

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



October 2024

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Anna & Nick

A Highland Farewell

Saturday 19th October, 7pm

Village Hall

Dancing to the Keel Row Ceilidh Band

Tickets: **£17**

includes supper (bring own drinks)

Contact Carol Beeby:

0191 384 7431/carol21beeby@btinternet.com

wear a touch of tartan if you wish



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
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Treasurer	Vickie Jackson (0191 3783581) djacksonfarming@outlook.com
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Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Rev'd Anna Brooker
Organist	Richard Hird
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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, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, Jane Stout, Colin Waterman.
Fabric:	Mike Higton (chair), James Morgan, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Nick Brooker, George Rae.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

Newsletter entries no later than October 18th please.

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

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Dear friends,

Of wood and water...

We were up in Arran again this past summer and visited a woodworker who turns used whisky barrels into furniture and small gifts. His workshop is definitely imbued with “the angels’ share” and it makes for a very pleasant visit! We treated ourselves to a thistle-topped porridge spurtle, made from the oak lid of a cask which had contained Spanish sherry before the Arran malt. I’m sure this spurtle will enhance our breakfasts wonderfully: as we stir the pot, we’ll contemplate the wood’s life story and how it enabled the drinks it held to gain flavour and mature.

Items being ‘reused’ or as we prefer to say nowadays, ‘upcycled’, is important as we seek to use the earth’s resources less wastefully and to appreciate the care and skill which have gone into items’ production, rather than prioritising speed and disposability. Sometimes, we may need to cut and reshape a bit, so that what remains, like our porridge spurtle, continues to be useful and fit for purpose. All of which may speak to us about our own lifestyles, as well as our stewardship of the beautiful parish of Brancepeth, which we share with everyone who lives and works in this ancient and cherished place. As I pondered these things, I came upon an ancient Celtic prayer, which follows this letter.

More recently, I returned from a clergy meeting to find Nick (aka Heath Robinson) putting the finishing touches to a model waterwheel, made from old CDs, straws, bits of wood and cereal packet, an empty plastic bottle and an ice cream tub! I can hear you asking *why?* - though many of you know he is fond of making birds from ‘upcycled’ materials too...

The waterwheel was created as part of the PMC (Partnership for Missional Church) project about which Geoff wrote in last month’s letter. It is a visualisation of how St Brandon’s seeks to be connected to the various groups in the parish. All are spokes of one shared wheel which, empowered by the water, an image of God’s Spirit of love and hope, moves forward together, for the good of all.

Which brings me to my closing words in this newsletter before I retire as your Vicar. I want to thank Sue Morgan our editor and all who contribute to this great publication through writing and rotas, photos and adverts, bundling and distribution. It’s a prime example of Brancepeth at its best, which enables us to share and care through the many activities and events the village and church offer.

Our final service at St Brandon’s is on Sunday 20 October at 10.15am: Nick and I would love to see you then, if not before.

With thanks for your friendship during the last five years and with very best wishes for the future,

Anna

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

Prayer

O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
Who, at the last, through wood and nails
Purchased our whole salvation,
Wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
So that we, who come rough-hewn to your bench,
May here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name’s sake. Amen

St Brandon's October 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.

Sun 6 October 19th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist* 10.15am with focus on Peace

(with special readings sheets)

Readings

First:

David Eltringham

Jeremiah 7: 1-7

Gospel:

Kenneth Howe

Luke 10:25-37

Psalm 85: 8-end

Intercessions

Wilfred Foxe

****(NB changes from September newsletter details)***

Sun 13 Oct

**20th after Trinity
SHOEBOX SUNDAY**

Morning Worship* 10.15am

with Baptism of Anwen Funnel

Reading

(one only)

Gospel:

Steve Hodgson

Mark 10: 17-31

Intercessions

Nick Brooker

Messy Church 3-5pm

Sun 20 Oct

21st after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

Janette Foxe

Isaiah 53: 4-end

Gospel:

Nick Brooker

Mark 10: 35-45

Psalm 91: 9-end

Intercessions

Hester Higton

Sun 27 Oct

BIBLE SUNDAY

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

Carys Funnell

Joel 2: 21-27

Gospel:

Colin Waterman

Matthew 6: 25-33

Psalm 126

Intercessions

Alison Moore

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Nov

All Souls

Service of Remembrance 7:00pm

Readings

First:

Alison Moore

Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33

Gospel:

Hester Higton

John 5: 19-25

Sun 3 Nov All Saints Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings First: Gillian Smellie Revelation 21: 1-6a
Gospel: Sue Morgan John 11: 32-44
Intercessions Edward Staines

Sidespersons

Oct 6th Bonny Bainbridge & Annette Johnson
Oct 13th David & Fiona Eltringham
Oct 20th Josie Armstrong & Pat Sharples
Oct 27th Jane Stout & Peter Bailey
Nov 2nd Jean Hodgson
Nov 3rd Hanna Pokhylko & Vira Melenets

Flowers

Sheena Murray
Maud Oliver
Joan Taylor
Eileen Crawford
Sue Knight

Coffee

Oct 6th Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 13th Jane Stout
Oct 20th Alison Moore
Oct 27th Gerry Jennings
Nov 3rd Catrin Morgan

Tech Team

David & Fiona
Peter
Hester & Mike
Geoff & Alison

Church Cleaning

October – Team C
Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Janette Foxe
November – Team A
Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

VESTRY REPORT, APRIL- SEPTEMBER 2024

BAPTISM	5 May 2024	Ferne May Lavelles
Thanksgiving for children Rose	6 April 2024	Ezra John Rose and Benjamin Jude
MARRIAGE McCorquodale	20 July 2024	Steven Robson and Joanne
FUNERAL	23 May 2024	Charles David Harle
Interment of Ashes	8 Sept 2024	Mary Seymour, nee Button



on **SHOEBOX SUNDAY**

Sun 13th October

3-5pm in church

*news**crafts**Bible story**songs**tea*

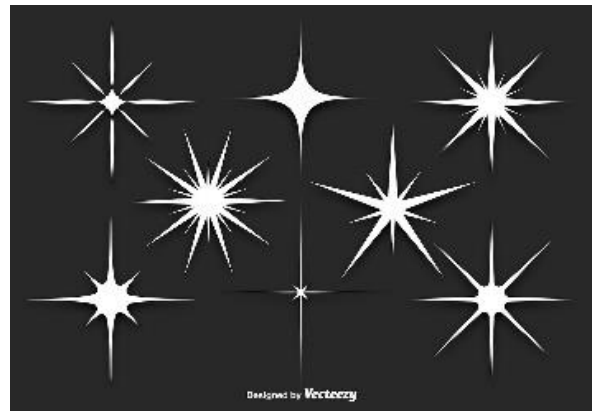
Please bring a filled shoebox (see enclosed leaflet) or items to fill other boxes and bags... Empty boxes also welcome.

SAVE THE NEXT DATE: November 17th

also this month:

Thursday 31st October 5.00pm - 6.00pm

The Light Parade



starts and ends at Brancepeth Village Hall

*****fancy dress parade *** treat trail*** hot chocolate*****

**If you'd like the parade to call at your house,
please put this note in your window on 31st October,
speak to Charlotte Brown or call 0191 384 7431.**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



STORIES FROM THE BIBLE WITH CRAFT ACTIVITIES

ALL WELCOME!

WE GET TOGETHER AFTER THE FIRST HYMN AND REJOIN THE SERVICE
FOR COMMUNION

WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY WEEK UP UNTIL SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER.

SHOEBOX SUNDAY 2024

Once again, we are marking Shoebox Sunday at St Brandon's. In past years, Brancepeth has been very generous in its support for families in Eastern Europe.

Contributions and shoeboxes may be brought to church on Sunday, 13th October, either at 10.15am Eucharist or 3pm Messy Church where children will sort collections of socks, stationery or toys. Knitwear is especially welcome, thanks to Knit and Natter.

We have a few shoeboxes and bags (shoeboxes have been difficult to find in recent years). The lorry will collect at the end of the month from Darlington.

