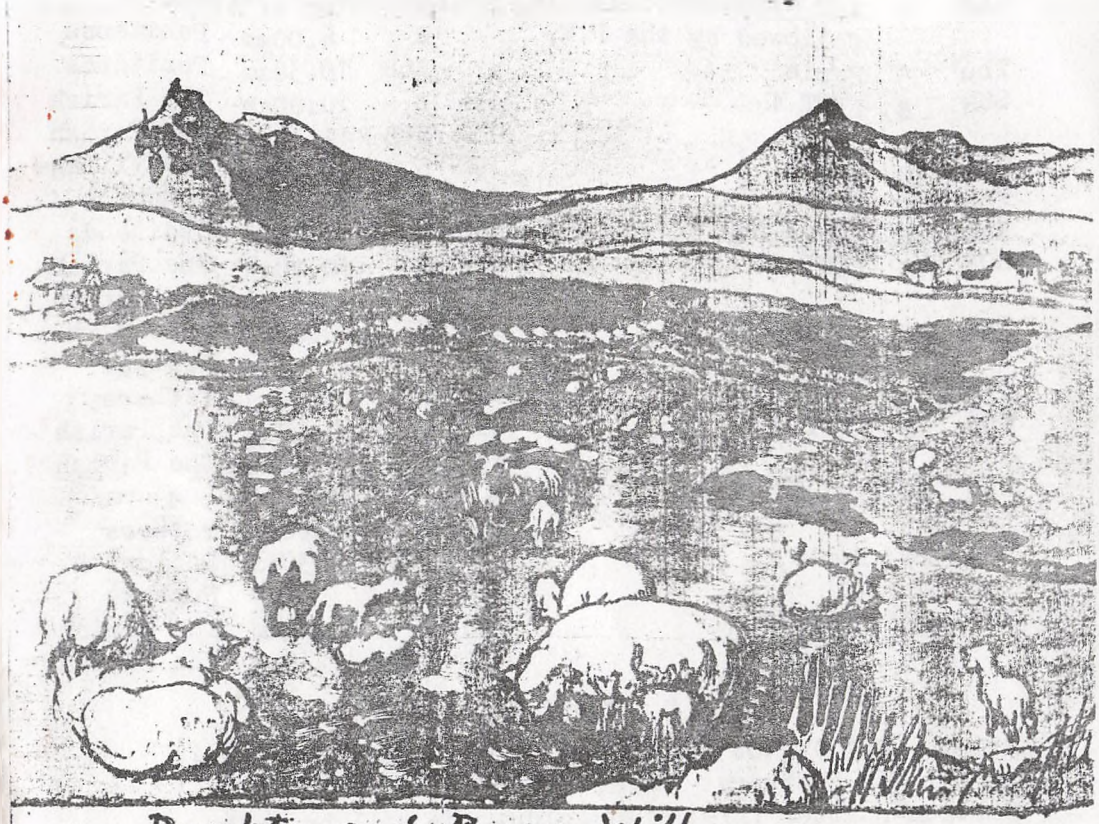
coach house yard development, Blisland
Rever Sunday

BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

MARCH 1987 No 84 15p



Roughton and Brown Willy.

Rector:	The Rev.Prebendary Edwin G.J.Stark MA	
	The Rectory, Blisland.	Bodmin 850249
Churchwardens:		
Blisland	Brig.Edward-Collins	Bodmin 850620
	Mr G Masters	Bodmin 850331
St Breward	Mr C J Greenaway	Bodmin 850433
	Mr H C Hawken	Bodmin 850294

KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 1987

						Intention
SUN	1	Seventh before EASTER	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		Mattins		StB	11.30am	The Parish
Wed	4	ASH WEDNESDAY Blessing & Imposition of Ashes				
		followed by the P.E.		B	6.00pm	Penitence
Thu	5	Feria		StB	10.30am	Penitence
SUN	8	LENT 1	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	10	Feria	HE	B	10.00am	The Village
Thu	12	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	School
Sat	14	Ember Day	HE	B	10.00am	Ordinands
SUN	15	LENT II	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	17	S.PATRICK	HE	B	10.00am	Church in Ireland
Thu	19	S.JOSEPH	HE	StB	10.30am	Fathers
SUN	22	LENT III	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Wed	25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO OUR LADY				
			HE	B	10.00am	Mothers
Thu	26	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	Doctors & Nurses.
SUN	29	LENT IV	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish

+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

Stanley Wellington Runnalls aged 83, died in hospital on Sat 7th February. Stan retired to his cottage at Cassacawn after farming at Poldu. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Mrs Hillson recently died in St Tudy, was formerly of St Breward and our sympathy goes to her family.

