

No. 12 October 1980

THE PEOPLE'S STAGE COME TO BRENTOR

presenting

----- A DEVONSHIRE GARLAND -----

on Saturday November, 1st at 8.00 p.m. in Brentor Village Hall

A programme of folksong, folk music, stories and lore which creates a picture of the life and people of Devon, past and present. Some items have been recently collected in the towns, moors and country areas of Devon: some have come from manuscripts such as the Rev. Baring-Gould's folk song collection: some songs have been newly written, reflecting life in the county as it is lived today. All of it blends together to get you singing, thinking, laughing. Using concertina, accordeon, guitar, tin whistles, mouth organ, dancing dolls and all, the programme is presented by -

TISH STUBBS & SAM RICHARDS

Professional folksingers who have lived and worked in Devon for ten years. Their names may already be familiar to you as they have performed as part of Staverton Bridge, have provided music for Orchard Theatre productions (Devonshire Cream, The Cider Show) & the Northcott Theatre (Giants at Play), and their records can often be heard on Morning Sou' West. They have also spent a great deal of time collecting traditional songs in Devon, and if anyone's ever knocked on your door asking about old songs or singers, it could well have been one of them! Some of the items used in this programme have been collected in this way. Other songs collected can be heard, sung by the original singers, on the Topic LP "DEVON TRADITION".

They also perform in folk clubs, arts centres and theatres nationally, and have sung abroad in Canada, The U.S.A. and France. Their recent work includes compiling an anthology of English folk songs, published Sept 79 by Collins, and called "THE ENGLISH FOLKSINGER", plus recording a selection of these songs on an LP of the same name. In Devon they often work with other folk performers under the name "PEOPLE'S STAGE" and in Devonshire Garland" they are joined by -

MARTIN SCRAGG

An accomplished singer and guitarist in his own right, and a native Devonian with his roots in one of the oldest Dartmoor families. He has worked extensively throughout Britain as a folk performer, but always returning to the Westcountry, his first love. Here he has been a key figure organising and singing in folk clubs, particularly in the South Devon area, where he ran Torquay folk club for many years. Being born next door to the Tavistock Inn, Poundsgate, gives him a particularly soft spot for Dartmoor songs.

Supported by the Community Arts Panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain, and South West Arts.

BRENTOR COMMUNITY SHOP ON T.V. with Michael Bentine. On November 10th at 12.30 p.m. noon Westward, and November 14th at 10.50 p.m. Westward. On programme called VILLAGE ACTION.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION

TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 7.30 p.m.

In aid of our Village Hall and the Molly Owen Centre, Tavistock.
Contributions will be gratefully received and everyone is welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS....

Sincere thanks is extended to all who attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. There were good congregations, fine preaching, and an atmosphere of thankfulness and unity, which is surely what Harvest Festivals are all about. The sum of £105.08 was realised. This includes donations anonymous and otherwise toward the immediate re-wiring of the electric installation. This figure is indeed encouraging to the few regular worshippers and is much appreciated.

The collection for The National Children's Home amounted to £20.75. Grateful thanks for the generous response to this appeal.

STELLA CLARINGBOLD

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BRENTOR PARISH COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL ROADSIDE VERGES

The County Engineer is currently reviewing the policy document concerning the management of urban and rural roadside verges in Devon. The Brentor Parish Council has been requested previously to identify any lengths of verge in the Parish which warrant special protection, either because of the presence of some rare plant or because of a particularly high visual attraction or richness.

At this time of year the beauty of the spring and summer hedgerows is fresh in the mind and it would be especially helpful if you could let me know of any lengths of roadside verge or hedgebank in the Parish which seem to be worthy of special note.

If you have any suggestions please contact Mrs E Blowey, as soon as possible.
Telephone Chillaton 255.

PARISH CONTACTS IN AN EMERGENCY

The following people have allowed their names to be forwarded to the
DEVON EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS AREA OFFICER, MR FORSTER.

