Mrs Bousfield

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CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH.

BLISLAND .

The services will be held as usual throughout March at the time of 10.00a.m. on Sundays.
Good Friday - a service will be held at 3 p.m.
Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist will be at 10.00a.m.

ST. BREWARD

The services will be held as usual throughout March at the time of 11.30a.m. on Sundays.
Good Friday - a service will be held at 7.30p.m.
Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist will be at 11.30a.m.

Mothering Sunday - 5th March.
A Family Service will be held at 3p.m. at St. Breward.
The service will be taken by the Rev. Bickle.

Dates for your diary for St. Breward Church.

Parochial Church Council A.G.M. on 20th April at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Church.
Church Fete - July 8th.
Harvest Festival - September 17th.

Revel Sunday at St Breward Church

Revel Sunday is held every year at St. Breward to honour the saint who gave his name to the village.

At Holy Eucharist in the morning the service was well attended and the usual Revel buns were blessed and distributed after the service.

In the afternoon the church was full to hear the Silver Band playing the hymns. Canon Boyd took both the services. Afterwards a magnificent tea awaited the congregation in the Village Hall and thanks must go to all those who provided such lovely refreshments.

Parish Registers.

Holy Matrimony

The wedding took place recently at Blisland Church of Miss Sarah Trevethan of Lower Trewint, Blisland and Mr. David Harrington of Bodmin.

The funeral service for Miss Carol Hazel Greenaway of Bodmin was held at Blisland Parish Church. Many family and friends attended.

The death has occurred of Mr. Byron Jackson-Gamlen of Higher Penquite, St. Breward.

The death has occurred of George Henry Dennis aged 85 years of Tethadene, St. Teath. He spent most of his working life at Treswallock and Hennon, St. Breward.

The death has occurred of Ernie Doreen Quintrell aged 73 years of Trelawney Road, Bodmin, formerly of St. Breward.

The death has occurred of Walter Laurence MacNally aged 67 years, of Ryland Cottage, St. Breward on 8th February. Our deepest sympathy go to his wife Joyce and their family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tildsey of 'Rosedene', St. Breward who celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on February 25th.
With congratulations and much love from Vera and Morris.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH - THE CHURCH URBAN FUND.

Proposed visit of the PROVOST of BRADFORD.

Canon Peter Boyd is arranging a visit to St. Breward, together with the PROVOST and three of his colleagues on Saturday, 4th March in the afternoon.
Tea will be served in the Band Room at about 4.30 p.m.

The intention of the visit is to give our visitors some idea of our goegraphical location and an opportunity to meet some of the residents of the Parish.
Everyone is welcome to come along.

WOMANS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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FRIDAY MARCH 3rd AT 7.30PM.

IN ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

SPEAKER - MRS PAMELA LUKE

This is an interdenominational service. A warm welcome is extended to ladies of Blisland and Temple. Ladies of St. Breward come along and bring your friends and neighbours. A collection will be taken for the ongoing work of W.W.D of P.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee is open on Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
Join us for a coffee and a chat.

'Heaven is the place where the donkey finally catches the carrot'

'Life may not be all we want. But it's all we have.'

BLISLAND SCHOOL PANTOMIME.

On Friday 16th December we invited parents and friends to see our production of Dick Whittington.

The junior children wrote the play and we included songs from a schools' television programme.

Karen Matthews played Dick, Jenny Rich, her friend the Cat. Matthew Hoye played Sir Hugh Fitzwarren, and Karen Greenaway his lovely daughter, who later became Mrs. Whittington. Lee Newton played the Captain who introduced Cat to the Sultan and so made a fortune for Dick. Gavin Larsen played the Sultan and even remembered all the words of his difficult song. Ross Shrimpton, the baker, led in his group of streetsellers; Donna Hartley the lace seller, Amy Calle, the lavender seller, Gemma Beresford the orange seller and Shaun Hambley selling his hot codling. Samantha Runnalls as the Cook had a difficult job keeping her mice under control; Ryan Shrimpton the chief mouse, Ria Pengelley, Sarah Edgcumbe, Martin Greenaway, Adam Mellon, Darren Hambley, Morwenna Pestell, Lynda Masters and Natalie Hartley played the other mice. Kerry Larsen's splendid narration ensured that the audience could follow our version of this famous story.

We enjoyed working towards our final production with the help of Mrs. Wendy Gurr, and it was indeed 'alright on the night'.

