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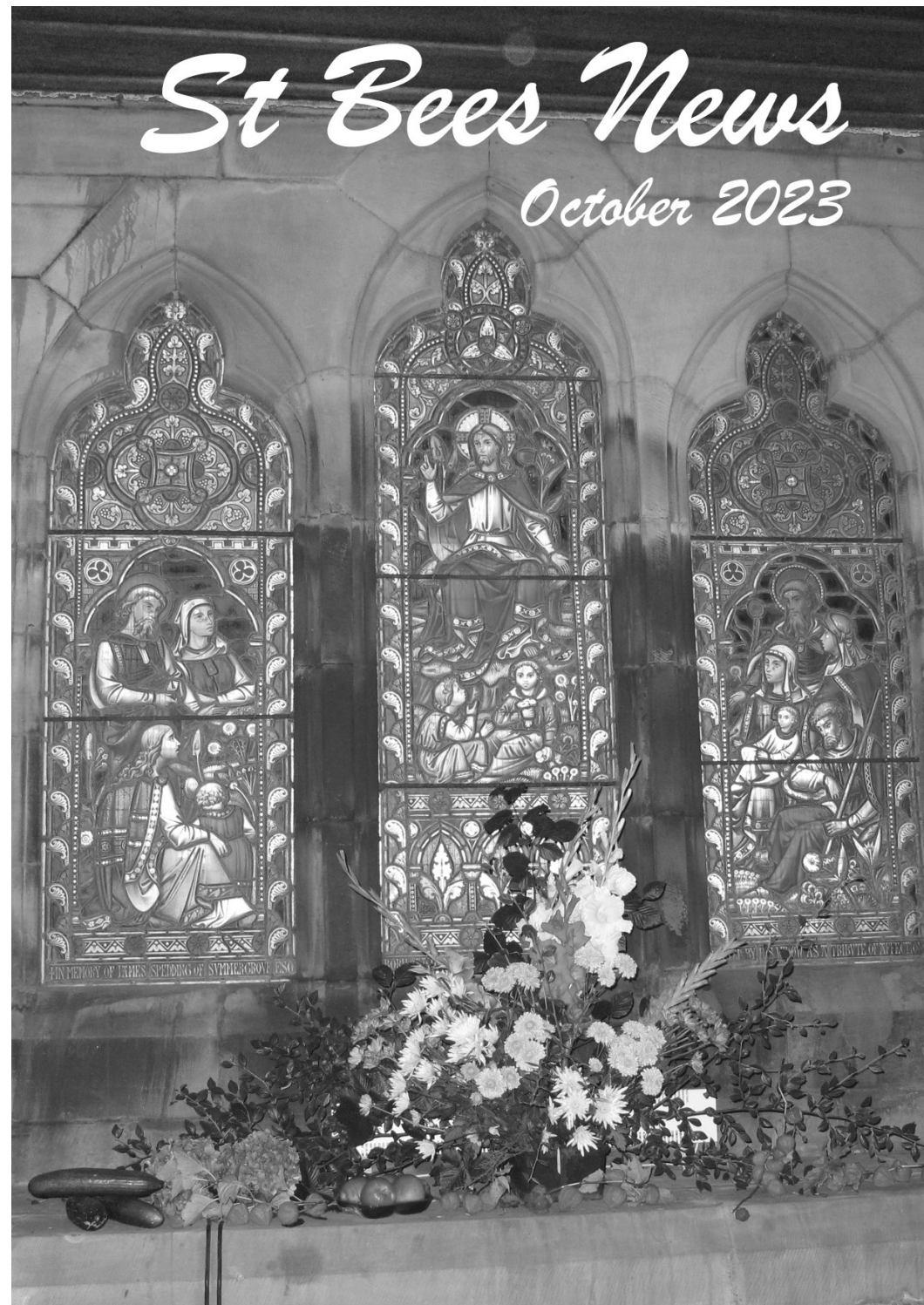
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		<b>Women's Institute</b>	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Roxanne Benson Tel 823137.

