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METHODIST 'THANK YOU'

The support given to the visit of the choir from Exeter and the coffee morning held on 13th May was much appreciated. £98 was raised on 3rd May and £125 at the coffee morning.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who contributed in any way.

Stella Claringbold.

BRENTOR CRICKET CLUB

Brentor have made a good start to the 1989 season in a new league called the Tamar League sponsored by M. Thomas Continentals Ltd. We have played four matches up to the time of writing.

Brentor 190 for 9 wkts	Barbican (Looe) 49 all out
Brentor 203 for 4 wkts	Coryton 110 all out
Lewdown 96 all out	Brentor 97 for 8 wkts
Brentor 190 for 6 wkts	Milton Abbot 154 for 7 wkts

The next 6 fixtures are:

May 27th	South Petherwin	Home
June 3rd	Lewannick	Away
June 10th	Buckland	Away
June 17th	St. Stephens	Home
June 24th	Knock Out Cup South Petherwin	Home
July 1st	No Match	

Matches are sponsored by local traders. This involves buying the ball used. The sponsors are:

N.J. Doidge, Builder
A.N.G. Doidge, Builder
Brentor Inn
Stuart Clarke, Taxis
Brian Higgins, Motor Cycles
Fountain Forestry
P.D. Farmers
J. Luttman, Lydford Garage

Les Doidge.

SEWING

If anyone would like any minor sewing alterations made, such as zips putting in or hems turning up, please contact Margaret Doidge (M/T 375).

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

I would like to take this opportunity as your 'Community Policeman' of introducing myself.

My name is Larry Base. I am 33 years old, married with a 4 year old daughter, and I live in Tavistock.

I joined the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in February 1975. Most of my service was spent in the city centre area of Plymouth and subsequently I have dealt with many aspects of police work.

Since 1985 I have been stationed at Tavistock Police Station and more recently have been labelled a Community Police Officer with responsibilities

to the rural areas of the sub-division, in particular the Lydford, Mary Tavy and Brentor area, a tremendous contrast to my city days.

I endeavour to be on my patch as much as possible but due to staff changes and shortages and other commitments in the town area I am not on my patch as often as I would wish. However things are looking better for the foreseeable future!

The next few paragraphs outline a few of the more common complaints I receive in the Brentor area.

i) Dogs worrying livestock: a common occurrence in all rural areas. It has been held that just the presence of a dog in a field of livestock can cause unnecessary worry, in particular a ewe in lamb for example, and a farmer finding such an incident has the right to shoot that dog on sight.

So when you are walking your dog, or when you let him out the back to do the "business", please beware of the consequences if your dog is caught in the wrong place.

ii) Parking: Firstly, Brentor is an area without parking restrictions so it can be assumed that you may park where you wish. Not so. If you park a vehicle which causes an unnecessary obstruction or in a dangerous position you leave yourself open to prosecution by way of a £12 fixed penalty. I accept however that there are occasions where such an offence cannot be avoided, but for the sake of a short walk you have now been warned.

Secondly, Brentor is an area without street lighting and has no speed restriction, therefore any vehicle parked on a road during the hours of darkness must display lights to front and rear - another offence for which a fixed penalty of £12 can be issued. Again I accept that off road parking is not available to everyone and I don't expect people to leave their lights on all night. What I will ask is that if you do have to park your vehicle on a road at night at least park it on the correct side of the road and do not park near a junction, etc. etc.

iii) Road Safety: It is very apparent that with the lack of footpaths people walk around Brentor on the roads. When walking, please keep to the verges and look before you cross the road, etc. And drivers, please drive slowly and carefully - it may be your wife/husband or child around the next bend, or even that badly parked car!

It has also come to my notice that more and more horse riders are about on the roads. I would ask that they be careful and remember to shut gates. Motorists, if you see a horse and rider, please beware - some horses frighten very easily.

Finally, I would just like to mention crime in Brentor. Unfortunately, crime will never go away. The following crimes have been committed in Brentor since April 1988: 2 cases of criminal damage; 2 of burglary; a theft of some petrol; and 6 offences of theft from unattended motor vehicles, 3 of which were detected, and all of which occurred in the Brentor Church car park.

