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Farewell to Gill and David Gorbutt

To express our thanks to them and to give them a rousing send-off from Brentor we are holding a 'Plate Supper' on Saturday November 7th from 6.00pm until late in the Church Hall. Everybody is invited. Please bring a bottle of liquid refreshment and a plate of food and we will assemble a feast! Jackie Watson will be bringing a suitably powerful 'ghetto blaster' so some lively tapes would be welcome. Please let Jackie Watson know (Mary Tavy 621) as soon as you can if you'd like to come along - and enjoy a knees up!

Mike Whitfield

Jumble Sale November 21st, 2.30pm.

The annual Jumble Sale in aid of Christmas Parcels for our senior citizens will be held at the Village Hall on the above date.

Once again may I ask you for any jumble or other saleable goods for this event. If you require collection please ring me on Chillaton 259 and I will pick up anything you may have. Also, donations by way of cakes for sale on the day will be greatly appreciated. I know I can rely on you all to rally round once again and help to make it a jolly jumble!! Admission 10p.

Pat Burns

Mary Tavy School

Plans are well under way for the Christmas Bazaar, and an appeal has been sent out for scraps of lace, old margarine tubs, bits of ribbon, pretty material scraps, and any other useful bits 'n' pieces. Any donations please to Jeanette Emmett, Roseland Cottage (M/T 222). Thankyou.

Community Centre Coffee Morning - Clothes Special

Well, we had a very enjoyable shop today. Lots of people came and the Church Hall was a buzz of activity. Business was brisk from all angles, with coffee, cakes and clothing selling like the proverbial hot cakes. It was lovely to see everyone, both old faces and new!

I shall be unable to organise the fortnightly coffee morning/shop after Christmas, so if anyone is interested to take over please could you contact me and I will explain all that's involved. It's quite easy -- the biggest commitment is to be there from 10.15am till about 12.15 pm. on shop days.

The next shop is in two weeks - 11th November - Everyone welcome.

W.I. News

The W.I.'s October meeting was definitely not for the calorie counters. Paying a return visit to the Institute, Mrs. Yeo demonstrated some luscious items all containing chocolate. The most mouthwatering of these was a chocolate surprise which lived up to its name by looking like a chocolate cake but containing a filling of fruit and cream or ice cream -- the sort of thing with which to impress your dinner party guests! A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Blowey.

A new member, Mrs. Tomlinson, was welcomed to the Institute by the President, Mrs. Pritchard, who also presented three birthday posies.

A short list of suggestions was circulated for members to vote on before the final 1988 programme is completed and it is hoped that the result will be something of interest for everyone.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Whitcombe, with Mrs. Ball 2nd and Mrs. Downing 3rd.

There will be a day tapestry class from 10 am. to 3 pm. on Thursday 12th November. This is open to anybody who is interested. Please phone M/T 216 for further details.

Marion Pritchard.

Brentor Community Shop

As the Brentor Community Shop approaches its tenth anniversary there is some concern over its future. At a recent meeting, the Community Centre Committee were told that the coffee morning and mini-market, held on alternate Wednesdays, was now losing money because of continued low attendances.

The Community Shop was started in August 1978 in response to a demand from the villagers following the closure of the Post Office shop and the isolation of the village for several days following the severe blizzard in the previous winter. The full, weekly shop was replaced by the present fortnightly arrangement over a year ago because of the changing nature of the village, the opening of several large supermarkets in the district and the lack of a repeat of the '78 blizzard!

We in the Community Centre think that the Community Shop can continue to provide a valuable service for the village. It still provides a meeting place for people of all ages once a fortnight with cheap refreshments and facilities for the children to play. Furthermore there is a minimarket which currently sells home-made cakes, pasties etc. This minimarket is open to anybody in the village to sell their wares (vegetables, pottery, toys, etc. etc.) and all we ask is 10% commission for the Community Centre. As well as providing a meeting place, the fortnightly shop also yields a useful income for the Church Hall which has helped considerably in its upkeep over the years.

