



Brentor News

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BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

AUCTION OF PROMISES

The Auction of Promises will be held at Brentor Village Hall on Friday 8th May to raise funds for the village hall and playing field. The evening will start at 7.30. Please bring a plate of food to share and something to drink. The Auction will start at 8.30pm.

Here is just a selection of the promises made to date:

Telescope stargazing, half a day clay pigeon shooting, a days sailing, Peter Tavy Inn meal for two, home made Christmas cake, pleasure flight for two in a Cessna 176 over the English Riviera, a stone massage, ironing, film evening with wine and choc ices, babysitting and tea for four at Hotel Endsleigh. Plenty of other wonderful promises made and a few more to come hopefully!

Please ring John or Angela on 810629 (or email jalevans@gotadsl.co.uk)

Saturday May 2nd Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00 noon at the village hall

Introducing 'bacon rolls', so bring the men along!!

Don't forget local produce on offer, bring/buy.

Last month we made £47.45 and it was lovely to see local people meeting up.

Thank you

Sheryl 870554

CURRY SUPPER

Friday 15th May, 7pm, Village Hall

Please put the date in your diary for this year's 'Curry-Supper'. A social evening for all to enjoy by bringing and sharing a curry or related dish and at the same time raising much needed funds for Christian Aid projects at home and abroad.

If you are able to prepare a dish for the table it would be useful to know so that we can arrange a good variety. It would also be helpful for those wanting to come to give me a ring but we can always cater for those who forget!

The 'Curry Supper' is a relaxing evening, do come along to enjoy the tasty food and good company. Suggested donation per adult for the evening is £5 and at your discretion for children. All funds raised will be sent to the charity Christian Aid.

Sue Rhodes - 810403

Villages in Action

A reminder that Louise Parker and her Trio will be playing at the Village Hall on Sunday May 10th at 7.30pm. Louise is a powerful performer and creates the sort of soulful jazz she is gaining a reputation for. The hall will be set out cabaret style; you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

Tickets are Adults £7.00 and children £4.00 and are available from Rick Blower 810600.

BRENTOR GARDEN CLUB

We were very pleased to welcome Ken Symons (trade name Mr Twigs) who came to talk to Brentor Garden Club on Thursday 26th March. Ken has been involved in producing walking sticks and other wooden items for the last 35 to 40 years; turning a hobby into a way of life. Ken has devoted much of his time passing on his skills to cubs and scouts, attending their camps to give his help and guidance. He received his other nickname (Old Woody) when he overheard one less than enthusiastic boy describe him as such! Ken had a quiet chuckle and the name has stuck.

To be awarded their craft badge the cub or scout needs to produce 6 walking sticks, each of a different variety of wood, which the boy has collected himself, worked on to a good finish and varnished.

As can readily be understood the regulations regarding the use of knives has changed a great deal in recent years. In camp a sheath knife can be used when it would otherwise be illegal to display one in public.

Ken displays and sells his sticks at Craft Fairs where you may well bump into him. He brought with him a good selection of his work including some sticks that he has named (including Big Chief Sitting Bear, Mr Beaky, Cornflakes and Whale) Kens advice and many tips should enable us to produce a walking stick to be proud of.

Our speaker this month is to be Brian Wonnacott, imparting his wealth of knowledge from both experience and the Show Bench. He will be talking about growing Peas, Beans and Dahlias. Ruth Binney is to be our guest speaker on the 18th June.

Brentor Garden Club looks forward to seeing our members at these meetings and visitors may always attend for a fee of £2 payable on the evening. If you are new (or even not so new) to the village why not come along, we are a very sociable group and you would be made most welcome.

Sue Stephens 860374

BRENTOR BIRD WALK

Anyone interested in knowing what birds share their village can join me for a guided walk around the 'loop' starting at the War Memorial at 9am on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4. It should take approximately one hour. I'll help identify some of the commoner birds, teach a few basic songs (we'll leave the singing to the birds though) and hopefully spot a few exciting migrants that are here for the summer months. Bring binoculars if you have them. It will be easier without dogs (and definitely without cats!). Hopefully see you there.

Charlie Elder (810153)

24th Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk for Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund.

Just a reminder that this Village Walk will be starting from the Village Hall at **11.00am on Saturday 16th May**. Although the overall walk is 9 miles it is taken in easy stages.

There will be a lunch break in Langstone Woods and a free tea break at Lydford Station. Tea & biscuits will also be available at the Village Hall on your return.

Sponsor forms with full details were distributed with the April Brentor News but further copies are still available from me. Please note that children should be accompanied by a designated adult.

Come and join us and enjoy a walk in the beautiful spring countryside around Brentor.

Mike Whitfield 810209

Brentor Prayer Group

Our last meeting was on Wednesday 29 April at Thorn Cottage, Brentor, 8-9pm. We start with refreshments and then lead into prayers, general and specific and usually a quiet time for our own meditation. As we all lead hectic lives, prayer group finishes officially at 9pm, although some friends often stay on to chat! Want to know more? Would like us to pray for you or a loved one? Want to know when and where our next meeting will be held?

