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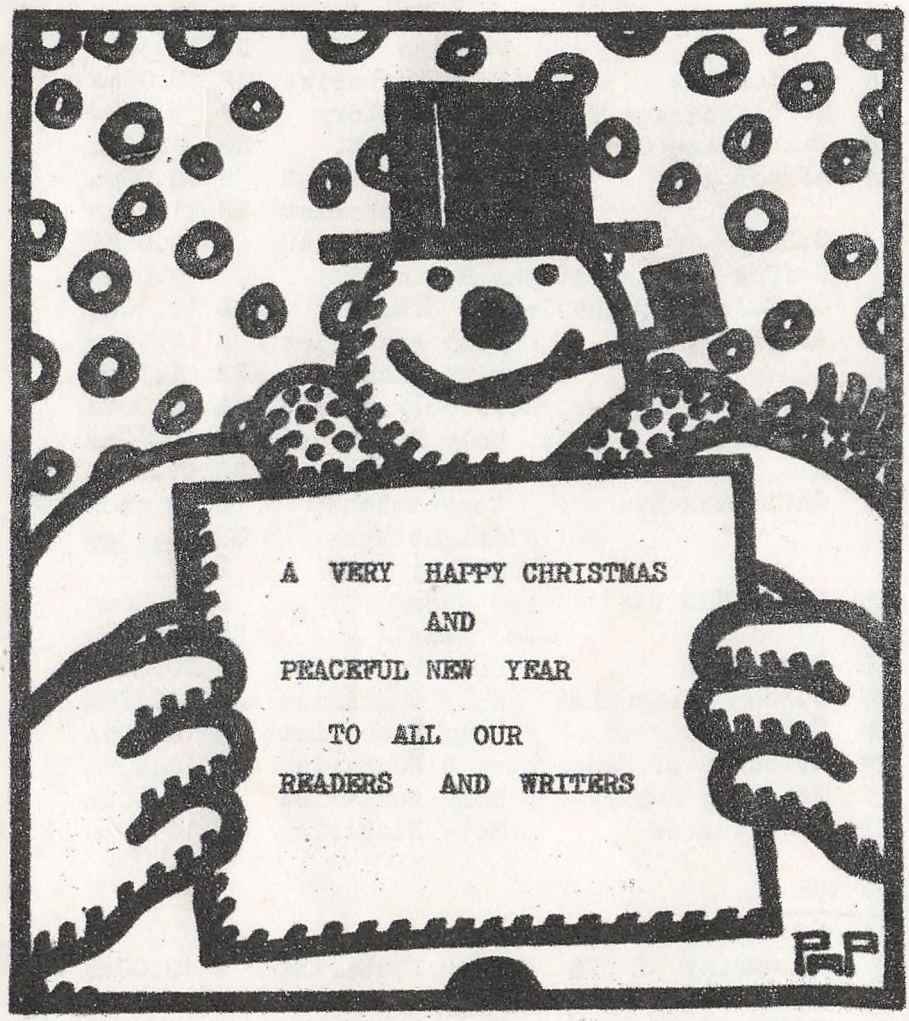

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1983.

(Note: Abbreviation: B (Blisland) SB (St Breward)

Thu	1	Of St Andrew	Holy Eucharist	SB	10.30am
Sat	3	S.Francis Xavier	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
SUN	4	ADVENT II	Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
Tue	6	S.Nicholas	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
Wed	7	MU Office and Tea at the Rectory		B	3.00pm
Thu	8	Immaculate Conception BVM H.E.		SB	9.30am
SUN	11	ADVENT III	Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am
			Parish Eucharist	SB	11.30am
Tue	13	S.Lucy	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
		Coffee Evening at the Rectory			7.00pm
Thu	15	Of S.John of the Cross H.E.		SB	10.30am
SUN	18	ADVENT IV	Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am
			Parish Eucharist	SB	11.30am
Wed	21	S.Peter Canisius	M.U. Holy Euch.	B	10.00am
Thu	22	Of the Holy Spirit	Holy Eucharist	SB	10.30am
			Confessions	SB	11.00am
Sat	24	Christmas Eve	Confessions	B	12 noon
			Midnight Mass	SB	10.00pm
			Midnight Mass	B	12.00
SUN	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	Low Mass	B	10.00am
			Low Mass	SB	11.00am
Mon	26	S.Stephen	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
Tue	27	S.John Evangelist	Holy Eucharist	SB	10.30am
Wed	28	Holy Innocents	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
Thu	29	S.Thomas of Canterbury	H Eucharist	SB	10.30am
Fri	30	The Holy Family	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am
Sat	31	S.Sylvester	Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am

