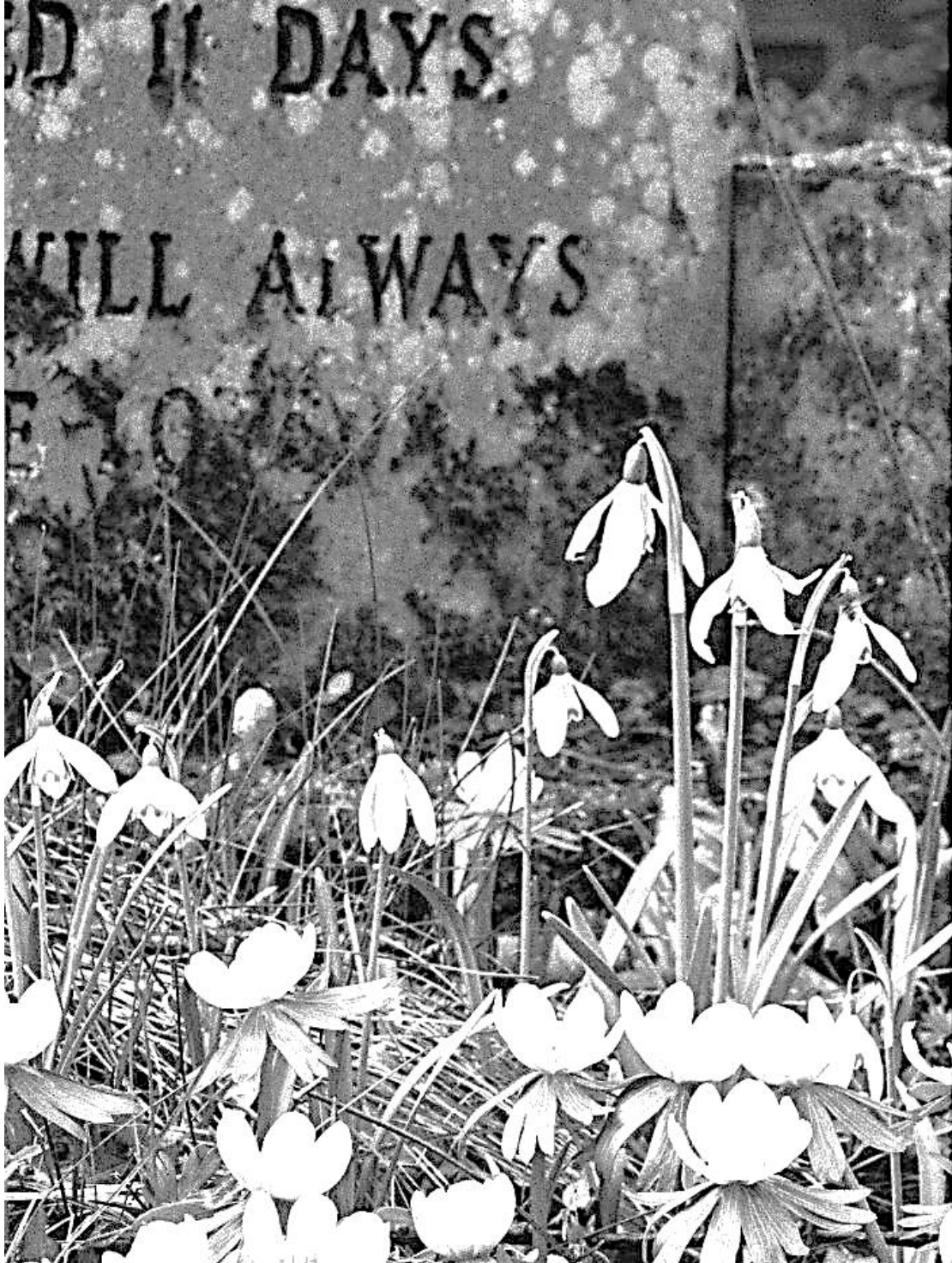


***ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH***  
***BRANCEPETH***



***NEWSLETTER: February 2019***

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## Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge

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alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk

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James Morgan (4476520)

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Geoff Knott (01833 627094)

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John Jackson (3782392)

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Deborah Hodge (01388 745455)

Prayer Team

Deborah Hodge (01388 745455), Alison Hobbs (378 9670),  
Alison Moore (373 5674), Myrleen Stewart (378 0862).

