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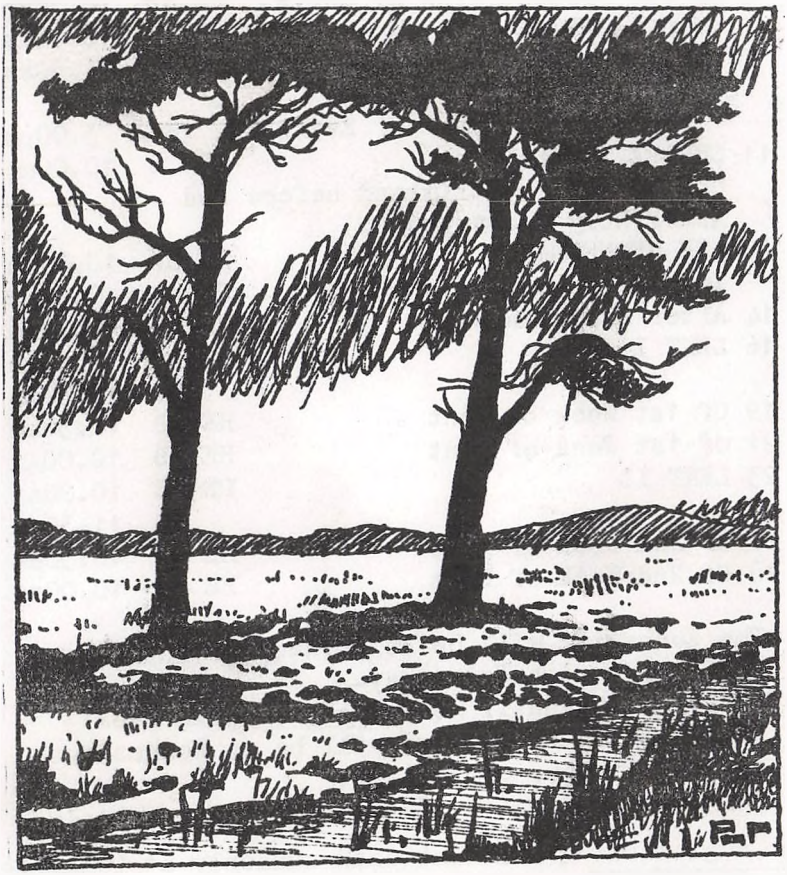

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1986

SUN	2	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	PE	B	10.00am
		Mattins		SB	11.30am
Tue	4	Our Lady of Lourdes	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	6	Of the Presentation of Christ	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	9	QUINQUAGESIMA	PE	B	10.00am
		FEAST OF ST BRANWALADER (REVEL SUNDAY ST BREWARD)	PE	SB	11.30am
		Evensong		SB	3.00pm
Tue	11	SHROVE TUESDAY	HE	B	10.00am
		Confessions at Blisland before and after Holy Eucharist			
Wed	12	ASH WEDNESDAY	PE	SB	10.30am
		Imposition of Ashes at the	PE	B	6.00pm
Fri	14	After Ash Wednesday	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	16	LENT I	PE	B	10.00am
				SB	11.30am
Wed	19	Of 1st Week of Lent	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	21	Of 1st Week of Lent	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	23	LENT II	PE	B	10.00am
				SB	11.30am
Wed	26	Of 2nd Week of Lent	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	28	Of 2nd Week of Lent	HE	B	10.00am

NOTE: The Eucharist will be celebrated in both parishes on Ash Wednesday.
During Lent, until Holy Week, the mid-week Eucharist at St Breward will be on Wednesdays and at Blisland on Fridays.

