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# BRENTOR NEWS

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## Brenstock Success!



To universal acclaim (well almost!) Brenstock 2019 was once again hailed as a great success. This third incarnation (only the third? – it feels like it's been going for decades!) was attended by almost 500 people who enjoyed a fantastic event ably put together by The Domster and an incredibly hard working team of volunteers and supporters. This year there were two large stages in two separate tents and it made for a great atmosphere of music and entertainment from all twelve sets of performers. The fun lasted all day, made even more enjoyable by some amazing catering and barwork by a band of enthusiasts who worked so hard. How exhausted they all looked on the Sunday when everyone came back to lend a hand clearing up and taking down the tents and marquees! As someone pointed out, what other village the size of Brentor could create such a spirit of camaraderie, fun, entertainment, food and drink with such a packed and diverse programme.

With John Downing's hog roast, Emma's churros, Millie's cakes, village hall supporters pizzas, the Brenstock Inn bar, there was definitely a need to dance off the calories to great music played to the appreciative audience way into the evening. And with no need for the on-site ambulance cover provided free by First Care Ambulances – phew!

Brenstock is only held biennially due to the significant level of effort in organising and managing it and I'm told the organisers were especially pleased to see so many new and happy young faces in the audience this time. With a profit nudging above £3500 which will be split between the Village Hall and Brenstock what's not to like? Whilst an occasional grumble from the village could be heard I've no doubt at all that Brenstock 2021 is something people in and around Brentor will look forward to with great anticipation. Can't wait!!!

Willie Eckerslyke

### Morning Coffee

Saturday 3rd Aug 10.30-12.

Come along and meet up with friends and neighbours. Enjoy the freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes and crispy bacon rolls!

Support the fundraising raffle run by Mary.

Sheryl Burroughs 01822 870554

## ***The Brentorians***



### **Advance Notice.....**

## **AGM and Planning Meeting**

**- Thursday 26th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall -**

A short AGM to be followed by discussions on the next production: choosing a play, casting, support roles, etc.

More details next month.

**John Wheeler - 810083**

### **War Memorial**

The recently damaged plaque has now been repaired and replaced. The Parish Council have obtained a quote to have the War Memorial cleaned and it is hoped that this will be done shortly.

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### **Fire Service Delivery**

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service are proposing changes to Service Delivery. They have a number of options for consideration and are holding drop in sessions throughout the next couple of months, including one in Tavistock Library on 12th August. Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.dsfire.gov.uk>.

### **Please return our fabric!**

When the Brenstock team was decorating the marquees for Brenstock this year we discovered that some of our decorating fabric has gone missing. 50 metres of pale blue satin material has disappeared from the Village Hall store. Probably someone borrowed it as decoration for a party or wedding and has failed to return it. It's an important part of the stock of decorations that make Brenstock such a huge success. We carefully try to reuse all our decorations to save money and reduce our impact on the environment.

Please could you return the fabric to the Hall, or if you have lost it give us the £50 that it will cost to replace the material.

Please contact Colin Dawes on 811079 if you remember seeing the fabric in use somewhere - we need to track it down!

### **Llama Drama Quiz**

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Peru Quiz Night or who have donated money. We raised a whopping £300 in total on the night, and it is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Jemima Libby

### **VILLAGE AFTERNOON TEA UPDATE**



The Afternoon Tea held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July was a great success, raising £329 for the Village Hall & also the Playing Field Project.

Villagers and friends, all beautifully dressed, enjoyed a sumptuous spread of savoury and sweet treats.

The occasion enabled us all to wish Anne Clark a very happy birthday by raising a glass of sparkling wine and sharing some of the delicious birthday cake made by Colin. The cake was beautifully decorated with hand made roses and candles which refused to go out however hard Anne tried!

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who attended and to all who contributed in so many ways to the success of the afternoon.

Sue,

Sheryl

& the Kitchen Crew





### Living and Dying on Medieval Dartmoor

Residents may be interested in watching a short video clip entitled 'Living and Dying on Medieval Dartmoor' which was recently shown at the Dartmoor National Park forum meeting. It can be found by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MldqAHL8gDE>

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### Brentor Commons Association

If you have been on the commons in recent weeks you will have obviously noticed that the paths have been cut on Bowden Down making it much easier to get around, especially if your dog has short legs! Roger Emmett kindly did this for us—thank you to him as it's hit and miss whether County Council will do it.

The Tavistock Taskforce have fenced off one of the old mineshafts on Bowden as we felt it was beginning to show signs of sinking. They are also going to replace quite a few of the posts around the shafts in the main mine area.

