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St Bees News

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St Bees Parish A B C

Area Visitor / Good Neighbour Scheme	The parish is divided into 30 small areas each with an official Church Visitor whose task is to welcome and help people in the name of the Priory. Co-ordinator - TBA.	Garden Society	Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 07742 440919). Flower Show is held on 3rd Saturday in August.
Aikido club.	Adult martial art classes in St Bees, Mon., Tues. & Thu each week. See www.westcumbriaaikido or contact Adrian on 07951 999 192.	History Group	works towards improving knowledge of local history. Lectures arranged periodically. Details from Chris Robson 822468.
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. Venue to be arranged. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Chris Robson 822468.	Judo Club	meets regularly at NCH. Contact sankaikunjudo@gmail.com or Janice (07828 116752) or Pim (07733 291200). Also meeting Pilates, Yoga, Taekwondo and Aikido. All in upper NCH hall.
Bellringing	The Priory has a ring of 8 bells. Those interested in ringing or learning to ring, contact D Sim, 18 The Crofts. Practice Wednesdays, 8.00 pm. Sundays, ring at 10.00 a.m.	Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Gill Richardson Tel. 822394.
Scouts, Beavers	1st Beckermert & St Bees Scout Group - Scouts 10.5 - 14.yrs. Monday 6.30 - 8.30. Beavers 6 - 8 yrs. Thursday 5.00 - 6.15 pm in New College Hall	Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Coulderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, email pc-clerk@stbees.org.uk , who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Cubs	8 - 10.5 yrs. Haile Village Hall, Thursdays, 6.00 - 7.30 pm.	Parochial Church Council	meets 10 times a year. Elections are held in March at the A.P.C.M. Its task is to spearhead the mission and ministry of the church in the Parish. PCC Secretary - r.e.rendell@gmail.com , 07977 096426.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).	Pop-in Cafe	Every Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon - Pop-in Cafe in New College Hall. Everyone welcome - Coffee and homemade cakes.
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. Churchwardens are Deb Lee & Gill Barlow (& 2 Vacancies)	Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, All day, 5 days a week. For children of 2 years upwards. Contact on 823880.
Councillor	Local councillor for Cumberland Council for Egremont North and St Bees is Graham Minshaw. Graham.Minshaw@cumberland.gov.uk Tel -07840 844424	Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Details from Frank Bowler. (01946) 825307.
Electoral Roll	is the list of all church members qualified to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. E.R. forms are available in church	Priory Web Site	The Priory web site has up to date information on the ministry team, church services and activities. See http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk
Fair Trade	Fair trade food and craft items and catalogues available from Deb Lee, who can deliver. Tel 823470 - lee535877@aol.com	Rangers	meet on alternate Mondays from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. in NCH. Contact calderdivision@gmail.com for info on your nearest unit of Brownies .& Guides. New Rainbows unit starts in Bigrigg on Mondays.
Finance	The Church Treasurer is Norman Killip, Honeybee House, Seamill Lane, St Bees, who will explain our Christian Giving system.	Seagalls	meets first Tuesday of month at 7.30pm in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Judith 07772523742
First Responders	provide Basic Life Support in association with the Ambulance Service. Contact Andy Brock 823497	St Bees Triers	Friendly running club for all abilities. Every Thursday 6pm. Email running@triers.co.uk Tel. 823497 Web www.triers.co.uk
Football Association	Contacts - Juniors (U-12) - Alec Morton 823992 & Alastair Billson.	Village School Association	Organising events for the pupils and community, raising funds for the school. : stbees.vsa@gmail.com or @stbeesvsa Facebook or Instagram
Freemasons	St Bega Lodge meet 7:00 p.m. On 2nd Wed of each month, Village Hall. Details: 07897 535100 or www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk .	Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
Friends of the Priory	assists in the conservation of the Priory and encourages interest in its historical and architectural heritage. Contact R McAndrew or Norman Killip, Treasurer, Honeybee House, Seamill Lane, St Bees, held on the 3rd Saturday in August.	Village in Bloom	Details from Kathy Nesbit via PC Sec. Jane Donaldson. See above for Parish Council contact details.
		Village Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk
		Women's Institute	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Seacote Hotel. See www.St-Bees-WI-Facebook-pages or contact any member.

