

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A.G.M. Thanks were given by the Chairman, Mr. Clive Downing to the Clerk and Councillors for their help during the year and they in turn recorded their appreciation for the contributions The Chairman made during his year in office.

The new officers elected for this year are, Mr. John Weston - Chairman and Planning Watch Dog, Mr. Derek Reeve - Vice Chairman, Mr. Clive Downing - Village Hall Rep, Mr. Mick Biggs - Playing Fields Rep.

TAVISTOCK TRAFFIC PLAN ..... The Parish Council received a reply to their objections on the new Tavistock traffic scheme. It stated that the money to carry out the proposed plans was coming from the E.E.C. and Devon County Council and there is a time limit on how long it will be available. It was considered necessary to go ahead with the plans and take advantage of this money. The Parish Council were left feeling there was nothing they could do.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ..... A letter was received from Mr. Menhennick of the British Legion, thanking the Parish Council for their letter on the subject of traffic noise during the Remembrance Day Service this year. It had been decided by the British Legion in Tavistock to discuss the matter with the Police before the ceremony, next year to see what could be done. They expressed their appreciation of the Parish Council's concern on this matter.

STATION VIEW SIGN ..... A request for a street name plate for the entrance to Station View has been turned down by the High Ways Dept. after an inspection was made. It was stated there was no necessity for one at this present time.

COMMUNITY POLICEMAN ..... The Parish Council was informed that because the motor bike allocated for the use of our community policeman was not used enough, it has been withdrawn from use.

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to send a letter arguing that the random appearance of a community policeman in the Village had proved very successful in the past and getting to see and know him was a valuable asset to any community. How could the Community Policeman be effective with no means of transport, in a rural area.

It was also noted by the council how fresh concern had been expressed by several people in Brentor about cars parking along the bank running alongside Mr. John Allen's Smithy. It was agreed that this corner was completely blind for traffic coming both ways, and many near misses and some accidents have occurred here. PLEASE, PLEASE, will everybody who parks Along this bank stop doing so, before someone gets killed. It is a busy corner, with families and their children living nearby, children walking to and from school each day, and large school and service buses regularly swinging round this corner.

DUSTBIN COLLECTION ..... After successfully collecting the rubbish over the Christmas Holiday period, the council noted that Brentor had gone back to missing a collection this Easter. A letter is to be sent to the District Council regretting this return to no collection. It was suggested subsequent to the meeting, that those who feel particularly strongly, could give a letter on the matter to Mr. Weston, who as Chairman could send such letters on to the District Council, and by so doing, make a stronger case for some action to be taken.

BRENTOR BUS SHELTER ..... An estimate for repairs to the shelter have been received, and it has been agreed that the seat requires new concrete supports, and treated wood should be used in the other repairs rather than painted wood.

MARY TAVY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY ..... The Parish Council was asked by the P.T.A. of Mary Tavy County Primary if it would donate some money towards some commemorative mugs for their 150th anniversary this year. The councillors felt that as it was rate payer's money they would be using



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and not every child in Brentor goes to Mary Tavy School, so would not benefit from the money, they could not donate any. They did however say the idea of commemorative mugs was an excellent one.

FALLEN HEDGE ..... The hedge and bank which have fallen into the road near Rowden Farm has been reported to the District Surveyor, and the Councillors expressed hope that something would be done in the near future.

THE GERRY SEAT ..... A crack has been discovered in the Gerry Seat, which will need repair. It was suggested that the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance, with a special cover added for the seat when it was placed in the village, might pay for its repair. This was to be looked into.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING ..... May 19th at 7.30pm in Brentor Village Hall.

