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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE

January.

1st Saturday. The Naming of Jesus.Holy Communion 9a.m.

2nd Second Sunday after Christmass.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

5th Wednesday. Mothers' Union 3.0p.m.
Mr Lewis. 'The work of the Salvation Army'

6th Thursday. Epiphany of our Lord.(Holy Communion St Breward 10.30a.m.) Sung Eucharist Blisland 7p.m.

7th Friday. Priests' Company of Servants of Christ the King. Holy Communion 10.30a.m.

9th First Sunday after Epiphany.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

16th Second Sunday after Epiphany.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

19th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10a.m.

23rd Third Sunday after Epiphany.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

25th Tuesday. Conversion of S.Paul.Holy Communion 10a.m.

30th Ninth Sunday before Easter.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

ST BREWARD.

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N.B. It is customary to observe January 18th-25th as eight days of prayer for Christian Unity.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

A Happy New Year to all readers!

In the Advent Ordinations at Bodmin and Newlyn three men were made Deacon and six ordained Priest. Two are friends and helpers of mine at Penzance and they will assist Father Robin Osborne in the parish of S.Mary & S.Paul. In this deanery of Bodmin Father John Brandon-Cook will assist at St Breoke and Egloshayle. Of the nine one is stipendiary and the others will be unpaid.

This auxiliary ministry is an important feature of the Church of England in the nineteen eighties and something about which we should know, especially in view of these recent ordinations. It is hard to find a good name for it. Its members continue in their secular work whatever their occupation, and are at the same time deacons or priests. We cannot call them 'part-time'. There is no such thing as being a part time deacon or priest. A man ordained is ordained endelibly and for ever. "Non-stipendiary" is probably the best term, ugly as it may sound, for the priest whom we shall also know in his capacity as farmer, doctor, architect,works foreman, shop-keeper, schoolmaster, bank manager, accountant or solicitor. Let us be clear, then, that he continues in his occupation in which we have known him and is, at the same time, a priest.

In this diocese we have an approved form of local training, lasting for about three years, in the Chancellor's School at Truro. Candidates undertake the essay scheme of the General Ordination Examination in Old and New Testament, Doctrine, Christian Worship and Ethics. The necessary examinations have to be passed so the candidates may be recognised as qualified men. I have the honour to be one of the Bishop's Chaplains for Ordinands for the guidance of possible candidates and their care.

This system, which I have outlined only sketchily, has many advantages. One is clearly economic. Another may be seen in a group of villages under a single rector or vicar, who, in the nature of things, must live far away from most of his people. Instead of travelling several miles to his parsonage house (and he can't be visiting them all at once, much as they may expect it and as he would like it) they may well feel able to

consult a local non-stipendiary priest who happens to live, and probably,works, in their midst.

It is clear that over the years we shall see and hear much more of this subject. In time our villages will find themselves relying more and more for the conduct of their worship and for their pastoral care on these remarkable men who are giving so generously of their experience and of their time. Do support them with your prayers.

Conrad Sargisson.

Deanery and Diocese.

Mrs Sue Hutton is now the Hon. Assistant Secretary of Bodmin Deanery Synod by election of its House of Laity.

In the recent diocesan elections the Rector has been elected to the Diocesan Board of Education, its Schools and General Purposes Committee and to the Diocesan Parsonages Committee (which has to do with the provision, care and repair of rectories and vicarages). He is also elected to another body which doesn't meet often and whose doings are as yet unknown. CS

The Blisland Church bazaar held on Saturday 27th Nov. raised the useful sum of £237.50, in spite of the awful weather which should have kept right-minded people at home.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Burial at St Breward.

December 2nd Kevin John Bluett.
December 6th Alan Donald.
December 10th Emily Allan.
Arthur Hawken.

Mr Arthur Hawken has also died this same weekend and his funeral service (before cremation) will have been held at his beloved Methodist Church. He was a delight to hear on his memories of the whole neighbourhood, of moor and valley and I only wish I had dared to have a tape-recorder with me.

Kevin was 25 and we have all shared a common grief at his sudden death. Even that short life has been considerably longer than his heart condition at one time indicated and we must be thankful for the bonus years. I am sure the attendance of so many young men and women of his age will have strengthened his family.

