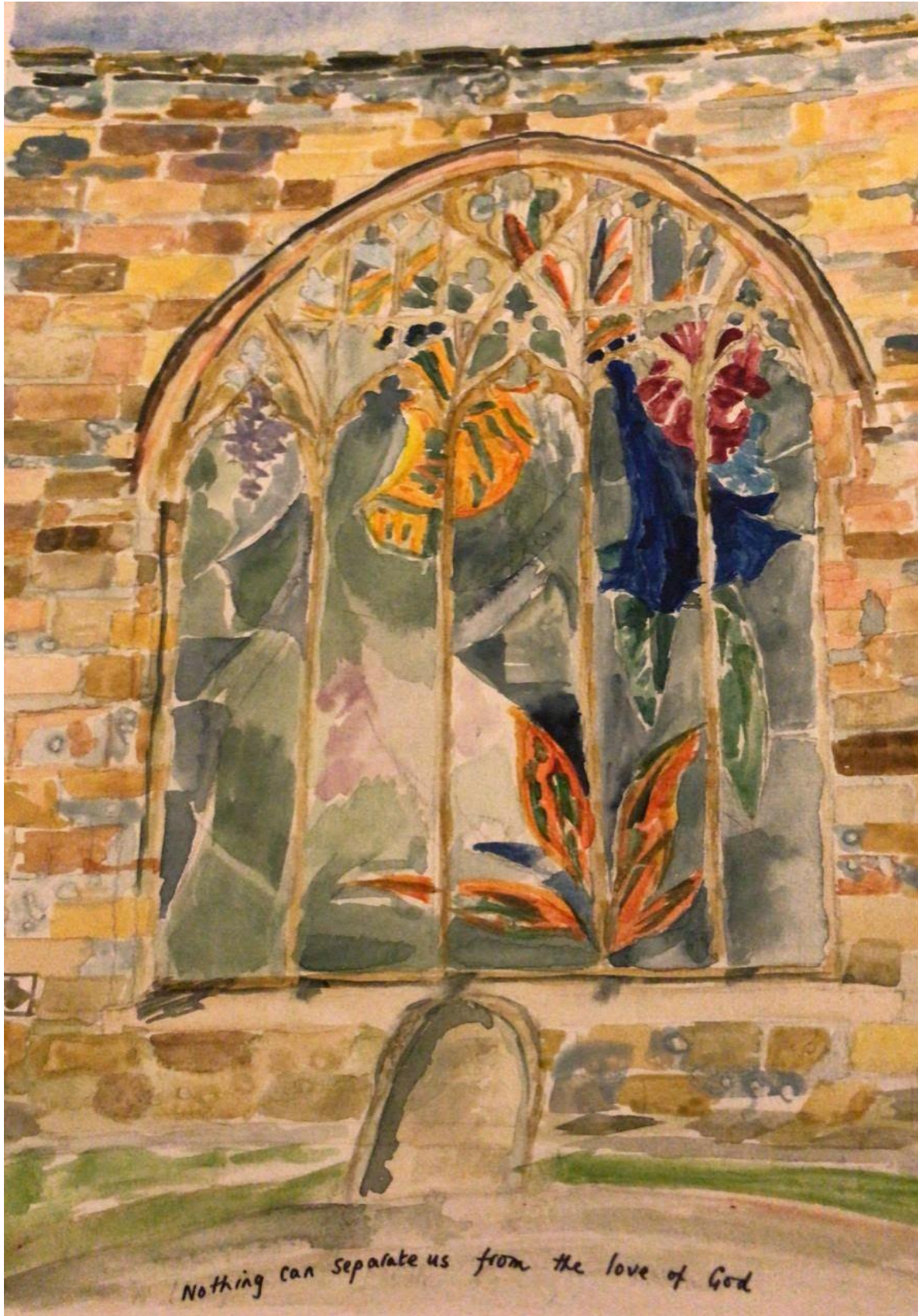


# **St Brandon's Church**

## **Brancepeth**



**Newsletter: September 2021**

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# Fun in the Field

In support of the British Lung Foundation

4th September 2021, 2.00pm to 5.00 pm

As the last, long, hot days of summer merge with the warm colours of a Brancepeth autumn, come and take this opportunity to relax with friends and neighbours in our historic cricket field and help raise funds for a good cause.

