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*Carols at The Mistletoe Fair*

## ***Mistletoe Fair - Stop Press!***

**Many, many thanks** to all who came to support the Mistletoe Fair in December.

Our thanks must go to the army of helpers on the day: those who toiled away in the kitchen or decorated the hall; the Gluhwein chefs; the raffle prize donators and ticket sellers. You all helped to make the day a success.

Mary Tavy & Brentor School Singing Group entertained us with some lovely Christmas songs and Santa was able to visit with gifts.

At the time of writing the profit for the hall & field is £1400, a splendid result with possibly a little more to come.

We had a great day! Hope to see you in 2020.....

The Mistletoe Fair Group: Sue, Margaret, Helen and Glenys & Roz. - ably assisted by Clare, Anne & Mary.

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## ***GREEK EVENING - Raising money for Medical Volunteers International (MVI) FRIDAY 24th JANUARY, 2020***

Please join us for a Greek evening! Vegetarian Greek supper, with a slide show and a brief talk about the refugee situation in Lesbos, Greece.

£10.00 adults £5.00 under 18's. 7.30 pm start Please bring your own alcohol should you wish.

Booking essential! Please contact **John and Angela on 01822 810629** or email [angela.brentor1@btinternet.com](mailto:angela.brentor1@btinternet.com).

We would be grateful if you could let us know by Monday 20th January if you'd like to come along.

Should you be unable to come but would like to help us raise money for medication and resources for this vulnerable and isolated population, we have a Just Giving page: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/john-evans-4](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/john-evans-4)

## BRENTOR FRIENDS OF THE FIELD

Due to an oversight the results of the November draw were not published in the last edition. Here are the results for both November & December:

November	December
No. 5 - Kate Kelly	No. 10 - Helen de Carles
No. 12 - Sue Davies	No. 18 - Kath Wareen
No. 29 - Rosine Arnold	No. 3 - Anne Clark

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: TSB Sort Code: 30-98-46 a/c 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)

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

Kate Kelly 810287 (catherinekelly495@btinternet.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

*The deadline for applications for Parish Council Grants to local organisations has been extended to 10th January.*

Applications should be submitted to the Parish Clerk.

As in previous years the Parish Council will consider including a sum within its budget for supporting local organisations. If your organisation is thinking of asking the Parish Council for a grant then please contact the Parish Clerk with the following information:

- Purpose for which a grant is required
- Budgeted income and expenditure for the current financial year
- Report on the use of any previous Parish Council grant.

**Parish Clerk :** Mrs Caroline Oxenham

1 Abbotsfield Crescent, Tavistock, PL19 8EY

Tel: 01822 481415/07846 573678 (Monday to Friday)

brentorpc@yahoo.co.uk

**The Village Hall & Playing Field Committee** will be holding a special meeting on **Weds 15th Jan 6.30pm** to discuss future plans for the hall. This includes grant applications and thoughts on going forward.

**Could you help?** We welcome any offers of help or thoughts.

This is your hall and to keep it viable it needs maintenance and that will mean MONEY and that will mean grants. We need help with paperwork.

Phone or contact Sheryl or Clare.



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## Our Churches

**Many thanks** to everyone who helped decorate Christ Church for Christmas, the bellringers, the Gardening club, the WI, the choir, Wendy's book group, the Allen family and everyone else - it all looked lovely and we welcomed over 70 people on a special Sunday.

## St Michaels in the Media

The church on the tor has been much in the spotlight in the last couple of years - it has featured in the *Telegraph*, the *Guardian* and the *Times* as one of their top ten walks, and was featured in the *Countryfile* Christmas magazine 2 years ago, *Country Living* this Easter and now in the special Christmas edition of *Country Life*. All articles feature stunning photos of the church and David and I are getting quite used to journalists ringing up to ask us about it.

We are all really fortunate to have such a stunning location in the parish.

**Helen Harris - 810845**



## Brentor Commons



The Brentor Commons Association held two tree planting mornings on Bowden Down at the end of November. Two very hardy groups of volunteers planted over 300 native trees to supplement ones which we have planted over the past 15 years. The trees were given to us by The Woodland Trust, a mixture of Oak, Rowan, Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn, Holly, Wild Cherry & Willow. All have tree guards to protect them against being nibbled by deer and rabbits; these are removed and reused. It was a great effort in difficult conditions but well worth it as we are enhancing bio-diversity on the common by providing cover, food and homes for a very wide range of wildlife.

2019 has been a very active and productive year for the Commons. We have had new surveys of our bat, moth and small mammal populations and this information will be added to Devon's Bio-diversity records. We can now add the

Greater and Lesser Horseshoe bats, 211 different species of moths and Dormice to our list.

The Small Mammal trapping and bat detecting events were fascinating and well attended by humans and creatures alike - we intend to continue with these events in 2020.

The Tavistock Taskforce has completed various pieces of work for us on both Downs and will be continuing throughout 2020. They are a fantastic organisation who not only complete conservation work for us but provide work experience and training for a wide range of people with special needs.

The Holloway walk has proved to be very popular since being opened up; it provides cover and stunning views over the Burcombe Valley, Dartmoor and up to the Tor. We will be providing a few "rustic" benches to sit on. These will be placed on Bowden Down in the coming weeks - in response to requests from locals who walk the commons regularly and really need a few strategic "perching" places if they are to keep using the Commons for their walks.

Finally, on a sad note, we had another Flytipping issue when 25 paviors were thrown into the undergrowth on Liddaton Down a couple of weeks ago. 20 of them were perfectly OK and could be used again. They must have chucked from the back of a truck or a trailer to get them so far into the undergrowth; strangely enough a pick up with trailer was seen parked up by the crossroads by a regular walker from the Chillaton area.



If you want more information, want to get involved with work or planned walks please call on 860265. **Will Walker-Smith**

### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 4th January 2020 10.30-12**

Come and meet up with friends and neighbours, enjoy the freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes and crispy bacon rolls. Support the fundraising raffle! We will have our annual "unloved Christmas present table". You may not love it but someone else may!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE IN THE KITCHEN!**

A brilliant quiz night took place at the end of November, with a packed hall, over £100 made. Thanks to Dave the quiz master, Colin on the scoreboard and raffle donations.

**Sheryl 870554**

### Church Services in January:

Sunday 5th - 9.45 Holy Communion at Christ Church  
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Sunday 12th - 9.45 Prayer and Praise at Christ Church  
Sunday 19th - 9.45 Holy Communion at Christ Church  
Sunday 26th - 9.45 All Age Service at Christ Church

**Helen Harris**  
**Churchwarden, Brentor Church**

### **Brentor News key facts**

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### **'Pop up Cafe'**

- in the Brentor village hall

**Fridays 10th & 31st January**

A yummy selection of Homemade Cakes, Pasties, Soup, Sandwiches & Cream teas will be available from 10-2pm. Local stall holders will be in attendance.

**ALL WELCOME! -Millie Bickell 07787 994220**



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

#### **January**

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Morning
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Popup Cafe.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	VHPFC Special Open Meeting
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	<u>Final copy date for February Brentor News!</u>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Greek Evening.
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Popup Cafe.

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Caroline Oxenham	481415
Angela & John Evans	810629
Millie Bickell	07787 994220

#### **February**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Morning
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**Hall bookings: Helen de Carles 810412**

**All Brentor Village Hall bookings are shown on the website calendar: [www.brentorvillage.org/calendar](http://www.brentorvillage.org/calendar)  
Please check availability before making a booking request.**

**FINAL COPY DATE - for the February edition:  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January - to Jane Phelpstead: [croakytoad97@gmail.com](mailto:croakytoad97@gmail.com)**