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Booking Officers

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St Bees Parish A B C

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Brownies	Please see Rangers item on back page ABC
Cubs, Scouts, Beavers	Cubs for children aged 8 - 10, meet on Thursdays, 6.30 - 8pm. Beavers meet on Thursdays (term time) from 5.00 - 6.00 pm. Details from Graham Young. They meet in CCF Hut, St Bees School. Scouts meet at Egremont.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).
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History Group	works towards improving knowledge of local history. Lectures arranged periodically. Details from Chris Robson 822468.
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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 October

1	Saturday	1.30 – 4.30 p.m.	St Bees Green Future Craft Event, NCH
2	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion and Baptism
		12 – 4 p.m.	Craft Fair at the Seacote
9	Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30 a.m.	Priory Harvest Festival with Village Orchestra followed by Bring & Share lunch
		6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
10	Monday	7.30 p.m.	W.I. at the Seacote
11	Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Over 60s, Helen's Herbs, Hodgetts
14	Friday	10.00 a.m.	Beach clean, RNLI station
16	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		12.30 p.m.	Baptism - Alice Fowler
20	Thursday	10.30 – midday	Cornerstone Books at Pop In, NCH
21	Friday	7.30 p.m.	My Travels in Tibet talk, NCH
22	Saturday	12.30 p.m.	Wedding - Paul McShane & Clare Flanagan
23	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship—Autumn Meditation
		2.30 p.m.	Memorial Service for Rhoda Bryan
24	Monday	7 – 10 p.m.	Card Games at Hodgetts
25	Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Over 60s – Blood Bikes talk, Hodgetts
26	Wednesday	10 – 3.30 p.m.	CWT Conservation Day, Clints Quarry
		7.00 p.m.	Organ Recital by Anna Hallett, Priory
28	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Arts Society Lecture, NCH
30	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		4.00 p.m.	All Souls Day Service
26 to 30		10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Art display at the Railway Museum

Calendar for November

13	Sunday	12 – 4 p.m.	Craft Fair at the Seacote
		7.30 p.m.	Arts Out West - American Wilderness Odyssey
25	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Agatha Christie and her Poisons talk, NCH

Pop-In Café Thursdays 10.30 a.m. till noon in New College Hall

Editor – November 2022 Magazine

The **November** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Jon Mellor, Cross Hill House, St Bees**, who would appreciate contributions not later than **Saturday 8 October** please.

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St Bees News

October 2022

My last letter to you was in May. A lot has happened since then! In June, whilst I was recovering from a hysterectomy, we celebrated our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In July I was excited to go with my extended family on a long awaited holiday to the USA. In August I missed my parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebrations because I caught Covid. In September my son started his final year of secondary school and our Queen passed away. That's a lot of events in a relatively short space of time. I wonder what has been going on in your life since the spring? Maybe, you like me, are feeling just a little discombobulated, wondering when life will just go back to normal?

After the worst of Covid had passed a lot was said about the "new normal". And since then I've been thinking...Anyone know what this looks like? Anyone spotted it yet? And what is "normal" anyway? Maybe the "new normal" won't be "normal" at all. Maybe it will just be "new"?

Our lovely late Queen inherited the throne in 1952. Back then some of what people understood to be "not normal" would now be considered to be within the realms of normality. And some "normal" behaviours at the time (chauvinism for example) are now considered to be far from normal. But it's not just by travelling into the past that we find varying understandings of what is normal but also across our planet. On my recent trip to the States visit I met some fascinating people; Anthony who thinks a handgun is necessary to protect himself from garden intruders, and Seth who hunts alligators with his six year old daughter. This is their "normal".

Christianity has sometimes got a bad press because it has been seen to exclude those who don't conform to a certain mould. This is ironic because Jesus was incredibly inclusive and hung out with many people who fell outside the "normal" category; tax collectors, prostitutes, the mentally and physically ill, those on the margins. Maybe it's time for the worldwide church not to seek a "new normal" but to seek to simply be "new"? Not abandon the foundations of faith, Jesus Christ and the Gospel, but to find it anew? And to embrace all the "not normal" good, life enhancing, freeing and healing things about it?

