

# **ST BRANDON'S CHURCH**

## **BRANCEPETH**



**NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2021**

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# St Brandon's Climate Action Weekend

2-3 October 2021



Join us for a whole series of events which will help us understand better, lament, pray, hope and take action for the climate.

## SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

### Art & Craft Event

Responding to the climate crisis through shared making. A chance to think with our hands and imaginations, creating a large piece out of re-cycled fabrics. A meditative experience that will be both enjoyable and serious, making something that can remain in church after the weekend. Everyone invited to take part – no artistic talent required!

- i** **When:** 10.00–12.00 and 13.00–15.00
- Where:** In the Castle, clearly signposted
- Programme:**
  - 10.00: Gathering in the Castle chapel to set the scene
  - 10.30-12.00: Making session in the Castle Bakehouse
  - 12.00-13.00: Lunch break. Bring a picnic or visit café Burgschneider. Drinks provided
  - 13.00-15.00: Making session
- What else?**
  - Come for any or all of the time
  - Bring sharp scissors if you have some
  - Wear warm clothes and thick socks for cold castle floors

*More Saturday events overleaf*

## Domestic decarbonising

George and Carol Rae's house, Park Lodge, will be open to view solar panels, air-source heat pump, battery storage and hybrid car.

- i** Tours at 10am, 11am, 12 noon - just turn up  
Directions: Take the single track tarmac road just before the Castle entrance. Follow the road past the golf club. Go straight on at fork. 100yds take the left hand fork at the stone wall to Park Lodge. Parking available. Entrance will be through the conservatory to the rear

## Electric car to view/experience

- i** 13.00-14.00 based at Church

## How bad are bananas?

Finale event in Church suitable for families, with quiz, 'show and tell' from the art and craft activity, some fun and some serious stuff about climate change and COP26. Refreshments provided. All welcome!

- i** 15.30-17.00

## SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

10.15: Morning Worship with Gerard Corsane, A Rocha UK, as preacher  
11.30-12.00: Further discussions over coffee with Gerard

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Although our weekend is focused on Saturday and Sunday, the Young Christians Climate Network (YCCN) Relay, which is walking from St Ives to Glasgow for COP26, happens to be on the leg to Durham on Friday 1 October.



Details and sign up for the walk can be found here: [www.yccn.uk](http://www.yccn.uk), or you can join the walk without signing up, but expect to be asked to complete an emergency contact form. There are also two events in Durham, one specifically for young people, which require no sign up – just turn up:

- i** 09.00 Walk departs St Mary Magdalene Church, Trimdon using Northern Saints Trail route Northern Saints
- 16.00 Arrive Durham Cathedral
- 16.30 Market Place: welcome the Relay; hear from young people
- 17.30 Market Place, St Nicholas Church: Pray for COP26

## Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or <a href="mailto:rector@stbrandon.org.uk">rector@stbrandon.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk">anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk</a>
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) <a href="mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk">alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk</a>
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)
Deanery Synod	Caroline Middleditch (378 1400)

### Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Sue Morgan (3781172)  
Tom Hobbs (07857437860) Robert Scott-Biggs (3735907).  
Jean Hodgson (3780289)  
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
Music Co-ordinator	Richard Gooding
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), Valeria Dietz, Lucy Hodge (07891867181).
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (3735674)
Events coordinator	Janette Foxe <a href="mailto:events@stbrandon.org.uk">events@stbrandon.org.uk</a> .
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.
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**November** Newsletter entries – no later than **October 18th**

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

Dear friends

We are starting the month with a weekend of Climate Action, as pressure mounts for change. But change can only really happen when we change from the inside: we have to *want* to change first, then feel *enabled* to make some changes, and to *see* some changes.

*Want* to change? We have to stir up and explore our hopes and fears for the future, to own a sadness for the mess and loss, reinforce our desires and longings for a better way, see the danger of complacency, ask ourselves what we really want, and what really matters.