Calendar for September 2024

Calendar for September

1	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
3	Tuesday	2.00 pm	Over 60's Club, Hodgetts
4	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Friends Committee meeting, NCH
6	Friday	10.00 am	Bible Study and Social, NCH
7 - 22	for 2 weeks		EVAN Art Open Studios and Art Trail St Bees
8	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship
9	Monday	7.30 pm	St Bees WI, Seacote Hotel
10	Tuesday	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting, NCH
13	Friday	7.30 pm	Friends of the Priory, Talk by Anthony Payne, NCH
15	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
16	Monday	6,30 pm	Parish Council , Village Hall
		7,30 pm	Priory Singers restart, OCH
17	Tuesday	2,00 pm	Over 60s, Hodgetts
21	Saturday	10 am to 1.00 pm	Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning in NCH
22	Sunday	9.00 am	Story Telling for Young Families, Priory
		10.30 am	Morning Worship
		2.00 - 4.00 pm	Clothes swap, Adams Rec.
27	Friday	4.30 to 6.00 pm	Friday Fun Session for 5-11 year olds in the Priory
28	Saturday	12.00 noon	Wedding. Megan Taylor and Aaron Tedham
29	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion

Calendar for October

12 Saturday 6 pm RNLI 200 Celebration Dinner, Seacote Hotel

Stop Press - Clothes swap

Join in our next clothes swap on Sunday 22nd September, 2 till 4pm, at Adams Recreation Ground. Save money, declutter, update your wardrobe and help the planet. All good quality clothing and accessories welcome, but please limit to ten items per person. £4 to take part, including refreshments. See you there!

Editor – October 2024

The **October 2024** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Jon Mellor, Cross Hill House, St Bees** who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Sunday, 8 September 2024** please.

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St Bees News

September 2024

Have you ever had a really good teacher? Can you remember their name? What did they teach? I have been fortunate to have learnt from some amazing teachers in a variety of educational establishments. In addition to attending traditional Primary and Secondary School I spent fifteen years learning expressive arts at the Drusilla Duffill Theatre School. Drusilla, or Miss D as we called her, started the school in 1957 and over the decades inspired a love of theatre in thousands of young lives. She died aged 83 on the 30th June this year. Miss D was an excellent dance teacher; she cared passionately about good technique but never pushed students too hard, she inspired in me a love of expressive movement alongside an understanding of the importance of sound technique and a respect for our bodies. I am extremely grateful to have had such a good teacher throughout my childhood.

In the book of Proverbs we read “Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” (22:6) Seemingly sound advice but I’m left wondering what is the “right” way? In dance training there may well be a right way, correct posture is essential to protect the body from injury, but is it so simple in other disciplines? Educators have different views on what is the “right” way...presently our education system seems to filter children into two groups through tests and sets, the academic and the not academic...to be a high achiever you must academic. This makes little sense to me. When I was learning to dance it became obvious early on that I would never be a ballet dancer, rather than berating me for what I was not Drusilla encouraged me to learn other disciplines and we celebrated those successes instead.

Good teachers guide their pupils to a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. Excellent teachers make that journey fun. In recent weeks we said goodbye to two teachers from St Bees village; Bob Jopling and Philip Barratt. Bob died age 94 on 2nd August and Philip died on the 3rd aged 89. Bob was a wonderful story teller, he wrote History articles for this magazine for many years, and he was also a Primary school teacher (supported by his wife, Thelma, also a teacher) Bob once told me that rather than the usual pet hamster he asked his class to care for a goat. The goat was included in the daily register and the children would take turns to shout “baa!” when the goat’s name was called. I don’t think they had to take the goat home at weekends! Philip Barratt taught Chemistry in Blackpool and at St Bees School. At his funeral we shared stories of Phil’s passion for Science and his ability to make Chemistry classes memorable. Phil had a dry sense of humour and an innate sense of the absurd. His love of teaching never left him; in his retirement he, and his wife Maureen, continued to teach the Archimedes principle to his great niece and nephew through experiential learning at the kitchen sink.

