

ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH
BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: October2019

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November Newsletter entries – no later than October 20th
Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear friends,

There's a change in the air; I don't just mean the autumnal nip – it started, officially, on the last day of August.

That was when we came together for a morning of reflecting and praying, under the title 'Setting Sail': what might be our direction of sail as we look ahead? The title was inspired by the billowing sail filled with the wind of the Holy Spirit, with the cross at the fore, that is the logo of St Brandon's. There were three questions posed at the end, and they remained open to further responses, and wider consideration, over the following fortnight. The questions were posed as sentences or statements to be completed: "It's great that ..." "It's a pity that ..." and, "Wouldn't it be good if ..."

I wonder what you thought of the questions, the answers formulated, and having them alongside us as bunting, a scroll and a poster as we worshipped. Uncomfortable? Challenging? Invigorating? Exciting?

Discerning possibilities for growth areas together requires trust, getting to know each other better, being prepared to share ideas and to listen well. We have done this as a parish for years – particularly focussed in the work of the Shared Ministry Development Team (SMDT) – but also as a congregation and friends. We're quite good at change, and quite up for growth. The task is now to identify for and with Anna, who we are, who we've been, and wonder together, who we might be, for each other under her leadership, and in seeking to find God more richly and widely in what we do.

Change is already visible in Deborah's role as she lays aside some of the big pastoral role she has carried, and embarks on training for ordained ministry; we benefited from the first fruits of this change in hearing her preach for the first time in a Sunday service, early in September. We will also be welcoming Rev. Sabine Heslop as curate, for the final part of her training. She will bring her own particular gifts and understanding of God which will bring us new ways of hearing the gospel and its meaning for our lives. And myself? I am keen to explore further what it means to be an Associate Minister with my ministry and work encompassing both St Brandon's and the castle: how and what am I called to change?

God is constantly offering us the invitation to change. Sometimes life's events cause changes that are unwelcome, and we experience the heaviness of the despondent question "What can I change?" God offers us hope that creeps through the cracks when we feel most helpless. Sometimes it's necessary for us or others to challenge a complacency, asking "What do I/we need to change?" Sometimes we see others' need and wonder, "How can we change, to bring about change?"

Of course, change and growth are not one and the same thing: not all change leads to growth – but all growth requires change. God longs for us to flourish, and to change in ways that do promote growth (not always comfortable – ask gardeners how they do it!) So let's give each other permission and encouragement to risk growing if we can.

Alison Hobbs

St Brandon's October 2019 – services and readings

6th October Harvest Festival, All Age Service 10.15

Reading: Martin Peacock Luke 17: 11-19 *

Bridget and Tom Higton Intercessions:

13th October, 17th after Trinity Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Anne Allen	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
Second:	Carolyn Knott	2 Timothy 2: 2-15
Gospel:	Luke 17: 11-19 * <i>these are deliberately the same!</i>	
	Sally Scott-Biggs	Intercessions

20th October, 18th after Trinity Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	David Eltringham	Genesis 32: 22-31
Second:	Jean Hodgson	2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5
Gospel:		Luke 18: 1-8
	Hester Higton	Intercessions

27th October, 19th after Trinity Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First:	Nick Brooker	Isaiah 45: 22-end
Second:	Geoff Knott	Romans 15: 1-6
Gospel:		Luke 4: 16-24
	Geoff Moore	Intercessions

3rd November, All Saints' Day Parish Eucharist- 10.15

Readings: First:	Jean Merrington	Daniel 7:13, 15-18
Second:	Steve Hodgson	Ephesians 1: 11-end
Gospel:		Luke 6: 20-31
	Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

Sidespersons

Oct 6th Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott
Oct 13th Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples
Oct 20th Sally & Robert Scott- Biggs
Oct 27th David Eltringham & Bianca Allen
Nov 3rd Myrleen Stewart & Bonny Bainbridge

Servers

Bridget
Tom Higton
Jonny
Bridget
Tom Higton

Flowers

Oct 6th Harvest Festival
Oct 13th Maud Oliver
Oct 20th Joan Taylor
Oct 27th Norma Taylor
Nov 3rd Sue Knight

Coffee

Norma Taylor
Sue Morgan
Jeanette Metcalfe
Alison Moore
Evelyn Aitken

Church Cleaning

October: *Carol Beeby*, Norma Taylor, Ann Johnson,
Sarah Nicholson.

