

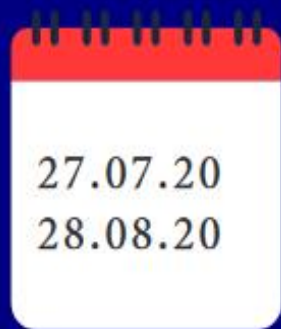
St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth

Newsletter: October 2020



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'BRANCEPETH ALIVE' –INFOGRAPHIC OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE



Ad-hoc & coordinated
Sports & Games



5 weeks of activity



4 new skills opportunities



Happy Participants



10 different activity types

online & in person
small groups
Covid safe
building resilience &
fostering peer
support



4 partner organisations



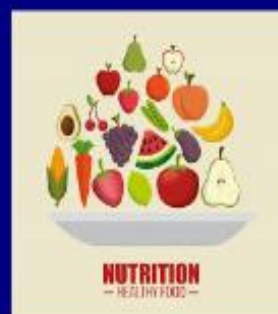
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2 Cinema Nights &
1 Competition



Healthy Food Choices



delivered by
hosts & helpers

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Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk or anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk
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Lay Reader	Geoff Moore – co-opted member of P.C.C. (3735674)
Church Wardens:	Hester Higton (5974675) James Morgan (4476520)
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Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
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Organist	Richard Hird
Village Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), 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:	Evelyn Aitken, Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Carys Funnell, Richard Gooding, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Martin Peacock, Sally Scott-Biggs.
Fabric:	James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Robert Scott-Biggs, Edward Staines.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

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Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Greetings,

And so it continues. How lovely if I didn't feel bound to comment on these strange times and the changes in our lives brought about by Covid 19. So many plans and dreams cancelled. So many hugs missed.

I had a birthday early on in Lockdown. Our original plans for celebrating were ditched and David and I celebrated with an M and S fish pie and a bottle of champagne. One of our daughters gave me a subscription to Netflix. Not the usual sort of gift she would come up with but it made me feel very trendy. Now I could now hold a meaningful conversation with grandchildren or with students we know.

The first thing we watched was an American series called Designated Survivor. It had lots of episodes and we thought it would keep us going to the end of lockdown. Little did we know!

Since the 1960s, in the United States, a 'designated survivor' is a named individual in the presidential line of succession, chosen to stay (at a secure and undisclosed location) away from events such as State of the Union addresses and presidential inaugurations. Should disaster happen to the whole cabinet, he would become the next president.

In the drama, Tom Kirkman, played by Kiefer Sutherland, a low level cabinet member, suddenly finds himself in this position. He is unprepared and many think he is unsuitable. He has to quickly adjust to the new normal. Funnily enough, one of the many situations he has to deal with is a pandemic. He sorted that out in just one episode!

Many times over the last few months, I have felt like the dedicated survivor. Thankfully for all of us, no one has expected me to run a country, but I have found myself again and again facing situations that are new to me and ones for which I am not prepared including not doing things and having to stay at home. And I don't suppose I'm the only one.

But when it all threatens to overwhelm me, I try to remind myself that I have so much to be thankful for: I have a home, I have kept well, I don't have to worry about losing my job, I have a garden, I live in the countryside and I live in a rich and peaceful country.

But as the months have rolled I have also noted some new things to be thankful for. There has been plenty of time to clean out cupboards and to defrost the freezer. A couple of outstanding painting jobs have got done. The breadmaker has come out of the back of the cupboard. Some new recipes have been tried.

I have watched the seasons change as David and I have been out running, and I feel that this year I have had a front row seat to nature and its transformations.

We have discovered many new paths and tracks that were unknown to us before: even some not far from our house.

Even though we were unable to see them in real life, we have enjoyed WhatsApp, Facetime, Zoom and phone conversations with family and friends.

We have missed being inside church but we have had beautiful and thoughtful Zoom services, with lovely music and some great chats in the Zoom rooms afterwards. How lucky we are to have such talented people in our congregation who ensure that happens.

