



BRENTOR NEWS

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BRENTOR VILLAGE PHONE BOX

After raising the issue of the possible removal of the Village Phone Box, in the November 2009 issue of the Brentor News, I can now report that BT Payphones have decided not to proceed with removal, at this present time.

The Parish Council has been in touch with BT Payphones on a number of occasions to contest the plan, and to demonstrate the lack of mobile coverage in the centre of the village. Also, the Dartmoor National Park Authority has now taken up the issue with BT Payphones, on behalf of all phone boxes in the Park. The DNPA comments to BT, re the Brentor phone box, are as follows:- *"This kiosk is in Dartmoor National Park. This kiosk is an important heritage asset in its local environment. Mobile coverage is poor in this area. This is an isolated rural village. The kiosk is an important emergency facility in an area popular with walkers."*



The Parish Council hope that this is the end of the matter, but would advise that BT may come back with a further consultation, with little notification other than a notice in the phone box, at some time in the future.

Vigilance is therefore necessary.
Alan Smith - 810143

Village Hall extension takes shape

Only a few working days were lost during the New Year freeze and work is getting back on schedule for the village hall rebuilding project. The concrete base of the new building is complete and the inner wooden frame walls are taking shape, so it won't be long before a roof is in place. The access ramp for people with disabilities is also taking shape. Demolition of the old extension has enabled us to take a better look at the structure of the old hall and there is good news - it is in surprisingly good condition after standing for nearly 100 years.

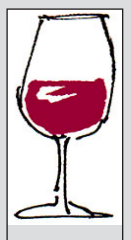
Our builders still hope that the project will be completed on schedule, with the hall being handed back to the village in early April.

More information is available on the Brentor Village website, address above.

Colin Dawes

Brentor Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Wine Evening - Friday 26th February, 8.00pm



Thanks to the hospitality of CHICKS, this year's wine evening will be held at Bonnaford within the village. There will be presentations - with tastings - on Budget Wines, a Sideways look at Pinot Noir and on Wines from Lombardy from Madie, Belinda and Eric.... as well as a Raffle for some bottles of Fine Wine and an exciting Competition!

Tickets £7 - numbers are strictly limited.

This is a fund-raising event for the Village Hall.
John Wheeler 810083



(At the time of writing
very few tickets remain...)

Villages in Action and KEPOW Theatre Present Kevin Tomlinson's

"SEVEN AGES"

Shakespeare meets Whose Line Is It Anyway in this a fascinating Show about the Cycle of Life.

"Refreshingly honest and hilarious. He creates magical comedy theatre. A wonderful, dynamic show"

- Edinburgh Herald Critics Choice.

"Tomlinson's one man show is a must see, Excellent"

- Southland Times, New Zealand

Whatever stage of life you're at you're sure to enjoy this show. Suitable 6 - 120 year olds

Lydford Nicholls Hall Sunday Feb 21st at 7.00pm

Tickets Adults £ 6.50 Child/Concs £4.50 from:

Adrian: 820345 or Clerk: 820589

Brentor Garden Club



Chairman's Review of 2009

Well what a wonderful year we have had, another very successful period with a collection of interesting and varied presenters and a small but pleasant rise in club membership.

I feel the highlight has to be our visit to Highgrove, on a glorious day - but not far behind that was the Garden Trail! Surprisingly both on very nice days, weather wise. Thank you to everyone who loaned us their gardens, we could not do it without you.

I must say a very big thank you to the committee; I only head the group, as each committee member really does pull their own weight and each has expertise in areas we need to cover. I have to say a special big thank you to Jill and Lucinda, for all their help over the year. They are both standing down this year, to go on to other projects. I will let you know about replacements as and when we have them, but if you would like to be considered do, please make contact.

Alan Henbest 810088

Diary Dates

Both events 7.30pm at Nichols Hall Lydford

Thursday, 18 February

"Hawk and Owl Experience" - David Buncle

Thursday, 18 March

"Bulbs throughout the Year"

with Mark Wash of Trecanna Nursery

Sue Stephens

Brentor Cemetery

Situated in an attractive setting overlooking Dartmoor, the Cemetery is open to all denominations. The Parish Council is committed to maintaining it to a high standard in remembrance of past Brentorians.

The annual cost of maintenance is approaching £600 per annum. The lower section of the Cemetery has recently been opened up for burials and cremated remains and enhanced by the provision of a seat by the Gerry Family. If you wish to reserve family or individual plots for the future please contact me or visit the village website where detailed information is available.

