

# **ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH**



**BRANCEPETH**

**NEWSLETTER: March 2020**

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**April Newsletter entries – no later than March 15th**

**Please send to Sue Morgan – [sueatpeppermires@gmail.com](mailto:sueatpeppermires@gmail.com)**

Dear Friends,

The days are getting longer, snowdrops and aconites adorn the borders, chives show their tips, the countryside is greener by the day: spring is on its way! This is a wonderful season, when the light returns, and even if cold gales are still raging, we know better things are on their way. As a gardener, I will soon be nursing my first seedlings on the windowsill, enjoying their promise of delicious food. True, I do miss the frozen beauty of real winters; however, I do not miss dealing with frozen windscreens and icy roads on dark mornings, and again my lettuces survived the mild winter.

Looking at nature always provides a healthy framework for thought: Despite the doom and gloom of the daily news, which can give the feeling things are getting worse and worse, there is constancy and purpose in nature: Regardless of the mess caused by humans, the planet is revolving and the seasons are moving on. After dark nights, bright mornings will fill the mind with expectation and hope. Marvelling at a glorious dawn, we feel in our hearts that there is more than just *our* horizon.

What is it? I call it the innate knowledge that there is something bigger at work; as a Christian, I know it is God: *'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.'* (Ps 33:6) The deep feeling of awe and peace that nature provides, calls for words like this: *'The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.'* (Ps 23:1-3) The words of the Psalms ring true down the ages, and one of their amazing features is the fact that they work equally well in all languages – unusual for poetry. I am enjoying them as much in English as in my mother tongue German, and I am pleasantly surprised that we read one in almost every service at St. Brandon's, thus joining a chorus of prayer that has been going on for millennia across many cultures. Looking unflinchingly at the full range of human emotions, they are able to hold together the great paradoxes of life: How can suffering and joy be so close together? *'I look up to the mountains - does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!'* (Ps 121:1-2)

Just like a walk in God's glorious nature, the psalms refresh and restore the weary soul. Rejoice in spring with the psalms!

Prayers and good wishes for you all,

Sabine Tenge-Heslop (Curate at St. Brandon)

## St Brandon's March 2020– Services and readings

### March 1<sup>st</sup> Lent 1

### Parish Eucharist 10.15 *Growing our Giving 1*

Readings	First:	Mike Higton	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7
	Second:	Wilfred Foxe	Romans 5: 12-19
	Gospel:		Matthew 4: 1-11
		Edward Staines	Intercessions

### Taize Service with Compline, 6.30pm Readings tbc

### March 8<sup>th</sup> Lent 2

### Parish Eucharist 10.15: *Growing our Giving 2*

Readings	First:	Janette Foxe	Genesis 12: 1-4a
	Second:	Anne Allen	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
	Gospel:		Matt 25: 1-13*
		Sally Scott Biggs	Intercessions

*\*NB not on readings sheets, will be printed for congregation*

### March 15<sup>th</sup> Lent 3

### Parish Eucharist 10.15: *Growing our Giving 3*

Readings	First:	Ken Howe	Exodus 17:1-7
	Second:	David Eltringham	2 Cor 9:6-15*,
	Gospel:		John 6: 5-13*
		Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

*\*NB not on readings sheets, will be printed for congregation*

### March 22<sup>nd</sup> Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist 10.15

Reading (one only)	Elsie Thomas	Luke 10: 38-42
	Mothering Sunday Team	Intercessions

### March 29<sup>th</sup> Lent 5

### Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings	First:	Caroline Middleditch	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
	Second:	Amy Gooding	Romans 8: 6-11
	Gospel:		John 11: 1-45
		Nick Brooker	Intercessions

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday****Parish Eucharist 10.15**

Readings	First:	Jean Hodgson	Isiah 50:4-9a
	Second:	Nick Brooker	Philippians 2:5-11
	Gospel:		Matthew 21: 1-11
		Alison Moore	Intercessions

**Sidespersons****Servers**

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	David Eltringham & Bianca Allen	Tom Hobbs
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Myrleen Stewart & Bonny Bainbridge	Jonny
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fiona Eltringham & Sue Morgan	Bridget
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joan Nesbitt & Hester Higon	Tom Higon
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Merrington & Steve Hodgson	Tom Hobbs
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jayne & Peter Cook	Jonny

**Flowers****Coffee**

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lent 1	Sue Morgan
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 2	Amy Gooding
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 3	Jeanette Metcalfe
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothering Sunday	Alison Moore /Sue Hope
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 5	Cat Morgan
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	Evelyn Aitken

**Church Cleaning**

***March:*** *Alison Moore*, Anne Elliott, Hillary Moss,  
Annette Johnson.

***April:*** *Sue Morgan*, Bonny Bainbridge, Fiona Eltringham,  
Deborah Hodge.

# **BBC Choral Evensong from St Brandon's**

**Friday 27 March**

**2.30–3.30 p.m.**

We are delighted and excited to welcome the chapel choir of St John's College, Durham to St Brandon's for a recording of choral evensong for BBC Radio 3. The event will be broadcast on Radio 3 on Wednesday 15 April at 3.30 p.m., with music and readings themed around the first week of Easter.

