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Vending in Tor car park... There could be the possibility of mobile vending at the Tor car park, but as yet it is not clear who owns the land and is entitled to give permission. It was stressed, by some councillors that if mobile vending should be allowed in the future, it was important that tender should go to local people, to encourage local enterprise and employment.

Footpath from Burnville to Wastor.... Resulting from a recent meeting, residents at Lydford Station have agreed, using ballast from the old railway line, to help repair the road from the footpath to the station houses and then to the main Lydford road. It had been mentioned at a previous Parish Council meeting that the road was in a very poor state of repair.

Bowls... Brentor's Parish Council Team sadly lost 4-2 to Horrorbridge in the first round, on July 15th. The competition was held in the Meadows and run by the Lions Club of Tavistock. About 20 teams took part.

Devon Village Ventures... The Parish Council was given information on a scheme called Devon Village Ventures 1985-86 by Shell U.K. Ltd. Prizes are on offer, first prize £ 125 and second prize £100. The information states.... ' The aim of this new competition is to support and encourage voluntary projects in Devon villages. The emphasis is on people pulling together to improve their social or physical surroundings. Any group of people which develops a volunteer-run project for the benefit of the local community can enter. The competition is for new enterprises. Entry is free. The day-to-day running of an organisation will not qualify, but any recent extension of its work will do so.'... For further information on what ventures could be appropriate and other details, contact Gill Gorbitt Tel. Mary Tavy 403. Gill Gorbitt

ON 31st AUGUST at BRENTOR CHURCH HALL. Entries by FRIDAY 30th of AUGUST. Show OPEN FOR VIEWING at approx. 2.30pm.

Schedules available at Brenton Post Office or from Jennifer Venning
Tel. Mary Tavy 555.

CREAM TEA with BRING and BUY, RAFFLE, HOME -
PRODUCE, and BRIC a BRAC.STALLS.

On SEPTEMBER 14th at 2.00pm. In Mary Tavy Coronation Hall. Contributions for all the stalls will be gratefully received, particularly home produce and cakes. Contacts, Mrs. Vera Jones, 17, Great Fellingfield, Mary Tavy. Tel. Mary Tavy 543. or Mrs. Gill Gorbitt, Old Station House, Brentor. Tel. Mary Tavy 403.

Proceeds from the Coffee Morning, on June 17th at Old Station House, Brentor were £17. Many thanks to all those who contributed and attended. All money raised at present is to go towards helping to set up Age Concern in Tavistock, which will then service the surrounding rural areas.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Age Concern, which is a national organisation, or would like to get involved please contact Vera Jones, Gill Gorbett or Peta Humphries, 7, Station View, Brentor. Plymouth has a thriving Age Concern, in a purpose built building near the Barbican.

SEWING If you require any sewing repairs or alterations, curtains or cushion covers etc. Please contact Jeanette Emmett, Roseland, Brentor. Tel. Mary Tavy 222.

LORD BYRON

When my eight year old champion dog died recently, I was utterly miserable and lost and during the days after, decided, after 25 years immersed in the dog world of breeding, showing, walking and loving them, that it was the end of the line. No more dogs, with all the demands, dirt expense, of a life governed by their needs. I watched my old bitch sink into depression, dragging around fields and woods which were her joy, and she became the twelve year old she really was, withdrawing rapidly into old age. I suddenly realised she was mirroring me. That sounds stupidly fanciful, but it was true. I resurrected an old dream, which was 20 years submerged. I bought a Newfoundland puppy.

The old lady rejected him, his black bounciness. I don't think she even thought he was a dog, but a bear come in from the wild. She bit him, refused to look at him, but slowly began to watch, to steal his toys and bones. For three weeks I had to guard him from her unpredictable attacks, then slowly she shed her years, began to participate; her eyes brightened, she slept less, she became alive again.

As for me, I have taken each day as it comes, amazed at my madness, at the visibly growing Prince of Darkness which dominates life. It's like living in a variety show, not knowing whether the next minute will bring on a dancing bear, clown, man eating tiger, tumbler, or a strange quiet philosopher who sits with enormous paws at ease, summing up the world. The swimming seal act is, ofcourse, the best. He is the expert of the water world, with his webbed feet and ecstatic energy. He is the personification of the magic of man's need to communicate with the lost, wild world of his past. This is a primitive creature with a contract to live with man. Somewhere inside that black fur is the memory of the bitter Newfoundland coast, the fishing boats and their nets and his strong swimming in freezing waters to serve man. Even the most suburban prison can't drive out his deep memory, this incredible genetic endowment. I get furious as he sprays mud around, moves furniture, thuds his soaking mass onto settees with utter joy. But there he is and he refuses to acknowledge that I am old, decrepit, feeble, by his standards. Therapy by Newfoundland.

He is called Lord Byron as a gesture to his most famous dog poems, including the epitaph....

Near this spot
Are deposited the remains of one
Who possessed beauty without vanity
Strength without insolence
Courage without ferocity

And all the virtues of man without his vices.

.....to Boatswain, who was born in Newfoundland May 1803 and died at Newstead Abbey 1808.