Brian Bird - Parish Clerk 07964 182336

Pancake Race and Lunch at Brentor

Shrove Tuesday falls during half term this year so we thought this might be a great opportunity to invite all children, young people and their families to join us for a pancake race, at The Station House, Brentor, on **Tuesday 16 February**, followed by lunch.

Lunch will be a choice of savoury stuffed pancakes or pasta and tomato sauce. (Our summer camp signature dish!)

We plan to start at 11am and during the morning there will be an opportunity to make your own pancake, a race for children and adults and an opportunity to find out why Shrove Tuesday is such an important and fun event in the Christian calendar.

What do you need to do to join in the fun?

- Book your place by Friday 12 February (So we can make sure there are enough pancakes!)
- Bring your own pan to race with.
- Dress up warm! (We will race on the platform if the weather is bad!)
- Cost £2 per head, payable on the day.

Any queries and/or to book your place please contact sally@sallysholidaycottages.co.uk or Tel:

Sally Pancheri 810285

A belated "Happy New Year"....

... from everyone at **Mary Tavy & Brentor Community Primary School**. Unfortunately the snow delayed our return after the Christmas break, but we would like to extend a special welcome to all our new children and parents, we now have 79 on roll.

Our new PTA & Friends Committee are now up & running. If you would like to support us and have the chance to win cash prizes each month, we have set up our 100 club again! Contact Jane Phelpstead on 810635 or pick up a form from either the school or Mary Tavy Post Office (a big thank you to Sally for her continued loyal support of the school).

Please feel very welcome to come along to our Quiz Night on Friday 19th March at 8pm at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy. Further details will be available nearer the time, but we hope to see you there.

Nicky Pratten, Head Teacher

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- Rejoicing at 'The Station House' Rhodes abode! Sue and Eric - first time grandparents to Sophie - who was born to proud parents Naomi and Chris. Congratulations all round!
 - "Wortha" mention! Phil got down on his 'nuptial knee' and proposed to Kim (think drama).... and they say they are tying the connubial knot this summer.
 - Welcome to Brentor Jo and Chris 'Spring Cottage' and lots of lovely doggie walks for 'Bean.'
- Anne Clark - 810035** (who will be glad to hear about any arrivals & events for this occasional piece)

THE BIG FREEZE!

The Parish Council feels that the following notice, issued during the freeze, should be of interest to Brentor parishioners, especially if the cold weather returns.

Alan Smith - 810143

LATEST WINTER TRAVEL & ROAD INFORMATION - ISSUED BY DEVON COUNTY HIGHWAYS - THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY

As you know, the county is currently in the grip of a severe weather event and County Council staff are working around the clock to keep Devon moving. Below you will find the latest update on the situation with our highways and the advice which is being given to the public.

The County Council are treating the primary road network in Devon to help keep Devon moving. All 'A' roads and other major routes are currently being treated with salt during this winter weather period. With Met Office predictions that this weather is set to continue for the rest of the month, Devon County Council is aiming to continue to treat and keep open the primary road network, some 1,600 miles of roads – 20% of the roads in Devon.

There are 1,550 grit bins located throughout the county, which are being restocked regularly (where they can be accessed). These are available for residents to use to grit the public roads and pavements only and are not for private driveway use.

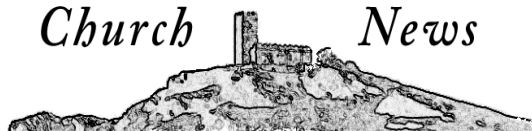
Highway depots are now closed to the public and salt or grit is not available for public use from these highway depots. The public and Parish Councils should not visit depots.

Estate roads and non primary routes will not be treated. We cannot respond to reports of ice which are not on the primary road network.

If you must travel, be prepared. Make sure someone knows where you are going, wear warm clothes, take with you a fully charged mobile phone, a shovel, blanket, torch, de-icer and high visibility clothing.

For further highway and salting enquiries visit the DCC website (updated throughout the day) – www.devon.gov.uk - or call the My Devon Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1004.

Church News



St Michael de Rupe

Following the work to the church last year, the next task is to repair the framework in the bell tower so that the bells can be used again. The estimate for this work is in the region of £30,000 so some serious fundraising has to be undertaken before the PCC can commit ourselves to this next restoration project.

Any donations, (preferably gift aided) will go into The St Michael's Preservation Account. Envelopes for your gift are available in both churches or from Sheila.

We are looking for someone who would like to take up the challenge of raising funds for this specific project. If you could offer time/ ideas please contact:

Sheila Downs - 01822 820382

sheila@burncottage.co.uk

Burn Cottage, West Blackdown, Brentor, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 0NB

Sally Pancheri 810285

Church services - February.

