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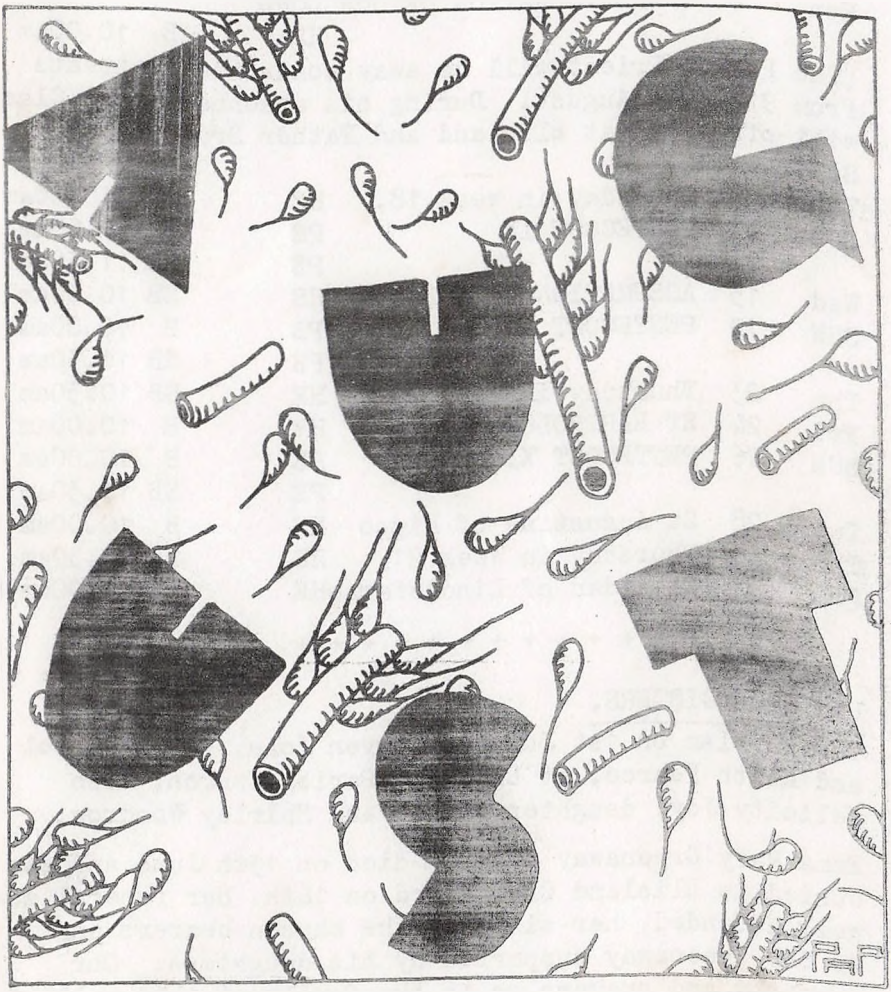

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUGUST 1984.

Thu	2	Thursday in week 17	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	4	Wedding of Gareth Bunt & Teresa Tchir		SB	3.00pm
SUN	5	PENTECOST VIII	PE	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
Mon	6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	HE	B	10.00am

(The Parish Priest will be away conducting Retreats from 9th-20th August. During his absence Father Clark will officiate at Blisland and Father Browning at St Breward.)

Thu	9	Thursday in week 18.	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	12	PENTECOST IX	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Wed	15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	19	PENTECOST X	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Thu	23	Thursday in week 20	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	24	ST BARTHOLOMEW	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	26	PENTECOST XI	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	28	St Augustine of Hippo	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	30	Thursday in Week 21	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	31	St Aidan of Lindisfarne	HE	B	10.00am

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PARISH REGISTERS.

The baptism on 1st July of Steven John, son of Carol and Keith Pearce, at Blisland Parish Church. Also Felicity Joy, daughter of Rod and Shirley Woodrow.

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Emma Mary Greenaway aged 64 died on 13th June and was buried in Blisland Churchyard on 16th. Her funeral was well attended, her six sons the chosen bearers and Mr Bob Greenaway supported by his daughters. Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of this well respected lady.