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SUN	1	Sunday after Christmas.			
		Solemnity of BVM	Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
		Combined Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols		SB	3.00p.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Holy Matrimony on Sat 12th November at St Breward Parish Church between Dawn Goodman and Roger Sleep.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

There has been a bit of an upheaval at the Rectory recently. A central heating system has been installed and whilst the work was in progress I had to be around getting rooms ready and acting as a tea-boy which took up time from some of my pastoral duties. Sister and I would like to keep open house on Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm and hold a Coffee Evening. A warm welcome, in both senses, awaits you all. The Coffee Evening at the Mansion House was not only a social success thanks to the kindness of our hostess but also it raised money for the Church. I hope that the Coffee Evening at the Rectory will also be a social success and raise some more money for the Church.

Twelve days later we shall all keep the great feast of Christmas. In the sixteenth century there lived one Thomas Tusser who wrote a book called Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry and in the section The Farmer's daily Diet are to be found the well known lines:

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

It certainly does and people generally take Thomas Tusser's advice. So much so that Christmas has become more and more secularised and commercialised. As Christians, however, we must remember that Christmas - Christ's Mass - celebrates the birth of the Saviour of the World Who came down from Heaven and died upon the Cross in order that we might go to Heaven. He did this for love of us and we must show our love for Him by coming to Midnight Mass or to a simpler form of that Mass on Christmas morning. Then, having been to Church, we can look forward to our traditional Christmas Dinner and entertainment.

Not everyone, of course, can make good cheer. There are many who are impoverished or undernourished, many who are unwell at home or in hospital, many who are lonely or sad. We must think of them just as we must remember that the Christ Child was born in humility and poverty in a stable with the animals around and the first

visitors to join in honouring and worshipping the Holy Child were simple shepherds. Looking down from Heaven, however, were the Angelic Host rejoicing that God Incarnate was born. When we come to Church at Christmas we worship the Christ Child in the company of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven. It is a wonderful feast but we must realise what it is all about. We must prepare ourselves to receive the Christ Child into ourselves. Here is a prayer, from a Christmas hymn, which we can use:

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in:
Be born in us today;

We hear the Christma angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

A holy and blessed Christmas. God Bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHAPEL

December Diary.

6th. Overseas Missions Evening. 7.30p.m. in the Sunday School. Rev. Young will bring slides and give a talk. Tea & biscuits at close.

16th Carols by Candlelight in the Sunday School 7p.m Admission 30p to include tea and mincepies.

18th 9 Lessons and Carols in the Chapel at 6p.m.

25th Service in the Chapel at 9.30 led by Rev. Luke.

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1984 Jan 4th. New Years Effort in the Sunday School 6.30p.m. Open Fancy Dress theme 'Punk Rocker' Stall. Gift envelopes. Refreshments. Proceeds for Chapel Funds.

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Before your very eyes!!

A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

on December 17th in The Village Hall.

Commencing 7.30p.m.
Admission 50p includes tea and mincepie.

Come and see Blisland's Palace of Varieties.

Acts Galore & Glorious

A Coffee Evening is to be held in the RECTORY, BLISLAND on Tuesday 13th Dec. from 7-9.30p.m.

Bring and Buy Stall etc. Do come and join us.

Just a thought! or two.
The best creed we can have is charity towards the creeds of others.
Josh Billings.

What lies behind us and what lies before us - are tiny matters compared with what lies within us.
Ralp Waldo Emerson.

MRS BEETONS BEAT.

Here is a recipe from an ol Jimmy Young Show..

Spicey Tea Bread.

8oz. S.R.flour. 1oz soft brown sugar. ½ level tsp salt. ½ level tsp cinnamon. 2oz sultanas. 1 oz chopped glace cherries. ¼ pt milk 1 rounded tbs golden syrup. a little granulated sugar.

Mix all dry ingredients, then add milk and syrup and beat well. Put mixture into 6"- 7" greased cake tin, sprinkle top with a little granulated sugar.

