ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH

BRANCEPETH

NEWSLETTER: March 2017

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April Newsletter entries - no later than 20th March
Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Here in the north we are justly proud of Hadrian's Wall. What an amazing piece of history we have, along with all the thousands of ancient artefacts found (and yet to be found.

But what was it *for*? Surely that's obvious: to keep marauding Picts out of the northern end of the Roman Empire. However, this is debated. Many historians think the wall was simply too long and exposed to really work like that, and there is also evidence of thriving trade happening across this boundary: it seems many of its gates were often open, not shut. So, in their textbook on *Ancient Civilizations,* Professors Scarre and Fagan write:

> 'Archaeologists and historians have long debated whether Hadrian's Wall was an effective military barrier… However, it was clearly a powerful symbol of Roman military might. The biographer of Hadrian remarks that the emperor built the wall to separate the Romans from the barbarians. In the same way, the Chinese emperors built the Great Wall to separate China from the barbarous steppe peoples to the north. In both cases, in addition to any military function, the physical barriers served in the eyes of their builders to reinforce the conceptual divide between civilized and noncivilized. They were part of the ideology of empire.' (p. 313)

Walls that reinforce conceptual divides and ideologies of empire have not only a physical reality but a psychological one too, affecting how we feel about ourselves and others, insiders and outsiders. As evidence of the symbolic power of a wall, do you remember how you felt as the Berlin Wall fell in 1989? I do: it was a hopeful, exciting time.

In 1987, President Reagan had said in a speech at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin:

> 'We believe that freedom and security go together, that the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace. There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and eastern Europe ... *open this gate*. Mr. Gorbachev, *tear down this Wall*!'

In 1988 Bruce Springsteen played a free concert in East Berlin to over 300,000 people, declaring, "I'm not here for any government. I've come to play rock'n'roll for you in the hope that one day all the barriers will be

torn down." In 1989, normal citizens did just that, wielding pick-axes and hammers with their own hands to demolish the wall. East Germans flooded across that physical and symbolic barrier, and were met by West Germans bearing flowers and champagne.

I'm musing on this partly because President Reagan's most recent successor wants the opposite: new walls. (I'm just imagining Emperor Hadrian, back in Rome in 120 AD, saying, "We're going to build a wall – and we're gonna make the Picts pay for it.") Does Trump really think his wall will keep Mexicans out, along the 1,989 miles of that border (27 times the length of Hadrian's allegedly ineffective barrier)? I don't know. But even to build it would be symbolic, certainly reinforcing "a conceptual divide".

Now, we all sometimes need walls, boundaries strong enough to keep others out; few of us are idealistic enough to live without using locks on our doors. But walls and locks are not good in themselves; they are necessities in situations where trust is not possible. And our words and actions about the kind of barriers we really need increase or decrease those very levels of trust; walls in their reality and symbolism can increase our divisions. Will more walls make us more or less safe in the long run? The answer isn't clear.

In Christian perspective, Christ is the end of our divisions. Paul wrote to the Ephesians (in chapter 2): 'Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both Jew and Gentile one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us ... that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross.' Hadrian's Wall stopped at Wallsend; Christians believe all dividing walls end in Christ. And while most places in the world may be a very long way from no longer needing any barriers at all, it's surely worth thinking carefully about any new walls we might want to put up, and what their effects may be.

Best wishes, as ever,

Rick

(Acknowledgment: I'm indebted to a colleague from Newcastle, Rev Anthony O'Grady, whose reflections on walls got me thinking about all of this.)