Miss D, Mr Jopling and Mr Barratt, all excellent teachers in their own way. With a passion for their subject, humour and creativity they passed that passion on to their pupils. For surely the purpose of education is to foster a love of learning, that inspired by the words of the Proverb, continues long into old age. This September let us give thanks for our teachers.

With love from Reverend Becky

Priory News

Many Thanks to all who supported the special events at the Priory during the summer – our own Priory Family Orchestra Summer Concert; the Organ Recital by David Price of Portsmouth Cathedral; the piano recital by classical pianist Jill Crosland; a celebratory service for the 200 Years Anniversary of the RNLI with St Bees RNLI crew and fundraisers plus bell-ringing; and the Mission Community Confirmation service. To name a few!

Also – Traditional Sung Evensong by the Herdwyck Consort Choir on Sunday 25 August at 4.00 pm in aid of the Friends of the Priory.

The Mission Community Confirmation service held on 28 July in the Priory was well-attended and saw 10 confirmands welcomed and confirmed by Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh, with officiants the Rural Dean Canon Richard Lee with Rev Allen Banks and our Lay Reader Wendy Mellor. A splendid occasion for a wonderful celebration with a full church of friends, families and visitors.

What's On at the Priory in September

Friends of the Priory Talk – For the first event of the autumn term you are invited to a presentation by Anthony Payne entitled 'An Introduction to Vietnam and Cambodia'. To be held in New College Hall on Friday 13 September at 7.30 pm. Refreshments served.

Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 21 September from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in New College Hall. Organised by Fairtrade rep Deb Lee as part of our eco-church and Mothers Union activities. All welcome to enjoy refreshments and games.

Friday Fun session for young people from 5 to 11-year-olds will be held on Friday 27 September in the Priory from 4.30 to 6.00 pm. Do come for stories and songs, art & craft and snacks.

Story Service for young families will be held on Sunday 22 September at 9.00 am in the Priory.

Sincere Thanks to our wonderful volunteer team of grasscutters and strimmers, known as the Holy Mowers, who keep the church grounds and graveyards looking good and in order.

Grateful Thanks also to all who have sent in generous donations to the priory this summer, for the parish magazine or to the Organ Fund, or Flower Fund. All much appreciated.

Parish Council News

Disruption to rail services - Work is due to start on 7 September to improve the Eskmeals viaduct over the River Esk estuary. This will necessitate closure of parts of the line between Millom and Whitehaven with buses being provided where services are cancelled. The work is due to last until 22 September and seems to coincide with evening/night closures of the A595 from Calderbridge to New Mill so there are likely to be delays and disruptions. Revised timetables will be available closer to the time of the works taking place at northernrailway.co.uk/engineering. Timetables for the replacement bus services will be posted at stations along the route and passengers are being advised to check before setting off on their journey.

Outrigg Flooding -The work to improve the drainage on the Outrigg -Egremont road is now complete and should provide a long term solution to the flooding problems of the last couple of years.

Traffic Issues – the Parish Council is continuing to work with Highways officers on the concerns about traffic safety on the B5345 near the entrance to Abbey Vale. Traffic speeds up as it leaves the village and vehicles are often exceeding 30mph as they enter the village from the Whitehaven direction. The police are carrying out speed monitoring and the Parish Council will be discussing with Highways the possibility of a 20mph limit in the village.

Rewilding of Beach Rd Verge - it is hoped to begin replanting the verge with native wild flowers in the next few weeks after some of the original plants were damaged when fibre optic cables were laid. We are grateful for the support received from the Planting for Pollinators Project and Viberoptix.

