

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



April 2025

Also online at www.stbrandon.org.uk/newslette

Easter for families at St. Brandon's

STOP PRESS - JACK THE DONKEY (who likes carrots and apples) IS COMING ON PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL AT 10AM AT THE CROSSROADS.



Procession to church led by Jack, following the cross, with instruments to play and singing.

The meaning of Easter

FRIDAY 18TH APRIL AT 10.15AM

Short and interactive service followed by seasonal refreshments.



Easter Morning

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL AT 10.15AM

Family Eucharist with ~~with~~ children's activities and Easter eggs.

Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	currently in vacancy	
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (0191 3789670) alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk	
Church Wardens:	Mike Higton	(0191 5974675)
	Carol Beeby	(0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
Secretary	Colin Waterman	(07713637128) colinwaterman069@gmail.com)
Treasurer	Vickie Jackson	(0191 3783581) treasr@stbrandon.org.uk
Deanery Synod	Jane Stout	(0191 3860618)
	Peter Bailey	(0781772896)

Other members:-

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

Lay Reader	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (01913789670), Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Carole Beeby (0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
Organist	
Village Choir	Martyn Jones (0191 3789297)
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), Valeria Dietz, Pat Sharples.
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Church Hire 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, Janette Foxe, Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, Geoff Moore, Martin Peacock.
AdminTeam	Carol Beeby, Janette Foxe, Sue Morgan, Gillian Smellie.
PMC Team:	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, George Rae.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

Newsletter entries no later than April 18th please.

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please contact Hester Higton on hesterhigton@phoncoop.coop.

Dear Friends,

I write this letter celebrating the end of a long wait. Today is Sunday 16 March, and Newcastle United have won the Carabao Cup, ending a wait of 70 years since the last domestic trophy! As the Guinness advert said, Good things come to those who....

It feels like there is quite a lot of waiting going on in the church at the moment. Nationally, we await a new Archbishop of Canterbury and in the Diocese of Durham, where I work, we await a new Bishop of Durham. In St Brandon's church we await our next vicar after Anna's retirement last Autumn. This season of Lent is itself a period of waiting for Holy Week and Easter.

But, as I'm sure Eddie Howe and the Newcastle team would agree, waiting can go on forever if it is waiting without preparation. Newcastle would not have ended their trophy drought without their intensive training schedule and meticulous match preparation. There are parallels in the church as we prepare to receive a new vicar although perhaps fewer sprints, gym sessions and shuttle runs. The PCC and congregation of St Brandon's have recently been engaging with the diocese's Vacancy Audit Process, which helps a vacant parish to reflect on its current situation with a facilitator in preparation for the next appointment. The process considers how the church shares faith with others, develops faith amongst its congregation, contributes to community life, and shares the responsibilities of governance. It also reviews how the church manages often sensitive matters around money and how it takes care of and makes use of the church building. All of this shapes what is needed in the next vicar, and informs the diocese about how it can best support the parish to enable the church here to flourish. Meanwhile, the congregation prays that God will call the right person to serve the church here in Brancepeth.

So, as we continue through Lent this year, those of us who pray, abstain, or walk pilgrimages do so in preparation to celebrate the good news of the risen Christ on Easter Day. And at least for Newcastle fans, it has been great to have a foretaste of celebration today!

With best wishes for Easter,

James Morgan

ST.BRANDON'S CHURCH, BRANCEPETH ELECTORAL ROLL

PLEASE NOTE 2025 is a Renewal year for the Electoral Roll which means that EVERYONE WHO IS CURRENTLY ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL MUST COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION FORM by 1st May 2025.

Application Forms will be available in church or from jean.hodgson33@gmail.com

The new Electoral Roll will be reported to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 18th May, 2025.

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!

To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet ALL the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over
- You must be baptised.
- You must be 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 must have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months.

*The Application Form provides more details regarding eligibility.

**Jean Hodgson
Electoral Roll Officer,
March 2025**



Come and join in the fun

Sunday 6th April

3-5pm in church

newscrafts**Bible story**songs**tea**

SAVE THE NEXT DATES·

Sunday 11th May 2025 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 8th June 2025 3pm - 5pm



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

ACTIVITIES AND STORIES FROM THE BIBLE.

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

Every Sunday at the 10.15 service until Sunday 6th April. We will have a short break over Easter. Sunday school will recommence on Sunday 27th April 2025.



