

ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH
BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: September 2017

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October Newsletter entries - no later than September 20th
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Dear Friends,

Two years ago, in September 2015, Rachel and I visited some of my family members in the US. While in the state of Virginia, we had a free evening before flying on to Boston the next day. So we found our way to the rather grandly-named Southern Cafe and Music Hall, where a band called The Suffers were playing.

They were a brilliant ten-piece soul-funk outfit: absolutely tight, totally together, with a fantastic brass section and an awesome female vocalist. She is African-American, the brass section are all Caucasian, while the other band members are from a wide range of backgrounds. But why would I even mention that? Well, only because I hadn't yet said where we were in Virginia. It was Charlottesville – a city I've come to know quite well, as my father lived there for the last twenty years of his life – and that happy evening in his adopted home town feels rather poignant to me now.

The Southern Cafe is on First Avenue South, just off Market Street, in the very heart of the historic downtown area. It's a great place for a coffee and a browse, full of bars, bookstores and boutique shops. It's fun. Take a right at the junction of First Avenue with Market Street, walk three short blocks, turn right, and in a couple of minutes you're on Fourth Street. And Fourth Street is the place where, a couple of days ago (as I write this), an anti-fascist protestor called Heather Heyer was killed and nineteen others injured. They were demonstrating against white supremacists and neo-Nazis, when a twenty year old from Ohio called James Alex Fields Jr drove his car (a Dodge Charger – an unfortunate coincidence of name) into them.

This was the worst moment of a terrible weekend, as the "Unite the Right" movement, gathering there from all over America, marched through Charlottesville's streets and the University of Virginia (known as "UVA"). Many of their number wore swastikas and chanted unambiguously racist and anti-Semitic slogans; many carried weapons – clubs, shields, guns. (It's almost surprising that it was ultimately a *car* that became a lethal weapon here, not an assault rifle.) They were opposed by Charlottesville residents and UVA students who felt compelled to demonstrate, literally, that white supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies were not welcome in their city. Imagine that a group of the English Defence League and BNP decided to march through Palace Green, University College, and down Sadler Street in Durham, armed and shouting violent, racist slogans, and I think we'd have a reasonable parallel for how this must have felt (except that there would be fewer Jews and black people here to feel directly hated and threatened). It is hardly surprising that it became violent; Unite the Right certainly went prepared, and were about as provocative as possible.

This is simply not the Charlottesville I've known for half my life now. It's a mellow city, with a warm blend of northern US savviness and southern US charm – in normal times. It's the kind of place where you do go to a bar where people of all

backgrounds, colours and creeds mix perfectly comfortably, to see a mixed-race band play – in normal times. Virginia is a swing state, oscillating between Republican and Democrat, and not a place of political extremes – in normal times.

So how did this happen?

Back in November those most troubled by the election of Donald Trump foresaw a real threat to civilised political and social life; others thought such worries were exaggerated. Well, this week it seemed OK to a large group of people to carry semi-automatic rifles through the usually peaceful and racially harmonious streets of Charlottesville, while shouting racist abuse and wearing Nazi insignia. Jewish and black people were appropriately afraid; citizens who thought it was right to have opposed Hitler in the '40s and to have de-segregated America in the '60s were disgusted.

No serious commentator doubts that the extreme right have been encouraged by Trump's ascendancy. Now, of course, not everyone who voted for Trump is a racist; but pretty much everyone who is a racist voted for Trump, as he courted the votes of the disaffected far right shamelessly. His encouragement then and now of extremists has emboldened them; the genie is out of the bottle, and clearly Trump can't or won't put it back in. As I write, he is increasingly acting as the defender of the Unite the Right marchers, and being praised by the Ku Klux Klan for doing so. Go, Donald: I hope you're proud.

But, sadly, this matters. Three thousand years ago a Jewish prophet called Hosea predicted the collapse of his nation because of moral decisions they had taken. He gave us a proverb about this that has entered common parlance: "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

They who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind. Let's pray that the whirlwind will not carry away too many others, like Heather Heyer, before the country that likes to see itself as the leader of the free world recovers its balance. Until that time, all who see our countries as genuinely free are diminished and weakened. Civility and civilisation can never be taken for granted, in my humble opinion.