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Welcome to Michael, son of Gillian Hollister.
Heartiest congratulations to Ronald Palmer who married in Dorset on July 7th.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

In the Book of Common Prayer, August 1st is called Lammas Day. This title derives from the words 'loaf' and 'mass'. In the early Church in England it was the custom to consecrate bread made from the first-ripe corn at the Eucharist. The reason for this would seem that it was a way of thanking God for the harvest. In Scotland it is a quarter-day and you notice that August 1st is a Bank Holiday in Scotland.

Harvest Thanksgiving is now observed in October but thanksgiving to God for a great number of blessings should form part of our daily prayers. In the Book of Common Prayer there is a general Thanksgiving for 'our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory.' One of the things for which we should be thankful is the Faith of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. Faith is a gift from God and it must be humbly and thankfully accepted. To deny the Faith, to doubt the Faith or to sow seeds of doubt in the minds of the Faithful is a serious sin. It is a sign of ingratitude and arrogance. We must humbly accept the Faith and through prayer and meditation, bible reading and study, allow God's gift of Faith to grow within us together with Hope and Love. God gives Faith, Hope and Love, Grace, Spiritual and Material Food to the humble.

From August 9th - 20th I shall be away from my parishes but I shall not be taking a holiday but taking, or conducting, Retreats. Members of the Community of St Francis will be staying with Sister. Father Browning and Father Clark will be officiating on Sundays at St Breward and Blisland respectively and I am most grateful to them for making it possible for me to undertake a change of work elsewhere. Although August is very much a holiday month for visitors to Cornwall it is a working month for farmers and guest house keepers.

Our three churches welcome and receive a great

number of visitors whose generous donations help us to preserve three historic buildings which are part of a great national heritage. It was interesting to hear Bishop Trevor Huddleston speaking on Channel 4 recently. He suggested that the State should contribute to the preservation of parish churches. This remains to be seen but in any event the generosity of visitors and regular giving by parishioners are necessary for the whole work of the Church. This includes the maintenance of the Faith, the maintenance of places of worship, the propogation of the Faith and the pastoral care of the community.

God bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK.

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Nature Titbits.

This is a year of 'firsts'. For the first time I have had rabbits in the garden, and within feet of the house. I didn't mind the visitation but I would have preferred it if they hadn't made a good meal of my lettuce and beans, which were doing so well.

Several trees in the nearby field were felled this year and the pidgeons have moved to those still standing, and they happen to be nearer the house and at the bottom of the garden, and they too seem to have helped themselves to my greens.

On the credit side was my first-ever sighting of a woodpecker, merrily pecking away on the lawn.

Another unusual factor is that the Copper Beech tree opposite the house, has for the first time to my knowledge, born beech masts. I first noticed some on a twig knocked off by the lorries and when I looked into the tree it was seen to be absolutely laden.

Will this herald a crop of Copper Beeches in the hedges or is it a forwarning of a hard winter? Apparently another beech tree over De Lank is also laden with beech masts. Arboreal experts please advise!!

SMV.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Band engagements for August are as follows:-
Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at Port Isaac and their final concert is on th 30th.
Port Isaac Carnival 4th at 7pm.
Wadebridge Carnival 8th at 7pm.
Bodmin Carnival 18th at 7pm.
Looe on Sundays 12th & 26th at 7pm.

Bugle Band Concert.

The Band triumphed at the Diamond Jubilee Band Festival at Bugle by winning Class C,&gaining two Firsts in the Test and Hymn Tune, with strong competition from 11 other bands in their section. Playing the test piece 'First Suite in E flat' by Gustav Holst. they collected the J.F.Wills Memorial Cup with 184 points. They also won the Hymn Tune with nine points out of ten with 'St Peterburg Prayer' arranged by their own trombone player, Dave Bennett. This collecting the Shipwright Cup.
For winning Class C the Band collected the Violet Adams Trophy, this section contained the biggest-ever entry for any contest at Bugle.

The Band Garden Fete again proved a great success and the final profit was over £350.

