



BRENTOR NEWS



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BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY

As reported in the last issue, the Village Hall Committee are to hold a maintenance day on **Sunday 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 will 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, retreating the knotweed etc.....

This is your last chance to volunteer, if you have time and effort to offer, so please give me a ring in order that that I can co-ordinate the tasks, and obtain materials.

Alan Smith 810143

Brentor Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Jean Whitfield Walk

This Village Walk will be starting from the Village Hall at 11.00am on Saturday 19th May. Sponsor forms were distributed with the April Brentor News but further copies are still available from me. Please note that children should be accompanied by a designated adult.

Come and join us and enjoy a walk in the beautiful spring countryside around Brentor. All proceeds go to the Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund.

Mike Whitfield 810209

Brentor Garden Club

PLANT SALE

**Saturday 26th May,
2 – 4 p.m.**

Donations of good
quality plants will be
welcomed

**Special Evening
Talk**

**'Gardening in
Ancient Egypt'**

**by Claire Malleson
7.30 p.m.**

Refreshments
afternoon & evening

Raffle, with some
prizes from Egypt!

**ALL PROFITS TO
VILLAGE HALL
FUNDS**

Mike Malleson 860304

Mary Tavy Mines

This talk by Dr Tom Greeves was a wonderful success. A big thank you to Tom for a very interesting talk, with slides. What a lot we all learnt that night. It was also lovely that so many people came, it was obviously a subject that people from many surrounding villages were interested in too. We took approx £180 towards the Village Hall funds.

Paul Rendell will be giving a talk on 'Curious Dartmoor' on 22nd June. Full details will be given in the June edition of the Brentor News..

Sheryl Burroughs 810 922

Gardening in Shade

On Thursday 19 April we had another well attended meeting, with two more new members joining.

Mark Wash and his daughter Bethany brought a large selection of plants for sale that were suitable for 'Gardening in Shade'. Mark gave a lively and interesting talk, illustrated with his own slides, showing what could be achieved. He made us feel that what may be considered a problem area could be viewed as an opportunity to grow some very choice plants and bulbs.

Trecanna Nursery & Garden is situated at Latchley and brown tourist signs are displayed on the A390 between Gunnislake and Callington. It is open all year between 10am and 5pm, Wednesday to Saturday plus Bank Holidays.

As well as bringing plants for sale, Mark has developed a range of gardening gifts including: mugs with lids to keep the heat in and the creepy crawlies out, shower proof radios shaped as flower pots, novelty metal watering cans and folding secateurs – to name a few.

On 5 & 6 August the Nursery will be holding a South African weekend featuring the plants of that country together with garden tours and cream teas. Proceeds from this event will go to the Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society. Perhaps groups of members would like to consider attending?

Sue Stephens 860374

Local policing

I have recently been joined by PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Dave Chapple, you may recognise him as the former Traffic Warden of Tavistock. We have visited Mary Tavy and Brentor primary School where we met some of the younger members of the Community.

In the last 3 months there have been six calls to the Police from Brentor, just one of these was reporting a crime. I am very pleased to report that the number of vehicles attacked at the church car park has continued to fall and we regularly visit the area distributing crime reduction literature.

Brentor remains one of the safest areas in the Country to live with very little criminal activity.

Finally, if any of you have a few hours to spare each week, we are always looking for Special Constables who live in the area. Please contact me if you could assist and I will pass your details to Special Constable Barry Pyke.

Kevin Reed

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

Unfinished Business

Do you have an all too demanding task that can be undertaken with relaxation or a creative hobby that has become relaxed? You name it – we would like to have knowledge of it; so why not come and share your interests, crafts, skills hobbies and your quality knowledge, with us, in quality time....making curtains, model making, quilting, patchwork, knitting, embroidery, weaving, spinning, shortening jeans, appliqué, art, tapestry.... Can we help you or can you help us? Age concern? Our youngest member is aged just six years. Eldest?....no limits... Cost? £1 which includes tea and biscuits, lots of laughter and friendly chat.

Sue Stephens 860 374

Tapas Evening at the Village Hall **8.00pm Saturday 23 June**

Brentor goes Spanish for the evening!

We will provide a Spanish atmosphere and lashings of Patatas bravas, delicious hot fried potatoes served with salsa brava, a spicy tomato sauce. You just need to come along with a dish of your favourite tapas and as much Spanish wine as you want to drink!

There are loads of tapas recipe ideas on the internet – just Google 'tapas' and take your pick. Alternatively e-mail Colin Dawes at colin.dawes@virgin.net and he will send you a selection of simple recipes.

Tickets £3.50 from Dave Williams 810375.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Church News

With the change to Revd. Ian Sykes position effective from 1st May there is also a change to the pattern of services at Christchurch. On the first Sunday of each month there will morning worship at 9.45 a.m. (non-communion) and on the third Sunday there will be Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m. If there is a fifth Sunday there will be a joint service with Lydford and notices will be posted regarding the venue. Evensong at St. Michael's at 6.30 p.m. will continue throughout the summer. Ian Sykes will take the majority of services at both Brentor and Lydford but the Archdeacon, The Venerable Canon Tony Wilds has overall responsibility for the parish for the coming two years.

Eric Rhodes 810403
Churchwarden

Curry Supper

Time again for the always enjoyable 'Curry Supper'. This is a fund raising evening for 'Christian Aid' that the whole community can enjoy. Volunteers will make a selection of curry, rice and accompaniments to prepare a veritable feast for us all to savour. Book a place by phoning Sue on the number below.

I hope there will be volunteers to make a curry or other dishes to help fill the table. I look forward to hearing from those who can.