## Calendar for October

1	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
3	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Climate Change Working Group, NCH
7	Saturday	All day	St Bees VSA Scarecrow Trail (maps at Village School 10-12noon)
8	Sunday	10.30 am	Priory Harvest Festival with Village Orchestra Followed by Bring & Share Harvest Lunch
9	Monday	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Packing Harvest gifts, Priory Distribution of Harvest Gifts St Bees WI—Steve Wilson, Seacote
10	Tuesday	7.00 pm	PCC meeting, NCH
14	Saturday	7.30 pm	Wine tasting Evening, Village Hall
15	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
18	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Friends Committee meeting, NCH
19	Thursday	TBA	Deanery Festival service of healing, Priory
20	Friday	10.00 am 7.30 pm	St Bees Beach Clean, meet at Lifeboat Station St Bees Man Film & Drama, Priory
21	Saturday	5 – 8 pm	Amazing People Party, Village Hall
22	Sunday	9 - 9.45am 10.30 am	Story Service, Priory Morning Worship
27	Friday	4.30 – 6pm	Family Friday Fun, Priory
29	Sunday	10.30 pm	Holy Communion

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4	Saturday	5.00 - 7pm	Friends Family Film Night, Priory
5	Sunday	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion All Souls Remembering Service, Priory

## Editor – November 2023 Magazine

The October issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Amy Linton, St Bees** who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Sunday 8 October 2023** please.

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## St Bees News

October 2023

I write to you this month from the “Assisi” room in Egremont Parish Hall; my new part-time office. The room is named after St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology. Francis was born in 1181 and died on 3rd October 1226, his Feast Day is 4th October. Some churches mark his Feast Day by inviting parishioners to come to a service of blessing for their pets. This tradition began because Francis is said to have had a particular affinity with animals, he addressed them as “brother” and “sister” and story goes that he once tamed a wolf. St Bees Priory has recently begun welcoming well behaved dogs on leads to church services, not exactly wolf taming, but it’s a start!

In his “Canticle of Creation” Francis wrote;

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.

In October we appreciate the beauty and variety of the food we eat and we give thanks, as Francis did, for God who provides, and farmers, who work the land. Harvest services and assemblies across our schools and in our churches give us an opportunity to give thanks and celebrate God’s goodness. This year in the Priory we are marking Harvest with three services in eight days, on the 1st October we will learn about this year’s Bishops Harvest Appeal and consider our response, on the 2nd October St Bees Village School will explore what Harvest means to them in a special service and on the 8th October the village orchestra will join us for a Traditional All Age Harvest Celebration with the presentation of gifts and a collection for both the Food Bank and the Bishops Harvest Appeal.

As October progresses we will move from a season of giving thanks for food and farming to a season of care for all God’s people. After the success of last year’s “Wednesday Winter Warmers” and inspired by Whitehaven’s fortnightly Memory Cafe St Bees are looking to run something similar, starting on Tuesday 7th November in New College Hall. Later on in the month, the Priory will be a focus for healing and wholeness, as we meet on Thursday 19th October, for a special service for St Lukes tide. All are welcome to come to this service for yourself, or for someone else, and rest in God’s healing and restorative presence.

After the half term holiday and as the seasons change we begin the journey from “Treading Gently” to “Caring Deeply”. From the end of October until the start of Advent churches in St Bees and Egremont will host the five week “Difference” course, exploring how we may be people of reconciliation in our communities. To find out how to join the course both online and in person please see the centre pages of this magazine. There’s lots going on in our communities this October to help us connect, as St Francis did, with all our fellow creatures. Read on to find out more!

May you know God’s blessing this Harvest time,

*Reverend Becky*

## *Priory News*

**Priory Harvest Festival** with Village Orchestra on Sunday 8 October at 10.30 a.m. We look forward to decorating the church, bringing harvest gifts and produce from farm, home and gardens, and singing harvest hymns - a traditional harvest service! Bring & Share Harvest Lunch in the Priory – after the service. Do sign up for culinary delights!

**Welcome back** to the Village orchestra starting the autumn term with their new conductor Ali Birchall, following the retirement of Alison Morris after many dedicated years organising, planning and conducting. Alison’s superb work with the orchestral families will always be appreciated – she made learning instructive and entertaining, and encouraged the young musicians to be involved in the choices of music and develop their imagination and skills and confidence.

