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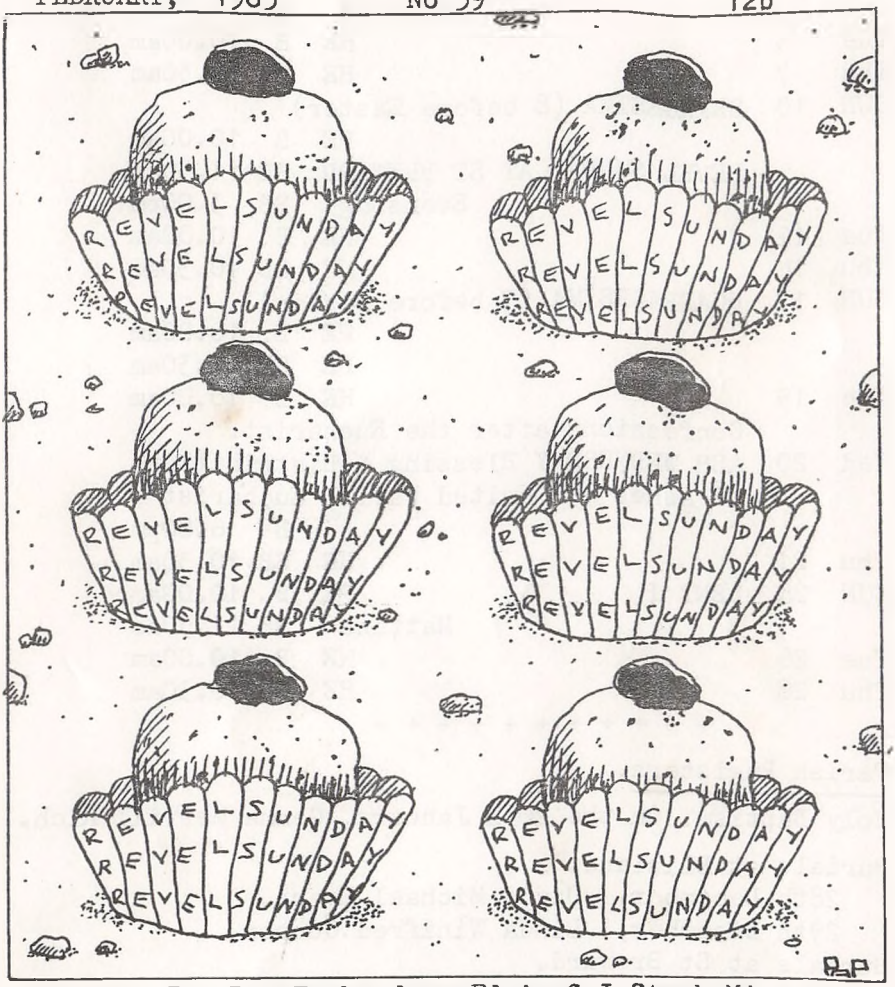

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1985.

Sat	2	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	HE B	10.00am
SUN	3	SEPTUAGESIMA (9 before Easter)	PE B	10.00am
		Mattins	SB	11.30am
Tue	5		HE B	10.00am
Thu	7		HE SB	10.30am
SUN	10	SEXAGESIMA (8 before Easter)	PE B	10.00am
		REVEL SUNDAY AT ST BREWARD	SB	11.30am
		Evensong	SB	3.00pm
Tue	12		HE B	10.00am
Thu	14		HE SB	10.30am
SUN	17	QUADRAGESIMA (7 before Easter)	PE B	10.00am
			PE SB	11.30am
Tue	19		HE B	10.00am
		Confessions after the Eucharist.		
Wed	20	ASH WEDNESDAY Blessing & Distribution of Ashes and United Parish Eucharist	B	6.00pm
Thu	21		HE SB	10.30am
SUN	24	LENT I	PE B	10.00am
		Mattins	SB	11.30am
Tue	26		HE B	10.00am
Thu	28		HE SB	10.30am

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Parish Registers.

