

ST BRANDON'S CHURCH

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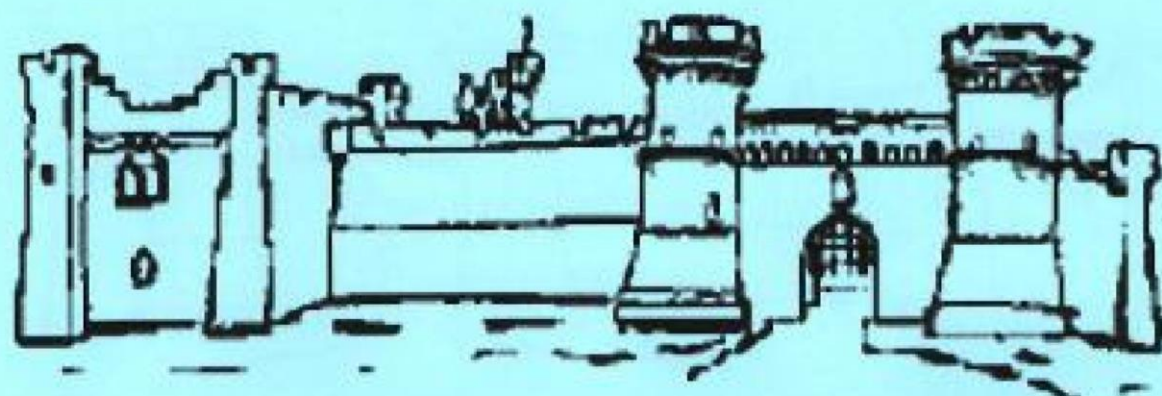


NEWSLETTER: JULY/AUGUST 2021

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BRANCEPETH CASTLE

(DH7 8DE - 4 miles west of Durham City, on A690)



CRAFT FAIR

23rd 24th & 25th July 2021

FRIDAY 10am - 5pm SATURDAY 10am - 5pm

SUNDAY 12 NOON - 5pm

A wide variety of crafts will be displayed

we strongly recommend you

PRE-BOOK AT

www.brancepethcastle.org.uk/book

ADMISSION £4.00 OAP £3.00

Children free when accompanied by an adult
Limited numbers per hour for covid safety

AMPLE FREE PARKING

Refreshments Available

Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk or anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
Lay Reader	Geoff Moore – co-opted member of P.C.C. (3735674)
Church Wardens:	Hester Higton (5974675) James Morgan (4476520)
Secretary	Carol Beeby (3847431), (07592 975002)
Treasurer	Mike Higton (5974675)
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Other members:-

Amy Gooding (07753606115) Janette Foxe (07587 225 200).
Tom Hobbs (07857437860) Sue Morgan (3781172) Jean
Hodgson (3780289) Robert Scott-Biggs (3735907).
Steve Hodgson (3780289)

Prayer Team	Amy Gooding (07753606115), Alison Hobbs (378 9670), Deborah Hodge (01388 745455), Sue Hope, Alison Moore (373 5674), Myrleen Stewart (378 0862).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Rev'd Anna Brooker
Organist	Richard Hird
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), Valeria Dietz, Lucy Hodge (07891867181).
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (3735674)
Events coordinator	Janette Foxe events@stbrandon.org.uk .
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Worship Team	Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Richard Gooding, Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Geoff Moore, Sue Morgan.
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

September Newsletter entries – no later than **August 18th**

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the day (15th June) that the Church commemorates Evelyn Underhill, a spiritual writer who died in 1941. On the 80th anniversary of her death, the ledger stone at her place of burial outside Hampstead Parish Church, which described her simply as “wife” and “daughter”, is due to be replaced with a new stone which describes her as “Christian – Scholar – Spiritual Guide” (she was the first woman to be invited to lecture in theology at Oxford University, and wrote 39 books!), and includes a quotation from her: “A Christianity which is only active is not a complete Christianity”.

