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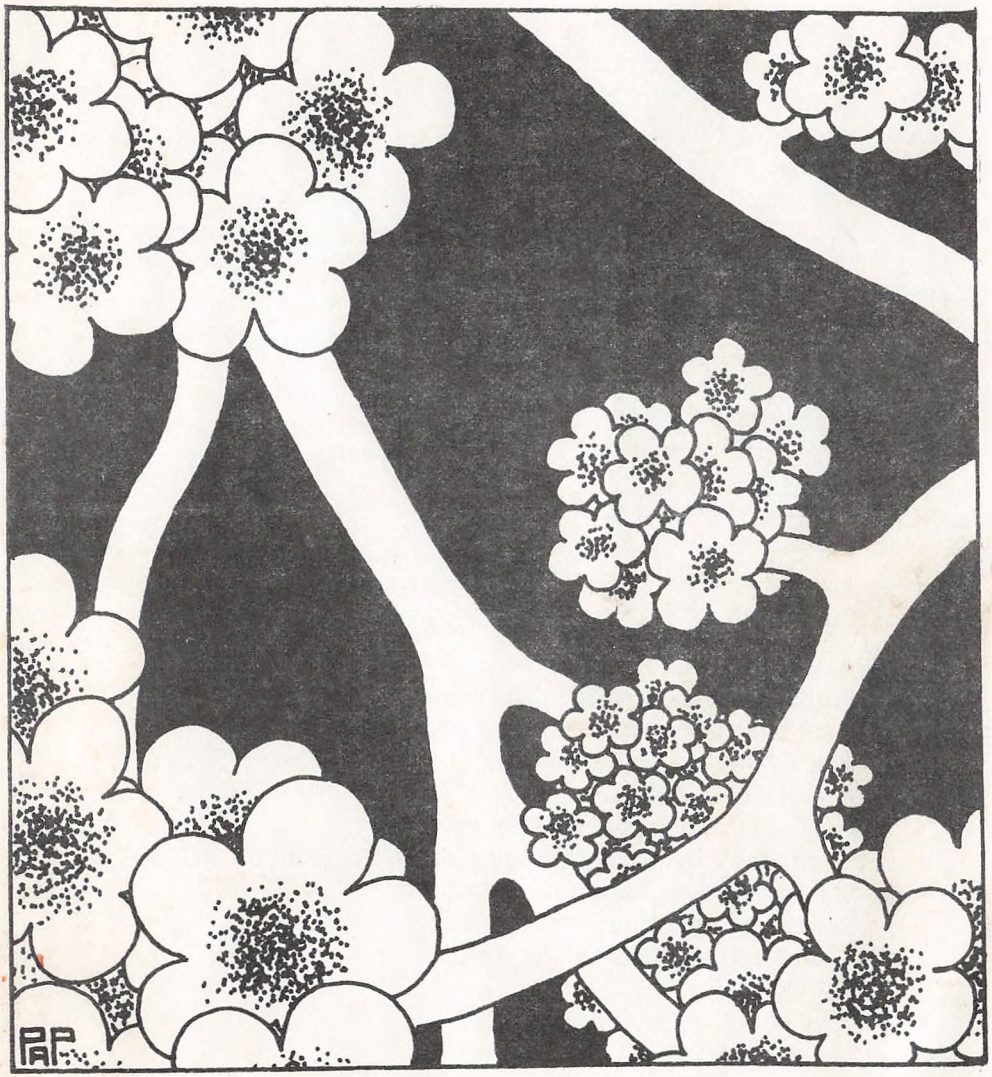

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

May.

1st Fourth Sunday after Easter.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

4th Wednesday. Mother's Union 3p.m.

8th Rogation Sunday.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

10th Tuesday. Diocesan Synod at Truro.

11th Wednesday. Archdeacon of Bodmin's Visitation Court.

12th Thursday. Ascension Day. Sung Eucharist 7.30p.m.

15th Sunday after Ascension.
Parish Communion 10a.m.
Evensong at TEMPLE 3.30p.m.

18th Wednesday. Bodmin Deanery Synod.

