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Brentor Community Centre Xmas Coffee Morning Special.

This year the Annual Xmas Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 22nd December in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us for mince pies and a glass or two of punch. There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes. Donations of mince pies would be most welcome.

P. Biggs.

Christmas Crackers.

Christmas Crackers sold in aid of St. Luke's Hospice are £6 for a box of 8 "frilled" or 10 "plain" or double contents ones for 80p plain. They contain a gift or choc, hat, balloon, silly joke, & snapper, in red, green or white papers with various decorations. Orders taken by Mrs. Colombi on 810321. Mother Goose has a display of other designs, with further telephone numbers. Any number can be made up and delivered to your doorlocally!

Parish Draw.

This month's lucky winner is Mrs. K. Harrison. No 64.

Football.

Due to demand Mary Tavy are putting together a Junior/Youth football team. Would any boys aged from 10 - 16 years wanting to join, please contact Terry on 810422 for further information, or call in at Mary Tavy Post Office for further details.

W.I.

The A.G.M. of the W.I. was held on Nov 4th with Mrs. Dunkley acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Pritchard. The record of the 1992 was read and signed. Mrs. Weston was thanked for staging the Exhibition of Memorabilia of the Last War, lent by Mr. Weston for the Group Meeting at Lamerton in October.

Mrs. Dunkley was the delegate at the Autumn Council Meeting at Paignton and gave an interesting account. Lamerton W.I. are organising a coach to Exeter for the Carol Service in the Cathedral on Dec 11th. Invitations had been received from Whitchurch and Gulworthy for their Xmas party.

Mrs. Goodman, the treasurer, reported a good year financially. The Committee report showed a year of activity - interesting speakers - visits to Rosemoor and the Theatre Royal. Mrs. Weston was elected President for the coming year and Mrs. Purvis, programme secretary, was co-opted on to the committee. The winner for the year of the Flower of the month competition was Mrs. Ball. The Cup for most points in the monthly competitions was the retiring President Mrs. Blowey, who thanked Committee and members for their support and finished with a poem.

Some tasks are dull, no doubt of that and yet they must be done.
There's nothing like a happy song to make them seem like fun.
And when they are finished we can say
Was that a task. It seemed like play!

Mrs. Dunkley.

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Jumble Sale.

"Hello to you all". Well, once more Brentor lived up to it's reputation of being good "jumbler"! I'm pleased to say the jumble Sale on Nov 6th raised £129, before expenses, well done! My thanks to all of you who helped in any way, getting it set up, helping on the day, clearing up, and all who gave such a lovely variety of cakes. And of course, to all who came and supported this event by buying. Don't forget, if you became 60 this year if female and 65 for male, please ring me on Chillaton 259, so that I may have the pleasure of calling on you with a Christmas gift. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone." from a grateful Pat Burns.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The grand total collected for the Brentor Area this year was £194.93, a slight increase over last year. Let's try to break the £200 barrier next year. I would like to thank all the collectors who did so well, especially those who stood in for me so ably when I had to be absent on family business in Cambridge. Jim Pritchard. Honary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Brentor Inn.

We are holding yet another KARAOKE evening on Saturday 4th December. If you feel like watching people enjoying themselves, or perhaps having fun yourself, we would love to see you from 8pm onwards. The following Saturday, 11th December we are staging a Christmas Fun BINGO evening starting at 8pm (hopefully). Prizes will all be relative to Christmas ie: sweets, chocolates, nuts and small Christmas gifts etc. It should prove to be a fun evening. Why not come and join in the fun! The more the merrier and the bigger the prizes. Should neither of these appeal to you, maybe the Annual Fancy Dress on New Year's Eve will. One way to enjoy the coming of 1994 is not to have to worry about drinking and driving, so why not call in at your local. Fancy Dress is optional and a fine time is had by all. Don't forget to call in and buy your raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw (20p a go) which takes place on Sunday 19th December at 8pm. Prizes include a radio cassette player, a case of Budweiser lager, cuddly teddy bear, a selection of bottles of booze and loads more.

Chris Moore.

Church News.

Barbecue and Bonfire on Friday 5th November.

This proved to be a beautiful mild evening and, thanks to Fred Still and his helpers, the bonfire was one of the best ever - lighting up the whole field. There were lots of families there but not so much food was consumed as in previous years when the weather was colder and damper! However the Church Hall benefited by £25 (most of it from the raffle) and some of the remaining food is being frozen and will it is hoped be used on another occasion.

Remembrance Sunday.

This year's service at the Memorial and afterwards at the Methodist Church was particularly well supported, probably because of the 75th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice Day. Originally there was a national 2 minutes' silence, with traffic halting everywhere, at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month (November) each year - recording the actual time and day on which the Armistice was signed at the end of the First World War. Somehow the importance of the occasion, when everyone concentrated on thoughts of world peace and the futility of war, was diluted when the special services were transferred to a Sunday.

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Carols by Candlelight.

The Christmas festival will commence with the customary carol evening in the Church Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 20th December when everyone is welcome to come. Contributions of mince pies will be very welcome but, most importantly, we hope that you will all come to enjoy the evening.

Christmas Services.

Every household should, as usual, receive a Christmas card from the Church very soon. Details of the local church services for the Christmas Festival will be contained in the card and it is hoped that these services will be well supported.

Sunday School Party.

The Sunday School party is at 2.30pm on Sunday 12th December - this year at Brentor Church Hall. All Senior Citizens are invited. Come and see the conjuror! Donations of food etc welcome. J.Weston.

Survival of the Churches.

Whilst it may not be the best time to mention such a mundane matter as the church finances, nevertheless Christmas is the time when thoughts go to giving to family, friends and possibly to charities as the New Year approaches.

It may not be generally known that to keep the churches in Brentor going costs in the region of £200 per week and that the greater part of this money has to be found from those who are prepared to contribute on a regular basis. However, the regular congregation rarely exceeds 30 and there are about that number on the Church Electoral Roll (in some cases more than one of these is from the same family). A simple arithmetic sum indicates how difficult it is to raise the necessary income.

There are many people in the Parish of Brent Tor who would loathe to see their churches unused and who wish to have them available for family baptisms, weddings, services of blessings and, dare one say, funerals. But in order to keep these buildings staffed and functioning, a regular income is essential. Anyone who feels he or she would like to contribute on a regular basis (however small the amount) and who does not do so already, should get in touch with Hilary Thompson of Glenfield House who is the Church Treasurer: she will be only too happy to give guidance on the matter.

A peaceful and happy Christmas to everyone. J.Weston.

DIARY DATES.

Dec 2nd. W.I. Cooking for healthy eating - Mrs.Woodliffe.
Dec 4th. Karaoke. Brentor Inn. 8.00pm.
Dec 7th. Christmas Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
Dec 11th. W.I. Coffee and Carols. 10.30-12.00. Village Hall.
Dec 11th. Bingo. 8.00pm. Brentor Inn.
Dec 12th. Sunday School Christmas Party. 2.30pm. Church Hall.
Dec 20th. Christmas Carols. 7.00pm. Church Hall.
Dec 22nd. Community Centre Christmas Coffee Morning. 10.30. Church Hal
Jan 6th. W.I. New year Ploughman's Lunch.12.30pm.

The Brentor News wishes all of it's readers a peaceful and happy Christmas.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE BRENTOR NEWS. DEC 27th. THANK YOU.

