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Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk for Plymouth and District Leukemia Fund

Leukemia 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 is the 24th.

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 Leukemia Fund for use at Derriford Hospital. By popular request we are again using the South Brentor, Langstone, and 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 16th May. A Sponsorship Form is enclosed with this *Brentor News*

Mike Whitfield 810 209

Village Meeting

The Parish Council will be holding the annual Village Meeting in the **Village Hall on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm.**

Presentations will be made by village groups on their current activities and there will be an update on the Village Hall renovation project. Refreshments will be provided by courtesy of the Parish Council. All members of the community will be welcome.

If your group would like to make a presentation please contact the secretary to the Parish Council

Brian Bird 01566783575

Charivari

Welcome to Karl & Irene

Welcome to Karl and Irene Cradick and family to 'Hillcrest' and thank you for your generous donation towards the publication of *The Brentor News*. We are pleased that you have chosen Brentor and we look forward to meeting up with all of you

Anne Clark 810035

Parish Council News

The result of the referendum held on March 14th 2009 on the question:

Do you approve a Parish Council grant of no more than £45,000 to the Village Hall and Playing Field Charity, to part-finance improvements to the Village Hall?

votes in favour 95

votes not in favour 35

spoilt ballot papers 3

Robin Burdfield 810412



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24th 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 Garden Club

Since the March Garden Club meeting was held on Thursday 26th March, the report on Keith Symons talk on *The Art of Making Walking Sticks* will appear in the May Brentor News.

I thought I would take the opportunity to let you all know what other speakers will be coming to Brentor over the next couple of months. On April 16th Linda Lemieux will be giving us a talk and demonstration on Willow Weaving. Many club members will remember her fascinating visit in November 2005 and subsequent Saturday workshop, organized by Sarah Walker-Smith in May 2006.

Our May speaker is to be Ruth Binney, author of *The Gardener's Wise Words and Country Ways* and long time allotment gardener. Ruth will tell us about old country sayings and whether or not they are true. You will have your chance to find out if you can keep deer out of the garden with soap, why you should put washing up water on your lilies, why it was traditional to plant potatoes on Good Friday_ and much more. Interwoven with the gardening advice will be fascinating folk lore, country traditions and superstitions.

And, don't forget to keep Saturday 23rd May free for the Brentor Gardens Trail.

Sue Stephens - 860374

Villages in Action.

We continue with the music theme for our forthcoming event. **Louise Parker, and her trio**, will be appearing at Brentor Village Hall on **Sunday May 10th at 7.30pm.**

Growing up in a house filled with music from the folk, calypso and opera enjoyed by her Jamaican born mother; to the trad, swing and be-bop from her jazz obsessed father, Louise Parker, aptly named after Louis Armstrong, was born to create the sort of soulful jazz she is rapidly gaining a reputation for.

Louise is a powerful live performer and commits to each song with the warmth, spirit and passion of the great jazz divas.

Louise is a regular on Radio 2's Best of Jazz and has been tipped as the most promising new jazz singer.

The hall will be set out cabaret style and you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

Our previous two events sold out quickly; my advice is to book early. Tickets are Adults £7.00 and children £4.00 and are available from **Rick Blower 810600**

Wedding at St. Petroc's

It is a great privilege and pleasure to be able to officiate at the marriage of our son Paul. For the past three years Paul has been living in Sydney where he has met Sharon, his bride-to-be.

Under the Church of England Marriage 2008, Paul has more than one qualifying connection with Lydford to allow him to be married in the Parish Church. In fact, long before we moved to the Rectory, Paul was born at 3 Rose Cottages, and

is, as far as we know, the last person to actually be born in Lydford.

The wedding will be at 2.00pm on Saturday 16th May. This will be the first time the whole family has been together for more than three years and we would love our friends from Lydford and Brentor to come along to join in the reunion and share our joy. A wedding is of course a public event and so everyone is welcome. Following the service there will be light refreshments in the Nicholls Hall, plus bar and music until 7.00pm. We shall be leaving shortly before to go on to a family meal.

For catering purposes it would be helpful to know approximately how many are able to join us in the Nicholls Hall. **RSVP Fred and Gill Still**, The Vicarage, Church Path, Abbotskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5NY or call **01626 334445**

Auction of Promises 2009

Come and bid for a promise! Make a promise! The promises needn't cost you anything but time and all go towards raising valuable funds for the village hall.

Among some of the promises already received are tuition in photoshop, a day's sailing, conversational French lessons, and. helping out with practical tasks. Our last auction was fantastically successful – come and join us for a lot of fun!

The 2009 Auction of Promises will be on **Friday May 8th at Brentor Village Hall at 7.30 pm.** Bring a plate of food and something to drink. The Auction will start at 8.30.

John and Angela Evans 810629
jalevans@gotadsl.co.uk

Please donate promises by 1st May.

“Cash On Delivery”

Brentorians review

Everyone was laughing (and a few were crying) in this farce about lies, mistaken identities and cross-dressing that obviously delighted audience and actors alike, and confused everyone including the cast at times – to great comic effect! Centred around a fraudulent landlord claiming all manner of different benefits for fictitious tenants, the cast of 10 put in some wonderful performances building up to a crescendo of deceit, hilarity and eventually utter madness.

Landlord Eric Swann was played with great comic timing and a distinct air of Basil Fawlty by Alan Henbest, with Glenys Mason as his irate wife doing a splendid line in hysteria. Robin Burdfield put in a very funny performance as Norman the lodger sliding from indignation to reluctant collusion (somehow ending up as a deaf piano-

tuner) and a DSS officer was played with great aplomb (and ultimately drunkenness) and a truly terrible wig by John Wheeler. Mention must also go to Phil Pearson's Uncle George, for a fine stutter and for playing (nearly) dead for most of the performance and to Sue Rhodes as Dr Chapman for keeping a straight face whilst discussing the finer nuances of Eric's cross-dressing.....