Evelyn Underhill’s conviction was that our active lives need to be informed and nourished by contemplative prayer. This is something I find myself convinced by, and yet, because I’m an active / activist type, I find it very hard at the best of times. Building that kind of meditative space for God into a regular pattern, and feeling as though I’m getting somewhere with it, is not (yet) part of my experience, despite various attempts at it.

But there are a number of ways to approach this. One is building this into a regular, daily or weekly, pattern of contemplation or meditation. Another is to set aside a more specific period of time to go on a retreat. A third way is pilgrimage. I find this third way particularly attractive because it seems to make a link for me between my active / activist self and attempts at contemplation.

The Diocese of Durham had set aside 2020 as a year of pilgrimage, but for obvious reasons this wasn’t possible. However, there are now a set of pilgrimage trails, each ending in Durham, which are ready to be walked – the Northern Saints Trails <http://northernsaints.com>. These are:



The Way of Learning – Jarrow to Durham – 38 miles

The Way of Life – Gainford to Durham – 29 miles

The Way of Light – Heavenfield to Durham – 45 miles

The Way of Love – Hartlepool to Durham – 28 miles

The website provides detailed routes and maps, with each route broken down into smaller sections, and descriptions of points of interest along the way. You can (of course) download the routes onto your mobile phone...

The idea, however, is not just to have a good long walk, perhaps over several days, or in sections over a longer period of time, but to use these as pilgrimages – walking to a point and with a point. Finding resources to take with you (the Church of England’s Daily Prayer app, for example), as well as being open to what and who you may encounter on the way, is key to making these more than just good physical exercise.

I am planning on doing at least part of one of these over the summer months, so will be happy to report back. But perhaps I might see you on the way!

St Brandon's July and August 2021– Services and readings

All Sunday services are now 'blended.'

*You can come to church or join in via Zoom. **Whatever the next government announcement brings, we intend to remain 'blended' until the end of August.***

In all cases, everyone is welcome and children's activities are provided.

In addition to the services below, each day Monday – Friday,

Morning Prayer is shared online at 8.15am

*and there is a **Midday Eucharist** from Brancepeth Castle at **12noon**.*

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

July 4 th	Trinity 6	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Tom Hobbs	Ezekiel 2: 1-5
	Gospel:	James Morgan	Mark 6: 1-13
July 8 th	Thursday	Evening Prayer 7:30pm via Zoom	
July 11 th	Trinity 6	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings:	First:	Hester Higton	Ephesians 1: 3-14
	Gospel:	Janette Foxe	Mark 6: 14-29
	Psalm 85: 8-end		
		Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions
		Messy Church 3pm: Outdoor Summer Party	
July 18 th	Trinity 7	Parish Eucharist with Baptism 10.15am	
Readings:	First:	Mike Higton	Ephesians 2: 11-end
	Gospel:	Wilfred Foxe	Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end
	Psalm 123		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
		Nick Brooker	Intercessions
July 22 nd	Thursday	Evening Prayer 7:30pm via Zoom	
July 25 th	Trinity 8	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	

Gospel:	First	Anne Allen	Ephesians 3: 14-end
	Ken Howe	John 6: 1-21	Psalm 145: 10-19
		Robert Scott-Biggs	Intercessions
August 1st	Trinity 9	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Caroline Middleditch	Ephesians 4: 1-16
	Gospel:	Carys Funnell	John 6: 24-35 Psalm
	78: 23-29		
		Sally Scott-Biggs	Intercessions
August 8th	Trinity 10	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Martin Peacock	Ephesians 4: 25- 5:2
	Gospel:	Amy Gooding	John 6: 35, 41-51 Psalm
	34: 1-8		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
August 15th	Trinity 11	Morning Worship with Baptism 10.15am	
	First:	David Eltringham	Ephesians 5: 15-20
	Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	John 7: 37-39
		Doris Dobson	Intercessions
August 22nd	Trinity 12	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Nick Brooker	Ephesians 6: 10-20
	Gospel:	Richard Gooding	John 6: 56-59 Psalm
	34: 15-end		
		James Morgan	Intercessions
August 29th	Trinity 13	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Jean Merrington	James 1: 17-end
	Gospel:	Jayne Cook	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	Psalm 15		
		Sue Hope	Intercessions
		Baptism 12:30pm (tbc)	
September 5th	Trinity 14	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Alison Moore	James 2: 1-10, 14-17
	Gospel:	Gillian Smellie	Mark 7: 24-end