Brancepeth Village Spring Tidy

A date for your diary: Saturday 12th April 2025

The Beautiful Brancepeth Group are organising a 'Village Spring Tidy Day' on Saturday 12th April. Anyone willing to donate an hour or two of their time from 9.30 that day will be made very welcome!

For those willing to help pick up litter along the roadsides litter pickers, refuse bags and high vis jackets can be provided.

The first Northumbria in Bloom visit by the judges will take place on Tuesday 15th April so hopefully they will see our beautiful village at its best! The final Northumbria in Bloom judging date will be on Tuesday 24th June... more information to follow.

Please meet at the Village Hall carpark at 9.30am or contact Karen Davison 07728930883.

Refreshments will be provided at 1 The Forge at 11.00am

Churchyard Spring Tidy

A date for your diary.

I plan a churchyard spring tidy on Saturday 5th April. Anyone willing to donate an hour or three of their time from 0930 that day will be made most welcome. Please bring gardening tools, strimmers and saws and I'll find you a job. Refreshments will be provided at 1100.

Edward Staines

FLOWER GUILD - DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated. The price of flowers has risen considerably in the recent past and we would like to make the church look as beautiful as possible with our limited funds. The enclosed envelope can be delivered to any of the following members or put in the church postbox (near the visitor's book).

Jessie Brown: Kirkstone, The Forge

Hillary Moss: 1 Stockley Grove

Christine Jones: 32 Goodwell Lea

Lynne Hastie: 26 Goodwell Lea

Thank you for your continued support.

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

Annual General Meeting

Friday 4th April, 7.30 prompt in the Village Hall

Just a gentle reminder to all members and anyone interested in local history and/or joining the group (only £5.00 per member if you live in the Parish). Hopefully the business will be over quite quickly, time then to enjoy some light refreshments, sit back and enjoy two short illustrated presentations about local history. Hope to see you there.

THE BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE ROOM

Interested in railways?

As usual, the Brancepeth Archive in the Castle, will be open to visitors from 9 - 1 on the first Saturday of every month, and on other days by arrangement. The next open morning is April 5th.

On show will be a small display on the history of Brancepeth's railway. The Archive contains quite a lot of additional information about the railway which can be brought out on request.

Book Club

The next meeting will be on May 2nd at the home of Sue Morgan, Peppermires Cottage. We will be reading, 'Yellow Face', by Rebecca Kyang. We begin at 7.30pm.

All welcome Val Gibbons.

Brancepeth Youth Club

April 2025

The Youth Club is an Open Club run by the Church, and 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, though we may finish earlier when numbers are low. The remaining date for this term is April 6th.

Leaders

Geoff Moore

07854 696664

durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock

07503 242074

Opera Nova Presents: On the Town

Brancepeth Village Hall

Sunday 27th April 2025

3:00 - 4:00pm (doors open at 2:30 for refreshments)

A selection of favourite opera and light opera choruses, ensembles and solos with a party theme that are guaranteed to put a spring in your step.

Tickets cost £12 from Mary Coffield (tel 07936 080535, or email: mary.coffield@googlemail.com)

Earlybird tickets: Book by 13th April and tickets cost just £10

Students and under 18s free

Castle News

Due to work at the Castle there will be increased traffic through the village over the months of April, May and June. We apologise for any inconvenience. We will be able to update you with more detail next month.

Ladies Group
How precious is your eyesight?

Monday, 14th April, Golf Club dining room 2.00pm

Advice, information, contact numbers and samples of useful aids. Hazel Hyland of the RNIB will be talking about what to look out for and how to respond quickly if you, or anyone you know, suspects an issue with their eyesight, as well as coping with treatments, surgery and aftercare.

There will be ample time for questions and discussion and she is hoping to bring samples of products which are available. For example, even with perfect vision, it seems almost impossible these days to read instructions, recipes etc and there are many magnifiers available. Some are no bigger than a credit card and many are illuminated. Anyone interested is welcome. Ladies' Club members £4.50 / non members £6.50.

NB Next meeting will be May 19th, Linda Davidson on 'Earl Grey' - and how his head came to be lying in a gutter in Grey St. Newcastle.