Alan and Irene Donald have endeared themselves to many St Breward people in the relatively short time they have been with us,as Irene has seen at the service on the day this is written. Alan has been ill for some months and we have been grieved for the outlook, but people have been praying, including a small group of the clergy. The choice of the hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' was happy in that it summed up the spiritual strength and accepting serenity which Alan and Irene have found.

Emily Allen nee Rowe, who died at the age of 91 had lived in St Breward all her life. The widow of Harry Allan, the Captain at Wenford, and a devoted member of the De Lank Methodist Church. She was a very homely person, a very much loved person, and never a day passed without visitors at her door or window. One of nine children she is survived by her brother Mr John Rowe of Penpont and sister Mrs L.Kerslake. The very full church for one so elderly was a sure sign of the regard in which she was held.

In the Alternative Service Book funeral service the officiant calls upon the worshippers to commend our brother/sister N to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer in these simple and direct words 'Heavenly Father, by your mighty favour you gave us life, and in your love you have given us a new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust N to your mercifull keeping: in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who died and rose again to save us, and is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.'

May the spirit of that prayer be also for the strengthening of all the bereaved in St Breward.

C.R.S.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL. Notes from the Chairman.

The Department of Highways and Byeways once again came to the rescue over the cutting back of the hedge-row & clearing up the pathway through The Ham. Unfortunately so much water off the fields runs down into that particular area it will never be completely dry, but we hope that with the new draining system that has just been laid it will alleviate the problem. But I'm sure it must be a lot better for people who use that pathway.

My phone has been running red hot just recently, firstly because some uncaring & thoughtless idiots have dumped rubbish again at Sandy Way & many of the parishioners were incensed. But the people responsible were seen unloading their debris & their car number taken - the Police have now got this matter in hand. It may interest you to know that according to the Town & Country Act of 1978 it is illegal to dump unofficially even if permission is given by the owners. Anyone who doubts this is at liberty to ring the Police Station in Bodmin for confirmation.

The second crisis came when people were reported to be using metal detectors & digging up our Village Green. So down I went and explained to these would-be treasure seekers that the Village Green is Private Property & owned by the Village. They took a lot of convincing but quoting the law on Village Greens from my book 'Law of the Local Councils' they conceded that they were in the wrong & left. After all if there is any treasure & I very much doubt it, then it's the Village who should benefit not outsiders.

Once again the time for budgeting the Parish Funds for the forthcoming year has come round, and last month the best part of our meeting was spent balancing the books with the rewarding news that the 2p rate will be maintained.

Mr Jack Winn who has served on the Council for 16-17 years has moved from the area. Mr Winn was a great supporter of Village Events & a great asset to the Parish Council. Having lived in St Breward & later Blisland all his life, & worked in the local quarries & then after a lung operation, on a local Post round he knew just about everyone, and everyone knew 'Hearty Jack'. There was a time when he lived at the Royal Oak that he would cut & mow the Village Green single handed & that is only one of the activities he was involved in. Kindness, Loyalty & integrity are hard to find these days & we shall all miss Jack very much. We wish him & his wife Binkie, every happiness in their new home.

Finally, we hope you all enjoyed the Festive Season & wish you a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Eilleen Walford.

NELLIES MEMORIES.

I was born March 3rd 1900 in Wadebridge, the youngest of nine. My real name is Mary Ellen, but I have always been called Nellie.

My Dad and Mother were both born in Lerryn, Mother was called Elizabeth Ann Sobey. She had one sister & six brothers. The eldest, Joshua, was a Baptist missionary and I remember him coming to stay when I was very young and he asked if I would like to go back with him as they grew a lot of bananas where he was stationed, I replied" I would if Daddy would go too!" The other five brothers went to South Africa towards the end of the last century. They were all builders, Thomas, John, James, William & Richard.Their sister was called Emma.

Dad was John Daddow Cole, his sisters were Mary(called Poll), Fannie, Ellen (Nell) & Jessie. His brothers were Edwin and Charles. One sister was a schoolteacher, one was a nurse, another was a Lady's maid, and the other married a fisherman. Edwin was a shoemaker and Charles a school attendance officer under the London County Council. My Dad was a signalman on the railway!

