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SATURDAY 26th September 2pm onwards in the PLAYING FIELD

On the actual fun day, the 26th of September, there will be plenty going on with a barbeque, bar, refreshments and cream teas, side shows, donkey rides, slippery pole, skittles and wellie boot throwing and the like, plus stalls of all descriptions. Plenty for the whole family to enjoy, so come along and cheer the cow and have a good time.

B. 40% towards the new village hall project. This will be a long term project involving the eventual demolition of the existing hall and the building of a new hall on the same site.

L. Burrows

Ian Brooker, who is the National Park Ranger for the Brentor area of Dartmoor, is keen to continue the work initially started by Simon Ford on the stretch of railway line that runs for about half a mile towards Lydford from the Burn Lane railway bridge. An area of scrub was cleared from one of the lines attracting wildlife to the shelter created by the bank and mature trees.

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Ian toured the site recently with some volunteers from the Tavistock Conservation Project and was able to identify many, including some unusual, plants, insects, birds and much else including young frogs and lizards. The TCP, under the guidance of Ian, has offered to do some more work at regular intervals starting on Sunday October 18th. On this occasion we will be joined by some volunteers on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, meeting at 10am and I am sure that people from the village might like to take the chance to visit the site at some time during the day to see what is going on. The future of the site depends on the new owners who we hope will want it maintained as a wildlife reserve. There have been attempts, turned down by English Nature, to link this area with the Lydford Pools as a protected site of Scientific Interest.

Sally Wetherbee has offered her wood off Burn Lane for educational purposes. This will mean that the Project will be doing a limited amount of woodland management work including some coppicing and scrub clearance to make it accessible to people and wildlife. Visitors are asked to contact Sally first - there is a potentially dangerous quarry in the wood.

We hope visitors will call down on the 18th October, the TCP always likes to involve the local community in it's conservation work.

Oz (810606)

METHODIST NEWS

Another year has passed and so it is time for the annual invitation to "Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of Harvest Home" and join with us at our services on Sunday and Monday, September 13th/14th. Rev. Graham Matthews will be the preacher on Sunday at 11a.m. and Mr G. Shillabeer will preside over the service at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. The usual Harvest Supper and sale of produce will follow. Proceeds in aid of maintenance funds.

S. Claringbould

W.I. News.

On a somewhat damp, dismal day at the beginning of August members of the W.I. and their friends joined forces with Milton Abbot for a visit to Roadford Reservoir. The group was met by Ranger, Ken Spalding, who gave a short talk about the site, the building of the reservoir, the areas supplied by the water, and in particular the leisure activities and the wildlife conservation which are going on on and around the reservoir. Unfortunately the weather did not permit much exploration of the footpaths but there was an opportunity to round off the afternoon with a cream tea and a look around the shop.

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At the W.I.'s next meeting on the 3rd of September, Miss Hosier will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "Tamar- the Border River" at which visitors will be most welcome. M.Pritchard. 810216.

Brentor Pocket Park on Eastcott Memorial Field.

The landscaping of the pond area is now all but completed and seed has been sown on the areas to be grass-covered. The viewing platform has been constructed and a small bridge for reaching the far side has also been installed. The seat will also soon be available.

During the recent wet weather, water has been flowing freely through the pond and on one or two occasions when there have been very heavy storms, the overflow which has been constructed, has been in operation in a satisfactory way. It is now a question of planting the various species recommended by the ecologists of the National Park and favoured by English Nature, both of which bodies have promised to grant-aid the project.

Mr. John Carter of Rowden Gardens, an expert in the matter of water and marsh plants, has not only generously offered suitable plants but has promised to carry out the initial planting as soon as the time is right.

There will also be shrubs etc to plant and, in November the thorn and beech hedge inside the perimeter fence. It is said that some people will like to be involved in the work still to be done so please let Oz or me know, so that this can be arranged.

