

# Brentor News

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# Brentor's fibre broadband installation starts....



Work started on 13th April 2021 to lay a fibre optic cable across Gibbet Hill from Mary Tavy to West Blackdown. It took only a day to bury 1.85km of conduit pipe beneath the moor. Work to pull the new underground fibre cable through the conduit and to connect individual homes in West Blackdown will commence on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

After the soil disturbed by the machine laying the conduit was compacted there was virtually no evidence that the conduit had been laid. The rest of the fibre-to-the-premises network will be installed above ground on existing telephone poles. Openreach promises that West Blackdown homes will have their superfast broadband network in operation by 23 July at the latest, but it is not clear if the centre of the village will be connected at the same time. However some home owners in the middle of the village have received text messages from BT indicating that their fibre network will be available by June!

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HOT DRINKS,
CAKES, BACON ROLLS
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG

### **BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD**

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING & THE RULE OF 6 / 2 HOUSEHOLDS WHEN MEETING OTHERS

Hope to see you there Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Committee For more information – Sheryl 01822 870554

Coffee Morning Raffle to support Dementia UK

#### St Luke's Hospice Open Garden Sunday 9th May



We are still set to open the garden and woodland, adhering to current guidelines. A huge thank you to all who have offered to volunteer.

Tickets have to be purchased on line from www.stlukes-hospice.org/uk/opengardens. Entry will be either at 11.00am until 1.30pm or 2.30pm until 5.00pm. There will be no tickets available on the day

Lunch and light refreshments are available for those purchasing a morning ticket, and light refreshments in the afternoon.

#### **Bluebell Wood**

Special thanks this year to Luke, Chris and Abel, 3 fine young men from Brentor who have rallied round to help in the woodland. It will be open for locals to enjoy from May 3-8th.

Sally & Christopher Pancheri 810285



Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in May, when we hope to be able to meet in person. At this meeting the churchwardens and other officers are elected for the coming year. Date and time to follow once the easing of restrictions has been confirmed.

Church Services	Time/Event	Location
Sunday 2nd	9.45am Holy	Christ Church
May	Communion	
	6pm Evening	St Michaels
	Prayer	
Sunday 9th May	9.45 Prayer and	Christ Church
	Praise	
	6pm Evensong	St Michaels
Thursday 13th	12 noon	
May	Ascension Day	St Michaels
	Service	
Sunday 16th	9.45am Holy	Christ Church
May	Communion	
	6pm Evening	St Michaels
	Prayer	
Sunday 23rd	9.45 Family	Christ Church
May	Service	
	6pm Evensong	St Michaels
Sunday 30th	9.45 Morning	Christ Church
May	Prayer	
	6pm Evensong	St Michaels

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Homemade Afternoon Teas, Cream Teas & picnic hampers can be pre booked and enjoyed at the field.

## New proposals for a main line railway through Brentor

There is renewed interest in the reinstatement of the railway line between Tavistock and Okehampton, as part of a main line 'northern route' from Plymouth to Exeter and beyond. This has been generated by a lobby group, the 'Northern Route Working Group', who have been lobbying local MPs, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Devon County Council, Plymouth and Devon Chamber of Commerce, Visit Cornwall, Plymouth University, Peninsula Rail Group, Tavistock Chamber of Commerce and GWR, amongst others. seem broadly supportive of scheme. Apparently Geoffrey Cox, our local MP, leads support for the scheme among south-west MPs.

The group is led by Andrew Roden, Editor at Steam World Magazine, and Director of the Tavistock Okehampton Reopening Scheme (TORS). He is a railway journalist and enthusiast based in Cornwall who has also contributed to the Hornby model railway magazine. They are bidding for a government 'Restoring Your Railways Fund' grant to develop their ideas further.

The Group propose that the new railway be a main route for not only local services, stopping in Tavistock and Okehampton, but also for fast main line trains to London and all large freight trains, as well as the route for nuclear fuel for Plymouth dockyard. This is a significant change from the route just being a local passenger line and occasional diversionary route when the Dawlish line is out of action. It will therefore involve a great many more, and faster, trains using the line. The Group hope that the work on the route will start by 2029.

Such a railway will obviously have an impact on Brentor. It will probably follow the line of the old GWR railway through the Burn Valley. It will certainly change the tranquil nature of parts of our village and other villages such as Mary Tavy and Lydford. There would of course be benefits for our area, including bringing tourists to the western side of Dartmoor and making travel from Tavistock to Plymouth and Exeter much easier and faster. There are no proposals to reinstate village stations such as Brentor for use.

