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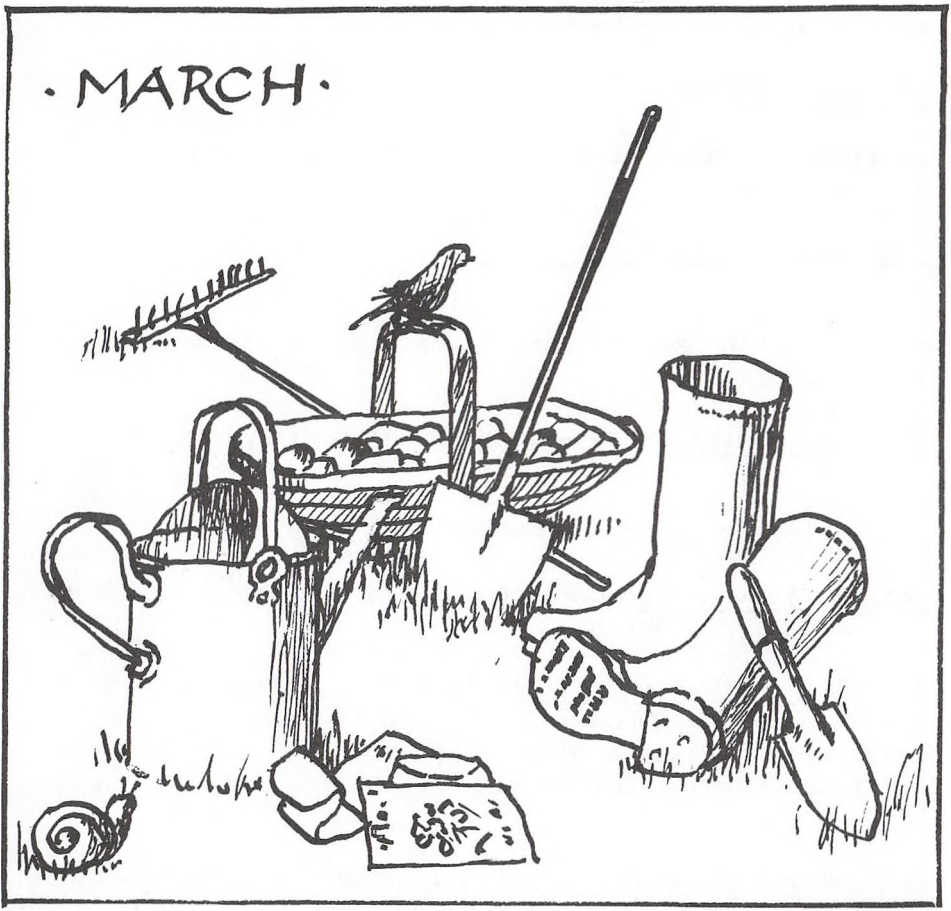

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Sunday Services for March

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.10a.m.

Sunday School meets at the Village Hall, St. Breward, at 11.00a.m. every week.

Weekday Services

Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Important Holy Days in March

Friday 19th March - St. Joseph.
Thursday 25th March - Annunciation of Our Lord to the B.V.M.

Stations of the Cross - each Friday during Lent at 4.00p.m.

Confessions each Friday during Lent at 4.30p.m.

Lenten Study Group commences at the Rectory at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd March.

The Bishop of Truro's Visitation takes place on Sunday 7th March. The Eucharist for both parishes will be celebrated on that Sunday at 10.30a.m. at St. Breward. After the service coffee will be served in the village hall.

Mothering Sunday Service at St. Breward Parish Church at 3.00p.m. on Sunday, 21st March Special Preacher will be The Rev'd Joan Kirby.

Women's World Day of Prayer - service on Friday, 5th March at 7.20p.m. in St. Breward Parish Church.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

I suppose that if we wanted to sum up the Christian faith in a simple statememt, we should need to look no further than the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of Saint John's Gospel in which we are told "that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that all that believe in him would not perish but have eternal life".

For the Christian, that love is summed up in the reality of the crossand that cross constantly reminds us how muc that love cost. For God was indeed generous and so we who have been baptised into Christ's death, must also be generous in our response.

The question then, which we should be asking ourselves during this lent and passiontide, is how we can respond to God's love. For this is what we are called to do as christians; to make a response in love to God and mankind.

