# St Brandon's Church

# **Brancepeth**



Newsletter: May 2022

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Dear Villagers,

Please join the celebrations

# 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee'



Outdoor Traditional Street Party
Brancepeth Castle Courtyard
<u>Gunday 5th June, 3:30pm</u>









Bring your own drinks and savoury picnics, enjoy an open cake table ...activities & music. Enter the 'best crown' competition

Further information in the next newsletter ...







#### **Parochial Church Council**

Priest in Charge Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or

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Associate Minister Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk

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Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Geoff Moore, Sue Morgan.

SMD Team: Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Carys Funnell,

Richard Gooding, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Martin

Peacock.

Fabric: James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs,

Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines.

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Please send to Sue Morgan - <u>sueatpeppermires@gmail.com</u>

Dear Reader,

At the end of last year, we were able to catch up on a theatre date that had been postponed because of the pandemic.

We saw, in London, a Canadian musical called 'Come from Away'. It is set in the week following the September 11 attacks and tells the true story of what happened when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly at the International Airport in the small town of Gander in Newfoundland, Canada. US. airspace had been closed down. These planes had been diverted and the town's population doubled overnight. The small town was unprepared for the influx of almost 7,000 stranded passengers. Yet overnight the people of Gander sprang into action and prepared to feed, house, clothe and comfort them (as well as 19 animals). The frightened and lonely visitors, were people of different races, faiths and sexual orientation. They were also desperately trying to contact their loved ones.

The unexpected hospitality and kindness of the townsfolk, over a period of five days, was extraordinary and strong bonds began to be forged between the townspeople and those 'from away'.

"The musical has been received by audiences and critics as a cathartic reminder of the capacity for human kindness in even the darkest of times and the triumph of humanity over hate". (BBC News)

And such capacity for human kindness has been shown again and again on our screens in recent days as thousands of people have fled the fighting in Ukraine to seek shelter with their European neighbours. Surely we could only wonder at train stations full of wonderful people with clothes and food and kind words welcoming strangers as they climbed down from trains.

But we also may have felt useless about what we could personally do to help in such a crisis. We may not always seem the most welcoming of countries and we have a sea that divides us from the rest of Europe. But I think there are small signs of light. Many people in the UK have offered homes to the refugees, we see Ukrainian flags flying (one under our village nameplate) and I expect lots of you will have made donations to the various charities involved. I think many of you will have included the people of Ukraine (and Russia) in your prayers. We have a student friend living in Kiev and we send small messages regularly just to show that she and her family are not forgotten. In last month's Newsletter, Anna suggested a couple of ways we could help.

I am writing this early in April, so I don't know what will have happened by the time you read this. My mother in law used to say that you never know what to expect. You don't but let's hope we can all rise to whatever the challenge even when we least expect it.

The Christian message has always been about befriending the needy and the stranger as personified in the wonderful parable of The Good Samaritan and to quote yet another musical-

'To love another person is to see the face of God' (Les Miserables)

Fiona Eltringham.

# St Brandon's May 2022 – Services and readings

# Sunday services are at 10:15am every week. Please bring a face covering.

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

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 is held fortnightly on Thursdays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter 3 Morning Worship 10.15am

Special Focus on Living in Love and Faith

Readings: First: Carys Funnell Acts 9: 1-20

Gospel: Jean Hodgson John 21: 1-19

Psalm 30

Geoff Moore Intercessions

May 8<sup>th</sup> Easter 4 Parish Eucharist 10.15am

First: Alison Moore Acts 9: 36-end Gospel: Richard Gooding John 10: 22-30

Psalm 23

Caroline Middleditch Intercessions

Messy Church 3-5pm

Thurs May 12<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> Easter 5 Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Emily Morgan 10.15am

Readings: First: Jean Hodgson Acts 11: 1-18

Gospel: Sue Morgan John 13: 31-35

Psalm 148

James Morgan Intercessions

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter 6 Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings: First: Edward Staines Acts 16: 9-15

