

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tavistock and Local District Plan - This is a guide to proposed development in this area between now and 1991. The consultation period for this plan is from November 11th to December 31st. If anyone is interested in seeing the plan the Parish Council has a copy.

St Michael's Barrier - The hoped for addition of a safety barrier before the kissing gate entrance to the Tor will not be erected for the time being. The Highways Committee have declined to make any alterations beyond those already done.

The Parish Council had already agreed that this barrier was one of the main safety improvements to the entrance to avoid any further tragedy like that of two years ago. Because safety is still a priority, the Parish Council have reserved the right to disagree with the Highways Committee's conclusions and to take up the matter again at some later date.

Jets over Brentor - A letter received by the Parish Council from Sir Peter Mills, in reply to theirs, expressed sympathy over the low flying jets that trouble Brentor. He suggested that perhaps a record could be kept of the date, time and place of low flying aircraft and whether they were considered dangerous. This matter could then be looked into. Brentor is one of the designated low flying practice areas, but these areas are on a rota basis. If you take note of any low flying aeroplanes, please give the details to the Parish Council.

Citizens' Advice Bureau - The Parish Council has made its annual donation to the Citizens' Advice Bureau £20 this year. This is to assist in its expenditure. The Council sees it as a very worthwhile facility which needs support.

Ancient Mile Stone - Damage has been done to the ancient mile stone on the left hand side of the Lydford to Tavistock road, beyond the Burn Lane turn off to Brentor and just before the right hand turning towards Rowden. The Parish Council ask that care should be taken of this old stone and if further damage is witnessed could they be told.

The Goery Seat Plants - The Parish Council would like to thank the WI and friends for their great care of the plants around this seat. They are all well supported and ready to face the winter. Special thanks too for the help also given by Mr Blowey Senior.

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 10th January 1983, Village Hall 7.30pm.

GILL CORBUTT

A Merry Christmas to all  
our Readers.



All of us on the Parish Council would like to thank Mr Cecil Kelly for donating and planting a tree in the Parish. The tree is a Rowan Ash and it was planted at the entrance to the path at the Tor. Every extra tree in the Parish is an asset which we can all enjoy. Thank you Mr Kelly.

JEAN WHITFIELD

Thank you everyone who has given me not just masses of support and encouragement generally but everyone who has made the journey to Freedom Fields Hospital to have a blood test on my behalf. The staff there are all amazed at the numbers of people who have come forward and think Brentor is a rather special place. I certainly feel very lucky and happy to know so many good friends. Thank you all!

JEAN WHITFIELD

#### TENNIS COURTS AT ROWDEN

A letter has been sent to Mr Dennis Young, Secretary to the Playing Fields Committee, from Mr Carter of Rowden Gardens. He has kindly offered the use of his tennis courts to the village, for a small charge, to cover the cost of maintenance. Please let Dennis know if you would be interested in taking advantage of this facility next summer.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Group will be holding the Children's Party this year on Saturday 18th December. All children between 5 and 11 years are welcome - all donations of food will be gratefully received.

#### CAROL SINGING

We shall be carol singing around the village on 23 December (weather permitting). Anyone wishing to join us please be at the War Memorial at 7pm.

MAUREEN PRESCOTT

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is now in full swing and we are busy preparing for Christmas. Throughout Advent we will prepare the children for this great Christian festival by talking about and rehearsing a Nativity Play which we plan to present in Christchurch at 3pm on Sunday 19th December. Everyone is welcome - there will also be several carols to sing which will suit people of all ages, so please come and join us. Following this the Sunday School children will have a party in the Church Hall to round off a very successful and busy term.

GILL BARGE

\*\*\* GIFT BOOKS, PAPERBACKS, TOYS, HANDICRAFTS, BIRTHDAY & \*\*\*  
\*\*\* CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE COMMUNITY SHOP UNTIL CHRISTMAS \*\*\*

From Celia Smith of Mary Tavy.

#### WI REPORT

After thanking members for their continued help and support throughout the past year, at the recent Annual Meeting of the WI, Mrs Weston concluded her presidential address by quoting George Eliot - "I do not deny that women are foolish but the Lord made



## CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas Festival at the Church begins with the Sunday School Nativity Play in Christ Church on Sunday 19th December at 3 p.m. This will be followed by the usual Carol Evening (with mince pies!) in the Church Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday 20th December.

There will not be a midnight communion this year on Christmas Eve at Brentor but Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.45 p.m. on 24th December at Lydford.

On Christmas Day there will be a Family Communion (Rite A) at Christ Church at 10.30 a.m. followed by Evensong at St Michael's at 3.30 p.m. On Sunday 26th December there will be one service only and that will be Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 11 a.m. in Christ Church.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Some time ago in the Brentor News I expressed a certain amount of frustration that efforts to bring about tangible unity between the Church of England and some of the Free Churches had, at any rate for the foreseeable future, come to nought.

It seemed that we, at the 'grass roots' should stir ourselves to bring about within our own community what discussions within the centrally heated precincts of Church House, Westminster had failed to achieve. This view was, in general, supported when it was put before the Parochial Church Council and it was agreed that something should be done. Since then informal approaches have been made to various people in order to try and find out how we might foster a Brentor Christian Community. Such a body of local people might include all those who feel themselves committed to the Christian creed, whatever denomination they might formally, or informally, belong; indeed perhaps some who do not feel committed at present, might join in. The aim would be to discuss and exchange views in the first instance - perhaps ultimately to worship together in a united way on a regular basis?