Antisocial behaviour – just a reminder! It is important that any issues of damage to property or antisocial behaviour are reported to the police so they are aware of all incidents and can plan their response appropriately. If you witness any incidents, reports can be made on the police 101 number or online at www.cumbria.police.uk

Allotments- the Parish Council manages the allotments on Sea View. At present there are no vacant plots but we maintain a waiting list of those interested in taking on a plot when one becomes available. If you are interested in joining the waiting list, please contact the Clerk (pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk)

Valley Link Cycle Track – the delays and uncertainties over the planning application for the new mine have slowed progress towards creating a cycle route to link St Bees and Whitehaven. However, the Parish Council remains committed to the project and has reopened discussions with Cumberland Council and other partners to gain support for the project and begin the initial planning stages so that it is ready to take forward, should funding become available.

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Friends of the Priory

Our first event of the new season is a Presentation by Anthony Payne entitled 'An Introduction to Vietnam & Cambodia'. To be held in New College Hall on Friday 13 September at 7.30 pm.

Refreshments served. All welcome.

Friends Committee meeting – on Wednesday 4 September at 7.00 pm in NCH.

Many Thanks to Chris Robson for organising the Poetry & Wine Evening on Midsummer's Day. This was a popular event and attracted many readers with their favourite poem on a variety of subjects, entertaining us all.

The Friends were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Philip Barratt in hospital after a short illness. Philip was a founder member of the Friends and chairman of the society for over 20 years. He was much loved and admired, and will be always remembered. We send deepest sympathy to his dear wife Maureen and their family.

From the Priory Registers

Holy Baptism

23 June	Jack Arthur Baird	Egremont
7 July	Arlen Hodgson	Moor Row
21 July	Poppy Mila Drysdale	Frizington

Holy Baptism & Confirmation

28 July	Charlee Carie Duffus	Outrigg Place, St Bees
28 July	Alfie Thomas Chambers	Tower Hill, Whitehaven
28 July	Elizabeth Bridget Banks	Garth Bank, Egremont

Christian Marriage

15 June	Gary Eccles and Katie Fowler	Abbotts Way, St Bees
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Christian Funeral

26 June	Alexander Marr Mackenzie (Sandy)	Seaforth, Nethertown Rd, St Bees
8 July	Thelma June Jopling	Colt House, Seamill Lane, St Bees
15 August	Philip John Barratt	16 Finkle Street, St Bees
20 August	Robert Thomas Jopling (Bob)	Colt House, Seamill Lane, St Bees

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

Priory Flower Rota for September

1	Jane Tyson	8	Pat McDonnell
15	Norma Blair	22	Diane Robinson
29	Flower Fund	Oct.6	Noreen Woolaghan

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Bob Jopling

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We are sad to report the death of Bob Jopling at the age of 94 soon after the death of his wife Thelma. When he and Thelma arrived in St Bees in 1993 they quickly became valued members of the community, in particular at the Village School as volunteers using their many years of teaching experience in Cambridge. Bob's big appeal to pupils was his menagerie of animals, fish and insects that he used as teaching aids. Another memorable speciality was the Second World War, where his Home Guard and army service experiences helped him to bring these two subjects alive for a young audience.

Bob was also well known to an older audience for his research into local history, much of which appeared as regular articles in this magazine. Over the course of many years up to the present day he wrote nearly 200 articles ranging from the Shipwreck of the SS Olivari to the row over the village water supply. One of his proudest moments was when many of these articles were collated into his book - "Bob's Jottings". His larger research works are available in the village history display archive in the Priory.

Bob was a very keen gardener all his life and loved his own gardens, which have been admired for many years by passers-by. As soon as he moved to the village he volunteered to look after the memorial garden at the Priory, and the turning circle garden for Village in Bloom.

As someone who has made an impact in several areas of village life, he will be very much missed.

Philip Barratt

We were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Philip Barratt – a remarkable gentleman who was well-known and respected in the village, school and Priory for over 60 years.