The real christian then, will respond to God's love by taking him seriously. This means trying to understand what God has done for us in the person of his son, Jesus Christ. This means that we need to become familiar with the life and teaching of Our Blessed Lord. We need also to understand the role of the Church in our lives. For the church is the body of Christ, thus within it we experience the full reality of God, especially within it's worship. We need also to respond in love by looking at our lives to see what really hinders us in growing in the grace of God. For all of us have a besetting sin. Consciousness of this together with the necessary act of confession and penitence is a must if we truly desire to fully mature in the things of God.

During this passiontide let us reflect upon God's generosity towards us made manifest in his son Jesus Christ. For a wonderful poetic description of that love read Cardinal Newman's hymn, 'Praise to the Holiest in the height' No. 471 in the English Hymnal. It will provide you with wonderful material for prayer and meditation during this holy season.

Yours sincerly,
Father Harris.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 7th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Rev'd A. Williams (Holy Communion)
Sunday March 21st at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mrs. M. Williams

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS FOR MARCH

March 7th at	9.30a.m.	Preacher Rev'd Barlow
" "	6.00p.m.	" Mr Tredrea
" 14th	11.00a.m.	" Mr Hoskin
" "	6.00p.m.	" Rev'd Williams
" 21st	9.30a.m.	" Rev'd Barlow Family Service
" "	6.00p.m.	" Mr Cooper
" 28th	11.00a.m.	" Mr Provis
" "	6.00p.m.	U.S. Bodmin

We shall be holding a Sankey Hymn Singing Evening again in March. Watch out for date and time on posters.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 5th March at 7.30p.m. in St. Breward Parish Church.
Ladies of St. Breward, Temple and Blisland please come and join in the service. Speaker Mrs. Garbutt.
Collection for W.W.D. of P. funds.

ST. BREWARD CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

The A.G.M. is to be held at the home of Mr & Mrs J. Alford, Hamatethy, on Tuesday, 9th March, 1993, at 7.30p.m. The Speaker will be Mr J. Cunningham, District Vice Chairman of the North Cornwall Conservative Association. All cordially welcome. Coffee.

THE ACCIDENT

Man on a motorway driving too fast.
Heading for danger, heading for dread.
Man on the highway your speed will not last.
Heading for danger, heading for dread.
There's death in your eyes, down the road you are flying.
Heading for danger, heading for dread.

Your car hits a van going under a pass.
Heading for danger, heading for dread.
With a crunching of metal and tinkling of glass.
Heading for danger, heading for dread.

Man on a motorway driving too fast.
You were heading for danger, now lying in bed.
And the man you crashed into, away he has passed.
Headed for heaven, now that he's dead.

William Marshall

William is a pupil at Blisland School and was inspired to write this poem when his mother had a car accident.

Extract from The West Briton, 4th February 1892

The Disappearance of Trade Signs

There was a time when every shop was distinguished by its sign, fanciful or indicative of the trade carried on within; and I recollect many that have long disappeared. The "Golden Fleece" still hangs out here and there over a tailor's door, but I hardly can recall a single example now of the "dog licking a pot", which used to distinguish an ironmonger: or the "Bible" suspended over the shop of a stationer; and the mere fancy signs, except as indicating a "public" trade have wholly disappeared. When I was a lad, the "barber's pole" too, was a sure index to the presence of a barber or hairdresser - now it is mainly confined to back streets and the humblest members of the calling; and is being abandoned even by them.

Gerald ("Ginger") Reed

Many readers will remember Mr Gerald Reed, who served his appreticeship as toolsmith at the De Lank Quarries and then emigrated from St. Breward to South Africa in 1937.

He started by working as blacksmith for the firm of Percy Ley, who had gone out from Cornwall many years earlier. He soon became an instructor and was later promoted to supervise many departments of the S.&L. Group, finally being production manager for TOSA, the "Tube makers of S. Africa".

Since his retirement in 1976 he has contributed articles to magazines in S. Africa and he occasionally sends me items of interest about St. Breward, some of which have been printed in the Parish Magazine. This time he has sent me an excerpt from The Regnal Magazine of July 1935, a Christian youth publication. There was a Regnal Club Circle in St. Breward at that time (see Page 78 of "A History of St. Breward"). The young men referred to in the article are:- Hedley Methven, Morley Tremaine, Jim Stone ("Stoney"), Herbert Winn ("Tubby"), and Austin Reed ("Sambo"), Ginger's brother.