What do we really feel about the predicament of the planet and our part in that?

We are going to actively explore our own feelings by gathering together to engage our emotions and imagination, and express something of what we discover in a large collage made from re-cycled cloth. Everyone is welcome to join in at any level, (details elsewhere in the newsletter). Come and stoke up your desire for change.

*Enabled* to change: by seeing in action, some of the household changes others have made and hearing some of the facts instead of myths about what most hurts or most helps. We are in this together, and by showing up as families, we can show we choose to know more and do differently. Embrace knowledge about practical steps and pop the paralysis.

*See* change: Change will happen when we rearrange our priorities and desires. One event is not going to achieve that, it's a slow process of becoming differently tuned. We need to be observing ourselves as we make our choices, watching ourselves in action-replay to see what prompted us. The ancient Christian way of doing this, knowing all our actions are connected with our relationship to God, is called the Examen:

- Towards the end of each day, find a quiet place to pray. Place yourself in God's presence and Give thanks for God's great love for you.
- Pray for the grace to understand how God is acting in your life, what God might be saying to you.
- Then review your day — recall specific moments and your feelings at the time.
- Reflect on what you did, said, or thought at those times. Were you drawing closer to God, or further away? Were your actions, thoughts and words blessings or curses?
- Finally, look to tomorrow — think how you might collaborate more effectively with God's plan. Be specific, ask for God's help, and end with a prayer, maybe the Lord's Prayer.

Blessings for the month ahead, from Alison Hobbs

## St Brandon's October 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 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 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm		
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 18	Morning Worship	10.15am	CLIMATE ACTION SUNDAY
	First:		Genesis 2: 18-24	
	Second:		Colossians 1: 15-20	
		Readers tbc		
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 19	Parish Eucharist	10.15am	
	First:	Mike Higton	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15	
	Gospel:	Wilfred Foxe	Mark 10: 17-31	
	Psalm 90: 12 – end			
		Hester Higton	Intercessions	
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm		
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 20	Parish Eucharist	10.15am	SHOEBBOX SUNDAY
	First:	Janette Foxe	Isaiah 53: 4- end	
	Gospel:	Ken Howe	Mark 10: 35-45	
	Psalm 91: 9 – 16			
		Carys Funnell	Intercessions	
		Messy Church 3.00pm- 5.00pm		

<b>Oct 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
	First:	Caroline Middleditch	Isaiah 55: 1-11
	Gospel:	David Eltringham	John 5: 36b-47
	Psalm 19: 7-14	Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions
		<b>Blessing and Thanksgiving for Marriage, 2:00pm</b>	
<b>Oct 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm</b>	
<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
	First:	Carys Funnell	Revelation 21: 1- 6a
	Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	John 11: 32 -44
	Psalm 24: 1-6	Nick Brooker	Intercessions
<b>Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues</b>	<b>All Souls</b>	<b>Services in Church and online 7:30pm</b>	
		Readings tbc	
<b>Nov 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3 before Advent</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
	First:	Nick Brooker	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
	Gospel:	Richard Gooding	Mark 1: 14-20
	Psalm 62: 5-end	Robert Scott-Biggs	Intercessions

## Vestry Report

### Baptisms:

Emilia Rose Green	29 <sup>th</sup> August
Alfie Peter Ronnie Lucas	12 <sup>th</sup> September
Esme Sofia Brown	12 <sup>th</sup> September

### Marriage:

Alice Fiona Staines and Daniel Wood	11 <sup>th</sup> September
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### Sidespersons

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Stout & Jean Hodgson  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Fiona & David Eltringham  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Sue Morgan & Josie Armstrong  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Pat Sharples & Nick Brooker  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Joan Nesbitt & Bonny Bainbridge  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Caroline Middleditch & Jane Stout

### Flowers

Gerry Jennings  
Maud Oliver  
Joan Taylor  
Norma Taylor  
Isabel Rae  
Sue Knight

