

DECEMBER '94.
No 182.

Brentor Community Centre Xmas Coffee Morning Special.

This year the Annual Xmas Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 17th December from 10.30 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.

Parish Council.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 7th November 94. Items discussed included an interesting talk from Mr. Prosser (Chairman of the Mary Tavy Scout Group), who explained his constant difficulties in raising funds, especially for hut maintenance, and wonders if Brentor Parish Council would be able to contribute. It was agreed that the council was unable to make a grant, but would organise a fund raising event to help. Any ideas?

Thanks to Mrs. Venning for collecting, Oz Osborne for distributing, and everyone for planting the bulbs, sponsored by S.W.W.A. around the village, they should look very nice in the Spring.

Mr. Phillip Whitcombe is endeavouring to produce a trail leaflet for the Brentor area and in setting up a committee. If you are interested please get in touch with him.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

The total collection by public donation so far is £227.50. Thank you all. Any final contributions, please see Mr. Foy.

On Thursday 10th November Mr. Roy Etheridge from W.D.B.C. joined Mr. Foy and myself and we spent the afternoon siting the neighbourhood watch signs, so far 12 in number. We will be able to purchase a few more, so check sights proposed and if you can think of any more suitable spots please let us know. See attached map.

Proposed sites for N/W signs - Brentor Parish.

1. Near Manor House (Mucky Duck Pub) B.T. pole No 13.
2. Lydford Rd. Nr. Bridge - pole to be supplied.
3. SWEB 2325/I Nr. Buck Park Farm.
4. BT CC38 20m. entry to Burnville Farm.
5. Over Barn window (Mrs. Woods) Liddaton.
6. Bryher Bungalow L.V. SWEB pole with transformer.
7. Road sign - Rowden Farm entrance.
8. Sign post to S. Brentor on Lydford/Tavistock main road.
9. Stag Head Y fork.
10. Brentor Playing Field corner - pole in hedge?
11. West Blackdown cattle grid - near quarry.
12. Mr. B. Tucker's corner - Brentor Village.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity in wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all friends and Parishoners from all members of Brentor Parish Council.

Denis Baskerville.

Brentor Brownies.

1st Brentor Brownies would like to thank Chris Moore , Molly and Brian Bickle and the Brentor Inn for their very kind donation from the Harvest Auction. It will be put to good use. Peggy and Sam Biggs and Sally-Anne Batten.

Parish Draw.

This month's winners are: £25. No 3 Mr.Syd Budge.
£15. No 45 Mrs.Vera Downing.
£10. No 40 Mrs.Gill Saunders.

W.I.News.

Brentor W.I. Review of the Year.

1993 ended with the usual Coffee and Carols morning at which, once again, the Brownies so delightfully entertained everyone with their singing of carols and Christmas songs. This event seems to go from strength to strength. 1994 started, still in festive mood, with a well attended New Year Ploughman's Lunch instead of the usual party. There followed the usual monthly meetings with a variety of speakers and topics including some by members - an excellent video of the north west corner of Ireland by Gill Saunders and a demonstration and 'hands-on' experience of fabric printing by Jane Osborne. Members were able to try their hands once again at the art of calligraphy when Mrs. Narracott paid a welcome return. The open evening proved to be very popular, the hall nearly bursting at the seams, when Mr.Len Copley gave an illustrated talk on the history of Devon Great Consols Mine, Tavistock Canal and Morwellham. A most enjoyable Garden Meeting was held in June at Cleave Cottage, Weir Quay, by kind invitation of Betsy and Robin Gallup. Although the weather left a certain amount to be desired it was still a most pleasant afternoon on what was actually Betsy's birthday.

Two successful Community Coffee Mornings have been held during the year, helping to swell the W.I. coffers.

Members have attended the two Group Meetings and sent a delegate to both the Spring and Autumn Council Meetings. The Institute has also been represented at various County events such as Heritage Walk, Resolutions Special Meetings, etc. Members have attended meetings organised by neighbouring institutes, notably a Garden Meeting at recently formed Bridestowe, the ever popular Gulworthy 'speciality' and a superb Harvest Lunch at Mary Tavy.

An educational outing to the Yelverton Paperweight Centre almost ended in a search party being sent out to round up strays when a thick fog descended on Yelverton.

All in all another successful year - the only thing lacking is members. With numbers now down to 16 we desperately need an all out recruitment campaign in 1995.

The Annual Meeting was held at the beginning of November but resulted in no change in either officers or committee for the coming year. President, Mrs.Weston thanked everyone for all their hard work in keeping the institute going and she paid special tribute to her fellow committee members.