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Parish Registers. Jack Hunt died suddenly at Lankette House, St Breward on 6th January. The funeral was held at Penmount Crematorium on the 9th. RIP.
Lily Rose Coombe passed peacefully away in Bodmin on 19th December, the funeral service was held at St Breward. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Tom, brother Wallace Colman and sister, Dulcie Masters. The family lived at East Rose before retirement into Bodmin. RIP

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

I am writing this pastoral letter on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles when the wise men brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh - symbols of Christ's Kingship, of the worship which is offered to Him and of His death upon the Cross. It follows the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord which was well observed by the faithful in our parishes. As a preparation for Christmas, parents brought their children to Christingle Service on the Sunday before Christmas Day. At this service the children were given oranges (symbols of the world) and candles (which when they were lit became symbols of Christ the Light of the world) and the children then processed to the Crib. St Breward Church was full for the Midnight Mass of Christmas and was beautifully decorated even to the Christmas tree (lit by electricity) on top of the church tower for all to see for miles around. Blisland Church was also beautifully decorated and although the Church was not full for the Midnight Mass there were far more people present than on an ordinary Sunday. Then, on the Eve of the Epiphany, both parishes attended the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Blisland. The Cantate Domino Choir, whose standard of singing matched that of a cathedral choir, led the singing of the congregational hymns and also sang some lovely carols enhanced by the acoustics of Blisland Church. We are most grateful to this choir and to Mavis Masters and the ladies who assisted her in preparing a splendid tea for the choir in the Village Institute afterwards.

In a few weeks time, Lent will begin - on Ash Wednesday 12th February. Lent commemorates Our Lord's forty days in the wilderness preparing for His public ministry of teaching, healing and raising people from the dead. This ministry was followed by His Passion and death on the Cross. How are we to keep Lent?

Before we think about this we must remember that Shrove Tuesday which precedes Ash Wednesday is still observed as Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday is so called because

it is the day on which the faithful are shriven - they come to confess their sins and receive absolution. In olden times it was the day on which eggs were used to make pancakes because of the Lenten fast. In France it is called Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) because of the feasting and merry-making before the Lenten fast. Ash Wednesday is so called because of the imposition of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them that dust they are and unto dust they shall return. So Lent is a time when we think of the kind of lives we lead and particularly of our spiritual lives which prepare us for our own death and entry into paradise (where we are purified from the taint of sin) and proceed in God's good time to our Heavenly Home. So during Lent we must keep a strict rule of life.

1. We must say our prayers every morning and evening as, of course, we should every day of the year.
2. We must read our Bibles and meditate upon what we read and learn to listen to what God has to say to us. Again, this should be done every day of the year.
3. We must come to Church every Sunday during Lent and at least once during the week. Our corporate worship together as a family is very important indeed.
4. We must give up some luxury during Lent and use the money we save to support some charitable cause. Individuals must choose according to age and health. Some should give up smoking, others drinking alcoholic beverages, others fancy food or sweets.
5. During Lent we must resolve to increase in love for Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and in sorrow for our sins. This, the most important Lenten rule of all, follows from keeping the others.

You will notice that although Lent is not commercialised the great Feast of Easter which follows it certainly is. A great deal of money will be made from making and selling Easter Eggs. Even if you have to buy them before Easter see that they are not eaten until Easter Day.

May God bless you in all your endeavours to keep a Holy Lent and may He bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK

VILLAGE HALL CONCERT

The Concert held in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday before Christmas raised £142 for Hall funds.

The Hall Committee wishes to thank everyone who put in so much time and effort. The first years proceeds bought the fine stage curtains and last year the floor was relaid and polished, so the money is put to good use.

Mrs Gurr wishes to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. It went off very well due to the efforts of the 'few'.

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Wendy Gurr stepped in at a late date to produce the show, and we are all very grateful for the hard work she put into it, especially the W.I. potted panto.

Unfortunately the dancers (and main organisers) of the previous years weren't available due to removals, illness and work commitments and it wasn't possible to get the younger - and willing - element together in time. But we learn, and hopefully we'll have a new chorus line next time.