Liz Thomas

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Jenni Thompson, County Councillor, who spoke about the forthcoming Bodmin Moor Forum and also Sargeant Steed who at the moment is the Community Policing Representative in Blisland. Both gave interesting information and answered questions.

The old Parish Map is hopefully to be rejuvenated. The council have expressed their concern about the Air Ambulance landing on the Green and have suggested alternative landing sites to the authorities.

Barbara Sharp

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND.

At their recent committee meeting the Bandmaster asked that all members present should stand as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Raymond Hobbs aged 54, of Camelford. Ray had joined our band more than 18 years ago, after the old Camelford town band disbanded.

The chairman, Dennis Champion, reported that the band has purchased extra ground to enable the bandroom to be enlarged, which will need funds in the region of £20,000, and efforts will have to be made to raise these funds.

The new cassette will be recorded and on sale at the beginning of the summer season.

Please note the change of TIME of the Band Garden Fete on Saturday June 24th, owing to the Blisland Church Fete now brought forward to this date. The Band Fete will take place at 6.00p.m. after the Blisland Fete.

The Cornwall Brass Band Association's 34th annual contest at the Capitol Theatre, St. Austell is being held on Saturday 4th March commencing at 10.00a.m.

Weather Foke-lore.

There are many sayings regarding the weather for this time of year the most famous being:-

If March comes in like a lion,
It goes out like a lamb.
If it comes in like a lamb,
It goes out like a lion.

It is usually claimed that Spring starts on 21st March but many springs do not really start until April or May. However this year I think Spring has already begun. The birds certainly seem to think so. It is said that birds have all found their mates by Valentine's Day but I think this year that they found them much earlier.

ST. BREWARD TODDLERS & PLAYGROUP.

The playgroup is still going well, with 16 children on the register. However, we still have our 'staffing' problem. Tina Nottle, our acting supervisor, leaves us at the beginning of April and we desperately need a replacement. Some of you will have seen the article in the Cornish Guardian of 2nd February telling of our plight: if we do not have a supervisor by the autumn, the playgroup will be forced to close, which would be a great loss to the village. Would anyone interested please contact Jane Hanscomb, Tel. 850806 or Alison Bate, Tel. 850137.

Now for some good news: Jean and Charlie Lewis of the village stores recently held a raffle; they very kindly gave the proceeds, £18, to the playgroup for which we are very grateful.

Also, the playgroup will be holding a coffee morning with stalls in the Band Room in the near future: date to be posted so watch out!

Don't forget: playgroup meets on Mondays and Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall during term time; all children from 3 - 5 are welcome; also toddlers accompanied by Mum (or Dad, Granny etc.) It costs only 80p.

Jane Hanscomb

I do hope someone can be found to run the playgroup soon. It will be such a loss to the village if it has to close down. Both my children enjoyed their time there and as I did not have a car at the time it enabled them to mix with children of their own age which otherwise they would not have had the chance to do. Also asa former secretary then chairman I know how hard the committee works to keep the playgroup going. I believe that if a playgroup closes all the equipment belongs to the national PPA and not to the village so all the work and fund raising done in the past would be lost. So good luck playgroup I am sure you will find somebody. I can remember having the same problem more than once but somebody always came along in the end.

CMM.

From St. Breward Parish Magazine. April. 1885.

SAINT BREWARD POST OFFICE

On March 2nd the Post Office in this parish was raised from insignificance to a high position, in as much as a puny sub-receiving letter office was converted into a "money order office" at which Saving's Bank business and indeed all other money matters in connection with the Post Office is now transacted. Every young man or young woman can therefore, at their very doors, as it were, obtain a Savings Bank book on a deposit of I/- at the office, in which they can lay by from time to time other savings for a 'rainy day'. And even the children can save their pennies through the same medium, by going to the worthy postmaster (Mr. C. Hawken) and obtaining from him one of the postage stamp forms and buying with their penny a postage stamp to affix in one of the squares thereon, and when they have saved twelve pennies in this way, they can, by carrying the form to the postmaster, duly filled up and in an unsoiled condition, deposit it in the Savings Bank and receive a book of their own. If parents would only encourage their children to buy postage stamps with their pennies instead of sweetmeats, it would be the means, in a great measure, of keeping their little ones in a more healthy condition and inducing them to follow the advice of an old proverb, "Take care of the pence, the pounds will take care of themselves.

