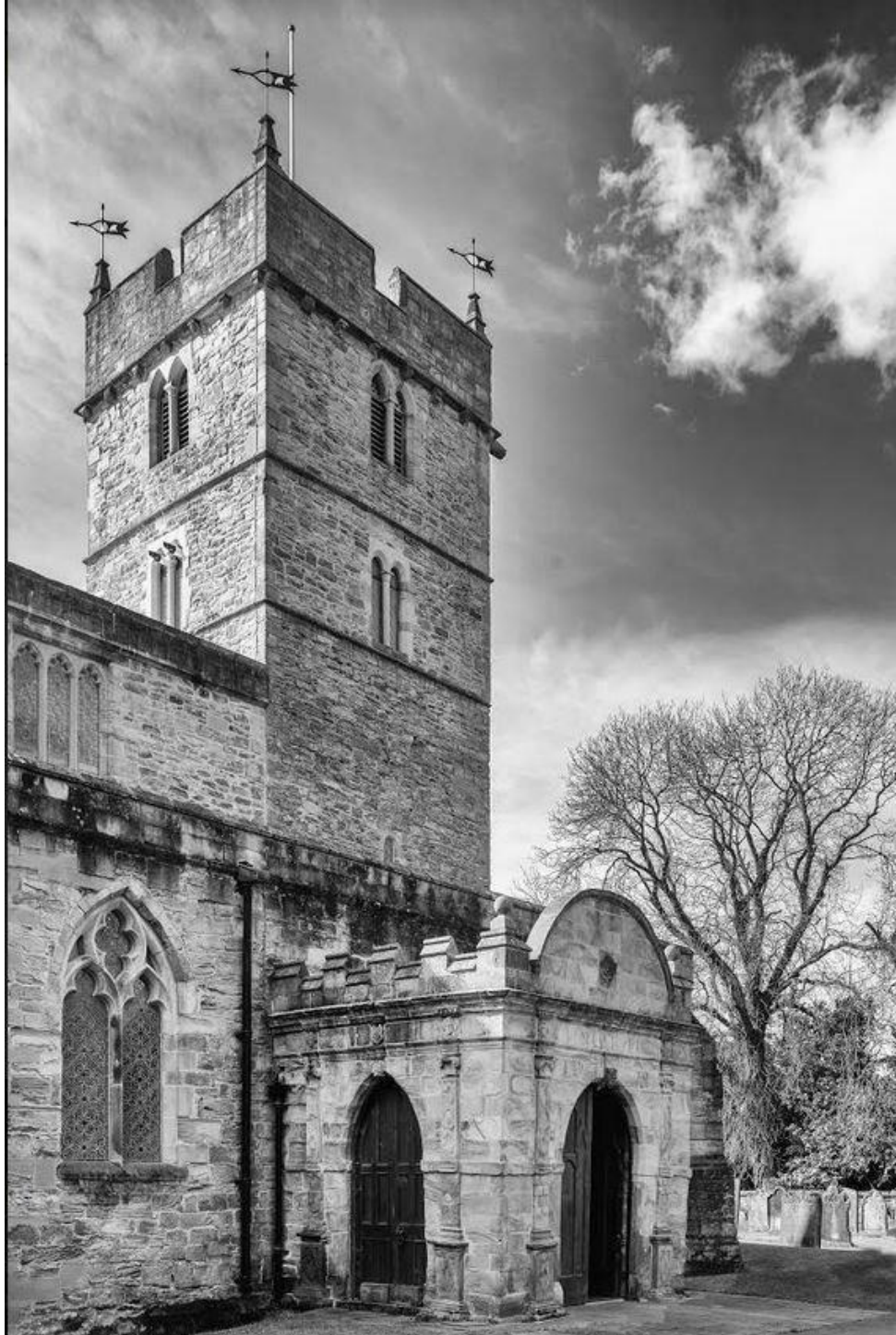


ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH

BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: June 2019

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Parochial Church Council

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Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)	
Messy Church	Liz Thomas (3784465)	
Organist	Richard Hird	
Village Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)	
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), Deborah Hodge (01388 745455), Jean Hodgson (3780289), Valeria Dietz.	
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (3735674)	
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (3781871)	
Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)	
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)	
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SMD Team:	Hester Higton, Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, Martin Peacock.	
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Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk	

