



# BRENTOR NEWS

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## Parking

*Do those residents who park their cars on the bus route by the Methodist chapel realise just how inconsiderate they are to all who use this road out of the village? In the past week alone I have twice been involved in much reversing and shunting, in one case with a bus, a horse trailer and four cars. Not only does parking a vehicle here constitute a danger to everyone, it contravenes the highway code. Do we really have to involve the police or highways agency over something which is just common sense or do we need an accident involving a child first? Until relatively recently only rarely were cars parked here with residents using the sensible option of parking just around the corner in the centre of the village. I know this involves walking a few yards but people are well aware of parking limitations before moving into a house.*

*One last point. In the event of an accident how will insurance companies react to any claim involving vehicles parked in contravention of the highway code? I suspect not favourably.*

**Terry Higgs**

First Friday night in the month....

## Village Pub Night!



**Friday 5th October - Village Hall from 7.30pm**

£3 entry and all the fun of the games: darts, skittles, football, snooker and more.

Bring your own drinks and join in the fun.

**Pat Blower**

Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

## Jumble Sale

Sorry for short notice but we are holding a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 13th Oct.** Doors open 2pm.

20p entrance fee for Village Hall Fund Raising.

GOOD QUALITY Jumble can be taken to the hall at 5pm to 7pm Friday 12 Oct - and also Saturday morning 11am to 1pm - Help always appreciated!

**Sheryl 870554**

## BRENTOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

**Village Hall 7.30pm, Wednesday October 17th**

The Brentor Community Centre (BCC) was established in 1978 and in its early years was responsible for establishing a village shop, a youth club, a pre-school playgroup and of course the Brentor News. It continues to produce and circulate the Brentor News to all households in the parish free of charge with the generous help of volunteers. It also runs the 'Villages in Action' theatre events and is responsible for developing the 'Brentor Living Archive'.

For the past 15 years or so the BCC has been run by a small but dedicated committee. According to our current constitution, all residents of the parish are technically members of the BCC although only a handful usually turn up at the AGM. To give the BCC a clearer legal identity for the purpose of fund-raising we intend to introduce a new constitution at the forthcoming AGM which will establish the BCC as a charitable trust. Copies of the agenda for the AGM and of the draft Trust Deed will be available on request from October 1st.

If you want to find out more about the BCC or you want to be involved in our activities we will be glad to see you on October 17th.

**Dave Williams (810375), Rick Blower (810600)**

**John Wheeler (810083), Mike Whitfield (810209)**

## Fly tipping on Liddaton Down

A substantial quantity of builders' rubble was fly tipped on the western side of Liddaton Down, probably between 21 and 23 September. The material appears to have resulted from recent roofing and building work and is likely to be of local origin. A flat bed or other truck with a tipping capability was used, possibly in two sessions.

Besides old and new cut roofing tiles the rubbish contains bricks, breezeblocks and floor tiles suggesting work on an extension. Distinctive samples of mustard yellow wallpaper and powder blue woodwork and other items that may enable the site to be identified have been collected to forward to the appropriate authorities.

Fly tipping is a serious offence that can attract substantial fines and the Brentor Commons Association as the charity responsible for Bowden Down and Liddaton Down is obliged to follow up such incidents. A recent report has identified at least one site on Liddaton Down as of very high conservation value on a national level. Indiscriminate tipping of this kind damages environments that are important to all of us.

**Mike Whitfield & Will Walker-Smith for the Brentor Commons Association**

# Brentor Garden Club



On September 20th, Garden Club members were introduced to the idea of 'Bio Dynamic Gardening' by Paul Ross. Paul started by encouraging us to take a broad astrological / holistic view of our gardens by using our peripheral vision, and to use our intuition when planting. He put forward the theory that we need to add very little water or nutrition to our gardens, and explained how to make a feeding solution by mixing a small amount of cow manure into a bucket of water, which should be stirred for an hour - invite your friends in to share the stirring! His 'green' answer to a slug problem was to gather some slugs, cremate them, and mix the ashes with water, which is then sprinkled onto the ground to deter further slugs, the same for rodents & moles! More familiar organic ideas were the use of nettles or comfrey to make fertiliser. Overall, his general "spiritual energy" approach to gardening was new to most of us, and provided food for thought.