As designated survivors, I believe God only gives us what we need when we need it and that I need to keep my focus on him and be thankful.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Whatever your circumstances I hope and pray that you will find moments to be thankful.

Fiona Eltringham

St Brandon's October 2020 – services and readings

***Sunday morning services are now 'blended': you can join in via Zoom or come to church
In all cases, everyone is welcome!***

*In addition to the services below, each day Monday – Friday,
Morning Prayer is shared in church and online at **8.15am**
and there is a **Midday Eucharist** from Brancepeth Castle at **12noon**.
Thursday Evening Prayer will continue as a fortnightly online service.*

*Online service invitations are sent via NAVIGATOR, St Brandon's email link.
Please phone or email for further details*

Thurs 1st Oct Online Evening Service 7.30pm

Sun 4th Oct 17th after Trinity Morning Praise 10.15am

Readings: First:	Richard Gooding	Philippians 3: 4b-14
Gospel:	Jean Merrington	Matthew 21: 33-end
	Geoff Moore	Intercessions

Sun 11th 18th after Trinity Morning Praise 10.15am

Readings: First:	Steve Hodgson	Philippians 4: 1-9
Gospel:	Gillian Smellie	Matthew 22: 1-14
	Caroline Middleditch	Intercessions

Service followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting: to be attended in person or via Zoom.

Thurs 15th Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 18th 19th after Trinity Parish Eucharist 10.15am
SHOEBOX SUNDAY with donations to Blythswood Care

Readings: First: Jayne Cook Exodus 33: 12-end
Gospel: Sue Morgan Matthew 22: 15-22
Geoff Knott Intercessions

Sun 25th 20th after Trinity Parish Eucharist 10.15am
Readings: First: Edward Staines Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18
Gospel: Evelyn Aitken Matthew 22: 34-end
David Eltringham Intercessions

Thurs 29th Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 1st Nov All Saints Parish Eucharist 10.15am
Readings: First: Peter Cook Revelation 7: 9-end
Gospel: Robert Scott-Biggs Matthew 5: 1-2
Edward Staines Intercessions

Mon 2nd Nov All Souls Evening Service 7.00pm

Please wear a face covering when attending services in the church building.
THANK YOU

If you have not heard from us and would like to be involved in our Zoom services please send an email to hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop or call Hester or Mike on 0191 597 4675. Details are also posted on the church website at stbrandon.org.uk.

Sidespersons

Oct 4th Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs & Sue Morgan
Oct 11th Peter & Jayne Cook & Caroline Middleditch
Oct 18th Joan Nesbitt, Nick Brooker & Sue Morgan
Oct 25th Peter & Jayne Cook & Caroline Middleditch
Nov 1st Fiona & David Eltringham & Joan Nesbitt

Flowers

Eileen Crawford
Maud Oliver
Joan Taylor
Norma Taylor
Sue Knight

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY OCTOBER 2020

**You are invited to use this diary to share in the prayers offered daily in Morning Prayer
'Let us pray with one heart and mind'**

- 1 Pray for our young people, for Sunday School, Youth Club and Messy Church
- 2 Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 3 Oakenshaw Road
- 4 **TRINITY 17 St Francis Give thanks for animals and pray for our care for them**
- 5 Goodwell Lea North
- 6 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Spring Farm, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den
- 7 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field
- 8 Pray for all those in positions of power for humility and humanity
- 9 Station House and cottages and the Village North
- 10 Pray for all those struggling with mental illness and their carers
- 11 **TRINITY 18 St. Luke, Prison Sunday 'When I was in prison you visited me' Remember all those in prison and their families giving thanks for all chaplains and visitors**
- 12 Goodwell Lea South
- 13 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 14 Give thanks for all our local services which have kept us going during the pandemic
- 15 Pray for those who are struggling financially, for good solutions
- 16 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood
- 17 Durham Road and The Forge
- 18 **TRINITY 19 Pray for Messy Church meeting this afternoon**
- 19 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres and Thornberry Garth
- 20 Pray for farmers and gardeners and their care for the earth
- 21 The Village South
- 22 Pray for our SMDT as they seek God's will for this parish
- 23 The Castle and Lodge
- 24 Pray for all doctors, health workers and care workers
- 25 **TRINITY 20 Bible Sunday Pray for Cooper Johnson to be baptised today**
- 26 For church members outside the parish
- 27 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
- 28 Peppermires, Culmaran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 29 Give thanks for all the village activities which enhance our community life
- 30 Holywell and East Parks
- 31 On All Hallows Eve give thanks for the light of the world which the darkness can never overcome. Help us to be that light to others

