

St Bees Priory Church

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Churchwardens - (see inside front cover)

Services

Sundays

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
10.30 a.m.	Family Communion	(1st, 3rd & 5th)
	Morning Prayer	(2nd Sunday)
	Family Service & Parade	(4th Sunday)
6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	See Calendar

Weekdays

Communion on Saints Days

N.B. This pattern may vary at particular seasons of the year. See magazine calendar.
The sacrament of Baptism is administered at the Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month, or at the Communion Service. Arrangements should be made with the Vicar at least two weeks in advance.

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St Bees Parish ABC

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 - M Westhead (Tel. 822674).
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at the St Bees Management Centre at 8.00 p.m. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Alan Hawkins (822330)
Bellringing	The Priory has a ring of 8 bells. Those interested in ringing or learning to ring, contact D Sim, 31 Main Street. Practice Wednesdays, 8.00 p.m. Sundays, ring at 10.00 a.m. and Evensong by arrangement.
Bridge Club	meets on Tuesday at 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. & Friday afternoons at 1.45 for 2.00 p.m. in Bigrigg Hall. Grenville Matthews (Tel 694142).
Brownies	meet in New College Hall on Tuesday evenings. Details from Sarah George: 822779; Vicki Neale: 824100; Clare Shaw: 590337.
Beavers	for boys aged 6 - 8 meet on Thursdays, 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Details from Dick Beddows (Tel. 823288).
Cubs & Scouts	Cubs , for boys aged 8 - 10, meet on Thursdays, 6.45 - 8.15 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Details from Ian Howard (Tel. 823626). Scouts meet on Mondays in the Youth Centre. Details from Andrew Riley - (821944).
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.45 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. They are John Haile (Tel.822463), John Kennedy (Tel. 822297), Rosalie McAndrew (Tel.822326), & Graham Brightman (Tel. 822652).
Cumberland Morris Men	meet on alternate Thursdays in Hodgett's Club. Contact Neil Bettinson, 22 Main Street, for details of these and of the Traditional Mummers.
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, to be returned to Jean Clarkson, 4 Solway Rise, St Bees, CA27 0EZ.
Finance	The Church Treasurer is Dr Geoff Burgess, 7 Abbey Farm, St Bees, Tel. 824416, who will gladly explain our Christian Giving system.
Football Association	Contacts - Seniors Dale Jackson 823631 & Tony Barnett 590640. Juniors (U-12) - Alec Morton 823992 & Alastair Billson.
Friends of the Priory	assists in the conservation of the Priory and encourages interest in its historical and architectural heritage. Contact Philip Barratt or Tom Rice, Treasurer, Green Ghyll, Greendykes, Egremont.
Funeral Directors	in the Village are Malcolm Reid (Tel. 822217) and Brian Edwards (Tel. 822500).
Garden Society	Details from Neil Todd, Gosforth (Tel. 019467 25519). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.
Guides	meet in New College Hall on Mondays from 6.45 - 8.30 p.m. For further details please contact Lucy Scott (Tel. 821755).
Internet Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk
Library	is at the Village School (Tel. 822219), Tuesdays from 1.30 - 6.00 p.m. & Fridays from 1300 to 4.00 p.m.
Local History	Research on the Priory and the village continues. Details from History Group (Ian McAndrew - Tel. 822326 or Chris Robson Tel. 822468).
Methodist Church	Sunday Service & Sunday School is at 11.00 a.m. (9.45 on the first Sunday of the month. Family Service on the second Sunday.
Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Mrs M Brannon Tel. 822541.
Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Couderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Parochial Church Council	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 - H Taylor, Tel. 822255
Pre-School Playgroup	meets in Youth Centre five mornings a week from 9.00 - 11.30 a.m. Contact Pam Glover at Pre-School, 823880.
Prayer Group	meets on Thursdays from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
Priory Fellowship	meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in New College Hall. Details from Gill Richardson, 822394.
Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Hugh Turpin (Tel. 822611).
St Bees Housing Association	owns four flats for single Senior Citizens at Bega Flats, Main Street and selects the tenants. Applications to Mitre Housing Association Ltd, Blain House, Bridge Lane, Penrith, CA11 8QU. Tel: 01768 861400.
Sunday School	for ages 3 - 11 meets during Morning Service New College Hall, at 10.30 a.m. Contact - Rosalie McAndrew (822326).
Toddler Group	meets every Thursday, in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in Adams Recreation Centre. Details from Marisa Rossi (Tel. 822169).
Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - Audrey Agnew (via School - Tel. 822392).
Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club (Tel. 823254). For details and booking contact Fred Steele, (823805).
Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, Chairman, 14 Main Street. St.Bees (Tel 822522).

