

THIRD JEAN WHITFIELD MEMORIAL SPONSORED WALK FOR THE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF LEUKAEMIA. PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT LEUKAEMIA FUND.

Our sponsored walk went very well. Nearly forty people, including many youngsters took part, as did seven dogs. The weather was kind for most of us. The countryside looked beautiful, with the woods full of bluebells and wild garlic. Everywhere, the advance of spring, with varied scents, birdsong and many tints of green.

You will all be as pleased as we are with the amount raised. Believe it or not but the walkers managed a total of £418, including a generous donation. For that magnificent sum, our grateful thanks.

Perhaps a few words about the fund. Leukaemia patients, currently, are being treated in the John Haye Ward at Greenbank. The new ward at Derriford not being quite ready. The aim is to provide complete treatment, both medical and surgical, plus research facilities for leukaemia in the South West. This should no longer entail some patients having to travel to Bristol or London, a traumatic experience. It will also mean that relatives will be near their loved ones, at all times, while they are in hospital; some of whom are young children.

The aim of the fund is to hopefully raise £500,000 over a two year period, of which £270,000 has been raised. The doctor in charge mentioned the Western Evening Herald as having been responsible for raising a large part of this sum. As new equipment purchased by the fund arrives, it is being put into use at Greenbank pending the move to Derriford.

The ward will be able to accommodate approximately twelve in-patients, with extra out-patient facilities.

Please hand in all money collected as soon as possible. We have already, at the time of writing (28th May), sent over £230 to be banked into the fund. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to all those who gave so generously and to those stalwarts who walked, not forgetting the little tots and the family pets.

Lie Dennis Young Mike Whitfield

METHODIST NEWS

The coffee morning held on 9th May was, as usual, a time of happy fellowship. Grateful thanks are extended to all those who supported this in any way.

The amount raised was £161.85p. This included £12.75p extorted from kind friends who signed Stella's plaster cast!

by Stella Claringbold

W.I. NEWS

As all W.I. members know, the Resolutions Meeting can, without the right guidance, be the most boring meeting of the year. This year Brentor W.I. was delighted to welcome Mrs. Parr, a member of Organisation, whose lively approach brought a breath of fresh air to the topics being discussed. These included controls on consumer credit, irradiation of foods, an increase in the allowable earnings of those in receipt of supplementary benefits, and the W.I. subscriptions; also the re-affirmation of mandates which would otherwise be lost under the thirty year rule. The last one of these concerns the abolition of turnstiles in public lavatories - yes, believe it or not, there are still some of these monstrosities in existence after all these years, one in no less a place than Victoria coach station!

After members' views had been well and truly aired and the delegate (this year the link delegate Mrs. Richardson from Mary Tavy) instructed how to

vote on the Institute's behalf at the A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall, Mrs. Pritchard thanked Mrs. Parr most warmly for making it such an enjoyable meeting.

The competition for a foliage plant was won by Mrs. Blowey with Mrs. Johnson runner up, and the flower of the month was won by Mrs. Dunkley, 2nd Mrs. Whitcomb and joint 3rd Miss Everall, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Backhouse and Mrs. Pritchard.

Mrs. Sibley gave a brief report on what, this year, turned out to be a most disappointing Spring Council Meeting.

Other activities during the month included a most enjoyable afternoon spent learning the rudiments of basketwork under the expert guidance of Jenny Venning. The Heritage Walk at Bere Ferrers was attended by five members when they were able to learn something of the history of the area on a guided walk to Lopwell Dam. On returning to the Village Hall they were able to enjoy a most welcome cream tea thanks to the hospitality of the hard working members of Bere Ferrers Institute.

A reminder that the Antiques Evening on Thursday 4th June will start at 7.00 p.m. for members, 7.30 for visitors. There are still a few tickets available for this meeting - please contact either Julia Whitcomb (418) or Marion Pritchard (216).

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A POSTMASTER (POSTMISTRESS)

Susanna Friel of the Community Council of Devon, talked to the Parish Council meeting about the work of her organisation, which includes helping rural communities keep or set up sub-Post Offices. Anyone interested in setting up a sub-Post Office in their Brentor home might like to read the following section taken from the Community Council's information sheet about saving your Post Office:

"For most of us what the Postmaster gets up to is shrouded in mystery; but here are the basics of what it takes and what you get for the work:

INCOME: The basic wage is £1,800 per year; above a certain level of business this figure increases. At least to start with, a new postmaster would earn the set income.