My prime task is to prevent crime but after the event to try and detect the offender(s). When a crime is committed report it to the police and tell them as much as you can about the incident and any suspicions you may have. It's your community and the Police as a whole, with all their other commitments, are finding it increasingly difficult to catch these scally-wags and get a conviction in court. That is why we need your help. The more information you can give us the better chance we have of identifying the vehicles being used, the persons moving around the area and hopefully the offences they commit.

Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme being set up in Brentor? If not, please contact Mr. Foy at The Coach House (M/T 657) or myself.

There is no doubt that the modern-day villain is very mobile and will

travel many miles to commit crime. He/she has no respect for property and will often cause damage to gain entry to houses or cars. If you see anything suspicious report it. Make a note of car registration numbers and a brief description of the person(s). Often we check people out and find that they are bona fide salesmen or perhaps relatives of the householder, but sometimes they are not - they are the ones we want!

I will close by asking you to please contact me about any problem you may have and I will try to sort it out. If I can't I will know a man who can!

I have met many of you already and I hope to meet many more of you in the future. Until then thank you for your time.

Larry Base, Tavistock Police Station, Tel: Tavi. 612217

"'COUNTYWIDE' HALF FARE TRAVEL PHOTOBUS - IN YOUR VILLAGE"

If you would like to know more about half-fare travel passes, take a look at the Photobus which will be in the area on Monday 19th June:

TAVISTOCK	9.00-10.00am	Opposite Post Office, in Car Park
MILTON ABBOT	11.00-11.30am	In main road by Post Office
LAMERTON	11.45-12.15pm	Adjacent to Post Office
MARY TAVY	13.30-14.00pm	Adjacent to Post Office
LYDFORD	14.15-14.45pm	In road by Post Office
SOURTON	15.00-15.15pm	In main road by Post Office.

Passes are available to County residents who are over 65 yrs. (men), 60 yrs. (women); those undergoing full-time education between ages 16 and 18 yrs.; the disabled; and companions travelling with severely disabled people. Passes cost £12.00 per year. More information from Exeter 273688.

W.I. NEWS

There was a change of venue for the W.I.'s May meeting when the Village Hall was in use as a polling station. Instead the Church Hall provided a cool haven on a warm afternoon.

The main topic for the meeting, which was attended by Mrs. Sherrell, the link delegate from Mary Tavy, was the discussion of the resolutions for the A.G.M. in June. In the absence of a V.C.O., President, Mrs. Weston, led the discussion on Osteoporosis, disposal of toxic waste, world deforestation and the genetic finger printing of criminals.

Secretary, Mrs. Dunkley, gave a comprehensive report on the Spring Council Meeting held in Exeter in April, and Miss Everall (as W.I. representative) reported on the recent Village Hall meeting.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Davey, 2nd Mrs. Ball and 3rd Mrs. Pritchard.

At the next meeting on 1st June Mrs. Toms will be showing members a variety of things to make for bazaars. If any non-members are interested in this they will be most welcome. There will be an outing to Rosemore Gardens (recently acquired by the Royal Horticultural Society) and Dartington Glass, both at Torrington on Wednesday 12th July (please note change of day). Do please come and join us for what we hope will be enjoyable day out.

Marion Pritchard (M/T 216)

CHURCH NEWS

Following the Holy Communion Service on Ascension Day we continued with Favourite Hymns and Coffee for Christian Aid, when we raised £40.

Mrs. Raine planted a Weeping Crab Apple tree in the Churchyard in memory of Mrs. Ward. A fir tree was also planted to replace the large fir tree which had to be removed earlier in the year.

The Confirmation Service will take place at Bridestowe Church at 7pm on Tuesday 6th June. Please remember our three candidates from Brentor in your prayers. They are Mollie Bickell, Philip Whitcomb and Clara Johnson, who will be confirmed by the Bishop of Exeter.

On Sunday 25th June there will be a combined Village Service at the end of the Brentor Exhibition week, at 11am in Christ Church. The 6.30pm service at St. Michael's will be as usual that day.