The annual competition cup was won by Mrs.Weston and top marks for the flower of the month competitions were achieved by Mrs.Purvis.

The November flower of the month was won by Mrs.Pritchard, 2nd Mrs. Venning, 3rd Mrs.Purvis.

There will be a change in the advertised speaker for the meeting on 1st December. As Sally Pancheri is unable to give her 'Taste of Switzerland' talk, her husband has very kindly offered to give an illustrated talk on the Umbrian region of Italy. Visitors most welcome.

W.I. News.

The annual Coffee and Carols will be held on 10th December. (see separate notice.) Happy Christmas. M.Pritchard.

Church News.

Bonfire and Sparkler Party. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with the arrangements on the 5th November weekend. It was lucky that the weather conditions were so good and Fred Still's fire raising skills were so efficient! Judging from the numbers who came, the party proved a great success. Some £57 was made for the Church Hall funds, about half of which came from the raffle - thanks to the efforts of Jenny and James Henry.

Brentor Inn Harvest Festival Auction. The Parochial Church Council are very grateful indeed for a generous share from the auction towards Church Funds. Many thanks to Chris Moore, Brian Bickell and all their helpers.

Carols by Candlelight. It is hoped that everyone will try to come to the customary Christmas carol evening in the Church Hall on Monday 19th December at 7.00pm. In the past it has always been an enjoyable family occasion and has become something of a Brentor tradition. Do come along - and if you can contribute a few mince pies, all the better

Christmas Services. Details of these, including the Christingle service on Sunday 18th December, will be given on the Church Christmas card which will be, as usual, sent out to every household.

J.Weston.

Good Home Wanted.

Collie cross dog, 3 years old, excellent temperament, good with children make excellent pet. Ring Debbie Bickle. 86 301.

For Sale.

Atari 1040 STE computer with printer. Included are mouse, joystick and more than 50 games. Also word processing software and paint programmes. £200. Contact Blower family. 810600.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The total amount raised in Brentor for the Poppy Appeal was £198.75. Many thanks to the contributors and collectors.

J.Pritchard.

Hon. Organiser.

Thank You.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all who made the recent jumble sale for senior citizens christmas gifts such a resounding success. The magnificent sum of £143.75 was raised that afternoon, plus a sum of £7.00, already collected by Peggy Biggs. I was amazed at the amount we got, especially as weather-wise it could have been a lot better. So again my thanks to all. I'm always surprised by the amount of jumble and white elephant that finds its way to this sale, and what interesting things turn up. Grateful thanks to all who helped on the day, and special thanks to Sam Biggs for her help on the Friday night and Margaret Doidge for her help on Saturday morning. Without them I just could not have got it ready on time. I was sorry that Peggy Biggs was too unwell to be able to come as she made several things for the sale and was a great support. Hope you will soon be fit Peggy. Once again, thanks for all your support. See you soon.

Pat Burns. B.C.C. (Senior Division!!!)

Citizens Advice Bureau.

Pregnancy and unfair dismissal. Many women have found their job is on the line if they become pregnant, and until recently there was very little they could do about it if they had been in the job less than two years full time or five years part time.