For November entries contact Myrleen Stewart on 0191 378 0862

Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate a prayer or a friendly chat?

Please tell Alison Moore of the Prayer Team 0191 373 5674/07890 733757.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please text to this dedicated number: 07598 600571 and your prayer requests will be included in our regular Friday morning service. Normally we would have been inviting you to leave a prayer on the altar, so this is the safe alternative!

VESTRY REPORT

Baptism

James Jack Stidwell was baptised on Sunday 6th September 2020.

James was welcomed by the St Brandon's church family in the All Age Service for Harvest Festival on 13th September

(See photo on inside back page)

Shoebox Sunday - 18th October 2020

This year, St Brandon's is supporting Blythswood Care in their Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Blythswood is a charity founded in 1966 in Glasgow by Rev. Jackie Ross who wanted to show Jesus' love with practical action and care for people who experience isolation, rejection and need in the UK and overseas, and is best known for its Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This year the Shoeboxes are going across Eastern Europe.

Leaflets with information on what to include in the shoebox are available with your newsletter. Further copies can be obtained on request and more information is available on www.blythswood.org.

Jayne Cook



ALL SOULS DAY Monday 2nd November



On **Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm** there will be a service of commemoration at St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth. **All are welcome.**

During the service a list of names of the departed will be read out as we remember those who have passed away. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

It is hoped that there will be a list at the back of the church for names to be added, but in any event you can contact Deborah Hodge on 01388 745455, text 07791 241608 or email deborah.hodge@hotmail.com with any names to be included.



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' on zoom until Covid
regulations relax.



Tuesdays 6 & 20 Oct 2020 at 11:00

Tuesdays 3 & 17 Nov 2020 at 11:00

*For more information, and the zoom link,
please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk*



Messy Church online 4pm Sunday 18th October

Theme: 'Jesus stills a storm'

The session will be held via Zoom and advertised in the Navigator
and on the church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons/>

Details will be sent by email to regular attenders

Sunday School is back!

A big welcome to children to join in for stories and activities about

Hope and Miracles!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Leaders</i>
Sept 27 th	The Peace Bringer	Martin Peacock and Claire Soderman
Oct 4 th	The Provider	Martin and Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 11 th	The Healer	Martin and Carol Beeby
Oct 18 th	The Healer	Martin and Sabine Tenge-Heslop
Oct 25 th	The Life-giver	Martin and Alison Moore

We meet outside in the Story Tent, with safety precautions in place.

Brancepeth Youth Club

October-December 2020

We're going to continue meeting weekly by Zoom for the time being, 6.00-7.30pm on Sundays. All young people in the Village (and beyond, and their friends) are warmly welcome. The age range is from 11 to 17 years inclusive.

If you haven't yet joined one of the Zoom meetings and would like to, then please phone or email Geoff for details.

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

Jonny Dobson, Sabine Tenge-Heslop, Tom Hobbs and Alison Hobbs will also be helping to lead.