Mr and Mrs Eddie Greenaway have died in the last couple of months in Market Harborough, Leics. They lived most of their lives in St Breward until moving to be with their only child, Kenneth, in Leicestershire.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and we must ask ourselves how we are going to keep Lent.

In our personal devotional lives we must give up more time to saying our morning and evening prayers, to bible reading and meditation and to persevering in penitence for our sins. In addition, according to age and health, we must give up some luxury and donate what we would normally spend on it to some charitable cause.

In our corporate devotional lives we must come to church every Sunday during Lent and, if at all possible, to a week day service as well. There will be no additional services apart from those in Holy Week. Experience has taught that holding house meetings during the week has had little response and when we arranged for Brother Paschal to conduct a Lenten Mission for us few people attended his series of addresses. This year, therefore, we must concentrate upon our Sunday worship which means that if we already come to church each Sunday we continue to do so during Lent and that if we are, for example, lunar church attenders (once a month) we make a Lent rule to attend every Sunday.

Of course, there are those who because of age, infirmity or illness cannot undertake such a rule but remember that if you are a communicant and cannot get to church then I am available to bring the Blessed Sacrament to you.

Every Sunday in church we pray that by the example of our lives we may bring to others into the fellowship of the family of the Church. Priests and their People are called to be ambassadors for Christ and not merely, as an old Bishop friend of mine used to say, ministers without portfolio.

May we all keep a Holy Lent and may God bless you all,

EDWIN STARK.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

The St Breward Parish Council give preliminary notice of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tues 7th April at 7.30pm. The Guest Speaker will be Mr Chapman, The Treasurer of North Cornwall District Council.

- - - - - - - - -

Mr John Nicholls of Pentor, Blisland, retired in January after 21 years service at Hantergantick Quarry. Mr Dennis Champion presented him with a wall clock from all the members of Staff.

- - - - - - - - -

At the Annual Dinner of Hantergantic Quarry the raffle raised £200 which was donated to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

- - - - - - - - -

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Truro Band Contest will be held on Sat 7th March when the Band will be competing against 5 others in the 3rd Section.

The Band's Garden Fete will be held on Sat 27th June in the St Breward School's grounds. BOOK THIS DATE.

= = = = = = = = = = = =

Further Fete Dates!! Sat July 11th. St Breward P.C.C to be held in the Village Hall.

Friday 17th July will be the date for St Breward School Fete, also in the school grounds.

= = = = = = = = = = = =

ST BREWARD GIRL GUIDES.

The Guides Christmas Concert held on December 5th netted a profit of £105. They donated £50 to Childline, £25 to Rowe Chapel and the remainder to Guide Funds. The windows in the Guide Room have had to be replaced and we are glad to have been helped by the Manpower Services Commission and Mr Jerry Hollister.

Our thanks to all kind helpers.

EB.

ROYAL OAK. Feb '87.

Once again we would like to congratulate all our customers on their generosity in raising £280 for the British Institute for Brain Damaged Children.

The money will be spent on a machine to help the children with their breathing.

A special thankyou to the Whitfield family, who once again contributed the proceeds of Tim's Memorial Darts Tournament (£60) and also to Graham Murray and Joan Rich, the Carol Singers! and the 'Swearers' who paid their fines into the 'Swear Box'.

Over the last 21 months you have raised approx. £800 for charity. Well done.

Eileen & Mike.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The members of the International Committee for World Day of Prayer call everyone to celebrate the Centenary of the Women's World Day of Prayer, 1887 - 1987.
A service will be held in St Breward Parish Church on Friday 6 March at 7.30p.m.

The Speaker will be Mrs Joan Helme.

Refreshments will follow this friendly service.

All welcome.

ALL CYCLISTS note this date..
Saturday, September 5th. Nationwide Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of the Historic Churches Trust and other Charities.

Visit as many churches - of any denomination - as you can in the day. Further particulars next month.

