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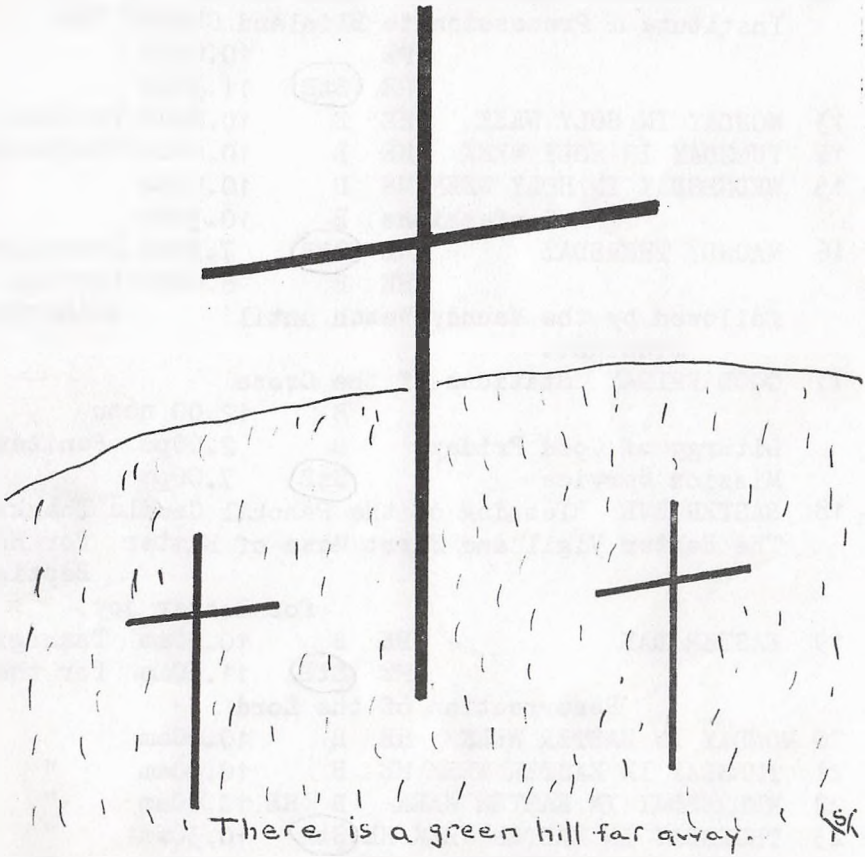


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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL 1987

| | | | | | | Intention. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thu | 2 | Feria | HE | StB | 10.30am | Unity |
| SUN | 5 | LENT V | PE | B | 10.00am | The Parish |
| | | Mattins | | StB | 11.30am | The Parish |
| Tue | 7 | Feria | HE | B | 10.00am | Missionaries |
| Thu | 9 | Feria | HE | StB | 10.30am | Doctors & Nurses |
| SUN | 12 | PALM SUNDAY Blessing of Palms in the Village Institute & Procession to Blisland Church for | | | | |
| | | | PE | | 10.00am | |
| | | | PE | StB | 11.30am | |
| Mon | 13 | MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | Penitence |
| Tue | 14 | TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | Penitence |
| Wed | 15 | WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | |
| | | Confessions | | B | 10.30am | |
| Thu | 16 | MAUNDY THURSDAY | HE | StB | 7.30pm | Thanksgiving |
| | | | HE | B | 8.00pm | for the Holy Eucharist |
| | | followed by the Maundy Watch until Midnight. | | | | |
| Fri | 17 | GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross | | | | |
| | | | | B | 12.00 noon | |
| | | Liturgy of Good Friday | | B | 2.00pm | Penitence |
| | | Mission Service | | StB | 7.00pm | |
| Sat | 18 | EASTER EVE Blessing of the Paschal Candle The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter | | | | Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism & for Easter joy. |
| SUN | 19 | EASTER DAY | PE | B | 10.00am | Thansgiving |
| | | | PE | StB | 11.30am | for the Resurrection of the Lord |
| Mon | 20 | MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | |
| Tue | 21 | TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | " |
| Wed | 22 | WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK | | B HE | 10.00am | " |
| Thu | 23 | THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK | HE | StB | 10.30am | " |
| Fri | 24 | FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | " |
| Sat | 25 | SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK | HE | B | 10.00am | " |
| SUN | 26 | EASTER I | PE | B | 10.00am | " |
| | | | PE | StB | 11.30am | |
| Mon | 27 | S.Mark | HE | B | 10.00am | Evangelists |
| Thu | 30 | S.Catherine of Sienna | HE | StB | 10.30am | Holy Women |

## FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland,St Breward & Temple,

Some of you may have seen a short feature film on Tele vision about Blisland. It was made one day and broadcast the next so there was no time to bring it to your notice. It took us round the Village Green before spending a few moments in Blisland Church. What attracted the producers of the film not least was the copy we have of a painting of Our Lord which, when you look at His eyes they appear to open, but this optical illusion should not be the reason for looking at it.

The painting is associated with one of the Stations of the Cross which commemorate Our Lord's carrying of His Cross after His trial to Calvary, the place of His death. It was a heavy burden to bear and Our Lord must have perspired under its weight. One of those who witnessed the Way of the Cross and who sympathised with Our Lord was a woman named Veronica. Out of love and compassion she used her handerchief to wipe Our Lord's brow and a legend arose the Our Lord's face was imprinted upon that handerchief. It was this legend that inspired the artist to paint the picture.

During April we keep Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day and its Octave and the Sunday after Easter, called Low Sunday. If we could experience the joy of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we must first share in His sorrows and particularly in His betrayal, arrest, trial, the carrying of His Cross to Calvary and His crucifixion. On the Rood Screen in Blisland Church we look up to Christ crucufued and beneath His cross we see His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St John, the Beloved Disciple. We must follow all the events which led up to His crucifixion and particularly we must keep watch with Him on the evening of Maundy Thursday after the celebration of the Last Supper which was the First Eucharist when Our Lord told us to 'do this in remembrance of Me.'

As we share in the sorrows of Our Lord we must also share in the sorrows of others. The victims of the

recent channel ferry disaster have been much in our prayers. Here, in our parishes, we have been praying for two young men who have died suddenly and for their families and friends. Christopher Watson's funeral took place at Blisland on March 3rd and Paul Yeo's funeral took place at St Breward on March 13th.
May they rest in peace and may their parents and friends be comforted by the knowledge of the Resurrection of Our Lord after His death on the Cross.

May you persevere in keeping Lent and following Our Lord to the Cross and may you have a blessed and joyful Easter.

EDWIN STARK.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Christopher Mark Watson aged 24 of Carwen died after being taken ill whilst on holiday abroad. The funeral took place in Blisland on 3rd March attended by many of his young friends.
Paul Yeo aged 24 died tragically at Lower Lank and was buried at St Breward on 13th March.

Mr Samuel John Bate aged 86, of Westbourne, Ryland, St Breward died on March 14th and his ashes to be interred in St Breward Churchyard on March 20th. Jack Bate spent all his working life around the granite quarries of St Breward.

To the families of both the young and the old we send our deepest sympathy.

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The Simon Ward Red Cross Senior Club would like to thank all who sent donations in memory of the late Mrs Freda Hillson, formerly of St Breward.
The sum of £109 will be used for the medical loan service.

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Richard Arundell Harris aged 84 late of Limehead died on March 13th and buried at Michaelstow.

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## ST BREWARD SILVER BAND

St Breward gained first place in the 3rd Section of the Cornwall Music Festival. They were six points clear of Indian Queens. Best instrumentalist in the section was Gur Tosevear, solo horn. The Band also won the best Cornet section, which was open to all bands, and the best Cornet player at the contest was Nicholas Teague.
The Band was under the direction of Micky Hunt - well done!
Two days before in the Music Festival Gillian Walsh (St B ) accompanied by Barbara Savigar of St Austell, won the vocal duet for the Grand Opera Section. Gillian also gained second place in that section singing with Bill Wareham of St Mabyn.

****The Band have had to change their Garden Fete date to Sat 13th June. *******

The only other date that the Band has in April is the St Georges Day Parade in Padstow on the 26th.