The time has come again for the Annual Clean-Up of the Church Hall.

We will be very grateful to anyone belonging to any of the organisations who use the hall, if they could spare a little time on Friday 9th June in the evening or Saturday 10th June in the morning. The more that turn up, the quicker it will get done!

We were sad to hear of the death of Dr. Basil Elmes. He was born in 1903 and led a very interesting life serving his profession in the Commonwealth and Colonies. He retired to live in Mary Tavy and was an attender and supporter of Brentor Church, where he served for some time on the P.C.C. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Elmes and their son and daughter.

Jennifer Venning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MR. MORRIS AT DAVID'S COTT. MR. MORRIS WILL BE 90 ON 12th JUNE.

BRENTOR VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR OUR KITCHEN REBUILDING FUND FUND

Our Spring Jumble Sale, held on the 6th May was as usual, well supported.

A total profit of just over £75 was made, including donations of £13. Many thanks to all those who gave their jumble, donated cakes and draw prizes, also to all the helpers both before and on the day.

We are planning another car boot sale. Our first, held last year, was a moderate success. Watch Brentor News for further news on this. We welcome any ideas for adding to our restoration fund. Hopefully more people will come forward to offer their help in fund raising. One event, the brainchild of Stephen Young, appears elsewhere in this issue. Stephen has undertaken to organise the whole thing, from start to finish. Please support him.

We need to raise a large sum of money to repair our Village Hall and fund raising will continue. Any ideas?

Dennis Young, Hon. Secretary, Village Hall.

THE DARTMOOR PATH LETTERBOX WALK

Letterboxing is a popular activity on the moor these days, and with an aim to raising money for the Brentor Village Hall Restoration Fund, a set of seven letterboxes are to be placed out on Dartmoor, during July and August, along the Dartmoor path, which runs from Brentor and onto the Rattlebrook Peatworks, high on the moor. In each of these letterboxes there will be a rubber stamp depicting the Dartmoor Path and the situation of the box, also a visitors book for you to sign yourself in. To enable you to seek out the letterboxes, a clue sheet is available from me, including a little history about the path, used by many Brentor people years ago. Just send

a cheque made out to 'Brentor Village Hall' (or cash) for £1.50 for adults or 50p for children, plus S.A.E. For those who prefer it, the set of seven printed stamps, on a sheet, may be obtained for the same price, for you to keep.

The nearest box to Brentor will be sited near Willsworthy camp, and the last box approximately four miles further on.

For those of you who would like to take part in the event but are unsure on the moor, I would be prepared to act as guide for a small party. The cost, £2 a head, children 75p.

Again, all proceeds to the Village Hall. I trust that you will give me your support and enjoy an interesting walk in aid of a good cause, our Village Hall. Thank you.

Stephen Young, Burn Lane House, Brentor.

P.S. If anybody has one or two little plastic ice cream containers (or similar), in which to house the stamps and visitors books would they please let me know.

JEAN WHITFIELD MEMORIAL SPONSORED WALK FOR LEUKEMIA TREATMENT AND RESEARCH SATURDAY 20th MAY

Once again this event, our fifth, was well supported, with 30 people, including many youngsters and six dogs, taking part. The weather was perfect with a nice breeze to temper the heat. Everywhere the birds were singing, the countryside covered in a carpet of wild flowers and so many tints of green as to confuse even a painter's palette. Everybody seemed happy. It was one of those days when the gift of life seems so precious to those of us able to enjoy the countryside and at the same time doing something to help those sick people less fortunate than ourselves.

All too soon, our little secret meadow, near Lipscliffe was reached, where we all sat down to lunch, surrounded by trees and birdsong. The children enjoyed themselves by rolling themselves down the hill. Arriving at Waster Farm we were treated to a fine display by the resident deer there.

On to the car park at the entrance to Lydford Gorge where the sale of ice creams cornets rocketed within seconds of our arrival. The long haul over Blackdown to Wortha Bridge being completed we began the long steep climb up the stony track to South Brentor and the Village Hall. When nearly there, a few of us were privileged to watch for quite a time, eight young foxes at play, close by.