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

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2019

23rd Sept – 6th Oct Simon Elliott, David Jackson
7th Oct – End Edward Staines, Michael Lowe & Martin Peacock

***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 15th Oct 2019 at 11:00am

Tuesday 12th Nov 2019 at 11:00am

Tuesday 11th Dec 2019 at 11:00am

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

VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms and weddings

17th September 2019, the funeral of Stewart John Hamilton Allen, RIP.

Brancepeth Youth Club

October - December 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 as follows:

6th October

20th October

3rd November

17th November

1st December

15th December

Leaders

Geoff Moore

373 5674

Martin Peacock

07503 242074

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

Durham Action on Single Housing (DASH)

On Sunday 15th September we were joined in Church by Janet Boyle from DASH. DASH is one of the charities that St Brandon's supports on a regular basis, and we have also donated our Harvest produce there for many years.

Janet explained what DASH is all about – that everyone, regardless of circumstances, should have a fundamental right to a place of shelter, and help to rebuild their life. DASH aims to make this a reality for people in the Durham area, and provides both support services and a variety of accommodation. In the past 24 months DASH has received over 1500 referrals, and in the last 30 months it has accommodated 260 individuals, both men and women. It has 63 accommodation units, some available on renewable 28 day licence agreements, some on assured shorthold tenancies, and some available for longer term supported accommodation. It also runs a vulnerable women's project which provides supported housing for women with multiple/complex issues. The aim is always to try to help people to move towards independence.

Janet thanked us for our support and said that there were always volunteering opportunities if anyone wanted to get more involved.

Contacts for DASH are: 384 5073; email@dashorg.co.uk; www.dashorg.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST.BRANDON'S SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 10.15 AM

Most of you will know that for many years, as part of our parish Harvest thanksgiving, we have donated our gifts to DASH – Durham Action on Single Housing. Those of you who were at our Eucharist service a couple of weeks ago will have heard Janet Boyle one of the managers of the Charity confirming that the Charity workers are always extremely grateful for the goods donated by us, which they can then make up into emergency packs for use by new and existing residents.

The following items are particularly welcome.....

- Any items which have a long shelf life and can be kept until needed such as any tinned goods (particularly meat, tuna, soup, baked beans, tomatoes, fruit) long life milk, boxes of cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, rice and pasta.
- shampoo, soap, toilet rolls and toothpaste
- and any treats such as jams, biscuits, cakes and sweets.

Any of the fresh items such as fruit and vegetables will be used for demonstrating to the residents how to cook soups and stews and then they are shared in a communal lunch for those residents housed in Dash accommodation in Churchill Square.

As always, my thanks for your support in the past, and I hope you will be able to generously give something from your shopping trolley this year to help others who are in greater need....

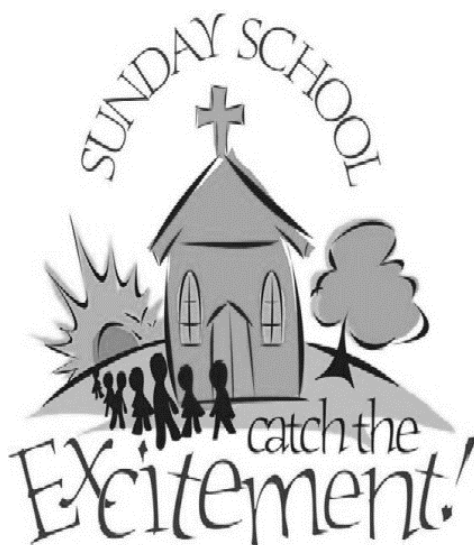
Jean Hodgson

Harvest Festival 6.10.2019

The Flower Guild would appreciate any donations of fruit and vegetables from the Allotment Association or local residents to add to our floral displays. These can be brought to the church from 9.30am on Friday 4th October or given to any member of the Guild.

