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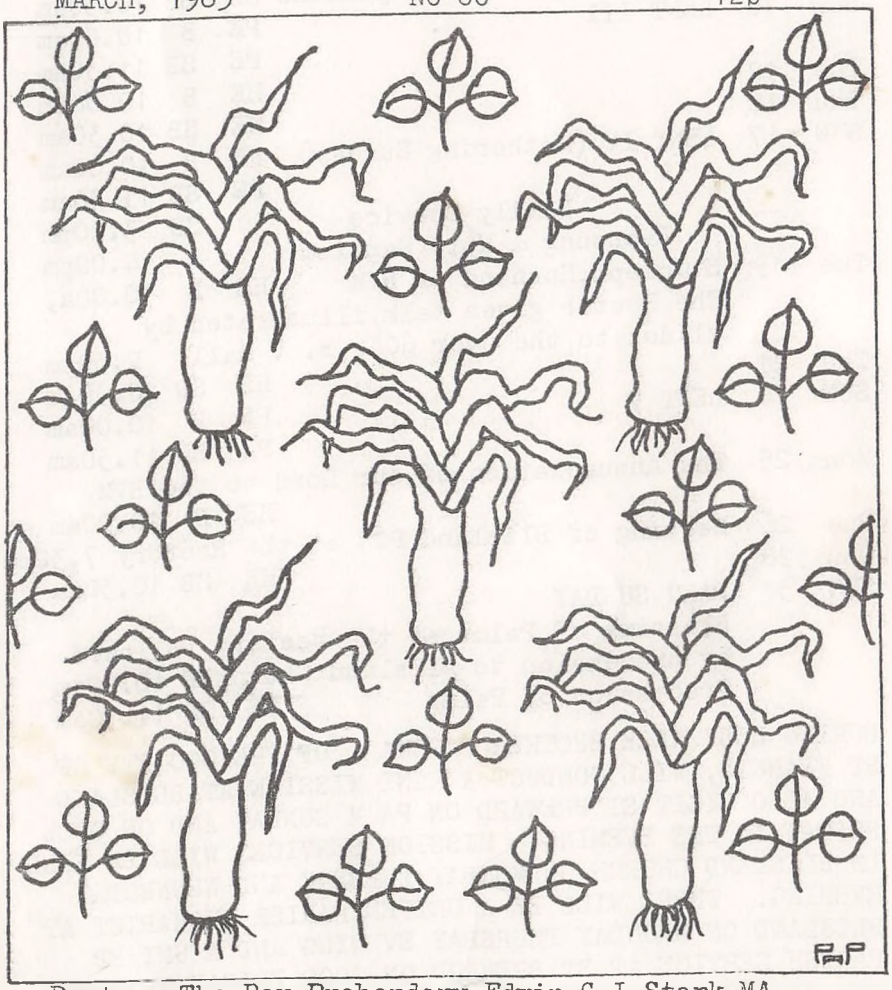

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 1985

Fri	1	St David, Patron Saint of Wales.	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	3	LENT II Parish Eucharist		B	10.00am
		Mattins		SB	11.30am
Tue	5	Holy Eucharist		B	10.00am
Thu	7	S.Perpetua & her Companions	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	10	LENT III	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	12		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	14		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	17	LENT IV (Mothering Sunday)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
		Family Service		SB	3.00pm
		Evensong & Holy Baptism		B	4.00pm
Tue	19	S.Joseph,Husband of BVM	HE	B	10.00a,
		The Rector gives talk,illustrated by slides to the Over 60's B. V Hall			2.30pm
Thu	21		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	24	LENT V	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	25	The Annunciation of our Lord to the BVM	HE	B	10.00am
Tue	26	Meeting of Blisland PCC at the Rectory			7.30pm
Thu	28		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	31	PALM SUNDAY			
		Blessing of Palms at the Rectory followed by procession to Blisland Church	HE		10.00am
		Procession of Palms	PE	SB	11.30am