Bring a picnic, a bottle (or two) of wine, chairs (or a rug) and make yourself comfortable as you reminisce over the events of the past year and make new plans for the future.

Sit and appreciate the music and indulge yourself in a treat from the Cake Stall.

If you are feeling energetic, why not have a go at our Golf Game, play Cricket, join in the Wellie-Wanging or use all that cake to add your weight to your Tug of War team?

And there will be fun activities for the little ones too.

Everyone will be very welcome.

This event is organised by the Friends of the Field



## Parochial Church Council

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Treasurer	Mike Higton (5974675)
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Events coordinator	Janette Foxe <a href="mailto:events@stbrandon.org.uk">events@stbrandon.org.uk</a> .
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Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)
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Worship Team	Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Richard Gooding, Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Geoff Moore, Sue Morgan.
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Fabric:	James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Robert Scott-Biggs, Edward Staines.
Website	<a href="http://www.stbrandon.org.uk">www.stbrandon.org.uk</a>

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

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

Dear friends

Do you know the old joke about church lighting?

*How many PCC members does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Change??!!*

Thankfully at St Brandon's there has been and is a positive attitude towards change as a necessary part of life, whether forced upon us through fire or pandemic, or emerging more gently with the seasons of our lives. The past 18 months have brought unforeseen changes for us all, but thankfully some of them positive, in terms of better communication and connections with each other.

It's in this spirit of 'can do' that I hope we can approach the biggest challenge and need to change which the world has ever faced. I write this on the day following the publication of the UN Report on Climate Change. Our news screens, recently full of COVID- related images and graphs, are now showing wildfires, floods and graphs of rising global temperatures. As we take on board the reality and severity of the situation, it is easy to despair or give up. But if we change, so can the future outlook for our children and grandchildren, our local and global neighbours. And if we seek God's help to do this, we draw on the power and love of the Creator, which are greater than we can ask or imagine.

St Brandon's has recently become a 'bronze award 'Eco Church: we will work towards silver and gold in the coming months. In doing this we will listen and learn, discuss and pray about how we can care for creation and safeguard the climate, right here and now. In the next few weeks there are two focal points:

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Thanksgiving**, celebrated in the Parish Eucharist at 10.15am and Messy Church at 3pm. Let's gather as a community to give thanks for the beauty and fruitfulness of our area and to commit ourselves to caring and sharing, with generosity and determination.

**Saturday and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Brancepeth Climate Weekend**

We are planning events open to all, to raise awareness and share stories and activities which will help us *embrace* needful change rather than resist it, which is our default, of course!

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning service we have a guest speaker from *A Rocha UK*, a national and worldwide Christian environmental charity- do take a look at their website:

[arocha.org.uk](http://arocha.org.uk),

from which this prayer by Ray Simpson is taken:

*Creator, make us co-workers with you,  
that the earth and all who live upon it may reap a full harvest.  
Show us how to reflect your rhythms in our life and work  
and to conserve the world's rich resources.  
Help us to give all creatures their due respect,  
to tend cattle and crops with care.  
Guide science along wise and considerate ways,  
that we may fashion agriculture that truly enhances,  
and that we may sustain a vibrant environment.  
Amen.*

With all good wishes

*Anna*

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

## St Brandon's September 2021– Services and readings

*Sunday services are at 10:15am every week.*

*If you are unable to join in person, you are welcome to join online,  
or to view the recording later, at <https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>  
**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**.*

***Evening Prayer** takes place on alternate **Thursdays at 7:30pm** via Zoom.  
Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna*

*Please phone or email for further details*

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Thursday                      Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14                      Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

First:	Alison Moore	James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Gospel:	Gillian Smellie	Mark 7: 24-end
Psalm 146		
	Caroline Middleditch	Intercessions

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>                      Saturday                      Marriage of Daniel Wood and Fiona Staines**  
**1:30pm**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>                      Trinity 15                      Parish Eucharist with Baptism 10.15am**

First:	Evelyn Aitken	James 3: 1-12
Gospel:	Robert Scott-Biggs	Mark 8: 27-end
(no Psalm)		
	Alison Moore	Intercessions

