

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: April 2024

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EASTER

for Families at St Brandon's

STOP PRESS- DONKEY IS COMING!



Palm Sunday

24th March 10.15am, meet at the Crossroads at 10am

Procession led by a local donkey and following the cross, with instruments to play and singing. Special children's group in church during service.

Journey to Good Friday

Fri 29th March 10.15am

Short and interactive service followed by seasonal refreshments and crafts.



Easter Morning Sunday 31st March 10.15am

Family Eucharist with children's activities and Easter eggs!

**Our next Messy Church will be
Sunday 21 April 3-5pm in church
crafts Bible story songs games tea
ALL WELCOME - come and join in the fun**



Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (0191 3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (0191 3789670) alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
Church Wardens:	David Eltringham (07779938611) Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
Secretary	Colin Waterman (07713637128) colinwaterman069@gmail.com)
Treasurer	Mike Higton (0191 5974675)
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Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Kenneth Howe (07710098705, 0191 3840589)
Tom Hobbs (07857437860) Sue Morgan (0191 3781172)
Catrin Morgan (0191 4476520)

Lay Reader	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (01913789670), Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Rev'd Anna Brooker
Organist	Richard Hird
Village Choir	Martyn Jones (0191 3789297)
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), Valeria Dietz, Pat Sharples.
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Events coordinator	Janette Foxe events@stbrandon.org.uk .
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (0191 3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (07854 696664) Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Worship Team	Carol Beeby, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, Geoff Moore, Martin Peacock.
AdminTeam	Carol Beeby, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Sue Morgan, Gillian Smellie.
PMC Team:	Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Nick Brooker, Carys Funnell, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, Jane Stout, Colin Waterman.
Fabric:	David Eltringham (chair), James Morgan, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Nick Brooker.
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Newsletter entries no later than March 18th please.

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Radical Hope

Are you feeling *hopeful* now that April's here? It's a hopeful month for many, especially those blessed to live in this beautiful area, as longer, warmer days arrive. *Hope* may often be seasonal or temporary, based on looking forward to events and celebrations, all positive. Thus, I was struck recently by the phrase *radical hope*, which promises something deeper and more lasting.

The word 'radical' has become linked to extremism, in reference to faith and politics especially.

But its true meaning is about depth: roots, as gardeners know well, are vital to life and growth. We have personal roots in the community where we were brought up or now belong, we talk about 'grass roots' organisations where interests and purpose are shared. This is about common goals and values, which bring shared hope.

The Easter message of hope is as radical as it gets. Jesus, God incarnate, 'one of us', is unjustly tried, executed and buried, then defeats our greatest enemy death, and returns to life, with many witnesses. Easter brings us eternal salvation and shows God's power to overthrow evil, reverse injustice and bring deep hope for today and the future.

As people made in God's image, I believe we can all play our part in living out radical hope, personally and as a community. Here are three practical suggestions:

- Get involved in our 'grass roots' groups here in Brancepeth. There are plenty to choose from and they all build hopeful, supportive relationships which improve everyone's lives.
- Support organisations working to bring radical hope where there is injustice, poverty, or violence. St. Brandon's seeks to be a local hub for this, e.g. the year-round food bank or Christian Aid Week (12-18 May). I know many of you are actively involved in this way.
- Be informed and use your votes this year, in local elections on 2 May and the general election, whenever that may be.

May God bring us radical hope in our lives and community, this month and beyond.

With best wishes,

Anna

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

Journey to the Cross: Holy Week at St Brandon's

Monday 25 March, 7.30 pm

Readings Gospel:
Psalm 36 p.549

Simple Eucharist *Along the Road*

Mark 11: 12-14; 20-25 p.51*

**Page numbers in church Bibles*

Tuesday 26 March, 7.30pm

Readings Gospel:
Psalm 70 p.562

Simple Eucharist *Back to the Temple...*

Mark 11: 15-19 p.51

Wednesday 27 March, 7.30pm

Readings Gospel:
Psalm 42 p.544-5

Simple Eucharist *Out at Bethany...*

Mark 14: 3-11 p.54

Maundy Thursday 28 March

7.30 pm

Eucharist *In the Upper Room*

with foot washing, followed by an hour's Vigil

Readings: First: James Morgan 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 p.185
Gospel: Hester Higton John 13: 1-17; 31b-37 p.117-8