- Yes, despite the problems and having got over the 'never again' phase, we've already started thinking about 'The Follies of 1986' !! Mrs Gurr is willing to run a Saturday morning Drama Group - or Groups depending upon the number of youngsters, and age groups interested. The cost will depend upon the Hall fees. Anyone interested please contact Mrs Gurr on 850119, or Mrs Vause. We will have a poster and form for name and age, in the Blisland PO for interested parties to sign, by 14th Feb please.

Are there any adults MEN and ladies who would be interested in putting a group together, for play readings or small productions? again contact Mrs Gurr & Vause.

We do have fun (along with the headaches) but it beats most of the output on the 'box'. There is a great deal of talent around and it would be nice to channel it into a regular group (I hesitate to say organisation). Incidentally, is there anyone into dancing who could

get the village prancing about?

The C.F.W.I. are putting on a Speech & Drama weekend at St Austell in March, mainly dealing with Mime and Makeup, the two aforementioned ladies have enrolled for it, as interested parties, and in the hope that the experience will help towards future productions.

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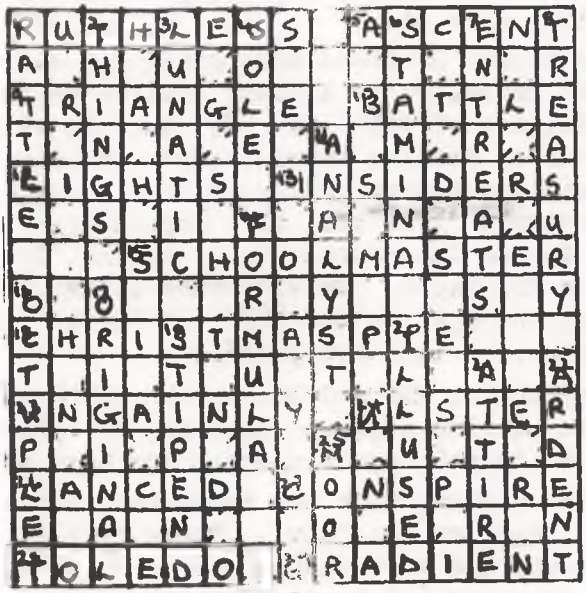
THE CROSSWORD

There were six entries. The winner, who receives the prize of £5. was Miss N D Puddick of Little Trehudreth Blisland.

ANSWERS ACROSS: 1. Ruthless 5. Ascent 9. Triangle 10. Battle 12. Lights 13. Insiders 15. Schoolmaster 18. Christmas pie 23. Ungainly 24. Ulster 26. Lanced 27. Conspire 28. Toledo 29. Gradient

DOWN: 1. Rattle 2. Things 3. Lunatic 4. Sole 6. Stamina 7. Entreats 8. Treasury 11. Analyst 14. Formula 16. Octuplet 17. Original 19. Stripend 20. Ill used 21. Attire 22. Ardent 25. Moor



ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Junior members and Learners will be playing at the Wadebridge Music Festival on Saturday 22nd Feb.

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

It has been brought to the notice of the Parish Council that there are many dogs being let loose through the day and causing a nuisance, fouling footpaths, tearing open refuse bags etc. Owners are being contacted and if they don't co-operate the Community Policeman will be asked to visit them.

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The Staff of Hantergantick and Merrivale Quarries held their Annual Dinner at the Poldark Inn. They donated £136 from a raffle to the National Children's Home. This sum was handed to Mr Dennis Champion as Area Chairman of Bodmin Division of the Society.

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ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH.

As from Sunday 26th January the Services will be held in The Band Room. Work has commenced on the Sunday School alterations.

The 'Carols by Candlelight' raised £33.20 for the Save the Children Fund.

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Extract from the Cornish Times.

January 6th, 1832.

On the evening of Tuesday, December 27th, whilst Mr Wright a shopkeeper at St Tudy was weighing some gunpowder from a barrel for a customer, a spark from the candle fell on some loose grains on the counter, which communicated to the barrel when the whole instantly exploded and blew up the roof and walls of his house. Mr Wright was so dreadfully scorched that his recovery is considered doubtful. His two children were most providentially saved by one of the girders falling across the bed in which they were and protecting them.