I loved our Queen. I thought her Christmas Day messages were spot on. I was inspired by her simple, solid Christian faith. Last year, in her role as head of the Church of England, the Queen spoke of the unchanging Gospel of Christ. She acknowledged that, for many, the last few years had been "a time of anxiety, of grief, and of weariness", but that in that time, "the Gospel has brought hope, as it has done throughout the ages". This October, as we celebrate Harvest in unsettled times, times of continuing anxiety, grief and weariness, let us have hope in God. Not because God is doing something normal, but because God is doing something new.

With love from Reverend Becky

Priory News

Priory Harvest Festival with Village Orchestra on Sunday 9 October at 10.30 a.m.

We look forward to decorating the church, bringing harvest gifts and produce, and singing harvest hymns. There will be a Bring & Share Harvest Lunch in church after the service. All most welcome! Sign up if possible on Harvest notice in church.

Also, Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m; Evening Prayer at 6.00 p.m.

Harvest gifts of fruit, flowers and veg/groceries may be brought to church on either Friday 7 or Saturday 8 for decorating, then to be distributed to the sick and elderly in the parish on Monday. Everyone including children are welcome to bring baskets or bags of gifts to Harvest Sunday service. Many thanks for your kindness in supporting those who are housebound or in Care Homes.

Foodbank Collection – Please bring items for the Foodbank as usual – tins, jars, large packets and non-perishable foods – to be left at the back of church or in the Baptistery. These will be collected by the North Lakes Foodbank later.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal – Carlisle Diocese operates two projects – A Christian Aid project in Israel & Occupied Palestinian Territories working for peace and protection; and a Mothers' Union Literacy & Agriculture Scheme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, helping women and girls to become self-reliant and escape poverty. Please leave donations to the appeal at church services in October and use the Gift-Aid leaflets if possible. Cheques payable to Carlisle DBF Ltd. Thank you!

Distribution of Harvest Gifts to the sick and elderly – on Monday 10 October from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Please note – the Village School Harvest service will be held at 1.30 p.m. in church, so allow time for the children to disperse before you arrive! Area Visitors / volunteers to contact Rosalie McAndrew if you can help. Note:- sorting and packing of gifts to be done in the morning from 9.00 a.m.

Decoration of the Priory for Harvest Festival – Flower rota members and others wishing to help are invited to turn up on Saturday morning from 9.00 a.m. and lend a hand – either creating a flower arrangement or decorating windowsills with fruits and veg. Do please bring flowers with you!

Priory Flower Rota for October

2	Noreen Woolaghan	9	Harvest Rota Volunteers & Pat Crichton
16	Blanche Arch	23	Susan Glaister
30	Mary McGee		

Many thanks to you all for flower-arrangements and for your donations.

Parish Council

Anti-social behaviour – There have been several incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village over the summer months, involving damage to property and disturbance to residents. The police are aware of these incidents but we would encourage anyone who witnesses any incidents to contact the police so that they have a full picture of the situation.

Beach Clean-The next beach clean at St Bees is on Friday 14th October. Please meet at St Bees Lifeboat Station at 10 am. Litter pickers and gloves are available to borrow. Thank you for your help to keep St Bees beach clean.

Beach Play Area – It is now 8 years since the play equipment was installed and it continues to be very well used. Not unexpectedly, repairs are becoming more frequent. The Parish Council has a rota of volunteers who carry out a visual inspection of the equipment each week and there is a more in depth inspection monthly by a qualified inspector from CBC. In some instances it can take time to get the parts required from the manufacturer but we will do our best to get the equipment back in use as soon as we can. It is planned to do some work to improve the ground surface around some of the equipment, particularly in the toddler area, later in the year.

Speed humps, Beach Road – the speed humps have been in poor condition for some time. Cumbria Highways have carried out some temporary repairs but have said that more extensive work will be scheduled for later in this financial year.