Sidespersons

Jul 4th Bonny Bainbridge & Jane Stout
 Jul 11th Caroline Middleditch & Nick Brooker
 Jul 18th Joan Nesbit & Sue Morgan
 Jul 25th Jayne & Peter Cook
 Aug 1st Jean Hodgson & Bonny Bainbridge
 Aug 8th Fiona & David Eltringham
 Aug 15th Jane Stout & Caroline Middleditch
 Aug 22nd Nick Brooker & Sue Morgan
 Aug 29th Jayne & Peter Cook
 Sept 5th Jean Hodgson & Joan Nesbitt

Flowers

Christine Dodds
 Wedding (Guild)
 Lynne Hastie
 Nick Brooker
 Hillary Moss
 Annette Johnson
 Norma Taylor
 Denise Jackson
 Sheena Murray
 Eileen Crawford

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota July - September

27th June – 10th July	Simon Elliot, David Jackson
11th - 24th July	Dave Armstrong, David Eltringham
25th July – 7th Aug	Mark Gazzard, Doug Lamb
8th - 21st Aug	Barry Dickinson, Michael Stephenson
22nd Aug – 4th Sept	David Wilkes, James Morgan
5th – 18th Sept.	Edward Staines, Martin Peacock

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!

The Baptism Party of Hugh Funnell during the Parish Eucharist



Vestry Report

Baptism- Hugh Bryan Lloyd Funnell on 13 June

and

Interment of Ashes in the Circle of Remembrance Sylvia Jane Waugh on 13 June 2021 RIP.



**Advance
Notice:**

Harvest Festival

**Sun 19th September
10:15am**

More details in the
September newsletter.

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’

in the Castle Chapel and/or on zoom as Covid
regulations

permit.

NOTE – change of July dates

Tuesdays 13 & 27 July 2021 at 11:00

Tuesdays 10 & 24 August 2021 at 11:00



For more information, and the zoom link, please email

alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church



July's MESSY CHURCH will be held in person.

Messy Church Summer Party

Sunday 11th July 3-5pm outside Church

bring a picnic **games ****drinks provided**

****** crafts We do hope
you can come!**



We continue to meet every Sunday until 11th July when we take a break for the summer holidays.

Initially we join the morning service at 10.15, before going to the Sunday School room to listen to a story and make/draw something relating to the story.

We rejoin the service for Communion and during notices let the whole congregation know what we have been up to!

Come along and have some fun.

Covid guidelines followed.

Sunday school will return on 5th September 2021

Brancepeth Youth Club July 2021

All young people in the Village (and beyond, and their friends) are warmly welcome. The age range is from 11 to 17 years inclusive.

We'll meet as follows, and then take a break over the summer:

4th Outside if it's nice, otherwise by Zoom

11th Barbeque – venue to be decided; no wet weather plan!

If you haven't yet joined one of the 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

a **BIG** thank you

Many thanks to you Children's Society box holders. In spite of no one splashing the cash for over a year, the box opening in May raised a magnificent sum of £929.45. _____ Fiona Eltringham _____

Great North Air Ambulance Services

Many thanks for all your contributions. The next collection is scheduled for Wed. 14th July so I will need donations to 2 FOXES' ROW any time from Sat. 10th until Tues. 13th. I have GNAAS bags if anyone needs them. Please check the list of acceptable items..... Ring me before coming so that I can open the garage door.

