

St Brandon's Church Brancepeth



Newsletter: January 2024

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New Year Party



Sunday 7th January, 3-5pm in church

fancy dress games activities songs tea
please bring some party food – in packaging to help with dietary needs

other dates for your diary: 11th February; 17th March



Messy Church with the Christingles they had just made and lit.

Messy Church has teamed up with the parish council to replant the tub at the castle gate. The head gardener (pictured) will be keeping an eye out for the first shoots coming through over the next few weeks.



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Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our readers!

As I write, we have just returned for a trip around part of mesoamerica. If, like us, your geography is limited, that's South Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras. We saw beautiful flora and fauna, lovely buildings, interesting (and sometimes strange) churches, amazing Mayan ruins and met friendly and welcoming people.

But the word that probably sums up the trip for me is STEPS. I don't count steps but we did a lot. Steps took us everywhere. It seemed that we were always having to negotiate steps. Steps up to the coach, steps up to the churches, steps up to the hotels, steps up to the markets, steps (big ones) up to the pavements and steps up the Mayan temples (91 big steps in one case).

Of course, steps are useful: they take us to where we want to be, they take us out of the ordinary or the dirty and dangerous. Hotel steps are good-they take you to shelter and comfort, coach steps are helpful as they assist you on your journey, pavement steps keep you out of the traffic and general street rubbish, temple steps can give you a wonderful view of the surrounding area.

As you read this you will be getting ready to step into a new year. Your steps will take you into 2024. I wonder if you are looking forward to it. The start of a new year can make us ponder on what that new year will bring; what it has in store for us. Does it fill us with excitement or dread? But of course, not all steps are the same. Not all will be shiny and clean and take you to warmth and comfort. Some like the Mayan temples will be long rough and difficult to see down until you are right at the edge. The ones you hadn't quite anticipated.

A good time, perhaps, to remind yourself that you don't have to take these steps on your own. I find comfort in the words of Psalm 116 verse 7

"Be at rest once more, O my soul for the Lord has been good to you."

But also, it may be a good time to consider what needs to be hoped for in the year ahead. I often find myself praying for more kindness, not just from myself but from world leaders and those in authority. Kindness seems to have got a bit lost in our modern world. Surely more of it would bring about a better world?

Lady Macbeth accused her husband of lacking the necessary ruthlessness he needed to kill his enemies.

"Yet do I fear thy nature, it is too full of the milk of human kindness".

How about kindness as part of a political statement? There's a thought!

So, I pray that you will be blessed with that spirit of kindness as you step into 2024.

Fiona Eltringham

St Brandon's January 2024 – 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 in church/ online at **8.15am**
and there is a **Midday Eucharist** in Brancepeth Castle Chapel at **12noon**.*

Online Evening Prayer
is on alternate Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom.
Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

Please phone or email for further details

Sun 7th	Epiphany	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Tom Hobbs	Isaiah 60: 1-6
	Gospel:	Janette Foxe	Matthew 2: 1-12
	Psalm 72		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
Messy Church New Year Party 3 - 5pm			

Thurs 11th Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 14th	Epiphany 2	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Carys Funnell	1 Samuel 3:1-20
	Gospel:	David Eltringham	John 1: 43- end
	Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18		
		David Eltringham	Intercessions
Sun 21st	Epiphany 3	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Jean Hodgson	Revelation 19:6-10
	Gospel:	Nick Brooker	John 2: 1-11
	Psalm 12		
		Caroline Middleditch	Intercessions
Choral Evensong 3.00pm			

Thurs 25th Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 28th	Candlemas	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Colin Waterman	Isaiah 60: 1-6
	Gospel:	Alison Moore	Matthew 2: 1-12
	Psalm 24		
		Carys Funnell	Intercessions

Sun 4th Feb		Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Linda Waterman	Hebrews 2: 14-end
	Gospel:	Gillian Smellie	Luke 2: 22-40
	Psalm 72		
		Edward Staines	Intercessions

Sidespersons

Jan 7 th	David & Fiona Eltringham
Jan 14 th	Jane Stout & Vira Melenets
Jan 21 st	Bonny Bainbridge & Hanna Pokhylko
Jan 28 th	Pat Sharples & Josie Armstrong
Feb 4 th	Sue Morgan & Peter Bailey

Coffee

Jan 7 th	Jane Stout
Jan 14 th	Alison Moore
Jan 21 st	Catrin Morgan
Jan 28 th	Geraldine Jennings
Feb 4 th	Jean Hodgson