Good Friday 29 March

0.15am

Morning Service for all ages

followed by coffee, hot cross buns
and craft activities

12.00-1.00pm

Quiet Hour: silent space for prayer and stillness

1.30- 3.00pm

At the Cross: passion readings, music and reflection

Readings: Psalm 22 p.531-2
First Edward Staines Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12 p.710
The Gospel of the Passion: Jean and Steve Hodgson and Sue Morgan
John 18: 28-40; John 19: 1-16a John 19: 16b-37 ; p.121-2
Gospel of the Burial of Christ: Martin Peacock John 19:38- 42 p.122

Easter Sunday 31 March

5.30 am

Dawn Vigil followed by breakfast at Brancepeth Castle

Readings: First to fifth as set in service booklet
Gospel: John 20: 1-18 p.123

Easter Sunday cont'd

All Age Parish Eucharist – 10.15am

Readings: First: Linda Waterman Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel: Alison Moore Mark 16: 1-8
Nick Brooker Intercessions

St Brandon's April 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

Sun 7 April Easter 2**Parish Eucharist – 10.15am**

Readings

First:

Nick Brooker

Acts 4: 32-35

Gospel:

Tom Higton

John 20: 19-end

James Morgan

Intercessions

Thurs 11 April**Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm****Sun 14 April Easter 3****Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings

First:

Gillian Smellie

Acts 3:12-19

Gospel:

Mike Higton

Luke 24: 36b-48

Psalm 4

Colin Waterman

Intercessions

Sun 21 April Easter 4**Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings

First:

Wilfred Foxe

Acts 4:5-12

Gospel:

David Eltringham

John 10: 11-18

Psalm 23

Hester Higton

Intercessions

Thurs 25 April**Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm****Sun 28 April Easter 5****Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings

First:

Jean Hodgson

Acts 8: 26-end

Gospel:

Sue Morgan

John 15: 1-8

Psalm 22: 25-end

Geoff Moore

Intercessions

Service followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting 11.30am**Sun 5 May****Easter 6****Morning worship with Baptism**

Readings

First:

Colin Waterman

Acts 10: 44-end

Gospel:

Tom Hobbs

John 15: 9-17

Edward Staines

Intercessions

Sidespersons**Flowers**Mar31st (10.15) David & Fiona Eltringham

Easter Sunday

Apr 7th Sue Morgan & Josie Armstrong

Flower Guild

Apr 14th Annette Johnson & Peter Bailey

Flower Guild

Apr 21st Vira Melenets & Hanna Pokhilko

Eileen Crawford

Apr 28th Pat Sharples & Bonny Bainbridge

Meg Dewhirst

May 5th Jane Stout & Nick Brooker

June Robson

Coffee

Mar 31 st (Dawn)	
Mar31 st (10.15)	Jeanette Metcalfe
Apr 7 th	Jean Hodgson
Apr 14 th	Sue Morgan
Apr 21 st	Annette Johnson
Apr 28 th	Jane Stout
May 5 th	Alison Moore

Tech Team

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

Church Cleaning

April – Team C

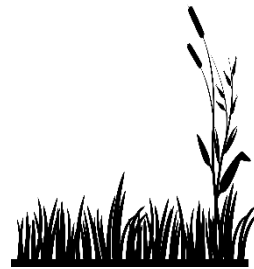
Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

May – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

APRIL PRAYER SPACE: NEW LIFE

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again:
fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*



New Life for

people and families:

- Those expecting babies, their families and health teams.
- All who care for young children, daycare and nurseries.
- End of life care, releasing loved ones into new life:
carers at home, nursing homes, St Cuthbert's Hospice

New Life in the natural world this Spring:

- The farming community caring for livestock, crops, landscapes.
- Durham Wildlife Trust and other environmental organisations.
- Global, national, local, personal moves towards net zero.

New Life in the midst of death:

- Hope and strength for the suffering people of Ukraine.
- Relief and courage for all in extreme hardship in Gaza.
- Peace and support for those facing violence and fear in their daily lives.

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.

