

METHODIST NEWS

FOUND A quite young ginger and white tom cat has been visiting Sally Curtis of Wortha Cottage, for the last month. She wonders if it could be someone's missing pet and can be contacted on M.T. 558.

SPRING IS HERE.

As most of you will have noticed, Bill Tucker's sheep have started to lamb. With the beautiful (though admittedly a bit chilly) weather we've been having they do look so lovely, running and jumping on long wobbly legs. Snowdrops and crocuses are blooming in most people's gardens, catkins and pussywillow are in the hedges, and it won't be too long before the daffodils will be bobbing their golden heads in the March winds.

The dawn chorus is getting earlier and louder, as the birds choose their mates and defend their territories.

Our pond has been teeming with frogs. Mike counted well over 30 of them in the water at one time. I hadn't realised just how noisy frogs en masse could be. It was quite eerie to hear them croaking in the moonlight. They've left loads of spawn which will mean lots of tadpoles as the weather warms up.

Roz Catlow.

HALF-TERM PLAYMORNING

The younger Brentorians had a really wonderful time at the playmorning, and created some spectacularly decorated paper hats which were then immortalised in a (slightly chaotic!) photo session. The morning was rounded off with songs and music accompanied by Stella on the piano. Thankyou Stella.

Jackie and Jeanette.

SPRING DISCO

The community Centre is putting on an End of Term Spring Disco for the 14 and unders in the Village Hall on March 26th from 6.30pm - 9pm. The entrance charge will be 75p and light refreshments will also be on sale.

There will be lots of fun and games, good records and entertainment, and an amazing light show. A definite energy exhaustor - Don't miss it!

Rick Blower

TIMELESS DARTMOOR

Tom Gant, famous for his walks and talks about Dartmoor, will be giving a talk at Brentor Village Hall on April 30th. His talk will include something for everyone, touching on the wildlife and the legends of the Moors, and will be illustrated with beautiful slides. The talk is organised by the Community Centre and will be on at the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th April at 2.30pm., and adults and accompanied children alike are very welcome. There will be a small entrance charge of 50p for adults and 25p for children and refreshments will be served. Come along and get up on some local knowledge in preparation for your summer country walks!

Jackie Watson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STELLA

Stella Claringbold is now a Great Grandmother to baby Holly. Congratulations Stella!

MINI-MARKET COFFEE MORNINGS: Come and try the new fresh-ground coffee at the Wednesday morning coffee shop. The next shops are on March 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Apologies from Jackie for incorrectly stating that the shop takes 15% of anything sold at the shop. The shop only takes 10%!! So don't forget anything you have for sale - produce, nearly new items, or anything else you can think of - bring it along.

Jackie Watson.

CHURCH NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY, 7TH MARCH

This will be at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited though election of officers etc will be on the votes of those on the Church Electoral Roll. Afterwards there will be a short video on the work of the International Bible Society and refreshments will be served. Please come along!

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This is on March 13th when there will be a special Family Service at 9.45 a.m. in Christ Church, followed by coffee and biscuits.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the service will be on Friday 4th March at 2.00 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Brentor. All are welcome.

LENT MEETINGS

These are continuing on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Post Office by kind invitation of the Biggs family. The Radio Devon discussion group programme entitled "Who on Earth are you?" is being followed. You are cordially invited to attend the meetings - if you are unable to do so, you may like to listen to the programme at home.

CHURCH HALL SPRING CLEAN

Many thanks to the "loyal few" who worked so hard to give the little hall a spring up-lift. Thanks to their efforts, it looks (and smells) a great deal better!

It is hoped to tarmac the playground soon. If anyone can suggest someone who would carry out the work efficiently and economically, please do contact Jennifer Venning (the Secretary to the Church Hall Committee).

LENT BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH

This will be held in the Church Hall from 12 noon on Saturday, 26th March. It will, as usual, be in aid of the Children's Society - not, as given in the Church newsletter, Christian Aid. Please do support this very worthy cause by coming along for your lunch that Saturday with other people from the village.

EASTCOTT MEMORIAL FIELD

Roger Emmett has kindly volunteered to collect the Kiddies Kabin to be erected in the play area. It should be available for putting together by Saturday 19th March - volunteer Dads needed then!

