

## St Bees Priory Church

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## *St Bees Garden Society Flower Show*

**Saturday 20 August - Sports Hall, St Bees School**

Doors Open to the public 1.00 pm

Auction of produce/flowers after 4.00 pm

**All the usual classes** will be exhibited – flowers, pot plants; vegetables, fruit; eggs; home produce; preserves; handicrafts.

**Graphic Arts:** -Sunset, Anything with wheels, Scene from above, A Lake District view,

A group of flowers, Platinum Jubilee

**Flower arrangement** - Nursery Rhyme

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**Tea & Cakes on sale as usual.** All welcome as exhibitors or spectators to view the wonderful range of exhibits on show.

Schedules listing classes & staging times (Friday evening/Saturday morning) available at Post Office in July and August.

## *Seafest Annual Festival*

**Celebrate Seafest Annual Festival - St Bees Main Beach – Saturday 6 August 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

Organised by Cumbria Wildlife Trust – A family-friendly event for National Marine Week with tasters and cooking demos from top local chefs; arts & crafts activities; rockpool rambles; and much more.

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Formerly named as Beached Art Festival!

## **Calendar for July**

1	Friday	7.30 pm	Cumbrian Duo, Village Hall
2	Saturday	11.00 am	Village Orchestra Concert, Priory
		From 12 noon	Bees Bash, St Bees School sports field
3	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship (Lay leader Rosalie McAndrew)
		7.30 pm	Licensing of Churchwardens, St Leonard’s Cleator
7	Thursday	6.30 pm	St Bees Youth Club (year 5 & over), Memorial Hall
10	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Rev Richard Lee)
11	Monday	7.15 pm	WI Priory Tour with Doug Sim, Priory
12	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting, NCH
16	Saturday	12 noon	Wedding – Devon Maxwell & Lucy Kennett, Priory
		6.00 pm	Triers Charity Dinner & Dance, Falcon Club, Egremont
17	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship ( Rev Becky Gibbs)
18	Monday	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
		7.30 pm	Priory Singers Music for a Summer Evening, Priory
20	Wednesday		Village Primary School end-of-term Service
24	Sunday	9.00 am	Family Story Service (Parents team)
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Revs Jim & Anne Baker)
31	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Rev Richard Lee)

## **Calendar for August**

6	Saturday	10am- 4pm	Annual SeaFest event & Sand Sculptures, St Bees Beach
7	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship (Lay leader Phill Bearman)
8	Monday		Magazine Copydate ( to editor Anthony Payne)
14	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Revs Jim & Anne Baker)
20	Saturday	12 noon	Wedding of Ryan Parker & Julie Walker, Priory
		1.00 pm	St Bees Annual Flower Show & Teas, Sports Hall, St Bees School
21	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (Lay leader Deb Lee)
27	Saturday	2 – 4 pm	Green Future Clothes Swap, Adams Rec.
28	Sunday	9.00 am	Family Story Service (Rev Becky Gibbs)
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Revs Jim & Anne Baker)

**Pop-In Café in New College Hall** continues during July/August – Thursdays 10.30 am to 12 noon

## *Editor – September 2022 Magazine*

The **September issue** of St Bees News will be edited by Anthony Payne, who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Monday 8th August** please.  
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## ***St Bees Wellbeing Walks***

'Wellbeing Walks' are a national programme organised by the Ramblers, Britain's leading walking charity. They are short group walks which make it easier for people to start or resume walking, perhaps after a period of disability - and to stay active. Walks aim to be suitable for people of all ages and abilities, and leaders will ensure that you walk at a pace that you find comfortable.

Here in St Bees we have organised two wellbeing walks, one from the train station along St Bees Valley (Wood Lane) to Abbey Wood and the other from the train station down to the beach. All walks take place on Wednesday mornings, starting 10.20am. Recently the Parish Council has installed two new seats on Wood Lane so that walkers can have a short rest and possibly do some bird watching.

For July, the dates of the walks are:

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Beach Walk	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Abbey Wood Walk
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Beach Walk	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Abbey Wood Walk.

Just turn up – there is no charge and if you enjoy the experience then think about registering with the Ramblers WellBeingWalks (<https://beta.ramblers.org.uk/wellbeing-walks-sign-up>) where you can find more information about other wellbeing walks in our area – again there is no charge for this. For further information contact Claire Hale on 07740717481

## ***Village Hall Events***

At the end of May, the village hall audience was treated to the blues music of Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood as part of the Arts out West rural outreach programme. It was a great show by consummate professional musicians and we were delighted to be able to host them. Let us hope they will return.

