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Village Hall Touring Network Scheme

Another opportunity to see an Oily Cart production, this time "Gobble & Gook", courtesy of the Village Hall Touring Network Scheme. The show features a unique mixture of puppets both large and small, live actors and live music, it is aimed at largely the 5 - 9 year old age range and promises a "visual piece of highly participative fun-packed entertainment".

The matinee show will take place at Brentor Village Hall at 2 pm on Thursday 18th February during the half term holiday.

Tickets available at £1.50 from Jane Osbourne (810606), please purchase them in advance as numbers are necessarily limited by space.

Church News

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 24th February with Holy Communion at Christ Church at 10.30 am. There will be a Lent Study Group

to study tapes by Gerald Priestland - Pilgrim's Progress. Anyone is welcome to come along. They will begin on Weds. 3rd March at 8 pm at Glenfield House. Please let the Ormsbys know if you are interested.

There will be a Family Service on Sunday 7th March. This will be replaced by Holy Communion at 9.45 am. At 6.30 pm it will be Holy Communion with Healing Ministry.

You will be pleased to know that the Bishop is to appoint a Priest-in-Charge to the Lydford team for three years during reorganisation.

On Shrove Tuesday, 23rd February there will be a Pancake evening in aid of Children's Hospice South West in the Church Hall from 7pm. If you missed it last year, try to come this year. It is great fun. There will be a Raffle and Bring-and-Buy stall

Future dates to note: AGM of the Parochial Church Council and Vestry Meeting (to which all parishioners are invited) to elect 2 Church Wardens for the next 12 months, on Monday 15th March at 7.15 pm in the Church Hall. Bread and Cheese Lunch on Sat. 3rd April from 12 noon in aid of the Church of England Children's Society.

Jennifer Venning

Pocket Park

I can report that we have now received the promised grant of £500 from English Nature and this, with other funds donated and raised locally, will allow us, without resource to other monies to pay the Dartmoor National Park our contribution to the work carried out by them.

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Pocket Park (cont'd)

The hedge has been planted and also some shrubs, with the help of Ian Brooker, of the DNP and school children from Lydford School (some from Brentor) who worked valiently in very wet conditions.

Our grateful thanks are due to all those who helped in any way, including Robert Ormsby and all who assisted with raising money, such as at the tea last summer at the Old Station, the Jumble Sale and the End-of-Term Barbecue. John Carter of Rowden Gardens is generously donating water and marsh plants which will be put in during the coming spring. In the meantime snipe and other wild life are being attracted to the water and we look forward to sitting in the seat, donated by the Brentor WI and Community Centre, whilst the children (under supervision) can study the flora and fauna.

It is hoped, in due course, to organise an official opening of the Pocket Park for the summer.

John Weston

Brentor Playgroup

The playgroup embarks into 1993 with a thriving group of 15 members our youngest one being Peter Bennett who arrived in November, a welcome brother for Zoe and son to Nichola and Raymond. We ended 1992 with our annual Christmas Party where we all had a lovely time. The food was delicious with home-made crackers, the kits kindly given to us by Jeanette Emmett, for which we thank her very much. also Stella for coming down and playing the keyboard for the carol singing. The highlights of the party were the arrival of Father Christmas who was particularly laden down this year, not just with a little present each for the children, but also a work bench and washing machine/dryer for the playgroup - to him a big thank-you.

We commence our fundraising activities for 1993 with a JUMBLE SALE on FEBRUARY 6TH at 2 pm in the Village Hall, so look forward to seeing you all there. Donations of jumble can be given to any member of the playgroup or ring Jane Osbourne (810606) or Pauline Pascoe (810678). Thank You.

WI News

The festive spirit carried over into the New Year when the WI members and their friends met for their annual New Year Party. There was an extremely good attendance this year of both members and visitors and a warm welcome for New Year was extended to all by President, Mrs. Blowey.

After dispensing quickly with the monthly business the afternoon proceeded with a selection of games and quizzes, with Mrs. Clarke from Lydford and Mrs. Saunders being declared joint 'Brains of Brentor 1993!' There was an excellent tea - once again members had turned up trumps - and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves, young and old alike. The afternoon concluded with everyone departing with a small gift.

At the next meeting on 4th February, Sheila Weston, will be talking about English Heritage's Ancient Monuments.

