



# BRENTOR NEWS



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## QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 25th April  
8pm at Village Hall**

*A fun evening to raise funds for the hall.*

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

Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Contact Dave Williams 810375**

## Brentor Annual Parish Meeting.

Venue. The Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.  
on Monday 21st April 2008.

All Members of the Public are very welcome to attend.

### *Agenda.*

- 2008/1. Welcome address by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr R.A. Burdfield.
- 2008/2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 2007.
- 2008/3. Presentations and Reports by Local Organisations.
- 2008/4. Reports by the Parish Council.  
Chairman Mr R.A. Burdfield.  
Parish Clerk Mr .B. Bird.
- 2008/5. Comments, proposals and resolutions raised by Brentor Electors for consideration by the Parish Council.

In attendance will be .

Mrs C. Marsh, D.C.C & W.D.B.C. Councillor.

Mr T. Pearce. W.D.B.C. Councillor.

Mr.P. Glanville. D.N.P.A. Warden

- View the Parish Records dating back to 1894.
- Refreshments served - Courtesy of the Parish Council.

**Brian Bird (Parish Clerk)**

## Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk

Leukaemia is a cancer of the blood that attacks young and old alike. Money is needed both for research and treatment facilities. This year's walk for the Plymouth and District Leukaemia Fund is the 23rd.

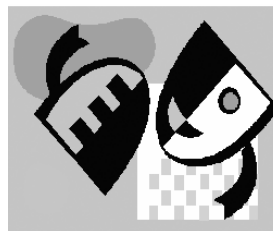
Please help by walking with us or by sponsoring somebody who will be walking. Every penny raised will be passed on to the Plymouth and District Leukaemia Fund for use at Derriford Hospital. By popular request we are again using the South Brentor, Langstone, Burnville footpaths. If you cannot find a sponsor, don't worry, just come along for the walk and enjoy the spring countryside, the companionship and the fresh air.

**The walk starts at the Village Hall 11.00am Saturday 17th May. A Sponsorship Form is enclosed as supplement to this month's *Brentor News*.**

**Mike Whitfield 810 209**

## *The Brentorians*

Brentor's own amateur theatrical group  
proudly presents



**OUT OF  
FOCUS**

**by Peter  
Gordon**

**This amateur production is presented by  
arrangement with Josef Weinberger Limited**

## Last Call for Brentorians Farce

This very funny farce all starts after a hopeless mix up with Village Hall bookings. Rivalries and jealousies develop, featuring classic village characters and their special ways, all spiced up with romantic and marital intrigue.

The characterisations are superbly interpreted by the cast, all of whom are from Brentor. This is a great opportunity to see some of your fellow parishioners in a new and revealing light.

The play will be presented at The Brentor Village Hall on Thursday April 10th, Friday April 11th and Saturday April 12th. There are still tickets available for each of the performances

The curtain rises each night at 7:30 pm but be there in good time for pre-performance drinks.

The play is probably not suitable for the under 6's.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult, £2.50 per child or £12.50 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children), and are available from

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

**Robin Burdfield**

**Mobile Hairdresser**

**now available in the Brentor area**

**Please phone Alicia (810657)**

**for further details**

## **Care For Our Environment**

### **A report on "Message in the Waves"**

a film shown on 14 March:

The curling waves of the Pacific, pounding Hawaiian beaches, make a paradise for surfers. The same shores, for thousands of years, have been nesting sites for the Laysan albatross. Sadly, these magnificent birds are now a threatened species, as the baby chicks feed on regurgitated plastics, objects which the parent birds pick up from a polluted ocean.

The film pulls no punches. It is hard to watch the young birds literally stuffed with old cigarette lighters, combs, toothbrushes – you name it – then die before leaving the nest. Some hardier ones stagger to the edge of the water, but are too weak to fly. It's not only birds that mistake plastics for jellyfish. Sea turtles too can choke to death on plastic bags, or become entangled in fishing lines. What are we doing to our wildlife? The film was beautiful, but sobering.

Despite their annual influx of carefree visitors, the children of Hawaii are learning to care for their environment – their ancestors knew that an island home would provide for their needs only as long as they respected and protected the natural resources. Today our planet is our island.

