



Rose Cottage opposite the Methodist Chapel
circa 1900

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A date for your diary!

You are invited to a Lazy summer afternoon on Saturday 14th July from 2-5 at the Brentor village hall.

There will be a band playing acoustic summer tunes and the opportunity to buy tea, coffee delicious cakes and home baked goodies. Games will be organized in the afternoon for younger children, including a treasure trail in the garden and story telling (hopefully in the sunshine.)

Do come along and join in the fun! It promises to be a relaxing and pleasant afternoon. The event will cost £2.00 for adults and £1 for children. The money raised will help me fund a summer residency in London for the National Youth Theatre which I have been lucky enough to be offered a place in.

Hope to see you there! Ella Evans 810629

Village Hall and Playing Field - Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises raised a fantastic £1300 which will go towards buying new furniture for the hall, carrying out essential work at the adventure playground and improving the buildings at the playing field. This terrific sum was achieved by the skill of our auctioneer, Sharon M'Quillin, some enthusiastic bidding and, most of all, by the response to the 34 promises made, each of which means the commitment of time and effort by the promiser. Many thanks to all who supported the evening. If you successfully bid for an item please get in touch with the promiser soon to make the necessary arrangements. If anyone needs a phone number please get in touch with me.

Tim Beavon 810564

Tapas Evening at the Village Hall

8.00pm Saturday June 23rd

We will provide a Spanish atmosphere and lashings of Patatas bravas, delicious hot fried potatoes served with salsa brava. You just need to come along with a dish of your favourite tapas and as much Spanish wine as you want to drink. There are loads of tapas recipe ideas on the internet – just Google 'tapas' and take your pick. Alternatively email Colin Dawes at colin.dawes@virgin.net and he will send you a selection of simple recipes.

Tickets £3.50 from Dave Williams 810375
All proceeds go to the Village Hall

Curious Dartmoor

Continuing our talks on local subjects Paul Rendell will tell us all about 'the hairy hands' and many other fascinating stories also landmarks, why they were built or what they are. Proceeds to the Village Hall - please come and support.

Friday 22nd June, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Any further info tel Sheryl 870554

Brentor Garden Club

On Thursday 17th May, a select group of members enjoyed an entertaining and unusual talk about sundials by Richard Thorne from Mary Tavy. Grippled by a fascination for dials, Richard has used his skills as an engraver to make many different types, and he is a mine of information on the subject. He was a founder member of the British Sundial Society, which grew in size from 40 to 400 in just 20 years.

He outlined the history of sundials, starting from the most basic tool in the form of a stick which threw a shadow on the ground according to the time of day. One of the oldest sundials in Devon of a form which we recognise is on Brentor Church, and dates to about 1624. Many of the early sundials in the West Country are made of slate, and were laid out by preachers who had studied gnomonics as part of their training.

From out of a plastic crate, he produced a wonderful selection of sundials of all types and sizes, demonstrating how each one worked. Few of us were aware of the wide range of dials in use, including Shepherds' dials, armillary spheres, cross dials, and even a nocturnal dial to tell the time by the stars. Thanks to Richard's enthusiasm, we will all be more aware of their significance in the history of timekeeping, and will certainly take more notice of any we encounter.

The next Garden Club meeting will be on Thursday 21st June, when Vivienne Thompson will talk about Flower Arranging.

Anne Malleson

STOP PRESS!

The Plant Sale organised by Brentor Garden Club on Saturday 26th May raised around £300 for Village Hall funds. In the evening Claire Malleson gave a fascinating talk on 'Gardening in Ancient Egypt': report in next Brentor News.

Anne Malleson

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY

As reported in the last issue, the Village Hall Committee held a maintenance day on Sunday 13th May. Despite appalling weather, many volunteers turned out, and set to work with a will. In the course of three hours, the following tasks were completed:-

- Hall washed down from floor to ceiling
- Kitchen painted (walls, ceiling and wood-work)
- Windows cleaned,
- Ventilation grills fitted to door of cleaner's cupboard to reduce dampness
- Ladies toilet painted
- Gents toilet repaired

AND, despite the weather

- the hedge on the churchyard wall cut back
- entire site strimmed
- downpipes cleared

Many thanks to all who attended, committee members, their family and friends, for an outstanding job. What made it all the more memorable were the good spirits of all involved, and the willingness to tackle whatever was asked, whether erecting and manning the scaffold tower, wielding paintbrushes, tackling the other diy tasks, cleaning, working outside in the torrential rain or providing refreshments. Perhaps next time we hold one of our maintenance days, either at the Playground or Village Hall, others may wish to join the fun!

Alan Smith (810143)

Brentor Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Brentor Living Archive

The Brentor Living Archive now has approximately 750 digital images of Brentor and the surrounding area. If you would like to learn more about the archive, the history of the village and some of the people who have lived here, we are holding an **Open Evening on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. There will be a number of short talks on some of the photographs and the history of the village. You will also be able to view other displays and to see specific images that you may be interested in. Refreshments will also be available.

Mike Whitfield 810209

Brentor Parish Council

The inaugural meeting of the new Brentor Parish Council took place on May 21st. The new council offered its thanks to retiring members Pat Blower, Pam Scannell and Dave Williams for all their years of hard and selfless work in the service of Brentor.