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

Thank you for your support. Lynne Hastie



Sunday School October 2019

Date	Topic	Passage	Story	Leaders
6 th Oct	Harvest: All Age Service	<i>No Sunday School but we will take part in the service</i>		
13 th Oct	Be thankful	Luke 17: 11-19	Ten lepers healed	Martin and Carol
20 th Oct	Let me in!	Luke 18: 1-8	The judge and the widow	Martin and Alison
27 th Oct	I'm great <i>and</i> I'm sorry...	Luke 18: 9-14	Humble prayer	Martin and Jeanette



ALL AGE

**If you've not been but want to come
Then get yourselves along
We'll all introduce ourselves
And sing the Great Big God song!
We'll show you that it's church alright,
But not church as you know it!
The best way for you to see God's love
Is for us to share it and show it!**

SUNDAYS 3-5 PM

**St. Brandon's Church
Brancepeth**

**October 20th
Light Party**

Further details of St Brandon's services can be found at
<http://www.stbrandon.org.uk/worship/>

Further details of Messy Church can be found at
<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

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Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary October 2019

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

‘Oh Lord hear our prayers’

- 1 Give thanks for the changing seasons in our world and in our lives
- 2 Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 3 Oakenshaw Road
- 4 Give thanks for the abundant harvest and pray for our stewardship of the planet
- 5 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field
- 6 **TRINITY 17 HARVEST FESTIVAL Pray for DASH and the people they support**
- 7 Pray for the Brexit negotiations for guidance for our leaders
- 8 Station House, cottages and the Village North
- 9 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 10 Spring Farm Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den
- 11 Goodwell Lea North
- 12 Goodwell Lea South
- 13 **TRINITY 18 Prison Sunday pray for all prisoners and those who seek to help them**
- 14 Pray for all students starting or returning to university
- 15 Stockley Grove
- 16 For church members outside the parish
- 17 Durham Road and The Forge
- 18 St Luke pray for all who work in the medical profession
- 19 Pray for those who struggle with bereavement
- 20 **TRINITY 19 Pray for Messy Church this afternoon**
- 21 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres and Thornberry Garth
- 22 The Village South
- 23 The Castle and Lodge
- 24 Peppermires, Culmaran, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 25 Bridge Road and Tanglewood
- 26 Give thanks for the animals who share our lives
- 27 **TRINITY 20 As the clocks go back pray for all who dread winter and suffer in darkness**
- 28 Golf Club, Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scripton Lodge, Scripton Farm
- 29 Pray for Sunday school Messy Church and Youth Club
- 30 Holywell and East Parks
- 31 All Hallows pray for light in the darkness and give thanks that it will never be overcome

For November entries contact Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862

Introducing the new curate:

Hello, my name is Sabine Tenge-Heslop, and I am absolutely thrilled that I have been given the chance to continue my curacy at St. Brandon! I think this is the most beautiful church building



in the whole diocese, and I am very grateful to have the Reverend Anna Brooker as my new training incumbent.

A few facts about me: I am 60, a German national, and I have been living in the UK since 2010. What brought me here? The best of all reasons: love! After my first marriage in Germany had broken down, I met a lovely English gentleman called Bill, and I decided to dare a new start. We got married in 2010, and things turned out really well for me: I was lucky enough to get a job at Durham University as a teacher for German, and in 2012, I was admitted by the Church of England on a theology course with Lindisfarne College of Theology – first as a reader trainee, then as a trainee priest. After decades of voluntary work for the Lutheran Church in Germany, it is a great blessing to be a priest – it gives my service a new dimension, with exciting challenges and amazing rewards.

In my free time, I enjoy gardening, bird watching, Scottish Dancing and walking. This Lent, Bill and I followed St. Cuthbert's Way; and with my daughter Lili, I recently walked the last 112 km of the Camino de Santiago.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all soon,

Revd. Sabine

(BTW: If you want to pronounce my name correctly, think of it as 'Sabina', because the 'e' at the end is not mute in German)



ALL SOULS SERVICE
7.00pm Saturday 2nd November
St. Brandon's, Brancepeth



You are warmly invited to our All Souls Service where we will remember loved ones who have passed away. During the service names of the departed will be read out and there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those we have lost.

