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Booking Officers

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Area Visitor / Good Neighbour Scheme	The parish is divided into 30 small areas each with an official Church Visitor whose task is to welcome and help people in the name of the Priory. Co-ordinator - TBA.
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. Venue to be arranged. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Chris Robson 822468.
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Cubs	8 - 10.5 yrs. Haile Village Hall, Thursdays, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. Rosalie McAndrew (822326), Malcolm Lightfoot, Wendy Mellor, & Tom Kelly.
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Friends of the Priory	assists in the conservation of the Priory and encourages interest in its historical and architectural heritage. Contact R McAndrew or Norman Killip, Treasurer, Honeybee House, Seamill Lane, St Bees, Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 01946 825468). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.
Garden Society	

History Group	works towards improving knowledge of local history. Lectures arranged periodically. Details from Chris Robson 822468.
Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Gill Richardson Tel. 822394.
Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Coughton. Tel. (01946) 822560, email pc-clerk@stbees.org.uk , who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Parochial Church Council	meets 10 times a year. Elections are held in March at the A.P.C.M. Its task is to spearhead the mission and ministry of the church in the Parish. PCC Secretary - r.e.rendell@gmail.com , 07977 096426.
Playgroup (Toddler Group)	meets every Wednesday in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in New College Hall, St Bees Priory. Details from Katy Privilege, - Email - katyprivilege_89@outlook.com
Pop-in Cafe	Every Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon - Pop-in Cafe in New College Hall. Everyone welcome - Coffee and homemade cakes.
Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, All day, 5 days a week. For children of 2 years upwards. Contact on 823880.
Prayer Group	Currently not meeting. Contact Susan Sanderson for information.
Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Details from Frank Bowler. (01946) 825307.
Priory Web Site	The Priory web site has up to date information on the ministry team, church services and activities. See http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk
Rangers	meet on alternate Mondays from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. in NCH. Contact calderdivision@gmail.com for info on your nearest unit of Brownies .& Guides. New Rainbows unit starts in Bigrigg on Mondays.
Seagalls	meets first Tuesday of month at 7.30pm in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Judith 07772523742
St Bees Triers	Friendly running club for all abilities. Every Thursday 6pm & 7pm. Email running@triers.uk Tel. 823497 Web www.triers.co.uk
St Bees Youth	Currently not meeting.
Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, 14 Main Street. St Bees. (Tel 822522).
Village Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk
Women's Institute	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Roxanne Benson Tel 823137.

Calendar for November

1	Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Seagalls Cheese & Wine evening, Oddfellows
6	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
			Deadline for Christmas shoe boxes
11	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Clothes Swap, Adams Recreation Ground
11-13	Friday - Sunday		Multi Charity Sale, Old College Hall. See p.4
12 - 13	Saturday & Sunday		Art Exhibition & Sale in NCH
12	Saturday	6.00 p.m.	Fund Raising Bingo, Oddfellows Arms.
13	Sunday	10.15 a.m.	Wreath laying ceremony. War Memorial.
		10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship: Remembrance Sunday
		7.30 p.m.	Steve Bonham & The Long Road, Hodgetts
14	Monday	7.30 p.m.	St Bees W.I., Seacote Hotel
17	Thursday		Deadline for magazine Christmas Greetings
		7.30 p.m.	Concert: Sam Haywood & Joan Rodgers, Priory
18	Friday	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Egremont Farmers' market
		7.30 p.m.	Cheese and wine quiz night, St Bees School
20	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
25	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Philip Barratt: Agatha Christie & her Poisons, NCH
26	Saturday	Midday	Day of Action to end gender-based violence, Priory
27	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		1.00 - 4.00 p.m.	Art and Craft display, New College Hall
		4.00 p.m.	Advent Carol Service
28	Monday	7.00 - 10.00 p.m.	Cards and Games night, Hodgetts.
December			
2	Friday	7.00 p.m.	Murder Mystery, St Bees School
3	Saturday	2.00 - 5.00 p.m.	Assembly of Christmas Trees, Priory
4	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Tree All Age Service & Orchestra
6	Tuesday		Christmas Fair, St Bees School

Claiming dates:

Priory Singers Christmas Concert: 12th December, 7.30 p.m.

