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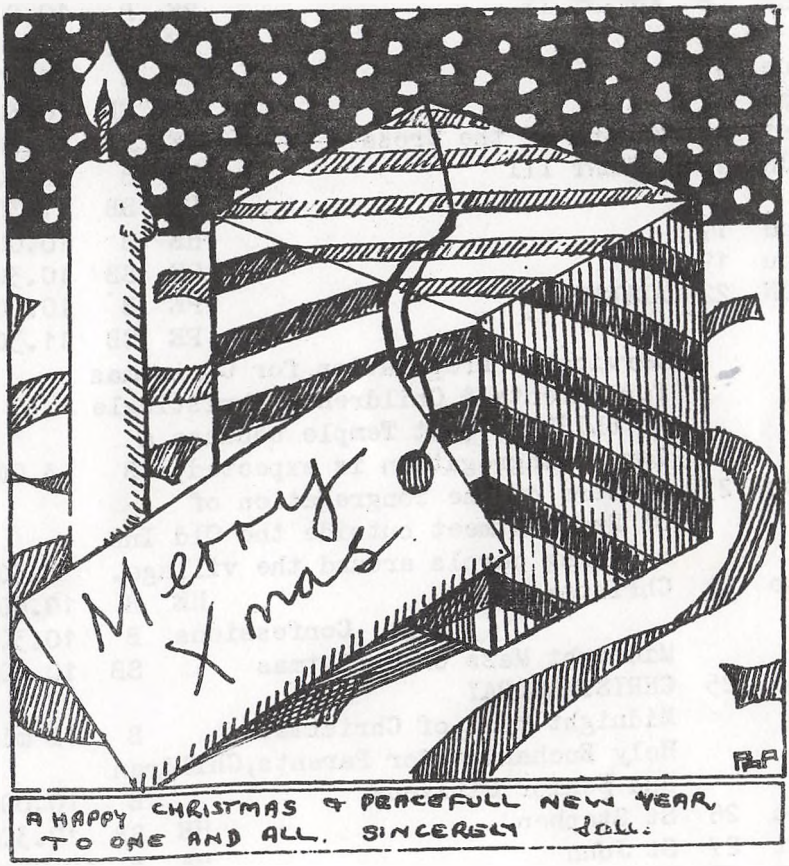

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1985.

SUN	1	ADVENT SUNDAY	PE	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
Tue	3	S.Francis Xavier	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	5		HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	7	S.Ambrose	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	8	ADVENT II	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	10		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	12		HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	14	S.John of the Cross	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	15	ADVENT III	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	17		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	19		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	22	ADVENT IV	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
		Service of Preparation for Christmas for Parents & Children - Christingle at BLISLAND (not Temple because a large congregation is expected)		B	3.00pm
Mon	23	Members of the congregation of St Breward meet outside the Old Inn and sing carols around the village.			6.30pm
Tue	24	Christmas Eve	HE	B	10.00am
		Confessions		B	10.30am
		Midnight Mass of Christmas		SB	10.00pm
Wed	25	CHRISTMAS DAY			
		Midnight Mass of Christmas		B	12 midnight.
		Holy Eucharist for Parents, Children and Senior Citizens		B	10.00am
Thu	26	St Stephen	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	27	St John	HE	B	10.00am
Sat	28	Holy Innocents	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	29	SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
		Combined Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols		B	3.00pm
Mon	30	Monday in the Octave of Christmas	HE	B	10.00am
Tue	31	Tuesday in the Octave of Christmas	HE	B	10.00am

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

The first day of December is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Christian Year which starts with the penitential season of preparation for the coming (that is what Advent means) of the Christ Child at Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation (the birth of Jesus, God Incarnate, Son of God and Son of man whom He came to save). There is a medieval painting of the Nativity scene showing the Christ Child lying not in a cradle but on an altar and we celebrate Christmas by pleading His Passion at Midnight Mass. It is a time when people belong to come to Church and I hope you will all do so. We come as sinners who are sorry for our sins knowing that we have been saved from the consequences of our sinfulness by Christ's death on the Cross. We prepare ourselves for Christmas and we must be prepared for Christ's Second Coming too. The state of the world in which we live is such that Our Lord's Second Coming may be sooner than we think.

The lovely Feast of Christmas has become increasingly secularised and, sad to say, a lot of people make money out of it. There is a great deal of eating and drinking. In moderation there is nothing wrong about this but even as we do so we must remember the millions of people who are starving in the world.

