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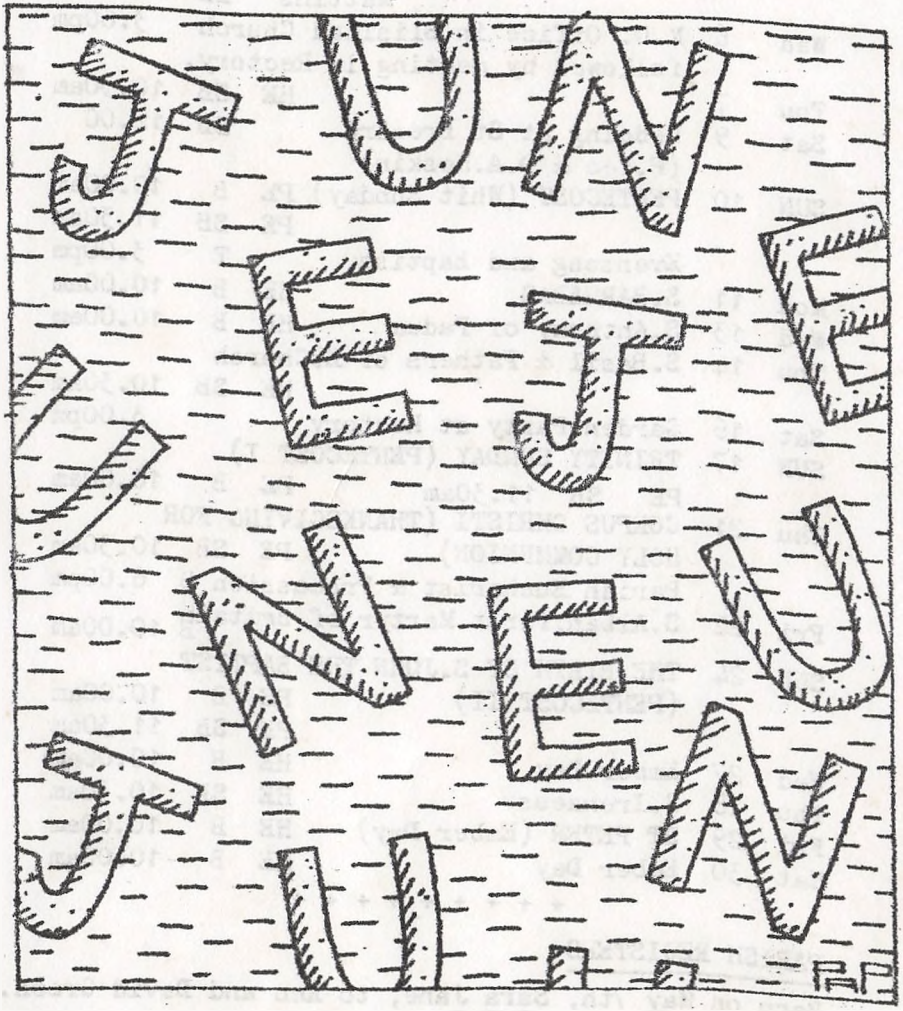

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNE 1984.

Fri	1	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH	HE	B	10.00am
Sat	2	Gymkana at Temple (See Notices)			
SUN	3	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	PE	B	10.00am
		Mattins		SB	11.30am
Wed	6	M.U. Office in Blisland Church followed by meeting in Rectory.			3.00pm
Thu	7		HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	9	Wedding at St Breward (P.Yeo & D.A.Hoskin)		SB	12.00
SUN	10	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
		Evensong and Baptism		T	3.00pm
Mon	11	S.BARNABAS	HE	B	10.00am
Wed	13	S.Anthony of Padua	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	14	S.Basil & Fathers of E.Church	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	16	Garden Party at Rectory			3.00pm
SUN	17	TRINITY SUNDAY (PENTECOST I) PE SB 11.30am	PE	B	10.00am
Thu	21	CORPUS CHRISTI (THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION)	PE	SB	10.30am
		Parish Eucharist & Procession	B		6.00pm
Fri	22	S.Alban,first Martyr of Britain	B		10.00am
SUN	24	THE BIRTH OF S.JOHN THE BAPTIST (PENTECOST II)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Wed	27	Ember Day	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	28	S.Irenaeus	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	29	ST PETER (Ember Day)	HE	B	10.00am
Sat	30	Ember Day	HE	B	10.00am

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PARISH REGISTERS

Born on May 7th, Sara Jane, to Ann and David Green.