Pamela Bousfield

Extract from the West Briton - September 3rd 1885

Sabbath Breaking- The inhabitants of Bodmin and the neighbourhood were very much surprised and pained on Sunday last at the scene on the Bodmin and Wadebridge Railway. A new engine had been purchased and no better day could be selected for a trial than the Lord's Day - a day that has lost its sacredness to a large extent by the corrupt practices of man. Not only were the men belonging to the railway engaged in the desecration of the Sabbath, but it also afforded a favourable opportunity to the multitude to gratify itself in any sinful pleasure that may present itself.

LOOKING BACK.

Miss Enid Harvey, aged 92, who now lives in Trelawney Nursing Home at Rock likes recalling the holidays she so enjoyed with a friend on Bodmin Moor when she was young.

The chauffeur of her father, who was the Padstow doctor, drove them as far as possible, then they walked with their possessions and food to a cottage at the base of Brown Willy-Buttertor. The bedding was kept in a tin trunk and was quite dry.

The letter her mother wrote daily was delivered by the postman on a pony from St. Breward, who then collected a letter from her to be sent back.

She recalls a superior gentleman on horseback asking as he passed her by, "How do you keep in touch with civilisation"? Her answer, "That's what we've come away from".

One beautiful morning they were both outside in their nighties when the hounds went past. That was not repeated!

Although Dr. Harvey lived in Padstow, he had surgeries in Rock and Wadebridge. In the days before telephones and cars, should he be required in Rock at night, a fire was lit on Cassock Hill (the sandy hill opposite Padstow), hoping someone in Padstow would spot it and call the doctor who in turn then contacted the ferry man to take him across. Otherwise he had to make the journey of 14 miles by horse and trap.

The Blizzard of 1892.

This famous blizzard took place in March 1892. In the February the weather was very mild and people were even working in their shirt sleeves. No doubt both humans and animals alike thought that Springwas on the way. Then on 16th March the blizzard struck and was the worst that anyone could remember. It wasn't long before the snow covered all the roads and soon not a hedge or gateway could be seen for the snow had been driven into high drifts by the high winds.

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BRING AND BUY RAFFLE

So the St. Breward W.I. collected £153 at it's Christmas Fair. Well done, and what an interesting amount! 153 is the number of fishes that Simon Peter drew from the sea of Tiberias. It is also the sum of the first 17 natural numbers - and 17 is the sum of the Ten Commandments and the seven Gifts of the Spirit! There are not many numbers which are equal to the sum of the cubes of their digits, i.e. $1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = 1 + 125 + 27 = 153$!

Furthermore if you start with <u>any</u> multiple of 3 and add together the cubes of the digits, you arrive - after repeating the process several times - at 153, e.g.

$72 \rightarrow 7^3 + 2^3 = 351$
$351 \rightarrow 3^3 + 5^3 + 1^3 = 153$!

<u>OR</u> $297 \rightarrow 2^3 + 9^3 + 7^3 = 1080$
$1080 \rightarrow 1^3 + 8^3 = 513$
$513 \rightarrow 5^3 + 1^3 + 3^3 = 153$!

And speaking of W.I.s, SAINT BREWARD'S (taking A = 1, B = 2, etc.) adds up to 153! Bless my soul!

Donald Bousfield.

Thank you Mr. Bousfield for the interesting information printed above. Our family spent an interesting evening working ut some sums. However none of our names, using A = 1 etc. managed to come out to the magic figure of 153!

An appeal in a parish magazine in Essex: "When you were born your mother brought you here. When you were married your wife brought you here. When you die your friends will bring you here. Why not try coming on your own sometimes?"

ST. BREWARD W.I.

The number of new faces at the January Social amazed me after an absence of three months, which surely shows that we are attracting new members at a greater rate than previously. Twenty six people enjoyed a buffet supper after competing in a couple of paper and pencil games, and every member received a gift made by the craft afternoon members.

Our Group Meeting looms on the horizon - April 27th to be precise - and Mrs. V. Busbridge and Mrs. P. Bousfield were once again asked to produce something out of a hat. Volunteers were soon forthcoming to act in what ever is decided, there seem to be a number of members with leanings towards acting etc.

Three members would like to go to the Blisland party if transport can be found, and it seems that this was sorted out satisfactorily later.

Mrs. A. Holmes suggested that our charity for the year be the Home Farm Trust which Mrs. Busbridge works for so tirelessly; Mrs. Busbridge then explained that the Home Farm Trust is often confused with the Churchtown Farm Field Studies at Lanlivery which provides adventure holidays for the disabled, but the Home Farm Trust provides homes for life for the mentally handicapped after school age thus relieving the worry of elderly parents to the future of their children.

