

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



November 2025

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UPDATE ON SHOEBOX SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

WOW AND THANK YOU!!



Thank you to everyone who brought along a full shoebox, or donated supplies for St. Brandon's Messy Church. A very special mention to all the families who

helped fill the boxes on the afternoon of Sunday 12th October. We will be taking 28 boxes to Darlington to be distributed to people (young and old) in Eastern European countries, bringing warmth, joy and hope to people who



may not receive another Christmas present.

Special thanks to members of 'Knit and Natter', Messy Church helpers and the catering team for special shoebox cakes.



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
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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 3902304 or 07729855076) Please note that my land line number has changed. My mobile remains the same.
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 November 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,

Thinking about writing for the November issue inevitably turns my mind to remembrance. As every year, we remember those who died serving their country in two world wars. We listen to the half-muffled church bells and the melancholy notes of the last post; we recite the familiar words 'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old...'; and we pause for two minutes' silence amid the cacophony of our modern lives, to reflect on sacrifice and duty.

Of course, the date for this yearly remembrance is significant for marking the end of a war, not its beginning. Writing now, with the fragile ceasefire in Gaza just a few days old, my earnest hope is that this end to hostilities will lead to a long-term peace in the region. Meanwhile, there is no sign of an end to war in Ukraine, or Sudan, or Myanmar, or Congo, or ... the list goes on.

War increasingly brings the greatest casualties among civilian populations rather than the armed forces. Famine, direct strikes, and the euphemistic 'collateral damage' wreak havoc indiscriminately among the innocent. The Church of England service for Remembrance Sunday acknowledges this now by including prayers for all those 'whose lives are disfigured by war or terror': for the injured and disabled, for the homeless and refugees, for those who mourn their dead.

In this context, I find it helpful that special services in St Brandon's in November aren't limited to Remembrance Sunday. At the beginning of the month we also mark All Saints Day and All Souls Day. All Souls gives us an opportunity to remember with gratitude the lives of *all* we have known, particularly those who have died in the past year – to honour their memories, just as we honour the memory of those who have striven to bring peace in a world of conflict.

At first sight, All Saints might seem rather more exclusive: a date to remember the shining lights of Christian history. But the Bible is clear that *all* people who work to make the world a better place, to show God's love to the world through their actions, are saints: whether medical staff in Gaza, charity workers bringing food aid to the starving across the world, or those who simply show kindness to the hungry, the homeless, the refugees on our own streets.

It seems appropriate, then, that this year we happen to be marking All Saints and All Souls on the same day at St Brandon's. Perhaps you might like to light a candle for a loved one in the calm of the evening service. Or you could join the celebration in the morning, remembering, as the King's carol service so memorably puts it: 'all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one'.

With best wishes,

Hester Higon.



Garden Club - Save the Dates 2026

Get your gardening gloves ready for a year of blooming fun



Festive Wreath Workshop!



Create beautiful Christmas wreaths while enjoying holiday treats!

****Sunday, 30th Nov | Village Hall | 1:30-4:30pm**

- £45 for Garden Club Members
- All materials included
- Festive food & drinks provided
- Limited spaces - book now!
-  Friday 23rd January

Winter Garden Club Supper Chase away the winter blues with good food and better company



Saturday 21st March

Spring Show Spectacular Welcome the season with our colourful spring showcase



Friday 3rd July

Summer Garden Walkabout Stroll through our members' gorgeous gardens in full bloom



Saturday 5th September

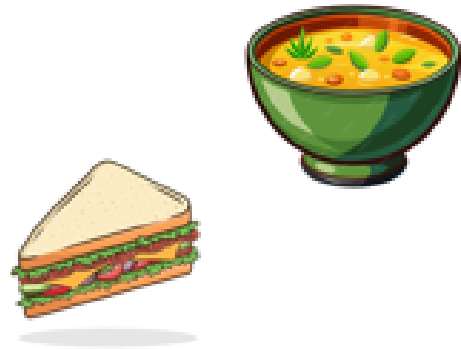
Autumn Show Extravaganza Celebrate the harvest and fall colours with our autumn display

Don't miss these delightful garden gatherings - mark your calendars now!

Fund Raising Hospitality at St Brandon's

I am proposing to try out a couple of village events centred around St Brandon's Church to raise much needed funds for its upkeep and repair. While the events may be based at St Brandon's they will be open to all who wish to support them.

