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\* A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all readers of BRENTOR NEWS! We are sorry that this issue is rather shorter than usual but mince pies and all that seems to have stilled the hand that writes the news. We welcome all contributions and views which are written by people in our community. Stories and poems with a local flavour are particularly welcome.

Brentor W.I. Report.... At their December meeting the Brentor W.I. also welcomed non-members when Dr Steggles came to talk and show slides about the work of the Tamar Emergency Doctor Service. Dr Steggles then answered questions and a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Dunne expressing appreciation for the marvellous work which is done voluntarily by an already busy team of Doctors.

Members discussed their Winter programme and arrangements were made for their Twelfth Night Party on 6th January.

Tea and mince pies were provided by members of the committee and served by Mrs Woolford and helpers.

Marion Pritchard.

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#### CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP....

The Brentor Brownies under the leadership of Peggie Biggs and Judy Thompson put on a delightful Nativity Play in ~~the~~ Christ Church on December 16th. This was a revival of an old tradition... lets hope that this continues in future years.

The Brentor Ladies Group ran a very successful Childrens Party with entertaining cartoons, plenty of good food and a Father Christmas who gave out individually wrapped and named presents. Over 50 children attended the party in the Village Hall and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This party is paid for and organised every year by the Brentor Ladies Group and we would like to thank them for their efforts.

Two days before Christmas Brentor Community Centre Shop celebrated with punch and kindly donated mince pies (thanks to all those that did). Carols were heartily sung to the accompaniment of Jennifer Venning on the organ. The children were pleased to see Father Christmas (again!) even though, as one three year old confided later "it was really John Weston underneath, wasn't it?"

COMMUNITY SHOP.... opens between 10 and 12 noon on Wednesday morning

at the Village Hall. Open 90 lines in Groceries plus delicious home



## CHURCH NEWS

We were certainly very fortunate with the weather over the Christmas holiday compared with some other parts of the country. As a result, the festival services and other events were well attended. Only the Carol Service at the Methodist Church which we were looking forward to on the Sunday before Christmas, had to be cancelled in advance because of the snow and the forecast weather conditions.

The 'Carols by Candlelight' evening in the Church Hall was a particular success this year, with a good cross-section of the folk of the parish (about 75 in all) joining in lustily with the singing to the accompaniment of the new electronic organ played by Jennifer Venning. Not only did everyone seem to enjoy themselves on that occasion but in addition, the Penlee Lifeboat Disaster Fund benefited. The money given that evening plus later donations amounted to £71.74p - a wonderfully spontaneous response on the part of the village to this worthy appeal.

Most of us are probably feeling somewhat impoverished after the expenses of Christmas, but bearing in mind the generosity of the people of Brentor, it may be worth mentioning a local charity which would be worthy of our support in 1982. I refer to Crossline.

This is a Plymouth based Christian organisation, rather on similar lines to the Samaritans. It is staffed by nearly 100 counsellors and is expanding. A small mobile 'flying squad' responds continuously to an S.O.S. situation at any time of the day or night. It tries to deal with every sort of crisis - from the old lady's cry for help when water starts dripping through her ceiling from a leaking cistern to the other extreme where a mother calls for assistance when her son has beaten up members of the family.

The Crossline service which is available on Plymouth 666777 is a wide one and provided free to those needing help - but it costs a lot.

Donations are very welcome at Crossline Centre, 80/84 Union Street, Plymouth PL1 3EZ. This is a Ministry of Highway Trust, Registered Charity No. 26704. Gifts may help someone to have a happier 1982!

John Weston

## WANT TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

A number of people have said that they would be interested in language groups and it is proposed to hold a preliminary meeting at Broadmead Cottage (the Westons) on Wednesday January 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Please come along whatever language you are interested in learning or speaking. For further information before the meeting please ring Mary Tavy 311.

## Diary Dates...

Wx 6th January.... W.I. 12th Night Party

11th January.... Church Hall Management Committee meeting  
at 7.30pm Church Hall

13th Language Groups meeting 7.30 Broadmead Cottage.

Contributions this month from..... Gill and David Gorbett John Weston and Marion Pritchard.

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