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<b>Parochial Church Council</b>	meets 10 times a year. Elections for 20 members 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 - Jon Mellor, <a href="mailto:jonmell@hotmail.co.uk">jonmell@hotmail.co.uk</a>
<b>Playgroup (Toddler Group)</b>	meets every Wednesday in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in New College Hall, St Bees Priory. Details from Amy Linton - Email - <a href="mailto:amylinton1983@gmail.com">amylinton1983@gmail.com</a>
<b>Pop-in Cafe</b>	Every Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon - Pop-in Cafe in New College Hall. Everyone welcome - Coffee and homemade cakes.
<b>Pre-School</b>	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.
<b>Prayer Group</b>	meets on Thursdays from 1.45 - 3.15 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
<b>Priory Singers</b>	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Frank Bowler. (Temp). (01946) 825307. <i>Not meeting at present.</i>
<b>Priory Web Site</b>	The Priory web site has up to date information on the ministry team, church services and activities. See <a href="http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk">http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk</a>
<b>Seagalls</b>	meets first Tuesday of month at 7.30pm in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Lynne Smith - Tel. 822285 - or Judith 07772523742
<b>St Bees Triers</b>	Friendly running club for all abilities. Every Thursday 6pm & 7pm. Email <a href="mailto:running@triers.uk">running@triers.uk</a> Tel. 823497 Web <a href="http://www.triers.co.uk">www.triers.co.uk</a>
<b>St Bees Youth Group</b>	meets 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7.00 p.m. in New College Hall. All youngsters of secondary school age are welcome. See Priory website for details <a href="http://www.stbeespriory.co.uk/groups">www.stbeespriory.co.uk/groups</a> .
<b>Village School Association</b>	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
<b>Village Hall</b>	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
<b>Village in Bloom</b>	Details from Eileen B Todd, 14 Main Street. St Bees. (Tel 822522).
<b>Village Web Site</b>	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or <a href="mailto:imcandrew@stbees.org.uk">imcandrew@stbees.org.uk</a> Address is <a href="http://www.stbees.org.uk">http://www.stbees.org.uk</a>
<b>Women's Institute</b>	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in New College Hall (see program). Contact Roxanne Benson Tel 823137.

## Calendar for September 2021

3 Friday - 19 Sunday		EVAN Artists in Cumbria Open Studios to public
5 Sunday	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion (every Sunday except 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
	10.30 am	Songs of Praise special service
	6.00 pm	Priory Evensong (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, Evening Prayer otherwise)
7 Tuesday	10.30 am	Chair-based Exercise class starts, Village Hall, weekly
8 Wednesday	7.00 pm	Friends of the Priory Committee meeting, NCH
10 Friday	7.00 pm	St Bees Youth Club, NCH
11 Saturday	12 noon	Wedding – Rachel Gunston & James Powell
12 Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (note new service pattern)
14 Monday	7.30 pm	St Bees W.I. (venue TBA)
13 Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC meeting (venue TBA)
18 Saturday	12 noon	Wedding – Terri-Louise Herbert & Samuel Calvin
19 Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship (Autumn)
20 Monday	6.30 pm	Parish Council meeting, Village Hall
24 Friday	7.00 pm	St Bees Youth Club, NCH
26 Sunday	9.00 am	Family Story service
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion
30 Thursday		Final date for Applications to Sandwith School Trust

**Every Sunday from September – services at 9.00 am, 10.30 am and 6.00 pm**

## Last Word Dictionary Letter A

Abroad	.a place where Frenchmen are miserable and Americans make others miserable.
Accent	something other people have.
Ad Nauseum	A commercial for indigestion tablets.
Alcoholic	somebody who drinks more than their doctor.
Angler	a man who sits around on a river bank doing nothing because he is unable to do this at home.
Aperitif	dentures
Appeaser	somebody who feeds a crocodile hoping that it will eat him last.
Next Month	- Letter B Suggestions to the editor.

## Editor – October 2021 Magazine

The **October 2021** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Anthony Payne, Croeso, 83A Main Street, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Wednesday 8 September** please.

