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BRENTOR COMMONS

- A View from the Commons (or is that too political....?)

The stupendous bluebell show on both of the Downs has gone over now; the bracken and grasses are powering up - except in the areas that we have "rolled" since 2004 where the bracken is much reduced now. We will be rolling these areas again in August.

We have installed 35 Dormouse Tubes in one of the wilder places on Bowden Down to assess whether we have an active population and these will be checked monthly for signs of use. If we do find dormice we will have to engage someone with the correct qualification to actually handle them.



A member of the Devon Moth Group has done two moth trapping sessions on Liddaton Down and even with the unseasonably cold evenings has identified 65 types of moth, with more sessions to follow.



I was planting out some Rowan and Birch saplings on Bowden this week and was accompanied by a pair of Yellowhammers flitting in and out of the gorse, warblers, blackcaps and buzzards. Ravens were all around whilst I was working. Plenty of signs and sightings of Roe deer on both Commons at the moment.

Tor Garden Plants held their first Open Day two weeks ago and raised over £100 for the association in lieu of an admission fee; this was a lovely gesture. I think we will buy some more heather plants to add to the area that we started last November. A big thanks to Emma and Tom.

If anyone would like more information about the Association, the Commons, work we do, history or just would like a guided walk please contact me. Our commons are such varied habitats full of wildlife that it really is well worth a walk around them. We are also on Facebook - Brentor Commons Association if you want to see what is happening.

Will Walker-Smith - 860165 - liddaton@me.com

The Parish Council is trying to tidy and improve the Cemetery, so if you notice more people than usual there, don't be alarmed! It is a big job and getting the balance right between neat and environmentally friendly is tricky. If anybody is interested in helping, even if you can only spare an hour or two, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. Please leave details with me: Caroline Oxenham 01822 481415 email brentorpc@yahoo.co.uk

Coffee Morning -

Saturday 6th July 10.30am - 12.00noon

Meet up with friends and neighbours over the homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and very popular crispy bacon rolls! Support the Friends of the Field monthly draw. Fundraising raffle (prizes always welcome).



AFTERNOON TEA

- Saturday July 20th 2.30pm

Come and enjoy Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes, scones and cream, sandwiches and savoury bites. This will be a charity fundraising event so put on your posh frocks and hats and come and meet up with friends and neighbours. Offers of cakes etc. welcome. Contact Sue or Sheryl.

Suggested donation of £5+. Fundraising for the Playing Field project and ongoing maintenance of the Village Hall.

On behalf of the BVHPL committee I would like to welcome **Millie** (who is a local resident) and her '**Pop up Cafe**'. She is a very energetic and enthusiastic young lady who wanted to start her own venture.

Fri 14th saw the opening of the cafe and with a steady flow of people (and dogs) hopefully will be a success for her. Look out for her posters throughout the village giving dates.

I believe the Lemon Drizzle cake was a hit.

Sheryl 870554

West Devon Borough Council would like to make residents aware of funding that is available to make improvements to homes across the district.

Homeowners and landlords can apply for a loan to make improvements to their homes. Essential home repairs such as a replacement boiler, new windows and doors, roof repairs (including thatch), plumbing, heating or electrical works and even structural repairs are included under the scheme.

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The scheme is delivered through Wessex Resolutions CIC, a not-for-profit lender that works in close partnership with the council. Established in 2003, Wessex Resolutions has helped many homeowners throughout the South West, lending almost £13.6 million. For more information, call **Wessex Resolutions on 01823 461099**, visit www.wessexresolutions.org.uk or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk.

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I just wanted to say how much I have missed the flowers on our war memorial this year. I thought it looked particularly uncared for during the D day remembrances. At least some kind person has removed the old rotting wreath. I am not sure who has responsibility to care for it or is it up to the community?

Liz Bashford 810187



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July Church Services

Sunday 7th

- 9:45am Holy Communion Christ Church
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer St. Michael's

Sunday 14th

- 9:45am Prayer & Praise Christ Church
- 6.00pm Evensong St. Michael's

Sunday 21st

- 9:45am Holy Communion Christ Church
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer St. Michael's

Sunday 28th

- 9:45am - Family Service with Baptism
and commissioning of the Archangel's
Way Pilgrim Route, Christ Church
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer St. Michael's

All are most welcome to all our services

**Dr DL Harris MRCVS, Churchwarden
St Michael de Rupe & Christ Church, Brentor
david@brentorchurch.org.uk - 810845**

BRENTOR FRIENDS OF THE FIELD

Winners Drawn at the June Coffee Morning:

7: Liz & John Wheeler, 8: Ian Drayner, 20: Sally Pancheri

Each number drawn at the monthly Coffee Morning wins £10. All income, after deduction of prizes, goes towards the improvement of the Village Playing Field. A Standing Order of £5 per month to our dedicated bank account helps with extra maintenance and improvements to the Playing Field.

- Bank Account: TSB, Sort Code: 30-98-46, Account: 30089760 -

If you would like to support the Field in this way please contact:

Sue Stephens 860374 (stephens214@btinternet.com)

Anne Clark 810035 (anne.clark13@btinternet.com)

Kate Kelly 810287 (catherinekelly495@btinternet.com)

Diary Dates - all events at the village hall unless otherwise indicated.

July

Sat 6th	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Sheryl Burroughs	870554
Mon 15th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Caroline Oxenham	481415
Sat 20th	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Sheryl Burroughs	870554
Mon 22nd	-	<u>Final copy date for August Brentor News!</u>	Mike Harris	-

Hall bookings: Helen de Carles 810412 - All Brentor Village Hall bookings are shown on the website calendar: www.brentorvillage.org/calendar. Please check availability before making a booking request.

**FINAL COPY DATE - for the August edition:
Monday 22nd July - to Mike Harris: mikeinbrentor@gmail.com**