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March Diary

Sun 1	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11.00am Preacher Mr Bennallick **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Wed 4	**Coffee Morning** 10.-11.30am St Breward Methodist Chapel
Fri 6	**Mobile Library** **Womens World Day of Prayer** 2.30pm St Breward Methodist Chapel
Sat 7	**MOBI** 11.15am Rylands **Coffee Morning:** St Breward Silver Bandroom in aid of St Breward Parish Church
Sun 8	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 9.30am Preacher Mr Parkman **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Tue 10	**St Breward WI:** 7.15pm Memorial Hall: Neighbourhood Watch
Thu 12	**St Breward Writers** 2-4pm For details contact C Wolf (851286)
Sat 14	**St Breward AFC:** *Al Hodge*
Sun 15	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11.00am Fellowship **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Wed 18	**Blisland WI:** 2.15pm Village Hall
Fri 20	**Mobile Library**
Sat 21	**St Breward AFC:** *Johnny Cowling*
Sun 22	***Mothering Sunday*** **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11.00am Preachers Mr & Mrs Docwra: Family Service **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Thu 26	**St Breward Writers** 2-4pm For details contact C Wolf (851286)
Sat 28	**St Breward AFC:** *Disco*
Sun 29	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11.00am Preacher Mrs Ardell **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist

Editorial

This space is dedicated to all that I would have liked to say but haven't got around to saying it!

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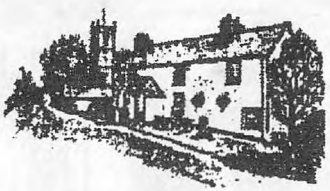

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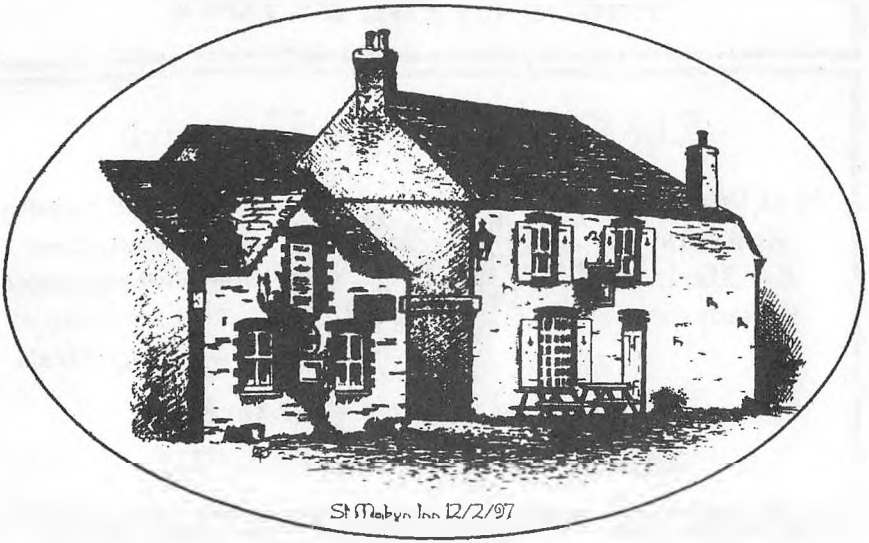

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Letters

Dear Holly ,

As I understand you are now dealing with Mr Lusby's mail I shall look forward to making your acquaintence, meanwhile, - 'shake a paw'.

I am enclosing an article, "The changing face of Tregenna", a hamlet in Blisland - hoping your editor will find it useful to fill in an empty space.

Now Holly, I have a bone to pick with you, as you, no doubt, was responsible for a change in the title of my last poem, which should have been "Vagaries of Weather", owing to your chewing rampages you gave your poor editor the extra task of finding a substitute word; at the moment your youth can excuse you You can only get better. Wishing you success in your secretarial post.
Yours faithfully,
Gwen Masters

Dear Holly,

You sound a lively young pup. Why don't you come up to Church Town and let an old dog teach you some new tricks. I have a favourite trick which provides endless fun. Every so often I pick on a car and for 3 or 4 times I chase after it, going for its mudflaps - just the same as when you dart in to nip someones heels. When the driver has learnt to take avoiding action I lie out by the road edge and watch the humans try to dart past without being caught - what a laugh.