DURING HOLY WEEK BROTHER PASCHAL, OF THE SOCIETY OF ST FRANCIS, WILL CONDUCT A MINI MISSION AT BLISLAND AND ALSO VISIT ST BREWARD ON PALM SUNDAY AND ON GOOD FRIDAY IN THE EVENING. MISSION SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN BLISLAND CHURCH ON MONDAY,TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENING. THERE WILL BE A UNITED PARISH EUCHARIST AT BLISLAND ON MAUNDAY THURSDAY EVENING AND A UNITED PARISH SERVICE AT ST BREWARD ON GOOD FRIDAY EVENING. ALL VILLAGERS OF BOTH PARISHES OF WHATEVER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION ARE EARNESTLY ASKED TO ATTEND ALL THESE SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK. ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE MISSION IS GIVEN SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ARRANGE TO KEEP ALL EVENINGS FREE DURING HOLY WEEK.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

One of the things that has greatly touched me since I became your Parish Priest is that whenever there is a Funeral members of the local community come to church to pray and sympathise with the mourners of departed souls. They pray for the repose of the souls of the departed and for one another.

It is not unknown for mourners and sympathizers to say that they used to come to church regularly. Such a recognition may well lead to their doing so again. Those who do come to church regularly should encourage others to do so by the example of their lives which should radiate with joy, faith, hope, love, concern for the welfare of others, submission to the will of God and doing all for the greater glory of God.

The season of Lent is a time when we should all take stock of ourselves. Are we putting Jesus first in our lives, others second and ourselves last? Are we increasing in faith, hope and love? Are we increasing in sorrow for our sins and trying to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil? Are we sharing in the sorrows of Christ and of others?

All of us need to be more faithful in every sense of that word. We can learn a lesson about faithfulness from a domestic animal. Here is 'The Prayer of the Dog' written by Carmen Bernos de Gasztold:
Lord, I keep watch! If I am not here who will guard their house? Watch over their sheep? Be faithful? No one but you and I know what faithfulness is. They call me,"Good dog! Nice dog!" Words...I take their pats and the old bones they throw me and I seem pleased. They really believe they make me happy. I take kicks too when they come my way. None of that matters. I keep watch! Lord, do not let me die until, for them, all danger is driven away. Amen.

During Lent the Village Institute is having a new floor installed and so on Sundays during Lent coffee will be served in church after the Parish Eucharist. This is not unknown. In the early Church the Christians used to keep a religious meal called Agape in close

relation to the Eucharist. Agape is a Greek word meaning love and that is what Christianity is all about.

God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

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Parish Registers.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Hilda May Greenaway, Dick Crowle and Doris Sanders recently departed this life.

Your prayers are asked for Jemma Claire Hill recently baptised and for her parents and Godparents.

Richard Crowle died on January 24th aged 82.
Hilda May Greenaway died on February 2nd aged 76.
Doris Evelyn Sanders died on February 10th aged 79.

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SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH

The Society held its inaugural meeting in Blisland Institute. The Constitution and rules were approved and will be forwarded to the Charity Commissioners for approval.

Brig. Edward-Collins was appointed Chairman and Mr & Mrs K.James Treasurer and Secretary. The trustees include Mrs E.N.James, Mrs E Wal'ord, Messrs C.F.T. Edward-Collins and A.R.Hanbury-Tenison.

The first Annual General Meeting will be held in May. The main object of the Society shall be to advance the Christian Religion by the repair, restoration, maintenance, improvement and ornamentation of the Churches of Blisland and Temple, and of their monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels and of any other buildings being part of those churches and their churchyards.

It is not their intention to supersede the P.C.C. but to complement it. Their concern is to maintain this lovely place for the benfit of future generations.

IN MEMORIUM

It was with regret that I read of the death of Bishop John Maurice Key. Bishop of Truro from 1960-1973. A very large man - in all respects. My first encounter with him was on the stairs of the village hall leading to the kitchen, I was laden with a tray of tea cups, he was on his way to the kitchen to thank all the tea ladies for their efforts. He always made a point of seeing those who were beavering away over the sinks, and wouldn't be upstairs being politely introduced.

A lovely man who will be sadly missed.

