



BRENTOR NEWS



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Learn about food

The Village Hall committee has secured a grant to become a “learning host” – a venue for running informal learning events. The grant pays for a tutor and provides funds to buy equipment to allow the learning to take place. As we are in need of new kitchen equipment we thought that running a couple of sessions on a food theme would work well. Details are still being worked up but it is likely that this will take place on 19th January and 2nd February.

Our trainer will be Jane Osborne from Food Dreckly/Cattle Market Café. Jane will provide hints and tips to help with providing food at Village Hall events, menu planning and sourcing ingredients locally. If you are interested in taking part in one or both of these days or have some ideas of other food topics you would like to see covered then please get in touch.

There won't be a charge for attending but it is hoped that this will lead to some food related fund raising events for the Village Hall. It is hoped that we will be able to run other “learning sessions” – let me know what you are interested in and we'll see if we can drum up sufficient support to get something going.

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Brian Chapman

We were very sorry indeed to hear of the sudden death of Brian Chapman, father of Christine Chapman of ‘Shell Park’. His funeral was held at Christ Church, Brentor on 28th November. He had many interests and accomplishments and was a skilled engineer, working for his own company prior to his

retirement. Brian came to live in Church Cottages Brentor in 1995. It was always a pleasure to meet Brian and his ‘hearing dog’ Samson when walking round the village. Brian had a positive attitude to life and always had a smile and a cheery word. Samson's sudden death in May must have been quite a blow to him and he was more recently training a new ‘hearing dog’, Chandler. Although Brian was a Hounslow man, born & bred, he told Alan Ray-Jones that he wished that he had come to Brentor many years earlier. He will certainly be missed, especially by those of us who regularly walk the lane past Church Cottages.

Compiled from notes by Alan Ray-Jones and from the funeral report in the Tavistock Times 27 December).

Mike Whitfield (ed.)

Brentor BIG Brunch

Come and join us in the Village Hall on Sunday 27th January to enjoy a homemade brunch and of course social with friends and neighbours. We will have a menu with a special vegetarian option of pitta bread with egg, tomatoes, mushrooms and lots more. Traditional brunch will be offered with local sausages and bacon, potato cakes, egg and beans with a vegetarian option. All the above for just £5.00 a plate to include filter coffee, tea and herbal teas and toast. To add to your delight, why not have a homemade and cooked to order American pancake with maple syrup for £1 a pancake with homemade muffins also as an extra and a glass of Buck's Fizz will be available as well. Children's portions will be catered for.

10.30-12.30 on Sunday January 27th

It has been suggested that some (weather permitting) may want a short walk beforehand, so why not just casually meet at the War Memorial at 10 am and walk to Burn Lane and around the island to end up at the Village Hall?

It would be really useful to know approximate numbers of those who want to partake, so **please ring Jenny Beavon on 810564** to book your place.

See you all there!

Pat Blower on behalf of the Brunch Bunch

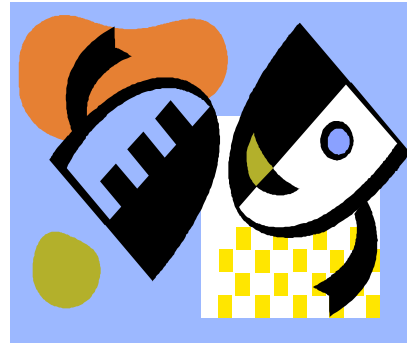
Villages in Action

Don't forget the new date for **Gonzo Moose's** performance of 'You Don't Need to Know That'. This will be on Friday February 1st at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. This is theatre with a sense of humour and a taste for the ridiculous.

Gonzo Moose prefer to set the age of suitability at 13 years and over as some of the subject matter, although tongue in cheek, may not be suitable for young children.

Another date for your diaries is February 9th at 7.30pm when '**Kosmos**' make their appearance at Brentor Village Hall. These three vibrant musicians draw their inspiration from the music of the Balkans and Asia Minor; best described as inspired and intoxicating rhythms. Everything is their own composition, arrangement or improvisation. Drawing on Jewish and Gypsy folk styles they create a bold fusion with their superlative musicianship that takes you on an uplifting and exciting journey. They are simply breathtaking and not to be missed. For this event the hall will be set out cabaret style. You are welcome to bring along your own refreshments.