Bake for 45 mins at Gas 4 or 350'

WENFORD BRIDGE LINE

There will be a meeting on December 7th in Blisland Church Institute for any-one interested in a future for the Wenford Bridge Line and all those concerned with the increased clay freight to be carried on our narrow country lanes. Meeting to commence 7.30pm

Potatoes at very competetiv rates.
Contact Ashley Master on Bodmin 850331.

SOME HYMN WRITERS.

At an earlier meeting of the Mother's Union this year a speaker disccussed with us some of the more popular hymns, encouraging us to read them quietly to obtain a greater understanding of their content and the beauty of their poetry.

It occured to me later that we know little about the authors and their lives. This ract prompted me to find out something of the background of some hymn writers.

Hymns have done more than most men's words in carrying comfort and joy to the hearts of people in sickness and sorrow, in danger and anxiety.

One of our grand old hymns "Let us with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord for he is kind" was written by a boy! Millions of people have sung it during the last 300 years. It was written by John Milton the great poet when he was only 15, studying at St Pauls'School.

One very famous hymn writer was Isaac Watts, born in Southampton in 1674. Isaac's father was a schoolmaster, a deacon of the church and twice experienced a prison sentence for his religious beliefs. Isaac was the eldest of his 9 children, also he was the smallest. Because of his size he experienced plenty of bullying which resulted in his writing:-

"Were I so tall to reach the pole
And grasp creation in my span.
I must be measured by my soul
The mind's the standard of the man."

One morning during prayers Isaac laughed when he saw a mouse run up the bell rope. His father demanded an explanation which Isaac answered in rhyme.
"There was a mouse for want of stairs
Ran up a rope to say his prayers." The outraged father took a stick by way of punishment, dropping on his knees Isaac pleaded "O father, father, for pity sake, And I will no more verses make."

Five years later Isaac expressed his disappointment at the collection of hymns being used in church. 'Then my boy' suggested his father, 'make better ones'.

This started Isaac on his life's work of writing 600 hymns. In times of national crisis or victory we sing his famous hymn "O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." Isaac died in 1748.

Augustus Montague Toplady was born at Farnham in Surrey in 1740, but spent many years in Somerset. He became well known because of his experience in Burrington Combe near Cheddar Gorge. Whilst he was the curate of the parish of Blagdon, Somerset, he was out walking when caught in a violent thunderstorm. He noticed a crevice in a large rock in the beauty spot. While sheltering there he compiled the words of the hymn "Rock of ages cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee".

Toplady wrote it on a playing card which someone had dropped and this heirloom is said to be preserved in a museum in America. The Prince Consort requested this hymn to be sung a few hours before he died. Toplady died in 1778.

John Keble was born in Fairford, Gloucester in 1792, won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Oxford at the age of 15 years. Ordained in 1815, John Keble was a nature lover, one of his most popular hymns "Sun of my soul, thou saviour dear" was inspired while he was watching a glorious sunset in a distant valley. In 1835 John Keble was appointed to the living at Hursley, and it is to the tune 'Hursley' that the above hymn is mostly sung.

Another favourite of his so often sung at weddings is " The voice that breathed o'er Eden, That earliest wedding day". His greatest memorial is Keble College Oxford, founded in 1868 and in which building hangs Holman Hunt's glorious painting 'The Light of the World'

Very few men have received such affectionate tributes as have been paid to Henry Francis Lyte, an English clergyman who has lain in his tomb at Nice since 1847. Among the hymns that he wrote was 'Abide with me'. He wrote it the night that he preached his last sermon, thinking not of that night's repose, but of his eternal rest. Now the hymn is sung at the close of evening service in church and chapel all over the world.

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THOMAS MERRITT - Cornish Composer 1863-1908.

Thomas Merritt, famous as the Cornish composer of carols sung all over the world where Cornishmen have settled, was my second cousin, the cousin of my father William Merritt. The Merritts were tin and copper miners in the district near Illogan. Thomas died in 1908 aged 46. My father died in 1907 at the early age of 38, having moved from Illogan to Caradon and then to the Treveddoe mine at Warleggan.

He was buried in Warleggan churchyard. He died from dust on the lungs which probably also caused Thomas' early death. Life was very hard for miners in the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries and many were forced to emigrate overseas in times of depression to work in mines in America, South Africa and Australia and nearer home in the Isle of Man.

It is wonderful to think that Thomas Merritt developed his outstanding gift as a musician in spite of the hard life he had to lead. He was educated at Pool Board School until he was 11 years old, when his father, also a miner, died and he was forced to go to work himself in Carn Brea Mine and Tolvaddon Tin streams. In spite of long hours of hard work, music was his inspiration and he longed to be a composer.