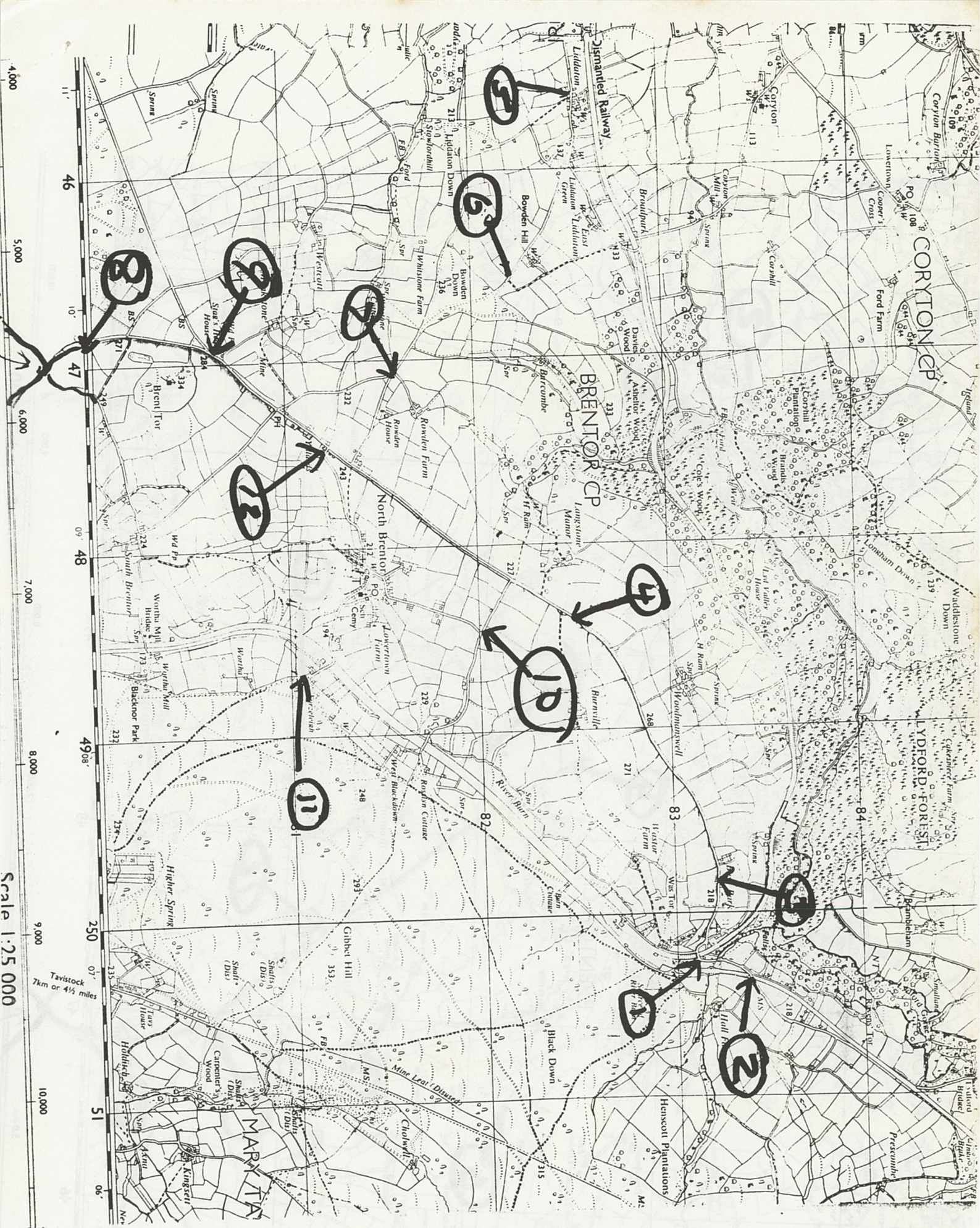
The law on Unfair Dismissal has been strengthened so that anyone sacked because they are pregnant can make a claim for unfair dismissal no matter how long or short a time they had been in their current job. This applies to women whose baby is due on or after the 9th October '94. For further information contact us at Tavistock C.A.B. Kingdon House, North Street, Tavistock. 612359.