### Coffee

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Morgan
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Moore
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Stout
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Morgan

### **St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota – October - end**

19 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	James Dalton, Nick Brooker
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – End	Edward, Michael and Martin



**October's MESSY CHURCH will be**  
**All about Feet!**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 3-5pm in church**  
**Bible story, songs, prayers, news,**  
**crafts, games, tea together**  
**We do hope you can come.**

**We are supporting the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2021  
for families in Eastern Europe.**



Also this month for families:

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 4-5pm

# **The Light Party**



starting and ending at Brancepeth Village Hall

**\*\*\*fancy dress parade \*\*\* treat trail\*\*\***

**\*\*\* hot chocolate\*\*\***

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**We continue to meet every Sunday for a story and activity.**

**It would be great if you could join us!**

**We leave the service after the first hymn, re-joining for communion and then tell everyone what we have been up to at the beginning of notices.**

**Covid guidelines continue to be followed.**

## PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY October 2021

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

### We pray for:

- 1 Young Christians Climate Network (YCCN) pilgrimage reaching Durham today.
- 2 Climate Action weekend, for learning and growing together for change.
- 3 Pray for the charity A Rocha UK, helping churches understand climate action.**
- 4 St Francis of Assisi: Give thanks for the witness of Pope Francis, inspired by this saint
- 5 Those who live in Goodwell Lea
- 6 William Tyndale, translator: for the rich way today's bibles communicate Good News
- 7 Those who live in the Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 8 The Bothy, Park Lodge, Nursery House, Garden House and the Golf Club
- 9 For those waiting for operations, and for an exhausted NHS
- 10 World Mental Health Day: healing & understanding, where there is stigma & fear**
- 11 Durham Road and The Forge
- 12 Prison reformers today: all those that take love and light into our prisons.
- 13 Littlewhite Farm, Morley Farm, Quarry Hill, the cottages, and Goodwell Field
- 14 Woolley Grange, High Woolley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm and Brawn's Den
- 15 Theresa of Avila: help us to dig deeper into prayer, to a closer relationship with God.
- 16 Those who live on Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 17 Pray for churches that are unable to have a vicar because of shortage of funds**
- 18 Luke the Evangelist: pray for women who follow Christ in difficult circumstances.
- 19 Scription, Peppermires, Nafferton, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell, East Parks area
- 20 Give thanks for pets and the pleasure they bring, particularly those that befriend.
- 21 Our local shops and food suppliers; for an increasingly responsible attitude to food
- 22 Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages, Constable Meadows, and Bridleway
- 23 Those who live on Oakenshaw Rd
- 24 Bible Sunday – that the Bible will come alive for more people.**
- 25 Those who live in Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood
- 26 The Village North, Station House and Railway cottages
- 27 Those who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 28 Simon & Jude, Apostles: to see God at work in apparently ordinary people.
- 29 Blessings and protection: thoughtful approaches to Halloween and All Souls
- 30 COP 26, starting tomorrow in Glasgow: for a world changing change of hearts.
- 31 Sunday – All Saints' day: that their light will fill the whole world**

*If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore  
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.



Tuesdays 12 & 26 Oct 2021 at 11:00  
Tuesdays 9 & 23 Nov 2021 at 11:00

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

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

***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 are back to 'normal'! We meet fortnightly in the Village Hall on Sundays 6-8pm. The dates are:

September 26

October 10\*, 24,

November 7, 21,

December 5

\*The Diocesan Pulse event at the Cathedral also takes place on 10 October – we'll decide on 26 September whether to go.

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

## An introduction to Richard Gooding; our new music co-ordinator



Amy and I started attending St Brandon's two years ago. We had both had roles in our respective churches before our recent marriage, preventing us from worshipping together. We came to St Brandon's so that we could worship discreetly together from the pews, without the distraction of other roles.

Well, if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. Two years on, Amy is off to Mirfield, training for the Priesthood and I find myself in the role of Music Co-ordinator. Anna has asked me to write a few words, introducing myself.

