

ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH

BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: January 2018

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February Newsletter entries - no later than January 20th

Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

“A new year beckons, with all its promise of new leaves to turn over, our dreams of what we may try to do and accomplish, our hopes for what may be. There will be joys, successes, satisfactions, growth and change of many kinds. Of course, the new year may also hold fears for us, about challenges we are not sure we know how to meet, worries about what we must try to do and accomplish, apprehensions for what may be. There may be sadnesses and struggles ahead too.”

Well that's what I wrote for the January Newsletter in 2007, a couple of weeks after Rachel and I moved to Brancepeth. It seemed a good place to start in writing my last letter here. It feels pretty apt for us: looking forward, as we prepare to move to Darlington in late January, we have mixed feelings: sadness at leaving; some trepidation about the challenges my new post, and living in a new place; some excitement about new opportunities.

Looking back, though, Rachel and I obviously needn't have worried about 2007, nor the ten years that followed it! We've loved living here, and are very grateful to the overlapping communities of village and church for making us so welcome. Thank you for having us.

In the village, we've tried to join in, have fun, and generally encourage partying where possible (especially in fancy dress). We hope along the way that we have contributed to some of the many good things about Brancepeth: a genuine sense of community; a range of regular activities, enabling people to both pursue and enjoy interests but – through that – also get to know others; a real concern for the well-being of neighbours; and more. This is a good place to live, and you've been very good to us: thank you.

In the church, we've also tried to join in (!). There are also many good things about St Brandon's. We have experienced – and I have seen others experience it too – a real welcome, and supportive friendships. There is an ability here to celebrate the Christian faith in both tried and trusted traditional ways, and more innovative ones too: we can do both a solemn

Good Friday service, and a Messy Church gathering with kids (and leaders) dressed up as Super-heroes – and both have their place. The church members and PCC here hold a very good balance between maintaining an ancient building and remembering what it's for in the first place: this is great heritage, but it is not museum; rather, it's a place of living faith.

Looking forward, church members may feel the potential uncertainties of this new year rather acutely: what will the future hold? Who might be the next Priest-in-Charge? And in what sort of arrangement – will this be combined with a diocesan job (as it has been for me and recent predecessors) or organised some other way?

These are all unknowns right now. There'll be change of some kind, whatever happens, and change is – obviously – unsettling.

On the other hand, change can bring good things. It was, I know, devastating when the church was almost destroyed by fire nineteen years ago. But look at the astonishingly beautiful church building which was then lovingly created: still St Brandon's, but different. From my perspective, many of the things we have done well in church during my time here have been helped – and many have only been possible at all – because of this fabulous, flexible space, with its modern facilities. That's change for you, when it works.

I enjoy the books of Margaret Wheatley, who writes about organisations, management, change and all that. She makes the point that many organisations expend enormous energy trying to maintain stability and control. However, in the natural world the only things that don't change are dead: living things are always in flux, experiencing alteration, modification and growth. So, change is one of the vital signs of life. She argues that the same is true for people, businesses, families – churches too.

Our choice is not between change and no change, but only ever how we embrace and work with change, so that it becomes not loss but transformation. So this is my hope for this church, that I have come to love very much: that just as you have embraced and worked with change

so well in the last twenty years, and have seen life and growth through this, so it will be in the new year, and the new chapter of your story here.

A very dear friend of Rachel's – and mine too – died in early December. (Funnily enough, her parents used to ring the bells here in St Brandon's when they were students in Durham.) She left us a card, with an extract from the poem *God Knows* by Minnie Harkins. It was a wonderful thing to know this had been Theresa's prayer as she faced the most uncertain journey of all, and so this is my prayer for us all as 2018 arrives, with all our hopes, fears, and questions:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.

Thank you so much, once again, for all you have given us;

with best wishes, as ever, from us both,

Rick and Rachel too

Church enquiries from 14 January

For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670)

For church bookings, please contact Jean Hodgson (3780289)

For all other enquiries, please contact Hester Higon (5974675)

**Rick's Installation as Archdeacon of Auckland,
3.30 pm, 11th February, Durham Cathedral**

As you know, I am moving on from my current role in clergy training and therefore also – sadly – from St. Brandon's. My installation as Archdeacon of Auckland will take place in a service on February 11th. I'm never sure about the idea of being "installed"; it does make one sound rather like a dishwasher. However, that really is what it's called ... so please do come to it anyway!