Tues 2th, 16th & 30th April 2024 at 11:00
Tuesdays 14th, 28th May 2024 at 11:00



For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth Youth Club

April to July 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:

April 14, 28 May 12, 26

June 9, 23 July 7*

* Annual BBQ – location to be confirmed

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

Send a Smile

In February, the village Youth Group and Messy Church were involved in the Send a Smile project. This is a touring exhibition created by Arts & Homelessness International, founded by Martin Peacock's brother, Matt. The exhibition is a display of 250 postcards that homeless people sent to each other during COVID to make each smile. Now on tour around England, the exhibition aims to spread information about homelessness and the importance of creativity for healing and connection in an increasingly divided world. Both the Youth Group and Messy Church created postcards that will be displayed for the exhibition in Manchester Museums in March and Messy Church also created a beautiful collage (see front cover). For more about the exhibition, visit <https://artshomelessint.com/what-we-do/projects/current-projects/sendasmile/>

Help us find the next Bishop of Durham

We are seeking the next Bishop of Durham and are consulting to build up a picture of how we are as the church of God in the Diocese of Durham to help us shape the Diocesan Statement of Needs that will be used in the appointment of the next Bishop.

We would love to hear your views which you can share with us via this online survey



bit.ly/DurhamVacancyInSeeConsultation

CLOSING DATE: 3 APRIL 2024

Dear friends,

Following Bishop Paul's retirement, the Vacancy in See committee, which guides the diocesan part of the appointment process, is now beginning work in earnest to prepare for the appointment of the next Bishop of Durham. This timetable is set nationally, and we have until mid-April to discern what should be included within the diocesan statement of needs which describes what the diocese is looking for in our next Diocesan Bishop. We would like to hear your views and we have launched an online consultation which can be found using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/DurhamVacancyInSeeConsultation>

This is publicly available on the diocesan website, along with a page explaining the process and who is involved, and the consultation will be open until 3 April 2024, just after Easter. We would like the responses to be as representative of our diocese as possible, so please share this link with your PCCs, congregations and communities and encourage them to have their say. The poster and QR code attached can also be used to reach the consultation page, and can be printed for display on church noticeboards. We appreciate that time is relatively short, and this online survey is one of many approaches that we are taking to hear a representative range of views from the diocese. For those in our congregations who may wish to complete the survey but find it difficult to access an online survey, the survey can be printed and responses posted to Cuthbert House.

We are developing diocesan prayers for use in parishes during the vacancy which will be available soon and there will be an opportunity to join together for a day of prayer later in the year. Further details to come. In the meantime, please hold the discernment process and the Vacancy in See committee in your prayers. More details of the Vacancy in See committee and the appointment process can be found on the website: <https://www.durhamdiocese.org/about-us/governance/vacancy-in-see/>

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THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – What's it all about?

The annual review of St.Brandon's Electoral Roll is due, and the up to date information will be reported to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28th April.

The Electoral Roll is a parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, joining the church electoral roll means that you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you consider yourself to be a 'regular' at St.Brandon's, then you should also consider being on the electoral roll!

You can join the Electoral Roll if:

- You are aged 16 or over
- You are baptised.
- You are a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England*) and
- EITHER live in the ecclesiastical parish of St.Brandon's
- OR if you live outside the parish, you have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months.

The application form and declaration will also provide more details regarding eligibility*, and will need to be completed by the **13th April 2024**.

If you are already on the Electoral Roll of St. Brandon's you do not have to do anything further..... but if your contact details have changed in the last twelve months, it would be really helpful if you would let me know.

Forms will be available in Church or you can contact me on jean.hodgson33@gmail.com

Jean Hodgson
Electoral Roll Officer

Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

27th March.	Martyn and Christine
3rd April.	Margot and Val
10th April.	Vivienne and Janiece
17th April.	Rosemary and James
24th April.	Martyn and Christine

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

Churchyard Tidy

I plan to have the next tidy-up day in the churchyard on Saturday 6th April.

Anyone able to offer an hour or three of support from 0930 that morning would be made most welcome.

No experience required!

Mid-morning sustenance will be provided.

Edward Staines

Book Club

Our next meeting is on Friday April 5th at Sue Morgan's home, Peppermires Cottage.

