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Senior Citizen's Jumble Sale.

Hello, yes it's that time of year again. Our annual Jumble Sale in aid of Christmas gifts for the senior citizens of Brentor Parish. Once more, can I ask you to look out any unwanted goods, or good condition clothes, knick knacks etc. Also cakes, bottles, jars, anything saleable. If anyone would like their jumble collected, would you please get in touch with me BEFORE Thursday 12th November. I shall be at the Hall on Friday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm., and on Saturday morning from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. There will be a raffle as usual and again any gifts for the raffle would be appreciated. Offers of help for manning the stalls, or door, tea-making would be a great help. Don't forget anyone in Brentor who is of retirement age (or over) i.e. 60 for ladies, 65 for gentlemen is welcome to a Xmas gift. If you have been missed out in the past, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. My telephone number is Chillaton 259. The date of the Jumble Sale is Saturday November 14th at 2.15pm. in Brentor Village Hall. Admission 25p. including tea and biscuits. children 10p. See you all soon. Pat Burns. Brentor Community Centre

November 5th Barbecue and Bonfire.

This will be as usual in the Old Vicarage Field from 6.00pm. onwards on Thursday 5th November. We shall hope for a fine evening and look forward to a big gathering of the "young at heart" of all ages but especially the families with young families.

There will be the usual soup, bangers and burgers for sale with plenty of light and warmth from the bonfire and possibly one or two dads will come along with some fireworks.

Proceeds will go towards maintaining the Church Hall for the Play Group, Sunday School, Community Shop and other users.

Volunteers to help, both in preparation of the field and on the night will be very welcome; please contact me if you are able to assist in any way. John Weston. (tel. 810425.)

Brentor Art Group.

Brentor Art Group are holding an exhibition of their work on Saturday December 5th at the Brentor Village Hall from 10.00am until 5.00pm. Admission 30p in aid of the Village Hall Fund. Brentor Art Group.

Brentor Parish Council.

The following are extracts from the Council meeting held on Monday 21st September and are not yet approved.

Beacon Europe. The Parish Council decided against lighting a beacon as they were concerned about the possible weather conditions on the Tor, at this time of the year. (31 December 1992).

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Orchids at Woodmans Well and Bush Park. The West Devon Engineer has assured the Council that the Orchids will be protected.

Speed Limit through the Village. The Clerk read a letter from the County Engineer stating there was no money for such a scheme at present. It was decided to enlist the support of the local police and try again in the County's new financial year. The Clerk asked to invite the police to the next meeting.

Parish Council Casual Vacancy. Mrs. Weston informed the Councillors that Mr. Foy had indicated he would be interested in filling the casual vacancy, caused by the resignation of Mr. Reeve. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Foy inviting him to join the Parish Council as a Co-opted member until the next election, the appointment having been agreed by the Council.

Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Friend proposed Mr. Baskerville be elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Downing seconded the proposal.

Village Hall Roof. £1,959.90 The Clerk said she had received a grant from.

W.D.B.C. £1120.00

Community Council of Devon. 650.00
£1770.00

Contribution from the Parish Council 189.90
£1959.90

The Clerk was instructed to pay Mr. Doidge the sum of £1959.90.

The next meeting of the Brentor Parish Council to be held on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. in the Brentor Village Hall.

W.I. News.

New Orleans was the destination for members of the Brentor W.I. at their October meeting. They were transported, by means of a video, to this fascinating and colourful city, by one of their own members, Mrs. Gill Saunders, who had visited it on a recent trip to the States. A city of contrasts, of elegant old buildings alongside the new, of festivals and music and of course the mighty Mississippi. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Sibley.

Monthly business included arrangements for a visit to Littlewoods in Plymouth for a fashion show and Christmas shopping. Nominations were sought for next year's committee but unfortunately no new names were forthcoming.

Preliminary arrangements were put in hand for the institute's annual Coffee and Carols Morning on Saturday 12th December, this year in aid of the Children's Hospice South West.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Venning, 2nd Mrs. Blowey, 3rd Mrs. Purvis.

The Monday afternoon discussion groups got under way but unfortunately the first one was not very well attended. It was nevertheless enjoyed by those who did attend and hopefully these afternoons, on the second Monday in the month, will gather momentum. The next one will be on Monday 9th November, 2.30pm at Burnside, and the topics for discussion will be "Books I have Enjoyed" and "Household Hints I have found Useful". Anybody interested will be most welcome.

More recently, the Village Hall was bulging at the seams when Brentor hosted the Autumn Group Meeting attended by members from Mary Tavy, Lydford, Lamerton and Whitchurch. There was an

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interesting talk by Mr. Penna on the National Rivers Authority and a most amusing entertainment from the "Country Bumpkins" from Mary Tavy who opened their performance with a rendition of Widecombe Fair, followed by some delightful Devon expressions for the audience to guess the meaning and concluded with their version of "John Brown's Body".

Mrs. M. Pritchard.

The EASTCOTT MEMORIAL FIELD.

It is understood that there is a suggestion circulating that the above field should be used in its entirety - mainly for the young children. It may be worth detailing the background to the Memorial Field.

In 1979 the Church was left a half interest in two fields on the outskirts of the village under the terms of the will of the late Mrs Eastcott of Windsor Cottage, a member of the Parochial Church Council and for many years the village Postmistress. She also owned the field in the centre of the village. The latter was coming up for auction together with her other property and the PCC decided to bid for it, using the funds obtained from their interest in the other two fields. It was decided that the field could then be preserved from any development and kept for the benefit of the village.

The purchase was successfully accomplished, the field was drained professionally and it was decided by the PCC to name it after Mrs. Eastcott.

