

St Bees Priory Church

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Services

Sundays

9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	(1st, 3rd & 5th - 1662)
10.30 a.m.	Family Service	
6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	

See Calendar for details of Family Services and Evening Prayer

N.B. This pattern may vary at particular seasons of the year. See magazine calendar. The sacrament of baptism is administered at the main service and must be arranged well in advance with the Vicar..

Priory Web Site - www.stbeespriory.org.uk

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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).	Funeral Director	in the Village is Malcolm Reid (Tel. 822217).
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)	Garden Society	Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 019467 841325). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.
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.	Guides	meet in New College Hall on Mondays from 6.15 - 8.00 p.m. For further details please contact Lucy Scott (Tel. 821755).
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. Mike Brewer (Tel 019467 25835).	Library	is at the Village School (Tel. 822219), Tuesdays from 1.30 - 6.00 p.m. & Fridays from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Brownies	meet in New College Hall on Tuesday evenings. Details from Amanda Smith 823933.	Local History	Research on the Priory and the village continues. Details from History Group (Ian McAndrew - Tel. 822326 or Chris Robson Tel. 822468).
Cubs & Scouts	Cubs , Cubs, for children aged 8 - 10, meet on Thursdays, 6.30 - 8pm in the Youth Centre. Details from Sarah Servant (tel 01946 729687) Scouts meet on Tuesdays from 7.15 - 8.45pm in the Youth Centre. Details from Mike Greene, Fairladies, 102 Main Street (824302).	Methodist Church	Sunday Service & Sunday School is at 11.00 a.m. Family Service on the second Sunday.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).	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.
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. They are John Kennedy (Tel. 822297), Rosalie McAndrew (Tel.822326), Derek McGee, & Wendy Mellor.	Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Couderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, e.mail pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk, who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
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 Mummings.	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 - D McGee, E-mail - dm.mcgee@btinternet.com
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 the Priory.	Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, 5 mornings a week. For children 2 years 9 months +. Contact Pre-School on 823880.
Finance	The Church Treasurer is Dr Geoff Burgess, 7 Abbey Farm, St Bees, Tel. 824416, who will gladly explain our Christian Giving system.	Prayer Group	meets on Thursdays from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
First Responders	provide an immediate Basic Life Support in association with the Cumbria Ambulance Service. Contact Phil Buxton 821176 or Andy Brock 823497.	Priory Fellowship	meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. Details from Gill Richardson, 822394.
Football Association	Contacts - Seniors Dale Jackson 823631 & Tony Barnett 590640. Juniors (U-12) - Alec Morton 823992 & Alastair Billson.	Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Hugh Turpin (Tel. 828066).
Freemasons	St Bega Lodge meet 7:00 p.m. On 2nd Wed of each month, Village Hall. Details: 01946 64275 or www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk	St Bees Triers	Triathlon Club meets Seacroft House 7pm Thursday contact Andy Brock (Tel. 823497).
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.	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 Rachel Walker (825823) or Ann James (820957).
		Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
		Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
		Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, Chairman, 14 Main Street. St.Bees (Tel 822522).
		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

Calendar for October

2	15 th Sunday in Trinity	10.30 a.m. Family Communion with Prayers for Healing 6.00 p.m. Evensong (BCP)
3	Monday	7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting, NCH
7	Friday	6.00p.m.-8.00p.m. "First Friday" (for 12-16 yr old), NCH
8	Saturday	from 9.00 a.m. Decoration of Priory for Harvest 2.00 p.m. Open afternoon, St Bees School
9	16 th Sunday in Trinity	10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving 12.30 p.m. Harvest Buffet lunch, Priory 6.00 p.m. Harvest Evensong
10	Monday	from 9.00 a.m. Parcelling of gifts from 2.00 p.m. Distribution of gifts
11	Tuesday	7.30 p.m. Friends of the Priory- NCH (see Notice)
14	Friday	7.30 p.m. NSPCC Swish Party, Hodgetts
15	Saturday	7.30 p.m. Water Aid Ceilidh/Barn Dance, Hodgetts (aka Village Hall)
16	17 th Sunday in Trinity	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)
18	Tuesday	7.30p.m. Priory Fellowship NCH (see Notice)
19	Wednesday	7.30 p.m. Egremont Churches, Uganda Talk, Egremont Methodist Church
23	Last Sunday in Trinity	10.30 a.m. Family Service 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
24	Monday - 28 Friday	Mid term
30	4 th Sunday before Advent	10.30 a.m. Morning Service (Baptism) 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

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6	3 before Advent	10.30 a.m. Family Communion with Prayers for Healing 6.00 p.m. Evensong (BCP)
Every Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon Pop-in Café, New College Hall		

November Editor

The November 2011 issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Anthony Payne, Croeso, 83 Main Street, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions not later than **Saturday, 8 November** please.