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

The meeting of the St Breward Parish Council elected the following Officers.

Chairman. Mrs D.M.Hannaford.
Vice-Chairman. Mrs V.Edwards.
Village Hall, Vehicle Welfare rep. M.Marshall.
Road Safety Committee. Mrs K.Millward.
School Govenor & Press. W.A.Hunt.

De Lank footbridge has been repaired with the help of Blisland Parish Council.

The Divisional Surveyor is being pressed for road junction signs at Penvorder - Lank crossroads.

The speed of vehicles in various parts of the village is causing concern and the Council is seeking advice.

The footpath clearing is well under way.

W.A.H.

ST BREWARD FUND RAISING.

The Committee of ST BREWARD VILLAGE HALL wish to express their thanks for the support received for the Car Rally Treasure Hunt, the sum of £60 was netted for Hall Funds.

The RED CROSS door-to-door collection raised £50.

ALEXANDER ROSE DAY collection was £46.50.

The Coffee Morning for EAST CORNWALL MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN held by Mrs N.Babbs raised £64.

The ST BREWARD SCHOOL Fete was again successful and raised around £200.

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ST BREWARD GUIDES & BROWNIES.

Our Guides & Brownies joined the Alturnun, Treknow, Camelford, Delabole & Port Isaac Packs for our Annual Sports Day held at Camelford C.P.School. What a lovely day it was! The races started at 11 o'clock, running, skipping, hopping, beanbag, camel, three-legged, you name it, they did it, putting everything they had into it.

At 12.15 we all had our pack lunch plus a little rest (needed more by the Guiders than the girls) then into more races. The afternoon ended by the presentation of the shields to the winner with the most points. We always try to tell our girls that it's the taking part ,not the winning, that counts.But I have to admit when the winners were announced, the three Guiders of St Breward were very proud of their Guides and Brownies when they received the Shields for coming first.

Very Well Done the 1st St Breward Guides & Brownies.

Pauline Marshall, Brown Owl.
1st St Breward Brownies.

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BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

The Institute floor. After waiting patiently for several months it was reported to the Parish Council that the scheme presented to Manpower Services for replacement of the Institute floor had been rejected as long ago as last January. This information had not been passed on and the job has therefore been transferred to another project which is likely to commence in the late autumn. The option of a wood floor has been chosen, rather than concrete.

Dumping. Wendy Harper has offered to organise a Working Party to tidy the area and any parishioner who has material to be dumped to cover the present unsightliness is welcome to approach the Council for approval.

De Lank Bridge. It is reported that repairs have been completed.

The Waterloo Postbox. A reply has been received from the Post Office regarding the withdrawal of the second collection. They will not restore the service but have refurbished the box and have pointed out that stamped mail can be handed to the delivery postman at your door.

Manor House Crossroads. Concern has been expressed with regard to several near-accidents and the Highways Dept. are to survey the crossroads with a view to determining if priorities need to be established or changed. The Council's view is there is need for further white lines in the approaches from the Green and Pentor to channel traffic away from cutting the corner.

The Green. Concern was again expressed at the carelessness in cutting the grass adjacent to the new trees. This had been pointed out to the machine operator, but damage had occured yet again, although steps had been taken by the Council to protect the trees. This matter will be taken up with the District Council. The matter of the stones situated around the Green was reserved for discussion at the next full Council Meeting in September.

David Pearson.

Extracts from the West Briton regarding

BODMIN GAOL.

A Double Hanging - April 17th 1840.

The execution of William and James Lightfoot for the murder of Mr Nevill Norway took place at Bodmin on Monday last in front of the County Gaol. The town of Bodmin on the Sunday evening presented the appearance of a fair. There were two shows (one ' a feast of horror's) stationed in the High Street ready for active service on the following day, and every public house as well as many private houses were filled to overflowing.

Thousands of people traversed the high roads during the night, and the feeling with which they seemed to be assembling excited in us some anxiety as to their behaviour at the time of execution.

On Monday morning the shows were opened. The public houses were teeming with multitudes of people, and the demand was so great in those frequented by the poorer classes that meat was soldat 1s.5d (one shilling and five pence - or 7p) and beer at 9d (ninepence - 4p) a quart.