The meeting was well attended, and the usual sales table, raffle and refreshments were enjoyed as always.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18th October at 7.30pm. This is a talk on 'Climate Change in your Garden' by Simon Goodenough of the Ventnor Botanic Gardens in the Isle of Wight, which has been organised by Westden and DARE (Devon Association for Renewable Energy). It will be widely publicised, and therefore we expect a fairly large audience, so we suggest that Garden Club members arrive in good time to ensure that they find a seat.

**Anne Malleson - 860304**

## The Methodist Chapel

As most people are aware the Dartmoor National Park has put up notices prohibiting further work on the Methodist Chapel. In response to requests from a number of parishioners, the Parish Council has contacted the DNP, who have identified non-compliance with a number of conditions associated with the granting of planning permission. The Methodist Chapel is a listed building and conditions and restrictions are stringently enforced.

Unfortunately, the owner of the Chapel is visiting New Zealand so resolving the issues is complicated by his absence. However, the Parish Council did send him an email concerning the skip outside the Chapel to which he promptly and positively responded.

**Brentor Parish Council - Robin Burdfield**

## BRENTORIANS

Autumn in Brentor means one thing – time for the Brentorians to dust down the face paint and gear up for theatrical year ahead. So if you wish to be part of it, whether behind the scenes or in front, organising or acting please come to the Brentorians AGM which takes place on Thursday October 11th at the Village Hall starting at 7:30 pm.

A large part of the AGM will be devoted to the type of production(s) to be staged, their timing and their focus, so if you have ideas to air or merely wish to register your interest – come along. Formality is kept to a minimum and the Brentorians principal aim as per constitution is:-

*'to be a loosely knitted group of people intent on creating fun for its "members", entertain the local population and give opportunities to the local inhabitants to indulge in amateur dramatics'.*



**Robin - 810412**

## Bank Holiday Weekend Balloon Invasion!

I am keen to add to the Archive photographs of the mass visitation by hot air balloons to Brentor on Saturday August 25th between 8.00 and 9.00am. Unfortunately I didn't realise it was happening until it was nearly over and I have very few useful shots. If you do have photographs of this happening that you would like to be included in the Archive please contact me.

**Mike Whitfield 810209**

*Old folk, young folk, everybody come*

*Join our climate study group and make yourselves at home,  
Bring your carbon footprints, come in and close the door  
And you'll hear of global warming that you've never heard  
before!*

*Predictions – yes pollution – we have a smoking gun;  
Temperatures are rising and not in modicum.  
Conference in Kyoto when promises were made,  
So many countries said OK, but have they all obeyed?*

*Tornado, blizzard, hurricane; greenhouse effect is here,  
Climate change it is for real! Arctic ice – less by the year.  
Glaciers melting, sea levels rising – compelling evidence  
That climate change is here forever – there is no  
recompense.*

*Some say this and some say that and some ask what to do?  
This over-warmed earth – is it here to stay? Can we reduce  
the CO2?*

*Weather change is a positive issue; we really must do battle –  
You and me, we all can help – if only little by little.*

*Intergalactic pollution – human caused – no doubt!  
Those filth accustomed countries – think you they'll work it out?  
The climate system is an angry beast and we are poking at it  
As more and more we pay the price of dollars in fuel-fed pockets.*

*We need our sun, our climates too, but all in moderation.  
Gas-guzzling trucks, cars, aeroplanes, too much deforestation  
Gives off this fog - this greenhouse mess, this unforgiving vapour;  
In this world of ours, we're here to stay;  
who wants a gloomy future?*



## **150th. anniversary of Christ Church.**

A special service will take place at Christ Church on Sunday 21st October at 10.30a.m. to commemorate the 150th anniversary of its consecration. The service to be conducted by the Bishop of Plymouth will include the Eucharist and to which all in the Benefice are invited. Refreshments afterwards will include a special celebration cake, in the village hall, where the archive display about Christ Church will be retained from the previous day. Geoffrey Cox MP and the Mayor of West Devon have been invited and accepted our invitation. As a relatively "new" resident of Brentor, if there are others who have moved from the Village who you think would like to be invited please let them know or if you think a written invitation more appropriate please let our secretary, Ann Clark (810035) know.