22nd PENTECOST Holy Communion 8a.m.
Parish Communion 10a.m.

29th Trinity Sunday.
Parish Communion 10a.m.
Members of the Mother's Union are asked, please, to regard Ascension Day as the occasion of their Corporate Communion. 7.30p.m.

ST BREWARD.

1st Fourth Sunday after Easter.
Mattins 11.30a.m.

4th Wednesday. Mother's Union at Blisland 3p.m.

8th Rogation Sunday.
Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

12th Thursday. Ascension Day. Holy Communion 10.30a.m.

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

By the time this magazine is published it will have been announced officially that I am leaving these parishes in the summer.

I shall be sad to leave the many people who have been kind and good to me, and shall miss the moors, valleys, streams and woods amongst which we live. I shall also miss the churches, all three beautiful in their own way.

Much thought is being given to the future. With such a shortage of occasional-duty priests in this deanery a gap between my going and a successor's appointment is heartily to be avoided. Once such a time began there would be a very long interregnum before an appointment was made. Blisland's difficulty in accepting financial obligations to the deanery and diocese (Common Fund contribution) would not entitle the parish to high priority in the limited supply of priests. That, in its turn would have a damaging effect upon St Breward and the future outlook would be grim indeed.

If, in the circumstances, a way appears for a priest to come here, through much trouble and planning by Bishop Peter, two groups of patrons, the legal experts and a willing priest, then, everyone, be thankful and respond with all your might! Welcome such news and put God first in life from now on, and your own interests last.

One thing more, (and some will want my head on a charger for saying it) that parish money contribution pays for the clergy. Up to now parishes have been featherbedded by endowments and the Church Commissioners. Inflation has now overtaken those resources and parishes have to shoulder an increasing portion of the load. It would be better to let churches fall down than to fail in that obligation, for the Church is people and not buildings, however beautiful. People need priests to enable them to do their work. It would be better still to look after both Church and the churches.

Conrad Sargisson.

A Walk to Brown Willy.

I found the following article in my bag of 'bits' and thought that now the weather is improving, our readers might better appreciate Donald Bousfield's thoughts.

"It was a lovely summer's day, with hardly a cloud in the sky, believe it or not. And I had no excuse for not making the effort in response to my wife's urging - especially when the Rev. Michael Browning had recently scaled the summit. How good to see him so active again!

So we set off from Camperdown (the nearest point by car?), kissing the Middlemoor Cross as we started. The track to Fernacre is bold and almost straight, across pleasantly springy turf, and on the way there are several ancient hut-circles, also the Fernacre stone circle which once had about 65 standing stones, similar to the stone circle at Stannon, which is visible across the moor from Camperdown.

The old Ordnance Survey of the middle of the last century shows the tracks (roads?) which passed up the west side of Roughtor past Arthur's Hall to Landavey and Trevilians' Gate, but few traces seem to remain now.

By courtesy of Mr Peter Throssell, we nosed around the old farmstead of Fernacre, set comfortably beside the de Lank stream, protected by the sloping hillside against the worst of the north winds.

We were interested to note that a barn and hayloft over it are part of the house, and not an addition. We were reminded of Swiss upland farms where the cattle are housed similarly in the winter, providing warmth for the household - I suppose you get used to the smell!

The 1843 Tithe Apportionment schedule shows East Fern Acre as belonging to Richard Doidge Esq., and tenanted by Philip Ham, consisting of arable and pasture land to the extent of 65 acres, to which the Lower Brown "Willey" area of 299 acres may be added.

Close to the farm is a well-maintained "bee-hive" hut, built into a vast slab of moorland stone, big enough to provide shelter for a dozen or more sheep, if required.

We ate our lunch amongst the field-enclosures on the lower slopes of Brown Willy (=Bronwellye, Highest Hill, or Brown Wendy, 1239AD - spell it as you will!), basking in the sunshine. And then we made our way up to the trig point at the top of the hill, where we stood to enjoy the mild breeze, higher than anyone else in Cornwall - unless you count the planes which flew around and the two or three powered gliders which were overhead.

