechism puts it brilliantly with the question: “What is the chief end of man?” Answer: “To glorify God and to enjoy him forever.”

Psalm 16:11 says, “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are

# *Prory News*

*Christian Aid* House to House Collection in the Parish has raised a tremendous total of £1375, boosted by 70 signed Gift Aid forms. Sincere thanks to all collectors and contributors for their support and generosity.

*Sunday School* urgently requires a new teacher or assistant for the new term in September, when Helen Taylor is retiring due to other commitments. Please contact Rosalie McAndrew (Tel. 822326) if you would like to help even on a shared basis, alternating with another helper. Many thanks to Helen and all her family for all their support and dedication over the years.

*Best Wishes* to Mrs Joy Morris former treasurer and long-standing devotee of the St Bees & Whitehaven RNLI, now at Bradbury House, Gosforth. She would appreciate visits or cards from her St Bees friends and colleagues.

*Special Thanks* to noble volunteers Pat McDonnell and Dilys Brownrigg who have offered their help in sharing the task of cleaning the brass and silverware in the Priory. Their assistance is very much appreciated.

*St Bees Brownies* and their leaders are to be congratulated on their beautiful floral display in the flower bed adopted and planted by them in the Sleeping Child Garden under the supervision of their teachers and the guidance of Dr McAndrew. Thank you and well done.

*The Priory Book Sale* continues throughout the summer at the Priory. Lots of interesting books, as well as audio tapes and videos are available at very attractive prices! All proceeds go to Church Funds. Bring, browse & buy!

*Required please!* New Magazine Distributors are needed for Couderton and for Nethertown. Contact the magazine editors if you can help.

*Special Celebrity Concert* - A Priory Concert has been planned on Monday, 2 July at 7.30 p.m. in honour of Ted Robertson, Priory Organist for 51 remarkable years. A presentation will be made on behalf of the congregation to Ted & Betty, a devoted duo.

Wine and Nibbles served afterwards.

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## *Vicar's letter (Continued)*

pleasures forevermore" (ESV). True leisure is found in living life according to the purpose for which we were made. By glorifying God we enjoy him and we come to know his purpose and meaning in our lives more and more fully. Ultimately this is what gives life meaning and enjoyment. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Let me encourage you to explore what true

leisure is this summer. Enjoy yourselves and spend your time doing things that build you up. But also be mindful of where the true source of leisure is. It is in the enjoyment of God's mercy and life, a mercy and life that he gives to us so that we may truly live.

*Lars Nowen*

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## ***St Bees & District Garden Society Show***

This year's St Bees & District Garden Society Show will be on Saturday 18 August at 2.00p.m. in St Bees School Sports Hall

Classes include Flowers and Vegetables, Home Produce, Baking, Wines, Floral Art, Handicrafts, Graphic Art, Children's Sections:- Under 10 years and 10 to 15 years inclusive.

Schedules will be available at the Post Office or from the Committee members by July.

Afternoon teas will be available with delicious cakes! All welcome to attend and/or to submit entries. Staging to be completed by 11.00 a.m. Details of subjects for the Floral Art and Photographic classes can be found in the Schedule

# *St Bees AFC*

The Annual End of Season Presentation Evening was held at the Falcon Club, Egremont, on Friday 18 May. On this occasion the Junior and Senior Sections held a joint event which was very well attended. Shaun Monaghan, a former St. Bees player, made the presentations with Russell Hall acting as Master of Ceremonies.

## **Junior Section**

Under 8's Player of the Year Patrick Brennan; Players Player Jack Thompson; Most Improved Player Joshua Green

Under 10's Player of the Year Lewis Spencer; Players Player Richard Marr; Most Improved Player Jack Corrie

Under 12's Player of the Year Lewis Hodgson; Players Player Matthew Metcalfe; Most Improved Player Thomas Page

Under 14's Player of the Year Chris Turner; Players Player Chris Turner; Most Improved Player Callum Aitken

Under 16's Player of the Year Ray Semphill; Players Player Brett Kerswell; Most Improved Player Ben Sanderson

## **Senior Section**

St. Bees FC Sunday Team Manager's Player Steven Priestley; Players Player Steven Priestley

St. Bees Village Sunday Team Manager's Player David Barnett; Players Player Neil Woodburn