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Stephen Derek Harris aged 22 years died on April 28th and was buried in Blisland Churchyard on May 4th. Derek will be sadly missed by all who have seen him grow up and lead the life and activities of those blessed with hearing.

William Charles Neal aged 80, died on April 30th. A private cremation was held at Penmount.

Both will be sadly missed R.I.P.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

The poet Matthew Arnold described Oxford as "that sweet City with her dreaming spires, She needs not June for beauty's heightening." All of us who live in Blisland,St Breward & Temple must be well aware that all three places set in scenery of great beauty need not June for beauty's heightening but however much we appreciate natural beauty we must not forget the beauty of holiness which has to do with supernatural and eternal life. Our pilgrimage through this life in a pleasant part of the world, through paradise after death will bring us to Eternal life in Heaven. As pilgrims we must love and serve God and one another and all that this implies. In June we keep the Feast of Pentecost and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, the Strengthener and the Comforter.

Last month two Christian souls went ahead of us on the journey to Heaven. One was an old gentleman and the other a young man. Charles Neal had led a long life as an engineer, a clay quarryman and, in his retirement, as a gardener. Those of us who knew him well will remember him for his wisdom and the example he set to us of a happiness and contentment which he shared with his wife, Christine, who cared for him in his years of activity and during his illness which preceded his death. Stephen Harris was a young man whose health had prevented him from leading a fully active life. He, too, was happy and contented and cared for by a loving mother and his family. His simple pleasures in life were enjoyed in the company of many friends. His sudden death, after spending an evening with them, was tragic. He was found by his mother who bore the shock with brave resignation. The number of young people who joined his family at his funeral was a most moving tribute to him. The funerals of both the old gentleman and the young man will be remembered by all who attended them. The natural sorrow experienced by all the mourners at these solemn farewells was transformed into supernatural joy at

knowing that they are both at rest and in peace and a stage ahead of us.

The peacefulness and the sense of community in our villages stands out in contrast to those parts of the world where there is little peace and concord. Many of those who visit us from afar are aware not only of the beauty and peace of the countryside in which we live but also of the beauty and sanctity of our churches. Some of them sign our Visitor's Books in our churches and also add an appreciative comment. The other day I came across a recent entry in Blisland Visitors' Book which read"Today we found a House of God with the Spirit of Christ and His love in it." All three of our churches have an atmosphere of peace. I know of at least one parishioner of mine who regularly visits one of our three churches for what is generally called a bit of peace and quiet. Make use of your churches quite apart from coming to Church every Sunday and Holy Day. Come and say your prayers as often as you can. When you clean the church or arrange the flowers always spend some time in prayer as well. Visit the House of God regularly. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

God bless you and all whom you love in your pilgrimage through life on earth,

EDWIN STARK.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Band will be at Bugle on June 16th for the Bugle Band Contest.
Sunday 17th they are giving afternoon and evening concerts on the Bandstand at Looe.
Sat. 23rd is the Annual Band Garden Fete at the Band Room, to be opened by Brig. Sampson of Darrynane.
Thurs. 21st they start their Summer Season of every Thursday at Port Isaac. 7.45pm.
Sat. 30th they are attending the St Lawrence Hosp. Garden Fete.

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DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY.

The surgeries held in Blisland during June will be on Thursday 7th from 7-8pm. and Saturday 16th 10-11am

ST BREWARD AREA COMMUNITY BUS.

Inevitably a lot of conjecture has arisen over the idea of a Minibus to serve the St Breward Community. Will it be a 'true' Community bus or is it a School Bus in disguise? Who in fact will benefit? I think some information on the growth of the project will prove useful at this point.

With the unfortunate loss of the school service run by Liz Hillson many parents found themselves with the problem of transporting their children to & from school. Being within the statutary two mile limit there was no obligation on the County to provide a service, so an alternative had to be found to the adhoc overloaded car provision. This was when Vicky Metters decided that something must be done. She thought at first providing a minibus service herself, but soon realised this was in no way viable. So with the support of Parish Councillor Mr Hunt and Mrs Helme the Headmistress a meeting was convened to look into the various possibilities. The outcome of this meeting was that a committee of five people was set up to look into the possibilities of acquiring a minibus.

