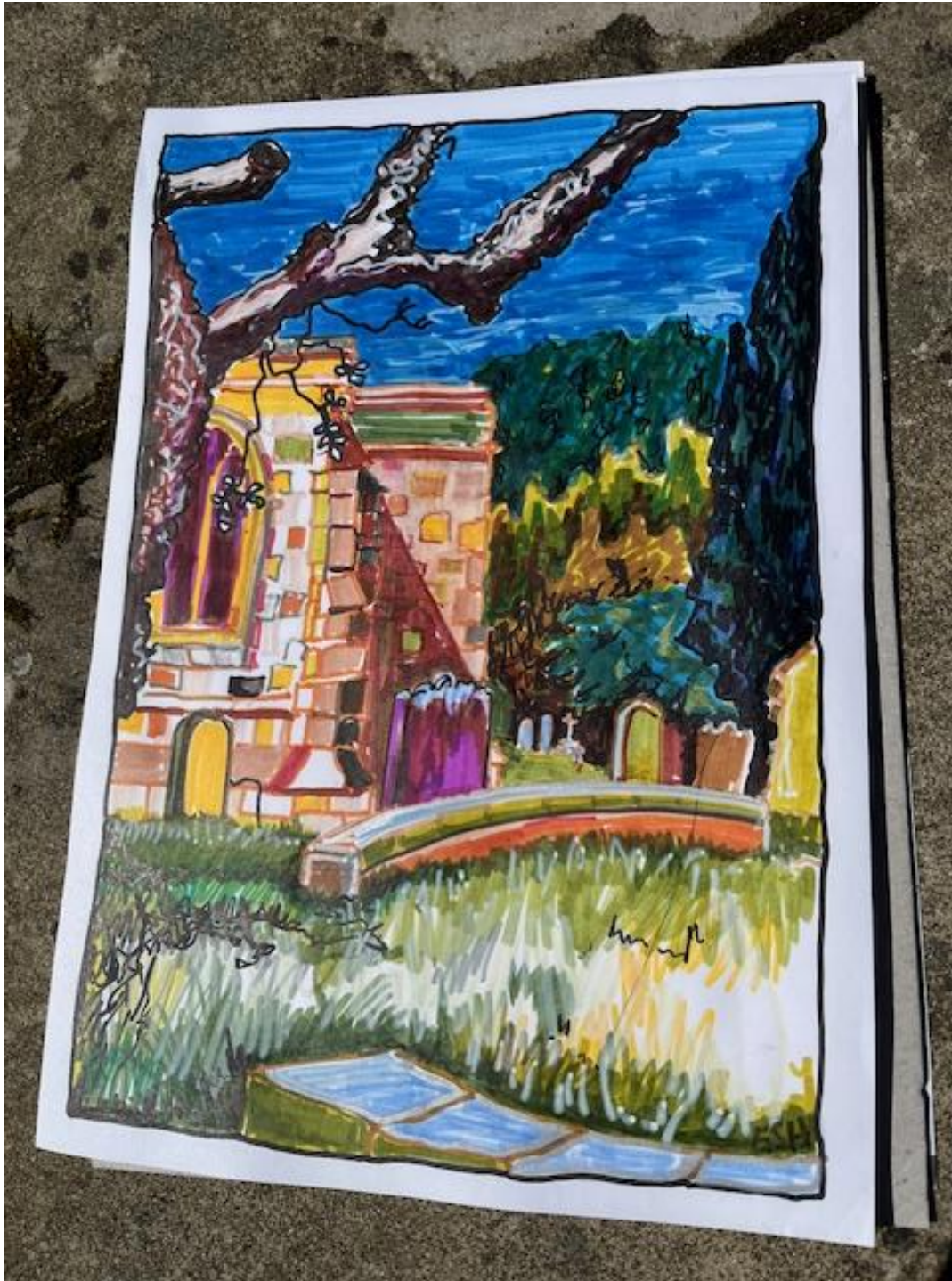


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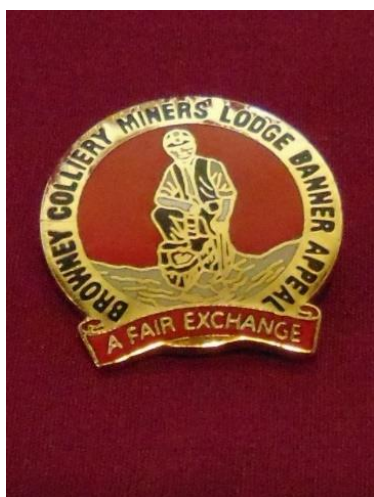
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Hand painted Christmas Cards from the 2024 collection



From the Archive this month



An original gold badge, one of 500 sold to help raise funds to commission a replica of the Browney Colliery Miner's Lodge banner.