Sunday School

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Messy Church

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Organist

Richard Hird

Music

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Sacristans

Carol Beeby (3847431), Deborah Hodge (01388 745455),  
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Flower Guild

Lynne Hastie (3781871)

Churchyard

Edward Staines (3780858)

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James Morgan (chair), Peter Cook, Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs,  
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Dear Friends,

We are not a household that throws things away very much, though we try! So I was not surprised when a copy of the newsletter from June 2006 dropped out from behind somewhere. What amused me was the cover letter, written by Sue Morgan, as a then member of the Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) reporting on the anticipated appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge (Rick, as it transpired). Sue wrote:

*"The big difference now of course is that we are a Shared Ministry Parish. A priest coming into this parish would not expect to 'take over' but to work as part of the team. What perhaps we should hope for is someone who is in a position to help promote the wider aims of the parish to develop the role of this church as a venue for more varied and regular usage."*

And here we are again, nearly 13 years later anticipating the arrival of a new Priest-in-Charge (Rev Anna Brooker). What's changed in that time? Surprisingly little if we look at the names on committees: six of the eight members of the 2006 SMDT are currently on a church committee (the missing two being Marion and Margaret). If we look across all the church committees of 2006, only one of those listed has since left Brancepeth, and if we include all the parish committees as well, so now all the names on the inside front and back cover, only four have since left. This is a stable community, and one where people remain in harness!

Looked at that way, to the outside eye, it can feel little has changed: we were in much the same looking building as now, run by much the same committees. However, that's because we were nearly at the summit of a really hard climb, we had been in vacancy for over two years, and difficult years during which we largely completed re-build, and re-entered our church building. We had grown a lot in that challenging period and were about to celebrate the achievement with a three-day flower festival culminating in a service to be led by Bishop Tom Wright. It was an enormous achievement and many of us were very deeply tired from the climb.

Superficially, to the outside observer, it might not appear much has changed since then but inside and underneath, a tremendous amount of growth and consolidation of learning has happened since Rick joined us in 2006. Under his leadership, and inspired by his worship-leading, we have a strong, established pattern of how we work together in governance, in prayer, in pastoral care - and partying! We are about as un-fractured as we can manage as a congregation, and therefore well able to welcome and nurture. We have grown in number and age-range (don't overlook Messy Church) and openness about our faith. We have been able to carry this twelve months of vacancy with confidence and with a large number from our congregation leading worship in every aspect: true team ministry. We are strong, we are ready for new growth and open to change for the positive, as God may ask of us, and we look forward in eager anticipation to welcoming in 'The Anna Era'.

A visiting preacher charged us with contemplating, as we wait, what we hope for Anna to bring, what might we discern God's preferred direction of travel be for us?

With love, Rev Alison Hobbs

## **St Brandon's February 2019 – service and readings**

### **3rd February, Presentation of Christ Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

|                  |                   |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Readings: First: | David Eltringham  | Malachi 3:1–5   |
| Second:          | Jean Hodgson      | Hebrews 2:14–18 |
| Gospel:          |                   | Luke 2:22–40    |
|                  | Sally Scott Biggs | Intercessions   |

### **10th February, 4th before Lent Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

|                  |                    |                       |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Readings: First: | Geoff Knott        | Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13)   |
| Second:          | Sue Morgan         | 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 |
| Gospel:          |                    | Luke 5:1–11           |
|                  | Robert Scott-Biggs | Intercessions         |

### **17th February, 3rd before Lent Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

|                  |                 |                        |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Readings: First: | Steve Hodgson   | Jeremiah 17:5–10       |
| Second:          | Gillian Smellie | 1 Corinthians 15:12–20 |
| Gospel:          |                 | Luke 6:17–26           |
|                  | Geoff Moore     | Intercessions          |

### **24th February, 2nd before Lent Parish Eucharist, with baptism – 10.15**

|                  |               |                       |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Readings: First: | Deborah Hodge | Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–25 |
| Gospel:          |               | Luke 8:22–25          |
|                  | Ulrike Hobbs  | Intercessions         |