+ + + + + + + + + + + + +

The Blisland WI is to hold an Open Meeting on Wed 13th May at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Mrs Jo Freeman who will talk on Show Presentation (which doesn't include Cookery). Come along and prepare yourselves for the July Produce Show..

THE SNOWDROP.

So cold is this earth that enfolds me,
That encases one in such gloom,
How I long to be free,
To reach up for the sky
Breathing air once again, be reborn.

In the chill north winds of winter,
When the earth lies dormant and still,
I think of the sun and the warmth that will come,
For I know that quite soon it will.

New life I feel stirring within me,
And I reach my green arms for the top,
Now I feel the cool air,
One more surge and I'm there,
Open wide O brave white snowdrop.

Wendy Higgins.

****

St Breward Playgroup are having a
PRIZE BINGO on FRI 13th March
in St Breward Village Hall at 7.30pm
Admission 10p.

****

+ +

BODMIN MALE VOICE CHOIR will give a
CONCERT in Blisland Parish Church on
Saturday 14th March commencing 7.45
Admission £1.50 In aid of Church Funds.

+ +

::

THE BETTY FISHER MEMORIAL CONCERT

Sunday 22nd March in the Wadebridge Town Hall
at 7.30pm

St Breward Silver Band.
Wadebridge Male Voice Choir
Wadebridge Ladies Choir.

::

Extracts from The West Briton.

Feb 11th 1853. Smallpox in Bodmin.
Proceedings of some Boards of Guardians are very inefficient, The vaccination of the Bodmin Union was once let to the late Mr Billing of Lostwithiel at one shilling (5p) a case, and he received about £115 for what he did so that he operated on at least 2,300 children - I have good grounds to fear that full half of this number is unprotected . Amongst those he vaccinated in Bodmin the smallpox is now raging. Let it once get prevalent and it will be a plague. The corpses of four children were in one procession on Saturday last.

Mar 13th 1818. Warleggan Church.
During a tremendous thunderstorm the tower of Warleggan Church was struck by lightening and split nearly from top to bottom. One part fell on the church and destroyed the roof and all the pews except one. The damage is estimated at £600.

March 5th 1819. Flogged through Fore St, Bodmin.
The town of Bodmin having been lately much infested by vagrants, the Mayor issued a notice on Saturday last that any wanderers who should after that date be found within the precincts of the borough should be dealt with according to law. This intimation not being attended to, some of the offenders were seized on Monday, and being convicted of begging in the borough, were sentenced to be flogged through Fore St which is of considerable length. The sentence was forthwith carried out, though rather leniently, and the delinquents dismissed with an intimation that if they again offended they would be treated more severly. How are these unhappy creatures to avoid begging or where are they to obtain employment? Are they to be whipped from parish to parish until they perish under the lash or expire from want in a ditch?.

1987. Smallpox is in the main under control but the plague of today is AIDS.
To replace Warleggan Church roof - an estimate of £600, but repairs to Temple Church in recent years have been double that figure, luckily not a roof replacement.
We don't flog beggars now, they go to the D H S S.

Letter to the Editor.

The application for planning permission for a building complex on the Coach House yard was posted just two days before the Parish Meeting, without any details or plans available. This, inevitably, caused considerable consternation. In view of the lack of information, the Council rightly declared its opposition. From past experiences, it is useless to try to contact anyone in the Planning Dept. by phone. They are invariably not available, and they seem to be protected from being bothered by ratepayers by a sort of human portcullis. Letters are almost useless, as relies are couched in stereotype form.

The Architect's plans have since been made available, so it is now possible to make an unemotive assessment of the consequences of the proposals. A natural reaction is concern regarding the effect that any alteration to the 'status quo' would have on the immediately adjoining properties. Unfortunately owners of properties have no 'rights' to a view, and their only legitimate claims are in connection with 'Ancient Lights', access and obnoxious practices. The next concern is with regard to the effect the proposals would have upon the environment, especially as to how they would effect the general aspect.

