



# BRENTOR NEWS

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## Villages in Action

A reminder that the next event coming to Brentor is *'This Farming Life'* performed by Tom & Barbara Brown.

This Farming Life is a show that combines silent and sound film, songs and the spoken word. Their superb vocals accompanied by Tom on concertina, guitar, melodeon and mandola complement the delightful archive footage to great effect to create a truly memorable evening.

This event will take place in the Village Hall on February 9th at 8.00pm.

Tickets available from **Rick Blower on 810600**. Adults £5.50 and children £4.00.

Suitable for all those over the age of 10.

## Mary Tavy Mines

By Dr Tom Greeves  
Fri 23rd Feb, 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall

Continuing our talks  
on local subjects  
– by popular demand.

Proceeds to the Village Hall  
– please come and support our fund.



**Sheryl 810922**

## Mothering Sunday Workshops

Village Hall - Thursday 15th March  
Sessions: 4.00-5.00pm, 5.00-6.00pm

Bake and decorate cakes and make giant Mothering Sunday poster. Please book with Helen Harris 810845 or Sally Pancheri 810285.

*Thanks to every one for the successful Christmas workshop and Nativity service!*

## Wine Evening - Friday 2nd Feb, 8.00pm - Sold Out! -



A reminder to those who have bought tickets for what promises to be an interesting evening! We are now fully booked and can only accept names on a waiting list for cancellations.

**Robin Burdfield 810412**

## Brentorians Present Hilarious Farce

Brentor's very own amateur production group is proud to present

### *'Inspector Drake's Last Case'*

by David Tristram at Brentor Village Hall on

Thursday March 1st, Friday March 2nd and Saturday March 3rd 2007.



This riotous production will have the audience in tears of laughter. Right from the very start the farce takes off with double meanings, philandering, misdemeanour and some very funny jokes. This is one not to miss!!

The action all starts after a most dastardly murder at the residence of Mrs. Gagarin and the audience will witness Inspector Drake and Sergeant Plod trying to unravel the truth and reveal which of the very strange characters present at the house is guilty.

Probably not suitable for the under 6's, but definitely suitable for anyone who wants a good laugh. The cast, all from Brentor, have been rehearsing for months to bring you an unforgettable evening of top class entertainment.

The curtain rises each night at 8.00pm but be there in good time for pre-performance drinks.

We are pleased to hold prices at last years levels, so tickets are priced at £4 per adult, £2 per child or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and are available from the Box Office from February 3rd.

Previous experience shows that performances get sold out so please book your tickets early!

**Call Helen de Carles  
at the Box Office on 810412**

## Any Old Sheets, Guns.....?

We are in urgent need of sheets, preferably white, for scenery construction. Also looking for an old-fashioned style ladies overall - and some toy guns. Contact **Colin Dawes - 811079**

# Brentor Garden Club



## **Brentor Garden Club Annual Lunch**

A group of 18 members and friends gathered at the Bearslake Inn on Thursday 18th January for the Club's Annual Lunch. Luckily there were no trees down across any of the roads on the way there, though the previous day would have been difficult as the A386 was closed! For many of us it was our first visit since the new owners took over, and we were pleasantly surprised by all the alterations and improvements that have been carried out. The dining room is most comfortable, and the staff very welcoming. Judging by the relaxed atmosphere and the lively conversations, the meal was much enjoyed by all present, and we were certainly all well filled.

The next meeting is on Thursday 15th February, when a representative of the Devon Wildlife Trust will talk about Mammals of Devon. If you have belonged to the Garden Club in the past, or are interested in what we do, please come along and find out more. All members (past and present) and visitors are always welcome.

**Anne Malleson - 860304**

## **Brentor Parish Council News**

The concerns of a parishioner on behalf of the Devon Pensioners Action Group was noted and discussed regarding the increase in the parish precept over recent years compared to the increases in retirement pensions. It was requested that the Council consider ways to cut costs. The councillors agreed with the concerns and explained the recent increase and the support it was providing for the community.

The Village Hall and Playing Field Committee presented details of their current plans and income and expenditure. The Parish Council then proposed and agreed to fund the VHPFC £600 for the year regarding it as a valuable village amenity.

Upcoming (May 2007) parish council and borough elections were noted.