I have been involved in church and its music for most of my life. I sang in my local church choir as a boy and by the age of 17, was Organist there. I went on to Oxford to read Music and sang for four years as a Choral Scholar at Keble. Teacher training brought me to Durham, where I have spent most of my adult life, teaching Music. I was Director of Music at Central Newcastle High School for eleven years and enjoyed conducting the choir and orchestra: Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah* were highlights. I'm now Music Co-ordinator at Yarm Preparatory School, working to rebuild the tradition of performance after two years disrupted by covid restrictions.

I'm a member of Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers. As well as regular services we have sung in broadcasts, including Radio 3 Choral Evensong and the Radio 4 Christmas Day service. Before coming to St Brandon's I was Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Gosforth.

I'm excited to be working in a church with a rich musical tradition and a good number of talented musicians. I'd like to build on what we already have and bring people together in music. If you play an instrument or like to sing, I'd love you to be part of our music team: please get in touch with me on [richard@courante-music.com](mailto:richard@courante-music.com).





**The baptism of Alfie Peter Ronnie Lucas on Sunday 12th September.**

Here with father, Zac, mother Charlotte and godmother, Dawn.

Congratulations to the four generations of Huttons and Bowdens in church today together with the Lucas family.

**Afghan Refugees in County Durham,**

Durham County Council have agreed to locate up to six Afghan refugee families in the region under the government's Afghan workers' resettlement scheme. Funding is being provided from central government and The Church of England, Diocese of Durham, is making available housing for some of the families.

The families' immediate needs are for toiletries and household cleaning materials. If you feel able to provide these practical contributions, a marked box in St Brandon's Church will be available.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Robert Scott-Biggs

St Brandon's PC

**Wednesday Coffee Morning**

**10:30-11:45**

restarting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** in the Village Hall

## What Did You Do in the Pandemic Daddy ... and Mummy?

The Brancepeth Archives Group have started a project and are now collecting material to record the village's experiences of the Covid 19 Pandemic so that future generations will have an understanding of just what occurred and how we coped.

The project has three strands; recognising the global situation, recording the activities of the various groups in the village and most important of all how the bug personally affected us all.

To carry out the latter, we need **you** to tell us **your** story. You can do so anonymously, under a pseudonym or with your own name – just as long as we can get to know how the C-bug affected you.

Don't worry about needing to be a great writer or not knowing what to say – we have some guidance and one of the Project Team will be pleased to help record your experiences. Age is not a consideration either as we need input from all ages.

If you would like to help make the history of the future and contribute to the project, please just drop a line to Vivienne Lowe 0191 378 0974 ([17vivienne@gmail.com](mailto:17vivienne@gmail.com)) or Richard Jackson ([Rjpinetops@icloud.com](mailto:Rjpinetops@icloud.com)) and we will be in touch.

### Brancepeth Ladies and Guests

Following last month's excellent presentation – 'Foreign Devils on the Silk Road' – This month we will be welcoming Anthony Atkinson at 2.00pm, Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. His talk is about Mary Eleanor Bowes.....'Precocious & indulged, heiress of Gibside and great, great, great, great grandmother of the Queen. An extraordinary life of love, pathos, debauchery, abuse, greed, kidnapping and adultery.'

If you haven't joined us before please ring me beforehand on 01913780707

Please note we will be returning to the Dining Room at the Golf Club

Members £3, guests £5 – includes tea/coffee and scones

## **Parish Council News**

As a result of our continued concern over lack of progress in obtaining leases of both the cricket field and the allotments, an Extraordinary meeting of the PC was held on Tuesday 7th September where it was unanimously agreed to engage Womble Bond Dickinson (WBD) to act on our behalf from now on in negotiations with Castle Estates and their solicitors. Formerly called Dickinson Dees, WBD is the legal firm whose advice enabled the PC to obtain the original 10 year lease for the cricket pitch in 2008 and we are hopeful that they will be able to get to the bottom of the delays of over 3 years in obtaining the new 5 year lease.

