



Brentor News

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The Brentor Show Committee invite you
to a

3 Course Sunday Lunch

with Coffee

£8 per person

Sunday 22nd April 2007
12.30 for 1pm

Help us to raise funds to stage
this year's Brentor Show.

Let us do the cooking and washing up!
Join us for a relaxed, enjoyable, lazy
Sunday afternoon.

Book early as numbers are limited
**Contact Lisa on 810473 for
tickets**

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY on 13TH MAY

The Village Hall Committee are planning to hold a maintenance day on 13th May, to prepare the Hall for the new season of events. The day will commence at 10.00am and will go on for as long as there are volunteers. Tasks to be undertaken could include:- painting areas of the kitchen and store room, providing ventilation to the cleaner's cupboard, washing down and painting walls in the toilets, cleaning windows inside and out, preparing the plant holders for the summer, strimming the long grass round the edges and along the stream, cutting back the hedges on the churchyard boundary etc.....

If you have time and effort to offer, please give me a ring so that I can co-ordinate the tasks, and obtain materials.

Alan Smith (810143) for the Brentor Village Hall
& Playing Field Committee

NATURE LIST

Can I thank everyone who helped me compile a record of wildlife spotted in Brentor in recent years. I have pinned the list up on the village hall and bus stop noticeboards. The range of species is certainly impressive! Do let me know if I've left anything off that you have seen and I'll update it.

Charlie Elder 810153

Village Hall and Playing Field – next meeting

Our next meeting on 23 April, 7.30 at the village hall will include the agm. Please come along if you want to hear what we've been up to or if you want to support our activities for the year ahead.

Tim Beavon

Brentor Garden Club

On Thursday 15th March, an audience of 34 Club members and friends enjoyed a most informative and amusing talk by Kenneth Wilcock of Ken Caro Gardens about 'The Spring Garden'. He is clearly a businessman, always aware of the importance of 'counting the pennies', but his knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening were overwhelming. His table of samples, from which he pulled a succession of lovely Spring plants, was an inspiration to us all. His hints and tips on pruning, mulching and feeding, together with the interspersed anecdotes (such as his guests who were afraid of the owls!), made for a delightful talk.

The raffle and Sales Table were as popular as ever. Our meetings draw together gardeners with a wide variety of interests, and there is always something new to learn and chat about over a cup of tea.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th April when Mark Wash of Trecanna Nursery will talk about 'Gardening in the Shade'. Visitors are always welcome.

Anne Malleson



Auction of Promises

Village Hall and Playing Field fund-raiser

The auction of promises will take place on Friday 11th May, starting at 7.30 in the village hall. Our last auction was a great success in both raising funds and providing an entertaining evening out. We are getting together the auction catalogue and already have a number of exciting promises for you to bid for so put the date in your diary. The more promises we have to auction the better the night so please get in touch to donate a promise. Perhaps you have a friend or business contact who you could persuade into contributing. Remember that the promise needn't cost you anything but time – for example introducing someone to your hobby, helping out with a practical task such as DIY or gardening or providing a service of some sort – driving, cooking, teaching all went down well last time.

Tim Beavon 810564 jt@blackhen.plus.com

Inspector Drake's Last Case by David Tristram

Pacy, racy, and literally a laugh a minute, is the verdict on the Brentorians' latest production, Inspector Drake's Last Case. The murder of old Mrs Gagarin at her stately home sets the scene for a hilariously bungling police investigation. Wonderfully deadpan, John Wheeler as the apparently hopeless detective is ineptly aided by his seemingly slow-witted side-kick Sergeant Plod, superbly played by Robin Burdfield.

The bungling pair's approach is more Police Squad than Sherlock Holmes and confusion, mayhem, and a good dollop of slapstick ensue as names are muddled, clues are misread, and the wrong conclusions drawn.

The audience loved the constant stream of puns, double entendres and visual gags delivered by all the cast with excellent timing.

Sue Rhodes shone as the vampish Miss Duck, while Paul Webster was perfect as the urbane Mr Gagarin. There was a distinct whiff of the Young Ones hippy Neil in Phil Pearson's hilarious portrayal of the guest, while Mr Guest, (yes, you guessed it) the Butler, was a wonderfully Butler-ish Simon Martin. Kim Landers and Andy Hay were great fun as the cook (Mrs Gardener) and the gardener (Mr Cook), while Jo Birbeck and Ann Clark were excellent as vicar's daughter and supposedly murdered Mrs Gagarin respectively.

With action set off by a very stylish set and super costumes this was a hugely enjoyable evening, and a really professional production, directed by Judy Baxter. Roll on the next one!

Nicky Harmer March 2007

large work study table, ash effect
29" H x 27" W x 60" L
in lieu of payment
donation to BNews
Rick Blower 810600

Brentor Wine Evening



Our Wine Evening at the start of February was a great success, with presentations from four speakers, all very different and all excellent - and ten very interesting wines. The raffle, which included a bottle of 1979 vintage port generously donated by Anne Clark, significantly swelled the coffers and we are delighted to donate a total profit of £170 to the Village Hall.

