

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



September 2026

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Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment

at St Antony's Priory



Have you ever felt called to accompany others in their faith journey? If so, you might be interested in learning more about becoming a spiritual director.

Applications are now open for 'Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment', our two-year programme of formation that provides an opportunity for personal spiritual development, as well as practical and experiential training in the skills applicable to accompanying others on their faith journey.

**Full details on the website here:
<https://ssm.org.uk/training>**



"The course has vastly exceeded my expectations on every level. The depth and spread of topics covered, the reading the experiential aspects have all been extremely rich and stretching."

Parochial Church Council

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Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

Newsletter entries no later than September 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.

A message from the Rector

Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming in Brancepeth as I arrived and have been inducted and collated as the new Rector at St Brandon's Brancepeth. A huge thank you to all the clergy who covered a long interregnum and to the congregation who have been faithful in waiting, prayer and witness - not to mention keeping everything going.

During September and October the Church celebrates Creationtide. This will begin in the Village with the Brancepeth Garden Club show and the Harvest Festival. Before I came to Brancepeth my mother sent me this article from the Guardian from their Country Diary by Phil Gates. This certainly speaks volumes to me of the many visitors who come to our village and experience the wonder of creation.

“Please close the door. It conserves heat and keeps the organ in tune,” requests the notice inside the church door. It’s pleasantly warm inside, on this chilly April morning. But on the night of 16 September 1998, temperatures here exceeded 1,000C, when fire consumed the old organ, along with the floors, window, roof and 900 years of history, leaving a charred shell.

Seven years of reconstruction and renewal followed, creating a light, airy interior: simple pale oak has replaced the darker, more intricate furnishings, and a new east window portrays an exotic floral paradise.



Helen Whittaker's Paradise window in St Brandon's church. Photograph: Phil Gates

[Helen Whittaker's](#) vibrant stained glass Paradise window celebrates the quest of the Irish traveller St Brandon, better known as [St Brendan](#), who spent a lifetime searching for an earthly Garden of Eden. Early-morning sunlight, streaming through the glass, casts rainbow shadows of subtropical flowers that he might have encountered: [strelitzia](#), [jacaranda](#), [hibiscus](#) and [angel's trumpets](#). Below panes of red, orange, purple and blue, the artist has left clear glass panels, revealing the natural beauty

of native trees in the churchyard beyond, itself a paradise for local wildlife. February's drifts of the snowdrops and winter aconites, around the grave of Jack Warner – a much-missed former colleague – gave way to daffodils in March. Today, [bee-flies](#) are darting between primrose flowers, in longer grass between mown paths. A [buff-tailed queen bumblebee](#), searching for a nest site, explores a vole tunnel around an old tree stump. A seven-spot ladybird ambles across a lichen-encrusted table-tomb. The loudest sound comes from a [song thrush](#). Otherwise, it is so quiet that I can hear the scratchy claws of a treecreeper climbing the bark of an ash tree.



Pollen-producing cones on a St Brandon's churchyard yew. Photograph: Phil Gates

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Thank you to everyone who makes St Brandon's Church and its Churchyard such a peaceful, reflective and welcoming place where we can live and worship together side by side with nature.

With Every Blessing

Ros

St Brandon's September 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 6th September	Harvest		
Readings	First	Tom Higton	Genesis 1:26-31
	Gospel	Gillian Smellie	Matthew 6:19-24
	Psalm		8
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	
Sun 13th September	Climate Sunday		
Readings	First	Sue Morgan	Ezekiel 47:1-12
	Second	Edward Staines	Revelation 22:1-5
	Gospel	Judith Minto	John 4:1-15
Intercessions		Richard Fenwick	
*Sun 20th September	16th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Jonah 3:10-end
	Gospel	James Morgan	Matthew 10:1-16
	Psalm		16:2-15
Intercessions		Geoff Moore	
Sun 27th September	17th Sunday after Trinity	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Mike Higton	Ezekiel 18:1-4; 28-end
	Gospel	Wilfred Foxe	Matthew 21:23-32
	Psalm		25:1-8
Intercessions		James Morgan	

*Sun 4th October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Janette Foxe	Galatians 6.14-end
	Gospel	Steve Hodgson	Luke 12.22-34
			Canticle of St Francis
Intercessions			