This new lease would expire in March 2023 leaving the future of the cricket field uncertain. The PC will again seek advice from WBD and will do everything in its power to secure the field as a green space if this is what residents want us to do. We cannot be certain of success, however, and we need your help in deciding on the best course of action. If we wish to retain the field it is important that we all continue to make good use of it and it will strengthen our case if the field becomes an integral part of our Neighbourhood Plan. To this end, we urgently need your views, not just about the future of the field but about all aspects of life in Brancepeth so that we can draw up a plan that reflects the wishes of villagers.

Please help us by sending your ideas to Nick, Mary or Kirsty (our clerk) as soon as you can and preferably before the end of October.

## **Book Club**

The next meeting will be on Friday 29th October when we will be discussing 'Shuggie Bain', by

Douglas Stuart; venue to be confirmed.

In November the chosen book is 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo. We meet on 26th November, venue again to be confirmed.

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

## **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

## A fond farewell to some familiar faces



BCA committee leavers: 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!

## Great North Air Ambulance Services

Many thanks for all your contributions. The next collection is scheduled for Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. so I will need donations to 2 FOXES' ROW any time from Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, and 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 bag .....Clothing, 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 - 3780707



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

Oct	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
Oct	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct/Nov	Tuesdays	-	12th & 26th Oct & 9th & 23rd Nov Knit & Natter, 2.00 -4.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	Wednesdays	-	From 20th Oct, Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall
Oct	Thursdays		Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct	2nd/3rd Sat /Sun		Climate Weekend – see front cover for details
Oct	17th Sun		Messy Church, 3.00 -5.00pm, in church
Oct	21st Thurs		Brancepeth Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Oct	24th Sun		Concert 'Music for an Autumn Afternoon' 3.00pm – 5.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	29th Fri		Book Club, 7.30pm, venue tbc
Oct	31st Sun		The Light Party, 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Village Hall
Nov	26th Fri		Book Club, 7.30pm, venue tbc
Dec	4th Sat		Christmas Show

## **Photos**

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**Inside front cover** – ©Geoff Moore. Climate Action Weekend Activities

**Inside back cover** - © Richard Jackson – Advertisement for a concert of 'Music for an Autumn Afternoon'

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## Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

	<i>Chairman</i>	Val Gibbons	<i>Subscriptions</i>
Martyn Jones	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings &amp; Garden Club</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary (&amp; Website)</i>	Jean Merrington	
Ian Stoker	<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Wednesday Coffee</i>
	<i>Social Secretary</i>		<i>Cinema Club</i>
Anna Brooker	<i>Church Representative</i>		

<http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/> Tel: 0191 3783952

### Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.

Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Treasurer	Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (3784986)
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (3784200)
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)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674)

### Parish Council

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Mary Coffield – Deputy chair (tel: 3780024; email: [mary.coffield@googlemail.com](mailto:mary.coffield@googlemail.com))  
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# **MUSIC FOR AN AUTUMN AFTERNOON**

**Brancepeth Village Hall**

**Sunday 24th October**

**3pm – 5pm**

**Mary Coffield (Soprano)**

**David Curtis (Baritone)**

**accompanied by Richard Bloodworth**

will lead a light hearted, melodic and entertaining programme of music, performing a series of solos and duets from operetta and opera along with songs from the shows and from the music hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with friends and family, a chance to relax and to escape to the make believe world of love, pathos, humour and nostalgia with music that will be familiar to all.

Wine and nibbles will be available at the interval and remember to hold on to your ticket as it may win you a bottle of bubbly!

Tickets £10 should be purchased in advance from  
07936 080535 or email: [mary.coffield@googlemail.com](mailto:mary.coffield@googlemail.com)

**All proceeds will support the research on Long Covid by the  
British Lung Foundation**