Editor – December 2022 - January 2023 Magazine

The **December** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Pat McDonnell, Sandyridge, Priory Road, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Tuesday 8th November** please.

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St Bees News

November 2022

In 1982 inspired by my hero, “Wonder Woman”, I became the defender of the weak on the Primary playground. Taller and stronger than most of the other children I took on the bullies, often returning home with bruised skinny shins but buoyant. Sadly, in 1983 the bullies began to get bigger and I lost my first fight. I hung up my magic golden lasso!

These days I resist the urge I’ve carried since childhood to punch aggressors on the nose. In part because they are still bigger than me. But mostly because I now know that violence rarely brings the peace I’m searching for.

The world is rarely as black and white, evil versus good, as a comic book. There is right and wrong in all of us. Peace comes close to me when I choose to see the image of God in my foe and in myself.

Sometimes, though, the magic lasso is still needed. Not fisty cuffs in the playground but actions and words that stand against evil. Standing tall and encouraging others to do the same in the face of exploitation and abuse.

The Church of England has a poor past record when it comes to supporting victims of abuse. A recently published review into past cases in Carlisle Diocese made it clear that although improvements have been made there is still work to do. Listening to and caring for survivors of abuse must be our priority.

One of the ways the parish does this is by supporting the Global day of activism against gender-Based Violence. This year we will be gathering on Saturday 26th November from 12 midday in the Priory to hear from victims, learn, reflect and respond. All are welcome. See page 2 of this magazine to find out more.

The journey toward peace both within ourselves and with the wider world is by no means a smooth one. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to out into the world, visiting homes, and saying “Peace to this house...The kingdom of God has come near to you.” I, like many of you, long for this peaceful kingdom to come to my home, to this country, to our world.

I am grateful to those who have fought, and continue to fight, racism, exploitation, abuse and oppression. On Friday 11th and Sunday 13th November we will pause to remember across the parish all those died giving their lives for freedom in two world wars. And we will pray for our world as we continue to learn from the mistakes of the past.

This November let us honour those who have given so much in the pursuit of peace and freedom by committing our lives to the care of survivors and the defence of the weak.

Seeking a non-violent solution, our shins may not be bruised, but we will fight on.

With love from Reverend Becky

Priory News

Remembrance Sunday 13th November: wreath-laying Ceremony followed by Remembrance Service at the Priory.

The service at the Priory will start at 10.45 a.m. A Church Parade of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, with Ranger Guides, joined by ex-servicemen and RNLI crew members, will assemble at the War Memorial by Beck Edge Garden at 10.15 a.m. for a short wreath-laying ceremony. They will then proceed to the WWI war memorial at the lychgate and to church. All are invited to attend.

Multi-Charities Christmas Sale at Remembrance weekend – Friday 11th/Saturday 12th/ Sunday 13th November. This will go ahead as last year in Old College Hall with sales of Christmas cards & gifts of 10 charities – plus Fairtrade goods, foods and recycled products. Also Felicity Watson’s jams, marmalade & chutney for sale in aid of West Cumbria Hospice at Home. Open - Friday 3.00 to 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.00 am to 6.00 pm; Sunday 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Please bring your filled Boxes of Hope for Romania to the Priory by Sunday 6 November at the latest- in time to be collected and delivered to the local depot. You may certainly donate extra items – hat & scarf & gloves, socks, toiletries, pens & notepad, etc. Thank you for your kind gifts. Just remember to check your leaflet for the list of suitable gifts and soft toys/ball/ toy car and fill in the donation form. Note the deadline! Please note a minimum £2 donation to cover transport costs to be included in the box (cash or cheque). Contact Rosalie McAndrew or Noreen Woolaghan with any queries. It’s great to hear that Noreen’s daughter Ceri who is a local organiser will be going out to Romania this year to see the handover of shoeboxes to families in need.