Sidespersons

Sept 6th Josie Armstrong & Richard Fenwick
 Sept 13th Steve & Jean Hodgson
 Sept 20th Annette Johnson & Pat Sharples
 Sept 27th Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko
 Oct 4th Sue Morgan & Peter Bailey

Flowers

Harvest Festival
 Hillary Moss
 Sheena Murray
 Anne Elliott
 Sandra Gilbert

Church Cleaning

September – Team B

Sue Morgan, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

October – Team C

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Janette Foxe, Gillian Smellie

Coffee

Sept 6th Diane Coles
 Sept 13th Annette Johnson
 Sept 20th Sue Morgan
 Sept 27th Alison Moore
 Oct 4th Jeanette Metcalfe

Tech Team

Peter
 Hester & Mike
 Alison & Geoff

Churchyard Mowing Rota 2026

30th August - 12th Sept James Dalton, Richie Brown
 13th - 26th September David Jackson, David Armstrong
 27th September – end of season Martin Peacock, Edward Staines, Michael Lowe

Services in September

Sunday 6th September Harvest Festival at 10.15am

Please bring goods for the Durham Foodbank and DASH which will be Blessed at this service. There will also be an opportunity to share in the Blessing of the Church Garden during this service. Thank you to everyone

for being so generous with your time in keeping our Church garden looking so amazing and such a peaceful place to be in.

Sunday 13th September Climate Action Sunday at 10.15am.

The theme of this service will be the water of life as we worship together with all Christian denominations around the country. There will be an opportunity to hear an update from the Climate Action group at St Brandon's and to give thanks for their work and plans for the future.

St Brandon's Awards

I am delighted that St Brandon's has been nominated for a Diocesan Advisory Committee Award which will be celebrated at Cuthbert House on 23rd September

In addition Geoff Moore has been honoured during RECOGNISE Week (6-12 July), a national celebration of those who serve children, young people and families in churches across the country.

Launched in 2025 by the nationally funded 30K Project, RECOGNISE forms part of the Church of England's wider vision to raise up 30,000 new children and youth ministers, both voluntary and employed, by 2030. The week celebrates those who have made a significant difference in the lives of children, young people and families through their ministry.

This year, Nicola Rogers, Megan Rawling and Geoff Moore from the Diocese of Durham were nominated in recognition of their commitment and service and invited to a special afternoon tea celebration at Bishopthorpe Palace. Hosted by the Archbishop of York, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, the event was a way of thanking those whose ministry is making a lasting impact. The Archbishop of York said: "Thank you for the care, encouragement and faith you share so generously. Your ministry helps children and young people to know they are loved by God, and it is a blessing to our churches and communities. Congratulations Geoff and thank you for your commitment towards young people at St Brandon's

Revd Dr Ros Lane Rector

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SOUP

SANDWICH &

SWEET LUNCH

ALL WELCOME

**Sunday 6th
September 2026**

**from 12.00 midday
in St Brandons
Church**

in aid of the Church

£10



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

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST.BRANDON'S, SUNDAY 6th September 10.15 a.m.

In keeping with our usual practise as part of our parish Harvest thanksgiving, we will again be donating our gifts to DASH – Durham Action on Single Housing – a non profit making organisation which developed from the Cyrenian Shelter in Durham (dashorg.co.uk). The Charity supports single homeless local people of all ages with food and emergency accommodation, and then they are helped to progress through different types of supported accommodation to eventually achieving independent living.

The Charity is always extremely grateful for the goods donated by St.Brandon's, which they then make up into packs for new and existing residents.

The following items are particularly welcome:

- Any items which have a long shelf life and can be kept until needed: such as most tinned goods - particularly meat, tuna, soup, baked beans, tomatoes, and tinned fruit - long life milk, boxes of cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, rice and pasta.
- Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toilet rolls, and toothpaste
- and any treats such as jams, biscuits, cakes and sweets!

Fresh items of fruit and vegetables can also be used for demonstrating to the residents how to cook soups and stews, so the produce used for decoration of the church, and from the Garden Club Annual show, are very welcome. These meals are often shared in a communal lunch for those residents housed in the DASH accommodation in Churchill Square.

In the spirit of thanksgiving at harvest time for all we have, please give generously to those who have little.