HOURS: The Postmaster should work 18 hours per week. If he works less than 18 hours then he forfeits holiday and sickness pay. Hours of opening may be altered on agreement with the District office.

QUALIFICATIONS: None! Anyone can apply.

TRAINING: Someone from District Office stays with you, for the whole of the first week, and takes you through form filling and dealing with customers; counter transactions and balancing the books. A Manual of all counter transactions is provided free. The Area Counter Manager's staff are always ready to answer queries.

SECURITY: This is of great importance but will vary from one office to another. The Police Crime Prevention Officer will make a series of recommendations and these MUST be followed. It is recommended that an anti-bandit screen be erected, the Post Office provide this - free but you pay the cost of installation.

OTHER THINGS THAT THE POST OFFICE CAN PROVIDE: The Post Office will pay an initial grant towards an alarm system for the sub-post masters' personal protection and up to half the annual maintenance costs within the current financial limits. Telephone rental is entirely paid for by the Post Office. Stock and personal liability (injury etc.) are covered by the Post Office. If the use of property remains primarily residential then the addition of the Post Office will make no difference to the rates paid.

PLANNING PERMISSION: For 'Change of Use', eg from a house to house including the Post Office in one room, costs £40.

(Jackie Watson)

Church News

Christian Aid Fun Evening was held on 15th May in the Church Hall. We all enjoyed some really tasty food supplied by Gill Still and Barbara Weeks, with something slightly stronger provided by Fred Still. The children enjoyed some games with Barbara. £58.50 was raised for Christian Aid and a further £61.81 worth of goods was sold on the Traidcraft stall.

Many of you will have seen the church beautifully decorated for the wedding of Diane Gilbert, of Pitland Farm, and David Scott. We wish them well in their new life in Canada.

Sunday evening services are being held at St. Michael's and the weather has been kind so far! Please note that this month there will be no evening service on the Tor on 7th June. We shall be joining the Deanery Evensong Festival Service in Tavistock at 6 p.m., where the preacher will be the Bishop of Crediton.

Deaconess Ormsby is to be ordained Deacon in Exeter Cathedral on 15th June at 6.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to go please contact Jennifer Venning so that transport can be arranged.

We wish Mr. Tucker well in Tavistock Hospital and hope he will soon be home again.

Mr. Apps and family appreciate the continued support and sympathy of so many friends during his illness.

Late news from 11th April: At the 9th Annual Bread and Cheese Lunch, £125 was raised for the Church of England Children's Soc.

P.S. Best wishes to the Ormsbys, the Westons, and the Stills on holiday now! J.V.

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ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH

You will remember last year was the 50th anniversary of A.R.C. Brentor Branch raised about £500 during the year towards the 7 million spent on continued research this year. National Arthritis Week 1987 is 7th June- 12th June and the Theme is "Arthritis in the Family". Arthritis does not just affect the individual, but also those around them, particularly the family. During this week A.R.C. will be trying to highlight some of the many problems involved, but will also be showing that there is now more hope. If anyone would like to know more, please contact me.

Our first EVENT for 1987 was the Car Boot Sale on 25th May in the Brentor Inn field, where over £150 was raised. Good start! Watch out for further events later in the year.

Jennifer Venning and family

You will be pleased to hear that by the generosity of the Tavistock Times Gazette on the occasion of their 130th anniversary, three local causes have benefitted by £30 each. These are Arthritis and Rheumatism Research, the Church of England Children's Society and Christ Church Eastcott Memorial Field play area. Many Thanks!

Parish Council Minutes continued ...

Retiring Chairman: The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Weston thanking him for all the work he had done for the Parish as Chairman of the Parish Council from 1986-87.

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Mike Whitfield

PUBLIC MEETING

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Jackie Watson (621)

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Sarah Shearer (263)

DIARY DATES:

June 4th W.I. Antiques Evening with Michael Newman. 7.00pm members; 7.30pm visitors.

June 7th Evening Service on The Tor cancelled.
Festival Service at Tavistock 6pm.

June 7th - 12th National Arthritis Week (contact Jennifer Venning M/T 500)

June 8th Public Meeting about school bus charges. Church Hall 8pm.

June 10th Shop Coffee Morning. Church Hall 10.30 - 12.00.

June 13th Playgroup Jumble Sale, Church Hall, 2.30pm.

June 15th Ordination of Deaconess Ormsby, Exeter Cathedral 6.30pm.

June 24th Shop Coffee Morning, Church Hall 10.30 - 12.00.

July 2nd W.I. Garden Meeting. Mrs. Gallup's, Weir Quay.

July 20th Brentor Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

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