He was head of the Chemistry Department at St Bees School for many years and known to generations of staff and pupils, particularly for his dry wit and incisive humour. He was a vast fount of scientific knowledge, with a fascination in the relationship of faith and science. As author of the Longman Practice Exam Papers in A-level Chemistry, his influence in education continues, with the slogan 'Practice makes Perfect'. Philip was always involved in the life and worship of the Priory, in his roles as PCC member, magazine editor and distributor, and the Friends. He was a founder member of the Friends and chairman from the 1990s until his recent retirement, investing much time and talent. He was also greatly appreciated as a Friends speaker on many scientific topics – such as the Chemical Elements, Onions, and 'Agatha Christie's Poisons', to name a few! At the annual Christmas Carol Concert, he and Maureen would compeer their popular programme of carols and readings. He also published booklets and leaflets with historian Tom Rice, available for sale at the Priory, on behalf of the Friends.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to Maureen and their sons Geraint and Roland, and family and friends. Philip was much loved and admired, and will always be remembered. May he rest in Peace.

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WI News

Our July meeting was a get-together in the Seacote Hotel, which was very well attended, we also welcomed new members to our local WI Group. Our next meeting is at the Seacote Hotel on Monday September 9th, 7.30pm. We are welcoming Local West Cumbrian Artist Natalie Burns, not to be missed! Everyone is welcome. Why not become a member and join our lovely group of ladies, just turn up on the night, you will be made very welcome. Non-members £4 including refreshments, plus raffle. Further information: see www.St-Bees-WI-facebook or any WI member.

Happy 30th Birthday to the Fair Trade Foundation:

Come and Celebrate with us on Saturday 21 September 10.30-12.30 in New college Hall. Tea, coffee, games, cakes and fun & raise enough to sponsor a producer for a year!

Did you know that the WI was a founder member of the Fair Trade Foundation, along with Traidcraft, Christian Aid, CAFOD, Oxfam and the World Development movement? A lot has been achieved in 30 years, you can now buy over 5,000 fairly traded products with 2m farmers or workers in Fair traded certified organisations, and £1.7billion paid in Fair trade premiums for co-operatives to spend as helps them most, bringing many communities out of poverty. Fair Trade is in all the supermarkets. BUT there is still a long way to go. Most of us are horrified by the fact that cocoa was grown by slaves in the 19th century as a colonial cash crop. But has much changed? Today, in West Africa where 60% of the world's cocoa is grown, a typical cocoa farmer earns less than £1/day while the chocolate industry is worth millions. The fair trade premium of £1.7billion paid over the 30 years of the foundation's life sounds a lot BUT nearly double that was paid to the shareholders of Mondelez (who own Cadbury's) in just one year.

So come and join us on Saturday & have fun and Transform Trade! If we can raise just over £200, St Bees can sponsor a producer group for a year and receive info on how they are doing. You can choose whether we sponsor a cashew farm in Tanzania, a tea association in Kenya or a textile producer in India. More information next month.

Deb Lee

St Bees School News

Over the summer, residents in St Bees may have noticed a hive of activity at St Bees School, as we hosted an incredible summer programme from 14th August to 29th August. Sixty-eight students from China joined us for two weeks of learning and fun, split into two groups. The first group, from various schools in China, was followed by a larger group of students from Huangguang Middle School.

The students engaged in a diverse range of activities, making the most of the school's facilities and the beautiful local environment. Their days were filled with art, science classes, and cooking sessions, while evenings featured lively quiz nights and other activities. They also enjoyed the outdoors with sandcastle building at the beach, football, swimming, archery, golf, badminton, and touch rugby. The programme also included high-energy games like dodgeball and basketball, and even a mini Olympics. A special highlight was their visit to Whitehaven AFC.

As summer ends, we look forward to welcoming all our students back to St Bees, contributing to village life and enhancing the vibrant community spirit that we cherish.

