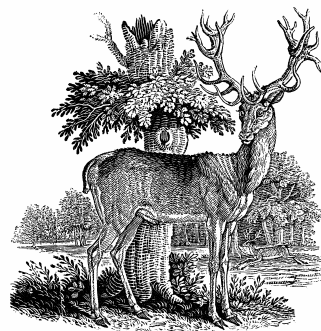




# BRENTOR NEWS



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## Mary Tucker

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mary on October 18<sup>th</sup>. She was a true Brentorian having lived all her life in the village that she came to know and love. She was born Mary Brimacombe at Nutshell on 28 July 1928. She attended Brentor school, on the site of the former Church Hall and, at the age of 11, went on to Senior School at Dolvin Road in Tavistock. After leaving school she worked for her Grandfather in the village shop and bakery. On occasions she joined the delivery van taking fresh bread and groceries to Lydford, Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy. Later she was employed in the offices at Sweets, the Ladies' & Gentlemen's Outfitters in Tavistock, where she was affectionately known as "Brim".



*Brimacombe's shop in the 1920s*

On 8 September 1956 she married Bill Tucker and became a committed farmers wife, firstly at Yellands (now Kilimanjaro) with Bills' parents and then at Bearwood where they've been involved in the farm ever since. Mary was not afraid of hard work and would willingly take on whatever jobs she could. In spring she could be seen feeding orphan lambs through the bars of the gate next to the bungalow. Already a devoted wife Mary became a loving Mother to Nick and Cathryn. She was happiest amongst her family with her parents and parents in law always being close at hand; looking after them in their times of need too. As part of the ongoing commitment to her family Mary learnt to drive relatively late in life, especially to ensure Nick & Cath did not miss out on social events outside Brentor.



Mary was a regular member of the congregation at Christchurch, Brentor throughout her life. She was christened, confirmed and married there. She took a great pride in decorating the church with flowers, both Christchurch in the village and St Michael's on the Tor. The font was always her responsibility at Christchurch at festival times and at Harvest Festival she would festoon the font with flowers, berries, fruit and vegetables. As part of this commitment Mary planted her own garden with flowers and shrubs most suited to church decorating at all times of the year! When she could no longer climb the Tor she would send money to buy flowers for the decorating.

*Mary Tucker (left) discussing entries to the Village Show with her lifelong friend the late Betty Gilbert in 2003*

Throughout her life Mary took a keen interest in many village activities. She was a founder member of the Young Conservatives in Brentor and has remained a party member until recently. She was a member of the choir at Christchurch, played an active part in the production of the Brentorians plays and served on the PCC, Parochial Church Council, for many years. It has been said that Mary always came up with the "sensible" approach to all fundraising and social events. At one time she was renowned for her sponges at any event involving refreshments

During retirement Mary and Bill enjoyed many coach trips together, meeting new friends and holidaying all over England, Wales and Scotland - a very long way away from home for Mary! Her greatest relaxation was to watch "old films" on TV by the fire of course! Mum was almost always cold. "Cold hands, warm heart" she used to say! It was certainly true in her case. She also enjoyed writing and receiving letters; in particular to relatives in America and also to a young girl, called Pat who was evacuated to Station House, Brentor during the war. Mum has kept in touch with her and her family ever since. Mum enjoyed rhyming poetry and would often include one with her letters.

Blessed with good health for most of her life Mary did suffer with heart problems during the last 20 months. Each time she frightened us all with a spell in hospital, her faith in God helped in her determination to come home again. She loved Bill, Bearwood and Brentor. She often said that it was where she wanted to end her days, and apart from her last 2 weeks in hospital she was able to do just that.

Mary was a very dignified and determined lady who was greatly respected and admired by many. We will always miss her and always remember her with great affection.

**A Memorial Service will be held for Mary Tucker  
in Christ Church on Friday 29th October at 2:00pm**

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**Reminder: Villages in Action**

**The Tommaso Starace Quartet** will be appearing on **Saturday 13th November** at Brentor Village Hall. Doors will open from 7.30pm with the performance commencing at 8.00pm.

Tommaso is one of the brightest new European Jazz talents on tour. His style draws from a range of influences and combines the traditional and more contemporary harmony. The quartet has recently completed a sell out tour of Europe and London. Venues in the UK have included the Royal Festival Hall, St David's Hall, Cardiff and the Purcell Rooms at London's South Bank.

It is through organizations such as, Villages in Action, that we are able to bring high quality professional performers to rural communities.

**The hall will be set out cabaret style and you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.**

**There are tickets remaining.**

**Adults £8.00 and children £5.00 from:**  
Rick Blower 810600; John Wheeler 810083.

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 6th November 10.30-12. Bacon rolls, homemade cakes and local produce. Please support and provide produce to sell (if you have anything). Meet up with your neighbours and other villagers over coffee.

**Sheryl Burroughs 870554**

**Jumble Sale**

Saturday 6th November 1.30pm. 20p entrance.

**VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING EVENT  
PLEASE SUPPORT**

Please sort out any jumble and bring to the hall either on Friday 5th 6-7pm or during the coffee morning. Someone will be there from 10am. If you would like things collected please phone

**Sheryl Burroughs 870554.**

**Harvest Family Service at Brentor**

Despite the torrential rain, Brentor and Mary Tavy families braved the weather to come together on October 3rd to worship and give thanks for all the bountiful gifts we enjoy in this special part of Dartmoor. Our service was led by Sue Tucker and included a play by three of our young people Alex, Bryce and Harry who acted out a modern parable

based on the feeding of the five thousand. Their message:- to share the gifts we have been given.