Gospel: David Eltringham John 5: 1-9

Psalm 67

Wilfred Foxe Intercessions

Thurs May 26<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Eucharist 7.30pm

May 29<sup>th</sup> Easter 7 Parish Eucharist – 10.15am

Readings: First: Nick Brooker Acts 16: 16-34

Gospel: Tom Hobbs John 17: 20-end

Psalm 97

Geoff Moore Intercessions

June 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings: First: James Morgan Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: Hester Higton John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

Alison Moore Intercessions

#### **Jubilee Service 2.30pm**

Readings as in service sheet

<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> Caroline Middleditch & Pat Sharples	Eileen Crawford
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Iris Waggott & Annette Johnson	Lynne Hastie
May 15 <sup>th</sup> David & Fiona Eltringham	Denise Jackson
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nick Brooker & Colleen Turnbull	Jean Hodgson
May 29th Josie Armstrong & Jane Stout	Joan Taylor
Jun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jean Hodgson & Sue Morgan	Iris Waggott

# <u>Coffee</u> <u>Tech Rota</u>

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Stout	Geoff & Alison Moore
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Moore	David & Fiona Eltringham

May 15<sup>th</sup> Hillary Moss Higtons

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Jean Hodgson Caroline Middleditch
May 29<sup>th</sup> Catrin Morgan Geoff & Alison Moore

Jun 5<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson tbc

# **Church Cleaning**

May – Team A
Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Jane Stout, Sue Hope
March – Team B
Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

NB Please bring your own vacuum cleaner, the church vacuum is being repaired.

## St. Brandon's Church - Grass Cutting Rota 2022

1<sup>st</sup> May Martin Peacock, Michael Lowe, Edward Staines

2<sup>nd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May James Morgan, David Wilkes 16<sup>th</sup> – 29th May James Dalton, Nick Brooker

30<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June Stephen Hodgson, Geoff Harrison

# 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

# May to July 2022

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 meet fortnightly in the Village Hall on Sundays 6-8pm. During the summer months we'll go outside for the first hour, weather permitting, so please ensure appropriate clothing is worn. The dates are:

May 1, 15, 29

June 12, 26

July 10\*

Please continue to be alert to Covid-19, and ensure no one attends who has a positive test or has symptoms.

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

<sup>\*</sup>This will be the BBQ – venue to be decided.



# Come and join the fun. Activities and stories from the Bible. Every Sunday

We get together after the first hymn and re-join the service for communion



# Messy Church in May

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3-5pm in church crafts Bible story songs games tea

ALL WELCOME

come to join in the fun and please invite friends too

#### **Church Events Notices:**

7th May Away Day 9-5pm church closed.

We apologies that the church will not be available for private prayer at these times. Janette Foxe

# It's time to open your box!

Many thanks to those of you who have so kindly donated to **The Children's Society**, through the box giving scheme.

May is the time when I get busy counting the change in your boxes. Please would you let me have your box or give me a call and I will be happy to pick it up.

We have recently lost a number of box holders who have moved away from the area, so if you don't have a box and would like one, please speak to me.

'Your change brings change'