The first will be to hold a "Soup and Sandwich" lunch on a Sunday from 1pm. I was hoping to hold a trial run on Sunday 16th November.



The second idea is to have a "Festive Afternoon Tea" in December. Following our experience with the Tea room at the Vintage Car Show I thought we could offer sandwiches, savoury, scone and sweets with plenty of tea or coffee.



I have had encouraging comments from some people but would like to know if others think it is a good idea and would support either or both.

If you could let me have your thoughts as soon as possible I will then start making definite arrangements. Contact me on diane.coles@icloud.com or 07754958341 or alternatively see me on a Sunday in church.

Diane Coles



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

ACTIVITIES AND STORIES FROM THE BIBLE.

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



Sunday 16th November

3-5pm in church

Come and join the fun!

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

SAVE THE NEXT DATE:

Sunday 14th December 2025 3pm - 5pm

Christingle

St Brandon's November 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 2nd November	All Saints' Day	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higton	Eph 1:11-end
	Gospel	Timothy Elliot	Luke 6:20-31
	Psalm		149
Intercessions		Richard Fenwick	
Sun 2nd November	All Souls 7pm		
Readings	First	Alison Moore	Isaiah 25:6-9
	Second	Jean Hodgson	John 11:20-27, 32-37
Sun 9th November	Remembrance Day	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Richard Devonshire	Job 19:23-27a
	Gospel	Helen Elliot	Luke 20:27-38
	Psalm		17:1-9
Intercessions		Geoff Moore	
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Day	Choral Evensong 4pm	
		St John's College Chapel Choir	
		Leader Hester Higton	

*Sun 16th November	2nd Sunday before Advent	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Sue Morgan	2 Thess. 3:6-13
	Gospel	Gillian Smellie	Luke 21:5-19
	Psalm		98
Intercessions		Hester Higton	
Sun 23rd November	Christ the King	Morning Worship with Baptism	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Col. 1:11-20
	Gospel	Edward Staines	Luke 23:33-43
	Psalm		46
Intercessions		Alison Hobbs	
*Sun 30th November	Advent Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	James Morgan	Isaiah 2:1-5
	Gospel	Wilfred Foxe	Matt. 24:36-44
	Psalm		122
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
Sun 7th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Janette Foxe	Isaiah 11:1-10
	Gospel	Kenneth Howe	Matt. 3:1-12
	Psalm		72:1-7, 18-19
Intercessions		Wilfred Foxe	

Sidespersons

Nov 2nd Diane & Gordon Cassap
Nov 2nd (7 pm) Jean Hodgson
Nov 9th Annette Johnson & Jane Stout
Nov 16th Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko
Nov 23rd Sue Morgan & Josie Armstrong
Nov 30th Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples
Dec 7th Peter Bailey & Bonny Bainbridge

Flowers

Sue Knight

Diane Coles
Lynne Hastie
Sheena Murray
1st Advent (Guild)
2nd Advent

Coffee

Nov 2nd

Sue Morgan

Nov 9th

Jeanette Metcalfe

Nov 16th

Jane Stout

Nov 23rd

Alison Moore

Tech Team

Peter

Geoff & Alison

Coffee

Nov 30th

Geraldine Jennings

Dec 7th

Jean Hodgson

Tech Team

Peter

Church Cleaning

Nov – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

Dec – Team B

Sue Morgan, Hillary Moss, Annette Johnson, Diane Cassap

Prayer Space

Darkness

November - dark evenings and long nights, Remembrance Sunday and All Souls

Hold in God's love those

who fear darkness, inner and outer;

who grit their teeth and endure this month;

who feel lost in a landscape they cannot even see.

“...even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.”

(psalm 139 v 12)

Hold in God's love those

who walk into the darkness , inner and outer;

who face the long nights with courage and curiosity;

who know the beauty of the stars.

“To know the dark, go dark.

Go without sight, and find that the dark, too, blooms and sings.”

(Wendell Berry)



Invitation



You are invited to

St Brandon's Church Brancepeth

Service of Commemoration on All Souls' Day

on Sunday 2nd November 2025 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

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 *12th & 26th Nov 2025 at 12:00

Wednesday 10th & 24th Dec 2025 at 12:00



**Rev Deborah Hodge will be taking this 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*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

State of the village

Christmas tree: We plan to turn on the tree lights at 6.00 on **Friday 5th December**. We hope to have a small gathering (as near to the crossroads as is safe) with mulled wine, hot chocolate and seasonal snacks. Please look out for notices and further information in next month's newsletter.

