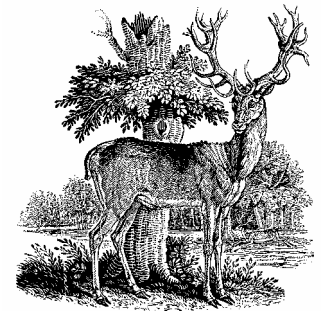


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Village Hall - Latest News - £175,000 raised and rebuilding has started!

This means that the Hall site will be fenced off to allow the work to commence and therefore no site entry to the public. The hall should be back in use in April 2010, watch nearer the time for details. We will of course keep you up-to-date with progress. Congratulations go to all the committee members and other parishioners who have tirelessly completed funding application forms, researched grants and sought donations. Thanks to all who supported the building effort!

Although the hall is not in use, the work of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee continues, so we are still looking for a treasurer to join us and of course we would always welcome new committee members, please contact the Chair, Davie Williams on 810375.

We are looking at the use of the Cricket field and most of you will have heard the devastating news that the Playing Field tractor has been stolen, so we are looking at ways of upkeeping the site as well as the buildings on the site which are not in a good condition.

Save the date: Sunday 31st January for a walk and probably bangers/mash at the Station House, more details in next month's Brentor News.

Pat Blower 810600
on behalf of the BVH&PF Committee

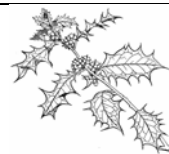
A 'New' Bridleway on Bowden

The Devon County Council has now opened up a bridleway across the eastern side of Bowden Down following the line of a path that appeared on nineteenth century maps. This substantial track is a restricted bridleway which is out of bounds to motorised vehicles. The Brentor Commons Association is responsible for preventing the encroachment

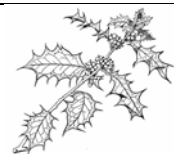
of vegetation onto the track and the Devon County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the track surface.

On leaving Bowden Down, the track continues northwards progressing via a holloway to Longham Ford on the River Lyd. This is a beautiful walk which links naturally to the public footpath through Langstone Woods and back to Brentor Village. I hope that more of you will now be able to enjoy this western wild side of Brentor.

Mike Whitfield 810209



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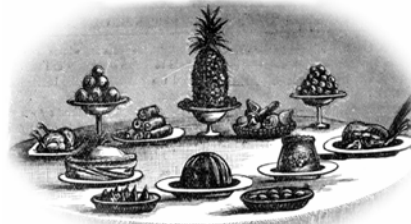


Christmas Fair, Liddaton

Saturday 5th December

10.30am to 4.00pm

Follow the signs from the village



Fund raising for St Michael's, Brentor

On Friday 6th November, Colin Sargent showed us some of his collection of Wildlife photos accompanied by an amusing description of the toils and trials of capturing these images, although competing with the bad weather, firework attractions and failure of his hi tech equipment (luckily he had back-up) we were treated to a great evening, and sustained by delicious cake supplied by friends.

With donations, huge raffle and a very generous contribution from Colin from the sale of his cards and prints, we were able to hand over £205 for St Michael's. (gift aid will enhance this amount). Thanks to all who contributed and especially to Colin for a delightful evening. Don't miss the next talk...

Jennifer Venning

Devon Historic Churches Trust

Although we were unable to hold it on the usual Saturday in September due to a wedding in St Michael's, Carol and I held our annual Hymn Request Day on Sunday 13th September. We had a really enjoyable day with the usual favourites requested and lots of singing and coffee, cake and biscuits. I was able to send off £225 to the D.H.C.T. half of which will be returned for use at St Michael's. Thanks to all who supported us.

Jennifer Venning.

FOR SALE:

Solid, custom built pine kitchen/dining table. 5' by 3', seats six easily. Good condition £150 ono.

Also metal framed but elegant sofabed which cleverly and simply unfolds into a double bed in minimum space. V good condition £190 ono.

Call Simon Martin 810637.

Wildlife Talk

Colin Sargent, Friday 6th November

A real treat was in store for those who turned out on a rather bleak November evening to hear local wildlife photographer Colin Sargent give a thoroughly entertaining talk and

slideshow of his work. The pictures alone were amazing, but the stories behind them were fascinating. Colin described his lifetime experiences photographing wildlife, with insights and anecdotes by turns illuminating, endearing, comic and educational. His love of wildlife was infectious and it was extraordinary to learn of the hours, sometimes weeks or months of patient work behind the scenes of many of his shots.

Pictures were for sale afterwards and all proceeds went towards the restoration work at St Michael's. Many thanks to Colin for a wonderful evening and generous gift, and thanks to all those who gave donations. You can see examples of Colin's work in Pillar's Newsagents in Tavistock, as well as frequent images in the Western Morning News and even on some international stamps...

Jackie MacRostie 810683

Outing to Eden January 23 2010

There has been a very good response to the idea of a joint outing between our churches, so now it is time to confirm details: I have booked Holman's Coach (49 seater) and they will be picking up from Brentor, (war memorial) Tavistock (Bedford Hotel) and Gulworthy (nr church). the coach will pick up from Brentor at 12noon, continuing to Tavistock for approx 12.15pm and Gulworthy 12.30pm. We plan to be at Eden by 2.00pm and can park close to the entrance, in the coach park. Entry for residents of Devon and Cornwall on that day will be half price, **providing you bring proof of residence and photo ID.** Costs therefore will be Adults £8.00/Seniors 60+ £5.00/students in full time education over 18years £4.00/Under 18yrs in full time education FOC (or pay £2.00 for annual pass). All these prices will give you 12 months entry. Obviously if you already have a pass you can use this and not pay again! Apart from the site, the ice skating rink (capacity 245) will be open and skating can be booked beforehand using the website or by phoning 01726 811972., or you can book on arrival. We plan to arrive at approx 2.00pm and leave again at approx.6.00pm returning home by 8.00pm, dropping off en route!