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Hilda May Greenaway lived in Waterloo for many years and we were sorry to see her move into Bodmin. Our bonus was having her back to visit and come to the Over 60's.

When she lived down Waterloo she would do a huge baking of pasties for the family, and well peppered. Katie Vause used to wander down and visit, and come back with a pasty as well, but Hilda always made her a special pasty - it had less pepper in!

We shall miss this little lady with the gravelly voice and cheerful disposition.

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Congratulations flowed thick and fast from Brenda Wootten on Radio Cornwall for Godfrey and Doris Sanders of Tregenna Road, Blisland on the occassion of their Diamond Wedding on February 7th. Their family had been busily writing in.

Mrs Sanders was unfortunately in Tresliske Hospital but her husband and family visited on the Diamond Anniversary with flowers and they also had a card from Her Majesty the Queen .

Doris Sanders was a very sick lady and died peacefully on 10th February. She was well known and well loved. Until she became housebound she was a familiar figure walking her dog around the village. Mrs Sanders was a staunch member of the WI for nigh on 30 years and a Committee Member for ten of its early years. Her cheery face will be missed by all who knew her.

Richard Crowle was a mastercraftsman as a granite toolsmith and spent nearly all his working life in St Breward quarries. He was for 30 years at Hantergantick, then he went to Tor Down until it closed and then returned to Hantergantick until he was 70 years of age, caring for the tools and making sure that all the tools were available for the London Bridge project.

When he retired people came from far and wide to his home to have their tools renovated.

He was Captain of the Tower at St Breward Church for 40 odd years, a regular churchman who passed his knowledge of campanology to the next generation. He left a great legacy to both St Breward and Blisland

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Bodmin & District Cub Scout Chess Competition.

It was the first time that boys from St Breward had taken part in the Scout Chess Competition, and they are very pleased with the outcome.

Mark Pile finished in 5th place and carries forward to the County Finals on March 16th at St Austell., so we wish him well. David and Stuart Henderson also took part.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Band take part in the South West Brass Band contest at Truro on Saturday March 2nd.

Their Musical Director, Mr W.A.Hunt, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Cornwall Brass Band Association. He is also a Committee Member of the Cornwall Youth Band.

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ST BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Football Club held a Social evening at the Liberal Club, Camelford. The Chairman, Mr Christopher Greenaway presented Roger Winn with an alarm clock for his past service as Committee Member and Secretary for eight years. Wedding presents were presented to Phillip & Denise Yeo, and Graham & Beverly Eddy.

ST BREWARD CHURCH

The Revel Sunday evensong was well attended from both parishes, in spite of the bitterly cold wind that blew up.

Canon Kennaway from Cardinham was the guest preacher and St Breward Silver Band played the hymns and voluntary. The congregation and band were invited into the Village Hall after the service where an excellent tea had been laid. May we extend warm thanks to our hosts for a very sociable afternoon.

The collections of Revel Sunday and Mothering Sunday are to be divided between the St Breward Scouts and Guides.

NB. Well, we tried hard! Before setting up the February cover I enquired about Revel Buns and all I could glean was that they had a currant on the top, so I told Paul, our faithful artist, and he produced the buns - with currant - in a Revel Sunday baking case.

After a bit of ribbing (funning) I now know exactly what a Revel Bun looks like - a large flat biscuit with a current in the middle - and very tasty too!

Apologies too to Shaun Hunt - (not Sharon as printed) the pad on knee method of writing while answering the phone does funny things to my script. SMV

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MANSION HOUSE COFFEE EVENING

On Friday, 25th January, Mrs Ward-Lee held a very convivial coffee evening at the Mansion House, Blisland where £100-50p was raised for church funds.

A really wonderful spread was laid out which was much appreciated. The raffle was well supported and the ladies on the bring and buy were kept very busy.

A very sociable evening was had by all in spite of the inclement weather. Our thanks to Beryl Ward-Lee and Amanda for all their hard work and warm hospitality.

THE MANSION HOUSE

The Mansion House, Farmer's or Bailiff's house - where the bailiff lived, who looked after the Manor of Blisland for the crown, is on Blisland Green.