### **3rd March, Sunday before Lent Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

|                  |                 |                        |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Readings: First: | Bianca Allen    | Exodus 34:29–35        |
| Second:          | Alison Moore    | 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 |
| Gospel:          |                 | Luke 9:28–36 (37–43)   |
|                  | Gillian Smellie | Intercessions          |

**Keep the Date – Wed evening 10th April. Licensing of our new Priest in Charge, Rev Anna Brooker, in church.**

## **Sidespersons**

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> David Eltringham & Bianca Allen  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Myrleen Stewart, Bonny Bainbridge  
& Jean Merrington  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Morgan & Joan Nesbitt

## **Servers**

Bridget  
Tom Hobbs  
Jonny  
Tom Higon  
  
Bridget

## **Flowers**

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Dodd  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Jean Hodgson  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Eileen Crawford  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynne Hastie

## **Coffee**

Norma Taylor  
Sue Morgan  
Jeanette Metcalfe  
Alison Moore  
Evelyn Aitken

## **Church Cleaning**

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

**March:** *Martin Peacock*, Anne Elliott, Hillary Moss, Isabel Rae.

## **Church enquiries**

For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) or [alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk](mailto:alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk)  
(Please use Alison's new church email for church business)  
For church bookings, please contact Jean Hodgson (3780289)  
For all other enquiries, please contact Hester Higon (5974675)

***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 74545***

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 **3 Russell Close**



Tuesday 12th Feb 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 12th Mar 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 16th Apr 2018 at 11:00am

Rev'd Alison, and Deborah, St Brandon's Church

## **Brancepeth Youth Club**

**February - April 2019**

*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. Dates for this term are:

10<sup>th</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> March

7<sup>th</sup> April

*\* The party will take the theme of 'S'. 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 'S'.*

*Leaders*

Geoff Moore                      373 5674

Martin Peacock                378 4268

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



**Sunday mornings 10.15am. During Eucharist Service**

**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**

## **February 2019**

### **Building Blocks of Faith**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>                      God can make us whole                      Mark 2: 1 - 12**

**Martin Peacock and Alison Moore**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>                      God is for everyone                      Luke 10: 30 - 37**

**Martin Peacock and Jeanette Metcalf**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>                      God loves us to be thankful                      Luke 17: 11 - 19**

**Martin Peacock and Carol Beeby**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>                      God stays with us                      John 20: 1 - 29**

**Martin Peacock and Deborah Hodge**



**Date of next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Contact Liz Thomas for details.**

**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>**



## **PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY February 2019**

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

- 1 Give thanks and pray for people who have helped us in our times of need.
- 2 Oakenshaw Road area.
- 3 Presentation of Christ in the Temple: We give thanks for our King of Glory and Eternal Light of the World.**
- 4 Scription, Peppermires, Holywell and East Parks area.
- 5 Pray for those who are victimised because of their faith.
- 6 Give thanks and pray for our Queen on the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession.
- 7 Goodwell Lea.
- 8 May the world God created in love and placed in our care be valued, respected and its resources fairly shared.
- 9 The Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages and Constable Meadows.
- 10 Give thanks for God's constant faithfulness and love which is never exhausted.**
- 11 Foxes Row and Russell Close.
- 12 Pray for families struggling to survive and fearful of the future due to welfare reforms in this country.
- 13 Church members outside the parish.
- 14 May the God of love be present in every heart and home.
- 15 Pray for Christians worldwide who have fled their homelands to escape the perils of persecution, violence or genocide.
- 16 Quarry Hill, the Cottages and the Goodwell Field area.
- 17 Pray for vision and integrity for the leaders of this Nation.**
- 18 Pray for God's loving protection and blessing on all who mourn and all who are unwell.
- 19 Littlewhite Farm, the Cottages and Morley Farm.
- 20 Give thanks and pray for Trans World Christian radio exploring discipleship in the modern world.
- 21 Village north of crossroads, Station House and Railway Cottages.
- 22 May the prospect of God's Kingdom inspire not only hope for the future but also service in the present.
- 23 Durham Road and the Forge.
- 24 Give thanks and pray for those who travel to remote places to teach and promote the Christian faith.**

- 25 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon and Brawns Den.
- 26 Village South, the Castle, and Lodge. The Bothy, Golf Club, Park Lodge, Nursery and Garden houses.
- 27 We commemorate and give thanks today for the Priest and Poet George Herbert.
- 28 Stockley Grove, Bridge Lane and Whitworth Lane.