If there are any volunteers to help on the day and also to make a few cakes it would be very much appreciated.

**Eric Rhodes Churchwarden (810403)**

## **Do you enjoy walking...**

*...and appreciate the physical and mental benefits which it brings? Would you have just a few hours a month (on a Tuesday morning) to support a new initiative, Tavistock Walk and Talk, which has recently been launched to encourage people of all ages, including those with disabilities and those recovering from illness, to walk for their health? These walks are part of the national Walking the Way to Health campaign supported by the British Heart Foundation and Natural England, through which it is estimated a million people have been encouraged to start walking since its inception in 2000.*

*As a volunteer Walk Leader you would be working as part of a team promoting regular walking within the community. Each led short walk lasts for about an hour and a half and includes the walk itself and also social refreshments afterwards. There are always 2 Volunteer Walk Leaders on each walk so you would never be alone and full training will be provided.*

*The Tavistock pilot scheme has had a really promising start but to continue is desperately in need of volunteers to train as Walk Leaders. If you think you could help, and could attend a training day to be held in Tavistock on Saturday 13th October, please contact me for further details.*

*Many villages and smaller communities around the country have successfully implemented similar schemes, so maybe for the future we could have our very own Brentor Walk and Talk??*

**Jo Birbeck 810626**

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

It has been suggested that we set up an e-mail communication system within the village so that any crime news/concerns relating to residents can be spread as quickly as possible. The plan is that this would be a two way process. Anyone seeing anything of concern can inform us (as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators) who can then inform those who have provided e-mail addresses and if relevant, pass to the police. At the same time any information passed to the co-ordinators by the police can be e-mailed to the residents where it is considered relevant to the village.

If anyone is interested in the idea and would like to provide their e-mail address please send it to us as below. For the record, police telephone numbers are:

In an emergency 999 - otherwise 08452 777444

**Paul Webster – paul@pwebster.co.uk**

**Alan Henbest – alan@leyline.freemove.co.uk**

## **Brentor Living Archive Open Day**

There will be an Archive Open Day in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th October. The Hall will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

As usual there will be interactive computer slide shows and displays of photographs, maps and other material. Members of the Archive Group will be demonstrating themes from the Archive and you will be able to explore the archive yourself for topics that interest you.

You can also contribute to the Archive. If you have photographs, plans, maps, deeds or family histories please bring them along so that we can copy them.

The displays will stay in place for a coffee morning to be held by the church on Sunday 21st October. This will be attended by the Bishop of Plymouth who will be in Brentor to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church.

Come and enjoy this interesting event with plenty to see and ample opportunities to discuss. When we last held an Open Day some folk stayed talking all day!

**Philip Whitcomb, Mike Whitfield 810209**

## **Villages in Action:**

**Gonzo Moose**

### **Gonzo Moose Theatre Company**

*'You Don't Need to Know That...'*

The forthcoming Villages in Action event kicks off on November 10th with an evening of hilarious physical comedy theatre. Gonzo Moose Theatre Company will be performing 'You Don't Need to Know That...' - an exhilarating fast paced and thrilling production of comedy, drama, slapstick and puppetry. Gonzo Moose create a hilarious, ludicrous and disturbingly anarchic world where anything can happen and frequently does.

It is the story of an ordinary man who minds his own business and awakes one morning to find a police inspector at the foot of his bed. Unaware of his crime, he is plunged into a shadowy world full of incompetent policemen, over zealous torturers, bemused judges, senile prison guards and lecherous inmates. Be amazed by the daring prison escapes, gasp at the deadly guillotine, and wonder at the wise man's constantly moving beard!

This is theatre designed for anyone with a sense of humour and a taste for the ridiculous.

Gonzo Moose state that the work is neither rude nor offensive, but they prefer to set the age suitability at 13 years and over as some of the subject matter, although tongue in cheek, may not be suitable for young children. However, it's up to the parents!

This event will take place at Brentor Village Hall at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are Adults £6.00 and children £4.50 and are available from:

**Rick Blower 810600**

*(See overleaf for VLA events at Mary Tavy)*

## Brentor News Distribution & Advertising

If you are outside the parish and would like The Brentor News to be sent to you on-line as a PDF, send your request via email to [johnw@brentor.net](mailto:johnw@brentor.net). A small donation to the BCC would be appreciated. All advertising copy and payment should be sent to Mike Whitfield in advance of publication.