Woof! Woof!
Buster

Magazine finances

Your magazine has completed another year and our treasurer reports that we have managed to restore our finances into a healthier position than at the end of 1996. The accounts for 1997 are as follows:-

Expenditure

Printing	1085.00
Expenses	104.97
TOTAL	1189.97

Income

Mag. sales	719.10
Advertising	275.00
Fund raising	348.26
Donations	76.90
Total	1419.26

This leaves a surplus of £229.29 for the year. However printing costs will rise his year as your magazine regularly contains more pages. We hope that the recent increase in the cover price and in advertising will be enough to offset this increased expenditure. I would like to remind readers that no one involved with the magazine receives any remuneration for their efforts - The essence of good community spirit.

Denis Lusby

Church's Pages

Priest in Charge Father R David Reed The Rectory, St Breward Tel 850869
Churchwardens:
Blisland Maj. CFT Edward-Collins 821226 St Breward Mr DP McShee 850435
Mrs HM Webber 850239 Mrs S Hutton 850761

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday 25 March, we will be celebrating the feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary; in the everyday world, this day is known as Lady Day, and for generations has been important in fixing rental agreement and other legal matters, the great religious festival which would have been known to all and observed universally useful in reminding the world at large these important matters.

On this day, we commemorate how God made known to a young Jewish girl that she was to be the mother of his Son; and how that girl accepted this tremendous and daunting task. 'Blessed' indeed we may call Mary; 'full of grace' or 'highly' favoured as the angel declared her.

Her 'yes!' to the angel's request meant that the incarnation could take place, and that the whole story of Our Blessed Lord and his saving life and work could unfold. This indeed is a wonderful event! and how precious and lovely is that obedience and self-dedication that Mary showed. She had been asked to offer herself to the divine will, to become a servant of that will. She had said freely and fully, Yes. And nothing is ever the same again. No wonder many of us like to address her as the Blessed Virgin Mary or Our Lady - and to celebrate this great festival on Wednesday 25 March.

Yours in Christ
Father David

Sunday Services

9.30 Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10 Parish Eucharist	St Breward

Mothering Sunday, 22 March (Lent 4) will be celebrated in the context of the Parish Eucharist at Blisland and St Breward. We warmly invite all parents and children to this adapted service.

Palm Sunday 5 April: Procession and giving palm crosses at the Parish

Eucharist; again, everyone welcomed to commemmorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

NB. The first Sunday of the month (ie March 1st, this month), the St Breward service is a Family Eucharist to which we warmly invite families with young children.

Weekday Services for March		Celebration of the Holy Eucharist	
Thur 5		Blisland	10.00am
Thur 12		St Breward	10.30am
Thur 19	St Joseph, Husband of BV Mary	Blisland	10.00am
Wed 25	Announciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Breward	10.30am
Thur 26	NO SERVICE		
Thur 2 April		Blisland	10.00am

The Bodmin Lent Course	(At St Petroc Church)	
Mon 2 Mar	Dr Colin Podmore	'Christian Unity'
Tues 10 Mar	Mrs Margaret Brown	'The Third Province'
Wed 18 Mar	Frank Williams	'In conversation with Pat Brown'
Thur 26 Mar	Brother Angelo SSF	'Franciscan and Christian Spirituality'

Meetings start at 7.30pm End by 9.00pm
Talk - Discussion - Complin - Coffee
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Parish Priest is available to celebrate the sacrament at Blisland by appointment. Please contact him on 01208 850869

From the Registers

Funerals

The ashes of the Late Captain Roger Bertram Nettleton Hicks DSO RN who died in October 1997 were interred in Blisland Churchyard on Saturday 14 February

The funeral service for the late Mrs Winifred May Hudson took place at St Breward Church followed by interment in the Churchyard on Thursday 19th February

Rest Eternal, grant unto them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine on them.

Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker: Mr Brian Parkman, 17 Trefrew Road, Camelford 01840 212736

	Blisland	St Breward
Senior Steward	Mr ET Ham (850691)	Mr R Hoskin (851445)
Treasurer	Mrs W Gurr (850119)	Mrs J Teague (850342)

Dear Friends,

As you read this we are entering the period of the Christian calendar known as Lent. Although this season of the year originally related to Our Lord's forty days of temptation in the wilderness, we now more commonly use it to prepare ourselves for Easter. Either way, Lent reminds us of the sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was tempted as we are; He also suffered physically as many of us do in our lives.

