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GEORGE RAINE.

May I say "Thank you" to all our many friends in Brentor for your concern for me and my family at the death of my dear George. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have sustained us at this time, and I know you will continue to remember him and us in your Prayers.

Thank you too for coming to Christ Church to join with us in the service of Praise and Thanksgiving for George's life and work.

May God Bless you all.

Betty Raine.

For nearly 20 years I knew George Raine and counted him as a friend. He shared our joy at happy times and supported us when we were down. He did this with unfailing kindness, cheerfulness and complete unselfishness.

His sermons taught me to listen again. In his last sermon in Christ Church, on the Sunday after Ascension, he talked of the Spirit being almost visible in some people. In his humble way, he did not realise that for me, and many others I'm sure, his sure faith was an inspiration.

The Spirit certainly shone from him. We shall all miss him, but we are privileged to have known him as our Lay Reader and friend.

Jennifer Venning. Organist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER OUTING.

The Sunday School are arranging a Summer outing for all members of the Sunday School who wish to come along. This year we are planning a day out at Morwellham, leaving Brentos after Sunday School, on Sunday 15th July and returning at about 6.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

We hope parents will join us if they are able to, and we would be grateful to know numbers as soon as possible, so please get in touch with Gill Still (Lydford 216) or myself.

Sunday School will then close for a Summer break. Re-opens on Sunday 16th September. Once again we would ask if anyone is interested in helping out at Sunday School, perhaps once a month, to let us know. Thank you.

Sally Wetherbee.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Mr. Collins's Field.

Mr. Collins was invited to this months Parish Council meeting to discuss the new entrance to his field, by the bus shelter, in the village. He was able to attend, and answered all the questions the Parish Council asked. He said he had no plans at the present for the field, until the result of his planning appeal is known.

Brentor Children's Fund.

It was decided that money, amounting to £28.24p, remaining from a fund originally given to the village by a Miss Bellringer, for an annual childrens outing or party, will be used for an event for the children of the village. The event will be decided later.

Caravan Parking - Tor Car Park.

Dartmoor National Park have agreed to alert the Ranger to the problem of over-night Caravan parking. They will erect a sign immediatly and a permanent sign board at a later date. The rubbish bin liner has been replaced.

Bowls Tournament.

The annual Bowls Tournament is on July 16th at 6.15pm. in the Meadows, Tavistock.

The Parish Council Team this year :-

Edwin Blowey.

John Weston, Sheila Weston.

Jennifer Venning.

Reserve. Clive Downing.

The event is run by the Tavistock Lions in conjunction with the carnival.

Next meeting, of the Parish Council will be August 20th at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Play Group.

There will be a Coffee morning on July 28th at Jean Brookers', Windsor Cottage, Brentor. 10.30 - 12.00 noon. Proceeds will go to buy toys and equipment. There will be a Bring & Buy Sale,, and a sale of children's educational books. Everybody welcome.

Scouts.

Glenwill Johnson earnt the most money, for 1st Tavistock Scout Group, during Scout Job Week. Many thanks to those of you who gave him jobs.

Sandra Johnson.

White Wine Punch.

½ bottle whisky,)
3 glasses sherry,)
1 cup brown sugar)

Warm together and soak overnight in punch bowl.

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GEORGE RAINÉ

There can be few in the village who will not miss George who, sadly, died quite suddenly on 13th June.

Apart from the fact that he had been a lay reader in the Church for some 27 years and active in this and neighbouring Anglican parishes since 1958, he had also entered into the full life of the village. Originally a merchant navy radio officer, George was caught up in the Second World War like many of his contemporaries. He took part in the evacuation from Dunkerque, was twice torpedoed at sea and suffered a good deal from the after effects of these experiences - though he never talked about them.

Brought up as a Methodist, George became an Anglican at the end of the War and in 1946 he married Betty, a native of Devon. After service in the north as a wireless technician with the Home Office, George managed to get a transfer back to Betty's home county and that was when they settled in Brentor.

At different times George served on the Parish Council, was Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, on the Cricket Club Committee and active (both on the stage and back-stage) in the Brentorians. Right up to the last production of the latter, he was still the expert on the lighting! A generous and social man, George also enjoyed regularly the company at the Brentor Inn.

