

Brancepeth Parish

Newsletter



January 2026

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From the Archive this month



Some of the many items found under the floorboards of a room in the Constable Tower of Brancepeth Castle. Dating from the time that the Castle was occupied by the Army.

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.



Brancepeth Leisure and Allotment Gardeners' Club

Would you like an allotment in 2026?

Plots vary in size depending on the time and experience you have but we welcome anyone who is looking for a new, green and healthy

challenge in the New Year!

The committee would also appreciate notice of any one who is wishing to give up their allotment or to change the size of their current plot.

If you are not a member and would like to discuss possibilities please contact either Sue Morgan (0191 3781172) or Richard Hobbs (richardxhobbs@gmail.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 (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 3902304 or 07729855076)
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 January 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,

Exactly one year ago, I wrote in one of these letters about what was going on in the life of St Brandon's. I noted that, since the retirement of Anna Brooker as our priest-in-charge back in October 2024, the church had been 'in vacancy', and I predicted that the vacancy might last a while. I was hoping, of course, that events would prove me wrong – but it is now one year later, and the vacancy is, for the time being, still open.

We are working closely with colleagues from Durham Diocese, who run the advertising and appointment processes for us, and we are confident that we will find the right person soon, but for the present we are still looking.

Most of the time, however, you could be forgiven for not noticing the vacancy. Our services, our special events, our engagement with the local community, our work with charities – all of it carries on, much as usual. And we are able to carry on with all of this because we can rely upon so many volunteers. From the newsletter editor to the team that livestreams some of our services, from the flower guild to the food bank collection team, from the churchyard maintenance team to the home visitors, and from our social media guru to the person who wrangles the donkey for our Palm Sunday procession, volunteering is the engine that powers our life together.

That's not just true of the church, of course. It is true of our village life as a whole, and it is true much more broadly than that too. From the local level to the national, our life together can't be reduced to the items that are bought and sold, or the activities undertaken for profit or paid for by taxation. We all rely, often far more than we realise, upon people who give their energy and commitment for free, and for the common good.

Surrounding the economy measured by interest rates and GDP, there is a wider economy powered by giving and gratitude, where the fundamental currency is people's time. The life of St Brandon's is just one place where that economy becomes visible – and one of the silver linings in this time of vacancy is that our dependence upon each other's generosity is made even clearer than normal. Our life together simply would not be sustainable without it – and we are deeply grateful to all the many within the church and in the surrounding community who contribute so freely.

Best wishes

Mike Higton (Churchwarden)

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

Post-Christmas Social Get Together

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

in the Village Hall, 7.30p.m.

On offer for the evening:

Usual Brancepeth hospitality - buffet etc.

Two or three short presentations about some event or aspect of local history.

Members Free. Guests welcome with small charge of £3.00

If anyone is able/willing to bring along a plate of food, please let Vivienne know. Many thanks in advance.

Just a reminder - memberships for 2026 fall due now. If you would like to join or renew your membership and have not yet done so, you can join on the 16th. £5.00 per person. If you live outside the Parish, you will also be asked to join the Community Association (BCA). Their rates are Adult £8.50, Concession (in receipt of State Pension) £6.00, Family including children under 18 £17.00. As BCA members, they can enjoy a range of benefits e.g. reduced rates of entry to lots of village events, hire of rooms etc.

The Committee are in the process of putting together a programme of speakers, local history presentations and an outing or two for 2026.

Hopefully more details will be available at the January get together.

Finally, very many thanks to those who helped in the Archive Room at the Christmas Craft Fair and every good wish for the coming year.

Brancepeth Ladies' Club & Guests

We are having a lunch at The Honest Lawyer in January on the 15th. All welcome.

Please contact Allee Longstaff for details.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH



Sunday 15th February 2026
from 12.30- 2pm in St Brandons Church
in aid of the Church

Cost for soup, sandwich and tea or coffee
£7.

All welcome

Contact - Diane Coles
(diane.coles@icloud.com) 07754958341 or
list in Church for signing up to event.



Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Thanks to everyone who supported this event in November and we are almost ready to repeat it.... After Christmas!!!

We hope to offer a similar selection of soup and sandwiches on Sunday 15th February 2026 for all who wish to join us.

There will be a list in church when the festive season has passed to indicate your intention to partake

or you can contact me on diane.coles@icloud.com or 07754958341.

