



# Brentor News

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## **Brentor Show. 2.00pm September 6th 2008**

Shiver me timbers, it's almost show time.

Time to look round the garden & earmark  
flowers & vegetables that could be prize  
winners.

Time to get busy with the preserves & trial  
runs with the baking.

Needles & looms clicking & clacking.

Paint brushes & pencils poised to create  
that masterpiece.

Aspiring Pirates search out your bandanas  
& eye patches: whilst the princesses polish  
your tiaras.

A reminder too, to all those prize winners  
from last year to return their cups for this  
year's winners to either:

Judy Baxter 810375

Kate Kelly 810287

### **"Reminder"**

there will be a public meeting about  
a website for Brentor - at the  
Village Hall, 7.30pm on Monday 11  
August. Hope to see you there!

Alan Ray-Jones 810606

## **YOUR VILLAGE SHOW NEEDS YOU**

Hello again, I am Danny Hainsworth from  
Wortha Farm, Brentor. In the June edition of  
The Brentor News I appealed for Tombola  
items. My target is 100 items to make it work  
and I have only been given 34 - thank you to  
everyone who has donated.

I realise my house is outside the village so in  
addition to my blue box at the top of our drive

I will place another box by the village hall  
marked Tombola Donations Please!

Please, please, please be generous and clear  
out those cupboards – the village will  
benefit!!!!!!

Many thanks Danny aged 15  
Tel 810711

## **END OF TERM BBQ**

One year it would be lovely to have good  
weather but it didn't put you off, thank good-  
ness!!

(Thinking of all the food organised!)

It was lovely to see so many families with little  
ones and the fun they had running around the  
field.

It was also nice to see new faces from the  
Village and have a chance to chat to them.

It was a great success and I would like to say  
THANK YOU to all the people who made  
salads and helped, in any way, but especially  
the gallant men on the BBQs out in the rain.  
Maybe next year the sun will shine....

Sheryl Burroughs

## **News from the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee**

Firstly, thank you to all who visited the Village Hall Open Days regarding plans for a new village hall. We have just had a meeting to discuss the feedback and the way forward. In summary, most of the responses were positive regarding the concept of the hall (especially the environmental features), but most were also concerned about the costs. The committee has decided to firstly revisit the design of the hall with the architect within a more realistic budget. We will be meeting regularly to discuss and explore further options. Please keep us informed of any further comments or ideas you may have.

Secondly, thanks also to those who attended a wet and windy barbecue evening. In spite of the weather, our team of cooks battled the elements and intrepid children played football in the drizzle. A good evening with profits of approximately £170 to support the Village Hall.

Finally, Brentor Village Hall depends on volunteers to secure its future and keep it well maintained. We will soon be planning a new calendar of events and would welcome any volunteers to help with events or join the committee. You can offer as little or as much as you like. So, please let us know if you are interested. We do tend to have fun as well as fundraise! You can ring Tim Beavon, the Chair on 810564 or email [jt@blackhen.plus.com](mailto:jt@blackhen.plus.com)

Pat Blower on behalf of the Brentor VHPF committee

### **SEPTEMBER TALK**

Police Historian Simon Dell will give a talk on Dartmoor Prison Mutinees on Friday 12th September 7.30pm £3 per person.

This is a Brentor Village Hall fund raising event. Refreshments will be available. For further information, telephone 870554.

### **"Brentor prayer group".**

We're meeting again on Thursday 21st August 8pm in Christchurch in the village.

Why not come along and be part of this exciting new venture? The format so far has been approx. 1 hour discussion/prayer/meditation followed by coffee and cakes.

Everyone warmly welcome.

Jackie MacRostie. 810683

### **Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk 2008**

I have received the following letter from Dr J.A. Copplestone, a Consultant Haematologist at Derriford Hospital and the Chairman of the Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund.

"Thank you very much for your continuing support of the Plymouth and District Leukaemia Fund and for sending cheques totalling £819.30 following this year's Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk in Brentor.