Calendar for October

5	Friday	7.30 p.m.	VSA Quiz Night, Village School
6	Saturday	Morning 9.30 to 1.00 p.m.	Decoration of Priory & Harvest Gifts Farmers Market, Egremont Market Hall
7	Trinity XVIII		Harvest Thanksgiving
		10.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service and Parade & Songs
		6.00 p.m.	Harvest Songs of Praise
		6.45 p.m.	Harvest Tea in the Priory
8	Monday	9.30 a.m./2.00 p.m.	Parcelling /Distribution of Harvest Gifts
			Magazine copy date
11	Thurs/Friday	7.30 p.m.	St Bees School Play - Memorial Hall
12	Friday	2.00 p.m.	Embroidery Group recommences - NCH
		7.30 p.m.	Friends of the Priory, P Barratt OCH
		7.30 p.m.	St Bees School Play - Memorial Hall
14	Trinity XIX	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
15	Monday	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting, Hodgetts
16	Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Priory Ladies Fellowship "Old Village Families" New College Hall
19	Friday	9.30 to 1.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Farmers Market, Egremont Market Hall Evening of Music & Supper, Village Hall
21	Trinity XX	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion
22 - 28			Midterm
28	Trinity XXI	10.30 a.m.	Family Service & Fairtrade Stall Dedication of new Pew Bibles
31	Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	Friends of the Priory - Family Party for All Hallows Eve, Old College Hall

Mondays at Village School in term time

3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - JAFFA CLUB resumes - a course for Young Christians

St Bees News

From the Vicar

One of the earliest things we learn as children is to say "thank you" after receiving something. If we forget, or if we presume this gesture as unnecessary, we generally earn a rebuke from our parents or guardians. I recall many times when I've had to say, "what do you say?" to a child after giving them something. Usually the result is a quick "thanks" as they are already on their way to doing whatever it is they were doing.

This act of saying thanks is always in response to something that we have received. Perhaps we asked for something, but perhaps it was unexpected. Even more, perhaps we have received something intangible and precious, like forgiveness or love. Perhaps in a moment of attention you have realised, "this person actually loves me, and at the moment I haven't the foggiest idea why". In all these cases the only response we can make is "thank you". It is a simple acknowledgement that we have depended upon the generosity and gift of someone else.

One of the key components of prayer is thanksgiving. It is assumed in prayer that in conjunction with the petitions we offer to God we also say thanks (the Book of Common Prayer puts it beautifully and clearly that above all we give thanks "for [God's] inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory"). Harvest is one of those times of the year when we try to be intentional about being thankful. I admit that often thanksgiving for me is more like the absent-minded child who says a quick thank you and then continues with his activities. There is the need to be attentive,

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to be aware of what we have received and from whom we have received it. Attention is not easy to learn. Just yesterday I observed the new St. Bees School CCF recruits learning attention. Being at attention means that every fibre of your body is ready to respond to command. It is much easier said than done. Genuine thankfulness depends upon attentiveness, and this needs to be learned and exercised. So prayer and thanksgiving should be part of a regular drill. If we take the drill seriously, it will begin to change our perspective on life.

