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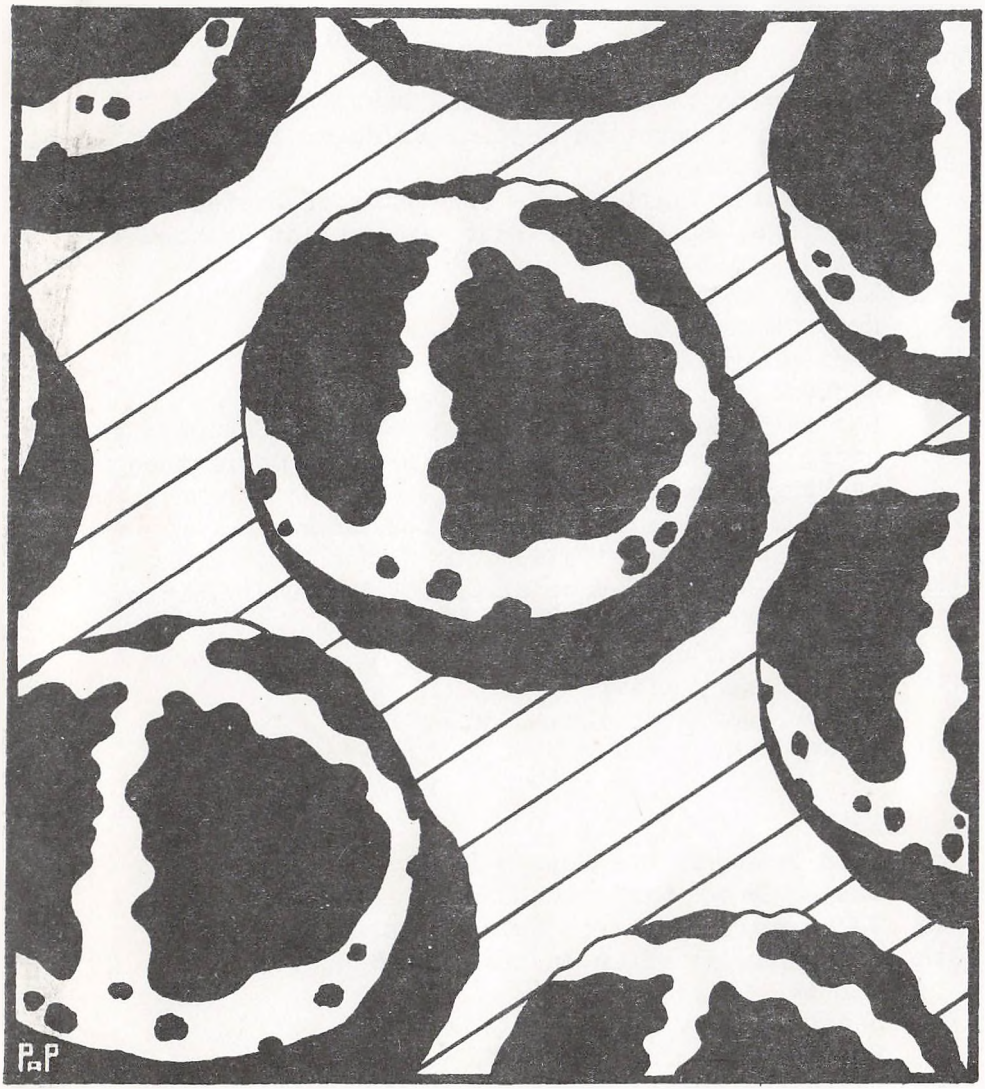

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PARISH CALENDARS

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

April.

1st Good Friday. Liturgy of the Day. 10a.m.
One Hour's Devotion 2-3p.m. Fr Roger Watson.

2nd Holy Saturday.
The Easter Vigil 8p.m. (Blessing of Easter Candle, Readings, Blessing of Font, Renewal of Baptismal Vows)

3rd Easter Day.
Holy Communion 8a.m.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

6th Wednesday. Mother's Union 3p.m.
(No services, except M.U. in Blisland Easter Week owing to the Second Catholic Renewal Conference at Loughborough.)

10th First Sunday after Easter. Low Sunday.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

11th Monday Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30p.m.

