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CONGRATULATIONS HELEN!!!!

Huge congratulations to Helen de Carles for completing her amazing 874-mile challenge to walk from Lands' End to John O'Groats. Helen ran or walked every day for 129 days, and weirdly finished in position 129 (out of 1780). Helen completed the virtual walk to raise funds for the Village Hall. To date she has raised £500. If you would like to support Helen and make a donation please contact her: helendecarles@gmail.com



Brentor and Moor Compassionate Neighbours

Please help us raise funds for Brentor and Moor Compassionate Neighbours by buying a SeaMoor Lotto ticket! Tickets cost £1, half the purchase price comes straight back to BMCN, 10p goes to other local good causes, and you have a chance to win cash prizes up to £25,000. BMCN supports individuals in our community who are living with a life-limiting illness or approaching the end of life, and is run entirely by volunteers. For more information go to <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/brentor-and-moor-compassionate-neighbours> Thank you for your support.

Thank You Clare, Anna & John

Clare & Anna Percival have recently resigned from the Village Hall committee and we wish to express our thanks for the huge contribution they both made during the time they served. John Evans has also decided to bow out as he and Angela will be working as volunteers in Greece for quite some time to come. In particular their involvement with making such a welcome improvement to our playing field and facilities is very much appreciated. All have contributed greatly to improving village life and we will certainly miss their input, ideas and help on future projects. Many thanks from the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Brentor Commons Association

Tree planting continues, so if you can help for an hour or so, that would be great, we have done two sessions so far and have planted another 130 native trees, we are doing this in family groups or pairs or individuals, as per Covid guidelines, after the 29th of March we can have 2 households or groups of 6. You may have noticed that we have sorted out one of the "ad hoc" parking areas, the one nearest to the beginning of the Byway, thanks to Chris Gregory for doing the work and to the Heritage Lottery for the funds. Finally...Dog Poo!! Please pick and remove just as you would anywhere else, it's not nice getting it on your boots and worse when we are working, until you have experienced strimming it or transferring it onto ladder rungs or getting it onto equipment you will not know how antisocial and unpleasant it is! Please contact me if you want to help with planting or if you want any info about the Commons. Will Walker-Smith 860165

St Luke's Hospice, Open Gardens - 9th and 23rd May

We are looking forward to sunnier days when two sets of gardens are planned to be open for St Luke's. Sally and Christopher Pancheri will open on 9th May and a group opening of 4 gardens based around Sue (Mott) & Mike's garden at Rowden, at the other end of the village, on 23rd May. These two events are subject to Covid restrictions as applicable at the time. St Luke's have visited both Sally and Sue's gardens and undertaken a thorough Risk Assessment. Current plans include booking in advance online, timed tickets for either am or pm, restricted number of garden visitors and tight guidance around the provision of refreshments. This is in line with other open gardens such as Rosemoor. We may be in a better place by May and current plans could change. You will all appreciate that much planning and organisation needs to be done in advance. Not least by St Luke's who are putting in extreme effort to get a programme together. Open Gardens represent a huge part of their fund raising and those funds are seriously depleted after the cancellation of last year's programme. It feels a long way to look ahead but we invite you to support us and St Luke's in May. All funds raised will go to St Luke's. If you are able to volunteer and help, either before the event or on the day, please let us know. We will need more volunteers than usual this year. Sally & Christopher (810285), Sue & Mike (810037) Carol & Peter at Rowden House, Tom & Emma at Tor Garden Plants and Kate & Robert at Orchard Cottage



Tor Garden Plants

Pond, marginal and moisture loving plant nursery.

April - We will be open by appointment only please contact us on 07718224641 to arrange a visit. All plants are on our website and orders available via click and collect or free local delivery. **May** - From May 1st onwards we will be opening the nursery on Saturdays from 10am until 4pm. Appointment only available the rest of the week via arrangement. We also provide design and garden consultation and a range of garden courses are available. Please see our website for details. www.torgardenplants.co.uk

Traffic Delays....

