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AGM Brentor Community Centre.

The AGM will take place in the Church Hall on Monday 5th July at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. If you feel that you would like to help in any way with the activities the BCC are doing then do come. New faces would be most welcome.

Rick Blower. Chairperson BCC.

Opening of Pocket Park and End of Term Barbecue Saturday 24th July.

The Pocket Park in the corner of the Eastcott Memorial Field is now completed and John Carter has already put in a number of water and marsh plants; we are very grateful to him for this and also congratulate Rowden Gardens for their recent success at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show.

Dave Webb has kindly mowed the grass and the Church has obtained Public Liability Insurance cover so that children, accompanied by adults, may now go and view the wildlife etc.

The official opening will be performed by the Reverend Denis Hutchings who is to be installed as Priest in Charge of the Lydford Team (which includes Brentor Parish) on Friday 23rd July. He will perform the opening ceremony at about 4.00pm on Saturday 24th July and then there will be an opportunity for us all to meet him and his wife, Ann, over a cup of tea in the Church Hall afterwards. The usual 'end-of-term' barbeque will follow on, with activities in the Old Vicarage field, from about 5.30pm.

It is hoped that all the generations will come along and enjoy this village occasion. J.Weston.

Community Coffee Morning.

The June coffee morning organised by the Church Hall committee was marred by torrential rain which prevented some people from attending but was still quite successful and raised £25 for the Church Hall funds. The July coffee morning will be on Wednesday 21st July in the Church Hall and will be organised by the Brentorians with the usual 'Bring and Buy' and raffle.

The Car Boot Sale in aid of Arthritis and Rheumatism Research at Glenfield House resulted in the sum of £155 being sent to the charity. Jennifer Venning wishes to thank all those who helped in any way.

J.Weston.

Brentor Conservatives.

Brentor Conservatives welcome you to a Cream Tea at Mole End, Brentor by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb on Saturday 17th July at 3.00pm. Come and meet Mr. David Henson, Chairman of the European Council, the special guest. Bring and Buy plus raffle. Tickets £1.50.

Personal Appeal.

The jam making season is upon us and Jennifer Venning would very much like to have your spare jam jars please. She can be contacted on 810555. Thank You.

W.I. News.

At their June meeting members of the W.I. were given some useful advice on how to protect themselves when driving on their own. Mpc Davis of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary's Motor Unit was giving a talk and showing a video and slides on "Safety for Women Drivers". After answering members' questions a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Sibley.

Members' attention was drawn to a number of local Church Flower Festivals, and to Mrs. Vennings sponsored swim for Cancer Research. The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Ball, 2nd Mrs. Blowey, 3rd Mrs. Dunkley.

Recently a few members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Rosemoor. Was it a case of the "sun shining on the righteous"? It turned out to be the one glorious, sunny afternoon in a week of gales and deluges!

The Institute's next meeting on 1st July will be an illustrated talk on "The Secret Wildlife of Dartmoor" by Len Copley for the Dartmoor National Park. Visitors will be most welcome at this meeting.

M. Pritchard.

Brentor Cricket Club.

~~The cricket club have had a rather uneventful month since the last~~ newsletter. With the inclement weather and match postponements, only four matches have been completed in the last month. However, the successful run has been continued, and Brentor have maintained their position at the top of the Tamar League in addition to reaching the Semi-Final of the Tamar League Cup. Match results are as follows.

22nd May 1993.

Barbican 108 for 7 wickets.

Brentor 109 for 2 wickets. Brentor won by 8 wickets.

5th June 1993.

Whitchurch 74 all out.

Brentor 78 for 3 wickets. Brentor won by 7 wickets.

19th June 1993.

Coryton 43 all out.

Brentor 44 for 2 wickets. Brentor won by 8 wickets.

20th June 1993 Tamar League Cup.

Barbican 90 all out.

Brentor 91 for 3 wickets. Brentor won by 7 wickets.

The club would like again to extend a warm welcome to anyone from the village who wishes to support any of our home matches. The forthcoming fixtures are as follows.

3rd July vs Milton Combe. (Tamar League) 2.30pm.

11th July vs Bere Alston. (Friendly) 2.30pm.

17th July vs Buckland. (Tamar League) 2.30pm.

24th July vs Milton Abbott. (Tamar League) 2.30pm.

25th July vs Milton Combe. (Tamar League Cup) 2.30pm.