17th Second Sunday after Easter.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

24th Third Sunday after Easter.
Parish Communion 10a.m. Fr B.Clarke.

25th Monday S.Mark Evangelist (no service)

ST BREWARD

1st Good Friday. One Hour's Devotion 7.30p.m.

3rd Easter Day Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

6th Wednesday. Mother's Union at Blisland 3p.m.

10th First Sunday after Easter. Low Sunday.
Mattins 11.30a.m.

17th Second Sunday after Easter.
Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

21st Thursday. Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30p.m.

24th Third Sunday after Easter.
Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Easter Vigil service (Blisland, Holy Saturday 8p.m.) seldom has the attendance it deserves, although nothing can ever be as important as Holy Communion, which is of obligation for all communicants.

In many places now the Vigil is timed so as to introduce the Easter Eucharist about midnight. The Vigil is dramatic and exciting, with the darker the church the better at the beginning. Darkness and loneliness has been the keynote since Good Friday. Now light bursts in to symbolise the Resurrection of the Lord, as a new flame is kindled in the church porch. The great Easter Candle is lit and carried into the church, with the thrice repeated cry "The Light of Christ". From that light small candles held by the congregation are lit, for our spiritual light comes from Him.

A proclamation is made that Easter has come. The biblical readings, which follow, used to be very long and many, but have now been slimmed down. Easter was always associated with baptism from early days:

> We thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us;
> we thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land;
> we thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
> Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may become one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
> (Alternative Service Book p231)

So the font is blessed, with the Easter Candle, representing the Risen Christ, standing by.

It is in that wonderful setting and atmosphere that priest and people renew their baptismal vows in the knowledge that in the risen Christ they are given power to keep them, for they pledge themselves to live not in their own strength, but in his.

If you have not been to this remarkable service before I think you will see what I mean if you come and that you will find it a good preparation for Easter Communion the next day.
Saturday, 2nd April 8p.m. I will explain it as we go.

The Church of England has few enough rules. One rule, however, which we are all obliged to keep, is the one by which we are still bound by the Book of Common Prayer:

"And note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one".

Conrad Sargisson.

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PARISH REGISTERS.

Burial at St Breward. 16th February, 1983.
Angela Marie Brown.

In St Breward and district grief has been immeasurable over the death of Angela Brown after the briefest of illnesses. She was seventeen, had good "O"Levels, was working for "A"s and hoped to read English at university. We all want Peter and Vivienne, and young Peter and Victoria to know how deeply we feel for them.

Angela was a lovely, golden girl in every way and I tried to say so at her burial service, when we all seemed to be strengthened and uplifted in the most extraordinary way. I found myself speaking of our Lord's Transfiguration, when for a moment his person shone with glory in connection with talk of his coming death. That glory was a foreshadowing of resurrection. Some saw about Angela a kind of glory and now, in spite of our sadness, can we see that perhaps she is needed more in the next life and that all is somehow well, as wepray that she may rest in our Lord's peace and rise in his glory?

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Burial at St Breward. 17th February, 1983.

Michael Ambrose Cardew.

The next day we buried Michael the Potter sadly and thankfully. He was eightyone and in his long life he had created many beautiful things to enrich the world. He had potted and taught in Africa in two spells, had lectured in the U.S.A., in Australia and in this country, and his honours included M.B.E. and C.B.E. At the service I read, as requested, from Ecclesiates chapters one and three, a wonderful book (perhaps with some Greek influence, appealing to him as a Classicist, - he read "Greats" at Oxford) about the passing nature of everything "under the sun", but implying that elsewhere, not under the sun, there is much more in the light of the Resurrection.

Oddly enough I remember Michael Cardew from my childhood, and recall how in 1939 he left Winchcombe in Gloucestershire for another pottery which he was beginning in Cornwall. That was Wenford. However, we thought then that things might be alright, for Winchcombe was going to carry on under Mr Finch, - and there was Ray Finch at the funeral, a worthy successor for all this time, who came to pay respects with so many other renowned potters from all over the country. I spoke of craftsmen as makers, creators, who share in the work of Creation working with the earth itself and making beautiful things.

Michael was formidable and kindly, startlingly handsome all his life to the very end, a man of passionate sincerity in his opinions. I remember how gentle and kind he was with the choir children when we took them to Wenford carol singing, giving every one a Christmas orange.

