



Brentor News

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Villages in Action

A reminder that Cuban violin virtuoso Omar Puente and the distinctive British pianist, Robert Mitchell, will be appearing at Brentor Village Hall on Saturday November 15th, at 8.00pm.

Omar and Robert have created 'Bridges' as a tribute to their shared passion for many different styles of music. A visit to Havana is where the idea of the collaboration that became 'Bridges' was born. 'Bridges' explores their common love of classical, jazz and Latin music. Both very different personalities, Robert and Omar have found a way to charm and disarm their audiences into embracing their cross cultural music. This relatively recent collaboration has already received amazing receptions for their international duo performances, which include Morocco, Belgium and a celebrated set at the Havana International Jazz Festival. They tour regularly with British jazz great Courtney Pine and there can be no higher recommendation. The hall will be set out cabaret style; bring along your own refreshments and nibbles. Adults £7.00; children £4.50, available from Rick Blower: tel 810600.

Thank You !

A HUGE thank you to all the members of local bands Indigo Nights, the Advocates and Dads Dancing for such a great performance on Saturday 18th October. You made a lot of people very happy! Over £150 was also raised for the village hall.

Jackie MacRostie

Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field News

It was reported that the produce sale and coffee morning /glut day in October was a huge success, thanks to all who helped and to the Walker-Smith juice factory!

Hopefully, you are all aware that months of research and discussion about a new hall have taken place. The potential costs of such a project were high, and it was felt (general consensus of public consultation) that the project was unachievable. The committee considered various options – reducing the size of the proposed new building, using different building methods and materials, refurbishing the existing building with an extension to increase the size of the hall and purchasing the Methodist Chapel. We believe that these are unachievable given the resources which we are likely to have. The committee commissioned a building survey, and the results confirmed that with some repair/remedial work to the existing building and renewal of certain structural areas of the hall, we could maintain this structure for a reasonable lifespan. This was deemed to be a realistic option, and we are now further investigating the extent of work needed to give us an improved village hall whilst minimising disruption to hall users. We will also attempt to use this opportunity to upgrade the facilities including the toilets and kitchen area. We will still need to fundraise of course and search for funding opportunities. Your support and comments are vital and of course most welcome. Come along to the Christmas coffee morning on 6 December to find out more.

Pat Blower: VHPF Committee
VHPF committee

Historic Churches Trust

On Saturday 13th September, people all over the country raised money for The Historic Churches Trust and their favourite church. Unable to "ride or stride" I held a Hymn Request Event at St Michael's Brentor. Thanks to all the visitors, the holiday makers and sponsors who supported us and sang their favourite hymns: also, on the day, Carol, Colin and Annie who dispensed coffee, tea and biscuits all day. It was a great effort. We raised about £400, including a very generous donation from a regular holiday visitor to Brentor.

Thanks to everyone.

Jennifer Venning.

GREEN BURIALS FOR BRENTOR

The Parish Council is considering using a section of the Parish Cemetery for green burials, and would welcome any views which parishioners would like the Council to take into account.

Green burials have no bulky headstone or embalming fluid and coffins are made of biodegradable cardboard or papier maché. Natural burial grounds degrade very quickly and you're left with an area with regenerated flora and fauna not cluttered up with marble or granite memorials."

Cardboard coffins with strap-down lids cost as little as £60, allowing both them and their contents to rot rapidly. Sustainable bamboo, willow and wicker are also considered greener options to the heavier woods traditionally used.

If you have any comments please contact me (mike@rowdenfarm.co.uk)

Looking for help!

The Village Hall and Playing Field Committee has been busy organising a programme of social events to fund raise, to offer opportunities for people to get together, offering a variety of entertainment and of course to have fun. The fundraising is essential to ensure the Village Hall and Playing Field (including the adventure playground) are properly maintained for public use. What we need now are some more parishioners to join us, to bring new ideas and much needed support for events. Tasks are shared, members skills vary, so parishioners ---- your input is valued. And especially anyone out there from the younger population willing to share ideas??

We have 8-10 meetings a year to talk about initiatives, plan events and discuss the long term future for the hall and playing field. We are currently in the exciting process of looking at the options of ensuring a village hall will be in Brentor for many decades to come. If interested, please contact Tim Beavon on 810564 or Pat Blower 810600 for more information and details of the next meeting etc.