Arriving at the Hall we were met with a welcome cup of tea and biscuits with squash for the young at heart and water for all the dogs. All supplied and served by Ann Young, to whom we say thank you once again.

It was nice to meet Mike Whitfield's brother Arthur again, who, along with his wife Shirley and family, travelled down from near Chester to take part in the walk, as they do each year.

Thanks everybody for sponsoring, taking part and helping. Also thanks for the good company along the way. We should be raising over £270 this year. Every penny will be passed on and into the fund for Derriford.

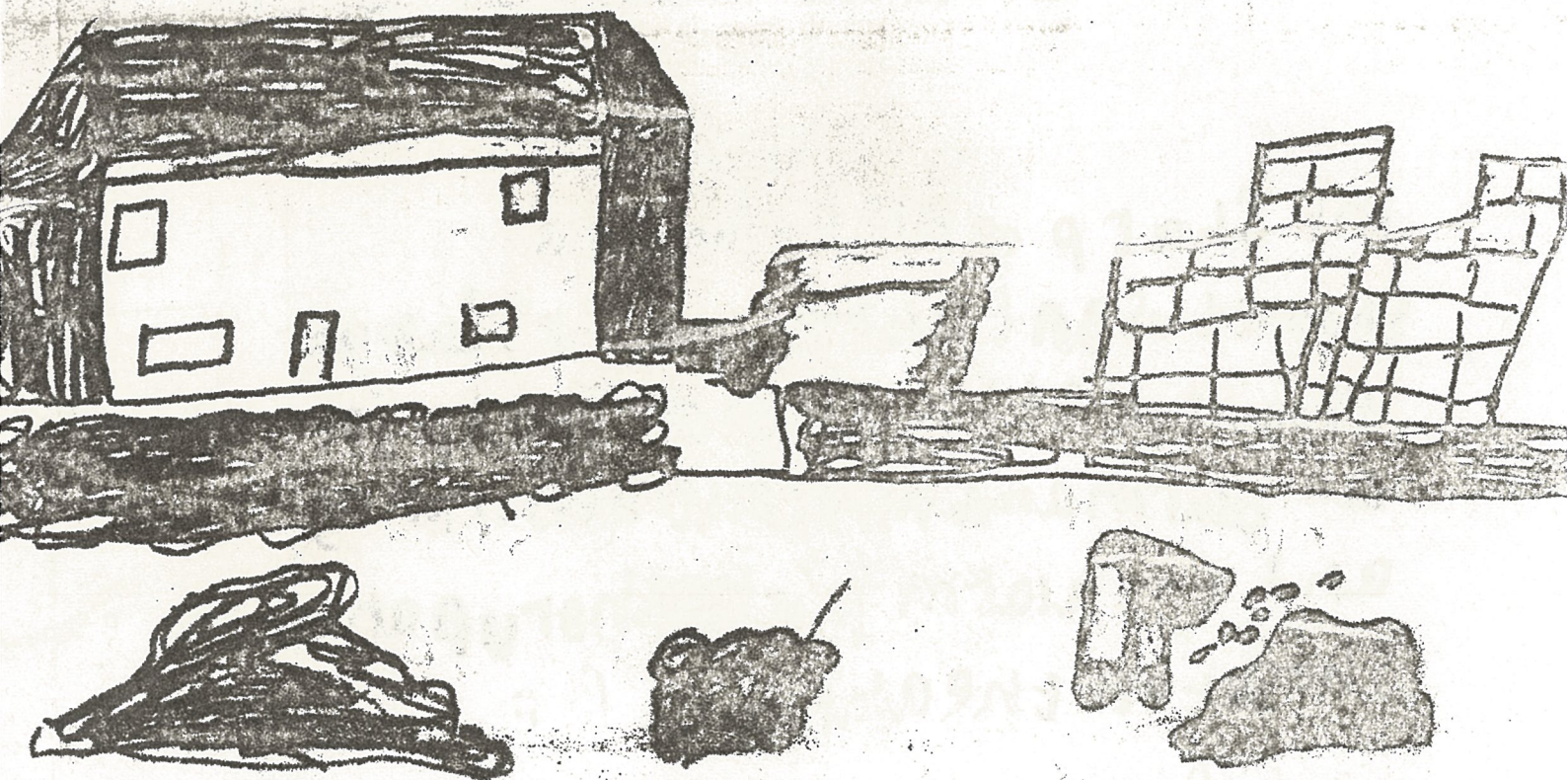
Dennis Young and Mike Whitfield.