The service is taking place within Choral Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 11th February, at 3.30 pm. Anyone who would like to come is most welcome, and please do. (At this stage I'm not sure if I'm going to be able to organise refreshments afterwards – it's a little complicated, partly because some other people are being installed into Cathedral canonries at the same service. If this does prove possible, I'll let you know in due course. If not, my apologies in advance!)

The Cathedral will reserve a block of seats for all parishioners who'd like to be there; I just need to give them an accurate number in advance. So, if you do want to come, please either sign the list that I'll put in church from Sunday 31st December to Sunday 14th January, or send me an e-mail (ricksimpson300@btinternet.com) by the evening of Tuesday January 16th. (After that date, you could still just turn up on the day, as the Cathedral won't run out of seats; you might just be further back.)

Rick Simpson

***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***

St. Brandon's January 2018 – services and readings

7th Jan., Epiphany All Age Parish Eucharist, including Dedication
of the Circle of Remembrance – 10.15

Readings: First: Jean Merrington Isaiah 60. 1-6
Second: none
Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12
David Eltringham Intercessions

14th Jan., Epiphany 2 Parish Eucharist, with Renewal of Baptismal Vows -
10.15

Readings: First: Steve Hodgson 1 Samuel 3. 1-10
Second: Rachel Lunney Revelation 5. 1-10
Gospel: John 1: 43-end
Geoff Moore Intercessions

21st Jan., Epiphany 3 Parish Eucharist - 10.15

Readings: First: Evelyn Aitken Genesis 14. 17-20
Second: Jayne Cook Revelation 19. 6-10
Gospel: John 2: 1-11
Hester Higton Intercessions

28th Jan., Epiphany 4 Parish Eucharist - 10.15

Readings: First: Peter Cook Deuteronomy 18. 15-20
Second: Robert Scott Biggs Revelation 12. 1-5a
Gospel: Mark 1. 21-28
James Morgan Intercessions

4th Feb. 2nd before Lent Parish Eucharist - 10.15

Readings: First: John Roberts Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31
Second: Tom Hobbs Colossians 1: 15-20
Gospel: John 1. 1-14

Sidespersons

Servers

Jan 7 th	Pat Sharples & David Eltringham	Jonny
Jan 14 th	Bianca Allen & Myrleen Stewart	Tom Hobbs
Jan 21 st	Bonny Bainbridge & Fiona Eltringham	Tom Higon
Jan 28 th	Geoff Knott & Joan Nesbitt	Bridget
Feb 4 th	Jean Merrington & Hester Higon	Jonny

Flowers

Coffee

Jan 7 th	Denise Jackson	Alison Moore
Jan 14 th	Sarah Nicholson	Evelyn Aitken
Jan 21 st	Iris Waggott	Norma Taylor
Jan 28 th	Lynne Hastie	Sue Morgan
Feb 4 th	Christine Dodd	Jeanette Metcalfe

Church Cleaning

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

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

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 9th Jan 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 13th Feb 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 6th Mar 2018 at 11:00am

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY January 2018

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

- 1 On the first day of 2018 pray for the year ahead to be a time of healing and reconciliation in our divided nation
- 2 Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 3 Oakenshaw Road
- 4 Pray for all those who find themselves in debt or overtired after Christmas
- 5 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field
- 6 **EPIPHANY** pray for all who seek that they find what they are looking for
- 7 **SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** Pray for all travellers and refugees to come to a safe home
- 8 Station House and the Village North
- 9 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 10 Springwell Farm Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den
- 11 Goodwell Lea North
- 12 Goodwell Lea South
- 13 Give thanks for the beginning of returning light
- 14 **2nd SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY** on Rick's last Sunday we pray for him and Rachel in their new home giving thanks for their incomparable ministry among us.
- 15 Stockley Grove
- 16 For church members outside the parish
- 17 Durham Road and The Forge

- 18 Peppermires, Culmaran, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm,
19 Pray for all prisoners and those who visit and befriend them
20 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy
Acres and Thornberry Garth
21 **3rd SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY** Pray for our leaders and churchwardens
in this time of interregnum
22 The Village South
23 The Castle and Lodge
24 Give thanks for the pets and animals who bring us joy
25 **CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL** We pray for those who persecute to
have their eyes opened
26 We pray for all carers who are feeling the weight of their burdens
27 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scampton
Lodge, Scampton Farm
28 **4th SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY** Pray for Archbishop Justin and our
local bishops for a spirit of joy and encouragement as they face the
challenges of being a Christian witness in our country today
29 Pray for Sunday school Messy Church and Youth Club
30 Holywell and East Parks
31 Pray for families experiencing breakdown and for those who seek to help

For January entries contact Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862

VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms and weddings
10th December 2017, the baptism of Hazel May Brown,
daughter of Amy Scott and Craig

New Year's Day Invitation to the Castle

**Cheese and Chat at the Castle, midday to
3pm. Donations invited to Send A Cow or
The Children's Society, all welcome, just
turn up!**

January 14th

3-5pm

IN CHURCH.