**Harvest Gifts** of fruit & flowers, veg & groceries, may be brought to church on Saturday 7th October for decorating windowsills, or on Sunday to present at the service. Everyone including children is welcome to bring gifts to the Sunday service, to be distributed on Monday to those in hospital or care homes, and to the sick and housebound in the parish. Many thanks for your kindness.

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

**Bishop’s Harvest Appeal** – The Carlisle Diocese is supporting two projects :- the Christian Aid project in Israel & the Occupied Palestinian Territories working for human rights and protection; and the Mothers’ Union Literacy & Agriculture Scheme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, helping women and girls to become self-reliant and escape poverty and gender-based violence. Do pick up the leaflets in church and use the gift-Aid envelopes if possible – thank you!

**Distribution of Harvest Gifts** – will be on Monday 9th October from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Area Visitors & volunteers are requested to contact Rosalie McAndrew if you can help.

The sorting and packing, and making up bunches of flowers, will be done on Monday morning from 9.30 a.m. Decoration of the Priory for Harvest Festival – Flower arrangers and others who can help are invited to turn up on Saturday morning from 9.00 a.m. to lend a hand with flower arrangements or decorating windowsills with fruits and veg. Do please remember to bring flowers with you!

### ***Priory Flower Rota for October:***

1 Noreen Woolaghan	8 Harvest volunteers & Pat Crichton
15 Flower Fund	22 Susan Glaister
29 Mary McGee	

## *Parish Council*

**Beach Clean-** All are welcome to join in the October beach clean at St Bees on Friday 20th October, meeting at St Bees Lifeboat Station at 10am. Litter pickers and gloves are available to borrow. Thank you for your help to keep St Bees beach clean.

**Beach Play Area** – The play area has been heavily used over the summer period and the equipment is showing signs of wear and tear with several items of equipment in need of repairs. Safety is the paramount concern so it is sometimes necessary to take equipment out of service pending repair. The Parish Council is working hard to organise repairs and bring the equipment back into use as soon as possible.

**Seats** – The new seat to commemorate the coronation of King Charles has been installed in Priory Paddock so visitors have somewhere to sit and enjoy the garden. The seat at the top of Scalebarrow is to be removed as it is in poor condition and beyond repair. The Parish Council will shortly be considering the replacement of both this seat and the one by the pumping station on Nethertown Rd which was damaged last year.

**Station car park-** the Parish Council is pressing ahead with its long term ambition to provide additional off street car parking on land adjacent to the existing car park to relieve congestion in the centre of the village. In recent months there have been constructive discussions with both Network Rail and Cumberland Council. We will provide more information as discussions progress.

**Information boards** – The new interpretation board has been installed at Priory Paddock and another will be in place shortly at the Priory.

**Remembrance Sunday** – the usual wreath laying ceremony will take place in the village on Remembrance Sunday. More details in next months magazine.

**Flooding** – the heavy rain in recent days has seen a recurrence of the flooding on the Outrigg to Egremont road. This has been a problem for months now and Cllr Minshaw, our Cumberland Councillor, is contacting Highways officers to press for a solution to be found.

**Litter bin** - the wall-mounted litter bin outside the Post Office was damaged recently when a vehicle apparently mounted the pavement. This bin was always well used and the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a replacement.

**Dog fouling** – As you walk around the village, you may notice that Cumberland Council have repainted stencils on pavements to reinforce the message that dog owners should clean up after their dogs. There has been a report of particular problems from Nethertown Rd to the public footpath which leads back to Sea Mill Lane. If you use that route regularly to walk your dog, please take a bag with you and clean up after your dog.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 16 October at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Why not come along and see the PC in action? We still have vacancies for three parish councillors!

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### *Holy Baptism*

20 August Heidi Elizabeth and Albert Nicholas Huck

### *Christian Funeral*

30 August Lorna Murray Stanwix, 16 Abbeyvale, St Bees

4 September Blanche Gillian Arch, 33 Seacroft Drive, St Bees

May God's blessing be with you all and your families.

### *Sincere sympathy*

**Sincere Sympathy** is extended to the family, friends and neighbours mourning the passing of Lorna Stanwix of Abbeyvale - resident there for more than 50 years and bringing up her family of 3 sons with her dearly loved husband Philip. The family were well known in the village and loved all the community activities, enjoying outdoor pursuits – Scouting, climbing, fell-walking and sports. Our thoughts are with Rhys, Euan and Murray (Norman) and their families. Much loved and missed.