Volunteers needed – there is a dedicated band of volunteers in the village who work to maintain areas such as the wildlife garden at Priory Paddock. As the years move on, we need some younger volunteers to join the team and help with the work. If you are interested in helping with this or any of the parish council's other activities, please contact the Clerk (email pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk or tel 822560).

Local Government Reorganisation -It is now only 6 months until Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council cease to exist and the new Cumberland Council takes over provision of services. Andrew Seekings has been appointed as the new council's Chief Executive. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that everything is in place for 1 April 2023 so that there will be no interruption to services. Until April, any issues with services such as waste collections, planning, council tax etc should be directed to CBC and highways, education etc will remain the responsibility of Cumbria County Council.

Parish Council Meeting –. The October Parish Council meeting will take place on MONDAY 17 OCTOBER at 6.30m in the Village Hall.

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What's On at the Priory in October – Dates for your Diary

Memorial Service for Rhoda Bryan – Sunday 23 October at 2.30 p.m.

Rhoda is lovingly remembered by many parishioners – she was the dear wife of the late Canon Philip Bryan, Vicar of St Bees parish for 28 years. All welcome to attend – reception to follow.

Organ Recital by Anna Hallett (Salisbury student) on Wednesday 26 October at 7.00 p.m. Wine & nibbles will be served in the interval. Retiring collection to be shared. All welcome! Organist will be viewable on screen

Shoebox Appeal – Boxes of Hope Romania – collecting during October for November deadline

This year the Priory will continue to support Boxes of Hope Cumbria, so we will be collecting filled shoeboxes for the children and families in Eastern Europe. Please fill the box with the usual knitted hats, gloves and scarves; toiletries and toys; writing items (pencils, biros and notepads). Do pick up a leaflet at church with instructions and donation form (£2 requested for transport costs).

Contact Rosalie McAndrew or Noreen Woolaghan with queries.

Please deliver your shoebox to the Priory by Sunday 6 November at the latest. Thank you! More information at www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk

Friends of the Priory

On Friday 21 October a fascinating Talk on 'My Travels in Tibet' will be given by Anthony Payne in New College Hall at 7.30 p.m. - with refreshments served by members.

Then in November Philip Barratt has prepared a talk on the intriguing topic of 'Agatha Christie and her Poisons' – on Friday 25 November in NCH, again at 7.30 pm.

Many thanks to all members and supporters of the Friends who help with their generous donations to maintain and benefit the Priory church.

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Long Story ... Happy Ending

Many who remember the late Mrs. Irene Patterson will know that with her sad passing we lost an amazing fund of knowledge of old St. Bees.

I start with Irene because she was the first to tell me of Mr. Goss's general provisions store near the bottom of Finkle Street. As a child she had liked to help Mr. Goss in the shop, finding things he'd mislaid, fetching groceries for customers, and trying to maintain some semblance of order behind the scenes. Then for around two or three years another child – a boy called Marcus – had also earned his Saturday pennies with Mr. Goss.

These were the war years, and Marcus was here as an evacuee under some sort of private scheme. He lived with one of the St. Bees branches of the Sim family (Irene could not remember which) and unlike most of the official evacuees he stayed in the village beyond the war's end. By then he was spending more and more time in the shop, mostly concerned with deliveries to customers' homes.

Now Irene owned a perambulator. Whether it was for dolls or babies I do not know, but Marcus persuaded her to let him have its four wheels. Always enterprising, he fixed them to a wooden crate, so making a trolley he could tow behind his bike. Deliveries were speedier now, and could go further afield.

I must now leave Irene and Marcus, and jump ahead quite a few decades. As our family grew my wife and I began holidaying in the North, and it was not long before we had all fallen in love with Cumbria. When my grown-up daughter needed a job it was natural that she should look for it here, and fortuitously she came to know the Sim family. A year or so later she was one of the Mrs. Sims of St. Bees.

It so happened that as time passed by, I had the good fortune to become a schoolteacher. One of my joys each year was to bring my class of around thirty eleven-year-olds for ten days of learning and adventure in the beautiful countryside around Ambleside. Then one year, a parent planning a holiday further North, asked whether he could collect his son Malcolm from us on the day before we left for home. A good idea, I thought, provided we had some sort of fall-back arrangement, and we agreed that if the father failed to arrive I should put Malcolm into my daughter's temporary care in St. Bees. And in the end that is what happened, I think to the satisfaction of all!