A SPONSORED RIDE ROUND BLISLAND MANOR ORGANISED BY MR MORRIS EVANS IN 1975.

The riders met on the Village Green at Blisland called Gluston and Bliston in older times. It is an ancient village already in existence when the Domesday Book was written for William the Conqueror in 1086. The most ancient buildings near the Green are the church and the Mansion House originally called the Farmers House or Bailiff's House.

From Blisland the riders passed the Village Hall and Pentor and went to the hamlet of Pendrift or Pendree, another ancient place first mentioned in 1361. From Pendrift they rode along a narrow lane to the Jubilee Rock engraved with the figure of Britannia and various coats of arms andsymbols by Lieut. Rogers in 1810 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee ofGeorge III. From here they crossed Pendrift Downs to the bridge over the De Lank River, an ancient clapper bridge formed of stone slabs - originally Delank Ford Bridge - shortened to Delford and now called Delphy Bridge.

From here they made their way over the moors towards St Breward in the direction of Stannon Clayworks and Rough Tor to King Arthur's Hall, a place of great antiquity. It is a walled-in area 158ft x 65ft - the walls of granite slabs with no roof - probably over 2000 years old. It is a mysterious place - no one knows who built it or for what purpose. This part of the moor has many connections with King Arthur - true or legendary no one knows. Camelford is supposed to be his town of Camelot where he fought his last battle and died. He was supposed to have been born at Tintagel and to have obtained his sword Excalibur from Dozmary Pool. John Norden visited it in 1584. It was famous even then and known to him as King Arthur's Hall.

They travelled back towards Blisland to Bradford - the Broad Ford - across another ancient clapper bridge over the Delank River. They crossed Kerrow Downs - another ancient dwelling place - the name Kerrow being an ancient Cornish word meaning "fortress". The Cornish word "caer" or "car meant a "fort" or "camp" where people lived

together for safety. In Blisland we have Carwen, Carbilly, Carbaglet - names reminding us of the antiquity of this region where people have lived for thousands of years.

The ride ended on Blisland Green after a ride over bleak moorlands with their memories of men who once lived on them going back many hundreds of years, moorlands that have hardly changed over the centuries.

The sponsored ride was very successful. The riders enjoyed a day out in beautiful surroundings and raised hundreds of pounds to help those less fortunate than themselves. In 1975 Blisland raised over a thousand pounds to purchase four wheelchairs for those suffering from multiple sclerosis - a fund towards which the sponsored ride contributed a large part. RC.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND CHRISTMAS PAST.

Well, we all had at least one Christmas present, I hope. Now Christmas is past, but there is still time for the snow to lie around about on Bodmin Moor, deep and crisp and even. Meanwhile, I think of this Christmas..

"When you are old and gray and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire" - no not my dear wife, but myself - "in that sweet mood, when pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind." I wondered about old friends, were there any left who would remember me? Nowadays, you cannot expect to prove anything without statistics. So let me say that we received 86 Christmas cards. To be honest, not all of them came from friends - my insurance company, a double-glazing firm, my bank (a potential friend?) And I suppose I should not mind that many of them were not about the real Christmas message at all. There was plenty of snow, and robins, and Christmas trees, several sketches of friend's

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Whilst living in the present, we need to have a visionary outlook to the future, and in rural Anglican Church at large this means plugging the breach exposed by the general drift away from regular church attendance and the very particular void revealed by the absence of younger adults and children of all ages.

The picture is a reflection of the way society conducts itself in the pseudo-sophisticated eighties, a decade that cannot yet come to terms with breakneck technology, unemployment and all manner of social frictions and moral dilemmas. Yet this is no Black Epistle, for hope reigns eternal and there is conspicuous reason to believe that the tide of support for the destitute millions in the Third World, and for those nearer home, is not mere transient euphoria, but a victory of moral conscience and Christian compassion over baser concerns with matters that are by comparison parochial, materialistic or patently self-centred.

