

***ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH***  
***BRANCEPETH***



***NEWSLETTER: October 2017***

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**November Newsletter entries - no later than October 20th**  
**Please send to Sue Morgan - [sueatpeppermires@gmail.com](mailto:sueatpeppermires@gmail.com)**

Dear Friends,

In July Rachel and I went to Dublin. After riding around on the open-topped bus we headed to Croke Park Stadium, home of Gaelic football. We weren't going there for sport, though: we'd come to see U2, in their home town.

The band did not disappoint. A concert is, of course, about music, but U2 really put on a show, with lights, films crafted to accompany the songs, and even four Irish Air Force jets tearing over the stadium, leaving a tricolour of green, white and orange vapour trails. The band played for over two hours, and it was a joy.

It was fascinating, too (to me!). They played, and 70,000 people sang along; and what were we singing? Well, often lyrics explicitly about belief, faith and God; singing such things is possibly not something most people who were there do that often, but U2's catalogue is shot through with Christian hope, spirituality and scripture. (Lead singer Bono even started the gig by saying, "Can we start with a prayer?" – and did, praying for "one of the great nights of rock 'n' roll". Many megastars would not think that was very ... well ... rock 'n' roll!)

When they eased into *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* Bono didn't even sing the first verse – we did that! Before the last one he said, "Take it to church now," then led us all in singing:

"I believe in the Kingdom come,  
Then all the colours will bleed into one, bleed into one,  
But yes I'm still running.  
You broke the bonds and You loosed the chains;  
You carried the cross of my shame – oh, my shame –  
You know I believe it.  
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for,  
I still haven't found what I'm looking for."

This is a hymn, really: a statement of hope in what we ask in the Lord's Prayer, and a statement of faith in the liberating power of the cross of Christ. If, even with that hope and faith, we have not yet found what we are looking for, that is because that Kingdom has not yet come, and there

are things we don't yet know. This is, simply, good theology. For me, the song has always captured what I see as a vital balance: to live on the basis of beliefs that give direction, purpose and strength, but to remain open-minded and open-hearted. (That paradox and balance seem especially important in our troubled times. We need hope and conviction more than ever, but not in the way that some people hold beliefs, whether religious or political: utterly rigid, closed, and used to justify excluding – even killing – others. “I believe ... but I still” seems a far better approach to me.)

So, my point is this: there we are, to all intents and purposes singing a *hymn*. Maybe some of the 70,000 happen to like the music and the words don't really matter, but I don't largely buy that. In their music U2 have always expressed a heart-felt, soul-deep sense of yearning, and I am sure part of their popularity is because this strikes a chord with people profoundly. Now, the source of that searching for U2, and its inspiration and goal, is exactly the same faith celebrated in church; however, churches have increasingly struggled to enable people to relate to it. People who seek something spiritual often don't go looking for it in a church these days.

I'm not bashing the Church: traditional worship feeds and speaks to those who have grown up with it or who grow into it; it works for many. But not for everyone. For that reason, churches – including ours in Brancepeth – need to find ways to help people seek what they are looking for, through new forms of worshipping and wondering alongside the older ones. One might say that we in the church haven't yet found what we need to, if we are to help many people find what they are looking for – and encourage them to believe that it is worth looking for it here. This is a journey that churches need to make progress with in coming years. What kind of worship or activities in a church – what kinds of music too – might help you in your own spiritual searching, I wonder?