The next event in the Village Hall is on Friday 1st July at 7.30 pm. The Cumbrian Duo of Ed Heslam and Jean Altschule are local musicians. Their repertoire is entirely based on Cumbrian music, played on the guitar and the harp. The programme for St Bees consists of a mix of 18th and 19th century tunes together with a few modern pieces composed by Ed Heslam. There are stories accompanying the music which will allude to Border reivers, 18th century traders in African enslaved people, a Jacobite rebellion and the somewhat loose connection between Cumberland and the Austrian composer Haydn.

Ed Heslam has a background in playing the standard classical guitar repertoire, while Jean Altschuler spent her early career as the harpist with various symphony orchestras in the USA. Both musicians are committed to popularising interesting local music that is mostly long-forgotten. They currently have three CDs of the music of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Tickets are £12.50 and can be booked online from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cumbrian-duo-tickets-344027725187?aff=erelexpmlt> or on paper from Claire Hale.

## ***St Bees News***

***July - August 2022***

### **Letter from the Vicar: Sunshine and Showers**

I often wonder why people want to get married in December. Let's face it, churches can be cold; the weather is usually guaranteed to be windy and wet, cold and icy, snowing with sunshine; and the wedding guests always want to dress up in their best clothes - thin suits for the men, nice short-sleeved or sleeveless dresses for the ladies - with not a woolly hat, scarf and gloves or thick and heavy overcoat in sight. Give me sunshine and warmth for weddings - which is, perhaps why so many choose to go to a far flung tropical island to get hitched. Let's face it, May, June, July, August can be just as cold, wet, windy and sunless as December. "Cloudy days do make for good photographs," I usually tell those coming for marriage preparation. "No shadows, and no squinting in the bright sunlight." My wedding preparation sessions are very practical and reassuring. Sheila and I were married in December!

"Wouldn't it be lovely to have snow falling romantically?" "We are on the East coast, with winds coming from the Urals," I had replied, endearingly.

The day was a typical Scarborough damp, cold, winter's day, in that lull between Christmas and New Year. The moment we paused for photographs at the church door, a flurry of snow fell - just enough to make it picturesque and not enough to prevent us getting to reception.

A couple of years later, we were expecting our first child - nameless at that time, but baptised Josephine Sara, the following November (brrr!)

The women teachers at the school at which I taught, had seemed to take especial care of my welfare, and organised - no ifs or buts, it was planned and happened in our house. They organised a Shower Party. What better sign of love could anyone offer a struggling couple in the early years of marriage, about to become a family?

That was the early Seventies, when we had already had some increases in our mortgage rate to 7½%; electricity strikes; increases in the price of coal; shortages of basic things; high petrol costs – (ring a bell?)

That shower-party has stuck in my memory, for everything it was, and for all it wasn't. It was one way that some of my colleagues showed that they were not just workmates.

It made me realise that they understood our newly-married predicament, and that, out of that understanding, they were willing, each of them, to give a little - freely and without expecting anything back. It helped to explain, "it is better to give than to receive" without making us feel beholden.

The generosity of those people was huge, but, I suppose could have been measured in pence. Doubtless, they all had had fun in the idea, and in the carrying-out of the event: in the buying and wrapping; in the delight of thinking of, or finding an item; in the preparation of a bit of food for the night - we only provided the venue.

A new relationship was built. They had invaded our private space, I suppose.

These people had broken in, and we had welcomed them - not just for their gifts, but for

## Vicar's letter

their friendship, their fellowship, their understanding of where we were - about to bring a new life into the world. They, too, must have felt something in the giving, in the creating of this event - far greater than just having a night out together.

They had been there; done that; got the nappy bucket. They knew our need before we had even thought about it.

It's times like that when we learn so much about our world; that it's not all the things that appear on television - the 'doomiest' and gloomiest of all that humankind can throw at its own and upon the rest of creation.

It's times like that that we might just begin to understand the Jesus Story: that even that has a real message; is based on the reality of our world; and upon the relationship we have (or don't have) with God.

What words do we read in St John's Gospel? "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." There's that 'giving' word again, and, Oh look, that 'loving' word's popped up in it - to say nothing of the 'gift', so freely given. Sunshine and showers, eh?

