



Brentor News

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A 'Festive Evening for all' at Brentor Village Hall

6.00 PM Sunday 23rd December. Adults £3.
Children free.

A village hall fundraiser + a charity collection for Amnesty International's Burma campaign.

Our evening of carol singing, mince pie eating and mulled wine sipping, now has an atmospheric start with Angela's candle advent spiral especially for the children. So please get the children along for 6pm if they are not already there revelling in Sally's pasta meal following the Christingle service.

Book with Dom (810425) or Martin (811059) in advance please (by the 22nd), as we need to organize food and drink.

Christingle Service.

The service this year will be on Sunday 23rd.December at 4.30p.m. in Christ Church. This will be followed by a Sally "camp supper" in the village hall at about 5.15p.m. A contribution of £2 towards the supper would be good.

This will be followed by Dom & Martins Festive evening at 6.00p.m..

Sally & Helen are holding a workshop for Christingle on Tuesday 11th.December in the village hall from 3.30p.m. till 5.00p.m. at which all young people will be very welcome.£1 to off-set the costs would be appreciated.A rehearsal for the Christingle service will take place on Saturday 22nd. at 2.00p.m. in Christ Church.

Canticorum Choir

The choir from Lydford led by Ian Hardy will be giving their usual festive concert at St.Michaels at 3.00p.m. on Sunday 9th.December..There will also be the added attraction of mulled wine and mince pies to keep the cold out.All will be very welcome.

Eric Rhodes 810403

Brentor Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday December 1st at the village hall from 10.00am until midday. There will be various stalls selling Christmas Goodies and Presents. Tea and coffee will be served along with mince pies and cakes with Christmas music being played in the background. Do come along.

Brentor Quiz Night

Saturday 8th December 8.00pm at the Village Hall. A fun evening to raise funds for the hall.

£6.00 entry for a team of 4.
Bring a bottle.

Book early to avoid disappointment.
Contact Dave Williams **810375**

Buckland Abbey Estate...by Sally

Whitfield

Sally Whitfield is Head Gardener at Buckland Abbey and has been there for 20 years.

The House was originally a Monastery, the Monks farmed the surrounding Estate. It has been owned by the National Trust since 1988. The gardens are 1950's type shrubberies, and are cared for by Sally and her team of one other gardener and eighteen volunteers.

The land at the Abbey is riddled with disease, especially Honey Fungus which is rampant. This originates from old Cedar remains being left in the ground to rot and spread at will. Sixteen massive Yews have succumbed to this disease and are all dead. They have been removed and the ground has been developed into an Elizabethan type garden. This has vegetable plots, a stunning herbaceous border and a most interesting flowery mead. The mead has been left to develop and re-seed and now contains such delights as Valerian, Poppies, Ragged Robin and Cranesbill. It is also used for Moth and Butterfly breeding.

Gardening at the Abbey is further complicated by the constant presence of building work. During recent work skeletons were found buried just sixteen inches beneath the surface. After detailed examination it was found they were about four hundred years old and were probably souls who had died in the infirmary run by the monks. All are now buried in the Abbey garden and have a plaque to commemorate them.

For many years chickens were kept at the Abbey but even this innocent pursuit has been fraught with disaster. A murderous black Labrador from the Maristow shoot killed ten in one blow and the Biffa lorry did away with a further three, so a decision was made not to restock!

This was a most interesting talk and one could only feel deep admiration for Sally

Whitfield's enthusiasm and love for the Abbey despite all the obvious problems they have there.

Our next meeting is on December 13th and is the AGM and Social evening.

Rona Baker

COACH HOUSE TO LET.

We have a one bedroomed Coach House available for long term rent. It is situated at Lydford Station. Our current tenant is leaving in December. For further details contact Sue or Alan on 01822 820292.

Brentor Village Cemetery

Tenders are invited for the maintenance of the above for the year 2008. This will include grass cutting, hedges and tree trimming. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01566 783112.

Brian Bird

On 6th December at 7pm in Christchurch there will be a series of Advent Bible readings, followed by a short service of reflection. All are welcome!

Contact Helen Harris (810 845) for details.

Mary Tavy and Brentor Under 5's
Monday 17 December - Under 5's
Famous Christmas Hamper Raffle.
Raffle tickets available from the
Mary Tavy Post Office early De-
cember.

Photo taken at the Christchurch 150th Anniversary



Brentor Big BRUNCH

Sunday 27 January 2008

Why not have a walk beforehand to build up your appetite? Just meet at the War Memorial at 10am and end up at the Village Hall to enjoy several menus on offer to entice both the meat eaters and the vegetarians. All food is homemade and locally sourced where possible.

We would like to know numbers to inform catering needs, so please ring Jenny Beavon on 810564 to book your place as soon as possible.

More and more details in January Brentor News. All profits to Village Hall and Playing Field Fund.

Pat Blower (810600) on behalf of the Brunch Team

Home Wanted

We are looking for a home for our friendly small Bantam/Maran Cockerel to save him from the stock pot.

Can you help?

Tel Sarah 01822 860165

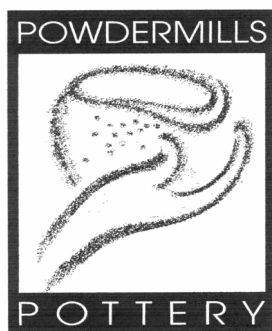
Villages in Action

A new date has been arranged for Gonzo Moose's performance of 'You Don't Need to Know That'. This will now be on Friday February 1st at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. This is theatre designed for anyone with a sense of humour and a taste for the ridiculous.

Gonzo Moose prefer to set the age of suitability at 13 years and over as some of the subject matter, although tongue in cheek, may not be suitable for young children. Ticket prices are Adults £6.00 and children £4.50.

Another date for your diaries is for February 9th when 'Kosmos' make their appearance in Brentor. These three vibrant musicians draw their inspiration from the music of the Balkans and Asia Minor. Not to be missed. More information regarding this event will be in next month's Brentor News.

Tickets for both events are available from Rick Blower 810600



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Diary Dates

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

December

Saturday 1st 10.00am - noon.
Sunday 2nd 3.30pm
Saturday 8th 8.00pm

Sunday 9th 3.00pm
Tuesdays 7.30pm
Tuesday 11th 3.30-5.30
Thursday 13th

Saturday 23rd 2.00pm
Sunday 23rd 4.30pm
Sunday 23rd: 6.00pm.

Christmas Coffee Morning
Celebration of Yoga
Quiz Night

Kate Kelly 810287
Jennifer 810137
Dave Williams
810375

Canticorum Choir St Michaels
Yoga
Christingle Workshop
Garden Club AGM & Social

Jennifer 810137
Sally & Helen
Mike Malleson
860304

Christingle rehearsal in Christ Church
Christingle in Christ Church
'Festive evening for all'

Sally
Dom 810425
Martin 811059

January

Thursday 24th 12.30 for 1.00pm

Garden Club Annual Lunch at the Peter Tavy Inn

Sue Stephens 860374

Sunday 27th

Brentor Big Brunch

Pat 810600

February

Friday 1st 8.00pm
Saturday 9th 7.30pm
Friday 22nd

Gonzo Moose, Villages in Action
Kosmos, Villages in Action
Crosses of Dartmoor

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