At the age of 18 he was taught music by Humphrey Broad of Redruth for six months. He gave up his work as a miner and earned his living teaching music to children in their homes. He also played the organ in Chili Road Chapel and Illogan Highway Chapel where in 1901 he was presented with a marble clock as a token of the esteem of his many friends. He also conducted orchestras and the choir of Illogan Parish Church.

He is best known for his carols for which he had a special gift, but he also compased oratorios, anthems, hymns and a sacred cantata. He also wrote music for brass and silver bands including a march for the Coronation of Edward Vll in 1902. All his music was written in his cottage by candlelight.

His carols are best known and loved and are sung in Cornwall every Christmas. They have been broadcast by the B.B.C. and have been sung overseas.

His nephew Merritt Avers of California wrote in a letter that he had heard his uncle's carols sung deep underground in the mines of California. The Grass Valley Cornish Carol Singers are a famous Californian choir who have made thousands of records of his carols.

The famous composer Malcolm Arnold greatly admired his work and in 1968 on the 60th anniversary of his death he conducted a special memorial concert in Truro Cathedral in which many of his anthems and carols were performed by massed choirs and bands.

As a tribute to Thomas Merritt, Camborne Redruth U.D.C. had a plaque placed on the wall of Illogan Highway Chapel. "This plaque has been erected by the Camborne Redruth U.D.C. to commemorate with pride and gratitude the late Thomas Merritt of this parish, once organist in the Chapel and composer of Christmas carols sung by Cornish men and women the world over".

In the churchyard at Illogan can be seen a memorial in white marble with these words on it:-

"In loving memory of Thomas Merritt
Who died April 17th, 1908 aged 46 years.
The languishing head is at rest,
It's thinking and aching are o'er,
This quiet immoveable breast
Is heaved by affliction no more."

His music will live for ever, brightening Cornish hearts down the years at Christmas time in all parts of the world.

Hester Harper.

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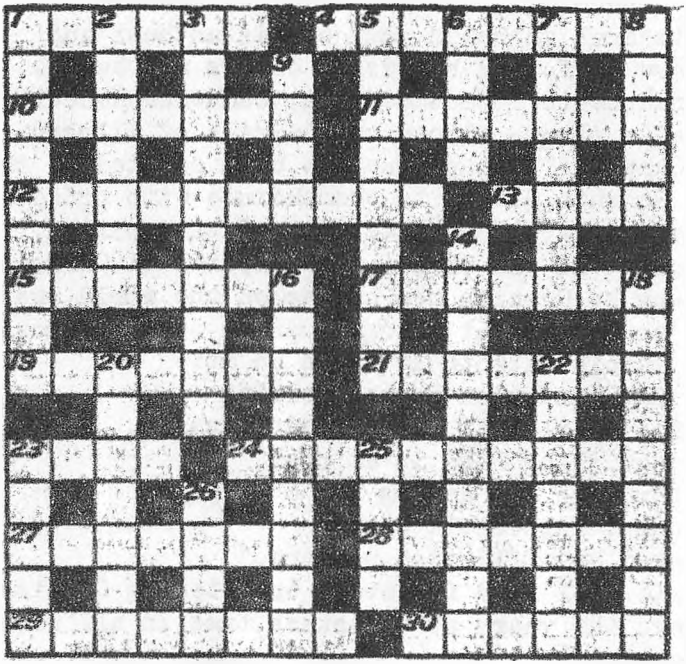
Another hymn with a history is the beautiful one 'Lead kindly Light'. It was written by John Henry Newman while he was on the sea. He was a brilliant man in the Church of England, beloved and admired for his character and great gifts. But doubt came over him and it was while he doubted that he wrote this hymn. Later he left the Protestant Church and became as a Roman Catholic - Cardinal Newman.

Grace M.Masters.

THE PRIZE CROSSWORD.

A prize of £5 is offered for the first correct solution opened of 7th January,1984. Entries should be sent before this date to D.G.Bousefield, Hantergantick, St Breward. Prizewinner's name and the solution will appear in the February issue.