In Jesus, God became human in order that he might fully identify with us. As St Paul says; "God made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, made in human likeness. . .he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

When I read those words I ask myself; Why am I so concerned about my self-esteem when Jesus Christ forfeited his for me? May God help me and you to see ourselves as God sees us, not as others do. Lent can then be a time of heart searching - not heart rending.
Yours sincerely,
Brian

St Breward Methodist Church Diary

March

1st	11.00am	Mr Bennallick
4th	10-11.30am	Coffee morning
8th	9.30am	Brian Parkman Sacrament
15th	11.00am	Fellowship
22nd	11.00am	Mr & Mrs Docwra
	Mothers Day	Family service
29th	11.00am	Mrs Ardell

Womens World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 6th March at 2.30pm.

This year we celebrate the 20th year of WWDOP at St Breward. It was started by Pamela Luke in 1979. Pamela sends her love and best wishes to everyone that remembers her, and wishes us all the best at this year's

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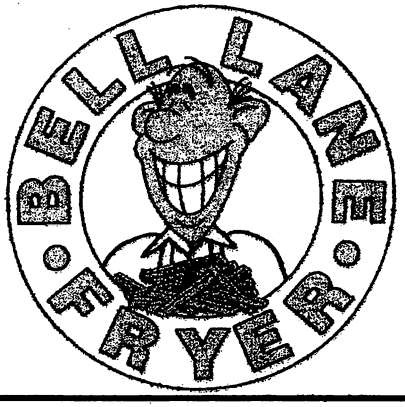

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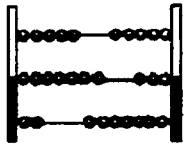

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service. So come along and join in. This year's speaker will be the Reverend Sherry Bryan of St Teath. There will be a collection for WWDOP funds.

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Advance Notice

Sankey Evening with Mr Charles Keast

25th June 7.15pm

St Breward Parish Council

Tenders are invited for the paring of the following footpaths (Once in June and September)

1. Higher Penquite to Penvorder .....(To stile only)
2. Vicarage to top of Palmers
3. Higher Lank to Penrose Burden
4. Hill to Fellover via Sunny Bank
5. Mount Pleasant to St Breward/Blisland boundary (Remove parings from Mount Pleasant to Highland Cottage
6. Hill to Tor Down Quarry via Mill Lane
9. From footpath N°4 to road south of Lower Hamatethy
17. Churchtown to Holy Well via Sunny Bank (Remove parings from Churchtown to School playing field)
18. Coombe to Chaple (Wooded section only and to remove parings
20. Limbhead to Penvorder
21. Churchtown to Fellover/Sunny Bank path
26. Penvorder to De Lank Quarry
28. Maudlin Lane to Rylands Terrace

Also 3 small lanes - Glenview, Institute and Torview and Rylands Play Area (Separate price please.)

Tenders to Mr R Benham (Envelope marked "Tender"), Wayside, St Breward To arrive by 27th March 1998

Signed R Benham (Clerk)

The changing face of Tregenna.

When I was first invited to visit my future Mother-in Law in Tregenna there were eight families living here.

Today, although two new bungalows have been built there are still only eight homes. With each of the two farms there were two semi-detached cottages, there were also two privately owned cottages. After the last war the two farms were sold and the farmers became owner-occupiers and each pair of cottages were bought independently and converted into two houses. The two farms have changed. In one bungalow lives the retired couple from one of the farms leaving their son in the farmhouse and in the other my daughter and son-in-law, with whom I have lived since selling the other farm. Is it something in the soil, or in the air, that encourage the old folk to hang around? The owners of both farm places have converted buildings into holiday accommodation and farming, as such, has disappeared.

During the war, with evacuees, there were twenty children here, and about eighteen adults. Butcher, Baker, Grocer or Green-grocer's vans were arriving daily, and milk tankers for the daily collections from the farms and heavy lorries delivering food stuffs and fertilisers to the farms, Tregenna almost needed a traffic warden! Now the farms having gone out of milk and egg production, and everyone owning cars, and supermarkets within easy reach, that is a thing of the past. The way we farmed in the old days, with horses and waggons travelling to and from the fields was a common sight, alas no longer seen.

Another feature gone, another way of life. Will real horse power ever return? The cottages too have changed architecturally almost beyond recognition, but not because of that terrifying night during the war when two Large bombs dropped here at midnight. Two large craters and a broken skylight, with debris everywhere and a large piece of shrapnel and an incendiary fin in our garden, were the only signs left behind when what could have been wholesale destruction of this cluster of homes. Next day even the young bullocks grazing in the field were apparently unaffected and amazingly with no loss of life - I wonder what unseen Power protected us all that night.

