



BRENTOR NEWS

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BRENTOR VILLAGE PHONE BOX

Villagers may be unaware that British Telecom has posted a notice in the phone box stating that:

"A detailed survey has shown that this kiosk is not being used sufficiently to continue the service at this location."

The notice goes on to say that if the local community would like to maintain telephone service, it would be necessary for it to be subsidised. However, if service were not to be considered necessary then the kiosk alone could be transferred to the local community for the sum of £1, under BT Payphones' "Adopt-a-Kiosk" scheme (web site below).

The Parish Council will be considering this issue at its next meeting on 23rd November and Parishioners may wish to give this some thought before then in order that the Councillors have some idea of local feeling on the issue. Having been co-opted to the Council as recently as last May, I look forward to seeing the level of feedback.

In some 12 years in the village I have to confess that I have not used the kiosk more than a couple of times, to report a fault on our home phone, although BT records show 65 calls in the past 12 months. Given that the centre of the village is a mobile signal free zone, (not apparently accepted by BT Payphones) and that cordless home phones do not work during power cuts, it may be that the phone box could be seen as an emergency service.

If, however, it is only the iconic presence of the red box that is important, then possibly adoption would be the way forward. Whatever path is chosen, time is of the essence.

If you have a view on this, please take the time to read the notice, check the web link and respond.

Alan Smith (810143)

www.payphones.bt.com/adopt_a_kiosk/HTML/payphone/

Sunday November 8th

This year there will be a Service of Remembrance at 10.00am in Christ Church followed at 10.50am by the act of remembrance around the War Memorial. See Church News on page 3.

Village Hall Latest – closure for repairs in late November

Refurbishment work is scheduled to start on 30th November and will continue for approximately 18 weeks, including the Christmas break. The hall will therefore have to close from 23 November 2009, to allow time for the removal of its contents and other preparation for the building work.

Please remember that from that time until it is handed back to us the site is the responsibility of the builder and there can be no access to members of the public without permission.

We hope to have use of the hall again by mid April 2010 and look forward to some major reopening events in May!

Funding is still being sought from for the remaining £9,000 needed to complete the repairs and redecoration of the main hall building.

Colin Dawes

Brentor Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Coffee Morning

Sat 7th Nov 10.30 - 12noon

Your last chance to meet up for coffee (and bacon rolls) with friends and neighbours before the work on the Village Hall starts.

AND.....

Jumble Sale

Sat 7th Nov 2.30 - 4.00pm

Please sort out your good jumble/bric a brac. Help needed on the day from 12 onwards. Any collections please tel:

Sheryl 870554

Our last chance to fund-raise for the Village Hall!

Brentor Garden Club



Diary Dates

Thursday, 19 November 2009, at 7.30 pm

"Plants for a Small Garden" We much look forward to a return visit from Sue Fisher, who never fails to entertain us and provide good horticultural advice. The meeting will be held in the Methodist Church Hall at Mary Tavy. This is a change from the earlier information provided.

For advance information, our Annual Lunch is planned to take place on Thursday, 21 January, at the Peter Tavy Inn. Menus will soon be available.

Meeting held on 17 September 2009 "The Daffodil Project at Cotehele"

We were lucky enough to have David Bouch, the Head Gardener at the National Trust's Cotehele House to come and talk to us about daffodils. David has a host of experience in horticulture having worked in the gardens at Anthony House in south-east Cornwall and Trellisick Gardens near Truro, before executing his talents at the 14 acres of estate at Cotehele.

We were astounded to learn that there are over 22,000 varieties of daffodil; with over 270 varieties just at Cotehele itself! Many are thought to originate from the only truly native species narcissus pseudonarcissus. The varieties are split into 13 sections, differentiated by their colours, petal shape, whether they are a double or single flower or by the length of the trumpet in ratio to the petals. David and his gardeners are trying to learn as much as possible about the varieties at Cotehele, but they have to be quick as they only flower for about six weeks. They have a contact in Scotland who can identify 13,000 different varieties before having to refer to any book!

Daffodils have been grown as an industry in the Tamar Valley for the past 100 years or more. The south facing slopes and high rainfall are perfect growing conditions for daffodils, and it was a useful crop to be grown on the steep slopes where nothing else would thrive. In the days before lorries the blooms were sent by river to Plymouth, to be transported up to London by train to be sold. Nowadays, the flowers are available in a tight 'pencil' bloom, but back then they were sold in full flower, and thus there was a faster turnover.

Elaine Henbest

(Extract from Garden Club Newsletter October 2009)



FarmAfrica

A huge thank you to the young people, their parents and all those who supported our Harvest Service in October.

The Church was beautifully decorated with boots and foliage and following their breakfast brunch the children set to and cleaned lots of shoes to emphasise our slogan 'Give Poverty The Boot.' Some of them had also made lots of delicious boot biscuits to sell, (sold out!)

Their great example in giving their time encouraged us all to give what we could and £228.79 has been sent to FarmAfrica who work with farmers in rural communities in East Africa. We learnt that 80% of Africans live off the land and 2 out of 3 people live in extreme poverty, so your generosity will be so welcome.

Sally Pancheri 810285



Get your Skates on or Not!

Brentor Church, together with Tavistock and Gulworthy is planning a trip to Eden on either Sat 23 or Sat 30 January 2010. The proposal is a family and friends day out, leaving by coach from Brentor, Tavistock and Gulworthy, to arrive at Eden early afternoon and returning in the evening.