Holy Baptism. On the 20th January, Gemma Merrill Rich.

Burials at Blisland.
28th December, David Michael Evans.
29th December, Linda Winifred Cooper.
Burials at St Breward.
18th December, Sarah Louisa Hoskin.
3rd January, Fred Kay.

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland,St Breward & Temple,

Coventry Patmore, the 19th Century Poet, wrote 'Well dost thou, Love, thy solemnFeast to hold in vestal February' in the Unknown Eros' which was all about St Valentine's Day. There are two St Valentines who are commemorated on February 14th - one a priest and the other a bishop both of whom were martyred - but the custom of sending Valentines stems from a medieval belief that birds began to pair on that day.

For St Breward February is an important month because it observes Revel Sunday in honour of its Patron Saint, St Breward or St Branwalader in February. This year it falls on February 10th and in addition to the Parish Eucharist at 11.30am Evensong will be sung at 3pm at which the preacher will be the Reverend Canon Mark Kennaway.

May I remind both parishes that Ash Wednesday falls on February 20th this year when there will be a United Parish Eucharist at Blisland at 6pm. The blessing and distribution of ashes before the service is to remind us that Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a penitential season during which we must increase in sorrow for our sins and in love for Our Lord. the 40 days of Lent commemorate His 40 days spent in the Wilderness in preparation for His Ministry and Passion. During that time He fasted and so must we during Lent. At the end of that time He resisted the temptations of the Devil and so must we.

St Breward will keep a happy Revel Sunday. Both St Breward and Blisland must keep a holy Lent.

May God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

FAREWELL MRS WILLY.

Mrs Margaret Mary Kathleen Williamson died at Andover in July,1984, aged 89.

In reply to my Christmas card to Mrs W. her daughter, Nora, rang and gave me the sad news of the passing of this indominatable little old lady who once lived at South Penquite.

Margaret Williamson was a university graduate, a psychiatrist, a breeder of Bedlington terriers and New Forest ponies. She was autocratic, imperious, could drive you up the wall, but equally had a great sense of fun, and somehow never failed to get her own way - quite a character.

She was an authority on Bedlington Terriers and started breeding them in 1923 and some of her lines still survive. She also bred New Forest ponies and her stallion Barak was her pride and joy.

Over the years she housed many problem families and people with problems at South Penquite. In many ways it was their last resort and certainly not in luxurious surroundings, but the Plymouth Social Services were never slow in contacting her when they were up the creek.. and she seldom refused her limited aid. Life there would have done justice to a 'Carry On' series.

She had a fund of stories on all her interests and was nimble minded to the end. I can only be thankful that I had the privilege of knowing her and working for her. If nothing else it was a great education. She will be long remembered by all who knew her.... don't all nod at once.

She moved up to the wilds of Wales after leaving Cornwall but eventually her health gave out and she went back to her old home area and into a Nursing Home, where she livened things up..

And if I know my Mrs Willy, she'll be chuckling over my shoulder as I type this.
Rest in Peace, old Love. SMV.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL CONCERT.

The two nights of the well supported Christmas Concert raised £208.80 for the Village Hall Funds.

Dave Green has once again produced 30 photos of the individual turns - which have been on display in our village Post Office - and the profit from sales of the photos will also go towards the Hall's funds, for which we sincerely thank him. They make a lovely momento.

This was the second Christmas show. The chorus line of the Can Can was the Second Generation, the First Generation put on the finale - some birds!!

Tony Willcocks was M.C. again. The performers ages ranged from 5 - 75 years, from individual acts to the mass efforts of the children. Our thanks to Brian Moon the overall producer and to all the backstage staff.

Tea and mincepies were dispensed during the interval - all part of the festivities, all of which the audience seemed duly appreciative.

The new stage curtains which were put up in time for the concert were the result of last years fund raising efforts.

The cast and friends finished up with a party after the final performance, and the children were doing the Can Can and aerobics long after their elders had flaked into a chair with a cuppa!!