This is a public service, so everyone is very welcome to attend, to support the choir and to join in the singing of the hymns with gusto. It is a wonderful opportunity for St Brandon's and we do hope that plenty of people will come along to swell the congregation. The BBC normally requests that everyone is seated at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the service.

To help us know how many seats to put out, it would be very useful if you could tell us in advance if you are planning to come. Offers of refreshments after the service (cakes, biscuits and sandwiches) are also warmly welcomed. Please contact [hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop).

If you're not able to join us on the day, please put the date of the broadcast in your diaries so that you can listen in in April. We'll put a reminder in the April newsletter, with further details of the music and readings.

## **A change to the newsletter**

From April we plan to print the newsletter with a full colour front and back page.

This means we can have four pages of colour and will place items that are submitted in colour on the inside of the front or back cover.

To do this the newsletter will have to be ready for publication a little earlier in the month so last entries will be the **15th** of every month instead of the 20th.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sue Morgan

## **Jean Merrington (JM) interviewed by Sabine Heslop (SH)**

**SH:** How long have you been living in Brancepeth? How did the choir start?

**JM:** Forty five years. The choir developed from a madrigal-group in our house. One Christmas, the then vicar the Reverend Alan Chesters asked us to sing at the carol service. Everybody liked it so much that it became an annual tradition for the madrigal-group. Over the years, the choir has grown and developed to be a village choir that rehearses in the Village Hall. Our focus these days is church music, since it is so beautiful! So this is a village choir that sings in church.

**SH:** Currently, you are preparing for a Taizé service. I know that Taizé is a village in Burgundy, where an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity lives and works. What made you go there?

**JM:** Well, we were on a holiday in France and we thought it would be an interesting place to go. And it was!

**SH:** What makes Taizé special?

**JM:** The place has a buzz to it: It is full of young people from all over the world, who come there for discussion and prayer. Most stay in very basic accommodation such as tents. There is a very strong feeling of community. The main event is the Evening Prayer, where hundreds of people come together in candlelight, and what impresses me most is the silence in the service: So many people, and you could hear a pin drop!

**SH:** How does this combination of music and silence work?

**JM:** The chants are short lines, mostly taken from Scripture, and repeated again and again. They seem to permeate your being, so this meditative singing becomes a way of connecting with our inner life. Music touches places spoken words cannot reach! The silence enables you to listen attentively to God, and it gives your mind peace.

**SH:** True! Nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song, and thanks to your work, and all the talent in the choir, the result is utterly beautiful and moving! What are your plans for the future?

**JM:** We will be travelling to Taizé again this summer! For the choir, I hope we will keep it going a long time: We have a cupboard full of really good choral music!

*This is the first of a series of interviews Sabine would like to conduct with people living in the village who offer time and talents in a variety of ways to enhance our community. It's good to know how other people help the village to thrive behind the scenes!*

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 10th Mar 2020 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7th Apr 2020 at 11:00am

Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 11:00am

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

***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***

## **Brancepeth Youth Club**

**March - April 2020**

*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:

March 8, 22

April 5

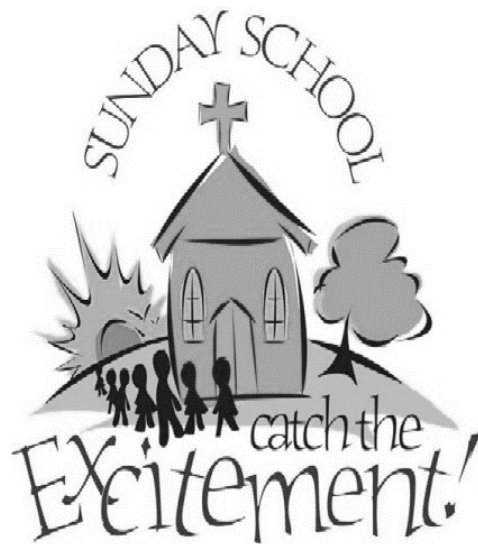
### *Leaders*

Geoff Moore 373 5674

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

Jonny Dobson, Sabine Tenge-Heslop, Tom Hobbs 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**