There is a list for names on the table at the back of the church. Please feel free to add any names you would like to be included in the service, or contact Deborah Hodge on: 01388 745455, deborah.hodge@hotmail.com or text or call 07791241608



Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

Oct	2 nd	Jean & Jim Merrington
Oct	9 th	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie
Oct	16 th	Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson
Oct	23 rd	Joan Taylor & Pat Allatt
Oct	30 th	Christine & Martyn Jones
Nov	6 th	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
Nov	13 th	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
Nov	20 th	Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence
Nov	27 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
Dec	4 th	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie

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

Stewart Allen:

highlights from the Tribute brought by his daughter, Margaret Meyer, at his funeral.



Stewart was a unique, complex, person: a godly man, a loving husband, a dear father, granddad and greatgranddad, a sportsman, a generous donator of his time and a clever wordsmith with many other abilities.

To begin, dad travelled widely in his early years. After National Service, his career as a Chartered Surveyor for the British Colonial service took him to the West Indies. He met Bianca in Grenada, she came to the UK, they got married and left almost immediately for Africa, where they stayed until 1968. The family moved back to the UK and to Brancepeth the following year. Apart from a few trips to see family in the US and

Canada, dad's travelling days were largely over.

Our father found a home in this village and in this church. He was a deeply religious man and served the parish in many ways over the years: regular involvement in services, PCC, teaching and ringing the bells. With the Tindales, he started the Christmas Eve carol singing that continues to this day. He helped keep the church grounds tidy and one morning met an American couple, whom he took around the church and churchyard, after which they thanked him and gave him a generous tip, obviously thinking he was the groundskeeper! At the time dad was wearing a disreputable old coat tied at the waist with string and an ancient cap. He doffed his cap, thanked them profusely, then put the money in the donations box. A glimpse of his humility and great sense of fun. For 25 years he and Bianca volunteered as stewards at Durham cathedral. He also translated books into Braille for the blind.

Dad liked to stay active and enjoyed many sports, of which his favourite was golf. He began playing at 10 and played in every country he lived in. For years he played at the Brancepeth golf course every weekday until he was finally granted a free membership. He'd play first thing on a largely empty course and as he grew less mobile would play holes in random order to avoid the steeper paths. He'd choose the cake for his morning coffee at Greggs dependent on how well he'd played - a cream cake the reward for a good score! Until a few weeks ago he was still playing clock golf in the garden.

Another great interest was dancing, in a range of styles, from aged 20 till his late eighties! He loved bird watching since childhood and could identify most birds by their song. As an RSPB member he took part in the annual bird count. He was a dedicated gardener although he hated to prune things, Mum had to do that when he wasn't looking.

Stewart had an active body but also an active and inventive mathematically inclined mind. He loved crosswords and codewords. He compiled family based quizzes, word puzzles or crosswords and put together mixed teams for boules. He wrote complicated speeches and recited them from memory with his eyes closed. At his 70th birthday party he ran through his interests in order according to their first letter as they matched names of his loved ones and the order they came into his life. On his 90th, he mentioned his long-ago interest in naturism, which startled some younger family members!

Stewart wrote a diary from age 5, using a complex code which sadly has passed with him... In his 80s he learned to use an iPad - with much help from patient family members - and would, among other things, check the temperature each evening to clarify which quilt he needed on his bed.

In case anyone should think, after all this, that Stewart was a saint, he also never threw anything out, liked to keep a strict schedule, never asked a direct question, was totally uninterested in practical things like changing light bulbs, was confused by most modern technology and was fiercely competitive even with other family members.

This just touches the surface of dad's life. He was much loved and will be very much missed.

BCA CINEMA CLUB



Wednesday, 2nd October at 7.30pm

“Fisherman’s Friends”

112 mins. Shot on location in Cornwall with a screenplay from “Finding your Feet” writers Nick Moorcroft and Meg Leonard.

Starring Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, Tuppence Middleton, Noel Clarke and David Hayman.

Churchyard Tidy-up

Saturday 5th October - 9.00am onwards.

This is the third Saturday this year where volunteers are being asked to help to maintain the churchyard and keep it looking as attractive as possible. This time a special effort is being made to improve the appearance of the new churchyard.

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 or just turn up and help!

Please come along and join in – refreshments on offer too!

