



* HAPPY NEW YEAR AND DECADE *

Thank you all those who contributed to last year's Brentor News, either regularly or occasionally. Without contributors there would be no Brentor News!

Very many thanks too to those who distribute the Brentor News house to house each month. This is very much appreciated by all of us.

And last, but by no means least, many thanks to those who have made donations to the Brentor News. Further donations - however small, or large - will be gratefully received in 1990!

Everyone in Brentor is most welcome to make contributions to the Brentor News, whether it be articles, letters, advertisements, or events, or poems, recipes, flights of fancy. You name it, if it isn't libellous it will be printed. Please give written contributions to Jackie Watson, Rose Cottage, Brentor, or phone M/T 621 (preferably the former).

Jackie Watson.

JANUARY WALK

There will be a New Year family ramble on January 21st starting from the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Anyone is most welcome to join in.

Rick Blower (M/T 600)

TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Following Den and Pam Baskerville's article in last month's Brentor News inviting you to sponsor a Brentor tree to benefit Ethiopia, Mr. Hull of Trees for Survival, and past Chairman of Men of the Trees, will give a talk at Brentor Village Hall on 27th January starting at 2.30pm. The talk has been organised by Brentor Community Centre. Please come along and find out more about this exciting scheme.

Rick Blower.

THIS MONTH THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SHOP AND MINI-MARKET WILL BE HELD ON

JANUARY 17th and 31st (NO SHOP ON 3rd)

IN THE CHURCH HALL FROM 10.30 - 12

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME ALONG AT ANY TIME

PARISH COUNCIL

The following are extracts from the Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th November 1989.

Mr. Owen Phillips gave a talk explaining W.D.B.C.'s present role with respect to low-cost housing. W.D.B.C. is now seeking information in order to assess the need for such housing in the district. They would be looking at the provision of both part-buy or rented housing. Mr. Phillips said that W.D.B.C. will be sending out a house-to-house questionnaire in early 1990 with a view to compiling a register of housing needs that could be updated annually. Mr. Phillips said that the Parish Councils should continue to make their own assessments of housing needs in their parishes and liaise with W.D.B.C.

Burn Lane Bridge. Mrs. Watson and Mr. Weston were in the process of contacting Dartmoor National Park Authority and British Rail with the purpose of perhaps making this a listed bridge.

Station View Junction. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Norman, Deputy Area Engineer, stating that he accepted the visibility was restricted but regretted he could not recommend any improvements at present. However he would arrange for it to be borne in mind when the priority lists are reviewed. The Clerk was instructed to write again to Mr. Norman, stressing the need for some improvements.

Parish Clock. It has been established that the clock is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Council was happy to consider making contributions to its upkeep.

Footpath Burnville to Wastor. The owner of Wastor would like to redirect the footpath around his farmyard; the Parish Council have no objections. The kissing gate on this footpath requires attention. The Clerk to contact DNPA.

Village Hall Improvements. Raising a £0.01 rate. The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee requesting some financial aid for the project. The Borough Council will award some grant aid providing the Parish Council levy a Parish Rate. The Council agreed. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of intent saying the Parish Council would arrange for a levy of £0.01 to be put on the parish rate as from 1990, when the precepts are arranged.

Daffodil Bulbs for the Village. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Lions of Tavistock, thanking them for their generous gift.

Bus Shelter Cleaning. Mrs. Sargent has resigned. It is hoped to appoint a new cleaner at the next Council meeting.

Monthly Meetings. Mrs. Weston suggested the Council met monthly; she said this would be particularly useful for both planning applications and for reporting on meetings attended by Councillors. This suggestion to be discussed at the next meeting.

Signpost in Tavistock Square. This has been changed.

Playing field sign. This has been arranged.

Low-cost housing for first-time buyers. The Clerk received a letter from Emma Nicholson saying she would look into the matter concerning the tax situation for landowners either giving or selling a small portion of land at below market price to a Housing Association.

The next meeting of the Brentor Parish Council has been arranged for Monday 8 January 1990 to be held at 7.30pm in the Brentor Village Hall.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CLERK, MRS. BLOWEY, CHILLATON 255, IF YOU COULD TAKE ON THE REGULAR CLEANING OF THE BRENTOR BUS SHELTER. THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD JOB FOR A YOUNGER PERSON. THE PAY IS £26 PER YEAR. CLEANING EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED.

COTEHELE WALK

On 10th December about 40 Brentor inhabitants, young and old, gathered together for a walk and superb cream tea at Cotehele.

The weather stayed dry and mild just long enough for us to enjoy a pleasant day together.

Jeanette Emmett.

W.I. NEWS

Gone are the days when one needed to spend hours, icing bag in hand, laboriously icing the Christmas cake. Of course one still can do so but there really is no need with all the modern equipment to make the job easy. Mrs. Jackie Davey was demonstrating to W.I. members at their December meeting, some of the modern techniques of cake decoration. One doesn't even have to make the foundation icing if one is short of time - moulding icing can be bought ready made, and with the help of cutters and moulds and special colouring materials some fantastic designs can be created. After demonstrating her art, Mrs. Davey was able to let members have a go for themselves, with varying degrees of success! A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Venning.

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

The Coffee and Carols morning, although very enjoyable, was perhaps not as well attended as one might have wished, possibly due to the fact that so many people are down with the flu. However, the W.I. would like to thank all those "faithfuls" who supported this event, in particular the Brentor Brownies, led by their Brown Owl Mrs. Peggy Biggs, who sang so beautifully. As a result of this morning a cheque for £90 has been sent to the Special Care Baby Unit.

The W.I.'s next meeting on 4th January will be a New Year Party.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

Marion Pritchard.

CHURCH NEWS

The Sunday School party took place on 17th December, when the children enjoyed a delicious tea and magical tricks from Magician, James Maunder, as well as a visit from Father Christmas himself.

On Monday, 18th December, despite the 'flu' epidemic, many people enjoyed the "Carols by Candlelight" in the Church Hall and seasonal refreshments. We were delighted to listen to the newly formed Team Youth Handbell Ringers, who added to the enjoyment of the evening with their favourite carols. We wish them continued success and hope to see them next year. Thanks to the ladies who decorated the Hall before and everyone who helped on the day to make it so enjoyable.

Many thanks to the ladies who have provided flowers and decorated Christ church and St. Michael's during the year. It is always appreciated by everyone and often remarked upon by visitors, especially at St. Michael's.

The Parochial Church Council would like to say "thankyou" to Carol Sargent who has taken care of Christ Church for several years. As she has returned to work, we are now looking for someone who has an hour or two to spare to clean the Church. If you feel you would like to undertake this, please let one of the Churchwardens know as soon as possible. There is a small honorarium.

CHURCH NEWS (CONT'D)

The Parochial Church Council meets again on Tuesday, 30th January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Let us all look forward to a happy and peaceful 1990.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, Angelic host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Jennifer Venning.

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REFUSE COLLECTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USUAL THURSDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE A DAY LATE OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD: FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER AND FRIDAY 5th JANUARY.

4th January W.I. New Year Party
8th January Brentor Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Village Hall.
17th January Wednesday Coffee Shop, 10.30am, Church Hall Library Van.
21st January Walk, meeting at Village Hall at 2.30pm.
27th January Trees for Survival: a talk by Mr. Hull, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
30th January Parochial Church Council meeting, Church Hall, 7.30pm.
31st January Wednesday Coffee Shop, Church Hall, 10.30am Library Van.
1st February Do You Know Your Brentor? - A talk by Mrs. Weston for W.I.

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