**Also Baptism 12:30pm**

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>                      Thursday                      Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm**

<b>Sept 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 16</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>HARVEST</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>				
	First:	Edward Staines	Joel 2: 21-27	
	Gospel:	James Morgan	Matthew 6: 25-33	
	Psalm 126			
		David Eltringham	Intercessions	

**Messy Church Harvest 3pm**

<b>Sept 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Baptism</b>	<b>10.15am</b>
	First:	Hester Higton	James 5: 13 - end
	Gospel:	Wilfred Foxe	Mark 9: 38 - end
	Psalm 19: 7- end		
		Edward Staines	Intercessions

<b>Sept 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm</b>
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<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 18</b>	<b>Service of the Word 10.15am</b>
		<b>CLIMATE ACTION SUNDAY</b>
		Geoff Moore
		Intercessions
		Readings and Readers tbc

## Vestry Report

### Baptisms:

Cooper James Johnson	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Reese Olivia Brown	18 <sup>th</sup> July
Tristan Anthony Lynch-Powels	15 <sup>th</sup> August

### Marriage:

Benjamin David Layfield and Caroline Anne Simpson	10 <sup>th</sup> July
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### Funeral:

Clive Louis Gilbert Smithers	4 <sup>th</sup> August
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## Sidespersons

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Jean Hodgson & Joan Nesbitt  
 Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Fiona & David Eltringham  
 Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Bonny Bainbridge & Sue Morgan  
 Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Nick Brooker & Caroline Middleditch  
 Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Stout & Jean Hodgson

## Flowers

Eileen Crawford  
 Wedding  
 Harvest  
 Jean Hodgson  
 Gerry Jennings

## Coffee

Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette Metcalfe
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Moore
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Stout
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Morgan

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

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	David Wilkes, James Morgan
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	Edward Staines, Martin Peacock

## **Harvest Thanksgiving** **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September 10:15am**

**with collection for DASH: Durham Action on Single Housing**



*Suggested gifts:*

*tinned goods, cereals, long-life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pasta, shampoo, soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste, jams, biscuits, sweets.*

Please bring to church on the day.

Thank you.

The Flower Guild would appreciate any donations of fruit or vegetables from the Allotment Association or local residents. These can be brought to the church from 9.30 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> when we will be doing the flower arrangements or handed to any member of the Guild. Please note there will be no access to the church on the Saturday.

Thank you for your support.



## September's MESSY CHURCH

### Messy Church Harvest Festival

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm – 5.00pm in church

**Bible story, songs, prayers, news, crafts, games,  
tea together**

**We do hope you can come.**

**Gifts for DASH are also welcome- see the list  
above**



**Hooray!**

**Sunday school will begin again on the 5th September.**

**Initially we join the morning service at 10.15 before leaving to hear a story,  
and make something relating to the story, returning to the service during  
Communion.**

**Come along and have some fun!**

**Covid guidelines continue to be followed.**

***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!



## Brancepeth Youth Club

September – December 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 plan to get back to 'normal'! That is, from September we'll meet fortnightly in the Village Hall on Sundays 6-8pm. The dates are:

September 12, 26,      October 10, 24

November 7, 21      December 5

If Covid restrictions are re-instated, we'll return to Zoom.

*Leaders*

Geoff Moore      373 5674      [durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)

Martin Peacock      07503 242074

### Events news for September

The church will be **closed** at the following times whilst events take place.

**11 September** Durham and Newcastle Bell Ringers' meeting from 3:00pm

**15 September** closed for a group visit between 3:45 and 5:00pm

**18 September** closed for a Spirituality Day for Ordinands between 9:45am and 3:15 pm

More news next month....

Janette Foxe

### Brancepeth Ladies and Guests

Many thanks to everyone who came in August to hear John Moreels give his talk and see all those amazing photos. Do remember to access the website

'photomemoriesarchives'. Our next presentation is 'Foreign Devils on the Silk Road' a second visit from Kath and Harry Gilbert, raising funds for the Red Cross.