THANK YOU

Dennis Young put a great deal of thought and effort into organising the Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk and the Beating of the Bounds, and both walks were thoroughly enjoyed by many of us. The Beating of Bounds was, of course, particularly exciting because this old custom hadn't been carried out for many years. Many thanks to Dennis, and to Martyn Bateman and Mike Whitfield, for their good work.

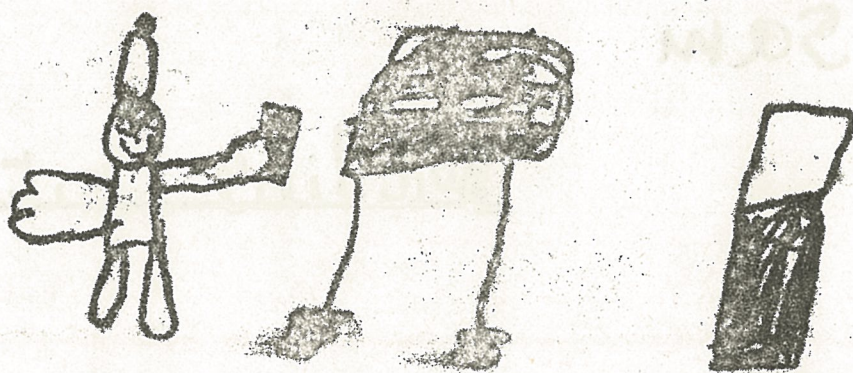
I watched a short film and it
was all about a burglar
and an old woman her
home got robbed. in the morning
the dog came and the dog saw
bits of broken glass and
got help
by Sam

Building site



by Daniel

a policeman come To show us alarms Mr Sharp
set one of the alarms up so that we could tell
When some one went in to the Library and Mrs
Low did
by Debbie Penwill



Mr Sharp came to school and
showed us an alarm and Mr S Large
frightened because Mr Sharp see
an alarm and Mrs Low was making
and the alarm picked her up and
she set off the alarm by the
policeman.
by Ben Goodman

MARY TAVY SCHOOL

THE TRIP BY REBECCA WILLIAMS (A continuing story)

Mrs. Bates loves Nancie and if Nancie could be made happy by coming over to play at my house then Mrs. Bates would let her. I reckon that if Mrs. Bates had enough money she would spoil Nancie rotten. That night I dreamed about that secret land that only Nancie and I knew about. The next morning when Nancie came over her Mum came too. "Oh no," I said under my breath. I might well do because the minute Mrs. Bates set foot on the pavement she started shouting so that my Mum could hear, "Now Nancie remember what I told you. IF SHE MURDERS REBECCA RING ME OR THE POLICE." Nancie ignored her and walked up the garden path and into the house. "Come on" I said "Let's go into my room." There were two reasons for me saying this, one was because I wanted to talk about my land but the other was because by now Mrs. Bates and my Mum had started an argument and I wanted to block out the noise with the door because all the street could hear the argument and I was embarrassed. When we got into my room we started to talk about my land (To be continued.)

BEATING THE BRENTOR PARISH BOUNDS : MONDAY 1st MAY

Twenty stalwarts set off from the Village for the long tramp around the Parish Boundary, the first for many, many years. We picked up more people near the Tor and more at the waterfall. All told over thirty-five along the route.