*Rev Jim Marshall - 07860101770 - revjimmarshall@gmail.com*

## Priory News

**Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Priory** – Sincere thanks and congratulations to everyone who contributed to a wonderful festival and display at church and the grounds – illuminations & bunting, music & exhibitions. Organist Frank Bowler played the original royal programme performed prior to the Queen's Coronation of 1953; the televised service from St Paul's was a great success enabling our congregation to sing along with the hymns, and enjoying the feast of prosecco and canapes afterwards. Much enjoyed by many visitors throughout the week was the exhibition of 7 decades with fascinating artefacts of yesteryear; and thanks to Chris Robson for his display of Charm's photographs of villagers and events in the 1990s – a special remembrance of well-known and much loved friends and parishioners from years ago.

Particular thanks go to Sally Kennedy and her social committee, Deb Lee and Ian McAndrew for the broadcast techno skills, to Jack Hale and David Kennedy for their dramatic Union Flag on the tower; to Debbie Bowler for the flowers and flags; to Pat Crichton for her beautiful flower arrangement with royal regalia; to all the organisations devising the exhibits; and to everyone who took part!

**Christian Aid Collection in May:**- The system of envelopes inside the Parish Mag proved useful. We are pleased to announce that £554.80 was raised, boosted by 20 Gift-Aid forms with pledges for donations totalling £282. Sincere thanks to generous donors in the parish; and thanks to our C.A. rep Deb Lee, who preached in the Priory on Christian Aid Week this year. Further donations were given online by many people in the parish. Last month we reported that Priory donations to Christian Aid Emergency Appeal for Ukraine raised a fantastic total of £475.05 – much appreciated.

## Parish Council News

**Beach Clean-** The next organised beach clean is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please meet at 10am at St Bees Lifeboat Station. Litter pickers and gloves available to borrow. This month we will be walking along the beach and picking litter that has been washed up on the pebbles towards Sea Mill. Thank you for your help to keep St Bees beach clean.

**Anti-social behaviour-** there have recently been several incidents of minor damage around the village. If you notice any further incidents, please report them to the police on 101 so they have a full picture.

**Coastal Path-** Could we remind walkers to keep dogs on leads when crossing fields where there may be livestock. The presence of sheep may not be immediately obvious because of the undulating ground

**The Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood Blues** event in the Village Hall was a great success and well attended. The first show in the Village Hall since the end of lockdown. The first of many more to come.

**The Kittiwake Walk** from St Bees to Fleswick Bay, Tuesday 31st May attracted about 15 people. The day started off gloomy but as we left the beach, the sun started to shine and by the time we got to Fleswick bay it was glorious. We saw tadpoles in the rock pools in the gully down to the bay and a seal in the sea. This did not deter one of the party going for a swim. The youngest was 3 and the oldest was over 70. All children enjoyed their complimentary ice cream at the end (except those who had to rush off to a birthday party)

**The Jubilee Wellbeing Walk** on Wednesday 1st June was well attended with walkers coming from Whitehaven as well as St Bees and including our local councillors. The new jubilee seats were admired and appreciated. Someone commented that they were well placed for bird watching!!

**Family Walk to Nethertown.** Thursday 2nd June. This was a small but friendly group and we were accompanied by the St Bees Triers 'on manoeuvres' for some of the way. We caught a nasty shower on the way back but went into the Queens to dry off and join the quiz, where our team came 3rd.

**The Beach Clean** Friday 3rd June. 18 volunteers joined in the Jubilee beach clean and removed three bin bags full of small plastic fragments from the pebbles towards Tomlin. The most interesting finds were a miniature toy soldier and horse. Thanks to all the volunteers for their effort.

**Bring and Share Street Tea Party** Sunday 5th June. Well it all turned out right in the end with approximately 150 people attending. Lots of tasty food was brought, shared and enjoyed. The people who rented Thimble Cottage for the weekend found a street party in full flow when they opened their front door, so they joined in too. The threatening rain stopped as soon as the National Anthem was sung and didn't start again until the party had finished – clearly the Queen was on our side. Thanks to everyone who made the food, helped with the setting up of tables and decorations, hung the bunting and planted the flowers. It was a great community event.