Ticket prices for each event are Adults £6.00 and children £4.50 and are available from Rick Blower (810600)



Brentorians Next Production

The Brentorians – Brentor's very own amateur theatrical group – are proud to announce that *Out of Focus* by Peter Gordon will be their next production, performed at the Village Hall in Brentor from Thursday 10 April until Saturday 12th April 2008.

Although productions are very popular all you need do for the present is to avoid having holidays and making commitments elsewhere over this period and to mark the dates in your diary.

All actors, actresses and theatrical staff are Brentor residents, so this is a wonderful opportunity for the Parish of Brentor to come together and enjoy an evening of comedy and misunderstanding.

Out of Focus is a farce set around a Village Hall and the action develops when the booking clerk treble books the Village Hall, clearly something which could never happen in Brentor. Thereafter, the cast arrive and you may well be able to identify a few real life characters as romance blossoms in the most unexpected bosoms.

Robin Burdfield 810412

Parish Council News

At the last meeting of the Parish Council tributes were paid to two Parishioners, Dennis Young and Brian Chapman, who recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

A number of parishioners attended to express views, aims and concerns.

The Certini Cycle club outlined their program of events which will impact Brentor one

weekend in late June. Safety measures were discussed.

The Village Hall and Playing Field Committee outlined their financial position and the Parish Council subsequently agreed to increase funding by 50% to £900 per annum.

A local landowner expressed his concern at the council for objecting to the status of North Brentor as a Selected Rural Settlement (for some development) in the Dartmoor National Park Core Strategy. The landowner proposed that six affordable houses be built in the village. Councillors referred to the Parish Questionnaire wherein 62% did not favour new build housing.

The main business of the evening was to agree a Parish Precept for the year 2008-2009. The precept is the Parish Council money element in the council tax and is minute compared to that levied by Devon County Council, West Devon Borough Council, etc. The precept agreed was to be £3335 which represents a very significant decrease from the previous year's figure. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to lead to lower council tax bills next year!

It was reported that Councillors have attended several meetings with a government inspector, to oppose the Dartmoor National Park's proposal to allow new build development in North Brentor. These proposals are contained in the DNP Core Strategy which contains development plans for the National Park from 2010 to 2025. The government inspector appointed to examine the plan will report his findings in late February.

Robin Burdfield 810412

Our Festive Evening

Huge thanks to so many people that supported our carol evening on the 23rd Dec. We were delighted with the response which led to a very jolly and atmospheric evening.

Apologies to those that weren't able to come due to a full house, but watch this space for next year. Particular thanks to John and Angela for their candle spiral, Bennie at the door, Sally feeding the children, Stuart and Jackie at the mulled bar and to Sally and Jenny in the kitchen.

Our Burmese guest speaker was very touched by the generosity of spirit and £195 was raised. Thank you everyone,

Dom (810425) and Martin (811059).

Brentor Wine Evening

Friday February 29th sees the annual Brentor Wine Evening, when some very special wines will be offered for your enjoyment. An equal number of red and white wines from around the world will feature, and the emphasis will be on quality, rarity and as always the wit and wisdom of the presenters.

Master of Ceremonies will be our very own wine connoisseur, John Wheeler, with speakers drawn from the rich vein of wine lovers in the area.

Robin Burdfield 810412

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th January , 7.30pm	Yoga begins again on Tuesdays	Jennifer Heyworth
Saturday 19th January	'Learn About Food'	Tim Beavon 810564
Thursday 24th January, 1.00pm	Garden Club Lunch at Peter Tavy Inn	Sue Stephens 860374
Sunday 27th January	Brentor Big Brunch	Pat Blower 810600
Friday 1st February, 8.00pm	Gonzo Moose's performance of 'You Don't Need to Know That'.	Rick Blower 810600
Saturday 2nd February	'Learn About Food'	Tim Beavon 810564
Saturday February 9th at 7.30pm	Music by 'Kosmos'	Rick Blower 810600
Friday February 22nd	'Crosses of Dartmoor'	Sheryl 870554

At Brentor Village Hall unless stated otherwise

FINAL COPY DATE for next edition

Thursday 24th January

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