Sunflower Competition

It hasn't been an easy season for growing sunflowers. Several episodes of unseasonably high winds, sometimes for days at a time, have made cultivation of these tall plants something of a challenge. So many congratulations to all those who have been successful at raising some magnificent specimens and many thanks for your entries. In this respect, particular mention in dispatches must be made of Sue and Rob Hyland's entries. Although no individual plant made it on to the podium, the sheer number of plants, several well over 3 metres tall, made for a splendid display at the bottom end of Goodwill Lea.

So now for the accolades. In no particular order:

Under 5's joint winners - Molly and Ted from Bridge Lane House

Tallest - Frank Stephenson from Quarry House

Best group display in a tub - Emile Basu from Station House

But, (drum roll please), overall winner - Elsie Thomas from Goodwill Lea with a superb specimen grown on the allotments. Although not the tallest, its perfect 30+ cm dinner plate head made it the clear winner. Many congratulations Elsie.

Edward Staines

Climate Action group – members wanted!

The Church of England has committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. While we at St Brandon's have made some progress in this direction, the time has come to formalise our approach to this. Consequently, the PCC has decided to establish a Climate Action group. If you have an interest in / expertise of / commitment to this, and would like to be involved, please get in touch.

Geoff Moore, 373 5674, durmoores@btinternet.com

Thank you St Brandon's Congregation

Thank you for the beautiful rose that you gave us as we celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in August. What a shame that we couldn't celebrate with a glass of bubbly after church.

Fiona and David Eltringham

Children's Society Boxes

A number of you have asked when I will be opening the boxes. I was under strict instructions from the society to hold fire. Thank you for your patience.

The good news is that I now have information that tells me I can open the boxes.

However, the bad news is that I ask you to wait just a bit longer as the instructions are (surprise surprise) a bit more complicated than usual. Also, I plan to be away for a bit. It will happen soon!

Fiona Eltringham

Harvest and Dash

Our Harvest Festival was a bit different this year. It was a bit earlier to coincide with the harvesting of the grain crops. We had a procession from the crossroads to church, clutching our gifts as we went. If we were in church, we couldn't sing the well-known usual harvest hymns. We had to sit far apart from our church friends or view them on the screen as they Zoomed.

But the thing that didn't change was your generosity. The following morning we took our (fairly large) car, with a very full boot and the back seat stuffed to the roof, to the offices of Durham Action for Single Housing. Some careful driving round corners and roundabouts just about kept some fidgety fruit and vegetables in place. The staff, including the boss, were extremely grateful to you all. They also insisted on taking our photo next to the huge pile of goods- not what we had signed up to!

Thank you Brancepeth. Covid certainly didn't get in the way of your kindness.

Fiona and David Eltringham

Village Hall - further updates



Following last month's newsletter update, the Village Hall opened on **1 Sep 20** for existing members and user groups (those which are permitted to resume activities following government social distancing guidance).

For up to date information about bookings, accessing and using the hall please see information on the BCA website:

<http://www.brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/HallBookings>

BCA CINEMA CLUB

Due to new Covid safety regulations on numbers attending social gatherings September's Cinema Club has been postponed.

The film will now be shown on Wednesday, 28 October at 7.30pm if regulations allow.



Wednesday, 28th October at 7.30pm

'The Pirates of Penzance'

As you've never seen it before! A cheerful offering from Australia.

Please book your socially distanced place with Joan Taylor 378 3630

Under current rules facial coverings should be worn but this may change.

Please carry your own glass or mug if you are bringing a drink as the

kitchen will not be open. Please also arrive early to allow for safe

entry and seating.

Book Club

The book to read in October is, 'Half of a Yellow Sun', by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

The meeting will be on Friday October 16th most probably on Zoom but, if possible, in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

An Unexpected Gift

After the turbulence of the Easter term at Cranmer Hall, with all my summer placement plans in disarray and with the prospect of many months in my student house accommodation up on the Bailey in Durham city stretching ahead of me, Anna sowed the seeds of coming to St. Brandon's for a 2 week placement.