What is this perspective? It is one that acknowledges our frailty and uncertainty. Genuine thankfulness comes from being aware that because our life is fragile and uncertain, every moment we have and every good thing that is in our life is precious and is not to be taken for granted. This perspective will motivate us to "seize the day" and to regard our loved ones and friends as precious. It's true, genuine thanksgiving contains an element of pathos. It acknowledges that the health we enjoy today will eventually become a cold, flu, or worse, and that even our most dear human relationships are not in and of themselves eternal.

But Christian thanksgiving is about being attentive to the ultimate Giver. Christian thanksgiving acknowledges the frailty and uncertainty of human life, thanks God for the gifts that we have received in the here and now, but is not satisfied with these things only. We want more and more life. We aren't satisfied with just a little bit of life. I have heard it said, "the only thing that can conquer death is more life" and I'll never forget it. The pathos of passing gifts is to drive us to seek that which won't pass away. The uncertainty

Next Month's Editors

The November 2007 issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Emma Jane Taylor, High House Road, St Bees** who would appreciate all contributions **not later than Monday, 8 October** please.

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Harvest News - Sunday 7 October

Services	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving, Parade and Songs
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Songs of Praise
	6.45 p.m.	Harvest Tea, Priory

Harvest Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables and groceries will be welcomed. Please bring them to church on Saturday, 6th or Sunday, 7th. Children's gifts and baskets of goodies may be presented on Sunday.

Parade: Guides and Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Morning Service. Remember to bring a Harvest Gift! The Brownies will be singing two Harvest songs for you.

Distribution of Gifts to the elderly, housebound and folk in hospital or Homes will be on Monday, 8 October from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Parcelling up and sorting done from 9.30 a.m. Area Visitors please contact Rosalie McAndrew if you **cannot** help in your area. Thank you.

Harvest Tea "Bring and share" will be served after Harvest Evensong at 6:45 p.m. Contributions of food welcomed - quiches, sandwiches, scones, cakes, etc. Please sign list at back of church or contact Sally Kennedy (Tel. 822297) or Rosalie McAndrew (Tel. 822326). All donations will go to Bishops Harvest Appeal, this year for a Christian Aid project in India helping girls trafficked into slavery and a SAMS project helping feed poor communities in Paraguay. Everyone welcome to celebrate Harvest at the Priory!



and frailty of our lives should drive us to seek ultimate certainty and security. The various gifts of life and love that we enjoy here and now are to drive us to seek eternal life and infinite love. Thanksgiving can be a means for us to make space in our hearts to receive more and more. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not

change like shifting shadows" (James 1.17). We have infinite needs, and we are never satisfied, but thank God, he is infinite in supply. The ancients regarded Jesus as being "the fulfilment of every human desire". Genuine thanksgiving places us on a path of learning that truth for ourselves.

Lars Nowen

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Sidespeople Rotas - October

	8.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	6.00 p.m.
7	Harvest Festival Miss S Millburn	Mr I Watson (P) Mrs B Watson Mrs J Crooks Mrs G Richardson	Mrs R McAndrew Songs of Praise
14	Mrs B Hewetson	Dr G Burgess (P) Mrs G Burgess Mrs A McGill	Mr & Mrs D McGee Evening Prayer
21	Mrs E Cotes	Mr D Protheroe-Beynon (P) Mrs W Mellor Mrs A Broughton	Mrs D Brownrigg Evening Prayer
28	Dr G Southward	Mr J Warbrick (P) Mrs D Warbrick Mrs F Crawford	Mr R Lamb Holy Communion
November			
4	Mr & Mrs J Scurr	Mr J Kennedy (P) Mrs S Kennedy Mrs M Westhead	Mrs R McAndrew Evensong

From the Registers

Christian Burial

28 August Jack Marshall

Flower Rota

October

7 Mrs E Cotes 14 Mrs H Wilson
21 Mrs M Marshall 28 Mrs J Scurr

November

4 Mrs N Woolaghan

St Bees Annual Multi-Charity sale will take place this year from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 November were back in Old College Hall again! All the usual charities will be represented. More details in next month's magazine, but if you need any information, contact Carole Woodman.