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.

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	(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)
Alison Moore (0191 373 5674), Catrin Morgan (0191 4476520) Hannah Pokhylko (07392958934)

Lay Reader	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (01913789670), Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Carol Beeby (07592 975002)
Organist	Peter Downey
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 .
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 October 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

Brancepeth in Bloom results, the Garden Cub's Autumn Show photos and results all remind us that the season of autumn is in full swing. Not so welcome if your thoughts immediately take you to shortening days and impending winter gloom. But does it have to be like that?

Much as I appreciate warm weather – and those of you who know how challenging heating the castle can be, might have sympathy with that – I find a richness in the seasons. There is rarely a monotony in our weather measured objectively, but can be if we measure it subjectively with a small window of 'desirable' weather that 'makes us happy'. Our weather is what gives our countryside the width and variety of flora, and the first-class agricultural produce, when it's sufficiently balanced. So, it's a good thing we can't choose our weather by popular demand. Sadly, our insatiable desire for 'things that make us happy' can result in us influencing our weather patterns.

I like to see autumn as a time for harvesting 'internally' in parallel with 'externally'. For thinking about the good things that have happened earlier in the year that perhaps feel fruitful, warm blessings in my life. Things I am grateful for, that have fed me and been fulfilling. Finding the sun still warm on the rarer days.

Autumn invites me to embrace change: bracing myself for the discomfort of reducing temperatures and increasing layers of clothing, yes, but also the need for letting go. Autumn is the dying back to make space for new growth, be it on existing root or freshly planted in the spring. In step with that, I consider what lies ahead, what I need and what can rest. What will I be glad to pick up with in spring, and what might I want to do differently?

The church season of Creation runs to 4th October, St Francis' Day, and encourages us to reflect on our life values and climate influences. These are things that start with each of us internally, our being prepared to change from inside to out.

Best wishes

Alison Hobbs (Associate Minister)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish council membership

One again, may we remind you that there is still a vacancy on the PC. If you are interested in contributing to your community, please do not hesitate to contact our Clerk or have a chat with any of the current councillors or, indeed, pop down to the next PC meeting. Have a look at some of the fascinating things we discussed at our last meeting below.

County councillor

We were pleased to welcome Cathy Hunt, one of our two Durham County councillors, to the September PC meeting. Cathy provided useful input on several of the issues raised.

Anti-social behaviour

Along with speeding vehicles (see below), this was one of two issues raised by concerned residents. This refers specifically to off-road motorbikes using the old railway tracks and Wolsingham Road. As well a noise nuisance, these bikes represent a safety risk and, sadly, may also be being used in the transportation of drugs between villages. Following the PC Clerk's representations, the police and County Council are now more aware of the situation around Brancepeth and will hold a multi-agency task force meeting later this month to discuss strategies. They are erecting warning notices regarding the potential confiscation of bikes and are planning to use drones. Meanwhile, to help the authorities to more comprehensively map trouble 'hot spots', residents are urged to continue to report any such activity via the DCC online reporting system and the police phone number 101.

Road traffic

Concerns remain over the speed of traffic entering the village from Willington where the A690 passes Stockley Grove, as well as over some cars spotted driving too fast on Wolsingham Road. The police assure us that only a very small percentage of vehicles travelling through the village exceed the speed limit. Nevertheless, this is not the perception held by many parishioners; so, with the support of Cathy, we have asked the County Council to carry out a speed survey around the Stockley Lane junction. We shall keep you posted.

State of the village

The Beautiful Brancepeth working group presented a report. This included updates on plans for village tidy ups and planting, along with problem areas like the A690 verges and overhanging bushes. The PC approved some funding towards the replacement of flowers in the big planters by the village signs and noted the desire of Garden Club members and other volunteers to embark on more bulb planting along the main road. However, before this latter action can take place, Cathy will

arrange a site visit from the DCC Clean and Green team to establish what we are allowed to do, both in terms of volunteer safety and whatever work the council themselves may have planned. Cathy also indicated that funds may be available via herself and her fellow county councillor Emma for the replacement of the white gates on the south of the village.