Again, people belong to give one another presents at Christmas. This is a good thing. It reveals kindness, generosity and goodwill. We have to remember, however, that the giving of gifts at Christmas should remind us of the gifts which the Wise Men brought to the Christ Child - Gold, the symbol of Kingship (Christ is the King of Kings), Frankincense, the symbol of Worship (Christ is God Incarnate) and Myrrh, the symbol of Death (Christ Our Saviour died on the Cross). It is only too easy to have a jolly time at Christmas and forget all about Jesus.

We must try to worship the Christ Child on His Birthday and to worship Our Saviour all our days. We must also at Christmas remember the poor and starving, the sick and aged, the lonely and unloved, all children and all who have departed this life.

May I wish you all a holy, happy and blessed Christmas but please come to church at Christmas and remember what Christmas is all about.

May God Bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK.

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Parish Registers.

Baptism at Blisland Church on 20th October of Kimberly Ann Harper, daughter of Paul and Lorraine Harper of Bodmin. Great-grand-daughter of Mrs Hester Harper.

Burials.

On November 1st Mrs Esther Lilly Kerslake, formerly of St Breward died at Liskeard and was cremated at Penmount.

On November 3rd Mrs Elsie Lillian Dowrick, wife of Ron and Mother of George, Iris and Ivor, died suddenly at Rose Cottage, Blisland. The Rev Paul Hancock, former Rector of this parish and friend, gave the funeral oration which expressed all that we knew and felt about Lillian. A staunch and longstanding member of the church and MU. she will be sadly missed - and yet I think she will always be with us, keeping us company while we do our flower arranging. R.I.P.

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Mr & Mrs Mervyn Marshall would like to thank all relatives, neighbours, friends and medical staff for all the kindness shown, flowers, cards, gifts and lifts to and from the hospital during his stay at Treliske, and while convalescing at home.

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A Remembrance Day memorial service was held at the St Breward War Memorial at the Red Cross Centre. A wreath was laid by Mr P Nottle and an address by Mr C.H.Hawken. Followed at the Parish Church, the service was conducted by Rev. Stark assisted by Mr Raymond Hoskin. A wreath was laid by Mr Harry Bessel and twin Guides, Catrina & Sarah Ellery. The British Legion Standard Bearer was Mr Fernley Parsons.

The congregation left Blisland Church for the Silence and the wreath was laid by Lt.Col.D.Farquharson-Roberts. The United Service was held in the afternoon, Rev. Stark officiated and the guest speaker was Rev.John Young.

The Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church.

The proceeds of a Coffee Morning held on Wednesday 6th November at the home of Brig. & Mrs Edward-Collins, Blisland amounted to £108.56.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to them both, to the ladies who worked so hard to ensure the success of this first event staged by the Society and to all those persons who came along and supported it.

The village of Blisland is fortunate in possessing this unique Cornish moorland Church, so much loved by the late Sir John Betjeman. A recent article in ' The Field' magazine, following a visit to the Church by Wilfred De 'Ath, comments "The Church is beautiful inside as well as outside. Entering, one has an immediate impression of sanctity, tranquility, and antiquity".

A Church of this exceptional beauty, together with its daughter church at Temple, requires costly and continuing maintenance, which, together with its other considerable financial committments of Diocesan quota, heating, lighting, insurance etc. places a considerable strain on the resources of the Parochial Church Council.

In 1984 a body of likeminded people decided to form a Society to give the P.C.C. financial support. The Constitution and Rules laid down that the objects of the Society should be:- "To advance the Christian Religion by the repair, restoration, maintenance, improvement, and ornamentation of the Churches at Blisland and Temple, Cornwall, and of their monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments, and chattels, and of any other buildings being part of the said Churches and their Churchyards".

On 5th February, 1985, the Society was inaugurated, and shortly afterwards approved as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners. It was felt that there were many people, who are not necessarily Churchgoers but who use the Church for Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, and who also appreciate and value the heritage that exists in their midst. A glance through the Church visitor's book also indicates the interest expressed by considerable nembers of visitors.

To date the Society has enrolled members from within the Parish, and also as far away as Bristol, Lyme Regis, London, Bury St Edmunds etc. With the approach of the festive season, perhaps as you read this article you may be one of the persons who share the interest, concern and desires of the Society for the future of these buildings, and are willing to make a donation or to subscribe to membership. If so, why not pick up the phone, write, or otherwise contact the Secretary Mrs E.N.James, or Treasurer, Mr K.G.W.James, at "Tremasden" Keybridge, Blisland, Bodmin PL30 4QL Bodmin 85C1C5.