The road up to the prison was barricaded off from the public, leaving a large open space below the drop which was occupied by the Sheriff's men and the local and special constables. In the fields beyond persons began to assemble very early in the morning. By 12 o'clock, the hour of execution, there could not have been less than from 20 to 25 thousand persons.

The condemned men were both at once launched into eternity. They died almost immediately. The shoe of William, through the jerk, fell off. After hanging for an hour, the bodies were cut down and put into a couple of black coffins in the clothes in which they were hung and with the ropes round their necks. They were buried in a hole about three feet deep in the coal yard just in front of the prison.

June 30th, 1843

The 43rd rule is that all prisoners, except debtors, should have the tepid bath once in every three months. The magistrates thought that unnecessary.

Cornwall's last public hanging. August 22nd,1862.

The carpenters erected the gallows on the southern side of the gaol so that the fields sloping down from the northern side of the street at the western part of the town - the 'Bodmin Highlands' - should have the same facilities for viewing the dred spectacle available to many thousands on previous executions. The decision to erect the drop at the north part was abandoned because of the comparatively small number of the public to whom the execution could be made visible.

The man hanged was John Doidge, 28, of Launceston, for the murder of Roger Drewe whom he hated for having replaced him at work. Two women asked to be allowed to touch the hanged man's hand after death as a cure for sore necks.

October 19th, 1866.

Improvements since the Prison Act of 1865 - all men over the age of 16 worked on the treadmill to grind corn for the prison. Men under 16 and females were given 'shot drill' and'crank labour'.

Prison diet consisted of bread, potatoes and thin gruel. It is thought that outside prison many less well fed deliberately stole in order to enter gaol for the winter months.

June 29th,1871.

The accomodation is for 141 males, 59 females, 25 debtors. The average number in custody is 102. Hard labour for the first class is rope beating and treadwheel. There are 32 on the wheel at a time, 4 hours on and 4 hours off. The ascent of the wheel 7,200feet. They pick oakum during the rest period.

Hard labour for the second class is oakum picking and mat making for men & oakum picking, needlework, knitting and washing for women.

Punishments are being put in irons, solitary confinement in dark cells, food stopped.

The cost of upkeep including salaries of staff is £3,471.

COUNTRY FAIR.

Many people came to the Country Fair organised by Mr & Mrs Matthews at Pengelly, Blisland. Everyone enjoyed the many attractions of Tractors and a Steam Threshing Machine working with the baler, bringing back memories of those hard dusty days between the wars and the forties and early fifties.

Pony rides were available and many enjoyed Mr Bellringer with his sheep dogs.

For those who wished, there were Hot Dogs and Coffee and Biscuits, also Ice cream. The Stalls were well patronised and many had a 'go' at Weight Judging of Sheep and a Pig.

The meeting together of friends on this glorious June evening was a pleasure to everyone. Our thanks to Mr & Mrs Matthews for opening their home to us, and to all who supported the evening.

The proceeds of £370 was divided between Helland Methodist Church and the Mentally and Physically Handicapped at 'Karensa' St Austell.

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BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH GARDEN PARTY.

The Church Garden Party was held on a rather overcast day, it also clashed with other local events - there's always something on at this time of year, in spite of that we managed to raise £301.52. for Church Funds.

Members of the P.C.C. and friends cleared the little side garden where the refreshments were taken. It was also nice to have the use of the Rectory lawn once more.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

The Blisland Fun Day went off quite well, again in spite of an overcast day and the Band Fete over at St Breward. The Fancy Dress Parade was well supported, the kids from 6 -66 (or there-abouts) entered into the sports and came away sucking their lollipop prizes.

The Army Cadets gave a display and ran the shooting range. There were various sideshows and the W.I. - as ever - supplied the teas. The Bar-be-que and Disco finished a good day. The sum of £195 was raised.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH.

The Anniversary Service was held on Sunday June 17th at 2.30pm. The Rev. Young presided in place of the Rev. Stoyle who was unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The guest artists were Mrs C.Mutton from St Mabyn and her three children who gave Recitations & Songs.