And when I'm next in Charlottesville, I'm definitely going to check out who's playing at the Southern Cafe and Music Hall.

Thanks for reading. With prayers for peace, and my best wishes as ever,

Rick

St. Brandon's September 2017 – services and readings

September 3rd – *Trinity 12* **Parish Eucharist 10.15**

Readings: First: Steve Hodgson Jeremiah 15. 15-21
Second: Alison Moore Romans 12. 9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16. 21-28
Deborah Hodge Intercessions

Sept. 10th – *Trinity 13* **Parish Eucharist 10.15**

Readings: First: Deborah Hodge Ezekiel 33. 7-11
Second: Bianca Allen Romans 13. 8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18. 15-20
Geoff Moore Intercessions

Sept. 17th – *Trinity 14* ***N.B. - no 10.15 service today***

7.00 p.m.: St Brandon 1500:

**Service to Celebrate the Voyage of St. Brandon,
with Bishop Paul**

Readings: TBA

Sept. 24th – *Trinity 15* **Parish Eucharist 10.15 with baptism (Fort)**

Readings: First: Edward Staines Jonah 3. 10 – 4.11
Gospel: Matthew 20. 1-16
Alison Moore Intercessions

Oct. 1st – *Trinity 16* **Parish Eucharist 10.15**

Readings: First: Gillian Smellie Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-32
Second: Sue Morgan Philippians 2. 1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21. 23-32
Hester Higton Intercessions

Sidespersons

Servers

Sept 3 rd	Hester Higton & Bianca Allen	Jonny
Sept 10 th	Myrleen Stewart & Bonny Bainbridge	Tom Higton
Sept 17 th	Fiona Eltringham & Geoff Knott	Tom Hobbs
Sept 24 th	Sue Morgan & Stewart Allen	Bridget
Oct 1 st	Ann & John Roberts	Jonny

Flowers

Coffee

Sept 3 rd	Wedding	Iris Waggott
Sept 10 th	Lynn Hastie	Jeanette Metcalfe
Sept 17 th	Flower Festival	Special Service
Sept 24 th	Jean Hodgson	Alison Moore
Oct 1 st	Hillary Moss	Evelyn Aitken

Church Cleaning

September: *Evelyn Aitken*, Carolyn Knott, Jean Merrington,
Myrleen Stewart, Iris & Bob Waggott.

October: *Carol Beeby*, Jenny Marr, Jean Robinson.
Sarah Nicholson, Norma Taylor.

Grass Cutting

20 th Aug – 2 nd Sept	James Dalton / Phil Davison
3 rd – 16 th Sept.	James Morgan / Rick Simpson
17 th – 30 th Sept	Richard Hobbs / Tom Hobbs
1 st – 15 th Oct	Simon Elliott / David Jackson

**St Brandon 1500 – Evening Service on Sunday 17th
September, 7.00 pm**

*Please come to our special service to celebrate
the 1500th anniversary of St Brandon's voyage.*

On Sunday 17th September we are having a special service to mark the 1500th anniversary of St Brandon's voyage.

As you will know, the Archive Group are hosting a full weekend of activities in the church and Village Hall over the whole weekend to celebrate this anniversary. To enable the flower displays in church to be available all weekend, the PCC happily agreed to not hold our normal morning eucharist, but to instead have a special service (without communion, on this occasion) in the evening, rounding off the 1500 celebrations.

We are delighted that the Bishop of Durham, Paul, will be with us for this event, and that the choir will be singing too. We warmly invite all to join us there – do come.

Rick Simpson, Priest-in-Charge

VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms and weddings

25th June 2017, the baptism of Joshua John Richard Lavelle, son of David Lavelle and Jemma Elizabeth Tolley

1st July 2017, the marriage of Jonathan Michael Galloway and Charlotte Megan Smith.

9th July 2017, the baptism of Frankie Bedford, son of Daniel Bedford and Catherine Louise Davison.

8th August 2017, the marriage of Michael Lowes and Vicky Saville.