This should be a springboard for action, for a resurgence of dynamic life within the Established Church - but wherever people from different cultures airing different philosophies meet on common ground, there have to be concessions - not radical changes. I submit - to meet the fulfilment needs and expectations. I was brought up on Holy Communion, Mattins and Evensong, with early juvenile excursions into Sunday School and Junior Church and the parish hosted uniformed organisations, clubs and social hoe-downs. There was indeed a wide choice for the intending church-goer. Less so in isolated rural parishes, even if neighbouring villages are 'linked'.

We need a starting point for new growth and the sometimes suggested medium of a Monthly Family Service, geared to the needs of younger families in particular, and conducted rather less than formally in an imaginative and appealing way might gain some impetus and certainly lose no ground. If we can't put new wine into old bottles, then what is wrong with standing them side by side?

Television introduced Shakespeare and Dickens to a wider audience than ever enjoyed by the purity of the

of the printed word without debasing the original: The Church must adhere like a limpet to the rock of its basic tenets, its primeval truths, its storytale beauty and conceptual idealism, but it must express itself in a form and language appropriate to its audience or else - like the Cornish language or many of our rural dialects - its words may touch only ears that no longer comprehend.

The challenge and the opportunity and the people are here, in this very village. Will we, the Church of Blisland and St Breward cum Temple do something about it?

Brian Moon.

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POPPY APPEAL.

The response from the parish of Blisland to the house-to-house collection was the very satisfactory sum of £87.55. My grateful thanks to all those who contributed so generously.

Without your aid the Poppy Appeal could not raise the funds which are the only means we have of continuing the Royal British Legions work of relieving distress and providing services for the benfit of those who have served at any time in the Forces, and who are now in need. A need which continues to increase as the veterans from the 1939-45 war find the stress of age adding to their difficulties already experienced.

Thank you again for your practical support. Perhaps next year we might set ourselves to top the £100 target.

R.B.N.Hicks, Captain R.N. ret'd.
President, Bodmin Branch R.B.L.

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As Others Live.

A friend writes, " Our two churches are humming along. With a combined Electoral Roll of over 760 and a diocesan assessment of £73,000. A team of four clergy and eight Lay Readers. " MB.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD -

There is very little that can be written about the December meeting! In most peoples' minds it did not even exist as only thirteen members turned up; many were absent due to illness and the earlier date in the month may not have been convenient to others. The invitation to the St Teath January party was accepted by four members, three of whom went last time and are looking forward to this one. A belated suggestion was put forward that we hold an invitation party and hopefully this will be put before a meeting in sufficient time to be implemented for 1987. We need to be more outgoing in our affairs but this will need action not words. There is no follow-up to the successful coffee morning in November as it was thought that one at the end of January would be too soon, but something may mature at Easter if the whole initiative does not fade away before then!
Station Officer McAuley from the Bodmin Fire Station showed a cine film about accidental fires that occur in our own homes where we feel most safe. It was harrowing as we watched a careless mistake and waited for the flames to leap forth violently but if it can make us all a little more aware of the dangers at home and through that save just one person from injury or death it will have done its work.
Volunteers were hastily required to help with the supper as one hostess had already sent her apologies and another didn't arrive, and Mrs N Sleep was already deputising for the secretary, Mrs A Skinner, who was in the throes of last minute rehearsals for the Guides and Brownies Panto. By all account this performance was a great success so congratulations Alice!
Mrs P Bousfield produced the best flower of the month and Mrs J Greenaway thought of the best hint for fire safety.
The Annual Meeting will be held on February 18th with Mrs P Ward VCO: please make an effort to come to elect your own choice of officers (if you are not there it is not your choice but someone elses that decides)

ANN HOLMES

BLISLAND.