We will be in the Village Hall 2.00pm on Thursday, 16th Sept. Anyone else who wishes to come is very welcome, ladies or gentlemen. Cost for guests is £2 or £5 to join for the rest of 2021 but please phone me first on 01913780707. Allee

Longstaff

### **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

## Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary September 2021

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

### The new season

- 1 Pray for new beginnings – for schools and colleges, students and staff, picking up after so much disruption
- 2 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 3 For the Stockley Lane area, Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 4 For 'Fun in the Field' this afternoon
- 5 **New season: pray for Sunday School, Youth Club and Messy Church as they start again**
- 6 For Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 7 Castle and Lodge – for the Tuesday Holy Communion service
- 8 For all of us as we learn to live with Covid, and especially for those afflicted with Long Covid
- 9 All who live in Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 10 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmaran, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 11 For Fiona and Daniel, marrying at St Brandon's today. For all couples marrying after a long wait
- 12 **New season: pray for Alfie and Esme being baptised today, and all who love and care for them**
- 13 For PCC meeting tonight - for everyone who loves and serves St Brandon's on rotas or committees
- 14 **Holy Cross day** – for the grace to follow the way of Christ
- 15 Goodwell Lea
- 16 For the regular Thursday Evening Prayer Zoom service
- 17 **Hildegard**, 12<sup>th</sup> century abbess of Bingen - for women suffering oppression, particularly Afghan women, locked in again
- 18 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 19 **New season: harvest celebrated today. Give thanks for the food we get so easily, pray for those whose harvests are failing.**
- 20 COP 26 preparations – for societies to stop living in denial and governments to implement the changes needed
- 21 **St Matthew** - for those who write about following the way of Christ
- 22 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 23 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell Farm, South Brandon Farm, Brawns Den
- 24 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 25 Pray for those suffering because of the increasing severe climate events
- 26 **New season: baptism of Grayson today. Pray for all those baptised this year at St Brandon's**

- 27 Pray for people sad and low because of loss  
28 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View  
29 **St Michael and all angels** - give thanks for everything that speaks to us of God's presence  
30 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm  
31 Give thanks for people who step up to local or national political involvement. Pray for courage and integrity as they serve.

*If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore, [durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)*

**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.



NOTE – Alison is on retreat on the 7<sup>th</sup> so it jumps a week  
**Tuesdays 14 & 24 Sept 2021 at 11:00**  
**Tuesday 12 & 26 Oct 2021 11:00**

*For more information, please email [alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk](mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk)*

*Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church*

## **Book Club**

On September 17th we are talking about 'Big Girl, Small Town' by Michelle Gallen; a humorous and gritty story of the life of a chip shop girl in Northern Ireland after the Troubles.

We have booked the Village Hall for September will confirm the venue closer to the date.

On the 29th October we will be discussing 'Shuggie Bain', by Douglas Stuart; venue to be confirmed.

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

## **THE ENSIGN'S STORY**

John Jackson has just had this book, about Waterloo, published. The book is in novel form, but is the diary of a young officer during the battle. Military historians may well be interested



## **GARDEN CLUB.**

The next major event will be the Spring Show Schedule, date etc will be in future newsletters. As you know, the 2020 & '21 Shows were cancelled due to Covid, so next year will be a really special event. With the possible exception of a children's class, which may or may not be varied depending on how popular earlier entries in previous years proved to be, the schedule will be more or less exactly as the 2019 schedule.

As well as the usual trophies, we will now be awarding a prize for "best vase of tulips". This will be in the form of a voucher towards the purchase of bulbs from Blom's Bulbs who are renowned for tulips. Blom's have been long time supporters of Brancepeth Garden Club, and they have rather generously agreed to provide a voucher to be given for this item every year while we still have a Spring Show.

### **A tribute to Peter Aitken on his retirement as Garden Club Secretary**

Members of the Garden Club committee assembled to enjoy 'a social committee meeting' and make a presentation to Peter and Eveline Aitken.

The occasion was to mark the 20 plus years Peter has served as Secretary to the Garden Club and to say their farewells as Peter and Eveline prepare to leave the village.

Peter's dedication and organisation has been at the heart of every Garden Club event and I will personally miss him as my right hand man.

We all wish them every happiness in their move to Lartington.

Barry Dickinson

Chairman of the Garden Club



## Fun in the Field - Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Calling all Brancepeth Bakers!

We would love to have a well filled cake stall for the Fun the Field event so we can raise lots of dough for the British Lung Foundation, one of the leaders into research on "Long Covid".

