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The Inaugural A.G.M. of THE Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Charity held in the Village Hall.

The inaugural A.G.M. was convened by the then custodian trustee of the Playing Field, Canon Martyn Bateman.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the newly established merger of the Brentor Village Hall Charity and the Playing Field Charity, too be now known as the Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Charity.

The object of the Charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall, playing field and facilities ancillary thereto for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Brentor without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the condition of life for the inhabitants.

The land belonging to the Charity and any buildings thereon shall be held upon trust for the the purposes of a village hall, playing field and facilities ancillary thereto as aforesaid.

Following an introduction by Martyn Bateman and a run through the scheme, nominations for a Chairman for the meeting were called for, following which, Derwent Saunders accepted.

Following the election of eight committee members, nominations were received for eight representative members. We now have a full committee of sixteen. As set out in the scheme, officers to be elected later.

Both Hall and Field accounts are in the black, with all outstanding bills paid. The Village Hall accounts show funds being held for future work on the hall.

There followed a lively debate on issues such as a) the future of the village hall, b) the use of the land adjoining the hall for low cost housing, c) the future of the playing field, d) build a new village hall in the playing field, e) whether to put a new roof on the existing hall, f) a new site for the hall.

All future decisions regarding the land adjoining the village hall, the siting of a possible new village hall, a new roof for the existing hall and other structural repairs will be the responsibility of the newly elected committee of the Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Charity.

Since holding the above meeting, several people have expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of the play equipment in the field and the need for improved safety. The committee is aware of these points. Make a note in your diary for the 1992 A.G.M. This will be held on 23rd March at 7.30pm. in the village hall. All are welcome to attend..

Jointly written by Dennis Young, temporary secretary to the Village Hall And Playing Field and Rick Blower, Editor and Committee Member, representing Brentor Community Centre.

An extra meeting of the Brentor Parish Council was held on Monday 20th January at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall.

The following are extracts from the meeting and are not yet approved.

Local Housing Needs. Mr. Lakin from the Community Council of Devon gave a very interesting talk on local housing needs. He said that he worked in close liason with the D.N.P.A., W.D.B.C. and the planning Department. The Chairman invited councillors and members of the public to ask questions. Mr. Lakin offered to visit Brentor again if required.

Village Hall Roof. The Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Charity Committee asked the Parish Council if they would consider raising a 1p penny rate as part of grant aid for the Village Hall roof fund. After much discussion it was decided that the Parish Council should arrange to raise a 1p penny rate for the purpose of carrying out essential repairs to the Village Hall Roof that will make it weather proof for the time being. The Council urge the Charity to look into the possibility of a major rebuilding project and that any grants used at the present time, do not prejudice the future of any possible rebuilding of the Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 9th March 1992 at 7.15pm. The meeting will commence with an Annual General Meeting followed by an Ordinary meeting at 7.30pm. The meetings are to be held in the Brentor Village Hall.

1st Brentor Brownies.

Brentor Brownies will be holding a Thinking Day Coffee Morning on 22nd February from 10.30 to 12 noon at the Village Hall in Brentor. There will be a Bring and Buy, White Elephant Cake Stall and Raffle.

Proceeds are for Brownie Funds and donations will be sent to the Children's Hospice at Fremington and the NSPCC. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

1st Brentor Guiders.

Brentor Playgroup.

The playgroup continues to meet every Tuesday morning in the Church Hall between 10am and 12 noon during term time, and although greatly diminished in our membership which is down to eight 'Mums' and twelve children at the moment, our weekly get together benefits us all.

Over the past couple of years our small playgroup has struggled through various events to try and raise enough money to erect a slide in the Eastcott Memorial Field, and by writing to numerous organisations which has come to no avail. Despite all the hard work of Mums, Dads and the children we are still a long way off our target. At our recent A.G.M. it was decided that some of the money should be put to buying new equipment which is desperately needed to keep the playgroup running, and to put a smaller item in the Memorial Field. We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us, to the Parish Council in putting our name forward for a British Telecom grant for which we are still awaiting a reply.

Our officers for the next twelve months remain the same. Chairperson being Carolyn Perry, Treasurer Jane Osborne and myself as Secretary. The playgroup runs very much as a group so our thanks go everyone who works hard to keep it up and running.

Our first fundraising event for 1992 is on Tuesday 25th February in the Church Hall between 10.30 and 12 noon. Coffee and cakes will be served with a raffle too. Admission 50p to include coffee and cake. Please come and support us, bring everyone along as it is half term. Help boost our funds in keeping our playgroup running in Brentor. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank You. Pauline Pascoe.

WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

In 1938 Local Authorities were asked to recruit women for their Air Raid Precautions Services (A.R.P.) due to increasing unrest in Europe.

During the war the W.V.S. undertook countless jobs - distributing gifts, organising billeting, running nurseries, clothing evacuees and people bombed, and running emergency canteens, salvage schemes, etc. Of course, the role now is different. Her Majesty the Queen has been patron since 1952, and in 1966 the word 'Royal' was added to the title. Emergencies are still dealt with - e.g. the East Coast Floods in 1953, the reception of Hungarian refugees and Ugandan Asians and, more recently, the Lockerbie and Hillsborough disasters, the Poole chemical explosion and the Piper Alpha disaster, giving comfort to survivors, bereaved relatives, providing emergency housing, food and endless cups of tea, information and reassurance. About 250 emergency situations are assisted by the W.R.V.S. each year. Members were put on stand-by for the support of families of armed forces in the Gulf War and training of Kuwaiti nationals returning to Kuwait at the end of hostilities. Having been called out, the W.R.V.S. works in conjunction with the emergency services.