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**Priory Services in July/August** – Rev. Becky Gibbs will be back in action in July, after recuperation. During August Communion services will be conducted by the Ministry team, while lay leaders will lead Morning Worship when Rev Becky is away.

**Music for a Summer's Evening – a concert by the Priory Singers** will be held in the Priory on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. The programme includes songs by Lennon & McCartney, Henry Mancini and an arrangement by Hugh Turpin.

All welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards and a retiring collection taken.

**Village Orchestra Concert** – The end-of-term concert by the Village Orchestra will be held in the Priory on Saturday 2nd July at 11.00 am. Music includes Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony", Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and a medley of Disney film favourites.

### *From the Priory Registers*

#### **Holy Baptism**

15 May: Mia Victoria Kelly, Whitehaven

#### **Christian Burial**

20 June: Brian Kirkby Kellhead, Nethertown

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

#### **Priory Flower Rota for July**

3 July Barwise/Hewetson family    10 Eleanor Haile    17 Margaret Westhead

24 Ruth Edgar    31 Joan Edgar

#### **August**

7 Bone/Maudsley family    14 Atkinson family 21    Mary Branford

28 Claire Summers

#### **Friends of the Priory Report - June 2022**

The Friends have organised three successful events in May & June, sharing celebrations with the church supporters and the local community and raising useful funds too. Canon Trevor Park's Talk on the 3 Abrahamic faiths was well-attended, everyone receiving a copy of his new book, while extra sales of the book boosted the funds raised. Trevor based his book on his studies in Israel/Palestine with his daughter Sunniva assisting his travels.

In May we celebrated the long-awaited return of Egremont Town Band to the Priory in a rousing concert – first planned 3 years ago pre-Covid. Funds were raised for the Priory and the Band. It was good to hear their Training Band for younger players.

In June on Trinity Sunday the Friends and congregation much appreciated a feast of glorious music at their Festival of Choral Evensong with the full church choir, enhanced by organist Frank Bowler and conductor Margie Simper. A delicious buffet feast followed, thanks to 'Sally's Army' of bakers.

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## News from the Village School

We are now well into our last half term of the academic year and have had a very busy time with things finally getting back to normal in school, including:

*A production of Treasure Island by M&M Theatre*

*"Playground Proms" outdoor performance music workshops*

*The Priory's Platinum Jubilee exhibition*      *Beach visits*

*Tag Rugby tournaments*

*Residential visits*

*Sports week & Sports day for parents*

*Summer performance – Peter Pan*

*St Bees Has Got Talent*

*Move up days*

*End of year service at the Priory*

In June we had a whole school P4C day (Philosophy for Children) which was the culmination of all the learning children have done over the past year. Staff and children have been working together to come up with key questions in response to stimuli which they then discuss, sharing their thoughts and ideas. P4C is an extremely valuable resource for developing children's:

*Critical thinking skills;*

*Creative thinking;*

*Collaborative thinking;*

*Caring thinking – social and moral understanding.*

The aim was that by the end of our P4C day all children would have developed their thinking about a class question based on the book 'When I Coloured in the World' by Ahmadreza Ahmadi. Children shared their creations and presented their classes work to the rest of the school at the end of the day during our assembly. All the classes produced a segment of a circle to represent their theme which will be put together to form a whole school P4C picture.

**Please can I remind parents and grandparents to park considerately at the end of the day when picking up children.** We are still being contacted by residents and the local policing team to say there have been a number of complaints about parents parking on double yellow lines, across private drives and garages as well as on residents drives. Please use the parking areas available in the village and walk from these to help reduce the congestion and danger posed to both children and adults.

We are very saddened to say that some children from the village and surrounding area (some of who are our past pupils) continue to come onto school grounds after school and during weekends and holidays for the wrong reasons. We are more than happy for children to make use of the field to play football and games, especially with the better weather however, we are consistently finding school property thrown, moved, written on and broken. Residents are also having issues of children throwing school property into their gardens. The school grounds are private property and as such we have CCTV and have provided names to the police so that they can help us sort this matter out. We would hate to have to fence off the whole of the school grounds and remove this facility for children wanting to play.

Thank you for your continued support, *Emma Sharp, Headteacher*

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## ***Platinum Jubilee weekend cycle ride***

A total of 20 cyclists - spanning a few decades between us - took part in the rides organised as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

We were rewarded with calm, warm and sunny conditions as the two groups set off from the Turning Circle. The family ride made its way directly to Braystones beach along an almost traffic-free Nethertown Road, whilst the adults' group took a longer route via Beckermet before also heading to Braystones beach.

