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### Villages in Action.

On Saturday 13th November Public Parts Theatre Company, in association with Bristol Old Vic, present "Songs from a Locked Box". The play focusses on the contemporary phenomenon of religious cults and their followers, promising a rich and fascinating evening of theatre. Also described as a "psychological thriller" by a member of the cast. This play is suitable for adults. Tickets available from Rick Blower on 810600 or Peggy Biggs 810247. Performance begins at 7.30pm.

### Jumble Sale.

On November 6th at the Village Hall at 2.15pm. Admission 25p to include tea and biscuits - children free, senior citizens 15p. Here we are again. Time for our annual jumble sale in aid of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Parcels. Where has the year gone? Once again, I ask for your support in the way of good quality jumble, bric-a-brac, produce and please cakes. The cake stall is very popular and donations of cakes will be most welcome. Naturally a good raffle again and donations to same will be much appreciated. Don't forget, anyone in Brentor Parish who has or will have reached the age of 60 for the ladies and 65 for the gentlemen by 31-12-93 is eligible for the christmas gift. Please let me know if you are a new member or if you have not previously been included due to my not knowing. Ring me on Chillaton 259. If you need jumble collected please let me know as early in the week as possible so as to be able to arrange this. Ring above number. Hope to see lots of you on the 6th. Pat Burns.

### W.I. News.

A last minute change of speaker at the W.I.'s October meeting in no way detracted from the enjoyment of the subject. Mr. Mathews who should have been giving an illustrated talk on Exeter Cathedral, unfortunately suffered a stroke some little time ago and his place was taken at very short notice by Mr. Ken Maun, another Cathedral Guide. With the aid of slides Mr. Maun took his audience on a guided tour of both the inside and outside of the cathedral, pointing out many items of architectural and historical interest and importance. Proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Maun and his wife who accompanied him (the latter is also one of Exeter's Red Coat Guides) Mrs. Saunders said how lucky we were to have such a beautiful cathedral so near and thanked Mr. Maun for taking over at such short notice. The new programme secretary, Mrs. Purvis, spoke briefly about the proposals for next years programme and members were able to vote on the form they would like some of the meetings to take. The date, Saturday 11th December, was fixed for the annual Coffee and Carols morning, final arrangements to be made later. The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Venning, 2nd Mrs. Sibley, and 3rd Mrs. Purvis. M. Pritchard.

### Parish Draw Winner.

This month's lucky winner is Ticket No. 1. Mr. G. Mudge.



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Thank You.

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Roy Ralph can see a similar situation occurring with the artists of St.Ives. Nearly everyone he meets who has visited the new Tate St.Ives expresses dissatisfaction with the work on show. Could it be, he asks, that only future visitors from America, Europe and Japan will enjoy Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth whilst the English will stay away from this £3,000,000 gallery?

Nicholson gained much from his visits with Hepworth to Paris during the 1920s and 30s. They settled in St.Ives in 1939 and their ideas and influences caused others to work in an abstract way.

This would seem contrary to a rigid tradition that demands that a picture be a skilled depiction of a subject and that it should relate a moralising story. But abstraction is not so new and in his second talk on the 16th of November, Roy Ralph will explain how artists tried to liberate painting away from literature and into the realms of music.

There may seem no connection between this and his third subject on the 14th of December but he insists that there is.

The architects and painters of Florence were concerned with the harmonic balance of circles and squares. So were Nicholson & Hepworth. Each talk at 8 pm will be illustrated with slides and music and costs £2.50 - which allows for 50p towards a drink from the bar. Tickets and further details can be obtained by telephoning 082282 217.

Roy Ralph.

DIARY DATES.

Nov 4th. W.I. Annual Meeting.  
Nov 5th. Bonfire Night. Old Vicarage Field. From 5.30pm.  
Nov 6th. Jumble Sale in aid of Senior Citizens Xmas Parcels. 2.15pm.  
Nov 9th. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.  
Nov 8th. Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm. Village Hall.  
Nov 13th. Public Parts Theatre Company. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.  
Nov 16th. Roy Ralph. Art Lecture. At Mucky Duck, Lydford. 8.00pm.  
Nov 20th. Parish Map Exhibition. Village Hall. 2 until 6.  
Nov 23rd. Bingo. 7.30. Brentor Village Hall.  
Nov 24th. Community Coffee Morning. Church Hall 10.30am onwards.  
Dec 2nd. W.I. Cooking for healthy eating.  
Dec 11th. W.I. Coffee and carols.

FINAL COPY DATE NOVEMBER 25th. THANK YOU.