

Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



October 2026

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Brass Band Concert



Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band will perform a selection of popular and light entertainment tunes.



in St Brandon's Church

Saturday 17th October 2026

7.00pm

TICKETS

£10 including refreshments in aid of St Brandon's Church

Contact Diane Coles for tickets.

07754958341 or diane.coles@icloud.com

in aid of St Brandon's Church

Parochial Church Council

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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 Highton on hesterhighton@phonecoop.coop.

Dear friends,

October has a number of Sundays when we mark particular 'events': Shoebox Sunday on 11th; Church Action on Poverty Sunday on 18th; and Bible Sunday on 25th. But the last of these deserves special mention because it marks the 500th anniversary of the 'Tyndale Bible'.

William Tyndale (1494–1536) was a pioneering translator of the Bible whose work continues to shape the way it is read today. Tyndale was the first to translate the New Testament into English directly from the original Greek, producing a Tyndale New Testament that influenced every major Bible translation that followed. His clear and memorable English style became the



**"If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause
a boy who drives a plough to know more of the
scriptures than you do."**



foundation for subsequent English translations.

Tyndale's work came at great personal cost. At a time when translating the Bible into the language of the ordinary people was forbidden, he was forced to live in exile. Eventually, he was betrayed, imprisoned, and executed in 1536.

Tyndale's legacy is one of faithfulness to Scripture. He stands as a unifying figure for Christians worldwide who value access to the Bible in their own language.

The Archives Group is generously setting up their exhibition about Tyndale in Church over that weekend, so do take the opportunity to look at it.

With my best wishes

Geoff

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

An Exhibition in the Constable Tower and Archive Room in Brancepeth Castle

on loan from the FitzHugh Library and NERA

Saturday 17th October 10a.m.- 4.00p.m. and

Sunday 18th October 12noon – 4.00p.m.

Admission £2.00.(children under 14yrs free)

Teas available.

Preview party on the evening of

Friday 16th October

7.00p.m. in the Archive Room and Constable Tower

Entrance by pre-booked Tickets £7.00

available from Vivienne Lowe 0191 378 097

The last talk in the year will be in the village hall on
Friday November 20th, 7.30.pm by Richard Pears.

From indoor toilets in Orkney 5000 years ago to medieval garderobes and, of course, Thomas Crapper - the talk reveals the long history of the smallest room!

Members £2.00, Guests welcome £5.00. Tea and coffee included.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It has been a relatively quiet few weeks for PC business, so we just want to remind you that we have received confirmation that the Decision Statement for the proposed **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** has been signed off by the County Council. This means that there will be a Referendum in the Parish shortly, as per the informal notice below.

You may recall from prior newsletters, information events and local consultations that an NP is an important document as it gives a community the opportunity to define how their local area should grow and change. Future planning applications in the Parish will be judged against the NP as well other relevant statutory plans. Thus, your vote matters!

Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Thursday 5th November 2026

*“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.”* (Durham County Council, 17 August 2026)

We will be informed about the exact details regarding how this will be organised (e.g. promotion & voting) by the DCC Elections Team as the date draws closer. Meanwhile, an updated copy of the NP will be available on the DCC Neighbourhood Plan webpage

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/18184/Neighbourhood-planning-what-s-happening-> once they have made any necessary amendments. But, for now, please make a note of this date!

Date of next Parish Council meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 19th October 2026** at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend but it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk know in advance to manage seating: clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

St Brandon's October 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 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Janette Foxe	Galatians 6:14-end
	Gospel	Steve Hodgson	Luke 12:22-35
			Canticle of St Francis
Intercessions		Helen Elliot	
Sun 11th October	Shoebox Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Jane Stout	Isaiah 25:1-9
	Gospel	Judith Minto	Matthew 22:1-14
	Psalm		23
Intercessions		Hester Higton	
*Sun 18th October	Church Action on Poverty - Feast of St Luke the Evangelist	Service of the Word	
Readings	First	Timothy Elliot	Isaiah 35:3-6
	Gospel	Jean Hodgson	Luke 10:1-9
	Psalm		147:1-7
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
Sun 25th October	Bible Sunday	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Helen Elliot	Colossians 3:12-17
	Gospel	Colin Waterman	Matthew 24:30-35
	Psalm		119:9-16
Intercessions		Edward Staines	

Sun 1st November	Feast of all Saints	Parish Eucharist	
Readings	First	Alison Moore	Revelation 7:9-end
	Gospel	Linda Waterman	Matthew 5:1-12
	Psalm		34:1-10
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	