Flowers

Lynne Hastie
Sarah Nicholson
Lynne Hastie
Christine Dodd
Jean Hodgson

Tech Team

Geoff & Alison
David & Fiona
Higtons & Peter
Geoff & Alison
Higtons

Church Cleaning

January – Team C

Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

February – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliot, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout,

Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate a prayer or friendly chat? Please tell Alison Moore of the Prayer Team on 0191 373 5674 or 07890 733 757 or email moorealisonm21@gmail.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 23rd Jan 2024 at 11:00
Tuesdays 6th, 20th Feb 2023 at 11:00



I am on holiday the first fortnight of January, so we will miss one Tuesday then resume the fortnightly pattern.

For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

Choral Evensong



with the Chapel Choir of St John's College Durham

directed by Louise Reid

Sun 21 January 2024, 3:00pm at St Brandon's

All Welcome Followed by Tea



Brancepeth Youth Club

January to March 2024

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. The dates are:

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 10, 24

Leaders

Geoff Moore

07854 696664

durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock

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PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY January 2024

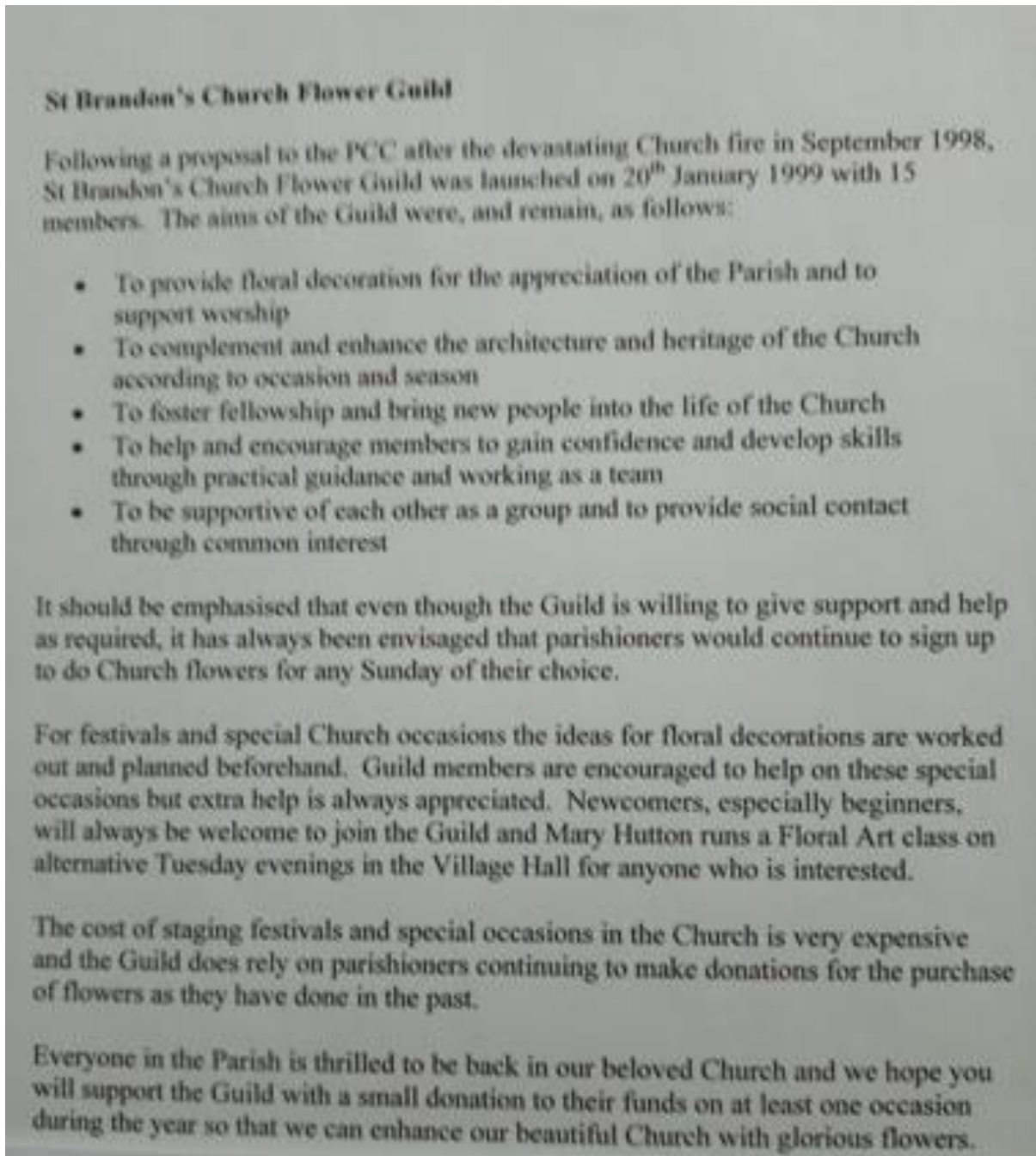
You are invited to use this diary to share in the prayers offered daily