**Congratulations to Maud Oliver
celebrating her 90th Birthday**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Neighbourhood Plan:

As per the announcement last month, we are about to begin a pre-submission consultation period that will run from 1st April to 13th May 2025. As part of this consultation, there is an Open Evening in the Village Hall Committee Room on **Monday 7th April**. This drop-in event will give you a further opportunity to raise any questions about the NP.

The new draft of the NP will be available from the end of March on the PC website (<https://brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk>) along with supporting documents. The full draft NP will also be available in the Committee Room for folk to read in situ.

Anyone can comment on the NP via a **Response Form** to make written representations regarding the suggested policies. This Form will be available on the PC website from the end of March to download, along with a QR code to complete electronically; or as a hard copy via the PC Clerk. Please note that we can only take into consideration written responses made by **13th May 2025**.

Mobile Phone Survey:

The results from our survey indicate that 95% of respondents have issues with weak or non-existent mobile phone signals in the parish. The PC is now going to raise this with service providers and, if necessary, Ofcom, as there is clearly a discrepancy between what providers believe they are offering their clients and what we are experiencing on the ground in Brancepeth.

State of the Village:

We are pleased to report that following councillor Ellis contacting the County Council regarding the excessive leaves on the Wolsingham Road footpath, the council team was out within two days to clear them. In other foliage related news (!) the National Trust have kindly donated a small fruit tree to the PC to be planted in the village. Councillor Davison is liaising with allotment holders about the possibility of locating it on that site.

Donations:

Maintaining the gardening theme, the PC has approved funding of £161 to support the Garden Club's efforts in creating a peaceful seating area within the churchyard.

Changes to PC Membership:

We are sad to see that councillor Michael Stephenson has had to resign his post after four years sterling service. We are particularly grateful for all Michael's efforts in organising litter picks as well as his inputs throughout the NP drafting process. This of course means that there is a vacancy for a new councillor. Please contact anyone on the parish council if you wish to discuss becoming a member.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Due to Easter falling on the 21st, this will take place on **Monday 28th April 2025** at 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: clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

EXHIBITION OF
ART
BY LOCAL ARTISTS

(In Support of Brancepeth Community Association)

BRANCEPETH ART GROUP

and

LITTLE GREEN HUT ART GROUP

**BRANCEPETH
VILLAGE HALL**

(near the castle)

SATURDAY

MAY 3rd 2025

10.30 am till 5.00 pm

Free Entry

Refreshments available to purchase

BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

SPRING SHOW: SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025

The Spring Show is fast approaching and schedules will be available from Wednesday 23 March from the Coffee Morning and from committee members, (names and contact details below), and posters will be displayed around the village. The schedule has an updated format which we hope will be more appealing, and will encourage both those who regularly enter and also those who have never entered before to 'have a go'. We are also hoping to encourage entries from children and grandchildren of villagers and there are three children's classes. One is for sempervivums, (other names for these are house leeks or hens and chicks), planted in an unusual container, a garden on a plate with a theme of your choice, e.g. Harry Potter, and spring posies, and there will be prizes. All the information you need is in the schedule but if anyone has any queries, please get in touch. My e mail address is alisonbainbridge53@gmail.com

Committee members:

Moya Balshen, moyabalshen@gmail.com

Alison Young, gfamyoung@gmail.com,

Gerry Jennings, gerryjennings5@gmail.com

PROPOSED VISIT TO NEWBY HALL GARDENS NEAR RIPON ON SATURDAY 17 MAY

Please contact Alison Young if you would like to join the Garden Club visit to Newby Hall Gardens, near Ripon. More information about this trip was included in last month's Newsletter.

FUTURE EVENTS:

GARDEN WALKABOUT: Friday 4 July 2025

ANNUAL AUTUMN SHOW Saturday 13 September 2025

Membership Fees (£3.00 per person) were due on the 1st January. If you would like to join you can either put £3.00 cash in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front in the Village post box or alternatively pay by bank transfer, details below:

Co-op Bank

Sort Code: 08 92 99

Account No. 67318094

Bonny Bainbridge

Garden Club Secretary

St Brandon's April 2025 – 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 for those services which are livestreamed (shown by * below), or to view the recording later, at*