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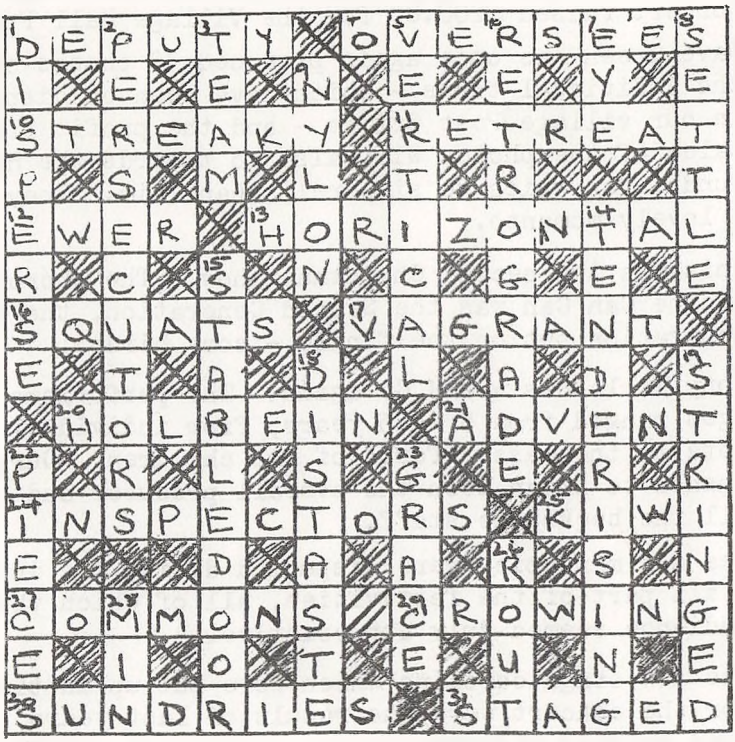
With regret we heard of the death of Fred Kay who died at Rylands on December 30th at the age of 75.

Freddy was born in Manchester and came to Cornwall during the last war and was stationed at RAF Davidstow. He settled in St Breward, working at Tor Downs until it closed then went to De Lank.

He was a keen supporter of the Football Club in which David, Geoffrey & Graham played.



The Christmas Crossword was won by Mrs Pauline Nottle of St Breward, and Miss Virginia Cholmeley won the 'extra'.

Only three entries were received which was disappointing to Mr Bousfield, but I said that many people, including myself, were stuck on the odd answer, and having seen the result I could kick myself!! In spite of that I really enjoyed doing the crossword and I know that there are many who share my views - and efforts.

I am looking forward to his next offering, meanwhile we proffer our sincere thanks for all his efforts and generosity.

SMV

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

On 23rd February some members of the Junior and Learners will attend the Wadebridge Music Festival

24th February, Pre Contest Charity Concert to be held at 7.30pm in the Rowe Methodist Sunday School, the compere will be Mr W Lovell who is Head of Music at St James Smith School, Camelford. There will be items by the Juniors. Proceeds to go to the Blue Peter Lifeboat Appeal.

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CHRISTMAS GIVING.

Different organisations/people raised over £400 for charity before Christmas in St Breward, these included the Cub Scouts, Girl Guides, St Breward School, Methodist Sunday School, Martin & Ann Hamilton and the Staff at Hantergantic Quarry.

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ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Feb 5th Inaugural meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church. 7.30pm Blisland Village Institute.
April 16th Annual Parochial Meeting of Blisland with Temple Church. Institute 7.30pm
June 15th Temple Gymkhana. 10.30am.
29th Blisland Church Garden Fete. 2.30pm.
July 24th Blisland W.I.Produce Show.
Sept 22nd St Pratts Sunday.
Oct 13th Blisland Harvest Festival. 6pm.
14th Harvest Sale. (3pm.
Nov 10th Blisland Church Combined Remembrance Service
16th Blisland Church Christmas Bazaar. 2.30pm
Dec 29th Blisland Church Nine Lessons with Carols.3pm.