Pamela Bousfield

THE REGNAL MAGAZINE JULY 1935

ST. BREWARD CIRCLE MAKE SPORT IN THE CAMEL VALLEY

It is Wednesday night and our members are gathered together for a paper-chase, the second this year. They evidently anticipate a long run for they are scantily attired and lightly shod.

They are drawing lots to determine who shall be the "foxes", this privilege(?) falls to long-legged Hedley and diminutive Morley. They grab the bags of "scent" and are gone, leaving a trail of paper and clouds of dust in their wake.

They have been gone five minutes, the "hounds" can no longer be restrained and "hit the trail" in pursuit of their quarry. Now they are jockeying for position. Stoney takes the lead while Tubby (appropiately named) brings up the rear, his Bovrilian face beaming like an October sunset.

Onward they go, now west, now due south, everyone enthused with the thrill of the chase. Like a flash they are past the ruins of the Holy Well of St. James, which could scarcely have witnessed such a spectacle before.

The "hounds" meanwhile are heading North running parallel with the River Camel which clatters onward unconscious (as yet!) of the energy being expended on its richly timbered banks. Here a fallen tree lies athwart the river, Sambo is talking about using it as a bridge. Tubby volunteers to test it and is already half-way across. C-r-r-a-ack, "Mind yourself, Tubby!" The cry goes up too late, twenty stone - more or less - of humanity has made an unceremonious entry into the turbulent waters to the consternation and confusion of the "denizens of the deep".

This episode has failed to wipe the smile off his face, and the pursuers clamber on up an incline which has a gradient of 1 in 2½.

Forward, backward, over hedges, through bogs, nothing is too much for them.

Everyone is shouting; at last they have sighted the "foxes" who are making the last bid for freedom as the hounds converge from every angle. It is all over. The sinking sun gives a sly wink at the perspiring company who are refreshing themselves at the farmyard pump.

G. Reed.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

CAR BOOT SALE - in the Village Hall on 27th March from 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Boots or table £3. Contact Ray Lee on 850333 for further details.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open on Wednesdays from 10.00 to 11.30a.m.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD DAYS - by R.A. Dowrick
continued.

Another sketch I used to take part in was called 'John has come back from the fair'. Again Miss Winnie would be sat at the piano. A girl of my age was standing on the stage, all dressed up in old fashioned clothes, with a blue ribbon in her hair. When the curtain was drawn back, myself all dressed up in old fashioned clothes, looking some smart, with a wide brimmed top hat, would come walking on the stage singing as follows. "I am back from the fair my fair lady, with a garland of lilies, and a garland of roses, with a little straw hat that match the blue ribbons that tie up your bonnie brown hair". The girl would then sing a verse and so on until we had finished the song. We would then walk off the stage arm in arm, with the girl wearing all that I had brought her from the fair.

Another sketch was Miss Winnie again sat at the piano playing the tune to "There's a hole in my bucket, dear Liza" and I was Georgie. We would go all the way through the song, Miss Winnie dressed as an old lady and me as a y ung man, in long slacks, with all the stuff to mend the bucket with.

Yes they were great fun those concerts, how we used to look forward to taking part in them. How our parents and everyone would enjoy their evenings out watching us. We would also go to the other parishes so that they could enjoy it as well and they would come to our parish so that we would enjoy their concerts and plays. I can also remember people from Delabole all grown ups, a proper concert party, would come to Blisland sometimes. They were good as well. I remember there was a comic man always with them, called Boxer, and how he would make us laugh.

Well time has gone on. I am now at the age of ten, with six brothers and one sister which makes us a family of ten including mum and dad. So dad thinks it is time to get another job with more wages, with all of us to feed and clothe. So he gets work at one of the granite quarries - £2.10 shillings a week, which is much more than a gardener at the Rectory got - £1 a week. So we had to leave Rectory cottage and the green, much to my regret, as I loved it there.

New council houses had been built at the time we had to move, and were almost finished. They were the far ones in Tregenna Road, number 3 we had, five shillings rent per week, 25 pence these days.

So we moved, with our friends helping us, and father started his work at the quarry. I got another job after school and Saturdays, which I will tell you about next time in my memories as a boy. I was still fetching their water from the shop by the way.

to be continued.....