<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>

*Sun 6th April	5th Sunday of Lent	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Philippians 3:4-14
	Gospel	Wilfred Foxe	John 12:1-8
	Psalm		126
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
Sun 13th April	Palm Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Kenneth Howe	Phil. 2:5-11
	Gospel	Janette Foxe	Luke 19:28-40
	Psalm		118:1-2, 19-end
Intercessions		Geoff Moore	
7.30pm Monday 14th April	Monday of Holy Week	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	Gospel		John 12:1-11
	Psalm		36:5-11
7.30pm Tuesday 15th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	Gospel		John 12:20-36
	Psalm		71:1-14

7.30pm Wednesday 16th April	Wednesday of Holy Week	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	Gospel		John 13:21-32
	Psalm		70
*7.30pm Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday	Eucharist with foot washing followed by Vigil	
Readings	First	Sue Morgan	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
	Gospel	James Morgan	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Intercessions as set in Service book			
10.15am Friday 18th April	Good Friday	All Age Service	
1.30pm Friday 18th April	Good Friday	At the Cross	
Readings	First	Jean Hodgson	Isaiah 52:13- 53:12
	Psalm		22
	Gospel	To be advised	John 18:1- 19:42
Intercessions as set in Service book			
5.30am Sunday 20th April	Easter Vigil	Easter Day at Dawn	
Readings	1 st -5 th as set	To be advised	
	Gospel	To be advised	Luke 24:1-12

*Sunday 20th April	Easter Day	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Steve Hodgson	Acts 10:34-43
	Gospel	Tom Higton	John 20:1-18
Intercessions		Wilfred Foxe	
Sunday 27th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higton	Acts 5:27-32
	Gospel	Carys Funnell	John 20:19-end
	Psalm		150
Intercessions		James Morgan	
Sunday 4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Jane Stout	Acts 9:1-6
	Gospel	Judith Minto	John 21:1-19
	Psalm		30
Intercessions		Edward Staines	

Sidespersons

Apr 6th Hanna Pokhylko & Vira Melenets
Apr 13th Bonny Bainbridge & Peter Bailey
Apr 17th (Maundy Thursday 7.30pm) Sue Morgan
Apr 18th (Good Friday 1.30pm) Jean Hodgson
Apr 20th (Dawn) Sacristan
Apr 20th (10.15am) Jane Stout & Steve Hodgson
Apr 27th Josie Armstrong & Annette Johnson
May 4th Diane & Gordon Cassap

Flowers

Lent 5th
Palm Sunday

Easter Day

Meg Dewhirst

	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Tech Team</u>
Apr 6 th	Alison Moore	Peter
Apr 13 th	Gerry Jennings	
Apr 17 th (Maundy Thursday 7.30pm)		Geoff & Alison
Apr 18 th (Good Friday 1.30pm)		
Apr 20 th (Dawn)		
Apr 20 th (10.15am)	Diane Coles	Mike & Hester
Apr 27 th	Catrin Morgan	
May 4 th	Jean Hodgson	Peter

Church Cleaning

March – Team B

Sue Morgan, Hillary Moss, Annette Johnson, Diane Cassap

April – Team C

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Janette Foxe

May – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

St. Brandon's, Brancepeth

will be holding their

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 18th May 2025 at 11.30am

Come and hear what we have been up to

PCC NEWS

The PCC met on the 17th March with apologies from two of our members.

Amongst many other items on the agenda the main focus was agreeing the content of the Vacancy Audit Workbook which Mike Higton had completed with input from members of the PCC, Partnership for Missional Church (PMC) and the congregation. The PCC will discuss this with the Revd Canon Steph Clark on Sunday 23rd March, as our journey continues in finding our next Priest in Charge. Thanks were given to Mike for time spent producing this very comprehensive document.

Mike had also compiled the Annual Church Report for 2024; the Standing Committee had met on Tuesday 11th March to update the Terms of Reference and Policies. These were presented, along with the accounts, to PCC and will be available to everyone for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 18th May.

We will be looking for new members to join the PCC as Sue Morgan has completed two three year terms (again) and Kenneth Howe has agreed to stand for a second term. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to become a member of the PCC do contact one of the Churchwardens or our secretary Colin Waterman.

Carol Beeby
Churchwarden

Prayer Space . . .

. . . an alternative way to prepare for Easter?