It may be a little while before the area can be opened as we shall have to wait for the grass to be firmly established; indeed it has been suggested that we may have to provide some kind of protection for it in the long-term. However, it is hoped that the little park will be in full use by the spring.

J. Weston

CREAM TEA AT SALLY WETHERBEE'S

Sally laid on a splendid tea on Saturday 8th July in aid of the Church Hall funds. It was a pity that so few people came to enjoy it, particularly as a number of very good prizes had been donated for the raffle. However, it was decided to extend the sale of the raffle tickets beyond those who were able to come to the tea and the result was that £55 was made in all. Well done and thank you to Sally- who organised the tea in what proved to be for her a very difficult and busy week! Many thanks also to everyone else who assisted in any way.

J. Weston

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL TABLE TOP SALE

The Hall and Field Committee wish to thank Vera Downing and her daughter Beryl for running this event, in aid of hall funds. Unfortunately the sale was very poorly supported. Perhaps we can try again in the weeks ahead. THANKS ladies.

D. Young

PUBLIC MEETING to discuss IDEAS FOR A NEW VILLAGE HALL/COMMUNITY CENTRE for BRENTOR

MONDAY 19th October 7.30 Village Hall

A large number of Brentor residents came along and supported our annual General Meeting, held in March. The main item was the debate on the future of the Village Hall, the outcome of which was that we need a decent modern hall. We also agreed that Brentor could raise enough money to get the scheme off the ground. To this end Mrs. Kathleen Perkins, Village Hall Officer of the Community Council Of Devon has offered to come to Brentor on 19 October to explain the various ways we can go about getting our new hall, explain the grants available and to inspire us all in our fund raising. Mrs. Perkins will be showing a video of other halls built etc. This is an important meeting. PLEASE make a note in your diary NOW. Please support the meeting by attending.

D. Young

Hon. Sec. to hall and field

CHILDRENS' PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE PLAYING FIELD

The Brentor Village Hall and Playing Field Committee has decided the above equipment is in an unsafe and possibly hazardous condition and is to be demolished.

A proposal supported by a detailed written scheme, that the play items be completely rebuilt to B.S.5696, the British standard for play equipment and resited at the village end of the field has been voted against.

Demolition will commence in the near future. Will all parents with children, instruct their youngsters to keep away until the items are removed.

D. Young

MICHAELMAS FAYRE 1992

Due to the postponed date for the cowpat competition, so close to our usual date for our fayre, it has been decided not to hold this event.

D. Young. Hon. Sec. to Hall and Field Committee.

Church News.

The Youth Praise Festival on the Tor was a great success -- with the home team winning the Treasure Hunt, followed by a service of favorite hymns and choruses accompanied by keyboard and 2 guitars.

Congratulations to Terrence and Ann Dungay whose blessing service was at St. Michael's on Saturday 22nd August and Eileen and Bertram Lebeam whose Golden Wedding was celebrated on the Tor on Sunday 23rd August.

Saturday 12th September. "Jesus in the Market Place" with displays by local churches in the Pannier Market Tavistock, also drama and music from 10am - 4pm. Contact Mick Biggs or the clergy for details.

Tuesday 29th September. Michaelmas Day. There will be a service of Holy Communion at St. Michael's at 12 noon.

This year the Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 4th October, 9.45am. It will be a Family Harvest Festival Service where the children can bring their offerings. At 6.00pm (note earlier time) there will be a Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion at St. Michael's - preacher, the Bishop of Plymouth.

PLEASE NOTE: The Horticultural Show on Saturday 5th of September has had to be cancelled this year due to John's illness and prolonged stay in hospital. As this is the main fund raising effort for the Church Hall Funds we will be very grateful if anyone would like to give a donation for the funds (to Jennifer Venning or John Weston).