A touching moment at the funeral service was when we brought him out as the Silver Band played the Dead March in Saul. I was grateful to so many people who helped us to make the service, as a visitor was kind enough to say "all so very Michael". Our prayers are with Mariel and the family.

Burial at St Breward. 4th March,1983.
Dorothy Littly.

The Vicar of Emmanuel, Plymouth officiated at the funeral of Dorothy Littley, aged 52 she was born at Churchtown, St Breward, she lived at Ivydene, the daughter of the late Florrie Littley nee Broadfoot. Mrs Littley died in Egypt while her husband was serving overseas. Dorothy worked for the Ministry of Defence in Plymouth. She was laid to rest with her grandmother. She is survived by her Father and brothers Lionel and Gerald. May she rest in peace.

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Burial at St Breward. 25th February,1983.
Ronald Tremaine.

The Rev.J.Young officiated at the funeral of Ronald Tremaine, aged 72. The service was held at St Breward Methodist Church and was well attended. Olver Harris was the funeral director.

Mr Tremaine spent all his life in St Breward, having a well known family business, during the war he did a milk round which included Blisland. He later went to the clay works.

He had spent the past 14 months with his daughter and had had a series of operations, may he now rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to his daughter, Pauline Nottle and family.

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Blisland W.I.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 31st March. 10.30a.m. -12 noon at TOR in aid of W.I. Funds.
Bring & Buy Stall.
Our thanks to Mrs Walford.
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Mrs Hollister invites you to
The Annual COFFEE EVENING
at De Lank Farm, to raise
funds for ARTHRITIS RESEARCH
on WEDNESDAY 27th April
at 7.30p.m.
Bring & Buy Stall.
Cake Stall.
Please come.
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FAR HORIZONS

Extract from a letter from my sister, N.S.W. 19.2.83.

"We have had an extremely hot summer and are now in our fourth year of drought and have been on water restrictions for months. The bush fires, as you may have heard have caused absolute havoc thoughout the States, and this weekend all the churches are conducting memorial services for the many lives lost and the many thousands of people who are now without homes.

The last week has been an absolute disaster.

You have to experience being in a Bush fire to know how frightening it can be. I can remember getting John (our brother) over to Mount Kuringai when Vaughn was a baby and Ian (her husband) was out fighting a severe fire all around us and I thought we were going to lose our home.

The same performance happened about four years later when the undergrowth had regrown and the weather was up around the century mark for weeks - and no rain. Only I wasn't so frightened the second time as I knew what to expect and what to do to make things safer.

They have been burned out at Mount Kuringai this year too, only the fires were not nearly as intense as the ones in Adelaide and Victoria.

I was in Melbourne and Dandenong three weeks ago and it was very hot then, with severe dust storms where the top soil was blowing across the paddocks and making it almost impossible to see when driving along the roads.

Hardly any cattle anywhere and the few that could be seen were being hand fed. A pitiful sight, believe me, and we wonder when it will ever end..."

A couple of weeks after this was written there were storms and floods but we haven't heard from Dorothy to find how she fared with that lot. She hopes to come to the U.K. later this year and hopefully we'll get her along to the W.I. to give us another informal chat on life downunder.

SMV

THE STORY OF EDITH GALPIN.

Before these days of the Welfare State which now controls our lives, people looked to the church for care and protection. The Blisland church-wardens were powerful men in the village. They supervised the compulsory practice with bows and arrows at the archery butts in the Middle Ages, they were responsible for the re-casting of the bells in the 18th century. They appointed the men to collect the rates for the upkeep of the church, the highways and the care of the poor. They also kept an eye on the morals of the villagers and brought to punishment those who transgressed as is exemplified in the case of Edith Galpin of Temple in 1777.