My Mother died May 2nd 1902, I was only two years old. My elder sister Emma (Emmie) helped to look after me from when I was 6 months old. She was a wonderful person, and 'kept house' (aged 19) and with Dad, looked after all the family when we lost our Mother. They were, Sidney, Emma, Samuel, Fanny, Hedley, Wesley, Louie, Harry & me.

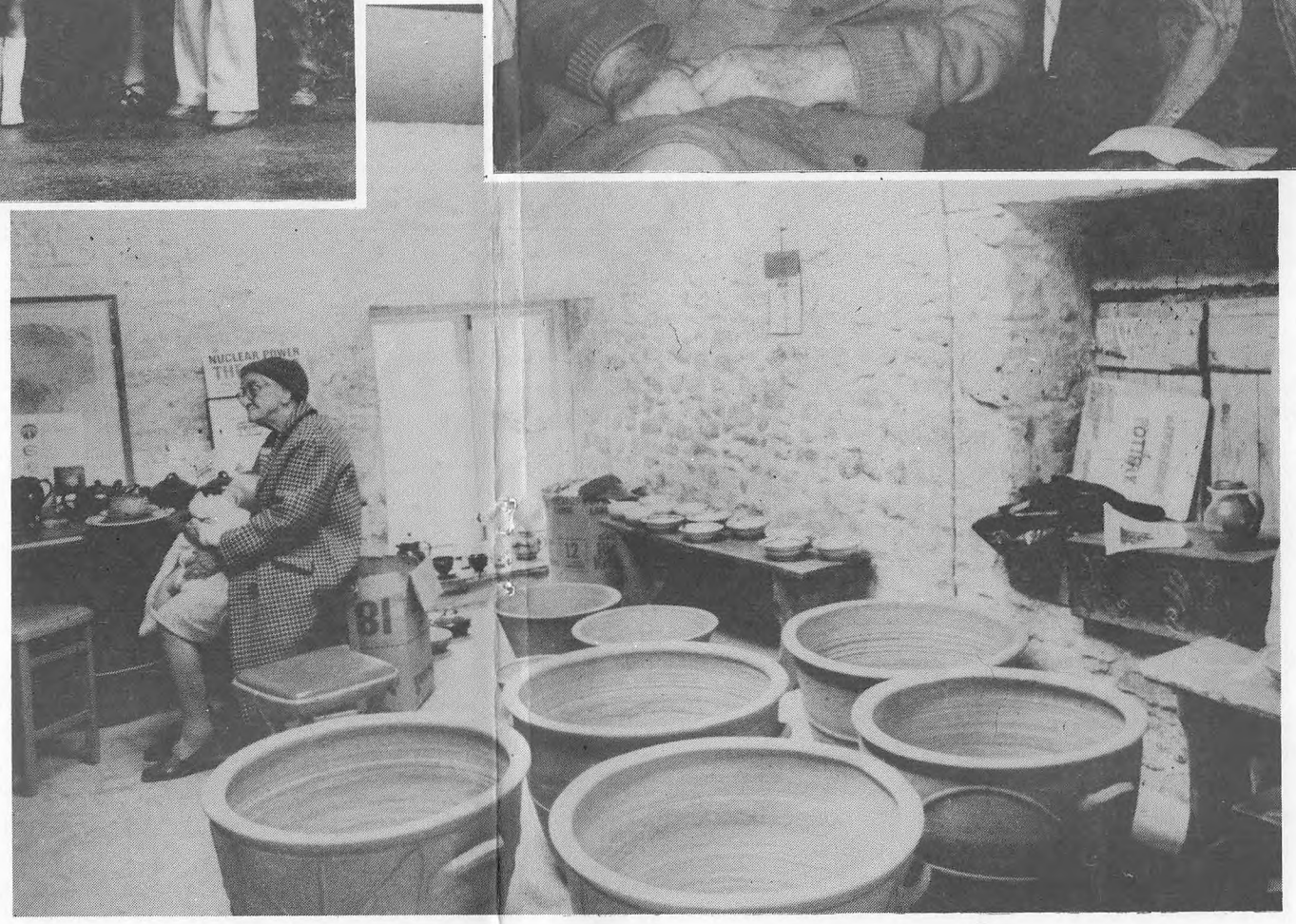
We went to live in Ottery St Mary in 1907. I can remember the day my brother Harry fell off the iron bridge over the river. He was shouting,"Nellie! Nellie!" and people thought I was in the river.But it was Harry, thankfully all he suffered was a cut above his eye and getting wet.