Please get in touch.

Best Wishes, Sally and Christopher Tel: 810285

Emailsally@sallysholidaycottages.co.uk

BRENTOR VILLAGE GARDENS TRAIL

Following the very successful 2008 Gardens Trail, Brentor Garden Club are holding another event concentrating on gardens centrally situated in Brentor village.

We hope you will take the opportunity to have a relaxed and enjoyable stroll around several gardens in Brentor during Saturday 23rd May between 11am and 5pm.

Refreshments will be available at the Hall throughout the day; with a choice of Ploughman's lunches, tea, coffee or soft drinks and homemade cakes. A Raffle will be held and the Garden Club Sales table will have an assortment of things you never knew you wanted but can't do without.

Put the date in your diary, keep your fingers crossed that the weather will be fine and come and enjoy the day.

The programme price will be £2.50 per adult and entry for children is free

Sue Stephens 860374

Liz Rogers 820278

The Brentor Commons Association

OPEN MEETING

Brentor Village Hall

Wednesday 6th May from 8.00pm

REDISCOVER OUR COMMON LAND

2008

**Jennie Hale will discuss the four
Environmental Awareness Workshops
for primary school children organised on
Bowden Down by "Workshops Under
The Sky"**

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AWARD

**Dr Maria Donkin (University of
Plymouth)**

**will discuss work on the pond at Lid-
daton Down**

**These discussions will be illustrated by
slideshow**

Refreshments will be served

Mike Whitfield 810209

Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field

AGM Wine and Cheese

Wednesday 13th May 7.30

This year, we are inviting all parishioners to join us for not only a meeting of updates and future plans for the hall and playing field, but we are also including wine and cheese! The committee has certainly put in a lot of work during the past year to formulate the plans to see the hall become more sustainable and provide a useable building for the community. The way forward is to encourage more representation from the community, and we therefore would like more committee members and fundraising support. It has been recognised that most of the current committee members are not getting any younger, and we really would like a more inclusive representation of our community which includes a younger element. To take the plans to the next stage will involve a diverse interest and skill base, so please consider getting involved.

Come and see how we can all ensure Brentor has a community meeting place for the future. Wine and cheese will also be on offer (free)!

We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend, but would like to get involved, please contact the current Chair, Tim Beavon on 810564.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who turned out for the recent Playing Field tidy-up. It looks heaps better now! Watch out for the next one that should be towards the end of June.

John Evans

Your property's helping hand. www.jswilson.co.uk

I can help with your indoor or outdoor jobs whether it is gardening, clearing gutters, cleaning windows/cars, painting, carpentry or simply another pair of hands on a larger job. Everything considered, just ask!

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

Advance notice of Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th June.

More details to follow next month but please start sorting things out. Please make it good quality. Help on the day (and previous evening) will be gratefully received! Any collection needed tel either Kate Kelly 810287 or Sheryl Burroughs 870554

Diary Dates

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

May

Saturday 2nd	10.00am	Coffee morning	Sheryl	870554
Monday 4th	9.00am	Brentor Bird Walk	Charlie Elder	810153
Wednesday 6th	8.00pm	Brentor Commons Association AGM 8.00pm	Mike Whitfield	810209
Friday 8th	7.30pm	Auction of promises.	John & Angela	810629
Saturday 9th	8.00pm	Invocal Accoustic Harmony Band	George	810567
Sunday 10th	7.30pm	Villages in Action: Louise Parker & Trio	Rick Blower	810600
Wednesday 13th	7.30pm	AGM Brentor Village Hall and playing Field	Tim Beavon	810564
Friday 15th	7.00pm	Curry Supper	Sue Rhodes	810403
Saturday 16th	11.00am	Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk	Mike Whitfield	810209
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Brentor Web Site meeting. Old School House	A Ray-Jones	810606
Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Garden Club. Peas, Beans, Dahlias	Alan Henbest	810088
Saturday 23rd	11.00am-5.00pm	Brentor Garden Trail	Sue Stephens	860374
			Liz Rogers	820278

June

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Yoga	Jennifer	810137
Thursday 18th	7.30pm	Garden Club. Wise words and country ways.	Alan Henbest	810088
Saturday 20th	Jumble Sale	tba		

Hall bookings: Liz Wheeler 810083

**Final Copy Date for the next edition Sunday 24th May 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.**

Brentor Web Site

The Brentor Web Site went public on April 8th. <http://www.brentorvillage.org> . It was presented at the Parish Council annual village meeting on Monday 20 April, which was neat since John Wheeler as website developer, and Alan Ray-Jones as general editor, volunteered to create it at the village meeting just a year ago. They have been helped most generously by ten other editors, each responsible for originating and maintaining one or more pages:

Rick Blower	Villages in Action
Colin Dawes	Brentorians, Village Hall and Playing Field
Charlie Elder	Wildlife
Mike Harris	Christ Church and St Michael de Rupe
Alan Henbest	Garden Club
Kate Kelly	Village Show
Mike Mott	Parish Council, Parish Cemetery
Sue Stephens	Unfinished Business
Sally Wetherbee	Children's Activities
Mike Whitfield	More about Brentor, Brentor Commons, BCT

There is also a page of useful links maintained by Alan – some with phone numbers too; and the site will include each month the current version of Brentor News – without contact details for anyone who wants to withhold them. So if your copy of BN is temporarily mislaid you can still see BN on the web.