What’s On at the Priory in November

70th Birthday Celebration Concert by celebrated performers Sam Haywood & Joan Rodgers – Thurs. 17 November at 7.30 p.m. – promoted by Whitehaven Musical Festival. Tickets on sale at the door. See further programme details on page....

Advent Carol Service - to be held on Sunday 27 November at 4.00 p.m. All welcome! Readings & Advent carols with the Priory choir. Refreshments served.

Global Activism Day for UK Women facing Domestic Violence – on Saturday 26 Nov. at 12 noon – 2.00 p.m. BYO Lunch! Organised by Cumbria Mothers Union, Women Out West, & other groups. Please come along to the Priory on from midday, in time for a 3minute silence at 1.00 (ending at 1.03 p.m.), during which the bell will toll. The timing is to remember the 1 in 3 women in the world who experience gender based violence.

After the silence we will share a lunch (bring your own food!) but provide hot drinks.

Seagalls

The Seagalls met at the Seacote on Tuesday 4th October for an interesting and informative talk on Woman's finance. The talk was given by staff from Emma Ralls Wealth Management LTD. A Whitehaven based company of financial advisers. They have offices in Whitehaven, Cleator Moor and are in the process of opening an office in Egremont: www.emmarallswealthmanagement.co.uk

They explained that investments and property offer more steady growth over time than cash. They can offer advice on every aspect of finance. including Savings, investments, insurance, mortgages, planning for life events and retirement, inheritance tax and critical illness. Initial advice and enquiries are free, but all products carry a charge.

Thank you to Shenda Whelan and team for the talk and to the Seacote for your hospitality.

Our next meeting is our Cheese and Wine Evening on 1st November at the Odfellows Arms. There is a £10 deposit payable in advance. Please contact Judith Bragg if you are interested in attending, Our Christmas Party is on Thursday 1st December at the Manor House, again details from Judith on 07772523742.

St Bees WI News

Our October meeting was ‘Guess the Pharmaceutical Item’ by Vera Lowry. Vera’s background was in Allison’s Pharmacy in Cockermouth Main street. She told us about her career in the profession from the 1970’s to the 2000’s and the story of how things had changed over the years in the chemist's which was very interesting. The fun part of the evening was guessing what some of the weird and wonderful instruments she brought with her were used for: lots of different guesses, and a lot of discussion and laughter trying to establish the uses for these very strange objects!

Vera also told us about the Cockermouth floods and how the Pharmacy staff had tried in vain to barricade the pharmacy shop door to prevent flood water from entering and to try and get as much stock/medicines up stairs to try and save as much as they could, before ending up being rescued by the mountain rescue team. We all remember the devastating floods of Cockermouth and Carlisle and wider Cumbria with lives, homes and businesses destroyed, but with courage, resilience and help from many organisations like the Red Cross, lives and businesses have thankfully been re-built.

Our next meeting is on Monday November 14 November, at the Seacote Hotel, 7.30 pm. This will be a General Knowledge Quiz, plus raffle and refreshments. Our competition is ‘An Autumnal Item’. Visitors and new members most welcome: just turn up on the night, we look forward to welcoming you. Further details www.facebook.com/St-Bees-WI, or contact Roxanne 823137.

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Holy Baptism

2 October Joshua James Donnelly, Lynwood, Seamill Lane, St Bees

2 October Freddy Fye, 25 Abbeyvale, St Bees

Christian Burial

13 October Margaret Marlene Moreland, Ghyll Cottage, Howman, Egremont

May God's blessing be upon you and your families.