St. Bees FC Saturday Team Manager's Player Adam Jackson; Players Player Karl Walmsley

Russell Hall thanked all the coaches for their commitment and dedication, the Junior Players for their behaviour and all the parents for their support. He then mentioned that Ray Semphill had received County honours and that 5 under 16's (Zac Starkie, John Rudd, Lee Jolly, Graham Kirkby and James MacDonald) had represented Copeland Schools. In the forthcoming season, Russell was hopeful of forming a "Ladies' Committee" and mentioned future fund-raising events, initially a Sponsored Walk on Sunday 10 June. Three places remain for the Bobby Charlton Soccer School from August 28 to August 31. Telephone 823684 for details.

**2007/2008 Season** Registration forms are now available for NEW players for next season (both Junior and Senior). Juniors are asked to contact Russell Hall on 01946-823684. Children must be aged 6 yrs as at 31 August 207. Seniors please contact Andy Lomax, 01946 824934. The Seniors operate three teams, one playing on Saturdays and two on Sundays.

Russell Hall, Treasurer and General Factotum of St Bees AFC has been rewarded by the Cumberland Football Association as the County winner of the McDonald Charter Standard Club "Administrator of the Year" at the Cumberland Football Association Dinner at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton. Well done, Russell, from all those associated with St Bees AFC.

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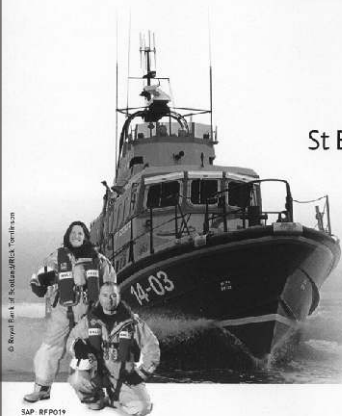
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## Grassroots

**Good luck** to Helen Bindless who recently moved to her new home in The Crofts . We hope you will be very happy there. **A belated Welcome** to Tony and Terri Caddy who have moved to 6 Monks Hill, St. Bees. We hope you enjoy your new home.

**Neil Woodburn** and his children, Owen, McCauley and Ryan wish to thank everyone who contributed to make possible their visit to Anfield to see their favourite team, Liverpool, beat Wigan 1 - 0. As we are all aware, their mother was tragically killed in a road accident last year. A special thanks to St Bees AFC for making all the arrangements.

**Thanks from Rotary** - The Whitehaven & Whitehaven Castle Rotary Clubs would like to thank all those people who donated soft toys earlier in the year. These were used in our Soft Toy Tombola stall at the Maritime Festival and helped us to raise over £1200 for West Cumbria Young Carers and the Rotary Wheelchair Foundation.

**A Mini-Festival** of St Bees Local History will be held in the Priory on the last weekend of September from Friday 28 to Sunday 30. Lectures and exhibitions by the History Group are planned. Please contact Chris Robson, Bob Jopling or Ian McAndrew if you have any artefacts or memorabilia of interest.

**Thanks from Joan Wadey** I just wanted to say a big thank you for all the support & encouragement we have received recently regarding our sponsored walk. A lot of you know that having turned 50 in November I wanted to "give something back" so I decided to spend the year fundraising for 3 charities (Macmillan, The Jigsaw appeal,

& the Will Alp memorial fund).

Colin & I walked 55 miles in total along "El route de Norte" a section of the St James Way in Northern Spain. It was a tremendous experience if a little soggy (I can't believe I was worrying about being too hot before we went!)

As I write this the current total is £1, 350 but I'm still collecting sponsor money. It's not too late to contribute to the fund as it will be running until November. Other events are planned for the future including cream teas later in the summer and possibly a musical evening in October.

There is also a website where monies donated go directly to Macmillan [www.justgiving.com/joansfundraisingyear](http://www.justgiving.com/joansfundraisingyear)

### **Old Postcards Calendar 2007**

Many thanks to Guy Mawson, David & Erica (Queens Hotel), Tommy Biglands, Mrs M Stainton, Stuart & Alison (Platform 9), Alan & Amanda (Post Office), Toni & Maureen Canigiani (Fleatham House), Seacote Park, Anne & David Hope, Lynn & Stephen (Manor House), Richard Stout, John & Hillary Booth and Geoff & Kay Steele for sponsoring a month. Also to the Post Office, Richard Stout and Carole Woodman for help with selling. Because of the Roof repairs, not many were sold in the Priory, but we were still able to give £250 to the Village in Bloom and the same amount to the Priory. With Dougie Sim's help the 2008 Calendar should be sent to the printers shortly. David Hope helped selling the calendars this year and if anybody else can lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated.