The only tangible step in this direction which can be reported here and now is that as from Monday 6th December a series of fortnightly studies and discussions are commencing in the Methodist School Room in Brentor at 7.30 p.m. The subject is to be "The Journeys of St Paul" and the studies are to be led by Mr John Hill, a Methodist local preacher and former missionary worker.

Mr Hill's approach to his subject is both academic and realistic; he plans to follow the three journeys of St Paul and discuss the issues which arise at the various places on his travels.

Some folk, other than those who form part of the local Methodist congregation, have been attending these study groups in past winters but it is hoped to enlarge this circle as a first step towards doing more things together. The Chapel Stewards, Mr Sillifant and Mrs Claringbold are issuing an invitation to all of us to attend this 1982/3 series; it could offer a good opportunity for us to get to know each other better in an informal atmosphere - particularly as we drink the cup of tea which follows the study! Please do try to come along.

In the meantime please be thinking about the theme of Christian Unity and what it may be possible to do towards achieving that unity, at least within Brentor.

## DEVON ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

I recently represented Brentor Parish Council at the AGM of the above. Although the morning session of the meeting was perhaps a little dull - much as the AGM of any organisation tends to be - the afternoon session was well worth the journey to Barnstaple.

A platform Panel of speakers consisted of Mr J Ormerod, Assistant Chief Constable, Mr J Basson, Emergency Officer, Mr J Hamson, Director of Social Services and Mr Tony Day, Secretary of Exeter Community Health Council. The following statistics were given; they are both interesting and disturbing:- 1) In Devon one person in every 5 is over 65 years of age (10% of these receiving help from Social Services), 2) Marriages are now far less stable so that one in 4 finish in divorce; 40% of second marriages end in divorce, 3) One in every 6 children can expect to have some experience of single parent life, 4) One in 7 of the population can expect to need treatment for mental illness during their lives.

J.W.



(WI Report continued)

them to match the men." The events of the past year were reviewed in the Committee's report which was presented by the Secretary, Mrs Pritchard, and the Financial Report was duly adopted, it being pointed out that the Institute had finished the year with rather less in the bank than usual because only one fund raising effort had been held. The entire proceeds from the second fund raising event had gone to the Freedom Fields Ultra Sound Scanner Appeal. The meeting was attended by a VCO - Mrs Marshall who, before guiding members through their elections, told them something of how one becomes a Voluntary County Organiser.

The annual competition cup was won jointly by Mrs Blowey and Mrs Weston, joint runners up being Mrs Davey and Mrs Venning. The winner of the flower of the month competitions was Mrs Pritchard, with Mrs Dunnage the runner-up.

Officers and Committee for the coming year are as follows - Mrs Weston and Mrs Pritchard re-elected President and Secretary respectively, Treasurer Mrs Hallan, Vice Presidents Mrs Blowey and Mrs Purvis. Committee - Mrs Davey, Mrs Dunnage, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Sibley and Mrs Venning. Mrs Hodge was welcomed as a new member.

MARION PRITCHARD

FURNITURE RESTORATION

I am now restoring - on a Cottage Industry basis - small pieces of Victorian and antique furniture - chairs, small tables, small chests of drawers, and the like. I have a small stock of items to choose from, which I will restore for anyone, or I will restore a piece which you may already have and would like to use if it were in good condition. An extra chair is always useful for the extra guest at Christmas.

I shall also be doing Caning and in the New Year, Rushing and Upholstery (small pieces only). So if anyone is interested, come along and see me at Blacksmith Cottage (formerly The Bungalow) just along the lane from John Allen's smithy, or 'phone Mary Tavy 225.

JEANNE HULME

DIARY DATES

Saturday 18th December - Children's Christmas Party  
Sunday 19th December - Sunday School Nativity Play in Christchurch at 3pm.  
Thursday 23rd December - Carol Singing from 7pm.  
Monday 10th January 1983 - Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm.

CONTRIBUTIONS - Gill Gorbett, Jean Whitfield, Maureen Prescott,  
Gill Barge, Marion Pritchard, Jeanne Hulme, John Weston

DON'T FORGET! .....

XMAS PUNCH and MINCE PIES at the  
BRENTON COMMUNITY SHOP ON  
WEDNESDAY 22nd December 1982.  
10.30 - 12 noon.



MARY TAVY 514

Mr. & Mrs. BAKER

"MERRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!"

"BONNAFORD", BRENTOR.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

10.30 onwards

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ENTRANCE 50p - *includes* SHERRY & HOT MINCE PIE, *PLUS* Lucky Door Ticket!  
(Children  $\frac{1}{2}$  price)

FESTIVE FUN, with Christmas Carols - *many* Christmas Goodies, Stalls  
Galore, Lucky Dip: ALL THE TRADITIONAL SEASONAL EXTRAS.

COMPETITIONS

*Name the Doll*

*Best Cake*

*Most Original Christmas Decoration (any kind)*

*Best Christmas Plant*

RAFFLE, BRING and BUY (*Festive Items Please*)

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY - PLEASE SUPPORT!

DONATIONS and/or HELPERS, WARMLY WELCOMED.

OUR SINCERE THANKS, AND SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL.

*This is a Private Event, jointly in Aid of The Save The Children Fund,  
and Tibetan Refugee Children.*



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