Fiona Eltringham 07546384312

## **Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary May 2022**

You are invited to use this diary and share in the prayers offered daily in church. 'God of our honest prayers and more honest silences, open our eyes to see...' \*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Philip and James, apostles. May we like them be 'Joy-bringers, Truth-tellers'
- 2 Pray for those who live in Goodwell Lea and Stockley Lane
- 3 Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 4 For refugees, for justice and compassion; for war-torn areas, for justice and peace
- 5 Quarry Hill, the Cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 6 In the beauty of Spring pray for the will and the actions to address climate change
- Give thanks for the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the archive group and all village activities
- 8 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Julian of Norwich 1417. May we like her 'learn to sit with you, in silence'
- 9 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 10 Golf Club, Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scripton Lodge, Scripton Farm
- 11 Pray for those silenced or persecuted because of their sexuality
- 12 Village South, Castle and Lodge
- Whitworth Lane, Black House, church members outside the parish
- 14 Matthias apostle. May we like him be thoughtful witnesses and story sharers
- 15 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 'Help us to sink down into your Love'
- 16 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy acres, Thornberry Garth
- 17 For those caught up in domestic abuse may more men stand up against this
- 18 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell, South Brandon, Brawns Den
- 19 Give thanks for our families families of blood and families of chance or choice
- 20 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 21 Pray for the diocese of Durham, for trust that God holds us in his 'kind, capable, wise hands'
- 22 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 'Give us opportunity to practice mercy and courage'
- 23 Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
- John and Charles Wesley 1791, 1788. Give thanks for song writers and musicians!
- Venerable Bede 735 Jarrow, monk, scholar, historian. May we draw inspiration from the rich Christian history of the North East
- 26 Ascension Day May we 'rise up in your . . .birthright of freedom'
- 27 For all who have been baptised in St Brandon's this year
- 28 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmaran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 29 Sunday after Ascension Day 'Teach us to pray . . . fully human, . . . fully loved'
- 30 Josephine Butler 1906 social reformer Like her, 'May we love our neighbours'
- 31 May we 'practice loving this world as you have loved this world'

\*(All quotations from 'A Benediction' by Sarah Bessey)

# **Refugees in Brancepeth**

**Thank you** to everyone who responded to last month's letter about hosting refugees here in Brancepeth. Your generosity and good ideas are really appreciated. At the time of writing, we still wait to hear more from *Sanctuary*, with whom we registered, who have gathered over 31,000 offers of help from individuals, churches and community groups around the UK. They're working hard to speed up the process and ensure that hosts and refugees are well matched. It is likely, however, that there may be more offers than people wanting to come to the north of England, so we are prepared for this and will help in any other ways we can.

Please keep in touch on this vital issue. Thank you. Anna Brooker and Alison Hobbs.

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 10 & 24 May 2022 at 11:00 Tuesdays 7 & 21 June 2022 at 11:00



For more information, please email <u>alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk</u>

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church





Join in this **Christian Aid Week, 15- 21 May,** and **help turn hunger into hope.** 

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.

The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children. And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. **But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.** 

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

St Brandon's will once more be delivering and collecting envelopes all around the village and in church. Please do support this annual appeal with the customary Brancepeth generosity and **help turn hunger into hope**. Thank you.

#### THANK YOU BRANCEPETH

Many thanks for the abundance of gifts you donated to Durham Women's Refuge for Mothering Sunday. As always, your generosity was astounding and I'm sure will be much appreciated by the women. I have received a letter of thanks from the Chief Executive. It is quite long, so I have pinned it up at the back of church.

Fiona Eltringham

# **Brancepeth Archives and History Group**

The Exhibition based on

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANNAH HAUXWELL"

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL – PREVIEW PARTY IN THE CASTLE –

7.00 – 9.30 P.M. TICKETS £5.00 (purchase in advance)

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 10.00 – 4.00

AND SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 12.00- 4.00

# EXHIBITION IN THE CONSTABLE TOWER AND THE ARCHIVE ROOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### **ADMISSION FREE**

Tickets for the Preview Party available from Geoff Harrison (378 4813) or Vivienne Lowe (378 0974). A few tickets still available.

# FOR THE "MORE MATURE" RESIDENTS! DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID ON CORONATION DAY IN JUNE 1953?

As part of the village's celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Archives Group would like to gather any memories residents might have of how they spent Coronation Day 70 years ago.

Any and all contributions gratefully received and (with the author's permission) will form part of a display about Coronations and Brancepeth. Please pass any offerings to Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village, Tel: 378 0974.

PS we still have some very interesting ones from our appeal for the last Jubilee celebration and can check if you might have given one then.

# The London Marathon and The Children's Society

The Children's Society is a wonderful charity that has been helping children and young people for many years. Our church and village has supported it for a long time.

This year you have a new opportunity to help. I have a place in the London Marathon, which will take place on 2 October. It's a charity place and I need to raise £2,000 (or more!) for the Society.