There will be a review meeting at **The Old School, West Blackdown, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 May**. Please come if you have suggestions to make or comments to offer on the website. If you can come please contact me so that I can tell Colin Dawes in advance how many people to expect. If you can't come but have a comment or suggestion, let me know beforehand what it is, and we'll consider it.

Alan Ray-Jones, 810606.

Important notice regarding the Brentor News on the village Web Site.

Your permission is required

Each month the current Brentor News will be available for download from the Brentor Village Website. **Contact details will be included in this web version only if you have given your permission.** Once your permission has been given we will assume that this will stand until specifically withdrawn by you.

Remember - this is an 'opt in' system so to be sure that your details appear, give your permission when submitting your article.

Editorial Team

Run for MS Society- Plymouth Half Marathon 24th May

I am running once again in the Plymouth Half-Marathon and asking for donations for the MS Society. If local people donate I'll give the same amount to the Village Hall funds up to £150.00 total. So, if you are kind enough to give, with gift-aid and my donation, £10.00 will become around £22.00. You can drop a donation off to me at the Coppice (lane with the church entrance) or, better still, give online and then email me to tell me so I can donate too. Many thanks.

John Evans 810629

Home email: jalevans@gotadsl.co.uk

Donations to: <http://www.justgiving.com/johnlevans>

All Saints Meetings

A series of informal Christian worship and teaching evenings in the village hall at 7.30pm, every Thursday in May (with the exception of the 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 info. contact allsaintstogether@tiscali.co.uk

Brentor Skittles Challenge

Date: Saturday June 13: Place: Brentor Village Hall: Time: 7.00pm

Come to a Skittles Challenge. An evening for young people. Bring your families along? Your choice! Bar snacks and soft drinks, available. Music provided by Nick Champion.

Please let me know if you are interested.

Thanks,

Sally Panheri Tel: 810285

Email sally@sallysholidaycottages.co.uk.

Church Services in Brentor for May

3rd May 9.45am Christchurch Jacki Giddings

6.30pm St Michaels Tony Giddings

10th 6.30pm St Michaels Michael Brierley

17th 9.45am Christchurch Michael Brierley

1pm Baptism St Michaels Michael Brierley

6.30pm St Michaels Michael Brierley

24th 6.30pm St Michaels Tim Treanor

31st 6.30pm Joint Service at Gulworthy with BBQ after

For further information contact:-

Churchwardens Eric Rhodes 810403

Sheila Downs 820382



**Goldfish - homes wanted for goldfish,
about 2" long, hatched in our pond.**

Phone Sarah Tel 860165

Forthcoming events for Tavistock Wildlife Trust

SUNDAY 3 MAY – 8.30 pm

“Guided Walk to hear Snipe Drumming with Peter Glanville”

Meet at Dartmoor Visitor Centre, Princetown.

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY – 8 pm – Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock

“The Eel Man”

Alan Jewitt will talk about his experiences living and working on the River Tamar.

SUNDAY 10 MAY – 5.30 am

“Dawn Chorus Walk with Tony John”

Meet at Norsworthy Bridge, far end of Burrator Reservoir.

SATURDAY 23 MAY – 1 pm

“Visit to Upcott Grange Farm, Broadwoodwidge” to see their menagerie of animals, some of which are bred to be introduced into the wild.

Suggested donation for our events is £3.00, children are free.

Sue Boxall: Chair of Tavistock Local Group of Devon Wildlife Trust.

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PLYMOUTH GILBERT AND SULLIVAN FELLOWSHIP

For the first time in its history the company is stepping outside the Gilbert and Sullivan canon to present a fully-staged production of Franz Lehar's “The Merry Widow”, under the direction of Alan Spencer, renowned for his productions at the Buxton International G&S Festival, with full orchestra under the musical direction of Dr Paul Foster.

Peter and Terry Clement of Higher Westcott, Brentor, will play the roles of Baron Zeta and Sylvia respectively.

You are invited to enjoy the romance and the comedy of this well-loved operetta, which features such melodies as Vilia, You'll Find Me at Maxim's, the Merry Widow Waltz and many others.

The show runs June 9th-13th at the Athenaeum Theatre, Plymouth, evenings at 7.30pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets at £13.00 (with £2.00 off Tuesday evening and Saturday matinee for O60, U16, Students and TRAC members) can be obtained from the Theatre box office on 01752 266104 (11am-4pm Monday-Friday) or the Company box office on 01752 404971 or via

www.plymouthgilbertandsullivan.com