The only people we happened to meet on the summit were a couple who had come from the Jamaica Inn direction. The man recalled that during the last war he had been required to investigate a report that a Liberator plane had pancaked on the tor. With difficulty, in heavy snow he had arrived on Brown Willy to find the aircraft as indicated, but the passengers were all dead and had been there for some six months.

One of the things which we had wanted to examine was another 'bee-hive' hut on the east side of the tor, of which we had seen an illustration is a book printed some fifty years ago. We found it, we think, but the turfed roof appeared to have been removed. No one whom we have met seems to know the purpose of these small "huts" - there are two at Leaze, some more at Casehill and, no doubt, elsewhere, near moorland farms.

There was evidence of the old wolfram mine marked on our map, and we could see how the lower ground on the east of Brown Willy formed a watershed for several streams. And here is Fowey-venton or Foywell, the source of the Fowey river which goes eastward under Palmer's Bridge on the A30, down the long valley of the Draines River and then over the Golitha Falls towards the south coast.

It is difficult to drag oneself away from the high ground, the top of the world, even though the sunshine haze obscures the view of the sea both over St Endellion and to the far south. But, of course, we did, admiring as we retraced our steps over the moor the efforts made by ECLP to grass over the worst of the Stannon debris.

A short while ago we were exploring some of Dartmoor. Lovely it was, but no more beautiful than these stretches of Bodmin Moor, was it? D.G.B. "

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

The present Parish Council has almost come to the end of its term of office - four years, and during that time they will have done their best to administer the Village to your satisfaction. So many events have taken place during the past four years and not all of them happy ones.

It was with great sadness we attended the funeral of Mr Harris, a first class Councillor & man of integrity.

It too was with deep regret we had to accept the resignation of Mr Whiteway, again a dedicated Councillor and man of strong principles. So we had to have a bye-election for the two vacancies & with pleasure we welcomed Mr Peter Pengelly & Mr Malcom Price to fill the places.

Another sad event was the loss of the trees on the Village Green through Dutch Elm didease. But they were replaced by other varieties & the majority are flourishing well.

Street lights have been erected in Cassacawn Road, Tregenna Road, Pendrift cross roads and Cassacawn. The long awaited lay-by outside the Council Houses in Tregenna Road was completed, making parking of cars much easier.

Tarmac was laid outside the Institute and Public Toilets making the access to these buildings cleaner & less hazardous. The road near St Pratts Well was widened and the Well itself given a face lift making that area a pleasure to see.

The bungalows at Pen Tor were built and it was nice to see newlyweds occupying the houses vacated by older members of the community, who moved into the bungalows.

The Royal Wedding was celebrated in fine style and Mr Hardy was congratulated on the organisation of Blisland Festivities.

Drainage of many of the roads around the village has been effected and the remainder are to be done during the coming financial year.

Councillors have been involved in many working parties for work on the Village Green and in The Ham. Apart from this we have attended approximately 50 Planning Application Meetings and 10 Site Meetings.

In the face of continuing rising costs & despite the improvements effected, the Council have succeeded in maintaining their share of the rates at a very modest 2p in the £ throughout their term of office.

I would like to thank all the Councillors who have served with me during the last four years. They have all done their very best for the Parish, remembering they are your representatives. It's impossible to please everyone but I sincerely hope we have managed to satisfy most of you.

Eileen Walford.
Chairman, Blisland Parish Council.
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PARISH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism: Blisland April 3rd. Charlotte Laura Woodrow.
April 10th William James Dean Greenaway.

Burial at St Breward.
Charles Bedford Distin, aged 82 died peacefully at Hill Farm Bungalow, St Breward on April 7th, and buried at St Breward on April 12th.
Greatly missed by his caring family, our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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No prizes - but have fun.

How many wild flowers can you find, up, down & diagnally?

All in the Observer book.

Answers next issue.

GEORGE RONALD DEWEY.

The gentle man we knew as Major Dewey died on the 21st April,1982, in a nursing home at Rock, aged 81 years.

After working as an estate manager on a rubber plantation for Dunlop's in Malaya, and on agricultural development in South America - clearing areas ready for the natives to cultivate,he returned to England and came to live in Cornwall in 1937 with his bride.