I would be so pleased if you could help, either by donating to my giving page (www.justgiving.com/Fiona-Eltringham1)

or by giving me the cash.

And, of course, by shouting at your TV set on October 2<sup>-</sup>

Fiona Eltringham

#### **COFFEE MORNING ROTA**

4th May	Joan Taylor	3783630
	Linda Larnach	3757554
11th May	Rosemary Monument	3780456
	Sheena Murray	3781097
18th May	Margot Harrison	3784813
	Val Gibbons	3784200
25th May	Martyn & Christine Jones	3789297

Please if any of these dates you are not available, please contact Martyn or Christine Jones on 0191 3789297.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to take a turn on the rota please contact Martyn or Christine.

Many thanks.

## <u>GNAAS</u>

Any contributions should be brought to 2 Foxes' Row during Sat. or Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May. The next one after this will be 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July. Ring 01913780707 beforehand so I can open the garage door. Please ask me for GNAAS bags at any time.

All clothing, towels, curtains, sheets.

Separate bag – books CDs and DVDs Thank you, Allee Longstaff

# **Brancepeth Ladies & Guests**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 'Seascapes'

How well do you know your surrounding area?

Vicky Ward, Access and Volunteers Officer, will be giving a presentation about the 23 projects in progress along our Heritage Coastline from the Tyne to the Tees.

2.00 - 4.00 pm Golf Club dining room.

Annual Subscription .... £12 plus the monthly charge of £3  $\,$ 

Guests ...£5 per visit including light refreshments.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

## **Our meetings**

The last meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Dates of further meetings are available on the Parish Council website.

#### **Cricket Field and Allotments Leases**

We are still working closely with our lawyers to obtain new leases for the cricket field and the allotments. Draft leases were sent to Castle Estates' lawyers, Ward Hadaway, on 17<sup>th</sup> January. In spite of the efforts of our own lawyers, we have yet to receive a response. This is disappointing but we are still hopeful for a positive outcome.

## **Meetings**

Two members of the Parish Council met informally with representatives from the Brancepeth Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Club. In spite of very inclement weather, the meeting was deemed a success and Councillors now have a better understanding of how this group contributes to village life. There was also a site meeting to investigate how village signage could be improved with recommendations to be discussed at the next PC meeting.

# **Litter Picking**

The next outing for the litter pickers will be at 9:30am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. We will be meeting at the castle gates. Everyone is welcome. We plan to get together again afterwards for refreshments in the Village Hall. Please come along and support us if you can.

# **Bench on Wolsingham Road**

We are delighted to include a photo of Kath and Bill Currie enjoying the sunshine on the new bench on Wolsingham Road. The picture also shows the splendid new goal posts, which we hope will get well used as the weather starts to improve (see back cover).

Mary Coffield, Nick Ellis

On Behalf of Brancepeth Parish Council

# **Digitalisation of the Telephone Network**

During recent weeks a number of villagers have expressed concerns to me about BT allegedly discontinuing the telephone line into their homes by 2025 and replacing it with some thing called digital. Let me set their and anybody else's concerns to rest.

The lines are not being withdrawn; they will still be running into your property. It is simply the mode of passing the signals over them that is changing.

The current Public Switched Telephone Network, carrying analogue signals, has its roots back in Victorian times and is undoubtedly showing its age, with increasing concurrent failures and zero flexibility. BT with the government are spending huge amounts of money to drag it into this century. One recent example of this is that in Brancepeth we are now fed by fibre optic cables from the exchange to the local switching box located near the crossroads instead of by copper/aluminium cables, resulting in higher speeds for broadband.

Digital transmission is far superior to analogue which is why it was introduced into the long distance services many years ago. For example, do you remember calling a long lost relative in the Antipodes or Scotland and commenting how the line was so clear they could have been in the next room? That is just one benefit of digital transmission. It also offers considerable opportunities for enhancing telephone provision and services in the UK.