*Donald Brownrigg*

## *Entertainment*

### *Priory Concert*

“Music for a Summer’s Evening” - A choral concert by the Carnegie Singers will be held on Wednesday 11 July at 7.30 p.m. in the Priory. Refreshments will be served. Admission £5.00 (Children £2.50). All proceeds to the Roof Fund.

Our thanks to the Carnegie Singers for waiting so patiently. They first offered last year to hold a concert in the Priory in aid of Roof Funds, but were unable to do so as work had started. They are delighted to be singing in the newly restored Priory at long last.

### *St Bees Maize Maze*

The St Bees Maize Maze is back with new and exciting things to do. This year we are going to have tractor and trailer rides to take you on an exciting adventure round the maize maze. So Come and Get Lost by walking through approximately 1.5 miles of pathways which have been cut into a field of maize which grows up to 6ft high.



Don't worry if this is too much for you, we have split the maze into 3 parts which have an exit route if you get tired. We're also providing something for toddlers this year. We've designed you your own short and easy maze so you don't get bored and tired, much easier for those parents with push-chairs too. The maze opens on 21 July, and will be open each week from Thursdays to Sundays inclusive, and Bank Holidays (weather permitting). See our new web site for more details - [www.stbees-maizemaze.co.uk](http://www.stbees-maizemaze.co.uk)

### *St Bees School Drama*

St Bees School Drama present “Under Milk Wood” by Dylan Thomas on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 5 July, at 7.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Admission free. All are welcome.





## *Friends of the Priory*

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23 May 2007.

Mr Peter Bromiley, who has been a member since the “Friends” inception has now retired from the committee. He will of course remain a member of the group and we thank him for his continuing support.

The following members have been elected to serve on the committee for the coming year:

Chairman Revd. Lars Nowen. Vice-chairman Mr. P.J. Barratt. : Secretary Mrs. S. Sanderson. Treasurer Mr. T.A.P. Rice. Publicity Mrs. M. Barratt. P.C.C. reps Mrs. J. Clarkson and Mrs. R. McAndrew. Parish Council rep Mrs. V. Turpin.

Committee members Mesdames. E. Crichton, J. Maddison, M. Stout, J. Wadey, M. Funk (co-opted), Messrs. A. Billson, P. Broughton and R. Stout.

### **Looking ahead.**

Talks have been offered by Lars and Graham Brightman and we plan to invite Whitehaven Brass Band to play for us again.

**Sponsor A Slate** - This raised the grand total of £1252. The list of sponsors will be appearing in the Priory in due course.

### **Diary Dates for Autumn 2007**

October 12- Talk by P. J. Barratt “The Chemistry of Pain Relief”

October 31 All Hallows Eve party for families.

November (T, B.A.) Quiz Night.

December 17 Christmas Concert with The Priory Singers.

## *St Bees Guides Report*

This year we had a full unit of Guides numbering 23, with 2 Young Leaders and 2 Adult teachers. We now have a waiting list!

For the last few years my goal has been to retain the older Guides and help them attain their Baden Powell Award. (This is the highest award that a guide can achieve). In 2005 as a unit we had our first successes. Four Guides gained the award and are now all Young Leaders with the 1st St Bees Brownies and 1st St Bees Guides. In 2006, five guides gained the award. Most went on to be Explorers. This year, hopefully, a further five Guides will gain the award.

We have had plenty of outings; we try and do something each month. In September we had a lovely day out at Keswick, climbing, canoeing and raft building. In the past we have had camps with other units, helped with the Village in Bloom, held cooking competitions and attended the Big Gig (Girl guiding pop concert), to name just a few.

*Lucy Scott 1st St Bees Leader*

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The Parish Council is seeking help to carry out another survey of public footpaths and bridleways in the parish.

We have about 20 miles of paths in the parish - some are used regularly, others less often. The survey involves reporting on the state of the surface, the condition of stiles, gates, signs etc.