The Castle Gates: following the recent (mysterious!) damage to the pillars, Castle Estates conducted an inspection last week, so we expect repair work will commence promptly, subject to any approvals from the DCC's Design & Conservation Officer. The PC Clerk has also contacted the DCC highways manager as there is a public highway up to the gates and a public right of way to the church.

Beautiful Brancepeth working group: (i) The PC offers its congratulations to all the award winners in Northumbria in Bloom 2025. (ii) Members of the BB group and some additional volunteers braved the weather to take part in the village tidy on 4th October. Spring bulbs provided by Garden Club were planted in the village hall garden. Thanks to everyone involved! The next tidy up and leaf sweep will be on **Saturday 22nd November**. (iii) Facilitated by County Cllr Hunt, members of the BB group met with the DCC Clean and Green team. Permission was given for bulb and grass seed planting on the verges of the A690 and more regular cleaning of litter along the A690 path by DCC.

Anti-social behaviour

The PC clerk reported that an off-road motorbike failed to stop on the lines at Willington and the rider was subsequently apprehended. The police have erected warning notices to the gates on the railway line. DCC wardens have been conducting residential information leaflet drops as well as carrying out reassurance visits to businesses across the area. Parishioners are reminded to report any incident so that the police can get a clearer picture of when to conduct patrols.

Road traffic

Despite the apparent speed of traffic entering the village past Stockley Grove, the police tell the PC that the most recent survey shows 'The average mean speed is 38 mph'. This does not meet levels where they would consider any dedicated speed enforcement. Nevertheless, many of us feel the vehicle data does not capture the experience of **pedestrians** negotiating the A690 and Wolsingham Road. We will speak to Councillor Hunt about inviting the police's Traffic Management Officer to a village coffee morning to explain the rationale behind current traffic control measures.

Neighbourhood plan

Our consultant provided the following final draft documents to the PC for comment and approval: the Brancepeth Parish NP Submission; NP LGS and POS Background paper; Brancepeth Village Envelope paper; and our responses to the last Consultation Exercise. These were all agreed by the PC, so the NP will now move to the submission stage with the DCC.

Budget

The PC considered allocations for grants and donations. This included providing continued support for the BCA and village hall, as well as reviewing a revised bid for more bulb planting from Beautiful Brancepeth. The draft budget was discussed with a view to finalising our projected costs in relation to the new precept. This will be decided at the next PC meeting.

Date of next Parish Council meeting:

This is scheduled to take place on **Monday 17th November** 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



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30–11:30am

Village Hall

Nov 5th	Margot and Val
Nov 12th	Rosemary and James
Nov 19th	Martyn and Christine
Nov 26th	Vivienne and Janiece
Dec 3rd	Margot and Vivienne
Dec 10th	Rosemary and James
Dec 17th	Martyn and Christine

There will be no more until January
(Please contact Martyn or Christine - 0191 378 9297 –
If you need to swap your rota date. Thank you

Brancepeth Ladies Club

Golf Club dining room - members £4.50 / others £6.50

17th Nov. 'Show and Tell'

An opportunity for members to share a little of themselves.....stories, experiences, items of interest, the parish of Brancepeth 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'

Brancepeth Youth Club

November - 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:

November 2, 16, 30

December 14

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 24207

Men's Social

Village Hall

7pm

Friday November 28th

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

£3 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752

Snapshots of Love

Sunday 16th November

3pm - 5pm at Brancepeth Castle Golf Club

An afternoon concert of romantic music for voice, flute and piano
presented by

Mary Coffield (soprano)

Paul Smith (tenor)

Liz Roberts (mezzo-soprano)

Michael Cave (flute)

David Williams (piano)

Tickets cost £15 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink on
arrival.

Doors open for the concert at 2:30 but light refreshments are
available from the Golf Club bar both before the concert and during
the interval.

Please contact Mary Coffield (mary.coffield@googlemail.com) or tel:
07936 080535) to pre-book your tickets.

Proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle will go to support our Lady
Captain's chosen charity – 'Breast Cancer Now'.