**Deepest Sympathy** is offered to the family and friends and neighbours grieving the sad loss of Blanche Arch, who died after a short illness in hospital, with her family around her. Blanche was a delightful friend to many in the village, with a wonderful Christian faith and devotion to many good causes. Her passing will be a great loss to the church family. We keep her dear husband Edward (Ted) and their family, and sister-in-law Gill, in our hearts and minds. She is much loved and will always be remembered. Keeping Blanche in loving memory, from all the family in Switzerland and Canada.

### *Boxes of Hope, Cumbria, ceases to operate*

With great sadness and regret the charity is ending its annual campaign to send shoeboxes to Romanian children, after becoming financially unviable due to Brexit and unsustainable costs. Since the UK left the European Union the cost implication of paying VAT on the value of 10,000 shoeboxes could be up to £40,000 at £20 per box. The scheme is now totally unviable.

Trips to Romania by volunteers are cost-prohibitive. Holland will continue to send shoeboxes being in the E.U. but the charity is unable to undertake shipments without incurring VAT. Boxes of Hope wishes to thank every volunteer and supporter in churches and schools in Cumbria, North Lancashire and North Yorkshire, for their tireless help over the last 10 years.

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It was lovely to welcome the children into school in September for the beginning of the new academic year. It's always very uplifting to see them eager to get into school with big smiles and tales about their holidays. We have a very full, fun packed year ahead, with our curriculum design leading the activities, units of work, trips and visits.

### General Information for Parents

Our new school opening hours are 8.50am to 3.20pm.

Parent should now have received information from class teachers detailing curriculum topics for the half term, routines, homework expectations and general information. As a whole school we have an assembly every Monday where we look at topical issues through Picture News and discuss these using the P4C model of enquiry. These are then developed in class during a P4C session.

At the end of each week we continue to have our celebration Friday assembly where we give out certificates for P.E., TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed winners, as well as our Stars of the Week for each class. The names of the winning classes and children are posted on Class Dojo, so look out for these on a Friday afternoon and share in our celebrations. If you have any issues accessing Class Dojo please contact your child's class teacher as notices, curriculum information and homework are all now put on Class Dojo as well.

We would ask that all children continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days again this year as this has proved to be really useful, saving time and less lost property!

A reminder that all dinners need to be ordered at home prior to children coming to school as there is no longer the facility to order in the morning when children arrive. This can be done for a whole week or a day at a time.

Further information on the above, key policies and documents can be found on our website: <https://www.stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk>

We very much look forward to seeing you in the community and working with you for another successful year at St Bees Village Primary School.

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A memorable occasion was celebrated to bid fond farewells and best wishes to Rev Jim & Sheila, leaving us for pastures new in Ireland. A delicious cake decorated with Gill's delightful sugarcraft leprechaun was shared with the congregation, and they were presented with a photobox album of their time at the Priory serving with four vicars, training under the guidance of the late Rev Philip Bryan.



Many thanks to Rev Ann Baker for her wonderful tribute to Jim and his ministry among us – much loved for his devoted care and compassion to all parishioners, and to the parish of Ennerdale where he served as a non-stipendiary priest for five years. Jim has been a great encourager and mentor to others training for the ministry. Rev Jim inaugurated the new War Memorial in Sandwith to the men of Sandwith and Rottington who lost their lives in 2 World Wars – dedicated by him in 2015 on Remembrance Sunday. Warm wishes to you both and enjoy a long and happy retirement.

## Many Thanks from Anne Mackenzie

Once again I would like to say thank you for all the loving support I have received from friends in the Priory and in the village following a diagnosis of lung cancer in April. It came as a bolt out of the blue as I had been so well after last year's surgery.

On 26th July at the famous Freeman Hospital in Newcastle the offending tumour was removed, and, after a further six days stay at West Cumbria Hospital I was on the mend. A recent post-operative visit to the thoracic clinic in Workington gave me the glad news that the surgery was successful, I needed no follow-up and just needed to recover now. For all the beautiful cards, messages, texts and gifts I need to say a huge thank you - and especially for the prayers! I have felt God with me through these prayers. Thank you. One of the cards had this message which I would like to share with you:

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## St Bees School

St Bees School are off to a flying start having seen a massive increase in student numbers for the 2023-2024 academic year.