13th August 2017, the baptism of Grace Viola Pickles, daughter of Charles William Pickles and Samantha Joane Pickles.

20th August 2017, the baptism of Esme Grace Swansbury, daughter of Carl David Swansbury and Wendy Anne Swansbury

We published the banns of marriage for Thomas Richard Hobbs and Ulrike Caroline Friebe.

Circle of Remembrance St Brandon's Churchyard

The churchyard of St Brandon's is an important place to many of those who live in the Parish or who have a connection to Brancepeth, particularly to those who visit to pay their respects to their loved ones at rest there. It is a serene, calm and peaceful space to contemplate and reflect on life, and to remember friends and relatives no longer with us.

As a church, we want to provide a place in the churchyard for ashes to be interred for all parishioners and church members, and those with a connection to the parish. With the churchyard's existing facilities nearly having reached capacity, we have developed plans to construct a Circle of Remembrance beyond the East Window of the church.

Following a lengthy period of discussion and consultation, we have now received all of the approvals and permissions required to proceed with this project. Beyond the East Window, below the ash tree, there will be three elegant stone arcs, outlining a grassy space in which ashes can be interred. We hope that the Circle will be available for use from early 2018.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors, we are well on the way to funding this project. However, we are looking to raise the final £10,000 to cover the balance of the costs associated with the stonework, carving and installation. If you would like to contribute towards this, please contact Geoff Knott, the church treasurer (details of how to donate are included separately with this newsletter).

For any further information about the project or about burials or interment of ashes, please contact the Rector or either of the Churchwardens.

Rick Simpson, Rector

Hester Higton, Churchwarden

James Morgan, Churchwarden



Graham Foley (1923 – 2017)

Rector of Brancepeth 1960 -1971

Also former Vicar of Leeds, Hon Canon of Durham Cathedral, Queen's Chaplain and Suffragan Bishop of Reading.

Many readers of the newsletter will have personal or shared memories of Bishop Graham Foley who died on July 30th. The following extracts are taken from the eulogy given by his son Mark and an article published in the Yorkshire Post on 3rd August.

'Shortly after he retired, almost 30 years ago now, my father prepared and typed detailed instructions

for his funeral and memorial service. Anyone who knew him would expect no less. "If you require any further assistance, please dial Heaven 1212. I'm sorry I don't know the code"

My father was a bishop – my mother was a saint.

A lot for me, my brother and sisters to live up to.'

Born in Cheshire and educated in Yorkshire he joined the RAF at the outbreak of war. While serving in the Signals Unit he met and married, aged 21yrs+1 day, Florence Redman.

Following a theology degree from Durham and life as a Parish Priest in Blackburn he was, 'head-hunted. He was offered and accepted the job of "Director of Education" for Durham.The then Bishop of Durham almost apologetically explained that he would also be required to look after a small parish, which shouldn't interfere too much with the post to which he was to be appointed. This turned out to be Brancepeth,...picturesque and wonderful – if just a little bit Dibleyesque. Father thrived in his role as Director of Education. However it was Brancepeth and its people which provided us all with memories that will live for ever'. Mark goes on to tell many heart -warming stories about the Foley's years in Brancepeth, his father's subsequent appointments to Leeds and Reading and his lasting fame as an after dinner speaker.

'Upon learning of his appointment as Bishop he turned for advice to his best friend, a friend from University days, for whom he had been best man, Dick Darby, then Bishop of Sherwood. Dick Derby's one bit of advice was - "If it moves bless it". This is advice which father took to heart – he's been merrily blessing anyone and anything that moves ever since. In fact I've heard him on a particularly warm day in the garden referring to the blessed wasps, and on one occasion to a blessed idiot who cut across him in traffic when driving home – a bishop at all times!'

