



The Brancepeth Bugle



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From The Editor



You may find that you get two copies of The Bugle this week, an electronic one and a hard copy. We have decided to send out a hard copy for this week only because we are aware that there are some people who do not

know that we went digital after the first issue. If you are reading a hard copy and did not know that there was a digital edition going out each week please send me an email and I will add you to our weekly mailing list.

If you are unable to receive an email and do not have a neighbour who is able to print a copy for you please let me know (phone numbers below) and we will arrange to send you a hard copy.

We do not want to put anybody, either recipients or deliverers, at risk by asking them to walk or drive around the village delivering The Bugle any more than absolutely necessary, so please do ask your neighbours first.

If you notice some unfamiliar faces walking around Little White Farm, don't panic. Victoria and David have let their cottages to key workers, so just give them a wave and a smile and say a quiet thank you.

Go well, stay well
Love Gillie x
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Educational Resources

Back to school took on a whole new meaning this term as millions of children took their school bags only as far as the kitchen table. If you have school age children at home, whatever your plans for the coming term you may find some of [these resources](#) helpful. And very good luck to you all.



And for any teachers who are struggling to control their Zoom class of unruly ten year olds. [This one](#) is for you.

The Big Brancepeth Quizzes

It's not that we are competitive, really we're not. We just do like a good quiz. And in a time of lockdown there is nothing better than six pages of fiendish questions to pass the time.



Peter Hodge produced the second lockdown quiz and it was a belter. Congratulations to the top three teams.

- 1 GOODWELL LEA (NORTH) 129/144
- 2 STOCKLEY STAY AT HOMES 122/144
- 3= BRAINS OF ST BRANDON'S 112/144
- 3= THE DALTONIANS & R 112/144

There were high scores from all the teams that entered, there is an impressive level of knowledge in the parish!

Wittiest answer.

Between which two nations was the Battle Of Marathon fought?

Two very hungry ones who liked chocolate

Frank Coffield has produced a special quiz for our younger readers with questions on all aspects of the north east. How well do you know your county?

The quiz will be in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter which will be out shortly and all the recent issues can be downloaded here on the [Parish Website](#).

Good luck to you all and we will publish the results in a future issue. Get revising now!

Calling all bakers



Are you running short of flour? Finding it hard to find yeast? We can help.

Jill Dickinson has found a flour supplier. It comes in 16kg sacks so there is plenty to go around. She can access white bread,

plain and SR flour and is happy to pass on at cost. She has "distribution centre" in her garage with scales, gloves and sanitizer, please bring your own containers. The cost is £1/kg. Jill can also access dried yeast at £30 for 20 x 500g packets.

If you are interested in placing an order please can you contact Jill directly by Friday.

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Message from St Brandon's



I write this on St George's Day with his flag flying outside Thornberry Garth. George was a 4th century Roman army office known for his

generosity to the poor and his unswerving Christian faith, which led eventually to his martyr's death. This feels like a good exemplar as we wake up today to a longer-term challenge than we may have been expecting, with likely restrictions for the rest of the year. We continue to pray for generosity, faithfulness and endurance, for ourselves and others. By the way it was 1000 years on that George supplanted Edward the Confessor as England's patron saint. The status was later reinforced by Shakespeare, born on St George's Day, when he wrote Henry V's famous rallying cry: "Cry God for Harry, England and St George!"

George's most famous encounter with the dragon is steeped in medieval legend, but today reminds me of the dragon who graced the revels we enjoyed at the Castle last

VE Day Celebrations

You will probably know that we had great plans for village wide celebrations and a street party on Sunday 10th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.



Clearly a street party is out of the question, but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate. We just have to think laterally. So please get your thinking hats on. How can we celebrate even though we are socially distanced? Please remember that some residents don't have immediate neighbours so we need to find ways to connect that go beyond standing in our gardens and waving at our neighbours!

Some ideas include letting everyone have an online link to a recording of the music that we would be playing so we can all celebrate to the same playlist. Perhaps we could share recipes for VE cakes and biscuits? Or ideas for games and decorations we can prepare in advance.

Please send all your suggestions to Josie Armstrong at jo.arm@me.com and we will put together a special VE Day issue of The Bugle with all the ideas and suggestions for a genuinely village wide, socially distanced celebration of VE Day

November, 450 years on from the Rising of the North. Let us keep our imaginations and creativity alive through this time too! With that in mind we are introducing creative activities each Sunday morning as part of our church service- aimed primarily at the children, but open to all.... Stay well and please keep in touch with St Brandon's.

Full details of all St Brandon's services are on the website <http://www.stbrandon.org.uk/> and our new facebook page ***** Zoom invitations to each service are sent via the church's NAVIGATOR emails. If you'd like to receive these, please contact Hester Higton: hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop or me: anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk Please note we now have our own facebook page [HERE](#)