Her story is told in the history of the church written and published in 1950 by Dr Sidney Madge, father of the Rev.S.W.Madge Rector of Blisland who died in 1968. He writes:- "At the porch door on Sunday, 6th April, 1777, stood a penitent of the neighbouring parish of Temple, whose offences against morals had caused this sentence to be proclaimed in the Court of the Archdeacon on the 21st March, 1777. 'You shall on Sunday April 6th next in the forenoon, immediately after the lesson, enter into the South door of the parish church of Blisland (and on the following Sunday at the same time into the parish church of Cardinham) and walk barefooted, and barelegged, your head uncovered and a white sheet hanging down over your shoulders, and a white rod in your hand, and shall pass through the middle alley of each of the said churches so far as the minister's desk, before which you shall stand until the end of the Nicene Creed; and at the end thereof you are in each of the said churches with an audible voice to say and repeat:- "I Edith Galpin, do humbly confess that I have offended Almighty God by committing foul sin, and being merely a great scandal to the Church and Christian religion, for which I do hereby declare my hearty saviour and penitence, and promise by God's assistance amendment of life for the future, beseeching God to pardon me, and desiring you to pray for me" and thereupon you are with an audible voice to say and

repeat the Lord's Prayer upon your knees."

On the following Sunday Edith repeated the penitential act "openly and audibly and publicly" before the Rector of Cardinham in that church."

According to Sir John Maclean in his history of Blisland, Edith was given a document signed by the Rector of Blisland, Stephen Hickes the church-wardens and certain inhabitants of Blisland and Cardinham stating that she had performed this penance in the two churches. It would appear that old Temple Church was no longer used in 1777 as Edith was not ordered to do penance there. Stephen Hickes, Rector of Blisland from 1718 to 1780 was curate of Temple Church. In 1768 he became blind and was excused from attendance at Temple Church. He was the rector who removed the Elizabethan communion cup and cover dated 1577 to Blisland Church for safe keeping. They were returned to Temple Church when the new church was opened in 1883.

R.C.

I find this an intriguing tale. It leaves so many questions unanswered. What did Edith Galpin get up to that so insensed these good people? How would we fare if we were judged by those same standards today?

There is another more recent tale of some young lads that acted improperly with a young lady, and they too had to do a penance. What the act was has not been disclosed but it has been said that one could see worse around the village green in this day and age!!

Times change, probably for the better. At least one doesn't get jailed for stealing a loaf of bread or transported across the world for seemingly trivial offences - mind you, they're dead fussy these days who they have stepping onto their soil! On the other hand one hears of acts of such blatant immorality - and I don't mean the very commonplace change of partner, but acts where families are well and truly shattered by people who seem to take much pleasure in going from one liason to another and causing untold havoc in their wake. It is at times like these that I really would love to have a few stalwart church-wardens dispensing justice. Dear Edith, what did you get up to?

SMV.

FOOLS CORNER.

For years, Thinking Bodies have been advocating the the recycling of refuse, but apart from waste paper collection which flows with market fluctuations, and in a few places which have bottle banks, and even fewer tin tanks, relatively little has been done. So it was with joy that I heard of some bright sparks down West that had come up with a feasible idea for using waste and converting it into solid fuel, they use anything except glass and metal.

Later in the week there was a report on the radio that a couple of Professors at Manchester University had come up with some apparatus that could convert waste, again not glass or metal, into high grade oil, suitable for refining into petrol.

I saw some fuel that resembled chunky sausages being used on a wood-burner which was recycled material.

What a lovely thought - we could at last truly recycle all our refuse into one form or other of fuel, fast and cheaply. Doing proccesses in a matter of hours that took nature eons. Just think of all those unsightly, unhygenic and land-wasting rubbish tips being gobbled up and bagged into cheap fuel. To be able to keep warm without taking out an over-draft!!

The thoughts of Arthur Scargill going hand-in-hand over the distant sand dunes with an oil sheik and disappearing over the horizon, would bring tears to my eyes, with joy!!

Could we at last be getting back some of our Green and Pleasant Land? It's too early for April Fools Day so I hope it will all come to pass. If it's all a lovely dream, then don't wake me up.

SMV.

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Had Joy Cheeseman developed psychic powers on the 1st October to enable her to know of the birth of a child for 2nd October?
Not at all! Her brother phoned her from New Zealand on the arrival of his new offspring - and N.Z. time is ahead of ours.

NATURE TITBITS.

Re my contribution (March) There must have been a printing error as golden & jack snipe should have read 'common & jack snipe. (My fault, I slipped a line in reading the letter! (Ed.