Across. 1. Drink it at Christmas!(6)4. He abides in the fields(8)10. Now give it!(7) 11. Railmen produce this substance, quarrymen, too. (7) 12.No one likes to be kicked here (2,3,5,) 13.Flock of larks or ladies (4) 15. End mice prevalent in the district?(7) 17.Limehead? No, to be found in a wood(4-3.) 19 Evening - time for a drink (7) 21. The old often wish they were this(7) 23 Dish for the greens?(4) 24. See 29ac (6-4) 27. Cooperate with the harvester (7) 28. Naaman suffered from this (7) 29&24. Welcome George Orwell's year!(8,6-4) 30. Remained sober by the sound of it.(6)

Down. 1. My wish for all for 29&24ac (9) 2. Warned by an ugly red tale (7) 3. Expect it the third of January (3,3,4.)5. St Breward manor (9) 6. The long tree 7. A serious pledge (7) 8. Child's 10ac at Christmas?(5) 9. To be found in a nasty eye (4) 14. Blisland green in one, on the face of it!(5-4) 16. But it is not a hundred feet long (9) 18. Depicted, so it is said, an attack on a harbour(9) 20 Journalist, who covers all points of the compass (7) 22. Something to study on this earth (7) 23. Save it to get one out of a jam(5) 25. This family used to live at 5 dn (4) 26. It sounds to be lost in the fog (4)

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

November meeting. At long last, after many 'phone calls and much letter writing, the directional signs are back at Loskeyle. It pays to keep 'at em'.

Several letters have been received regarding the Wenford line closure. E.C.C.Ltd in a letter to the Parish Council has confirmed that there is bound to be a considerable flow of Heavy Transport, but not every day, and the route would be :- Inward from Loskeyle and outward via Keybridge and Fourwinds. This information has been passed to the Divisional Surveyor who has promised to try and create more 'pull-ins' along this route if it does not involve the purchase of land.

The wood gates at the entance to the school lane have to be renewed, we are having problems establishing what authority is responsible or who will pay.

December 14th is the date of the Annual Party at Camelford of the senior citizens who live alone and are over 65. The P.C. helps with the organising and would be grateful for names to be submitted.

M.Hunt.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

Band Engagements for December.

3rd Wadebridge Lion's Old Peoples Party.
9th Mount - evening concert.
11th Lanhydrock House for National Trust 2-4pm
12th Tintagel Play Group.
14th Old Peoples Party, Camelford.
18th Lanhydrock House National Trust 2-4pm
23rd Port Isaac carol rounds.

WEF

Juniors, Learners & Band around St Breward.

The Band would like to send Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all their Supporters.

Congratulations to Shaun Hunt for 1st position and Judith Hill obtained third position in 'under 12's class' at St Pinnock Slow Melody Contest.

Mr Hunt was very pleased with the results at Paignton. Indian Queens was the Section winner with 83 points. St Breward second with 82 points and Copperfield Brass third with 81 points. 9 bands competed.

FOOLS CORNER.

I had never heard of St Anthony - Patron Saint of Lost Things, until quite recently. My first plea was for Kates purse - which was returned having been dropped in the road at Lanhydrock, plus the £10 note.
Then I found the information that I had been seeking for weeks - tucked safely away.
At the Bonfire I gave Michelle a 'flying angel' and kid-like she twiddled with my ear-rings, later that night I found a stud gone. I had a word with St. A. to the effect that 'there was no point in my asking for the return of the stud as to find it at Mine would indeed be a miracle!' The dear of him. Kate rang two days later to say that it had been found in Michelle's pocket.
I have mentioned the above incidents to various people and apparently the Saint is quite well known for his 'finding' ways.
Never give anything up for lost - ask St Anthony he works wonders, may take a day or two, but at least ask.

SMV.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

The President, Mrs A.Holmes, thanked all the members who gave their time and worked so hard to make our Group Meeting a success; she also had the embarrassing task as President, and now as Press Correspondant, of congratulating herself on winning two firsts and a second, and Mrs P.Bridge for a first and a second in the competitions.

The Country Fair at Wadebridge was a lovely day packed with women arriving by the bus load, and Mrs Bousefield's quizz succeeded in raising £45 by selling over 450 copies @ 10p each, we were quite hoarse by the end of the day.

Six members met for their first hilarious darts practice and will repeat this next week - possibly we may improve!

Hasty arrangements were made to arrange the stalls for our own Fund Raising Evening on November 17th when it is hoped that we shall repeat the success of last years results.

Time was already running short when Mrs Holmes as delegate gave her report on the Annual Council Meeting at Truro and said that the new County Chairman is Mrs Sue Oliver of Mount, who was our V.C.O. at our Group Meeting, the youngest ever so far.