### Kittens....

Six loveable, well-behaved, potty trained kittens available from mid-October onwards. All black, some with white toes. We need to find caring homes for them. If interested, please contact the Evans family on 810629 .....PS. You don't have to have all six ...

### Barn Dance, Friday 19 October

7.30pm-11.30pm at Coronation Hall Mary Tavy.  
(in aid of Mary Tavy and Brentor Under 5's)  
Tickets £6.50 - Mary Tavy Post Office or me (Sue).  
Licensed bar and music by Homebrew.  
**Sue Hancock 810100**

### Villages in Action at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

#### ROSEWOOD

Saturday 6 October at 7.30pm  
A musical evening with a Chinese flavour:  
Ying Han on Cimbalon and Jia Luo on Harp.

#### JUDY & ME

Friday, 16 November at 7.30pm  
A musical tribute to Judy Garland  
All tickets at Post Office £15 family, £6 adult,  
£4.50 concession and £3 child.

## Local History Research: Footpaths – Field Paths – Rights of Way

*Footpaths, Field Paths and Rights of Way have been a part of life in North Brentor for generations and are an important component of the social history of the village. Some of these paths have never been officially signposted, but do exist in historic documents and local memories. The researching, documenting and recording of these paths, enhances the historic record of the area and helps retain and protect convenient short cuts and pleasurable walks for current and future villagers.*

*One such path in the centre of the village and which is currently included in a public consultation by Devon County Council (DCC) as part of the DCC Definitive Map Review is Church Path from Shell Park Corner to Lowertown/School. Another, Bunters Path. The DCC review is also seeking information on other Rights of Way in the wider parish i.e. Footpath number 4 at South Brentor and Asheltor Lane between Higher Woodpark and Bowden Down.*

*Do you or any other members of your family have any local knowledge of, personal information on or perhaps still have some old documents that refer to or detail any such Footpaths, Field Paths and Rights of Way? If you do – then please contact us - we would love to hear from you.*

*If you would like to submit evidence to DCC they can supply you with "User Evidence Forms". If you prefer you can write directly to the DCC Rights of Way Officer (we can supply the address) outlining where you believe the historic Footpaths, Field Paths and Rights of Way were/are, what they were/are called, what they have been/are used for, who used them and when they were used.*

*We can be contacted by 'phone after 7pm on most Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays - or via email.*

**David Spratt & Christine Chapman - 01372 735652 - [c.chapman1@virgin.net](mailto:c.chapman1@virgin.net)**

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

Mondays	2.00pm	Unfinished Business	Sue Stephens	860374
Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga - until Tues 4th Dec	Jennifer Heyworth	810137
<b>October</b>				
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Pub Night	Pat Blower	810600
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Rosewood - VIA at Coronation Hall Mary Tavy	Ged Tucker	810454
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Robin Burdfield	810412
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Brentorians AGM	Robin Burdfield	810412
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Jumble Sale	Sheryl	870554
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	BCC AGM	Mike Whitfield	810209
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Garden Club - "How Climate Change will Affect Your Garden"	Mike Malleson	860304
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Barn Dance, Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy	Sue Hancock	810100
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Brentor Living Archive Open Day	Mike Whitfield	810209
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	150th Anniversary Service, Christ Church - and Archive / Coffee morning in the hall	Eric Rhodes	810403
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tim Beavon	810564
<b>November</b>				
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Village Pub Night	Pat Blower	810600
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gonzo Moose Theatre - VIA Event	Rick Blower	810600
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Garden Club - Buckland Abbey Estate	Mike Malleson	860304
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Judy & Me - VIA at Coronation Hall Mary Tavy	Ged Tucker	810454
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Robin Burdfield	810412
<b>December</b>				
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Kate Kelly	810287
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Pub Night	Pat Blower	810600
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Garden Club - AGM & Social	Mike Malleson	860304

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

**Wednesday 24th October - to Mike Whitfield: [mikewhit@btinternet.com](mailto:mikewhit@btinternet.com)**