The most likely area of investigation was the hope of a Council Grant or Loan. The Committee decided to focus its endeavours in this direction and worked hard to produce a report suitable for presentation to the authorities. During this report stage it became clear to the Committeethat the County Council would favour a proposal that fell in line with the Community Bus Regulations. In brief this meant that a bus route had to be established with regular bus stops. The proposed school run was submitted in the proposal; along with this a great many other community uses were outlined as possibilities.

This report was greatly welcomed by the members of the Transport Sub-Committee and subsequently a grant has been allocated towards the cost of a minibus. Initially this bus will do the School Run to alleviate the problems of the parents, but with imagination and a lot of effort there is absolutely no reason why everyone in St Breward area cannot benefit from its existence. A morning workers bus could be run,

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BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly was attended by 19 people. The Chairman, Mr Morley Rowe gave his report on the years proceedings, listing the new Councillors and thanking the retiring Councillors. There was no comment on the fact that the Parish Council had decided not to go ahead with Civil Defence Plans locally. The report that the Institute floor was to be relaid in concrete caused much discussion from the meeting, and will go back to the Council for further consideration.

Mr Faull, our County Councillor dealt with the question of the County Rates and the fact that our Thrifty County Council was being penalised but is looking for new ways to save money - any ideas ??

Mr Coad, our District Councillor also stressed the problems of the North Cornwall D.C. in trying to juggle their finances.

Both Councillors were questioned about Planning, particularly as there seem to be some controversial areas that don't meet with universal approval...

The fact that the kiosk at Waterloo was removed was another item that came under fire, and the Parish Council were pressed to contact B.T. with a view to getting a replacement telephone kiosk p.d.q.

Mr Coad was also pressed to get the question of the defunct Spiral Housing Development raised again with N.C.D.C. The point raised was that council houses had been sold off to tenants in the belief that the money raised would go to providing more housing in Blisland - not to disappear into the D.C.'s purse and be lost forever. The excuse that there was no interest in the project was refuted by people that had applied for such housing.

Chief Inspector Hallett rounded off the proceedings by introducing Nick Henwood our new Community Policeman and the idea of parish 'surgeries'. He also spoke at length on the question of illegal dumping on the Beacon. It is an offence - and anyone caught, or traced, will be prosecuted. So be told!! SMV

This month saw the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the presentation of the statement of Accounts for 1983-4. This account shows an excess of expenditure over income of £84.69 leading to a consequent reduction of reserves. This is one of the reasons that the Parish Rate has increased this year to cope with increase in expenditure before reserves are exhausted. 35% of expenditure is involved in the upkeep of the Public Convenience and the Council have decided to make a further approach to N.C.D.C.to increase their grant for maintenance, which now only covers less than a third of the current cost.
The balance of expenditure is almost equally divided between clerical costs, Establishment, Village Hall Grant, Churchyard reimbursement, Footpath & Green Maintenace and to a lesser extent, Institute expenses

Due to parishioners concern, the matter of the Waterloo telephone box will not rest. The Council is to communicate further with British Telecom and to take action to publicise, what we feel, is a disregard for community needs, both the B.T. and the Post Office, who have reduced the collection service in part.
The Council is particularly concerned about illegal dumping of rubbish in the Parish, largely it appears by outsiders. There is no official dump in the village, although there are fresh reports of waste being left at the Beacon and near Delphi Bridge. Assistance of the Community Constable is being sought to track down the offenders. The Parish Council has also asked N.C.D.C. to investigate the dumping of derelict vehicles in the area.
The Highways Dept. have agreed to undertake the repairs to the bridge near De Lank Quarry.
Morley Rowe and Eileen Walford were re-elected to continue in the posts of Chairman & V.Chairman respectively for the year 1984-5. & David Pearson replaces David Green on the Village Hall Committee as the Council's representative.
Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday monthly & parishioners are reminded that they are able to attend the non-confidential parts of the meetings. DP.

BLISLAND CHAPELS.

The first Methodist Chapel in Blisland was the old medieval chapel in the Pendrift valley in a field called Chapel Park. It was rebuilt by John Rogers of Pendrift in 1798. Local superstition insisted that Chapel Park Field should never be Tilled or evil would follow. In 1878 a local farmer ignored the superstition. His son fell while harvesting and damaged his leg so badly that it had to be amputated.