Both sets of riders were rewarded with the very welcome sight and aroma of sausages sizzling on an open fire which refuelled us perfectly for the return to St Bees.

All-comers are very welcome to join any future planned rides, so please keep your eyes on the Parish Magazine and noticeboards for details.

## ***The Sandwith School Charity Trust***

Founded in 1977 with funds resulting from the sale of the Sandwith School, the Trust exists to:

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## St Bees School

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, our Junior students proudly presented their Global Awareness Programme (GAP) projects to an auditorium full of parents, staff and fellow students. This is no easy feat, but it is ultimately what GAP prepares our students to be able to do.

For our Year 7 students and new Year 8 students, this was their first experience presenting to a room full of people who aren't just their peers. It gives them the opportunity to see first-hand where they can improve with their presentation and research skills, and have real-time feedback from those in the audience.

But what is GAP? The Global Awareness Programme is a staple part of the curriculum here at St Bees. It helps students prepare students for life outside of school, focusing mainly on research, presentation and public speaking, teamwork and critical thinking skills.

The subject is taught in groups of mixed ages - meaning that Years 7 and 8 work together, whilst Years 9 and above join forces too. This means that groups are made up of students from different year groups and this helps them develop their communication skills, too.

We encourage students to look at what is currently going on in the world right now and base their presentations and conclusions on an idea which is currently in the media.

During the presentations just before the Half-Term break, we had topics such as "Has Money Ruined Football?", and "Is Clean Energy the Only Solution to Climate Change?". Each group researched the topic they had chosen and were asked to create a presentation which ended with the conclusion that they had arrived at based on their research.

This puts them in a great position when it comes to going off to university or into a job, where research and presentation skills will be called upon. Over the course of their time here at St Bees and studying GAP, they will already have the skills that they would need to be successful and would be more confident conveying their ideas because of the public speaking practice that GAP naturally develops.

But it's not just in school and work life that these skills will be useful. One parent reached out to us over the Half-Term break to tell us how GAP has really helped her daughter's cricketer success by developing teamwork skills.

The point of GAP isn't to be right or wrong, it's about learning how to effectively develop skills that you can call on later in life and be confident in your abilities to present and put your ideas forward.

For some students, public speaking comes naturally to them, whereas their research skills need some work. For others, it's the other way round. We don't expect perfection - in fact, the more we see our students present and come into their own - on their own - the prouder we are. That is exactly what GAP aims to achieve - a well-rounded cohort of confident students

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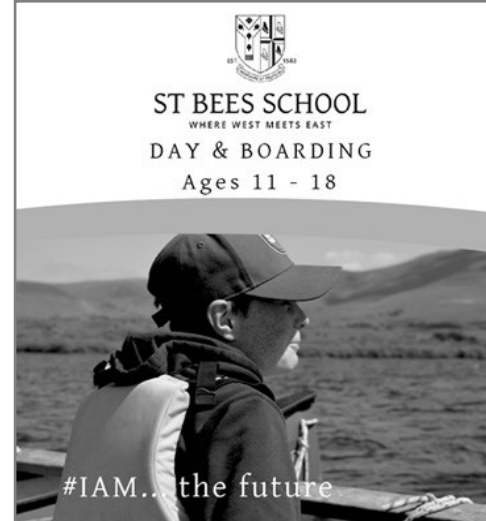
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the fire from spreading to the new portion of the premises. The old part of the building, in fact, was completely gutted, and most of the furniture and the boys' clothing destroyed. The damage is estimated to be considerably over a thousand pounds. The fire broke out in a store room, in which there were only a number of lace curtains, and the origin is at present a mystery. It is not twelve months since there was an outbreak in the newer portion of the building. "

*(The Millom Gazette – Friday October 8th, 1909)*

## ***St Bees Green Future***

Do you have a clothing rail that you no longer need? St Bees Green Future will be running quarterly clothes swaps in St Bees and would be very grateful for any donations of clothing rails to help us run these events. Please contact [amylinton1983@gmail.com](mailto:amylinton1983@gmail.com) or 07815533737 if you can help with a clothing rail.