After a break for tea nearly everyone stayed on for a discussion, chaired by Mike Whitfield, about actions we can take to help care for the environment. The government is taking action on plastic carrier bags, but seems slow to grasp the nettle of climate change, so ordinary people have to lead if we think action is needed to reduce its impact. It is already affecting the health and livelihoods of many people in the world, and

rising sea levels will affect millions more. It's going to be a long haul, but there were people at the meeting who were willing to become actively involved in raising public awareness of the issues involved. Some were optimistic that climate change could in some ways improve life in Brentor, and foster a stronger community spirit.

Geri Laithwaite came from Tavistock to show the film, and Oz Osborne from Calstock to speak about the climate change developments at Belstone village which were pioneered by Westden in 2003. Geri (01822 617457) is hoping that someone in Brentor has room in a shed which could be used as a collection point for plastics – properly organised recycling will help to protect wildlife.

If you want to be in any way involved with developments to do with sustainability and the environment, please email [alan@ray-jones.org.uk](mailto:alan@ray-jones.org.uk) – or ring 810606.

**Elizabeth and Alan Ray-Jones**

## **Brentor Wine Evening**

A capacity audience of tasters clearly enjoyed this year's Brentor Wine Evening held on the last day of February. Wines from England, California, Spain and Denmark (...W.A) were presented, discussed and duly sampled – and a guided blind tasting had most people guessing – but not Jo Birbeck!

A bottle of vintage port, very kindly donated by you-know-who, made for a highly popular raffle. Very many thanks to my co-presenters, especially for their help in organising a successful event which raised £107 for the Village Hall.

**John Wheeler 810083**

## **Dartmoor Crosses talk**

We had a very successful evening on Friday February 22nd, with a very informative talk on Dartmoor Crosses by Paul Rendell. Thank you to all who came. The power of advertising though meant that a lot of people from outside the village also supported it. It would be nice to see more locals. We made £119 towards the Village Hall. Advance notice.... 12th Sept Simon Dell will be doing a talk on '*Dartmoor Prison, the Mutinies*'.

Thank you

**Sheryl Burroughs (870554)**

## **Parish Council News**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council held on March 10th it was reported that following the government inspector's examination into the DNPA Core Strategy, North Brentor was to remain classified as a Rural Settlement. This means that from 2010/2011 until 2025 limited new development will be permitted in North Brentor.

The Parish Council opposed the inclusion of North Brentor as a settlement classified for any new development in a series of meeting with the DNPA and the government inspector.

The council gave its support for a new initiative on Bowden Down run by the Brentor Commons Association and Workshops Under the Sky (WUTS), run by the artist & potter Jennie Hale.

Issues raised for consideration at the next council meeting included the lack of ditch clearance work in West Blackdown, and the possibility of further protecting the War Memorial from traffic hits.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Monday 21st April at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. This is not a council meeting but is the occasion when local groups report on their activities and electors debate current issues in the community. Resolutions can be passed for subsequent consideration by the Parish Council.

Refreshments will be served – courtesy of the Parish Council.

**Robin Burdfield - 810412**

### **Devon Wildlife Trust - Tavistock Local Group Events in April:**

a. **Wednesday 9th April.** "Secret Nature of Dartmoor" An illustrated talk by Paul Rendall. 8pm. Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock

b. **Saturday 12th April.** "Forest walk with Jennie Hale" starting at 2pm. Jennie is a local potter and author of "Nature Diary of an Artist". We will walk from her workshop to the new tea shop at the waterfall entrance of Lydford Gorge.

**Sue Boxall 01822 820292**

### **Mary Village Hall and Playing Field AGM – 7th May 7.30pm**

Sound boring? Well, you might be surprised to hear that the Village Hall has had a successful year of fundraising and hirings with a calendar of plans for the rest of year already well underway. Heard about plans for a new Village Hall? Then come along and see what has been proposed to date. All welcome, and we would of course love to see lots of interested parishioners.

#### **Pizza and Skittles Night**

On June 6th we are planning an evening of entertainment and food with a chance to design your own pizza and take part in a skittles

competition. We now have a full set of apple wood skittles kindly donated by the owners of Camelot, so make a note in your diaries now. More details in next Brentor News.