Readings and Services in Mar. 2017

Wed. 1st Mar. Ash Wed.		Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – 7.30 pm	
Readings:	First:	Deborah Hodge	Joel 2. 1-2, 12-17
	Gospel:	Alison Moore	Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21

5th Mar. Lent 1		Parish Eucharist - 10.15	
Readings:	First:	Rachel Lunney	Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7
	Second:	Bianca Allen	Romans 5. 12-19
	Gospel:		Matthew 4. 1-11
		Sally Scott Biggs	Intercessions

12th March	Lent 2	Parish Eucharist - 10.15	
Readings:	First:	Gillian Smellie	Genesis 12: 1-4a
	Second:	James Morgan	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
	Gospel:		John 3: 1-17
		David Eltringham (tbc)	Intercessions

19th March	Lent 3	Parish Eucharist with Bishop Mark, including Confirmation and Licensing of Rev Alison Hobbs as Assistant Minister - 10.15	
Readings:	First:	Edward Staines	Exodus 17. 1-7
	Second:	Jayne Cook	Romans 5. 1-11
	Gospel:		John 4. 5-42
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions

26th March	Mothering Sunday All Age Parish Eucharist - 10.15		
Readings:	First:	Ulrike Friebel	Exodus 2. 1-10
	Second:	none	
	Gospel:		John 19. 25b-27
		Sunday School	Intercessions

2nd April	Lent 5	Parish Eucharist with Baptism - 10.15	
Readings:	First:	Evelyn Aitken	Romans 8. 6-11
	Second:	none	
	Gospel:		John 11. 1-45

	Sidespersons	**Servers**
Mar 5th	David Eltringham & Joan Nesbitt	Martin
Mar 12th	Fiona Eltringham & Stewart Allen	Tom
Mar 19th	Pat Sharples & Jean Merrington	Jonathan
Mar 26th	Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott	Martin
Apr 2nd	Sally & Robert Scott Biggs	Tom

	Flowers	**Coffee**
Mar 5th	Lent	Norma Taylor
Mar 12th	Lent	Sue Morgan
Mar 19th	Lent	Iris Waggott
Mar 26th	Mothering Sunday	Jeanette Metcalfe
Apr 2nd	Lent	Alison Moore

Church Cleaning

March: ***Bill Currie,*** Anne Elliot, Denise Jackson, Martin Peacock.

April: ***Sue Morgan***, Bonny Bainbridge, Fiona Eltringham, Deborah Hodge & Alison Moore.

Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate prayer, a visit, or perhaps to receive communion at home
Please tell Deborah Hodge, Authorised Pastoral Assistant, and she will get in touch. 01388 745455

Lent Meditation Course

During Lent we will be running a course on contemplative prayer – that is, prayer using only a few words, and plenty of silence.

We are being joined by the Vicar of Lanchester, Rev Rupert Kalus, who is going to be leading a "Meditation as Mission" course, taking us through a range of approaches to contemplative prayer, with us trying a different style of prayer in each session.

The course takes place at 2.00 pm on the Mondays during Lent, that is:

March 6, 13, 29, 27 March and April 3 (and possibly April 10 also, if punters opt for a sixth session).

If you are interested in attending – whether you come to church regularly or not, pray regularly or not: everyone is welcome – then do make a note of the dates. This will take place in the Neville Chapel at church.

If you know you want to come, do let me know (an idea of numbers really helps), but you are entirely welcome simply to turn up on the day.

Rick Simpson

Sunday March 5th

3-5pm

IN CHURCH.

The Sower and the Seed

All ages welcome
We love to see new faces & guarantee you a warm and friendly welcome …. & tons of fun!
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

http://www.messychurch.org.uk/church/st-brandons-messy-church

Sunday mornings

10.15am

St. Brandon's Church

During Eucharist Service

School Term time in March (check dates with leaders)

Suitable for school age children

Bible stories, crafts, games

Leaders fully DBS checked.

Opportunity for children to worship informally with or without their grown ups, then re-join for the end of the Eucharist service.

Wriggly church area in Neville Chapel available for pre-schoolers to enjoy with their grown-ups.

Speaker relay to overhear Eucharist Service.

Mothering Sunday *March 26*

Thanks to the generosity of Brancepeth folk, it has now become a tradition, on Mothering Sunday, that we give gifts of good quality toiletries to the women in Durham Women's Refuge. As we do this, we give thanks for our own mothers and remember those women for whom life is difficult at the moment. I do hope we can carry on the tradition this year. If you won't be in church that day but would like to donate a gift, I would be happy to pick it up from you.

Thank you in advance for helping these often forgotten women.

Fiona Eltringham 01388 746058

Brancepeth Youth Club
February – April 2017

Sunday club nights are from 6.00 – 8.00pm.