The next clothes swap is planned for Saturday 27 August from 2 till 4 p.m. at the Adams Recreation Ground. Clothes swaps are a great way to update your wardrobe regularly, while you save money and help the planet. All sizes and types of clothing and accessories are welcome (including children's clothes), so if you're looking to have a sort through your wardrobe, now is a good time to do so! Please bring your items along on the day and swap away! Even if you don't have any clothing that you are looking to part with, you're welcome to come along and pick up something new.

## ***Friends of the Priory Report - June 2022***

The Friends have organised three successful events in May & June, sharing celebrations with the church supporters and the local community and raising useful funds too. Canon Trevor Park's Talk on the 3 Abrahamic faiths was well-attended, everyone receiving a copy of his new book, while extra sales of the book boosted the funds raised. Trevor based his book on his studies in Israel/Palestine with his daughter Sunniva assisting his travels.

In May we celebrated the long-awaited return of Egremont Town Band to the Priory in a rousing concert – first planned 3 years ago pre-Covid. Funds were raised for the Priory and the Band. It was good to hear their Training Band for younger players.

In June on Trinity Sunday the Friends and congregation much appreciated a feast of glorious music at their Festival of Choral Evensong with the full church choir, enhanced by organist Frank Bowler and conductor Margie Simper. A delicious buffet feast followed, thanks to 'Sally's Army' of bakers.

The 'icing on the cake' was a lovely celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev'ds Jim and Anne Baker, who led the service and were then presented with gifts in thanks for their ministry.

Not forgetting to thank Gill Burgess for the beautiful anniversary cake with sugar-crafted roses!

*R McAndrew*

## ***Village Hall Events***

At the end of May, the village hall audience was treated to the blues music of Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood as part of the Arts out West rural outreach programme. It was a great show by consummate professional musicians and we were delighted to be able to host them. Let us hope they will return.

The next event in the Village Hall is on Friday 1st July at 7.30 pm. The Cumbrian Duo of Ed Heslam and Jean Altschule are local musicians. Their repertoire is entirely based on Cumbrian music, played on the guitar and the harp. The programme for St Bees consists of a mix of 18th and 19th century tunes together with a few modern pieces composed by Ed Heslam. There are stories accompanying the music which will allude to Border reivers, 18th century traders in African enslaved people, a Jacobite rebellion and the somewhat loose connection between Cumberland and the Austrian composer Haydn.

Ed Heslam has a background in playing the standard classical guitar repertoire, while Jean Altschuler spent her early career as the harpist with various symphony orchestras in the USA. Both musicians are committed to popularising interesting local music that is mostly long-forgotten. They currently have three CDs of the music of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Tickets are £12.50 and can be booked online from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cumbrian-duo-tickets-344027725187?aff=erelexpmlt> or on paper from Claire Hale.

For further information and paper tickets contact Claire Hale on 07740717481

## ***Bees Bash - Saturday 2 July from 12.00 noon***

Boaty McBoatface's rock legend George Hale is sailing his way back to the parishes he grew up in to kick off the renewed Bees Bash. This year's festivities include a return of the Parade through the village ending at the Public School Cricket crease where historically the village fair was held. Some of Cumbria's best local performers will perform supporting George, including the fabulous Leah Belle, legendary Danny Dunnery, Jammin' Jameson, on the wheels of steel will be Dapper Don Danny Maudling, Superstar Stu Wright on wheels of steel, Bouncing 80s bangers with Pakka, and more .

The first 350 tickets are on pre-sale from the post office and both schools for ONLY £5!! DO NOT MISS OUT!

Funds raised will go towards the village Children's charity, Lifeboat station and Local Hero Gary McKee's awesome 365 marathons this year. His charities include Macmillan & Hospice at Home so please, whether you can make the event or not, pledge some money for his truly heroic effort through [justgiving.com](https://justgiving.com/fundraising/threesixfive) at <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/threesixfive>. The event is open to any local traders who would like to showcase their wares, jams and paintings.

Raffle prizes would be appreciated, as would volunteers to help out on the day.

St Bees School from 12.00 pm onwards on Saturday 2 July.

## *Grassroots*

**St Bees Triers Charity Black Tie Evening** at the Falcon Club, Egremont 16 July 2022, Two course meal, band, with guest speaker in between In aid of Calderwood House, Lifeboats & Wasdale Mountain Rescue. Tickets £35. Gill Mackay, 07739184473.