Some folks may remember how during the great freeze-up of the winter of 1962/3 the radiators in Christ Church inconveniently froze and then burst. There was no vicar in Brentor at the time so George took the initiative and organised Anglican services in the Methodist Church. We shall certainly miss George in the village - not least next winter as, among the many hats he wore, he was the expert who looked after the Christ Church heating system and ensured, so far as it was possible, that we had the warmth when it was needed.

Our sympathies go to Betty and her family at this time but her loss is also a great loss to the village of Brentor.

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Stewardship

The Parish Supper proved a great success and the ladies of the Social Committee and their helpers provided a splendid meal. The weather that evening was particularly good and the Church Hall looked at its best.

Following the commissioning by Bishop Goodchild, the visitors are calling upon those families which have indicated that they are prepared to welcome one. It is hoped to widen and at the same time to draw together the church family; this is in addition to solving some of the financial problems that are being faced by the Parochial Church Council.

Eastcott Memorial Field

At last planning permission has been received from the Dartmoor National Park Authority for the use of the upper corner of the field as a play and rest area. There are a few conditions which are being discussed with the Planning Officer, including the siting of the entrance gate but it is hoped to fence off the area straight away.

There will be a BARBECUE on FRIDAY, 20th JULY, the last day of the schools' term; it will be based on the Church Hall and will be similar to that held last year. But it is hoped to raise money from the event to help finance the play area. We have now been awarded a grant of £200 from the Devon Playing Fields Association but this will be nowhere near sufficient money to fence, landscape and equip the area. It is planned to barbecue from 5.30 p.m. onwards (so that the smaller children can also enjoy the evening) - so watch for the posters and do come along and enjoy yourselves.

J.W.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

Christchurch clock is now in full working order again. Thanks should go to all those who worked so hard to get it started especially Gill and Mike Barge and Dennis and Steven Young.

BRENTOR COMMUNITY CENTRE A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Brentor Community Centre is to be on JULY 31st; at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

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W.I. NEWS

" The highlight of the year" was how Mrs. Blowey, proposing the vote of thanks, described Mr. Killingbeck's talk on the Future of the Antarctic at the W.I.'s June meeting. After an unexpected switch to the Church Hall it was gratifying to see such a good attendance at this open meeting for what was indeed a memorable evening. Assisted by his wife Jenny, Mr. Killingbeck showed some superb slides taken during the time he spent in Antarctica and explained that it was like trying to exist in the sub zero temperatures of this vast south polar region. Living quarters appeared surprisingly snug and comfortable compared with the often savage conditions outside. With the help of Alan Read, acting as a model, the audience was able to see the sort of clothes which would be worn to keep out the cold. Mr. Killingbeck spoke of the many pressures on the Antarctic and how it is likely to face up to them in the years to come.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Blowey, 2nd Mrs. Dunnage, 3rd Mrs. Downing.

Later in the month some members spent an enjoyable afternoon exploring and having a picnic at Fingle Bridge.

Marion Pritchard.

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MINERS MEETING

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on June 27th to meet and listen to a miner from South Wales, who is in the Plymouth area at the moment, raising funds for miners families.

The meeting was well attended, and everyone agreed that they had learnt a great deal about the present industrial situation and the effect it is having on welsh mining villages and their families.

A collection was made and the meeting was able to give Mr. Victor Sedgebeer £66 to go towards food and clothing for miners families from his area of Wales.

If anybody else wishes to contribute to the relief of miners families, please contact Gill Gorbett, Old Station House.

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Add equal quantities of wine and lemonade, Up to 4 litres of each, before it loses its punch. Float herbs on top.

Sally and Hugh Wetherbee.

DIARY DATES

JULY 5th W.I. - Show Forum- Panel: Mrs. Blowey, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Sillifant.

JULY 16th Bowls, Tavistock, 6.15pm.

JULY 20th BARBECUE, Church Hall, from 5.30pm onwards.

JULY 28th Playgroup Coffee Morning., 10.30- 12.00 noon. Jean Brooker's Windsor Cottage.

AUG 2nd W.I. Garden Meeting, Cleeve Cottage, Weir Quay. (Mrs. Gallup)

Date for next copy July 25th . Thank you to all contributors.