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### Brentor Village Hall

At the Hall Committee meeting held recently, the main topic for discussion centred around the long overdue exterior painting and the condition of the roof of the village hall. The exterior, apart from recent replacement of broken glass and general tidying up, has not been painted for quite a few years. The same applies to the roof, which is now leaking in various places. Having spent many hundreds of pounds recently on re-roofing the cloakrooms, we have decided to invite tenders for the exterior painting and also, tenders for the complete re-roofing of the main hall. This will entail removing all the existing corrugated iron, replacing and or proofing all the roof timber work and finally, recovering with either new corrugated iron, plastic coated sheeting or material such as 'onduline'.

As this will cost a lot of money, we will be embarking on another round of fund raising events. Starting with a Wine and Cheese Social Evening, coupled with a Grand Draw, to be held on Saturday 14th December from 7-30pm onwards. Any help with this, such as offers of wine, food, or draw tickets will be greatly appreciated. Tickets for the social evening, at £2.50 each, will shortly be on sale along with draw tickets from committee members. We look forward to your support as usual.

The Hall Committee wishes to congratulate Brentor Community Centre for their enterprising initiative in bringing a series of theatrical productions to the village. Their intention to use the village hall for the productions is most welcome. We thank the centre and trust the parish will support them by coming along.

By the time you read these lines, we will have just held our Michaelmas Fayre. Another regular fund raising event, run by the committee. Early in the Spring we will be running a car-boot-come-suitcase-come-table sale. Enquiries from anybody interested will be most welcome. More details for our social efforts will be given in later editions of the Brentor News.

P.S. Don't forget our Bingo Evenings.

Many Thanks, Dennis Young.

### Methodist News.

After essential repairs and renovation our Church was reopened on 28 August. Having been associated with this place of worship for over seventy years I was asked to perform this pleasant ceremony.

After the formal opening Rev. Laurie Smith conducted the service to a capacity congregation of friends from Tavistock and the surrounding village.

The Harvest Festival services were well attended on 8th/9th September. After the Monday evening Service there was the usual sale of produce and a supper. Sincere thanks is extended to all who supported these Harvest celebrations in various ways.

Stella Claringbold.

Come and meet your M.P. Emma Nicholson at the Conservative Coffee Morning at Brentor Church Hall. Saturday 19th October 10.30am.



W.I. News.

IT was ironic, after a very wet garden meeting at Sally Wetherbee's the previous month, that the one meeting of the W.I. when a cool overcast day would have been welcome, should turn out to be the hottest, sunniest day of our belated summer. The speaker was Mr. Henry Morris who was paying a return visit to the institute to talk about bees, their incredible life-style and the history of bee-keeping. This time Mr. Morris accompanied his talk with some fascinating slides and despite the sauna-like conditions in the Village hall, held his audience enthralled. A vote of thanks was finally proposed by Mrs. Tomlinson, followed by a much needed cup of tea to keep dehydration at bay.

The Secretary drew members' attention to various events county-wide and Autumn Group Meeting at Mary Tavy in October. The Programme Secretary reminded members that it was time to start thinking about next year's programme and asked for suggestions. There will be a visit to the Theatre Royal soon to see 'Out of Order'.

The competition, a recipe using honey, was won jointly by Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Saunders and the flower of the month was won by Mrs. Pritchard.

Marion Pritchard.

Church News.

The summer is nearly over and our evening services will finish with the Harvest Holy Communion Service on 29th September--Michaelmas Day--at 6pm at St. Michael's. If you get this newsletter in time, why not join us? The Harvest Supper and Auction of produce will take place at 7pm on Monday 30th September in the Church Hall. The proceeds will go to the Western Morning News Albania Appeal. So if you miss the supper, you can add a donation if you wish during the following week. Surely we have all been moved by the pictures on the television of these desperate children. Many thanks to all those who help to decorate the churches at this festival time, and also through the year. Visitors always appreciate the care taken of the "church on the hill". On Sunday, 6th October there will be Family Service at 9.45am and 6.30pm will be Holy Communion in Christ Church.

J. Venning

Village History Project

We need more completed forms for the Brentor "history of the Houses" project. If necessary we can provide more forms. All information gratefully received by myself, Rick or John Weston. We will then organise everything into an illustrated record.

Os Osborne

Thanks from the Molly Owen Centre

Our Social Fund gratefully received a substantial cheque from Kath Lashbrooke; the proceeds from a coffee morning she arranged in the Village Hall in August. This has helped set up a photography course run by Pete Miatt from Tavistock Youth Centre. Part of the course will involve photographing in Brentor for our history project.

Thanks from everybody taking part.

Os



Parish Council.

A meeting of the council was held on Monday 9th September 1991 at 7.30pm. in the Brentor Village Hall. The following are extracts from the PCC meeting and are not yet approved.

Pocket Park. Planning permission had been granted.

River Burn. The Parish Council still await a reply from the NRA, concerning flow levels of the River Burn.

Travellers on Littery Common. The Travellers have returned to the Common; W.D.B.C. have been informed and a Representative from W.D.B.C. has made several visits to monitor the situation. The next meeting of the Brentor Parish Council has been arranged for Monday 11th November 1991 at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall.

Village Hall Touring Network in West Devon.

A pilot project has been set up in West Devon involving a limited number of villages, primarily those which have had occasional experience in promoting events and activities in the past, or have expressed particular interest in becoming in setting up the project. The pilot project is to run for six months from October 91 to the end of March 92.

The principle aims of the Village Hall Touring Network is:

- a).to facilitate and support the promotion of professionally-led arts events and activities in villages and towns throughout the West Devon area.
- b).to increase the use of existing resources and venues in rural areas.
- c).to foster community development through enabling participation in arts activities for all ages.

Brentor Community Centre have joined the Network and we will be bringing professional arts events and activities to the village. These events will consist of theatre productions, workshops and exhibitions.

Rick Blower.

DIARY DATES.

1st	October	Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
3rd	"	W.I.--The Language of Flowers. Mr.Gerken.
5th	"	W.I. Out of Order. Theatre Royal.
9th	"	Brentor Comm. Centre Coffee Morning 10.30am. Ch. Hall
15th	"	Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
19th	"	Conservative Coffee Mornin' 10.30am. Church Hall.
23rd	"	Brentor Comm. Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30am. Ch. Hall
29th	"	Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.

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