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St Bees Lifeboat

On Thursday, 1st August St Bees lifeboat crew & volunteers celebrated “One Moment, One Crew”. The RNLI charity, founded in 1824, encouraged its volunteers nationwide to take a photo of themselves as close to 18:24 on 1.8.24 as possible to mark 200 years of saving lives at sea.



To celebrate the RNLI 200 anniversary the volunteers at St Bees came together for a short service in St Bees Priory. They remembered RNLI volunteers past and present. There was a poignant sermon from the Rural Dean Richard Lee who commended the crew on their bravery and commitment and also paid tribute to his Uncle Frederick who drowned while on service with the RNLI in the 1962 Seaham disaster. At 18:24 a minutes silence was held, followed by the ringing of the church bells. After the service the crew gathered at The Manor St Bees to test their knowledge in a St Bees & RNLI themed pub quiz!

Two events and a shout for St Bees RNLI volunteers.

Saturday 27 July was a busy day as St Bees RNLI volunteers helped set up for their open day alongside the Cumbria Wildlife Trust SeaFest at St Bees, and later at Whitehaven Harbour for the Blue Light Day organised by Workington RNLI.

There were plenty of stalls on the grass bank as well as a sandcastle competition on the beach all organised by Cumbria Wildlife Trust. St Bees Guild were busy with their Tombola and handing out teas, coffee and cold drinks and the crew were on hand to show people the equipment used during lifeboat rescues and Stormy Stan made a guest appearance taking the opportunity to get involved in many of the activities. Which included the lifeboat being launched, giving the crowds a display of the lifeboat in action, before it made its way to Whitehaven Harbour. During this time an unmanned inflatable boat had been reported floating south of St Bees so the lifeboat left the display and quickly located the small boat. After a search of the area along with Whitehaven Coastguard (who had also been part of the Blue Light Event) nothing further was found and the lifeboat crew were stood down.

If you have any type of small boat, kayak or canoe it is a good idea to mark it with your contact details. This makes it easier for the search and rescue teams to confirm the owner is safe.

Dick Beddows, St Bees RNLI Operations Manager, said: ‘I would like to thank everyone who came along and supported both events: we all enjoyed our day meeting and chatting to everyone.’



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Results of environmental project questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who filled out our questionnaire for possible environmental projects in the parish.

We had 92 responses to the questionnaire and the main results were:

The top five responses to a list of possible projects and facilities to be developed were: 1 Bus route 2 Local produce events 3 Repair café 4 Community renewable energy scheme 5 Public electric vehicle charging points

When asked to prioritise the listed projects and facilities, the top 5 responses were: 1 Bus route 2 Public electric vehicle charging points 3 Community renewable energy scheme 4 Repair café 5 Local produce events

Other suggestions for possible projects included those related to public transport and active travel; roads and traffic; waste, recycling and litter; land use and planning.

Responses also provided further support for existing projects: the proposed off-road cycle track from St Bees to Mirehouse, tree planting and wildflower planting.

Residents who completed the questionnaire were generally supportive of the Parish Council taking action to address climate change: 58% felt it was very important to address climate change locally and for the Parish Council to take action and a further 20% felt it important to do so. Just 4% felt it was not important at all.

Cost, uncertainty about what actions to take and that other options are unavailable were the top three barriers given by residents for not making further changes to address climate change.

There was also significant interest to find out more about energy saving at home, wildlife friendly gardening, and reducing food waste and composting.

Sixteen people expressed interest in being contacted to help with future projects related to climate change and nature recovery.

While the Parish Council may not be able to take all the suggestions forward, our Climate Change Working Group will use the results of the questionnaire to guide the projects that they now explore.

Background to the project

Both the National Association of Local Councils and Cumbria Association of Local Councils encourage parish and town councils to take local action to tackle climate change and increase biodiversity. St Bees Parish Council formed a Climate Change Working Group in 2023. The Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit provides ideas for projects, but encourages parish councils to involve their residents in choosing projects for consideration.