With the autumn term starting today (6<sup>th</sup> September), the West Cumbrian Independent School has welcomed a staggering 129 students, with over 50 of those being new starters.

The school's Sixth Form has doubled in size since last year alone, now with an impressive 49 students.

Director of Marketing and Admissions, Ceara Fisher, spoke of the exciting developments: "We reopened in 2018 with 10 students, we now have 129 – with almost 40% from 13 different countries.

"St Bees is truly on the map, and here to stay.

"We are delighted to be stronger than ever!"

Over the summer, the school has seen a huge amount of work done to its buildings to accommodate the ever growing number of students. Most notably the refurbishment of the schools Old Library.

Headmaster, Robin Silk, said: "Our site team have worked incredibly hard over the summer to get the school looking even better than before.

"This work has been vital to solidify the future of the school and its students, having a school library has been something we have waited a long time for and we know it is going to benefit our students, and staff, tremendously."

Since reopening, there has been some question to the future of the school, however, the last couple of years have proved that St Bees is very much on people's agendas – and provides a phenomenal opportunity for young people; unique to this part of West Cumbria.

St Bees School is set apart from the rest, we are an independent secondary school with small class sizes, a deliberate choice which enables our young adults to develop with academic and pastoral guidance which in turn leads to success and achievement that will be remembered for a lifetime.

St Bees is a lot more accessible than you might think, so please do give us a call (01946 828000) or drop us an email ([ceara.fisher@stbeesschool.co.uk](mailto:ceara.fisher@stbeesschool.co.uk)) to book your own individual tour.

### Family Association's annual Quiz and Buffet.

Friday 6th October 2023 6:30-10:30pm

Tickets are £12 each, and quiz teams are a maximum of 6. (Please specify when buying tickets, if you already have a group – but don't worry if you don't).

In addition to the quiz, (which offers a fantastic prize for the winners), you can also feast on the sumptuous buffet – and we will also have a cash bar – so bring some money!

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## ***Rub-a-Dub Dub, Three Men***

For two centuries or more, St. Bees children may have known that old rhyme about three men going to sea in a tub. Two of the men – the butcher and the baker - would have seemed familiar to them, for at that time there was enough demand in the village to support two of each. But I very much doubt that we could ever have found work for the candlestick-maker, who according to the rhyme was the tub's third occupant. We might once have claimed to come close to it, though, for when the Kenworthy family moved here from Whitehaven, it was supposed that their affluence came from their candle-making factory there.

We do know a little about some actual village bakers. The recollections of some of our older residents were once recorded and I am grateful that the late Dr. John Todd, with some others, ensured the preservation of some interesting accounts. This example is from a Mrs. S:

*“There were two bakeries in the village, both of which seem to bring back to people immediate thoughts and smells. One bakery was run by Edie Dickinson on Outrigg on the site of Craig Moffatt’s cottage. Mrs Dickinson earned the name of the ‘Bisky Queen’. She would push a handcart up the Main Street, green with two wheels and a lid, selling teacakes which were locally know as ‘biskies’, hence her nickname’.*

Again according to Mrs. S, the other bakery was at 121 Main Street, about opposite the Chemist. *“It was run by Mrs. Smith and the boys from the School were allowed up to this point. I recall Annie Ashburner working there for sixpence an hour. They sold teacakes, sold hot to the boys, with a piece of chocolate inside. The bread was delivered to the School on a flat bogey”.*

Another villager continued: *“ Evelyn Smith was one of the bake-house daughters. Her mother was a tiny woman, nearly as broad as she was tall. Rosy cheeks, and her hair done up in a bun on top. I remember it as if it was yesterday. She ran the bakery and they had coke ovens and when she was taking the bread out, all baked fresh, the smell was gorgeous in there. Oh yes. It was lovely bread, and she used to make halfpenny buns, round and big and all brown on top with sugar on the top”.* Someone else – I think perhaps Fred Chinner, who had come to the village in 1906 - added *“Get a bottle of lemonade and a halfpenny bun, and you had a good feed”.* And Mrs. S again: *“She made excellent bread, she did, and gingerbread, and very good apricot jam”.*

Perhaps next month we will be able to say some more about this not-too-distant time.