Men's Social
Village Hall
7pm
Friday 9th January 2026 &
Friday 6th February
Fish Supper
Pay as you eat and drink
£3 admission for hall hire.
Domino and Snooker games
Contact David Jackson
07711 648752

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 14th & 28th Jan 2025 at 12:00
Wednesday 11th* & 25th Feb 2025 at 12:00

**Rev Deborah will be taking the service on 11th February so please check the venue for that week.*

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

Baptism

A warm welcome to Bethany Young and Connor Hodgson, and their children Alexis and Arabella who were all baptised together on the feast of Christ the King, 23rd November.



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 SCHOOL WILL BE RETURNING ON SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026.



NEW YEAR PARTY

is on Sunday 11th January 2026

3pm - 5pm in church

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

Please bring along party food to share



Save the next date

Sunday 15th February 2026

St Brandon's January 2026 – 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 January	Epiphany	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Helen Elliot	Ephesians 3:1-12
	Gospel	Gillian Smellie	Matt. 2:1-12
	Psalm		72:[1-9], 10-15
Intercessions		James Morgan	
Sun 11th January	Baptism of Christ	Parish Eucharist with baptismal vows	
Readings	First	Jean Hodgson	Acts 10:34-43
	Gospel	Edward Staines	Matt. 3:13-end
	Psalm		29
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
*Sun 18th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higon	Isaiah 49:1-7
	Gospel	Wilfred Foxe	John 1:29-42
	Psalm		40:1-12
Intercessions		Richard Fenwick	

Sun 25th January	Conversion of St Paul	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Steve Hodgson	Acts 9:1-22
	Gospel	Colin Waterman	Matt. 19:27-end
	Psalm		Ps 67
Intercessions		Edward Staines	
*Sun 1st February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Parish Eucharist	
	First	Timothy Elliot	Hebrews 2:14-end
	Gospel	Judith Minto	Luke 2:22-40
	Psalm		24:[1-6], 7-end
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	

Sidespersons

Jan 4th Pat Sharples & Pauline Caygill
Jan 11th Josie Armstrong & Annette Johnson
Jan 18th Diane & Gordon Cassap
Jan 25th Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko
Feb 1st Pat Sharples & Steve Hodgson

Church Cleaning

Jan – Team C
Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Janette Foxe, Gillian Smellie
Feb – Team A
Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

Coffee

Jan 4th Alison Moore
Jan 11th Sue Morgan
Jan 18th Jean Hodgson
Jan 25th Annette Johnson
Feb 1st Jeanette Metcalfe

Flowers

Epiphany
Eileen Crawford
Sandra Gilbert
Lynne Hastie
Christine Dodd

Tech Team

Mike & Hester

Peter

Peter

2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHEESE & CHAT!

Brancepeth Castle Dining Room, 12.00 midday to 2.00pm on New Year's Day to share bread and cheese, and a cup of coffee in the Castle Dining Room: great conversations by the log fire!

There will be a contributions pot for 'what you will' for The Children's Society, and Ripple.

Prayer Space January

New Year, new possibilities

January promises new possibilities. Let's pray for the capacity to imagine them . . .

Some people do a 'Dry January' and give up alcohol.
Perhaps we can expand that to include:
concentrating on what really matters,
re-setting priorities,
working towards good health,
pausing to notice what we are really, deeply thirsting for.

In January the daylight slowly increases.
Perhaps we can be open to other kinds of light:
starting conversations with people we meet,
trying to understand where others are coming from,
learning new skills,
noticing and appreciating the world around us.

'For nothing will be impossible with God' (the angel's words to Mary)

Brancepeth Youth Club January - March 2026

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 6.00-7.30pm, The dates for this term are:

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 8, 22

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074



Snooker Group, Monday evenings, Village Hall

...Seeking New Players



Looking for an enjoyable and social way to enjoy snooker? One of the longest-standing groups of the BCA meets every **Monday evening from 6:30–9:30 pm** and would be thrilled to welcome **new players of all levels**. Whether you're a seasoned cueist or just curious to try something new, you'll find a warm and friendly atmosphere here. For more

information, please contact **David Linton 07761 134316** or **Jo Dalton** brancepethca@gmail.com

Village Community Choir

Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm, Village Hall

The choir is open to all abilities and 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

Indoor Bowls

Thursdays, 10am – 12 noon, Village Hall



Come along and have a go! We are a popular, friendly, and social group. No experience necessary! All BCA members are welcome. £2 per session including refreshments. The first session is free! Contact **Ian** or **Martyn**

ian.stoker57.is@gmail.com / martynjones553@gmail.com)



Happy New Year to all. I hope 2026 brings good things for everyone. Thank you for renewing your membership - and a warm welcome to new members. Your support is vital in helping us maintain the village's community building.