All young people in the Village (and beyond, and their friends) are warmly welcome. The age range is from 11 to 17 years inclusive.

Sunday	12 March	Normal club night
Sunday	26 March	Normal club night
Sunday	9 April	Normal club night

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674

Martin Peacock 07503242074

Rick Simpson, Rachel Lunney, Sam Wilkes, Jonny Dobson, Tom and Alison Hobbs will also be helping to lead.

Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary March 2017

You are invited to use this diary and share in the prayers offered daily in church.

1 **Ash Wednesday**

2 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages

3 For the DH7 Lent course 'Receiving Christ' starting today

4 For **'***Talking Jesus*' – the Jazz Night here and other events happening all around the Diocese over this weekend

5 Lent 1

6 For the Meditation course starting today

7 For the Choir preparing Easter music

8 For the Wednesday village coffee morning

9 All who live in Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field

10 For Scripton, Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks area

11 For the Oakenshaw Road area, Village South, Castle and Lodge

12 Lent 2

13 For Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood

14 For the monthly home eucharist service

15 Goodwell Lea

16 The Rectory and all the homes around the Village Hall

17 **St Patrick's day -** for Ireland, for its peace and unity

18 For planning for the Circle of Remembrance, a place for ashes of the departed

19 Lent 3

20 **St Cuthbert –** give thanks for his lasting legacy, spiritual and cultural, to the North East

21 Whitworth Lane, Black House
22 **Thomas Cranmer** – for all involved in training Christian ministers
23 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon area
24 Durham Rd and the Forge
25 **Annunciation –** that, like Mary, we will be open to hear what God is calling us into

26 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

27 For our families, near and far - those we love and those we find it difficult to love
28 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
29 Golf Club, Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy
30 Brancepeth Community Association AGM
31 **John Donne –** give thanks for poets and the way they can open deep truths through few words

Lent

Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf,
Barer than blackthorn in its winter sleep,
All unadorned. Unlike Christmas which decrees
The setting- up, the dressing-up of trees,
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,
A starkness after all has been withdrawn
Of surplus and superfluous,
Leaving no hiding-place, only an emptiness
Between black branches, a most precious space
Before the leaf, before the time of flowers;
Lest we should see only the leaf, the flower,
Lest we should miss the stars.
(Jean M Watt)

DH7 LENT COURSE: 'RECEIVING CHRIST'

Brancepeth Village Hall

The local churches in the DH7 postcode area will be running a five week Lent Course in the committee room at the Village Hall starting on 10th March between 2 – 4pm.

The course is entitled "Receiving Christ' and is written by York Courses.

Each session will be led by a different person with time for questions and discussion followed by tea, coffee and cakes.

We promise a warm and friendly welcome – why not come and give it a try!

For more details contact Deborah Hodge 01388 745455 or Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862

If you would welcome a short time of Christian worship with friends and neighbours, we would love to see you.

You are invited to join us for a small and friendly home Eucharist service at

5 Russell Close

Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 16th May at 11:00am

30th Year Anniversary Progressive Supper

Saturday, 20th May

This year, 2017, is the 30th anniversary year for Brancepeth Village's Progressive Supper evening – so we would like to make it extra special this year to celebrate such a long running, traditional and fun event!

If you are new to the village or have lived here for a long time, and not attended many village activities before, this is a great evening in which to participate. You meet for different dinner courses with different groups of people throughout the evening and agree to host one of the courses (you get to know the week before which 'course' you're hosting, and for how many guests) – it really is a lot of fun!

The evening begins at the village hall for drinks and canapes where you will be given your first envelope informing you of where to go for your first course then you 'progress' to different houses for main course and pudding, meeting with different guests along the way, (individually addressed envelopes are given to you at each course telling you where to go for your next course) and finally, everyone meets up again at either the village hall or a house for cheese, port and coffee. You don't have to be cordon bleu cooks to participate (M&S,et el., do great food!)

It would be lovely to see both old and new faces. If you live on your own, and/or if you feel you can't 'host' a course this year we can join you with others so that everyone feels welcome. If you're a 'newbie' to this we try and arrange for you to host either a 'starter' or a 'pudding' course – or join with others who like cooking - so it's not too scary at all!