In later life he cared with great devotion and ingenuity for Flo until in April this year they entered a rest home together. He survived her by just under two months. RIP (The full eulogy can be forwarded on request – Sue Morgan)



Sept 10th - Lost Coin and Lost Sheep

3-5pm

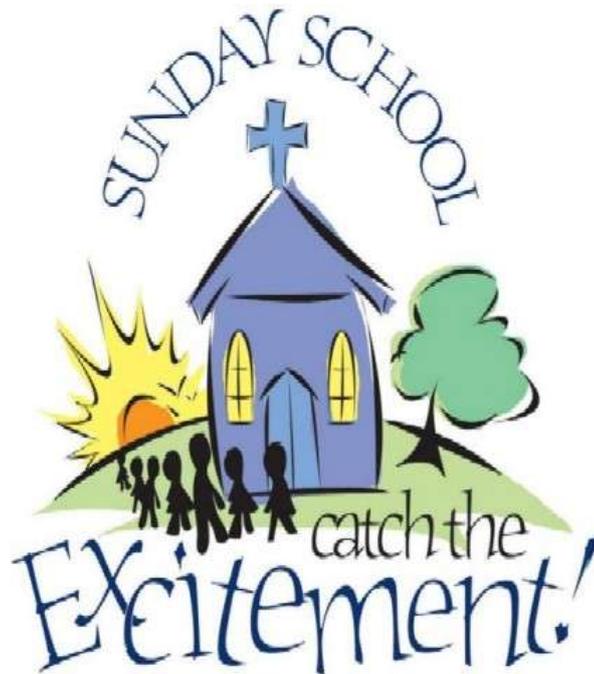
IN CHURCH.

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 September (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.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY - September 2017

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

- 1 For children, young people and leaders in Youth Club and Sunday School
- 2 For our country and leaders with so many major issues confronting us
- 3 **Trinity 12 For Archbishop Justin Welby, for wisdom in his ministry across the world**
- 4 For the new school year, particularly children starting in new classes and schools
- 5 All who live in Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 6 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 7 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 8 Food banks – those who use them, staff them and donate to them
- 9 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 10 **Trinity 13 Messy Church today, for children, families and leaders**
- 11 The Oakenshaw Road area, Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 12 For all who work for peace between countries throughout the world
- 13 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 14 **Holy Cross Day:** give thanks that through the cross, God aligns himself with injustice and powerlessness
- 15 Village Festival Weekend: celebrating 1500 years since St Brandon's epic voyage
- 16 For visitors to the 'Son et Fleur' festival, that the sense of God's presence in the church will touch them
- 17 **Trinity 16 Special celebration service with the Bishop of Duham**
- 18 Sipton, Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks area
- 19 For our families: birth families, adopted families, those who are like family for us
- 20 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 21 **St Matthew:** give thanks for the insights about Jesus in Matthew's gospel
- 22 For all the couples married here this year
- 23 For those who are grieving for loved relatives or friends who are lost through dementia
- 24 **Trinity 15 For those baptised in church this year: the children, their families and friends**
- 25 For all suffering domestic abuse of whatever kind, and all who work to help
- 26 Goodwell Lea
- 27 For the ongoing inequalities in our country, for the political and social will to address them
- 28 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
- 29 **St Michael and All Angels:** for all of us to be open to hearing God's messages to us
- 30 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm, Brawns Den

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 - 11.45

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

Sept	6 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
Sept	13 th	Vivienne Lowe & Joan Taylor
Sept	20 th	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Sept	27 th	Linda Larnach & Sheena Murray
Oct	4 th	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Oct	11 th	Deborah & Bob Chapman
Oct	18 th	Pat Allatt & Joan Taylor
Oct	25 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
Nov	1 st	Janiece Spence & Vivienne Lowe

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

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 19th Sept 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 10th Oct 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7th Nov 2017 at 11:00am



ST. BRANDON 1500 (organised by the village Archives Group) DRAWS NEAR

SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER – ST BRANDON EVENT S IN THE VILLAGE

The “Son et Fleur” Flower Festival with music will be taking place in the church. Displays will be accompanied by extracts from the music “Voyage of St Brandon” composed by Shaun Davey and the choir will be singing at various times as well. An Exhibition in the Village Hall will offer visitors an opportunity to travel through nearly 1500 years of St. Brandon’s history, its people and life in the village and to see a film incorporating scenes of the fire itself, the rebuilding of the church and some of the discoveries. Both will be open from 10 – 4 each day and tickets (£5.00 secures admission to both venues) purchased on the Saturday will be valid for the Sunday as well. Teas will be available in the Village Hall.