Mrs Hollister invites you to the Annual Coffee Evening at 'Vordors' De Lank, on Wed Apl 15th at 7.00 pm onwards.
BRING & BUY STALL. CAKE STALL. RAFFLES.
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## ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVES.

Thurs 23rd April.
Sale in the Band Room. 9.30am to 12.00 noon.
Cakes. Jumble. Bric-a-brac. Plants.
Contributions to stalls welcomed from 9am.
Sat 22nd August.
Tenth Annual Horse Show & Gymkhana at Palmers, St Breward, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs H.A.R.Clarkson.
Details of these and other events may be obtained from the Secretary, Deaconstow, St Breward. Bodmin 850769.

## VISIT TO BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Recently the older juniors from St Breward C.P. School visited Buckfast Abbey as part of some work they were doing on Churches. The trip was so successful I am sure they would recommend it to anyone.

We started off from school in the Community Mini-bus in the rain and, being Friday 13th, it continued to pour down all day. We were greeted warmly on arrival by a gentleman who then had us running from one end of the grounds to the other as he led us protected by a large umbrella.

One of the older monks then spent some time telling us how the abbey was rebuilt by four (sometimes six) monks this century on the existing foundations of an earlier 11th Century Cistercian Monastry, making Buckfast unique. Looking around us it seemed impossible that no more than six monks could have completed the work, especially as only one had any previous experience as a mason. He went on to tell us much more about a monk's life and patiently answered the many questions put to him by the children. We were also privileged to see the beautiful Corona with its 48 lights and 36 silver figures of angels and saints lit especially for us above the magnificently decorated High Altar.

After a break for lunch the children then found out for themselves how some of this building work was carried out by taking part in a number of activities arranged for them. They were able to lift heavy pieces of stone using chains and pulleys, found out by experience how to slate a roof, build an archway, construct a medieval window, lay mosaic and arrange a stained glass window. They completed a puzzle to find out about a typical day in the life of a monk and by operating the computor they discovered how pieces of pottery available for them to handle were made 800 years ago and used to hold soup for someone's dinner.

A tour of a church can sometimes be thought of as dull but on this occasion the children were full of 'Oh's and ah's' and their wonder was a joy to see. The Altar, the Corona, the Lantern Tower Ceiling, the pictures, the engravings were beautiful but perhaps the stained glass in the new Chapel was the most awe inspiring and memorable.

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## 1ST BREWARD GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

St Breward Guides and Brownies held a most successful Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning on 28th February. The sum raised was £107. Part of the money goes to Headquarters for Census Money and the remaining balance will be put towards renovations of the Guide and Brownie Hut. We have already paid £178 for the paint and materials which was used by the Manpower Services Commission but need over £300 for windows which Mr J Hollister has replaced.
This money is urgently needed and further fund raising will be on 10th April when an Open Evening will be held at the Guide and Brownie Hut. Mr Ken Duxbury will be showing his fascinating slides on canoeing around Cornwall at 7.30pm. Admission £1 Adults, 50p Children.
All are welcome.
In May we will be having a sponsored walk. Your support with these events are urgently needed.

St Breward Guiders.

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## A visit to Buckfast Abbey cont.

It was hard to prise the children away to get them back home again and I have many times since been asked, "When are we going again?"

The childrens comments :-
'There was a big stained glass window and I thought it was the best thing there.' Heidi.
'I thought the altart was beautiful because it was made of gold.' Marie.
'The day at Buckfast Abbey was really lovely, I enjoyed it.' Darren.
'I made an archway and walked over it.' Kristofer. J.H.

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## L O O K I N G  B A C K  V

When we were separating the milk for the butter making we were able to use the buckets of foaming milk, left afterthe cream was removed, to feed pigs. This was a good source of income when we first married (50 years ago) We were dependant largely on imported food stuffs, grain etc. & the advent of war, when so many of the cargo boats were sunk, shook the farming industry, especially the small holders. We had to 'go out' of pigs, poultry feeding was also affected, but we continued with that on a lesser scale, although eggs were only 6d a dozen.

We started with day old chicks. Being a practical family Wilfies brothers gave us day old chicks & my Father gave us pigs, as wedding presents to "start us off". Later we had incubators & hatched our own. They were all free range & in the Spring we would invariably see a Mother Hen who had "stolen her nest" come clucking into the yard with 10 or more chicks. Somehow these chicks seemed to thrive better than the sheltered ones.

