

BRENTOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE VILLAGE MARKET.... Success! We would appear to have made the correct decision in relation to the shop. The new fortnightly combined market, plat school and coffee morning has been well supported. Particularly pleasing are the many new faces. By popular request, certain items are being stocked, for sale.

The next Village market is on December 11th as usual. On December 18th there will be our pre Christmas gathering with mince pies and punch and also a raffle. . Any donations for the raffle would be appreciated.

JUMBLE SALE.... Many thanks to all those who generously supported this sale for the Senior Citizen's by bringing and buying. We are delighted to say that we raised about £60, which will cover the cost of this years parcels.

SATURDAY SPECIAL.... There were many stalls offering a great variety of items for sale. Although the weather could have been kinder, trade was brisk. A lovely christmas cake, donated by Pat Burns was won by Mrs. Sheila Weston who correctly guessed the weight.

CHILDREN'S FILM SHOW.... The Village Hall was full of children on a very wet and windy Saturday, November 16th. The clapping and laughter showed it was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, some of whom looked suspiciously like Dads!

The next Film Show is 'Snow White and Rose Red', with supporting cartoons. This will be on Saturday January 4th 1986, From 3.00 - 5.00pm in the Village Hall. Admission will be 50p, to include refreshments.

Sandra Johnson
Secretary B.C.C..

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BRENTOR BROWNIES CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

This year the Brownies are putting on a special evening of entertainment refreshment for the more senior members of Brentor and the surrounding area. This will be on December 10th, a Tuesday evening, from 5.30-7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Peggy Biggs
Brown Owl

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CAROL SINGING

On December 12th, Thursday, starting after 6.00pm, there will be a coach full of Mary Tavy school children and their parents travelling through Mary Tavy, Horndon and Brentor. They will be stopping and singing carols and collecting for a charity. Listen out for their arrival. Gill Gorbutt

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BRENTOR INN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

On Christmas Eve, there will be Carol Singing at the Brentor Inn and on New Year's Eve there will be the usual Fancy Dress.

Jean Carter

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YUETI DE FAYRE

There is to be a Yuletide Fayre on Saturday, December 14th, from 2.30 to 4.30pm at Stannary Surgery, Abbey Rise, Tavistock. There will be Teas, Raffle, Cake and Christmas stalls and a Bring and Buy stall.

Margaret Apps

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TEA DANCE

Age Concern are holding their third Tea Dance on December 6th from 3.30 to 5.30pm at Kingdon House, Tavistock. Anyone wanting a lift from Brentor please contact Gill Gorbitt, Mary Tavy 403. There are refreshments and a grand Christmas Raffle. Lots of fun and you don't have to dance!

greetings from the Church, a small gift and details of the Christmas festival services in the four parishes in the team, including the services in the Methodist Churches.

Do not forget the first Church Christmas event in Brentor -
Ca rols by Candlelight in the Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. on
Friday 20th December. Everyone is welcome!

The Christingle Service on Sunday 22nd December at 4 p.m. in Christ Church is especially for the children and their parents. Last year this was an enjoyable occasion on which the children were given a Christingle representing Christ as the Light of the World. The money collected goes to the valuable work of the Church of England Children's Society.

The Coffee Evening in aid of Red Cross Bunds for the victims of the volcanic eruption in Colombia raised £165. Many thanks to all those who helped and all those who supported this effort which was organised in a very short time to meet an urgent need.

CHURCH HALL

Thanks to a generous contribution to the Church Hall funds from the Brentorians, we have been able to purchase a second new gas fire for the Hall. The two old ones had had a great deal of wear and one, at least, was not safe; both needed money spent on them. We hope to get good service from the two new ones - but please treat them with care so that we get the very best out of them.

LOCAL HISTORY

The newly formed Tavistock History Society is going to be responsible for the setting up of a small museum in the town. The Society are anxious to have gifts or the loan of interesting items illustrating life in the past in the locality. If you are able to help please will you contact us in the first instance and we will then put you in contact with the organisers.

We are hoping to do some research on Brentor School (now the Church Hall). It is one of the oldest of the Devon village schools. If you have any information - or anecdotes, stories etc. we would be grateful to receive them.

Sheila and John Weston.

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W. I. NEWS.

Although the Committee remains the same there will be new officers for the W.I. this coming year, the office of President, Secretary and Treasurer being filled by Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Bodman and Mrs. Johnson respectively. The remainder of the committee- Mrs. Blowey, Mrs. Brew, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Venning and Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Purvis.

Paying a welcome return visit to the Institute was Mrs. Keeler who helped members with the voting and the general organization of the Annual Meeting.

