

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



May 2025

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ASCENSION DAY



HOLY COMMUNION

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

7.30PM

ALL WELCOME



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11TH MAY - 17TH MAY

Will you help fund vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger?

This year, the envelopes will be delivered and collected in one visit. If you are not in, kindly drop your donation, in the envelope provided to St. Brandon's or 1 The Village, Brancepeth. Remember to complete the Gift Aid slip to add 25% to your donation.

Alternatively, donate online at
<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009429>

If you would like to be part of the collecting team please email Carol at carol21beeby@btinternet.com

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
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	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)
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Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
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Electoral Roll Officer	Jean Hodgson (jean.hodgson33@gmail.com)
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 May 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@phonecoop.coop.

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the celebration of Easter is still a week away. Here in Brancepeth, it is followed hard on its heels by a more specifically local celebration: our annual patronal festival. This is the day when a church community celebrates the life of the saint (or saints) to whom their church building is dedicated, and remembers their example to us of faithful Christian witness.

Our patron saint is, of course, St Brandon, and his festival falls on 16 May. When I thought it would make a good theme for my letter, I checked back through the previous years' May newsletters to find out when we last wrote about him. I was very surprised that there has been no mention of St Brandon's Day since our digital record began in 2018. So it seems that it is time to fill a gap!

St Brandon was one of the earliest saints of the British Isles. He was born in south-west Ireland sometime around AD 484 and spent most of his life there. He is much more commonly known as St Brendan, and there are plenty of churches in Ireland that carry that dedication, as well as a few Catholic churches in the UK. But it seems that our version of his name is peculiar to us – at least in this country.

Brandon was ordained as a priest when he was twenty-six and he then set about founding monastic communities across the west of Ireland. But he was clearly someone driven by a desire to travel further, and particularly to see where sea voyages might lead him. Early trips took him to the Aran Islands, the Scottish coast, Wales and even Brittany.

However, he is best known for legends of his seven-year voyage in search of Paradise. He set out into the Atlantic in a small open boat with a group of sixteen monks. Their mythical adventures included visiting an island with great crystal pillars and rivers of fire (could this have been Iceland?) and lighting a fire on a small island only to discover that they were on the back of a whale! Eventually they arrived at the Island of the Blessed (variously suggested to be the Canary Islands, Madeira, the Faroes or the Azores), where they were welcomed but then told to return to Ireland.

A later voyage took Brandon to Britain, where he travelled for three years, and legend has it that he came to Brancepeth in that time. He returned to Ireland once again, eventually dying there in about AD 577.

We, like Brandon, are on a voyage (if a metaphorical one) into uncharted territory, trusting in God to guide us to our destination. We don't know where the next year will take us, what we will encounter, or who will join us along the way. But we can be sure that God is as faithful to bring us safely to harbour.

With best wishes,

Hester Higton

FINAL REMINDER!

2025 is a year when the Electoral Roll for St.Brandon's is renewed, which means that everyone who is currently on the electoral roll must complete a new application and return it to me by 1st May, 2025.

If you consider yourself to be a regular worshipper at St.Brandon's, then you should also consider being on the electoral roll.

To apply to be on 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, Brancepeth
- OR if you live outside the parish, you must have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months.

Application Forms are available in the back of church or at jean.hodgson33@gmail.com

Jean Hodgson

Electoral Roll Officer for St.Brandon's church

VESTRY REPORT: funerals, baptisms and weddings

Baptism:

30th March 2025, The baptism of Darcey Elle Morton, daughter of Adam James Morton and Sarah Louise Morton (and sister to Millie).

Baptism:

12th April 2025, The baptism of Julian Peter Armstrong, son of Chris and Catherine Armstrong (and brother to William).

St. Brandon's, Brancepeth

Dates for your diary.

Sunday 27th April



Sunday school will recommence at our 10.15 service until the end of term.

**We get together after the first hymn and rejoin the service for Communion.
Come and join the fun with crafts and stories from the bible.**



Sunday 11th May 3-5pm

Bible story - Daniel and the Lions Den

craftssongs**news**crafts**fun**

Sunday 18th May 11.30

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The election of churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church Council will take place. The Annual report of the Parochial Church Council, the general activities of the parish and the financial statements will be presented at this meeting.