Mrs Davey was our speaker who demonstrated how to make all sorts of baskets from the bits we can find in the hedgerows, we were especially intrigued by the tiny one made from pine needles.

Mrs J.Teague won both the flower of the month and the autumn display competitions this time.

Our speaker on Dec 7th will be our past President Mrs P.Luke of St Breward talking about her Kenyan travels. Visitors are most welcome. 7.30p.m. Red Cross Hall.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

In last months magazine Mrs Holmes, President of St Breward W.I. enthused on the various aspects the W.I. has to offer and at such a low subscription. These comments I heartily endorse. I met Mrs Holmes at the C.F.W.I. Autumn Council Meeting held at Truro in October and had quite a long chat with her. Mrs Holmes moved to St Breward about four years ago and as soon as she was reasonably settles in her new home joined the W.I. where she says she was made so welcome that she felt among friends right from the beginning. So all you newcomers to our village why don't you come along to one of our meetings, we can assure you of a warm welcome, a chance of making new friends and sampling some of the "goodies" the W.I. has to offer.

Our speaker for October was Mrs Nothcott who showed slides of her trip to Australia & as she seemed to have relatives and friends all over that continent, the countryside & climate was so varied it was interesting to watch and to listen to.

Our Harvest Home Auction was well supported& raised a happy smile to our Treasurer's face. Stella Vause won the Competition - A map of Blisland. Mesdames Miller & Walford supplied the refreshments. Mrs Millers cheese scones are a dream.

Next month we have our Christmas Social, so if you care to come along & join in the fun please do so - December 14th 7.30pm.

It may seem early but it's my last opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

KJW.

Whilst the Bonfire Night is still in mind. Thankyou to the St Breward Playgroup's friends who worked so hard to build a really good fire, to Willie, Roy, Paddy & Co for ensuring the safe disposal of the fireworks and to the buffet staff.

It was a lovely evening out and to the best of my knowledge everyone went home safe and sound. It was a lovely idea and good to see people from both parishes participating. And for £1 per family very good value. May we hope for another one next year?

SMV.

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A social afternoon was enjoyed on Oct 18th. Our representatives for the coming concert rang some peals of handbells.
Suggestions were invited for the New Years dinner out & the secretary asked to contact the chosen restaurants for prices. A short session of Bingo ended the afternoon.
On Nove 1st Mrs Ward-Lee brought some lovely examples of the Victorian period, & also gave advice on collecting antiques and valued some favourite pieces taken by members.

A 'Going for a song' session when members were invited to price some of the items shown, resulted in Mrs Rickard being the winner & was presented with a prize by Mrs Ward-Lee, who was thanked by Mrs Master for a very interesting and informative talk.

G.M.Masters.

Sandra Matthews wishes to thank everyone who gave so kindly on her recent door-to-door collection for Cancer Research which raised £45.79

ON TEMPLE TOR

by Mary Sharp.

The morning air is bleak and chilly,
Sounds of cars from roads so hilly,
Birds come close, their food to find,
Whilst we have beast and hen to mind.

The hens with corn, for eggs to lay,
The ferret meat and some fresh hay
The geese with mixture on the floor,
The dog who needs an open door.

Watering in the greenhouse to be done,
Or watching cows and calves is fun,
As only beyond our fence they roam,
And wild birds scratch on disturbed loam.

Everywhere we look theres things to see,
And new activities for you or me,
Digging, planting, listening, cooking,
Just enjoyment around - by looking.

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Our coach will travel from Cornwall to London, taking you directly to Wembley to see "Holiday on Ice", after the show the coach will convey you to the Royal Scot Hotel, for one nights accomodation and Continental breakfast. On Sunday morning, 8th January, after breakfast we return to Cornwall, including a sight-seeing tour of central London.

This particular mini-break includes all coach travel to and from London, sightseeing tour, tickets to the Holiday on Ice Show, overnight accomodation and Continaltal breakfast on Sunday morning. No evening meal is included in this package.

Total cost £28 per person. inc VAT.
Single supplement £6.50.

Pick up point. Bodmin 9.00a.m. West End Motors.

Passengers residing in the Blisland area, may leave their cars in our Garage and will be transported to Bodmin by coach to meet the touring coach.

A very merry Christmas to you all!
Sincerely, Stella Vause.

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