Please would you consider baking/donating a cake or other goodies for sale so we can maximise our contribution to the charity?

Be they sweet or savoury, cakes, biscuits, breads or a flans, we can sell them all so please do help.

For further information or to talk about what you can do to help, please drop me a note at [rjpinetops@icloud.com](mailto:rjpinetops@icloud.com) , or give me a call (378 3271) or grab me whilst I am out with Kemmy.

Thanks,

Richard Jackson

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### *Brancepeth Archive*

"With records stored of deeds long since forgot"



**The Brancepeth Archive, in its new home in Brancepeth Castle, is at last ready to receive visitors and enquiries. There's still work to do but we can now welcome anyone interested in local and family history. It contains documents, photographs, maps, artefacts and other records relating to the history of the ancient parish of Brancepeth.**

**For those wishing to pursue family history, the room offers access to Ancestry and Find My Past - two of the main family research websites.**

**It is open to visitors on the first Saturday morning of every month (10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.) and appointments can be made to visit at other times. Enquiries are welcomed.**

**Contact via e-mail at [brancepeth.archive@outlook.com](mailto:brancepeth.archive@outlook.com)**

**(Supported by the Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity, that awards small grants to local roots organisations, by the Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership and several individuals.)**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have applied to the County Council to designate the whole parish as a neighbourhood area. This will involve producing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which will give us a greater say in any future developments that affect the parish. Over the course of the coming months we will be consulting with groups and societies within the parish about the NP but we need your help to get started.

This is an opportunity for residents of all backgrounds and ages to have a say about what already exists in Brancepeth and what might be missing. It will be developed from your ideas whether they relate to historic buildings, green spaces, community facilities, transport or something else entirely. It is important that the plan caters for the needs of future as well as current generations so we want to hear from children and young people as well as adults, those who live in the village itself and those who live outside of it, those who have lived here for many years and those who are relative newcomers, those with large families and those living on their own or as couples, those in full-time or part-time employment and those who are retired.

We've put some questions below to set the ball rolling. Please answer as many or as few as you like. It would be very helpful if you could send your ideas to Nick, Mary or Kirsty Charlton (our clerk) as soon as possible and no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September (email addresses below).

1. What do you like about living in Brancepeth?
2. What would you like to stay the same?
3. What don't you like about living in Brancepeth?
4. What would you like to change?
5. Any other comments?

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### **Knit and Natter**

The Knit and Natter group will be meeting in the Village Hall on September 14th and 28th and October 12th and 26th.





## Brancepeth Community Association (BCA) Update

It is good news to report that the Village Hall has **fully reopened** following changes to social distancing rules. Some of the regular user groups have started to resume their weekly activities (including yoga, snooker, and badminton) and others have confirmed that they will recommence after the school summer holiday period, followed by the return of the weekly Wednesday Coffee morning from mid-September onwards. There have already been a number of ad-hoc bookings from members to celebrate life events with their family and friends and the hall booking calendar is starting to fill up with future bookings – all of which is very positive!

To make the hall as safe as possible, there are Covid-19 guidance posters situated throughout the building (updated to comply with government guidance for the safe reopening of community buildings) and there will continue to be a supply of cleaning products, hand sanitisers and paper towels.

During the various lockdown periods – when the building had to close – several investment initiatives were implemented including replacing the aged stair lift, refurbished and improved stage area including a new overhead storage area with safety rails, new star backcloth, stage curtains and new LED stage spotlights. Also repairs to the chimney stacks and some electrical works have been completed as well as the installation of a phone booster for increased phone signal in and around the building.

We hope that members will make good use of the building and its facilities going forward ...

The BCA has a new website where you will find information about the weekly and monthly hall user groups, ad-hoc social events, and how to make hall bookings (including information about the various facilities on offer): [www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk](http://www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk)

You may recall that the BCA annual membership subscriptions were put on hold – due to the on/off closure of the building. As you know, the annual subscriptions are a significant part of the BCA's income and help with the upkeep and maintenance of the building as well as helping to facilitate hall users with social, recreational and educational activities at subsidised rates. Due to the closures, the subscription year will now commence on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021** (and last 12 months to the end of **August 2022**), thus giving members 18-months extended membership during 2020/21. The annual grant from the BPC also helps with the building's annual running costs.