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## St Bees News

## September 2021

As I write this letter thousands of young people across the UK are receiving their GCSE results. By the time you read this sixteen-year-olds in St Bees parish and beyond will be starting a new phase in their lives and my prayers go with them. It's exactly thirty years since I was in their position, the class of '91 were some of the first teenagers to sit GCSEs. One of my enduring memories of that time is of the Biology exam. I remember being immensely frustrated that the paper was basically just a list of common-sense questions about "Being green". There were questions about CFCs, acid rain, recycling, and Polyethylene terephthalate (or PET for short). I may be mis-remembering but I'm pretty certain one of the questions was something like "In what ways do human beings contribute to climate change?"

Three decades later it is astounding to me that a report from the IPCC made the headlines with this quote from Prof Ed Hawkins, University of Reading, UK;

"It is a statement of fact, we cannot be any more certain; it is unequivocal and indisputable that humans are warming the planet." Duh?!

During my adult years I've tried to save the planet in many tiny ways. I've recycled, bought second hand, fixed stuff and made gifts. I've also saved the planet through sheer laziness. For example, our tumble dryer is housed in a detached, locked, alarmed garage. It's amazing how the need for fluffy bath towels diminishes when a visit to the tumble drier includes an expedition to the locked and alarmed great outdoors.

This year Carlisle Diocese relaunched the "God for All" vision. One of the four themes of this new strategy is entitled "Tread Gently". During the months of September-November St Bees Priory will be exploring how we can tread more gently on this planet. We will do this by exploring what the Bible says about caring for God's creation and responding to the Cop26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. We will do both these things because reflection without action is a waste of time. And after thirty years of arguing about whether we really are to blame for all this, we don't have time to waste.

My fellow clergy across the Mission Community share this passion for giving creation a chance to heal and thrive. In support of young people\* walking from Cornwall to Glasgow to raise awareness of climate injustice we will be walking from and to every church in the Coast to Fells Mission Community from 5th-7th October. There will be a detailed route map in the October parish magazine. Anyone is welcome to join us for any part of our journey. Let's tread gently together.

With love from Becky

"We will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, seeking to sustain and renew the life of the earth" (from the Diocese of Carlisle God for All vision)

\*To find out more about the Young Christian Climate Network Relay see [www.yccn.uk](http://www.yccn.uk)

## ***Priory News***

**Welcome back to church – note changes to Sunday morning services – number & pattern.**

**From September two morning services will be held at 9.00 a.m. and at 10.30 a.m. as previously.**

**Also new reversed pattern –**

**Morning Worship First, Third & Fifth Sundays in month**

**Holy Communion Second & Fourth Sundays in month**

The Vicar will lead the new seasonal Morning Worship on her available Sundays at the Priory.

The Ministry team will lead the Communion services meantime.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer continues every Sunday – note 1st Sunday in month will be Evensong.

**Story service** A new session for young families – at 9.00 a.m. on 4th Sunday of month (26th September).

Also note on 4th Sunday Holy Communion will be held at 6.00 p.m. Evening service, in lieu of the morning.

No worries if you can't remember - check Priory News, noticeboards, livestream or magazine calendar.

**Special Songs of Praise** service to be held on Sunday 5th September at 10.30 a.m. Please give your choice of favourite hymn to Frank Bowler, and your reasons. Let him know if you wish to say a few words (2 minutes will do) to explain what it means to you. Congregational singing will be permitted again, but still with masks on for the time being.

**St Bees Youth Club** will restart in September on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in New College Hall, from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. For young people of secondary school age – offering social activities, music, chat and snacks. Organised by a parental rota of supervisors. Meeting on 10 and 24 September.

***Love & Prayers for comfort and healing*** go to all who are unwell or receiving therapies at this time - thinking of Stella Jackson recovering at Carlisle Hospital after a fall, also Eleanor Haile recuperating at home from a fractured hip, and Thelma Jopling who is housebound and really enjoys company - and Elizabeth Cotes in Kirklands Care Home in Cockermouth. All would much appreciate visitors if possible. May God's Blessing be upon you and bring you peace.