The Village Hall has been well used over the past year hosting groups, activities, social events, and welcoming new hirers. Thank you to all BCA sections, local groups, members, and everyone involved in our social events for making active use of the facility. I'd particularly like to highlight the **Wednesday Coffee Morning**, which continues to offer a warm and welcoming space for people to meet. Please do join us for a chat, a hot drink, and delicious home-baked treats generously provided by volunteers. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

The BCA Management Committee has also been working hard to keep the building in good repair and to address the administrative workload associated with the building's licences, insurance, and charity compliance. Some key efforts this year have included:

- Continuing our energy-efficiency investment plan with further electrical upgrades, including installing PIR energy-saving light sensors in the Ladies' and Gents' toilets and the hallway.
- Repurposing the stage storage cupboard to provide much-needed space for BCA sections to store equipment.
- Improving the audio set-up by having the ability to link the fixed stage speaker to the mixing deck, removing the need for the heavy, outdated portable speakers.
- Hosting food-safety training and certification for BCA volunteers and other village groups and updating related procedures and documentation to reflect changing regulations.
- Repairs to the chairlift and a replacement disabled handrail.
- Undertaking significant pruning and ivy removal in the Hall's copse area - with thanks to Jim Merrington for supervising this work.
- Reviewing our energy contracts in response to rising costs and securing best-value charity rates.

Looking ahead, the Committee will continue to prioritise energy-efficiency improvements throughout the coming year to help offset rising utility costs. We are grateful to the Parish Council for its annual grant, which makes a valuable contribution towards significant running expenses.

The BCA Management Committee is currently stretched, and we would very much welcome new members. If you're interested in getting involved and supporting the running of the Hall, please do get in touch.

Finally, a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributes to the success of the Hall. Your efforts make an enormous difference. **Martyn Jones, BCA Chair**

P.S. We've recently updated our website: www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

7th Jan	Vivienne and Janiece
14th Jan	Margot and Val
21st Jan	Rosemary and Catherine
28th Jan	Martyn and Christine

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Christmas Tree

Thanks to everyone who helped with the turning on of the lights on our beautiful tree at the crossroads on Friday 5th December. We are especially grateful to Catherine, Phil, Karen, Hassall, Edward and the Community Choir. From a rough 'cup count', at least 50 people turned out for the event on a cold and blustery night, and the feedback we received was very positive; so, the PC will endeavour to keep this tradition going in future years.

State of the village

Thanks also to everyone who helped the Beautiful Brancepeth working group with the village tidy in November. The main task was leaf clearance; and several folk (and their families!) put a lot of effort into raking, sweeping and shovelling along The Village between the crossroads and the Castle Gates, the crossroads 'triangle', and the pathway running alongside the cricket field on Wolsingham Road. It was another wet and windy morning, but the effort was well worthwhile.

Date of next Parish Council meeting:

This is scheduled to take place on **Monday 19th January** 2026 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

Meanwhile, the PC would like to wish all parishioners a very merry and peaceful Christmas!

Book Club

Our first meeting in the New Year is 16th January. We meet at the home of Dawn & Nick Ellis, 24 Goodwell Lea at the usual time of 7.30pm. We will be reading, "The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson.

On February 20th at 7.30 p.m. Dick and Audrey Dumbledore will host us at 19 St Monica Grove DH1 4AS when we will discuss "What you are looking for is in the library" by Michiko Aoyama.

In March we will meet at Sue Morgan's home Peppermires, on Friday 27th at 7.30 p.m. The book is to be decided. If you have a suggestion please bring it along to Dawn and Nick's in Jan.

Winter Warmth Supper Invitation! ✨ from the Garden Club

Dear Fellow Garden Enthusiasts,

As the festive season sparkles around us, why not brighten your January calendar with something delightful to look forward to? Beat those winter blues and join us for a cosy evening of delicious food and wonderful company!

🌟 Our Mouth-Watering Supper Club Menu 🌟

Begin Your Evening With:

- Welcome Fizz & Delightful Canapés

Main Course (Choose One):

- Tender Slow-Cooked Beef in Rich Guinness Sauce
- Succulent Chicken with Wild Mushrooms
- Vegetarian Delight: Butternut Squash En Croute with Beetroot & Feta

Sweet Finale (Choose One):

- Indulgent Sticky Toffee Pudding
- Seasonal Fruit Crumble with Creamy Custard

****£30 per person**** Join Us! ✨

Date: January 23rd **Location:** Village Hall **RSVP:** Drop us a line at our new email: enquiriesbgc@gmail.com

We can't wait to see your smiling faces as we create a little pocket of warmth and joy in the heart of winter!