K.G.W.J.

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THE CORNISH CHURCHMAN

Will readers of the above, in Blisland, kindly let Mrs Richards have their 1986 subscriptions (60p) this week, as orders for next year have to be sent to Truro before Christmas. The 'Cornish Churchman' keeps us in touch with the Diocese, and events outside our own parish. New subscribers welcome. JR.

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ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DIARY.

Dec 15th Concert of Christmas Music by the St Breward Silver Band in the Sunday School at 7.30pm. Admission 50p Proceeds for the Building Fund.

Dec 17th "Carols by Candlelight" 7pm in the Sunday School Proceeds for 'Save the Children Fund'

Dec 22nd 9 Lessons & Carols. 6pm in the Chapel.

Dec 25th Christmas Morning Service at 10am. led by Rev. John Young.

Jan 3rd New Years Effort. 7pm Sunday School.
Open Fancy Dress Competition.
Childrens Comp:- Decorated Hard Boiled Egg.
Adults Comp. A pretty cup and saucer.

Stalls.. Silver Tree.. Sunday School Prizegiving and Refreshments.. Everybody Welcome.

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Letter to the Editor. Cheadle Hulme, Ches.

Last year I went to USA to visit my relations. While staying with my niece in New York, I was taken to see the Sculpture Park in New York State north of White Plains. This Sculpture Park is really the grounds surrounding the Pepsi-Cola offices. It is a most interesting place - beautiful lawns, flowers, trees and many modern sculptures. While in the park I took photographs of my relatives standing near an enormous granite bear.

Later on I came down to St Breward to visit my sister-in-law, Mrs J.K.Hollister at De Lank Farm. I showed her my photographs and to my surprise she told me that the bear had been carved at Tor Down Quarry and transported to America. There is no indication there that the work on the statue was done in England - or perhaps I should say - Cornwall.

It only goes to show how small the world is getting.

F.H.Jacobson.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

Our band came first out of eight at Paignton Band Festival, the test piece was "Three Inventions" by Jackaway. The Trophy and band medals were presented to Mr Hunt, the Band Master by Mr Goff Richards - a past bandmaster of ours in the late'60's.

The Band will be playing carols around the village nearer Christmas - weather permitting.

The Band are at Lanhydrock on Sun 22nd December 2-4pm and at Port Isaac on the 23rd to play carols in aid of 'Cancer Research' during the evening. PN

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Comment from the Western Morning News 4.10.85.

Cornwall's only woman refuse collector has spent a year clearing up illegal refuse dumps on a MSC scheme. Gillian Booth of St Mabyn was part of a four-strong team working in the North Cornwall area and said the worst dump she had encountered was outside Blisland. The dump, on the edge of the moor, contained the contents of an entire cottage, including a settee and chairs, T.V. cooker & carpets, as well as cut up pieces of a car. Charming!!!

It's different in Berkshire! Pt 2.

The wildflowers of the chalk vary quite a lot from those around Blisland. There are very few primroses, but I am developing a little colony at the converge of my garden and a stand of beech trees. They are very special, of course because they came here with me, from Lavethan. They did not all survive the transplant but enough did, and now they have established and started seeding - but I don't expect they'll ever look or smell quite like Cornish primroses. Local wildflowers include the lovely cranesbill which flowers from June till September, making drifts of mauve-blue along the verges; later there are mallows and knapweed. In May there are cowslips if you know where to find them, like the purple bell flower, harebells, chicory and others they were becoming quite rare, but now the dual result of local Councils not having enough money to spray the verges with herbicides very often, and the petitions of local conservationists, means they are coming back. The cornfields are edged with poppies and scabious and there are hundreds of charming little heartsease which seem indifferent to the weedkillers that are used on the crops.