The retiring Secretary, Mrs. Johnson reviewed the years activities when she presented the committee's report and the financial statement was presented by the Treasurer Mrs. Blowey. In her presidential address Mrs. Sibley thanked all the committee for their help and support throughout the year, particularly the Vice-Presidents.

The competition cup was won this year by Mrs. Pritchard for the highest number of points in the flower of the month competitions.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Pritchard reported on the Autumn Council Meeting held in Plymouth in October and the Autumn Group Meeting at Lamerton.

Several members are looking forward to attending the Christmas meetings of neighbouring institutes and earlier this week attended a really first rate demonstration of cake icing and cracker making at Lydford. The flower of the month was won by Miss. Dunn, 2nd Mrs. Brew, 3rd Mrs. Pritchard.

Marion Pritchard

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course with the DEV. But it is not only for Parish Councillors - it is for any person who feels they would benefit for their own and their neighbors good. Colin Sargent is already on a further training course.

Peter Barnes, the County Area Emergency Officer, has prepared this resumé for us in the Brentor area.

In Devon, and in the United Kingdom generally, we enjoy the benefits of a very mild climate. We seldom suffer the consequences of very bad weather. As a result we become complacent and tend to ignore the possibility of an unusually heavy fall of snow, or of heavy and prolonged rain, or again, of a freak storm. The result of those phenomena could be communities cut off by snow or floods, or power and communications disrupted. We rely on the "emergency services" - the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Services, to respond to such disasters and if necessary we expect the Local Authority to render assistance.

Being a mainly rural and agricultural area we do not, as a rule, consider the possibility of a major industrial accident, but in common with the rest of society we live in a very sophisticated environment which relies on modern technology to produce the goods we require. There is a degree of risk attendant on that technology, toxic materials have to be transported about the country, and perhaps the most common commodities to be transported are petrol and heating oil, either of which could produce a considerable hazard if involved in a major accident.

Again, as a society we enjoy the benefits of air travel. On a clear day we see the vapour trails of passenger aircraft crossing over Devon on the way to Heathrow and quite rightly regard air travel as being one of the safest ways to go from A to B. However, accidents do happen. Think of the consequences if the Air India Boeing 747 which crashed in the sea off Ireland, had crashed a few minutes later - it could have been over Devon!

In our relatively isolated communities we tend to think that these accidents, disasters, happen to other people in other places, not to us! However, I would like to pose the Question "What happens if we suddenly find ourselves in the middle of a disaster? Can we cope?

When that question is put one often gets the reply "We managed in the past, we would do so again in the future". Or again, one may be told "It won't happen here - this village is too remote".

In this short article I hope I have indicated that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some accident or disaster could happen in the most unlikely of places. To have managed in the past is no guarantee for doing so in the future. People change and more importantly, the scale of the possible disaster changes, as aircraft and road tankers become larger, so the possible consequences of something going wrong become more horrific. All possible safety measures can be incorporated in the design and operation of equipment, but that cannot foil the determined terrorist or fully compensate for human fallibility.

So what can we do about it?

To my mind the answer is PREPARATION - constructive thought on the problem in normal times can avert disjointed action or even panic if a disaster happens, and planning can produce a cohesive and effective response.

Two thoughts to end - action always starts at the sharp end, in these situations where the accident happens, and finally, chance favours the prepared and the unprepared have no chance at all!

COUNTY AREA EMERGENCY OFFICER (WEST)

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Evening for the Colombia Appeal. £163.50 has been sent to the British Red Cross Society after this magnificent effort. Well done Brentor and friends from other places!

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The Auction held at the Brentor Inn recently, for the Children in Need Appeal, was very successful. Robin Fenner was the Auctioneer with Ian Brass, a D.J. on Devon County Radio in attendance.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to and supported this magnificent effort.

There was also a wheelbarrow push race between the Brentor Inn and the Sportman's Arms in Lamerton. The first team to finish was made up of members of Brentor's Cricket Club with Dave Johns and Co. Margaret Doidge walked all the way from Brentor to Lamerton to make up a third person in a team and some Brentor submariners also came with a team. The Grand Total for this effort for The Children in Need Appeal was £ 500. Tavistock's total so far £5,510. 3p is the highest in the area.

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Many thanks to all the door to door and church collectors and all those who gave. About £100 was raised thanks to everyones efforts.

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Some Tavistock Scouts are collecting keys for this appeal. If you have any keys of any shape or size, please may we have them. I will collect or they may be left at the Church Hall on the Village Market Days.

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This Autumn's production 'The Camel's Back' was one of the Brentorian's best. There were some very polished performances and cleverly presented characters, and the audience couldn't help but laugh uproariously.

Maureen Prescott, who excellently produced this play, particularly wished to thank all those who took part in the play and helped in other ways, and those who came to see it.

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