No technical expertise is needed - it can easily be done whilst enjoying a pleasant walk.

† If you are able to help by surveying one or more (or even all!) of the paths, please contact Jane Donaldson on 822560 or Bob Mayow on 822580.

## *News from the Village School*

Performances of Joseph & his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by our Key Stage 2 children will be held during the afternoon and evening of Monday, 2 July, and the evening only of Tuesday, 3 July, in the school hall.

We are planning our Sports Day for Tuesday, 17 July at 1.30 pm on the school field. Weather permitting! (Reserve day will be Wednesday 18.)

Congratulations to our School Quick Cricket team for winning the Copeland Area Tournament. The team obviously played very well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done!

A reminder that the end of term is Thursday 19 July 2007 finishing at 1.30 pm (no After School Club on that day) and the new academic year starts on Tuesday, 4 September 2007.

May we take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 children, who will be moving on to Secondary Education, our very best wishes and good luck for the future!



### *Next Month's Editors*

The **September 2007** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Phil Barratt, 16 Finkle Street, St Bees** who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Wednesday, 8 August** please.

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***St Bees Lifeboat News***

**23May** - The Lifeboat was launched following a report that a 4x4 vehicle was sighted at the foot of the cliffs in Saltom bay. Whilst the Lifeboat was en-route to the destination, it was discovered that the vehicle had been there a couple of days, and the Lifeboat was returned back to station.

**1June** - 2 children had been sighted drifting out to sea on an inflatable toy. The children were recovered by a jet ski, as the Lifeboat was going down the slip way, the person on the jet ski, was the children's father.

Services in 2007 so far = 4.

Thanks for your support.

*M Clarkson*

## *Calendar for July - August*

### *July*

1	Trinity IV	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	Sunday	2.00 to 5.00 p.m.	Village in Bloom Open Gardens Event
2	Monday	7.30 p.m.	Priory Concert for Ted Robertson
	Monday		St Bees Village School performance -
3	Tuesday		“Dreamcoat”, School Hall
	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Meeting of PCC - NCH
4	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	“Under Milk Wood” drama at
5	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	St Bees School Memorial Hall
7	Saturday	12.00 noon	Marriage: Victoria Bushby & Christopher Dixon
8	Trinity V	10.30 a.m.	Special Service
11	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Concert by Carnegie Singers, Priory
15	Trinity VI	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion
17	Tuesday	1.30 p.m.	Village School Sports Day
	(Wednesday 18 if wet!)		School Field
21	Saturday		Opening of Maize Maze
22	Trinity VII	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
29	Trinity VIII	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

### *August*

4	Saturday	1.00 p.m.	Marriage: Claire Allan & Gavin Henry
5	Trinity IX	10.30 a.m.	Communion by Extension
8	Wednesday		Last day for Magazine Copy
12	Trinity X	10.30 a.m.	Service of the Word - Family Worship
18	Saturday	2.00 p.m.	St Bees Annual Garden Show
			St Bees School Sports Hall
19	Trinity XI	10.30 a.m.	Service of the Word - Family Worship
26	Trinity XII	10.30 a.m.	Family Service

### *September*

2	Trinity XIII	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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### *Regular Events*

Mondays	3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	
	(In term time)	JAFFA Club, St Bees Village School
Tuesdays	6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Village in Bloom Work Evenings Stonehouse Farm

## *From the Registers*

### *Holy Baptism*

May 20

James Matthew Short, Seascale

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Lois Howard (Tel. 811446)

Churchwardens - (see inside front cover)

## Services

### Sundays

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
10.30 a.m.	Family Communion	(1st, 3rd & 5th)
	Morning Prayer	(2nd Sunday)
	Family Service & Parade	(4th Sunday)
6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	See Rota

### Weekdays

#### Communion on Saints Days

**N.B.** This pattern may vary at particular seasons of the year. See magazine calendar.  
The sacrament of Baptism is administered at the Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month, or at the Communion Service. Arrangements should be made with the Vicar at least two weeks in advance.

This magazine is free but production costs are about 30p per copy. Contributions from the Parish Council and from our advertisers, to whom we are most grateful, pay for about 50% of the costs. However this leaves a substantial sum to be paid for by the PCC. Donations to the Treasurer\* or your Magazine Distributor are therefore most welcome.

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