Priory Flower Rota for November

6 Flower Fund 13 Remembrance Poppies

20 Flower Fund 27 Advent – no flowers – Advent Ring

Sincere thanks to all who have created beautiful flower-arrangements and to all who have donated flowers or to the Flower Fund. Many thanks to Pat Crichton and all the ladies who decorated the church for Harvest Festival and made such lovely posies for harvest gifts. Much appreciated!

St Bees
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Sale



OLD COLLEGE HALL
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Friday 11 November 3.00 - 6.00 pm
Saturday 12 November 10.00 am - 6.00 pm
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Anti-social behaviour – The problems of antisocial behaviour were highlighted at the meeting of the Parish Council on 27 September when a number of residents in different areas of the village reported their experiences of antisocial behaviour incidents. The police were contacted the next day and there has been a constructive dialogue with the Neighbourhood Policing Team who are now aware of the situation. There has been an increase in uniformed patrols in the area and two officers held a drop-in session in the Village Hall on 17 October to give local residents the opportunity to report issues and meet the team. This was well attended and police hope to organise another session in the coming weeks. The message continues to be that it is vital to report all incidents, however trivial they may seem, so that the police have a full picture of what is going on. Reports can be made online (www.cumbria.police.uk) or by phone to 101 and the police will give you a log number to record your report.

Remembrance Sunday – There will be the usual parade and wreath laying ceremony on Sunday 13 November to mark Remembrance Sunday. The wreaths from the local organisations will be on display in the window of 22 Main Street in the days leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Santa Parade- the Parish Council is planning to organise a Santa Parade again this year with Santa's sleigh visiting as many areas of the Village as possible before Santa switches on the lights on the Christmas tree on Cross Hill. Santa's elves will accompany him on bicycles and we hope to have the usual collection for RNLI funds. Further details of date and time will be published on the web-site and Facebook page. If anyone would like to offer help with the event, please contact the Clerk (pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk)

Donations to local groups – The Parish Council sets aside a small pot of money each year to enable it to give donations to local groups. If any group would like to be considered for a donation, please contact the Clerk with details of your group and the purpose for which a donation is requested. Requests should be received by 14 November to enable grants to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

Highways- following recent heavy rain there have been problems with flooding on the Outrigg to Egremont Road and drains in the village becoming blocked, leaving mud and debris on the roads. The immediate problems have been addressed by Highways but the Parish Council has asked Highways to look at clearing the culverts between the gullies rather than simply emptying the gullies. Cumbria Highways has also said that patching work is planned in various areas of the village including Sea Mill Lane, Station Rd and Beach Rd during this financial year.

Parish Council Meeting – The November Parish Council meeting will take place on MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER at 6.30m in the Village Hall. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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Chris Robson would like to thank all those who encouraged him and Fabio with the London Marathon run (or shuffle later on). Over £6,000 has been raised in total for the two charities involved – Hospice at Home West Cumbria and Alzheimer’s Research. Reports that I have hung up my running shoes are not to be believed

Animal Concern Cumbria is a charity rehoming companion animals from our Mary Irwin Centre, Egremont, CA22 2UA. Ways you can help animals in need are through adoption, fostering, donating, fundraising or volunteering. If you are considering rehoming a cat or dog we can help with guidance and advice, see www.animalconcerncumbria.org or call 07712 330829 to chat to a member of the animal care team.

St Bees Community First Responders - Volunteers needed - We are a small team of volunteers who are trained by North West Ambulance Service (NWS) to attend certain types of emergency calls in and around the St Bees, Sandwith, Egremont, Bigrigg and Thornhill areas. Our aim is to reach a potential life threatening emergency in the first vital minutes to help stabilise the patient and provide the appropriate care until the more highly skilled ambulance crew arrives on scene to take over the treatment. If you are interested in becoming a CFR please contact Lisa Carter (LHCarter73@gmail.com).

Bingo at the Oddfellows - On Saturday 12th November at 6.00 p.m. in the Oddfellows Arms, a **fundraising Bingo** will be held to raise money for a Christmas Party for the Time to Share children's bereavement group.