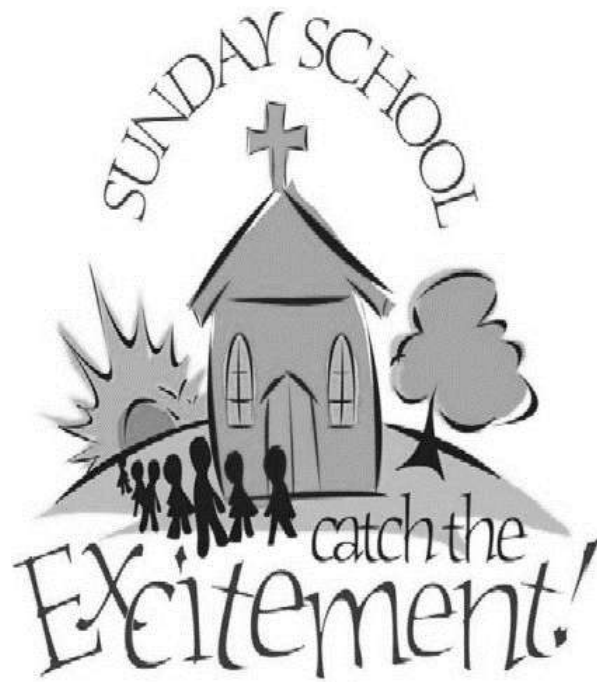
All ages welcome

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 January (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.

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

Speaker relay to overhear Eucharist Service

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

Jan	3 rd	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Jan	10 th	Linda Larnach & Sheena Murray
Jan	17 th	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Jan	24 th	Deborah & Bob Chapman
Jan	31 st	Pat Allatt & Joan Taylor
Feb	7 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
Feb	14 th	Joan Taylor & Janiece Spence
Feb	21 st	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Feb	28 th	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
Mar	7 th	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie

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

Linda Larnach 375 7554.

Stewart Allen 3780871

Rob Waggott 3783592

Evelyn Aitken 3789908

Vivienne Lowe 3780974

Josie Armstrong 01388 748902

Jean Merrington 3780952

Deborah Chapman 3781409

Sheena Murray 378 1097

Bill Currie 3783414

Janiece Spence 4356357

Christine Jones 3789297

Joan Taylor 3783630

Brancepeth Youth Club

Sunday club nights are from 6.00 – 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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

January – March 2018

Dates for this term are:

7th January – New Year Party*

18th February

21st January

4th March

4th February

18th March

** The party will take the theme of 'R'. It's a requirement that you dress accordingly. Please also bring a plate of food (savoury or sweet) and games, ideally both also themed to the letter 'R'.*

Leaders

Geoff Moore

373 5674

Martin Peacock

07503242074

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

Joan Carter

August 28th 1937 – November 19th 2017

Born in Fulwell in Sunderland just before the Second World War, Mum spent a great deal of her early childhood as an evacuee in Cliburn a village near Penrith in Cumbria with her mother and sister. It was during that time she developed a passion for the Lake District and would roam around the countryside enjoying the outdoors. On returning to Sunderland after the war she attended St Anthony's Girls School which she didn't enjoy and used to tell stories of misbehaving for the nuns. She left school with one Zoology O'level, which she was very proud of! Her lack of qualifications however didn't hold her back and she started working in the typing pool of an accountancy firm in Sunderland in the late fifties. There she met Alan, a trainee accountant from Durham and romance blossomed. They married in 1959 in St Aiden's Church in Roker and moved to a house there overlooking the sea. Mum always loved socialising and entertaining, and she and dad had many parties, days out and camping trips with friends in the early years of their marriage. In 1963 she gave up work to have my brother Richard and I followed in 1965.