All services are in Christ Church

Sun 7th 09.45am Family service

Sun 21st 09.45am Eucharist

Prayer Group

Next meeting Thursday 25 February. Venue TBC.

Please contact **Eric Rhodes 810403**

Advertising & small ads on the Brentor Village Website

Don't forget that you can advertise your accommodation to let or your local business in the Brentor Village website!

Rates for a year-long advertisement are very reasonable. Up to 150 words plus telephone, e-mail and website link costs £15.00 and there is a small additional charge for photographs of £5.00 per image. All you have to do is supply us with your text and images by e-mail and we will do the rest! Already a number of local businesses have taken advantage of this simple way of advertising.

You can also place small ads for items up to £50 selling price for just £1.00 per item per month, maximum 50 words including your contact details (money to be paid in advance in cash when you supply your text). Other ads for items above £50 selling price continue only in the Brentor News as at present, £5.00 per month.

All proceeds of advertisements go to the Brentor Community Trust, which supports the Brentor News, the village website and Villages in Action events at the Village Hall.

Colin Dawes 811079 or colin.dawes@virgin.net.

Brentor News Distribution & Advertising

If you are outside the parish and would like The Brentor News to be sent to you on-line as a PDF, send your request via email to johnw@brentor.net. A small donation to the BCT would be appreciated. All advertising copy and payment of £5 per insertion should be sent to Mike Whitfield in advance of publication, cheques payable to 'Brentor Community Trust'.

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Singing for fun

All Change is a small informal and friendly choir that meets each week, usually in Tavistock and sometimes in Brentor. We sing unaccompanied pieces, usually in four parts and more often than not from many different countries. African songs are a favourite. We are looking for new members to join us in learning some new songs. No need to be able to read music - enthusiasm and some ability are all that's needed. If you want to find out more or fancy coming along to see what it's like contact Jane on 810635 or Tim on 810564.

COULD YOU HELP?

Mary Tavy mum on crutches urgently requires a Mothers help /nanny asap. I have 3 young children who need help with breakfast, getting ready for school, then either walking or driving to village preschool and school. I then need help to pick them up in the afternoon and occasionally additional help in the home. 15 hrs a week, with potential for more, at £10/hour. Own car essential. Job share considered (eg mornings only or afternoons only). Will need to have or apply for a CRB check. Please ring **Kate 810267**

Bramble Valley Sale - new Designer Childrenswear.

Nicholls Hall, Lydford on Saturday 27th February
2010 from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Antonia Frankland 0781 330 2096

Tavistock Local Group of the Devon Wildlife Trust

Wed 10th Feb. "Darwin - his life and ideas". A talk, in character, by Doug Herdson. 8pm - Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Next to the Bedford Hotel). Suggested donation £3.00 (incl. refreshments)

Sat 13th Feb. Birdwatching walk at Roadford Reservoir with Tony John. Meet at main entrance car park at 10.30am. Bring binoculars. Suggested donation £3.
Sue Boxall 820292

Diary Dates - Events at various locations - as indicated.

February

Wed 10 th	8.00pm	DWT - "Darwin, Life & Ideas" - Parish Rooms, Tavistock	Sue Boxall	820292
Sat 13 th	10.30am	DWT - Birdwatching Walk, Roadford Reservoir	" "	"
Tue 16 th	11.00am	Pancake Race, The Station House, Brentor	Sally Pancheri	810285
Thur 18 th	7.30pm	Garden Club "Hawk & Owl Experience", Nicholls Hall	Alan Henbest	810088
Sun 21 st	7.00pm	VIA - "Seven Ages" - Nicholls Hall, Lydford	Adrian Hepworth	820345
Fri 26 th	8.00pm	Brentor Wine Evening - CHICKS, Bonnafor	John Wheeler	810083
Sat 27 th	11.00am	Bramble Valley Sale, Nicholls Hall	Antonia Frankland	07813302096

March

Thur 18 th	7.30pm	Garden Club "Bulbs Throughout the Year", Nicholls Hall	Alan Henbest	810088
Fri 19 th	8.00pm	Mary Tavy & Brentor Sch. Quiz Night, Coronation Hall	Jane Phelpstead	810635

For all hall bookings & enquiries:

Liz Wheeler 810083

NB Brentor Village Hall Bookings will be accepted on a provisional basis from mid-April onwards, dependent on the completion of hall restoration work.

FINAL COPY DATE - for the March Edition

Saturday 20th February - to Mike Whitfield: mikewhit@btinternet.com