*(Bob Jopling, Village History Group)*

## ***Memory Café volunteers***

Following on from the 'Warm Spaces' run in NCH last winter with great help from volunteers, St Bees School, The Seacote and The Manor, the team have met to discuss plans for this coming autumn and winter. After a visit to a vital Memory Café, run by Copeland Age and Advice Service (CAAS) in Whitehaven Rugby Club every second Tuesday, we are now looking into the practicalities of running a Memory Café at the Priory. CAAS are keen for the provision of another Memory Café on the alternate Tuesday for continuity. We thought we would put a 'shout out' for anyone who could volunteer to help in New College Hall on Tuesday lunchtimes for a couple of hours or to coordinate a rota of volunteers! We hope to start this Memory Café in November so if you would like to put your name down to help or for more information, please get in contact with Rebecca by email at [r.e.rendell@gmail.com](mailto:r.e.rendell@gmail.com).

### ***Lunga’s news - the day he lost mammy.***

Hello. Lunga here. We had taken my yellow bag to the caravan. That day mammy had pressed the wrong weather button and it was wet. Our first walk was wet. A little walk on the beach was wet. Did I really have to go out again? But we went. It wasn't so wet in the woods and the wet seemed to stop anyway. Then I saw it - a lovely brown deer - I had to run after it.

At one point halfway down a steep slope with trees and no path I looked back and saw mammy coming so slowly! I ran on and on, and then the deer was gone. I looked around and mammy was nowhere to be seen. She is so slow. In fact, there was no one to be seen.

I had a rest – all that running makes you tired don't you think? I then began to try and find the way back. I met a man - he'd not seen mammy. He tried to catch me, but we are told to keep away from strangers, so I just ran round and round him. When I stopped, he took a photo of me no doubt to show mammy, so I smiled nicely.

Meanwhile she had asked everyone she met if they had seen me, but no one had. She enlisted the help of some friends. Then she met the man who showed her my nice photo. And then, what a relief I heard her calling me. And then I saw her. How glad I was to see mammy. She gave me lots of treats and so did her friends. The next day mammy kept me on the lead - safer she thought.

But it was hot, and I went into a tiny river for a drink and a soak. I thought I'd go in again but help! I couldn't stand up and I had to do the doggie paddle to the other side! Then how to get back? I tried to jump - it was a bit far, so I got wet again, but that was good on a hot day.

I hope you've had a lovely summer. I'd best stay nearer to mammy, but sometimes, well it is so tempting, with deer to chase after. I'd best teach mammy to go faster - that would be the answer. Take care in these darker mornings and evenings. Bye for now.

*Lunga and his relieved mammy Claire Summers.*

## ***St Bees Man & St Bees Lady***

### **Dramatic presentation with Chris Robson & readers**

Friday 20 October 7.30 pm St Bees Priory

In 1981 archaeologists discovered the best preserved medieval body in England.

This evening's presentation is in two halves – the first half tells the story of that discovery using film and photos taken at the time.

We are now able to give names to the two bodies found in the vault at the Priory and explain how they came to be buried in St Bees.

The second half uses a sequence of readings, written by Lois Howard in 2014. She gave a voice to all those involved in the story, giving an imaginative life to an extraordinary tale.

All Welcome!

## ***St Bees Priory Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair -***

This year, the Priory will once again be hosting a Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair; both events will follow the same format as last year. More details of how to enter the Tree Festival will follow in the November issue of the St Bees News but, in the meantime, here are the dates for your diaries:

**Saturday 9th December** - Christmas tree set up (2-5 p.m.)

**Sunday 10th December** - Official opening of the Tree Festival, Christmas Fair (tables available at £10 each to anyone wishing to sell their wares) carols from Egremont Town Band and refreshments (2-5 p.m.)

**Tuesday 2nd January** - Trees dismantled (2-3 p.m.)

If you have any queries, or wish to reserve a table for the Christmas Fair, please email Sarah George at: sarahgeorge.bees@gmail.com or phone: 07793 754803.