Loads of butterflies around in this hot weather on both commons—Meadow Browns, Ringlets and the day flying Chimney Sweep moth.

Another moth trapping took place on Wednesday evening, we are now up to 158 species recorded. Notable captures were a beautiful Privet Hawk Moth and an Elephant Hawk Moth.

On Saturday the 20th we ran two events with the Devon Mammal Group, a small mammal trapping survey and a bat detecting evening. We placed almost 50 traps on both Downs filled with hay, Apple and maggot casters for the mammals to feed on if they were trapped. At 9pm a group of us helped by a bat expert walked around both commons until 11.00 pm with bat detectors. There were great results including a "bat storm" on the road between Bowden and Liddaton Downs with all of the detectors chattering away whilst a group of Pipistrells flew just above us feeding on the insects that our lights attracted. On Sunday morning we re-assembled to check the traps - good results, Woodmice(11), Bankvoles(5) and one Field vole. Ellie Knott from the Devon Mammal Group also confirmed that some of the chewed hazelnuts that we have found have been eaten by Dormice, so this confirms that we have Dormice, certainly on Bowden Down. So all in all a very successful event, and a big thanks to all who came along and to the Devon Mammal Group who provided the equipment and expertise.

We are always looking for new members to join and get involved. Will Walker-Smith [liddaton@me.com](mailto:liddaton@me.com)



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### **BRENTOR FRIENDS OF THE FIELD**

#### **Numbers drawn at monthly July Coffee Morning**

Number 6 Clare Percival

Number 22 Jane Diaz

Number 25 Greta Madigan

**All Win £10 prize**

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 one of the following members of the Village Hall & Playing Field committee.

**Sue Stephens 860374** ([stephens214@btinternet.com](mailto:stephens214@btinternet.com))

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### Brentor Commons Association

Brentor Commons Association has been chosen by Waitrose in Okehampton as one of their Community Matters recipients for August, a similar scheme to the Tesco one.

Any money raised will be used to purchase Dormouse, Bird and Bat boxes to put on the commons. These will provide new habitats and help us monitor the species that will use them. So if you use Waitrose please support our scheme and put your green token into our box.

Thanks Will Walker-Smith

### PROPOSED HOUSING

Figures have now been collated from the Housing Needs Survey conducted in July 2018 and the 2 public presentation days. The presentations were very well attended and figures show that the development is oversubscribed by local people who will be eligible to live there. The latest data indicates a need for 11 affordable homes and 6 open market homes, which meet the criteria for an affordable development as required by WDBC and DNPA. The planned development remains fixed at 12 properties. Further progress has been slightly delayed due to the recent elections, but it is understood that the plans will be submitted to DNPA shortly with a planning decision expected in September. Construction should then commence late Autumn or early next year.

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CHURCH SERVICES	Sunday 4th August	9.45am Holy Communion	Christ Church
		6.00pm Evening Prayer	St Michaels
	Sunday 11th August	9.45am Prayer and Praise	Christ Church
		6.00pm Evensong	St Michaels
	Sunday 18th August	9.45am Holy Communion	Christ Church
		6.00pm Evening Prayer	St Michaels
	Sunday 25th August	9.45am Family Service	Christ Church
		6.00pm Evensong	St Michaels
	Contact: David Harris <a href="mailto:david@brentorchurch.org.uk">david@brentorchurch.org.uk</a> or Helen Harris <a href="mailto:helen@brentorchurch.org.uk">helen@brentorchurch.org.uk</a>		

#### **Advance notice of a Treasure Hunt!!**

Being held on Sunday Sept 8th—keep the date!  
More information in the next issue.  
A fundraising event run by BVHPF committee.  
Sheryl Burroughs 01822 870554

#### **Our own Calendar Girls (with clothes on!)**

Taken at the Afternoon Tea  
Barbara and Liz who always work tirelessly in the kitchen.



#### **Pop Up Café in Village Hall**

Fridays 10am—2pm

9th August, 23rd August & 30th August

A yummy selection of Homemade Cakes, Pasties,  
Soup, Sandwiches & Cream Teas

All welcome—Millie Bickell 07787994220

#### **Cleaner available ...**

Anyone local that needs help please call me  
I've got years of experience i.e. domestic/  
holiday lets

Tina 01822810069

### **DIARY**

Date	Event	Contact
<b>August</b>		
Saturday 3rd August	10.30am—12pm, Coffee morning, Village Hall	Sheryl Burroughs 01822 870554
<b>September</b>		
Sunday 8th September	Treasure Hunt—details to follow!	Sheryl Burroughs 01822 870554
Monday 26th September	Brentorians AGM, Village Hall	John Wheeler 810083

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