A new teen drama series for CBBC produced by Cottonwood Media Ltd will be filming in Brancepeth Castle. We are presently in preparation, and our filming dates will be Tuesday 20th May – Monday 16th June.

We acknowledge that we are guests in your area. We appreciate that we are privileged to film in your neighbourhood, and do not take for granted the support we are shown from residents, for which we are hugely grateful.

During filming, the production will use the entrance on the Village Road with parking on the grass at the Castle.

Blaise Matthews

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Location Manager

COTTONWOOD MEDIA Limited, 5 Godalming Business Centre
Woolsack Way, GU7 1XW

A Service for St Brandon's Day- Friday 16th May

Compline (Night Prayer)

“A service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.”

On Friday 16th May at 8pm the Durham Singers will be singing a Compline service to mark St Brandon's Day. This will be a new setting by Lucy Walker, a local composer; the Durham Singers generously offered this service as “a wonderful way celebrate their relationship with St Brandon's”. The service will last for 30-40 minutes, ending with a retiring collection for St Brandon's.

Do come along and experience this beautiful service; what better way to end the day?

Brancepeth Youth Club

May - July 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 at 6-8pm, although we may finish earlier when numbers are low. The dates for this term are:

May 4, 18

June 1, 15, 29

July 13 (BBQ venue tbc)

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

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.

Our following meeting will take place on 6th June in the afternoon at 2.30pm. We will meet at the home of Linda and Colin Waterman, 58 High West Road, Crook. DL15 9NT to discuss 'The Murder Room', by PD James.

All welcome Val Gibbons.

Monday, 19th May - 2.00pm- Golf Club

'Earl Grey'

Linda Davidson, who gave us 'I'm a Geordie', is returning with this talk - Earl Grey, and how his head came to be lying in a gutter in Grey Street, Newcastle. Anyone interested is welcome.

Usual refreshments...£4.50 Ladies' Club members / £6.50 non members

16th June – Phil Burton returns to talk about the National Trust in Northumbria

21st July - Tam Mayor, catchment manager, is the speaker from The River

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE

COMMEMORATING THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF VJ DAY

August 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VJ Day – the day the Japanese surrendered and World War II finally ended. Although the War in Europe had ended on 8th May 1945 (V.E. Day) – the war in the Pacific continued for a further 3 months.

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day, and remember all those who served in that Theatre of War, many of whom never returned, the Archives Group hope to organise a display in the Castle in August about the war in the Far East..

Do you have any family records, photos, stories about the war in the Far East or VJ day?

If so, we would very much like to include some of these in the display. They would represent an important addition and element in the village's commemoration of this historic anniversary. If so, please contact Vivienne Lowe 0191 378 0974

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL LOVERS

The Brancepeth Archive contains a great many football programmes relating to local teams and players over several decades. Linking with the Durham Amateur Football Trust, we hope to have these and other memorabilia and stories about local players on show in the Castle later in the Autumn.

If you have any family records/photos/memories of local football and would be willing to allow them to be displayed. Please contact Geoff Harrison who is gathering together the material –Tel: 0191 378 8813

8TH MAY MARKS THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY.

On Saturday morning **3rd May** and Thursday morning **15th May**, the Brancepeth Archive Room in the Castle will be open and displaying some material from WWII. Anyone is welcome to call in between 9 and 1.00 those mornings and see what's on offer.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Brancepeth Neighbourhood Plan:

Please note that the pre-submission consultation period for the NP runs until 13th May 2025. We are pleased to report that a very positive Open Evening in the Village Hall took place on Monday 7th April. This drop-in event gave parishioners the opportunity to raise questions about the NP. In addition to members of the PC, 19 people attended, with many providing useful suggestions and supportive feedback on the draft Plan. Thank you all for your contributions. We are already acting on a helpful point raised by the Golf Club regarding the designation of Protected Open Space.

The new draft of the NP is available on the PC website (<https://brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk>) along with supporting documents. The full NP is also 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 and aims. This Form is available on the PC website to download, along with a QR code to complete electronically; or as a hard copy via the PC Clerk.