L E LEEFVRE	MARY TAVY 425
M J BIGGS	MARY TAVY 247
R SQUIRE	LYDFORD 208
MRS E BLOWEY	CHILLATON 255

CLERK, E BLOWEY

CHURCH NEWS

Thanks are due to all those who contributed to and helped with the flowers and the produce which decorated the two churches for the Harvest Festival. At the time of writing the harvest supper and auction are yet to take place but both churches looked very beautiful for the well attended thanksgiving services. George and Betty Raine as Lay Reader and Churchwarden respectively represented the Church Council and attended the inquest on Susan Mary Lane, the little girl who was so tragically killed crossing the road at the foot of the Tor on Bank Holiday Monday. The driver of the car was completely exonerated from blame, in part as a result of a letter written to the Coroner by Susan's mother stressing that the accident could not have been avoided by the driver. We all hope that no similar accident will occur again. Partly as a result of Mrs Gallup's initiative, the various authorities concerned with road safety in the area and at the Tor Car Park have had a site meeting to see what improvements may be possible in order to make conditions better there. Finally, and on a happier note, many thanks on behalf of the Church Hall Committee to Jennifer Venning and her helpers for the handsome contribution (over £60) towards the hall funds as a result of the very successful Brentor Horticultural Show which we all enjoyed so much as well! A somewhat depleted force is still struggling with the improvements to the Hall. The rotted window woodwork has to be replaced and arrangements are in hand for the floor to be sanded. Mike Barge is re-planning the kitchen which he hopes to improve with the help of the Navy! We hope to get there in the end!

JOHN WESTON

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W.I.

At the September meeting of the Brentor W.I., which was presided over by Mrs Weston, tribute was paid to the late Mrs Betty Perkin. Mrs Perkin was a founder member of the Institute, serving on the committee for many years and taking an active interest in all its affairs. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs Weston welcomed the speaker, Mr Tulley of the R.S.P.B. who gave a very interesting talk accompanied by slides. A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Dunn.

The October meeting will be an evening meeting and open to anybody who would like to come, at which Mr Allen will give a talk and show slides on the Far East.

MARION PRITCHARD

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH...

SPANISH RICE

Cook some rice. The best way is to use $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of water, one teaspoon of salt and 8oz of long-grain brown rice. Why long-grain brown rice you ask? Because it's full of all the vitamins you can imagine and white rice has had them removed: and the rice is the meal's main protein source too. It takes about 40-45 mins. Simmering for the rice to absorb the water. Then it's ready. A couple of tablespoons of olive oil in a large frying pan give everything a good flavour. Fry lots of sliced onions and a large fat clove of garlic sliced into tiny pieces. The more garlic the better I think so long as you live with someone else who's eating it too.

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SPANISH RICE continued...

Add chopped carrot, sliced green and/or red pepper (take the core and seeds out first), a tins of corn available at the Community Shop, some mushrooms, some cooked beans if you like, any veg left over from yesterday and then: add the rice.

Pour over it a can of tomatoes (13p from the Community Shop) and stir.

Then - to make it especially Spanish - shake over some red chillies or chop some fresh ones. Start with 2 or 3 and work up to 4 or 5 over a period of about 6 months. Stir again. Season with black pepper to taste. (After the chillies you won't need much).

Have some cold water/beer/wine at the ready, you're away.

Green salad helps the rice along.

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Diary Dates OCTOBER

1st Wednesday Talk and slides on Far East, 8.00 p.m.
Village Hall

4th Michaelmas Fayre, Village Hall

14th Harvest Festival, Auction, 7.30 p.m.
Brentor Inn

NOVEMBER

1st Tish Stubbs and Sam Richards, 8.00 p.m.
Village Hall

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Contributions to this month's issue from David & Gill Gorbett, J Emmett, L Lefevre, Stella Clarringbold, E Blowey, Marion Pritchard, John Weston.

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

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P.S. Please could someone give me a lesson in how to string/twist onions together? Ring Jeanette on Mary Tavy 222.