Thanks to Gillian Harper who managed to bring her friends to entertain us with singing, clarinet & flute solos which was much appreciated.

A toddler of two years (Charlotte) was very interested in it all and wanted to help in her little way.

It was really like old times with a very good congregation. The collection was for Church Funds.

R.E.Billing.

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* ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVES' 7th ANNUAL *
* HORSE SHOW, GYMKHANA & EXEMPTION DOG *
* SHOW. *
* West Rose Farm, St Breward (by kind permission *
* of Mr & Mrs Guy Old) *
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* Saturday, 18th August. Dog Show 2.30pm. *
* Parade of North Cornwall Foxhounds. *
* Parade of Stallions. Trade Stands. *
* Refreshments. *
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* Unaffiliated show jumping, showing, *
* youngstock, mountain and moorland, *
* gymkhana events. *
* Details from Miss V.R.Cholmeley, Deaconstow, *
* St Breward. (S.A.E. or telephone Bodmin 850769 *

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= LANXON SHEEPDOG TRIAL =
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= SUNDAY 19th August 1984, at 10.30am. =
= Come and see members of the Cornwall =
= Sheepdog Society, and the Devon and =
= Exmoor Sheepdog Society competing in =
= three events. =
= Refreshments, Cake Stall, Raffle. To be =
= followed on the Village Green with a =
= RAM ROAST. All proceeds in aid of =
= BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH. =

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

It was lovely to have so many present at the June meeting in spite of the temptations of the garden or beach. Our visitors were Mrs Harris, Mrs Barber, Mrs Edward-Collins and Mrs Walford who later gave us a very full report on the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall and the voting on the resolutions which were all carried in favour.

The President, Mrs A.Holmes was delighted to receive a small handbell from Mrs I.Bate for the use of herself now and future Presidents. Sometimes it can be difficult to make an announcement above the hubbub of 26 women enjoying a chat at supper time. It was duly rung to allow Mrs Bate to give her detailed report on the Spring Council Meeting in Truro.

Mrs P.Luke thanked the members who had put on the entertainment in the Methodist Sunday School; as we were performing for the third time and in front of friends it seemed much more relaxed and enjoyable.

Mrs P.Bridge & Mrs M.Willetts did some stewarding on the W.I. craft stall at the R.C.Show - our thanks to them. Also Mrs Bridge and Mrs P.Parr visited the St Teath promotion day.

Mrs Cardew of Wenford Bridge Pottery explained in layman's English the complicated process of diagnosing illnesses, whether past, present or future, by studying 'spots' on the iris of the eye. Treatment in many cases was by carefull attention to diet and we then did the wrong thing by having our supper of tea, sanwiches and cakes!

After supper it was decided by voting to revive the summer outing after a lapse of two years and the likely venues are Mid Cornwall Galleries and the Shipwreck Centre followed by a light supper, setting off on July 24th at 6.15p.m.

Two other suggestions were made: firstly that we bring plants or cuttings to boost our Bring & Buy table, particularly in the Spring and Summer. Secondly that we have varied craft afternoons in members houses starting in September, probably to get

together to make items for our November fund raising and possibly learn a little about different crafts practised by our own members.

The Health Hint was won by Mrs S.Warne and Mrs M. Willetts had the best flower this month.

No meeting in August. Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

Mrs Walford, our President, gave a comprehensive report on her visit to the A.G.M. and said that the aim of the W.I. was to try and promote new and young members; and to encourage more involvement into the community.

Nine members went to Padstow on an outing, we had lunch provided by Padstow W.I. then wandered around the town and byeways until we finished up at ex-member Judy's restaurant for tea.

Mrs Kristen Arundel V.C.O. was our guest speaker who introduced us to her native Iceland on slides and books. She came decked out in her national costume which was much admired and inspected. She also brought her young son along, as apparently he had never been fully aware of his mother's homeland and talents.

We discussed our involement in the Blisland Fun Day - the W.I. is in charge of the tea table - where else? and helping with the evenings bar-b-que.