Because of his life-long love of the Army and previous service in the School Cadet Corps and Malay Volunteer Regiment, he immediately enlisted in the 4th/5th Battalion DCLI (T.A.) as a private soldier and was commissioned later that year. It was always his proud boast that he was the oldest subaltern in the British Army.

On the embodiment of the T.A. in 1939 he served as a company commander with the 4th Battalion until 1940-41, when he volunteered for overseas service and spent the next two years or so with the Royal West African Frontier Force in the Gold Coast.

On his return to England, following a severe bout of dysentry, he spent some time at Newquay as Training Officer to the Home Guard and then as soon as he was fit got himself a posting to Germany to serve with one of the reinforcement holding units for the last six months of the war.

The fact that he was too old to serve with an Infantry Battalion and one of the DCLI Battalion's in particular, was one of the greatest disappointments of his life.

When demobilised he returned to work with the Home Guard in Cornwall as Adjutant/Training Officer until they were disbanded. He then joined the Cornwall Army Cadet Force and commanded the 2nd Battalion until he retired in 1957.

A keen and accomplished cricketer and rugby player in his youth, he retained his love of both these sports throughout his life and was an active member and supporter of the leading clubs in the county.

He had an encyclopaedic memory and was an authority not only on those sports, but also on railways (of the steam era) and on all aspects of the British Army.

Major and Mrs Dewey moved into Newton House, Blisland in 1960 and became involved with local activities. He joined the Parish Council in May 1964 and retired in May 1974. He was elected Vice Chairman in 1968 and served as Chairman from 1970-74.

The Parish Clerks recollection of him is of a 'fatherly person', he was the instigator of the Green Committee, which started to replant in the very early days when it was found that certain trees would need replacing. He set up a Trust Fund for the Green and sold goose eggs to aid the Fund.

Another great love of his was Bentley cars, he was a member of the Bentley Drivers Club which he joined in November 1945 and resigned only in 1980 when advancing ill-health began to restrict his interests.

During many of those years he was an enthusiastic owner of a $4\frac{1}{2}$ and such was his devotion to the Club that he was for a time Regional Chairman. In 1974 there was a Western Weekend, based in Falmouth, and all the company were entertained to tea at Newton House.

In the early sixties, the activities of the Region fell away badly so in 1964 he called a meeting together at Honiton which resulted in the revival of the Region. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, they owe a great deal to him and remember him with great affection.

The Blisland Village Hall was another interest, he finally retired as Chairman in September,1974, Having served on the Committee for several years.

I suppose we tend to take people for granted, if we are not a friend or confidant we tend to accept their face value and never pry underneath the exterior - it isn't mannerly. But having heard of the appreciation written in the Journal of the DCLI,"The Silver Bugle", and having read the Bentley Drivers Club Review, I regret not having been more chatty, for I missed knowing a great Character.

SMV,

FOOLS CORNER.

My brother was a keen philatist (collector of stamps) and I thought him the family 'nut' - however , I've joined the 'nuts', in earnest. For years I haven't thrown away letters and envelopes; from time to time I poked odd stamps away in boxes of stationery or Xmas stamps surplus to requirements , then recently I saw Roger Harper's advert, had a look at one of his selections and then really started to get serious about stamps.

I had a grand old clear out and was pleasantly surprised with what I found. Roger gave me an old copy Stanley Gibbons checklist which added to the fun. It really is an interesting little volume, listing all the issues. One forgets over the years the events which are of current interest, and these have been perpetuated in these interesting, colourful and exquisite minatures which we cheerfully lick and forget.

My daughter worked for a firm of well known engravers and printers years ago, and I saw quite a lot of their art work which I came to appreciate for the artistry and the craft that went into making plates for banknotes and cheques. That same craft and imagination goes into the engraving of stamps.

My son'acquired' a lot a my stamps when he started collecting stamps as a lad, he would spend hours putting them into his album attached to little transparencies - which invariably I had to brush off the floor!! His album went the way of most youngsters first toys, which was a pity. So now I'm laying in a store for another generation - and having fun as well.