My very best wishes as ever,  
Rick

PS Actually, on *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* as a gospel song or hymn, have a look at a Harlem gospel choir singing this with the band in their church; I love this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8Wt3dhF4fU>

## St. Brandon's October 2017 – services and readings

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – *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

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – *Harvest*

### All Age Harvest Service 10.15

Readings: First: Young Person Isaiah 5. 1-7  
Second: none  
Gospel: Matthew 21. 33-46  
Sunday School Intercessions

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – *Trinity 18*

### Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings: First: Evelyn Aitken Isaiah 25. 1-9  
Second: Jayne Cook Philippians 4. 1-9  
Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14  
Ulrike Hobbs Intercessions

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – *Trinity 19*

### Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings: First: Peter Cook Isaiah 45. 1-7  
Second: Tom Hobbs 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22  
Edward Staines Intercessions

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – *Bible Sunday*  
**Sweeney) 10.15**

### Parish Eucharist with Baptism (Jake

Readings: First: Robert Scott-Biggs Colossians 3. 12-17  
Second: none  
Gospel: Matthew 24. 30-35  
James Morgan Intercessions

Thurs. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls

All Souls Service – 7.00 pm

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Day      **Parish Eucharist 10.15**

Readings: First:            John Roberts                    Revelation 7. 9-17  
                  Second:        Ulrike Hobbs                    1 John 3. 1-3  
                  Gospel:                            Matthew 5. 1-12

### **Sidespersons**

### **Servers**

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann & John Roberts	Jonny
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Merrington & Hester Higton	Tom Higton
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jayne & Peter Cook	Tom Hobbs
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott	Bridget
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs	Jonny
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples	Tom Higton

### **Flowers**

### **Coffee**

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hillary Moss	Evelyn Aitken
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	Norma Taylor
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Maud Oliver	Sue Morgan
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joan Taylor	Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Moles	Alison Moore
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Knight	Evelyn Aitken

### **Church Cleaning**

**October:**            *Carol Beeby*, Jenny Marr, Jean Robinson.

Sarah Nicholson, Norma Taylor.

**November:**        *Bill Curry*, Anne Elliott, Isabel Rae,  
Martin Peacock.

### **Grass Cutting**

1st – 15th Oct

Simon Elliott / David Jackson





**Oct 15th - The 10 Bridesmaids**

**3-5pm**

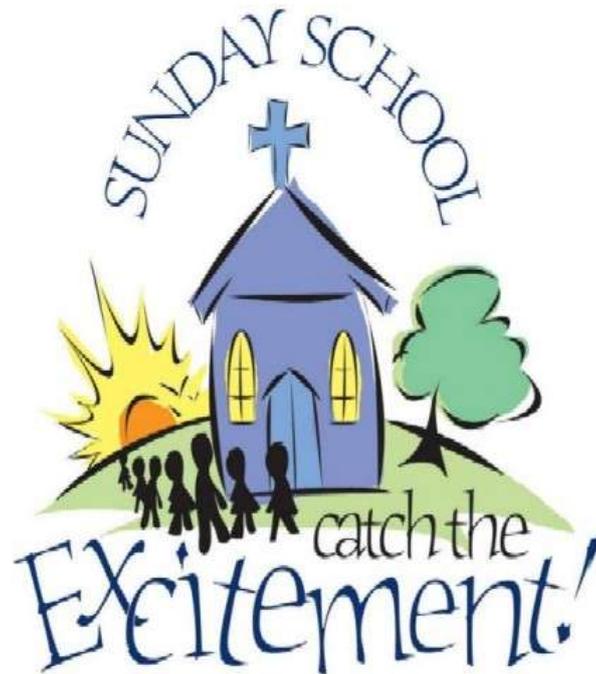
**IN CHURCH.**

**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 October (check dates with leaders)**

**All Age Service for Harvest Festival - October 8th**

**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 October 2017**

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

**1 TRINITY 16 Pray for church leaders of all different denominations to have open dialogue and fellowship together**

2 Whitworth Lane and Black House

3 Oakenshaw Road

4 Pray for all those who find Autumn a difficult time as the light retreats

5 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhites Farm and Goodwell Field

6 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Springwell Farm, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den