## ***Parish Council News***

**New bus service** – a new Seascale to Whitehaven bus service is due to begin on 1 November which will call at Gosforth, Beckermeth, Thornhill, Egremont and St Bees Station. There will be two return journeys each day Mon – Thurs. The service (HB1) will be provided by Hobans of Workington. A copy of the new timetable is available on the Cumbria County Council web-site ([www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)) and copies will be posted on the village noticeboards.

**Co-option of new Parish Councillor** – At its July meeting the Council co-opted Simon Ritson as a Parish Councillor to serve until the next 4 yearly elections in 2023.

**Local Government Re-organisation** – Following the recent consultation, the Government has announced its decision that Cumbria should be served by two unitary authorities – one in the west covering Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle City Council areas and one in the east covering Eden Couth Lakes and Barrow. We understand that Cumbria County Council is beginning a legal challenge to the decision so a final decision is still awaited.

**West Cumbria Mining-** The inquiry which will determine the application by West Cumbria Mining for a new mine will commence on 7th September at 10am. It will be conducted as a virtual event and will be live streamed on the Planning Inspectorate's YouTube channel. Please note that anyone wishing to view the live stream only does **not** need to pre-register with the Planning Inspectorate. See [www.youtube.com/channel/UCQqDetL1R5aRgBNm8PDViNw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQqDetL1R5aRgBNm8PDViNw)

**Next Meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 20 September at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

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## ***Easing Covid restrictions in church gradually and cautiously!***

After considering all the relevant data and vulnerability of some churchgoers, the PCC have decided to adjust certain measures – remain mindful of distancing in church; continue with track & trace; permit singing but wearing masks and allow removal of masks while seated in church (but wearing masks while moving around and for entry/exit).

We will however continue the one-way system around church, keep sanitising, maintain the QR code registration with mobile phone, and avoid congestion at pinchpoints.

The clergy and choir and those leading worship, will continue to officiate and sing without masks.

At present we will not be offering refreshments after Sunday service due to lack of space at the back of church for the congregation to mix and mingle.

All measures will be reviewed monthly.

## ***Priory Flower Rota for September***

Thanks to everyone for their support of the new system, and to all donors of cash or flowers, and to the flower-arrangers. It's such a delight to see beautiful flowers enhancing the Priory.

Sept. 5 Jane Tyson Sept. 12 Pat McDonnell

Sept. 19 Norma Blair Sept. 26 Dorothy Smith

Oct. 3 Noreen Woolaghan

September supervisor – Debbie Bowler (note weddings on 11th and 18th Sept. so church flowers not required). Cash donations to R. McAndrew please, not the Treasurer. Thankyou!

## ***Fom the Registers***

### ***Holy Baptism***

26 June	Bonnie Rayne Lainé	Bank House, Whitehaven
4 July	Paige Mary Marsh	13 Market Place, Egremont
18 July	Martha Elizabeth Jones	South Row, Whitehaven
1 August	Eva Catherine Sharp	24 Abbeyvale, St Bees
1 August	Lola Mae Bates	1 Solway Rise, St Bees
8 August	Blair Athena Boyd	122 Main Street, St Bees

### ***Holy Matrimony***

26 June	Jason Michael Adair and Jayne Anne Lainé	Hensingham
17 July	Jonathan Paul Buckley & Heather Elizabeth Moffat	The Crofts, St Bees

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## News from the Village School

Following changes to government advice we are planning to open school in September with no COVID restrictions, as stated to parents in our end of term letter. This means that we will not be following a one-way system, no face coverings will be required and the school doors will open at 8.50 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. in the morning and children can be picked up at 3.15 p.m. Children will also be able to mix between bubbles and we will reintroduce group work.

We will continue to ask children to enter via their year group doors and we will provide them with hand gel on entry. Handwashing regimes will also continue as will cleaning routines throughout school.

We would ask that children continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

A contingency plan will be in place prior to opening. This will reintroduce all our Covid-19 measures should there be an upsurge in cases in our area.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this very difficult time. It has been a long and arduous journey in which the whole school community has pulled together and kept us safe.