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St Bees News

From the Vicar

I'm thankful for my family's first month in St Bees, recalling especially the efforts for the licensing service in September. One hymn we sang was "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty", based on the first six verses of Psalm 103.

Often this is sung at weddings, with one line ("Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?") from verse 5 of the psalm making this particularly apt: God in His kindness gives us good things we desire, according to His plans. But the hymn is often sung at funerals, too. It speaks of the loving hand of God known throughout life, and the shelter He provides to those who grieve. Many people have the hymn at their funeral because it was sung at their wedding, and because it gives thanks for the goodness of God throughout life. We will do this at our Harvest Festival celebrations this month, giving thanks to our good and gracious God.

When we sing this hymn, we address each other rather than God himself. We tell each other to praise Him, to remember his goodness in times past, and to give God the thanks He is due. The hymn writer, a German Calvinist named Joachim Neander, knew the gathering of Christians to be an opportunity to praise God, and also to encourage one another in our faith. And so this hymn of praise is intended to stir up our fellow Christians in love for God. It's a good picture of coming to church ready to serve and build up others.

Joachim Neander was born in Bremen, Germany in 1650. He became a noted scholar, wrote some sixty hymns, and died at just age thirty. The hymn was also

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chosen because of Neander's own story: as a sixth former, he and some friends went to church to mock the preacher; however, Neander heard the Gospel and was converted to Christ as the sermon was preached! I hope a number of young people will likewise have their hearts warmed by the Gospel.

A suggestion: pick up Psalm 103 where Neander's hymn leaves off. The rest of Psalm 103 expands on the theme of praising God for his amazing kindness. Written hundreds of years before the New Testament, Psalm 103 looks ahead to Jesus. It is through Jesus that our transgressions are forgiven, and removed from us as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). That's an infinite distance, not just the West to East distance of the Coast to Coast walk! In Psalm 103, we can consider afresh the quality of a relationship every one of us can experience with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

In the month of October, the Priory will host Harvest Festivals for the village as well as pupils in our schools. Many will join in expressing thanks by bringing items for the Foodbank, providing assistance for those in need. The preaching from the Bible will continue in Philippians, a book which gives the secret of contentment (hint: giving thanks has something to do with it!). At the end of the month, we will give thanks and pray for little ones being baptised. All of these reflect a desire to encourage one another with the truth of Psalm 103.13 - "As a father has compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him." You are very welcome to take part.

Clifford Swartz

Harvest Festival - 9 October

10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving & Parade, Orchestra & Children's Songs & Poems

From 12.30 p.m. Buffet Lunch & Children's Activities (Quiz; Art & Craft)

6.00 p.m. Harvest Evensong

Harvest Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables and groceries and preserves will be much appreciated. Please bring your produce to church, either on Saturday to decorate the Priory or on Sunday, when children's gifts and baskets of goodies can be presented during the service.

Parade Guides, Brownies & Rainbows, and Cubs & Scouts are invited to the morning service. The Sunday School will be singing for you and reading out their harvest messages in poem or prayer, and the Brownies contributing too.

Harvest Lunch This year we ask families to bring a picnic lunch for the children and others will Bring & Share. The Social Committee will provide tables and chairs in the side aisles; also drinks, hot and cold, wine and juice! Please contact Sally Kennedy with offers for the buffet.

Teenage assistants are requested to help with the Art & Craft activities – after the buffet.

Harvest Donations will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal working through 2 major church charities: Christian Aid & the Coptic Church in Egypt will support farming communities, while Tear Fund & the Church of Uganda are striving to provide new crops and techniques to cope with climate change.

Your gifts will bring “ Better Harvests “ to people in need.

Distribution of Gifts to the elderly, housebound and those in Hospitals or Care Homes – will be on Monday 10 October from 2.00 p.m. onwards.