Making a garden where until recently there was an asphalt playground and a wasteland of nettles and rank weedy growth, has been exciting and rewarding. One of the pros of this dry climate is that so many annuals set seed and scatter themselves all over, so now I have cosmos and godetia marigolds and nasturtiums, cornflowers and love-in-the-mist, even snap-dragons which simply re-appear among the perennials and the shrubs, and I never seem to need to buy another packet of seeds. Bulbs thrive too. Specially tulips and crocuses which increase annually. I've had my failures of course, and one cannot grow azaleas or any of that family on the top of chalk downs, though I do have a camellia in a wooden tub! Berkshire C.C. kindly gave me a grant towards planting English hardwoods in the wasteland and it is great to see these small tress establishing themselves - beech, hornbeam, lime, oak (but it is not really good oak country) chestnut and ash. I have to work hard to keep the rough grass and weeds from swallowing up my plantation, but the people in this very small hamlet are amazingly kind, and whatever I find I really can't do myself, someone will come and do for me. Really neighbourly they are.

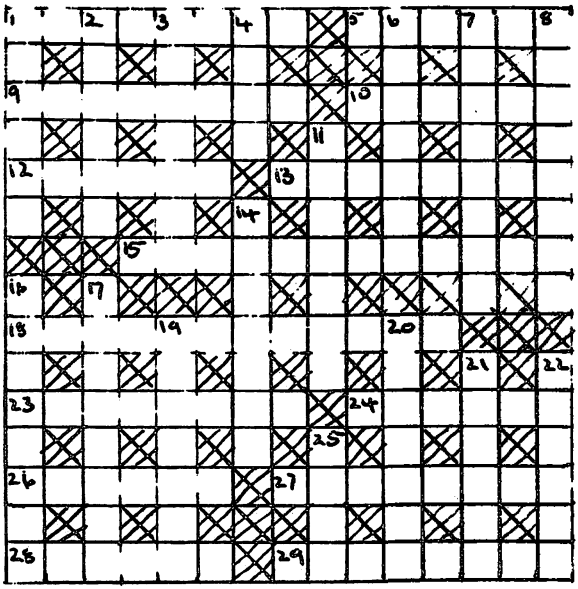
One more difference that might interest you. Like Blisland, St Breward and Temple, Fawley has it's own church, but it shares a rector with three others. The other villages are much bigger than Fawley which you could regard as the Temple of this complex. Instead of trying to have services in each church every Sunday, each church has it's own special spot in the month, when everyone in the four parishes is expected to 'commute'. Fawley always has the Family Communion at 10a.m. on the first Sunday of the month. On that day not only does the Rector come, but so does the organist and the choir and a proper sized congregation. Of course not everyone goes to church every Sunday, but a goodly number do. The Reverend Robert Greaves, known to most of us as Bob, works astonishingly hard and is a real dear. He has a retired race horse given him by a parishioner (this is horse-training country and Burrow Hill Lad, who won the Grand National, passed some weeks in the summer in the fields next to my home), sometimes Bob rides over the downs to visit, looking like a parson out of a nineteenth century novel. I like this arrangement because it brings people of the four parishes together, and though each village is responsible for raising the money needed for its own church, the richer villages do help by supporting the efforts of their less well endowed neighbours.

Our church has four fund raising events a year - and our population is tiny so you can imagine how much effort is needed from every one of us. We have a Horse Show in the grounds of what you might call the local squire's house; a produce stall in Wantage (about the same population as Bodmin); a Christmas Fayre and a coffee morning. This year instead of the coffee morning we had a buffet supper in the Schoolhouse.

Two of our four villages still have schools, Fawley, sadly does not. It closed over ten years ago - but I shouldn't complain because if it had not done so I should not be living in it now, and I really do like it very much.

Do drop by and see me - anyone who comes up the M4/5 can find me a few miles north of Exit 4.

Ruth Lumley-Smith.



Across.

1. Hustlers are without pity.(8) 5.The right stance for a rise(6). 9.Altering on eternal shape!(8) 10 A tablet records the fight(6). 12 A slight change in the clues(6). 13 Those in the know commit dire sins(8). 15 He works in the schoolroom(12). 18 Seasonal fare offered by a Mister Chips(9-3). 23 Awkward in an ugly way(8). 24 Rustle round an Irish cape(6). 26 Pierced by a candle(6). 27 Scheme on prices(8). 28 Place looted by the sword(6) 29 The gin trade affects ones inclination!(8)

Down. 1 Tatler makes a nasty noise(6). 2 Objects in the night(6). 3 Deranged in a cult(7). 4 How to lose the fish?(4). 6 What strength!It's a man!(7) 7 Makes request at Ernest(8). 8 Try a ruse to reach the money-vault(8) 11 He may test any salt(7). 14 Recipe for a rum loaf(7) 16 TT couple? One of eight(8). 17 Pristine or ailing(8) 19 The vicars may spend it!(7) 20 Sullied and badly treated(3-4). 21 I treat messy clothing(6) 22 Ranted with burning passion(6). 25 There's room to tie up to the buoy(4).