Donations and prizes will be gratefully accepted and can be left with Margaret in the Oddfellows Arms.

St Bees Green Future: Join in the next clothes swap at Adams Recreation Ground on Friday 11th November 7.30 p.m. till 9.00 p.m. This is an opportunity to declutter, update your wardrobe, save money and help the environment. Please bring clothes and accessories along to the start of the event. You are welcome to bring along clothing in any style and for any age or size, all we ask is that the items are still in very good condition. Entry £5, which includes refreshments, and as many clothes and accessories as you would like to take away. We look forward to seeing you there!

Art and craft display featuring pieces from local artists related to climate change causes, consequences and solutions. Come along to this free event on Sunday 27th November from 1.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. in New College Hall. Includes free refreshments.

If you would like to contribute a piece for the display, please contact Amy Linton (amylinton1983@gmail.com).

Egremont Farmers' Market – Craft & Fairtrade & local produce – Friday 18th November 9.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m. Lots of stalls offering crafts and fresh produce plus Fairtrade goods too. Come and support local traders and charities.

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Friends of the Priory

The November event will be a Talk by Philip Barratt entitled 'Agatha Christie and her Poisons' – to be held on Friday 25 November at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. All welcome to come and enjoy!

The first event this term: Belfry Tours & Demo by the bellringers in tandem with Priory Tours by Chris Robson. Thanks to Neil Bettinson and Chris for organising the tours at a most successful event; to the Friends for the teas; and to all the villagers and visitors who attended. The Friends Committee agreed at their September meeting that the Friends subscriptions due in January should be raised - after no increase for years! More details of this next month.

St Bees Village Hall (Hodgetts)

Three events to look forward to between now and Christmas:

On Sunday 13th November, Hodgetts will be hosting Steve Bonham and The Long Road.

The Long Road were formed with a single, mad idea: to go back to the source and explore and reimagine what might grow out of the great musical roots of the USA; a crazy notion to try and distil something original and powerful from some of the most potent music ever heard by human ears. Taking a few simple ingredients, adding a little heat and magic, to try and conjure up some raw, raw spirit. Their show "American Wilderness Odyssey" brings all this to the stage.

Come and enjoy The Long Road! Licensed Bar all evening.

Tickets £10 (under 18s £5 and families £22). Telephone 07740 717481 for tickets.

On Monday 28th November, the second of our "4th Monday" games nights takes place at Hodgetts. Whether you are a Bridge, Whist, Cribbage, Canasta or Dominos player, there is a table for you and the bar will be open from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. £4.00 pp on the night.

On Saturday 17th December, Hodgetts will be getting ready for Christmas with our first wine tasting for two years. There will be a variety of wines to taste and a prize for the most discerning palate! Cheese and mince pies will help to usher in the Christmas spirit – to say nothing of helping all tasters to stay the course - and the bar will be open throughout the evening. Come and join us at Hodgetts as we get the festive season underway.

Tickets £10. Telephone Jon Mellor 07341 230954 for tickets or email jonmell@hotmail.co.uk

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St Bees School

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to those in the village who came to support our students at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 4th October. Despite the bad weather, the event managed to raise £231.25 for Macmillan Cancer Support and our students would like to express their appreciation to those who braved the elements.

Ticket links for events below can be found on at www.stbeesschool.co.uk/events.

We are also very excited to be hosting a **Cheese and Wine quiz night on Friday 18th November, 19:30 – 22:30**, which is in aid of our fundraising appeal. This appeal aims to help us restore our Library and create a dynamic Performing Arts Centre to give our students – and the local community – valuable resources that can benefit everyone.

Gather up to six friends and take on our quiz master - do you have what it takes to become our winners? Tickets are just £12 per person including 2 glasses of wine!