### **On the road to Easter**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Passage</i></b>	<b><i>Story</i></b>	<b><i>Leaders</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Cleansing</b>	Matt 21:12-13	Jesus overturns tables	Martin & Jeanette
8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Seeking</b>	John 12:20 - 26	Greeks ask to see Jesus	Martin & Carol
15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Sharing</b>	Matt 26:17-30	Last supper	Martin & Sabine
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b><i>Mothering Sunday</i> All age service</b>	No Sunday School		
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Failing</b>	Matt 26:69-75	Peter betrays Jesus	Martin & Alison
5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i> Arriving</b>	Matt 21:1-9	Entry into Jerusalem	Martin & 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**

**March 15th  
(Mothering Sunday theme ready  
for March 22nd)**

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 March 2020

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

**'Full of compassion and mercy and love is God, the most high, the Almighty'**

**1 Lent 1 Taize service this evening – give thanks for worship at St Brandon's**

2 Pray for those who live in Goodwell Lea and the Oakenshaw Road area

3 Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages

4 In this Lenten time, pray for the humility to see yourself clearly

5 Quarry Hill, the Cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field

**6 World Day of Prayer service this morning in church**

**8 Lent 2 Youth Club tonight – pray for our young people in their studies and work**

9 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood

10 Golf Club, Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm

11 Wednesday coffee morning in the Village Hall, all the community activities

12 Village South, Castle and Lodge

13 In this Lenten time, pray for the courage to follow Christ's way

14 Whitworth Lane, Black House, church members outside the parish

**15 Lent 3 Messy Church today – pray for young children you know**

16 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy acres, Thornberry Garth

17 **St Patrick** Pray for the island of Ireland, for wise leadership in North and South

18 In this Lenten time, pray for the wisdom to make good choices in your life

19 **Joseph of Nazareth** Pray for fathers, for your own father, for fathers who struggle

20 **Cuthbert** Give thanks for Cuthbert – may we copy his love for the natural world

21 **Cranmer** Pray for Deborah Hodge and others who are training for ministry

**22 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday – pray for your own mother, for mothers who struggle**

23 Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View

24 Durham Rd and the Forge

25 **The Annunciation** - may we, like Mary, be open to listen to God's messengers

26 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell, South Brandon, Brawns Den

27 In this Lenten time, pray for the grace to forgive when you are hurt

28 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmaran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm

**29 Lent 5 Pray for our country – for progress in compassion and fairness**

30 In this Lenten time, pray for singleness of heart to make the journey to the cross

31 **John Donne** Give thanks for the poet's gift to speak truth and stir the heart

## Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

## Refreshments from 10.00am



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Mothering Sunday March 22nd

Brancepeth people are always very generous on this day and I'm sure will continue to be so. I wish I could say that we don't need to do this anymore as women are no longer abused. I can't: but Durham does its bit. We still have a Refuge when lack of funding has caused many to close and we still have those of us who want to help.

Thank you.

Fiona Eltringham 01388 746058

## FLOWER GUILD - DONATIONS FOR EASTER

Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers in church would be greatly appreciated. The enclosed envelope can be delivered to any of the following Guild members:

Jessie Brown: Kirkstone, The Forge  
Ruth Pickles: 19 The Village  
Hillary Moss: 1 Stockley Grove

Christine Jones: 32 Goodwell Lea  
Lynne Hastie: 26 Goodwell Lea

Otherwise donations can be handed to Norma Taylor, or any other Guild member, in church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jessie Brown  
Chair

## Christmas shoeboxes 2020

### Advance notice



At its meeting in January, the PCC decided to change the charity to whom we donate Christmas shoeboxes. We will now be collecting shoeboxes on behalf of Blythwood Care, a Scottish charity who send shoeboxes around the world to both children and adults in need. You can find out more at their website: <https://www.blythwood.org/shoebox>.

Local collections for Blythwood happen a little earlier in the year than we have been used to: shoeboxes will be gathered at a service in mid-October rather than November, so look out for information in the September issue of the newsletter.

The PCC are very grateful to all the people in the village who have been so generous over the years in donating to our shoebox appeal. We hope that you will continue to support the new charity. We also thank Jean Hodgson for her many years of organising the appeal. She is now handing on the task to Jayne Cook. If you would like more information, you can contact Jayne on [jaynecook@jaynecook.com](mailto:jaynecook@jaynecook.com) or 01388 731417.

## **Garden Club.**

Notice of AGM. Wed. 22 April, Village Hall, 7.30. Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting. As usual there will be refreshments and nibbles after the AGM.

Spring Show Wed. 22 April. Schedules are now available from monitors, and on the shelf next to the serving hatch in the village hall. Also on the BCA web site.

Walkabout Friday 3 July. Stockley Grove. More details next month.

Annual Show Saturday 12 September

Further events in later newsletters.

## **Book Club**

Next time we will meet at Val Gibbons's house, 3 The Forge, on Friday 6th March at the usual time of 19.30. The chosen book is The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley.

It is a 'best-selling' crime thriller with good reviews.