Planning

The proposed large-scale housing development at Red Barns is likely to be considered by the DCC this year. Although not quite within our parish boundaries, this planned new development would lie directly adjacent to the North East of the parish alongside the A690. With the support of Cathy, the PC will be making representations regarding the negative impact this would have for our parishioners for access to local amenities, and traffic flows, as well as the loss of agricultural land. However, this would have more resonance if individual comments on the scheme were also voiced by you via the DCC website. This is how the link for the planning application summary appears (rather lengthily!) on the Council’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 meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 20th October** 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

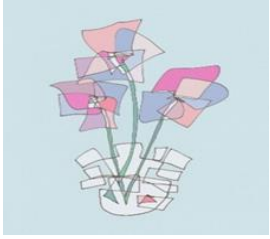
Book Club

On October 10th we meet at Evelyn & Peter Aitken’s home, Raygill Farm, Lartington at 12.30pm. Once again travel shares will be arranged.

The book to read is, ‘The Rose Code’, by Kate Quinn, a novel based at Bletchley Park during WW2.

The following meeting will be on 21st November at 7.30pm. The venue is 7 Goodwell Lea and our hosts are Rosemary and Mark Monument. The chosen book is, ‘The Road of Bones’, by Fergal Keane.

Beautiful Brancepeth Update



- **Village Tidy Up Day- Sat 4th October 2025.**

A reminder that the Brancepeth Village Tidy Up Day will take place on **Saturday 4th October**. We will be meeting at The Village Hall at 9.30am.

Refreshments at 1 The Forge at 11.30.

Pease come and help even if you can only spare half an hour.

- **Northumbria in Bloom Competition 2025**

The outcome of Brancepeth Village entry in the Northumbria in Bloom Competition 2025:-

- Village Overall- Silver Gilt Award
- The Allotments – Gold Award
- Churchyard- Silver Award
- The Golf Club- Silver Gilt Award
- Private Garden- Fred and Bonnie Bainbridge of Stockley Grove- Silver Gilt Award.

Huge thank you to all residents who have supported our entry this year, our village continues to look fantastic!!

- **Village Leaf Sweep Up**

We are also organising a 'Village Leaf Sweep Up' mainly focussing on Wolsingham Road and The Village. This will take place on **Saturday 22nd November**. We hope this will stop the leaves rotting on the grass verges and keep our village picturesque.

More information to follow.

If anyone is interested in joining the **Beautiful Brancepeth** group, please contact Karen Davison k.davison1960@hotmail.com

Churchyard Tidy

I am planning the Autumn churchyard tidy-up for Saturday 18th October. If anyone can spare two or three hours from 0930 onwards they would be made most welcome.

Please bring secateurs, spades, strimmers and any other garden implements that you enjoy wielding. As usual, there are plenty of jobs to do.

Refreshments provided

Edward Staines

Garden Club Gazette

Garden Club Autumn Show: A Blooming Success!

The Garden Club Autumn Show burst into life with remarkable energy and enthusiasm this year, showcasing an incredible **record-breaking 190 individual class entries**!

The event radiated a fresh feel with ten first-time participants not only joining but taking home awards - a testament to the growing appeal of this cherished community tradition.

Star Performers

****Bonny Bainbridge**** claimed the prestigious title of Overall Show Winner, demonstrating exceptional talent across categories and particularly shining in the Flower Section where she also won Best Containers.

Section Champions:

****Fruit and Vegetable Section****: Richard Hobbs (Overall Winner) with Jim Merrington earning Best Exhibit

****Flower Section****: Bonny Bainbridge (Overall Winner), with Lynne Hastie's stunning Best Flower Arrangement and Josie Armstrong's Best Exhibit

****Home Produce Section****: Evelyn Aitken (Overall Winner)

****Photography Section****: Arnab Basu (Overall Winner)

****Children's Section****: Sebastian Brown and Arianna Brown (Joint Winners)

****Needlework section**** Awards given to Sylvia Bell, Alison Moore, Gillian Smellie & Vickie Jackson

Community Spirit in Full Bloom

The show beautifully maintained its traditional community essence, with heartfelt thanks to Barry & Jill Dickinson for their expert judging across the classes. The post-show BBQ proved to be a highlight, with attendees particularly enjoying the award-winning cakes while relaxing in good company and already dreaming up entries for next year's competition.