- 1 Main bagClothing, handbags, belts, pairs of shoes, towels, curtains, sheets and pillowcases
 - 2 Separate bag....books, CDs (genuine original recordings) ...DVDs
 - 3 Also separate....old mobile phones
- Allee Longstaff -
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PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY July 2021

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

- 1 Give thanks that despite any dark circumstances God's love, light and endless offer of grace is always there
- 2 Pray for Christians whose faith is being tested through hardship or complex circumstances 3 Stockley Lane
- 4 **Pray and give thanks for all who preach or are involved in our Sunday worship and all those being ordained this Petertide.**
- 5 Scription, Peppermires, Culmaran, Nafferton Farm, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell and East Parks
- 6 Pray for us to have an increased responsibility of care for God's creation
- 7 The Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Constable Meadows and Rectory Cottages
- 8 Give thanks that God's promises are unbreakable and His Word unshakeable
- 9 Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters so vulnerable to violence because of their faith
- 10 Church members outside the parish
- 11 **Give thanks for those who have encouraged and instructed us on our journey of faith**
- 12 Goodwell Lea
- 13 Pray for the sick and those caring for them
- 14 Quarry Hill and cottages and Goodwell Field area
- 15 As we pray in truth and humility may we know our Lord's love extends to all who seek Him
- 16 Give thanks and pray for volunteers in the emergency services who bring relief to those in need
- 17 Littlewhite Farm and cottages and Morley Farm
- 18 **Pray and give thanks for missionaries who share the gospel around the world**
- 19 Village North, Station House and Railway Cottages
- 20 Give thanks for medical breakthroughs and all at the forefront of medical research
- 21 Durham Road, The Forge, Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 22 Give thanks that despite our failings God never gives up on us
- 23 Pray and give thanks for the police and intelligence services

- 24 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Spring Farm, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den
- 25 **Give thanks for those who nourish our faith through God's Word**
- 26 **St. James** We commemorate this apostle, a close member of Jesus' innermost circle, who was martyred for his faith
- 27 Village South, Castle and Lodge, The Bothy, Golf Club, Park Lodge, Nursery and Garden Houses
- 28 Pray for all who are homeless and those campaigning on their behalf
- 29 Pray for diversity without division in our churches
- 30 **William Wilberforce** Give thanks for this politician who was prominent in the abolition of slavery
- 31 Bridge Lane, Tanglewood, Stockley Grove, Whitworth Lane and Black House

Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary August 2021

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

- 1 **'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'.** We thank the Lord for his sustaining presence.
- 2 Pray for those who live in Goodwell Lea and the Stockley Lane area
- 3 Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 4 For all who are on holiday this month, whether 'home or away'
- 5 Quarry Hill, the Cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 6 **The Feast of the Transfiguration** May we too see Christ in his glory, with eyes of faith
- 7 For all those who 'hunger and thirst' because of addictions, for healing and peace
- 8 **'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you'.** May the Holy Spirit help us to be kind, compassionate and forgiving.
- 9 We pray for all mothers everywhere, as we remember Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union
- 10 Golf Club, Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
- 11 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 12 For those who find it hard or impossible, at present, to forgive
- 13 Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 14 Whitworth Lane, Black House, church members outside the parish
- 15 **'Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks...'**
- 16 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy acres, Thornberry Garth
- 17 We thank God for the gift of music, for those who lead music in church and for the joy of congregational singing
- 18 For safety for all who travel in this holiday season, and for traffic police and paramedics

- 19 Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
20 For vision for the government as it works at a strategy for Social Care
21 For those enquiring into the Christian faith, and those who encourage and support them
22 **'Be strong in the Lord, and in his mighty power'**. May we find our strength in him.
23 For the on-going vaccination programme
24 Durham Rd and the Forge
25 For those known to us, who at present feel weak, emotionally, physically, spiritually
26 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell, South Brandon, Brawns Den
27 For those children and young people who struggle with low self-esteem
28 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmaran, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
29 **'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights who does not change...'** Thank God, our Father, that in a world of change and flux, he remains constant.
30 For the world-wide research into the production of low-carbon energy
31 For those who have been made redundant due to the epidemic

If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore, durmoores@btinternet.com

A memorial to Godfrey Young

The Young family have booked the Village Hall for Sunday 8th August. Alison would like to invite anyone who would like to remember Godfrey to come. She will give details to each individual who contacts her who would like to attend. gfamilyyoung@gmail.com

Alison Young

A thank you from the Harrison family

Margot and Geoff Harrison and family would like to thank everyone for their very kind words, thoughts and prayers after the death of Margot's mum, Isobel. The "Brancepeth Family" made her very welcome after her move here from Edinburgh.