For March requests please contact Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).

## **Wednesday Coffee Morning    Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45**

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

|       |                  |                                       |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Linda Larnach & Joan Taylor           |
| Feb   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Janiece Spence and Vivienne Lowe      |
| Feb   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Jean & Jim Merrington                 |
| Feb   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie     |
| Mar   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson |
| Mar   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Joan Taylor & Pat Allatt              |
| Mar   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Christine Jones & Rob Waggott         |
| Mar   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument     |
| April | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach         |

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*

*Rob Waggott 3783592*

*Evelyn Aitken 3789908*

*Josie Armstrong 01388 748902*

*Rosemary Monument 3780456*

*Christine Jones 3789297*

*Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson 07788420930*

*Gillian Smellie 3739420*

*Linda Larnach 375 7554.*

*Sheena Murray 378 1097*

*Vivienne Lowe 3780974*

*Jean Merrington 3780952*

*Janiece Spence 4356357*

*Joan Taylor 3783630*

## **BCA CINEMA CLUB**



**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm “Mamma Mia!  
Here we go again”**

**More songs, more fun for 1h 54m. Unmissable!**

# **Christmas Thankyous**

## **Carol singing**

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to sing, and everyone who came to the door. Between us we raised £570, which has been split equally between the Salvation Army in Meadowfield and Traidcraft Exchange's special Christmas appeal to support craft producers who will lose future orders in the changes being made to Traidcraft PLC.

Elizabeth Dobson

## **Castle Cheese & Chat**

A Thank you from the Castle - £214.02 was raised from 'Cheese and Chat' on New Year's Day, to split equally between Send-A-Cow and The Children's Society: we thought it most enjoyable, thank you to all who came, chatted, and donated.

Alison Hobbs

## **Village Show**

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this the resounding success it was. The hall looked lovely, the food and wine was wonderful, and the talent on stage was stupendous. Thanks also to all the people who turned out to watch. I am looking for acts for next year.....If you would like a DVD [£5] please let me know. We have a rucksack left after the party. If it's yours, please claim it, 01913780456.

Rosemary Monument [[mwmonument@gmail.com](mailto:mwmonument@gmail.com)]

## **And a more recent thank you**

The Morgan family would like to acknowledge the huge debt of gratitude we owe to so many people for making possible such a fitting tribute to John on 17th January. The service in church led by friends from throughout his life, the music from our choir, performed beautifully and the decorations by our own Flower Guild, all contributed elements to reflect John's sense of community and involvement.

Many thanks as well to everyone who contributed to the occasion in the Village Hall afterwards; we know Brancepeth can put on a 'good do' but this was very special, John would have been more than a bit surprised but most appreciative!

Sue Morgan

**John Grubb Morgan RIP** 24/09/44 - 03/01/19

*An extract from the Eulogy given at John's funeral service on 17th January at St.Brandon's Church:*

John had some very clear loves and principles in his life that clearly defined him: his love for his family both near and far; the friendships formed throughout his life; his art and pottery; his teaching; his concern for the environment; his vegetarianism; his craftsmanship and drive to restore all things old to their former glory; and his love of this village and life within it.

John was born in Labrador, Canada, where he lived for six of his first 7 years. His father was a Moravian Missionary, working among the Inuit peoples, and his mother a school teacher. John remembered travelling by dog sleigh with his father; and he learnt early that when things broke down they needed to be repaired rather than replaced with new, and often with very limited access to spare parts. Ingenuity, skill and determination were essential for life.

Between the ages of 7 and 14 years, John lived with his aunt and three cousins in Weardale until his parents returned permanently to Howden-le-Wear. He studied at Wolsingham Grammar before completing a teacher training course at Northumberland College of Education. After a year teaching in Newcastle, John took up a post at Brandon Secondary School as an art teacher. Subsequently the school merged with Durham Johnson Comprehensive school where John spent almost 25 years teaching art up to both GCSE ordinary and advanced level. Sue has received many fond tributes from John's former pupils, grateful for the inspiration and encouragement he gave them towards developing successful careers in art.