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

With the league season nearing its end with five more matches to play, the A team have slipped into second place 3 points behind Wadebridge Cons. A, but we are 4 points clear from the third placed team Camelford Cons. A. With matches to be played between the top sides in this league there is no certain winner, so I would like to wish our A side the best of luck in their remaining matches as they strive for top spot.

The B side are in eighth posotion in their league with 36 points, but with good results in their remaining matches they could easily climb the league in rapid style, so also good luck to them.

A mighty big congratulations are in order for our Billiard side winning their first league match against Wadebridge Conservative Club. May this be the first of many!

Fixtures for March 'A' Team

March 8th Away to Camelford Cons. A
" 15th Home to Wadebridge Cons A

'B' Team

March 8th Bye
" 15th Away to Wadebridge Cons C

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

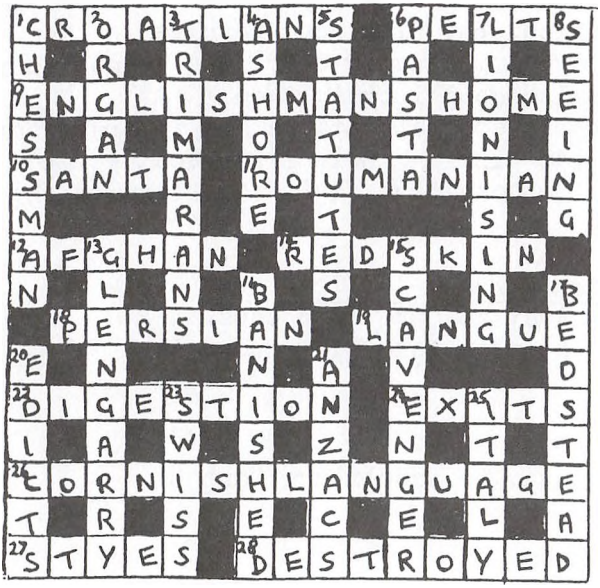
By the time this is published our Valentines Disco will have been held at St. Breward A.F.C. & Social Club, hopefully with great success.

Thanks to our new leader, Julie Sleeman, the Playgroup has settled down once more. On the 3rd February the children were entertained by a puppet show at Playgroup and were very interested by that, especially when on Friday the 5th February Julie helped them to make their own puppets for use at home, and I'm sure all the parents have by now been entertained to their own shows!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Thomas Nankivell to Playgroup and hope that he enjoys his time spent with us.

All children aged between 2½ and 5 years, who are toilet trained are welcome to attend playgroup. For more details contact Vanessa Morrish on 850417, Denise Yeo on Bodmin 850936, Dawn Sleep on 850447 or Julie Sleeman on Otterham Station 425.

Solution to last month's crossword



THE OLD INN

Having been at the Old Inn for just over a year now we thought it was high time we contributed to the local magazine.

We would like to thank the people of St. Breward for giving us such a warm welcome. It is lovely to move into a village with such a good community spirit and as I was born and educated in Truro with family connections with the clay industry and farming, it is great to be back in Cornwall again.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our pool team for reaching the semi-final of the Long Cross Knockout Championship which was held recently at the Red Lion, St. Kew Highway. Unfortunately we lost to Willesley Down but it was a very enjoyable evening. Our Ladies Darts "B" team are doing very well and are currently second in the league and the Ladies "A" team are achieving good results in Gallon Competition. Our Mens Darts team achieve mixed results but enjoy their darts.

We were delighted to have the St. Breward Silver Band come up and play carols for us, on Sunday, 20th December. We have also had an evening of entertainment with the Trigg Morris men and they are coming back in the summer.

We had a fun packed evening on New Year's Eve, with fancy dress and entertainment by "Just Ken". This was followed by a Burns Supper Evening on the 25th January with a Piper piping in the Haggis and a group including a fiddler singing and playing folk songs.

We have read the "History of St. Breward", edited by Pamela Bousfield, with great interest and would like to know more about the St. Breward Revel and the celebrations held at the Old Inn. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has more information.

We look forward to meeting you either at the Old Inn or at one of the village functions.