As time went on we increased our sheep as wool was making a good price & there was always a demand for the meat. That meant with more sheep to shear hand clippers was no longer practical, so we invested in a shearing machine which had to be turned by hand, my job, while Wilfie sheared. This had to be done at a fair speed to make the shearing efficient. I was glad when that was finished!! Later on we were able to have men in to shear.

As the war progressed, we had to plough, by Government demand, a large proportion of our land to grow corn, for which our ground was not suitable, & potatoes. One year we planted early potatoes by hand; when ready, digging, again with hand tools, no potato planter or digger then - & bagging took all day. This batch was to be collected at 6am next morning and we were tying the bags by moon-light & we were delighted to see my Father come into the field to help. We graded as we worked, only the best were sold. Hard work, but good money.

Having to grow so many potatoes inevitably ended in a glut, (when will they ever learn?) 'Officials' came & sprayed them purple, while in store, to be collected later·

This was never done. As they were still fit for human consumption CHEAP POTATOES were the order of the day. We were glad when this order was lifted & we could revert to our better way of farming.

When we had animals for sale in the Autumn, we took them to St Pratts fair & enlisted the help of the neighbours children, who all had a day off school. Members of a family came for the day & it was one of the festive occasions of the year. At other times we entrusted them to Denzil Roose & later to Jack Miller who would take them to market & pen them & we would receive a cheque later from the auctioneers. The days of trust.

As we were growing corn & potatoes we were able to keep pigs again & once when the pens were full, Wilfie went down with 'flu. I was able to deal with them and other animals, but the horses were beyond me & I was glad of the help of our good neighbour Charlie Runnalls who took charge, taking them to and from the field, & all I had to do was clean the stables and see to their food.

Farming is a busy life, never dull, and variety, they say is the spice of life and we had plenty of that!

Gwen Masters.

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EASTER FAYRE in Blisland Institute on Sat 11th April at 2.30p.m. CHINA GLASS KITCHENWARE RAFFLE Tea and Biscuits.

There's bound to be something you are looking for!
Proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

Friends,

May I refer you to my letter in the March edition of last year when I asked you to give serious thought about finding a new Editor. Nothing conclusive turned up in the ensuing year but now I would like to give notice of retirement.

I would like to hand over to someone for the July edition which would mean that I had served a full five years in the hot seat - and 59 deadlines!! SMV.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service was held at St Breward Parish Church on the 6th March at 7.30pm. The theme of our service this year was 'Come and Rejoice' and the 38 women from several denominations and both parishes did just that, with rousing singing helped by Mrs J Greenaway at the organ.

Our Leader was Mrs Olive Bickle and we had an interesting talk by Mrs Joan Helme which stressed that when we help others they will help us.

Over 20 women read or helped in some way to make the service a success. The collection raised £26. The service was followed by tea and biscuits and enjoyed by all.

I am handing over the organisation of this service to Nesta Teague and would like to thank her and the other Committee members for a rewarding two years, Mrs Greenaway, Mrs Hutton, Mrs Hooper and Mrs Champion. This is always such a friendly service so put a note in your diary for the first Friday in March next year.

Irene Donald.

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## Thanks to St Breward.

When I became eighty years old you kindly gave me a most generous book token. I now own The Shadowed Bed by Jack Clemo, The Old Devils by Kingsley Amis and Under Sail. Under Sail I chose because boats and sailing have been my life's joy.
Thank you very much, Michael Browning.

My thanks also to St Breward P.C.C. for the Bricknells tokens; I had much pleasure in choosing a copy of 'The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes' edited by Iona & Peter Opie. Sounds odd I know for a pensioner, but I have 467 pages of interesting reading, the rhymes and historical notes go back for centuries and even the plates are old fashioned. Stella Vause.

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## BLISLAND YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP.

Our Saturday morning sessions have been suspended during this term because the Village Hall is so cold and costs so much to heat. We will start again when the weather is warmer.

However, during January and February, some members came along to Pendrift to learn something about verse speaking in rea diness to enter the Wadebridge Musical Festival which has some verse speaking sections.