It has to be accepted that a landowner cannot be forced to accept propositions for his property, except by compulsary purchase order, and this is not 'on' in this case. Apart from other considerations, the cost is likely to be in the order of £20,000, and it would be very difficult to justify such expenditure to the bulk of the Parish ratepayers. It only re,ains to consider any possible alternatives. The continued use of the plot as an overflow car park is not a viable proposition, and there has been some misunderstanding regarding this use. When the Royal Oak and the Coach House were under the same ownership there was no problem, and a sign indicated this facility. After the sale of the pub, a 'gentleman's agreement' allowed up to five customer's cars to be parked on the site, and this has held good till the present. There is no automatic right to park in the yard.

At one time there was a proposal that the yard be turned into an industrial site. This would not be preferable to

a residential use, especially for its neighbours, and would be likely to exacerbate traffic congestion at this point. I do not believe that anyone would wish to revert to being subjected to an 'Anvil Chorus' all day and well into the night.

Another proposal has been for a couple of bungalows to be built on the site. These however would blend less well than the granite & slate faced houses proposed. Also, their price range would, unavoidably, match that of similar properties which have not attracted buyers for a long time, within the neighbourhood. If the proposed houses are priced right, they could create an opportunity to purchase by local people who cannot afford the more expensive properties. One advantage that houses would have over bungalows is that they would give a fair amount of screening from the 'not so beautiful ' structures behind and above.

It is, admittedly, a difficult decision to make, but what I would recommend is that theParish Council arrange to have a dialogue with the proposers direct, to have an opportunity to be in a position to get a good idea of the effects of the proposals, and to have the chance of expressing any constructive criticisms. They should obtain some idea of the likely sale price of the houses, and an undertaking that they will be offered as permanent residences, and not for the purpose of 'holiday homes'. The possibility might also be investigated as to whether they would be prepared to alleviate the effects on the immediate properties by providing some sort of screening, preferably arboreal.

I have no axe to grind ih this matter, and my only purpose is to outline some of the facts, with the hope that the final decision will be the best for all.

E.G.M. Manor Close.

A letter has also been received from West Walk House Ltd which reviews my comments in February's Fools Corner. This Company has made the application for the developement of The Plash. In view of its length, and lack of magazine space, I have preferred to use a letter from a local resident. A reply will be sent to Mr Neal, a director. If space had permitted I would have been delighted to print his letter as well. Ed.

REVEL SUNDAY AT ST BREWARD.

The Feast day of the church, known for a very long time as Revel Sunday, was held on the 8th February. The way in which the Sunday is fixed, for those who are unaware how it is calculated, is that the Sunday which is nearest the 14th of the month, but not after the 14th, shall be Revel Sunday.

As is the custom, we commence the day with Holy Communion & blessing of the Revel Buns, which was for some reason not so well attended this year as in the past if my memory serves me right. At our Evensong service at 3pm it was very much different, we had a wonderful congregation The church was almost full of folk from the village & neighbouring villages. The Guides and Brownies were with us but unfortunately due to sickness & other committments the Scouts & Cubs were unable to attend.

We once again had the pleasure of having our Band to accompany us with the hymns & provide us with some delightful music before and after the service, giving our organist a short break.

It was lovely having Raymond Hoskin from our Methodist Church read the first lesson and Jennifer Carroll from our choir read the second lesson. We were then treated to a wonderful sermon by Canon Peter Boyd, who was once our parish priest, incidentally the last to occupy the Vicarage. It was also lovely to see his wife & son, Paul, back to celebrate our Revel Evensong with us.

After our celebration of Holy Communion and Evensong we had a lovely tea provided by the ladies, for all those who cared to go along to the Village Hall & partake of the lovely refreshments.

Now I would like to thank all those who helped to make the day such an enjoyable Revel Sunday once more. To the readers of the lessons, to our preacher, to the Band and their conductor, Mr Micky Hunt, to the ringers, to those who gave the lovely refreshments & those who served them, and most important of all, to all of you who came and took part in the services because without you it would be a fruitless Feast Day.

C.J.G.

L O O K I N G B A C K IV

I always dread the onset of winter; going into the unknown and never more so than when we were farming. To go out on a severely frosty morning, milking the cows, feeding the calves and pigs, with my hand constantly frozen to the bucket handle; I could wear gloves to feed the poultry & carry water to their field, breaking the ice on the troughs when I got there.

Turning the animals from the yard was hazardous, the cows all had names & would come when called, but rather hesitant on the slippery ground. Wilfie would spread straw on the concreted part to save them from falling. Concrete was a risky improvement on the old fashioned cobble stones, though much easier to clean.