One area of concern is what happens to the hub (the magic box that does all the work and which if you have t'internet you will already be familiar with) if the power fails? This problem is being addressed and there are indications it is already resolved. There is also a commitment to provide replacement phones where a customer's own are not suitable. Both commitments seem eminently logical as without a phone, we cannot make calls and the providers cannot make money!

2025 is simply the proposed date for completion of the project and users will be transferred over to the new system in a gradual manner - starting with those who are having changes to their service and people expressing a desire to update early.

For further information, the BT Openreach Site and the BT community site are useful resources. In the meantime, I have volunteered to be a BT Openreach

contact for our community and will provide updates as I receive them from the company.

#### Richard Jackson



# Brancepeth Community Association Notice of Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7pmVillage Hall

Our next AGM will take place on the above date. To receive:

- Annual Financial Accounts
- Election of officers of the BCA

Nominations will be taken at the start of the meeting for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Secretary. As usual, nominations for the BCA management committee will be accepted up to the start of the meeting. Any resolutions to be with the Secretary (Jo Dalton: <a href="mailto:brancepethca@gmail.com">brancepethca@gmail.com</a>) one week beforehand. All members are very welcome to attend.

#### **Book Club**

On Friday 29th April, we will meet at Val Gibbon's home, 3 The Forge to talk about, 'The Crossing Places' by Elly Griffiths.

Following this meeting we will be discussing a book by Kent Haruf called 'Plainsong' on June 10th. We will meet at Sue Morgan's home, Peppermires Cottage (directions on request!).

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

#### THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed towards the cost of the Easter flowers. As with everything else, the cost of the flowers has gone up so your donations are very much appreciated. We also appreciate your kind words saying how beautiful the church looked so thank you again for helping us achieve this. We look forward to your continued support in the future

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

May	Mondays -	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
May	Mondays -	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
May	Mondays -	Knit and Natter 9th & 23rd, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm.
May	Tuesdays -	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
May	Wednesdays -	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
May	Wednesdays -	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
May	Thursdays -	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
May	Sundays -	1st, 15th & 29th, Youth Club, 6.00pm -8.00pm V. Hall
Apr/May	29th – 1st	Brancepeth Archive & History Group, Preview Party &
		Exhibition, Castle
Apr	29th Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Forge
May	8th Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
May	8th Sun	Church APCM after the 10.15am service in Church
May	14th Sat	Litter Picking, 9.30am, Castle Gate
May	26th Thur	Brancepeth Ladies & Guests, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Golf Club
June	6th Sun	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations,
		2.30pm in Church & 3.30pm Street Party in Castle Courtyard
June	10th Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Peppermires Cottage

#### **Photos**

**Front cover -** © Jean Hodgson, Palm Sunday procession from the crossroads to church

**Inside front cover** – © Jo Dalton. Jubilee events Poster

Inside back cover — ©Anna Brooker, Jubilee Service & DUSCR practice recorded for Cristina Ramirez by a professional photographer

**Back cover** – © Mary Coffield. Kath & Bill Currie sitting on the new bench on Wolsingham Road with new goal posts in the background.

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## **Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee**

Chairman Val Gibbons Subscriptions
Martyn Jones Vice chairman Geraldine Jennings Garden Club
Jo Dalton Secretary, Website Social Secretary

& Bookings Jean Merrington

lan Stoker Treasurer Anna Brooker Church Representative

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 Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Archives & History Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)

Art Group Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)

Badminton Peter Hodge, (01388 745455)

Brancepeth Allotment Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess

& Leisure Gardeners' Club baacommittee3@gmail.com

Book Club Val Gibbons (3784200)

Drama Martin Peacock (07503242074)

Flower Guild Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club Barry Dickinson (3782398)

Snooker Bookings Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)

Wednesday Coffee Christine Jones (3789297)
Yoga Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club Geoff Moore (3735674)

#### **Parish Council**

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www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk



Songs of Praise at St Brandon's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm to celebrate our Queen's 70 years will end in good time for the Street Party!



**DUSCR Wednesday Night Bell-ringing Practice** 