We shall respond to all comments within an updated Consultation Statement, and attempt to incorporate them into a revised version of the Plan (as shown by our engagement with the Golf Club above); and so we would welcome as much feedback as possible, even if it is only to confirm that you are content with the NP. But please note that we can only take into consideration written responses made by **13th May 2025**.

Proposed Housing Estate at Red Barns, Brandon:

The PC notes that, although not quite within our parish boundaries, this planned new development will lie directly adjacent to the North East of the parish alongside the A690. Given that the plan is to build 140 homes in the first instance, with a view to constructing a further 260 dwellings, the PC is concerned about the likely impact on things like GP and dentist availability, primary school places and traffic flow. As individual voices should be acknowledged during the approval stage, Brancepeth parishioners may wish to make comments on the County Council planning website regarding the desirability of such a substantial development.

This is how the link for the planning application summary appears on the DCC's planning site:

[Hybrid application comprising full planning permission for the construction of 140 dwellings, primary site access and associated SuDS and landscaping; and outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 260 dwellings, secondary access, local centre incorporating retail \(up to 4,000 sqft\) \(Use Class E\) and mini-mobility hub, and associated SuDS and landscaping.](#) Land at Red Barns Brandon Durham DH7 8DA

Ref. No: DM/25/00762/FPA | Received: Mon 17 Mar 2025 | Validated: Thu 20 Mar 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:

Due to Easter falling on the 21st, the next meeting will take place on **Monday 28th April 2025** at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall; followed with another just three weeks later on **Monday 19th May**. 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



Beautiful Brancepeth Group News

Beautiful Brancepeth is a working group of the Parish Council with the aim of improving the environment, appearance and attractiveness of Brancepeth for the benefit of residents and visitors. The group recently organised the Village Spring Tidy Up Day on Saturday 12th April and would like to thank everyone who turned up to litter pick, weed community areas, brush streets, plant tubs and even wash traffic signs !! Thanks also to the residents who were unable to attend on 12th but found time to tidy up around the village in their own time!

The group is also involved in supporting the village to enter the 2025 Northumbria in Bloom (NiB) competition. We hope to build on the successes of our 2024 awards. The initial spring visit by the NiB judges took place on Tuesday 15th April, and the final visit will take place on Tuesday 24th June.

If anyone is interested in being involved in the group please do not hesitate to get in touch! Contact Karen Davison k.davison1960@hotmail.com



Village and Church tidy up days



BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

SATURDAY 26 APRIL: SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 17 MAY: VISIT TO NEWBY HALL

If anyone would like to join this trip, and if you will need a lift, please contact Alison Young on gfamyong@gmail.com There will be a discounted price of £16 for entry if we have 15 or more people.

FRIDAY 4 JULY: ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT, NORTH GOODWELL LEA. MEET AT CASTLE GATES AT 6.00 P.M.

The Annual Garden Walkabout takes place on Friday 4 July in North Goodwell Lea, followed by supper in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. prompt. Ticket prices are £15.00 for members and £17.50 for non-members. Bring your own drinks if required which can be deposited in the Village Hall before the event. Should people wish to visit the gardens but not have supper, that is free to members but there will be a charge of £5.00 to non-members. You will need your ticket stub to exchange for a glass of wine in the Station House garden. Tickets will be available from Alison Young (contact details above) from the end of May.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN SHOW: Saturday 13 September 2025

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THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

Thank you to everyone who generously donated towards the cost of the Easter flowers. Our small Guild is largely dependent on donations from parishioners and friends to make the church look beautiful and we appreciate your help in achieving that. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

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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 6th & 20th May 2025 at 11:00
Tuesday 3rd & 17th June 2025 at 11:00



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

St Brandon's May 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 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	
Sun 11th May	4th Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Alison Moore	Acts 9:36-end
	Gospel	Gillian Smellie	John 10:22-30
	Psalm		23
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	
*Sun 18th May	5th Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Colin Waterman	Acts 11:1-18
	Gospel	Edward Staines	John 13:31-35
	Psalm		148
Intercessions		Hester Higton	
Sun 25th May	6th Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Jean Hodgson	Acts 16:9-15
	Gospel	Sue Morgan	John 14:23-29
	Psalm		67
Intercessions		Wilfred Foxe	
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higton	Acts 1.4-11
	Second	Wilfred Foxe	Ephesians 1.15-end
	Gospel		Luke 24.44-end
Intercessions		Alison Moore	