A donation of £4 per adult and at your discretion per child would be appreciated for the evening. All funds raised will be sent to 'Christian Aid' to assist in their work in areas of strife, famine or other disaster around the world.

Sue Rhodes 810403

Annual Parish Meeting

A lively meeting took place at the Village Hall on Monday 18 April where representatives from many local groups offered updates of their year's activities. CHICKS at Bonnaford gave a video presentation of their charity and the new PCSO (Officer Chapple) introduced himself and his role. The landlord of the Brentor Inn also updated the parishioners on the plans for the Inn with its renovations and planned opening for next year.

The next Parish Council meeting with the AGM will be on Monday 21st May 7.30pm. This will be the first meeting of the new council.

Pat Blower 810600

Village Hall and Playing Field

The AGM was held on 23 April. The following were elected from the Committee as officers:

Chairman	Tim Beavon
Vice Chairman	Alan Smith
Treasurer	Dave Williams
Secretary	Anne Clark

Bookings will continue to be taken by

Liz Wheeler (810083 – liz@brentor.net)

A general meeting was held on the same evening. It was decided that there would be no increase to the hall charges at present, with the situation being reviewed in 6 months time. If the charges are not to go up we will need to ensure that we have a good number of successful fundraising events. In addition to raising funds for regular maintenance it was agreed that we would seek funding for new chairs and tables at the village hall and that we would begin to plan for improvements to the buildings at the playing field.

Just before the meeting we learnt that our application to Awards for All (one of the National Lottery Funds) for a grant to pay for design fees for a replacement village hall had been approved. We will now begin work on this process and we will keep you regularly informed through the Brentor News.

Tim Beavon 810564

Cricket in Brentor

Well, the 2007 cricket season starts on the 1st May for the merry band of cricket fanatics that call themselves "*West Devon Cricket Club*".

New for us for this season is a two team approach a league team and a friendly side. The goal for the league side is to win a game in the league, whereas the friendly side is focussed on the after cricket drinks.

We have matches, from May right through into late August. We are also welcoming Tavistock 3rds, Launceston 3rds, Plymouth City Housing and Plymouth City Transport, who are also making use of the ground. I am sure that the village will make them most welcome.

Of course we are always looking for new players; ability is not a necessity; just a good attitude and enjoyment of the game is enough! If you want any further details, just let me know.

Andy Hay 810813,
Skipper, West Devon Cricket Club

DIARY DATES

(in Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

Friday 11 May 7.30pm	Auction of Promises (see enclosed sheet)	Tim Beavon 810564
Sunday 13th May from 10.00am	Village Hall Maintenance Day	Alan Smith 810143
Thursday 17th May 7.30pm	Garden Club 'Sundials' by Richard Thorne	Mike Malleson 860304
Friday 18th May, 7.00pm	CURRY SUPPER	Sue Rhodes 810403
Saturday 19 th May 11.00am	Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk	Mike Whitfield 810209
Wednesday 23 May 8.00pm (note: change of date)	Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund Brentor Commons Association AGM	Mike Whitfield 810209
Saturday 26th May 2-4pm	Garden Club Plant Sale	Mike Malleson 860304
Saturday 26th May 7.30pm	Garden Club 'Gardening in Ancient Egypt' by Claire Malleson	Mike Malleson 860304
Thursday 21st June 7.30pm	Garden Club 'Flower Arranging' by Vivienne Thompson	Mike Malleson 860304
Friday 22nd June.	Paul Rendell 'Curious Dartmoor'	Sheryl Burroughs 810 922
Saturday 23 June 8.00pm	Tapas Evening	Dave Williams 810375

Stop Press!

Brentor Commons Association

The date of the Brentor Commons Association AGM has been changed from Monday 7th May to **Wednesday 23rd May**.

The Association has recently received a grant of £1,500 from Devon County Council for biodiversity survey work on Liddaton Down and for the purchase of tools to aid management of the land. We have also received out first instalment of funds from DEFRA under their Entry Level Scheme. Our future plans will be presented for open discussion at the AGM.

Following the success of our Open Evening in November 2006, non-members would be welcome to take part in these discussions.

Mike Whitfield 810209

**FINAL COPY DATE for next edition Friday May 25th to
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with £5 per insertion**

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

AUCTION OF PROMISES

An auction of promises will be held at Brentor Village Hall on **Friday 11 May** to raise funds for the village hall and playing field. The evening will start at 7.30 – bring a plate of food and something to drink. The auction will start at 8.30.

The promises made to date are set out below. **If you can add to the list please ring Tim Beavon on 810564 or e-mail jt@blackhen.plus.com.** If you run a business or provide a service locally then donating a promise is a really effective way of advertising.

Give Tim a ring too if you are unable to attend but would like to make a sealed bid for any item. All lots are to be paid for in full on the evening by cash or cheque.

- Baby sitting
- 3 night break at The Smithy, Burn Lane, between 1 November and 31 March excluding school holidays for up to three people and a dog
- To walk your dog for up to one hour on 6 occasions
- Home made birthday cake
- Taxi service to and from a pub/restaurant
- Sailing trip on the Tamar/Plymouth Sound, including gourmet lunch
- Half day introduction for one person to bee keeping, including an explanation of the basics and a safe, hands-on tour of a hive
- Breakfast for up to 4 adults or a family of up to 6 at Brentor Station
- Consultancy on organising a trip to Spain, Spanish translation or Spanish language
- French or Italian language coaching
- Half days tutored use of an apple crusher to make apple juice
- A 2 course summer lunch for two
- Tea/coffee and cake at Food Dreckly
- Taxi service to Exeter railway station or airport – drop off and pick up
- A 2 hour ironing session
- A 2-3 hour rock climbing/abseiling session
- 2 hours coaching in how to make hand made soap