Book Club

Our next date is Friday July 9th at 7.30pm when the book will be 'Hamnet' By Maggie O'Farrell. It is the imagined story behind the writing of Hamlet by Shakespeare.

On September 17th we are talking about 'Big Girl, Small Town by Michelle Gallen.

We have booked the Village Hall but our venue will be confirmed closer to the dates.

All welcome; please contact Anna Brooker if you do not receive regular emails and would like to come.

WELCOME!

You will probably already know that our beautiful church and its surroundings attract a number of visitors each week; they come to spend some time in peaceful prayer, to enjoy the quiet simplicity of the interior, are interested in the history, or even to bring friends and family along to surprise them with what they will find inside.

Work has recently been completed around enhancing the welcome and the visitor's experience of our church through the Signs of Faith, and the new display shelves. Because of COVID restrictions it has not been possible to have any printed material available in church for many months, but as we are moving towards a possible easing of these restrictions in the near future, the church admin team has been considering how we can attractively provide more information. We already have a tri-fold information leaflet and a guide book, but we would also like to include the provision and sale of other items. The obvious things would be cards, post cards, etc but we are open to exploring other ideas that are practical and cost effective.

We are hoping that anyone who is excited by the prospect of being involved in the development of this aspect of church life – or indeed who may have any similar experience in this area - would be interested in a discussion to take this further. If so please contact either myself, Anna or any other members of the team. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Jean Hodgson

More Churchyard Tidy-up Days!

Saturday July 10th & Saturday August 28th - 10.00am onwards.

After the success of the June tidy-up day it was decided to continue the good work with two more dates during the summer. 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.

All welcome to help maintain our beautiful churchyard.

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of Brancepeth Cricket Field

**The new date for the Summer Fun in the Field event is
Saturday 4th September, 2:00 – 5:00pm.**

The ‘Summer Fun in the Field’ event has had to be postponed due to the delay in lifting the final lockdown restrictions. However, we are delighted that we now have a new date of Saturday 4th September for what promises to be an afternoon of fun for all villagers and friends. Please come along and help to make this a day to remember. There will be games and activities ... and for the less energetic there will be flower arranging, and stalls of books, plants, cakes and much more. Everyone is welcome.

The event is in support of the British Lung Foundation’s research into Long Covid.

Save the date!

The Xmas show will be on Saturday 4th December. I rely on all my previous performers to step on stage again, and look forward to seeing some new faces. Rosemary Monument

Dates for the Diary:-

Jul/Aug	Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall		
Jul/Aug	Tuesday 6th & 20th July & 3rd & 17th Aug– Knit & Natter, 2.00 -4.00pm, Village Hall		
Jul/Aug	Wednesday – Tai Chi, 9.30am- 10.30am. Village Hall		
Jul/Aug	Thursdays Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall		
Jul	10th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy–up, 10.00am start
Jul	11th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00 -5.00pm, outside church
Jul	9th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Zoom
Jul	12th	Mon	PCC, 7.30
Jul	23rd, 24th & 25th –Craft Fair, Brancepeth Castle		
Aug	28th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy–up, 10.00am start
Sept	4th	Sat	Summer Fun in the Field, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, on Field
Sept	13th	Mon	PCC, 7.30pm
Sept	17th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Dec	4th	Sat	Christmas Show

Photos

Front cover - © Nick Brooker – ‘Hope’ section of the triptych in church

Inside front cover – ©Alison Hobbs –Craft Fair advertisement

Back cover - © -Anna Brooker – Messy Church together again!

Inside back cover – © Sue Morgan – Picnic on the Village Field 21/06/2021

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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	Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess &
Leisure Gardeners' Club	baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (3784200)
Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	Joan Taylor (3783630)
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674)

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