We will continue to keep you updated if there are any further developments and/or advice from Public Health.

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 2nd September.

*Mrs E Sharp, Headteacher*

## St Bees WI News

On 5th July several of our members enjoyed afternoon tea in The Seacote Hotel, who very kindly accommodated our group of ladies at very short notice, a huge thank you to staff at the Seacote.

As restrictions are further eased and things do seem to be getting back to some sort of normality, we hope to re-start our meetings on Monday, September 13th 7.30 p.m. The Committee are meeting in August to discuss how we move forward with our WI meetings, everyone will be notified soon of the decisions made. Venue to be decided.

It has been a very long 18 months of lockdowns and uncertainty, however, I am optimistic for the future of St Bees WI. If you are interested in joining our St Bees WI Group, New Members will be made very welcome, if you are new to the Village, or have thought about joining in the past and haven't got round to it, please do come along, make new friends, have new experiences, we have interesting speakers on a variety of subjects, raffle, evenings out, refreshments included, what's not to like! Look out for posters on Village Notice Boards, our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/St-Bees-WI](http://www.facebook.com/St-Bees-WI), or contact Roxanne Benson on 823137.

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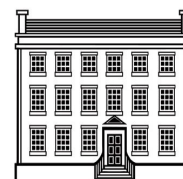
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## The Sandwith School Trust

### Applications for 2021/2022 academic year

The Sandwith School Trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 December 1977, following the closure of Sandwith School. The Trust was formed for the benefit of villagers in the old parishes of Sandwith and Rottington.

Funds are available for young people under the age of 25 years, in Sandwith, Rottington and a portion of Abbey Vale for such things as their academic materials, educational experiences, and Christian instruction. The Trust does not provide awards to assist with the purchase of school uniform or to support the costs of transport to and from school.

The trustees encourage children and young people to take advantage of this resource, and submit applications. Trustees generally welcome one application per academic year and meet twice per academic year to consider the applications.

Grant application forms are available by emailing [enquiries@stbeespriory.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbeespriory.org.uk)

Applications are now invited for the coming academic year, 2021-2022. The Cut-off date for receipt of applications for consideration at the Autumn meeting of the trustees is 30th September. Applications will not be considered outside of the meeting of and any applications received after this date will be deferred until the next meeting in Spring 2022.

Completed applications can be returned by post to the address on the form or by email to [enquiries@stbeespriory.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbeespriory.org.uk).

## Friends of the Priory

The Friends were pleased to meet in person finally for their AGM and Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July, delayed after 18 months' lapse of meetings, and elected new office-bearers: - Chairman Rosalie McAndrew and Treasurer Norman Killip taking on these roles after the retirement of chairman Phil Barratt, and treasurer and membership secretary Tom Rice, who had both held those offices since the founding of the organisation 20 years ago. A vote of grateful thanks was expressed to both and a gift presented in recognition of their generous commitment over the years to the conservation and promotion of the Priory. The committee was re-elected. Various suggestions for future events, talks and concerts were put forward and will be discussed at the September meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Ruth Edgar who continues as secretary and Susan Sanderson as Friends facebook contact. Next Committee Meeting – Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.00 pm in NCH.

Despite the lack of events funds continue to come in from members' subscriptions but some are outstanding. Please contact Rosalie or Norman if you wish to send in your sub, preferably by Standing Order – subscription forms are available in church on the publicity desk.

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## De-cluttering

A while ago our Village School set out on a Grand De-Cluttering. Not before time, most people thought, for indeed there lurked in dark corners much that was ancient or obsolete or beyond further usefulness. And so a large skip arrived and de-cluttering began.

As a shameless Hoarder and Clutterer I quickly sensed there could be rich pickings. Admittedly much that went to the skip really was rubbish: - rulers that had never known centimetres, scissors too blunt to cut, dilapidated boxes labelled “puzzles, incomplete”, card and ply-wood offcuts of no use to anyone. But there were also items which to me seemed worth hoarding. Amongst other things which came my way were bakelite trays from a collapsed locker, perfect now for growing seedlings; construction kits for a whole range of models, mostly with key parts like wheels and axles missing; dead magnets which careful treatment might revive, and sufficient PVA glue (not all of it congealed and mouldy) to see me through this life and the next.