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

in Brancepeth Village Hall

7.15 p.m. for a prompt 7.30 p.m. start

MARTIN ROBERTS

will be giving a talk entitled

**"Dr THOMAS WHARTON'S OLD PARK HALL AT BYERS GREEN, THE
MID-18TH CENTURY HOUSE, GARDEN AND LETTERS**

The talk will explore the 18TH Century rebuilding of Old Park Hall at Byers Green, shaped by the close friendship of its owner, Dr Thomas Wharton, and the eminent poet Thomas Gray.



In 1758 the physician Dr Thomas Wharton left London to return to the North East to inherit his ancestral home at Old Park Hall, near Byers Green. There he set about remodelling and extending his medieval house in the Gothic Revival style then fashionable. Throughout these endeavours he was assisted and advised by his close university friend, the poet and antiquarian Thomas Gray,

whose letters to Wharton survive. The talk will bring together these letters with the physical architectural and archaeological evidence for Wharton's mansion, much of which was demolished in 1901. It was to make a dramatic reappearance in the dry summer of 2018.

All Welcome

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

Brancepeth Archive and History Group is delighted to welcome Martin back to give another talk in Brancepeth. He qualified as an architect at Newcastle University, then specialised in conservation and spent many years as Durham City's

Conservation Officer, during which time he conceived and project-managed the restoration of Old Durham Gardens. He subsequently spent eleven years as the Historic Buildings Inspector for English Heritage in the North East.

He founded, and is secretary of, the North East Vernacular Architecture Group, is a member of both the Durham Diocesan Advisory Committee for Churches and the Fabric Advisory Committee of Durham Cathedral. He lectures widely on various aspects of the North East's architectural and garden history. Alongside published research in local and national journals, he has written books on Durham City and Durham University and in 2021 completed his seven and half year revision of Sir Nikolaus Pevsner's Buildings of England volume on County Durham. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in London.

**CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY IN THE ARCHIVE ROOM ARE
DOCUMENTS AND IMAGES RELATING TO:**

"BRANCEPETH CASTLE GOLF CLUB - THE EARLY YEARS"

These and many other interesting items can be viewed on the first Saturday of every month between 9 and 1 when the Archive Room is open to the public or by arrangement - e-mail Brancepeth.archive@outlook.com

The Archives will have their usual stall at the **Christmas Craft Fair** in the Castle - and any offers of help to man for an hour or so over the three days will be welcome. Do please call and see the stall and room if you are visiting the Fair.

Advance notice: The BAHG is hoping to hold its "Post Christmas Get Together" on Friday 16th January 2026 in the village hall - Usual format of a few short presentations by some members on various topics that have interested them, - hopefully good refreshments and the chance to socialise and chat to cheer up January **2025-26**

From the Archive this month



One of a set of profile planes from the Brancepeth Estate Joiners shop, previously on the site that is now The Forge. All are stamped with the name 'Lord Boyne'.

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.

Book Club

Our next 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.

Please bring along ideas for a book in January.

On 16th January we will meet at the home of Dawn & Nick Ellis, 24 Goodwell Lea at the usual time of 7.30pm.

Christmas Wreath Making

Tickets via Josie Armstrong -
07882 233118 jo.arm@me.com

Brancepeth Garden Club



Save the Date – advance notice!

Saturday 20th June 2026

Brancepeth Village Open Gardens Event

Building on the success of the wonderful Open Gardens event in 2024, the BCA is delighted to announce that it will be partnering with the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to host another Open Gardens in **June 2026!**



The event is only possible thanks to the generosity of garden owners who open their gates, along with the many volunteers who help by marshalling, baking delicious treats, and running the ever-popular tea shop. If you'd like to take part by **opening your garden**, please get in touch with **Alison Young** at: gfamilyoung@gmail.com

The day is a fantastic social occasion for villagers and visitors alike.... **Further details** in the **coming months** including a request for volunteers, bakers and stewards.





Sunday Lunch at the Village Hall

23rd November 2025, 1:30pm

*Join us for a delicious **traditional roast lunch** prepared by our very own chef Mick!*

Menu Highlights:

- ❖ *Locally sourced roast beef and Yorkshire pudding*
- ❖ *Traditional warming pudding*
- ❖ *Freshly brewed coffee and chocolate mints*



Price £14 (under 10s £7)

Members only (first come, first served!)

A perfect chance to enjoy good food, great company, and a cosy community gathering!



