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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION....

The by-election to fill one vacancy will take place on Thursday 9th April in the Village Hall. There are two candidates - John Weston and Gill Gorbutt and Brentor News has invited them to write a short message to the Parish and we print this below. We hope that there will be a good turnout on 9th April.

JOHN WESTON WRITES.... It seems presumptuous to offer oneself as a candidate for election in a place like Brentor when one is a comparative newcomer to the village. I can only say that, with more time than some and with a real interest in everything that happens in and to the village, I hope that I may be able to contribute something to the work of the Council if you decide to elect me.

GILL GORBUTT WRITES... I am standing for election to the Parish Council because I feel I can represent certain different and perhaps newer aspects of our village.

I initiated and organise the Brentor Playgroup, belong to the organising committee of the Community Centre, help run the Community Shop, coordinate the monthly production of Brentor News and sit on the Church Hall management committee.

I have two children and hope to see them grow up here. Brentor, of which I feel very much part, is an active and concerned community and I would like to be elected to perpetuate this.

JUMBLE SALE..... Village Hall at 2.30pm Saturday April 4th.
organised by the W.I.

Jumble Sale and Auction on Saturday 25th April at 2.30pm in the Church Hall organised by the Community Centre. " We are trying to replace the loss arising from the pre-Christmas break in at the Community Shop". All contributions for the Jumble Sale and Auction gratefully received at Old Station House or at the Church Hall on the day from 1.30 pm onwards.

Community Centre News....

The PLAYGROUP continues to flourish every Tuesday morning in the Church Hall. There are now 12 children under 5 who regularly attend. Come and see what the children do from 10.30am - visitors are always welcomed.

(Community Centre News cont²rd)

COMMUNITY SHOP opens every Wednesday morning in the Church Hall between 10am and 12noon. A wide range of handy groceries and home made products on the minimarket are always on sale. If you would like to help please tell Jean Whiyfield or Gill Gorbutt.

The Youth Club meets on Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall. Last Week Brian Higgins came to give members an excellent talk on motorbikes. Other events are planned. Ali Hayes and Paula Marish are the organisers.

FUTURE DATES.... A Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 27th June. The Annual General Meeting of the Brentor Community Centre will be on Thursday July 2nd.

WI News...

It was members day at the March meeting of the W.I. when the Committee were given a rest from their duties. Mrs Dunkley presided and Miss Everall acted as Secretary for the afternoon. Members were taken on a photographic journey through Belgium France and Luxembourg, with Mrs Dunkley showing some of her lovely slides. The competition was also of a photographic flavour, members having to guess the various local beauty spots. This was organised by Mrs Ferrier-Kerr and won by Mrs Weston. After a most appetising tea organised by Mrs Woolford and helpers, a vote of thanks for a very enjoyable afternoon was proposed by Mrs Purvis.

At a Coffee morning organised by the Institute in aid of the Stoke Mandeville Appeal the sum of £30 was raised. The WI would like to thank all those who attended and helped with this event.

M.Pritchard.

LAWRENCE LEFEVRE.

It has been decided to close the collection in memory of Lawrence Lefevre at Easter. At present there is the marvellous sum of £87 and it is understood that most of this will be sent to Stoke Mandeville Hospital as part of the Year of the Disabled. A small amount will be retained to buy something for the village in his memory.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Lent Study Group has been meeting each Wednesday in different homes in the village and Robert Ormsby has been leading us through St Mark's description of the period leading up to the Crucifixion of our Lord. There are two more sessions, on the 1st and the 8th April, when it is hoped that there will be continued support for these meetings; there has been an average of 10 people each evening so far. Each session involves a separate discussion on a different part of the story of the Passion so that those who may not have attended previous group meetings can easily join in. The more serious part of the meeting lasts about an hour (from 8 p.m.) and has been followed by a pleasant coffee break and a social half-hour. Details of the meetings appear on the Church Notice Board each week.

Easter will soon be here and there will be the customary special church services to which all are invited. On Maundy Thursday there will be Communion at 7.30 p.m. in Christ Church. On Good Friday there will be an opportunity to climb the Tor to attend a service of Ante-Communion at St Michael's at 12 noon; there will also be an hour's Devotional Service at 2 p.m. that day in Christ Church. On Easter Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion (according to the Book of Common Prayer) at 9.45 a.m. followed by Evensong at 6.30 p.m. - both services in Christ Church.

CHURCH HALL

As many people will have seen, the repair and redecoration of the Hall has made considerable progress recently. It was a case of many hands making light work of the sanding and sealing of the floor and the Church Hall Committee are grateful to all those who helped so willingly on a dusty and noisy job. The results were well worth all the effort. Once the windows have been painted and the decorations touched up it is hoped to hang the new curtains which have been made and purchased with the £100 donation received. The work has cost a good deal of money in spite of much of it being carried out by voluntary labour and we have to think about raising a bit more to complete it. The Committee are planning a village social event for the evening of the May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May so please reserve the date and come along to enjoy yourselves. Watch out for details!

J.W.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

A Friday market has been held in Tavistock for 876 years since a charter was granted by Henry I
The statue of the Duke of Bedford in Tavistock is made of bronze containing copper and tin from the Devon Great Consols Mine near Gunnislake.....

In the 1860s over 1200 people worked in the above mines.....
Over 2000 people in Tavistock were employed in various mines and 6000 in the area in industries connected with mining.....

The importance of manganese mining near Brentor doubled the populations of the villages between Lewtrenchard and Coryton between 1801 and 1851, as much as 800 tons of manganese being mined in one year and taken by waggon to Morwellham.....
Early in the 19th century the area was a principal source of manganese for glass manufacture and later supplied the steel industry when it began on a large scale.....

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ENDPIECE....

I write in a week when the CBI (the employers organisation) predicts that unemployment will rise to about 3½ million by next year. Unemployment is likely to rise for the 16-19 year olds faster than any other group. By this summer there could be 900,000 out of work or unable to get a job and one estimate suggests that by July 1982 there will be 1.8 millions in the 16-19 age group alone who are unemployed. In Brentor and West Devon we will not stand apart from this situation. What is to be done?

We are currently being asked to comment on the Tavistock and District structure plan. The planners want us to tell them how we want this area to develop over the next few years. There are suggestions about whether we should have more estates (Bishopsmead?) or more factories ~~xxxxx~~ Then again, for those who wish to see nil growth, the time to say it is now.

My response would begin from the idea that people have a right to socially useful work. I would like to see the County and District Councils do things which help to promote this idea. What sort of projects have I in mind? Well, the Waste Savers in Tavistock seems a good place to start... at least in terms of ideas. This weekend I am going to a meeting near Dartington on Community Energy schemes. These sorts of project sometimes need official backing to get them going even when they might create much needed jobs. Perhaps the new Community Enterprise Scheme may help, but at the moment its only for 30,000 people. in the whole country - less than the monthly increase in unemployment.

Is there anything we can do? Or will we be content to notice that there are less visitors to the south west this summer? I would be interested in suggestions or your responses.

David Gorbutt.

BRENTOR DIARY.....APRIL.

April 4th W.I. Jumble Sale... 2.30 Village Hall.
April 9th Parish Council Elections
April 25th Comm~~an~~ 30yided~~church~~ JHable Sale and Auction
May 4th MayBank Holiday Social Event... Punch, Food and Fun
8pm in Church Hall.

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