Now comes the sequel. Some years ago a middle-aged Malcolm tracked me down. He wanted me to know that for the first time in his life he had just met an unknown Uncle, named Marcus. Uncle Marcus was here on a short break from Australia, and had talked enthusiastically and at great length about his boyhood in St. Bees long before. Back in Australia he was a well-respected shopkeeper, making his living from a chain of grocery outlets.

I could not help thinking - Well done, Marcus. But nor could I help feeling that some of the credit might properly lie with Mr. Goss, and the folk of war-time St. Bees.

Bob Jopling, Village History Group

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Sincere sympathy

Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family, friends and colleagues mourning the sad loss of Aileen Rule of Hillside, Outrigg – the widow of Ian Rule and beloved mother of David and sister of Nicholas. Aileen died peacefully at home after a year's illness, fought with resilience and courage. She was well-known and appreciated in her various roles locally – as a Village-in-Bloom gardener; a Friend of the Priory; and pianist to the Whitehaven Male Voice Choir for several years. Aileen will be greatly missed by all her friends for her wit, candour and positive determination to work for good – music, human rights and our green Earth. We keep David and Beverley, and Uncle Nick, in our prayers.

All Souls Day Service

A service in memory of loved ones who have died recently will be on Sunday 30 October at 4.00 p.m. in the Priory. Names may be written on the list in church during October.

Can you help make a difference?

Two cyclists have helped raise over £2,000 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal (BHA) and you can help too! The cyclists, Deb Lee, the new Diocesan President, and Daphne Sisson, the Action and outreach co-ordinator, visited the parish church of every MU branch in the diocese and were welcomed with wonderful refreshments! The appeal is supporting valuable projects in Palestine and Democratic Republic of Congo. The DRC is one of the poorest countries in the world and so many women have never had an education. The MU project is training facilitators for literacy and numeracy learning circles as well as agricultural and basic business skills. The impact has been amazing! The projects are transformative, enabling women to successfully feed and care for their families and become confident to become leaders in their communities. Every penny makes a big difference! The Mothers' Union is a community of prayer with 4million members in 84 countries, striving for a world where everyone prospers. We do this through tackling hunger and increasing resilience (BHA project), tackling violence and injustice, particularly working to abolish gender-based violence.

If you want to support these aims, please support us, either by joining a branch or becoming a diocesan member (who prays with us and pays their subs! But does not need to attend meetings). You don't have to be a mum, or even a woman, you just have to be baptised in the Trinity. Contact secretarymu@outlook.com

You can give to the project via https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Bishopsharvestappeal?utm_term=yz6kxn59 Please support these two valuable projects as we celebrate our own harvest while thinking of those who have very little food or security. Thank you Deb Lee cdmudp@gmail.com



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St Bees School

Welcome to a new School year

“What a difference a year makes: lots of new students, new staff and invigorated older timers raring to go at the start of a new term and year. It has been so exciting, not just that we have 101 students in the School now, but especially that we have a significant core of talented older students, with the Sixth Form making up one-third of the roll.

I have certainly enjoyed the process of getting to know our new students, as far as it has gone thus far. It has been equally enlightening to see our returning students recharged after a long summer holiday and the excitement of meeting all the recent arrivals. They are also familiarising themselves with their new teachers, who are undoubtedly going to add so much value to the school in addition to outstanding returning staff.

In assembly last Monday, I addressed our core values of Empathy, Resilience, Communication, Confidence, Creativity and Originality, Critical Thinking, Personal Organisation, Teamwork and Leadership. But we also added two more: Safety and good old-fashioned Hard Work. The message was “that hard work, trumps ability, and if you can combine both then you will go far”. Diligence, resilience in doing all academic work to the best of one’s ability, and trying one’s very best are what we expect of a St Bees student. We are determined that all students develop the independence to succeed, without expecting things to just happen for them.