Earlier, 12 children had come together with their families to give their time and talents to prepare foodstuffs and to create scarecrows, large and small! After the service, their goodies together with contributions from the congregation and Jennifer's stunning wheatsheaf were auctioned and a total of £366 was donated for this year's chosen charity, Shelter Box. A huge thank you to all who helped and supported the invitation to share what we have with one another.

**Sally Pancheri 810285**

## Church Services for November

7th. No service in Brentor

14th. Remembrance Sunday  
10.15a.m. Service of remembrance in Christchurch  
10.55a.m. Act of remembrance at the war memorial.

21st 9.45a.m. Holy Communion  
Christchurch

28th No service in Brentor

When there are no services in Brentor there are services at St.Eustacius Tavistock at 9.45(Family Communion) 6.00p.m. Evensong and at Gulworthy at 11.15a.m.(Family Communion)

Brentor prayer group meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, i.e for November 11th. & 25th. at 8.00p.m.. Venue TBA. Please check with Jackie Macrostitie on 810683

**Eric Rhodes 810403**



## St Michael Talk

**Saturday  
November 20th  
7.00pm  
Brentor Village Hall**

Join art historian Dr Geri Parlby on an evening's journey exploring the myths and legends of St Michael and the many hill top churches dedicated to him. Dr Parlby will be looking at the mysteries that surround the building of St Michael de Rupe on Brentor and how the site may be linked with other ancient churches across Europe. Using a host of

wonderful artworks from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century she will also be unravelling the story of Michael himself from Archangel to warrior saint.

Tickets for the evening will be £6 with all proceeds to go to the St Michael de Rupe preservation fund. Further information from 01822 852777 or [sheila@burncottage.co.uk](mailto:sheila@burncottage.co.uk).

## Are you aged between 8-19 years??

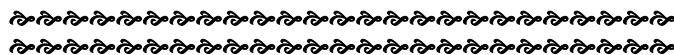
If so, you may be interested to know that Tavistock Youth Team have got some Lottery funding and are returning to Mary Tavy Coronation Hall!

NEW: Fortnightly Youth Club for 8-11yr age group, alternate Tuesdays from 5.00-7.00pm. Free entry. New Session coming soon, November dates to be confirmed.

Youth Club for 11-19yrs age group alternate Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Free entry. Next meeting Wednesday 10 November, then every other Wednesday.

**Further details from: Vicki, youth worker, 612851 (8-11yrs) Naomi, youth worker, 617131 (11-19yrs)**

**email: [office@tavistockyouthcafe.co.uk](mailto:office@tavistockyouthcafe.co.uk)**



## Christmas Fair

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – 4.00pm**

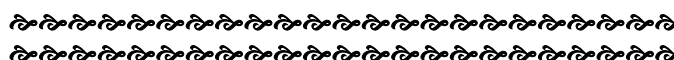
The highly successful Christmas Fair will this year return to the Village Hall. Once again, this will be an all day event. We will be serving morning coffee, hot lunches, afternoon teas and the ever popular mulled wine, accompanied at times with live music by a classical guitar duo.

*Drop in at any time or spend the day!* **Santa** will be in his grotto **11.30am to 12.30pm and again from 2.00pm to 3.00pm**. There will be a variety of craft and produce stalls plus the grand raffle.

Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please give to Lisa Churcher, Sweetpea Cottage or any of the other organisers by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

*Look out for flyers and posters nearer the time.*

**Janet Albrighton 860445, Lisa Churcher 810473, Elaine Henbest 810088, Kate Kelly 810287, Sue Stephens 860374, Sarah Walker-Smith 860165**



## Brentor Church Bell Fund



As many of you will know, I have had some items produced, decorated with one of Colin Sargent's photographs of St Michael's.

There are mugs, coasters, fridge magnets, magnetic notice boards, mouse mats, key rings, as well as 5 different 10in x 8in mounted, signed prints of St. Michael's at various times of the year. (money raised is for the Bell Restoration Fund)

As I won't be sitting in the porch to sell these items now it is much colder, I can take orders on Tel: 810555. Ideal for Christmas.

Please contact me for further details.

**Jennifer Venning. 810555**

## Fund Raising Dinner Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to lack of bookings (only 11) I have cancelled the dinner planned for Saturday 30th October. I will try again next year! **Wendy Braithwaite 810780**

## Diary Dates

### November

Tuesdays 7:00pm	Yoga	Jennifer	810137
Saturday 6th 10:30 to 12:00	Coffee & Produce Morning	Sheryl Burroughs	870554
Saturday 6th 2:00pm	Jumble Sale	Sheryl Burroughs	
Saturday 6th 7:30pm	Duo Ten String: an evening of cello & guitar	Dave Williams	810375
<b>Saturday 13th 8:00pm</b>	<b>VIA Tommaso Starace Quartet</b>	<b>Rick Blower</b>	<b>810600</b>
Thursday 18th 7.30pm	'History of Gardeners & their Gardens' a talk by George Kestell	Alan Henbest	810088
Saturday 20th 7.00pm	St Michael Talk by Dr Geri Parlby	Sheila Downs	820382

### December

Saturday 4th 10.30am to 4.00pm	Christmas Fair	Lisa Churcher	810473
Thursday 17th 7.30pm	Garden Club A.G.M. & Social Evening	Alan Henbest	810088

Events held in Brentor Village Hall unless otherwise stated

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