



Brentor News

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Brentor Village Hall End of Term BBQ

Friday 17th July 6pm

Meet up with friends and neighbours and have a bbq. Soft drinks and punch for sale but bring your own wine. Burgers, sausages and salads will be available. Veggie options too.

Help needed on the day and donations of salads

Tel Sheryl 870554

Your Village Show Needs You!

Hello again! My name is Danny, I am 16 and live in Brentor. Last year, with your help, I raised over £100 at the Brentor Show on the TOMBOLA stand. Please, please, please clear out your cupboards and donate any non-perishable items. I will leave 2 boxes one outside the village hall and the other at the top of my drive. Let's make it over £100 again!!!!

Danny at Wortha Farm 810711

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th July 10.30-12

We had a really good turn out last month even though it rained! We took £80 for Village Hall funds. Thank you to all who helped.

Bacon rolls continue, the smell alone sells them....Please bring produce, plants, eggs etc along to sell.

Tel Sheryl 870554

Saturday 4th July - 9pm. Nightjars walk at Bellever with Roger Swinfen. Meet at Postbridge Car Park (Grid ref. SX656772). Bring binoculars, a torch, wear warm clothes and anti-midge cream. In the event of bad weather or for more information, call Sue Boxall on 01822 820292.

NEW!! Advertise your business or sell something on the Brentor Website

Lots of people are visiting

www.brentorvillage.org, our new community-run Brentor website, making it a useful way to advertise holiday accommodation, bed and breakfast, businesses, or just things you want to sell. New pages devoted to businesses, accommodation and small ads have been added to the website and all proceeds go to the Brentor Community Trust.

Advertising prices are as follows:

Holiday cottages / other general

businesses: £15.00 per year for up to 150 words and a link to your telephone number, e-mail and website. £5.00 extra for each photograph.

Bed and breakfast: £10.00 per year for up to 150 words and a link to your telephone number, e-mail and website. £5.00 extra for each photograph.

Small ads for items up to £50 selling

price: £1.00 per item per month, maximum 50 words including contact details, money to be paid to Colin Dawes in advance in cash when you supply your text.

Other ads for items above £50 selling

price: These continue only in the Brentor News at present, £5.00 per month.

All accommodation and business ads will be listed by name at the top of the page, in the order of the ads being placed.

Please contact Colin Dawes if you wish to advertise – e-mail colin.dawes@virgin.net or telephone 811079.

Brentor Garden Club Members Meeting on 21st May 2009.

Talk on Peas, Beans and Dahlias from Brian Wonnacott.

Brian comes from a farming family originating in North Devon, he is a member of the Dahlia Society. Brian's love of gardening is very clear, he showed many photographs of his prize winning Dahlias. Unfortunately this winter he lost much of his stock to wet and frost, from 150 tubers he has managed to salvage only 25. He advises that when the tubers are lifted at the start of winter that they should be hung upside down to drain any moisture before they are stored away, this may avoid some damage by frost during the very cold months. He advises that cuttings are best grown in a mixture of compost and perlite, having first been dipped into root powder. After about 2 weeks these should form a good system. As an interim to planting out, cuttings should be transplanted into a mixture of your own garden soil and compost to avoid shock when they are eventually planted into the garden.

Brian has saved his own runner bean seed for the past 25 years, so cannot say which variety he grows. He plants several hundred plants a year, many of which he gives to family and friends. He uses root trainer trays, these are about 5" long and open out like a spectacle case. They are very successful and give a long root system to the young plants for planting on. These trays are also very good for growing peas and sweetpeas. This was a very enjoyable evening, it was a great pleasure to listen to someone who had so many years of knowledge to share.

Lose one, gain four

Well might Brent Tor villagers be asking 'Who's our vicar now?' Allow me to introduce myself: Michael Brierley, the vicar (or, technically, 'priest-in-charge') of Tavistock. The archdeacon of Plymouth, the Venerable Tony Wilds, who has recently been your 'official' vicar, has asked Brent Tor to work with Tavistock from a church point of view since April/May, which means that I'm unofficially your new vicar.

I hope you'll be pleased to know that we have four clergy on the team in Tavistock, so while you may be losing Tony Wilds, you're gaining four people to replace him! And with John Higman at Mary Tavy still licenced to work at Brent Tor, that makes five clergy for Brent Tor!! The Tavistock four are myself, an assistant priest Jackie Giddings, and two curates, Paula Rennie and Tim Treanor.

We're hugely looking forward to getting to know you, spending time with you and serving you. We've already been in Brent Tor for a large number of different things, and if you see us out and about the village, or in Tavistock, please do introduce yourself and say hello, as we'll be delighted to meet you and begin to put faces and names together. The churchwardens Eric Rhodes and Sheila Downs remain the sensible points of contact for many church and spiritual matters, but if you should need to contact any of us clergy on the Tavistock team, please don't hesitate for a moment to do so. My own number is 617432. With my warmest best wishes,

Michael Brierley.