In 1975 we moved to Brancepeth. Mum loved '7 The Village' and threw herself in to village life. She attended church regularly and joined the Community Association being treasurer for many years. Over the years she helped to organise numerous events in the village hall, Beetle Drives, Harvest Suppers, Christmas shows, she always invited the carol singers in on Christmas Eve, everyone gathered around our piano in the dining room, sherry glasses in hands, singing carols. Her and Dad always attended the legendary Brancepeth Progressive Suppers too, she rarely over indulged in alcohol, which was just as well as Dad on occasion did! An accomplished badminton player, she represented the village in local competitions many times. She also loved tennis, and on Saturday mornings you could often hear her shrieks and laughter emanating from the Abel's tennis court, in all temperatures!

She was devastated when Dad died in 1994 as they were absolutely devoted to each other, but Mum pulled herself round. By this time she had become a grandmother and I think all her grandchildren would agree that she was amazing and a positive, loving influence on them all. Kind, gentle, caring, calm and patient. Always having time to talk and explain the world to them, always encouraging them to explore their surroundings whether it be paddling, climbing trees, skimming stones, or sand castle building, and whistling, she was always whistling. She loved them dearly and was extremely proud of all five.

Her and her devoted dog Lottie could always be seen pottering around the village, walking, gardening, or clearing the cobbles at the front of the house. (She HATED that job!)

She lived in her much loved '7 The Village' as long as she possibly could after becoming ill in 2010, and that would not have been manageable without the help of her neighbours, in particular Brian and Alison Iley. Moving to Lambton House in 2013 and Richard and I bless the day we managed to secure her a room, as the care

there over the last four and a half years has been absolutely excellent. She was happy, comfortable and secure.

Mum died very peacefully in her sleep on a crisp November morning, with Richard and I by her side. I do hope everyone who knew Mum has as many happy memories as we have, she was one in a million. She will be greatly missed.

Alison Knightly



BCA Cinema Club

We now have a DVD library in the village hall for the use of members, this is located in the in the committee room cabinet. There are no limits on loans but members are asked to note dates of loan in the book provided and to return the DVDs to their correct position on the shelf.

We will be showing the following films at 7.30pm at the WEDNESDAY film night for the next three months. These were the three most popular chosen from the list circulated at the December showing.

January 10th “Lawrence of Arabia”

February 7th “Les Miserables”

March 7th “Lost in Translation”

Additionally, during the winter months it is proposed we try matinee screenings. The first of these will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 2pm. This will be a POT LUCK screening of a film chosen from those available in the library by the members attending. Matinees will continue fortnightly or monthly if they prove to be popular. There may even be a possibility of tea and cake!

GARDEN CLUB

Future events for 2018.

Spring Show and AGM Wed. 18 April.

Walkabout Friday 29 June

Annual Show 22 September

Visit to Hall's of Heddon – postponed from 2017, 5 October.

Further events in later newsletters.

Catering refunds. We are very grateful for the work people put into making food for Garden Club events. We are known for the high standards of catering here in Brancepeth. However, members are reminded that Garden Club always expects that those who are asked to make food for our events, put in their claims for re-imbursement. Your costs are of course factored into our budget for these events, but – as well as ensuring our expenditure covers your costs properly - for future planning it is important to know what the actual costs are.

KNIT & NATTER

Knit & Natter will re-commence on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Future dates will be January 23rd, FEB 6th and Feb 20th.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi will re-commence on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

YOGA

Yoga sessions will resume on Monday 8th January, 7.30 - 9.00pm, in the Village Hall. After the excesses of Christmas and New Year this is a good time to come and join us. Any age welcome.

Lynne Hastie (Tel: 3781871)

Book Club

The next book club meeting is on 12 January at Liz Burdess's home, 2 The Forge, 7.30pm. The book to look for is A man called Ove by Frederick Backman.

Please ring Valerie Gibbons for details.

(3784200)



Peter Burdess – Quiz Master

Thanks to all who helped to make such a success of the quiz night especially the Quiz Master in Chief, Peter Burdess and his very capable assistant, Liz Burdess.



‘The Youngies’ – Winners of the Christmas Quiz

Village Show- The Jazz Band



The Children's Nativity Play

**Josie Armstrong, Evelyn Aitken & Val Gibbons –
Christmas Cheer**



Christmas Show thanks

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Show such a success. There are so many jobs to do, and people work very hard to make things run smoothly. We are always amazed by the wonderful talent in Brancepeth, and by the enthusiasm shown by performers and helpers. We already have a few acts promised for next year.....if you have an idea, please let us know.

