

Please don't forget the Michaelmas Fair in the Village Hall this Saturday 1st October at 2.30pm. Contact Kath Lashbrook M/T 667 if you have donations of jumble, cakes or bric-a-brac. Thankyou.

10th ANNIVERSARY PLATE SUPPER

The Brentor Community Centre's tenth anniversary was celebrated in style last Saturday. The Church Hall was once again the venue for a very enjoyable evening.

The Wren Trust trio provided us with a varied programme. For the first half they kept the younger members of the audience amused with action games, singalongs and, with the help of various percussive instruments, an extremely noisy but tremendously fun play-along!

At half time we tucked into the food which had been temptingly laid out at the side of the hall. Everyone had brought something different - flans, bakes, salads and bangers. And a veritable feast it was too!

Next we sat down (Fred's excellent home brew was beginning to have an effect on most people) ready for the second half. They included traditional folk songs with lovely harmonies, unaccompanied solos with a tale to tell, and some stirring Irish jigs.

If anyone is interested in seeing the Wren Trust they will be playing at the Cottage Inn, near Tavistock on the Mary Tavy Road, on Saturday October 1st, and at "The Attic", vegetarian cafe in Tavistock, on Friday 14th October.

Rez Catlow.

THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL

Would anyone like to help sell poppies house to house in the Brentor area during the week November 5th to 12th?

If you would, please contact me on Chillaton 259.

Gill Sibley, Hon. Organiser.

MEET EMMA NICHOLSON M.P.

On Saturday, 29th October meet your Member of Parliament, Emma Nicholson, at a Conservative coffee morning. The coffee morning will be in the Church Hall and start at 10.30am. Entrance 50p including coffee and home-made biscuits.

Derek Reeve.

LOCAL DIRECTORY

We're still compiling this and will finish it for the November issue. Any information you think would be useful to include please let me know.

Rez Catlow.

"A RURAL VIEW"

Tavistock Community Council is proposing to run a course in Brentor which will look at some of the ways in which the English countryside has been portrayed in literature. The texts will be primarily novels but poetry and essays will be referred to. Writers such as Elizabeth Gaskell, Stella Gibbons, Thomas Hardy, and Fay Weldon will be studied. The course fee is £18 for 10 sessions. As yet no day, time or venue has been planned for this course though a Monday or Tuesday evening seems most likely. If you are interested in the course please contact Angela Ball of the Community College on Tavi. 613701.

Jackie Watson

CHARLES BENNISON

Mr. Charles Bennison, late of Sunnyside, died recently at Crelake House Residential Home in Tavistock at the great age of 91. Charlie, as he was affectionately known by his friends, was born in Tavistock. His parents having owned a dairy and shop in Bannawell Street. In his early life, he drove a pair of horses and carriage for the late Mr. Morris (Funeral Director).

During the war he became a Prison Officer, serving at Princetown, Exeter and Plymouth.

He was later employed by the Torbay Council in the parks Dept. and remained there until his retirement. When his wife died in the late 1950's he came to reside with his brother and sister-in-law in Brentor.

He had a wonderful memory and could relate many interesting tales of by-gone days.

He will be greatly missed by all his friends.

Mary Tucker and Betty Gilbert.

W.I. NEWS

For their September meeting members of the W.I. and their friends spent a very pleasant afternoon at Buckland Abbey, recently reopened after its massive refurbishment. Opinions varied as to whether all the alterations were in fact an improvement, some people preferring the Abbey as they remembered it, but perhaps it will look better when all the new work has had time to mellow and once again blend with its surroundings. The afternoon ended with a visit to the restaurant for a well earned cup of tea.

Members are reminded that the October meeting is the nominations meeting when new committee members will be sought.

Once again the W.I. would like to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the area and will be delighted to see anybody who may be interested at their monthly meetings. Don't be shy - just come along and see the sort of things we do.