Parcelling and sorting will be done on Monday morning from 9.00 a.m. Area Visitors please contact Rosalie McAndrew if you are able to help (or NOT able more to the point!)



News from the Village School

We are well into our new academic year and all new starters, pupil and staff alike, are now settled into our school. We hope the children moving from our school onto Secondary education have settled well and are enjoying their new schools.

We were absolutely delighted at the end of the last academic year with the scores achieved by our children in Y2 and Y6. Both year groups have done really well and we are very proud of them. These scores point out the progress that school is making toward the Ofsted key issues. Many thanks to all staff in school for all their hard work. It would be remiss of me not to mention all of our children across the whole of school who I know are working just as hard and loving their learning too.

The school is starting a 'Young Savers' club with the local Credit Union following on from the adult Credit Union set up here during the summer break. For more information please visit the advisors on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm until 3.15pm when they will be in the room next to the library.

A reminder that school does collect the Morrison and Nestle box tops for school vouchers so please drop them either into school or the library staff are happy to collect them on our behalf.

DIARY DATES

Friday, 7 October

Friday, 14 October

Saturday, 15 October

Tuesday, 18 October

Thursday, 20 October

Friday, 21 October

Monday, 31 October

Friday, 16 December

Wednesday, 4 January

Individual School Photographs

NSPCC Challenge @ St Bees School (Y6 children)

Village School in St Nicholas Centre, Whitehaven

KS1 Parents Afternoon

KS2 Parents Afternoon

School finishes at 3.15 p.m. for half term holiday

Back to school

School closes at 1.30 p.m. for Christmas holiday

School reopens

Stay-at-home Christmas?

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university?

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Please see www.hostuk.org or call your local voluntary organisers for a chat: Kerrie and Philip Jopling 01697 324473

First Friday – a look back

In the absence of any church-based youth group in the parish, I offered to try and start one during the interregnum. We met for the first time on Friday 1 October 2010, hence the name: 'First Friday'.

But first we needed somewhere attractive in which to meet. A team of volunteers duly redecorated and refurbished New College Hall in time for our opening meeting. Who could we invite who might be tempted to come? A list was made of former Sunday School pupils and recently confirmed teenagers, all of whom were sent a personal invitation. What exactly were they being invited to? A shared meal with friends and some simple instruction in how the meal had been prepared plus the chance to meet and talk with an adult guest from the Priory. We are blessed in having lots of talented people in the congregation who have a lifetime's experience behind them and I wanted the young people to get to know them and vice versa. And thirdly, I also wanted to offer them some Christian teaching and encouragement to grow spiritually. For the first meeting Norwegian beefcakes were on the menu and Sally Kennedy provided lots of ice cream and toppings for dessert, and Dr Clare Summers was our first designated 'adult guest'. But would anyone come? Seven young

parishioners turned up together with three girls from Egremont who had heard about the event. We had made a good start.

Since then the group has grown thanks to members bringing friends along and we now have over 20 on the mailing list. It has grown too because we have had a varied programme thanks to our adult guests – from a poetry workshop to an active introduction in self-defence! Clare was followed by Chris Robson, Margaret Taylor, Lois Howard, John Kyffen, Dorothy Warbrick, and most recently Janice Knight. Quite a few others have helped me with the catering – notably Charm Robson at our second meeting, Catriona Harris who made piles of pancakes in March and Barbara and Alistair Hewetson who provided a barbecue last month. Sally Kennedy, Maureen Barratt and Barbara Hewetson have also helped on more than one occasion in other ways. So it has been a team effort which is the Priory's traditional way of doing things successfully. Many thanks to all of you.

Now with Cliff's arrival the group is under new leadership and has a promising future.

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Love and prayers

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We remember Olaug Park, Audrey Broughton, Betty Robertson, Margaret Lorimer, Scott Woods and Fred Singleton.

We give thanks for the excellent recovery of Ricky Southam, Egremont, and Andrew Wallace of Hillside, both now recuperating at home.

Our thoughts are with you all.



Priory Projects

While St Bees is fortunate to have St Bees Priory, as well as the magnificent historic and still working Willis organ that it contains, it also has the responsibility for ensuring that these are maintained for future generations. The responsibility for this falls on the St Bees Priory PCC, but it is hoped that all villagers will agree that we all have an interest in maintaining both this historic building and instrument.