**Welcome** to Peter and Natalie Seex who have moved to 11 Firth Drive and best wishes in your new home.

**Jubilee** - Many Thanks to all the organisations and businesses locally who contributed to making the Platinum Jubilee of H.M. The Queen a success in St Bees - the Priory, the Parish Council, the Bring & Share Street Tea Party organisers, and the hotels in the village. A great week to remember!

**Festivals of Yesteryear** – Keen historian Tom Dalzell writes of his memories:- The Grand St Bees School Fete, to celebrate the New Queen 70 years ago, was held ‘on the crease’ in 1952. Tom’s personal responsibility was buildings, decorations and carparking. The car park was the field next to the Dandy Walk, which was then 2 rugby pitches – Roadside and Wallside. A lasting memory is the generosity of the many village gardeners donating flowers and greenery for the decorations – the credit for this due to the Headmaster’s wife using her influence. One amusing incident Tom recalls was of the village coffin-maker who tried and tried to knock in a 4-inch nail the fastest, but after many attempts was beaten by a teenager!

## *St Bees WI News*

Thankyou to all our members who brought 1960’s memorabilia to the Priory for the ‘Seven Decades of the Queens Reign display, which was open to the public from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. From an original 1960 newspaper celebrating the Marriage of Princess Margaret to Anthony Armstrong-Jones (Lord Snowden), to toys, books, clothes, records, and many other things from the period. The 1960’s was truly amazing - the first heart transplant was performed, to Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon, not forgetting all the fabulous Music the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Elvis, Cliff Richard, The Hollies the Kinks and many, many more, just an incredible decade!

At our June Meeting several of our members enjoyed Afternoon Tea at Stonehouse Farm. Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, is a guided tour of St Bees Priory by Doug Sim, Please meet at the Priory 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. We don’t have a meeting in August due to holidays. Looking ahead, our meeting in September is Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, an Evening of Poetry and Verse at the Seacote Hotel starting at 7.30pm.

The Cumbria Cumberland Federation of Women’s Institute (CCFWI) are hosting a Garden Party to Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Greenhill Hotel Wigton, Afternoon Tea with Prosecco and Entertainment by the fabulous singer Miss Cindy Hoten, (The Lakes Sweetheart) Posh frocks, hats etc. Some of our St Bees members will be in attendance along with many other WI’s across Cumbria. Something to look forward to after two years of Covid and Social Distancing!!

## *THE ROYAL HOTEL - (For positively the last time)*

The story of our St. Bees Royal Hotel has already taken up this magazine’s history pages for five months. I had little thought to be writing about it again now, but judging by the number of questions still coming my way a gratifying number of readers have stayed the course. That being so may I please use this final article to thank them for their interest, and to deal with the most common of all the questions they have asked.

It is one which crops up quite frequently in Village History matters: How can we possibly know of the St. Bees of centuries ago ago? The answer is that there are are dry and dusty facts in official records held in Whitehaven and elsewhere, and much more interesting ones in old letters and in the writings of our long-past Vicars, in their attempts at something like a Parish magazine. Thanks to a recent fortuitous attic-find we have a number of these going back to the 1800s, and I live in constant hope that one day soon I’ll hear of the finding of even more.

For the Royal Hotel’s story the most useful sources turned out to be local newspapers. There can be pitfalls when relying too much on newspaper accounts, where often no two papers agree over points of detail. In the case of our 1909 fire, for instance, one paper has one hundred of our St. Bees schoolboys at risk, whereas The “Millom Gazette” has forty, in a version fully borne out by the Grammar School itself. Some may like to read the “Gazette’s piece now - an example of the sort of reporting which really tells what happened.

### **Disastrous Fire at St. Bees**

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOSTEL BURNT OUT

On Sunday, a fire broke out at Grindal House, the principal Hostel of St. Bees Grammar School, and very serious damage was occasioned, though, fortunately, no lives were lost. There were forty boys in the building at the time, but all escaped uninjured, thanks to the promptitude and presence of mind of a housemaid named Mary Little.

It seems that the Rev. W.H. Alderson, second master, who lives on the premises, went to bed about half-past twelve on Sunday morning, when everything appeared to be right. About one o’clock, however, the housemaid referred to, who was sleeping in a room on the third storey, was awakened by smoke, which had filled her room. She immediately rushed on to the landing and saw flames, upon which she seized a bell, which was on the landing, and rang it loudly until all the inmates were aroused.