Please complete the attached form and return it ASAP – or email the information to jdalton2103@gmail.com ***- but no later than Thursday 4th May.*** *It takes us approximately one week to complete*

the planning and logistics for the evening and we will inform you of which 'course' you're catering no later than Saturday 13th May 2017

Please complete this form ASAP or no later than Thursday 4th May (or email the information to: jdalton2013@gmail.com)

Name:
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Address:……
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Tel No:
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Email address:…….

I/We could drive guests to their starter venue
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I/We could cater for 6 people – including ourselves……

I/We could cater for 8 people – including ourselves
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I/We would like to participate but cannot host……..

Do you have any dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian or a food allergy?

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Please return your form, together with cash or a cheque for £5 each, payable to 'Brancepeth Community Association') to:

Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge or **Jo Dalton**, 1 Rectory Cottage (or email jdalton2103@gmail.com – you can pay by cash or cheque at

VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms and weddings

We published the banns of marriage for Joshua John Hart of the parish of St. Nicholas, Durham, and Susannah Mary Ambrose, of the parish of St. Luke, Ushaw Moor, marrying at St. Brandon's on on 17th April 2017 by qualifying connection.

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

All are very welcome – plus family & friends, any age!

March	1st	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Curry
March	8th	Deborah & Bob Chapman
March	15th	Janiece Spence & Sheena Murray
March	22nd	Jean & Jim Merrington
March	29th	Stuart Allen & Vivienne Lowe
April	5th	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
April	12th	Linda Larnach & Sheena Murray
April	19th	Joan Taylor & Pat Allatt
April	26th	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Curry
May	3rd	Janiece Spence & Joan Taylor

If your turn is unsuitable please swap with someone else. Josie Armstrong, or Pat Allatt may be able to help. Please let your partner know: -

Pat Allatt 3780454
Stewart Allen 3780871
Evelyn Aitken 3789908
Josie Armstrong 01388 748902
Deborah Chapman 3781409
Bill Currie 3783414
Christine Jones 3789297

Linda Larnach 375 7554.
Rob Waggott 3783592
Vivienne Lowe 3780974
Jean Merrington 3780952
Sheena Murray 378 1097
Janiece Spence 4356357
Joan Taylor 3783630

Jazz Night with the Steve Taylor Band
Saturday 4th March

St Brandon's Church
7.30 pm

This occasion will be similar to previous Steve Taylor Band nights, except that this is being planned in conjunction with the visit of twenty Church of England Bishops to the Diocese of Durham.

We will be joined for the evening by the Rt Rev Chris Edmondson, who recently retired from being the Bishop of Bolton in Manchester Diocese. Chris is a musician, who will speak briefly during the interval about connections between music and faith.

Please note:

Food: we will not be serving a full supper on this occasion; there will be some light finger food provided, but please do not expect a full meal.

Drink: complimentary first glass of wine or soft drink + modestly priced bar in church on the night.

Tickets – SOLD OUT

BCA Cinema Club

"DAD'S ARMY"

Bill Nighy **Catherine Zeta-Jones** **Toby Jones** **Tom Courtenay**

Bill Patterson **Blake Harrison** **Daniel Mays** **Michael Gambon**

Friday, April 7th at 7.30pm

in the village hall.

The Cinema Club is open to all BCA members on payment of a small annual fee of £3 per adult/£1 per child (5-16). Fees can be paid with BCA and/or Garden Club subscription or at any film showing with proof of BCA membership.

The Cinema Club, and all other activities within the Community Association, relies on volunteers. If you can help and would like to volunteer please contact one of the BCA members listed in the newsletter. Thank you.

GARDEN CLUB

Future events.

Wed. 19 April Spring Show - a new class for children - egg painting - will be added. Also the **AGM** will be on Wed. 19 April 7.30 - following the show and prize-giving. Refreshments and nibbles available after the AGM. Monitors will have schedules available from next month and you will be able to print your own from the BCA web site: - Village Groups – Garden Club page of the website www.brancepethcommunuityassociation.btck.co.uk/

Friday 19 May Plant exchange and sale, village hall, 7.30. Please let a monitor know if there are any specific plants you are looking for. Net proceeds will go to St Cuthbert's Hospice.