GARDEN CLUB

24 members took part in the Annual Show on Saturday 7th September. The number of entries was 242.

The winners of each section are as follows

Fruit and Vegetable		Sue Morgan
"	Best Exhibit	Sue Morgan (Carrots)
Flowers		Jean Merrington
"	Best Exhibit	Sue Morgan (Vase of Seasonal Flowers)
Flower Arranging		Janice Spence
Garden Containers		Maud Oliver
Home Produce		Richard Jackson
"	Best Exhibit	Mavis Henderson (Jar of Jam)
Photography		Janice Spence
"	Best Exhibit	Paul Spence (Red)

The Overall Winner of the Show was Sue Morgan

2nd place Richard Jackson

3rd place Jean Merrington

Many thanks to all who competed from the Garden Club



Wednesday **20 November**, our annual talk. Christine Walkden, well known on BBC Gardeners Question Time. The title of the talk is "Making the most of your garden"

Don't fall victim to internet and email scams!

Wednesday 9th October. Village Hall (main hall).

George Kelley will give a presentation on internet scams. The presentation is free to attend and we strongly recommend it.

The internet is awash with scams, and email scams in particular. Scammers are sending out bulk emails, usually 10,000 or more at a time, hoping to snare someone in their net, someone who will lose out to these criminal gangs. These emails *can* be very sophisticated, sometimes masquerading as Paypal, Apple, HMRC, Amazon or Ebay, trying to fool you into giving up your account details. George has amassed a wide collection of scam emails in his time as an I.T. trainer and enjoys passing on the fruits of his research. He will make a presentation in the village hall at 11.00 Wednesday 9th October.

Book Club

Stephanie Stephenson has volunteered to host the next meeting of the Book Club at Quarry Hill on Friday 11 October, usual time of 19.30. Thank you, Steph.

The book to look for is "Party girls die in pearls". Set in Oxford in 1985 it's a who dun it in the style of Agatha Christie and Nancy Mitford. Comments suggest it's also really clever, terrific fun, a total hoot and outright funny...we'll be the judge of that, shall we?!

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

Hello everyone!

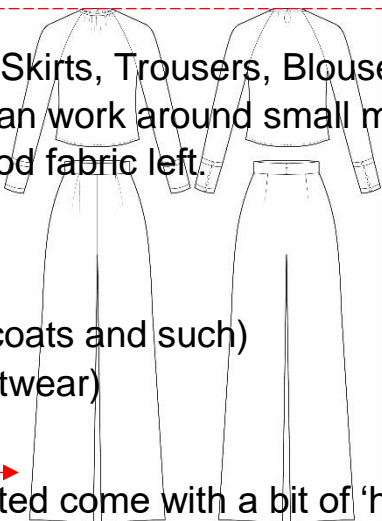
As many of you might know, I've just started my third year at college, so hopefully, June 2020 I'll have my Bachelor of Art in Fashion!

This is where I need your help. For my final collection I would like to re-use/upcycle old clothes, as my Dissertation will be all about sustainability.

I would be delighted if anyone wants to donate a couple of items of clothing to my "Final Collection Fund" to help me get started!

~~This is what I'm looking for:~~

- Main Garments- Dresses, Skirts, Trousers, Blouses, Shirts, T-Shirts...
- They can be well worn! I can work around small moth holes or stains, just as long as there's enough good fabric left.
- No matter the style!



Please avoid donating:

- Outerwear (Waterproofs, coats and such)
- Underwear (including nightwear)
- Children's clothes

I'm hoping that the clothes donated come with a bit of 'history', even if it's just 'Loved it in the shop, didn't like it at home anymore. /Only wore it once.'

For any more questions, feel free to send me an email at Ulrike.friebel@hotmail.de or call/text me at 07784 922 069.