Marion Pritchard.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT

You may remember that several months ago Mrs. Peta Humphries and myself visited Emma Nicholson at a Tavistock surgery to see if she could do anything about the bus charges now being made for children aged 8 - 11 travelling to Mary Tavy Primary School. Miss Nicholson has now replied to us with a copy of a letter from John Butcher, the Minister at the Dept. of Education and Science.

Unfortunately, the news is not good news. Essentially he states that as "the pedestrian route across the moor is 'available', it is for parents to decide whether to pay the concessionary fare or to make alternative arrangements." He believes that it is reasonable for Devon County Council to make no exceptions on the grounds of financial hardship. Therefore, he says, the Secretary of State cannot intervene and reverse the County's decision.

It's hard to see where we can go from here but Emma Nicholson asks us to write to her if we feel there is any way she can pursue the matter further. So if you've any bright ideas . . . ?

Jackie Watson

WOMEN IN RURAL DEVON

Conference and Exhibition on 12th and 13th November 1988 at the Manor House Hotel, Okehampton. Anyone can go and there is a full creche service for 0-16 year olds. £12 for individuals, £50 if you represent an organisation. There will be workshops, discussions on eg. transport, village newsletters, child care, health, and more. You have to book. Please contact Liz Blowey or Marion Pritchard for more information.

PUBLIC MEETING, MONDAY 17th OCTOBER AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CALLED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE SUGGESTED CREATION OF A COMMUNITY WATCH SCHEME.

During the past few years, we in Brentor have, along with other communities, seen an increase in local crime, both petty and severe. Those crimes have ranged from house breaking, wanton damage to both private and public property and pilfering from local cars.

A number of your Parish Councillors have raised their voices, amongst others, as to what can be done. At the September meeting of Brentor Parish Council it was agreed a public meeting be called, at which we can all put our ideas together and help protect both our own property and our neighbours'. Our local police have kindly offered to help us in this respect and to have their crime prevention officer attend the meeting.

Among the ideas put forward was the creation of a Community or Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The "village bobby" we all remember is no more and the police are now more centralised and mobile. If we are to sleep more easily we need their help and they need ours. Many areas where there are watch schemes show a marked decrease in local crime and the growing partnership between police and public creates a better understanding.

If you feel you can contribute in any way or need a little advice on protecting your property then come along on the 17th October. We promise nobody will be trying to sell you anything, just offering advice and guidance. If the feeling at the meeting shows a need for a local watch scheme, then hopefully somebody will come forward to act as co-ordinator to get the scheme off the ground.

Please make an effort to attend this meeting. We welcome everybody.

Brentor Parish Council.

DIARY DATES * DIARY DATES * DIARY DATES * DIARY DATES * DIARY DATES *

- 1st Oct. Michaelmas Fair, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
- 2nd Oct. Harvest Festival, Christ Church, 9.45am.
- 2nd Oct. Harvest Festival and Holy Communion, St. Michael's, 6pm.
- Oct. 3rd Harvest Supper and Auction, Church Hall, 7pm.
- 6th Oct. W.I. Meeting, 2.30pm. A talk by Mr. Rowledge, Assistant Fisheries Inspector.
- 12th Oct. Community Shop, Church Hall, 10.30 - 12. Library.
- 15th Oct. W.I. Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
- 17th Oct. Public Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm. Crime Prevention Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
- 22nd Oct. Daffodil Planting, 10am - 12 noon. Meet at War Memorial.
- 26th Oct. Community Shop, Church Hall, 10.30-12. Library.
- 29th Oct. Coffee Morning, Church Hall 10.30am. Meet Emma Nicholson MP.
- 3rd Nov. W.I. Annual Meeting.
- 5th Nov. Sparkler Party, 5.30pm, Vicarage Field.
- 5th - 12th Nov. Early Haig Poppy Appeal Week.
- 12th Nov. "Comedy Extravaganza" Filmshow, 2.30pm. Village Hall.
- 1st Dec. W.I. Christmas Chocolate Cockery, 2.30pm.

COPY DATE 25th OCTOBER PLEASE.