As a first venture into new territory, it was very interesting and all the youngsters enjoyed themselves and did very well. They were competing with others, from a wide area, with contingents from Plymouth & Saltash who had, obviously, entered such competitions many times and were very experienced.

Our entrants were:-

| Age Group | Name | Marks awarded |
|---|---|---|
| 7 & under 9 | Daisy Lilley | 75 |
| 9 & under 11 | Victoria Bain | 73 |
| | Rebecca Haggart | 73 |
| | Becky Marshal | 73 |
| | Tracey Maher | 76 |
| | Karen Matthews | 73 |
| 11 & under 13 | Nicola Bain | 76 |
| | Louella Edward-Collins | 76 |
| | Deborah Trevarthen | 75 |
| 13 & under 16 | Alison Chandler | 79 |
| | Scarley Howard | 80 |

After the competition, the Adjudicator spoke to me about the Blisland competitors. The Secretary had told him about the Drama Workshop and he told me how pleased he was to see new competitors and how well they had all done after just five lessons.

We must have another go when there is another Festival!! Well done! - all of you and many thanks to parents who helped with transport on the day.

The Workshop welcomes new members, especially boys. It is difficult to find plays with parts for girls only. Anyone interested, please telephone 850119.

WENDY GURR.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### ST BREWARD

The President, Mrs A Holmes, welcomed a visitor, Mrs Featherstone, to the Annual Meeting who joined the others present to hear our VCO Mrs K Arundel tell us about the opportunities offered by the WI. Delegates were sought for the Spring Council Meeting and the AGM in June - it is never too early to think about this. Also it might be possible to use the WI trip to Trelissick and the River Fal boat trip as our Annual Outing on June 30th - please consider the idea. Some interest was shown in the "Best of British Songs" in Wadebridge on March 13th. Mrs Skinner made an announcement about the desperate need for funds by the Guides and Brownies following their recent work on the Hut; a successful jumble sale has already been held, to be followed by a bring and buy, and an evening of slides by Ken Duxbury - we hope that members will support these. The "craft people" have promised several items in support. It was decided to have a commission table at the monthly meetings with 15% of the sales going to Inst. funds; Mrs James, our County Treasurer, said that all items are acceptable, including crafts, cookery, plants & new or secondhand articles. All we ask is that all items are priced by the seller to include the 15%, and anything not sold must be taken away by the owner each time.

The main business of the evening, namely the elections, proved difficult at first as all three officers were resigning, and at first no one would stand for President. After time for thought, Mrs J Hawken was elected as Pres. Mrs G Champion as Secretary & Mrs J Taylor as Treasurer. You all know about 'New brooms' so we look forward to an interesting year!

The outgoing Treasurer, Mrs I Donald, gave a very satisfactory accountof our finances due to the Christmas Fair mainly; followed by Mrs Skinner, the Secretary who gave the Annual Report detailing all our activities during the past year; it is always surprising just how many things we have taken part in. The President, Mrs Holmes then thanked the Committee for their support during her four years in office. (cont p 14)

BLISLAND

Imagine 14 WI Members, 1 policeman & two dogs ( one being an enormous German Shepherd) all in my sitting room! So if I say our February Meeting was a little different well.. The reason for this diversion was a lot of members including myself wanted to attend a talk and film show being given in Bodmin by Marjorie Blamey, the well known flower artist who lives in Liskeard, & her husband Philip. They had been to Nepal in search of flowers. So the meeting was brought forward by one night to the Tuesday to enable us to attend. Unfortunately the Village Hall was already booked and the newly treated floor in the Institute was still wet. Hence the use of my home.

P.C.Clark a Dog Handler was our Speaker- resulting in the invasion of our canine friends. Mr Clark was most interesting & informative & ended his talk by suggesting he brought his dogs in. Actually I think one of our bright members asked if he had the dogs with him!! Anyway I quickly disposed of my bitch Muffin into the bedroom (much to her disgust!) & in came the dogs - pandemonium they were so friendly & enthusiastic tails wagging frantically & of course they could smell Muffin - it really was quite hilarious. Anyway after a suitable time I suggested P.C.Clark returned the dogs to the van & he returned to us & have a cup of tea. This he did. Needless to say when I released Muffin she too went quite berserk smelling all those delicious scents.