The book is, 'Redhead by the side of the Road', by Anne Tyler.

The following meeting will be on Friday 31st May at the home of Audrey & Dick Dumbledon, 19 St Monica Grove, Crossgate Moor, Durham. The book to read is, 'The Night Manager', by John Le Carre.

All welcome

Val Gibbons

Men's Social

Village Hall

7pm

Friday 31st March

& Friday 28th April

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

£2 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752

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



Carpet Bowls

Thursdays, 10am – 12 noon, Village Hall



Come along and have a go! We are a popular, friendly and social group. No experience necessary! All members welcome. £2 per session.

Village Choir

Tuesday evenings, 7pm, Village Hall



The choir is open to all abilities, everyone is warmly welcomed. This is an opportunity to be involved in a community group for social, health and artistic expression!



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BCA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 1st May 2024, 7pm - Village Hall

To receive: Annual Financial Accounts and 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: brancepethca@gmail.com no later than 7 days beforehand. All members are very welcome to attend.

Would you like to join the BCA management committee? Would you like to organise a one-off event or run a regular activity? Please contact Jo on 07876 624626 – any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!

Brancepeth in Bloom Again

After the host of prizes we won last year, we have entered for the Northumbria in Bloom competition 2024.

The Brancepeth in Bloom (BiB) working party have been working to prepare for this year's judging with the main aim of uplifting our Silver Awards to Gold for the Village and the Churchyard and consolidating the Golds won by the Allotments, Golf Club, and a private garden (last year Annette Johnson's).

Only 40% of the marks go to the actual horticulture category so we do not need to be expert gardeners. The remaining marks are split between Environment and Community. Last year, we scored very highly on the last one.

The judges assess us twice a year. Our first 2024 visit will be in the morning of **Thursday 18th April**. The planned route will include the daffodil laden roadside to Stockley Grove by car and then a walk through the village from the Wolsingham Road entry box to the Church.

We have a lot to do after this long and very wet winter to tidy up the village so it looks again like Beautiful Brancepeth. We will also be addressing some items the judges raised last year.

Consequently, we are arranging a Village Tidy Up during the weekend of **6th/7th April**. Look out for the notices in the Noticeboard and round the village for details. If you have other queries, call Hassall (378 1295) or Richard (378 3271) and we will be able to help.

Any time/help you can give, will be very much appreciated.

Most residents realise that living in Brancepeth has a real cachet. Living in "Award Winning" Brancepeth simply enhances that. Please come along and give a couple of hours working with friends and neighbours so when we win Golds all round, you can say "I did that!"

BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

SPRING SHOW – SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024

The Annual Spring Show, followed by the AGM, will take place on Saturday 20 April 2024 in the Village Hall. Schedules and entry forms are available at the Wednesday Coffee Morning and from Committee members from mid-March and have also been E mailed to all members. Completed entry forms should be placed either in the Village Hall post box or returned to Christine Jones at 32 Goodwell Lea by Wednesday 17 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN SHOW – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Annual Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 14 September 2024. More details in a later newsletter.

VISIT TO THE HIMALAYAN GARDEN, NEAR RIPON – THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024

Alison Young is arranging a visit to The Himalayan Garden, near Ripon on Thursday 9 May 2024. The trip is for Garden Club members and if you would like to go on the trip but are not yet a member, please contact Alison Young by E mail on gfamyoun@gmail.com

You can view the Himalayan Garden at: himalayangarden.com

ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT – FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

The Annual Garden Walkabout will take place on Friday 5 July. This year it is the turn of Foxes Row and the tour of the gardens will, as usual, be followed by supper in the Village Hall. More information in the May Newsletter.

VILLAGE GARDENS OPENING FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024

For the first time, a group opening of village gardens will be held on Saturday 20 July, from 11.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. in aid of the NGS with refreshments being served in the Village Hall. The entry fees will go to the NGS and the money raised from the sale of refreshments will go towards the repair of the Village Hall roof. If you haven't already done so but would like to volunteer to open your garden then please get in touch with Alison Young on gfamyoun@gmail.com

AUTUMN TALK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

We were hoping to arrange an afternoon talk for members/non members on Cacti and Succulents in late September/early October. Unfortunately I haven't yet been able to confirm a date with the speaker but should have more information for the May newsletter.