Between 1803 and 1827 the Methodists in Blisland increased in number from eight to twenty - the leaders being John Pearce, John & Thomas Tom, Daniel Harvey, Richard Whiting and N.Rich. Meetings were also held in the homes of Thomas Bate of Polpry and Arthur Rich of Waterloo.

How long the Chapel at Pendrift remained in use we do not know but in 1812 another Chapel was built on the village green on land leased from General Morshead of Lavethan. It is thought that the erection was the result of a dispute between the Rector,(Rev. William Pye, Rector from 1780-1834) and his parishioner over tithes. Miss Gladys Nelder (Aunt of Mr Percy Nelder) used it for cheesemaking prior to the 1914 war. Between the wars it was rented out to St Breward Co-op and managed by Mr Charles (Puffer) Colman. At the beginning of the last war it was used by a Plymouth family to store their furniture.

Later this chapel was used as a canteen by the school children who used to walk through the Ham from Waterloo- whatever the weather. Excellent meals were cooked on the premises by the cook - Mrs Elsie Rickard and her helpers. Later the building was used as an annexe to the Royal Oak. It is now a private dwelling named Green Cottage.

A Bible Christian Chapel was built about one mile from the village. This was after the houses of Thomas Bate & Arthur Rich became too small for the meetings of the Society. The land was leased from Robert Lean of Carwen at a peppercorn rental. The building was opened in 1837.
It was later used as a school room when a larger chapel building was opened just down the road in

1880. The freehold of the new chapel was acquired from Mrs J.A.Lean of Carwen. This chapel fell from use in the 1960's and was used as a barn until sold and is now being converted into a dwelling. The chapel congregation moved back into the smaller building but dwindling numbers have caused the Services to be held less frequently.

A report on Methodism in Wadebridge & Camelford Circuit from 1743 reads " TEMPLE. Through all the changes of the last two centuries little has changed at Temple, high up on Bodmin Moor. The very buildings there were old when Wesley passed through in 1837, he wrote'I saw the church which has been in ruins for the past 50 years. There are few inhabitants, who are as sheep without a shepherd for there is no place to worship in the whole parish'.

At that time there were only four inhabited houses in the whole parish.

In or about 1876 the China Clay Workings were opened by Frank Parkyn, the population increased and in 1883 the church was rebuilt and re-opened.

Temple gave one son to the Ministry - William T.Harris in 1898.

At Temple in 1910 a debt of £19 was turned into a credit balance of £29 after a one day effort in August. Despite late haymaking there was a good attendance. Croydon Marks M.P. was guest of honour and a London gentleman, offered the Society a small organ if they would pay for its transport from London."

The chapel at Temple is now used as a barn..

We record these facts and note that the numbers in 1984 seem very near to those of two hundred years ago. The buildings at least are still there and recognisable by their windows and doorways, the garage placed alongside reminds us of the 'progress' of this century.

One can only hope that the old spirit of these chapels will stay with the new residents. They were once the Houses of God, now the homes of lesser mortals. But as long as they are used they will be looked after and future generation will have the opportunity to see them - and not as a ruin.

The Woe of Waterloo.

Seen the adverts on T.V.?
How Telecom care for you and me?
We fear it isn't always true
Especially not in Waterloo! - - -
We though it was a sad old day,
When they took our telephone kiosk away.
What are the elderly supposed to do
Without their phone to talk into?

Our services are few you see
Apart from our electricity.
Perhaps I should not say too much
They may take that as well - and such
Would leave us reading by the old gas light
Nay! we've no gas - (must get it right!)
We'd better get some candles bought
Yes! - I really think we ought
For S.W.E.B. may at some twilight hour
Take away our bit of power.
(Could be thought by some 'bright spark'
That Waterloo folk can see in the dark!)

No mains drains? No gas? No phone?
Not much left to call our own!
M.P.s and Councillors did their best
But still our 'phone was put to rest..... BP.

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New Testament Alphabet.

This competition was won by Janet Prout of Hantergantic Farm. Well done Janet, with an all correct solution.