While I have lived in Tregenna I have seen different occupants in every house. Babies have been born, two children died tragically here, my only grandchild died here. I have witnessed weddings or funerals from every house and saw a Queen's telegram for a century reached. I have felt the sorrows and shared the joys, that is the privilege of being a neighbour in a small hamlet for sixty years. Compared with the hustle and bustle of the past, with farming methods of hay-

making and harvest, and all it entailed; the cows wandering to and from the fields for the twice daily milking routine; the roar of the calves as their mothers approached; the squeal of the pigs at feeding time; the chatter of the poultry as they squabbled over the grain; with the lordly crowing of the cockerels, and the occasional dogfight; all that has gone before; entering Tregenna today, with the landscaped gardens delighting the eye where animals once grazed, presents a picture of a charming oasis in a sleepy backwater.

Gwen Masters

Here is the St Breward Parish News - 1885

Monday March 23rd 1885 was a joyful day for St Breward School, for school re-opened after being closed for the five months that a Scarlet Fever and Diptheria epidemic had raged through the parish. Formerly, the village had been proud of its excellent record of health - "one of the healthiest in the county" as it is described in the Parish Magazine in April of that year. However, later on, in May, the School Attendance Committee, meeting at Lanke House, were given a list of poor attenders from twelve families, five of which were to be "visited" or "left alone" by the attendance officer as the children were still very weak from the effects of their illness.

The same issue informs us that a Sunday School had been opened at Penpont, presumably in the Penpont Mission Church.

Indeed March 1885 seems to have been the time of opportunity for the children, for the Post Office was upgraded to having its own Savings Bank, there children could save their pennies by going to Mr C Hawken, the Post Master, who would give them a postage stamp form. On this they could stick twelve penny stamps, bought with their weekly pocket money, and when it was filled, it had to be returned to Mr Hawken who gave them a Savings Bank Book. Young people already earning were encouraged to buy a Savings Bank Book for a shilling, and thereafter "lay by from time to time other savings for a rainy day." What were these hard earned savings used for? Perhaps for books, clothes, travel and even emigration.

A letter to this same issue of the magazine comments upon the church choir, putting forward the view that a choir is not complete without the voices of young ladies. The letter goes on to say: "The voices of boy's are very harsh and require a great deal of grinding down and screwing up before they are fit to be heard by human ears, but females have more delicate voices. . ."

DCW

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

A date for your April Diary:

A meeting will be held at Blisland Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29h April with a view to forming a "Neighbourhood Watch" in the village.

PC Alan Wonnacott, your community policeman, will be there and he extends an open invitation to everyone who may be interested.

St Breward Silver Band News:
A coffee morning and cake stall will be held in the Bandroom on Saturday 21st March from 10 to 12 noon in aid of band funds.

So please come and support your band. We will be delighted to see everyone.

PO Mary Cook

St Breward School Quiz

For all quiz enthusiasts, we are holding a quiz on Wednesday 1st April at the school, starting promptly at 7.30pm. (Yes, we realise it's April Fools Day)

We would welcome as many team entries as possible. ie 4 persons per tam aged 18 or over please, and request an entry fee of £1 per person (£4 per team) Team entry forms are available from

Dawn Sleep Tel 850447
Sylvia Yeo Tel 851075
or from the school.

You are most welcome to bring your own liquid refreshments, although tea or coffee will be available if you prefer.

There will be a small prize for each player of the winning team.

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Tor Down Quarry

St Breward Institute and Memorial Hall was full to overflowing for the recent parish meeting over the proposed planning application for granite working at Tor Down Quarry. Representatives from Cornwall County Council and Pisani Ltd stated their positions and members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and to state their feelings on the application. There was much heated discussion and the general mood of the meeting was against any resumed working of the granite quarry.
A synopsis of the current situation is

that the Government have made it a requirement that all mineral extraction licences must be rationalised and re-submitted for planning consent. Failure to do this would result in mineral extraction permissions being extinguished.

Pisani Ltd have submitted their proposals which are that granite extraction resumes on a low key, 20 ton per day; one large truck per day. They mention the possibility of a heritage element to the workings and the construction of a manager's house on site. A figure of 5 jobs was mentioned at the meeting.

Cornwall County Council Planning Department's position is that the 4 existing licences cannot be taken away, but under the 1995 Environment Act they are empowered to restrict working practices if they adversly affect the environment. Unfortunately if any imposed conditions make it uneconomic to extract the granite then the company will be able to claim compensation from Cornwall County Council. - A "Catch 22" situation.