It was a royal manor until Queen Elizabeth I rented it to Humphrey Kempe, Jane his wife and his son William for their three lives at a rent of 30/- (thirty shilling a year and a heriot of 24/- (twentyfour shillings)£1.20p (when the house changed hands on death). Humphrey Kempe' mother was Catherine Courtenay, descended from the Earl of Devon.

In 1601 it was sold by the crown to the Stanhope family of London who next year sold it to William Kempe. The Kempes fell into money difficulties and sold it in 1624 to relationsof Humphrey's wife Jane her cousins, Sir Eustace Harte of London and his brother. Jane had been Jane Peyton, grand-daughter of the Earl of Bath.

In 1627 the Hartes sold it to Obadiah Reynolds ..no added to the old building. The date 1636 is o over the fireplace of the upper room. He also in 1635 obtained the lease for Blisland Green to last for 200 years. In 1638 he was granted a licence by the Rector, Henry Lockett and Churchwardens "to build upp, frame and erect such and so many convenient pewes and seat in the S.Transept for the use of his family".

This right descended by usage to the Treise family of Lavethan in 1755, and then to Sir John Morshead who in 1791 built " a sort of mortuary or private chapel" on the site. He added a south door and kept a separate key.

The house remained with the Reynolds family until 1702 when it was sold to John Treise of Lavethan. His grandson Sir John Moleswor h removed to Lavethan a great embattled gateway and crenellated wall.

It is possible that the son or grandson of Obadiah, Francis Reynolds planted the trees on the green as he seems to have been fond of trees and on an old map of circa 1700 his name occurs as the planter of an avenue of sycamore trees leading to a farm called Carblake near Blisland.

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The house remained within the Lavethan estate until 1920 when many of the properties were sold off. One tenant in the 1880's was Thomas Olver Rich, his home was called Ivy House. His grand-daughters June Runnalls and Joyce Richards still live around the Green.

The farm was next rented by John Runnalls, a tenant of the County Council who had bought several local farms. It was later taken over by his son Charles but he moved down to Tregenna.

The County Council called it Churchtown Farm and in 1932 Percy Nelder moved in with his bride, and there they stayed until they retired in 1968.

The old house had at some time been split into four dwellings. The farm house on the north west corner, a house which included the porchroom on the southwest corner, another on the south east corner and a small one up one down which was later incorporated in the farmhouse lot.

Mr & Mrs Joe Rickard lived in the south easterly house from the turn of the century and their granddaughter stayed on until the recent major changes, but still lives in the village. Jim Burnard had a shop in the south eastern section until 1911 when he emigrated to Edmonton, Canada to go on the railways. It had a succession of tenants and the last of these were Cyril and Mavis Harris. They left to move into Pentor.

When the Nelder's retired the farm came up for auction but the reserve wasn't reached and it was eventually sold to Dr Mitchell, who eventually bought the other sections and then came the huge renovation.

Dr Mitchell of Glyn had the entire structure reroofed in Delabole slate at enormous cost. And many features which had been covered up over the years came to light. A slate in the north window upstairs commemorates all those who worked on the project. It was never lived in nor utilised, and grandly named The Mansion House.

In the late 1970's Michael and Beryl Ward-Lee bought The Mansion House and had more work done to make it into a comfortable and modern home, but retaining it's old original features. And so it continues to grace the corner of the Green.

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BODMIN MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits fortnightly, it passed by on the 8th February but if in doubt you may check with Bodmin Library, Lower Bore St, Bodmin PL31 2JX or 'phone Bodmin 2286.

You can borrow up to 6 books per adult, or 4 per child under 14 yrs. For a small fee you can reserve any book or get books or information on almost any subject. You can be given details upon how to borrow gramaphone records. They have local history books, play sets and music scores. They can lend sets of books to playgroups, old peoples homes and adult education classes. They can supply and sometimes deliver, books to housebound readers, and they have 'talking book' tape cassettes for the poorly sighted.

