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Brentor Parish Council.

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 8th July 1991. The following are extracts from the PCC meeting and are not yet approved.

River Burn. Following the recent long spells of wet weather the level of the river has risen and fish have been seen in the river.

Liddaton- unauthorised tipping in the disused quarry. Arrangements have been made for the quarry to be filled in and fenced.

Road Junction Sign. Mr. Reeve gave a brief report on the site meeting. (road section in question being between Brentor Inn and Cloberry Corner). Mr. Millgate suggested the erection of a new style sign for Brentor, the cutting back of hedges to improve vision of existing signs and road junctions was also suggested. The police were against any means of slowing down traffic- such as rumble strips etc., and said speeding was a common problem in many areas with improved road surfaces.

Bowden Down Common. The Commoners are investigating the possibility of cattle grids, maybe 5 in all.

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 12th August 1991 in the Brentor Village Hall.

Church news

Thomas James Millar Hoare was baptised at St. Michael's on 14th July, baby son of Kathy and Gary Hoare.

Julie and Ted Fisher were married on 6th July, with a Blessing Service at St. Michael's.

The Brownie Parade Service was held at a Family Service on 21st July in Christ Church. How nice to see them filling the 2 front pews.

The End-of-Term Barbecue in aid of Church Hall Funds turned out very wet! (Wed 24th July)

The Strawberry Tea for Arthritis Research on the 28th June managed to stay dry and we raised about £110. Then in the week following Julie's wedding Carol and I swam a mile, sponsored for A.R.C. Antonia Carter, Jackie Birch and Chris Wilks also joined us. We don't have a final total yet--but over £130. Thanks to everyone. The A.R.C. FUN RALLY for DOGS will be held at Glenfield House on Friday 2nd August at 6pm prompt. There is an Exemption Certificate for the Pedigree dogs and plenty of fun classes for the "others". Cups in most classes. Thanks to Hilary and Dorothy for their continued hospitality and support.

Sunday 11th August is the 'Youth Praise' outdoor service at St. Michael's at 4.30 there will be a Treasure Hunt on the Tor and the service will be at 6.30 pm., After a picnic tea. (Hope it's dry then!) Saturday 31st August is the Brentor Horticultural Show--ring Jennifer for schedules (810555). Classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, crafts, photographs, cookery, wine. Please encourage your children to enter their special classes. It is before term starts. There are cups in lots of classes.

Jennifer Venning

W.I. News

The speaker at the W.I.'s July meeting was Mr. Reed, Plymouth Secretary of the R.N.L.I. Mr. Reed told members something of the history of the R.N.L.I. in general and of the Plymouth boat and its operation in particular. The modern lifeboat is highly sophisticated and technical, a far cry from the old wooden boats of the early days. Mr. Reed also demonstrated some waterproof clothing which the lifeboatmen wear, also a far cry from the old heavy oilskins and sou'westers. A vote of thanks for a most interesting talk was proposed by Mrs. Tomlinson.

Institute monthly business included a very comprehensive report from Mrs. Dunkley on the first of the new Triennial General Meetings to be held at the N.E.C. Birmingham. From the report it is clear that there are a great number of problems which will have to be ironed out in the three years before the next T.G.M.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Downing, 2nd Mrs. Pritchard 3rd Mrs. Backhouse.

Later in the month members spent a fascinating afternoon at the Park Pharmacy at Thorn Park Lodge. Here they were welcomed by Mrs. Knivett and her two helpers who showed them round the exhibits, many of which came from the Mutley Plane Pharmacy. It was a step back into the past with many of the lotions and potions remembered from childhood.

Members were able to have a go at the art of pill rolling, some with greater success than others! The pharmacist of a century ago had to do things the hard way - no computers to work out dosage and count pills!

The W.I.'s next meeting - The Garden Meeting - will be held at Sally Weatherbee's Devon Herbs on Tuesday 6th August.

Marion Pritchard

Brentor Cricket Club

We are having quite a good season in the Tamar Cricket League. Up to date, we have had 3 abandoned games, Due to the wet Saturdays. We are lucky to have Vice Presidents and match ball sponsors to keep us going financially. All the boys are very keen and all enjoying their games. We are climbing up the league to third from top at the moment and hopefully will reach the top. But in any event, we are enjoying playing all the teams in the league.

The matches for August are mostly all home at Brentor Playing Field.

Sat. August 3rd	Coryton	Sat. August 31st	S. Pethrwin (away)
Sat. August 10th	Barbican	Sun. Sept. 1st	Knock out finals
Sat. August 17th	Milton Abbott	Sat. Sept. 7th	Western Taveners (away)
Sat. August 24th	Lewdown	Sat. Sept. 14th	St Stephens (home)

We have played 14, won 8, lost 3, abandoned 3, points 169.

Les Doidge

The Arts and Crafts

There will be an exhibition of pictures, sculptures, pottery, cards, soft furnishings and many surprises at the Nicholls Hall, Lydford on the 16th and 17th August (10 am to 8pm). Exhibitors include established professionals as well as promising newcomers. All live in or are connected with the area of Brentor, Bridestoe, Lydford and Sourton.