July /August Newsletter entries - no later than June 20th
Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear friends

Summer is here! How lovely to enjoy long light evenings, leafy trees, growing gardens, and even, occasionally, glorious sunshine. I do love being outside, mostly in the Rectory garden but also in the natural areas around the castle and St. Brandon's. Gardens and churches are both beautiful in their different ways and of course both need a lot of care and hard work.

When people first come to Brancepeth, it is the buildings and their history which make an immediate impression. I was struck by the attractiveness of the village houses, the awesome immensity of the castle and the restored glory of the church. More recently, getting to know both church and village, I am struck by how many *people* are actively involved, giving time and skills to ensure that the practical, social and spiritual needs of our community are met. As well as church events, I've enjoyed going to the coffee morning and book club and I'm looking forward to the picnic early this month on the parish field: another opportunity to meet people of all ages and hear more stories of life here, past and present. Which reminds me that communities, like churches, are composed of people first of all, however beautiful their buildings may be.

St. Brandon's is a wonderful space with much dramatic history, but also a tangible sense of peace and prayerfulness, which often strikes the visitors who pop in and leave comments in the book.

It is our continuing worship of the living God which makes the building live, for without it, the church building is just an empty shell, more like a museum in some ways. We know that the church is really *people* who are following Jesus Christ today, in the footsteps of the many Christians who have prayed and worshipped here through the centuries, and cared for the building too.

This year we celebrate Pentecost on 9th June: the day when Jesus' followers first received the Holy Spirit as he had promised them, and were fired up to go out, tell others and share God's love. This was the 'birthday' of the church and it's interesting that Jesus didn't send his followers a set of building plans for a great cathedral, but his power, love, joy and peace, which completely changed their lives. The same is true today: God wants us to receive his Spirit so we can live transformed lives, with him, and be the people he created us to be – his church in fact.

Leading up to Pentecost, from Ascension Day (Thursday 30th May) is '*Thy Kingdom Come*', when the Anglican Church, led by our Archbishops, focuses on 10 days of prayer, following the example of Jesus' first disciples who met together to pray and wait for the Holy Spirit. At St Brandon's we will be handing out prayer journals to inspire and guide us; there will also be two extra opportunities to get together and pray, in contrasting styles. These are:

*** A meditative service in the style of Taize, with silence and singing, Sunday 2nd June, 5-**

6pm and

*** 'Prayer and Puddings' at the Rectory, Thursday 6th June, 7.30 - 9pm.**

Everyone is very welcome.

With all good wishes,

Anna

Anna Brooker, Priest in Charge, St Brandon's Church

St Brandon's June 2019 – service and readings

2nd June, Easter 7

Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Jayne Cook	Acts 16:16–34
Second:	Robert Scott-Biggs	Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–end
Gospel:		John 17:20–end
	Doris Dobson	Intercessions

9th June, Pentecost

Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Peter Cook	Acts 2:1–21
Second:	John Roberts	Romans 8:14–17
Gospel:		John 14:8–17, 25–27
	Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

16th June, Trinity

Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Tom Hobbs	Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31
Second:	Hester Higton	Romans 5:1–5
Gospel:		John 16:12–15
	Geoff Moore	Intercessions

23rd June, 1st after Trinity

Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Ulrike Hobbs	Isaiah 65:1–9
Second:	Mike Higton	Galatians 3:23–end
Gospel:		Luke 8:26–39
	Sally Scott-Biggs	Intercessions

30th June, 2nd after Trinity

Readings: First:

Second:

Gospel:

Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Wilfred Foxe

Carolyn Knott

Ulrike Hobbs

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–end

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–end

Intercessions

7th July, 3rd after Trinity

Readings: First:

Second:

Gospel:

Parish Eucharist 10.15

Janette Foxe

David Eltringham

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Galatians 6: 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20.