Nearer home, the local W.R.V.S. office is in Kingdon House, Tavistock, which is manned on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., with an answerphone for contact at other times.

The W.R.V.S. is able to supply clothing/bedding to families or individuals in need, having been referred by Social Services, health visitors, etc. They are able to help with meals-on-wheels, home help, such as providing company, reading, writing letters, fetching prescriptions and sometimes emergency transport to hospital. In Tavistock there is a new tea bar in the hospital, manned each day for patients and escorts. With last year's profits they were able to supply new comfortable chairs and a coffee table in the waiting room.

As Village Representative I may be able to help with queries on Tavistock 810555.

JENNIFER VENNING

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST is being set up at Fremington, near Barnstaple, for children with life-threatening conditions. In our region there are over 500 children who have terminal illness, and the nearest specialist hospice care is at Helen House, Oxford. There is, therefore, a desperate need in the South West.

In North Devon the hospice will provide the offer of rest and privacy for families to stay close to their sick child, with expert medical care.

There is no public funding and once built the hospice will have to be self-supporting. About £1 million is needed to build and equip, with a further £500,000 per year running costs. At the moment I am selling 'bricks' (badges) at £1 each to raise money. On Shrove Tuesday, 3rd March, at 6.30 p.m. (?) in the church hall, we shall be holding a Pancake Party to increase our contribution from Brentor. There will be a Bring-and-Buy stall and raffle. If anyone is able to help or contribute in any way, please contact me on Tavistock 810555.

JENNIFER VENNING

CHURCH NEWS

We express sympathy to relatives and friends of Miss May Gere who died on 12th January at Camplehay.

The services for the month are as usual at 9.45.a.m. in the mornings, and Holy Communion and Healing Ministry on 2nd February, and evening service on 16th February, both at 6.30 p.m.

-PIANO LESSONS

with a young enthusiastic teacher. A wide range and variety of music taught. Working for exams or just playing for pleasure. Near Brentor, Contact Nancy Albrighton on Chillaton (082286) 335.

A meeting of the Brentor Parish Council was held on Monday 13th of January 1992 at 7.30pm. in the Brentor Village Hall. The following are extracts from the PCC meeting and are not yet approved.

Wastor to Burnville footpath and Burn Lane footpath have been cleared by the D.N.P.A. Ranger, Mr. Brooker.

Buildings of Special Architectural and Historic Interest. Telephone kiosks at Brentor and at the Manor Hotel. The Parish Council asked for these kiosks to be considered for inclusion in the statutory list. To enable the D of E to consider our request we have been asked to send original photographs of the kiosks showing their setting and Ordnance Survey map extracts, showing the exact location. Mrs. Venning suggested her son-in-law might be able to provide the photographs; she would contact him on this matter.

Byelaws for the regulation of dogs. The Clerk read a letter she had received from W.D.B.C. concerning Dogs in Public Places. As the Council do not own any land the letter was handed on to the Village Hall/Playing Field Committee for their information. Councillors suggested the Public be made aware of the problems of dogs in childrens play areas, by writing an article for the Brentor News. More on this in the next issue. Editor.

W.I. News.

Members of the W.I. and their friends braved the first flurry of snow of the winter and were in festive mood for the first meeting of 1992, namely the New Year Party. President Mrs. Blowey extended a warm welcome to all and it was particularly good to see some of the younger members of the village who had come along, accompanied by their children, to join in the fun (a letter from Sally Wetherbee on their behalf follows this report).

Normal monthly business was soon dispensed with - a few timely reminders of various forthcoming events, particularly the Resolutions Meeting on 23rd January in Tavistock. The afternoon then proceeded with a selection of games and quizzes organised by Mrs. Blowey, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Venning. There was a delicious tea to which all members had contributed and before departing into the cold each person received a small gift.

At the February meeting Mrs. Heskins of the local Social Services Dept. will be talking on Home Care.

Diary Dates.

Thurs. 3rd February	Social Services Home Care - Mrs. Heskins.
Thurs. 6th February	Members' Day.

Many thanks to Brentor W.I. who invited a few of us "younger set" to their Christmas Party.

We were all made to feel so welcome along with the children who accompanied us and we all agreed that we had thoroughly enjoyed a relaxing and happy afternoon, with good old-fashioned games and a delicious tea.

We are planning to join the W.I. if they can tolerate our exuberance and noise on a regular basis! We would hope we might encourage a few more contemporaries to join us.

Sally Wetherbee.

Perhaps the above proves that one doesn't have to be in one's dotage to belong to the W.I. Marion Pritchard.

DIARY NOTES.

3rd February	W.I. Social Services Home Care. Mrs. Heskins.
4th "	Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
5th "	Brentor Comm. Centre coffee morning 10.30am. Ch. Hall
6th "	W.I. Members Day.
18th "	Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
19th "	Brentor Comm. Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30am. Ch. Hall.
22nd "	Brentor Brownies. Coffee Morning. 10.30am Village Hall
25th "	Playgroup. Coffee, cakes, raffle. 10.30am. Church Hall
3rd March	Pancake Party. 6.30pm. Church Hall.

FINAL COPY DATE BRENTOR NEWS 25th FEBRUARY. THANK YOU.