Gill Gorbutt

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## W.I. NEWS

"They must be angels" was one member's comment after listening to Mrs. Oliver speaking about St. Luke's Hospice at the W.I.'s March meeting. In this materialistic age in which we are at present living, it is extremely heartening to know that there are so many caring and dedicated people who are willing to give so much time, often for little or no monetary reward, to looking after the terminally ill. Mrs. Oliver told members how hospice care started many years ago originally for those suffering from tuberculosis. She stressed that it is not just the patient they care for at St. Luke's but in many cases the whole family who may be finding difficulties in coming to terms with such a traumatic situation. After Mrs. Oliver had answered many questions from her audience a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Davey.

Monthly business included arrangements for members to attend the Spring Group meeting at Whitchurch at the end of the month and the organisation of a Jumble Sale in April. Concern was expressed about the Town Plan for Tavistock and the effect this would have on everybody who uses the town. It was agreed in principle, to support Sir Peter Mills' suggestion for a Tavistock bypass and a draft letter was read.

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

Recently several members attended an open meeting at Chillaton- an enjoyable evening at which the speaker, Mr. Copeley, showed slides and talked about the River Tamar from its source down as far as Cotehele.

The W.I. meeting on 3rd April will be an open meeting in the evening at 7.30pm (7.00pm for members). The speaker will be Mr. Simon Ford the local Dartmoor National Park Warden who will also be showing slides, and the Institute extends a warm welcome to anybody who would like to attend this meeting.

Marion Pritchard

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BRENTOR CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season starts with a pre-season match against Pensilva, on Saturday 26th April. The Launceston and District League matches start on Saturday May 3rd.

If anyone would like to join the cricket club, either to play or as a Vice President, they would be most welcome. Get in touch with Les Doidge, telephone Mary Tavy 375, Nick Tucker, Mary Tavy 675 or Peter Thistlethwaite, Mary Tavy 507 or come along to our games and enjoy a nice cup of tea. Hope we will have lots of sunshine.

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BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committiee would like to thank all those who so generously supported our Jumble Sale. The grand sum of £81. 75p was raised, which will be put to good use. Special thanks to all who helped on the day, and to all who gave us such a lovely lot of jumble.

Pat Burns.



## CHURCH NEWS

# EASTER FESTIVAL

It was good to see so many families represented in Church on Easter Morning, probably the most for a number of years. In spite of what may be said by some critics, the "church" - meaning those who in some way or another openly profess Christianity - is very much alive in 1986. It is particularly encouraging in our small village of Brentor to be able to welcome to church services and other functions quite a number of those who have moved into the area quite recently.

## CHURCH DECORATIONS

Both Christ Church and St Michael's looked splendid for Easter with all the beautiful arrangements of spring flowers. Thanks are due to all those who helped with the work or who contributed with gifts of flowers and money.

## LENT COURSE

This year's Radio Devon course proved just as stimulating as previous ones - if only by making a few of us critical of some of the points of view expressed!

The ecumenical group which met at the Old Vicarage numbered up to 10 people each week and on the Wednesday evening in Holy Week, a number of the Methodist Group Guild joined us to listen to the final programme and to join in the discussion. Hopefully this will be by no means the last time when we can all come together for fellowship and exchange of views.

## BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH

Thanks to Jennifer Venning and her helpers, this was the usual successful event and enjoyed by all those who attended. In spite of it clashing with another charity occasion in aid of Age Concern, held in Tavistock, the lunch raised nearly £80 for the Children's Society. Jennifer wishes to thank all those who so generously supported her.

THE RECTOR

Martyn and Jane Bateman are away for a week or two visiting their son in Kenya ; we wish them a safe and happy holiday.

J. W.

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# AGE CONCERN TAVISTOCK AND DISTRICT

Our Easter Fayre in the Pannier Market on March 22nd, was a success, despite the dreadful weather. We managed to take the grand total of £ 840. Many thanks to those in Brentor who contibuted towards it.

Gill Gorbutt

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DIARY DATES

APRIL 19th Saturday - W.I. Jumble Sale, Brentor Village Hall, 2.30pm.

MAY 1st Thursday - W.I. Resolutions Meeting. 2.30pm.

19th Monday - Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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