In a wonderful display of community giving, all produce was donated to the DASH Charity (Durham Action for Single Housing) following the harvest festival service at the local church.

Next year promises to be even more spectacular with the exciting addition of a homemade wines section - ensuring the event will be as merry as it is competitive!

Garden Visit Highlights

A special thank you goes to Bonnie and Fred who generously opened their wonderful garden to club members in September. Twenty delighted members enjoyed exploring their beautiful outdoor space while savouring refreshments and delicious homemade cakes. The visit provided both inspiration and camaraderie – perfectly capturing the spirit of our garden club community.

Gardening talk

Friday 24th October, an illustrated talk by Mr Leslie Howard, a keen horticulturalist and Houghall College lecturer will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The topic is "Planning and maintaining a small ornamental garden" A token entrance fee will be decided at the next committee meeting. All members and guests welcome.

Save the Date!

****Festive Wreath Making Workshop****
****Date**:** Sunday 30th November
****Time**:** 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
****Featuring**:** Tasty platters and tipples to enjoy while creating your holiday masterpiece!

Looking Ahead

Stay tuned for news of exciting events throughout the gardening calendar year! Our club continues to be an invaluable resource for gardening enthusiasts of all levels, offering opportunities to gain knowledge and information from expert speakers and fellow members alike. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, our upcoming program will help set you up for gardening success in the seasons ahead.

Brancepeth Youth Club September - December 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 the remainder of this term are:

October 5, 19
November 2, 16, 30
December 14

Leaders
Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com
Martin Peacock 07503 242074

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



ACTIVITIES AND STORIES FROM THE BIBLE AT OUR
SERVICE AT 10.15 AM

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

SHOEBOX SUNDAY 2025

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.

Please fill a shoebox using the leaflet in this newsletter and bring along to church on Sunday, 12th October, either at 10.15am Eucharist or 3pm Messy Church

OR

You are very welcome to sign up on the list in church (from 1st October) and bring along items suggested in the enclosed leaflet on 12th October. This is to ensure we have a good cross section of items for Messy church to fill boxes in the afternoon.

The lorry will collect at the end of the month from Darlington. Thank you for your support.

Carol Beeby



Sunday 12th October

3-5pm in church

Shoebox Sunday

You will see in the newsletter that 12th October is Shoebox at St Brandon's. We will be helping to pack shoeboxes with gifts donated by the congregation at the service in the morning or you can bring along a shoebox using the leaflet in this newsletter.

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

SAVE THE NEXT DATE:

Sunday 16th November 2025 3pm - 5pm

AND

Friday 31st October

5.00pm - 6.00pm

The Light Parade

starts and ends at Brancepeth Village Hall

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



All children must be accompanied by an adult

If you'd like the parade to call at your house please let Carol know by speaking to her in church; texting on 07592975002; or emailing on carol21beeby@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING....

....and it's time to start thinking about Christmas cards!! Not just buying them, but making them!

As usual, there will be a range of printed Christmas cards for sale in church..... but

building on the success and the amazing art work which emerged in the 'make-a-Christmas-card' project last year, (see inside front cover photo) I would once again encourage everyone to have a go at making a Christmas card which can be sold for church funds. You can draw, paint, use felt pens, coloured pencils, ink, even recycle an old cardin fact anything you fancyalong the themes of the Christmas Story, or St.Brandon's Church in winter.

To ensure some conformity, blank A6 cards (and envelopes) are available through me and from church. The completion date is Sunday 2nd November, and the cards will go up for sale in mid-November.

Everyone loves a homemade card which someone has taken the time to make - so why don't you have a go and help raise funds for St.Brandon's! It'll be fun, and you may even surprise yourself at your creativity!

Jean Hodgson 07821004560.

Men's Social
Village Hall
7pm
Friday October 31st
Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink
£3 admission for hall hire.
Domino and Snooker games
Contact David Jackson
07711 648752

Brancepeth Archive and History Group

Friday 17th October

**7.15p.m. for prompt 7.30p.m. start
in Brancepeth Village Hall.**

**We are looking forward to welcoming
Chris Lloyd, Chief Features Writer of
The Northern Echo/Darlington & Stockton Times
who will be giving a talk entitled:**

**"Attacking the Devil and Sinking the Unsinkable:
WT Stead and the Titanic"**

WT Stead, The Northern Echo's most famous editor was the most famous British person to drown on the Titanic, parts of which were made in Darlington. The talk looks at the careers of WT Stead and the Titanic, and tells of Britain's greatest mass murderess, getting beaten up by a ghost and Stead's role in the introduction of the world's first child protection legislation.