2 weeks turned into 12 weeks and counting! Thank You. To all at St Brandon's and Brancepeth community.

Thank you for the welcome, the encouragement, the affirmation and the sense of community that has enabled me to feel so comfortable. So much so, that I hope St Brandon's will be a place I can continue to connect with over the coming year.

Thank you for being a port in a storm, a place of refuge and a powerhouse of prayer and pastoral support during a particularly challenging time for me personally.

Philippians 4:19 says, 'And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.' This summer, God has indeed supplied what I needed, even before I knew it, here in this village.

It has been an unexpected gift.

St Brandon's is certainly a breathtakingly beautiful church. I was smitten the moment I opened the door and stepped inside. God is in this place. The light shining through the stained-glass window on a morning; the sense of deep connectedness I felt during the Sunday evening prayer services and the wonderful displays for Harvest have made my heart soar.

But the Church is so much more than a beautiful building and the Spirit moves where it wills. In many different ways, I have been catching glimpses of the creative impulses of God, an image offered to me by a wise one, which is enabling me to see the Holy Spirit, the power of God, at work in everything.

Time spent in the company of the children and young people and working with wonderful volunteers on the Brancepeth Alive! summer project, a game of cricket, joining in the regular pattern of worship, the music, conversations with people, the Thursday evening prayer discussions, Messy Church, the rhythm of morning prayer and the way in which the faithful people of God have sought to stay together via Zoom and in person, speak of a community which loves and cares for one another and which seeks to show the love of Christ to others.

As we journey through this most challenging of times, with immense uncertainty surrounding us and our daily lives, may we put our trust in our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus and continue to join with building His Church in this place.

Claire Soderman

David Jackson (DJ) interviewed by Sabine Heslop (SH)

SH: How long have you been living in Brancepeth?

DJ: All my life; that's 57 years.

SH: Lucky you! What do you like about Brancepeth?

DJ: The whole area, and that people working together are keeping things right. The community is just fantastic.

SH: What kind of crops are you growing?

DJ: Wheat, Barley, Oilseed Rape, Beans and Grass.

SH: So how was the 2020 growing season for you?

DJ: Not great. There was sun, when we needed rain; and then there was rain, when we needed sunshine.

SH: I see. Do you also have livestock?

DJ: Yes, I have a few sheep. It was a good lambing and they all thrived in the Spring sunshine.

SH: How did it go for your holiday cottages?

DJ: Not bad. Due to the lockdown, they were closed initially, but then, we could take in essential workers. From 4th July onwards it just went crazy, and they were soon fully booked.

SH: I guess there is a big demand for domestic holiday accommodation these days?

DJ: Indeed. We are actually looking at converting more buildings to cottages now.

SH: Good luck with that! What are your hopes for Brancepeth?

DJ: That it all keeps going. I really care for the community with the church at its centre, and I hope it will continue to flourish!

KNIT AND NATTER

In the light of the restrictions currently in force in the North-East, Knit & Natter is cancelled until further notice.

If anyone has knitted items for the Shoebox Appeal, please let me have them before Sunday 18 October.

Evelyn.

Parish Council update

The Parish Council continues to meet virtually via Zoom which isn't as satisfactory as a face to face discussion but does allow us to continue.

The Parish Council have been pleased to support Brancepeth Community Association and St. Brandon's in facilitating the successful 'Brancepeth Alive' activities across the summer for young people. It was particularly pleasing to see the field being used.

Work by James Dalton, in a joint initiative between the Parish Council and the Brancepeth Community Association, has resulted in a mobile phone signal booster being installed on the village hall. While this was primarily to service emergency calls if the defibrillator was needed, it does boost the local signal for more general usage.

After many years of service, Mike Lowe has decided to resign from the Parish Council. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Mike for his efforts in the various Council positions he has held. His experience and knowledge has benefitted the village.

The next parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th October. Please contact the clerk in advance via the website if you want to participate, it is likely to be a virtual meeting by Zoom.