The Sandwith School Charity Trust

Founded in 1977 with funds generated by the sale of the Sandwith school, the Trust exists to:

Promote the education of persons under the age of 25 years who reside in the Parish of Sandwith and Rottington. and/ or

Promote Religious Instruction of such persons in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England.

The Trust is administered by the following committee members:

Rev. Becky Gibbs - Chairperson. Mrs. Christine Buchanan - Trustee.

Mrs. Wendy Skillicorn - Trustee.

Mrs. Rena Gilmour - Treasurer.

Over the past 10 years the Trust has made awards of over £25,000 to applicants meeting the criteria. The Trustees encourage applications from the stipulated area of Sandwith and Rottington. These could be for books, studying materials, Information Technology and other learning devices in pursuance of education or Religious Instruction.

The Trust does not finance travel to and from the place of education, but will consider costs associated with provision of uniforms.

The Trust meets twice per year (usually March and October) in order to consider applications for awards. Application forms can be obtained from and returned to the St. Bees Vicarage via enquiries@stbeespriory.org.Uk.

Grant Gilmour, Secretary to the Trust.

Lunga's walk across the sands

Hello. Lunga here. I hope you had a good summer.

One Sunday, when I was at the caravan with mammy we had a big adventure. Sunday, and we seem to get up extra early. We didn't do all our usual walk. No matter. I had my food. Mammy packed things up. We went in the car to Arnside.

We joined a lot of other dogs and people and waited. Then a man, Michael Wilson, who is the King's Guide to the sands gave us some instructions. Kind of the King to send us a guide, don't you think? All the dogs and the people walked over the sand. Special people in yellow shirts and some big dogs with yellow on them also guided us along.

Then mammy took her boots off. It was HOT. I went into some water to cool off. We had little bushes to follow - handy to cock your leg! Two tractors came with us and one dog even had a ride! Then we had to walk through water like a hippopotamus. Then it was more sand and a longer water crossing. Fortunately, I didn't have to swim. We had a rest and treats and drink. Lots of people patted me and said I'd done well.

When we got to some grass, we had a rest as mammy put her boots on. The promenade at Grange over Sands was hot, but the station was cool while we waited for the train. When we got back to the caravan I had a big lie down in the shade. Mammy says we needed the guide as it can be a dangerous place so don't go on your own, but it was a good walk.

Bye for now

Lunga and his mammy Claire Summers

Grassroots

RNLI 200 Celebration Dinner - Saturday 12 October - 8:00 - Seacote Hotel

Indulge in a lavish 3 - course feast with your RNLI crew, followed by a night of entertainment featuring the groovy tunes of Soul Survivors live! Tickets are £50.00 each! Reach out to any crew member or message Dean at 07841680335 to secure yours!

St Bees Green Future - The Parish Council's recent environmental project survey showed interest in recycling items beyond those that are collected at the kerbside.

Remember you can recycle the following items locally: Batteries and pens at St Bees Post Office. Plastic toothbrushes, toothbrush heads, flosser nozzles, interdental sticks and dental floss containers outside 61 Main Street. But please no toothpaste tubes;

Crisp packets at the Beach Café; Soft plastic at Aldi, Morrisons and Tesco in Whitehaven and at the Co-op in Egremont and Cleator Moor; Empty make-up containers at Boots and Tesco in Whitehaven; Toothpaste tubes at Boots in Whitehaven; Medicine blister packs at Superdrug in Carlisle (or Galemire Vets if you are taking your pets).

Keith Singleton's Garden Centre - Most gardeners in the village and indeed the local area will be very sorry to learn that Keith Singleton's garden centre is closing down. It will remain open on Fridays to Sunday from 10.00 am till 4.00 pm until plant stock and compost has gone. Keith and Mary have been very helpful and generous to the Priory and Village School in the past and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Railway Museum - Annual Local Artist Event - As usual, to close the season at the West Cumberland Railway Museum, the final opening session sees some of the railwayana being removed to make room for a display of artwork (in its broadest definition) by local artists. This year, the session will be from Wednesday 30th October to and including Sunday 3rd November, 10 till 4 each day, with free entry. Anyone who would like to participate and display their work, please contact the Curator, Peter Rooke, via email petergrooke@btinternet.com or phone 01946 822339 just come along to see the wonderful items on display (and possibly for sale- or).