Every clue consists of a definition and anagram. Entries to Mr D Bousfield, Hantergantick, St Breward, PL30 4NH by 4th January,1986. A prize of £5 is offered for the first correct solution opened. Results in Feb. magazine.

FOOLS CORNER.

Several years ago a dear sister was in the throes of having a nervous breakdown, and before being taken to hospital I stayed with her trying to reason with her during her rantings. Before I knew what was happening she leapt at me screaming "LISTEN TO ME, WILL YOU?"

What relevance has this today? Those words have stayed with me for 20 years - as have the effects of the blow, and sometimes I feel like screaming them myself.

Since the benefice of St Breward and Blisland were joined Blisland has only had a Morning Prayer (as per the Book of Common Prayer) when a lay preacher has officiated, despite requests, nay pleas, to successive priests-in-charge.

Our parish is a mixture of church, chapel, and non-users. The church-goers prevail because they've always gone to church - come what may. Chapel-goers will only attend chapel - unless its a funeral or special Evensong in church. Which leaves the non-users. Many are neither church nor chapel full stop..but there is an increasing number of people who have been brought up to attend Morning Prayer, or who do not wish to take communion, that would swell our congregations given the chance. As it is, they can't attend the service of their choice so they slope off to pastures new.

We have been asking for years for parity with St Breward and to have a monthly Morning Prayer - and refused by succesive incumbents. The church expects support, both financially and physically but does nothing to bend towards the lesser mortals. Few of us know about the Church of England Synod and apart from the fact that we have read that women have increased their representation to 41%, which if it increases pro rata, with luck we should be in the majority by the end of the century.. but we are concerned with our church, and want to see it used, and to have larger and younger congregations.

It isn't as though folk aren't interested in our churches, the local support given to the 'Society for the Preservation etc.' proves that St Pratts and St Catherine are well loved. So to our beloved clergy, may I softly say, "Listen to me, will you?.... please!

SMV

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

The President was pleased to welcome a visitor, Miss Bridge and to thank her for the electric fire which she donated for use in the Red Cross Hall, and to greet Mrs Bolvig Hansen who has come to live at Barton's Brook.
Once again Mrs Bousfield has brought honours to the Institute by gaining third prize in the Blaikley Salver competition.
A post card was read out from Mrs J Palmer until recently of 'Palmers' and now enjoying life further south after her major heart operation.
Once again the annual subscription is going up - this time by 25% to £5, but to help offset this rise it has been decided to give all members their copy of County News free in future. If you miss a meeting it is suggested that you collect that copy at the following meeting, as it is not always possible to deliver uncollected copies.
By the time you read this the trial coffee morning and bring & buy will have been held at Mrs Holmes' house on Nov 21st 10-12am. The idea is that it will take less people to set it up thus enabling more members to bring a friend and enjoy a social time, and hopefully raise funds less painfully. More about this in the next issue - success or failure!
Mrs J Jory from St Teath whom many of us know from her work in the Sport & Leisure area gave us a talk about the WI trip to Denmark recently; luckily she is a vital and interesting speaker as many of her slides gave the impression that it always rains in Denmark but this did not seem to affect the enjoyment of the holiday.
Mrs S Hutton won the competition for a Scandanavian souvenir and Mrs Jackson?Gamlen had the best flower of the month.
Please note that the December meeting will be on the 4th a Wednesday when our speaker will be Mrs Eddy 'Items for Bazaars', and the competition is for a home-made Christmas cracker which need not have a 'bang' inside it.
Since the meeting 12 members went to the Group Meeting at Blisland and it was an example to larger Institutes how much can be acheived by a hard-working group of determined members - congratulations Blisland.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

Catering for one or two can be a small problem especially if you have been used to coping with a large family. It's easy to get into a rut & if,like me trying to use the least number of pots and pans. So a visit to our Institute by Mrs Hawke, a superb artist in cookery and demonstrating was very welcome, especially as her theme was'Cooking for Ones and Twos'. Mrs Hawke brought her own portable cooker along, as well as a 'Hay Box' - shades of the war years! The varieties of food she turned out in one hour was amazing and delicious. When invited to try the results there was no shortage of volunteers.

