



BRENTOR NEWS



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Saturday 5th December, 11am—1pm at the Playing Field

Festive Coffee Morning



(Weather & COVID regulations permitting) *We really hope this can happen!*
Festive stalls & refreshments, special raffle, homemade cards, decorated bottles,
Christmas gifts & goodies, Body Shop, Christmas cakes & gift ideas.

Special raffle is an important fundraiser.

Tickets cost £5. EVERY ticket will win.

Prizes include afternoon tea at Hotel Endsleigh, festive hamper, chocolates, biscuits, wine.



Your support for this event would be really appreciated so if you can't be there in person, please buy a ticket from Sue or Sheryl.

Please obey the current COVID Regulations

HALL NEWS: The Hall is closed again, we await new government guidelines.

Sheryl Burroughs, BVHPF 870554



Vic Cowling's Brentor

Brentorvillage.org website was recently contacted by Mr Vic Cowling, who was born in Brentor in 1941. He attended Brentor Primary School and went to secondary school in Tavistock. He left the village to join the RAF in 1961. Vic's family lived in Brentor for some 120 years. His father had a central role in the transformation of the Reading Room into the Village Hall, and was also involved in negotiations regarding the gift of the Playing Field.



Vic has many memories of growing up in Brentor in the 1940s and 50s and has written several down for the Brentorvillage.org website. He remembers joining the postman on his village rounds and attended the Coronation sports day in 1953. Vic has also been researching the donation of a Spitfire aircraft for the war effort by the resident of Bonnaford. **Here's an extract from one of his reminiscences.....**

"It was 7 o'clock on a fine morning almost 70 years ago. Aged about 10/11, I was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Post Office van from Tavistock. But I was not expecting a delivery, and I was not alone. I was in the company of Bert Batten, the village postman and our close West Blackdown neighbour. And I was about to accompany him on his delivery. The regular driver was 'Taffy' Saunders and he gave us a lift up to Brentor post office. There, under the auspices of Lena Eastcott, the postmistress, we sorted the mail into delivery order on the kitchen table. The only way I can now gauge the volume of mail is in my recall of the large number of properties at which we did not stop en route. After being suitably fortified by hot drinks, we set out....."

You can read more on the village website at www.brentorvillage.org. Click on the 'About Brentor' tab and then go to the 'Brentor's History' section.

Vic Cowling has a question for local residents who may know something about local history.....

WHO WAS MERCER? On a stretch of the Burn down stream of Wortha Mill, as it passes Brinsabatch, is a large pool on a sweeping bend in the river. To past generations of villagers this was known as "Mercer's Pool", and was a popular attraction. Does anyone have any suggestions as to why it was so called?

Please mail any suggestions to Colin Dawes at brentorvillage@btinternet.com

Colin Dawes



BRENTOR FRIENDS OF THE FIELD

NOVEMBER DRAW 2020— Number 3 Anne Clark, 6 Clare Percival, 25 Greta Madigan—All Win £10 prize

A Standing Order of £5 per month to our dedicated bank account will help with extra maintenance and improvements to the Playing Field.

Bank Account: TSB Sort Code: 30-98-46 Account: 30089760

If you would like to support the Field in this way please contact Sue Stephens 860374 (stephens214@btinternet.com)



Soup and Sausage Stroll



Foiled again!
 The Soup and Sausage Stroll scheduled for 7th November had of course to be cancelled due to the second national Lockdown.
 We hope to run this event early in the New Year.
Sue Stephens, BVHP, 860374



Church News

Christmas in Brentor is NOT cancelled! *We are planning a range of activities and services for this Christmas. However, as we all know plans may have to be changed at short notice depending upon current government guidelines, so please check our website.*

Advent readings There will be a series of readings and reflections on the Brentor Church website throughout Advent, starting on December 1st, a mix of poetry and prose, with short videos and photos to illustrate - something to brighten up dark days before Christmas.

Nativity service In previous years we have done a service where everyone dresses up as different characters and joins in the retelling of the Nativity, but this probably won't be possible this year, so we are planning a short video, possibly using the wonderful knitted figures we have been given to illustrate the story - watch this space, and check the website for our final production!



Christmas cards from Brentor Church **We have a wonderful photograph for our card this year, showing St Michaels' with a comet trail behind it.** This photo was taken by a photography student and it is quite something indeed, so do please look out for this card. We plan as usual to deliver to every house in Brentor but if for any reason you don't get one please do contact me, Helen, on 01822 810845 or email helen@brentorchurch.org.uk



Christmas Eve We currently plan to hold our usual Midnight Mass at 11pm in Christ Church, but as we will have to be socially distanced seats will have to be booked in advance, so we can maintain 2 m distance between households. Again, please check on the website for up to date details nearer the time.



