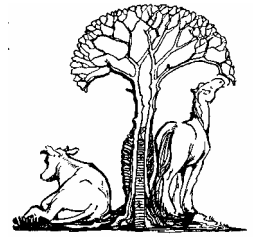


BRENTOR NEWS



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Brentor Village Show

The day of the Village Show Saturday 1st September is fast approaching. We are hoping for a fine day this time but judging by the weather so far this summer we will probably be in sou'-westers again!

All offers of help on the day will be very welcome, particularly to lend a hand washing up, serving and clearing teas etc. Please give your name to one of the organizers if you would like to be involved.

After the Show has finished we would like to invite you to join us from 6.30pm in the Hall (or Marquee if it is fine). Bring your own food and drink, or arrange a take-away and help us to round off the day.

Would you please ensure that your entry forms are taken to Peggy Biggs at The Post Office by Thursday 30th August? We know that you all wait until the last minute to see what produce you have to exhibit, but this year, why not be bold, commit yourself to entries the weekend before the Show! It would help enormously to have entry forms in early.

Finally, if you were a winner last year and you still have your cup, would you please contact one of the organizers below to arrange for its return.

Lisa Churcher 810473, Kate Kelly 810287

Sue Stephens 860374, Judy Williams 810375

Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk

The letter received from Dr J.A. Copplestone, Consultant Haematologist at Derriford Hospital, following the village walk in May is reproduced below.

"Dear Dr Whitfield

Thank you very much for organising the Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk in Brentor and for collecting a total of £605 for the Plymouth & District Leukaemia Fund. We always value your contribution.

We are currently undergoing an amalgamation between Birch Ward and Brent Ward and it is highly likely that this money will go to help patients to make facilities for our haematology patients better as we have had to undergo some quite marked changes to our Day Case area. Your contribution will allow us to provide some facilities to make their life just a little bit easier. In particular in the bone marrow transplant rooms we are hoping to introduce new flat screen tv's and this will enable a much wider range of programmes to be viewed using freeview. It will also be able to put calming pictures or personal photo displays on to remind patients of home.

With many thanks and best wishes"

Thank you to everybody who paid no heed to the dire weather forecast and walked with us on the day, and to all those who sponsored us.

I look forward to next year's event.

Mike Whitfield 810209

Village BBQ

Thank you so much to everyone who turned out on such a wet and windy evening, and thank you to all the helpers (men do love doing bbqs whatever the weather... luckily). It was nice to see so many of the youngsters meeting up and enjoying it as much as the adults. Thank you as well for all the lovely varied salads. I don't have the exact amount but I think approx £90 was left (after the cost of food) to go towards Village Hall fund raising.

Sheryl Burroughs 870554

Brentor Parish Cemetery

Part of Brentor's heritage preserved.

Following the Tavistock Methodist Circuit's sale of the chapel and subsequent closure of the Brentor Methodist Cemetery, the Parish Council has completed the purchase of the cemetery freehold. It is open again for burials and the interment of ashes. It is now non-denominational and available for both parishioners and non-parishioners.

For those of you who are not aware of its existence, it is located on the right side of the road down to North Brentor, just after the entrance to Jenny's Field and opposite St Michaels and Davidscott

It was opened in 1902 as the Bible Christian Cemetery. The first recorded burial was that of William Walter, a sixteen year old who died at West Blackdown in September 1902. The most recent Burial was Stanley Jasper who died in January 2003 aged 80.

In order to ensure the safety of visitors to the cemetery, The Methodist Circuit carried out an inspection of the gravestones and laid down any which were deemed to be unsafe. Regretfully, only names of those buried are recorded in the record book and so the families could not be approached. However, if any parishioners wish to have family or friend's gravestones re-instated in a safe and secure manner by a stonemason, the Parish Council would have no objection.

If you would like any further information concerning the facilities and charges, please contact the Parish Clerk:

Brian Bird, The Olde Cottage, Dippertown, Lewdown, EX20 4PT. Telephone 01566 783112.

New Year Party

We are wondering if people would be interested in a buffet evening in the Village Hall on New Years Eve. When we held our last one the year before last it was good fun with dancing (and drinking) and nibbles. I would like to know if you are keen (before I start finding helpers) so please call me

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Parish Council News

The meeting held on July 9th covered a variety of matters, from the streamlining of operations to meet the needs of the 21st century to Dartmoor National Park planning strategies.

Russell Eastcott

It was reported to the council that the name of Russell Eastcott, who died in 1941, is missing from the war memorial. As yet the council has not been able to uncover the circumstances surrounding this omission. If anyone can throw any light on the matter please contact me or any councillor.

As is elsewhere reported the Parish Cemetery is now secured and open as a valuable community amenity.

DNP Core Strategy

The DNP Core Strategy was discussed and the council passed by four votes to two the following motion.

‘To inform the Dartmoor National Park of our strong objection to the inclusion of North Brentor in the list of Rural Settlements classified for development’

Flood Issues

Possible flood issues were raised and given the state of the summer, the council would remind parishioners that empty sandbags are stored at the Brentor Station House in the external gents toilet. If you feel you are likely to need sandbags, please call Sue and Eric Rhodes on 810403. You will need to provide your own sand. Flooding will be on the agenda for the next council meeting so if you have any particular concerns please contact any councillor or come to the meeting in person.

Non-permanent Residence

At a recent group meeting of parish councils, Brentor raised the issue of the high level of non-permanent residence in the parish. West Devon Borough Council says the (official) figure in Brentor is around 11%. Local knowledge suggests a much higher figure. Since the WDBC figures are derived from council tax returns and these are confidential,

Diary Dates

(At Brentor Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

Saturday September 1st	The Brentor Show	Lisa Churcher 810473
Friday September 7 th	‘Pub Night’	Dave Williams 810375
Tuesday 11 th September (and subsequent Tuesdays)	Yoga – term starts	Jennifer Heyworth 810137



Brentor Community Shop in the 1980s. This venture was run by the Villagers in the Church Hall and served Brentor for 15 years from 1978.

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