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

£95 was raised at the Fun Rally for Dogs at Glenfield on the 7th of August. Thanks to Hilary and Dorothy for their hospitality and all the dogs who turned up with their friends. I have a supply of National Draw Tickets to win a Vauxhall Nova, Golf Clubs, Camcorder and lots more valuable prizes. Please ring 810555 if you would like to support this cause. J.Venning.

Thank You.

I would like to thank all those who have sent cards and best wishes etc while I have been in hospital. It has been a great Support.
John Venning.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me during the last few weeks. Especially the family who have been a tower of strength and all the messages and phone calls we have received. Jennifer Venning.

Trees and Woodlands.

Amenity Planting. Eligibility: Any private landowner or occupier (with landowners' consent) seeking to plant bare land or rehabilitate broadleaved woodlands. Planting in gardens or near dwellings where the benefit is purely personal is not eligible, exotic species are excluded, and trees cannot be supplied where the planting is required as a condition of planning consent.

Small Schemes up to 30 trees: Application forms and schedules of available trees obtainable from DNPA. Applicants are normally expected to carry out the planting themselves (guidance notes provided) but in some circumstances Rangers may be able to help plant trees. Trees will only be delivered or planted where grazing stock has been satisfactorily excluded from the planting area. Landowners will be responsible for maintenance of the trees and must reimburse the Authority with their cost if they fail through neglect. Failures due to other causes will be replaced free by the Authority.

Brentor Parish Council.

The following are extracts from the meeting held on the 10th August and have not been approved.

Beacon Europe. A final decision to go ahead with the beacon to be taken at the next meeting.

Cattle Grid to Station View Houses. The trees to be cut back. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Orchids at Woodmans Well and Bush Park. On the main Brentor to Lydford road. The District Surveyor requires grid references of these plants if they are to be protected.

Pocket Park. Councillors would like it minuted that all possible precautions be taken to ensure the safety of children, regarding the pond. The far side of the pond will be fenced off at first to protect the plants and to provide an added safety precaution.

Speed Limit through the village. The Clerk was asked to contact the Area Engineer, requesting a 30 mile an hour speed limit from Yellands to just after the Station cattle grid and from the playing field to the village.

Brentor Inn Junction. Councillors are concerned at the lack of vision on this corner and wondered about the possibility of making this road a one way only road.

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Resignation of Mr. Reeve, councillor. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Reeve informing the Council of his resignation, owing to ill health. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Reeve thanking him for all he had done for the village during his time as Councillor. Mrs. Saunders agreed to contact W.D.B.C. in order to establish the correct procedure for filling vacancies.
Date of next meeting. Monday 21st September. 7.30pm Brentor Village Hall

DIARY DATES.

September 2nd. Community Centre Coffee morning. 10.30 Church Hall
September 3rd. W.I. "Tamar, the Border River" 2.00pm. Village Hall.
September 8th. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
September 16th. Community Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30. Church Hall
September 21st. Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm. Village Hall.
September 22nd. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
September 26th. CowPat Fun Day. Village Playing Field. 2.00pm onwards
September 30th. Community Coffee Morning. 10.30. Church Hall.
October 1st. W.I. Travel Talk. Mrs. Saunders.
October 4th. Harvest Festival. St. Michael's Church.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR BRENTOR NEWS. 25th SEPTEMBER. THANK YOU.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 1992

The annual harvest festival will be held at the Brentor Inn on Thursday 24th September at 8.00p.m. Our main charity this year is the Motorneurone Disease and as usual all local groups and associations benefit from the generous support that hopefully will be shown again this year.

Any donations or gifts that can be auctioned on the night can be dropped in at the pub at anytime. For further information contact Chris Moore on 810240.

CAR BOOT SALE

A car boot sale will be held in the car park of the Brentor Inn on Saturday 19th September from 10a.m. - 3.00p.m. Fees will be £3.00 per car with entrance monies being donated to Brentor Cricket Club. Come and support your village cricketers and sell your unwanted items at the same time. For further information contact Chris Moore in 810240.

C. Moore