7 Station House and cottages and the Village North

**8 TRINITY 17 HARVEST FESTIVAL & MESSY CHURCH pray for thankful hearts for all the good things of the earth**

9 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View

10 Pray for Tom and Ulli and for all those married in St Brandons this year

11 Goodwell Lea North

12 Goodwell Lea South

13 Pray for those who feel lonely or neglected and all those who seek to befriend them

14 Pray for the people of Woodhouse Close church who we welcome here today for their awayday.

**15 TRINITY 18 Pray for the church to shine as a light to the world**

16 Stockley Grove

17 For church members outside the parish

18 St Luke Pray for all those who work in the medical professions giving thanks for their time energy and commitment

19 Durham Road and The Forge

20 Peppermires, Culmoran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm,

21 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres and Thornberry Garth

**22 TRINITY 19 Pray for all who are persecuted for their faith – for tolerance and understanding rather than mistrust and hate**

23 The Village South

- 24 The Castle and Lodge
- 25 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
- 26 Pray for all those caring for people with dementia
- 27 Pray for Sunday School, youth club and Messy Church
- 28 Simon and Jude apostles Give thanks for those who taught us the good news of Jesus

**29 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Give thanks and pray for all the children baptised at St Brandons this year**

- 30 Holywell and East Parks
- 31 On All Souls Eve we give thanks that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never put it out. Pray for safety for all children out trick or treating tonight

For November entries contact Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862

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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 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 at 11:00am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 at 11:00am



## HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST.BRANDON'S

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 10.15 AM

Most of you will know by now that for many years, as part of our Brancepeth Harvest thanksgiving, we have donated our gifts to DASH - Durham Action on Single Housing - a non profit making organisation which developed from the Cyrenian Shelter in Durham.

The following items are particularly welcome.....

- Any tinned goods, particularly meat, tuna, soup, baked beans, tomatoes, fruit, and long life milk which all have a longer shelf life and can be kept until needed - as can
- boxes of cereals, tea, coffee and sugar. Rice and pasta can quickly be turned into a nourishing meal with the addition of a tin of tuna and tinned tomatoes.
- Shampoo, soap, toilet rolls and toothpaste are essential and of course any treats such as jams, biscuits, cakes and sweets are always well received.
- Any fresh items such as fruit and vegetables can of course be used for soups and stews to be shared in a communal lunch for the residents in Churchill Square.

Thank you for your support in the past, and I hope you will be able to find the time to give something again this year .....

Jean Hodgson



### ALL SOULS DAY Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



On **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm** there will be a service of commemoration at St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth. **All are welcome.**

During the service a list of names of the departed will be read out as we remember loved ones who have passed away.

Please add any names you wish to the list (available on the table at the back of the church) or contact Deborah Hodge on 01388 745455.



## Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

Oct	4 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Oct	11 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah & Bob Chapman
Oct	18 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Allatt & Joan Taylor
Oct	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Jim Merrington
Nov	1 <sup>st</sup>	Janiece Spence & Vivienne Lowe
Nov	8 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Nov	15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Larnach & Sheena Murray
Nov	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Nov	29 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah & Bob Chapman
Dec	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Allatt & 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*

### **Dignity Bags for Women and Girls – Refugees from the Syria conflict (Samara's Aid Appeal)**

Just to say thank you to all who contributed so generously to this appeal. We have been able to send 18 completed bags from Brancepeth, together with lots of individual items that will help to make up further bags. I have just learned that the deadline has been moved to early November as one

container has just left –  
part if you are  
01913780974 for more



so there is still time to take  
interested. Ring Vivienne  
details.

**BCA Cinema Club continue the Michael Caine season  
with**

**“EDUCATING RITA”**

**Wednesday October  
11<sup>th</sup>**

**at 7.30pm**

**Please note change in day and don't forget your  
cushion.**

### **Book Club**

Brancepeth book club will meet again on Friday 13 October, 7.30pm at 3 The Forge, Valerie Gibbons's house to discuss the international best seller, "Wonder" by R J Palacio, an uplifting story about a young boy dealing with facial deformity.

In November the book for discussion on Friday 10th is Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Location to be confirmed.