Sidespersons

Oct 4th Sue Morgan & Peter Bailey
Oct 11th Josie Armstrong & Annette Johnson
Oct 18th Steve & Jean Hodgson
Oct 25th Pat Sharples & Richard Fenwick
Nov 1st Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko

Flowers

Sandra Gilbert
Maud Oliver
Joan Taylor
Gerry Jennings
Sue Knight

Church Cleaning

October – Team C

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Janette Foxe, Gillian Smellie

November – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

Coffee

Oct 4th Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 11th Gerry Jennings
Oct 18th Jean Hodgson
Oct 25th Annette Johnson
Nov 1st Diane Coles

Tech Team

Alison & Geoff

Hester & Mike

Alison & Geoff

Churchyard Mowing Rota 2026

27th September – end of season Martin Peacock, Edward Staines, Michael Lowe

Become a member of Worship Team

Worship Team's role is to review our services with a view to making improvements, and to plan ahead for future services. As well as 'ex-officio' members (such as the Priest-in-Charge and a Sacristan), we have two 'ordinary' members of the Church whose role is to represent the 'view from the pew'. If you'd like to be one of these, or want to know more, please have a word with me.

Geoff Moore, Chair of Worship Team

Some background to the service on 4th October from Rev'd Dr Ros Lane

On Sunday 4th October we will be celebrating the life of St Francis of Assisi at our 10.15am Eucharist. We will hear his canticle of the Creatures read out. This day will mark the end of Creation tide which we began with the Harvest Festival

The Canticle of the Creatures

Most High, all-powerful,
good Lord,
yours is the praise,
the glory and the honor and
every blessing.

To you alone, Most High,
do they belong,
and no one is worthy
to speak your name.

Praised be you, my Lord
with all your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom
you bring us light.

And he is lovely, shining
with great splendour,
for he heralds you, Most High.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through Sister Moon and Stars.
In heaven you have formed
them,
lightsome and precious and fair.

And praised be you, my Lord,
through Brother Wind, through
air and cloud, through calm
and every weather by which
you sustain your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through Sister Water,
so very useful and humble,
precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord
through Brother Fire,
by whom you light up
the night, and he is
handsome and merry,
robust and strong.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains us and directs us
bringing forth all kinds of fruits
and colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be you, my Lord
through those who forgive
for your love
and who bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those
who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High,
they will be crowned.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death
from whom no living being
can escape.

How dreadful for those
who die in mortal sin!
How blessed are those she
finds in your most holy will
for the second death
can do them no harm.

O praise and bless my Lord,
thank him and serve him
humbly but grandly!

by St. Francis of Assisi

Francis was born in Assisi in 1182, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, Pietro Bernardone, and his wife, Pica. He was baptized Giovanni (John) but soon gained the nickname Francesco, because of his father's close trading links with France.

Francis' early years were not especially religious. He was a leader among the young men of Assisi, enjoying a good social life, singing and partying. He didn't want to follow his father into the cloth trade; he wanted to be a knight. So at the age of twenty he joined the forces of Assisi in a minor skirmish with the neighbouring city of Perugia. He was captured and spent a year in a



Perugian jail, until his father ransomed him. This became the first of a series of experiences through which God called Francis to the life which he finally embraced.

One of these experiences, at San Damiano, led to a rift with his father. Francis, in response to a voice from the crucifix in this tiny ruined church, began to rebuild churches; when he ran out of money he took cloth from his father's shop and sold it. His father disowned him before the bishop of Assisi, and Francis in his turn stripped off his clothes, returning to his father everything he had received from him, and promising that in future he would call only God his Father.

Francis spent most of his life on the move, though he interspersed his preaching with periods of withdrawal for prayer. It was during one of these times of retreat that he received the Stigmata – the marks of the crucified Christ in his own body. For the final two years of his life he suffered constant pain. He died in 1226, and as he died blessed his beloved city of Assisi. He was buried in what became the great Basilica of St Francis, and declared a saint by the church in 1228. Francis was a joyful friar whose life of simplicity, compassion, and kinship with all creation continues to inspire, eight centuries on. The Feast is a day to say thank you for this vision of hope – to remember that faith is about relationship: with God, with one another, and with the Earth itself.

In October 2026 Christians will mark 800 years since St Francis's death – not as a moment of mourning, but of renewal. The anniversary invites us to walk again in his footsteps: to live simply, act justly, rebuild what is broken, and recognise Christ's presence in every person and every part of creation.