SidespersonsJun 2nd Maud Oliver & Iris WaggottJun 9th Sally & Robert Scott-BiggsJun 16th Bianca Allen & Myrleen StewartJun 23rd Bonny Bainbridge & Fiona EltringhamJun 30th Carolyn & Geoff KnottJul 7th Sue Morgan & Joan Nesbitt**Servers**

Tom Higton

Bridget Higton

Jonny

Tom Hobbs

Tom Higton

Bridget Higton

FlowersJun 2nd Ruth PicklesJun 9th Iris WaggottJun 16th Isabel RaeJun 23rd Eileen CrawfordJun 30th Christine DoddJul 7th Christine Dodd**Coffee**

Jeanette Metcalfe

Alison Moore

Evelyn Aitken

Norma Taylor

Sue Morgan

Jeanette Metcalfe

Church Cleaning***June:******Carol Beeby***, Norma Taylor, Ann Johnson,

Sarah Nicholson.

July:***Alison Moore***, Martin Peacock, Anne Elliott, Hillary Moss,
Isabel Rae, Geoff Moore, Annette Johnson.

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2019

20 th May – 2nd June	James Dalton, Philip Davison
3rd – 16 th June	Stephen Hodgson, Geoff Harrison
17 th - 30 th June	Tom Hobbs, Richard Hobbs
1st – 14th July	Simon Elliot, David Jackson

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

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 11th June 2019 at 11:00am

Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 11:00am

Tuesday 13th Aug 2019 at 11:00am

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

VESTRY REPORT: funerals, baptisms and weddings

12th May 2019, the interment of ashes in the Circle of Remembrance, John Grubb Morgan RIP.

19th May 2019, the baptism of Paul Alexander John Morgan, son of Catrin Morgan and James Morgan

Bereavement Support Group

An informal friendly support group for those who have been bereaved - either recently or longer ago.

Alison Hobbs and Deborah Hodge will be providing a supportive safe space for bereaved people to meet with others in a similar position for a cup of tea and a chat together.

In the Village Hall from **2 - 3.30** on the second Thursday of the next four months.

13th June, 11th July, 8th August and 12th September

Deborah Hodge 01388 745455 or 07791 241608

Alison Hobbs 0191 378 9670

Brancepeth Youth Club

June - July 2019

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. Dates for this term are:

June 9th and 23rd

July 7th – BBQ at the Castle

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

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

Note the Date

**TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
IN VILLAGE HALL**

**For further information or to book a table at £10
please contact Joan Taylor 378 3630**



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.

Wriggly church area in Neville Chapel available for pre-schoolers to enjoy with their grown-ups. Speaker relay to overhear Eucharist Service

Sunday School June 2019

Leaders: Martin Peacock with Carol Beeby, Deborah Hodge, Jeanette Metcalfe, Alison Moore **Sunday School will continue to meet as usual on all Sundays during June.**

Date	Topic	Passage	Story	Leaders
June 2 nd	'Set me free'	Acts 16: 16 - 34	Paul and Silas in jail	Martin and Jeanette



Next Meeting

July 7th The Smallest Can Win (Outside in Castle Grounds bring a picnic)

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY June 2019

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

1 **'Thy Kingdom come'** - We join the global prayer movement during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost

2 **'Thy Kingdom come' - May God's Holy Spirit empower us in new ways**

3 Oakenshaw Road

4 Give thanks for Youth Club, Sunday School and Messy Church and for all our youth leaders

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

6 Goodwell Lea

7 **'Thy Kingdom come'** - May we experience God's strengthening love

8 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field

9 **Pentecost – May we be open to God's Holy Spirit**

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

11 **Barnabas, 'the encourager'** – give thanks for someone who encourages you

12 Whitworth Lane and Black House

13 The Castle and Lodge

14 The Village Hall and Golf Club

15 Progressive supper tonight – for a good time, creating and renewing relationships

16 **Trinity Sunday – May we be inspired by God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer**