There was a cave nearby, which was called 'Pixies Parlour' and we used to go for walks & visit this place. Dad used to tell me that on one particular grassy spot, that the Pixies came and danced on it!

Our first Christmas in Ottery, the girls at school told me there was no Father Christmas! and I said "You old Devonshire girls don't know anything!"

We lived in Ottery until Jan 1911, when we moved to Wenford. We left because there was a fresh water stream running underneath the signal box and that caused Dad

Mary Ellen (Nellie) Marshall at Wenford, amongst the pots and potters.



to have Rheumatic Gout, and often he would have to be brought home from work.

After I left school I went to Bodmin as an apprentice dressmaker, which came in very handy in later years.

In 1919, Dad had influenza very bad, and they could send no relief, so Em and I did all the work. Afterwards the Railway officials gave me a free ticket to London for a month. I stayed with Uncle Charlie and Aunt Tilly. Fan came for a weekend too, and when we saw her off at Paddington station, I recognised Henry Crowle, an old schoolfriend, so went off to speak to him. He was going home on leave so he told his St Breward relatives that he had seen Nellie Cole in London. Auntie Tilly was quite anxious and asked Fan 'Does she know that man?' I reckon she began to think she had her hands full for a month! However, she was pleased I had met someone from home as she had lived in London for many years and never met anyone from home.

Dad was a local preacher for many years, and walked miles to take up his appointments, and sometimes took a horse and trap to ride along in. One very misty night, he had no idea if he was on the right road, but the horse knew, and to his delight, brought him home to Wenford. Emmie and I were very worried about him so we were pleased to see him safe and sound. Dad was very fortunate as he and his family had been educated at Lostwithiel Grammar School, and that was rather wonderful back in those days.

In June 1921 I left home for the very first time.. It was a big break for me leaving Dad and my sisters, Emmie , who had brought me up and Louie, who lived at Helland Bridge. Fan was away nursing. I went to Axminster as Childrens maid with the Talbot family. Mrs Talbot was one of the old Arundel family, and her eldest son took the title, Lord Arundel. I only stayed with them for two years, as Mr Talbot died, and they had to sell up and go to London to live.They were happy years and I still hear from the daughter, they never forgot me, and she comes to see me when she is in Cornwall.

First I went for a month with a cousin of Mrs Talbots at Goonvrea while her companion was in hospital. I had a lovely time there. Then I went to a house in Constantine for a month to look after a baby. I could have stayed there permanently, but didn't like it there.

I saw a job advertised in Exmouth - stayed a week! The boy was a terror, and the Mother thought I was going to do all the housework! I said I had come as a Childrens' maid! My next move was as a Lady's maid to Mrs Morgan. I met her at a Hotel in Exeter, and then we stayed at Hotels in Sidmouth and Budleigh Salterton, and on to her home in Green St. London. There was a butler, parlour maid and two housemaids, cook and kitchen maid, but the staff kept leaving. She was a lovely lady but took drugs. No one knew how she got hold of them, but it was impossible to live with her long. They had their own car, but no one to drive it. Everytime they went out they would hire a car from Harrods. I used to go out with her a lot. She had such lovely clothes and jewellery, but you had to watch out - or she would say you had taken something.

In Dec 1924 she was going to stay in a Castle over in Italy. I had given in my notice, but the Doctor said 'You go, you'll never get another chance like it, but hang on to your passport and return ticket'-which I did.

I got back to the house in London midnight! the day before Christmas Eve. Then in the morning I left, and went to stay with the Talbots for two or three months until I got another job.

My family didn't know I had been out of England. I think they must have thought I was mad, when I wrote and told them I'd been to Italy, and had stayed in an old castle on top of a hill, overlooking the sea, and I could see the liners etc. coming from Genoa. The servants were Italian and the gardener would give me oranges from the trees. They couldn't understand why I didn't speak their language. The village was very quaint.

Mrs Talbot was so kind to me, after the experiences I had endured whilst with Mrs Morgan and she gave me lots of sewing jobs to do, and I helped in any way I could to repay their hospitality.