Walkabout – Foxes Row. Fri. 9th June 2017.

Annual Show - Sat. 9th September.

Brancepeth Allotment Association

We wish to inform you that at our AGM it was decided to change our name to '***Brancepeth Leisure and Allotment Gardeners Club'***.

This is to reflect our capacity to offer membership (for £2) to individuals cultivating private plots on the site, individuals who wish to help maintain the site and individuals on the waiting list for an allotment.

John Morgan (Chair)

FLOWER GUILD AGM

Thursday 2nd March (change of date)

2.00pm at the Golf Club

Nominations for officers of the committee to Lynne Hastie please. New members welcome.

Brancepeth Book Club

On Friday March 10th the book club will meet at Vivien Davies's home, Station House at the usual time 7.30 p.m. The book for discussion is The Man who forgot his wife by John O'Farrell. Everyone welcome.

Hope to see you there,

Val Gibbons

Brancepeth in the past

The following article has been provided by Peter Storey on behalf of the Brancepeth Archives Group. This occasional series offers insights into life in the village from a variety of historical sources and may even provide you with background information about your own home!

McLaren (vice-chairman), R. Freeman, T. Scott & the clerk (Mr J. D. Hodgkinson). The Chairman in reporting on the work of the Brancepeth War Savings Association said the sum of £570. 8s 0d had been collected, and 736 certificates (15/6) purchased. The Council considered that this was most satisfactory and a creditable result considering the smallness and character of the area in which the Association was working. The National Service Recruitment Campaign was considered, and the accounts for the year were examined and ordered to be paid.

One hundred and fifty years ago; Extract from the Brancepeth Castle estate accounts, 1867:-

John Nesbitt	Whitewashing & plaster repairs at castle	£28. 11s. 2d
John Foster	Mason's work, alterations at castle	£48. 10s. 3d
John Foster	Mason's work at castle	£209. 8s. 7d
Jonathon Hopper	Stones from Langley quarry	£11. 15s. 9d
Sanderson	New bridge in pleasure grounds	£28. 14s. 0d
John Forster	Mason's work in gardens	£174. 14s.1d
Thomas Thwaites	Winch & steam boiler for castle kitchen	£108. 14s. 1d
Weeks & Co.	Heating apparatus in gardens	£500. 0s. 0d
	Carriage on above	£5. 2s. 0d
	Donation to Brancepeth Cricket Club	£3. 0s. 0d
	Castle clock weights installed	
	Mason work on Durham road new cottages	£100. 0s. 0d
	To Fire engine for castle	£35. 15s. 6d
James Webster	Balustrades for bridge in garden	£3. 7s. 6d
	Total cost of new Carriage road	£233. 6s.0d
Jeremiah Robson	Joiner for work at castle as per Mr Salvin	"125. 10s. 9d
Richard Taylor	Bridge below nursery	£31. 0s. 0.

Brancepeth in the Past

One hundred years ago; 23rd March 1917. Extract from the Durham County Advertiser:-

Brancepeth Parish Council.

A meeting of the Brancepeth Parish Council was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. The meeting was also the Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting. There were present The Rev. F. W. Glyn (Chairman), Messrs H. P.

“ST BRANDON 1500”

In September Brancepeth Archives and History Group is staging an exciting weekend of activities to commemorate the" Voyage of Saint Brandon", around 1500 years ago, which ended up in America!

Find out why our parish church is dedicated to Saint Brandon, who he was and how it is the only church in the country to carry his name, using the ancient spelling.

Hear about the activities in an illustrated talk, learn about the historic flower festival, the lecture by a world famous explorer who replicated the voyage and the Exhibition on the village history through the eyes of Yeoman resident of yesteryear.

--- and how you can volunteer to help make this a truly community event! So come along and hear all about it. It’s for everyone, not just Archives members.

WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL

BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL

7.30 p.m.

DO YOU ENJOY A GAME OF SNOOKER?

