

EMMA NICHOLSON SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL TRANSPORT BATTLE

Last Friday, 21st April, the Mary Tavy School playground was crowded with T.V. cameras and reporters from the B.B.C., Channel 4 and many local newspapers all following West Devon MP Emma Nicholson and about 40 protesting parents, children, school governors and parish councilors on a walk from Mary Tavy School to Brentor.

Government guidelines say that children aged eight years and over who travel less than three miles to school are not entitled to free transport. If these children use the school bus their parents must pay £20 per child each term.

Despite an appeal to the County Council we have been told we must either pay, supply other transport or walk the route.

We invited Miss Nicholson out to see the route herself and afterwards she said, "It's too far for children and their parents to walk. The route is very dangerous, think of the sleet, snow and even escaped prisoners. I have had long talks and correspondence with the Minister of Education who would like to help but can't because it is solely the responsibility of the Local Education Authority at County Hall. I know they have to have rules but surely there can be exceptions. Walking in these conditions is more relevant to the last century and not this."

The row looks like continuing because at present the Devon County Council are standing by National guidelines.

All the parents would like to thank everyone who supported them. Special thanks to P.C. Larry Base, our Community Policeman, who gallantly escorted us and was the children's centre of attraction.

Jeanette Emmett.

THE BRENTORIANS

The "Brentorians" wish to thank all those who gave us their support for our recent production "Cat on the Fiddle". We hope you enjoyed it, we enjoyed doing it. In a future Brentor News we will be able to tell you how much was actually raised after expenses and to what use the money will be put.

Hope to see you all again next year.

Pat Burns, Secretary and Treasurer Brentorians.

Fish and Chip Mobile Van comes to the village each Tuesday, between 7.30pm and 8pm.

Good Grub!

BRENTOR PARISH COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE: The dates for the two Council meetings advertised in last month's Brentor News have had to be altered. The Parish Council meeting will now be held on May 8th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, and will include a talk by Gill Gorbett of Age Concern. The Devon Association of Parish Councils meeting will be held on May 15th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Villagers are invited to attend both meetings.

METHODIST NEWS

The Exeter Festival Male Voice Praise Choir will give an Evening of Song on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm. A Supper will follow.

The Annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13th May, from 10a.m. - Noon. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

All proceeds for Methodist Church maintenance.

Stella Claringbold.

CHURCH NEWS

Evening Service is now being held at St. Michael's every week at 6.30pm.

The morning service will be at Christ Church as usual at 9.45am. This will be Holy Communion except on the first Sunday of the month when everyone is invited to the Family Service. Or why not join us on the 1st now the evenings are getting longer and the days warmer.

Thursday 4th May is Ascension Day. There will be Holy Communion at 10 a.m. to be followed by Coffee and Hymns at 10.30 a.m. for Christian Aid. Why not come and choose your favourite hymn to sing and enjoy a cup a coffee at Christ Church that day.

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research

The annual Car Boot Sale will be held as usual at the Brentor Inn on Monday 29th May, which is the Bank Holiday, from 11 a.m. Please bring a "boot" or support this worthy cause.

Jennifer Venning.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15th-20th MAY

This year Christian Aid envelopes and leaflets were sent out with the Parish Magazine. There will be a house-to-house collection of these envelopes and, if you didn't receive one, there is also a collecting tin in the Church should you wish to make a donation.

Gill Still.

BRENTOR YESTERDAY AND TODAY

A reminder that Albums or Collections of Pictures about people's dwellings would be welcome for the exhibition. And if you would like to enter a craft item(s) for the Exhibition's Craft Display, entry forms are available from Mrs. Pritchard, Hillside, S. Brentor.

Sheila Weston (425)

W.I. NEWS

What, one may ask, is the connection between a launderette and Dartmoor Letterboxes. All was explained to members of the W.I. at their April meeting by "Pratt's Pixy-led Perambulator" (alias Mrs. Margaret Pratt). It was whilst sitting in a launderette waiting for her washing to churn its way through its programme that she happened to see the notice on the window about Dartmoor Letterboxes and immediately her curiosity was aroused. Since that day Mrs. Pratt has become completely "hooked" on the fascinating hobby of "Letterboxing" and has been to many obscure places in the heart of the moor in search of these well hidden boxes and has collected many hundreds of different stamps. Mrs. Pratt had many a tale to tell of her experiences in her quest for yet another letter box stamp and she almost succeeded in convincing members that there really are pixies on Laughter Tor! A vote of thanks for a really amusing and enjoyable talk was proposed by Mrs. Bodman.

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

It was with great regret that the Patchwork Day Class had to be cancelled due to lack of support - it really is not viable to run these classes for less than 10 people.

The recent Jumble Sale was a great success - many thanks to those who helped with, and supported this event.

The W.I. is hoping to organise an outing to Rosemoor Gardens and Dartington Glass at Torrington on Tuesday 11th July, so do make a note of this date for your diary if you would like to join us. More about this event later.

Members are reminded that the May meeting will be held in the CHURCH HALL - The Village Hall is being used as a Polling Station on 4th May.

THE MARY TAVY TENNIS ASSOCIATION welcomes new and existing members to a meeting on 7th June at 7.30pm to discuss plans for the coming year. If dry the meeting will be held at Mary Tavy tennis courts, if wet at "Pendeen", Brentor Road.

Chairperson, Carol Haythornthwaite, M/T 648

** SONGS AND STORIES FOR MID-SUMMER'S DAY **

* WITH THE WREN TRUST *

Saturday 24th June - Mid-Summer's Day

from 5.30pm

CHURCH HALL

Please bring food for a Plate Supper

Beer (and squash!) on tap

Everyone in Brentor is invited to come along to this event which is organised by the Brentor Community Centre. Entrance is restricted to Brentor folk. There will be no entry charge but donations will be gratefully received!