Mrs Wendy Gurr & Mrs Margaret Garvey are going to represent us at the Spring Council Meeting at Truro & I volunteered to attend the discussions on the Resolutions to be heard at the Albert Hall this June.

It was decided that to raise funds we would serve teas during the summer months to any W.I. visiting Blisland providing we had prior notice.

Mrs Marjorie Webber won the Competition which was Best Hint for Pets. I can't remember word for word what was written but in a nutshell Marjorie said that unless you were prepared to look after the creature for at least 10 years, feeding it, caring for it & giving it a good home, then don't have a pet. In this dreadful age of increasing cruelty to animals its a pity that people

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St Breward WI cont.

Mrs Arundel presented the Flower of the Month Cup to Mrs J Greenaway, who also won the Monthly Competition Cup! Well done indeed Mrs G.
The April Meeting is on the 21st, Mrs Grigg on Yeast Cookery: comp - a handy baking hint.

Anne Holmes.

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Blisland WI cont.

don't use Marjories advice.
In last months magazine the Editor mentioned the Open Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May at 8.00pm. Mrs Jo Freeman, the Speaker will also be judging the entries in the Flowers, Fruit & Vegetable Sections at our July Produce Show. So the evening will be worth coming to, to hear what Mrs Freeman looks for when she is judging, also how she likes to see them presented. Mrs Freeman is a fully qualified judge having passed loads of exams. Oh, how dreadful of me, I've forgotten to mention the tea-hostesses. Mrs Marjorie Horton & Mrs Wendy Gurr provided the scrumptious eats & much needed cup of tea. I would like to say how much I enjoyed having everyone to my house & thank you all for putting up with the rather cramped conditions.
In April we start our new year with a conservation film presented by the National Farmers Union called 'Bluebell Walk' should be good. Hope to see you then.

Eileen Walford.

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EX ROYAL OAK.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our farewell gifts and card and everyone who came to wish us well before we left the Royal Oak.
There is a lot that we will miss about the pub but we now look forward to having time to see a lot more of Cornwall and to putting your lovely gifts to good use.
We thank everyone who has supported us over the last five years. We will still be in the village until we find somewhere to live of our own so we will be seeing you from time to time on the right side of the bar!!

Thank you, Eileen and Mike.

## W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB REPORT.

Monday 16th February we welcomed Mr Thomas who, as usual, kept us enthralled as he took us on a tour of Turkey. He described that country's ancient underground cities dug out of the hillsides in layers & through which visitors had to crawl.

The ruins of once beautiful buildings brought the familiar biblical stories to life. The spectacular rivers of lava, which flowed centuries ago and solidified, now appears like colourful waterfalls of candlegrease. The religious murals in the old buildings & the house of the Virgin Mary showed that this was the place of the beginning of Christianity. Mr Thomas said that the beautiful buildings, jewels and the scenery was the most beautiful he had seen.

He got us in fits as he humourously described the primitive 'conveniences', luckily there were deep wells and plenty of water!

The strength of the people was enormous, their build was stocky & the porters were able to carry an incredible amount of equipment up into the hills with no difficulty. He even saw one man carry a small piano on his back!

This is only a fraction of what he told us & we were fortunate that he should give of his time to talk to us and as usual this was thoroughly appreciated.

March 2nd was a so cial afternoon when a variety of games was enjoyed. Our 'Trivial Pursuit' this time was 'the greatest number of things in a matchbox' which was wone by Isobel Willcocks with 130, which when turned out onto a plate seemed impossible. Anyone care to try & improve on that?

Suggestions were made for the birthday party in May and the usual good tea concluded the afternoon.

Gwen Masters.

Isobel & Tony Willcocks, Oak Ridge, Tregenna invite you to their ANNUAL EFFORT IN AID OF CORNISH SPASTICS on FRIDAY 1st MAY.
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ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - COFFEE SHOP OPEN on WEDNESDAY am. 10-1130am in the Long Room. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat..
TINTAGEL ORPHEUS CHOIR are giving a concert in ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH on TUESDAY May 5th at 7.30pm. Proceeds for Church Funds.

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