There is one thing, though, that I much regret. I ought to have rescued an ancient, broken-down desk. It still had its lid, and on the lid’s underside some artistic boy (at least I assume it was a boy) had cut a whole series of images. They were skilfully done, and he must have had a very good jackknife – knives being essential kit for most boys in my time. All his images were to do with World War Two, and would have been familiar to all children then. One such image was of Mr. Chad, with his famous “WOT NO ?” message. (Mr. Chad would appear overnight, chalked on walls and shop doors, raising a smile at even the worst shortages). We were told after the war that he originated from a circuit diagram on a Professor Chadwick’s blackboard, adapted by some bored airman to whom the professor had been lecturing. However that may be, Mr. Chad did spread quickly around the country, encouraged by the authorities as being good for morale.

Something else chalked up regularly was the Morse letter “V”. This was, and is, three dots followed by a dash. To everyone it stood for the Victory which we steadfastly believed would come. Some people went to extremes: in my home village a Mr. Jackson dug up a fine crocus display, to replant the bulbs in his lawn in a three-dots-and-a-dash pattern. Our desk-lid artist was less enterprising - he just carved out the code, repeatedly.

Another well-executed image, and the largest on the desk-lid, was of “Squanderbug”. He came, I think, from a Ministry of Information poster – an evil swastika-covered creature, whose purpose in life was to promote wasteful spending, (“Hitler’s friend - he makes you spend”, said the poster). My father used a version of Squanderbug for darts practice.

I wish now I had not let that old desk go. It should have been preserved somewhere as a memento of a wartime childhood. I wonder, though – is the boy who sat at it still with us? Might he possibly read this? If so it would be good to hear from him, or from any of his classmates who remember his desk-lid artistry.

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Remember that lovely hot July! Just the right weather for an Open House after lockdown restrictions were eased. It was SO lovely to be able to meet again in person. With your support, we raised an amazing £650. This will enable Mothers’ Union to continue to **Support families around the world and in the UK.**

Projects this money can support will enable members, active in 84 countries, to continue to work tirelessly to serve their communities, offering Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background.

Attendees also bought £400 worth of Traidcraft products. Traidcraft works directly with artisans and growers, collaborating with them, getting to know their needs, dreams and ambitions and enabling them to work in a fairer, safer and healthier environment and help them protect the planet. Fair trade is no longer about aid; it is a collaborative process of learning and trading simultaneously.

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## ***Parish Council***

### ***Infrastructure improvement proposals***

A **cycle track** along the valley bottom to Whitehaven has long been dreamt about by families and enthusiasts. It would give level access to Whitehaven and the cycle routes 71/72, avoiding long climbs out of the village on busy narrow roads. It would also be made suitable for walkers and disability scooters.

A study was undertaken by Cumbria CC/Copeland BC in 2000 and the concept proved feasible. Sadly, it was not implemented. The Parish Council has been lobbying since 2015 to get it back on the local planning and investment agenda. We have re-submitted this project, which we call “The Valley Link” in the recent cycling consultation for the Whitehaven coastal area. We have encouraged people to respond, and at the fete we had over 200 people sign up to support the link. Our aim is to get the project designated as a Priority Route in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This makes it eligible for future Government funding. £2bn is said to be earmarked for the current government term.

**The station car park** is at capacity by early evening. Then parking pressures ripple up Main Street and side roads. In response to public requests for parking solutions, in 2014 the Parish Council revisited a 1976 proposal to augment the station car park using land owned by Copeland BC. The concept is for 25-30 new parking spaces along with electric vehicle and e-bikes charging, and better cycle parking.

St Bees rail usage is rising; in 2019-20 there were nearly 80,000 passenger journeys; an increase of 26% over the previous year. Rail demand during the day, and village demand during the night, would both be helped by this improvement. There is also the possibility of increasing accessibility by a footpath from Seacroft Drive to the station, which would be subject to review by Copeland BC.