Mrs. J. Teague and Mrs. A. Holmes resigned from the committee and names were taken for two replacements to be voted on in February.

The March meeting will be on March 21st when Mrs. Olivey from the Cornwall Keep Fit Association will give a talk, and may persuade some of her class to give us a demonstration. This will surely be the time to think about all those extra pounds put on during the winter, so do come along to learn how to be fitter for the summer to come.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

At our January meeting we celebrated our forty second birthday with a party.

Mrs. Wendy Gurr opened the proceedings at 7.15 p.m. and welcomed guests from Bodmin, Helland, St. Breward and St. Lawrence. Mrs. Bone read the minutes and we were reminded that subscriptions were due at the new rate of £6.10 per annum although members who had already paid to the end of March paid a reduced amount of £4.63 to take this into account. It was agreed that we would donate £100 to the Village Hall towards new curtains. The Hall looked very clean and bright with its new colour scheme of orange and pale green. Mrs. Donnelly is to be the W.I. Representative on the Village Hall Committee as Mrs. Joyce Richards has resigned.

Mrs. Eileen Walford, our former President, then entertained us with musical extracts from well known classical and popular works from which we had to work out a story of musical consequences. Mrs. Walford had previously worked with B.B.C. Gibraltar as an announcer and presenter. As we worked in groups we managed to find most of the answers although it is surprising how difficult it is sometimes to put a name to very well known works and tunes.

All members had contributed to make delicious party food and we enjoyed our birthday feast. In fact we had a surplus and this was auctioned at the end of the evening.

After this we divided into groups and played some very interesting games. One was again based on music and we had to name tunes, performers and other general knowledge items. It was a very close contest and there was only one point between the winning and second teams! Another game which caused much merriment was 'Draw and Guess'. Each team was given drawing paper and then one person had to sketch a given subject whilst the others had to decide what this was. 'Jam and Jerusalem' and 'Mrs. Thatcher's wedding ring' were not easy but I was lucky and managed to do the 'Eiffel Tower' without too much difficulty!

Mrs. Gwen Masters was congratulated on the publication of her book of poems. This is a collection of some of the poems which Mrs. Masters has written over the years and I

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W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

On January 16th when we were pleases to welcome a new member, we were entertained by Mr. Jefford, with a quiz on slides of articles photographed from unusual angles. This caused our brains to work overtime and brought cheers from the men, who won first, second and third prizes and a lady fourth prize. Mr. Jefford also provided the prizes which were presented to Messrs. King, Barker and Ham and to Mrs. Exelby. A request was made for Mr. Jefford to arrange another quiz in the future and he was thanked for his generosity and excellent photography.

The competition for 'Best Christmas Card' was won by Mrs. Billing. It was agreed to book our New Year's lunch at The Singing Kettle on St. Valentine's day, final arrangements to be made later.

February 6th was a social afternoon, when we welcomed Miss Everton, the new W.R.V.S. district welfare organiser for North Cornwall and 14 members from St. Mabyn Club. Various games, including bowls and darts, were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, after which activities we were glad to sit down and enjoy our lovely tea, provided as usual, by volunteers. The competition, 'Homemade Valentines Card', was won by Mrs. Exelby.

On leaving, the St. Mabyn members thanked our club for an enjoyable afternoon and extended an invitation for a return visit to them on March 2nd. Transport was arranged for the New Year's lunch on February 14th.

Gwen Masters

P.S. The umbrella has been returned, slightly battered from its adventures, but glad to be home on the Hall Stand, and taking a rest during this lovely mild weather.

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have thoroughly enjoyed reading my copy. If anyone would like to purchase a copy of 'Gleanings in Verse' they can be obtained from the author at 'Oak Ridge', Tregenna, Blisland and the proceeds are to go to Blisland Chapel and other charities.

Wendy Barwood

Dear readers,

By far the most popular features in the magazine are the ones about people's reminiscences of times gone by. Many of you have kindly given these stories for the enjoyment of others but I am now in need of more. If you feel able to help in any way please let me know and I will call on you. Don't worry if writing it down puts you off as I have a tape recorder and will visit you for a chat if you so wish. Do not think that no-one will be interested in your stories, I assure you that we all find them most interesting.

Catherine McShee.

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