Our following meeting will be at Rosemary and Mark Monument's home on the 3rd April.

Please bring recommendations for the April book.

All welcome,

Val Gibbons.

## **Badminton**

The Badminton Group plays every Thursday in the Village Hall from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Whatever your age and whatever your ability you are welcome to join us. If you played Badminton or Tennis when you were younger, it will take no time to recover lost skills – it could form part of a New Year's fitness resolution or just provide an evening of fun.

No special dress code and racquets available to borrow to start you off.

Come along and give it a try!

### Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

Mar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
Mar	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
Mar	18 <sup>th</sup>	Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence
Mar	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Jim Merrington
Apr	1 <sup>st</sup>	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie
Apr	8 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Stephenson & Lynda Blakesly
Apr	15 <sup>th</sup>	Christine & Martyn Jones
Apr	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
Apr	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence

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*

Bill Currie would like to thank everyone involved in making his 80th birthday such a special occasion. It coincided with the Wednesday coffee morning which meant there were many people present. He thanks everyone for the cards and presents so kindly given. Bill Currie

# BCA CINEMA CLUB



Wednesday 4th March  
Starts 7.30pm

## ‘THE GREEN BOOK’

RT:102 mins - Suitable for 15 and over

“...set in 1962, the film is inspired by the **true story** of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) and Italian American bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard...”

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## BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP

would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who supported and helped to make the various Rising of the North events so successful. It was really good to be working alongside so many local village groups, village small businesses, and individuals as well as students from the University and nationally known musicians and performers. It simply wouldn't have been possible without such strong support from the people of Brancepeth ... so...thank you. We hope you enjoyed the experience, were not too exhausted by it all, and feel that your efforts were worthwhile.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

**1939** From the Minutes of the Trustees of the Village Hall

*“Under the emergency conditions caused by the war there was no alternative but to accept the position caused by the Military Authorities billeting **W.A.T.S.** on the Village Hall from 11<sup>th</sup> September. According to the Billeting Summons it appeared that about 8d a night per person would be paid”.*

The **Auxiliary Territorial Service** (ATS; often pronounced as an acronym) was the **women's** branch of the British Army during the Second World War. It was formed on 9 September 1938, initially as a **women's** voluntary **service**, and existed until 1 February 1949, when it was merged into the **Women's** Royal Army Corps.





## **Men's Social Night**



**Friday 3rd April, 7pm**

**Beer ... Snooker .... Dominoes ... Table Tennis**

**Fish & Chip Supper (order rung in at 7.30pm so please be there by then)**

**No tickets – pay as you eat & drink**

**Contact Dave Armstrong for further info 07843 343 846**

### **‘Save the Dates’**

- A Village event is being planned to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Sunday 10th May so please ‘Save the Date’
- Saturday 16th May 'Curry Night ' with Arnab Basu
- Saturday 6th June ‘Progressive Supper’
- Sunday 5th July ‘Fun on The Field’
- Saturday 18th July ‘Village Summer Party’
- Friday 24th July ‘Quiz Night’. With Anna and Nick
- Saturday 17th October ‘Chairman’s Evening’

## Dates for the diary

Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Snooker Club
Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Yoga
Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	PiYo
Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> (summer times -2pm – 4pm)	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Mar	Check dates with Jean	Tuesday	Choir
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Tai Chi Exercise Club
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Coffee Morning
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Art Class
Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Badminton
Mar	8 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	Youth Club

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

Mar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Cinema Club, 'The Green Book', 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Forge.
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	World Day of Prayer, Service, 10.00am for 10.30am, Church
Mar	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Messy Church, 'Mothering Sunday Preparation', 3pm -5pm, Church
Apr	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Apr	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Garden Club AGM & Spring Show, 7.30pm Village Hall
Apr	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	Harrogate Spring Flower Show Trip, Ladies Club.
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Village Event-75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Progressive Supper
July	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	'Fun on the Field'
July	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	'Village Summer Party'
July	24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	'Quiz Night' with Anna & Nick
Oct	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	'Chairman's Evening'

***Village Hall:*** please contact Geraldine Jennings –  
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## Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

Peter Aitken	<i>Chairman</i>	Ian Stoker	
Martyn Jones	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Choir &amp; Church</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary (&amp; Website)</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings &amp; Garden Club</i>
Margot Harrison	<i>Treasurer</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Subscription, Wednesday</i>
Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Secretary</i>		<i>Coffee &amp; Cinema Club</i>

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### 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, 6 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	Dave Armstrong – chair (07843 343846)
	James Dalton – vice chair (3780771)
	Christine Jones (3789297)
	Jessie Brown (3782748)
	Michael Lowe (3780974)
	Sheila Chapman (3784408)
	Ian Stoker (3784986)
Parish Clerk	Geoff Smith 07986197346
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