We have much to look forward to this term, which started with our first boarders’ trip on Saturday to the Whitehaven Alive Festival. The first Wainwright Club of the year will take place on Sunday 18th September and we anticipate our first big school trip since the school’s re-founding.

In October, 20 students will be lucky enough to visit beautiful Iceland: erupting volcanoes, glaciers, cascading waterfalls and the elusive Aurora Borealis await them.

I hope everyone involved with the school and who follows the school with interest, supporting us with our successful reemergence has a superb few months associated with us here at St Bees and do continue to follow us every week both through the Hive, on social media and on our brand new website – www.stbeesschool.co.uk.

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News from the Village School

It was so lovely to welcome the children into school for the beginning of a new academic year. It's always very uplifting to see them eager to get into school with big smiles and hellos! They were full of happy tales about their holidays, where they had been and the exciting activities they had been doing.

We have a very full, fun packed year ahead, with our curriculum design leading the activities, units of work, trips and visits. We are thrilled to be able to once again fill our diary with important events for the entire school year! We were straight back in in September to swimming, music, trips and workshops, and we are looking forward to the Harvest Festival this month!

We have again asked parents driving to school to park considerately in the mornings and at home time. We are very lucky to be situated and working in a village that is supportive of all we do and we have asked that they park with our neighbours in mind and not block off drives or park on double yellow lines.

Sadly, there have been a number of incidents during the summer holidays, including criminal damage and arson which have occurred throughout the village: Village School grounds; the Priory; the Independent School; Grindal House and the Golf Course. The offending youths have been identified and named by witnesses (including the police) and the police have informed us that they have logged the incidents. The youths are now recorded on their Anti-Social Behaviour system and the relevant parents informed. The Safeguarding Officer at West Lakes Academy is now involved and all parties are working together to monitor the offenders. We do hope that this will see an end to these distressing incidents.

We very much look forward to another successful year at St Bees Village Primary School. Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Sharp, Headteacher

St Bees Arts Society

The Launch Lecture will be given by Mike Fossey, well-known U3A lecturer, entitled "Renaissance Art" - on Friday 28 October at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. That period features works by Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Titian, Raphael, Durer.

Apologies from Chris Robson for postponing "Art of Deception" until Friday 18 November - unfortunately due to enforced change of travel arrangements from train strikes and his urgent London journey running in the London Marathon on 1st October.

Grassroots

Craft fair at the Seacote - Come along to the monthly craft fair at The Seacote. The next dates are 2 October, 13 November and 11 December, running from 12 till 4 p.m. These craft fairs help bring more business to the local community and raise money for charities.

Cumbria Wildlife Trust Conservation Day – Wednesday 26 October at Clints Quarry Nature Reserve from 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Clearing scrub to maintain the limestone grassland. Booking required – visit www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/events

St Bees Green Future Community Craft Event – Join us in our Great Big Green Week event to make community bunting and banners for future events. There will also be an activity to make a green heart to take home. Free refreshments. All ages and crafting-abilities welcome. Saturday 1 October, 1.30 to 4.30 in New College Hall.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Eric and Dorothy Amor on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 6th October. With lots of love from your family and friends.

Welcome back to St Bees to Chuck & Sue Davidson who have moved to Overend, Nethertown Road. Best wishes to you both in your new home.

Over 60s - Hi everyone, hope you are all keeping safe and getting your Covid booster jabs. On October 11 at 2 p.m. we will be having a visit from Helens Herbs and on October 25 Louise Hetherington from Blood Bikes Cumbria will be giving us a talk about the work they do. Both these meetings will be in Hodgetts club starting at 2 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you.

Ukraine Appeal

I would like to thank everyone from near and far that supported my fundraising appeal by donating money for the ribbons I made and sold initially in St Bees Post Office. Within a couple of days money left in the post office enabled me to purchase £122.00 worth of vital supplies that I donated to the Public School Ukraine Appeal. The demand for ribbons continued and the Oddfellows Arms and The Stump at Kells also started to sell them. The ribbon sales also attracted some incredible donations from local people and one donation of £1000.00 for two ribbons was made by a gentleman living on the Island of Gozo. I was also able to sell ribbons during the Whitehaven v St Helens RL Challenge Cup game and raised £459.40 at the Recreation Ground.