Please ring Valerie Gibbons for details. (3784200)

## GARDEN CLUB

### Annual Show.

We had the highest number of entries ever – and according to the judges, the standard was very high. Section winners were :- Flower Arranging, Christine Jones, with best exhibit to Christine Jones ; Containers, Maud Oliver; Fruit and Vegetables, Bob Chapman, and best exhibit to Bob Chapman; Flowers Alison Young with best exhibit to Russell Henderson Photography Rick Simpson , with best exhibit to Janiece Spence; Home Produce, Bob Chapman, best exhibit Paul Spence : and the Children's Kenna-Dawe Trophy for the Cup to Ella and the Annand overall winner was awarded to Bob Chapman. The trophies were presented by County Olwyn Gunn.



best exhibit to Spence; Home Chapman, best Spence : and Cup to Ella and the Annand overall winner Bob Chapman. were presented Councillor



### **Future events.**

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 BBC 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, or by phone to Peter Aitken 3789908.

Village Show



section winners 2017

**Harvest Festival  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

The Flower Guild would appreciate any donations of fruit and vegetables from the Allotment Association or local residents. Donations can be brought **to the church** from 9.30 on Friday 6th October when we will be doing the flower arrangements, or passed on to any member of the Guild.

The produce will be taken to DASH after the Sunday service.

Thank you for your support.



# *Curry Night*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/

**BCA events - save the date:**

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

**St. Brandon 1500**

**“Thank you”**

**The Archives Group would like to thank everyone who has helped with this event. It has been quite a journey in its own right and we are truly grateful for the time, effort and commitment given by so many people. We hope everyone who took part in some way felt it was worthwhile and a good experience.**

We are bound to have forgotten some group or individual– so please forgive us but –here goes!

Flower arrangers, not only from the village, but from around the region – you were magnificent and unbelievably imaginative and hardworking and have left us feeling overwhelmed by your creativity. The creators of the St. Brandon banner/tapestry/wall hanging –a wonderful depiction of aspects of St Brandon’s Voyage that will be a lasting feature of the weekend, All who stewarded, baked, served teas, supervised parking, managed publicity, fetched, carried and got wet, and persuaded all their friends to come along. Our “Official Photographer” who captured all aspects of the event. The Community Association who let us take over and utilise their building and facilities, and the Church who let us invade their space for so many days and then organised a very special service to pull together and give thanks for the various strands of the events. All who sponsored a display. The hosts of, and those who supported, a great Coffee Morning which raised nearly £500 towards the hire of the Church. The Choir who produced such beautiful sounds to take us back to the monastic traditions of church music. Stanley Crook Primary School who studied St. Brandon’s voyage and created a delightful representation of that voyage in miniature. Tim Severin who enthralled us with his description of the recreation of St. Brandon’s Voyage. All those who, in lots of small ways (not least spouses and families who have put up with St. Brandon and his journey for months/years) have made this a memorable weekend.

Although the Archives Group is passionate about collecting, recording and sharing village history, it also really enjoys organising events and activities which bring together so many members of our community, working for a common cause. We hope that this weekend has achieved that aim as well.

