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Villages in Action.

Another reminder for the "Singing Bones". Friday Feb 11th at the Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for adults and children over the age of twelve. Tickets available from Rick Blower, Jane Osborne and Peggy Biggs.

W.I. News.

Contrary to what people may think the W.I. does not order the first snow of the season for it's annual New Year festivities, though for the last two years one might be forgiven for thinking so! However, an early morning covering of snow in no way deterred anyone from attending a most enjoyable ploughman's lunch which the W.I. had organised as a departure from their usual New Year Party. The Village Hall was full to capacity as everyone sat down to a welcome bowl of warming soup followed by a buffet ploughman's lunch washed down by a glass of John and Sheila Weston's delicious elderflower cordial. During a brief interval there was an amusing musical quiz organised by Jenny Venning (do I hear sighs of relief at no Brain of Brentor Quiz this year?) after which there was coffee and mince pies. Before departing everyone received a small gift.

It will be back to normal routine for the February meeting when Gill Saunders will be showing a video of a holiday spent in Ireland. Also, there are plans for a pub lunch later in the month.

As always, visitors are most welcome at meetings. It has unfortunately been necessary to increase the fee to £1 for non members, but it is hoped this will in no way deter people from attending and that they will still think it is good value for money. M.Pritchard.

Parish Draw.

This month's lucky winner is Miss Rebecca Biggs. Ticket No.92.

Village Hall and Playing Field Charity.

The Parish Draw is now drawing to a close. It has proven to be a successful fundraising event for the Village Hall as well as giving a nice surprise to the winner in the form of a £50 cheque. The Village Hall and Playing Field Charity are now in the process of re-launching the monthly Parish Draw. Instead of the one £50 prize, there will be 3 monthly cash prizes, £25, £15, £10 to be won each month. Application forms are attached to the back of this issue of the Brentor News.

Church News.

Sunday School meets each Sunday during February except for the first Sunday in the month when there is the usual Family Service in Christ Church. Sunday 13th March is Mothering Sunday and on that day there will be a Family Service rather than a Sunday School.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 4th March and a service will be held in the Methodist Church, Brentor at 2 p.m. on that afternoon. The theme, prepared by the women of Jerusalem, is "Go, see and act!" Mrs. Sandra Dodd will be giving the address and all are welcome. "Pray not for Arab nor Jew, for Palestinian nor Israeli but pray rather for ourselves that we might not divide others in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts" - Palestinian Christian prayer.

Lent Discussion Group. There are plans for a 1994 programme from mid February and details will be publicised shortly.

The Children's Society. Betty Gilbert wishes to thank all who have helped during last year in providing £150 which is being sent to the above charity - this sum includes donations, the Christingle collection and the contents of collecting boxes. Betty has more collecting boxes for distribution and if anyone is willing to have one in their house for 1994 (perhaps placing it by the telephone), they are asked to contact her on 810379. This is a very worthwhile charity and a little loose change placed in the box, perhaps in payment for the use of the 'phone by a friend', can help to provide valuable contributions to the funds.

Christ Church. As many people will know already, the antique polished oak table which stood near the organ and the main door of the church, was stolen on Wednesday 19th January. It is believed that it was taken during the early part of the morning. The thieves left the double outside doors of the church wide open when they left. The matter has been reported to the police but if anyone happened to be passing through the village and saw the table being removed - or someone opening the doors - it would be helpful if they made contact with one of the Churchwardens i.e. Gill Saunders or Fred Still.

J. Weston.

DIARY NOTES.

3rd Feb. W.I. Video of Ireland.

8th Feb. Bingo. 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.

11th Feb. "Singing Bones". 7.30pm. Brentor Village Hall.

16th Feb. W.I. Pub Lunch.

22nd Feb. Bingo. 7.20pm. Brentor Village Hall.

3rd March. W.I. Calligraphy Day School. 10.30-3.30. Mrs. Narracott.

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