Nirvana Moon (Sept 1993)

I looked at the moon in full radiance,
A miner's lamp in a coal sky.

Old as the tide
Lunar phases reveal
No menacing
Darker side.

Mankind's giant leap
In tranquillity sea
Made no wave across
Its luminosity!

With a child's eye
Life seemed sane,]
Now what do I see?
Earth's lunacy!

The moon favours no war
Hung in perennial peace
Begs no promises
Has none to keep.

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Tower

(Modern) battlemented. See small windows high up in the tower (Crusading Knight and that of St Luke): Window of St Catherine with hand on sword and resting on wheel. (Crusaders often dedicated their churches to St Catherine).

East Window

Rose window with shield of the Order.

Knights Templar

Order originally founded to protect the pilgrims travelling in the Holy Land and who frequented the famous Jerusalem to Jericho road. The Order became rich and powerful and envied. "If you want the honey, you must kill the bees!"

The seal of the order was two men on horseback – symbol of poverty. The tiny church, impoverished, became for a long time a kind of Gretna Green —poorer than the proverbial church mouse! We have mice and bats in the winter, swarms of bees in the summer – the Box for your generous offering is near the doorway.

In an effort to have Temple related material in our magazine, I have included this note which was written by SWW Madge who was the Vicar of Temple and the Rector of Blisland. Ed

Blisland WI

January 1998 Two visitors were warmly welcomed to our January meeting, Mrs Scott and Mrs Evans. Unfortunately Mr Ken Golding who was to speak to us about Lanhydrock and the Robartes family was unable to attend at the last minute - but his place was ably taken by Mr Thomas who gave us an interesting talk firstly about his horrendous holiday in Aldernay! and then an idyllic holiday in Kenya.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Barwood who thanked him for filling in at such short notice. Members have been asked to take part in a 'Message in a bottle' competition. Names are to be put on a piece of paper and placed in a clean bottle and put in the salvage bottlebank. prizes to be awarded.

Several members hope to go to Bodmin Operatic Society's 'South Pacific' in March and 2 members are taking part in the Camel Trail cycle ride on march 12th.

Mrs Wendy Harper has asked for representatives from each local organisation to form a committee to run the Funday on August Bank holiday Monday in aid of the Churchyard Fund.

Mrs Clements has put up a diary planner in the Post Office Stores for all village events to be listed so that dates don't clash.

Competitions

Flowers	1st. Mrs Aspinall]	2nd. Mrs Barwood	3rd. Mrs Pearce
Antique Item	1st. Mrs Barwood]	2nd. Miss Runnalls	3rd. Mrs Rowe

February 1998 In the absence of our President Mrs Gurr, our February meeting was chaired by Mrs Gwen Masters.

Mrs Marjorie Webber was welcomed as a guest.

Everyone agreed that our Birthday Dinner at Hengar Manor in January was a success and the evening much enjoyed by all.

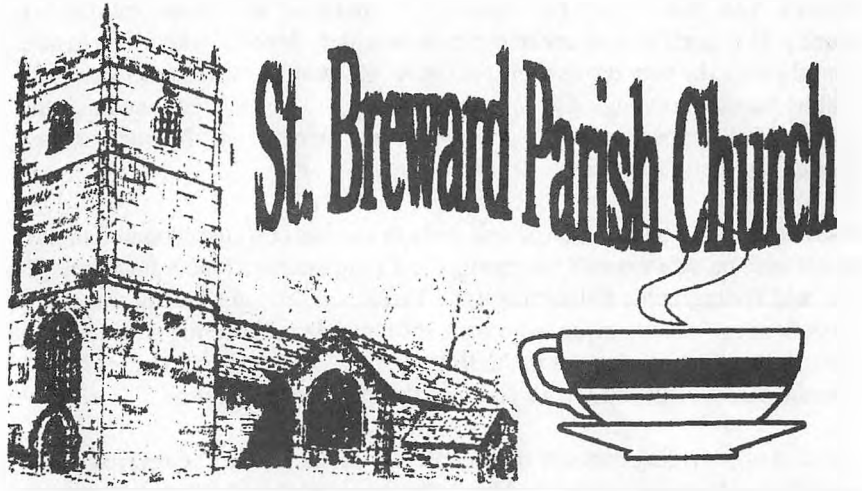
Several members are going to the Cornish History Day at Truro college in March. This should be a very interesting day, particularly for those of us who are foreigners!!

