

BRENTOR NEWS

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PARISH NEWS...

At a public meeting following the Parish Council on Monday May 12th, Mr Forster, West Devon Emergency Officer, outlined the work and function of the Devon Emergency Volunteers. The DEV exists to be used by the County and District Councils or Police in the event of emergencies (eg storm, flood) and it also plays a Civil Defence role. Mr Forster gave details of the "War Plans" and explained how villages would be organised in the aftermath of a nuclear war. Brentor would be governed by a four person committee headed by the Chairman of the Parish Council. Somebody's front room (with a special priority telephone) has already been designated as the operations nerve centre - but Mr Forster wouldn't disclose which house has been selected.

There were heated exchanges and questions from the audience. Mr Forster was closely questioned about the political role of the DEV and who was paying for it. It was strenuously denied that it was a secret army and might be used for strike breaking purposes. One member of the audience asserted that organisations like DEV were lulling people into believing that nuclear war was inevitable and that it was putting out the misleading idea that 50% of the population would survive a nuclear attack. Mr Forster disagreed and denied this.

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Apparently several people in the village believe that their water rates are unreasonably high. It has been suggested that they write to South West Water Authority and inform one of the parish councillors.

BRENTOR COUNTRY FAYRE..... Saturday 14th June at 2pm.

to be opened by FRANK WINTLE (presenter of BBC Mornin'Sou West) at 2pm at the Village Hall.

Many attractions.... including Skittles, Treasure Hunt, Pony and Trap Rides, Whitfields Funny Thing, Dart Throw, A HatShy! (throw wet sponges at people wearing hats!) Fortune Teller, (who is the mystery person?) Plant Stall, Pottery, hand-painted crafts, leather goods. Bring and Buy Country Produce.

and at 4pm (or thereabouts) in the Church Hall a special FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT nine show given by Jenny Weston and Company.

Proceeds to Community Shop and to Brentor News. Please support.

BRENTOR CRICKET CLUB...

The season opened in very promising style on May 3rd., a day more suited to Polar Bears than cricketers. Our opponents were Gunnislake, and Brentor, batting first, amassed a total of 174, thanks largely to a magnificent and reusing innings of 92 by Colin Harrison. Tea and a target of this magnitude were altogether too much for Gunnislake, who made no real effort to get the runs, and Brentor ran out easy winners by 100 runs.

On May 17th. South Hill were our guests, and on this occasion conditions were well nigh perfect. South Hill batted first, and a total of 104 seemed well within Brentor's capabilities. Things seemed to be going well when we had made almost 80 for the loss of only 4 wickets, with useful contributions from Les Doidge, Colin Harrison and Peter Thistlethwaite. The last 25 runs proved much more difficult to find, and only a steady innings from Johnny Willimas, sensibly supported at the end by John Prescott, saw us through to victory by 2 wickets.

On May 20th. the Club held a Wine and Cheese Party at the Brentor Inn. A very enjoyable evening was spent by 43 members and their guests, and a profit of £36 was a great help to the Club's funds. We are very grateful to everyone who helped with the organisation of the Party.

LAURENCE LEFEVRE

BRENTOR JUBILEE FUND COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Committee held on May 7th., it was stated that the Jubilee Fund now stands at £619.19, and this sum is on deposit with Western Trust and Savings Limited, where it is earning interest at 15%.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting, endorsing the decision taken at the Public Meeting held on March 12th., 1979.

"That this Committee accepts the record made, and the decision taken at the Public Meeting held on 12th March 1979. This Committee requires that detailed plans and costings of the Village Hall improvements be made and submitted to West Devon District Council in order to apply for Grant Aid. Also, other avenues of possible Grant Aid to be explored. The Jubilee Fund to be made available in the event of any shortfall."

LAURENCE LEFEVRE

BRENTOR COMMUNITY CENTRE GARDENING CLUB

Fourteen members availed themselves this first season of the facilities offered by Suttons Seeds of Torquay to buy seeds on Club terms and the total cost enabled them to get their orders with 20% discount.

It is to be hoped that proof of the excellence of the seeds may be shown at J Vennings Horticultural Show in September.

Also that next year membership of the BCC Gardening Club may increase to the point where 33% discount may be achieved, i.e. £100 worth of seeds be ordered as against approx. £70 this season.

Any questions about the Club may be referred to Mary Booker, Michaels Mead.

CHURCH NEWS

The first of the Sunday celebrations of Evensong at St Michael's on the Tor was held on Whit Sunday and from now until Michaelmas there will be a service each Sunday evening there when it is not raining. When the weather is bad, the alternative of a service at Christ Church in the village is signalled by the bell being rung there at 6 p.m. that evening.