Led by the Rector, who called us together for a short prayer at the start, we set off. The River Burn ford at Brinsabach was soon reached and crossed, then up to the first boundary stones where youngsters were bumped, photos were taken and the stones whacked with a stick. On to the Beacon, the highest point on Heathfield; on to more stones, more bumping, more photos etc. On and on, past Westcott and up over Liddaton Down and down the long hill to near Broadtown and along the lower road through Liddaton itself. On past Liddaton Green and Broadpark to eventually reach the River Lid at the ford.

Here, at Lipscliffe, we had our lunch break by kind permission of Diana and Robert Ormsby (who was enjoying himself by walking the bounds). They had not only cleared out their large barn for us where we all sat around on straw bales, but had prepared food, fresh rolls, butter, cheese, cider or squash, and all for 50p, wonderful. May I through this paper, express the thanks of all the walkers for their kind and thoughtful hospitality.

We had intended to stop for an hour but, with time pressing, we carried on across the Lyd and through the meadows and Lydford Woods to arrive at the foot of the waterfall. Here we all stopped to take in the scene and talk to some of the Gorge visitors. Gerda Betteley told us about the time the River Lyd and waterfall were in full spate, with water and spray everywhere. Up now to the Gorge car park where we all enjoyed another break and a snack. (And to use the loos.) The next boundary point was the Clapper Bridge. Luckily I was late in arriving at this point due to telephoning a lady about our whereabouts in order to have the hall ready. As I arrived, the others were leaving. The Rector said they had intended throwing me in the stream there, "So that you will remember the bounds".

On across Blackdown and back into the village where we had started our perambulation. A distance of over twelve miles. (And the rest, somebody called out.)

All those completing the tour were presented with a certificate, signed by Martyn Bateman, our Rector. Any walker who did not receive their certificate, please let me know.

Many thanks to those who helped, plus those landowners and farmers who allowed us to pass through their land and last of all thank you, the walkers, who can be proud of their achievement that day.

Dennis Young

LETTER(S) TO THE EDITOR

(More letters would be very welcome! - Ed.)

As I potter away on the back lawn, splitting wood in the ratio of three minutes hacking to two minutes exhaustion on a deck chair, I am able to observe the ravenous antics of myriad finches, tits, sparrows and the odd robin, voraciously attacking the mesh cylinders, suspended from a table, which we endeavour to keep topped up with bird nuts in a losing battle against the diminishing effect of avid endeavour on the part of the winged populace to achieve repletion of, apparently, ever empty stomachs.

Although I may essay to maintain an inconspicuous presence, nevertheless there is a wild scatter for refuge when my movements bring me adjacent to the source of nourishment.

'Tis then that I am reminded of the following pronouncement of Robert Burns in his poem, "To a Mouse".

"I'm truly sorry man's dominion
Has broken nature's social union,
And justifies that ill opinion
Which makes thee startle
At me, thy poor earth-born companion,
And fellow-mortal!"

How true!

Jack Purvis, Burnside.

DIARY DATES

May 30th Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

May 31st Brentor Exhibition Planning Meeting, Church Hall, 7.30pm.

June 1st W.I. Things to Make for Bazaars - Mrs. Toms.

June 7th Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.

June 7th Tennis Association Meeting, M/T tennis courts, 7.30pm.

June 9th (evening) and 10th (morning) Church Hall Clean Up

June 13th Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

June 21st Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.

June 22nd - 25th BRENTOR YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Methodist Church, 10.30am to 8pm (Sunday 2 - 6pm)

To be opened on Thursday 22nd June, 10.30am by Mrs. Phyl Giffard.
The Giffard family originally gave the land for the building
of St. Michael's Church back in the 12th Century.

June 24th "Do You Know Your Brentor?" : slide presentation and quiz.
Village Hall, 10.30am.

June 24th Songs and Stories for Mid-Summer's Day, 5.30pm Church Hall.

June 25th Combined Village Service, Christ Church, 11am.

June 27th Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

July 5th Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.

July 6th W.I. Self Defence - Mr. Speakman.

July 11th Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

July 12th W.I. Outing to Rosemore and Dartington Glass, leave Brentor 9.30am.

COPY DATE FOR JULY BRENTOR NEWS - JUNE 26th. THANK YOU.