17 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View

18 Durham Road and the Forge

19 Pray for Bridge Road and Tanglewood

20 **Corpus Christi, the body of Christ** – give thanks for the simple yet profound practice of Holy Communion, sharing bread and wine

21 Village North, Station House and Cottages

22 The Village South

23 **Trinity 1- May the churches have strength and imagination to follow Christ's Way in our indifferent society**

24 **Birth of John the Baptist** – give thanks for all who point us towards Jesus Christ

25 Pray for all who are heavy with the pain of mourning

26 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm

27 Peppermires, Culmaran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm, Holywell and East Parks

28 Stockley Grove

29 **Peter and Paul** – pray for all who teach and preach, and share their faith story

30 **Trinity 2 – May the churches be places of listening and compassion in our divided society**

For July entries contact Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862



Churchyard Tidy-up!

Many people will have noticed the work being done to maintain the churchyard and keep it looking as attractive as possible. A great start was made this Spring as the pictures here and on the back cover show.

If you have a spare hour (or more) and could help, please talk to Edward Staines or James Morgan about what you might be able to do.

The next tidy-up day is July 6th! 10.00am onwards.

Please come along and join the fun!

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

June	5 th	Janiece Spence and Vivienne Lowe
June	12 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
June	19 th	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie
June	26 th	Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson
July	3 rd	Christine & Martyn Jones
July	10 th	Vivienne Lowe & Pat Allatt
July	17 th	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
July	24 th	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
July	31 st	Joan Taylor & Janiece Spence
Aug	7 th	Jean & Jim Merrington

If your turn is unsuitable please swap with someone else. Bonny Bainbridge or Hillary Moss may be able to help. Please let your partner know: -

Pat Allatt 3780454

Bonny Bainbridge 3789304

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

Hillary Moss 3789202

BCA CINEMA CLUB



Wednesday, 5th June at 7.30pm ”Stan & Ollie” 1hr 38mins

**A winsome glance back at two of cinema’s most legendary
comics**

starring John C Reilly and Steve Coogan as the hapless pair.

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP

SUMMER WALK – NEVILLES CROSS BATTLEFIELD

SATURDAY, 20TH JULY, David Butler will be leading a walk round the Nevilles Cross Battlefield in Durham, and talking about the battle itself (1346). There will be a small charge to cover costs. The walk will last about 2.5-3 hours, including stops. Numbers are limited to 20 so, if you are interested, please let Vivienne Lowe 378 0974 know. It is steep and can be muddy in places. It is important that anyone taking part feels fit and capable of doing the walk.

GARDEN CLUB

Future events. Walkabout Friday 5 July. Goodwell Lea. Start at Castle gates 6.30 . The hall will be open to allow you to deposit bottles etc. Ticket prices, £14.00 members, £15.00 non-members. Tickets from Peter Aitken and Monitors. As usual, numbers are restricted, and in order to facilitate the catering arrangements, sale of tickets will close on Tuesday 2nd July.

Annual Show Saturday 7 September. Photography Schedule :-

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Seen better days | 2. Close-up |
| 3. Boundaries | 4. Petals |
| 5 Curve | 6. Red |
| 7. Getting together | |

And Children`s:

Any of the above

8. What I like!

Book Club

The next book club date is Friday 7 June at Quarry Hill, 7.30 p.m. and will be hosted by Stephanie Stephenson. The book for discussion is Excellent women by Barbara Pym.