I understand that there are a few people around who are interested in philately. Would it be of interest to start a group, to discuss or swap stamps? Have a little think about it.

Didn't they do well!! Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill in the World Ice Championships. Absolute poetry in motion, and they looked as though they were thoroughly enjoying every minute of it. I think we all sat with our hearts in our mouths during the performance in case they had a fall. Thank heavens for repeats, for then and only then, could we really enjoy their artistry without having kittens. All I ever finished up with at Streatham Rink was a black and blue backside!!

NATURE TIT-BITS.

Spring has come, sing tra-la-la-la! There may be a cold wind but nature is fighting back to brighten our spirits.

The Green has had its first cut and the smell of newly mown grass sharpens the senses On the bank across the road are daffodils, primroses, violets and summer snowflakes growing. On my sheltered side-bed are bluebells and on the rockery the small wild strawberries are coming into bloom.

I saw the wild strawberries for the first time last year, at least Young Mark spied the small red fruit and went hunting for more. I told him how his Mother and her friends would go along the hedgerows looking for them and stringing them onto grass stalks. They look as though they are spreading along the bank so Michelle should get a better share-out this year.

A final note from H.S.

The dove I referred to is known as the Barbary Dove "Streptopelia Risoria" - the pale fawn plumage with black half-collar. Related to the collared dove -Streptopelia Decaocto" which is of darker plumage with distinctive white tail-tip. Also the latter is bigger.

The Barbary Dove was released into the wild, and is or was a cage bird originally in this country. Their numbers are increasing in different parts of the country.

I am glad to say the lone survivor seems to have found a mate- or else it is the young pair of nestlings which have returned to take over their nesting site....

To the uninitiated, Mark & Michelle are the two grandchildren that move in and play havoc with any ideas I may have about having a quiet life. And that goes for my neighbours too!! They also keep me on my toes when it comes to observing nature, if I come across a slow worm then I have pleasure in showing them its nest and its beauty. The butterflies that have taken refuge in my bedroom during the winter can be observed but not disturbed.

When up the garden we stop to listen to the birds and watch their trips through the apple trees, The time spent showing them the tiny things about them is well spent. SMV

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COFFEE EVENING IN AID
OF MAGAZINE FUNDS.
THURS. 19th MAY 7p.m.
RED CROSS CENTRE,
ST BREWARD. Bring & Buy.

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Dates to remember.

18th June, Blisland
Parish Church Fete.
Rectory Garden if fine,
o therwise Village Hall

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Sat 9th July.
St Breward Church Fete.
To be opened by the
High Sheriff of Cornwall
Miss Elizabeth Johnston

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C.F.W.I.Dominoes Competition

W.I. members from St Breward and Blisland were amongst those who played in the round held at Treveighan Farm, home of Mrs Jory the area organiser.
It was a 'fun' evening, the winner Mrs J.Burden from St Teath W.I.
The Western Morning News Rosebowl is the trophy.
Each round is played to a different set of rules, so the finalists should have quite a few versions to choose from when they play during next winter in their own homes.

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The First Friday in May is Isobels Day.

6th/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.

BLISLAND VILLAGE SCHOOL

held a Spring Fete in the Village Hall on 26th March. The Grocery, Bottle,Cake & Jumble stalls were well supported and there was also an array of Chocolate Easter Eggs and edible bunnies.

The pupils put on an Easter Parade of Bonnets, which was judged by Mrs Whiteway.

Our Thanks to parents, grandparents and friends who made it such a pleasant afternoon and helped to raise £90.

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NORTH CORNWALL HUNT.

The original new garden of Lower Hamatethy, St Breward, will be open on 8th May,1983. from 2.30p.m until 6p.m. by kind permission of Mrs Hall. Teas available.

St Breward Parish Church.

A Womens Hour of Prayer was held at St Breward on 4th March, a lovely time was had by all.

The Girl Guides joined in and the address was given by Hilary Young of St Tudy, our Methodist Ministers wife

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

On the 1st April the band made their first ever National Contest. They were one of 24 bands in Section 4. The two adjudicators selected the first seven positions, and the rest were unplaced. The Band was in the 'also ran' list.