Acts.	Jerusalem	Stephen
Bartimaeus	King	Thomas
Cana	Luke	Urbane
Dorcas	Matthias	Viper
Egypt	Nathaniel	Wilderness
Felix	Onesimus	Yoke
Galilee	Paul	Zacchaeus
Herod	Quartus	
Israel.	Rhoda	Grace Masters.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD

An evening that could have turned into a total disaster due to the non appearance of the planned speaker caused by confusion over the date became a success when Mrs P Bousfield volunteered to talk about her experience at Eton College. This was a mixture of history and more recent anecdotes about life as the wife of a housemaster there for many years. Mrs Bousfield had been due to give the vote of thanks to the evening's speaker so instead we were able to thank her and present her with supper on the 'Speaker's Tray'.

Both Mrs P.Parr and Mrs G.Gill were warmly welcomed back, then Mrs I.Donald presented the 1984 budget for approval. Following this it was decided to hold another disco in the Village Hall on October 20th, hal-term, in aid of Mount Edgecumbe this time.

We are also providing tea, and games if required, for the Camelford Disabled Club in September as last year. But before this St Breward Methodist Church have asked for a repeat of the short entertainment we put on for the Group Meeting in October for their Spring Social at 7.30 Wednesday June 6th, so re-hearsals are due!

The record cards made by Mrs Donald must have stimulated our competetive spirits for there were so many entries in the flower section that they were sold afterwards, including Mrs M.Willetts winning daffodil; the photograph of a bird competition was also well supported and won by Mrs G.Champion, one of our new members.

On June 19th we have a local speaker, Mrs U.Cardew, talking about her approach to better health. Once again this is a topic that is of interest to women other than the W.I. members and we would welcome any visitors. This is an opportunity for new people to the district to meet a cross section (not to be taken literally- we are quite pleasant really) of the community, and enjoy a social evening.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

Vice-President Mrs Masters presided over the April meeting of ten members and two visitors.

Our 'W.I.Promotion' will take the form of a Coffee Evening at our Presidents home on 22nd May. Mrs Vause is to be our delegate to the Spring Council Meeting and members voted in favour of the two resolutions (a) That the law be changed to allow a widow under 40 yrs - and not receiving widowed mother's allowance -on the same scale as those widowed at 40 and over. (b) That the Government increase the annual dog licence to £5 for every dog over 3months. The money to be paid to Dog Wardens.

We welcomed a return visit of Mrs Pratt who spoke this time on'Victoriana'. Her exhibition included dolls, scissors, china and costume. Mrs Webber won the competition with a china plate of the late 1800's.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Vause were the tea hostesses.

Three members attended the Agenda Conference at Foster Hall. The resolutions discussed included one which urged H.M.G. and planning authorities to ensure that full use is made of derelict and waste land and infilling rather than develop greenfield sites. Another was on the need to provide adequate hospital care for psycho-geriatric patients. The third resolution urged that all W.I. members remain alert to an increasing incidence of child abuse and to their responsibility to report any such incidence. The final resolution was presented by a member of the National Executive who was in Cornwall on holiday, Mrs Emery explained why we needed a slight change in the rule book to allow us to become a more profitable organisation.

Not exactly Jam and Jerusalem!!

That image also went for a Burton when the ladies tried the six varieties of cider made at Sheppys Cider Farm, Bradford-on-Tone near Taunton when on the C.F.W.I. day trip. Fortunately we had sandwiches in the coach which soaked up the cider so that we didn't finish up danting in the streets of Taunton.

The tasters were in small quantities but at 10.30am anything larger would have been lethal for our corporate reputation. The trip by tractor and trailer around the orchards and viewing the museum of old implements, with a walk around the presses and accompanied by a very well informed secretary made the visit very worth-while.

We spent the afternoon in Taunton shopping, walking along the river, visiting their lovely gardens or just browsing around their compact and lovely museum in the old Castle.

Returned and now sober-- Stella Vause.

The County President, Mrs Sue Oliver, held a Coffee Morning at her home in Mount, three Blisland members attended. A sum of over £120 was raised towards the cost of the Royal Cornwall marquee. Members came from all over the County, including a coachload that made a day of it and went on to Lanhydrock. SMV

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St Breward Area Community Bus cont.

shopping trips could take place, regular holiday excursions could be planned; in fact the list of uses could go on and on. All that is needed is a willingness for the whole community to adopt the bus as its own and make sure it gets used. If we all use it, it will be cheap to run, fares will be low and we will have a true Community Bus for a long time.

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ISOBEL'S DAY.

Isobel and Tony Willcock would like to thank everyone who came and contributed towards another bumper day. To date £446.50 has been received, a record sum.

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ARTHRITIS RESEARCH.

