



# Brentor News

February 2009

## Village Hall and Playing Field

We have had a big boost to our fund raising efforts with the award of a £30,000 grant from West Devon Borough Council towards the new extension at the hall. We are planning to remove the poor quality extensions which provide the kitchen and toilets – a building survey showed that this was the part of the hall in worst condition – and replace it with a new extension to provide a new entrance to the hall, a bigger kitchen, new toilets, including provision for the disabled, and a large store. We will also carry out work to the rest of the hall to protect it from deterioration. We will need around £150,000 to do all the work.

As reported last month we have been in discussion with the Parish Council about funding, and applications have been submitted to the County Grants Scheme and three grant giving foundations. We already have £15,000 of our own funds set aside. and will continue with fund raising efforts in the village. If you have any good fund raising ideas, or some thoughts on what the village hall should be used for, please let us know. We are also looking for new committee members – particularly someone able to put forward ideas from the younger people on Brentor.

You will probably have seen that the tree in the corner of the playing field has been taken down. It had been attacked by honey fungus and was becoming unsafe.

Tim Beavon 810564

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## Brentor Wine Evening

February 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 at  
8.00pm

Celebrate Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – or the day before Valentine's Day – by tasting a little wine with friends in the Village Hall. Following our "traditional" format, we shall be concentrating on wines from the Old World – in fact mostly French – with tastings and presentations from:

1 Sarah Walker-Smith – Sparkling Wines

1 John Burrows – A trip along the Loire

1 Martin Kent – Wines from the Languedoc

Plus – Robin Burdfield's informal "guided" tasting competition. And a raffle, of course – with some very nice wine-related prizes.

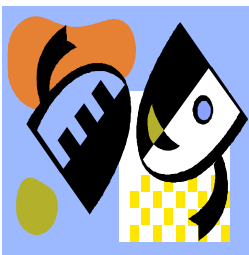
Wines, local mineral water and biscuits provided – but bring your own cheese, nibbles etc.

Numbers are limited and tickets are going fast: early booking advisable!

**Tickets £6 from:**

**Robin Burdfield – 810412**

**John Wheeler – 810083**



## The Brentorians Present.....

Brentor's amateur production group is proud to present **Cash on Delivery** by Michael Cooney at Brentor Village Hall on Thursday March 19th, Friday March 20th and Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

If it were at all possible then this is even funnier than previous productions, bringing together all the traditional (and a few original) features of classical comic farce. This is all combined with some superb characterisations.

The action all starts when Mr. Eric Swan decides to extricate himself from some fictitious claims made to Social Security. However, he soon learns that getting out of something is a lot more difficult than getting in, especially when the web of deceit has been spun so widely. Is the wrath of Mrs. Swan greater than that of the DSS Inspectors? And just how does the lodger migrate from being a bachelor to being a bigamist within just a few short hours.

The well-crafted script will lead you down many diverse avenues, to an outcome that is ..... for you to come and see.

Probably not suitable for the under 7's, but definitely suitable for anyone who wants an evening of comedy and farce. The cast, all from Brentor, have been rehearsing for months to bring you an unforgettable evening of top class entertainment.

The curtain rises each night at 7:30 pm but be there in good time for pre-performance drinks.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult, £2.50 per child or £12.50 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children), and are available from the Box Office from March 1st 2009.

Call Helen de Carles to book your tickets at the Box Office on 810412

Robin Burdfield

### Brentor Carol Evening

After a very successful evening of song and pies and mulling, we are delighted to report that we raised a staggering £291.00 for Send a Cow!

A special thankyou to Jackie, Susanna, Anne, Sally and Christopher for all your help on the night.

Thankyou to everyone for such generous support, and for helping to make the evening so special!

from the Christmas minstrels,

**Alice, Martin and Dom**



### 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**

### **Treacherous Road Conditions**

A few years ago on frosty mornings the road from Mary Tavy, across the moor and up through Brentor was always gritted by the Highways Dept., now it is not, due I am told, to budgetary constraints. As we all know this is a regular bus route as well as a school bus route. It is also very hilly particularly on the approach to Brentor from Mary Tavy and up through Brentor itself. During the recent cold spell around the New Year there were several incidents and the buses refused to use this route for several days. We have just had another incident on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> when the school bus skidded badly in the village of Brentor.

After speaking to Christine Marsh (Devon County Councillor) she has asked us to report all incidents on this road involving frost/ice/snow to Devon Highways on 01271 388727. Having spoken to Highways myself they tell me if enough incidents get reported gritting will resume, so please report all incidents, no matter how small, on the above number. Any more serious incidents such as buses refusing to run should also be reported to Christine March on 01837 52350.

### **Terry Higgs**

#### **Parish Council News**

The failure of the service bus to run at the start and end of the working day and the salting of the road through Brentor has been raised by many residents. The scheduled bus operator (Beacon) states that it is the responsibility of the individual bus driver to determine whether in his or her judgement road conditions are safe and hence whether to proceed along any given route. It appears that at the start and end of the day, during the recent spell of frosty and icy weather, that judgement has gone against running the bus through Brentor. Had the roads through Brentor been pre-salted then that judgement may have been different. School buses have run most of the time during this period.