Jumble Sale

We will be holding a Jumble Sale on November 8th in the Village Hall at 2.00pm; 20p entrance. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Fund. Please could you start hunting out GOOD quality jumble. We are renowned for our quality so please keep up the standard. Help will be needed on Friday 7th Nov and Saturday 8th. Any time would be appreciated. If you can help, or you need things collected please phone Sheryl 870554

This is to advise that the phone number to be used to contact Brian Bird, the Clerk to the Parish Council, is 07899655962. Please do not use my land line.
Brian Bird

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

10.30am to 12.30pm

Parish Council News

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st December at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, at which councillors will consider requests from village and other organisations for financial assistance. Any grants made will be paid for via your council tax. If you represent any group seeking a grant please send details and supporting documentary evidence to the clerk. The address is:-

Mr. Brian Bird,
Olde Cottage, Dippertown, Lewdown, Devon, EX20 4PT

At the last council meeting held on 22nd September, four members of the public representing Corporate Housing Ltd attended. In the slot allocated for members of the public to address the council, Corporate Housing outlined their plan for 12 affordable and 3 open market houses on the land behind the bus shelter in the middle of North Brentor.

Having previously obtained legal advice, the council made it clear that it could not comment on the plans themselves, or indeed assist or impede potential developers in any way. This arises because the Parish council are official consultees in the decision making process on planning applications, and any pre-application partiality would compromise their ability to discharge their duties to the required legal standard.

The seat in memory of Norman Gary, close to the Parish Cemetery, requires replacement, since the metal frame is broken in three places. The council are seeking the views of the next of kin.

The council responded to the Boundary Committee re proposals on a unitary council for Devon, stating their support of the status quo and the retention of West Devon Borough Council.

The Parish Council agreed to provide agendas, minutes and a Chairman's Overview for the Parish website.

The West Devon Borough Council's Preferred Options Core Strategy document has been published (at last). Amongst the recommendations, is the proposal to re-open the railway line between Tavistock and Bere Alston, in return for permission to build 500 houses.

Members of the public have a right to address the council, and do so at the beginning of the meeting. You do not need to stay thereafter.

Robin Burdfield - 810412

Coffee Morning & Produce Sale – 18th October

As the weather had been so poor over the summer months, we were not expecting a "glut" of produce for this new event in the Village Hall calendar.

However, it was a wonderful sunny morning and a good time was had by all, with lovely refreshments, much buying and selling of produce, plus adults and children crushing apples (under Will's supervision!) to make delicious apple juice.

All the produce was for sale on a 50/50 basis and, together with door receipts, a grand total of £203 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Many thanks to all who helped, supplied produce or simply came to take part.

Joan Smith, on behalf of the organising team.

Church News

New postcards and guidebooks are now for sale, available on the tor in St Michaels and in Christchurch. Bargain prices still at 20p postcards, £1 per guide. Lovely new photos by Colin Sargent.

Cantichorum

This afternoon of seasonal songs, hymns and readings is brought to us again this year by Cantichorum choir. The afternoon will be warmed by mulled wine and mince pies. St Michaels on the tor Sunday December 7th at 3pm.

Next prayer meeting: Thursday 13th November at Chris and Karole Chaplin's house, Heatherlands. All welcome Tel. 810683

POWDERMILLS POTTERY CHRISTMAS SALE Sat 22nd – Sun 30th Nov 08
Open every day 10-5pm
Tel 01822 880263 www.powdermillspottery.com

A Local Young and Able Odd Job Man ~ Jamie's your man!

I can help with your indoor or outdoor jobs whether it is gardening, clearing your gutters, painting, chopping wood or hanging a door. *Everything considered, just ask!*

I am **a trustworthy, very hardworking and cheerful chap** and would welcome some additional funds while I retrain. Please drop me a line to discuss your needs.

Excellent references are available. Contact Jamie @ The Old Vicarage, Brentor on 01822 810537 or jamie.wilson78@yahoo.com

Remembrance Service

Sunday 9th November 10am at the War Memorial.

Diary Dates

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

November

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jenifer
Saturday 8th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale	Sheryl 870554
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Remembrance Service	
Wednesday 12th	8.00pm	Devon Wildlife Quiz. Parish Rooms Tavistock	
Thursday 13th	8.00pm	Brentor Prayer Group; Heatherlands 810683	
Saturday 15th	8.00pm	Villages in Action; Omar Puente & Robert Mitchell	
Thursday 20th	7.30pm	Garden Club; House plants. Mike Malleson 860304	
Friday 28th	8.00pm	Duo Ten Strings concert. Dave Williams 810375	

December

Monday 1st	7.30pm	Brentor Parish Council meeting.
Saturday 6th	10.00am	Christmas Coffee morning
Sunday 7th	3.00pm	Cantichorum Choir, St Michaels
Thursday 11th	7.30pm	Garden Club social. Mike Malleson 860304
Sunday 21st	to follow	Brentor Christmas Carols

**Final Copy Date for the next edition Sunday 23rd November to
John Wheeler 810083, johnw@brentor.net**

**Adverts paid for in advance, cheques made payable to the Brentor
Community Trust**

**Advertising copy to Mike Whitfield 810209
mikewhit@btinternet.com with £5 per insertion.**



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Our Coverlet Quilt was fondly hand stitched by the Brentor Village Quilters. My vital statistics are 230cm x 195cm (91inches x 77inches). I am looking forward to a new home and a comfortable bed on which to lie. I was 'born' in the Brentor Village Hall at 'Unfinished Business' where I have been given a lot of cosseting and care with many hands working on me – therefore I am being raffled to help with funds for the Village Hall and Playing Field. Tickets are £1 each, however because we are a small, local charity supporting an important village venue we have been told that there should be no problem selling a book of five tickets for £4. To be drawn on Saturday 6th December, 2008 in the Brentor Village Hall at the 'Christmas Coffee Morning.'