All Welcome:

**Admission: Members £2.00, non- members £5.00
includes light refreshments.**

St Brandon's October 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 5th October	16th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Habbakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
	Gospel	Judith Minto	Luke 17:5-10
	Psalm		37:1-10
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	
* Sun 12th October	Shoebox Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Wilfred Foxe	2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15
	Gospel	Kenneth Howe	Luke 17:11-19
	Psalm		111
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
Sun 19th October	18th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Carys Funnell	2 Timothy 3:14-4.5
	Gospel	Janette Foxe	Luke 18:1-8
	Psalm		121
Intercessions		Wilfred Foxe	
* Sun 26th October	Bible Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Steve Hodgson	Romans 15:1-6
	Gospel	Colin Waterman	Luke 4:16-24
	Psalm		119:129-136
Intercessions		Alison Hobbs	

* Sun 2nd November	All Saints' Day	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higton	Ephesians 1:11-end
	Gospel	Timothy Elliot	Luke 6:20-31
	Psalm		149
Intercessions		Richard Fenwick	
Sun 2 nd November	All Souls' Day (7 pm)		
Readings	First	Alison Moore	Isaiah 25:6-9
	Second	Jean Hodgson	John 11:20-27, 32-37

Sidespersons

Oct 5th Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko

Oct 12th Pat Sharples & Josie Armstrong

Oct 19th Sue Morgan & Steve Hodgson

Oct 26th Peter Bailey & Bonny Bainbridge

Nov 2nd Diane & Gordon Cassap

Nov 2nd (7 pm) Jean Hodgson

Coffee

Oct 5th Alison Moore

Oct 12th Jeanette Metcalfe

Oct 19th Annette Johnson

Oct 26th Diane Coles

Nov 2nd Sue Morgan

Church Cleaning

Oct – Team C

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Janette Foxe, Gillian Smellie

Nov – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

Churchyard Mowing Rota

29th Sept - 12th October Martin Peacock / Edward Staines / Michael Lowe

Flowers

Gerry Jennings

Maud Oliver

Joan Taylor

Sandra Gilbert

Sue Knight

Tech Team

Peter

Hester & Mike

Peter

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.

Wednesday 15th & 29th Oct 2025 at 12:00
Wednesday *12th & 25th Nov 2025 at 12:00



*Starting this month, the service moves to a new day and time: 12 midday on a Wednesday. *Rev Deborah Hodge is hoping to cover the service on 12th November when Alison is on holiday (deborah.hodge@hotmail.com) For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk Rev Alison, St Brandon's Church*

Prayer Space, October 2025

October takes us from Autumn to Winter, a month of transition and change. What are we grateful for, and what are we wanting to change? Pray for persistence. Can we pray with hope for change in attitude of significant world leaders? For transition towards peaceful settlements?

October nights draw in, days shorten and decline is in the air, yet, the clocks change, and the Festival of light is celebrated in parallel with the ancient marking of All Hallows:

Pray for encouragement for those whose mental health is fragile. For the richness of the autumn store to see us through. For the ability to see the beauty and promise in every season.

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 October

6pm – 7.30pm, in the castle.

The first session was on 24 Sep, but it's not too late to join us on the 8th October. Contact me if you are interested: you are not committing to anything by attending, just have fun, and see where it might lead you.

Alison Hobbs alison@brancepethcastle.uk or catch me for a conversation.

□ A note for your diary:

On November 9th the Chapel Choir of St John's College will join us for a sung evensong. This will be their first visit since Anna's retirement so please do attend the service to welcome our young guests. Time to be confirmed closer to the date.



Save the Date !!!

🎄🎄🎄 **Christmas Show** 🎄🎄🎄

🎄🎄🎄 **Saturday 6th December 2025** 🎄🎄🎄

.....Yes its 'Show Time' again!

Please get in touch with us if you wish to perform or can help out in any way behind the scenes

We are looking forward to seeing our regular performers as well as any new faces!!