Due to the ongoing response and donations I was receiving, I joined forces with the Whitehaven Salvation Army Art & Craft Café Ukraine appeal. We arranged a Coffee Craft morning in the Salvation Army Centre in Whitehaven; this was supported by friends & family who baked cakes and attended from St Bees & local towns and villages.

A total of £4,451.38 was raised between ribbon sales and the Art and Craft Café events. Whitehaven Salvation Army donated the full amount to their Ukraine Appeal.

Please accept my grateful thanks for your support.

Claire Shackley

London Marathon 2022

Charm and I ran the London Marathon in 2012 to raise money for Alzheimer's Research, a disease that had blighted my mother's last years. It was also to celebrate our Golden Wedding. This generated some media attention which included a visit to the ITN Studios and a short time on Breakfast TV.

It was always our intention to repeat 10 years later for our Diamond Wedding celebration. Unfortunately, Charm died 3 years ago so I am running this time with Fabio, a grandson, to commemorate Charm but also to raise money again for Alzheimer's Research and also for Hospice at Home (West Cumbria) to give thanks to them for the care that they gave to Charm during her final illness.

JustGiving pages are here if you would like to help.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/ChrisRobson>

With thanks, Chris Robson

WI News

As I write the WI contribution for our local village newsletter, it has been announced the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; a great loss to the Royal Family and the nation that she has so loyally served as Queen for 70 years.

The Queen was also a WI member and had been since 1943, being President of Sandringham WI. Our Cumbrian WI family who recently celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, mourn the loss of our Great Queen. Our new monarch is King Charles III, an environmental ambassador and great advocate for Cumbria; long may he reign, God save the King.

Our WI Group met for the first time after our Summer break on Monday 12 September at the Seacote Hotel, St Bees. First, A minute's silence was held for our late Queen, Elizabeth II, followed by an evening of poetry and verse. Our members read out their favourite poems /verses, both enjoyable and entertaining. Best poem was read by Mildred Allsop, 'The Diary of a Church Mouse' by John Betjeman. This was followed by raffle and refreshments.

Our next meeting is on Monday October 10 7.30 p.m. at the Seacote Hotel. A Talk by Vera Lowry 'Guess the pharmaceutical item'. Please join us for a fun evening, followed by tea/coffee and raffle. New members and visitors most welcome to join our lovely group of ladies; just turn up on the night, we look forward to welcoming you. Further details www.facebook.com/St-Bees-WI, Contact Roxanne 823127.

Events in St Bees Village Hall

Monday 24 October, 7 – 10 p.m.: Cards at Hodgetts - Whist, Bridge, Canasta, Cribbage etc. Beginners welcome. £4 at the door. For further information contact Ken on 07432575293

Sunday 13 November, 7.30 p.m.: [Arts Out West Show - American Wilderness Odyssey](#) - Steve Bonham and the Long Road (it is a band). Adult - £10 U18/ students - £5 Family (max 2 adults) - £22. Book tickets online at kirkgatearts.org.uk or Contact Claire on 07740717481.

Calling Local Budding Artists - Again!

In October last year, the West Cumberland Railway Museum held an event where they made some space in between the railway exhibits to add in some works of art from local artists. The event proved to be a great success, raising the profile of the artists involved, with eight exhibits sold! So, they are looking to repeat the event this October - from Wednesday 26 up to and including Sunday 30 October, 10.00 a.m. to 16.00 p.m. - with free entry. Any type of artwork can be submitted for inclusion (maximum of four per person), there's no cost and if any work sells there is no commission. So if you'd like yours to be included, please contact petergrooke@btinternet.com as soon as possible - and please go along to see the show!