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Quiz Night

Village Hall

Friday 1st November

7.15pm

In upstairs hall

Teams 2 - 8

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 37899

Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association

Mens Social Night

Village Hall

Friday 15th November

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

Future Events – Save the Date – more details in the next newsletter

- Saturday 7th December: Christmas Show
 - Friday 13th December : The Big Christmas Quiz
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Christmas Show

This will be on Saturday December 7th at 7pm, with a dress rehearsal on either Saturday 30th November [children] or Sunday 1st December. We are counting on all the regular contributors to appear again, and would welcome any newcomers. Acts should be about 3 minutes long unless they involve a lot of people. Please contact us by email or phone. Audience, please put the date in your diary, as you are very important

Rosemary Monument mwmonument@gmail.com

Martin Peacock 07503242074

In support of Treetops Children's Ward
(University Hospital North Durham)

On Wings of Song

Sunday 6th October

St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth
DH7 8DF
at 4pm

featuring:

Mary Coffield (Soprano)

Jeremy Harbottle (Cello/Tenor)

Alison Gill (Piano)

Tickets £10 available from the ticketline on
07936 080535 or email: mary.coffield@googlemail.com

A relaxing afternoon of romantic music for voice, cello and piano by Berlioz, Fauré, Saint-Saëns, Donizetti, Offenbach and Dvorak plus some Victorian favourites.

All proceeds will support the vital work of Treetops Children's Ward at the University Hospital of North Durham.



"RISING OF THE NORTH EVENTS"

If you haven't yet thought about coming to one or all of these events being held in the Castle to commemorate the 450th anniversary of this Uprising, which began at Brancepeth, now's the time to do so!

1. **"The Reluctant Rebels"** - a second opportunity to hear this illustrated talk about the Rising. Tickets for the original date of 5th October sold out very quickly but Dr. Newton has kindly agreed to do a repeat evening on **26th October**. , 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.- Tickets £6.00 include a welcome drink on arrival.

2. **An Evening of Elizabethan Music, Song and Poetry** in the Great Hall of Brancepeth Castle, featuring a professional singer Jeni Melia and Lutenist Wilfred Fox, musicians The Lachrimae Consort, Brancepeth Village Choir, Martin Peacock and Dr. Barbara Ravelhofer - **Saturday 19th October** , 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.- tickets £12.50 canapes and wine.

3. **The Muster** - an evening at the Castle which offers an opportunity to imagine what it was like 450 years ago when men gathered at the Castle before setting off to march south.

Wednesday 13th November. Tickets £12.50 include drinks and battle rations and a unique experience! Assemble promptly outside the Castle 7.00 p.m. to hear the alarm bells, and cannon fire. Then inside the Castle for the Muster experience.

Each event will also offer visitors an opportunity to enjoy log fires, see a display about the Rising of the North and a modestly priced bar should anyone wish to linger over an additional drink or two!

Admission by pre-purchased tickets as numbers are limited. For more information and tickets - ring Vivienne Lowe 0191 378 0974. Tickets also available at the Belle and Blossom Tea Room at the Castle.

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Oct	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Monday	Yoga
Oct	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Monday	PiYo
Oct	1 st 15 th 29 th	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Oct	Check dates with Jean	Tuesday	Choir
Oct	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	Wed	Tai Chi Exercise Club
Oct	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
Oct	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	Wed	Art Class
Oct	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st	Thursday	Badminton
Oct	6 th 20 th	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

Oct	2 nd	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Fisherman's Friends', 7.30pm, VH
Oct	5 th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-up, 9.00am onwards, Churchyard.
Oct	6 th	Sun	Concert, 'On Wings of Song', 4.00pm, Church
Oct	9	Wed	Internet Scam awareness training, 11.00am, Village Hall
Oct	11 th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Quarry Hill.
Oct	15 th	Fri	Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	20 th	Sun	Messy Church, 'Light Party' 3pm -5pm, Church
Oct	26 th	Sat	Table Top Sale, Village Hall

The Rising of the North –Events

Oct	19 th	Sat	An Elizabethan Concert, 7.00pm, Castle
Oct	26 th	Sat	'Reluctant Rebels' repeat talk, 7.00pm, Castle
Nov	13 th	Wed	Muster – The Rising of the North, 7.00pm, Castle
Nov	1 st	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall.
Nov	20 th	Wed	Garden Club Annual Talk, Village Hall
Dec	7 th	Sat	Village Christmas Show, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Dec	13 th	Fri	Big Christmas Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall.

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

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Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary (& Website)</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings & Garden Club</i>
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Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	Joan Taylor (3783630)
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