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KNEEHIGH THEATRE

The sun/moon shone on Brentor Playing Field for the 17th July evening performance of 'Ship of Fools' performed with gusto by the Cornwall based Kneehigh Theatre Company. An enthusiastic crowd of 250 adults and children of all ages gathered with their picnics and blankets to experience 90 minutes of gripping magic. We were treated to an outdoor carnival show of music and acrobatics involving the Grim Reaper who mysteriously disappeared and a clever Fool who continually surprised. The final scene of a giant fire sculpture was greeted with delight by young and old. Even darkening clouds and a freshwind didn't dampen spirits. A memorable evening organised by Brentor Community Centre and sponsored by West Devon Borough Council.

A big thank you to all committee members who gave a lot of time and effort to make the evening successful. Thanks also to Alan Reed for his assistance on the day.

Rick Blower

Chair Brentor Community Centre

POCKET PARK

The Dartmoor National Park have now commenced work on the landscaping of the park and a pond has already been formed; the basic lay-out will probably be finished by the time this issue of the Brentor News reaches you. Planting of recommended flora will follow as well as a hedge to screen the boundary fence, the latter probably in November which is said to be the best time of year for this.

Thanks to the efforts of Pat Burns and helpers from the Community Centre, a total of £199.20 has been raised towards the cost. In addition, half of the proceeds of the successful End-of Term Barbecue, is to go to the Pocket Park Fund; the other half will go to the Play Group. At the time of writing, the exact figure is not to hand but it looks as if this will add a further £60 as the total amount made from the Barbecue and its various activities was about £120. Many thanks to all those who helped to make this such an enjoyable evening for everyone.

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This means that we shall have raised about £250 towards the target figure of £500 for the village contribution. In addition the Community Centre and the WI have offered funds towards the cost of an oak seat which the DNP have already ordered and which will be put in place when the main work is completed.

Let us hope that this addition in the village will be appreciated by both young and old. Although the deepest part of the pond will be no more than about 2ft 6 inches, it should be emphasised that very young children should be accompanied by an adult when visiting the Pocket Park once it is completed; in the meantime it is out-of-bounds for us all.

John Weston

JUMBLE SALE

The Jumble Sale held on July 4th for the Pocket Park, raised the grand sum of £114, after all expenses. This was a splendid effort, and I would like to thank all those who helped in whatever way, givers buyers and the stalwart band of helpers on the day, who braved the weather and made everyone welcome. THANKS A LOT

Pat Burns

BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Our grateful thanks to Rick Blower for all his hard work, enthusiasm and organisation in bringing 'Kneehigh Theatre' to Brentor. 'Ship of Fools' was a delight to watch and everyone enjoyed a superb evening's entertainment.

Many thanks also to all those who helped in any way to make this event successful.

D. Saunders

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL TABLE TOP SALE

To be held on Saturday 15th August 11am- 4.00 p.m.

TEAS, RAFFLE- CAKES - JUMBLE

Tables £3.00 In aid of Village Hall funds.

Table reservations telephone 616500

WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

This is a training course available free of charge to all women aged 19 or over who are not in paid employment. It provides training for women in rural areas of Devon and Cornwall, who want to develop their skills, and set up their own co-operative or small business. Courses will be held in Tavistock. For more information please contact Liz Barker on Plymouth 606218.

Brentor Cow-Pat Day.

Brentor is to have it's first Cow-Pat day. A fun event for all the family on Saturday 26th of September 2.00pm-6.00pm. Tickets for the cow-pat raffle will be widely available at £1.00 each and we hope you will attend on the day to cheer the cow when she "pats".

There will be donkey rides, slippery pole, skittles, and table top stalls. There will also be a Bar-b-que and a bar!

This event will be held in the Brentor Playing Field.

If you would like to book a table top or would be prepared to help run a stall please contact Linda Burrows 810490 or Samantha Biggs on 810247.

W.I. News.

From miniature chamber pots and hosiery legs to Wills, bills and adverts, from statues to puzzle jugs and boxes and even conjuring tricks - you name it, someone collects it explained Mr. Leach at Brentor W.I.'s July meeting. Mr. Leach, who helps run the bric-a-brac section of the St. Luke's Hospice shop in Plymouth, gave a most amusing and entertaining talk on "collectables", showing members some examples of the many and varied items which are collected and even demonstrating a few conjuring tricks which left his audience gasping with admiration. An inveterate collector himself, Mr. Leach had many an anecdote to relate such as the "lady love" great-grandad took for a walk every afternoon. The "lady-love" turned out to be a Stanhope "peeper" walking stick which contained the picture of a scantily clad young lady in the "peeper"!

A vote of thanks for a most enjoyable afternoon was proposed by Mrs. Weston.

Monthly business included a report by the delegate, Mrs. Sibley, on this year's A.G.M. held at Bournemouth last month. Those members who had recently attended the Sheepwash Heritage Walk and a visit to Rosemoor reported on two most enjoyable afternoons on idyllic summer days. The colour and scent of the rosebeds in particular at Rosemoor will long be remembered.

The competition for a small "collectable" item was won by Mrs. Goodman 2nd Mrs. Saunders, 3rd Mrs. Bodman.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Blowey with Mrs. Saunders coming 2nd and Mrs. Sibley 3rd.