You don’t need to be a Hurricane Higgins or a Steve Davis

Brancepeth Snooker Club is looking for 2-3 new members. They meet in the Village Hall on Monday evenings 7.00 – 10.30 p.m. Cost is £3.00 per evening, and you would need to be a member of, or join, the Brancepeth Community Association. Bring your own cue.

For more information, ring David Linton on 01325 321 528 or Vivienne Lowe 378 0974

Brancepeth Community Association (BCA)

NOTICE of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30th March 2017, **7.30pm** Village Hall

To receive the Chair's report of the year. To receive the annual financial accounts. To elect officers of Brancepeth Community Association. (Nominations will be taken up to the start of the meeting for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of Social Committee.) Any resolutions must be with the Secretary one week beforehand

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BCA - Save the date:

further information in next month's newsletter:

Quiz Night – Friday 28th April – tickets on sale next month

Table Top Sale – Saturday 6th May – tables available £10 each – contact Jdalton2103@gmail.com to reserve one

COFFEE MORNING VISIT BY POLICE COMMISSIONER.

RON HOGG, DURHAM'S POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER, WILL BE AT WEDNESDAY COFFEE IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON 22ND MARCH. HE WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Finances

The provisional expenditure accounts for 2016 are posted on the Parish Council notice board outside the village hall.

County and Parish Elections – 4 May 2017

Nominations are invited for election of Parish Councillors of Brancepeth Parish Council. Nominations to be submitted to the Returning Officer, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, by 4pm on 15 April. Please note that a nomination is not valid unless the candidate's consent to nomination has been given on or within one month of the last day for delivery of the nomination papers. The Returning Officer's formal notice about elections will be posted on the Parish Council notice board outside the village hall.

BRANCEPETH CASTLE GOLF CLUB

We would like to invite you to the following events at the Golf Club.

March 11th	Quiz night
March 17th	Ladies coffee morning
April 8th	Quiz night

For more information on these events please contact the Golf Club or Linda Larnach on 07711087506

Brancepeth Community Association Members as at 12.02.2017

Abel Mrs. P.
Aitken Mr. & Mrs.
Allen Mr. & Mrs.
Anson Mr. & Mrs.
Armstrong Mr & Mrs.
Balshen Mr. & Mrs.
Bonsall Mr. & Mrs.
Bradley Mr. & Mrs.
Bransden Prof.
Cargill Mr. & Mrs.s
Chapman Mr. & Mrs
Coffield Prof & Mrs.
Cotton Mr.s J.
Currie Mr. & Mrs.
Dalton family
Davies Mr. & Mrs. L.
Dobson family
Edmundson/Gardiner
Ellis/Ashton family
Eltringham Mr&Rev.
Fenwick Mr.& Mrs.
Field Mrs. and C.
Fyfe family
Gardarsson Mr.&Mrs.
Gazzard Mr. M.
Graham Mrs. J.
GriffithsMr. & Mrs. B
Griffiths Mr. T.
Hall family
Hardern family
Harrison Mr. & Mrs.
Hastie Mr. & Mrs.
Henderson Mr & Mrs.
Hepple/Stoddart family
Hodge Mr. & Mrs.
Hodgson Mr. & Mrs.
Iley Mr. & Mrs.
Jackson Major & Mrs.
Herd Dr. & Dr.
Higton family
Howell/Phillipson
Hughes Mr. & Mrs.
Hutton Mrs. M.
Jackson D. family
Jackson Mr. R.
Jennings Mrs. G.
Johnson Mrs. A.
Jones Mr. &Mrs.
Keithley family
Al Khalidi family
Kyles Mrs. I
Lamb Mr. & Mrs.
Landells Ms. S.
Londsdale Mr. & Mrs.
Longstaffe Mrs.A.
Longstaffe Mr. J.
Lowe Mr. & Mrs.
Marr Mrs. J.
Merrington Mr.&Mrs.
Metcalfe Mrs. J.
Mitford familu
Molloy Mrs. J.
Monument Mr.& Mrs.
Morgan Mr.&Mrs. D.
Morgan Mr.&Mrs.Ja.
Morgan Mr &Mrs.Jo.
Moss Mrs. H.
Murray Mr. & Mrs.
Nelson Mr. & Mrs. C.
O'Reilly Mrs. A.
Oliver Mrs. M.
Pallister Dr. & Mrs
Pickles Mr. & Mrs.
Portlock Mr. & Mrs.
Riddick family
Rowlands Dr. & Mrs.
Ryder Mr. & Mrs.
Ruskin Mr. & Mrs.
Scorer Mr. & Mrs.
Seed Mr. & Mrs.
Shachat family
Simpson/Lunney
Skinner Mr. & Mrs.
Smith Mr. & Mrs. P.
Smith family
Spence Mr. & Mrs.
Staines Dr. & Mrs.
Stephenson family
Stewart Mrs. M.
Storey Mr. P.
Taylor Mrs.
Taylor Mrs. J.
Dr. Thomas family
Thomas family
Waggott Mr. & Mrs.
Waiting family
Wass Mr. & Mrs.
Wheatley Mr. & Mrs.
Wills family
Winterburn/Cotton