Very many thanks to our speakers, to Robin for his help - and to all who bought so many raffle tickets!

John Wheeler

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 16 April 7.30

The Brentor Parish Council invites all parishioners to attend this meeting.

It is your opportunity to put forward issues for consideration.

An annual report will be presented and the council members invite you for coffee/tea and cakes. The Clerk will also bring the archive of Parish Council minutes for your perusal.

We would also like to invite all parish groups/clubs to present an update on your activities during the year. Please contact Brian Bird, the Clerk 01566 783112 if you are interested in participating.

It would be great to see the Village Hall full on the night !

Pat Blower

On behalf of the Brentor Parish Council

Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk for the Plymouth and District Leukemia Fund

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood that attacks young and old alike. Money is needed both for research and treatment facilities. This year's Brentor village walk is the 22nd and we have raised over £20,000 over the years through these enjoyable events.

Please help by walking with us or by sponsoring somebody who will be walking. Every penny raised will be passed on to the Plymouth and District Leukemia Fund for use at Derriford Hospital.

By popular request we are again using the South Brentor, Langstone, Burnville and Moorland footpaths. If you cannot find a sponsor, don't worry, just come along for the walk and enjoy the countryside, the spring flowers, the companionship and the fresh air.

The walk starts at the Village Hall 11.00am Saturday 19th May. A Sponsorship Form is enclosed with this Brentor News.

Mike Whitfield 810 209

Tavistock Local Group of the Devon Wildlife Trust. Are you interested in birds? This month your local DWT group has 2 events for you! Wednesday 11th April, Roger Swinfen is giving an illustrated talk, "Why we ring birds". 8.00pm Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock.

Sunday 15th April we have arranged a Bird Watching Walk at Roadford Reservoir, with Bob Jones. Meet at the dam car park (next to the tearoom) at 10am. Bring binoculars and suitable outdoor clothing and stout walking shoes. We ask for a donation of £3 for all our events.

Also the Tavistock group is getting involved with a Parish Wildlife Project to collect biological records with local communities. If interested in getting involved please telephone or e-mail me.

Sue Boxall 01822 820292 and sjboxall@hotmail.com

"Brentor Heritage photos: Last year readers were warned that Alan Ray-Jones would be out and about taking photos with his camera for the Brentor archive. The weather wasn't very good after that so he'll be around again this year. Photos will only be taken from public roads and footpaths, but if you don't want your house included please ring him on 01822 810606. One or two people said they would like to be photographed with their houses, but sadly he didn't record names, so please could they contact him again."

Plant Sale

Saturday 26th May, 2 – 4 p.m.

Village Hall

Raffle, teas.

All proceeds to Village Hall funds

Contributions of plants most welcome

Mike Malleson, 860304

"Futon sofa-bed for sale.

The sofa has a metal frame. It pulls out flat on a spring mechanism to make a 4ft x 6ft double bed and has a thick dark blue futon style cushion/mattress on it. £25, buyer to collect. *Alan and Elizabeth Ray-Jones, Bluebells, Brentor. 01822 810606.*"

Brentor Parish Council News Meeting March 2007

A planning application has been submitted for the installation of the Parish Noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

Three quotations have been submitted to the insurers to make the War Memorial structurally sound after the damage caused by impact from a large vehicle.

The Police Beat Manager P.C. Reed and Police Community Support Officer Chapple attended the meeting and reported that only a few problems had been reported in the area in the last few months.

Parish Council Elections: nomination deadline is 12 noon 4th April

Next meetings;

Annual Parish Meeting 16 April

Parish Council AGM 21st May

Diary Dates

All of the above events will be held at Brentor Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

APRIL

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jennifer 810137
Wednesday 11th	8.00pm	Devon Wildlife Trust meeting. Parish Rooms	Tavistock
			Sue Boxall 820292
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Birdwatching; Roadford reservoir	Sue Boxall 820292
Monday 16th	7.30pm	Annual Prish Meeting	Brian Bird 01566 783112
Thursday 17th	7.30pm	Garden Club, 'Gardening in the shade	Mike Malleson 860304
Sunday 22nd	12.30 for 1.00pm	Sunday Lunch in aid of Brentor Show	Lisa 810473
Monday 23rd	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM	Tim Beavon 810564

May

Sunday 13th	10.00am	Village Hall Maintenance day	Alan Smith 810143
Thursday 17th	7.30pm	Garden Club, 'Sundials'	Mike Malleson 860304
Saturday 19th	11.00am	Jean Whitfield Walk	Mike Whitfield 810209
Monday 21st	7.30pm	Parish Council AGM	Brian Bird 01566 783112
Saturday 26th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Garden Club Plant Sale	Mike Malleson 860304
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FINAL COPY DATE for the next edition

Tuesday 24th April

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