J. Weston.

The Parish Draw.

This month's lucky winner is Mr. Paul Harrison. Ticket No. 67.

Reminder.

Don't forget that Wingletang Rescue Kennels are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 3rd July in the Village Hall, from 2.00pm. Contributions of jumble, cakes, bric-a-brac etc most welcome.

Parish Council.

A meeting of the Brentor Parish Council was held on Monday 10th May 1993 at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall. The following are extracts from the above meeting but have not yet been approved.

School Governor, St. Mary Tavy School. The Parish Council agreed to put forward the name of Mrs. Sally Curtis of Wortha Cottage, Brentor to represent Brentor as a School Governor.

Trees in the D.N.P.A. The trees recently planted in Mr. Penwell's field next to the Sport's field, have been protected by a 4 ft high fence. Mr. Friend explained to the Councillors the fence would be sheep proof but not cattle proof. The Chairman asked Mr. Friend to contact the D.N.P.A. in his capacity, as tree warden, to make sure adequate protection was provided for the trees.

Land opposite Station View Houses. Concern was expressed at the apparent tipping of garden waste on this site and the condition of some of the trees. Mr. Friend offered to investigate.

Children's Playing Field in the middle of the Village. The Clerk said she had received communication from the D.N.P.A. who said they had received complaints regarding some play equipment in the field. The Playgroup have been collecting for several years to obtain the equipment and had recently had the opportunity to purchase second-hand equipment. The Parish Council agreed that although the colour of the slide was not ideal the hedge would soon screen the area.

Next Meeting of the Brentor Parish Council to be held on Monday 9th August 1993 at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall.

Late News. The following are extracts from the Parish Council meeting which met on Monday 14th June at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall, and have yet to be approved. They are an update on some of the matters brought up in May's meeting.

Trees near the Playing Field. Mr. Friend informed the Council the trees were now protected by an extended fence. Mr. Friend reported that some of the trees on the main Lydford Brentor road required surgery.

Trees opposite Station View Council Houses. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to ask if they would have any objections to a small working party of volunteers clearing the vegetation away to enable the young trees to have a good start.

Children's Playing Field in the middle of the Village. The Parish Council approved of the new equipment installed and welcome the idea of shrubs being used to screen the slide.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs. Mr. Foy informed the Council he had been in contact with the Police and District Surveyor and would be looking into the possibility of siting these signs throughout the village.

Recycling Bins. Mr. Baskerville attended a meeting on this subject and suggested Brentor might be interested in a bin. It was suggested the most suitable site would be outside the Village Hall. Mr. Baskerville offered to approach the Village Hall Committee for permission.

Brentorians.

Further to my letter of May, I am pleased to be able to tell you that after all expenses paid, we were left with £200. This is being shared thus. £100 to MIND, £50 to the Church Hall and £50 to the Village Hall Building Fund. We hope this will meet with everyone's approval. Thank you all once again for loyal support year after year.

See you all again (soon)? Pat Burns. Secretary.

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DIARY NOTES.

July 1st. W.I. "The Secret Wildlife of Dartmoor" - Mr.L. Copley
July 3rd. Jumble Sale. Village Hall. 2.00pm.
July 5th. A.G.M. Brentor Community Centre. 8.00pm. Church Hall.
July 6th. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
July 17th. Brentor Conservative's Cream Tea. Mole End 3.00pm.
July 20th. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.
July 21st. Community Centre Coffee Morning. 10.30 Church Hall.
July 24th. Opening of the Pocket Park. 4.00pm.
July 24th. End of Term barbecue from 5.30pm. Church Hall

August W.I. Garden Meeting. Date and venue to be confirmed.

September 2nd W.I. "The History of Corn Dollies". Miss Rendell.

Advance Notice of Forthcoming Theatre Activities coming to Brentor.

During half-term October 28th we have Pandora's Box. A Puppet Show for both children and parents. More details soon.

On Saturday 13th November 7.30pm Village Hall, a production in association with the Bristol Old Vic, Public Parts Theatre.

Due to Summer Holidays FINAL COPY DATE next month is FRIDAY 23 JULY
THANK YOU.

SOME LATE NEWS JUST IN.....