THANK YOU!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the members of the church who put on such a wonderful evening for our 11 to 16 year olds on the 13th June in the Village Hall. I took five children along – youngest 11, eldest 16 and when they came home they were so happy and "full of it!" These teenagers really are the future of our precious village so, come on Sally and her helpers; two of the lads I brought along asked today when the next one will be! Kim Hainsworth – Wortha Farm

In memory of Ethel Lashbrook

1914 - 2009-06-27

Several people in Brentor will have fond memories of Ethel who passed away at the age of 95 on April 21st 2009.

She lived in the village from the age of 20 onwards. At 88 she could no longer manage living alone and moved to Tavistock.

Ethel and 'Barney', her late husband, lived at 1 Chapel View. Ethel's door was always open to family, friends and neighbours. Local tradesmen would call in for a chat and a cup of tea.

She saw many people come and go but always maintained friendship throughout the years.

Her generation is all but gone. She lived through hard times, especially the early years. No mains water, outside lavatories and no transport, apart from the local train service.

Life in the village involved pulling together and helping one another in times of need.

Brentor was, and is, very special as Ethel was herself. This was her home and she now rests with her family and friends in the village she loved.

'A faithful friend is the medicine of life'

Gilly Cox: Ethel's granddaughter
Woodmans Well

Brentor Common Association Solstice BBQ

BCA held a very successful first barbecue on Bowden Down on Sunday 21st June to celebrate the longest day and to look at some of the conservation activities that have been carried out in recent months. A total of 26 adults and 6 children enjoyed a relaxing evening eating and drinking the various provisions brought for the barbecue and sharing a delicious range of salad contributions. A few braved the self-supporting hammocks provided but most enjoyed their supper from the relative safety of the camp chairs and rugs with a glorious view of St Michael de Rupe on Brentor. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to be having a lovely time.

The aim of the BCA on Bowden Down is to enhance the wildlife value of the site by restoring the former heathland habitat and sympathetically managing the other habitats within the site; and encouraging the local community in Brentor, Liddaton and surrounds to enjoy this beautiful area of common land. This month's conservation activity is Bracken control or 'Bracken bruising'. By towing a special roller behind a quad bike the highly invasive bracken fronds are weakened, severely reducing their vigour and thereby helping the heathland habitat to regenerate. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this activity, and others on the common. It's fairly straight forward and not too strenuous. Contact BCA Land Manager Will Walker-Smith on 01822 810165.

Thanks to all who attended the BBQ and made it such a great event.

Belinda Wheeler

Church services

Christ Church
Sunday 5th July 9.45am Family Service
Sunday 19th 9.45am Holy Communion

St Michaels
Every Sunday in July 6.30pm Evensong

SKittles & Cricket evening

30 young people turned out to enjoy an evening of skittles and cricket at Brentor Village Hall recently. Thanks too, to all the adults who helped on the evening. Although some of us older mortals, felt exhausted by 10pm, your enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment made it all worthwhile! Our young people are a credit to Brentor! If you would like to arrange something else, please let us know, any ideas for future events.

Just a reminder that Brentor Summer Camp will be taking place for younger people and their parents over the week-end of August 7-9th. Please let us have some sunshine this year!

Sally Pancheri

24th Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk 16th May

Our 24th walk raised £1,002 – not quite a record but in the top three sums raised! We had a typical mix of Brentor spring weather with rain, sunshine and strong breezes intermingled in random order, and sometimes overlapping. Two dozen walkers accompanied by several dogs set off from the Village Hall in bright sunshine and enjoyed a walk through countryside unusually rich in wild flowers. Lunch in Langstone woods was accompanied by two inquisitive horses. We were later treated to a superb cream tea at Lydford Station Stables – definitely voted to have the best home-made scones available. The walk back across the moor was into a head wind and so we were grateful to arrive back at the Village Hall to yet another welcome cup of tea and biscuits.

Thank you to all who joined us on the walk and to everybody who sponsored them. Next year's walk (the 25th) will be our last, and we hope to make it a special occasion.

Mike Whitfield 810209

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I have skills in the following: Stone walling ~ Strawbale construction ~ Lime Mortar/ Plaster ~ Cob Building/ repairs ~ Hedge laying ~ Coppicing ~ Green Oak woodwork ~ All types of property improvement undertaken.

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

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Prayer Group

In July we will be meeting as follows;
Thursday 9 July at 8.00pm at Christopher and Sally Pancheri's home, Thorn Cottage. On Thursday 23 July at 8.00pm at Sue and Eric Rhodes's home, The Station House.

All welcome.

Diary Dates

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

July

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| Saturday 4th | 10.30am | Coffee morning | Sheryl | 870554 |
| Saturday 4th | 9.00pm | Nightjar Watching at Bellever | Sue | 820292 |
| Sunday 12th | 11.00am to 3.00pm | Summer Fayre & Teddy Bears Picnic | Jo Westerman | 811020 |
| | | Chicks moorland Retreat | | |
| Thursday 16th | 1.45pm | Garden Club: Tour of Keith Wiley's garden | | |
| | | Buckland Monachorum | Sue Stephens | 860374 |
| Friday 17th | 6.00pm | End of term BBQ | Sheryl | 870554 |

August

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| 7th, 8th, 9th | tbc | Summer Camp | Sally Pancheri | 810285 |
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Hall bookings: Liz Wheeler 810083

**Final Copy Date for the next edition Saturday 25th July to
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