Margaret Doncaster

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FUN RALLY FOR DOGS

FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST at 6.30pm in the BRENTOR INN FIELD.

All family dogs welcome.

Kennel Club exemption applied for.

In aid of the ARTHRITIS and RHEUMATISM COUNCIL for RESEARCH.

Many thanks to those people who sponsored the runner in the Plymouth Marathon recently, for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

The amount raised was £ 61.

Schedules, for the above Fun Rally can be collected from the Post Office in Brentor or get in touch with Jennifer Venning Tel. Mary Tavy 555.

Jennifer Venning

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CHURCH NEWS

BARBECUE AND OPENING OF EASTCOTT MEMORIAL FIELD PLAY/REST AREA

The churchwardens were pleased to welcome so many children, young people and their parents to the end-of-term barbecue at the Church Hall. The young ones came from Brentor itself and from neighbouring parishes - but also from as far afield as Spain, Germany and Sri Lanka (such is the attraction of our barbecued bangers!).

The weather managed to keep reasonably fine, though not quite as warm and sunny as in previous years, but a record number of sausages and burgers were eaten with chefs, Peter French and Simon Martin barbecuing themselves in the process, judging by the amount of smoke which hid them most of the time.

Canon Martyn Bateman, our new Rector, and his wife Jane, seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as everyone else. The Rector formally opened the new play and rest area of the Eastcott Memorial Field during the evening and followed up with a prayer of dedication that the area might be used by young and old alike. Judging by the activity afterwards, the natural bank across the corner will be a great attraction for the young ones who proceeded to roll down it time after time - even the Rector could not resist the attraction!

There was a small profit of £28.50 on the barbecue, of which £2.50 goes to the Playing Field Fund, for the loan of the skittles and £26 to the Church Hall Fund.

SONGS OF PRAISE ON THE TOR

On Sunday evening, 4th August, there is to be an open air service of praise on the Tor, below St Michael's Church. There will be plenty of singing accompanied by a guitar group, a bonfire and barbecue. Please bring your own sausages or burgers and we will cook them for you on the barbecue. It is hoped that all the families from around Brentor will come along to join in the singing and to enjoy the evening.

We are all hoping that it will be a fine evening; should it be impossible to hold the service on the Tor because of the weather, then we shall use the Church Hall and enjoy the evening just the same!

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Following the renewal pledges after the first year of Christian Stewardship, the emphasis is on the use of the time and talents in the work of the Church locally. The Rector suggests that we all try to follow a 'Three Hour Principle':-

An Hour for Worship with the Church.

An Hour for worship for the Community.

An Hour's wages for the Work of the Church.

This does not seem to be too demanding a schedule to start with.

John Weston

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W.I. NEWS

No doubt most of us have at some time tried to imagine what it must be like to be blind. Possibly we have even experimentally shut our eyes whilst climbing stairs or walking around the house, but we know that we only have to open them again for everything to return to normal. What a daunting experience it must be to walk in a busy town without being able to see. All those frightening obstacles or, worse still, to have to cross a road. With a guide dog, however, a whole new world can be opened up to the blind person.

All this was explained with such confidence and humor to members of the W.I. at their July meeting that it was at times difficult to realize that the speaker was herself blind. Mrs. Gale, blind for the last 25 years, was speaking about guide dogs for the blind and members listened, with a feeling of humility, to how these wonderful dogs are trained from puppyhood to be the eyes of the blind person and how that person, too, must be trained to work with the dog. Mrs. Gale was, of course, accompanied by her faithful companion, Ivor, beautiful 2½ years old golden retriever. After answering questions Mrs. Gale was presented with a cheque for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, Brentor W.I.'s charity for the year and part of the proceeds of a recent jumble sale.

Institute business included a report on the AGM, read in the absence of the delegate, Mrs. Sibley, by Mrs. Pritchard.

W.I. NEWS continued

Arrangements were made for a garden meeting to be held in August at the home of Mrs. Bodman, and an outing to Buckfast Abbey, Dartington and Totnes in September.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Johnson, 2nd Mrs. Purvis, 3rd Mrs. Frost.

Recently a group of members paid a very enjoyable lunch time visit to the Flower Festival at St. Paul's, Yelverton and listened to a short talk on the stone circles of Dartmoor by Mr. Eric Hemery.

DOOMSDAY PROJECT

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

The W.I. has been allocated a 3x4 km. block which takes in the village, Lydford Gorge, part of Lydford Forest across to Watervale, down to Kingsett Down, Cholwell and Gibbet Hill. If anybody would be interested in participating by writing something about life in this area in the present day for the B.B.C. Doomsday Project, will they please contact Sheila Weston (M.T.425) or Marion Pritchard (M.T. 216) for further details. It is hoped to complete the survey by the end of the school holidays.