I didn't want to leave them, but I went for an interview to Leicester Workhouse for the post of Seamstress & general assistant. There were three of us after the job. I was the youngest and got it. I went there in Feb 1925. I was responsible for making and mending for 600.

We made all the men's shirts, vests and pants and all the women's dresses and underwear. Their best dresses were made of navy blue serge. We made all the baby clothes

for the children in the Nursery and the nurses uniforms and aprons, also sheets and pillowcases. I had another person with me and several of the inmates. One old lady in particular was a wonderful machinist. Her Father had been a shoe manufacturer. She had brought herself so low with drink! Another person owned a lot of property in Southport and she had to pay to live in the workhouse - no one would have her, as she had been in so many drunken brawls. Her face was all marked. Her cheque would come every month and she would take herself out of the workhouse, spend it all in a few days, and be back in again.

Sometimes I had to be in the Receiving Ward while the Nurse was on ambulance duty, and one night she brought back a Mother and four children under 3yrs. The older ones went to a Cottage Home. The police, Receiving Off. nurse and ambulance man had to go across fields to get them. The man had stolen the tent and things - he went to prison. The Nurse said when they got there, one child had the butter and another a tin of condensed milk.

Well, I had to bath that lot - I started with the boy, he had never seen a bath before - he kicked and screamed, I was wet through. Anyhow, I got him into clean clothes and into a clean cot, gave him some milk and he soon settled down. Next I had the little girl and she was even worse than the boy, but I got her done then there were the twins to bath - horrible dirty little things. We bathed them in a bowl on the table. I'd just finished one when the Assistant Matron came in, so she said she would bathe the other one if I would see to Mother, and wasn't I glad.

In the Nursery there would be about 30 babes from 2 weeks to 3 years. Some evenings I used to relieve there, and it meant bathing all that lot, and feeding them. They were lovely little things and I loved it over there.

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NELLIES MEMORIES cover 19 pages of foolscap paper... much is purely family information which they hope to have printed up. It is a great net into which she has scooped four generations. We shall be dipping into her tales again.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH.

The Manse, St Tudy.
Bodmin 850474.

Greetings in the name of our great God & Saviour Jesus Christ! As you know we are new to this district and it will take some time to become really familiar with the area. However, we have felt welcome so far and with my wife and 3 children are beginning to feel settled.

This is quite different from our previous appointment where I was chaplain in a school in Zambia. The climate is quite different both physically and spiritually. Many in Zambia are responding to the gospel at this time and eagerly seek the things of God. Satan is being expelled from some of his strongholds by the mighty name of Jesus. Alas, indeed, that so many in this land are deceived , depressed and even captive to Satan. Who will take up the arms of spiritual warfare to deal with this mighty but defeated enemy? (Eph 6. 10-20)

May the Lord bless you so that you come to know Him and have life in Him.

John Young.

Parish Records.

Jack Champion, aged 74 buried 11th November,1982.

The St Breward Methodist Church New Years Effort will be on Wednesday January 5th in the Sunday School at 6.30.

Bring and Buy Stall& Gift Envelopes.

Childrens competition:- Make a cracker 12" long.

Adult competition:- Make a party hat.

Mr & Mrs Hooper from Port Isaac will be giving a slide show during the evening, the Sunday School children will receive their annual prizes. There will also be refreshments.

Everybody most welcome.

Nesta Teague.

COMPETITION CORNER.

The seventeen trees listed in the November issue were: Alder,Ash, Birch, Box, Chestnut, Elm, Holly,Hornbeam, Larch, Lime, Oak, Plane, Poplar, Sycamore, Yew, Walnut, Willow.

The winners with all correct entries were Janet Prout and Julian Jones, both of St Breward.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

24 members raised a cheer when Pres. Mrs Holmes welcomed back Mrs Donald & Mrs Parr. A detailed account of the Annual Council Meeting held in Truro was given by Mrs Bousefield, with a resumee of the talk by Norman Painting 'A reluctant Archer.'
The Fund Raising Evening produced £87, the goods offered were of superior quality, especially on the second Hand clothes, but the 'white elephant' and fancy goods seemed to be a winner.
The speaker at the Monthly meeting was Mrs Chadder who displayed and explained a selection of fabric pictures. Members were interested in the idea of a 'day school' in the New Year, and the suggestion of another on 'Rag Dolls' with Mrs Eddy.
The Flower of the month was won by Mrs Gill.