THE BRENTORIANS

present

"TOO SOON FOR DAISIES" - A COMEDY

ON THE NIGHTS OF WED. 16TH, THURSDAY 17TH & FRI. 19TH MARCH

AT 7.30 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH HALL, BRENTOR

CAST: Pat Burns, Carol Haythornthwaite, Pamela Heale, Robert Ormsby, Terry Pearce, Shane Terry, Sheila Weston, John Weston.

Producer: Maureen Prescott.

Entrance by programme - available from any of the above. Price:

Adults £1.25 Children £1.00

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST LUKES HOSPICE, PLYMOUTH

Come and enjoy a laugh(at our expense!) for a good cause!

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS FOR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Very probably many of you people reading this are new to the area, possibly making your home here to enjoy country life coupled with the community spirit we all hopefully strive for. Sadly, not one of you bothered to switch off the T.V. and come along to the Village Hall A.G.M. held two weeks ago. We just had enough people there to form a new committee, and some of those were proposed in their absence. Despite an appeal, not one letter of nomination from any of the groups within the Parish, nominating one of their members to sit on the Village Hall Committee as 'representative member' was received. We DID receive our usual support from the Parish Council and Parish Church.

The following groups are entitled to sit on the Hall Committee:

Parish Council, Parish Church, Community Centre, Playgroup, Brownies, Women's Institute, Women's Fellowship, Cricket Club, Playing Field Committee, Brentorians.

I have not forgotten the Methodist Church, they normally support us through Stella, who was unable to come on the night. There may be other groups.

There is an important committee meeting planned for 8.15pm, Monday 21st March in the Village Hall, at which all representative members are requested to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss, with the Playing Field, the suggested amalgamation between Hall and Field, to form a new charity, under the auspices of the Charity Commission. This has been going on for five years now and the 1988 Hall Committee intends to finalise the amalgamation in the near future.

This meeting will follow the Playing Field A.G.M. - at the end of the evening, both committees will hopefully sign another document of assent to be passed on to London.

Please make the effort to nominate a caring person to attend.

Dennis Young, Hon. Sec. Village Hall.

BRENTOR PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21st MARCH AT 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Please note the date, the 21st - our A.G.M. has not been held since our Chairman, Mr. Apps, sadly died. Every third year, a new committee and officers are elected. We are a little late on this, the new committee should have been voted in during 1987. The Playing Field is not, unlike the Village Hall, a charity, but privately owned. The owners, some time ago, stated their intention of relinquishing their ownership and placing the field under the Charity Commission. That body suggested the field amalgamate with the Village Hall, an existing charity. Joint meetings were held about three years ago, agreement was reached and documents were signed.

Apart from the appointment of a local custodian trustee, Martyn Bateman, we are still waiting on the Charity Commission.

Hopefully the reports and elections will be short, allowing more time for discussion with the Hall Committee later. If agreement is reached, a joint letter will be sent to London in the hope that the legal documents can be drawn up and signed, creating a new charity in Brentor.

Until that new charity is in being we can never be sure the land would not be used in the future for an expensive housing development.

Again, all local organisations are entitled to put somebody up for the committee, and as this is a public, open meeting, let us hope we fill the hall.

Dennis Young, Hon. Sec. Playing Field.

FOUND: Jane Osborne found anllyr. old boy's blue coat on the Moor at the bottom of Burn Lane last Saturday. Please give her a ring (606) if it might be yours.

DIARY DATES

- March 2nd Wednesday Mini-Market/Coffee Morning, 10.30-12, Church Hall.
- March 3rd W.I. Member's Day.
- March 3rd, 4th, 5th, Mary Tavy Drama Group's "I'll Get My Man". Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy.
- March 7th Brentor Church A.G.M. 7.30pm, Church Hall.
- March 12th W.I. Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
- March 16th Wednesday Mini-Market - as above.
- March 16, 17, 18th. The Brentorians present "Too Soon For Daisies". Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- March 21st Playing Field A.G.M., Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- March 26th Spring Disco, Village Hall, 6.30-9pm. For the 14yr. olds and under.
- 29th or 30th March (to be confirmed). W.I. Patchwork Day Class. Village Hall. (Please note change of date from March 23rd).
- March 30th Wednesday Mini-market, as above.
- April 7th W.I. Open Meeting, visitors welcome. 7.30pm Mr. P. Johnson Plymouth Parks Department.
- April 30th Timeless Dartmoor - a talk with slides on the mysteries and history of the Moors. Village Hall, 2.30pm.

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