After a very successful murder mystery night last year, we've teamed up with the Highly Suspect team once more to bring another mysterious murder investigation to St Bees on Friday 2nd December, 19:00 – 00:00.

Join us as we transform into Pigblisters School of Magic and Mystery, where a murder most magical has occurred. Headmaster Grumbledum has been found dead and the world's most famous bespectacled child prodigy, Gary Jotter, is missing...

With tables of 10 available for group bookings, it's the perfect opportunity for a festive get-together, complete with a three-course Great Feast and licensed cash-only bar.

Tickets (Includes three-course Great Feast): Single tickets: £40 or a Table of 10: £360.

Our annual Christmas Fair, organized by our Enterprise Club students, will be held on Tuesday 6th of December. Small businesses are welcome to book a table and sell their creations, details of which are still to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on our social media pages or the local group for more information as and when it is announced.

We are very excited to be hosting more events for the village, and hope that you will continue to join us as a community.

Joan Rodgers & Sam Haywood at St Bees Priory

Whitehaven Musical Festival 70th Birthday Celebration

Thursday 17 November at 7.30 pm

Beethoven Moonlight Sonata and Chopin Scherzo No 2

Songs by Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, Vaughan Williams

Tickets £15 - includes refreshments - or pay at the door

Available from 01946 830831 or chris.hunter210@btinternet.com

Christmas Greetings

Christmas Greetings - The centre spread of the December magazine will again feature the Christmas Greetings. If you would like to be included please send your greetings and donation (minimum £10) to Ian and Rosalie McAndrew (822326) or leave in the Post Office (Greeting and cash/cheque in an envelope please). These must be received no later than Tuesday 17 November. Proceeds will be split between St Bees Priory and the Children's Society unless requested otherwise. Cheques should be made out to St Bees Priory or the Children's Society. Save the cost and time of sending cards - why not send your Christmas message to all your friends in St Bees via the magazine.

Community News

St Bees RNLI - Congratulations and well done to Amisha Naurang who ran the Junior Great North Run this weekend raising money for the volunteers of St Bees RNLI. 12 year old Amisha, who attends St Bees School, ran the junior event in 18 minutes 14 seconds. To date Amisha has raised over £500 for our volunteers. If you would like to help her raise money for the St Bees RNLI volunteers please visit her just giving page. She will be returning to the North East over half term as she has been invited by Cullercoats RNLI to visit their station. The run was postponed after the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Lowes Court Gallery – Prepare for colder weather with their new range of handmade dog coats in various sizes (beautifully made) @ £18; handmade jointed bears; lots of Christmas gifts in stock. Also stunning textiles – ragrugs, handbags & tweed wraps by Sheila Moffat; felted pictures & cushions by Sue Cosham; and needle-felted pictures & Herdwick sheep by Ruth Moore. Do visit to appreciate the textures and colours!

Christmas Open Studio - Dawn Mills Artist from Friday 2nd December to Sunday 4th December at Headland View, Egremont Road, St Bees. Unique Xmas cards, prints and paintings will available for friends and family. If you would like to pre order please see my website www.dawnmillsartist.com or ring me on 07832219400. CRCL Cumbria Rungwe Community Link will be there with wonderful gifts also. Last year was most enjoyable. Do come along and join us.

Over 60s - On November 8th Over 60 are having a trip to the Gretna outlet with a meal at the Gretna Pub. The bus leaves the Odd Fellows at 10.30 am usual pickups. This trip is open to non members, if you would like a seat on the bus please contact Gill Richardson 07890195727 or Dot Amor 822622. On November 22nd we are having a talk about Lakeland Lights (candles). This is in Hodgetts club at 2pm .Come and buy some Christmas presents.

Art Exhibition & Sale

This will be held on the weekend of 12/13 November in New College Hall in parallel with the Charity Sale. Chris Robson invites local artists to bring paintings and prints to New College hall on Friday afternoon for exhibition and sale.