With thanks, Jean Hodgson

From the Registers

Marriage

David Beeby and Francesca Whitfield

4th July 2026

Connor Hodgson and Bethany Young

20th August 2026

Baptism

Poppy Armstrong

30th August 2026

Val Gibbons

Brancepeth Youth Club

Sep-Dec 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:

Sep 6, 20

Oct 4, 18

Nov 1, 15, 29

Dec 13

Leaders

Geoff Moore

07854 696664

durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock

07503 242074

Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall



2nd Sept

Martyn and Christine

9th Sept

Margot & Val

16th Sept

Vivienne & Janiece

23rd Sept

Rosemary & Nicola

30th Sept

Martyn & Christine

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

A Date For Your Diary

I plan a churchyard tidy on Saturday 12th September from 09.30. Anyone willing to give up an hour or three for general maintenance and management will be made most welcome. Refreshments provided at 11.00. Please bring loppers, secateurs, trimmers and general gardening kit but, most of all, please bring yourselves.

Edward Staines



'Spruce Up Day'

Friday 18th
September 10am
- 3pm

including soup,
rolls and
refreshments

St. Brandon's
Church

It is hoped to do those jobs that don't get done during routine cleaning,
like cupboards and notice boards.
Plenty of sorting and sitting down jobs!

In order to ensure we have sufficient food please sign up on the list at
the back of church or contact Carol at carol21beeby@btinternet.com if
you would like to come along.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Mary's Meals

Summer holidays are coming to an end and it's nearly time for me to send off the spare foreign currency you still have in your back pockets, (and obsolete sterling in the bottom drawer of the chiffonier), to **Mary's Meals**. So, if you still have any of this currency (useless in the UK), please donate it in an envelope, now provided in a labelled box close to the Church entrance.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 3 million young children, one good meal every day in their place of education. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals to bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your support and prayers. And I'd like to thank you too. Every blessing, Colin Waterman.



Sunday 20th September

3-5pm in church

Bible story, singing, craft activities and tea.

SAVE THE NEXT DATE:

Sunday 11th October 2026 3pm - 5pm when we will be making up shoeboxes full of gifts to send to people young and old in Eastern



European countries.

WE ARE BACK ON SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

ACTIVITIES AND STORIES FROM THE BIBLE.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Neighbourhood Plan

Important news! We are pleased to report that the Independent Examiner has provided a positive report on the NP. He commends "the commitment of all those who have worked so hard to prepare the plan" which "is based on an effective program of public consultation" with clear "evidence of community support." The report acknowledges our "objectives delivered through three planning policies dealing with matters distinct to the locality and 10 community actions." The Examiner largely supports our policies in relation to the village envelope, local green spaces and protected open spaces. He does, however, suggest some minor modifications, including the recommendation that the cricket field is designated a POS rather than an LGS. This is slightly frustrating, but still gives the site a high level of protection from any future development.

All the relevant documents should now be published on the County Council's website: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/18184/Neighbourhood-planning-what-s-happening>

So, subject to these relatively small changes, the Examiner recommends that the modified NP should proceed to a parish referendum. The DCC announced this decision on 17 August: *"To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum will be held in the area formally designated as the Brancepeth Neighbourhood Area within 56 working days of publishing the Decision Statement. The proposed date on which the referendum will take place is **Thursday 5 November 2026**, which is within this timeframe."* We will keep you informed as the date draws closer.

State of the Village

There are a couple of updates on ongoing issues. First, the castle gates: we have asked Durham County Council to chase this up with Castle Estates as we have been under the impression that things were moving ahead on liaising with bodies such as Historic England over the plans for repairs. Parishioners will be aware that it has been almost a year now since the gates were damaged, so we hope to inform you of some progress soon. Second, the roadway between the castle gates and the church: you may be aware that this is actually owned by Castle Estates and therefore not a DCC responsibility. However, we have approached the County Council's Rights of

Way Officer to find out whether there are any obligations that the landowners should meet (e.g. filling in potholes) in order to ensure that people can use this road safely.

Vacancies for Councillors

A quick reminder that there are still two opportunities for parishioners to become co-opted members of the PC to boost our numbers from five to seven. We are a friendly team who try to do our best to ensure that Brancepeth remains a lovely place to live; and we'd welcome you on board at our monthly meetings. The workload is not too onerous, honestly! If you'd like to know more, then please contact our Clerk or any of the current PC members.