BETTERBOX WALK ON THE DARTMOOR PATH IN AID OF HALL/FIELD FUNDS

Most of you will have read in the May issue of Brentor News of Stephen's fund-raising event in August to help boost our funds for both hall and field. The event takes the form of a treasure hunt along part of the Dartmoor Path. Briefly, on the payment of just £1.50 you will receive a sheet giving the positions on the moor of seven letterboxes, by means of clues and compass bearings, the aim being to find and stamp yourself in the book, using the rubber stamp contained in the box. Your own card or letter may be left, to be posted on by the next caller. Following advice, we have shortened the walk to just 4½ miles, starting and finishing at Willsworthy Camp.

To date Stephen and I are a little disappointed at the very limited interest shown by you. We have so far spent three days carrying out the survey and walked over twenty miles, getting soaked and enjoying ourselves in the process. We realise many of you are wary of walking far in the moor with young children. To help with this we will be organising a group ramble for those who wish, taking you along the route, helping you with the clues and guiding you back.

For those of you who feel unable to walk but would like to help raise funds this way, just give us a ring and for £1.50 you will receive an A4 sheet with all seven stamps displayed, together with some notes about the history and route of the Path, a track which played so great a part in the working lives of the people of Brentor and area, up to the turn of the century. All money raised will be given to the Hall and Field Charity.

To wet your appetite please read the description of a ramble we made last weekend, following Black Lane North to the peat ties near Fur Tor. Thanks a lot and hope to see you out looking for the boxes during August.

AN AFTERNOON STROLL ALONG A TRACK WORN DEEP BY MANY THOUSANDS
OF PACK HORSES, CARRYING PEAT BACK TO PETER TAVY

High above Peter Tavy, between Walkham Head, Tavy Hole and Eastern Red Lake, peat has been cut for many centuries. The amount of peat taken away was considerable and the ties cover a large area, making walking over them very tiring (forever climbing up and down or jumping over.) A vast amount remains however and the landscape and the views, once up there, are breathtaking. All the cut peat was taken away by long strings of packhorses, much of it to Peter Tavy village, for local distribution to the mines, and to Tavistock market. A large amount went down to supply the pumping engine at Wheal Betsy. Over the years the track up to the ties became worn many feet deep; in places today, now due to water and erosion, up to six feet. The track is known as Black Lane, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and climbing over 600 feet.

The day dawned perfect and by mid morning, after arriving at Bagga Tor Gate, the start of the track, we set off, after climbing all over Bagga Tor looking around. The first $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, due east, over Wapsworthy Common, was easy going, the way skirting the newtakes of Baggator Farm; climbing slowly, the track curved northeast and became sunken. From this point on, the views were well worth the effort.

With the sun hot on our heads, the vast presence of Standon Hill on our left and Lynch Tor high on our right, we plodded on. The view ahead was limited, due to the higher ground to be passed over. Behind us the view was fantastic, with Bagga Tor, Blackdown and Brent Tor far below. In the distance, the high ground of North Cornwall, Bodmin Moor and part of the St. Austell landscape. Slowly the ground underfoot changed, becoming more rugged. The track, now very deep and eroded, became impassable and we walked alongside. Slowly Standon Hill was left behind as we reached the high ground. At this point, two branches lead away to the right, to the ties at Walkham Head. These later ties supplied Wheal Betsy, 5 miles away. After a stop for food and to just stand and stare, we carried on, at peace with the world. Just the song of the skylark and the rattle of guns from Willsworthy, the soldiers there equally enjoying themselves.

As we reached the brow of the hill, away to the left could be seen Willsworthy Manor bound stone WD25. This was quickly sketched, position noted and left behind. Meandering now between the broken ground, we reach the trackside cairn and branch left, down now to Brook's Head, where our branch of the track ends. Beside the stream, we sit down, at Fuge's Post, with its tethering ring for the ponies. All around are the ties; views from this point are breathtaking. From the left, Standon Hill, Hare Tor, Great Links Tor; far to the north, Fordsland Ledge, High Willies, Amicombe Hill, Great Kneeset, Black Ridge, Little Kneeset and a mile away Fur Tor. To the right, just out of sight, Cut Hill, where the peat has been washed away leaving the bed rock exposed. We stand and take in all there is to see before plodding back to Bagga Tor, far below. We feel very small and humble in this immense landscape and feel at one with the packhorses, as they walk, in our mind's eye, back down the sunken track to civilisation. A perfect day and a day to remember.

Dennis and Stephen Young, also our companion, Ben,
our dog.

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