We pray for:

- 1 *Naming & Circumcision of Jesus*: the privilege of knowing Jesus each & every day
 - 2 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
 - 3 Rest for those whose work is extra demanding over the Christmas season.
 - 4 Children starting back to school this week, teachers and staff.
 - 5 Goodwell Lea
 - 6 Castle and Lodge
 - 7 *Epiphany: Wisdom & courage to see how God has made us to be gifts to each other.***
 - 8 *Baptism of Christ*: encouragement for families joining St Brandon's through baptism.
 - 9 Park Lodge, Nursery Hse, Garden Hse, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
 - 10 The Village South,
 - 11 St Leonard's School, trying to manage in ad hoc facilities; its plans for the future.
 - 12 Durham Road and The Forge
 - 13 Littlewhite Farm, Morley Farm, Quarry Hill, the cottages, and Goodwell Field
 - 14 *James Morgan & Mike Higton being made Lay Canons at the Cathedral today.***
 - 15 New approaches towards a public transport infrastructure that doesn't cost the earth.
 - 16 Whitworth Lane and Black House
 - 17 Woolley Grange, High Woolley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm and Brawn's Den
 - 18 *Week of prayer for Christian Unity*: Reconnect to God's dream for us – a dream of a unity formed of ties of love and compassion
 - 19 Peppermires, Nafferton Farm, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell, East Parks area
 - 20 Stockley Lane
 - 21 *C. Unity: You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself***
 - 22 The work of the PCC, and a blessing on the meeting tonight.
 - 23 Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages, Constable Meadows, and Bridleway
 - 24 All those facing religious persecution; inter-religious dialogue and cooperation.
 - 25 *Conversion of Paul*: As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead others to you.
 - 26 The Village North, Station House and Railway cottages
 - 27 A wonderful service today to say thank you & farewell to Bishop Paul & Rosemary
 - 28 *Candlemas: That light & love may shine brightly into the darkest places***
 - 29 Families who are fostering or adopting, and all children longing for settled families
 - 30 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood
 - 31 Health centres in their many guises: Hospitals, Food Banks, Community Clinics, etc
- If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore durmoores@btinternet.com*

St Brandon's Church Flower Guild 25th Anniversary

Saturday 20th January 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the church Flower Guild and the following is a copy of the aims of the Guild



Lynne Hastie has been organising the weekly flower rota since Pam Cook handed over in 2004 and if anyone would like to do a pedestal of flowers please contact her (3781871). It is not necessary to be resident in the village.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Book Club

Our next meeting is on 12th January. The book will be 'The Cleaner of Chartres' by Salley Vickers. The venue is the Rectory.

Please come with suggestions for a book in February.

The February date is 16th and will be at Mark and Ro's house, 7 Goodwell Lea.

All welcome

Val Gibbons

Dare you?

..... become a member of **Team NE Tandem Skydive?**

The Children's Society is organising this event to raise money for this great charity.

Date: Saturday 16 March 2024

Venue: Durham Airfield

Time : tbc

Cost: you are asked to raise a minimum of £395.

If you are interested, please contact me at davefi122@btinternet.com or

Gill Dean at gill.dean@childrenssociety.org.uk

Fiona Eltringham



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

3 rd January	Rosemary & James
10 th January	Martyn & Christine
17 th January	Margot & Val
24 th January	Vivienne & Janiece
31 st January	Rosemary & James

(Please contact Martyn or Christine - 0191 378 9297 - if you need to swap your rota date. Thank you)

Men's Social

Village Hall

7pm

Friday January 26th

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

£2 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

Festive Season get together

Friday 19th January, 2024, 7.00 p.m.

in the Village Hall

No charge for members. Non-members, visitors and guests welcome but we would ask for a small contribution to help cover costs.

If anyone is able to bring a plate of food, that would be much appreciated. Usual Brancepeth hospitality will be available!