To reserve your place contact: Josie – jo.arm@me.com
07882 233118

Dates for the Diary:-

Nov Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov Monday - Knit and Natter, 10th & 24th, Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Nov Wednesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Nov Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Nov Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Nov Thursdays - Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Nov Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Nov Sunday - Youth Club, 2nd & 16th, 30th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Nov	16th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Nov	16th	Sun	Soup & Sandwich Lunch, 1.00pm, Church
Nov	16th	Sun	Snapshots of Love Concert, 3.00pm – 5.00pm Golf Club
Nov	17th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Nov	17th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
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	23rd	Sun	Sunday Lunch, 1.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	28th, 29th, 30th		Craft Fair, Castle. Fri/Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12noon-5pm
Nov	28th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Nov	30th	Sun	Garden Club, Festive Wreath Workshop, 1.30 – 4.30pm, V H
Dec	6th	Sat	Christmas Show, Village Hall
Dec	14th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Dec	15th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Jan	16th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 24 Goodwell Lea
June 2026	20th	Sat	Brancepeth Village Open Gardens Event

Photos

Front cover – ©- Diane Coles – Remembrance Day Flowers in church (2024)

Inside front cover – ©- Carol Beeby – Update on Shoe Box Sunday including the Messy Church children, Knit and Natter gifts and Messy Church leaders and caterers.

Inside back cover – ©- Alison Hobbs – Craft Fair Advertisement

Back cover – ©– Jo Dalton – Christmas Show Advertisement

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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	Sue Morgan, Richard Hobbs, Liz Burdess
& Leisure Gardeners' Club	baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (0191 3782748)
Garden Club	Helen Todman (Chair) helentodman@googlemail.com or Secretary, Martin Welsh m.welsh@reflex-technical.com
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)

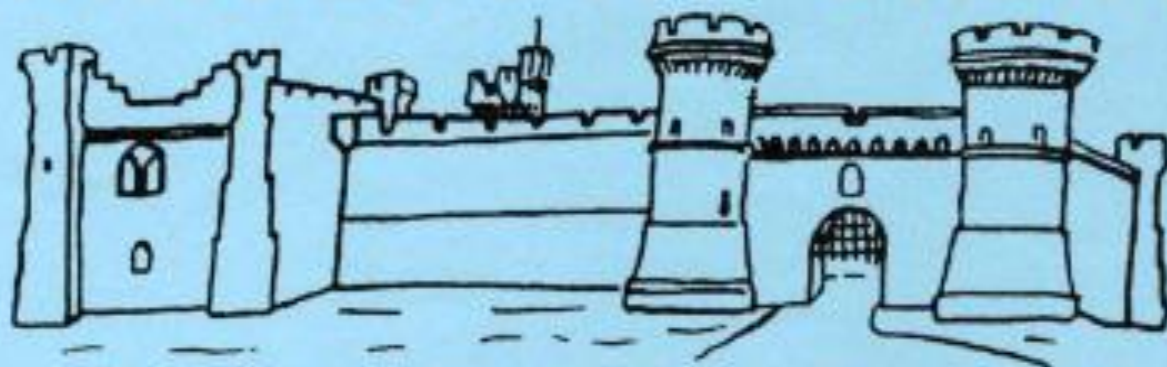
Parish Council

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County Councillors: Cathy Hunt & Emma Hunt www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.

BRANCEPETH CASTLE



CHRISTMAS 2025 CRAFT FAIR

Fri 28 Nov 10 - 5
Sat 29 Nov 10 - 5
Sun 30 Nov 12 - 5



Quality items and artisan products, direct from the crafters who designed and made them

Buy your tickets at
brancepethcastle.uk/book

Tickets also available on the gate



First Hour: £5.50 (£5 Age 66+)

After First Hour: £4.50 (£4 Age 66+)

Accompanied Under 14: FREE

Use Promo code 'CastleX5' to get 5% off tickets bought online. Offer ends midnight the day prior

Parking Available • Service Dogs Only • On-site Café

DH7 8DE - 4 miles WEST of Durham

It'S Christmas SHOW TIME



Folks ...ho ho ho



Saturday 6th December 2025 - Village Hall

Doors open 6pm – Show starts 6:30pm



Tickets: BCA members - Adult £10/Child £5 & Non-members £12/£6

Includes: entrance, a drink, interval ice-cream & buffet

Contact: Josie Armstrong – 07882 233118 jo.arm@me.com
also available at Wednesday Coffee Mornings



Fantastic line-up – not to be missed!

