

xxxxxXXXXXXXXX A Happy New Year to all our readers XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Christmas Round Up

It seems to have been very much a children's Christmas this year, with no less than 4 parties for them. The Playgroup children had a very happy afternoon in the Church Hall visited by Father Christmas, who also managed on the same afternoon to visit the Brentor Ladies Group party in the Village Hall. This was also very successful and many thanks to all those in the Ladies Group, who work so hard to provide this party every year.

The Toddler Group, now well established, had a party for their little ones and last but not least, the Sunday School had a lovely party for their members, after the delightful Nativity Play in the Church performed by the children.

The Brownies also provided a Christmas entertainment for their parents at their last meeting before Christmas.

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BRENTOR COMMUNITY SHOP

It was lovely to see everyone at the last shop before Christmas. The atmosphere was really warm and festive, despite the Punch running out a bit soon! Thanks for all the generous donations of mince pies. They were all delicious.

Brentor Parish Council

The next meeting of the Council is to be on Monday January 10th 1983 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is allowed and welcome to attend.

CB RADIO USERS..... this item was unfortunately missed from last months Parish Council Report.....

... if anyone in Brentor has a CB Radio and is interested in making it available at a time of emergency, to the village, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs E. Blowey. (Phone 986-255), who will explain in more detail, this request.

PLAYGROUP.... this begins again next Tuesday January 11th in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12.30. GILL GORBUTT.

WI NEWS.....

For their Christmas meeting members of the WI were joined by friends from the village and neighbouring institutes for what turned out to be thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of films. These were provided by Mrs M Hodge, ARPS, from Saltash. Using two projectors, she showed first a documentary film of the Tamar Valley from its source visting the many interesting places on the river down to Plymouth Sound. The second film, "The Sound of the Sea", was a marvellously descriptive piece of music which Mrs Hodge had accompanied with some superb slides of the sea in all its moods, and the third film, entitled "Shades of Autumn" was just what its title suggested. To conclude Mrs Hodge showed some amusing slides of odd notices, etc. which she had come across on her travels. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Davey for one of the best afternoons of films the Institute has ever seen.

The competition for a Christmas decoration was won jointly by Mrs Blowey and Mrs Dunkley. The flower of the month was won by Mrs Downing, second Mrs Blowey, third Mrs Dunnage. (con'td).....

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas is over with all the joys the festival brings with it and the New Year has brought the usual spate of good resolutions. In 1983, perhaps more than at any time in recent years so it would seem, we need to resolve to further the bonds of unity. In a divided world, divided by political thought, by differences in culture, by differences in economic conditions and economic potential, the more we can all discover areas where we can find agreement the better it would seem to be.

So often one feels that the emphasis is placed on points of difference; the media, particularly the radio and TV seem concerned so much in seeking out differing opinions to the extent that areas of agreement seem sometimes to receive little or no recognition. In the past, it has been clearly shown that unity produces strength. So let us in our local community try to find out just how much we all agree upon and try to overcome by means of discussion the politics of confrontation.

To this end perhaps during 1983 we may be able to further Christian unity within Brentor. A start has been made and possibly during the week of Christian Unity which commences on 17th January, we might devote thought and prayer to how best we can all come together more within the Parish.

United Plans

It is very much regretted that owing to the illness of Mr Hill, the discussions on the Journeys of St Paul, have had to be postponed. We all wish Mr Hill a speedy recovery.

In the meantime, on Tuesday 25th January (the day on which the Conversion of St Paul is celebrated) you are invited to a coffee evening from 7.30 p.m. onwards, at Broadmead Cottage, to discuss informally how the needs might be met for all those who would like to see a greater degree of co-operation between all Christian folk within Brentor and the surrounding area.

On the afternoon of the same day (25th January) there will be the usual monthly meeting of the united Brentor Women's Fellowship; this will be held in the Methodist School Room at 3 p.m. and the speaker is to be Mrs Laurie Smith, wife of the Superintendent Minister of Tavistock Methodist Circuit. All ladies are welcome to these meetings.

CHURCH HALL

Following a recent meeting of the Committee, it has been decided to go ahead with improvements to the toilets, followed by further work on the kitchen. A skip is being ordered for Saturday 15th January when it is planned to get rid of rubble and other unnecessary items from the yard and the outbuildings.

Volunteers, strong and able and preferably armed with shovels, are asked to come along to the Hall between 10 a.m. and noon on that day to help with the manual work; coffee and biscuits provided! Please note the date in your diary.

J.W.

Carol Evening

The Carol Evening in the Church Hall resulted in £13.60 being sent to the C of E Children's Society.

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W.I. NEWS(cont'd)..... As a result of the Coffee Morning/nearly New Sale in November the sum of £35 was sent from the proceeds to the St Lukes Hospice and the Institute would like to thank all who supported this event.

Members are reminded that as from January meetings will be held on the first Thursday in the month.

Diary Dates..... 6th January: 12th Night Party at 2.30pm. Slides of Australia (Mrs Bodman). January 10th and 24th Social afternoons. January 17th: Dinnner at Castle Inn Lydford. February 3rd: Decorating Gateaux at 2.30pm. February 7th and 21st: Social Afternoons.

Marion Pritchard.