On the Sunday evening the Church will be holding a special service, attended by the Bishop of Durham, and all are invited to come along.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

If you are willing to help to make this a really successful village event, there are lots of tasks we need help with. –Acting as a steward in the church and village hall, taking entrance money, baking cakes etc. for the Teas, helping to serve and clear the teas, setting out and clearing chairs etc. etc. If you helped with the World War One event and enjoyed it, why not take part in this one as well.

Any offers – please ring Vivienne Lowe 3780974 or Ruth Pickles 3783487.

AND DO PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS AS WELL
–THANK YOU.

STOP PRESS: TICKETS FOR THE PREVIEW PARTY AND THE TIM SEVERIN TALK ARE NOW SOLD OUT.

GARDEN CLUB

Future events.

Saturday 9 September. Annual Show. Schedules are now available from Monitors, and on the shelf in the village hall next to the kitchen serving hatch. The schedule is also on the BCA website.

<http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/GardenClubAnnualShow2017>

Friday 29 September, 5.30pm visit to Halls of Heddon, West Heddon Nursery Centre, Heddon on the Wall, N'land. NE15 0JS. Visit to include their field of Dahlias. Leave from Castle gates 4.30pm. Anyone requiring a lift, please speak to Peter Aitken 3789908 a few days before, and he will make the arrangements. This to be followed by a meal at the Manor House, Carterway-heads 8pm.

Wed. 8 November 7.30, Brancepeth Village Hall. As with the last two years, we will be having a Nationally known gardening expert to give us a talk. Our speaker this year will be Adam Frost, a presenter of Gardeners' World, and with regular editorial features for horticultural magazines. Tickets £10 – to include refreshments – available from Monitors or by post to Garden Club, Hoppy Acres, Brancepeth, Durham DH7 8EL enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

From Adam Frost's website

“Adam has spent over 30 years creating gardens all over the World and loves every aspect of it. From the initial design process, to sharing his experience and stories with other gardening enthusiasts through hosting courses, after dinner speaking, presenting Gardeners' World on BBC, along with regular editorial features for horticultural magazines. Adam Frost is a natural speaker who credits his love of horticulture from his earliest childhood memories, to working with Geoff Hamilton at Barnsdale Gardens, before going solo in 1996 for the rollercoaster ride of designing multiple award winning show gardens.”

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter will re-commence on Tuesday September 5th, 2pm in the Village Hall committee room and the following meeting for September will be Tuesday the 19th.

The wall hanging commemorating St Brandon's voyage has now been completed and is at present being framed. It will be on display during the St Brandon weekend celebrations, September 16/17. A big thank-you to all who contributed to its production.



BCA Cinema Club

“GET CARTER”

Friday, September 1st at
7.00pm

(don't forget your cushion!)

Please note earlier start time. Before the film Jim Merrington will be making a short presentation about his involvement in the making of the film.

SAMARA'S AID APPEAL

www.samarasaid.org. Seeking to relieve suffering through the provision of humanitarian and medical aid:-Syria and Iraq crisis.

DIGNITY BAGS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS - with the message “This bag is from your brothers and sisters in the UK who have heard about the troubles in your country. We wanted to let you know that we care about you, and that we are thinking of you. We are praying for peace in your country and want you to know that you are loved.”

If you might be interested in putting together a bag, or contributing items, please come along to 17 The Village on Monday 4th September, 7.30 p.m. to enjoy a glass of wine and find out more – or ring Vivienne Lowe on 378 0974.



Brancepeth in the Past

Four hundred years ago, 1617: *From the History of County Durham by Robert Surtees:* Thomas Emerson, the Steward of the Brancepeth Estate for James I, built a Market Cross in the Market Place in Durham 'of hewn stone covered with lead, and supported by twelve stone pillars which he decorated, on the centre of each arch, and betwixt every pillar with the arms of the Neville family'. This cross was removed in 1780.



Three hundred years ago: 1717 saw the death of Sir Henry Belasyse, the then owner of Brancepeth Castle.