Councillors have embarked on extensive discussions with elected representatives and officials on the subject of road pre-salting – that is the salting of roads based on weather forecasts.

Under the current Highways policy Brentor does not qualify for pre-salting.

However, the policy does include a clause which allows for 'reactive' salting. This means that the road through Brentor would be salted during extended periods of cold weather or snow (defined as most of the day). The Highways authority state that this has always been the case and that previous salting of the road through Brentor would have taken place after snow or ice had been reported (and was expected to remain). The fact that school buses run through Brentor is not relevant under the existing pre-salting policy. The policy is reviewed annually and Parish Councillors will discuss the matter further at their next meeting.

If you wish to report snow or ice on the road through Brentor, or report any traffic incident, the number to ring is 01271 388727. The more incidents that are reported the more likely salting will take place.

Robin Burdfield

### **Church News.**

Sunday 15th. February will be Ian Sykes last Communion service as Curate responsible for Brentor. After the service, which starts at 9.45a.m., refreshments will be served in the village hall when we say farewell to Ian and wish him well for the future. We would like to invite all those who have had contact with Ian over the 10 year period to join us for this occasion.

As from March, responsibility for Brentor will move to Revd Michael Brierley of Tavistock.

#### **Christingle.**

The very successful Christingle service on 21st. December last raised £75 for the Children's Society. We would like to thank all the children involved and their parents for making it a very special occasion.

Eric Rhodes 810403

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

Contact Jamie@The Old Vicarage, Brentor 01822 810637 ~ 07799416210 or [jamie.wilson78@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.wilson78@yahoo.com)

**Church Services in Brentor for February**

1st February 9.45am Christchurch : 8<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm Christchurch

15th February 9.45am Christchurch: 22nd February 6.30pm Christchurch

**Diary Dates**

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

**February**

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jennifer
Sunday 8th	7.30pm	Mazaika: Villages in Action	
Wednesday 11th	8.00pm	Devon Wildlife Trust. Parish Rooms Tavistock	
Friday 13th	8.00pm	Wine Evening	
Saturday 14th	8.00pm	Devon Wildlife Trust. Parish rooms Tavistock	
Sunday 15th	10.00am-1.00pm	Olive Oil Tasting at Redferns, Brentor	
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	Garden Club. Lydford Gorge and its History.	
		Alan Henbest 810088	

**March**

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jennifer
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	Brentorians: Cash on Delivery	
Friday 20th	7.30pm	Brentorians: Cash on Delivery	
Saturday 21st	7.30pm	Brentorians: Cash on Delivery	
Thursday 26th	7.30pm	Garden Club: The art of making walking sticks	
		Alan Henbest 810088	

**Hall bookings: Liz Wheeler 810083**

**Final Copy Date for the next edition Sunday 22nd February to  
John Wheeler 810083, [johnw@brentor.net](mailto:johnw@brentor.net)**

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AT REDFERN'S, DARKE LANE, BRENTOR ON SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY FROM 10A.M.- 1P.M.

### **Devon Wildlife Trust**

Tavistock Local Group of the Devon Wildlife Trust begins its 2009 programme of events in February. An exciting series of walks and talks are planned for this year.

Wednesday 11 February. "Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries." An illustrated talk by Kaja Curry. 8pm, Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock.

Saturday 14 February. "Birdwatching walk at Roadford Reservoir with Tony John." Meet at the Main Visitor Centre Car Park at 10 am.

For further information or the full year's programme contact Sue Boxall 01822 820292 or [sjboxall@hotmail.com](mailto:sjboxall@hotmail.com)

### **Summer Camp.**

This year we are proposing to hold our annual camp over the weekend of 7-9th. August, in the field behind Thorn Cottage. August is not the most reliable month for good summer weather, so we shall be limiting numbers to around 40, in case it rains!

Camp is designed for young children and their families who would like to spend a weekend together forging new friendships and strengthening existing ties. It is open to families who live in Brentor and Mary Tavy. The cost this year will be £11 for a child and £16 for an adult. (to cover all food and craft activities). Camp starts at 4.00p.m. on Friday 7th. August and finishes at 3.00p.m. on Sunday, when we all retreat exhausted!! Booking forms available now. A deposit of £5 per person secures you a place. Please get in touch for further information and a booking form. The event is always popular.

Sally Pancheri. 810285

### **VILLAGES IN ACTION**

At 7.30pm on Sunday February 8th, Mazaika will be performing at Brentor Village Hall. This performance has proven to be extremely popular and quickly SOLD OUT. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments.

Rick Blower 810600

### **Villages in Action**

presents a new play by Pip Utton. Chaplin the Clown, Chaplin the man with a darker private life. A fascinating piece of theatre. At Mary Tavy Coronation Hall, Wednesday February 4th at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Jed Tucker 810454



## BIG BRENTOR BRUNCH 2009

Thanks to all who supported this annual event. The Brunch Bunch served more than 80 traditional and veg meals and 50 pancakes ! The brunches were based on fantastic local produce and fair trade produce as much as possible. Feedback was positive so, it looks like we will be back next year! Thanks to all those who contributed to the effort, it was good fun and exhausting! We will report the profit for Village Hall funds in next month's issue.

Pat Blower on behalf of the Brunch Bunch

### The Big Brunch Team Before the rush



### Now it's our turn!

