



Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale.

Once again Brentor showed its generosity at the Blue Peter Weatherbeater Bring and Buy Sale. The Final total was an amazing £205. Special thanks to a group of young people namely Stevie, Nicola, Bryonie, Gini, Sarah Jake and Daniel, who braved the elements to go Carol Singing and raise £10.55 for the Blue Peter Appeal. Well done! Many thanks to all who helped and contributed from the 1st Brentor Brownies.

Peggie Biggs.

Brentor Community Centre News.

Community Shop..... a big 'thank you' to all those who so kindly donated prizes for the Christmas Raffle. The final total was 35 prizes.

We start the New Year with good news: people who have volunteered for the Shop Rota will only have to serve every eight weeks because more people have volunteered to help. If anyone feels able to assist occasionally please contact me (Mary Tavy 777).

In future we will not be selling cheese. If there are any items you would like to see for sale please say and we will see what can be done.

Sandra Johnson.

Brentor in Pictures..... it is proposed to start an album of village events . If you have any photos of such occasions in Brentor as Coronations, Jubilees, Fetes, Fayres, Weddings etc. as far back as possible please may we have them? These can be returned if requested after copies have been taken.

Photos of individuals and events relating to Brentor in local papers would also be welcome. Don't forget any details i.e. name , date, with the photographs.

Sandra Johnson.

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New Bus Times

A new schedule for the Brentor-Tavistock bus starts from January 16th and will be posted up in the centre of the village to refer to.

Mrs Winifred Gray

Not many of our present WI members will remember Mrs Winifred Gray who used to live at Park House where the Whitfield family now live. She called the first meeting in 1949 to see if there was enough interest locally to start a WI. The Village Hall was packed with enthusiastic ladies of all ages and it was decided to start without delay. Mrs Gray was one of the most active members for many years . She died recently at the age of 80 having spent her later years with her daughter at Totnes.

Mrs J.O.Blowey.
(Founder member Brentor W.I.)

W.I. News.

At their December meeting members of the W.I. together with visitors from the village and neighbouring institutes were treated to a return visit from Mrs Hodge of Saltash, aided by her husband. Mrs. Hodge delighted her audience with some of her superb slides- some unusual, some humorous, some breathtakingly beautiful. Although this year Mrs Hodge did not accompany her slides with music they lost none of their impact. A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Everall for a truly enthralling afternoon.

The President, Mrs Weston, thanked all those who had helped with the Coffee Morning/ Nearly New Sale. From the proceeds it was possible to send £30 to the Eastcott Memorial Field project.

The afternoon concluded with everybody being served with tea and mince pies.

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TALL STORY.....

House Hunting

A young couple about to be married were looking for a house in the country. Having looked over one they liked they were returning to their city when the young lady said that she had not noticed any WC, meaning the Water Closet. The groom to be recalled that he too had not seen it so he wrote to the landlord inquiring where the WC was located. The landlord did not know what W.C. meant but being himself a devout church-goer he came to the conclusion that his prospective tenants must be referring to the Wesleyan Church. Accordingly he replied as follows:

"Dear Sir,

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter but I have the pleasure to inform you that the WC is located 9 miles from the house on a good paved road and is capable of seating 240 people, this is unfortunate for if you are in the habit of going regularly, but you will be glad to know that a number of people take their lunch and make a day of it. Others who can't spare the time go by car and generally they are in such a hurry that they cannot wait. The last time my wife and I went was 6 years ago and we had to stand all the time. It may be of interest to you to know that a bazaar is to be given soon to raise funds to furnish plush seats as many of the members feel that this is a long felt want. I may mention that it pains me greatly not to be able to go more often.

signed..... Landlord.

(The above was kindly loaned by Vera Downing)

CHURCH NEWS

1984 Someone said on the radio recently that if he heard the name of George Orwell mentioned again he would scream! Certainly the Christian view of the future must be a more optimistic one than his. If we resign ourselves to the view that our human institutions, subject as they are to our human failings, will ultimately triumph then this is to ignore both the birth of Christ, His ultimate sacrifice and the influence of Christianity. So, in spite of the discord which exists in the world today and the petty disagreements we all have among ourselves, there must be hope for 1984 and the longer term future.

"Songs of Praise" service in Christ Church on Sunday 15th January at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that this ecumenical occasion will be a success and that everyone will come along with their families to join in the singing and the simple service. We shall not have the television cameras present! So if you want to enjoy the singing and take part, please make a note of the date and the time. Everyone is invited to help make this village occasion with a full church and lusty voices.

An enthusiastic Young Music Group sang for the first time at what seemed to be a very successful Family Service in December. There will be a similar service on Sunday 8th January at 9.45 a.m. The Young Music Group will be practising their hymns on Friday evening, 6th January, from 7 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. and any new recruits will be very welcome.

Christian Aid Week

On Thursday 12th January there will be a meeting with the Rev. M. Upton who is representative for Christian Aid in the Diocese of Exeter. The Parochial Church Council have invited the Lydford PCC to join them on this occasion and as Christian Aid is supported by other churches, it is hoped that anyone else who is interested in the organisation of Christian Aid Week locally later in the year, will come along. The meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall - and there will be coffee and biscuits.

The Women's Fellowship is organising a Coffee Morning at the Old Vicarage (by kind permission of Mrs Sarah Lefevre) from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday 21st January. The proceeds will go to the Royal Institute for the Deaf and towards the valuable work carried out locally at the Devon Institute at Court Grange, near Newton Abbot. Deafness is not always given the sympathy it deserves so it is hoped that there will be plenty of support for what is a very worthy cause.

J.W.

BRENTOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Despite the terrible weather, we were delighted to see so many people arriving for the Sunday School's Christmas Presentation. The children had been working very hard on their production and it was very rewarding to see so many Parents and friends in church. It was especially nice to welcome Lydford Sunday School to our church. Afterwards the children had their Christmas Party and many thanks to all those people who provided food and help on the day.

We look forward now to the New Year and would remind parents that Sunday School starts again on Sunday 15th January at 9.45am, in the Church Hall.

Sally Wetherbee.

DIARY DATES

January 9th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm.
" 12th	Christian Aid Week Meeting, Church Hall, 7.30pm.
" 16th	Bus Timetable change.
" 21st	Womens Fellowship Coffee Morning, Old Vicarage, 10.30-12.00 pm.
February 2nd	W.I. Demonstration? Danish Pastries- with Mr. Foster, Village Hall.
" 4th	Community Shop Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2.30pm.

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