A few members will be giving short illustrated presentations about an aspect of local history that interested them, and there will be a quiz to test your knowledge of Brancepeth!

Please let Vivienne know if you hope to be able to come (3780974) - to ensure we have sufficient refreshments.

Memberships fall due in January, still only £5.00 for anyone who lives in the village. For those who renewed or joined at the October talk, your membership covers you for the coming year. If you live outside the village, but are interested in local history, you are welcome to join but we would ask you to pay a Brancepeth Community Association membership as well. (ask Vivienne for details).

The Archive Room in the Castle will be open as usual on the first Saturday in January 9a.m.-1.00p.m. - all welcome to come and see what is on offer- Ancestry and Find my Past websites available for those keen to explore family history,

BRANCEPETH LADIES

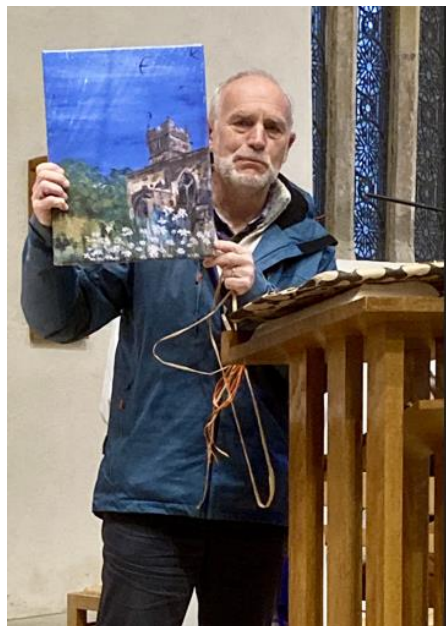
Monday, 15th January, 2.00pm

Please come if you are at all interested in the continuation of these meetings.

We need to know what you would like. Any suggestions will be welcomed even if you haven't joined us before. It is also very important to decide when you would prefer to meet as the Golf Club can no longer offer Thursdays. If you really cannot come please email or phone before 15th Jan with any of your thoughts or ideas. (jayell80@btinternet.com) (01913780707) We will have the usual refreshments at £3.50 each for everyone.

Thursday, 22nd February

This is the date for the lunch at The Green Tree, Tudhoe. We will have the menus, cost etc at the January meeting and will need your names and orders.



Geoff Moore

Geoff has been our Lay Reader for 25 years!

He arrived shortly after the fire to 'help out' for two years.

25 years on we continue to value greatly his challenging and topical preaching. But this is only one of the many and varied contributions he makes to church life.

Championing the green agenda, running the Youth Club, guiding us through the Safeguarding legislation and the structures of our committees are the tip of the ice burg!

Thank you Geoff.

BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club Committee has arranged to hold its Post-Christmas Party on FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024 at Brancepeth Golf Club. Last year was the first time we had arranged the event since Covid and we had around 25 people there. This year we hope more will be able to join us, both members and non-members.

Following the meal there will be a fun quiz to test both our general and gardening knowledge. We also hope the occasion will give members the opportunity to put forward any ideas for future events and visits or suggestions of topics that would be of interest to them. Perhaps a talk on Cacti and Succulents or on Houseplants; maybe a demonstration of the Art of Bonsai or How to Plant Up an Alpine Trough.

It will be really helpful to the committee to have suggestions from members when we are planning events for the year ahead so that we can offer things that you will enjoy. We can then find speakers to talk to us on those subjects.

The menu choices for the meal are listed below. If you would like to book, please would you email your name(s) and menu choice/is to me by **Friday 26 January 2024** at the address given below and either put a cheque or cash (**£17 for 2 courses and £19 for three courses**) in an envelope with your name(s) on and put it in the postbox at the Village Hall or alternatively, make a bank transfer. The Garden Club's bank account details are:

Bank: Co-op

Sort Code 08 92 99

Account No. 67318094

You will need to enter your name as a reference so that the Treasurer can identify your payment.

MENU CHOICES

Starters: Melon and Parma Ham, Pate, Prawn Cocktail

Mains: Beef Bourguignon, Chicken in a Tarragon Sauce, Salmon dish

Desserts: Sticky Toffee Pudding, Apple Crumble, Cheesecake

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

You can either make a bank transfer directly to the Garden Club Account or put a cheque/cash for £3.00 per person in an envelope in the Village Hall Postbox.

Bonny Bainbridge

Garden Club Secretary

E mail: alisonbainbridge53@gmail.com

Barry is hanging up his trowel.