Date of next Parish Council meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 21st September 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

SAVE THE DATE

Brass Band Concert

16th or 17th October 2026

to be held in St Brandon's Church

Contact Diane Coles for more information



BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER, 7.15 for prompt 7.30 start

Brancepeth Village Hall.
We're welcoming back David Hughes,
this time with his talk on

SIR GEORGE CAYLEY -

an English engineer, inventor and aviator.

Members £2, Non members £5, light refreshments included

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 10.00 .a.m.

**"AN INTRODUCTION TO WHAT IS ON OFFER IN THE
VILLAGE ARCHIVE"**

If you might be interested in helping out during some of our open mornings in the Archive Room in the Castle, or learning more about what the Room offers, please come along. We have put together an introduction to the room, the records and the database, family history research and basic information that any volunteers would need to know relating to health and safety, sales etc. Tea, coffee etc. provided. Should be over by 1.00 p.m. at the latest.

DO YOU ENJOY WALKING IN THE AREA?

The BAHG produce leaflets about local walks- varying routes and lengths – with information as to what walkers might see along the way. But – things change over time: - waymarks are removed or defaced, gates locked, paths become impassable or overgrown, etc.

We would like to update our walks leaflets and are looking for people who might be willing to walk the various routes and help us to update them. If you might be interested, please ring Vivienne Lowe (3780974). Sadly those of us who used to walk them are getting a bit past it!!

For those interested in railways

***“The Story of the Teesdale Railway line
from Darlington to Middleton in Teasdale”***

An Exhibition in the Constable Tower, Brancepeth Castle
October 16th, 17th and 18th

on loan from the FitzHugh Library and NERA.

Friday 16th October – 7.00 p.m. - a ticketed preview party Saturday 17th

October 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sunday 18th October 12.00 noon – 4.00 p.m.

Admission on the Saturday and Sunday £2.00

TEAS AVAILABLE

For further information and/or tickets for the preview
ring 0191 378 0974

Men's Social

Village Hall

7pm

Friday September 25th

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

£3 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752

Garden Club Autumn Show

We are delighted to remind you that the **Garden Club's** Autumn Show and BBQ will take place in the Village Hall on 5th September 2026 🎉

On-line entries are now open, giving you plenty of time to prepare your finest contributions.

This year's categories include:

- 🍎 Fruit
- 🥕 Vegetables
- 🌻 Flowers
- 🏺 Home Produce
- 🧶 Craft (our popular new section from last year)
- 📷 Photography
- 🎨 Artwork (new for this year!)

We have listened carefully to your feedback from last year and have adjusted our categories based on your experience and suggestions. We're excited to see what you'll enter! ✨

How to Enter:

- The **on-line entry form** is now live. Mail enquiriesbgc@gmail.com to receive a link.
- Paper copies of the entry forms will be available mid-August from the Village Hall and St. Brandon's Church 📝

Start planning your entries now – we look forward to seeing you and your wonderful submissions at the show! 🍁

Book Club

On 18th September we will visit Nick and Dawn Ellis's home, 24 Goodwell Lea at 7.30pm. We'll be reading, 'Butter', by Asako Yuzuki, a story based on a serial murder case involving home cooking!

In October we meet on 30th at Rosemary & Mark Monument's home, 7 Goodwell Lea. We will be reading, 'The Land in Winter,' by Andrew Miller.

Beautiful Brancepeth Group Update

The Beautiful Brancepeth Group has undertaken several projects in the village over the last year, including: repainting the village benches and the railings around the Village Hall garden, planting the village tubs and planters along with hundreds of spring bulbs. A new planting scheme has also been created in front of the village entry gate on Wolsingham Road.

Many thanks to everyone who have supported this work and attended previous village 'Tidy Up' days.

Date for your diary : Village Tidy Up Day: Saturday 24th October 2026

Our next planned 'Tidy Up' day is on **Saturday 24th October**. We plan to meet at the The Village Hall at 9.30am. Refreshments are provided at 11.30 at 1 The Forge.

All litter picking equipment will be provided. Whether it be litter picking, pruning, trimming, planting or sweeping there is a job for everyone !! . We specifically need help with the ongoing removal of ivy on the A690.

We need volunteers

Brancepeth looks beautiful however we need your help to keep it that way. If you could spare an hour or two please come along and support the village community.

Volunteer to keep our village looking beautiful!