July's date is Friday 19th, to be hosted by Josie Armstrong at 4 Stockley Farm. Usual time 7.30 p.m. The book for July is Three things about Elsie by Joanna Cannon.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

The Durham Singers
Musical Director: Julian Wright

Songs for Joséphine

Music for The Bowes Museum

Lassus, Charpentier, Gibbons,
Gounod, Saint-Saëns and others

Saturday 6 July 2019
7.30 pm

St Brandon's Church
Brancepeth

Tickets £12/£10
from www.durham-singers.org
or Durham Music Shop
High Street, Langley Moor

Choir tel: 0779 0148062

Image credits: The Bowes Museum

**Tickets for Durham Singers' Concerts are very popular!
Book early to avoid disappointment.**



Village Picnic – on the field

Sunday 2nd June from 1pm

Bring a picnic, chair or rug

All age cricket Tug of War

Giant Jenga Rocket launch

Join in or sit back and watch the fun

Please bring something for the cake table and some money for an ice cream!

Bea and Arnab, Station House, 07714
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Directed by Alan Atkins



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age 8+

Brancepeth Castle
3rd July 2019, 7:30pm

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Parish Council Event

The Parish Council are holding a demonstration of the Defibrillator at the Village Hall on Saturday the 8th June at 10am.

All welcome.

Christine Jones.

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Quiz Night

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Village Hall

Friday 26th July

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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

or Peter Aitken 0191 3789908

(Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association)

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Sunday Lunch

28th July

Brancepeth Village Hall

Menu

Local Roast Pork and Yorkshire Pudding

Roast Potato's

Creamed Potato

Mashed Swede

Carrots/Greens

Sherry Trifle - or Non Alcoholic option

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Chocolate Mints

Tickets £12 Adults Under 14's £6

Contact Josie Armstrong jo.arm@me.com

Dates for the Diary:-

Jun	4 th 10 th 17 th 24 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Jun	4 th 10 th 17 th 24 th	Monday	Yoga
Jun	4 th 10 th 17 th 24 th	Monday	PiYo
Jun	11 th 25 th 2pm – 4pm (summer)	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Jun	Check dates with Jean	Tuesday	Choir
Jun	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Tai Chi Exercise Club
Jun	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
Jun	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Art Class
Jun	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	Thursday	Badminton
Jun	9 th 23 rd	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

June	2 nd	Sun	Village Picnic, 1pm, Village Field.
June	2 nd	Sun	Taize Service, 5.00 – 6.00 pm, Church
June	5 th	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Stan & Ollie', 7.30pm, VH
June	6 th	Thurs	Prayer & Puddings, 7.30-9.00pm, Rectory
June	8 th	Sat	Defibrillator Demo, 10.00am, Village Hall
June	13 th	Thurs	Bereavement Support Group, 2.00 – 3.30pm, VH
July	3 rd	Wed	Romeo & Juliet, 7.30pm, Brancepeth Castle.
July	5 th	Fri	Garden Club Walkabout
July	6 th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.00am onwards
July	6 th	Sat	Durham Singers Concert, 7.30pm, Church
July	7 th	Sun	Messy Church, 3pm -5pm, Church
July	20 th	Sat	Archives & History Group, Summer Walk, Neville's X Battlefield
July	26 th	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall.
July	28 th	Sun	Sunday Lunch, Village Hall.
Sep	7 th	Sat	Garden Club Annual Show, Village Hall
Oct	26	Sat	Table Top Sale, Village Hall

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

gerryjennings5@qooglemail.com or tel. 3781583

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Peter Aitken	<i>Chair</i>	Phil Davison	<i>Building Advisor (non trustee)</i>
Martyn Jones	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Choir & Church</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary (& Website)</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings & Garden Club</i>
Margot Harrison	<i>Treasurer</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Subscription, Wednesday</i>
Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Secretary</i>		<i>Coffee & Cinema Club</i>
James Dalton	<i>Parish Council</i>	Ian Stoker	

<http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/> Tel: 0191 3783952

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	Peter Aitken, The Copse, Foxes Row (3789908)
Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Treasurer	Margot Harrison, Downsgarth (3784813)
Membership	Joan Taylor, 5 The Village (3783630)
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	Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess 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)
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