The coach costs £5 per seat and this needs to be paid by Sunday 20 December, to guarantee your place on the bus. Please put your money in an envelope clearly marked with your name, address, and telephone no. and /or email address and please post into my postbox.

Your seat will then be confirmed to you by Sally. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Sally Pancheri 01822 810285

Brentor Neighbourhood Watch

If you see anyone who you do not recognise, who does not look like a tourist, or who is acting suspiciously please contact the police. Ring 08452 777444 to report a crime or for advice and information or 999 If life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby, immediate action is required. In a period when rural crime is on the increase do not assume that they are innocent. Early action may prevent further theft such as the recent one of the tractor from the playing fields.

If you would like to be added to the Neighbourhood Watch email update, please contact Paul Webster (paul@pwebster.co.uk) or Alan Henbest (alanhenbest1@googlemail.com) and we will add you to the list. The information which we wish to make you aware of is supplied by the police Neighbourhood watch team and forwarded by us or it may be local information.

Please control your dog!

A small tan and black collie was seen ripping open and scavenging bin liners that had just been put out for collection on the morning of 24th November, and the bin men (who witnessed it) were none too pleased. This occurred in several places within 400 yards of the War Memorial in the centre of the village, and although the bin men cleared up most of the debris a further amount of litter was blown away by the wind. If you think you might be the owner of this dog you may wish to consider, in the spirit of public health and good neighbourliness, keeping it indoors for a short time on dustbin days until the bins have been collected.

Simon Martin 810673
Parish Councillor

Church services for December.

At Christ Church unless otherwise stated.

6th. 9.45a.m. Holy Communion

3.00p.m. at St.Michaels: Canticorum concert.
With mulled wine & mince pies.

13th. 6.30p.m. Evensong

20th. 4.30p.m. Christingle followed by a light supper and carols.

24th. Christmas Eve. 11.00p.m. Midnight Communion

25th. 3.00p.m. at St.Michaels Evensong with carols.

27th.No services in Brentor; Benefice services at St.Eustacius, Tavistock

3rd.January 2010 9.45a.m. Family service



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Gill Gorbitt - a founding editor of the Brentor News

It is a sad coincidence that the death of Gill Gorbitt at the beginning of November occurred in the same week as the 30th anniversary of the publication of the very first edition of the Brentor News.

Gill and her husband David were founding editors of the Brentor News in 1979. They had moved into the Station House, Brentor in 1975 and soon became involved in the community life of the village. In February 1978 the village experienced a severe blizzard which blocked all access roads with 2 metre snow drifts and cut off telephones and electricity and water supplies for several days. These events accelerated the establishment of the Brentor Community Centre by a small group led by Gill & David. A Community Shop, run by volunteers, was set up in the Church Hall by August 1978 and the substantial organisation required depended on good communication.. In the age before the internet and mobile phones (or even the wide distribution of household phones!), this meant the regular distribution of a Newsletter.

After experimenting with a broadsheet posted on the village notice boards, the Brentor News was first published and circulated to all households in November 1979. In those early days, the Brentor News was typed up from handwritten notes onto a stencil and was printed on a small 'Roneo' printer turned by hand. With 180 copies of 4 or 6 page issues which also had to be collated and stapled this was a tedious and exhausting process which required great dedication! As well as continuing in this role for six years, Gill was very active in organising the Community Shop and encouraging the development of a playgroup, youth club and many community events in Brentor. All this while raising two children (Emma & Tom) who had been born since Gill & David arrived in Brentor.

Gill's strength and energy also enabled her to raise awareness of wider issues that had an impact on local life at a time of considerable national and international upheaval. She was central to lively debates in the village on the inadequacies of planning for civil defence in the event of nuclear war. She provided respite holidays at Station House for miners' families at the time of the national strike. She also organised the collection and delivery of warm clothing for the winter women's vigil at Greenham Common.

In her dealings with people she always exhibited a warmth and a sincere interest in their concerns and their views, even when there was disagreement. Gill & David moved from Brentor to Tavistock in November 1987. Gill's many and varied contributions to the community life of Tavistock were recognised by her election as Mayor in 1997 and by her later appointment as an Honoured Burger of the town. The final tribute to her was paid by nearly three hundred people who packed St Eustacius Church for her funeral on 16th November. She will be greatly missed.

Mike Whitfield

Diary Dates

December

Saturday 5th	DON'T FORGET!!	Liddaton Houses	Lisa Churcher 810473
10.30am to 4.00pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR		Sue Stephens 860374
Thursday 10th	Garden Club, AGM, Quiz	Nicolls Hall, Lydford	Alan Henbest 810088
7.30pm	and Social Evening		

January

Saturday 23rd	Outing to Eden	Coach pickup in Brentor	Sally Pancheri 810285
12 noon			
Sunday 31st	"a walk and probably bangers/mash at the Station House"		Pat Blower 810600

Brentor Village Hall will remain closed for refurbishment until further notice