We would like to apologise to anyone who has been held up outside our home (Shell Park) whilst we take receipt of our home deliveries. The lane from the War Memorial to the Playing Field is unfortunately at its very narrowest where it runs alongside our home thus making it impossible for other motor vehicles to pass by, whilst a delivery is being made to us. Please be assured that we always do our very best to be as quick as we possibly can when taking receipt of any home deliveries. As a "Shielding" household we are totally dependent upon home deliveries so were extremely shocked and concerned when a supermarket we use, recently telephoned us to let us know that they had received complaints from some individuals who had been held up by their delivery lorries whilst they were making a delivery to us. This resulted in us not receiving our scheduled supermarket delivery that day! We fear our future supermarket deliveries may also be jeopardised if these anonymous complaints continue. We do of course fully appreciate how extremely frustrating it might be to get held up behind the supermarket delivery lorries, Royal Mail vans, couriers, oil tankers and occasional ambulances that need to stop for a while in the lane beside us. It's a very busy little lane with a multitude of users including local residents, horse riders, cyclists, dog walkers, walkers and farm animals alongside all the various motor vehicles that use it too. We are sincerely sorry if we should unfortunately hold anyone up who uses this lane, and wish to reassure everyone that for our part we will continue to be as quick as we possibly can when taking receipt of any deliveries. We hope that having explained our personal circumstances that those anonymous individuals who have complained or who are planning to submit complaints to those who deliver to us, will now be able to find some kindness in their heart and be just a little more patient and understanding. Thank you. David Spratt and Christine Chapman, Shell Park

Mick and Peggy Biggs



Mick and Peggy had lived at the Old Post Office for over 50 years, moving here on the 1st January 1969. They ran the Post Office and Stores whilst redesigning the house, business and bringing up their four children. Four children who are all grateful for their parents moving to the beautiful village of Brentor. After the traditional Sunday roasts the afternoon walks around the village sometimes could take hours, depending on how many people we met on the way, always happy to share stories. Throughout Peggy and Mick's life here they were on many committees, Village Hall, Church Hall, PCC, WI and others.

Both were very involved in the Church community with Mick being a Side's man and then Church Warden for many years. As well as all the building work he carried out on both churches, in later years he was the key bearer opening and closing the Church every day. Alongside the Village life Mick worked as a local Builder, turning his hand to building, carpentry, decorating and roofing, all self-taught and sometimes with the help of his children, particularly David and Nick. Many homes in Brentor have Mick's handiwork woven into their structure. As well as, for many years the local school bus driver. Peggy always worked on the flowers in the Church windows with her friends Topsy Allen and Gaye Martin, many a happy afternoon in Peggy's dining room with a cup of tea and lots of flowers. After church services Peggy and Topsy would be found supplying tea, coffee, cake and a chat. Peggy was also Brown Owl for 1st Brentor Brownies for 22 years with assistance from others including both Sam and Becca. Peggy was also a keen re-cycler even then. Sewing, knitting and creating, so many craft ideas come to life. Although for the last few years things have been very challenging for us as a family with Peggy's Alzheimer's and Mick falling many times it has been of great comfort to have the strength and support from neighbours and the community of Brentor. Mick liked sitting in his living room being able to see people walking by, especially during this last year of lockdown, we did try to get out for walks as Mick's mobility and the weather allowed. Thank you for all the kindness, flowers and messages we have received following Dad's passing, we are hoping to have a memorial service for Dad when lockdown restrictions are lifted.

More of Brentor to get free fibre broadband

Not only West Blackdown homes but up to 31 properties from Brentor village centre to Hammer Park will also be getting free access to a new superfast fibre-to-the premises broadband network being built by Openreach. West Blackdown should be connected by June and BT announced on 10th March that enough residents have registered interest in the government-funded Universal Service Obligation scheme for the north side of the village centre also to be connected free of charge, although the timescale is not clear at present. Residents on the new network will have reliable superfast

broadband and the opportunity to choose their Internet Service Provider, contrasting with the lack of choice from Airband.

Don't forget that you can still register interest so that you are connected when the network is built – the number to call is [0800 783 0223](tel:08007830223). There is no financial commitment whatsoever if you register. It's worth noting that some residents who have a poor Airband connection are eligible for the USO scheme.