Sun 1st June	7th Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Acts 16:16-34
	Gospel	James Morgan	John 17:20-end
	Psalm		97
Intercessions		Alison Hobbs	

Sidespersons

May 4th Diane & Gordon Cassap
 May 11th Pat Sharples & Peter Bailey
 May 18th Hanna Pokhylko & Vira Melenets
 May 25th Bonny Bainbridge & Sue Morgan
 June 1st Jean Hodgson & Jane Stout

Coffee

May 4th Jean Hodgson
 May 11th Jeanette Metcalfe
 May 18th Sue Morgan
 May 25th Jane Stout
 June 1st Alison Moore

Flowers

Sandra Gilbert
 Annette Johnson
 Jean Hodgson
 Diane Coles
 Hillary Moss

Tech Team

Peter
 Mike & Hester

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

Prayer Space

CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

We don't say this only on Easter Sunday, we say it throughout the Easter season, and that extends for 40 days!

We mark Easter with the awareness that we, too, are called into new life, risen with the Lord. How might we do that?

Maybe start the day waking up and saying, "Hello, God!" ... *'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's eye to look before me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me ...'*

Maybe during the day to pause and wonder: "I'm here, God is here, I wonder what is going to happen?"

Notice what refreshed you and gave you a lift of spirits today, and look for opportunity to do more of that in the coming days, for this season of Easter.

Alleluia!



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

7 th May	Rosemary & James
14 th May	Margot & Val
21 st May	Martyn & Christine
28 th May	Vivienne & Janiece
4 th June	Rosemary & James

(Please contact Martyn or Christine - 0191 378 9297 –

If you need to swap your rota date. Thank you)



Do you have a Children's Society Box?

It is time to open the boxes again. If you have a Children's Society Box please could you return it for opening by the 15 June 2025. Please either:

- Bring your box to church on Sunday, if I am not in church please ask for it to be put safely in the vestry and I will pick it up during the week.
- Return it directly to me if you are passing (Morley Farm, DH7 8DS) if I am not in please leave in the outbuilding in the courtyard with the sign "Dad's Shed" on the door.
- If you are unable to deliver your box and need it to be picked up from yourself please call me on 07786 951524 or email gillian@smellie.com

If you don't have a collection box for your spare change and would like one please let me know and I can arrange one for you.

Gillian Smellie

EVENSONG

Saturday, 7th June at 4pm

Conducted by a friendly informal group of (mainly elderly) singers who like to sing Evensong, village style (as opposed to Choral / Cathedral style), at a range of village churches throughout Durham, and will come to St Brandon's on this, the eve of Pentecost. Everyone welcome to attend and enjoy the simple service.

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	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	19th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
May	19th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
May	26th	Sat	Garden Club visit to Newby Hall Gardens
June	6th	Fri	Book Club, 2.30pm, 58 High West Road, Crook
June	24th	Tues	Northumbria in Bloom judging day
July	4th	Fri	Garden Walkabout, 6.00pm, Castle Gates
Aug	9th	Sat	Vintage & Classic Sports Car Day, Brancepeth Village
Sept	13th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show

Photos

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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</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)
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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

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From the Archive this month



“The Day’s Bag”, original watercolour by W. A. Nesfield, 1832. William Andrews Nesfield was the eldest son of the Rector of Brancepeth, William Nesfield and later went on to become a famous landscape gardener undertaking more than 200 commissions. Today his work can still be seen at Kew Gardens, Whitley Court and Castle Howard.

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.



ROOM HIRE



BRANCEPETH CASTLE — GOLF CLUB —

- * Baby Showers
- * Christenings
- * Birthday Parties
- * Wakes
- * Corporate Room Hire



EMAIL: SALES@BRANCEPETH-CASTLE-GOLF.CO.UK