After the business side of the meeting was dealt with and the ever-welcome cup of tea & refreshments supplied by Mrs Marion Shrimpton and yours truly. We held a Harvest Home Auction. This always proves to be quite amusing as well as a way of boosting our funds.

Mrs Audrey Pierce won the monthly competition which to complement our speaker was 'Biscuits' and we closed the evening with the final rehearsal of the entertainment we were giving the Group Meeting the following night.

The Group Meeting.

In spite of all our qualms there were enough chairs, there was enough food, the Speaker did arrive & the Judges did an excellent job. The Hall looked very welcoming, Mrs Marjorie Webber had made a beautiful flower arrangement on the Kathleen Hutchison stand and several vases of flowers were distributed around. Our W.I. members were truly magnificent, everyone rallying around and helping to ensure that the evening went smoothly.

I'm sure Mrs Holmes, President of St Breward WI won't mind me quoting an excerpt from the charming 'thankyou' letter sent on behalf of her WI. Quote"The amount of concentrated effort by each member is very much an example to those of us with larger numbers to call upon when holding a Group Meeting" Unquote.

The photography and accompanying music supplied by Mr Page the speaker, was something I shall always remember - it mirrored his love of the countryside and made us even more aware of the responsibilities we have to its

preservation.
Audrey Pierce won first prize in the Cookery Section with her Cherry Cake. She is to be congratulated as apart from competing against very high standards it's her first attempt in outside competition work.

The evening concluded with our Entertainment which was very well received. I would like to thank Mrs Mavis Miles & Mrs Rosie Adamson who kindly helped with the serving of food and did all the washing-up, a truly noble effort.

Eileen Walford.

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PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS etc.

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The envelopes and slips should be in the January mag. please return them to your distributor, or in the case of Blisland, they can be handed in at the P.O. or drop them through my letter-box - Julius will not eat the contents!!

My thanks to everyone who has assisted us during the past year - keep up the good work.. SMV.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

The recent Whist Drives were attended by a regular faithfull few, never-the-less the evenings were a huge social success. We raised £16 towards Hall funds. My thanks to Ralph Parnell our MC and the various 'tea ladies'. S.

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

The meeting on Oct 16th was a social afternoon when future activities were discussed especially the Christmas concert; a short rehearsal followed. Two members attended the coffee morning at the office in Bodmin and the social evening at St Lawrences to promote the work of the W.R.V.S. & to meet other members and discuss ways in which we work, this proved to be very helpful.

On Nov 5th we welcomed Isobel Willcocks and Janice Burden who showed slides & photographs of their recent visit to Austria, via Germany & Belgium. Wearing National Costume added to the interest and was very enjoyable. Two other visitors were also welcomed. The competition for a witch was won by Mrs M Webber. Names were taken for the shopping trip to Exeter with St Keyne Club.

A signed card from all the members was sent to Mrs Horton who is in hospital, with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr & Mrs Ward-Lee has kindly invited us to the Mansion House for our meeting on Nov 19th, the Christmas tea party will be on Dec 3rd, when slides and a quiz will be presented by Mr Murphy.

Hope you can all come and that everybody will have a Healthy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gwen Masters.

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'ROYAL OAK' Swear Box.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Swear Box earlier in the year for "Save the Children" Special thanks for those who boosted the proceeds by contibuting to raffles; Peter Greenaway, Marion Pledger (nee Greenaway) and Chris Butters for doing their sponsored run; Joan Rich and her daughter Jackie for the doll which raised so much - and of course a big thankyou to the 'swearers' who paid up!

The proceeds were split in two, £95 for the Etheopia Fund and £95 for 'Save the Children Fund' in this country.

The 'Swear Box' is currently collecting for Mount Edgecumbe Hospice.

M&EG.

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Have a happy and trouble free festive season - don't drink and drive - hire a coach, for all occasions.

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Copy for January issue in by 10th December - brave and early before the Christmas rush..

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ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP.

If you are nearly 3 years old or over and enjoy painting, dressing up, splashing around in water, making sandcastles, going on outings and would like to make new friends; Come along to St Breward Play Group. We hold sessions every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during school terms in St Breward Village Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am - or contact Karen Nankivell on Bodmin 850871 for further details.

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HANDY HINT.

Store children's bath toys in a nylon net or string bag overhanging the bath to keep them tidy and contain the drips in the bath.

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