In H.S's contribution it mentions pigeons and ring doves being different species. This is incorrect. The wood pigeon is the ringdove (columba palumbus) This bird is often shot- sometimes unneccessarily I feel. Did H.S. really mean that a pair of turtle doves (streptopelia turtur) visited the garden, or more likely the collared turtle dove (streptopelia decocto)?

In Europe the latter bird was once found only in the Balkan Peninsula, but in fairly recent years it has extended its boundaries over 1,250 miles! It is only found in gardens, parks etc. not in wild woodland.

B.M.Ralph.

I take great delight in typing the mag. in my kitchen, near the Rayburn, but also with a double view. South across the valleys with the hedge in the foreground where the birds take stock before swooping down for what-ever goodies I can put out for them. Then the pastures with flocks of sheep, or cows on the skyline. Now is the season of the patchwork of fields being ploughed or left for pasture.

The view Westward is down the garden, clumps of flowers, shrubs, fruit trees and the veg.plot. all house various birds and beasts. Moles and mice I could do without. The slow worms are beautifully marked and nest in the compost holder. But the pride of place goes to the numerous varieties of birds that come to the container on top of an oak post Robins, tits, etc.etc. usually well-behaved and take their turn, but I feel like a school -marm sometimes when the starlings or crows swoop down and try to nick the lot, then I rap on the window.

While writing letters I've listed the species, and I think sometimes my friends in town must think me a right hick, but I get so much pleasure in seeing them all and the antics they get up to. It's a sight that money can't buy. My one regret is that I don't know all the species, quite often I have a sneaky look into the kids Ladybird books or thumb through my Observer Book, every new one is a bonus.

SMV.

St Breward Guides & Brownies.

A Jumble Sale held on 26th Feb raised £65.
The Guides and Brownies attended the Revel Sunday Service and Tea.
The Guides also attended the Women's World Day of Prayer at St Breward on 4th March.
The Guides and Brownies attended the Mothering Sunday Service.

The girls meet very Friday, at the De Lank Hut. Brownies 6-7.30p.m. and the Guides 7.30-9p.m.
There are vacancies in both sections. There are Blisland children attending and new-comers are always welcomed.

A.Skinner.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND

St Breward Band will be holding an 8 hour non-stop sponsored "blow" on Sat 16th Apl. in the Row Sunday School from 11a.m. - 7p.m.
Everyone welcomed at any time. Refreshments will be available. Sponsor forms will be available.

The main aim is to start a fund with which to buy new band uniforms.

At the South West Band Asa. contest at Truro the band came in 4th - out of 10 bands in the 3rd section, and there was only one point in the first four places. 182 1st, 181 2nd 180 3rd and St. B. 179pts. A very close contest.

The First Friday in May is Isobels Day.

7th May,1983. Venue, Oakridge, Tregenna.

2p.m. - 5.p.m. 7p.m. -10p.m.

Bring and Buy Stall.
Grand Raffle.
Plants & flowers.

Roll up to the event of the Year in aid of Spastics. Meet old friends and bring your families along.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND.

Mr Mollard opened the Monthly Meeting by showing members a colourful assortment of winter foliage plants. He recommended several favourites, spiderplants, maidenhair ferns, spotted laurels, cheeseplants, to brighten up dark corners in the home & gave us several useful tips on how to look after them.

Miss Runnalls won the comp. with her attractive collection of hyacinths in full bloom.

Mrs Willcocks & Mrs Masters served delicious homemade refreshments and after a welcomed cup of tea proceeded with the business meeting. There were several items from County News. Mrs Vause is joining W.I. members on a C.F.W.I.coach trip to Killerton House in April. The itinery for the day includes a visit to Exeter for sightseeing/shopping.

Mrs Vause will represent our institute at the Agenda Conference in Bodmin.

At the end of the financial year Mrs Willcocks reported a healthy balance but stressed the need for more fund-raising events to help defray rising costs.

Mary Price.

ST BREWARD

A disappointingly small no. of members turned up at the Annual Meeting (12) but it is hoped that the bitterly cold weather was the main cause not lack of interest! With so few present it was impossible to have a representative vote on the standard of refreshments required or of any day classes, so these and other matters were held over to the next meeting. Discussion did take place about the entertainment and competitions for the Group Meeting in October.