Mobile Library Timetable

St Breward	Old Inn.	11.30 - 11.40
	Council Houses	11.45 - 11.55
	Higher Penquite	12.00 - 12.15
	Row	12.20 - 12.30
Higher Lank-	Hillside	12.35 - 12.45
Lower Lank -	Road (1)	1.45 - 1.50
	Road (2)	2.00 - 2.05
Blisland-	Merrymeeting	2.10 - 2.15
	Tregenna	2.20 - 2.25
	Church	2.30 - 2.40
	Pentor	2.45 - 2.55
	Cassacawn	3.00 - 3.05
	Bradford - Moss Cottage	3.10 - 3.15
Hawks Tor		3.25 - 3.55
Temple	Village	3.45 - 3.50
	Quarry	3.55 - 4.05
Millpool	Village	4.15 - 4.30
Darcroft Garage		4.35 - 4.40

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ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP require an assistant. Monday and Tuesday mornings only from 9.30-11.45am there is a small remuneration. For details please contact Mrs K.Nankivell Bodmin 850871.

Letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor,
I read with incredulity the leader in the January issue of the Parish Magazine by the Rev. Edwin Stark.

For a "Man of the Cloth" to be so bigoted as to believe that the human race - and woman in particular - should be compartmentalised, when the Almighty in His wisdom gave all the power, if they so desire, to decide for themselves down which road they should travel, shows all too clearly the need for change.

Why should not women be allowed to enter the ministry if they so wish? It is a vocation they are eminently suited to. The fact that it has been a sacrisanct male bastion since time immemorial, coupled with the now desperate efforts of some to preserve it as such - in spite of its obvious decline - smacks of self-preservation and "jobs for the boys".

That all are equals in the eyes of the Lord is seemingly ignored by those that would discriminate against any section of the human race. With bias so rife, how can anyone hope for unity in whatever field?

Parish priests should act for God, not as God.

Ruth Briggs.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

St. Breward Parish Church, Friday March 1st 7.30pm.

Speaker, Mrs Janet Tredea of Wadebridge.

All Welcomed. Pamela Luke.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD

In spite of the severe weather the January Social was held as usual in The Red Cross Centre which was encouraged to rise above freezing with the two heaters brought by members; one of these has been donated for general use in the hall by Mrs P.Bridge, so it should help warm up the waiting room on Doctor's day.

After nominations for the 1985 Committee were received there were only a few items of busines - the main one calling for volunteers to help with the teas at the Royal Cornwall Show on June 8th from 8.30 -2pm This is proving difficult to fill with the four or five members required as it will be a very strenuous few hours and many of our members are not able to manage this, but if you feel that you could possibly help please let me know.

The Microwave day at Camelford has only attracted a small response from us unfortunately, but it seems as if quite a few members will go to the Gardening talks at the school starting Jan 30th; this is run by the Cornwall Education Committee.

It was hoped to present Mrs Y Crowle with the gift of a knee rug as a token of appreciation of her many years membership and active participation long before many of us joined, but the weather prevented her from coming to the party so the President and the Secretary took it to her house at the weekend.

The VCO at the Annual Meeting on February 19th will be Mrs S Oliver, the County Chairman, and the following meeting will be on March 19th.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

In spite of an extremely cold evening we had a good attendance at our January meeting. Mr Tamlyn, a representative of the Home Farm Trust came along in place of Mrs Vivien Busbridge to give us a very clear insight of the work and aims of this organisation. There is only one such place in the West Country serving the counties of Somerset, Devon & Cornwall and funded mainly by fund raising activities, supporters & of course the parents of the children who go there.

I say children in its broadest sense because there are all ages from 15/16 year olds to adults. The children are there for life it needs be and all encouraged to take an active part in running this lovely house and grounds which is situated just outside Newton Abbott. This must be a great consolation to the parents knowing that their family is happy & well looked after and of course still playing an active part in looking after themselves and being involved in such wide interests.

I'm sorry if I've rambled on somewhat but Mr Tamlyn was so interesting & it was a subject we all knew very little about. The Home Farm Trust is quite separate from any other Mentally Handicapped Ass. and desparately needs funds to enable them to obtain more houses to take more people - the waiting list is quite long.