Sir Henry was originally a serving captain in the English Regiment in Holland and later took part in William of Oranges' campaign in Ireland, fought at the Battle of the Boyne and was appointed Governor of Galway. While still in the army he served as MP for Morpeth (1695-1701), and for the City of Durham (1701-1708). He was later given the position of Governor of Berwick (1713-1715).

On his death, he was buried in Westminster Abbey in an elaborate tomb designed by Peter Sheemakers, most well-known for his sculpture of William Shakespeare in Poet's Corner.

One hundred years ago: 1917. 6st. 4lbs. of chestnuts were collected by the schoolchildren at Brancepeth and sent to The Propellant Supplies Explosives Department of the Ministry of War at Kings Lynn.



Curry Night

Friday 20th October 2017, 7pm, Village
Hall

From Peter & Beena's book...Cooking
with Beena

(vegetarian options)

strictly limited to 24 tickets available

Contact Peter Aitken 3789908

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???Quiz Night???

Friday 27th October 2017

7.15pm, Village Hall

Top Prize! Come along and pit your wits?!

Teams of 2-10

Chilli, rice & salad Supper (meat and vegetarian options) included in ticket price
£6 BCA members and £7 non-members – proceeds to BCA - Bring own drinks

Raffle

Tickets available from: Peter Aitken: 0191 378 9908/
George Gibbons: 0191 378 4200 /Jo Dalton: jdalton2103@gmail.com

BCA events - save the date:

Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 17th November 2017
(further info in next newsletter)

Yoga

Change of date.

Please note that yoga sessions will not resume until 7.30pm on Monday 11th September following the summer break.

Newcomers always welcome.

Lynne Hastie

Book Club

On September 1st Evelyn Aitken will host at The Copse, Foxes Row, when we will discuss a 2016 Booker Prizewinner, The Sellout by Paul Beattie. The novel is available in paperback and on kindle.

Our following date is October 13, at 7.30 p.m. when we will discuss "Wonder" by R J Palacio, a highly acclaimed international best seller about a boy who stands out from the crowd. October's venue will be decided at the next meeting. Please ring Valerie Gibbons for details. (3784200)

Brancepeth's got talent!

By popular request, the Christmas Show is back on the calendar. Please contact us if you would volunteer to do a turn, singing, dancing, acting, telling jokes, reciting.....Acts should be 3 to 5 minutes long, unless a lot of people are involved. Please, no longer, as a lot of people want to be included. I hope all the usual performers will be on stage, as well as some new faces. The show will be on the 16th December, with a dress rehearsal on 10th, or a time that suits you

Martin Peacock 0750324074 / Rosemary Monument

mwmonument@gmail.com

'100 Club' – 2017/2018

Unfortunately, this year it is taking a long time to confirm names and collect the money so the August draw will take place with the September one. My apologies.

Allee Longstaff

WEDNESDAY EXERCISE CLUB

The Tai Chi we do on a Wednesday is classed as an Exercise Club where anyone can come along and practice the Tai Chi Lihua Wang has taught us, as a form of gentle exercise. We each pay £2 which covers the hire of the hall and any surplus will be used for the benefit of the Exercise Club. Exercises begin at 0930 for one hour.

Deborah Chapman

Brancepeth Ladies

Thursday, 7th Sept. – 2.00 till 4.00pm Village Hall

To join in the celebration of the life of St. Brandon, The Voyager we thought it would be appropriate to ask the RNLI to send a speaker for this meeting.

We would therefore like to invite anyone who wishes to come and join us. The charge to cover costs will be £3. There will be light refreshments and a raffle to raise money for the charity.

Brancepeth Village action plan 2017/20

During June and July of this year the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP) working alongside your Parish Council and other local groups attended the local coffee morning and held a village drop in session to gain the views of residents with regard to developing a 3 year village action plan. To date we have the views of only 22 residents who have identified 12 village issues/ideas and we would welcome feedback from other village residents to enable us to have stronger cohort of views. Please find below a list of issues/ideas which have already been put forward and we would welcome your comments on these as well as identifying any other issues/ideas that you may have for Brancepeth and how we could address these.