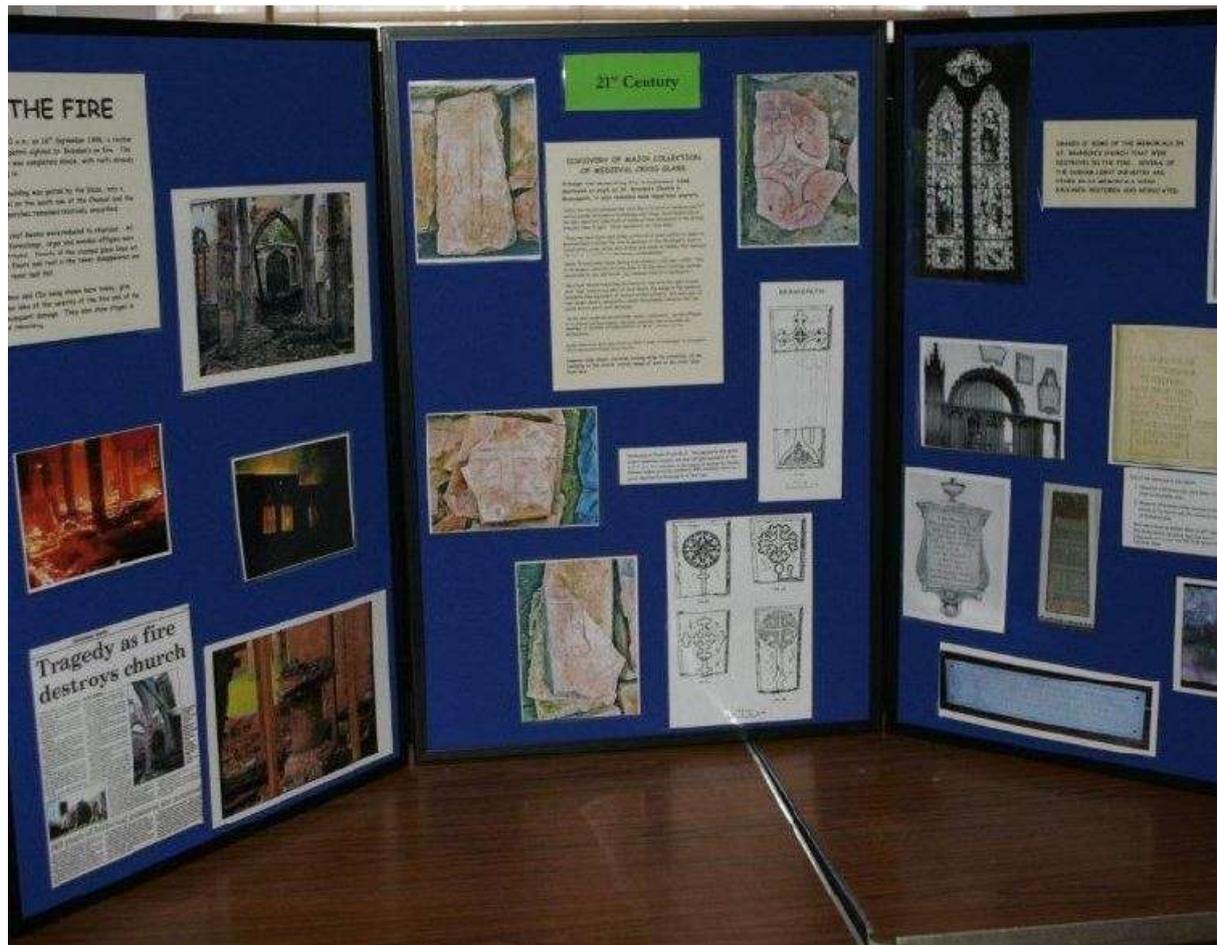
In the near future we hope to create a CD of the photos of the weekend.  
News of this to follow.

**Finally – just a very sincere thank you to everyone.**

# **St Brandon's 1500 Celebration – some images of the weekend**







## *Thank You*

*.....to everyone who came to Stockley House Farm and enjoyed coffee and cake in support of St Brandons flower festival - we raised £482, which as you will have seen helped with the costs associated with putting on such a superb event.*

*Jim Merrington and The Archive team together with the Flower Guild and many other flower arrangers produced an outstanding weekend enhanced by The Choir, Tim Severin Lecture .... and the jolly folk who ran the pop up tea room.*

*It certainly made us proud to live in Brancepeth Parish.*

*Dave & Josie Armstrong*



Arnhem, September 2017

Dear Friends

After over 31 years of presence in Brancepeth and Durham we have now taken our leave of England and have said farewell to Struan, our house in Durham.

We are grateful for the warm friendship we have encountered and the way you, from the beginning, have made us feel very welcome in your midst and we are sharing many very valuable memories.