Sunny wishes, The Garden Club Committee 🌱

Talk on 24 Oct 25 "Small Gardens, Design and Maintenance" with Howard Leslie

Our gathering transformed a chilly evening into a delightful horticultural adventure! A cosy group of garden enthusiasts assembled to hear expert gardener Howard Leslie reveal the secrets of maximizing even the tiniest outdoor spaces.

Mr. Leslie captivated the audience with stunning visual presentations showcasing creative container arrangements that prove you don't need acres to create paradise. From eye-catching vertical gardens climbing skyward to cleverly designed compact spaces bursting with colour, he demonstrated how small gardens can deliver big impact throughout the seasons.

Particularly valuable was his seasonal maintenance calendar, highlighting the often-forgotten importance of fertilizing bulbs and perennials at strategic times—a simple step that can dramatically enhance garden performance. Attendees eagerly jotted notes as he shared professional tips for year-round interest in limited spaces.

The evening concluded with members browsing Mr. Leslie's carefully curated plant selection for sale, while enjoying refreshments and animated gardening discussions.

Wreath Making Event - A Festive Triumph!

Our wreath-making workshop on Sunday, November 30th was nothing short of magical! The sold-out event filled the hall with laughter, creativity, and the irresistible scents of pine, cinnamon, and holiday cheer.

Barry outdid himself behind the makeshift bar, crafting seasonal cocktails that perfectly complemented the creative atmosphere. A particular favourite was his "Winter Berry Fizz" that kept spirits bright throughout the afternoon.

Jill's festive spread deserves special mention—her cranberry and turkey pittas disappeared in minutes, while her gingerbread and shortbread provided the perfect sweet accompaniment to the crafting session.

Under expert guidance, participants transformed simple materials into stunning holiday wreaths, each reflecting unique personal style. The pride on everyone's faces as they departed with their handcrafted creations was heart-warming.

As members bid farewell, the hall remained perfumed with the unmistakable fragrance of Christmas—pine, spice, and the sweet satisfaction of creativity shared among friends.

(See Photo on inner back page cover!)

Dates for the Diary:-

Jan Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan Monday - Knit and Natter, 5th & 19th, Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Jan Tuesdays - Village Community Choir, 7.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
Jan Wednesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Jan Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Jan Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Jan Thursdays - Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Jan Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Jan Sunday - Youth Club, 11th & 25th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Jan	1st	Thurs	New Year's Day Cheese & Chat, 12.00noon-2.00pm, Castle.
Jan	9th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Jan	11th	Sun	Messy Church New Year Party, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Jan	15th	Mon	Ladies Group, Lunch at the Honest Lawyer
Jan	16th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 24 Goodwell Lea
Jan	16th	Fri	Archive & History Group, Post- Christmas Social, 7.30pm, VH
Jan	19th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	23rd	Fri	Garden Club Supper, Village Hall
Feb	6th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Feb	15th	Sun	Soup & Sandwich Lunch, 12.30pm -2.00pm, Church
Feb	15th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Feb	20th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove, DH1 4AS
Mar	27th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Peppermires Cottage
June	20th	Sat	Brancepeth Village Open Gardens Event

Photos

Front cover – ©- Edward Staines, Snowy Tree at crossroads

Inside front cover – ©- Archives and History Group, Item of the month and
Brancepeth Leisure and Allotment Gardeners group advert

Inside back cover – ©- Janette Foxe, Salvation Army Gifts from church congregation
& © Helen Todman, Christmas Wreath makers in the Village Hall

Back cover – ©– Arnab Basu, a small selection of Christmas Show participants

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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)
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	Sue Morgan, Richard Hobbs, Liz Burdess
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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.uk



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made this year's appeal such a splendid affair. We had an excellent selection of gifts both in quantity and quality; in fact, more than can be seen in the photograph. Both Capt. Ali Brooks and Steph Quinn were very grateful for your help with their appeal. The team at Langley Moor face a huge task sorting all the gifts they gather. Please keep the recipients of the gifts in your prayers and may Christmas have brought them joy and hope for the future.

Janette

Christmas Wreath Makers in the Village Hall