It was good to hear the St Michael's peel of bells once more on Whit Sunday. Mr Pearse has had one or two volunteers come forward for instruction in bell ringing to help make up a full team but he would be glad of one or two more keen people - his telephone number is Mary Tavy 563.

The coffee morning and 'bring and buy' held at the Old Vicarage on May 10 in aid of Dr Barnardo's was a great success. Thanks to all those who helped and all those who came along in support of the effort, almost £40 was raised for this charity which, although it has changed its emphasis since the days of its founder, continues to do a variety of valuable work for children and young people.

A number of suggestions have been received from organisations and individuals in the village about the future use of the Eastcott Memorial Field in the middle of the village and the PCC are grateful for the replies received. So far no decision has been made on the long term use of the field but the pasture is being let until the end of the year in order to maintain the grassland in good condition; it is also planned to drain the wetter areas which are at present unsuitable for most purposes. The whole matter is to be considered in detail at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held early in July. In the meantime, Mr and Mrs Lefevre have kindly said that children may play during the summer months in the paddock adjoining the Old Vicarage so long as no animals are grazing there at the time.

J WESTON

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BRENTOR SPORTS DAY

We are now in the month of June and so far only three people have come forward and offered to help run a Sports Day and a Family Night. We are still hoping that more people will volunteer. Also we are hoping to run both events on the one day, i.e. in the Playing Field. We have done this before and it has been a great success (depending on the weather of course). Volunteers need not worry somewhere in my files I have a complete do-it-yourself hit on how to run a Sports Day. We have been running them for many years and all our mistakes and successes are on paper. We are looking for people to take over one or more sections of the day as well as helping to prepare the field. At the time of writing it looks as though we will be having six-a-side football on the day; competing for the Postlethwaite Cup: Twelve teams are interested, so the lads in the Brentor Football team tell me.

So please come and offer your services.

DENNIS YOUNG
FIELD SECRETARY

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL...

By the time many of you will be reading this article the Village Hall will have had its Annual General Meeting on the 2nd June and elected new officers and committee. We couldn't put it in last month as we had not fixed the date. But public notices to the effect have been displayed.

We have now received the plans for the Hall Improvement Scheme and these have been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for approval. The scheme consists of new Ladies and Gents W.C.'s and cloakrooms, also the provision of two separate fire escape points. As soon as the scheme has been approved, West Devon District Council will be approached for possible Grant Aid. We are optimistic in this respect and will keep you all informed of our progress.

DENNIS YOUNG

Chairman to the Hall Committee
at the time of writing.

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NOW ANOTHER POEM FROM DOROTHY COCKING, ST MAVES. She also writes -- "This one is pinned up in the Post Office, so they buy stamps and feel sorry for me at the same time. Ha, Ha."

THERE IT WAS "GONE"

I had a lovely nylon vest,
that came down to my knees,
Its smashing when the wind blows cold,
My assets will not freeze.

But Dorothy Cocking woe is me,
I boiled my swinging vest,
And now I hang my head in shame,
It just comes to my chest.

So when the wind blows cold and chill,
Don't forget me please,
I don't half miss my lovely vest,
That came down to my knees,

DOROTHY COCKING

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DIARY DATES

JUNE 2nd Village Hall - A.G.M.
4th W.I. Drying Flowers - Mrs Hallan. & 8pm: BCC meeting re Summer Fayre
10th Bingo in Village Hall - 7.30 p.m.
14th Brentor Community Centre - Summer Fayre
25th Brentor Community Centre Committee 8pm.
July 2nd. W.I. Meeting: Conservation: Mrs Jeffries.
2nd Brentor Community Centre AGM. Church Hall 8pm.

W.I. News. The May meeting was presided over by Mrs Purvis. Mrs Pritchard reported on the Spring Council Meeting in Exeter and Mrs Davey gave a lively account of the "Towards 2000" conference she had attended.

The competition - items from Europe - was won by Mrs Perkin, 2nd Mrs Pritchard, 3rd Miss Dunn. The Flower of the month was won by Mrs Dunnage, 2nd Mrs Dunn, 3rd Mrs Pritchard.

Tea Hostesses were Mrs Woolford, Mrs Blowey and Mrs Hallam.

All contributions for next Month's issue to be in by JUNE 22nd, thank you.

Contributions to this Month's issue were made by -- David and Gill Gorbett, Jeanette Emmett (typing), Dennis Young, Laurence Lefevre, John Weston, Mary Bocker and Dorothy Cocking. Plus Marion Pritchard,