Within his own art work John was always trying different methods and mediums. Initially working in oils, his painting moved through the use of chalks and pastels, until finally working with watercolours. His great love was his pots; experimenting with different clays and designs, developing his own glazes, and always testing how tall or how thin he could make them. Some of his finest work was in porcelain which is regarded as the most difficult form of pottery to master. At his funeral there was a fine range of his work on display in the church.

John moved into Durham Road, Brancepeth in 1975, where Sue joined him in on their marriage in 1978, and the family moved to Peppermires in 1991. John was always willing to help other people, always doing jobs, particularly in Church and in the village hall. He was renowned for his Christmas decorations again both in Church and the Village Hall. He loved this village and played a very active part in it; and through his involvement in the Church, Community Association Management Committee, Parish Council, Allotment Association, Archive & History group, quiz nights, badminton, ceildhis, yoga, and the art classes that he ran, he probably knew and was known by more people in this village and parish than any other person!

During his early years in Brancepeth John studied for an Open University Degree and chose History of Art & Architecture for his honours degree options. He put this knowledge, together with his practical skills, to good use in the renovation of no less than four houses in Brancepeth! He paid enormous attention to detail in the methods and materials he used in restoring these properties.

John achieved much in his life, but for us here in St Brandon's, he will always be remembered for the crucifix which looks over us. Created from charred wood after the great fire in 1998 it has been a sign of hope and rebirth; and it has truly taken its place in the rich history of 900 years of Christian witness in this place.

Above all, John lived for his family; Sue, James and Cat, and the birth of his grandson Paul in October brought him much joy at such a difficult time in his life.

Steve Hodgson  
January 2019

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## **Mens Social Night**

**Friday First February 2019**

**7pm**

**Beer ..... Snooker.....Domino's**

**Fish & Chip Supper**

**(Order rung in at 7.30pm ...so please be there by then)**

**No Tickets - Pay as you eat and Drink**

*Contact Dave Armstrong for further info*

*07843 343846*

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Sunday Lunch

17th February

Brancepeth Village Hall at 2pm

Menu

Local Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Beef Dripping Roast Potato's

Creamed Potato

Mashed Swede

Carrots/Greens

Blackberry Crumble and Vanilla Ice Cream

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Chocolate Mints

Tickets £12 Adults Under 14's £6

Contact Josie Armstrong jo.arm@me.com

**FLOWER GUILD AGM**

The date of the Flower Guild AGM will be on Wednesday 27 February at 12 noon in the committee room at the Village Hall. New members welcome.

Nominations for officers of the committee to Lynne Hastie please.



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# Quiz Night

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## Village Hall

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

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7.15pm

*In upstairs hall*

### *Pie and Pea Supper*

*(bring your own drinks)*

£8.00

BCA Members

£9.00

Non Members

Tickets from Josie Armstrong [jo.arm@me.com](mailto:jo.arm@me.com)

or Peter Aitken 0191 3789908

*(Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association)*

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## **GARDEN CLUB**

Notice of AGM. Wed. 11 April, Village Hall, 7.30. Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting. There is still a vacancy on the committee – nominations gratefully received – also up to the start of the meeting.

As usual there will be refreshments and nibbles after the AGM.

Spring Show Wed. 11 April. Schedules will be available next month.

Walkabout Friday 29 June. Goodwell Lea. More details next month.

Annual Show Saturday 7 September

Further events in later newsletters.

# **BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP**

## **OPEN MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL OF BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL**

**7.30 P.M.**

### **"THE NORTH EAST FILM ARCHIVE"**

#### **A PRESENTATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FILM OF BRANCEPETH AND THE LOCAL AREA**

The North East Film Archive is dedicated to finding, preserving and sharing the North East's rich moving image heritage collection. Recently Brancepeth Archives Group acquired from the Film Archive copies of two short films which both feature Brancepeth - one from the fifties and one from the sixties.

On 6 February, commencing at 7 30, we will show both those films presented by Julie Ballands from the Film Archive. She will talk about their Heritage Lottery Funded North East on Film project and give us the opportunity to see more film clips from the collection featuring Durham and the surrounding area.