Eden are once again offering reduced entry for local residents; as far as I can gather at this stage, likely costs are £5.50 Senior, £8.00 Adults, £4.00 Students and children in full time education FREE or pay £3.00 for a 12 month pass! (These other prices allow entry for 12 months.) Of course if you already have a pass the only cost would be transport and that is likely to be £5.00 per person.

Ice Skating is on offer at £5 per 40 minute session. Eden in the winter is a lovely experience, no crowds, the opportunity to wander around in daylight and then in the lit up domes. Often there is additional entertainment laid on too and the chance to eat in one of the 2 restaurant areas or you can pack a picnic and still eat in the restaurant, brilliant!

At this stage we need to gauge interest so either email me at sally@sallysholidaycottages.co.uk or sign the list at the back of Christchurch. The original idea came about as some young people expressed an interest in going skating together, but like all ideas it has grown to include all ages!

Sally Pancheri 810285

Church News



Church services - November.

All services (except 29th) are in Christ Church

Sun 1st 09.45am Family service

Sun 8th 10.00am Service of remembrance in church followed at 10.50 by the act of remembrance around the War Memorial

Sun 15th 09.45am Holy Communion

Sun 22nd 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sun 29th 6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Eustacius, Tavistock (no service in Brentor)

Prayer group.

Thursday 12th. at Hall Farm Lydford (Felicity Darwell)
8.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.

Thursday 26th. at Station House (Eric & Sue)
8.00p.m. - 9.00p.m

Eric Rhodes Churchwarden 810403

LEST WE FORGET

'To the glory of god and in undying memory of brave men who gave their lives for us in the great war 1914 - 1918'

James Batten
John Batten
Albert Bickle
William Brewer
Stanley Brook
Harry Cowling

George Doidge
John Doidge
Percy Goad
Samuel Higgins
Walter Holwill
Herbert Jeffery

Fred Medland
Christopher Postlethwaite
William Short
Robert French Smith
Ernest Wheeler

The War Memorial in the centre of Brentor records the names of the men from this village who gave their lives for King and Country in the First World War. The recently released 1911 Census can be linked with earlier census records to give an insight into the lives and positions of only a few of them.

ROBERT A FRENCH SMITH was the son of the vicar, Robert Joseph French Smith. In 1911 the family lived in the Vicarage in Brentor, a house of 10 rooms. Young Robert, 16 at the time of the census, was living with his two sisters, Margaret (18) and Kathleen (13), his mother Emma (59) and father Robert (59). Emma had been born in London, Robert Snr in Ireland and all the children in Brentor. Their servant, Eliza Fry was 18 and had been born in North Tawton.

I am keen to find out more about all of these men and, perhaps, put together a leaflet or a record for the village website I would be grateful for any information any one can give me to help in this. I can be contacted at: irene.cradick@btinternet.com or at Hillcrest.

Irene Cradick

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What a night!

I would like to thank all those kind friends who made my 50th party such a wonderful event.

To all those who lied to me to keep it a surprise!
I forgive you!

I do hope the village enjoyed the fireworks.

Over £100.00 was raised which I will be donating to the restoration of the village hall and St. Michaels.

Thank you once again. Kind regards
Phil Pearson, Wortha Farm

Friday, 6th. November 7-30p.m. in the Village Hall.

Local Wildlife Photographer, Colin Sargent, will give a talk with slides on wildlife and his experiences photographing it. There will be cards and prints available for sale. Light refreshments and Draw.

All proceeds to St. Michael's. All welcome. Not to be missed!

Jennifer Venning



Christmas Fair at Liddaton

Saturday 5th December 2009 10.30am - 4.00pm

Because of the renovation work at the village hall, the Christmas fundraising event will be held at Liddaton. This will be an all day event, shared between three houses - 'The Barn', 'The Farmhouse' and 'Homestead'. We will be serving morning coffee, light lunches, mulled wine and afternoon teas. Drop in at any time or spend the day. Santa will be here, in his grotto, 11.30am - 12.30pm and again from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. There will be a variety of craft and produce stalls, plus tombola and raffle.

Please remember to donate items for the tombola to Lisa Churcher at Sweetpea Cottage by Monday 30th November. Donations of produce and cakes gratefully received by Friday 4th December to any of the organisers.

Look out for flyers and posters nearer the time for more details and directions.

Janet Albrighton (860445) Sue Stephens (860374) Sarah Walker-Smith (860165)
Lisa Churcher (810473) Elaine Henbest (810088)



Diary Dates - Events at various locations - as indicated.

November

Fri	6 th	7.30pm	Wildlife Photography, Colin Sargent - Village Hall	Jennifer Venning	810555
Sat	7 th	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Village Hall	Sheryl Burroughs	870554
"	"	2.30pm	Jumble Sale - Village Hall	"	"
Sun	8 th	10.00am	Remembrance Service, Christ Church	Eric Rhodes	810403
Thur	19 th	7.30pm	'Plants for a Small Garden' - Mary Tavy Methodist Ch. Hall	Alan Henbest	810088
Mon	23rd		Village Hall Closes for Refurbishment		

December

Sat	5 th	10.30am	Christmas Fair - Liddaton houses (see above)	Sue Stephens	860374
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January

Sat	23/30	TBA	Trip to Eden Project	Sally Pancheri	810285
Thur	21 st	TBA	Garden Club Annual Lunch, Peter Tavy Inn	Alan Henbest	810088

For all hall bookings & enquiries:

Liz Wheeler 810083

NB Bookings only accepted up to the 22nd November, owing to start of restoration work on the hall.

More bookings next spring!

FINAL COPY DATE - for the December Edition

Monday 23rd November - to Mike Whitfield: mikewhit@btinternet.com