Priory Paddock

High summer has seen an explosion of growth in Priory Paddock, the village's Wildflower Garden. The teasels, purple loosestrife and great willowherb flowers are towering two metres tall, and providing an abundance of nectar for butterflies including red admiral, painted lady and speckled woods, as well as at least six different types of bumble bee.

Unfortunately, the same summer heat allowed invasive weed to completely smother the pond, until it was tackled and cleared by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. Routine maintenance of the Paddock is regularly undertaken by volunteers and is usually much less strenuous than pond clearance! If you would like to be involved, please send your contact details to Jane Donaldson, St Bees Parish Council Clerk, whose details can be found inside the back cover of this magazine.

St Bees Priory Christmas Tree Festival- December 2022

Following on from the great success of the Priory Christmas Tree Festival last year, we are planning to hold another one this year following the same format (entries to be submitted by Friday 11 November.) More details of how to enter will follow in the November edition of the St Bees News but, in the meantime, here are some dates for your diary:

- Saturday 3 December- Tree set up (2-5 p.m.)
- Sunday 4 December- Official opening of the Tree Festival, Craft Fayre (tables available at £5 each to anyone wishing to sell craft items) Children's activities and refreshments (2-5 p.m.)
- Monday 2 January- Trees to be taken down (2-3 p.m.)

This year, all profits from the Tree festival will be shared between Hospice at Home West Cumbria and St Bees Priory Church. If you have any queries, please email Sarah George at: sarahgeorge.bees@gmail.com or phone: 07793 754803.

The Priory perspective



Care Deeply

When we look around the world today there is a lot that gives us cause for serious concern. I used to think that by the time I had "grown up" we would have "fixed" all the famine, war, pestilence and politics that causes suffering, hardship, injustice and death around the world but we did not and sometimes it feels like we are taking major steps backwards.

So it is not surprising that our capacity for compassion and care for global catastrophes starts to wear a bit thin or we just don't know where we can support most effectively any more. This compassion fatigue is compounded by the prospect that many of us may be facing real hardship in the coming months as basics that most of us take for granted, like access to food and warmth at a reasonable cost, become luxuries or stark choices at home.

So how can we care deeply about ourselves and our immediate community as well as get support where it is needed such as Pakistan, Ethiopia and Ukraine?

Locally we are looking for ideas and initiatives to bring people together utilising public buildings that are warm and providing comfort, companionship and nourishment to those who need it most. The PCC will be reaching out to other organisations to see what can be done to create "warm spaces" in the village.

On a more global scale Christian Aid provides a focal point for targeted support. In Ukraine where they need medical equipment which is beyond the scope of us as individuals to provide. Christian Aid working locally can provide targeted support and also reach other areas of urgent need in the world. A few pence donated here or there all helps or even finding ways of donating some time can be just as valuable.

So maybe we failed to fix the world but there are still ways we care deeply about it. Though we may be tired of giving and in need of receiving, maybe coming together locally will give us the strength to engage globally. Watch out in the coming weeks for local action to keep us all warm and safe this Autumn and Winter.

Tom Kelly, Church Warden

The Priory perspective



Tread Gently Tread Gently: The BIG GREEN WEEK! 26th



Sept-2nd October, a celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. St Bees Green Future have organised a craft activity in the village and the Priory is trying to do its bit too with an "Open the Doors Event" on the Sunday afternoon 2-5pm.

The Priory Church has been part of the village for over 900 years. It is there for everyone in the village to use and enjoy. As part of our parish we are trying to do our bit for the environment and towards that aim have gained a **Bronze Eco Church award**. What does that mean? Put simply it is a recognition of our efforts to ensure that our presence and activities in the Priory does not impact negatively on the village, its environment and in the wider world.

To find out more and help us to progress to silver and then gold awards, please come along to the Priory on Sunday October 2nd from 2-4pm. There will be displays of what an "Eco church" means as well as a few ideas of how the Priory can work with the village to make it even more "Eco friendly" and contribute to nature in our locality.

There will be some activities to keep little people busy, refreshments as well as some Fair Traded and eco friendly items to buy. Come and do your bit and meet some like minded folk.

We hope to see you on Sunday 2nd!

Deb Lee



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