**Pat Blower 810600**

### **Tavy and Brentor Under 5's**

We have had a busy start to 2008 and are pleased to announce that we have increased our services again and are now registered to provide full day care for 2 to 5 year olds on Monday and Friday all day and Wednesday morning.

Allison Hatcher, our play leader graduated from her Foundation Degree in Early Years before Christmas and is now well on her way to completing her BAHons to become a fully qualified Early Years Professional. Allison leads our very well qualified team and we look forward to going from strength to strength.

Finally, we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection last month and we are delighted to say that we achieved a 'Good' rating in every area so congratulations to our team for working so hard to enable us to achieve this.

If you would like to know more about us please ring us on 07818 024 628.

**Denzil Hancock**

### **House to let**

One-bedroomed Coach House available for long term let. Situated at Lydford Station.

**Ring Sue or Alan for more details - 01822 820292**

### **Curry Supper – Friday 16th May, 7pm**

Time again to enjoy the popular Village social evening that is arranged each year to raise funds for Christian Aid. Come along to the Village Hall with friends, family or on your own and enjoy this relaxed event. There will be various curries and accompaniments to savour, usually plenty for several trips to the table!

Please would you let me know if you are able to provide a curry or accompaniment for the evening - hopefully many hands can make light work.

All funds raised from this evening will go to 'Christian Aid' to help with their work around the world in areas that are affected by war, famine or other disaster. I suggest a donation of £5 per adult for the evening and at your discretion for each child. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Sue Rhodes - tel: 810403**



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In the centre of  
Dartmoor  
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### ***Villages in Action – Matt Harvey***

Matt Harvey is returning to Brentor Village Hall on Saturday April 19th at 8.00pm.  
Poet, columnist, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, Matt Harvey performs up and down the  
country at festivals, cabarets, conferences and colleges and shares his thoughts with the world on  
his Wondermentalist blog. and on Soul and Soil. He is a regular contributor to **BBC** Radio 4's  
Saturday Live on Saturday mornings.  
Matt's performances are funny, engaging and most of all entertaining.  
The hall will be set out cabaret style and you are welcome to bring along your own refreshments.

***This event will sell out quickly therefore book early.***

**Tickets are Adults £6.50 and children £4.00 and are available from Rick Blower 810600**

### ***Diary Dates***

Events at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

#### **APRIL**

Wednesday 9th April 8.00pm	'Secret Nature of Dartmoor' Devon Wildlife Trust Parish Church Centre, Tavistock	<b>Sue Boxall 820292</b>
Thursday April 10th 7.30pm	The Brentorians - 'Out of Focus'	<b>Helen de Carles 810412</b>
Friday April 11th 7.30pm	The Brentorians - 'Out of Focus'	<b>Helen de Carles 810412</b>
Saturday 12th April 2.00pm	Forest Walk with Jennie Hale Tea Shop Lydford Gorge waterfall entrance	<b>Sue Boxall 820292</b>
Saturday April 12th 7.30pm	The Brentorians - 'Out of Focus'	<b>Helen de Carles 810412</b>
Thursday 17th April 7.30pm	Brentor Garden Club "Don't Fence me in"	<b>Mike Malleson 860304</b>
Saturday 19th April 8.00pm	'Matt Harvey' – Villages in Action	<b>Rick Blower 810600</b>
Monday 21st April 7.30pm	Brentor Annual Parish Meeting	<b>Robin Burdfield 810412</b>
Friday 25th April 8.00pm	Quiz Night	<b>Dave Williams 810375</b>

#### **MAY**

Wednesday May 7th 7.30pm	Village Hall & Playing Field AGM	<b>Pat Blower 810600</b>
Thursday 15th May 7.30pm	Brentor Garden Club "Fun with Fuschias"	<b>Mike Malleson 860304</b>
Friday 16th May 7.00pm	Curry Supper	<b>Sue Rhodes 810403</b>
Saturday 17th May 11.00am	Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk For Plymouth & District Leukaemia fund	<b>Mike Whitfield 810 209</b>

### **FINAL COPY DATE**

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