By next month I hope to have St Breward Church's list, so if anyone else has dates they'd like to book early to be included, please let me know, from either parish!! ED.

The Stone Circles and Cairns of Bodmin Moor.

Once upon a time, and that was some 5,000 years ago, Daddy became less a hunter and more a farmer. Now his family was no more condemned to a life of perpetual moving as Daddy followed the game trails. No longer were Mummy's possessions limited to what could be carried. Daddy now sowed and reaped his own land. Mummy now had her own home. Daddy had his own cattle and sheep. We can see their home on the slopes that run down to Rough Tor Ford.

Their sisters and their cousins and their aunts lived nearby and also on Garrow Tor a couple of miles away. Go out there and listen carefully. You will hear the murmur of many voices; the laughter and crying of children: the barking of dogs: the lowing of cattle, they are all the sounds that come from a happy people who have never heard of war or mugging or any other horror of our civilisation.

We can go into Mummy's home. After following the game trails she thought it luxurious. Daddy paved the floor with carefully cut stones: cut with stone tools. Well placed stones made a circular wall three or four feet high. Poles sloped inwards from the walls, they met in the middle, covered with thatch the home was warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Through the thatch poured the smoke from the fire so the air inside was really quite sweet, perhaps sweeter than the air of a modern home with fag-ends lying around.

Listen carefully and hear the thoughts so vital to th farmer: the weather. It is just as important to Mummy. When she plans what the ladies call 'A good turn-out', everything from the single room must be carried out of doors. All the thatch must come off.Mummy does not like that dirty old stuff. Daddy wants the soot laden straw for compost.

Mummy for her spring cleaning, Daddy for his spring ploughing, must know when the spring has come. Daddy also must know when the cattle go up to the

high pasture and when they should come down again before the winter snow. They are such vital questions. When should one start cutting the hay ? When is little Ulf's birthday ? When did Granny die ? How can dates be marked on a calendar ? There is no paper and no one can read or write.

We can see how Mummy and Daddy knew the seasons. Go onto Bodmin Moor, look at the twelve circles of standing stones. Look at the stone cairns. They are nearly ninety in number, and wonderful works of art they are. The largest weigh 10,000 tons, How many granite blocks make that mass? What would St Breward quarry men say if they were asked to do all that work, and using stone tools. How did they carry them? How did they lift them to build a cairn forty feet high? It is estimated that 500 men working ten hours a day would finish one cairn in ten years. In all there are nearly ninety!

Then there are the stone circles. These too are prodigies of skill and devotion. The purpose of a circle was to mark and protect the centre point. To know the date someone watched day by day from the centre point to a particular cairn. When the first flush of the rising sun showed above the cairn they knew the vital day had dawned.

If there is a tiny cairn that was built by Daddy alone to mark Little Ulf's birthday. And was not he a clever Daddy to observe only the first flush. He knew it is dangerous to look at the sun, so by observing the sun or moon or perhaps a star Daddy and Mummy could know if it were summer or winter. And is it odd that we observe Christmas and observe Easter and observe Little Una's birthday, just as those old time people observed the sun or the moon.

Consider also what is in a name. The Rev. Robert Williams states in his Dictionary of the Celtic Language published in 1865. Bron - A round protuberance, a breast, a pap, the slope of a hill. And William Borlase in his book published in 1754 translates 'Bron' as breast or pap. Further the verb 'whyllas' means to look at,to observe, to seek.

'Whyllas' has a second person singular of the subjunctive which is Whylly meaning 'Thou mayest see' Is it not reasonable to read 'Brown Willy' as a corruption of 'bron whylly' and translate it as 'the round protuberance which you can observe.' Now picture you are observing Brown Willy with its old cairn intact and looking like an inverted U. Will you not see exactly what the old name means, 'the rounded protuberance which you can observe'?