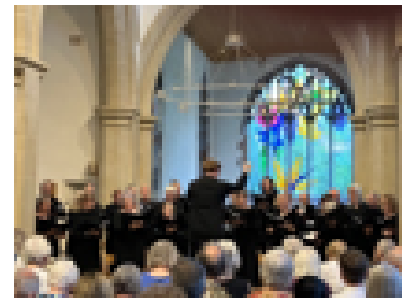
If you want any further information or have any ideas or suggestions to improve the village environment please get in touch with Julie or Karen on:

jh.daneshyar@hotmail.com or k.davison1960@hotmail.com

SUMMER CONCERTS AT ST BRANDON'S CHURCH

Durham Singers 27th June

On one of the hottest nights of the year St Brandon's was full of people to hear The Durham Singers perform "Echo's of Puebla", a selection of choral music from Mexico. The choir of over 40 members was conducted by Tom Edney and David Harris. The choir had the challenge of singing in Spanish and rose to the occasion.



It was good to see the group return to St Brandon's with so many supporters enjoying the concert before heading home to watch England play Panama in the world Cup group match.

Ladies Choir 17th July



It was another warm summer's evening when the Ladies Choir with Pamela Pritchard conducting returned to St Brandon's to perform "Friday night is music night" to an audience of family and friends.

There were many songs everyone knew well and even one we were encouraged to join in to.

This year Pam, brought along Henry Davies , a tenor who performed a hit from Les Misérables and O sol e Mio but there were no ice creams to be seen!



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS SHOW

12th DECEMBER 6. 30pm VILLAGE HALL

Please contact me with acts you would like to share

Martin Peacock

missmhpea@gmail.coor mobile 0705 03242074

Dates for the Diary:-

Sept	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	Tuesdays	-	Village Community Choir, 7.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
Sept	Wednesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Sept	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Sept	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Sept	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Sept	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Sept	Sunday	-	Youth Club, 6th & 20th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month		-	Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sept	4th	Fri	Coffee & Cake Morning, 10am-12noon, Golf Club
Sept	5th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show & BBQ, Village Hall
Sept	6th	Sun	Harvest Soup, Sandwich & Sweet Lunch, 12.00noon, Church
Sept	11th	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sept	12th	Sat	Churchyard Tidy-Up, 9.30am onwards
Sept	18th	Fri	Church Spruce Up Day, 10am – 3pm
Sept	18th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 24 Goodwell Lea

Sept	18th	Fri	BAHG, Talk, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sept	20th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Sept	21st	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	25th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Sept	26th	Sat	BAHG, Intro to Archive, 10am-1pm, Castle
Oct	11th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Oct	16th or 17th		Brass Band Concert, Church
Oct	16th -18th		BAHG, Teesdale Railway Exhibition, Castle Archive Room
Oct	24th	Sat	Beautiful Brancepeth Tidy-Up, 9.30am, Village Hall
Oct	30th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 7 Goodwell Lea
Dec	12th	Sat	Christmas Show, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Photos

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

Martyn Jones	<i>Chairman</i>	Karen Watts	Annual Membership
Ian Stoker	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Karen Stoddart	<i>Social Secretary</i>
Val Gibbons	<i>Secretary,</i>	Peter Burdess	<i>Hall Bookings</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Treasurer & Website</i>	Jean Merrington	
	<i>Church Representative</i>		

www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk

Tel: 0191 3783952

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	Martyn Jones, 32 Goodwell Lea (0191 3789297)
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Secretary	Val Gibbons, valmgibbons@gmail.com (0191 3784200)
Treasurer & Website	Joanne Dalton, 1 rectory Cottages, (07876 624626)
Social Secretary	Karen Stoddart, karistod@icloud.com
Annual Membership	Karen Watts, k.watts8@talktalk.net
Hall Bookings	Peter Burdess –07748 158703 or peterburdess@btinternet.com
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (0191 3780974)
Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Sue Morgan, (0191 3781172)
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Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
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Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (07709 239677)
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 (07709 239677)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (0191 3735674)

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From the Archive this month



Four china plates transfer printed with scenes of Brancepeth.
Produced by Décor Art Creations Ltd., in 1999.
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.

Quiz Night Village Hall



Friday 11th September 7.15pm

Teams 2 - 8 (Come on your own and join a team!)

Children welcome if they can entertain themselves

Pie and Pea Supper (including Vegetarian option)
(bring your own drinks)

£10 BCA Members

£12 Non Members

Children £5 pizza & ice cream

Tickets from **Karen Stoddart**

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