Thanks to Stephen Morris for his generous donation of £102 to the RNLI Lifeboat Appeal, collected from sales of his second book of poems. Stephen enjoys composing poetry as he covers 6 miles daily around St Bees.



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Love and prayers

Our love & prayers for healing and comfort go out to all who are ill at home or in hospital, and those recovering from operations:-

We remember especially Mina Parkinson, Audrey Reeve, Mandy Williams (nee Woods), Maria & Alan Thurlwell, and baby Indigo Ross-West.

May God bless you all.



Priory News

New Pew Bibles (English Standard Version) have been purchased and these are to be formally dedicated at the Family service on Sunday, 28 October. Members of the congregation or others, are invited to purchase, at any time, an inscription in memory of a loved one in one of the new bibles. Further details regarding a memorial inscription can be seen at the back of church.

Priory Fellowship Ladies will meet on Tuesday, 16 October at 8.00 p.m. for a Presentation by Mr Bob Jopling on "Old Village Families". In New College Hall, please note. Refreshments served.

The Embroidery Group will restart on Friday, 12 October at 2.00 p.m. in New College Hall. Work in progress is new cushions to replace the yellow ones under the repaired window in the chancel. New members are very welcome.

Dorothy and Irene.

Friends of the Priory

Friday, 12 October Illustrated Talk by Phil Barratt "The Chemistry of Pain Relief" at 7.30 p.m. in Old College Hall. Refreshments served. Retiring collection.



Wednesday, 31 October Family Party for All Hallows Eve. Fancy dress on the theme of "Saints and Sinners" and a Jack-o-Lantern competition. Old College Hall at 6.30 p.m. Refreshments too. Admission £1 adults, 50p children.

Friday, 30 November has been chosen for the Quiz Night. As this is St Andrew's Day the evening will have a Scottish Flavour. More details in the

November magazine, the venue will be Old College Hall.

Monday, 17 December Priory Singers Christmas Concert.

Poster for all these events will appear around the village. Thank you to all who support the evenings.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Mrs Margaret Marshall of Nethertown Road on the sad loss of her husband Jack, who died recently aged 87 years. He was a well-known tailor in Whitehaven and after retirement enjoyed his two sporting pastimes of scuba diving and sequence dancing. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

One World Week, a talk entitled "Zimbabwe in Crisis" will be given by Rev. Graham Shaw on Tuesday October 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Egremont Methodist Church Hall. Graham has worked out in Zimbabwe until recently and knows the country well. Organised by Egremont Churches Together. All welcome.

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St Bees School Sports Fixtures - Home Games - October

Saturday, 6	1st Hockey XI v 2nd XI	2.00 p.m.
Wed., 10	2nd Rugby XV v Chetwynde	2.45 p.m.
	2nd Hockey XI v Chetwynde	2.30 p.m.
Wed., 17	1st & 2nd Rugby XV's v Keswick	2.30 p.m.
Wed., 31	1st & 2nd Rugby XV's v QEGS (Penrith)	2.30 p.m.

√All spectators welcome.

Village News

Lifeboat News

August - Just the one service for August, a child had been reported being blown out to sea by the off shore wind on an inflatable ring. The Lifeboat located the ring and in the meantime the child was reported safe on the beach with very grateful parents.

Services in 2007 so far = 8

A BIG thank you to those who attended the Lifeboat Appeal Charity Ball at St Bees School, we managed to raise, in total just over £1300.

Thank you also to the Bega Lodge who have donated £500 to the Lifeboat Appeal.

Lifeboat Appeal Fund has nearly reached £50,000.

Thank you very much for your support.

MI Clarkson

Village School Events

Friday 5 October VSA Quiz at the Village School - 7.30 p.m.

