



BRENTOR NEWS

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Farewell printed Brentor News!



After 505 consecutive issues of Brentor News this is the last printed issue - from January **all the usual news and information you find here will be on our village website**. It will be continuously updated so you'll hear about the latest news and events as soon as it's available.

The three current Brentor News editors, Jane Phelpstead, Adrian Arnold and Sue Fraser will join the website editorial team and residents can continue to submit news items via them or directly to the website's general editor, Colin Dawes.

Colin will send out occasional e-robin reminders when particularly important news is added, in addition to the usual ones for village events. If you are not already receiving e-robins you can join the list by sending your name and address to **info@brentorvillage.org**. We don't want anyone to be 'left behind' due to this change so if you are not able to access the internet to read Brentor News online, please consider asking a friend, relative or neighbour to print you out the most recent articles; failing this, please contact one of the current editors, who will be happy to help.

A big thank you to **everyone** who has worked so hard in the past to create Brentor News!

Brentor News Editorial Team

COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 8th January 1030 - 1200 hrs, Village Hall

New Year chance to meet up with friends and neighbours! Join us over bacon rolls and bring your 'unloved presents'. Best wishes from the VH kitchen team.



Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy on 3rd December -

Music Concert



I am searching for singers, dancers or instrumentalists to join us. It should be a very enjoyable evening because we also have our local school children participating. For that reason we shall be starting at **5:30pm**.

If you feel that you have a musical talent please contact me for more details:



Chrissie Wade

ARCM chrissiewade@outlook.com

Tel: 01822 810551

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

6 to 7pm

Brentor Playing Field



Join in / listen to the **Tavistock Edge Singers** by candlelight!

Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies for those attending.

You might like to start your magical journey from the Brentor War Memorial around 5.30 and walk to the Field with your torch / candle. (Please note: **all walkers do so at their own risk**)



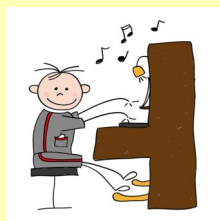
Upright Piano
(Gors and Kranz)

FREE

**In good condition - a
decent starter piano.**

Please arrange collection if interested.

John and Angela Evans 810629



BRENTOR Parish Council is still in need of another councillor. The PC meets once a month—so if you would like to be more involved in the running of **YOUR** parish, please contact the clerk,

Caroline Oxenham, brentorpc@yahoo.co.uk for details.

**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.

If your organisation is thinking of asking the Parish Council for a grant then please contact the Parish Clerk by the **10th December 2021** 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 Parish Council grant.

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

View from the Commons

The bracken is now disappearing back into the ground and as it does the contours reveal the old mine workings that cover Bowden Down. Some areas are obviously old spoil heaps, the pits were where ochre was mined and the fenced areas are formerly shafts or adits. The mining ceased many years ago as it was not profitable and grew on the back of the fabulously successful



Hogs Tor Manganese mines in Chillaton.

Meanwhile work has continued on Bowden Down. We have reduced the Gorse forest down the side of the road going towards Liddaton to make passing easier and to give drivers and deer a better chance of not coming into contact. We have also cleared gorse and bracken opposite Whitstone Farm to make it a better environment for our butterfly population.

The info board on Bowden has gone back to its makers for refurbishment due to the frame “moving” too much. We now have a board on Liddaton Down by the crossroads. John Wheeler has been the driving force behind the design and procurement of these boards with some financial assistance from our County Councillors locality Fund. All of this work has been carried out by the Tavistock Taskforce—a wonderful organisation that gives all kinds of people of all abilities, opportunities to get involved in conservation work. They work so hard in all conditions and are always cheerful, resourceful and a delight to be with.

This autumn has brought the most amazing variety of fungi to the land and trees; we have never seen so many different types. Laurel, Jim and myself checked the Dormouse Boxes in the old mine area, all of which have been used by some creatures at some point. We did find evidence of hazel nuts that had been chewed by dormice, so they aresomewhere!

Please come and have a look sometime, I am very happy to show people around into the unknown parts of both Downs, or just to accompany them on the main areas.



A huge personal 'thank you' to
all who have supported my
'Pop Up Cafe' this year..

It's been a delight to serve my
homemade savoury & sweet
treats at Brentor playing field;
catching up with many of you
on a weekly basis.

Our last day at the field is
December 17th 2021

returning

Friday 7th January 2022

Millie Bickell 07787994220

**BRENTOR
FRIENDS OF THE FIELD**
November DRAW 2021

NUMBERS:

8: Ian Drayner 15: Keith & Sherryl
Burroughs 28: Rose Jessop

All Win £10 prize
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(stephens214@btinternet.com)



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FINALLYthe wait is over! The date has been announcedso put it in your diary now!

July 2nd 2022

If anyone wants to join the Brenstock committee to help plan and run the event please email:

Dom Carnell, dobsy@hotmail.com



*Community Christmas Lunch,
Brentor Village Hall, Sunday 19th December*

*Enjoy 2 course festive roast & desserts served in the beautifully
decorated hall.*

*A great opportunity to catch up with friends & neighbours.
£16.95pp - a pre book only event. (Covid restrictions allowing)
We shall also be holding a raffle to support the lovely
Fran Mumford's mistletoe therapy.*



To book or support the raffle contact -Millie 07787994220

Church Services	Time/Event	Location	
Sunday 5th December	9.45am Holy Communion	Christ Church	
Sunday 12th December	9.45am Advent Prayer and Praise	Christ Church	
Sunday 19th December	9.45am Holy Communion	Christ Church	
Christmas Eve	11pm Midnight Mass	Christ Church	
Christmas Day	3pm Carol Service	St Michaels	
Sunday 26th December	(No service)		
Sunday 2nd January	09.45am Holy Communion	Christ Church	
	3pm Epiphany Carol Service	St Michaels	

Church News: The Season of Remembrance

We held a lovely **All Souls** service at the end of October, when nearly 50 people, now gone on ahead but still dear to those at Brentor, were remembered and candles lit for each one - thanks to all. **Remembrance Sunday** was marked by about 70 people assembled at the war memorial in Brentor. Individual poppies were laid for every name commemorated on the memorial in a most moving service - thanks to Peter Cameron for his work, to Hazel Butland who led the service, and especially to all those who laid the poppies as the names were read out.



Advent and Christmas Please note that all church services are likely to be a little chilly as we make sure that there is good ventilation in the church - so if you are coming, wrap up warm, and for longer services we suggest you bring a cushion and/or a blanket if it is very cold. Christmas is coming to Brentor! Come and sing carols and have cake afterwards at Christ Church with Wendy on Saturday 27th November at 2.30 - all welcome (even if you think you can't sing!)



Carols by Candlelight Sunday 12th December at 6pm at Christ Church, all welcome to sing carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. This was a wonderful service 2 years ago, and we are really looking forward to holding it again, with Wendy leading.

Nativity Service This year we are joining with Gulworthy church, for a service down at Morwellham (where there is a proper inn for THE inn!) on **Sunday 19th December at 2.30pm**, all welcome, costumes optional. David will be Herod, which should be good!

Christmas Day at St Michaels The 3pm carol service is back again, although depending on numbers it may be held outside, so dress accordingly - all very welcome .

Helen Harris helen@brentorchurch.org.uk 810845

Key Facts All future events/information etc. will be published on the village website www.brentorvillage.org. If you would like to receive occasional emails regarding important news or village events, please email info@brentorvillage.org

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