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Within Living Memory - The County Federation is hoping to produce a book with the above title and is seeking the help of the older local residents. If anyone has any memories of the years between 1900 and 1960 and/or old photographs or memorabilia would they please contact me (Marion Pritchard - 810216) or any WI member. Some of the topics to be covered are: The Home, World of Work, Trades and Crafts, Birth, Marriage and Death, War and Peace, Health and Disease, Food and Drink, Church and Chapel, Entertainment, Childhood and Schooldays, Grand Occasions, Celebrations through the Year, Travel and Transport, Sports and Pastimes. Any help you can give will be most appreciated.

Marion Pritchard

West Devon Borough Council - Mini Recycling Centres as at 13th August 1992.

Pixon Lane Car Park, Tavistock - Farm plastic (not balewrap) (Market Days only).

Riverside Car Park, Tavistock - Bottle Bank, textile bank, can bank and newspaper/magazine bank.

Council Offices, Okehampton and Tavistock - Office Paper

Meeting of the Brentor Parish Council on Mon. 11th Jan 1993 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

The following are extracts from the above meeting but have not yet been approved.

Traffic problems in the village - Sergeant Pymm gave a detailed report on his findings. He advised the Council that a Speed Monitor would be made available to Brentor to register the speed and amount of traffic travelling through our Parish along the Brentor Lydford road. These detailed findings could possibly be made available to the council.

Storm Drains from cattle grid at Brentor Station to lower corner of West Blackdown - The recent wet weather has shown the drains to be inadequate and in some cases require attention. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department.

National Park Plan - The National Park Plan proposing a Conservation Area for the centre of Brentor Village was discussed and supported in general.

DIARY DATES

February 6th	Playgroup Jumble Sale 2 pm Village Hall
February 4th	WI - Looking at Ancient Monuments - Mrs. Weston 2 pm
February 15th	WI Discussion Group, Burnside 2 pm.
February 18th	Village Hall Touring Network Scheme - Oily Cart production "Gobble & Gook" 2pm - Village Hall
March 4th	WI Members Day

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PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE HALL

Fund raising has started for the new hall. It is important to know at this stage what sort of building the people of the village want. To this end we would like everybody to consider how they see the hall being used in the future and to complete the following questionnaire.

Using this information we will take up an offer made by a villager to draw up a plan incorporating the ideas put forward taking into consideration the design of other halls. This plan will form the basis on which a proper architect's drawing with costings can be made. It is important that everybody gets a chance to make a contribution to this process.

QUESTIONNAIRE

WRITE IN ANSWERS OVERLEAF

The present hall is roughly 40 ft by 30 ft with one main space of 40 ft by 20 ft. There is a kitchen of about 15 ft by 10 ft and a ladies and gents toilets. There is a double door entrance which is reached by steps with a porch and a rear exit. The floor is wooden, there are gas heaters and wooden framed windows. There is no disabled access.

SIZE. Does the new hall need to be;

- a. Larger - how much ?
- b. Smaller - how much ?
- c. The same size

USE. How do you see the hall being used ?

- a. Sports; badminton, table tennis, gymn, indoor football, any other ideas ?
- b. Meetings; bingo, village committees, W.I., Guides/Brownies, any others ?
- c. Dances, theatre(amateur and visiting), music, parties, film shows etc.
- d. Play group.
- e. Classes eg art or keep fit.
- f. Community use; adult education, surgeries, polling, exhibitions

ROOMS.

- a. Main space smaller or larger than at present ?
- b. Another smaller room(s) ? Storage ?
- c. Kitchen facilities. Any improvements ? Gas or electric ?
- d. Toilet facilities. Improvements ?
- e. Wooden floor ? Lino ? Other ?

HEATING.

Gas, electric or other.

OUTSIDE.

- a. More car parking ? Surface ?
- b. Outside play area ? Fenced ?

ANSWERS

SIZE.

a.

b.

c.

USE.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

ROOMS.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

HEATING.

OUTSIDE.

a.

b.

c.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ?

GIVE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO a SAUNDERS AT JENNY'S FIELD, a BURROWS AT GILL HOUSE an OSBORNE AT BLUEBELLS OR a BLOWER AT CLOBBERRY COTTAGE. BY THE END OF FEBRUARY PLEASE . HELP THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE DECIDE WHAT SORT OF A BUILDING THE VILLAGE NEEDS.