Over the last year or so the Fund has been concentrating on how to improve things for patients on the ward and we are in discussions with the hospital about being able to improve the barrier room facilities for these patients. When patients have very low blood counts they are much more susceptible to infection and we have special rooms which have filtered air for them. Unfortunately, they do not have toilet facilities and we are very keen to organise this as soon as possible. This does, however, depend on other moves within Derriford Hospital.

We very much value your continued support."

I would like to thank all those who joined this year's walk and all who sponsored them. I look forward to your continued involvement next year.

**Mike Whitfield 810209**

## VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

Just a brief note to thank the four volunteers who responded to the article in the last Brentor News, and joined Joan and I for the maintenance session on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Despite the low turnout, the three strimmers, two pruners and one raker managed to give the playground a worthwhile makeover in time for the summer holidays.

Perhaps, by setting a date that coincided with the start of the school holidays, it was too much to expect a good turnout. However, further work is always required, and I expect that the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee will set another date in the autumn, at which, hopefully, more volunteers will be present. In the meantime I shall try to organise a more focussed day, with definite attendees, in order to prevent a build up of work. If anybody is interested in joining such a session please give me a call.

Thanks again to those who gave up a couple of hours of their Sunday morning to help out.

Alan Smith 810143



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## 'Workshop Under The Sky' on Bowden Down

The summer creative environmental workshops took place on Bowden Down on June 29th and 30th. On both days we were blessed with good weather. Once more the accommodation on site consisted of a yurt and a traditional bender, skilfully made on a framework of locally cut flexible hazel poles, which acted as an additional classroom. The lack of a moon ensured excellent overnight catches of moths and also enabled Jennie Hale to spot glow worms in the late evenings. Other bonuses were provided by two sightings of a hobby over on the eastern side of the Down and the discovery of a slow worm under one of our corrugated iron refuges.

Attendance at the Open Day on Sunday June 29th was disappointing with relatively few visitors taking advantage of the rare opportunity to work directly with scientist and artists. Those who did attend had personal tutoring in moth trapping and sweep netting for insects as well as one-to-one artistic guidance in painting and drawing wildlife.

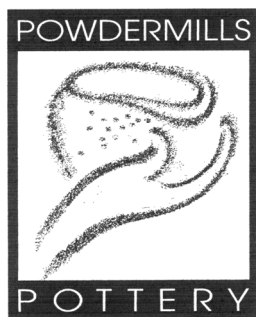
The school workshop on Monday June 30th was a hive of activity with more than thirty enthusiastic children, teachers and helpers from Mary Tavy & Brentor Community School enjoying an energetic day on the common. Impressive catches of moths and insects caused great excitement and resulted in a fine gallery of drawings and paintings.

**A note for your diaries: - The autumn workshops** will be held on Bowden Down on September 18th to 20th. Children, teachers and helpers from Mary Tavy & Brentor Community School and Lamerton Primary School will hold their workshops on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th September. An Open Day will be held on Saturday 20th September from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Mike Whitfield 810209**

**Jennie Hale**

[www.workshopunderthesky.co.uk](http://www.workshopunderthesky.co.uk)



#### Directions:

In the centre of Dartmoor  
B3212 Two Bridges – Post-  
bridge

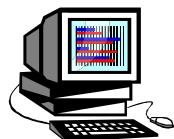
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### *'At Home'*

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internet, e-mail etc.*

*Anne Malleeson*

*Tel: 01822 860304*

#### **"Wanted "**

Brentor local needs garage to  
rent – medium or short term –  
must be weather tight and  
secure. Reasonable rent by  
agreement."

Alex Fletcher 810104.