Never-the-less the conductor was pleased with their performance.

St John, Mosely were 1st. City of Leicester 2nd. & Calne Silver Band 3rd.

The contestants came from a very wide area. Better luck next time.

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Blisland W.I.

The Coffee Morning held at Tor on 31st March raised £22 for W.I.Funds, our thanks to Mrs Walford.

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Magazine Funds were improved by £31.10p after a Coffee Morning held by the Treasurer, Mrs Walford. on April 14th.

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ST BREWARD COFFEE SHOP

open in the Sunday School on THURSDAYS from 10a.m. -11.30.

Come and join us for a coffee, meet old friends and have a chat.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

Once again many members were not able to be present beacause of illness in their families, or in a few lucky cases - winter holidays!
Those present discussed the final arrangements for the Bring & Buy and Coffee Mornibg on April 30th in the Bandroom for the East Cornwall Hospital Fund; contributions for the stalls will be very welcome, this is in place of our usual "house to house" collection.
Two members will compete in the next round of the dominoes competition on March 23rd and St Teath members will come for a table tennis evening on March 22nd.
Miss Sue Hodge who is well known to many members, gave a demonstration of an evening "make-up" and then answered questions on particular problems.
The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs J.Brown with a delightful early tulip, and refreshments were provided by Mesdams Vercoe, Teague & Hawkin.

BLISLAND.

Blisland are calling out for new members. This local branch was founded in 1947 with an enormous membership and now only 36 years later we are fighting to survive.
Our Produce Show which takes place in July is always well supported and the Hall is packed in the evening so there must be some interest in our activities.

The W.I. has so much to offer , for apart from all the Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Flower Arranging etc. there is the companionship, the exchange of ideas and getting to know your village.

It's just one evening a month, the third Wednesday at 7.30p.m. Why not come along and give it a try?. You can be sure of a warm welcome - and a cup of tea! Do come.

At the March G.M. Mrs Price the President, in her address announced her resignation from that office for family reasons. Mrs Willcocks, Treasurer, gave a very creditable account of the Financial Statement and Mrs Pierce, Secretary, presented her account of the years events like a proffessional.

Mrs Arundel V.C.O. from Lostwithiel then took over the Meeting and gave dates of forthcoming events in the

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

March 15th and April 5th were both social afternoons, when the attendance was smaller than usual owing to the very rough and wintry conditions still persisting.

Suggestions for our 10th Birthday celebrations on May 3rd were discussed, and transport arranged for our proposed visit to the Wenford Potteries on April 19th.

A little light-hearted fun was enjoyed as members made Easter Bonnets with newspaper and pins, the winner being Mrs M.Webber.

We are always pleased to welcome new members so why not join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2.30p.m.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on May 17th, when we hope to complete arrangements for a day's outing in June, by which time we hope summer will have arrived.

G.M.Masters.

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St Breward W.I. cont.

The speaker for May 17th will be Mrs Wolfe on "Producing your Play" and the competition is for a limerick about the W.I. so start composing now.

Anne Holmes.

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ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP.

On January 22nd at Fairholme Port Isaac, a coffee morning/ tea afternoon was held by Mr & Mrs Sharratt in aid of local playgroups. The grand sum of £384 was raised with the help of many Mums and this was divided equally between St Breward and Port Isaac Playgroups and Michaelstow School.
St Breward shared theirs between Playgroup and Toddler Group.
The raffle prizes were won by:- 3 chicken dinners,
Barbara Dolly, St Minver;
P,McShee, St Breward.
A.Walkey, St Breward.
Box of fruit, Cora Draper, Blisland.
Sherry, L.Wichett, Davidstow.
Name of Doll "Demelza", outright winner, Ann Perisic, St Teath.
Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Sherratt for such a magnificent effort.

Catherine McShee.

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Blisland W.I. cont.
County W.I. also titles of new W.I. publications.
New Officers were elected.
Mrs M.Webber, Secretary.
Mrs I.Willcocks, Treasurer.
& Mrs E.Walford, President.
Tea and refreshments were served by Mrs Richards & Miss J.Runnalls.

E.J.W.

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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.

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

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

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