**All are welcome. Admission is free. Drinks will be available.**

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### **INTERESTED IN BRANCEPETH CASTLE?**

**If so -**

**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**Saturday 30th March,**

**in the Castle**

- an opportunity to learn more about the history of the building and the results of a very recent survey of the fabric.**

**Full details of the event will be given in the next newsletter**



**BRANCEPETH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN!**

Subscriptions for 2019 are due from 1 January. ***Rates remain the same for the 11<sup>th</sup> year running!***

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>           | <b>£15</b>    |
| <b>ADULTS</b>                      | <b>£ 7.50</b> |
| <b>IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSION</b> | <b>£ 5.00</b> |

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 the 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.

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| <b>GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP</b> | <b>CINEMA CLUB MEMBERSHIP</b> |
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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 are:

|                    |           |                    |              |           |              |           |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>GARDEN CLUB</b> | <b>£3</b> | <b>CINEMA CLUB</b> | <b>Adult</b> | <b>£3</b> | <b>Child</b> | <b>£1</b> |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|

**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.**

**Book Club**

The next book club date is Friday 1 March, 7.30 p.m at 2 Goodwell Lea, Sheila Gardiner's home. The book for discussion is 'What a carve up', by Jonathon Coe, a satire based in the 1980s. Looks like a good read.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

## Dates for the Diary:-

|     |  |          |                |
|-----|--|----------|----------------|
| Feb | 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> | Monday   | Snooker Club   |
| Feb | 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> | Monday   | Yoga           |
| Feb | 5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>NB 1pm – 3pm</b> (winter)      | Tuesday  | Knit & Natter  |
| Feb | contact Jean Merrington  | Tuesday  | Choir          |
| Feb | 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> | Wed      | Exercise Class |
| Feb | 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> | Wed      | Coffee Morning |
| Feb | 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> | Wed      | Art Class      |
| Feb | 7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday | Badminton      |
| Feb | 10 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Sunday   | Youth Club     |

### ***Please confirm dates with leaders***

|     |                  |     |  |
|-----|------------------|-----|--|
| Feb | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Fri | Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall               |
| Feb | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sun | Messy Church, 3pm -5pm, Church                         |
| Feb | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Wed | Brancepeth Archives & History Group AGM, 6.30pm, VH    |
| Feb | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | Cinema Club, 'Mamma Mia! Here we go again', 7.30pm, VH |
| Feb | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Fri | Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall                       |
| Feb | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sun | Sunday Lunch, 2.00pm, Village Hall                     |
| Feb | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | Flower Guild AGM, 12.00 noon, Village Hall             |
| Mar | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Fri | Book Club, 7.30pm, 2 Goodwell Lea.                     |
| Mar | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Sat | Brancepeth Castle talk                                 |
| Apr | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | Licensing of Rev Anna Brooker, Church (evening)        |
| Apr | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | Garden Club AGM & Spring Show, Village Hall            |
| Jun | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Fri | Garden Club Walkabout                                  |
| Sep | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sat | Garden Club Annual Show, Village Hall                  |

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

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## Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

|                 |                                  |                    |                             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| George Gibbons  | <i>Chairman</i>                  | Phil Davison       | <i>Building coordinator</i> |
|                 | <i>Vice chairman</i>             | Alison Hobbs       | <i>Church</i>               |
| Peter Aitken    | <i>Secretary</i>                 | Geraldine Jennings | <i>Bookings</i>             |
| Margot Harrison | <i>Treasurer</i>                 | Joan Taylor        | <i>Subscription</i>         |
| Jo Dalton       | <i>Website &amp; Fundraising</i> | Jean Merrington    | <i>Choir</i>                |
| James Dalton    | <i>IT</i>                        | Joan Taylor        | <i>Wednesday Coffee</i>     |
| Josie Armstrong | <i>Social Events</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      | Lester Ball & Luke Winterbourne              |
| & 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)                    |
| Snooker Bookings          | Geraldine Jennings (3781583)                 |
| Wednesday Coffee          | Joan Taylor (3783630)                        |
| Yoga                      | Lynne Hastie (3781871)                       |
| Youth Club                | Geoff Moore (3735674)                        |

## Parish Council

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Chairperson  | Christine Jones (3789297)     |
|              | Dave Armstrong (01388 748902) |
|              | Jessie Brown (3782748)        |
|              | James Dalton (3780771)        |
|              | Michael Lowe (3780974)        |
|              | Jim Merrington (3780952)      |
| Parish Clerk | Geoff Smith 07986197346       |

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