The boys all succeeded in escaping by some back stairs. One boy, however, could not be found, and while searching for him Mr. Alderson, unfortunately, got rather severely burned about the face and back. It was afterwards found that the boy had escaped from the building by getting on to the roof and down a verandah. Two servants who also slept in the house, got out of the building without injury.

After the alarm was given the St. Bees Fire Brigade were quickly on the scene, and a little later the Egremont Brigade arrived, but the fire had obtained such a hold over the building that the firemen were unable to save it. They, however, succeeded in preventing

## *Tread gently*

This means that we will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, seeking to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As part of this, in May, Susan surveyed the wild flowers growing in St Bees Priory grounds. I wonder how many you think there are? Well here is the list>

### **In flower:-**

Daisy, dandelion, Groundsel, Perennial(?) sowthistle, Wavy(?) bittercress, Red dead nettle, Wall speedwell, Petty spurge, Ivy-leaved toadflax, Greater celandine

Wild garlic (ramsons), Spanish bluebells, Perennial meadow grass, Herb Robert, Garlic mustard, Welsh poppy, Lesser celandine, Green alkanet, Buttercup

Yellow oxalis, Mossy Sandwort, Pendulous sedge\*

The following may have been planted but are also found naturalised:

Perennial cornflower, Solomon's seal, Aquilegia

### **Foliage only**

Cleavers, Dock, Willowherb (probably Great)

Stinging nettles, White sedum, Prickly Sowthistle

Great Plantain, Ground elder\*, Bramble, Clover

Primroses (going to seed), Cat's-Ear, Spear thistle

Ivy\* (spring bulbs – Snowdrop, crocus, daffodils and tulips – have already flowered)

Plants marked with an asterisk need to be controlled..



## **A Vision for the Churches in Cumbria The Priory perspective**



### ***Follow Daily:***

The magazine content this month is going to the Editor just after the Jubilee celebrations. What a fantastic weekend it was with lots going on in St Bees, bringing us together to celebrate the 70 years of her Majesty's reign. The Queen epitomises service and giving to others. I am sure she has "followed her faith daily" and that is what has given her strength to carry on through the tough times.

As the Archbishop of York said in his sermon "What I see in Her Majesty the Queen is someone who has been able to serve our nation faithfully because of her faith in Jesus Christ. Perhaps there is no better way of celebrating her Platinum Jubilee than by doing the same ourselves".

St Bees came together over the Jubilee, it would be good if everyone, of any faith or none, continued that spirit of togetherness and community, so that everyone in St Bees can flourish and enjoy life!

Members of the Jubilee bike ride were met at the picnic site, Braystones by the smell of cooking sausages!



# Kids' corner

## Luke 11.1-13

When someone asked Jesus how to pray, he told them not only what to say but how it might be answered.



Jesus taught us to pray, but also to DO!

## ?????? Puzzle

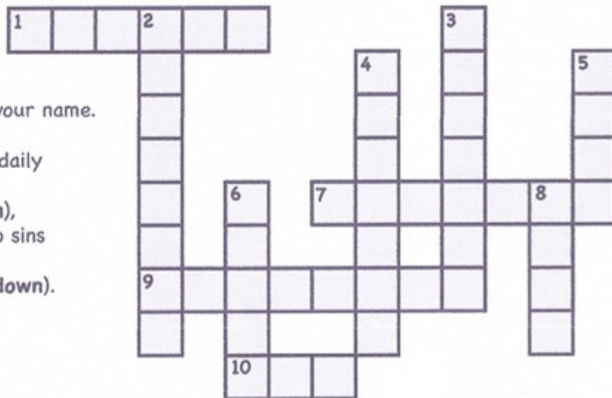
Match up the words with their actions. Which word isn't backed up by actions? Is it something you could do?

- Caring
- Friendly
- Kindness
- Helping
- Sharing
- Looking after a sick person
- Playing with someone
- Helping someone with school work
- Giving someone some food



## Jesus loves Write

Put the missing words from this shortened version of the Lord's Prayer into the crossword.



Our (1 across), (2 down) be your name.  
Your (4 down) come.  
Give us each (10 across) our daily (6 down).  
And (3 down) us our (8 down),  
for we forgive (9 across) who sins (7 across) us.  
And do not put us to the (5 down).

## Draw

Colour in the letters and in the middle draw something you could do to help build God's kingdom, e.g. help a neighbour.