Martin 07503 242074
Josie 0788 2233118

Brancepeth Ladies Club

Golf Club dining room- 2 pm- Ladies Club members £4.50 / others £6.50

20th Oct. 'Secrets of the Attic' Part 2 Tony Nicholson will return to recap Part 1 and then move on to the central part of Annie's story, inspired by the find in the attic of his new home.

17th Nov. 'Show and Tell' An opportunity for members to share a little of themselves.....stories, experiences, items of interest are just some of the possibilities.

8th Dec 'The Cardiac Dodgers' John and Ken will entertain us with music of the 60s / 70s and, of course, Christmas apparently including 'Dominick the Donkey'



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

1 st October	Vivienne & Janiece
8 th October	Martyn and Christine
15 th October	Margot & Val
22 nd October	Rosemary & Catherine
29 th October	Martyn & Christine

*(Please contact Martyn or Christine - 0191 378 9297 –
If you need to swap your rota date. Thank you.*



COMMUNITY CHOIR COME ALONG!

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!

Please come along or contact Martyn for further information:
martynjones553@gmail.com / 07967 550457



TRY CARPET BOWLS!

Village Hall

Thursdays, 10am - 12 noon

Looking for fun, friendship, and
a little friendly competition?

Join our welcoming and social group
– no experience needed!

Why join us?

- 🎱 All equipment provided
- 👥 Open to all BCA members
- 🕒 Only £2 per session (includes refreshments 🍪)
- 😊 Relaxed, friendly atmosphere

Come along, have a go, and
enjoy a cuppa with new friends!

Advance Notice: BCA 2025-26 membership is due shortly. Membership fees will remain the same. To renew or join, please use the envelope provided in next month's (November) newsletter. The membership offers good value for money and helps our village maintain a splendid building whilst facilitating many groups, activities and social events. BCA members enjoy both reduced ticket prices at events and hall hire charges.

Annual Membership Rates:

- Adult (18+): £8.50
- Concession (State Pension Recipients): £6.00
- Family (includes children under 18 living at home): £17.00



Village Hall Regular Activities

The Village Hall is home to a wide range of regular activities. BCA members are welcome to make use of the hall for casual games of snooker, badminton, soft tennis, or table tennis. The space is available for private hire – perfect for parties, anniversaries, meetings, and more.

<u>Group/Activity</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Art Group	Wednesday	7-9pm
Badminton	Thursday	7:30-9:30pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	10am-12 noon
Capoeira Class	Sunday	10-11:30am
Coffee Morning	Wednesday	10:30-11:30am
Community Choir	Tuesday	7-8pm
A Choir A Voice (Ladies Choir)	Friday	11:15am – 12:30
Knit & Natter	Monday (fortnightly)	2-4pm
Snooker	Monday	7-10pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	9:30-10:30am
Yoga	Monday	7:30-9pm
St Brandon's Youth Group	Sunday (fortnightly)	6-8pm

✳ For contact details of each group, see the back page or visit:

🌐 www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk

To book the hall, get in touch:

✉ brancepethca@gmail.com

☎ 07876 624626 (Jo Dalton)

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Monday - Knit and Natter, 13th & 27th, Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Oct Wednesdays - 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 Sunday - Youth Club, 5th & 19th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Oct	4th	Sat	Village Tidy Up Day, 9.30-11.30am, Village Hall
Oct	10th	Fri	Book Club, 12.30pm, Raygill Farm, Lartington
Oct	12th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Oct	17th	Fri	Archive & Hist. Group, Chris Lloyd talk
Oct	18th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-Up, 9.30am onwards
Oct	20th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Oct	20th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
Nov	17th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Nov	21st	Fri	Archive & Hist. Group, Martin Roberts talk
Nov	21st	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 7 Goodwell Lea
Nov	22nd	Sat	Village Leaf Sweep-Up,
Nov	30th	Sun	Garden Club, Festive Wreath Workshop, 1.30 – 4.30pm, V H
Dec	6th	Sat	Christmas Show, Village Hall
Dec	15th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club

Photos

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

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	<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>

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A boot full of generous donations as part of St. Brandon's harvest festival celebrations. They were very gratefully received at DASH head office this week and will be distributed to all the charity's residents, both now and in the future. Many, many thanks to you all.

Some of the beautiful flowers and produce arranged by the Flower Guild