During the business side of the meeting the scone recipe for the St Lawrence Group Meeting being held in May was given & we also got well ahead with our Competitions for the Group Meeting for which we are the Hostess' in October. Mrs Marjorie Webber won the raffle & Mrs Richards won the Competition.

The very welcome hot cups of tea & refreshments were supplied and served by Mrs Audrey Pierce who so kindly stepped in at the last moment for Mrs Mary Price.

Our Annual Meeting takes place on March 20th, it's your chance to have a say in the running of your WI - Why not come along.

Eileen Walford.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

I am glad to contribute an article on behalf of the Methodist Church. You have probably seen our Methodist chapels in St Breward and Blisland and may even have wondered what they stand for.

Methodist churches began as a result of the work of the Wesley brothers in the eighteenth century. Their warm evangelical experience produced a movement which spread throughout the land. John Wesley's preaching and organising ablility combined with Charles Wesley's hymn writing talent brought about the Methodist Societies with their emphasis on evangelism, fellowship and spiritual growth. In the nineteenth century these becae Methodist churches. There were some splits and some new Methodist groups were also formed at times of Revival. By 1900 there were five major Methodist Denominations but since 1932 the vast majority of Methodists have been in the one Methodist Church.

Methodist churches differ from other churches more in emphasis than fundamental doctrine. We usually prefer simplicity in our buildings and form of worship. We like singing hymns and we emphasize, or should do, warm fellowship. Our preaching is expected to be Biblical with the stress on conversion and holiness of life.

There is a Methodist church in St Breward. The Sunday School is near the Post Office and the Chapel some 150 yards away towards Mount Pleasant. At the moment there are plans for bringing the whole work under one roof. The Sunday Services are at 11am and 6pm and the Sunday School meets at 10.30am. There are also Bible studies and prayer meetings.

There is a Methodist Church at Blisland. It is on the road going up to the moor and going past the turn for Waterloo. Services here are held at 2.30pm on alternate Sundays. The following services are planned in March:- March 3rd Family Service.
March 17th Preaching Service & Holy Communion.
March 31st Family Service.
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W. R. V. S. OVER 60's REPORT.

It was a bitterly cold day on Jan 15th when members bravely left their firesides to sit shivering while watching slides of the Holy Land presented by our Rector, which were so interesting to prove worthwhile. The slides covered such a wide area that the Rector has agreed to come again & show the remainder of his large collection.

The competition 'Christmas Decoration' was won by Mrs Vause.

The Feb 5th meeting was a social and games afternoon, when two new members were welcomed.

Members were sad to hear of the death of Mrs Hilda Greenaway, a member who moved to Bodmin to live, but still remained a member. The club was represented at the funeral service in Blisland Church.

A Get Well card was signed and sent to sick members. Our membership has been depleted lately owing to several members suffering prolonged illness and our Best Wishes go to all of them for better health in the future - we miss you all - the competition 'prettiest brouch' was won by Mrs Harker.

Gwen Masters.

The Methodist Church cont.

A family service is a service designed for people of all ages to take part in - so why not come along?

The Minister for both these churches is Rev John Young who lives at St Tudy and looks after eight other churches as well. You may contact him on Bodmin 850474

The local Methodist leaders, or stewards, are:-

St Breward	Mr D Champion, Treglenes.	850457
Blisland	Mrs R Billing, Polpry.	850273

John Young. Minister.

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	St Breward	9.30am
	St Tudy	9.40am
	St Mabyn	9.55am
	Bodmin	10.10am
Arrive	Trago	10.30am
Depart	Trago	12.00 noon and returning over the reverse route.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUG 11th North Cornwall Hunt Supporters Club Country Field Sports Day at Pencarrow by kind permission of Colonel & Mrs J.A.Molesworth-St Aubyn.

AUG 17th St Breward Conservatives' Horse Show, Gymkhana and Exemption Dog Show at Palmers by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Robin Clarkson.
Details from Miss V.E.Cholmeley, Deaconstow, St Breward, Bodmin.
(s.a.e. please)

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