Monday 15 October Harvest Festival at 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 30 October Hallowe'en Party

Sandcastle Siege

Steve Messam and his team of volunteers will be attempting to build 18,000 sandcastles, complete with little red flags on each, on St Bees beach on Monday 8 October. This is part of FRED, the Euro Outdoor Art Festival. For more details about FRED, see www.fredsblog.co.uk. Everyone is welcome to come and see this unusual event. With high tide around 9.45 a.m. and low tide at 4.15 p.m., They have plenty of daylight!

Adams Recreation Ground

Recent winners of the 120 Club draws are as follows:- (1st - £30, 2nd £10)

March, 1st Prize - Alan Sewell, The Crofts, 2nd Prize - Denis Howells, Main Street.

April, 1st Prize Harry Upton, Whitehaven, 2nd Prize G & N Denson, Abbots Way

May, 1st Prize Grant Gilmour, The Crofts, 2nd Prize - Anne Ross, Abbey Vale.

June, 1st Prize Mrs M Thomson, Oddfellows, 2nd Prize - W Townson, Priory Road.

July, 1st Prize Celia Bromiley, Abbots Way, 2nd Prize - Tom Lowrey, The Crofts.

August, 1st Prize - Dale Jackson, Main Street, 2nd Prize - David Barnett, Whitehaven.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Adams Recreation Ground again this year. Some members have not renewed and there are 30 numbers still available. If anyone wishes to join the 120 Club draw, please contact Peter Bromiley, 5 Croft Foot, Sandwith, CA28 9UG.

Letter from Michelle Proctor - Missionary Nurse

So what is new at Mukinge Hospital?

The children's ward is quiet at the moment but we have had some challenging cases. Currently we have two children, Linea and Nox, who are both part way through treatment for facial tumours. We are very limited as to what we can do in the way of cancer therapy, but we do have the drugs needed to treat Burkitt's lymphoma, which is what we think they have. Treatment requires not only the appropriate drugs, but also commitment from the families to bring the children in for the treatment which lasts four months. In some cases this means travelling long distances to come to the hospital. The tumour usually shrinks quite fast and sadly some families do not come for the final doses as they think that because it is no longer visible, it is cured. In these cases the tumour regrows and is then very difficult to treat. Please pray with me for Linea and Nox.

We have two new nurses from the UK here for a year. Working with them has reminded me that I have become accustomed to many things that are different and strange if you are new here: a pit at the bottom of your garden for rubbish, filtering all drinking water, drying hospital linen on the grass between wards, relatives sleeping on the floor under patients' beds, the reuse of what would be disposable supplies in the West, running out of essential supplies of drugs at times, and the unbelievable rain and then no rain for six months of the year!

Thank you all for your continued interest in my work here.

Michelle

(Edited from her August letter from Kasempa, Zambia).

Monthly Farmers Market

The market is usually held on the 3rd Friday of the month (see below) in Egremont Market Hall, from 9.30 - 1.00 p.m. Produce includes beef, free-range pork, lamb, butter, cheese, preserves and vegetables.

Craft stalls vary but usually include jewellery, hand-made cards, quilting, wooden toys, driftwood, craft mirrors, pictures, bags and ceramics.

Extra Markets - Saturday Market, 6th October - Same time and place. Additional Markets on Friday 7th December. Usual ones 19 October, 16 November and 21 December.

Fairtrade refreshments are provided by local community groups or charities, keeping all the profit for their charity. If you would like to provide refreshments please contact (Carole Woodman) stevewoodman@talk21.com or telephone (01946822375).

The markets are becoming increasingly popular with over 12 stalls; a popular place to catch up with friends over a cup of Fairtrade coffee!

Grassroots

St Bees School Drama The Lower School Play Terry Pratchett's "The Truth" will be performed in the Memorial Hall on two evenings, Thursday and Friday, 11 & 12 October, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome to attend.

St Bees Village Hall Committee proudly present Mark Richards and Suranne Jones Music from way back to right up to date. Friday, 19 October, 8'til late. Pie and Peas. Tickets £5 available from Valerie on 01946 823772 or Mary on 01946 822541. In aid of Village Hall funds. Please support you Village Hall use it or lose it!