The proposal to initiate a Brentor Parish website was discussed. Neighbouring parishes already have websites. It was agreed that further information was needed regarding the funding and operation of a website before an informed decision could be taken.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th March.

**Pat Blower 810600**

## **BRENTOR'S FUTURE - YOUR OPPORTUNITY**

Are you concerned for the future in Brentor? Are you satisfied with what the Parish Council is doing? Perhaps you want to see more money spent on local groups. Perhaps you wish to help promote commercial development. Perhaps you think the Parish Council spends too much of your money. Or maybe you want Brentor to remain just the way it is.

On the 3rd May 2007 elections are to be held for the entire Brentor Parish Council. This is your chance to make a difference.

Whatever your position please consider becoming a Parish Councillor. There are currently six Parish Council meeting per year, but there are many other linked activities and meetings to which you can devote as much or as little time as you may wish. You will be put under no pressure since being a Parish Councillor is an unpaid, voluntary privilege.

A Parish Council is consulted widely and has many powers. It is up to the council how much power it wishes to exercise and that is down to individual councillors and the mandate on which they stand.

It is important that people from a broad spectrum of life stand in order that the electors of Brentor have a real choice as to how their local community develops.

In next months edition of the Brentor News the details of how to stand as a Parish Councillor will be given along with a timetable and other information. The closing date for nominations is April 4th but now is the time to consider whether you, a relative or friend might serve Brentor.

For further details please contact:

**Robin Burdfield - 810412**

For and on behalf of the Brentor Parish Council

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## **BRENTOR NATURE LIST**

Since the last piece in the Brentor News I have a couple of new species to add to the wildlife list for the village area thanks to Sheila Downs and Sheryl Burroughs. These include a lesser spotted woodpecker and a reed bunting, and bring the bird list total to an impressive 80.

Unfortunately the list was too long to print in the last edition of the Brentor News, but was placed online. However, sometime soon I hope to arrange for the list to either be included as an insert in the newsletter or pinned up on a village noticeboard.

In the meantime, I'm still wondering whether anyone has seen a snake (grass snake or adder) in the village in recent years. Or get in touch with anything new for the list, from mammals and birds to amphibians and insects.

Please email me, Charlie Elder

at [eldercn@aol.com](mailto:eldercn@aol.com)

The online list is at [www.brentor.net/natureList](http://www.brentor.net/natureList)

From Lucy Jones

### **Byways**

*I live at Week near Brentor and have just discovered plans to possibly introduce a restricted byway along a currently impassable green lane between the county road at Week and the county road south of Stowfordhill. My family and neighbours are very much in favour of this addition as it would create an alternative route to walk/ride/cycle towards Brentor Church and the moors beyond away from the fairly traffic - heavy road we have to use at the moment. The addition of such a byway would also provide a circular route around Week and would extend the current public footpath from Quither.*

*I believe it would be a good idea for as many people as possible who are also in favour of this byway to lend their support to the application. Unfortunately it is beyond my capabilities to email a copy of a map showing the proposed route but there is a map on a post at the end of the public road at Week and I would be happy to post individual photocopies to anyone interested. Alternatively, a map is available for inspection at the Area South Office, Devon House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot on 0845 155 1004, and on request from the Clerk to the Parish Council, and during office hours at the Public Rights of Way Service, Lucombe House, County Hall, Exeter on 01392 383026.*

*Anyone who has views on the proposed modifications can write to the following address by Friday 23rd March 2007:*

*Mrs C Pengelly, Public Rights of Way Service, Devon County Council, Lucombe House, County Hall, Topsham Rd, Exeter EX2 4QW.*

*Email: caroline.pengelly@devon.gov.uk*

*Tel: Exeter (01392) 383026.*

*I would be grateful if you could draw the attention of your readers to the possible addition of this new right of way and hope they will be supportive of it.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Lucy Jones - Bedford House Week Brentor  
07736 150585*

### **Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Nicholls Hall.**

Villages in Action bring you "*Klektivo*"

Folk & roots inspired magicians brought together by the mystical melting pot of London's world traditions. An unforgettable evening of infectious music with a grand array of unusual instruments. From the deep Tojo pipes and bass harmonica to the lullaby of the hammered Dulcimer and Charango armadillo guitars.

Klektivo will have you smiling, toe tapping and clapping for more.