The problems with Old College Hall and its leaking roof are well known. Less known are the problems with the transept roofs, which also are in need of attention. Both these structures need to be re-roofed. The interior of Old College Hall needs to be restored to make it more useable

Under the south transept, and therefore at risk from any leaks from its roof, is the Willis organ which was built in 1899. It is due a major, and expensive, clean and service. All projects will be done within 5 years to avoid an increasing requirement for costly servicing and repairs.

If Old College Hall and the Priory are to be used more for various services, functions and events, we need to consider a new heating system for both. The existing one is elderly, inefficient and costly to run.

All these proposals will cost money. The one which we intend to start by March 2012, Old College Hall re-roofing, will

cost in the region of £100,000, towards which we already have an English Heritage grant of £65,000. The balance needs to be raised over the course of the next few months. The transepts are likely to cost a similar amount and a new heating system around £80,000. The organ service and clean will be very expensive!

While individual schemes will be undertaken as and when they are affordable and practical, the intention is to consider all these individual requirements as one large project, as funding bodies usually expect applicants to have a long term plan.

We recognise in the current financial climate, that the community may be limited in the help it can give, which is why we are focusing our fund raising primarily on approaches to the various organisations in the UK who help with projects such as ours. However we hope that any villagers who wish and are able to help in any way will do so.

More details about the various projects will be available from a prominent link on the village website home page - www.stbees.org.uk, where there will also be a facility to allow you to donate on-line, though of course donations can also be sent or given direct to the Treasurer at St Bees Priory.

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Traffic Calming Committee

The Committee will shortly be finalising its conclusions on traffic calming measures in the Fairladies and Outrigg areas and hopes to make recommendations to the Parish Council meeting on 17 October. Details of all committee meetings are posted on the noticeboards and there is an open invitation to all residents to come along.

Parking

There are a number of locations in the village where drivers are parking on double yellow lines causing danger and inconvenience to others. The parish council requests that drivers act more considerately - particularly on the Main Street by the Manor House where there is no pavement and vehicles often obstruct access to/from the gate of a resident with sight problems.

Allotment competition

The Parish Council held its annual competition over the summer and is very grateful to Peter Graham for acting as judge. The winners were Best Allotment - Karen James, Most Improved Plot - Harry Strong.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

21 August Thomas George Wood c/o the Hope Family, 4 Grindal Place, St Bees

Christian Burial

23 August Michael John Metcalf (Mike), Burnbrae, Seamil Lane, St Bees

Priory Flower Rota - October

2	Mrs E Cotes	9	Mrs M Marshall
16	Mrs H Wilson	23	Mrs N Woolaghan
30	Mrs M McGee		

News From St Bees School

Term commenced on 6 September and we were delighted to welcome 21 new pupils into Form 1 (Year 7) - they look very smart in their new uniforms. In addition, our Preparatory Department have been given a "makeover" and it is very gratifying to see how proud they are of their new blazers and ties.

St. Bees School pupils celebrated excellent GCSE results on the 25 August. This year the pass rate (A*-C grades) was 92%, well above the national average of 69.8%. Just over 40% of all the grades awarded were at the A* or A grade level and if the B grade is included this rises to 72%. The average number of GCSE subjects passed by each St. Bees pupil was an impressive 9.2. On the 18 August our Upper Sixth Form students also received news of excellent A Level results. Not including General Studies, just over 60% of the grades gained were in the A*, A, B grade categories.

Well done to all our pupils for their hard work and success – they are great ambassadors for the School.

On the 8 October we are holding an Open Afternoon for prospective parents and pupils and you are warmly invited to attend. The Headmaster will be giving an address at 2.00 p.m. and this will be followed by tours of the School. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in coming along then please telephone Jane Hawley or Claire Armstrong on 01946 828010 or email admissions@st-bees-school.co.uk for further information. We look forward to seeing you.

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Priory Notes

Welcome and Thankyou to new Magazine distributors who have kindly volunteered to deliver parish mags. in their area: - to Peter & Sarah Bromiley of Sandwith covering the houses from Johnson Court to Croftfoot; and to Ron Fowler of Lakeland View Chalet Park delivering to Nethertown. Thanks for a great community service!

Celebrate One World Week with Egremont & District Council of Churches on Wednesday 19 October at 7.30 p.m. We meet in Egremont Methodist Church Hall in Chapel Street for a presentation by Gilda Wells on Uganda – Reforms in Healthcare, Education & Human Rights (for women & children especially). Also a stall with African goods for sale with profits going to the project. All Welcome!