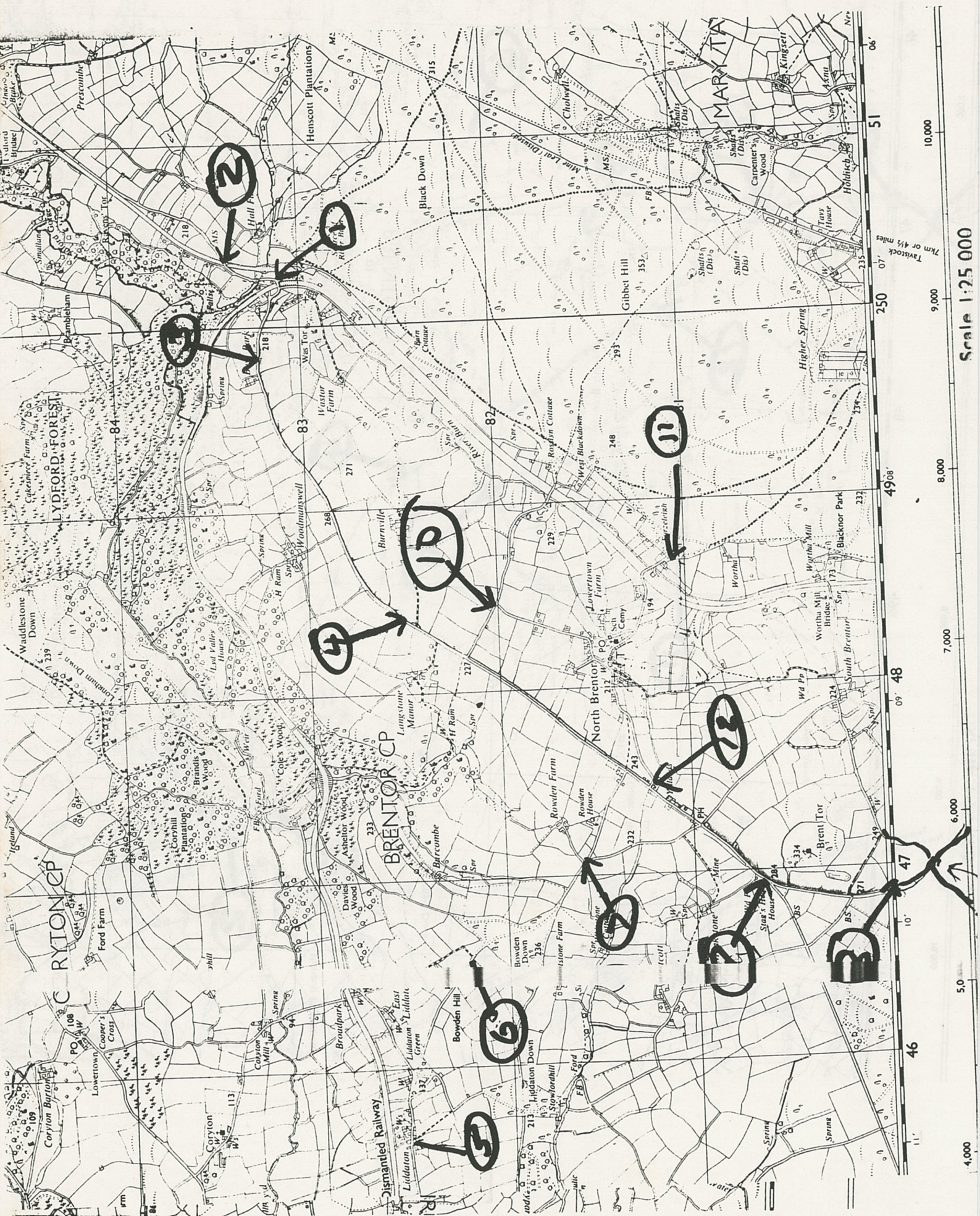
DIARY DATES.

December 1st.	W.I. Illustrated talk on Umbria.
December 10th	W.I. Annual Coffee and Carols Morning. 10.30 - 12
December 13th	Bingo. 7.30pm Brentor Village Hall.
December 17th	Community Centre Xmas Coffee Morning Special. Church Ha
December 19th	Carols by Candlelight. 7.00pm. Church Hall.
January 5th	W.I. New Year's Ploughman's Lunch.

FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE BRENTOR NEWS DECEMBER 24th THANK YOU.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.





THE CHURCHES OF BRENTOR

A characteristic of English villages, however small they be, is to have a Parish Church. In days gone by this Parish Church was probably the only large "public" building in the village, and, as such, the focus of activities both sacred and secular: The Meeting Place for all villagers. Although, with the passage of time and the building of Village Halls, most secular activities no longer take place in the church building, the Church remains an integral and valued place in village life. To-day the Church is used by a relatively small band of worshippers Sunday by Sunday, but, as the Parish Church, by many others for Christenings, Weddings and Funerals; and remains open every day for visitors and anyone who wishes to drop in for a time of quiet. Here in Brentor there are two churches: St. Michael's on the tor, which is an outstanding landmark and natural holy place that attracts many visitors at all times of the year, and Christ Church in the village itself.

The Brentor Parochial Church Council is charged with the responsibility for the care and maintenance of both St. Michael's and Christ Church and feel privileged to do this. However, such a responsibility is an increasingly heavy financial commitment and for some time now the Council have had to draw on reserve funds left by past benefactors. Clearly such a situation should not be left without effort being made to raise funds which are sufficient for care and maintenance now. The Council have therefore decided to invite all those in the village who value the place of St. Michael's and Christ Church to consider a regular subscription towards the costs involved so that real budgeting can be arranged. Regular, routine expenditure amounts to around £200 per week - (e.g. Insurance £30; Parish Share £60; Fuel £10; Churchyard £10) Regular subscription can be by Weekly Envelope or Direct Debit; and, if you pay any Income Tax, this subscription can be Covenanted, at no extra charge to you, so that every £1 given is worth £1.34 to the Church.

If you are interested and would like to talk about a subscription please contact the Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Hilary Thompson of "Glenfield" (810836) or Gill Saunders of "Jennysfield" (810565) one of the Church Wardens; the priest-in-charge Denis Hutchings (Lydford 306) would be only too pleased to come and talk to you in your home, if you like.

Brentor P.C.C.

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