St Bees Priory Christmas Tree Festival - December 2022

This year, the Priory Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Sunday 4th December - Monday 2nd January. Throughout this period, we want to light up the Priory with beautifully decorated trees and would like to invite any organisation within the village, family groups, friendship groups, pubs, hotels, shops, schools etc to provide and decorate a tree. If you're interested, this is what you need to do:

- Decide on a theme for your tree.
- Make/ buy decorations for your tree (please use battery operated lights).
- Make/ buy your tree (real or artificial and no taller than 5 ft).
- Tree assembling in church will take place any time between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 3rd December. Bring your tree, stand, decorations and lights to church and you will be given a place to assemble it, along with your entry number.
- Pay £10 cash to enter the Tree Festival (this will be collected from each group on assembly day). All proceeds from entry fees this year will be shared between Hospice at Home West Cumbria and St Bees Priory.

Anyone visiting the Tree Festival can place the number of their favourite tree in a voting box which will be placed at the back of church. The winning tree will receive £50.

Taking down of trees will take place any time between 2.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. on Monday 2nd January; the winner will be announced at 2.30 p.m. on that day.

To confirm your entry and enable us to have an idea of numbers, please email Sarah George at sarahgeorge.bees@gmail.com or phone 07793 754803. The closing date for entries is Friday 11th November.

St Bees Priory Christmas Fayre - Sunday 4th December

To mark the official opening of the Christmas Tree Festival, on Sunday 4th December we are also holding a Christmas Fayre at the Priory between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. There will be Christmas fun for all the family including:

- In Church- a first look at all the fabulous trees and carols from Egremont Town Band.
- In New College Hall - refreshments (tea, coffee, juice and cakes).
- In Old College Hall- children's craft activities and craft stalls - a great opportunity to buy some Crafty Christmas presents!

If anyone has a small craft business and would like to reserve a table to sell your craft items, then please email Sarah George at sarahgeorge.bees@gmail.com or phone 07793 754803 by Friday 11th November (tables will be £5 to reserve- pay on the day).

All profits from the Christmas Fayre (excluding craft stall holders) will also be shared between Hospice at Home West Cumbria and St Bees Priory.

Just one thing after another

It is one of the joys of Local History that one thing newly discovered so often leads on to another. It was something of that sort that prompted the recent article featuring Mr. Gosse's shop in Finkle Street.

At the beginning I knew next to nothing about the shop. All I had were some notes, years-old, made after talking to someone who had worked there long before. But these took me back to a recording from an earlier date – a taped conversation with a then-elderly gentleman who had lived higher in Finkle Street. Had I heard, he had asked, of someone once known around the village as 'Old Mother Millpole?'

Sent one morning on an errand to the shop he had found he could not get in. Blocking the doorway were two very substantial bodies, that of Mr. Gosse himself, and a very irate Mother Millpole. She was gripping a rather small grandson by the neck, and shaking him and cuffing him around the ears for good measure, while all the while swearing at him in language which my informant said 'would have disgraced any soldier of the line'. The more the grandson howled, the more Mother Millpole hit and cursed, and Mr. Gosse's pleas for calm had not the slightest effect on either of them.

It so happened that at that moment a pony and trap came out of Cross Hill. It carried one of the two Miss Hodgetts, well-to-do St. Bees benefactors, and people most certainly not to be trifled with. On hearing the commotion Miss Hodgett had her coachman get down from the trap. She told him to secure the still-howling boy and keep him in the trap until he could be deposited at the school. Clearly this did not suit Mother Millpole who in no way liked interference, and off she set on foot behind trap, keeping up the swearing and cursing at the top of her voice all the way to School Lane.

I expect I shall be told that nothing in this story makes it worth preserving. Yet I can imagine that as word of it spread around the village, a good many St. Bees tongues would have been set wagging. If Local History is concerned with what past people thought and did, and with what they took for granted as part of daily life, maybe sad people like Mother Millpole are part of the overall picture.