A leaflet with what to fill a box is enclosed with this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Nick Brooker

PRAYER SPACE

As a church, St Brandon's is committed to supporting the following charities. Pray for those who run them, those who support them and, most importantly, those who benefit from them.

CHRISTIAN AID-helping to create a world where all live free from poverty

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY-fighting for the hope and happiness of young people threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect

DURHAM CITY WOMENS REFUGE-providing emergency, temporary accommodation and support for women and children affected by domestic abuse

COUNTY DURHAM FOODBANK-helping anyone who is facing hunger because of crisis

DURHAM ACTION ON SINGLE HOUSING—providing support and accommodation within our county and helping to rebuild lives

UNITED SOCIETY PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL-supporting emergency relief and Christian training projects

DURHAM LESOTHO LINK-supporting health and education projects and child-focussed rehabilitation programmes

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:17*

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.

Tuesday 1st & 15th October 2024 at 11:00
Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 11:00
Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 11:00



Alison will be on a residential training course learning about Leading Retreats from 4 October to 12 December. Rev Deborah Hodge will cover the 15 Oct and 19 Nov services.

For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
or deborah.hodge@hotmail.com
Rev Alison, St Brandon's Church



Invitation

You are invited to

St Brandon's Church Brancepeth

Service of Commemoration on All Souls' Day

on Saturday 2nd November 2024 at 7.00pm

During the service we remember those who have died, and a list of their names will be read out. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. To add a name please write on the list in church or contact Alison Moore

07890 733757 moorealisonm21@gmail.com

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

Brancepeth Youth Club October to December 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 for this term are:

October 6, 20

November 3, 17

December 1, 15

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

PCC NEWS

The PCC met in church on Monday 16th September 2024.

We welcomed Vickie Jackson as our new Treasurer, and Mike Higton as Lay Chair following his appointment as a Churchwarden at the recent EPCM on 8th September.

As the meeting was Anna's last prior to her retirement, she presented a report outlining the way forward for St. Brandon's. A Vacancy Audit will be undertaken in which the churchwardens, the PCC, PMC and wider congregation's views will be taken into consideration. During the vacancy Rev'd Jane Grieve (an experienced newly retired priest in Durham) has agreed to take services along with Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Geoff Moore and Hester Higton who has taken on, and been approved, as a worship leader. Jane will be introduced to the congregation by Anna, at the service on 6th October. Anna's last service will be the Parish Eucharist on 20th October.

Mike (as outgoing treasurer) presented the church accounts with projections of income and expenditure for 2025 in order to help PCC to decide the amount for the Parish Share (an income given by all parishes towards resourcing the mission and ministry of the Church of England in the Diocese). The Diocese has asked for £33,075. Our habit in recent years has been to be as generous as possible in making our pledge as long as we remain within our reserves policy (to keep a minimum of four months running costs). It was unanimously agreed that we pledge £31,920 for 2025 (95% of that requested). Appreciation was expressed of those who either donate through the Parish Giving scheme or through plate giving in church.

Carol Beeby

Church warden

CHURCHYARD TIDY

I plan an autumn tidy up in the churchyard on Saturday October 12th. Anyone willing to volunteer an hour or three from 0930 that morning would be made most welcome. I will always find a job for anyone with weeding equipment, rakes, loppers, secateurs and trimmers. I have received much positive comment about the churchyard this year, especially from visitors, so let's keep up the good work.

Edward

edward.staines@icloud.com

07729855076

Harvest Festival gifts for DASH

Durham Action on Single Housing www.dashorg.co.uk



A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously to this year's Harvest Festival at St.Brandon's – both in the morning service and from Messy Church. The bags and trays of groceries, fruit and vegetables were delivered next day to the offices of DASH in Durham City. As always the workers with the Charity were amazed by, and are extremely grateful for, the generosity of everyone associated with St.Brandon's - and are looking forward to distributing the goods to their residents. They will make an enormous difference to people who have to face some difficult challenges in day to day living.

With thanks,

Jean Hodgson

BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

TALK ON WOODLAND PLANTS

Date: Thursday 10 October

Time: 2.30 p.m.