SECTIONS

Snooker

Linton Mr. D.
Coulthard Mr. D.
Harding Mr. J.
Woolett Mr. D.

Garden Club

Tymms Mr. & Mrs
Dumbleton Mr.&Mrs.
Larnach Mrs. L.
Burke Mrs. K.
King Dr. I

Badminton Club

Vipond Mrs. J.
Metcalfe family

Archives

Rae Mrs. I
Jones Mr. D.
Southern Mrs. C.
Hollingsworth Mrs

Dates for the Diary:-

March	6th 13th 20th 27th	Monday	Snooker Club
March	6th 13th 20th 27th	Monday	Yoga
March	7th 21st	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
March	tba *Check dates with Jean*	Tuesday	Choir
March	1st 8th 15th 22nd	Wed.	Coffee Morning
March	1st 8th 15th 22nd	Wed	Art Class
March	2nd 9th 16th 23rd	Thursday	Badminton
March	12th 26th	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

March	2nd	Thursday Flower Guild AGM – Golf Club
March	4th	Saturday Jazz Night - St Brandon's Church
March	6th	Mondays in Lent – Meditation Course – St Brandon's Church
March	10th	Fridays in Lent – DH7 Lent Course – Village Hall
March	10th	Friday Book Club - Station House
March	30th	Thursday Brancepeth Community Association AGM – Village Hall
April	19th	Wed Garden Club Spring Show & AGM –Village Hall
April	28th	Friday Quiz night – Village Hall
May	4th	Thursday County & Parish Elections
May	6th	Saturday Table Top Sale – Village Hall
May	19th	Friday Garden Club, plant exchange & sale – Village Hall
May	20th	Saturday Progressive Supper 30th Anniversary
June	9th	Friday Garden Walkabout
Sept	9th	Saturday Annual Show – Village Hall

Village Hall: *please contact Geraldine Jennings –*
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April Newsletter entries no later than March 20th
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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

George Gibbons	*Chairman*	Phil Davison	*Building coordinator*
John Morgan	*Vice chairman*	Alison Hobbs	*Church*
Peter Aitken	*Secretary*	Geraldine Jennings	*Bookings*
Margot Harrison	*Treasurer*	Vivienne Lowe	Subscription
Jo Dalton	*Social Events*	Rosemary Monument	*Choir*
James Dalton	*IT*	Joan Taylor	*Wednesday Coffee*

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	George Gibbons, 3 The Forge (3784200)
Secretary	Peter Aitken, The Copse, Foxes Row (3789908)
Treasurer	Margot Harrison, Downsgarth (3784813)
Membership	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
Hall Bookings	Geraldine Jennings, 5 Goodwell Lea (3781583)
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
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	Val Gibbons (3784200)
Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Club	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	Joan Taylor (3783630)
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674)

Parish Council

Chairman	Michael Lowe (3780974
	Jessie Brown (3782748)
	Peter Aitken (3789908)
	Christine Jones (3789297)
	Philip Pickles (07785998431)
	David Thomas (3784465)
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	Lynne Rowland 07800516127
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