Historically, for possible operational reasons, Network Rail has refused to facilitate long term vehicular access through the existing car park even though the project would benefit rail travellers. The Gov’t now requires NR to actively engage in such community projects, so we can move further forward with our evaluation.

Briefing documents for both these proposals are at <https://www.stbees.org.uk/home/parish-council/>

### ***Donald Brownrigg’s New St Bees Calendar 2022 on Sale***

Donald’s calendar is now on sale at the Priory priced £7 with photos and prints of Old & New St Bees & district. Thanks to the many sponsors making this possible. Proceeds will go to local charities – Priory church, Village Primary School, Village-in-Bloom, and Over-60s Club.

## ***St Bees School News***

### ***100% pass rate with exceptional results***

Students at St Bees School are celebrating an extraordinary set of results – and deservedly so after such a disrupted and unusual year.

As we are still undergoing a period of growth and expansion, this is the first year since 2015 that national assessment results have been recorded. With a focus on small class sizes and a student centred approach to education, the results really do speak for themselves.

The dedication of staff and students has clearly paid off. Out of all the assessments sat by St Bees’ students, 80% of the grades were A\* or A, with the remaining grade B. Grades awarded this academic year resulted from the process of assessing student work internally following a very strict process laid down by the examination board, Cambridge International.

All of these School Assessed Grades for students were submitted and random samples of student work were sent to, and fully reviewed, by the examination board to ensure that their normal standards were maintained. We are delighted that all samples met the very high standards set by Cambridge International.

Year 13 student, Yuchang, gained a clean sweep of A Levels – straight A\* grades in Maths, Biology and Art and as such, has secured a place to read Mathematics and Statistics at Russell Group University, the University of Edinburgh, in September.

Adding to the Sixth Form success, Year 12 students took their AS Level assessments, with over half the students achieving straight A grades – the highest grade you can obtain at AS.

Several international students, on a unique fast track IGCSE programme had also taken a set of IGCSE exams. Between them all, there were only 3 B grades with the rest A\* and A. Top student, Clara from Germany, achieved 3 A\*s and 2 As – a triumphant set of results given she only spent two out of three terms in the country – and sat these two-year exams after only one year of study.

Deputy Head and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Keep, is delighted with the results. “We knew we had a system that worked here at St Bees. We knew we had exceptional students who were focused on their studies. We knew that our staff could draw out the best in each and every individual. But these results are a true testament to the hard work that all have put in to the assessment process, especially during such restricted times and various lockdowns. I am very proud of them all.”

## Grassroots

**Pop-In Café at the Priory** has restarted - meeting on Thursdays as usual from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. All are welcome to come for teas/coffees & choc biscuits and lots of social chat and news!

**Bees Bash Fete** at the Adams Rec Grounds was a great success raising over £2000 for local charities and bringing the community together for a family fun day with entertainment, stalls, live music, classic cars & bikes, and children's activities – including Cumbria Wildlife Trust's sealife event & sand sculpture competition on the beach. Many thanks to the organisers and volunteers who manned the event. Thanks also to the Priory ladies and their cake stall, supported by Claire and parents of the VSA who baked lots of delicious goodies for the day, and raised £200.

**Lowes Court Gallery Art Competition** 'Egremont on the Easel' is the theme - pictures in any painting media/mixed media/collage/textiles (not photos) should be created this month and submitted to Lowes Court by Saturday 26th September (framed and ready to hang). Prizes including cash for winners and art materials for young people in Children's Competition. Suggested subjects – landmarks in Egremont & district – Castle, Florence Mine, Longlands Lake, Clints Quarry, Crab Fair, Market Place.