More about this is available on the Brentor Village website, with links to the detailed proposals.

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# VILLAGE FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW



There is a 20p entry per class and only one entry is allowed per class. More details will follow in June.

#### **CLASSES**

- 1. Lemon Drizzle cake
- 2. Cheese scone x 3
- 3. Sausage roll x 3 (Men's)
- 4. Jar of Jam
- 5. Jar of Marmalade
- 6. Jar of Chutney
- 7. Vase of 5 mixed herbs
- 8. Eggs x 3
- 9. Soft fruit x 5 (on a plate)
- 10. Potatoes x 3
- 11. Broad Bean x 3
- 12. Plate of up to 5 salad items eg tomato, cucumber, lettuce, etc
- 13. Courgette x 3
- 14. Roses x 3 mixed
- 15. 5 stems of mixed flowers
- 16. Flower Arrangement in a boot
- 17. Photography "Two of a kind"

#### Children's (up to age 11). Free entry

- 18. Funny veg
- 19. Painted pebble
- 20. Photography "My favourite animal"

#### **School entry**

Decorated cup cake

St Michael de Rupe Church Sign

I have lived just outside of Coryton for almost three years now. I am primarily a gardener but have always had a second business in background making and painting signs, upcycling furniture and creating things like animal beds, coat hooks and trays from pallet wood. Everything I do is by hand mainly because I am useless with technology(!) but also because I enjoy it hugely.



I was kindly recommended by a neighbour to the wardens of St Michael de Rupe to put in a quote for renewing the sign opposite the Brentor Church Car Park and they said 'Yes'! So I sourced exterior wood locally; the posts are oak and cut for me by another neighbour, the marine plywood is from Tavistock which I cut into shape myself for the actual sign. I painted it cream then hand painted the words with a 1mm and a 3mm paintbrush! Very time consuming but hopefully I have created a sign that people will notice to advertise the beautiful church, its Sunday service which is open to all and the brilliant church website.

Please go to my website if you are interested in having a sign made or are interested in seeing some of my previous work. I do have a Facebook page but it is 'in progress' so please bear with me! Facebook; Charlotte Clare Upcycled Furniture and Signs @corytondevon www.charlotteclare.co.uk

Thank you so much to my lovely neighbours and Helen and Chris for trusting me with the sign! Charlotte Clare

## **Brentor Playing Field**

IN AID OF VILLAGE FUNDS



Car Boot Sale Dates for 2021

30th May, 27th June, 25th July, 29th Aug, 26th Sept

Brentor Playing Field Burn Lane, Brentor PL19 OND

ellers: Cars £5 Vans £10 Buyers Free! Sellers to arrive From 8.30am Buyers from 10am We will need to adhere to Covid secure rules. A one way system will be in place to ensure social distancing

Please call 07706 972906 or email: belarusness@hotmail.co.uk to book a space Refreshments will be available

#### Brentor Village Hall & Playing Field Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Saturday May 1	May Day Coffee and Bacon Rolls	Brentor Playing Field
Sunday May 30	Car Boot Sale	Brentor Playing Field
Saturday June 5	Village Coffee Morning	Brentor Playing Field
Sunday June 27	Car Boot Sale	Brentor Playing Field
Saturday July 3	Village Coffee Morning	Brentor Village Hall
Saturday July 17	Village Fete and Produce Show	Brentor Village Hall
Sunday July 25	Car Boot Sale	Brentor Playing Field

Tuesday evenings Lyford Foxes Football Training sessions at the Playing Field

For more details contact
Sheryl on 01822 870554 for Coffee Mornings and Fete
Ness on 07706 972906 for Car Boot Sales

Please note all events and locations subject to change due to Covid 19 restrictions / adverse weather

#### Mobile phone coverage in Brentor

You may have recently seen that the Government is intending to introduce change s to the rules for mobile phone mast planning consent in the very near future.

If you are in one of the many houses in Brentor with no mobile coverage then please call your mobile provider and register a complaint regarding your lack of coverage. If there are sufficient complaints then we should be prioritised for a new mast(s) to provide coverage.

It is worth noting that this is also expected to allow those houses with poor broadband, that are not included in the BT/Openreach fibre rollout, to have the option of broadband through the mobile phone signal.

**Bob Lemon** 

#### **BRENTOR FRIENDS OF THE FIELD**

#### April Draw 2021

Number 1 Emma Curran Number 28 Rose Jessop Number 30 Jeanette & Roger Emmett

#### All win £10 prize

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

Bank Account: TSB FRIENDS OF THE FIELD 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)







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