Election of Officers:-

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| Chairman | Robin Burdfield |
| Vice-Chairman | Paul Webster |

New members John Burrows, Simon Martin and David Spratt were welcomed to the council. Thanks were extended to Mike Mott, the retiring Chairman.

Amongst matters discussed and reported:

Contracts have been exchanged on what was the Methodist Cemetery. Administrative procedures are being finalised.

The council insurers have accepted a quote for the repair of the War Memorial and work should start soon. The council resolved to find ways of having a more influential voice with the Dartmoor National Park.

A new Parish Council notice-board approved by DNPA

A full copy of the minutes will be posted on the new Parish Council notice-board outside the Village Hall.

Please note that members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and are allocated time at the beginning of meetings to address the Council on matters of concern

Robin Burdfield - 810412

Brentor Summer Camp

By popular demand, following the success of our first camp, in the field behind Thorn Cottage, Sue Rhodes, Mary Lovell and I will be organising a weekend under canvas for local families, again, this summer. Designed for young people up to the age of 14 years and accompanied by at least one parent who wants to join in the fun!

During the weekend, we will be organising games, craft activities, a camp challenge, torchlight walk followed by a sing along around the campfire, (the highlight of last year's camp!)

Camp starts Friday 10 August 4pm and finishes Sunday 12 August at 3pm. Toilets and showers will be available. If you would like to join us but have not got a tent do not let that deter you as we can probably help out with equipment. Cost: child, £10 and adult £15 (to cover all food and craft activities) Numbers limited to 35 so places will have to be allocated on a first come, first served, basis. Deposit £5 per person with balance by 20 July please, so that we can plan and cater effectively!

Booking forms and further information from Sally.

Sally Pancheri 810285.

The Parish Wildlife Project.

The Tavistock Local Group of the Devon Wildlife Trust is setting up a Community Group to build up a picture of wildlife in the local area as an ongoing exercise, so we can see what changes may be happening.

Records will appear on the website at:- <http://www.parish-wildlife.org.uk>

The group will provide support, so you do not need to be an expert (although experts are welcome too!). We provide information and simple guides to help identify the things that interest you. We will arrange nature walks and /or talks, keep you informed as to what is being found.

We would like you to nominate an area to study (your own back garden or an area you like to visit), then note down the things you see in a simple diary provided. You can decide what to look for; birds, mammals, butterflies etc, or any combination. Then hand in your diary and get a replacement each 3 months.

We will collate the information from all the diaries and put it on our section of the Parish Wildlife Project website.

If you would like to take part, or want more information contact Sue Boxall . Or come along to Torside, Station Road, Lydford (Station Road is opposite the Mucky Duck) on Saturday 2nd June, 2pm to find out more.

Sue Boxall (email: sjboxall@hotmail.com 01822 820292

Child's Pony

Does anyone have a safe pony, suitable for a nine-year-old beginner, that they would like to be ridden over the summer?

Please contact Nicky: 810153

WANTED

To beg, borrow, steal or even buy.

A small ark/run for newly-hatched chicks and mother hen. Offers, please, to Elizabeth or Alan at Bluebells, tel: 810 606

Events at Lydford Forest

Butterfly Walk, Sunday June 24th.. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

A Sunday stroll around this beautiful wooded valley to search for Fritillary butterflies and other interesting insects. We include a walk around the butterfly reserve to learn about how we are successfully managing this Forest to encourage the rare Heath Fritillary.

Ages : 8+ years. Adults £5, children £3. Booking essential - call 01392 834220. Grid reference: SX 498 851

West Devon Cricket Club

Well, the 2007 cricket season has started the merry band of cricket fanatics that calls themselves: "West Devon Cricket Club". New for us for this season is a two team approach – a league team and a friendly side. The goal for the league side is to win a game in the league, whereas the friendly side is focussed on the after cricket drinks.

Of course we are always looking for new players; ability is not a necessity; just a good attitude and enjoyment of the game is enough! If you want any further details, just let me know on Brentor 810813.

Andy Hay, Skipper West Devon Cricket Club

Diary Dates

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

June

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| Tuesdays | 7.30pm | Yoga | Jennifer 810137 |
| Wednesday 13th | 8.00pm | Devon Wildlife Trust meeting. Parish Rooms Tavistock | Sue Boxall 820292 |
| Thursday 21st | 7.30pm | Garden Club, 'flower arranging' | Mike Malleson 860304 |
| Friday 22nd | 7.30pm | A talk on 'Curious Dartmoor' | Sheila 870554 |
| Saturday 23rd | 8.00pm | Tapas Evening | Dave Williams 810375 |
| Sunday 24th | 1.30pm | Butterfly Walk. Lydford Forest | Tel:01392 834220 |

July

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| Thursday 5th | 7.30pm | Brentor Living Archive open evening | Mike whitfield 810209 |
| Saturday 14th | 2.00pm | 'A Lazy Summer Afternoon' fund raiser | Ella Evans 810629 |
| Thursday 19th | 6.30pm | Garden Club, 'Visit to Endsleigh Garden Nursery, Milton Abbott. (1 hour tour). | Mike Malleson 860304 |

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