Churchyard and Church Grounds

Many Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for all the great work in the church grounds. Your work is much appreciated by visitors and villagers alike.

Sincere sympathy is extended to George Brooks of Ammerland, Nethertown Road, and family on the sad loss of his dear wife, Joyce, who died recently in Bethel Home after illness.

The Graveyard at St Bees Priory

There is now no space left for further burials in the present graveyard and future burials will need to take place in the oldest part of the graveyard north of the Priory.

This is where the headstones were previously moved in accordance with a Faculty granted in 1973 and where there have been no burials for over 50 years. The area is therefore suitable for re-burial and it is perfectly proper and legal for it to be put back into use.

This was publicised on these pages and elsewhere in 2000 and 2007 and there were no objections.

The PCC, who wish to handle the matter sensitively, assume that this is still the case. However anyone who has concerns about this should contact the secretary (Derek McGee) or any Churchwarden.

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The Friends of St Bees Priory

Tuesday 11 October at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. Talk by Phil Barratt. "The Air We Breathe" (A Beginner's Guide to the Atmosphere), followed by refreshments.

The Christmas Concert with The Priory Singers will be on 19 December.

A concert by Egremont Town Band and Whitehaven Male Voice Choir is arranged for 27 April 2012. Details in due course

Due to unforeseen circumstances Trevor Park's talk "The Holy Land" is postponed and will be rearranged to a later date.

Parish Council Questionnaire

This month you will find a detachable questionnaire in the centre pages. Please take a few minutes to fill this in for us - there are only 5 question areas and it's mainly tick boxes, so it won't take long. We really hope you will take the time to share your opinions so that we can represent your interests and tackle the priority areas that matter to you.

Please return the completed forms either to the library, village school or 31 Main Street when you are passing. This saves us spending precious funds on postage, so we hope you don't mind.

Thank you in advance for your time.

St Bees Village Firework Celebrations

The Annual St Bees Village Firework Display will take place on Monday 7 November 2011 in the grounds of St Bees Private School, starting at 7pm with food and refreshments on sale before the large professional display around 7.45pm. Tickets will be available from reception at both village schools during the first 2 weeks in October and are priced at £3 per person or £10 for a family ticket for up to 4 people. Please note that admission is by ticket only and for health and safety reasons all children must be accompanied by an adult. Over 750 people attended last years event and it was a spectacular display, so we hope you will all come along this year and enjoy the show.

Sean Moules on behalf of St. Bees Parish Council

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Grassroots

Our sympathies go out to the family of Eleanor Atkins, late of Seamill Lane, who died in Rochester, Kent at the end of August. She will be remembered with fondness by many as a church member.

Ladies Priory Fellowship next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 October at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. Our speaker will be Mr Ralph Lewthwaite - Whitehaven Born Bred and Proud. All welcome

Thank you to everyone who sold Hospice Cup Cakes for us. Especially the staff at the Beach Cafe who sold nearly 1400 (an awful lot of cup cakes!)

Legs, Bums & Tums takes place at the Village School every Wednesday, during term time, between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. all ladies welcome. Cost £3.00 per session

St Bees NSPCC – Are having A Swish Party on Friday 14 October in St Bees Village Hall (Hodgetts) at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine. Raffle. All welcome

The Embroidery Group - have now resumed meeting each Friday afternoon 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. in New College Hall. Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome, either ring Dorothy on 822467 or call into NCH during our Friday sessions.

Copeland Citizens Advice Bureau – offers free, confidential and impartial benefits advice, by phone or at their offices at Tangier Buildings, Gregg's Lane, Whitehaven. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. and in Egremont De Lucy Centre on Mondays from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Their staff can help you with:- checking your benefit entitlements, filling in claim forms for Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Carers Attendance Allowance. Also help with appealing against the decision made on your benefit entitlement. Tel. 693321 (Whitehaven office)

Cumbria Wildlife Trust (West Coast Support Group) will meet on Wednesday 5 October at 7.30 p.m. in Gosforth Methodist Room for an Illustrated Talk on "The Wild Ennerdale Partnership". The Area Forester for the N.W. Forestry Commission, Gareth Browning, will report on the progress of this exciting partnership.