Barry Dickinson was one of the founder members of the Brancepeth Garden Club having been involved in its establishment shortly after his arrival in the village in 1986. The idea for a garden club was first mooted in 1988 and it was established as a section of the Community Association shortly afterwards. Barry was soon promoted to chairman despite his self-confessed ignorance of anything horticultural. But it is a tribute to his good



humoured leadership that the club has gone from strength to strength while keeping disparate personalities and opinions on board. After 35 years at the helm Barry decided to hang up his trowel. The picture shows him accepting a token of appreciation for his years of service from the in-coming chairman, Edward Staines

Thanks for the Memories - Brancepeth Garden Club

Not long after we arrived in Brancepeth in 1986, I found myself taking on the Role of Chairman of Brancepeth Garden Club when it was founded by a group of keen gardeners from the village. Of all of them I knew the least about plants and gardening, however, I had 'Youth' on my side. The analogy about 'acorns and oaks', accurately describes the evolution of Brancepeth Garden Club. Like many of the trees in Brancepeth it should have a 'Preservation Order on it'.

The enthusiasm of villagers and their friends to attend meetings, social events and compete in the amazing annual Garden Club Village Show, never ceased to surprise me. Little of the success of the Garden Club was down to me, but I will take credit for delegating most of the jobs to the many Committee Members who served whilst I was in post. To them I have to say a huge thank you for their ability to organise me.

Over the years we have had well known speakers who regularly appear on television or a radio programme. We have visited some very special gardens; our own Village Garden Walkabouts were and are very popular events.

At the heart of the Brancepeth Garden Club has always been people, plants, food and wine in that order. So, it is to all my fellow members, their friends and those people who have supported me during my three decades as Chairman (Chairperson as it is now), I say a big thank you for making this one of the most enjoyable positions I have ever held.

Barry Dickinson

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Salvation Army Appeal.

Although the collection had to be made earlier than is usual (and close on the heels of Shoebox Sunday) we still achieved a good result.



Just some of the lovely gifts donated



Your gifts were delivered to a delighted Lieutenant Ali Brooks and her team in Langley Moor. Along with the presents there was also a generous cash

donation which was gratefully received by Ali. Once donations from all the collection points are sorted; they are distributed to families in need of a helping hand. Well done to you all for donating and to Ali and her team for organising, sorting and delivering the gifts. Together we can help others to enjoy a happy Christmastide.

Janette Foxe

Brancepeth village show 2023; Brancepeth at its best

Saturday 9th December saw another glittering display of Brancepeth village talent, produced by Martin Peacock and Josie Armstrong and compared with style and panache by Nick Ellis (despite the dad jokes!). The evening kicked off as it traditionally does with some of our young people performing The Nativity. However, in a break from tradition the children (Emile, Sebastian, Elsie, James, Timon, Arianne and Paul) performed a new, modern version of the classic story ably narrated by Frankie. Some were making their debut this year. I'm sure we'll see them on stage again.

We have very talented young people in the village who showcased their aptitude for performing. Sebastian Brown and Emile Basu gave very confident solo performances of a poem and monologue respectively. James Ellis entertained us beautifully on the piano with an assured recital of Sneaky Business. We also enjoyed a very strong performance of Alan Ayckbourn's dramatic piece Flatspin by Elsie Thomas. I look forward to seeing more by Elsie in future...perhaps in West End. All the children were directed by Martin Peacock.

The adult cast were (almost) as talented as the young ones! Martyn Jones conducted his new community choir as they harmoniously sang The Rhythm of Life. In all, we enjoyed a wide variety of musical pieces, (from comedy to Austrian classical to a take on a George Harrison piece to ever-so-slightly-saucy!) performed by Linda and Colin Waterman, Ulli Hobbs and Mark Monument, Peter Bailey and Gillian Smellie. I'll let you guess who performed what!

Mark Monument on piano and Peter Martin on violin had our feet tapping to their lively Brahms dance piece "Hungarian Dance".

The Hobbs were on fine form again this year in their play set in the Bethlehem Registry Office where a young woman called Mary has arrived to register her newborn son...and causes the registrar some exasperation! Excellent jokes fit for t.v.

Geoff Moore gave an amusing and convincing performance that did justice to Alan Ayckbourn's "First Lesson". His costume was rather convincing too!

The Rectory Pantomime was Aladdin this year. A fresh twist on the usual pantomime style. Their production assumed we all know how pantomime works, oh yes we do...and was delivered straight to point, no nonsense storytelling, deliberately deadpan and very funny.