Finally, there is a sequel. Long after I had filed everything away I happened to be working on some old logbooks from our Village School. An unexpected entry caught my eye, recording the visit of a Mrs. Millfull. (*sic*). She was wielding a cricket bat for the purpose, the Head said, of doing him bodily harm. She persisted in using 'dreadfully bad language' in front of the children, and left only after the policeman had been summoned.

I suspect that the logbook's Mrs. Millfull and the Mother Millpole described above were really the same. The two names are similar, and I have found no mention of a Millpole family anywhere in village records. I wish we could know the truth of the matter, and as always I would be glad to hear from anyone who happens to know what it is.

Bob Jopling, Village History Group

Tread Gently

Continued... The incoming COP 27 President has said “*I deeply believe that COP27 is an opportunity to showcase unity against an existential threat that we can only overcome through concerted action and effective implementation.*”

Together we can save the world! Please also do your bit and support the St Bees Green Future activities! Not forgetting to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Facts from COP26 Climate Pact and BBC reality checker

Big Green Week Eco Church Open Afternoon

Lots of us came together on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd October to help the village celebrate the **Great Big Green Week!** The aim was to explain about what an Ecochurch was, what we had done to achieve our Bronze award in the Priory and what else we need to do to work towards Silver and eventually Gold!

There are 5 sections in the award and displays illustrated these:

Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle.

Several families enjoyed the craft activities, stickers etc. Some went to visit the community garden. Children took away an attendance certificate.

A sheet asked what did attendees think St Bees Priory and the village could do to protect our beautiful world. The answers included; Plant flowers and trees, Pick up rubbish, Use animals instead of lawn mowers, Make blankets to share around the community, Swap shop: food and toys etc, Use the tide for power instead of wind.

I wonder which of these you will do?

The Eco church group will meet in the new year to look at what else we should be doing as we work towards our Silver award.

Thank you to those who attended and, if we do the same again next Big Green Week, we hope to see even more of you!

Deb Lee, Ecochurch Lead

Look out for information next month about **Care Deeply**
“Warm Hubs” in the parish. In the meantime please contact Rev Becky if you would like to know more.

Tread Gently



Please pray for world leaders as COP 27 takes place from 6-18th November. We have had 27 attempts to reverse climate change and still have a long way to go. Many of the agreements from COP 26 have yet to be enacted, while populations suffer the ravages of drought, floods, hurricanes and fires. Climate change is a global emergency that goes beyond national borders. The focus of COP is on 4 areas:

Mitigation: Reducing emissions: All countries must stick to their agreements to ensure that global warming does not increase beyond 1.5°C. However after COP 26 the then president stated, “*We can now say with credibility that we have kept the 1.5°C alive, but its pulse is weak and it will only survive if we keep to our promises.*”

Please pray that we can keep this target alive.

Adaptation: Helping all those currently impacted by climate change: We need to tackle damaging activities such as deforestation and support Indigenous people to protect their local habitats. A good example is financial support from France to Senegal to expand their solar capacity, so that trees do not need to be cut down for fuel. Developed countries should be prepared to pay for damage and loss caused to developing **nations** by our actions.

Please pray that communities will see opportunities to adapt and that the rich nations will provide the necessary financial support to enable this to happen.

Finance: Enabling countries to deliver on their goals: Countries need to realign their financial goals to achieve net zero. The UN has said that at least \$100bn dollars is required each year. This has never been achieved. However, countries spent more than 4 times that amount subsidising fossil fuels. Developed countries must support developing countries to achieve their net zero.

Please pray that leaders will use their finances wisely and fairly

Collaboration: Working together to deliver even greater action: Governments, business and civil society need to work together to deliver climate goals quicker and more effectively. The “Paris Rulebook” was agreed at COP26, to ensure common standards for international carbon markets and common timetables for emission reduction targets.





Please pray that leaders will work to these common targets and support one another to achieve them.

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