## ***St Bees Village Hall***

St Bees Village Hall will be hosting their annual wine tasting evening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from Claire Hale 07740 717481 or chale025@gmail.com, Val Turpin 07857 008462 or troton620@gmail.com, and Jon Mellor 07341 230954 or jonmell@hotmail.co.uk. The ticket price of £12.50 includes 12 wines to taste, and light refreshments.

## ***St Bees WI***

It is with great sadness to report the loss of one of our WI Ladies Blanche Arch. Attending all our meetings, even in the foulest of weather, Blanche was great fun, always had interesting conversation, took part in all our events, a thoroughly supportive member of the WI and all it stands for. She will be greatly missed by all her friends at St Bees WI.

Our September meeting was Lesley Connolly Jewellery, all the way from Carlisle. A fabulous talk about her Jewellery business and afterwards there was an opportunity to purchase items from her wonderful collection. We also welcomed visitors from Gosforth WI and had many local visitors.

Our next meeting is on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, at the Seacote Hotel. We are welcoming, Steve Wilson 'Baking Its A Chemistry Thing!' plus raffle. Do join us £4 for non-members/visitors, refreshments included. If you would like to join our WI Group, just turn up on the night. See our web page [www.St-Bees-WI-facebook](http://www.St-Bees-WI-facebook), contact Roxanne 823137 or any of the Committee.

## ***Summer of Hope Sponsored Cycle Ride for Cumbria Mothers' Union***

Deb Lee has cycled all the way from St Bees to York (venue of the M.U. Annual meeting) setting off on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, in very wet and wild weather. She is raising funds for the Summer of Hope Appeal, that supports literacy, agricultural and business training for women in communities around the world. In Cumbria they bring help and hope through their work – offering holidays, and supporting those in hospital, refuges and prison, and much more. Please sponsor her on the sign-up sheet in the Priory, or via -

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## ***St Bees VSA Scarecrow Trail – Saturday 7 October***

The popular Scarecrow Trail happens all day - enter a front garden display or window display and register with the Village School VSA. You can pick up trail maps from the school office on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, or on Saturday morning at the Village School 10.00 am to 12 noon. Inviting the St Bees community to join in – the theme is up to you!



We will help each other to follow Jesus more closely, seeking to grow as his disciples in all aspects of life, both corporately and as individuals

Following recent enrolment services, we now have a Mothers' Union Branch in St Bees. We will meet at 7pm via zoom on the first Thursday of every month (starting on 5<sup>th</sup> October- for the link please contact Deb [cdmudp@gmail.com](mailto:cdmudp@gmail.com)), as well as having some face to face meetings.

**What is the Mothers' Union?** It is both a charity and an International Union of people who want to strengthen communities by the support of women and family life.

**What does the Mothers' Union and its members do?** Being a branch, locally based organisation, Mothers' Union can respond to the needs of local communities around the world. To support women, Mothers Union works with Women's Aid in UK and internationally and fights gender based violence. It supports women (who have often never been able to attend school) to learn to read and write. This is done by local Mothers' Union members being trained as facilitators. Most rural farmers around the world are women and so Mothers' Union teaches women to farm effectively, sustainably and to counteract the ravages of climate change. By becoming literate and learning basic governance through the Mothers' Union projects, women can work co-operatively to maximise the benefit of their farming activities. Membership is based on prayer as well as action. At midday, a wave or prayer travels around the world and pray for every diocese through the course of the year. In Cumbria we support our local refuges, schools, hospitals in various ways. We provide books for those being baptised and offer free holidays in a caravan at ST Bees, for those who need a break, but cannot afford one.

**If its called the Mothers' Union, why can men join?** The Mothers' Union was started in 1876 in days when women were considered as less than men. The founder, Mary Sumner, wanted Mothers to help other mothers in the bringing up of their children. "Mothering" continues to be a key aim of the Mothers' Union but the membership of men and women who are not mothers enables the International and UK Mothers' Union work to take place, supporting mothers and families.

**Where can I find out more?** You can find Information about what is happening in Cumbria on our website [www.carlisle-diocesemothersunion.org.uk](http://www.carlisle-diocesemothersunion.org.uk) and International information at [www.mothersunion.org.uk](http://www.mothersunion.org.uk)

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