The table tennis with St Teath has been postponed until March but there will have been a beginners p.m. in Feb. to get more members interested without the added problem of competition. Several members hope to support the lively team of Withiel W.I. in the Quiz Finals at R.C.S. & there will be another Craft & Coffee event in Wadebridge in March. There are always lots of unusual items on display and as a result of seeing "broomstick" crochet there and following it up with a day class at Rock I have just comleted a lacy shawl for an elderly relative in record time.

Mrs Dyer VCO from Cardinham took charge of the business of elections; Mrs A.Holmes was re-elected President, the new Secretary is Mrs J.Hawken, with Mrs I.Donald as the new Treasurer. The other members were kind enough to volunteer their services in the same capacities as before, with the addition of Mrs P.Bridge who will be in charge of the monthly raffles.

The Annual Report read by the retiring secretary, Mrs Bridge detailed the activities of the Institute as a group or individually, and the Finacial Statement prepared by Mrs P. Parr, the retiring Treasurer showed a strong financial position.

Mrs Dyer then gave a talk about duties of a V.C.O. & presented the Competitions Cup and the Flower of the Month Cup, both to Mrs J. Greenaway.

On April 19th Mr Faddy will give his talk "Hitchhiking around Morocco in a wheelchair" postponed from last year.

A.Holmes.

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BLISLAND SUBSCRIBERS.

I would like to thank everybody who has paid their subscription to the Parish Magazine - the prompt response has been terrific. To those of you who may have forgotten, just a gentle reminder that your £1.20 is urgently needed.

The Bank statement for the Parish Magazine dated March1st shows a balance of £495.78. This may seem fairly healthy but when you consider that the printing costs alone each month are £55.00 you will realise that to keep the magazine solvent we must find a way of raising money.

Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

Thankyou for your support.

Eileen J.Walford.

Treasurer.

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PARISH MAGAZINE FUNDS.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held at TOR, Blisland. on Thursday 14th April. from 10.30a.m. - 12a.m. Bring and Buy Stall. Selection of Webb Ivory Cards and the Spring Collection catalogues available.

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Quotable Quote.

God could not be everywhere and therefore He made Mothers.

Jewish Proverb.

W.V.R.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB.

The meeting on Feb 15th was well attended despite the extremely cold weather. Members enjoyed a most interesting talk on the sights & life of Singapore by Mrs Walford who also showed some of the 400 photographs her husband had taken during their recent visit. It is hoped to have another visit by Mrs Walford to tell us more of the magic she found there.

A beautiful Valentine Card sent to the Ladies from one of the "Boys" was a lovely surprise, which raised our spirits and our blood pressure no end on this cold day!

March 1st was a social afternoon when again a good attendance enjoyed various games and some discussion on future outings; also a date for the next Club Lunch arranged.

Being St David's day, the competition for the best daffodil was won by Mrs Hawken

G.M.Masters.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on TUES 29th MARCH at the Red Cross Hall 7.30p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Mr Oliver Baines talking on the work of Cornwall Rural Community Council.

P.N.

ST BREWARD CUBS & SCOUTS.

At a special presentation evening, Stephen Tootle of 1st St Breward Scouts received the Chief Scouts Award from Mr A.Dixon, Dist. Comm. of Scouts for Bodmin.

Stephen joined 1st St. B. from the Cub Scouts BAOR Sunda. W.Germany.

After the death of his father in a motor accident, he now lives with his mother and grandparents, Mr & Mrs R. Crowle of Churchtown, St. B. During his 8 years with the Group, Stephen has taken a keen interest in many specialised subjects.

A former pupil of Sir James Smith School, he is now employed by N.C.D.C.

While at school he was a keen member of the A.T.C. and is currently a member of the T.A. unit in Bodmin and hopes to take up a career in the services.

Stephen immediately followed the presentation by making an application for a Leadership Warrant as an Assistant Leader to lead in Adventure activities.

The Group has another Leader Warrant application in progress from Kevin Yeo of St. Breward. also a former member of the troop and like Stephen a Patrol Leader as a lad.

WEBBER TRAVEL

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WEBBERS TRAVEL 1983

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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The frontispiece is again the work of Paul Pierce.
'Hot Cross Buns'

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