Remembrance Tide

St Brandon's will be entering into the season of Remembrance beginning with the light parade at Messy Church on 31st October from 5-6pm on All Hallows Eve, then on November 1st with a Sunday Eucharist for All Saints' day at 10.15 where there is an opportunity to remember all those saints who speak to us and those who act as saints in our everyday lives. Moving on Monday 2nd November we will be marking All Soul's Day at 7pm with a Service of Remembrance where there will be an opportunity to remember all those who have died not only recently but in the past and in our extended family and circle of friends beyond St Brandon's and Brancepeth. Perhaps you might like to come along light a candle for them as a way of remembering them, receive communion and hear their names read out celebrating all that still keeps them special in our memories, hearts and minds. We will be marking Remembrance Sunday on 8th November at 10.15am with a Eucharist and prayers and wreath laying at the War Memorial and on November 11th at 11am Church will be open for anyone who wishes to mark the 2 minute silence on Armistice Day. Please do invite family, friends and neighbours along to these opportunities to remember all those who have died and some whose names will never be known but to whom we are equally thankful.

A huge thank you for all those who decorated the Church and brought produce to give to the Brandon Foodbank and DASH and to those who month by month keep the Church Yard and Garden in such a way as it is a peaceful place for quiet reflection and meditation.

The Rev'd. Dr. Ros Lane, Rector, St Brandon Brancepeth



Invitation

You are invited to

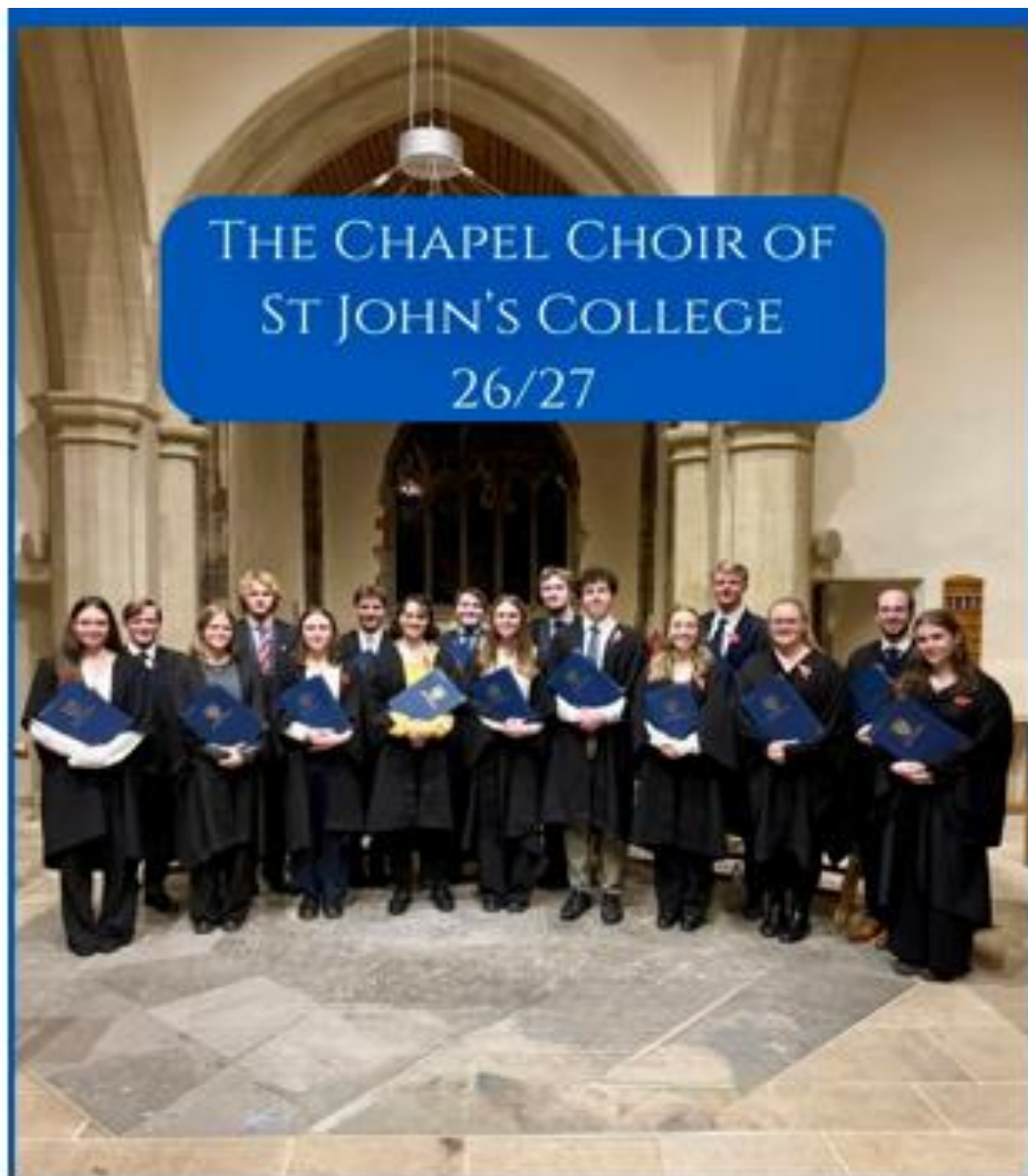
St Brandon's Church Brancepeth

Service of Commemoration on All Souls' Day

on Monday 2nd November 2026 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



Remembrance Sunday Choral Evensong 4pm

St John's College Chapel Choir will be making their annual visit to St Brandon's for a Choral Evensong on Remembrance Sunday. The choir look forward to their visits and the resultant service is always worth attending. Do come along and give these lovely young singers your support. After their rehearsal we provide light refreshments for the choir. If you can help by donating a plate of food please speak to Janette



Sunday 11th October

3-5pm in church

Shoebox Sunday

You will see in the newsletter that 11th 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; or bring along items, such as packaged toys, sweets, new scarves, socks and gloves that can be added to a shoebox.