DVDs of the Show are available, price £5. E-mail me
[\[mwmonument@gmail.com\]](mailto:mwmonument@gmail.com) or phone [0191 3780456]

Rosemary Monument and Martin Peacock



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018
at 7.00 p.m. in
BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL**

N.B. Archive membership will be due for renewal at the beginning of January 2018 – please contact Vivienne Lowe (378 0974) if you would like to join or to renew your subscription - £5.00 per person.

SAMARA'S AID APPEAL

A very sincere thank you to all those in the village who contributed items for the Dignity Bags for women and girls suffering as a result of the wars in Syria and surrounding areas. Some 150 bags are on their way from Spennymoor – and Brancepeth residents (and their friends) provided over 20 of these! I do hope you feel your efforts were worthwhile!

Vivienne Lowe

SUPPORT DURING POWER CUTS.

Northern Powergrid have set up a Priority Services Register for anyone who requires support during power cuts. You can register by ringing 0800 028 2996.

BRANCEPETH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

Subscriptions for 2018 are due from 1 January. ***Rates remain the same for the 10th year running!***

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£15
ADULTS	£ 7.50
IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSION	£5.00

Collectors will be calling to issue cards and take subscriptions but if you prefer, or think you may have been missed, please contact Joan Taylor at 5 The Village or 378 3630 who will be happy to take your money and issue cards.

Annual subscriptions are a significant part of Community Association income. Your membership helps to ensure that the village hall is maintained as an attractive centre for the village activities for which Brancepeth is well known. Subscriptions also support the social, recreational and educational events organised by the committee and various clubs in the village. Additionally members enjoy reduced admission charges to many events and are able to hire items of equipment from the hall.

If you pay income tax and have previously signed a **Gift Aid** form, thank you. You don't need to complete another one. If you are a new member, or have not previously completed a form and would like the association to be able to reclaim the tax on your subscription, please ask your collector for a form. Please return completed forms to Joan Taylor at 5 The Village. Forms can also be collected from Joan. Thank you.

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

CINEMA CLUB MEMBERSHIP

As in previous years, collectors will also have membership cards for the Garden and Cinema Clubs. If you wish to renew your membership of, or to join either or both, please pay your collector who will issue cards. Annual subscriptions also remain the same as last year.

GARDEN CLUB £2.50
Child £1

CINEMA CLUB Adult £3

Thank you. If you have any suggestions or questions relating to the BCA or associated clubs please contact any committee member listed in the newsletter.

Dates for the Diary:-

Jan	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Jan	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th	Monday	Yoga
Jan	9 th	23 rd			Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Jan	Check dates with Jean				Tuesday	Choir
Jan	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	Wed	Exercise Class
Jan	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	Wed	Coffee Morning
Jan	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st	Wed	Art Class
Jan	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th	Thursday	Badminton
Jan	7 th	21 st			Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

Jan	1 st	Mon	New Year Cheese & Chat. 12 noon -3pm, Castle
Jan	10 th	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Lawrence of Arabia'. 7.30pm –VH
Jan	12 th	Friday	Book Club -7.30pm. 2 The Forge.
Jan	14 th	Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church
Jan	16 th	Tue	Cinema Matinee, 2.00pm - Village Hall
Feb	6 th	Tue	AGM Brancepeth Archives & History Group. 7.00pm VH
Feb	7 th	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Les Miserables'. 7.30pm – Village Hall.
Feb	11 th	Sun	Installation of the Rev'd Rick Simpson as Archdeacon of Auckland at Durham Cathedral Evensong – 3.30pm
March	7 th	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Lost in Translation'. 7.30pm – V H
April	18 th	Wed	Garden Club AGM & Spring Show
June	29 th	Fri	Garden Club Walkabout
Sept	22 nd	Sat	Garden Club Annual Show
Oct	5 th	Fri	Garden Club visit to Hall's of Heddon

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

gerryjennings5@googlemail.com or tel. 3781583

Front cover © Elizabeth Metcalfe– Epiphany in Church – The Three Kings

Back cover ©Peter Aitken– Rick & Rachel's valedictory performance at the Village show

Quiz photos- thanks to Elizabeth Metcalfe & Village Show photos thanks to Peter Aitken

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

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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)
Badminton	Peter Hodge, (01388 745455)
Brancepeth Allotment	John Morgan, (3781172)
& Leisure Gardeners' Club	baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (3784200)
Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
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Parish Council

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