** OLDE WORLDE BRENTOR COSTUME PREFERRED!! **

MARY TAVY SCHOOL This month's contributions come from Mr. Rook's Class.

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W.I. JULY DIARY DATES:

July 1st W.I. Making items for Bazaars - Mrs. Toms.

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

July 11th (Hopefully) W.I. Outing to Rosemoor Gardens and Dartington Glass.

MARY TAVY SCHOOL

THE P.T.A. BARN DANCE

The school barn dance was held on the 14th of April. It was held at the Coronation Hall in Mary Tavy. More people came than were expected and they ended up selling tickets at the door. The band was called the Champion Band. Two of the members were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. The dances were lively and everybody had a great deal of fun. Half way through the evening the band had a rest and hot baked potatoes were served with all kinds of fillings. When our supper had settled Mrs. Johnson and her friend did some superb clog dancing. Then pennies were rolled to win a bottle of whiskey. Then the dancing began again. It carried on till about midnight when everyone went home. In all the barn dance raised about £125.00 for the P.T.A. Bryony Skelton.

IN MEMORY OF JONATHON LOTTAGE

Here lies in this grave
A man who was so brave
In the year 1944
He fought in the war.
He helped fight on the beach sand
He always offered a friendly hand.
In the year of 56
He finished all his tricks
And retired to live in a little cottage
His name was Jonathon Lottage.
Then one day in 1964
He fell over and called through the door,
"Help me, help me, help a poor old man."
A girl heard so she ran,
Ran through the gate,
But it was too late.

Epitaph found on a grave somewhere. Melanie Down.

PROTEST WALK

On Friday 21st April Emma Nicholson came to our school for a protest walk to show how far it is to walk from Brentor to Mary Tavy everyday because the Council are making the children who live under 3 miles pay to go on the bus when they are 8 years old. The walk was 2.7 miles. Emma Nicholson was talking to us about our favourite subjects at school and lots of other things. It was a very nice day for the walk and there were newspaper reporters there. There was a policeman who looked after us on the roads. Justin Blower.

Our class are doing photography. We go out in groups with Mr. Williams and we have taken interesting photographs of Mary Tavy and the building site. We develop and print all our own pictures they are black and white. In the dark room, really our stock room we use a special red light. Ordinary light would ruin the printing. We use an enlarger and special chemicals. Most of our pictures are really good. Some are a bit blurred though. We have the photos either on our classroom wall or on display in the hall for our friends to look at. Sarah.

PROTEST WALK

On Friday 21st April some of the Brentor Children walked from Mary Tavy School to Brentor. The TV cameras were there and Emma Nicholson our MP walked with us to try and stop paying to go on the bus. I am not sure if it will work but it was great fun. Katie Martin.

CHOOSING A PRINCE AND PRINCESS FOR MARY TAVY CARNIVAL

On Saturday 14th April at 7pm the choosing of the carnival Prince and Princess was held. Seven people entered. They were Clare and James Morris, Clare and Kate Le Mesurier, Adam Hannington, Jamie Burn and Bryony Skelton. The judge was Carol Eager, a local dance teacher. She asked them three questions including how old they were. The final result was that Bryony Skelton (10) was chosen to be the princess, Adam Hannington (9) is to be the prince and Clare Morris (7½) was chosen to be an attendant. Bryony will be crowned on the 9th June. I asked Bryony what her dress was going to be and she said light blue, peach or a pink colour. by Rachel Warland.

THE TRIP BY REBECCA WILLIAMS

. . .Immediately after, I went into a land where it was still waiting for God to wake it up and bring it into a land of Joy and laughs. My mum said "Your Day Dream time is up." I swam up from my secret world of wonder and up to the world in which people have been living for thousands of years. After I'd had my hair washed and dried I went to bed early and all the night I thought about my secret world. I won't tell a soul not a single soul I thought. But when I got to school the next day I was bursting to tell someone so I found Nancie (she's my best friend) and I told her. It was more than a relief to get it out and tell someone but even so I made sure she said "Cross my heart hope to die, drop down dead if I tell a lie." When I got home that night I asked my mum if the story of God was true and also if Nancie could come over tomorrow. My mum said "Well I'll answer your questions in turn. First of all, yes God is true very much so." There was a pause, she looked in her diary, "And if it's okay with Nancie's mum then she can come to tea tomorrow."

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DIARY DATES

- May 1st Beating of the Bounds, Starting at War Memorial 9am.
- May 2nd Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- May 3rd The Male Voice Praise Group
Supper to follow, Methodist Church, 7.30pm.
- May 4th W.I. Resolutions Meeting, CHURCH HALL
- May 4th Ascension Day Holy Communion Service, 10am Brentor.
Hymns and Coffee for Christian Aid
- May 6th Jumble Sale for Village Hall, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
- May 8th Brentor Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Talk on Age Concern.
- May 10th Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.
- May 13th Methodist Coffee Morning, 10am- noon, Bring and Buy stall.
- May 15th Devon Association of Parish Councils Meeting, 7.30pm Village Hall.
- May 15th - 20th Christian Aid Week
- May 20th Jean Whitfield Memorial Walk for Leukemia Research, 11 a.m. start.
- May 24th Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.
- May 29th Arthritis and Rheumatism Car Boot Sale, Brentor Inn, from 11a.m.
- June 7th Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall. Library Van.
- June 7th Tennis Association Meeting, M/T tennis courts, 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 8.00pm (Sunday 2 to 6).
- June 24th Songs and Stories for Mid-Summer's Day, 5.30pm, Church Hall.

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