Tickets £6 adults and £4.50

**Adrian 820345 / Sue 820263 / Clark 820589**

### **Editorial Matters**

Do you have a photograph, probably of local interest, suitable for the *Brentor News*? Let us have it, preferably in electronic format, and we'll try to include it - space permitting!

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A reminder that all advertising copy and payment should be sent to Mike Whitfield in advance of publication.

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### **Fatal Accident To a Lady Near Lydford Gorge!**

I bet that headline grabbed your attention. Don't worry because it was about a hundred years ago. Trouble is we don't actually know when. It was found on a newspaper cutting in a scrapbook belonging to a Beatie Neill from North Dartmoor. If you want to read the fascinating, some might say too detailed, report on this event and you have access to the Internet you can see the actual cutting on [www.lydfordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.lydfordparishcouncil.co.uk) and follow the links.

If you have heard of this event or may even have the same cutting in a scrapbook somewhere, we would like to know both the year and the newspaper. We might be able to find the day if not the year because it was the day after an anniversary visit from the Charles Church Lay Help Association. Unfortunately Charles Church is now the ruined monument on a roundabout in Plymouth and we haven't found anyone that knows about their Lay Help Association. We do know that they all caught the 11.20 train from Plymouth so that's a start!

Oh and it was just a very unfortunate accident so no-one was to blame.

**Adrian Hepworth - 820345**

### **Oil**

Many, if not most, of the population in Brentor probably have oil fired central heating but are probably unaware that there is an on-line site which looks-up the prices relevant to our area and can then offer the best price with the possibility of a lower bulk-buying price if enough people in the same postcode area (i.e. PL19) order at the same time.

If enough of us register with the site, we can perhaps manage to save some money on our heating bills. The site is [www.boilerjuice.com](http://www.boilerjuice.com)

*Many thanks from Brentor Village Hall to Nicholls Hall in Lydford for the gift of assorted wine and beer glasses!*



### 'At Home'

**Computer Tuition** for Mature  
Beginners. Windows, Word, Excel,  
internet, e-mail etc.

**Anne Malleson - 860304**

### FOR SALE

B&Q kitchen wall cupboards.  
W600 x D300 x H720mm - side hung door  
W600 x D300 x H280mm - top hung door  
Light wood grain finish.  
Less than 1 year old.  
£35 the pair.

Fold away double bed  
Folds into 2 seater, armless sofa  
£20

Plasplugs Diamond Wheel Electric Tile Cutter  
£20

**Jenny/Tim Beavon - 801564**

### LAMERTON POINT-TO-POINT STEEPLECHASE

**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH  
KILWORTHY, NR TAVISTOCK  
FIRST RACE 12.30 AM**

### For Sale

Quality grey desk  
with pull out extension and drawer unit  
matching office chair(needs attention)  
W130cm D74cm H70cm £100ono  
**Sheila Downs 820382**

### Diary Dates - All events at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

Mondays	2.00pm	Unfinished Business	Sue Stephens	860374
Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jennifer Heyworth	810137

#### February

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm	Wine Evening	John Wheeler	810083
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<i>Klektivo</i> - VIA event, Nicholls Hall Lydford	Adrian	820345
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	'This Farming Life' - VIA event	Rick Blower	810600
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	VHPFC Meeting	Anne Clark	810035
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Garden Club 'Mammals of Devon'	Mike Malleson	860304
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Mary Tavy Mines - Talk	Sheryl Burroughs	810922

**Brentorians rehearsal dates, February:** Thu 1, Thu 8, Wed 14, Wed 21, Sat 24, Sun 25, Mon 26 & Wed 28

#### March

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30/8.00pm	<i>'Inspector Drake's Last Case'</i> - Brentorians	Helen de Carles	810412
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	" "	"	"
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	"	" "	"	"
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council	Pat Blower	810600
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Mothering Sunday Workshops, 4.00pm & 5.00pm	Helen Harris	810845
	7.30pm	Garden Club 'The Spring Garden' by Kenneth Wilcock	Mike Malleson	860304
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Alison Neil - VIA event	Rick Blower	810600
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Traditional Games Evening	Dave Williams	810375



**FINAL COPY DATE** - for the March edition

**Friday 23rd February - to Mike Whitfield** e-mail: [mikewhit@btinternet.com](mailto:mikewhit@btinternet.com)