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew and Michelle McIntyre of 12 Sea View on their recent marriage.

Welcome back, after 30 years, to Canon Trevor Park and his wife Ölang to 20 Seacroft Drive; also best wishes to Liz Jefferson on her move to 25 Seacroft Drive.

Welcome to Kelly Maudling and Andrew Morgan at 78 Main Street and to Rhonwen Bryce at 'Wellfield', Seamill Lane.

Congratulations to William and Claire Dixon of Tir-na-nog, Seamill Lane, on the birth of their daughter Hayley Lorraine, a welcome sister for Ben and Jess; and also to Simon and Rachel Walker of Fleswick House on the birth of their son Rowan, a brother for Lawrence.

The League of Friends who run the Out-patients buffet at the hospital require more helpers to serve coffee, tea and

biscuits. The buffet is open weekdays from 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon and from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. We usually do two hours about once a month, either morning or afternoon. If you could help and have a friend or husband to join you, please contact Jane Craig, tele. 09146 822696 for further details.

St Bees & Egremont Neighbourhood Forum's next meeting will be held in St Bees on 27 November. If any local group has a need for help with funding a suitable project, then the Forum would be glad to hear from you. Applications need to be in at least 4 weeks before the meeting so get your applications in this month! Contact Marilyn Pritchard on 01946 855023 or email marilyn.pritchard@cumbriacc.gov.uk.

Village-in-Bloom

We have now started our winter planting after a successful Summer. The Committee would like to thank everybody who helped the group in any way - volunteers, waterers, providers of water and many others. The Open Garden Extravaganza was a real success, raising over £900, the highest amount raised so far. Many thanks go to the brave Garden Owners who opened their gardens to the public and, to Eileen and Geoff Lithgow for allowing us to take over The Dome.

Don't forget, we are always looking for more volunteers!!

Claiming Date:

NSPCC Coffee Morning Wednesday, 21 November in the Village Hall (Hodgett's).

St Bees AFC

The club recently hosted the Bobby Charlton Soccer Academy at the Adams Recreation ground. Over 100 children, boys and girls, aged 6 to 14 years enjoyed four full days of learning football skills and then putting them into practice. Fortunately we were blessed with good weather.

Parents, club players and coaches also had their opportunity to put some of their skills into practice. On Wednesday, 29 August, nineteen athletic young mums took on the coaches with St Bees All-stars beating St Bees Belles 7-6. This was a very competitive match which attracted a good crowd.

On Thursday, 30 August it was the Dads' turn to play the coaches and another entertaining match which the coaches won on penalties 8-6. Star man was the Bees Goalie, 'Dick Smichiel Beddows'. Well done everybody.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who in any way supported the event and a special thanks to the mums and dads who made

lunch for the coaches each day - Heather Gerry, Carolyn Newlands, Dick Beddows, Sandra Dempsey, Claire Rickerby and Alison Agnew.

Thanks also to those who kept the changing rooms nice and tidy, namely Nick and Vicky Bold, David and Julie Howarth, Mark Rossiter and Sonia Williams.

A big thank you to Georgina Billson who helped Russell with all the organisation and ensured everything ran smoothly. Apologies from Russell if he has missed anyone out.

Best wishes and well done to the children Registration for 2008 is now open.

Season 2007/2008

The season is well under way with six Junior teams and three Senior sides operating. For further details please contact Tony, telephone 01946 590640. New players are most welcome. "Come on the Bees"!

Parish Council News

Community Police Officer - PC Francesca Geer has recently taken over as Community Police Officer for St Bees. She is keen to work with the community to tackle problems of crime and antisocial behaviour but needs as full a picture as possible of what the problems are.

It is important that all incidents are reported to the police. The telephone number is **0845 33 00 247** (999 should only be used for emergencies). Reports can be made anonymously if necessary. All reports are logged and it may be useful to make a note of the log number when making a report.

PC Geer is happy to speak to anyone who has a particular concern or information to pass on. She can be contacted via the 0845 number given above.