Bonny Bainbridge,

Garden Club Secretary

E mail: alisonbainbridge53@gmail.com

Brancepeth Ladies

Monday, 22nd April 2.00pm Golf Club Dining Room

A Members' Afternoon (but anyone interested is very welcome to come along and join in) where we would like you to help choose future talks and plan events. There will be a short quiz on North East place names as a bit of light relief (eg Where is there a very slim river crossing? Answer: Thinford) We will also take the opportunity to renew the Data Protection Forms and finally end with our usual refreshments and an additional tasty titbit to tickle the palate. £3.50/£5.50 guests

NB next meetings - 20th May and 17th June



NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND
HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

will take place on

Friday 12th April 2024
in the Archive Room in the Castle.

Please arrive in good time for a prompt 7.00 p.m. start.

The Meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the work of the group but only members will be entitled to vote.

Membership for the year is £5.00 per person. If you would like to join or renew your membership, and didn't pay at the Social evening in January or at the October 2023 meeting, you are welcome to join at this meeting or by contacting Vivienne Lowe (3780974)

If you live outside the Parish, you are also asked to join Brancepeth Community Association (£5.00 for those in receipt of State Pension and £7.50 for others).

Light refreshments will be available after the meeting

There will be a number of displays of items from the Archive. The searchable catalogue will also be available should any members wish to see it in operation.

NB Access to the Archive Room will be signposted. It is up a flight of stairs. There will be a fire in the Archive Room but warm clothing is recommended! For further information please contact: Geoff Harrison, Tel: 0191 378 4813.

Dates for the Diary:-

Apr	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 15th & 29th, Village Hall, 2-4 pm.
Apr	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Apr	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Apr	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Apr	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Apr	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Apr	Sundays	-	Youth Club, 10th, 24th 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm			
Apr	5th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Peppermires Cottage
Apr	6th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-Up, 9.30am onwards
Apr	12th	Fri	Archive & History Group, AGM, 7.00pm Castle Archive Room
Apr	15th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	20th	Sat	Garden Club Spring Show, Village Hall
Apr	21st	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Apr	22nd	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Apr	28th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm Village Hall
May	1st	Wed	BCA –AGM, 7,00pm, Village Hall
May	9th	Thur	Garden Club, Himalayan Garden Visit
May	20th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
May	31st	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove
Jun	17th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Sept	14th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show, Village Hall

Photos

Front cover – ©- Matt Peacock – Messy Church poster for **Send a Smile**

Inside front cover – © - Anna Brooker – advance notice of Easter activities and Messy Church

Inside back cover – ©-Nick Brooker – invitation to try something different for Christian Aid & © Jane Stout - Vox Populi in Concert at St Brandon's in March

Back cover – ©– Dean Maynard – Golf Club Centenary Year 'Family Day' Poster

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

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

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

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	Martyn Jones, 32 Goodwell Lea (0191 3789297)
Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
Treasurer	Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (0191 3784986)
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (0191 3784200)
Hall Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (0191 3780771)
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (0191 3780974)
Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Sue Morgan, (0191 3781172)
Brancepeth Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Club	Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Richard Hobbs baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (0191 3782748)
Garden Club	Edward Staines (0191 3780858) or Secretary, Bonny Bainbridge, (0191 3789304)
Snooker Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
Wednesday Coffee	Christine Jones (0191 3789297)
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (0191 3735674)

Parish Council

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'Wish you were there'... Postcard Fundraiser for **Christian Aid**

There's still time to create your own postcard-sized artwork.

Come to the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th April at 6pm for up to an hour to design an original image or words on a postcard on the theme, '**Hope**'. (all materials provided)

Donated postcards will be exhibited in St Brandon's Church and sold for Christian Aid in May when the artists' names will be revealed.