Issues/ideas thus far include speeding traffic and crossing the main road; signage on crossroads needs to be consistent; Stockley Grove pavement needs repair works; re-paint village benches; more flower tubs for village; roadside ditches on Wolsingham Rd need cleaning out; maintenance plan for the village; local handy person; works to village hall to include new LED and stage lighting and improved seating; clean up outside village hall and finally to support the Brandon 1500 event.

Any comments can be emailed to the AAP at mdaap@durham.gov.uk or alternatively speak with your local Parish Councillors.

Andy Coulthard

Area Action Partnership Coordinator, Mid Durham AAP, Langley Park Miners institute, Church Street, Langley Park. DH7 9TZ 07818 510370

andy.coulthard@durham.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary:-

Sept	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Sept	11 th 18 th 25 th	Monday	Yoga
Sept	5 th 19 th	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Sept	<i>Check dates with Jean</i>	Tuesday	Choir
Sept	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	Wed	Exercise Class (Tai Chi)
Sept	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
Sept	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	Wed	Art Class
Sept	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Thursday	Badminton
Sept	10 th 24 th	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

Sept	1 st	Fri	Book Club – The Copse
Sept	1 st	Fri	Cinema Club, 'Get Carter'. 7pm – Village Hall
Sept	4 th	Mon	Samara's Aid Appeal Evening, 7.30pm -17 The Village
Sept	7 th	Thurs	Brancepeth Ladies –RNLI speaker. 2pm-4pm Village Hall
Sept	9 th	Sat	Annual Show – Village Hall
Sept	10 th	Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church

Sept	15th, 16th & 17th	St Brandon's 1500 Weekend
Sept	15 th Fri	Festival Launch & preview
Sept	16 th Sat	Son et Fleur Flower festival 10am – 4pm, church
Sept	16 th Sat	Lecture by Tim Severin 7pm – Village Hall
Sept	17 th Sun	Son et Fleur Flower festival 10am – 4pm, church
Sept	17 th Sun	St Brandon's Service 7pm - Bishop of Durham

Sept	29 th	Friday	Garden Club visit – Halls of Heddon
Oct	13 th	Friday	Book Club – venue tba
Oct	20 th	Friday	Curry Night 7pm – Village Hall
Oct	27 th	Friday	Quiz Night -7.15pm – Village Hall
Nov	8 th	Wed	Garden Club talk - Adam Frost– Village Hall
Nov	17 th	Friday	Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening – Village Hall
Dec	16 th	Sat	Village Christmas Show

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

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October Newsletter entries no later than 20th September

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

George Gibbons	<i>Chairman</i>	Phil Davison	<i>Building coordinator</i>
John Morgan	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Alison Hobbs	<i>Church</i>
Peter Aitken	<i>Secretary</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings</i>
Margot Harrison	<i>Treasurer</i>	Vivienne Lowe	<i>Subscription</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Social Events</i>	Rosemary Monument	<i>Choir</i>
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Secretary	Peter Aitken, The Copse, Foxes Row (3789908)
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Membership	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
Hall Bookings	Geraldine Jennings, 5 Goodwell Lea (3781583)
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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)

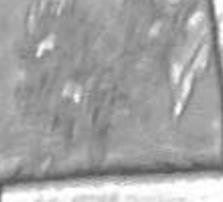
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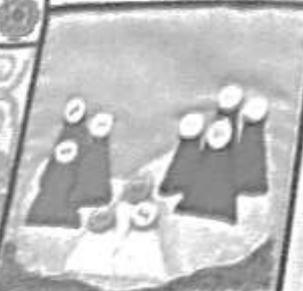
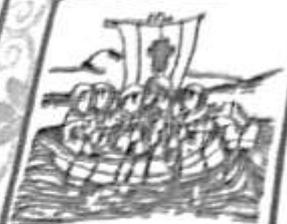
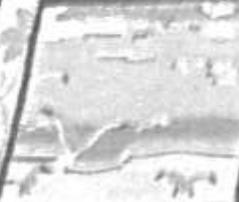
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