Ann & Iain Cameron

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

Entertainment for March

Saturday 6th	March	Martin Lucas
" 13th	"	Burke & Hare
" 20th	March	AZ-IZ
" 27th	"	Pisto Dawn

ST. BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB - Fixtures for March

1st Team

Saturday 6th	March	Camelford (H) Supp Cup
" 13th	"	Coasters (H)
" 20th	"	Bugle (H)
" 27th	"	Bodmin (H)

2nd Team

Saturday 6th	March	Away
" 13th	"	Ladock (A)
" 20th	"	St. Dominick (A)
" 27th	"	St. Teath Res. (A)

Charity Skittles Match - on March 11th.
At St. Breward A.F.C. & Social Club. In aid of the Renal Unit at Derriford Hospital. £1 entry fee. Trophies for winners. Raffle and refreshments.

Skittles, Pool and Darts Evening - on March 26th.
At St. Breward A.F.C. & Social Club. With Davidstow and Lostwithiel Dairycrest Drivers. All welcome.

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

Fifteen members were present at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd, when the eight nominations for the committee were voted on en-bloc, this being the required number. Mrs. Joan Sainsbury was re-elected as the President as no other member was willing to take on this responsibility, so we wish her a successful year in office. Thanks were given to Mrs. J. Lewis, a former member, for acting as the teller. Mrs. G. Masters who is our auditor is at present in hospital so a gift will be given to her at a later date. Mrs. G. Champion gave the treasurer's report which showed that the two table sale days had resulted in a boost to the W.I. funds, and also gathered a lot of groups selling items for several worthy causes in one major venue. The 1993 Table Sale Days will be on Saturday, May 1st, and Saturday, November 27th, so please book early to be sure of a place. The secretary, Mrs. M. Shelley, spoke of the many activities we had been involved in during the year - raising £100 for the MacMillan Nursing Service with a coffee morning and sale, participating and hosting the Scrabble competition, hosting the autumn group meeting and gaining the best overall and best in class for our entry in the Carnival, holding the two Table Sales as mentioned for the first time, and welcoming four new members to our institute. Events planned for next year, 1993, include swimming at Hengar if sufficient members are interested, skittles, visits to gardens, two more table sales, and our New Year lunch at Trelawney Garden Centre. The President, Mrs. J. Sainsbury, thanked members for their support in the various events mentioned by the secretary and presented the Competition Cup to Mrs. M. Shelley, with Mrs. J. Greenaway and Miss M. Brown second and third; then the Flower Cup to Mrs. J. Greenaway, with Miss Brown second and Mrs. Greenaway third. It was decided to continue putting a coin beside the best flower each month, the money going to the Pennies for Friendship Fund in third world countries.

Mrs. A. Holmes then spoke about the possibility of forming a Neighbourhood Scheme in St. Breward having

been sent all the information from the Crime Prevention Officer, P.C. Sykes. The general feeling was that we live in a relatively crime free area, and also that the majority of people have relatives whom they can depend on to house-watch etc. when needed. It is hoped that we can arrange a talk by a co-ordinator from another village to find out more about its application to our own area.

After a great deal of searching of pockets it was Mrs. Sainsbury who won the raffle prize - a good omen for her next year as president. Mrs. A. Holmes gave a vote of thanks to the officers and the committee for their work during the last year.

The next meeting is on March 2nd in the evening at 7.30p.m. The Group Meeting is in Bodmin on April 22nd (by community bus). The competitions are: 4 shortbread fingers, a spring corsage of fresh flowers, and a knitted matinee coat - 1st size - 4ply!

Anne Holmes

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BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

The club's 1993 activities commenced on January 19th with a social afternoon featuring a variety of games. While some played their favourite hand of whist, others tried the exciting snakes and ladders! while a small group played darts. To finish on a double proved most difficult so the game concluded by who could get nearest the bull. The competition, 'A Christmas card depicting the true meaning of Christmas' was suggested by Miss Maud Parnel who kindly donated the prizes and judged the entries. 1st Miss Mildred Rowe, 2nd Mrs. Audrey Pierce, 3rd Mrs. Marjory Webber.

A slight correction for last month's magazine. The previous competition held on 15th December for ' A Christmas Decoration' was judged by Mrs. Marjory Hill not Mr. Thomas.

On 2nd February we were delighted to welcome as guest speaker Rev'd H.C.T. Olivey from St. Neot. He kept us all in fits of laughter as he related many amusing stories and read some very funny poems. With his banter to the members in between the readings we all had a most enjoyable happy afternoon. The competition, suggested by Mrs. Gladys Hambley 'A decorative small bowl' was judged by Rev'd Olivey and out of the many entered Mrs. Audrey Pierce's bowl was selected as the winner.

Tony Ham

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