Speaker: Mala Janes

Venue: Village Hall

Mala is a member of the Alpine Garden Society. She is a very knowledgeable gardener and a keen grower of alpine and woodland plants. Everyone is welcome. Tea and cake will be served after the talk.

Bonny Bainbridge, Secretary.

Book Club

Our next meeting will be on 18th October at 3 The Forge, Val Gibbons' home. The book will be, 'According to Queenie', by Beryl Bainbridge.

The following meeting will be on December 6th At Evelyn & Peter Aitken's home. We will be reading 'The Raven & The Pine' by S A Catteroll.

All welcome

Val Gibbons



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

2nd October.	Val and Karen
9th October.	Rosemary and Catherine
16th October.	Vivienne and Janiece
23rd October	Martyn and Christine
30th October.	Margot and Val
6th November.	Rosemary and Catherine

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

Brancepeth Ladies

I'm A Geordie' - Linda Davidson

Monday, 14th October at 2.00 pm - Golf Club Dining Room

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Geordie history, dialect, culture, landmarks and, of course, its inimitable music, followed by the usual light refreshments.

£3.50 for Ladies' Club members / £5.50 for non-members.

Future dates:- 25th Nov. - 'Secrets of the Attic'.....9th Dec. - Christmas

Cat mobile hairdressing

Formerly of Toni & Guy

Cutting and styling only.

Cut £25

Wet cut £18

Blow-dry £16

Call 07974279869

'Life in Ukraine' – Geoff & Carolyn Knott'

On Monday, 16th September we welcomed Geoff and Carolyn back to Brancepeth. Whilst living here they had helped to host members of the Boyan Choir who came to delight us with their wonderful religious and folk music. They kept in touch with their new friends and we asked them to come and share with us the news and photos that they are now receiving regularly from this war torn country. It was an emotional afternoon listening to the music and poetry, seeing the families and hearing about their lives and how they are trying to cope but there was also inspiration and hope in the vibrant graphic designs and illustrations of Stas Kolotov. Geoff and Carolyn found that financial help, desperately needed especially throughout the winters, could be safely transferred. Every month they collect money from some villagers which is then sent with theirs and, in return, donors receive news and updates from Geoff. The Brancepeth Ladies' Club are delighted to report that their donation, supplemented by generous additions from those present came to £205.00. Geoff is now hoping to give his talk to other groups trying to raise more money to provide wood burning stoves

If anyone would like to donate either regularly or as a one-off please email:-
geoff@hallcourt.uk



"There is a land where the
best songs in the world are
sung
And viburnum enchants with
its flower,
Where the sun smiled at me
for the first time,
This is my home! My
Ukraine!"
© Lesya Pilypiuk

Christmas is coming

....and it's time to start thinking aboutChristmas cards!
As you know printed cards have been for sale in church to parishioners and visitors over the last few years.....but in the continuing spirit of 2024 and the opportunities the year provided to paint a postcard for Christian Aid, or contribute art work for the two village bus shelters, it would be amazing to further harness all the incredible artistic talent that has emerged, and encourage folk to come together one more time to have a go at making a Christmas card to sell in church.

The themes are 'The Christmas story' or 'Brancepeth church in winter'.

Blank A6 cards will be available on Tuesday evenings in October from the village hall 7.00 to 8.00 pm, or in Church, or by contacting the number below. The completion date is Sunday 3rd November, and they can be dropped off at church, or collection can be arranged.

The cards will go up for sale at the end of November, and a selected few may even be printed (with the artist's permission of course)!

Have a go – it'll be fun!

Jean Hodgson 07821004560.

Brancepeth Christmas Show 2024

Save the Date

Saturday 7th December 6pm

We hope to have a glittering array of talent on stage once more this year in the Village Hall

If you would like to perform a short song or sketch please let Martin Peacock or Josie Armstrong know by 11th November - rehearsals start the following week with supper provided - always great fun to be involved in

Tel Josie 07882233118 or Martin 07503 242074

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Some items from the last Parish Council Meeting:

State of the Village:

Members of the PC are having an initial site meeting with a representative of the County Council this month to discuss the state of the pavement along the Village from the crossroads to the castle gates. We are also chasing up ongoing issues with the tidying and clearance of the pavement/footpath along the A690 in the dip towards Stockley Grove.