Mrs Hollister's Coffee Evening at De Lank Farm raised the healthy sum of £162.40 and she would like to thank everyone who helped in any way.

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£600 raised in a fortnight - we do have generous folk!! SMV.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Tenders for the clearing all the main footpath twice a year have been advertised.
Many people have expressed difficulty in the operation of the automatic coin boxes in the public 'phone booths, the Telecom people have been asked to check out these complaints.

ST BREWARD VILLAGE HALL.

The Easter Draw & Disco made a profit of £69. for funds, thanks to all who made it possible.

** On June 29th A TREASURE HUNT CAR RALLY will **
** be held. 7.15 for 7.30 start. Refreshments, **
** Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, White Elephant Stall **

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Long Service Award at De Lank Quarries.

Kenneth H.Nottle has completed 25 years at the Quarry Mr R.Pursehouse, Managing Director of Thos. W.Ward (Roadstone) Ltd., presented Ken with an inscribed gold watch to mark the occasion. W.Hunt.

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+ BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH GARDEN PARTY +
+ SATURDAY JUNE 16th at 3 p.m. +
+ Refreshments and all the usual stalls. +
+ We look forward to your company. +

I BLISLAND FUN DAY SATURDAY 23rd JUNE I
I 2p.m. until 11.30p.m. Fancy Dress Parade. I
I Sports. Tug-o-war. Sideshows. Disco. I
I Army Cadet Display. Bar-be-que 7p.m. I
I Come and let your hair down!! I
- Organised by Blisland Village Hall Comm. -

DON'T FORGET TEMPLE GYMKANA ON SAT 2nd JUNE..

1st ST BREWARD SCOUT GROUP

St Breward Scout Group hold weekly meeting, the Cub pack on Wednesdays and the Scout Troop on Thursdays.

A more full report of their St Georges Day activity will be in next months edition.

W.R.V.S. OVER 60's REPORT.

The meeting on April 17th was well attended and two new members were welcomed. After the usual business we were given an interesting talk by W.P.C.Dower of Bodmin Police Station on the work of a policewoman. She gave a short summary of her training & readily answered questions with which she was inundated. She was warmly thanked and presented with a box of chocolates. Needless to say, owing to our age group, there were no recruits!!

It was decided to postpone the birthday celebrations till the 30th May & invite friends from St Breward to join us.

May 1st was a social afternoon, including Bingo and a quizz. Extra prizes were given for the raffle as this was our birthday date.

The competition was won by Mrs Parkhouse for a beautifully decorated egg.

We were glad to know the Dr Turner had returned home & was regaining his usual good health.

Gwen Masters.

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COUNTRY FAIR at Pengelly Farm, Blisland, Bodmin.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15th from 7p.m.

Various sideshows including Display of Vintage Machinery. Sheep Dog Demonstration. Pony Rides. Farm Animals. Weight Judging. Bottle Stall. Lucky Dip. Bring & Buy. Raffle. Barbecue and Ice creams.

A family evening out.

All proceeds in aid of Helland Methodist Church, and Physically & Mentally Handicap at 'Karensa' St Austell. Admission 60p inc.coffee & biscuits Children half-price. Undercover if wet

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ST BREWARD COFFEE SHOP open in the Sunday School on Thursdays 10am to 11.30am.

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WEBBER TRAVEL

THE GARAGE, BLISLAND, BODMIN, CORNWALL.
Tel; (STD) 0208 850 236

WEBBER'S TOURS 1984

JULY 20 - £3 INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL
Stay at Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool.
Full day at International Garden Festival.
Per person inc VAT £74

JULY 27- 30 VISIT BLENHEIM PALACE & RIVER CRUISE.
Cruise on River Severn. Day at Blenheim Palace.
Shopping in Bristol on way home.
Per person inc VAT £82

AUG 10 - 18 ISLE OF MAN
Via roll-on roll-off Ferry Link at Heysham.
To include day trip and half day trips.
Evening entertainment in own hotel or two others in same group.
Day trip to Douglas in steam train.
Per person inc VAT £146

AUG 24 - 27 A MEDIEVAL BANQUET AT LUMLEY CASTLE.
Long week-end close to Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Banquet at Lumley Castle and local sight-seeing.
Per person inc VAT £89

SEPT 30 -60CT ISLE OF WIGHT from £136.
OCT 22-25 HALF TERM TRIP TO LONDON £57

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