So, what about the rest of the Parish? Another 'cluster' of 13 properties in the Darke Lane area have been quoted a total of £36,871 to be connected. Even if all the owners of these properties registered interest in the USO scheme they would still be over £26,000 short the funding needed. We have to question why it costs so much more to connect these properties compared to others in the middle of the village – some will be nearer to the new fibre cable than houses being connected at no cost. However, once the cluster of 31 is connected, BT suggest that residents in the 13 cluster should re-apply for the USO scheme and then they may receive a much more favourable quotation. A pity that they can't be offered free connection now and get all the network built in one go!

Residents around Liddaton, South Brentor and along the Tavistock-Lydford road still need to find a way to get access to fibre broadband. There's more about this on the Brentor Village website. Colin Dawes

Easter at Brentor

While evening services on the tor will resume from Easter, for obvious reasons we will not be holding our usual Good Friday Ascent telling the story of Easter, as normally a lot of people attend. Instead we are planning to place several wooden tableaux on the tor, illustrating elements of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day itself (many thanks to the Men in Sheds). So, if you are going for a walk up the tor, do look out for these. Happy Easter all!

Church services

Easter Day

9.45 Holy Communion at Christ Church

6pm Holy Communion at St Michaels R

Sunday 11th April

9.45 Prayer and Praise at Christ Church R

6pm Evensong at St Michaels

Sunday 18th April

9.45 Holy Communion at Christ Church

6pm Evening Prayer at St Michaels R

Sunday 25th April

9.45 Family Service at Christ Church

6pm Evensong at St Michaels R

As we know that not everyone will be able to attend in person, as some of our congregation are elderly or unwell or indeed live too far away - on the other side of the world in some cases! - we will be recording and posting online one service a week, as indicated by the R beside each service.

Christ Church

Passers-by may have noticed that the tower at Christ Church is taped off. This is because the lime mortar is crumbling and some small pieces are falling off, partly due to weathering during the recent winter. The buttresses need repointing and the architect and the steeple jacks recommend that the work begins in May or June, to allow the lime mortar to cure sufficiently before next winter's frosts. While the steeple jacks are up there, they will also repair the netting to prevent the jackdaws nesting in the clock, so we hope that the church clock will be able to keep time and chime again.

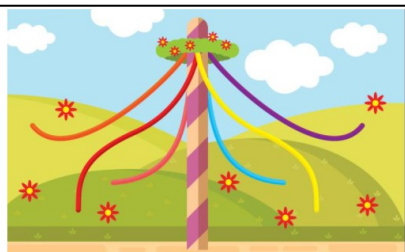
We are looking to arrange much more major work on the tower, for which we will need substantial grants. The Damp Towers Project, run by Historic England, will be supporting our application, but the pandemic has put all such grants on hold for the time being.



Community Roadside Action Party

West Devon Community Roadside Action Party (WD C.R.A.P.) has been created to encourage residents of West Devon to 'adopt' and monitor a stretch of verge near to them and give it some regular TLC! We love where we live and we're fed up of seeing the verges being littered with cans and sweet wrappers - so we're stepping up and we would LOVE you to join in

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/171299024807934/>



SATURDAY MAY 1st
BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD
10:30 to 12:00

We are planning to serve refreshments, cakes and bacon rolls from the shelter in the Brentor Playing Field.
 (subject to the country being in Step 2 of the exit from lockdown plan)
 We are also hoping that there will be a stall selling locally made goods and a raffle.

The regulations state that this will be allowed providing we take reasonable steps to limit the risk of transmission, complete a risk assessment and ensure that those attending do not mix beyond groups of 6 people or two households
 Unfortunately there will not be a Maypole but we do hope you will be able to come and enjoy the May Day sunshine.

Further details and updates will be in the May edition of the Brentor News, the village website and displayed on posters in the village

Hope to see you there
Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

For more information – email dmcmlcalder@aol.com



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BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD



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 Freshly baked croissants, Bacon rolls, Soup,
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 A yummy selection of cakes
 Cream and Savoury Afternoon Teas



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Some exciting news to share- I've recently teamed up with a local business 'maid of flowers'. Flower bouquets can be added to any order. Making a welcome addition to my homemade Afternoon & Cream Teas. These can be pre ordered to collect on Fridays & are available for door step delivery. Thanks for supporting local. MILLIE

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