Our December Meeting is a social evening, but of course there are always one or two items of business that have to be discussed and tied up.

It was confirmed that this year's Anniversary Dinner Party would once again be held at the Westberry Hotel in Bodmin. Mrs Stella Vause gave her report on the Annual Council Meeting which she attended in October and the County Newsletter was read.

It was interesting to read that Altarnun won the 1985 Annual Tidy Village Competition. How would you feel about taking part in this years event? We are so fortunate in living in an area of outstanding natural beauty & our Village Green is the envy of all Cornwall. Every year visitors flock to see the local scenery & our church so it would be really nice to tidy up our village and give them something else to remember. It wouldn't take too much time & energy - just the odd garden that needs clearing of debris & litter put in the bins provided instead of dropped willy nilly. So shall we have a go & give Altarnun a run for their money? Your comments would be appreciated.

The Quiz and other games that followed were supplied by Mesdames Gwen Masters & Marjorie Webber & Miss Mildred Rowe - they tested our brain boxes & were quite hilarious.

The Christmas Stall raised £5.33 and Mrs Marjorie Webber won the competition a Christmas Parcel. Finally the tea and refreshments were supplied by all the members and it was a most enjoyable evening.

Eileen Walford.

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houses (fair enough), two Derby winners, some squirrels and badgers (did my friends know that we have both in our garden?) and only 12 which referred to the essence of the whole occasion, the birth of the Christ-child. But I am glad to be remembered at all, in a kindly way, and have no reason to say, like Mr Pooter in the "Diary of a Nobody" - "I am a poor man, but I would gladly give ten shillings to find out who sent me the insulting Christmas card I received this morning!"

Living alone, as we do, we dispensed with the mistletoe this year - after all, my wife and I do not need mistletoe as an excuse for a kiss. But I do know that, if either one of the parties is not willing, it is possible to bring an action for assault? And carol-singing - anyone can sing carols, I imagine, but if you collect money for charity, you are supposed to have a licence to do so. But my ignorance of the complications of the law is so great that I sometimes fear to put my nose outside, even to say boo to a goose! - creating a breach of the peace? or offending the RSPCA ?

We each have our memories of this Christmas, already sliding into the past - some happy, some sad. But it is difficult, isn't it, not to feel some gratitude for "our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life" ? And it is "better for you should forget and smile, then that you should remember and be sad".

D.G.B.

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Tregaddick History and Memoirs

I would like to do an article on Tregaddick in the May edition. Could I please have any recollections from anyone who has worked there during the past century, or anecdotes passed down by parents. No contribution too large or too small.

If you don't like writing then get in touch with me and I'll jot it all down for you.

SMV

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

The meeting on Dec 17th was cancelled in favour of our visit to the County Primary School on Dec 19th where we were entertained by the children to a Nativity Play with musical interludes which were well performed. Afterwards a splendid tea was served in the canteen.

Much credit is due t he staff and helpers for their time and effort involved and we thank them very much indeed for this annual event.

We again enjoyed taking part in the Annual Christmas Concert, as usual order survived chaos in the end, and we all thought our time and effort worthwhile, and we look forward to next time.

Mrs Billing's series of Whist Drives ended on a Party note with prizes galore and regrets that they had come to an end. The proceeds amounted to £30 for funds for which we are tremendously grateful.

Jan 7th was a social afternoon, when suggestions were made for our Annual Lunch, and it was decided to make it later this year to avoid any bad weather.

Christmas cards and good wishes were received from previous members. The competition'prettiest Christmas Card' was won by Miss Parnell.

Ideas for future programmes were put forward and the afternoon ended with a game of cards.

Gwen Masters.

FLEA MARKET on March 1st at the Public Rooms, Bodmin. 10am - 4pm

A stall will be run and proceeds donated to Temple Church Funds.
Items of bric-a-brac, jewelery, old post cards cookery books etc. wanted.
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