Having worked and lived in the North has been a tremendous experience for all of us and has made an everlasting impression on our lives.

Thank you again for all you have given us and we hope we will see each other on occasion in the future.

With our best wishes

Jan and Marita Veldhuizen

Michiel, Olav and Laurens



# 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](mailto:mwmonument@gmail.com)

## **BRANCEPETH CASTLE GOLF CLUB**

QUIZ DATES    Saturday 7th October  
                         Saturday 4th November  
                         Saturday 2nd December

Tickets are normally £6 for supper and £1 for the Quiz and can be purchased from behind the bar.

Everyone welcome whether they are members or not and we would be delighted to see you.

We are also holding our **Christmas Party** on Saturday 16th December to which you would also be very welcome .

More details will be sent out by email or can be found on our web site.

Hope to see you at some of these events

Regards Linda Larnach

## **Knit and Natter**

Knit and Natter will meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. The ladies involved in the stitching of the 1500 Banner depicting the life of St Brandon are invited to go down to church at 3.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to have a group photograph taken beside the banner.

## **Yoga**

Please note that there will be no yoga on **Mon 16th October**.

Newcomers always welcome.

Lynne Hastie

# **Brancepeth Parish Council News**

## **Improving the use of the former cricket field**

Brancepeth Parish Council are updating the village plan that is intended to be re-issued in the coming months from the 2012 version currently on the village website. Much of the 2012 content continues into the new draft in general safety, maintenance and improvement activities. As part of this there has been discussion on the current use or development of the former cricket field on Wolsingham Road.

Previous Parish Councils have stabilised the status of the field and retained control by leasing, funded by the Council Precept. The field continues to be funded but with some having a perception of sporadic usage the Council want this facility to be used and the value be more apparent to all. To this end the Council are interested in the views of those who do actively use the field on how it could be improved e.g. more frequent mowing, permitting responsible dog walking and staging bigger events on the field. It has also been mooted to create a 'Field sub Committee' to encourage and organise activities on the field.

The Parish Council are holding a special meeting to explore how field usage could be improved and to include relevant things in the village plan. Those who use this facility are invited to attend and contribute their own ideas. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 12th October 7pm to 9pm in the committee room of the village hall, please come and take part.

**Dave Armstrong**

**Dates for the Diary:-**

Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Snooker Club
Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> (No class 16 <sup>th</sup> ) 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Yoga
Oct	3 <sup>rd</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Oct	<i>Check dates with Jean</i>	Tuesday	Choir
Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Exercise Class
Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Coffee Morning
Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Art Class
Oct	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Badminton
Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Youth Club

***Please confirm dates with leaders***

Oct	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Educating Rita'. 7.30pm – Village Hall
Oct	12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Cricket Field discussion with PC. 7.00-9.00pm Village Hall, Committee Room
Oct	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Book Club – 3 The Forge, 7.30pm
Oct	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church
Oct	20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Curry Night 7pm – Village Hall
Oct	27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Quiz Night -7.15pm – Village Hall
Nov	8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Garden Club talk - Adam Frost– Village Hall
Nov	10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Book Club
Nov	17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening – Village Hall
Dec	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Village Christmas Show

***Village Hall:*** please contact Geraldine Jennings –

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*Front cover Geoff Knott – Brancepeth Flower Guild 1500 display*  
*Back cover Geoff Knott – 1500 Service with the Bishop of Durham*

*Internal photos of 1500 celebrations - © Russell Henderson*  
*(photographs can be seen in colour on the website)*

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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>
James Dalton	<i>IT</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Wednesday Coffee</i>

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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)
Badminton	Peter Hodge, (01388 745455)
Brancepeth Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Club	John Morgan, (3781172) baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Rick Simpson, <a href="mailto:ricksimpson300@btinternet.com">ricksimpson300@btinternet.com</a> Val Gibbons (3784200)
Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	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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