If you would like to know more, try observing the moon as you stand in Stannon circle and see it rise over Rough Tor. Or from Craddock Moor observe the sun rise above one of the thirteen Hurlers on Caradon Hill. Or go to Sibly Back Reservoir and then climb to the top of Craddock Moor. Look across to Brown Willy and observe what you can. On the Ordnance map one can draw so many lines that link circles to cairns, then think. What did they know?. those people with their stone tools, 5,000 years ago? Those people, who apparently had no enemies, were they wiser than we?

If you want to know much more, buy a copy of The Megalithic Odessey by Christian O'Brien published by Turnstone Press Ltd., Wellingborough, Nothants. Or if you like I will lend you my copy.

Michael Browning, St Breward.

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We wish to extend our best wishes to David and Joyce Brown who have recently moved from Lawson, St Breward to Tintagel.

The move was to enable Joyce to be nearer her work at Tintagel School. They had a farewell party before leaving and will be greatly missed.

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Thought for today:- Happy moments from our childhood are the ones that leave a lasting impression.

MEM

ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH.

We went carol singing on Wed 19th December and collected £23 and the carol service held on the 30th December made it a total of £50 which was donated to the Church of England Homes.

Our Midnight Mass was enjoyed by a record number of communicants and a nearful church, which was beautifully decorated by Mrs Sue Hutton and Mrs Vivian Brown. I would like to express our grateful thanks to those who gave money for the flowers and and a special thanks to Vivien for providing and doing the altar flowers so beautifully throughout the year.

Numerous parishioners and visitors alike have commented to me how lovely the church is kept, and what a wonderful warmth is felt when you enter the building.

Now to our service of Carols and Nine Lessons. Again we had a lovely service and a grand congregation. We were joined by members from Blisland Church and our Methodist friends, and the lessons were beautifully read by all the Readers, who were in order of reading, Mrs Stella Vause, Sharon Hunt, Janet Prout, Helen Old, Mrs Sue Hutton, Jason Metters Jennifer Carroll, Vicky Parker and of course, our Vicar.

It was a joy to have so much co-operation and willingness to read from the children, and the encouragement given to them by their parents was marvellous. Our grateful thanks to all who helped in any way including the congregation.

The Christmas tree on our church tower was seen from far and wide (when there was no fog). Thankyou Mrs Margaret Hall for once again giving us our trees, to Robin Clarkson for bringing them to the church, also to Christopher for helping me put the one up on the tower and to Peter Brown for helping me take it down. And last but not least, a great big thank-you to our choir girls, ringers and organist for their regular attendance and lots of help throughout the year.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

In spite of the early date for the December meeting nearly twenty members turned up on the first Wednesday. They were amply rewarded as display after display appeared as if by magic from the capable hands of Mrs S.D.Floyd, the theme was Christmas of course but using mainly the green sprays still available in our gardens, contasting with just a few well chosen flowers. Mrs Floyd then allowed us to auction the set pieces which offset our expenses for the evening and several members went home very pleased with their purchases.

After the notices about various W.I. outings were read out, details were discussed about the January Social when all members are asked to provide some food, once again it was stressed 'not too much' but I expect we shall have a sumptious spread due to the typical St Breward generosity.

Suggestions were sought for speakers for 1985, if you have anyone in mind please let Mrs Skinner or myself know so that we can have something for everyone during the year. It is impossible to please all the members all of the time but at least we can please some of the members some of the time.

Unfortunately there were only two entries in the 'display with a candle' comp., maybe like myself the rest couldn't find a candle, but Mrs Jackson Gamlen's entry was a worthy winner. A beautiful deep pink carnation won the flower of the month for Mrs J. Greenaway, grown outside up at Churchtown in Dec. to astonish all the experts.

On February 19th we are fortunate to have Mrs Sue Oliver, the County Chairman, with us for our Annual Meeting; this will be her third visit to us in 18 months so will you all try your very best to support your Institute.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

Every December we indulge in a Social Evening & this year was no exception. After the business side of the meeting was completed Mrs Gwen Masters set us with one of her brain teasing puzzles which we enjoy. The 'Goodies' for the Christmas Bazaar were auctioned by Isobel, who being a good Treasurer squeezed every halfpenny she could out of the buyers!!