Gales and storms were worse; we had a lot of slate roofs around the yard & I was always terrified that a slate would blow off & I had visions of it slicing our heads in half & our brains strewn about. - Then it would quieten down & the snow would come to transform the landscape with pristine beauty. Nature waiting to be reborn.

With the slow thaw the eaves would drip icicles, forming fleeting curtains of glistening crystal; what recompense to even things up! Contrasts which only winter brings. The sound of the overflow of the well was music to our ears, we knew then the water supply was safe. Later we had water from the Holy Well, piped in from our outer field & had plenty of lovely spring water.

I always looked forward to Spring. The lambing season would be well under way & with luck our stock greatly increased. The Old people always had a lambtail pie when the tails were cut, we never did, it was a smaller joint than oxtail & no doubt delicious. Nothing was wasted in those days.

We have had some lovely weather in March when we would turn the calves out from their winter quarters during the day, it was fun to watch them jumping about in their new-found freedom - but not so good at night trying to get them in again!

The birds and Spring flowers would appear everywhere, we would be rearing our chicks & the field work would start in earnest. Cont. page 15.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

Not a lot to report this January month; our Social is always held in January but does not seem to attract the turnout it deserves. The 16 members arrived well-laden with refreshments, although really each person is only supposed to bring enough for one (it makes me wonder just how much we imagine a person can eat!!) After gettingthe nominations for the 1987 committee quite painlessly this year, there was a bit more discussion about the new program.

Five members had been to the Ruby Anniversary Party given by Blisland WI which they had enjoyed, thenk you Blisland.

The Thursday craft afternoons have restarted after the break for Christmas, my comment last month that the two people who went to the Liskeard Craft Fair said that we (St B WI not the CFWI as added by the "ditor!) could do better is not an idle boast. If all our members were to bring their skills to light the variety would surely amaze everyone.

We played a game of Give us a Clue, but instead of miming it, the clue was drawn on paper, and it was surprising how well everyone did in the General Knowledge quiz. After supper with vaious tapes for background music we simply sat in groups exchanging the latest news, a lot of which concerned burst pipes!

On Feb 17th it is our Annual Meeting with Mrs K Arundel VCO: and on March 17th we hope to have Mr Shad's talk about the Royal Yacht, maybe it will be third time lucky for us.

Anne Holmes.

= =

Do you know the muscle that does most damage in your body ? Yes - the tongue, so keep it tucked between your teeth. (There are some who think the Editors typing fingers have the same effect!!)

BLISLAND

Our Fortieth Anniversary was a very happy event. We combined it with the Monthly Meeting & after whizzing through the business matters we embarked on the celebrations.

We welcomed members from Bodmin, St Breward & St Lawrences' W I's & settled down to watch half an hour of slides accompanied by a talk given by Mrs June Jory of St Teath on her holiday in Denmark. It was an exchange visit organised by the C.F.W.I. so Mrs Jory and other members on the trip stayed in private homes, truly having an insight into the Danish way of life.

After various quizzes on the subject we embarked on silly games with a break for refreshments. Judging by the laughter which at times was quite hysterical, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Miss June Runnalls made a wonderful fruit cake & it was beautifully iced by Mrs Isobel Willcocks - far superior to anything baked by the so-called experts. The cake was cut by Mrs Gwen Masters & Miss June Runnalls two of the original members. Unfortunately Mrs Doreen Miller - the third member was ill with shingles. The rest of the refreshments were supplied by the members were as usual superb & my thanks to everyone who helped so spendidly (including Mrs Wendy Gurr who made the Blisland members such charming buttonholes) to make the evening such a memorable affair.

On Monday 26th January, Mrs Marjorie Webber, Mrs Margaret Garvey & I attended a choosing of this years resolutions meeting at Fraddon. We picked up Mrs Bickerton from Bodmin en the way. It was perishing cold & we were reluctant to leave the warmth of the car for the cold Village Hall. But nobly we pressed on & after a hot cup of coffee joined in the arguments & discussions. We all enjoyed the afternoon but felt many of the propositions of the resolutions were biased & therefore a lot of hot fell on stoney ground. Why is it so many people when given a little authority become monsters?

In March we have our General Meeting. We vote for a new committee & officers, so now is your chance to come and take part.