Fortunately, the BCA bank balance remains healthy with Covid grant support from the Government. A sub-group has been formed to review options for a significant green project – to invest the monies in the long-term sustainability of the building and make it more energy efficient.

Lastly, to let you know, the BCA committee has recently changed with a few of our long serving committee members retiring from the committee. With thanks to Joan Taylor, Josie Armstrong, Margot Harrison and Peter Aitken – all of whom contributed a significant amount of their time to improving the building and facilitating many great social events and activities – they will be missed! Val Gibbons has now joined the committee and there is another vacancy. If anyone would like to be involved in the committee, please contact [brancepethca@gmail.com](mailto:brancepethca@gmail.com) – your input would be very welcome.

**Martyn Jones, BCA Committee vice-Chair**



## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS FINALLY HERE AGAIN!**

Rates remain the same for the 14<sup>th</sup> year running!

<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>£ 7.50</b>
<b>IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSION</b>	<b>£ 5.00</b>

Collectors will be calling soon to take subscriptions. The membership year will now run from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 until 31st August 2022**. Membership cards have been replaced with an email receipt and your collector will be asking for your email address so that it can be sent to you together with information about future events and activities. If you do not have an email address (or prefer not to share it) or would like a paper receipt instead, your collector will provide one.

If you pay income tax and have previously signed a **Gift Aid** form, thank you. You don't need to complete another one. If you are a new member or, have not previously completed a form and would like the association to be able to reclaim the tax on your subscription, please ask your collector for a form which should be returned to them when completed. Thank you.

### **GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

As in previous years, collectors will also be happy to collect subscriptions to the Garden Club. If you wish to renew your membership of, or to join either or both, please pay your collector. Annual subscriptions are: **£3**

### **CINEMA CLUB**

Will be relaunched later in 2021 ...information to follow in the next newsletter ...

**Thank you!**

**If you have any suggestions or questions relating to the BCA or associated user groups (clubs) please contact any committee member or officer listed in the newsletter or visit the website [www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk](http://www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk)**

**The BCA is fully compliant with the 2018 GDPR on privacy. Details of the BCA GDPR policy can be found on the website.**

## **Dates for the Diary:-**

Sept	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
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Sept/Oct	Tuesday 14th & 28th Sept & 12th & 26th Oct		Knit & Natter, 2.00 -4.00pm, Village Hall
Sept	Thursdays		Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	4th Sat		Summer Fun in the Field, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, on Field
Sept	11th Sun		Messy Church, 3.00 -5.00pm, in church
Sept	13th Mon		PCC, 7.30pm
Sept	16th Thurs		Brancepeth Ladies Group, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Sept	17th Fri		Book Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall, tbc
Oct	29th Fri		Book Club, 7.30pm, venue tbc
Dec	4th Sat		Christmas Show

## **Photos**

**Front cover** - © Jane Stout. Painting of the East Window. Jane is a member of the Brancepeth Art Group who have been painting 'outside' during the lockdown.

**Inside front cover** – ©Richard Jackson. Advertisement for the 'Fun in the Field' event on Saturday 4th September.

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## Baptisms in July and August



On July 18th Reese Olivia Brown was baptised.

She was joined by many of her family and friends including;

Left to right Ross and Sarah McLaren, her godparents.

Kristan and Susan Brown her parents and Clare and Leigh Green her godparents.

Front row left to right are, Phoebe Green, **Reese Olivia Brown**, Lyla Green and at the very front, Hazel Brown.



On August 15th Tristan Anthony Lynch- Powels was baptised.

From left to right we have Michael Jones (Scarlette's partner), Gill Bell, Nick Lynch (Tristan's uncle), Jess Lynch (auntie) holding Henri (cousin), Nicole Gardner (auntie), Joe Owens (uncle), Sol (uncle and godfather) holding Finn (cousin) Scarlett (auntie and godmother), Mhorag Lynch, mother and **Tristan**. Rob Lynch (uncle and godfather), Nola Lynch (auntie and godmother) holding Aoife (cousin), Connie English (great gran) and Andrew Lynch (grandpa).





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