Later in the month eight intrepid members descended upon Blundell's School at Tiverton where the County Federation had organised a magnificent Summer Celebration. Here there was the opportunity to participate in various sporting activities, to discover how fit (or unfit) one is, to learn the art of machine nitting or sugar paste cake decoration and to watch a parade of international costume. In the main Hall and Chapel there was a superb display of wedding dresses and christening robes (old and not so old) and floral arrangements -- these were all the winning entries from the Spring Group Meetings throughout the county. There was also much evidence of the W.I.'s involvement in international affairs and conservation matters and music and drama.

M. Pritchard. 810216.

Church News.

August begins with the Family Service on the 2nd at 9.45am and Holy Communion and Healing ministry at 6.30pm at St. Michael's. On the 9th of August there will be a "Youth Praise" service, preceded by a Treasure Hunt for everyone starting at 4.30pm. Please bring a picnic tea. Details from Philip Whitcomb. Tel 810418.

Devon Historic Churches Trust are hoping to raise extra money to help maintain our churches in Devon in good repair. It has been agreed to donate money from one of the boxes at St. Michael's donated during the month of August.

Children's Holiday Club at the Nicholl's Hall, Lydford 18th--20th of August for 4 to 10 year olds from 10.00am until noon. All children are welcome.

A.R.C. The Strawberry Tea for Arthritis Research was very successful with masses of strawberries and lovely cream from Mick and Charmian Stacey. We raised about £95 for funds. On the 7th of August (Friday evening) at 6.00pm prompt we have the annual Fun Dog Show at Glenfied. There are cups in all classes and rosettes with 4 Exemption Pedigree classes and 12 other classes-- so there is something for all dogs. Do come, it's fun. There is a Bring and Buy and Raffle and refreshments. Advance Notice Saturday 5th of September. Horticultural Show. Schedules available soon from 810555. J.Venning.

History of the Parish Project.

We are looking to compile a history of the houses of the parish and their occupants, which we hope will interest everyone. We aim to contact all the residents of the parish of Brentor within the next few months. If you have any information that may be of help about your own house, or other houses in the village, please contact

Philip Whitcomb Tel. 810418.

Helen Joy Harris Tel. 810845.

BRENTOR PLAYGROUP

Once more the summer holidays are upon us and our playgroup continues to thrive with fourteen members. Our summer outing this year was to the Donkey Park where we had a lovely day out with lots to do and see with beautiful weather too.

Our fundraising continues and we are delighted that we have at long last reached our target towards equipment for the Eastcott Memorial Field. The selling of our greetings cards have been very popular, we also received a grant from British Telecom of £100 and the kind donation of £100 from the Parochial Church Council.

The end of term barbecue was another successful evening with lovely weather and a good crowd of people gathered. We ran a cake and raffle stall which made the sum of £40. We thank Carolyn for bringing along Paddy for his annual guest appearance, who is very popular with the children and from rides another £10 was raised. With a kind donation of £10 from the P.C.C. the sum realised was £60 which was excellent.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us which has been a huge task for such a small playgroup, so hopefully in the not too distant future, activity will be seen in the small playing field.

We have lost two members of our playgroup Jak Osborne started school at Mary Tavy at Easter and Helen Bromhead will start at Lydford in September, we wish them both well. Our Autumn term starts again on September 8th between 10-12 in the Church Hall, new faces are always welcome. A big thank you to our hardworking mums for running the playgroup each week, the duties, activities, baking, etc. over the past twelve months and of course our husbands, brothers and sisters too.

THANK YOU Pauline Pascoe

P.S. Another event not to be missed is by our very own Jane Osborne who is holding an exhibition with her mother and sisters of their work, at Kingdon House from August 6-8th 10.30-6 p.m.
BRENTOR FACES MOST WELCOME!

Ottery Fruit and Veg.

A new fruit and vegetable round will now be coming to Brentor every Tuesday. They will be calling mornings, afternoons and evenings selling local produce. Orders can be taken by phone. Tel. 617409.

Countywide Half Fare Travel.

A Countywide pass entitles you to approximately half fare travel on all bus and rail journeys in Devon, after 9am on Mondays to Fridays, all day Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. The cost of a pass for Brentor Parishoners is £13.00 for 12 months and £3.50 for 3 months. Who is eligible? Any resident of Devon in one of the categories.

Pensioners, 16--18 year old full-time students, Handicapped People, Disabled People, Those unable to drive for medical reasons, and Companions of the disabled.

Countywide passes can be bought from any Post Office.

Discover the Tamar Valley with a Sunday Rail Rover.

Sunday Rover Tickets*- the easy way to explore the Tamar Valley and beyond! To make the best use of the special Sunday Service, buy a Sunday Rover ticket which gives unlimited travel on the train and connecting bus service 187. Cost for the tickets are as follows, £3.00 for an adult. £2.00 for a child and £7.50 for a family. (up to two adults and two children). Rover tickets are available from Plymouth Station, the guard on the train or the bus driver. The Time-table is on display in the village bus shelter. For further enquiries contact Western National. Plymouth 664011.

Diary Dates.

- August 5th. Brentor Comm Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30am. Church Hall
- August 5th. W.I. Visit to Roadford. Meet at reservoir 2.30pm. for a talk by the Warden followed by a walk and tea or picnic
- August 7th. Fun Dog Show. 6.00pm prompt. Glenfield House.
- August 15th. Table TOP Sale. Brentor Village Hall. 11.00am-4.00pm.
- August 18th to 20th. Children's Holiday Club. Nicholls Hall, Lydford
- Sept 3rd. W.I. "Tamar" the border river. Illustrated talk. 2.00pm Village Hall. Visitors welcome.
- Sept 5th. Horticultural Show.