On Nov 20th a party of eight members and one husband went to the final Drama F Festival Evening at Liskeard to see plays presented by St Teath, Helland and Linkinhorne W.I.s. The hall was packed but the adjudicators comments were heard on the four winning plays.
The January 18th meeting will be a social evening and refreshments provided by all members which last year took on the appearance of a banquet.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

Members welcomed Mrs Mitchel at our November meeting who brought along an assortment of homemade sweets. She demonstrated how to make Rum Truffles and passed around dishes of chocolate fudge for us to taste.
No cooking was required, the sweets were made by creaming the ingredients together in a bowl over a saucepan of hot water.
During her talk she read out recipes for walnut fudge and marzipan. There were lots of ideas to make our own colourful selection of candies, and mints as after dinner 'petit fois'.
Arrangements were in hand for our Christmas Party. There were promises of word games to test our skill & everyone contributing to a Christmas Fayre for supper.
The Institute celebrates its birthday in January & we are hoping to 'dine out' to make the occasion.
Lucky winner of the competiti and raffle was Miss Runnalls
Birthday posies were presented to Miss Tucker & Mrs Turner.
Refreshments served by Miss Tucker and Mrs Hunt.
In January our guest speaker will be Mr David Corns, talking about Consumer laws, an opportunity to air our grievances when we are out shopping!
Happy New Year to you all.

Mary Price.

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A talk on music by the Rev Sargisson on Nov 16th was well received & enjoyed by the members, with a return visit promised.
Arrangements were made for the luncheon club to meet the following Wednesday at the Royal Oak.
An invitation to the school for tea and entertainment on Dec 15th was accepted with pleasure.
For the Club Christmas Tea on Dec 7th guests were invited to join us in carol singing and games. This was very much enjoyed by a record number.
Suggestions were made for the New Year's Party in January. Report on this next month.
A series of Whist Drives, held by Mrs Billing at her home, is being well supported and will continue until Christmas, giving a welcome boost to our funds.

G.M.Masters.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

We were very disappointed that more people didn't attend the A.G.M. for the Village Hall. Apart from the Committee only a handful of interested people were present. I suppose one could take that as a compliment. The General Committee administrating affairs of the Hall so competentlythat no one feels their actions can be questioned. Yet why is it that after the meeting I hear questions re new tables & chairs from people who did not attend. So come on, lets have a little more enthusiasm& I look forward to seeing more faces at the next general meeting, & not just the faithful few.
Dr Murray Leslie was elected as our new Secretary, we hope he enjoys his term of office & our thanks go to Eileen Langshaw who resigned from that post.
Malcolm Price is carrying on as our Treasurer - he manages the money dept. so well & a thankyou to him for past services.
Elizabeth Martin has joined the Committee - it is nice to have some new blood!
You probably know we have replaced the doors on the East & South sides of the Hall - a great improvement. There are so many things to be done but it all takes money. We are hoping to put on a Social Fund Raising Event in the Spring. Any ideas for raising money would be appreciated, unfortunately this is an exercise that has to be kept up to enable the coffers to be reasonably full.
Please support your Hall.

E.J.W.

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London for 3 days. Jan 28th-30th. See Dennis Waterman in "Windy City". A sightseeing tour of the City(London) and return via Windsor. £45.

Llandudno, Wales. 8 days, June 4th-11th, to include three day tours, three evenings of entertainment, with full-board. £115.

Bournemouth.8 days, June 25th-July 2nd. Three day tours. Boscombe hotel that includes bed, breakfast and evening meal. £96.

Scotland. 8days, July 9th-17th. Staying at Edinburgh University with three day tours. Full board with packed lunches on the tour days. £165.

Brighton. 8 days, August 13th-20th. Sea front hotel. Three day tours. Bed, breakfast and evening meal.£130.

Shanklin, Isle of Wight.8days Sept.10th-17th. Three day tours. Bed, breakfast & evening meal. £135.

Blackpool. 4 days, October 7th-10th. See the illuminations and have a tour of the Lake District. £68.

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