In July 1979 the PCC sent out a letter to some then existing 15 village organisations, asking for suggestions on how they thought that the field might be used. Many of these replied and the general consensus of opinion was that the area should be retained so far as possible as it always has been - a pasture field - but that a small area could be devoted to a play area for small children and perhaps a rest area with seating for older people. Suggestions were also invited from individuals and most of the comments received followed the same kind of pattern of thinking.

Since that time, the small play area has been developed with help from voluntary local labour and grants from the Lions and the Playing Fields Association etc. More recently the Pocket Park has come into being with help from the Dartmoor National Park and a promise of a grant from English Nature; this should be in use, complete with a seat donated by the Community Centre and the W.I., by the coming spring. Both developments required Planning Permission from the DNP which was anxious that the character of the centre of the village should not be disturbed.

A small income is derived from the letting of the pasture and this goes entirely to the grasscutting in the play area so that the Church derives no financial benefit from the legacy it received though, speaking for myself as a member of the PCC, former Churchwarden and Church Secretary, one hopes that the efforts made over the past few years to take into account the views expressed by the community have been appreciated.

John Weston.

Church News.

The Bishop of Plymouth joined us for our Harvest Festival Service of Holy Communion at St. Michael's on 4th October, when the beautifully decorated church was full. The children had brought their offerings to the Family Service at Christ Church in the morning. Thanks to all who helped supply flowers and produce and decorated both churches. Thanks also to those who made the Harvest Supper on the Monday a

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success. (Not a spare seat !). £171 was sent to Christian Aid Somalia Appeal.

Sunday 1st November. 9.45am Family Service. Holy communion with Healing Ministry at Christ Church 6.30pm.

Sunday 8th November. Remembrance Day. 10.45am. Laying of Wreath, at War Memorial. 10.55am Service of Remembrance at Christ Church. 6.30pm Evensong, Christ Church.

Sunday 29th November. 6.30pm at Christ Church, The Deanery Choir will join us for a team Evensong for Advent Sunday.

The P.C.C. meets on Monday 16th November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. On Thursday 5th November will be the Sparkler Party with seasonal refreshments, draw, etc in aid of Church Hall Funds. It starts at 6pm - don't forget torches or lanterns.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Eva Cornish of Lydford Station, who died 3rd October. J.Venning.

Children's Hospice South West.

There is a large heap of high class racehorse manure at Newlands! It is free for collection or a donation, if desired, to the Hospice.

Phone 810555. J.Venning.

Our New Village Hall / Community Centre.

Mrs.Kathleen Perkins, Village Halls Officer of the Community Council of Devon, paid Brentor a visit on Monday 19th October, in response to an invitation to an open meeting at the village hall to address us all as to the pros and cons of raising money for a new village hall / community centre.

Following a short introduction on halls in general, Mrs.Perkins went on to explain the various grant aid schemes available and the approximate percentage the parish would need to raise. Importance was attached to the need for a hall / centre to suit local needs. To assist in this, a parish appraisal, to help in identifying those needs, would be a great help and should be considered, bearing in mind we should look to the future. Employing a good architect was a first requirement, who, following being handed a brief, or guidelines would then draft out some sample schemes for local people to consider. Mrs.Perkins stressed the need to employ an architect capable of listening to and interpreting local needs, and keeping within the agreed budget. The final scheme should reflect the aspirations of the parish, it was pointed out, with the architect acting as mentor and designer.

Two videos were then shown, both of which were extremely helpful, Showing what other people felt they needed and how they managed to get their schemes off the ground, also the various ways of raising money locally and maintaining interest while doing so.

A lively question and answer session followed, with many questions being put, by both the public and Mrs.Perkins, plus many views expressed. The Community Council of Devon offered to help in any way they can. At the end of a lively evening Derwent Saunders, in the chair, thanked Mrs.Perkins for being so helpful. All agreed.

For those interested, a brief outline of our existing hall follows: Built in 1921, or a little earlier, as a reading room for the men and boys of the parish, who used the facilities provided in return for a few pence a week subscription, the building is of timber construction throughout, clad in corrugated iron.

In 1956 the hall became a registered charity, and remains so today. Prior to that date the building was administered by local trustees. Major improvements recently have included the following. cont.

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In 1980/81 ladies and gents cloakrooms were built, taking over from the one outside loo. Two years ago the kitchen was entirely rebuilt. In July of this year a new roof was fitted. At the time of writing, the exterior is being repainted.

Over the years we have reason to be grateful to some members of the hall committee for many, many hours work put in, at no charge, in maintaining and redecorating the hall, both inside and outside. The Hall and Field Committee meet again on 2nd November, when no doubt the ideas put forward will be deliberated.

Dennis Young.

Hon. Sec. to Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field
Management Committee.

DIARY DATES.

Nov 3rd. Bingo, 7.30pm Brentor Village Hall.
Nov 5th. W.I. Annual Meeting. Mrs.Grayson. V.C.O.
Nov. 5th. Barbecue and Bonfire. From 6 pm. Old Vicarage Field.
Nov. 9th. Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Brentor Village Hall.
Nov. 9th. W.I. Discussion Group at Burnside. 2.30pm.
Nov. 11th. Community Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30am. Church Hall.
Nov. 14th. Jumble Sale. 2.15pm Village Hall.
Nov. 17th. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
Nov 25th. Community Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30am. Church Hall.
Dec. 3rd. W.I. Calligraphy - Mrs.Narracott. 2.00pm.
Dec. 5th. Brentor Art Group. Exhibition. Village Hall.
Dec. 12th. W.I. Coffee and Carols Morning in aid of Children's
Hospice South West.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR BRENTOR NEWS NOVEMBER 25th.

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