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

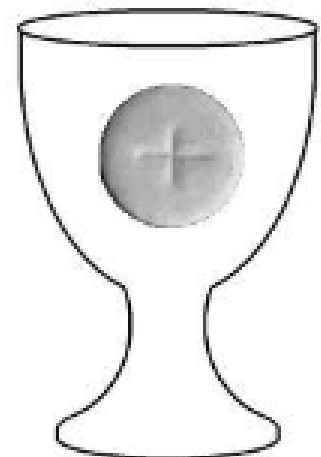
Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

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 April 2025 at 11:00
Tuesday 6th & 20th May 2025 at 11:00



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



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

2 nd April	Vivienne and Janiece
9 th April	Rosemary and Catherine
14 th April	Margot and Val
23 rd April	Martyn and Christine
30 th April	Vivienne and Janiece

*(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 25th April

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink
£3 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752

Dates for the Diary:-

Apr Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr Monday - Knit and Natter, 14th, 28th, Village Hall, 2-4pm.
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, 6th April 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Apr	3rd	Thur	BCA AGM, 6.30pm, Village Hall, Committee Room
Apr	4th	Fri	Archives & History Group, AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	5th	Sat	Churchyard Spring Tidy, 9.30 onwards
Apr	6th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Apr	6th	Sun	BCA Sunday Lunch, 1.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	7th	Mon	Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Evening 6.00pm – 9.00pm Village Hall
Apr	25th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Apr	26th	Sat	Garden Club Spring Show, Village Hall
Apr	27th	Sun	Opera Nova, 3.00pm – 4.00pm, Village Hall
Apr	28th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
May	2nd	Fri	Book Club, 7.30am, Peppermires Cottage
May	3rd	Sat	Art Exhibition, 10.30- 5.00pm, Village Hall
May	11th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
May	18th	Sun	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 11.45am, Church
May	26th	Sat	Garden Club visit to Newby Hall Gardens
Aug	9th	Sat	Vintage & Classic Sports Car Day, Brancepeth Village

Photos

Front cover – ©- Jean Hodgson, *Daffodils in the Nesfield Tomb*

Inside front cover – ©- Carol Beeby, *Easter Activities in Church*

Inside back cover – ©- Archives and History Group, *item from the collection*, © -Alison Young, *Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall*, ©- Josie Armstrong, *Quiz Night in the Village Hall*

Back cover – ©-Jo Dalton, *Advert for the Vintage and Classic Sports Car Day*

Newsletter entries no later than April 18th please.

Please send to Sue Morgan at sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

View newsletter on line at www.stbrandon.org.uk/newsletter

You can also join us on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandon>)

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</i>	Jean Merrington	
	<i>& Bookings</i>	Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Secretary</i>
Val Gibbons	<i>Treasurer</i>		<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	Val Gibbons, valmgibbons@gmail.com (0191 3784200)
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, Richard Hobbs, Chris Pritchard 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

Thomas Hobbs, Chair: email: tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk

Nick Ellis - Vice chair; tel: 0191 380 3047; email: n.t.ellis@durham.ac.uk

Hassall Balshen – tel: 0191 3781295; email: hassall.balshen@gmail.com

Michael Stephenson, email: stephenson15@me.com

Philip Davison, email: philipdavison000@btinternet.com

Catherine Stevenson: catherine@jamsey.net

Parish Clerk Kirsty Charlton clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

County Councillors: olwyn.gunn@durham.gov.uk

fraser.tinsley@durham.gov.uk

www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

From the Archive this month



The original vinyl (78) recording of the Brancepeth Women's Institute Choir. Recorded in the City Hall, Newcastle on 30th April 1949.

This is just one of the items which can be seen in the Archive Room in Brancepeth Castle. Open on the first Saturday in every month 9am-1pm.



Intense decision being made. All highly competitive! Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall



A well-attended quiz night - thank you to Liz & Peter Burdess for an excellent quiz

Save the Date!
Further details to follow

***Vintage & Classic
Sports Car Day***

Saturday 9th August 2025
Brancepeth Village



Tea Room, Brass Band, Choirs, and Family Fun!

Venue kindly provided by Brancepeth Castle & Castle Estates

Contacts for further information:

Event: Josie Armstrong jo.arm@me.com

Car Entries: Robin Wills robwills@yahoo.com



Proceeds to St Cuthbert's Hospice and St Brandon's
Brancepeth Parish Church

St Cuthbert's Hospice 