Roz will be unable to continue organising the shop after Christmas and so a volunteer is needed to replace her. If we are still without an organiser by the New Year, and unless more people come to the fortnightly shop, we will be forced to close down after Christmas. It is up to you. Please contact Roz Catlow (M/T 209) or Jackie Watson (M/T 621) if you are willing to help out, or if you have any ideas on improving our present arrangements. Mike Whitfield

Brenter Rambles

The walk planned for October 18th was unfortunately rained off, not too surprising but disappointing nonetheless. However, although the ending of British Summertime is now official, the sun shone brightly last weekend and many tentative phone calls were made on Sunday morning. A group of somewhat hastily assembled villagers set off in cars to walk through Lydford forest. The trees looked really beautiful in the Autumn sunshine, the beech and oak trees especially so. We saw several places with deer tracks showing clearly in the mud. The varieties of fungi were many, ranging from tiny specimens with caps a mere centimetre across to some with rather attractive plum coloured caps at least four inches in diameter. We reached the pond, quiet except for a few pondskaters darting amongst the ever prolific duck weed. On to the river where some flat stones were skimmed across the surface. Time too for biscuits and apples as children began tanking up for the long slog back up the hill.

A heron was seen along with a kingfisher (a rather fleeting glance this, but as no other British bird is such a brilliant colour, by a short process of deduction we agreed that it must have been a kingfisher).

As we came back, the ever popular dung beetles obligingly allowed themselves to be wondered over. With the sun sinking in the distance and the children going at a distinctly slower pace we reached the car park.

Because of the vagaries of the British weather a general consensus was reached that, should a Sunday show promise (dry at least, if nothing else), a telephone tree would spring into action along the lines of a bush telegraph (courtesy of British Telecom!) to let everyone know. If you would like to join any of the walks, please contact Mike Whitfield (209), Jackie Watson (621), Dennis Young (620), Jeanette Emmett (222), or Pat Blower (600), and they will ensure that you are told of any future rambles.

Roz Catlow.

Xmas Cakes

Two cakes to choose from this year, a rich fruit cake flavoured with sherry and spices and topped with nuts and natural colour glace cherries, or a delicious wholemeal Dundee cake topped with blanched almonds. Both cakes are made from top quality ingredients including free range eggs, butter, raw cane sugar, unbleached flour, and fruit and nuts from Kilworthy Kapers.

The rich fruit cake is 10" round and costs £12.95. The wholemeal Dundee cake is 8" round and costs £6.

Roz Catlow.

CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

This year the service of remembrance will commence with assembly at the War Memorial at 10.45 a.m. for the usual parade and the laying of wreaths; this will be followed by a service in the Methodist Church. It is a time when we remember all those who, during the last 73 years, lost their lives as a result of war.

CHURCH HALL

Sparkler Party

Arrangements are in hand for the 5th November party in the Vicarage Field. The bonfire is ready and, assuming that the weather is reasonable there will be soup and barbecue bangers on sale there (if the weather is really bad then the bonfire will go ahead but the eating can go in the Church Hall). To avoid any possibility of accidents the field will be lit and sparklers will be confined to one area; these will be on sale as last year to parents who are asked to ensure that the children keep well away from each other whilst the sparklers are lit.

Last year's party was reckoned to be a very successful one and it is hoped that this year's will be even better. Please do come and join in (however old you are!) from 5.30 p.m.

J.W.

Harvest Auction

Jean and Hilary would like to say a big thankyou to all those who attended the recent Harvest Auction. The grand sum of £940 was raised of which £400 will go to The Rowans Unit (for the chronically ill and disabled patients). Many local causes will also benefit - these being:

Brentor Cricket Club and Playing Field	65.00
Brentor Church	140.00
Brentor Chapel	140.00
Brentor Playgroup	20.00
Brentor Brownies	20.00
Brentor Sunday School	20.00
Brentor News	20.00
Replacement Pew runners for the Church	50.00

£940.00

Children In Need Appeal

Once again it's time for the annual "Children In Need Appeal" run nationwide in conjunction with the BBC.

Those stalwart fundraisers up at the Brentor Inn will be holding a grand draw and "Slave Market" on the 25th November at 8 pm. So far those brave and capable souls offering their services for a day, at a price, include a cook, carpet layer, decorator, dress-maker, skivvy, taxi-driver and milk-maid! As always the more the merrier, so if you have any talents that can be profitably and legally exploited in the name of charity please contact Mollie Bickell on Chillaton 235.

The monies will be presented at 8.30pm next Wednesday November 4th at the Brentor Inn.

Letter Box Stamps

Thursday 5th November, infamous as Bonfire Night is also the day when the Brentor Inn has a special letter box stamp, available at the bar during pub hours.

Bonfire at the Pub

There will be a bonfire at The Brentor Inn on November 5th. Bangers and Mash will be on sale the proceeds of which go to the Plymouth Lifeboat Association. Admission free.

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