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

SAVE THE NEXT DATES:

Sunday 15th November 2026 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 13th December 2026 3pm - 5pm

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 2026

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, 11th 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 11th October. This is to ensure we have a good cross section of items for Messy church to fill boxes in the afternoon.

Please complete Step 3 in the leaflet which requests a donation to help cover transport of the boxes.

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

Carol Beeby



Men's Social

Village Hall

7pm

Friday October 30th

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

£3 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Contact David Jackson

07711 648752



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

7th Oct

Margot & Val

14th Oct

Vivienne & Janiece

21st Oct

Rosemary & Nicola

28th Oct

Martyn & Christine

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

Beautiful Brancepeth Group Update

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

A BIG THANK YOU FROM YOUR SOCIALS TEAM

Following on from September's quiz, we wanted to pass on our thanks to everyone.

Thank you for your prizes, your help setting up, tidying away and most importantly, joining us for an evening of fun.

Together, you raised just over **£600** what a fantastic result!

A special shout-out goes to our local businesses who generously donated to our raffle:

Flat White Cafe
1860 Bar & Kitchen (Durham Amateur Rowing Club)
Market Cheese & Deli

Upcoming Dates for the diary

Friday 27 November 7:15pm

Dust off the Santa Hats ready for your Christmas Quiz &

Sunday 6 Dec

PM time tbc

Candle making-workshop

&

Scandi style Christmas crafting

Limited Numbers!

Brancepeth Garden Show winners 2026

Fruit and Vegetables:

Overall Category Winner - Sue Morgan

Best Exhibit - Jean and Steve Hodgson

Flowers:

Overall Category Winner - Moya Balshen

Best Exhibit - Bea

Best Floral Arrangement - Lynne Hastie

Best Containers - Maud Oliver

Home Produce:

Overall Category Winner - Charlotte Brown

Best Exhibit - Vickie Jackson

Painting:

Overall Category Winner - David Coppock

Photography:

Overall Category Winner - Dawn Aston

Crafts:

Overall Joint Category Winners - Gillian Smellie and Pamela Watkins

Children's Class:

Overall Category Winner - Sebastian Brown

Overall Show Winner - Jean and Steve Hodgson



Brancepeth Youth Club
Oct -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:

Oct 4, 18

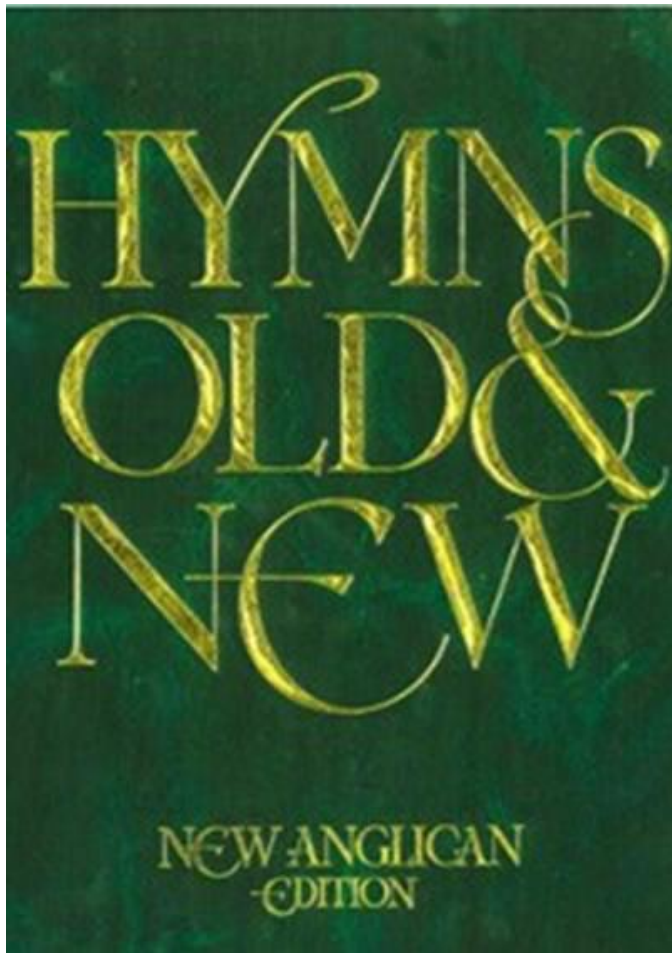
Nov 1, 15, 29

Dec 13

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074



We have noticed that our supply of the music copies of our *hymn books* have reduced in number at church. We are wondering if there are copies around which have been borrowed and forgotten about? Please have a look and return if this is the case as they are expensive to replace.

Thanking you in

Anticipation

Book Club

Our next meeting is on 30th October we meet at Rosemary & Mark Monument's home, 7 Goodwell Lea. We will be reading, 'The Land in Winter,' by Andrew Miller. Following that our first meeting in the New Year will be on 8th January, at the home of Audrey and Dick Dumbledon, 19 St Monica Grove, Crossgate Moor. We will be reading, 'The Correspondent', by Virginia Evans.

Our February book will be, 'The Dentist,' by Tim Sullivan and in March, 'London's Falling,' by Patrick Radden Keefe. Venues yet to be confirmed.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

**It will be alright on the night
and
that night is**

12th DECEMBER, 6. 30pm VILLAGE HALL

**Please contact me SOON if you have a poem, a song, a dance or
some drama you would like to perform**

Martin Peacock

missmhpea@gmail.coor mobile 0705 03242074

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct Tuesdays - Village Community Choir, 7.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
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, 4th & 18th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Oct	11th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Oct	17th	Sat	Brass Band Concert, Church
Oct	17th	Sat	Garden Club Talk, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Oct	16th -18th		BAHG, Teesdale Railway Exhibition, Castle Archive Room
Oct	19th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct	24th	Sat	Beautiful Brancepeth Tidy-Up, 9.30am, Village Hall
Oct	30th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 7 Goodwell Lea
Oct	30th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	30th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove
Dec	12th	Sat	Christmas Show, 6.30pm, Village Hall

Photos

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Back cover – © - Archives group; Item of the month

- © – Josie Armstrong; Village Show Winners , Steve & Jean Hodgson with Barry Dickinson & three cake bakers, Josie Armstrong, Bea Muylaert & Charlotte Brown

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

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

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Tel: 0191 3783952

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Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Sue Morgan, (0191 3781172)
Brancepeth Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Club	James Morgan (Chair), Richard Hobbs (Sec), Martin Welsh (Treas) baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
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)

Parish Council

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



BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB



An evening with **Ross Pearson**

Sharing the Joy of Gardening

Ross is a seven-times RHS Gold Medal winning horticulturist, with a deep-rooted passion for the outdoors and an enduring love for gardening.

A Visiting Lecturer of Horticulture and Heritage Crafts at St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University, Ross also contributes to both national and local gardening publications, including Gardening Columnist for *Living North* magazine.

Saturday, 17th October 2026
Brancepeth Village Hall
7.15pm

Entry: £10 members | £12 non-members

Payable on the evening

— Cheese & wine included —



From the Archive this month



Original wrapping paper featuring Brancepeth Castle, the design taken from a Staffordshire plate (also in the Archive). Manufactured in America by Spoonflower inc. of Durham, North Carolina. Also produced as a wallpaper and furnishing fabric.

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.



Village Show winners



Home produce contributions