Blood Transfusion Service sessions

6 October - Whitehaven Civic Hall, 14:00 - 19:00.

17 October - Egremont Market Hall, 15:00 - 19:00

24 October Whitehaven Civic Hall, 14:00 - 19:00

Call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment

Grassroots

Charity Ceilidh/Barn Dance There will be a Ceilidh (barn dance) on Saturday 15 October, from 7.30 pm, in St Bees Village Hall (Hodgetts) on Finkle Street, with music provided by Cumberland Reel.

The dance will be part of the fourth Big National Ceilidh event which is being organised throughout Britain and much of the world by Water Aid, to support their charities which provide safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene to communities throughout Africa and Asia. All proceeds go the Water Aid charity

There will be live music, callers to guide you through the fairly simple dances, and some free nibbles. Drinks will be available from the bar.

Tickets at the door; £5 for adults and £2.50 for juniors. Reduction for families

Please come along to support Water Aid and to enjoy a lively evening in which we are asked to join with all the other dancers throughout Britain in dancing the Circassian Circle at 10 p.m. Last year there were 11,000 dancing the Circassian Circle throughout the world and we are trying for a lot more this year.

WEDCU (Whitehaven, Egremont and District Credit Union) is a not-for-profit, financial co-operative, owned and run by its members. We provide a savings and low cost loan service to our members. Membership of WEDCU is open to anyone who lives or works our common bond area from Lowca to Waberthwaite.

Credit Unions are regulated by the Financial Services Authority, giving members the same protection as Bank and Building Society customers, and are part of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Our new collection point will be open from Tuesday 13 September from 3.30 - 4.15 p.m., run by local volunteers on a weekly basis, at St Bees Library. Feel free to pop in to pick up membership forms, information etc.

Further information can be found on our website www.wedcu.co.uk or contact Andrea Dockeray on 01946 66755.

Please contact david.hope@chello.at or the Turpins at troton@btinternet.com for further information.

St Bees First Responders would like to thank all those who generously donated raffle prizes for our fundraising social evening which was held on Saturday 16th July in the Village Hall. The evening, which was a combined event with the RNLI, was a great success with the music being provided by three different bands. A great evening was had by all and in total raised around £500 for our organisations.

We are a life saving group trained and supported by the North West Ambulance Service to attend certain 999 calls. We can provide immediate, basic life support until an ambulance arrives. From May to July we received 11 call outs from all areas of the village. We also cover the Nethertown and Egremont areas.

If anyone would like to learn more about what we do, possibly with the aim of becoming a first responder, please phone Phil Buxton on 07540738943 or 01946 821176.

We would be very grateful if you will take a few minutes in answering the following 5 question areas to help us update the St Bees Parish Plan and ensure we address the issues that are important to you.

Please detach and return the questionnaire to the village library, St Bees Village School or 31 Main Street, St Bees

Q1) What do you think are the three best things about living in St. Bees? (Please circle 3 from the following list):

Beach	Environment	People	Location
Clubs /activities	Schools	Other (please specify) _____	

Q2) Compared with other areas you have lived in or are familiar with, is St. Bees better or worse for:

	Better	About the same	Worse
Community spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking / illegal parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Littering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3) Please indicate how your household use the village in the following areas:

	Use regularly	Use occasionally	Don't use it	Unaware of it
Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local shops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local pubs / restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village clubs / societies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4) Which aspects of the village would you like to see changed? Please indicate your views against each of these topics:

	More of	No Change	Less of
New housing development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic speed restrictions / enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach play park equipment and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter and dog fouling bins and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illegal parking enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Events and celebrations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism and Visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local shops and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5) The Parish Council is supporting a number of community events and village improvement initiatives such as further road safety improvements in known problem areas in the village and improvements to the beach front area and play equipment. We have very limited funds to contribute to these and one option is to increase the Parish Charge in line with the national average to help fund improvements to the village.

Are you in favour of this? Yes No

If you would like to be involved in some of the village events and improvement initiatives, please provide your contact details below:

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

If there are any further comments or improvement suggestions you would like to make please insert them in the box below:

Thank you for your time in completing the questionnaire. We would be very grateful if you could **detach and return this to the Village Library, Village School or 31 Main Street so that we can collate your feedback. The results will help us update the Parish Plan, guide our forward actions and we will summarise your feedback in a future edition of the St Bees News and on the St. Bees website later this year.**