Marion Pritchard

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THE QUEST (On 9th of JULY 1985)

'Forty years on, when afar and assunder parted are those who are singing today' - that famous school song was brought to my mind a few weeks ago when two strangers called at Davidscott. Their home is in the Lake District, they were on holiday at Kingsbridge and had come to Brentor on an unusual quest. Forty years ago the lady's people had taken a cottage at Brentor and Olivia Mary Pearce was baptised at St. Michael's Church. She was most anxious to find the cottage that was home for a while but had never heard the name of it mentioned. After some deliberation it was decided to go along to one of our church wardens and ask to see the baptismal register, no doubt reposing in the church safe. The request was gladly granted, to the delight of all concerned. The name of the cottage was revealed, Coles Cottage, South Brentor, now the home of Mr. and Mrs.. G. Dunnage.

Strange to relate this was the only recorded baptism given the full address, the others simply had S. Brentor or N. Brentor in the entry. Photos of Coles Cottsgge were taken and Mrs. Gainford recalled her mother talking about a nearby farm. This would have been Holyeat, then farmed by a family of Sterling worth called Hooper, there being the parents and four sons who regularly attended our Methodist Church and were sadly missed when eventually they moved to a larger farm in Cornwall.

What a joy it was to see two happy people go on their way rejoicing. Incidentally, I had a man at my feet when these visitors called.

The chiropodist!!

Stella Claringbold

YORKSHIRE RECIPES

These recipes were given by a baker at a cookery demonstration which I attended while on holiday in Yorkshire.
Anyone willing to ('have a go'?

CHEESE AND WALNUT PATE

2 ozs. marg. (sunflowe) or butter
8 ozs, cottage cheese
1 or 2 tsp. wholegrain mustard
3 ozs. grated cheddar cheese
8 ozs. ground walnuts (pieces more economical)
1 tsp. caraway seeds
4-6 ozs. breadcrumbs
salt and pepper to taste

Method.....Cream butter or marg. and cheeses, grind walnuts and caraway seeds together, mixx in with butter etc. Stand in fr idge for awhile add mustard and breadcumb.

TABOULI (SALAD)

4ozs. Bulgar wheat
6 ozs. boiled water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

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juice of half lemon
a clove of garlic(optional)
1 tsp. dried mint or ½ tsp. fresh.
2 fluid ozs. olive oil
chopped cucumber, sweetcorn, peppers, red and green.
Method.....just cover bulgar wheat with boiling water. Soak for 20
minutes' ..Mix olive oil, lemon juice, mint, salt, and garlic--tomato may
be added.

Pour over wheat, stand overnight in fridge. After well mixxing again add any vegetables desired. Bulgar wheat available at Kilworthy Kapers in Tavistock.

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(more recipes next month)

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Hedley Walter, of West Blackdown, Brentor, died recently. He was 86 and proud of it. He was born in the cottage where he lived, as was his father and his grandfather before him. We knew Hedley and his family for 25 yrs. He was a family friend. His working life was spent on the Southern railway, which he joined on returning from the army in France after the First World War had ended. He told us his army nickname was 'farmer', possibly because of his rich West Devon dialect and his wonderful store of phrases.

The chapel in Brentor was filled by his family and friends for the service, following which we all walked up the hill behind the hearse, talking of his life, which had been so full. In the cemetery, we stood around the grave, under a wide blue sky and a burning sun with the yew trees twisting in the strong wind. It reminded me of the Mistral, and another time, another place.

My thoughts wandered remembering some of the many things Hedley had told us about; the first car in Brentor, driven by Billy Webb for the Ward family at Burnville and Fuzie Martin's comment on seeing it; the little lad down Burn Lane , on seeing his first train, running indoors and telling his parents-'quick, a blacksmith's shop is coming along with a string of houses hanged up behind'uss '; the housekeepers at the wheelwrights in Burn Lane, where we now live and the coffins piled high inside our house, waiting to be sold; the many horses at Burnville; the football matches in Brentor, drawing a crowd of 600; the thirty men, all working living around the court area West Blackdown; the building of the Reading Rooms(the Village Hall); the men working in the local mines; the setting fire to Lamerton Church by Phil Heasing of Langstone; the lively Labour Party meetings that would pack the Reading Room with men coming out from Plymouth with bicycles to hand out Labour Party leaflets; the shops in the village and who ran them; the busy scene at Brentor and Lydford Stations... too many things to be remembered.

My thoughts returned to the present and to Hedkey who we will remember as an honest man, a good friend, and in his way a good socialist. He worked hard all his life and respected others who had to work likewise, being scornful of those who proposed to tell him and others how to work harder but had nothing to offer but talk. For that reason he was sceptical of many of today's politicians. We will all miss him. Our thoughts are with his family.

The Young Family

BRENTOR CRICKET CLUB

During the last month we have unfortunately lost one of our league games against Lewannick; and won against Coryton, Cecil Arms, Tintagel, but the game against Pensilva on Saturday was rained off. This game has now been arranged for the 11th of August.

We are at the time of writing joint leaders of the league with Pensilva.. We won the friendly against Sunday Independent on 16th July--On Wednesday August the 7th at 5.30, there is the West Devon Cup final at the Playing Fields. As we won this cup last season, we are the hosts. Hope we will see as many readers as possible at this event. There will be hot dogs, beefburgers, etc. for all.

Margaret Doidge

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