The Priory Singers have been singing together for over forty years (though most of us don't go back that far!). It is a mixed voice adult choir meeting on Monday evenings from 7:30-9pm in term-time in OCH. We tackle a varied repertoire - pop, standards, folk songs and a few more serious pieces. This term we plan to sing for fun (not that many people intend not to have fun while singing!) rather than rehearsing for a concert. We'd love to welcome some new members. We restart on 16th September. For more information, please ring Jack Hale on 01946 822409.

Christian Books & Gifts - Cornerstone, 5 Church Street, Whitehaven open 10-2 Mon - Sat, 10-1 Wednesday. Please support Cumbria's only Christian Bookshop. 01946695460, 07876 770083.

Over 60's - Welcome back to past and new members. Our next two meetings will be at Hodgetts on 3 and 17 September at 2.00 pm. Topics to be arranged.

HyperfastGB is coming to St Bees.

We appreciate that there has been some disruption in recent months with road closures and traffic diversions. These were necessary to protect our workforce and members of the public as road users and pedestrians. Building the network is complex and involves a number of stages. The great news is that we are close to completion. Our partners Viberoptix are currently jointing cables and this is a very technical and precise role as they have to ensure perfect alignment of the fibre filaments in each cable. The next and final stage is to test the speeds and reliability of fibre optic broadband. We are aiming to complete this work later this year and from September customers can start to place orders.

HyperfastGB is being delivered by Fibrus Networks and the project is part of the UK government's Project Gigabit. Project Gigabit is the UK government's programme to enable hard-to-reach communities to access lightning-fast gigabit-capable broadband. Gap funding is provided to subsidise the additional cost of building to rural communities. We work with BDUK to monitor commercial plans and aim to reach properties not included in these. This is very much subject to network capacity as we must be assured that we can offer the correct speed and reliability before we can take customer orders.

In St Bees, we are aware from our survey work that there is existing infrastructure in a number of the local roads that was originally installed either as part of an earlier development or by other network providers. Where possible, we will reuse existing infrastructure such as underground chambers as well as overhead routes via poles to reduce the cost and disruption of the build and enable us to connect more homes and businesses. For this reason, we cannot be definitive about many premises we can connect but we will work with BDUK to include as many properties as possible in the network design.

A question we are often asked is what people can do to ensure they are considered for connection. Sometimes we have to make commercial decisions as to which premises and roads to connect if capacity is limited. If you want to be connected, then please visit Fibrus.com and register your interest. You will not be committed to anything but it will help us to assess demand for connecting premises that are over and above the original network plans for HyperfastGB.

Paul Cretney, Senior Associate, Fibre Ambassador GB

Evan Open Studios 2024

Artists across Cumbria open their doors so that you can meet them, see their pictures, possibly buy a card, drink coffee. Orange signs point to the galleries involved, starting September 7th and ending September 22nd.

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Welcome to our new Parish Administrator Katy Privelege! Katy can be contacted on enquiries@stbeespriory.co.uk.



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In summary the role of PCC Treasurer is to carry out the accounting activities of the church including the payment of expenditures, the maintenance of the financial records and the periodic reporting of the church's financial status.

If you think you might have the skills to support the church in this way, or would like to find out more, please contact Rev Becky for an informal chat, it's such an important voluntary role and intrinsic to the life of the church, it's fulfilling too!



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Puzzle

Circle the things we SHOULD do in one colour, and the things we SHOULDN'T do in another.

- get angry
- use mean words
- understand ourselves better
- hear and act
- Help others
- Speak first
- listen first
- forget God's word

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