### **Diary Dates**

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

#### **August**

Sunday 3rd	9.45am	Church service Christchurch, 6.30pm St Michael's
Sunday 10th	6.30pm	Church service, St Michael's; if wet at Christchurch
Monday 11th	7.30pm	Web-Site meeting.
Sunday 17th	9.45am	Church service Christchurch, 6.30pm St Michael's
Thursday 21st	8.00pm	Brentor Prayer Group; Christchurch
Sunday 24th	6.30pm	Church service, St Michael's, if wet, at Christchurch
Sunday 31st	10.30am	Benefice Service, Lydford.
Sunday 31st	6.30pm	Church service, St Michael's, if wet, at Christchurch

#### **September**

Saturday 6th	2.00pm	Brentor Show
Friday 12th	7.30pm	Talk on Dartmoor Prison Mutinees
Thursday 18th	7.30pm	Brentor Garden Club. " Cottage Garden Plants" by Mary Benger. Mike Malleeson 860304
Thursday/Friday/Saturday		18/19/20th Workshops/Open Day workshops under the sky. Bowden Common

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## MARY TAVY AND BRENTOR COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This has been a long and busy term for us at School. Children, Staff and Governors have worked incredibly hard and we have lots to celebrate. We recently held our Summer Fayre at the School and despite a wet and windy evening, it was very well attended. We would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way.

We strongly believe that educational visits and visitors enhance our topic- based curriculum. This term, children have visited Okehampton Castle and Cotehele House as part of their work about the Tudors. Some children visited Plymouth Aquarium as part of their studies about the seaside. Our Key Stage 2 children also attended a successful "Workshop Under the Sky" at Bowden Common near Brentor and found out a vast amount of information about the natural history of the area. Our Key Stage 1 children continued to go out every week as part of their outdoor education and we would like to thank the parents and grandparents who regularly help out. Key Stage 2 children also participated in Tudor and Victorian workshops and these really brought the subjects to life.

The whole School visited Exeter Westpoint to join in with hundreds of other children in the Devon Big Mix Festival. They spent the day taking part in a wide variety of singing and music making activities. Our Junk Band children, led by Miss Dawkins, have performed at a school in Cornwall and at Lamerton Duck Race as well as on their home territory at our Summer Fayre. Class 3 enjoyed their K'Nex challenge and Holly and Edward were the overall winners with their design. Congratulations go to Sammy, Jessie, Lizzy and Beth who were all prize winners in the recent Lions Club Peace Poster Competition.

The Country Dancers have been active and performed at the Mary Tavy Fun Day and at a small festival at Whitchurch School. Our Sports Day went well and we were very lucky with the weather. There were a wide variety of races including sprints, novelty races, a long distance race, relays, parents' and toddlers' races. Everyone had a wonderful, energetic afternoon. The PTA and Friends kindly donated ice creams to the children. Well done to Dart Team who were the overall winners of the trophy. Year 5 children visited Tavistock College for a Technology Day and our Year 6 children have also had their Induction Day at the College. We would like to wish all our Year 6 children every good wish for the future at Tavistock and Kelly College and hope they continue to do well.

We finished the term with our whole School Walk to Peter Tavy followed by a picnic- it was just like a family outing but on a much larger scale! Parents have received their children's end of Year Reports and attended our Open Evening to celebrate the achievements of the year.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard for the school and hope both children and adults have a restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Nicky Pratten  
Headteacher



## **Brentor Garden Club**

### **How to Grow Herbs with Michael Stephens from St Ive, Liskeard on 19 June 2008**

This was a very well attended meeting when we were given some very helpful hints in regard to the care and cultivation of herbs. Michael explained that nearly all herbs were either those which were indigenously suited to damp cooler conditions, and the other sector needing a dry and hot environment.

In dealing with those in the first category he firstly covered mint; in particular reminding all those who keep mint in a pot that the plants should be radically thinned down and re-potted each year with fresh compost to encourage new growth, as well as being regularly watered. Parsley was another herb in this category, as well as chives; similarly, chives need dividing each year for best results.

Herbs requiring a hot, dry situation include thyme, sage and rosemary, and a position in the garden should be selected to enable the plants to flourish.

There followed a lively question and answer session, with ideas and tips also coming from club members themselves. This provided a great forum for an exchange of ideas particularly in respect to the achieving of a longer life for supermarket purchased herb plants.

Michael had brought along a diverse selection of plants, comprising mostly herbs but also a variety of herbaceous garden plants, and we are indebted to him for providing us with an interesting and informative evening.

*Liz Rogers*

### **Workshop under the Sky; Bowden Common, June 2008**