Further details and blank postcards from Nick Brooker
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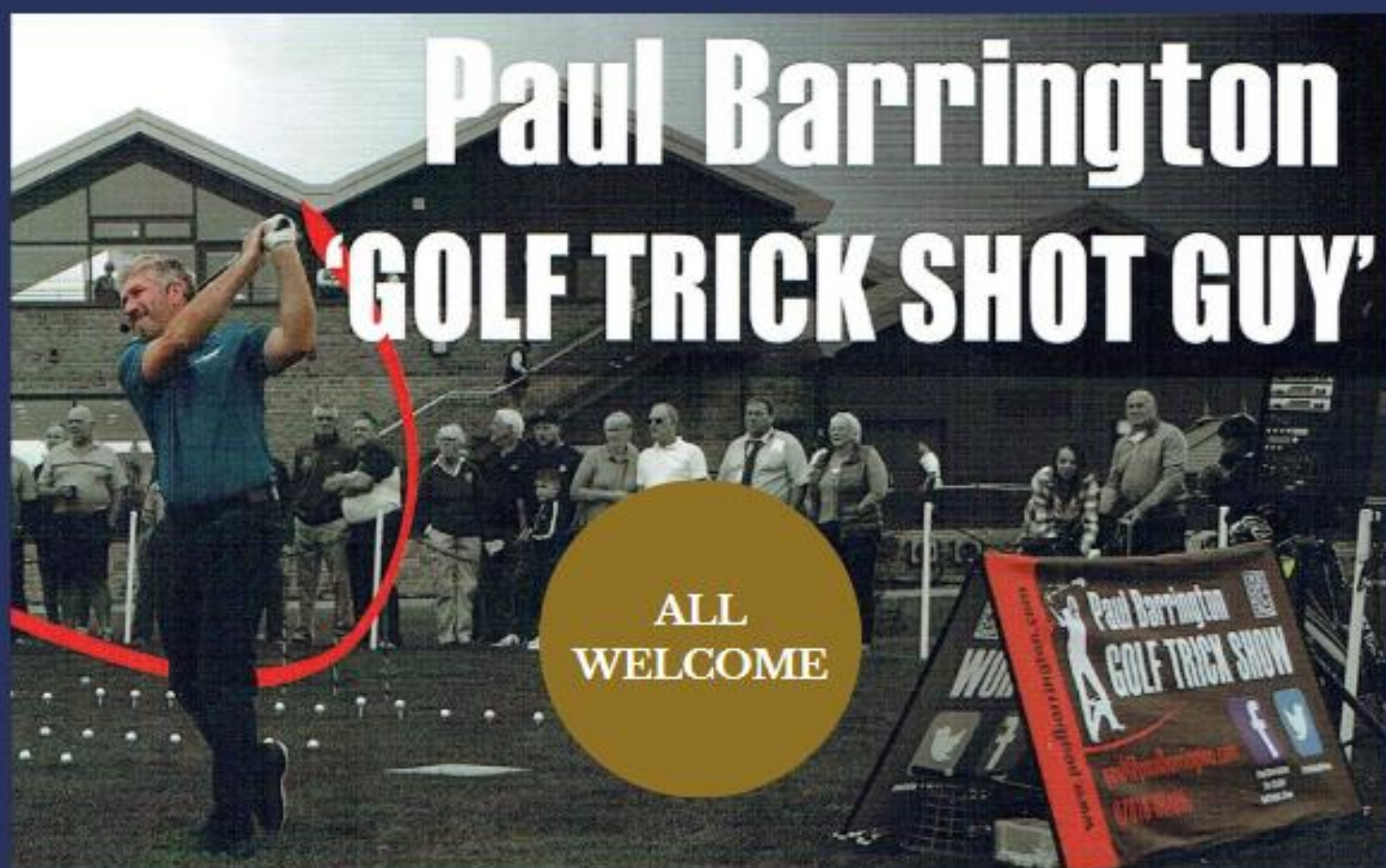
Vox Populi in Concert – 1st March





BRANCEPETH CASTLE
— GOLF CLUB —

Centenary Year Family Day



**MONDAY 27TH MAY | 12 - 4PM |
£5 ADULTS | £2 CHILDREN (UNDER 16)**

CRAZY GOLF, CHILDREN'S CHIP SHOT CHALLENGE, CHIP AND PUTT COMPETITION, GOLFER/NON-GOLFER ON THE COURSE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-GOLFERS TO TRY OUT THE GAME ON OUR DRIVING RANGE.

Get your tickets at the clubhouse bar or call 0191 378 0075 to reserve.