**A Warm Welcome** to Melanie and Kristian on The Crofts.

**Chair-Based Exercise Sessions** will be held in The Village Hall on Tuesdays mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. starting 7th September. Anyone welcome to attend for gentle exercise. For further details please contact Margaret Taylor, tele. 01946 822727

**Egremont Methodist Church Coffee Morning** - We are delighted to say that the coffee mornings have started again. We are serving tea, coffee and teacakes from 10 a.m. - 12 noon every Saturday. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**EVAN - Eden Valley Artistic Network** - 50 artists open their studios from 4 to 19 September to create a pop-up exhibition. This is a free event which combines the opportunity to visit artists in their studios, to chat, perhaps to buy their work and experience the scenery around Cumbria. In St Bees, visit Chris Robson at Fern Bank (High House Road). Open Friday/Saturday 3/4, 10/11, 17/18 September 10am to 5pm.

In Egremont Natalie Burns, Roy Hughes and Lucy Hughes are at Florence mine Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 4pm between 4 and 19 September. See posters to find the artists taking part.

**Treasure Trove!** Ursula Rowlands was delighted to be reunited with her wedding-ring, lost for 2 years in the garden, but discovered after painstaking search with his metal detector by Chris Robson and his grandson Jos. Ursula put the ring back on her finger at once - "and there it stays!"

**NHS Trust Membership** - Be involved in your NHS foundation Trust. Become a member of North Cumbria Integrated Care (NCIC). NCIC provides hospital and community health services in North Cumbria.

You can find more information at <https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/how-we-are-run/be-involved>. Members can be involved as little or as much as they like. Please contact us if you would like more information via [AskYourGovernor@ncic.nhs.uk](mailto:AskYourGovernor@ncic.nhs.uk)

## Church Halls

**Church Halls user groups restarting with some restrictions** – We have received several enquiries about groups restarting in the church halls, but this does depend on the numbers involved and activities. Youth groups are meeting – Ranger Guides, the Priory Orchestra, and Youth Group this month – as they qualify under the government guidelines of youth and education. Other groups should contact the vicar or churchwardens who then do a risk assessment tailored to your needs. New College Hall can take up to 14/15 people reasonably distanced and Old College Hall up to 20+ people. OCH is more spacious and better ventilated, but has the disadvantage, for some users, of stairs (fewer and broader steps via the church indoor access). Do contact us if you wish to know more.

## RNLI News

### 7 August 2021 - A Mayday call and beach rescue for St Bees RNLI

At 6.37 p.m. St Bees RNLI volunteers were paged by Belfast Coastguard, who had received a Mayday call from two vessels. One was a yacht with four people onboard that had engine failure and the other a rigid inflatable with two people onboard that was taking on water. Both were just north of Whitehaven. In strong winds and rough seas the volunteer crew quickly launched their ILB (Inshore lifeboat).

The yacht originally had six people on board but had put two into the inflatable to try to tow the yacht into Whitehaven Harbour. In the deteriorating conditions the skipper of the yacht did the right thing in putting out a Mayday call.

Workington's ALB (All weather lifeboat) had also been launched and despite the difficult conditions both RNLI crews soon made their way to the stricken vessels.

As both lifeboats were making their way to the casualties a service boat for the Robin Rigg wind farm, Mareel Sepia, who had initially responded to the Mayday call, was stood down.

As soon as the lifeboats arrived on scene they both transferred a crew member onto the yacht to assist with attaching a tow line and to check on the welfare of all on board. One person was treated for minor injuries. With a tow line safely attached both vessels were successfully taken to the safety of Whitehaven Marina where they were met by members of the Whitehaven Coastguard Rescue Team.

While the St Bees RNLI lifeboat crew were busy at sea the shore crew were approached by a young man who asked if they could help his mother, who had fallen on the rocks about 200 metres from the lifeboat station. The shore crew made their way to the woman who had injured her ankle and was unable to walk and in a lot of pain. The volunteers, using their RNLI Casualty Care training, diagnosed a possible broken or dislocated ankle and securing her to their stretcher carefully made their way back over the rocks to the shelter of the lifeboat station where she was then made as comfortable as possible until they were able to hand her over to North West Ambulance Service.

Dick Beddows St Bees Lifeboat Operations Manager said 'It was a busy night for our volunteers both boat and shore crew but their training meant they were well prepared'