This play had some great characters, all played nicely dead-pan (for the most part!) by the rest of the cast Nicky Harmer (Bereavement Counsellor), Anne Clarke (DSS Official), Phillipa Griffiths (Norman's fiancé) and Joe Kuipers (as a very confused undertaker) and some sharp lines delivered so fast it really warranted a second viewing.

On the production side, *Cash On Delivery* featured probably the best special effects that I've seen in any of their performances to date, including a rampaging washing machine and a smoking briefcase courtesy of Alan Henbest. Colin Dawes produced an extremely professional set and was responsible for sound and lighting. Directors Judy Baxter and Gaye Martin and the rest of the production team really must be congratulated on a great production and a hugely enjoyable evening out. I must say that pre-performance wine was a winner all round and definitely helped to oil the wheels.

Well done Brentorians – you did it again!

Belinda Wheeler-Gadd

Brentor Church News

Mothering Sunday Workshop

We had to hold our workshop at Mary Tavy, due to our own Village Hall being booked, but what a bonus! We had hoped to welcome 20 young people from Mary Tavy and Brentor, but at least 25 children turned up, amongst them lots of new faces, which was great! We had a busy session preparing flowers and candles for our Mothers, and on Mothering Sunday we held a special service in the afternoon for families and children, young and not so young were able to present their mums with a posy of wild daffodils from Brinsabach Farm. Afterwards there was opportunity to enjoy Jennifer's Simnel cake, and a chance to chat.

Sally Pancheri 810285

St Michael's

It is that wonderful time of the year when from Easter Sunday St Michaels Church Brentor on the Hill starts the Sunday services at 6.30pm. It will be lovely to welcome everyone to our little church.

For further information contact:-

**Churchwardens Eric Rhodes 810403
Sheila Downs 820382**

Acoustic Harmony Band INVOCAL

... return to Brentor, unplugged this time, for an informal cafe style evening of musical enjoyment at the Village Hall on **Saturday, 9th May**.

All original songs and music are from the imagination of local artist Rosie Swayne.

Bring friends, a bottle and some glasses.

Doors open 7.15 pm - Music starts 8.00pm

Tickets (limited number) can be got from
George or Jane Swayne on 810567

don't know the band ?

see www.invocal.co.uk

All Saints Meetings

A series of informal Christian worship and teaching evenings in the village hall at 7.30pm, every Thursday in April and May (with the exception of the 16th April and 21st May when we'll be meeting at Lydford Nicholls Hall).

Come and join us, come and listen, come and ask questions, come and drink good coffee! For more information contact

allsaintstogether@tiscali.co.uk.

Jay Allerton .07758338356

Mary Tavy and Brentor Under 5s

Meets term time only in the Coronation Hall,
Mary Tavy

Pre-school sessions

Mon and Fri 9.45 - 12.15 and 1.15 - 3.45
(lunch club 12.15 - 1.15)
9.45 - 12.15 Weds

Toddler and Baby Group

10.00 - 12.00 Mon and Weds
For further information, please contact

Alli Hatcher or Cheryl Downham

0781 802 4628 during opening hours.

New members always very welcome.

www.earlyyearsdevon.org.uk/marytavybrentor

KOSMOS are back! – see diary dates

Church Services in April

Christ Church 9.45am Palm Sunday 5th Tony Wilds Easter Sunday 12th 19th
 St Michael's 6.30pm Easter Sunday 12th 19th 26th

Brentor Coffee Mornings

The coffee morning on March 7th proved popular so we wondered if the first Saturday of each month could become a regular date in your diaries. It would be a chance to meet up and chat and also to sell or swap surplus produce. Last month we had cakes, preserves and eggs for sale. However as the year progresses there would be scope for seedlings, young plants, vegetables and fruit as well. Craft items would be welcome too. The money from all sales go back to the producer less a small donation (about 10%) which goes to village hall funds. Last month's coffee morning and raffle made about £80. Our thanks go to all helpers and to those who brought and bought items.

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4th April 10.30 to 12.00.

Kate Kelly 810287

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I am a trustworthy, hardworking, reliable and cheerful chap. Please drop me a line to discuss your needs. Fully Insured.

Contact Jamie. 01822 810637 ~ 07799416210 or jamie.wilson78@yahoo.com

Diary Dates

(At Brentor Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

APRIL

Friday 3rd 7.30pm
 Saturday 4th, 10.30am
 Thursday 16th 7.30pm
 Monday 20th 7.30pm
 Friday 24th 8.00pm

Kosmos - Mary Tavy Coronation Hall
 Village Coffee Morning
 Garden Club - Willow Weaving
 Village Meeting
 Quiz Night

Jed Tucker 810454
 Kate Kelly 810287
 Alan Henbest 810088
 Brian Bird 01566783575
 Dave Williams 810375

MAY

Friday 8th 7.30pm
 Saturday 9th
 7.15 for 8.00pm
 Sunday 10th 7.30pm
 Saturday 16th 11.00am

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Louise Parker & Trio – Village in Action
 24th Jean Whitfield Walk
 For Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund
 Garden Club - Peas, Beans & Dahlias
 Brentor Garden Trail - details next month

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 George or Jane Swayne
 810567
 Rick Blower 810600
 Mike Whitfield 810209

 Alan Henbest 810088
 Sue Stephens 860374

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