Behind the scenes all ran like clockwork thanks to sound and lights and professional stage management by Ian and Bev Stoker. In usual Brancepeth style the food was plentiful and delicious. The catering team led by Jill Dickinson worked hard to ensure we were all well fed. Thanks to everyone who provided the spread.

I guess I should mention the finale! A troop of ...well, ladies (?) wearing bathrobes, with suspect hair dos and rocking red lipstick dropped in to perform a song from South Pacific for us...sounded like they weren't happy with the men in their lives...

Peter Burdess was on hand to record the evening's variety show and copies will be available to buy. So, if you couldn't make it on the night or if you could and would like to watch again please contact him at: Peter.burdess@btinternet.com

Well done to everyone involved.

The Day the Big Christmas Blow UP Came to Goodwell Lea (North)

By our Social Affairs Correspondent.

Residents of Goodwell Lea North (or Upper Goodwell Lea as they now like to be known), who overlook the green space, created a very strong bond during the pandemic which has continued to this day.

During the lockdown months, the help and support they organised amongst themselves helped pass a difficult period and which finished with an impromptu party on the green space when the final resident had been vaccinated.

Then, earlier this summer, Robin Wills took his beautifully restored Sunbeam car to the British Grand Prix and chauffeured Oscar Piastrì in the customary pre-race Drivers Parade. That generated another excuse for a meet on the green when Robin returned in glory, with everybody contributing to the party.

What they can do in the summer, can be done in the winter. From an idea generated by Robin, five of the houses now have blow up Christmas Characters in their gardens which have helped dispel some of the gloom surrounding the world at the moment.

In a synchronised operation, at 6.30. pm on Friday, December 1st the blow up operation commenced. Then, with all inflated, from nowhere appeared a table, a container of steaming hot leek and potato soup, French bread, mulled wine, a mini keg of beer and sweet treats including Stollen and Mince pies.

Friends and neighbours joined in and a paper-only bucket collection raised £130 for the Salvation Army Christmas Charity. It may have only lasted an hour (before the intense cold started to permeate!) but everyone your correspondent spoke to was of the opinion it was a lovely evening.

The picture (see inside back cover) is of Robin handing over the cash to Lieutenant Ali Brooks, Salvation Army Corps Officer at Langley Moor.

In a footnote, a further £90 has been donated by the Brancepeth Ladies following a Chocolate presentation by one of the Upper Goodwell Lea residents.

Dates for the Diary:-

Jan	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 8th & 22nd, 30 Goodwell Lea 2-4 pm.
Jan	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Jan	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Jan	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Jan	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Jan	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Jan	Sundays	-	Youth Club, 14th, 28th 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm			
Jan	1st	Mon	Cheese and Chat, 12.00noon – 2.00pm, Castle.
Jan	7th	Sun	Messy Church, New Year's Party, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Jan	12th	Fri	Book Club, The Cleaner of Chartres, 7.30pm, Rectory.
Jan	15th	Mon	Ladies Group Meeting, Golf Club, 2.00pm
Jan	19th	Fri	Archive & History Group, social evening, 7.00pm Village Hall.
Jan	21st	Sun	Choral Evensong, 3.00pm, St John's College Choir, Church.
Jan	26th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm Village Hall
Jan	12th	Fri	Book Club, The Cleaner of Chartres, 7.30pm, Rectory.
Feb	2nd	Fri	Garden Club Party, Golf Club
Feb	16th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 7 Goodwell Lea.
Feb	22nd	Thurs	Ladies Group Lunch, Green Tree

Photos

Front cover – ©- Catrin Morgan – Winter churchyard

Inside front cover – © - Anna Brooker – Messy Church Party invitation and pictures of Messy Church activities

Inside back cover – ©-Richard Jackson- The Goodwell Lea Blow Up

- © -Josie Armstrong – The Art Group creating the decorations for the Village Hall.

Back cover – ©– Arnab Basu – A selection of pictures from the Village Show

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

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Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary, Website & Bookings</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Social Secretary</i>
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Parish Activities

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Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Sue Morgan, (0191 3781172)
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Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
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The Great Goodwell Lea Blow up!

Robin Wills handing over the cheque to Lieutenant Ali Brooks, Salvation Army Corps Officer at Langley Moor.

The Art Group with the new and refurbished Christmas decorations for the Village Hall. All helping to create a great atmosphere for the Village Show!