Our speaker this month was one of our members, Mrs Shirley Runnalls, who gave us wonderful account of her holiday in Canada, backed up with some

marvellous slides of the different lakes and waterfalls she visited with breathtaking mountain scenery. Her travels took her from Peterborough across to Vancouver by rail, plane and coach, visiting places like Lethbridge, Calgary and Banff where there is a National Park. She also saw an Indian Settlement.

We are holding a Coffee morning in the Institute on Saturday March 14th from 10.30am to 12.30pm in aid of the Meningitis Trust. There will be 'bring and buy' and cake stalls etc. All are welcome.

Our next meeting is on March 18th at 2.15pm



Coffee Morning

Saturday March 7th
From 10.00am to 11.30am
in the Band Room
Bring & Buy
Raffle | Cake stall
Everyone Welcome
Please show YOUR support for YOUR Church!

St Breward WI **February Meeting**

Madge Mitchell, VCO, from Sticker, accompanied by her driver Kathleen, and Pam Powell, who is a VCO in training were present at our Annual Meeting when the committee was elected. This year there will be several new faces on the committee which is always good for the Institute as they bring new ideas with them. Mrs C Woolf is again our elected president, but the rest of the officers' names have not yet been divulged - we shall have to wait until the March meeting. The secretary gave a very interesting report on the year's activities - it is always surprising just how many things we have participated in during the season, the VCO remarked that we seem to be an active and growing institute. Our membership now numbers 29, and is set to increase still further, which will in itself extend our interests even wider. Mrs G Daws, the treasurer, went through the very comprehensive financial statement which still shows a healthy balance, although a little down on last year. It was mentioned that the Denman College bursary of £50 is available to a member wishing to attend a course there during the year.

Marmalade made by Mrs Powell and dolls in various costumes donated by Mrs Woolf were on sale towards increasing the £5 donated by County for funds. The Arts and Photographic Exhibition at the Trewithen Day on May 9th was announced and details given. Our own 70th birthday will be in July and we are asked to wear hats of that era to the July meeting, so hunt in your attics for a genuine article or get busy with your needle and some inspiration.

The idea of providing birthday buttonholes for members may be revived if enough members wish to do so. Mrs A Holmes, with Mrs J Gant as visitor, will be the delegate to the spring council meeting at Hendra on May 16th.

The Flower Cup was presented to Mrs J Greenaway, Mrs Wilton won the Competitions Cup, with Mrs P Dibb gaining the Writing Competition Cup. As the number of entries for the writing competition has declined it was decided to let this lapse for a while.

Our next meeting will be on March 10th when the formation of a "Neighbourhood Watch" scheme will be discussed, in the presence of PC Leslie. Competitions are for a safety idea and the best flowering plant.

Husbands and any other interested residents are welcome to come to the Memorial Hall at 8 pm to join in the Neighbourhood Watch discussion.

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St Breward AFC & Social Club
Secretary's Report

DUE TO THE RECENT FEATURE IN THE WESTERN MORNING NEWS, ST BREWARD AFC HAVE NOT BOTHERED TO INCLUDE A REPORT THIS MONTH!! So I'll fill in with a joke -
Joe and Dai were walking down from the football club when Joe said,
"Look, there's a dead pigeon."
"Where? Where?" said Dai, looking up at the sky.

1st Team Fixtures for March			**2nd Team fixtures for March**	
Date	**Opponents**	**Venue**	**Opponents**	**Venue**
7th	Bodmin	Away	St Columb Minor	Home
14th	Bude	Away	Southgate Res.	Home
21st	Nanpean	Away	Lanreath Res.	Away
28th	St Cleer	Away	Biscovey Res.	Away
1st Apr	Plymouth Arg.	Away	Man. Utd. Res	Home

Entertainment for March

Sat 7th NO MUSIC
Sat 14th Don't forget **Big Al Hodge** (Now Joe just because you have lost weight)
Sat 21st The ever popular **Johnny Cowling**
Sat 28th Disco
Sat 4th April One for your diary - **Back Beat** A Fabulous group who have been to Brake Parc before when they were a great success.

All entertainment £1.50 except for Al Hodge and Back Beat, Tickets available from Joe (01208 850030) £2 prior or £3 on the door.

Easter Bingo April 8th Eyes down 7.30pm

Mother's Day March 22nd Main course, Roast and sweet £4.50. Please book on Bodmin 850030

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