Christmas Day Our usual carol service at St Michaels' in the afternoon doesn't, at present, look possible this year (as there were 106 people there last year, you can see why! Oh, the days before social distancing was required!). But St Michaels' will be open all day, with carols playing and there will be lay ministers or the churchwardens there from 10 am to talk to anyone who comes, and to pray for us all and a better 2021. Numbers inside the church will be limited at any one time but anyone who would like to come along for a few minutes on Christmas Day will be very welcome indeed. *Helen Harris 01822 810845*

BARN/GARAGE NEEDED IN BRENTOR

LOOKING TO RENT A BARN OR GARAGE SPACE TO HOUSE A CLASSIC CAR. THE SPACE NEEDS TO BE CLEAN, AIR-TIGHT AND EMPTY. ALSO NEEDS THE ABILITY TO BE LOCKED / SECURED.

THE SPACE NEEDS TO BE AT LEAST 450CM X 175CM (ROUGHLY 178 INCHES X 69 INCHES) SHOULD BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO GET CAR IN AND OUT AS CAR IS USED OFTEN.



MANY THANKS.

CONTACT DONALD 01822810064/07904909653

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



As in previous years the Parish Council will consider including a sum within its budget for supporting local organisations. Please contact the Parish Clerk by the 11th December with the following information:
Purpose for which a grant is required/Budgeted
Income and expenditure for the current financial year/Report on the use of any previous PC grant.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Caroline Oxenham, 1 Abbotsfield Crescent, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 8EY Tel: 01822 481415 or 07846 573678 (Monday to Friday), email: brentorpc@yahoo.co.uk

MILLIE'S HOMEMADE CAKES & DELICIOUS BAKES NEW TAKEAWAY SERVICE BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD



Serving up..
Fairtrade locally roasted Organic Coffee,
Freshly baked croissants, Bacon rolls, Salads,
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Based just outside of Coryton, I make a range of products for the home and garden, mainly created from recycled wood. Please visit my website to view current pieces available for sale and for details on products you may like to order. Any queries, please ask!

Find that house!

We have probably all been asked "where is xxxxxx" by a visitor or van driver. With more than 200 properties in the parish it's very hard to know where they all are, since most houses don't have numbers and many of our lanes have no names! This is especially difficult in these times where so many more deliveries are being made to houses during the pandemic.

A new page on the Brentorvillage.org website will help you locate many of the properties in the parish. Just click on the name you are looking for on the alphabetical list and you will be taken to a large scale map with all the houses clearly marked.

To use the map go to the village website at www.brentorvillage.org and click on the 'house lo-



CHURCH EVENTS	Time/Event	Location
	Any queries, contact the Churchwardens: 01822 810845 David Harris david@brentorchurch.org.uk or Helen Harris helen@brentorchurch.org.uk	
From December 1st	Advent readings and Nativity video on the church website	Online
Thursday 24th December	11pm Midnight Mass	Christ Church
Christmas Day	10am onwards - open to all	St Michaels'
DECEMBER DIARY		Contact
Saturday 5th December	11am—1pm Festive Coffee Morning - Playing Field	Sue/Sheryl 860374/877054

Collections for Tavistock Food Bank

Due to the coronavirus restrictions items cannot be handed in to the Food Bank as usual, so if you would like to donate any items for local people please put them in the big box just inside Christ Church and we will make sure they are delivered to the Tavistock Food Bank. The items on their wish list are: Christmas cakes, large or small; stuffing mixes; mince pies; small jars of coffee; tinned salmon; long life fruit juice; Pringles or similar; Christmas biscuits; chocolate boxes; Christmas savouries; cranberry sauce; bottles of Schloer or similar; male deodorant;

Collection day	New collection day
Fri 25 Dec	Tues 29 Dec
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec
Tues 29 Dec	Thur 31 Dec
Wed 30 Dec	Sat 2 Jan
Thur 31 Dec	Mon 4 Jan
Fri 1 Jan	Tues 5 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	Wed 6 Jan
Tues 5 Jan	Thur 7 Jan
Wed 6 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
Thur 7 Jan	Sat 9 Jan
Fri 8 Jan	Mon 11 Jan
11 - 15 Jan	All collections a day late
18 Jan onwards	No change

West Devon recycles this Christmas
www.westdevon.gov.uk
Westdevonboroughcouncil @WestDevon_DC

Recycle this season...

If you are a garden waste subscriber, you can put trees up to 6ft out for collection alongside your garden waste sacks

Remember to dispose of your peelings and unwanted food in your food waste caddy

Unfortunately we cannot recycle wrapping paper. Why not try reusable alternatives?

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