Found. A black and red riding crop on Blackdown. Please contact Jo Birbeck on 810626.

Beacon for Europe. For those interested in taking part in this project there will be a meeting in the Village Hall on Monday, August 19th at 8.00pm. Further details from Clive Downing.

Bus Shelter. It has been brought to the Parish's attention that notices being put up in the bus shelter are being pulled down and ripped up. Would those responsible please refrain from doing so and allow villagers to be able to read them. Thank you.

Speed of Traffic. Concern is mounting at the increased speed of cars passing through the village of Brentor. Would motorists please take extra care as we are now in the period of school holidays and there are plenty of young children on the roads either walking or cycling. Cars are travelling too quickly for these roads and recently there have been some nasty accidents and fortunately nobody was seriously hurt. One stretch of road that has come to resemble something of a race track is the approach to Brentor from the Lydford side coming up the hill passing Cloberry Corner, Glenfield Junction, and then on up passed the Brentor Inn. Could motorists please Slow Down on this piece of road; there are two busy junctions, as well as the Tucker's Dairy herd being moved twice a day morning and evening; it surely will not increase your journey time significantly by slowing down whilst on this section of road. Editor. (Also a concerned parent who has two children who have to walk on that road every day.)

Molly Owen Centre.

Two recent ventures at the Molly Owen Centre might be of interest to villagers. The Tavistock Conservation Project is now operational with students at the centre doing a variety of gardening and conservation jobs around the area including work on the Tavistock Viaduct Path, the moor, and in gardens owned by the elderly. We have been using tools bought with money donated by the Brentorians. As the project expands we have a temporary premises in the wharf at Tavistock - we will help co-ordinate local voluntary groups and schools in specific tasks. The Brentor Pocket Park could be such an example of a scheme in which we could offer physical help.

Another initiative, linked to the village history project, is a photography scheme. We have been promised film by Fuji (who put a smile on the face of minority groups, that is if you believe their T.V. adverts) and are looking for sponsors for a series of work shops run by Pete Miaff the photographer at the Youth Centre. If everything falls into place, we could well be able to photograph Brentor houses alongside their histories.

If you have not already filled in your questionnaire please do so and pass them to myself, Rick Blower or John Weston. Oz Osborne. 810606.

End of Term Barbecue and Jumble Sale

In spite of about the worst weather we could hope to experience in July, the barbecue and most of the other attractions functioned on the evening of 24th July. But, most important of all, the local families turned up in their rain gear to support the event. Nor did the weather seem to detract from everybody's enjoyment of the annual social event.

The Church Hall Committee and the Play Group mothers are all very grateful for the support they received and to all those who helped in any way to make the event the success it was.

A great deal of jumble was left and the Play Group organised a further sale on the following Saturday. Total receipts, after paying expenses, are in the region of £100 which will go to the Church Hall maintenance fund and to the Play Group towards the provision of a slide in the Eastcott Memorial Field play area. J. Weston.

The Brentorians- 1961 to 1991.

Someone discovered from the original Minute Book that the first ever meeting of the Brentorians took place on July 17th 1961.

This was obviously a good excuse to hold a party on the evening of 17th July 1991, 30 years later. So some 30 members, past and present, gathered in the Church Hall for what proved to be a very successful get-together on the anniversary day. Among the guests were two founder members, Stella Claringbold and Evelyn Davey; the latter entertained the company to a Devon dialect monologue. The Reverend Gerry Mathews, who played a number of parts in earlier productions whilst he was Vicar of Brentor, and quite a few other older members also came along.

Efforts were made to track down as many as possible of those who had taken to the stage in Brentor over the years and if any who would have liked to come were missed out, the Brentorians extend their apologies to them.

The evening passed quickly with chatting, eating and in looking at memorabilia mostly in the shape of photographs of old Brentorian productions. There are tentative plans for a new production-- so roll on the next 30 years. J.Weston.

Brentor Community Centre A.G.M.

Although there was a disappointing turn out for the AGM, a lively meeting took place, and plenty of ideas were put forward.

The main aims are to continue with the Community Centre Coffee Mornings, put up events for the children; such as Discos and Filmshows provide support with the Pocket Park, and we are hoping to put on a Musical Plate Supper in October.

Officers elected are

Chair: Rick Blower

Treasurer: Dave Williams

Secretary: Jenny Radford.

Rick Blower.

Please note that there will be only one Coffee Morning In August on the 28th August.

Peggy Biggs.

DIARY DATES.

August	6th	W.I. Garden Meeting 2.30pm. Devon Herbs.
"	6th	Bingo 7.30pm. Village Hall.
"	12th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm. Village Hall.
"	16th	Fine Arts and Crafts. Nicholls Hall, Lydford. 10am -8pm.
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"	19th	Beacon for Europe Meeting. 8.00pm. Village Hall.
"	20th	Bingo 7.30pm. Village hall.
"	28th	Community Shop Coffee Morning. 10.30 am Church Hall.

Final Copy Date for Brentor News August 28th. Thank You.