Speeding & Traffic:

The police have informed us that they will be carrying out some random speed checks on the A690 on the approaches to/from Brancepeth. They are also conducting a traffic flow assessment on Wolsingham Road.

Neighbourhood Plan & Cricket Field:

We had a very productive meeting in September with the consultant who is re-drafting our Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is looking to propose several objectives and policies, including around designating the cricket field and other areas as local green space, as well as setting out a series of community actions to deliver our vision for the parish. Once we have produced a further iteration to ensure that we are in line with the latest planning legislation we hope to publish the draft plan this autumn. At that stage it will be the subject of landowner consultations along with another opportunity for parishioners to comment on the redrafted wording. The new draft NP and any supporting papers will be made available on the PC website and in hard copy form at a 'drop-in' event in the Village Hall.

BT Voice:

Following on from last month's Newsletter item, the PC Clerk has contacted the Stakeholder Engagement Manager from BT about the planned changeover from landline phone calls to broadband. He has agreed to attend a meeting in the Village Hall where he can explain the changes in more detail and answers parishioners' questions. We are putting him touch with the BCA to arrange the logistics of such a meeting. More news should follow in due course.

Brancepeth in Bloom:

The PC formally acknowledged its gratitude to Richard Jackson for all his work in facilitating so many aspects of this project. By the time this Newsletter is in circulation we should know the results of all his and so many other folk's efforts!

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 21st October 2024 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

Members of the public are very welcome to attend but it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk know in advance so we can manage seating.

Kirsty Charlton is available at: clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

Website:

Don't forget that updates and full details of PC meeting agendas and minutes, along with any new drafts and supporting documents regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, can be found on our website:

www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Monday - Knit and Natter, 14th & 28th Village Hall, 2-4 pm.
Oct Tuesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Oct Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Oct Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Oct Thursdays - Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Oct Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Oct Sundays - Youth Club, 6th & 20th 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Oct 10th Thurs Garden Club Talk, 2.30pm, Village Hall
Oct 12th Sat Churchyard Tidy up, 9.30am onwards
Oct 13th Sun Messy Church, Shoe Box Sunday, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Oct 14th Mon Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Oct 18th Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Village
Oct 19th Sat Ceilidh Farewell to Anna & Nick, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Oct 21st Mon Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct 31st Thurs Messy Church, Light Parade, 6.00pm, Village Hall
Nov 2nd Sat All Souls Day Service, 7.00pm, Church
Nov 11th Mon Parochial Church Council, 7.30pm, No 1 The Village
Nov 16th Sat Village Hall Centenary Exhibition, 10.00am-4.00pm, V H
Nov 17th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Nov 25th Mon Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Dec 6th Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, Raygill Farm, Lartington DL12 9DG
Dec 7th Sat Village Christmas Show, Village Hall, 6.00pm
Dec 9th Mon Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club

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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	
		Josie Armstrong	<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 378 2818.)
Social Secretary	Josie Armstrong, jo.arm@me.com / 07882 233118
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (0191 3784200)
Hall Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
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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Brancepeth Castle Golf Club Cottage



Brancepeth Castle Golf Club Cottage is a four bed spacious shared living accommodation.

The property is now available and open to post graduates and professionals.

Contact [0330 330 0999](tel:03303300999) or durham@loc8me.co.uk for more information.

Dean Maynard

Head of Marketing and Sales

Brancepeth Castle Golf Club

Sales@brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk

0191 378 0075

Working Days:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday





Brancepeth Village Hall Centenary Exhibition

Saturday 16th November

10am - 4pm

The Village Hall

Discover the 100-year journey of our Village Hall – from its inception and construction to its growth and legacy in our community



Free Entry

**wheelchair access, free parking &
refreshments available**

Brancepeth Village Hall
Centenary Celebration



1924 - 2024

**Publication highlighting the history of the
building ON SALE at the event:**