This was followed by a rehearsal of our miming sketch/ song and the comedy verse which we were our entries for the Christmas Concert held in the Village Hall on the 16/17 December. This gave much amusement to both audience and participants & the helpful critic! all made our performances so much better on the nights. We all enjoyed taking part in the Concert and look forward very much to next years effort.

Mrs Doreen Miller's Christmas Cracker was judged to be the Competition winner & Miss M Rowe, a guest for the evening won the raffle.

We all supplied refreshments and there was a delicious variety.

Our Speaker for February is Mrs Buchanan whose subject is Millinery. With Princess Diana restoring the hat fashions it could be interesting. Why not come along and see.

Eileen Walford.

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St Breward Parish Church cont.

We were very sorry that Dick Crowle our Captain of the Tower, was unable to help ring the Old Year out and the New Year in, which he has done for many, many years.

Thank you one and all for your help and support, and may God Bless You and may you have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C.J.G.

Extract from 'Highways and Byways in Devon & Cornwall'
Arthur Norway. pub 1900.

" And now about the fogs. There was once an excellent vicar of St Breward, who set off with his wife in their little pony carriage to visit Bodmin, the nearest place at which they could enjoy the delight of shop-gazing, albeit a long way off and of a humble kind when reached.

Poor as the entertainment may have been, their uncritical taste, spoilt long since by the contemplation of moors and granite boulders, gloated on it so long that they started homewards a full hour later than it was wise, and so found wreaths of light vapour sweeping silently around them before their stout pony had climbed half the distance to their eyrie where they lived.

The fog grew thicker. The well known landmarks lost their shape and assumed strange forms. The vicar grew perplexed. He was not certain whether he had taken a right turn; he got down and looked about him, but saw nothing he could recognise, and so he got up again and drove on blindly till the old lady grew frightened, for it seemed to her that they had travelled twice the distance to the vicarage and must be wandering away in quite a wrong direction.

The vicar pulled up and shouted, but there was no reply; and at length the two old people could see nothing for it but to remain quiet where they were until daylight.

Fortunately they had some rugs, and they packed themselves up and dozed as well as possible till the pony got strangely restless, and the parson, fearing he might do some mischief got down, unharnessed him, let him trot away, climbed back and slumbered soundly until his wife woke him up pointing out that it was day, that the fog had gone and the spot where they had passed the night in despair of getting home was no other than the gate of their own vicarage.
The pony had known the way home! '

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SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH.

Inaugural meeting 7.30pm Village Institute.

Tuesday, 5th February,1985.

See January Magazine for more details.

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

Dec 18th was a social afternoon with tea and chat and a few hands of whist.

Miss Rowe won the competition "best Christmas card". As the 1st Tuesday of January was New Year's day, we decided not to have a meeting, so final arrangements were made for the Luncheon on the 8th.

Well there had to be a first time!! and this was the postponement of the luncheon owing to weather and road conditions. A fresh date will be fixed when we meet on the 15th.

We are usually extremely lucky, weatherwise, for our outings, but these variations make up the tapestry of our history - better luck next time!

We all enjoyed taking part in the concert before Christmas; and are looking forward to the next combined effort, which we hope won't be too far ahead.

All power to Mr Moon!

Gwen Masters.

ST BREWARD GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

St Breward Girl Guides successful 1984 included winning the District Sports Shield in Camelford and a very happy summer camp at Bodrugan, near Mevagissey, which they shared with the Camelford Company.

The year ended with the successful panto 'Cindy'.

Parents and friends are most supportive and their help and interest are very much appreciated by the Guiders.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH

The Blisland Parish Church Christmas Bazaar raised the goodly sum of £275.43 in a very sociable occasion, we were delighted to see Mr & Mrs Bellringer and the Prouts, old parishioners, and also our good friends from St Breward.

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