

WATER SHORTAGE

Everyone will already be aware of the water shortage in the South West. The South West Water Authority have informed the Parish Council, that unless the water situation improves, it is likely that some form of restriction in water supply to the public will have to be imposed in the next few weeks. This restriction could take the form of stand pipes, similar to the restrictions in 1976, or rationing, by turning off the supplies for say, 20hrs per day. No decision has yet been taken by the South West Water Authority, as to which form the restriction would take.

If you consider you or your household, to be at risk, please state your reasons, on paper and send this to the Chairman of Brentor Parish Council, Mr. Mick Biggs, c/o The Post Office, Brentor, before August 13th 1984.

MISS. BELLRINGER

The Miss. Bellringer, mentioned in last month's Brentor News, was a very well known and benevolent character. She was the Mistress of the Village School until it closed. She was provided or helped to pay for the bus that took the congregation from the Village up to St. Michaels every Sunday evening in the summer.

Until she left the Village towards the end of her life, she was the President of the local British Legion Women's Section. She lived to be 97.

Gill Sibley

Miss. Bellringer was a lady of stirring quality. She was Headmistress of Brentor School for many years and lived with a Mr. & Mrs. Bickford at Moorlands, Heathfield, where Mr. & Mrs. Frank Downing now live. From there she walked to the school and back each day.

She formed an "Old Scholars" Association, and I can remember two former pupils of the school, writing a play which was performed at a concert.

In order to get shopping done, Miss. Bellringer would often catch a train to Tavistock after school closed and walk back to Heathfield.

Oftentimes a 'Printer's Devil' and former pupil of Miss. Bellringer - young Percy Sly - employed at The Times Office, would overtake her, when cycling home from work and relieve her of her shopping bag and deliver it to Moorlands. A few people here, kept in touch each Christmas and on her birthday October 26th, and remember Miss. Bellringer and many of her charitable deeds with affection.

Stella Claringbold

W.I. NEWS

Members of the W.I. will have no excuse for not 'sweeping the board' at local produce shows this year. Their July meeting took the form of a Show Forum at which their queries were answered by a panel of experts - Mrs. Blowey (cookery), Mrs. Lethbridge and Mrs. Williams (handicraft) and Mr. Sillifanf (garden produce). It proved to be a most successful afternoon and a number of useful tips were given by the panel. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Wenning.

Mrs. Ball from Mary Tavy was officially welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Pritchard reported on the big W.I. event of the year, namely the Life and Leisure Exhibition held at Olympia at the end of June, which she and Mrs. Sibley attended. The main aim of the Exhibition was to sell the W.I. to the public and recruit new members and with this in mind perhaps this is a good time to say that Brentor is always pleased to have new members who may be sure of a warm welcome at meetings. Don't wait for an invitation, just come along to a meeting and learn more about us. Hopefully you will not be disappointed!

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CHURCH NEWS

The Confirmation Service at Christ Church on the evening of Tuesday 17th July was a memorable occasion for the young people and some more mature candidates who were confirmed by the Bishop of Plymouth on that occasion. It will also be remembered by the many families, friends and godparents who filled the church. Somehow or other we managed to accommodate over 150 people. Thanks are due to all who helped on that occasion and particularly to the ladies who provided such a fine buffet supper afterwards for everyone in the Church Hall; fortunately the weather was beautiful that evening and we were able to eat outside as well as in the Hall!

A Festival of Praise, which will be a Team Service is to be held on Sunday 5th August at 6.30 p.m. at St Michael's Church on the Tor. It is hoped that the weather will be good and that the singing etc will take place in the open air so please try and come along and join in. There will be a barbecue and bonfire as well so please come with your bangers to be cooked.

EASTCOTT MEMORIAL FIELD

The barbecue in aid of the funds for the project, which took place on Friday 20th July proved to be a successful and enjoyable occasion thanks in no small part to the lovely summer weather. Some 84 sausages and 48 burgers plus the equivalent number of rolls (all baked by Jennifer Venning!) were consumed and a large amount of liquid refreshment taken. Some £70 was raised towards the cost of the play/rest area.

Robert Ormsby has worked hard and erected the fence to enclose the area for which planning permission was granted and at the request of the authorities a separate gate is to be provided for access, to make it as safe as possible.

It is some time since the scheme was first launched and so it might be worth detailing the history of the project. In 1979 the Church was left an interest in some fields in the village under the term of the will of the late Mrs Eastcott. She also owned the field in the centre of the village which came up for auction. The Parochial Church Council decided to purchase the latter with the funds made available so that the field could be preserved for the benefit of the village as a whole. It was named the Eastcott Memorial Field.

In July 1979 the PCC sent out a letter to some 15 village organisations asking for suggestions on how the field should be used. Many of these replied and the consensus of opinion was that the area should be retained as far as possible as in the past as a pasture field but that a small area should be devoted to a play area for small children with seats for mothers and others who might like to use it as a rest area.

At the time, a notice was put up in the village and suggestions were also invited from individuals; in the main those received followed the same kind of pattern.

Because the field was so wet it was decided to drain it and this was done by agricultural contractors in the following year. The effect of the drainage scheme took some time to show and a site meeting indicated that the lower end of the field, opposite the church and Post Office which was favoured for the proposed development, would be too waterlogged. It was therefore decided to use the top end instead.

As soon as an insurance has been taken out by the PCC to cover public liability it is hoped that the new village amenity can be put in use. However there is a good deal to do in the way of landscaping and the provision of seats and suitable equipment before the project is completed.

W.I. News continued.....

The flower of the month was won by Miss. Dunn, 2nd Mrs. Downing, 3rd. Mrs. Purvis.

The August meeting will be a garden meeting at Mrs. Gallup's at Weir Quay and the meeting on September 6th will be an afternoon outing to Saltram. Anybody interested in joining us for the latter will be most welcome- please contact any member. It is proposed to leave Brentor at 1.30pm and Saltram about 5.30pm, coach fare in the region of £1.50.

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PLAY GROUP COFFEE MORNING

The Play Group coffee morning on July 28th, raised about £35. It was a lovely morning and everyone was out in the garden of Windsor Cottage.

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Thanks to all those who came and supported, and a special thank you to Jean Brooker of Windsor Cottage for letting the Play group use her house and garden..

Jenny Radford

Brentor Community Centre..... AGM

The 6th Annual General Meeting of Brentor Community Centæe was held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 31st July 1984. Tribute was paid to the late Jean Whitfield who had, the Chairman said, worked tirelessly for the success of the venture from the beginning in 1978. Officers and Committee were elected as follows: David Gorbutt(Chairman) Margaret Doncaster (Secretary), Rick Blower (Treasurer), and Committee members Pat Burns, Robbie Burns, Michael Whitfield, Stella Claringbold. Sandra Johnson, Pat Blower, Gill Gorbutt and Pam Gibbs.

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