Dave Armstrong (chair)

Village Support Network

If you would like help with errands, shopping, picking up prescriptions, walking your dog any one of the people listed below would be delighted to help you. This is in addition to the formal support which will be offered by the government to those extremely vulnerable people who are being shielded.

PLEASE do not think you are bothering anyone with a call, we are all very happy to help you and do not want ANYONE to feel they cannot contact any one of us.

Jessie Brown	0191 378 2748	Hester & Mike Higon	0191 597 4675
Sheila Chapman	0191 378 4408	Amy Gooding	07753 606115
Ian Stoker	0191 378 4986	Richard Gooding	0191 386 9651
James & Jo Dalton	0191 378 0771	Carol Beeby	07592 975002
Dave Armstrong	07843 343 846	Sue Morgan	0191 378 1172
Josie Armstrong	07882 233118	Caroline Middleditch	07729 277072
Geoff & Margot Harrison	0191 378 4813	Annie Field	0191 378 1141
Bea Basu	07714 764203	Victoria Jackson	0191 378 3581
Vivienne Lowe	0191 378 0974	Val Gibbons	0191 378 4200
Deborah Hodge	01388 745455	Joanne Waiting	0191 378 4793
Anna & Nick Brooker	0191 378 0578	Chris Reed &	
Jayne Gardarsson	0191 378 1483	Karen Straughair	0191 378 3838
Gillian Smellie	0191 373 9420	Paul Spence	0770 703949
Stephanie Snowball	07761 089183		
Claire Staines	0191 378 0858		
Cheryl McEwan	07795 440016		
Janiece Spence	0191 435 6357		

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct	16 th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Zoom or Village Hall
Oct	18 th	Sun	Messy Church, 4.00pm, Zoom
Oct	28 th	Wed	Cinema Club, Pirates of Penzance, 7.30pm, Village hall

Photos

Front cover ©Ella Kenna-Dawe– Church gate.

In her own words Ella (age 11) said - Seeing the beauty in nature and the woodland areas inspired me with my photography. It's a picture of how I see the world with different light and colours.

Inside front cover © Jo Dalton – Infographic showing the elements involved in the 'Brancepeth Alive' events over the summer months. This message of appreciation was one of many positive comments made about this event.

'Dear Josie, Anna and Jo - A Huge thank you for all of the time you spent over the Summer Holidays organising the activities for our Children. The thought, time, effort and kindness of you and ALL helpers is so much appreciated by the whole family. Highlights were certainly the yummy delights from Jill's cookery workshop, the beautiful pieces of artwork brought home for us all to enjoyand the giggles and fun we all had at the Bootcamp on the field'. Anna, Michael, Molly, Harry and Will Stephenson

Back cover - top © Josie Armstrong. Edward Staines writes 'On 5th September a small but perfectly formed crew (see almost socially distanced photo) did more sterling work in the churchyard with a general tidy up. Many thanks to those who gave a few hours to what has to be an on-going endeavour. Josie provided wonderful refreshments and any attempt at weight loss was thwarted by calorific intake - but, hey, we all had a good time. Much recommended for those who may be tempted to lend a hand next Spring.'

Back cover - below ©Alison Young –a new bench, in memory of Godfrey Young is brought to the churchyard by Alison and her son Nigel.

Inside back cover - top © Charlotte Brown – Sebastian and Arianna dressed for the Harvest Procession.

Inside back cover - below © Andrew Stidwell –the Stidwell family at the Baptism of James.

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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 & 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>
Anna Brooker	<i>Church Representative</i>		

<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, 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)
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Sebastian and Arianna Brown dressed as an apple and a strawberry for the procession through the village prior to the All Age Harvest Festival Service in church on Sunday 13th September.

James Jack Stidwell was baptised on Sunday 6th September 2020.

Here he is with parents Joni and Andrew and big brother Thomas after the service.