Sue Stephens 860 374
Anne Clark 810 035

Brentor Christmas Carols

Due to popular demand, the Christmas Minstrels will be back in town on Sunday 21st December.

Everyone welcome for a family evening of mulled wine, mince pies and song.

Details to follow in December Brentor News

Martin 811059 Dom 810425

Hope you can come,

Devon Wildlife Trust

The Tavistock Local Group of Devon Wildlife Trust are holding their annual Wildlife Quiz Night and Festive Social Evening on Wednesday 12th November, 8pm, at the Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock (next to the Bedford Hotel). Come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the group. The Quiz has a unique wildlife bias, and we provide mulled wine and mince pies. DWT Christmas Cards will be on sale. For more information contact Sue Boxall on 01822 820292 or sjbox-all@hotmail.com

DUO TEN STRING

An Evening of Guitar & Cello Music
Including Bach, Spanish & South American pieces
Angela Wunnam & Barbara Degener

8pm Friday 28th November

Brentor Village Hall

Tickets £5.00 - via Dave - 01822 810375

Bring a bottle for a wonderful night's entertainment



Barbara:

Barbara started studying the cello in Germany with Wolfgang Borggreffe, Heinrich Schiff and deepened her studies with William Pleeth (U.K.), Janos Starker (U.S.A), Uzi Wiesel (Israel) and the Amadeus Quartet. She has given concerts with various ensembles all over Europe and Russia and has made an extensive range of recordings for CD's, radio and TV.

Back in Germany Barbara also concentrated on contemporary music playing works ranging from Morton Feldman (USA) to Michael Veltman (Germany). She has extended her musical activities into composing and improvising for films, theatre and German and Turkish television.

Since Barbara moved to Cornwall she has performed regularly with various orchestras and formed several ensembles (i.e Benallack Trio, Kernow String Quartet). Apart from her activities as cello teacher she is also director of Triggshire Strings Orchestra and Atlantic String Orchestra.

Angela:

Angela started her musical studies on the piano as a child. She discovered and fell in love with the classical guitar when she was studying for her degree in Sociology. She studied with George Zarb of the London College of Music and started performing at an early stage. She also continued with her degree and went on to do research, worked as a Senior lecturer in Social Policy and Administration and was a co-director of the International Institute for Counselling and Professional Development. She maintained, throughout this time, a serious interest in music and has always taught the classical guitar and performed as a soloist and as a member of various ensembles and duos.

Since living in Cornwall Angela took her technical studies further with the concert guitarist, Catherine Thom, who introduced her to the techniques of Maestro Abel Carlevaro. During the last ten years she has performed regularly with the Tamar Classical Guitar Quintet, playing in venues throughout the South West and had a successful tour in Germany, appearing also on German TV. She performs with Barry Albrighton in the Dartmoor Classical Guitar Duo. Angela has also used music therapeutically in Anger Management Workshops which she has run for many years jointly with a colleague. Angela also performs with Joe Monks in the *ANJO* folk duo, playing music drawn from folk traditions around the world. In addition to the classical guitar, Angela plays the steel-string guitar and the fiddle. The ANJO Duo has performed across Europe and in USA and Canada.

Brentor Garden Club : "Cottage Garden Plants" by Mary Benger

Mary and her husband moved to Burrow Farm near Axminster 49 years ago, when there was no garden at all. Since then, they have developed 10 acres of gardens, starting with an old Roman clay pit – now woodland garden – and continuing with a courtyard garden and rill garden. She now has several part-time gardeners (mostly ladies), and the garden occupies 7 man (or woman)-days a week, plus herself full-time.

Her enthusiasm for developing a cottage garden was infectious, as she showed us slides of many of the plants in different parts of her estate. Many of the flowers mentioned will be familiar to gardeners, including hardy geraniums, japonica, helibores, polyanthus, honesty, clematis, hollyhocks, foxgloves, and lots more. She emphasised how self-seeding plants provide the wonderful natural look that is so valued by people who have a passion for cottage gardens. She does not use many bedding plants, but just fills a few containers with tulips and pelargoniums. Each section of her garden has a focal point – a birdbath, gate, or standing stone, for example.

Borrow Farm Gardens are open daily between 1st April and 31st October, from 10am to 7 pm. The website www.burrowfarmgardens.co.uk gives full details.

Anne Malleson