Eileen Walford.

W.R.V.S MONDAY CLUB REPORT

We were again very fortunate in our choice of date for our New Year luncheon at Haywoods Grill on Jan 13th The brightest day of the week, which ended in frost and snow. A good number of us enjoyed a turkey lunch and all that goes with it. It was a lovely sociable get-together in festive surroundings.

Jan 16th. We welcomed Capt Hicks who related some of the lighter side of his career in the Royal Navy, both during the war and in peacetime.
Remembering how, as a young medshipman, full of the joys of life, he preferred a whipping for some misdemeanour to a delayed stopping of leave and declared that it did him no harm! More seriously, of sailing down the English Channel during the war, unknowingly through a minefield and surviving!! Distributing Bibles to a group of [illegible] children, as a farewell gift, at one port of call. [illegible]ically meeting & marrying an army officer on foreign soil & having an escort from both services. Having Prince Philip under his commaned & both he & Mrs Hicks having close contact with the then Princess Elizabeth at Malta. These and many more experiences kept us all enthralled & our 'Thankyou' seemed a little inadequate.

Entries for the competition'springflower', owing to winter conditions, was sadly non existant: but a small posy from Isobel's garden graced the table & was afterwards taken to Mrs Miller, our deputy, who continues to suffer from shingles. We do hope she will soon improve, and expect by the time this is read will be well on the way to recovery.

FEB 2nd. Candlemas Day. "If Candlemass be fair & bright Winter will have another flight!" Well it was dull and misty, so perhaps we have seen the worst of the winter.

This was a social afternoon with Bowls & Bagatelle. Anything for a change to make our afternoons enjoyable. The Competition 'Kitchen Gadget' was won by Mrs Collins with a spiked gadget to hold an onion in place while being sliced. Very useful.
As tea was prepared a great surprise awaited me - A chocolate covered fruit cake, decorated with yellow roses, made by Miss Rowe appeared, together with a lovely bouquet

of yellow & white carnations, all very springlike and a signed card from all the members. Other cards appeared & I was quite breathless. I hope I properly thanked them all, for a secret very well kept. After all it's not everyday you become 21 & I was a Candlemas baby. Thank you all very much. Messages were sent to Mrs Miller, whom I'm glad to say is slowly improving.

Gwen Masters.

= = = = = = = = = = = = = = =

Looking Back IV cont.

I would especially listen for the wood pigeon which would come in the early morning to the Chestnut tree at the back of the house, then I knew Spring had come. This was a memory renewed of my childhood. There was a wood near my grandparents home where there were, many wood pigeons & I always awoke to their call- "Take two cows, you fool, take two". This was the time I loved best. With longer daylight hours the farming year would start all over again. We had to be ready & prepared for all there was to come, & always hope the New Year would be an improvement on the last.

Simple pleasures & happy days!! eventually Income Tax & VAT reared their ugly heads and farming became more a business than a pleasant way to earn a living & something good in life was lost for ever.

I look around now & see the rape of the countryside. Hedges ripped out, gateways widened to accomodate the ever bigger machinery lumbering along our ever muddier lanes, huge sheds marring the landscape & the hedgerows mutilated. How greatly changed is the face of Cornwall. We no longer have the full volume of the dawn chorus of bird song, the profusion of hedgerow primroses as in days past; indiscriminate spraying has seen to that. All in the name of progress; Bigger crops - fuller pockets for some perhaps, but at what cost, and for how long?

G.M.M.

WEBBER TRAVEL

THE GARAGE. BLISLAND, BODMIN, CORNWALL

Tel· (STD) 0208 850236

TRAGO FREE BUS on Tuesday 3rd March.

The bus leaves Blisland at 9.15am.

****

Brookside Garage

(D. P. & V. J. Metters)

ROW, ST. BREWARD, BODMIN
CORNWALL PL30 4LN

Motor Body and General Repairs
24 Hour Breakdown
Crypton Tune-up and Test Centre
Ministry Approved Testing Station

Phone Bodmin 850817 or 850169

** **

Copy for APRIL issue in by 10th March, please.

****

CLIVE LYNN for Carpentry, Double Glazing, Painting & Decorating. Tanfield Cottage, St Tudy. Bodmin 850546.

= = = =