Two members joined the Tre-Pol-Pen Group coach that did a day trip to London to see the Life and Leisure Exhibition at Olympia. Audrey Pierce and Stella Vause boarded Webber's coach at 5a.m. After pick-up points in Wadebridge to Camelford we made good time to London, arriving just in time to wave a fond farewell to Her Majesty who had opened the event. The following six hours were spent taking in all the various stalls both W.I. and commercial.

The best crafts and preserves were not for sale that day, but there was a great selection to choose from. The lay-out was good and we had plenty of room to move around in probably because they had limited the first day entrance due to the royal visit. On a central stage they had sessions of singing, dancing, Keep Fit (the pluck of those well endowed ladies!!) What a day! We rolled home 2.30am next day, well satisfied.. SMV.

SIMON WARD RED CROSS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB.

The Simon Ward Red Cross Senior Citizens Club at St Breward has recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and was presented to a Branch Commendation.

The Club has provided great entertainment & practical help for the senior citizens of the area since it's inception. The present organiser Mrs Dorothy Hannaford has run the club for the whole 25 years. In addition she also runs the local Red Cross Medical Loan service through which people may borrow on a short term basis, nursing aids and wheelchairs.

On the actual 25th birthday a coach load of members & guests enjoyed a mystery trip. There was a surprise send-off when some of the primary school children came alongside and sang a happy anniversary song composed by their Mrs Helme. The children then boarded the coach and distributed their own hand-made greeting cards.

The drive led members through the lanes around Launceston & on to Bude. After a brief ½hour stop they took the coast road to Tintagel & Boscastle. Finally everyone stopped at Port Isaac for a cream tea at the Tre-Pol-Pen Hotel.

Here they were met there by Mr & Mrs Peter Nottle who presented the club with a celebration cake which was cut by Mrs Watmough & Mr Crago.

Mrs Hollister introduced Mr Brendon Cooke, the County Director who formally presented the commendation certificate.

Mr & Mrs Gray from the St Merryn Club presented Mrs Hannaford with a magnificent bouquet of flowers, on behalf of the Camel District Red Cross in appreciation and with thanks for her work with the medical loan scheme.

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= ST BREWARD COFFEE SHOP =

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= open in the Sunday School on =

= Thursdays 10am to 11.30am. =

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

The meeting was a Social afternoon with Mrs Miller in the chair owing to my absence through illness.
I have had a good report, from the various members, of the afternoon's activities ranging from Humerous anecdotes to Bingo.
There were 14 entries for the Rose competition with 3 winners. Mrs Miller, Mrs Gill & Miss Tucker.
Mrs Billing announced that the children from the C.P. School would come & entertain at the next meeting.
I hope everyone will be able to come and enjoy their talents.
A get-well card was signed to send to Mr Parnell who is recovering in hospital after his operation.
July 3rd. I am afraid I had to miss this meeting as I was not back from holiday, but again received good accounts of the afternoon.
The entertainment by the children was greatly appreciated and I was sorry to have missed it. They all did so well. The competition for a garden in a saucer was won by Miss Rowe.
Dedicated gardeners again brought produce, soft fruit was donated for raffle & plants for auction.
A suggestion was put forward to visit a garden fete at St Kew on July 21st, members to take their cars.
Final arrangements next time & suggestions for another outing, which we look forward to.

Gwen Masters.

MRS BEETON'S BEAT.

Countryside Potatoes (serves 4)

4 large baked potatoes (in jackets). salt & pepper. 2 rashers bacon. 4oz cream cheese. 1-2 tbs top of the milk. 2 tsp chopped parsley. 2oz cheddar cheese.

Cut cooked potatoes in ½, scoop out flesh and mash finely. Fry bacon without any fat, until crisp. Drain on kitchen paper & crumble into potatoe. Blend in cottage cheese,milk,parsley. Mix thoroughly, season to taste. Pile mixture back into potatoe skins & sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake in centre of pre-heated oven. 400F for about 20 mins.

Corah Draper.

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Wed. Free day for shopping, sightseeing etc.
Thurs. depart midday.

Per person inc VAT from £57.

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