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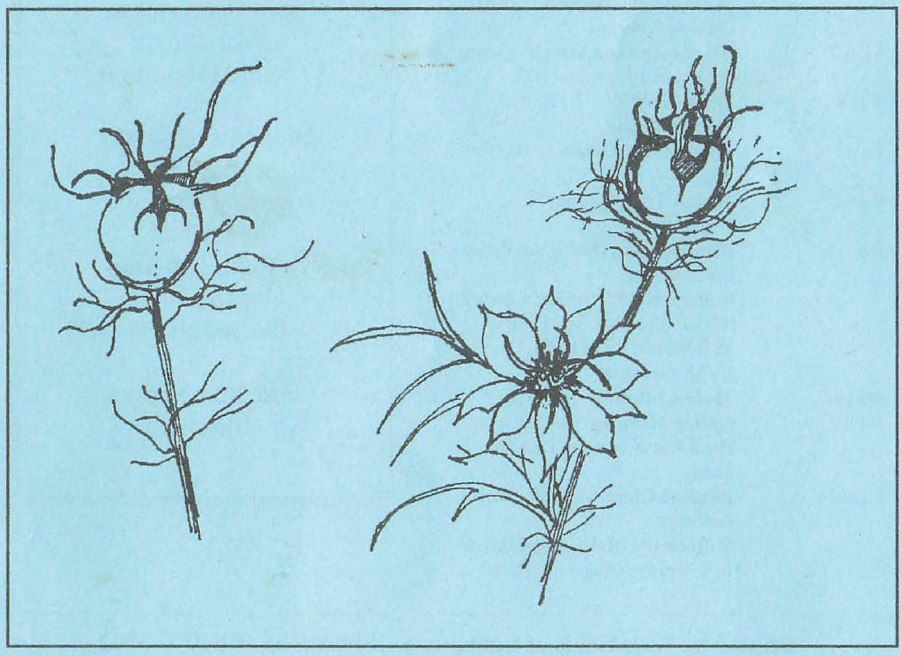

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September Diary

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Mon 28	***St Pratt's Festival***

Red Arrows

The robins appear
most days,
and display a
primelife essence;
sometimes sing a
moving song.
Natural fighting
pilots;
daredevils of the sky.
Take a
passing interest,
in my fuel
offerings; diving
close and low;
like red arrows

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Church Notices

St Pratt's Festival **Sunday 27th September**

The annual celebration of our Patronal Festival will take place on Sunday 27th September. Starting from the Church at 3pm, the procession will make its way to the Parish Cross led by St Breward Silver Band. After prayers, laying flowers at the Cross and a short address, we return to Church for a brief service followed by tea in the Institute. We hope you will join us to celebrate the lives of St Proteus and St Hyacinth, and the witness of the Church in our Parish.

Confirmation Classes

I would like to arrange a course of Confirmation Classes this Autumn for adults and young people with a view of confirmation taking place in the Spring. Those who would like to discuss this with me, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Father David (850 869)

St Breward Parish Church

The coffee morning held on 15th August made a profit of £98.82 a wonderful effort. Many thanks to all who helped and supported.

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 19th September in the Bandroom, 10-11.30am in aid of Church funds. All are welcome.

St Pratts Day

Calling all St Pratts Day followers (and others)

Following the success of last year's St Pratts Day we thought that this year we would go even bigger and make it a 3 day festival and try to bring back a little of the magic of years gone by. St Pratts Day is very special to the people of Blisland. It's a grand celebration of our Saints, a chance for us all to think back to those grim days when people were prepared to give their lives to teach us the way of God, a time to reflect on how lucky we are that today we have a beautiful church to pray in. We have a lot to thank St Proteus & St Hyacinth for. So let's do just that - Come and help make this a celebration of celebrations and bring home to us all the love of God, family and friends around us.

Deanna Kendall

Church's Pages

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Dear Friends,

As I have written on previous occasions, I believe the keeping of Saints Days can e an encouragement to us in our witness to our faith in our day to day life.

Patronal Festivals provide us with the opportunity to express our gratitude to God for the witness of our forbears in the parish where we live and worship, and to pay tribute to the Saint or Saints to whom our Church is dedicated. In February we commemorated St Branwalader in St Breward, a great pilgrim figure of the 6th Century, who broadcast the Christian faith through Cornwall, Brittany and the Channel Islands. While this month, on Sunday 27th September, (the first Sunday after their day, 22nd September) we will celebrate the lives of St Proteus and St Hyacinth at Blisland. These third century Christians were martyred for their faith in Rome. While in November, we will be remembering St Catherine of Alexandria, who in the early fourth Century, was martyred because she protested against the persecution of Christians.

In celebrating the lives of our patron saints, and the life and witness in the parishes over the centuries, we offer thanks to God for the sustained prayer and stewardship of countless generations,. Their commitment enables us to worship as part of the community of faith in which we are called by God to bear witnesses to the truths of the gospel in our own time.

Patronal festivals are occasions of great joy; I hope this tradition will be well supported by us all from all three congregations as an act of witness to celebrate the life of our church over the centuries and to demonstrate its vitality today. This year, Fr Paul Hancock and some of his congregation at Crownhill, Plymouth are joining us, and I also hope you will be able to share with us our worship on the Sunday and be able to enjoy the activities over the weekend.

Wishing you every blessing.
Father David.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Sunday Services

9.30	Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10	Parish Eucharist	St Breward

NB: The last Sunday of the month (ie 6th Sept. this month) the St Breward Service is a family Eucharist to which we warmly welcome families with young children

Weekday Services

Sept			
Thur 3		Blisland	10.00am
Tues 8	Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	St Breward	10.30am
Mon 14	Holy Cross	Blisland	10.00am
Mon 21	St Matthew, Apostle	St Breward	10.30am
Oct			
Thur 1		Blisland	10.00am
Thur 8		St Breward	10.30am

Dates for your Diary

HARVEST FESTIVAL	Blisland	Sunday 11th October at 9.30am
	St Breward	Sunday 4th October at 11.10am

Sunday 22nd November at Blisland. EVENSONG sung by the choir of the Church of the Ascension, Plymouth. (Time to be decided)

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

Marriage was solemnised between Jonathan Mallett and Anna Marie Sheppard on Saturday 8th August at Blisland Parish Church.

Those whom God has joined together
Let no man put asunder.

Holy Baptism

Billie-Jo Micha Dowling was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday 16th August 1998

Made members of Christ, children of the Heavenly Father, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God

Chapel's Pages

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

	Blisland	St Breward
Senior Steward	Mr ET Ham (850691)	Mr R Hoskin (851445)

Dear Friends,

Last month I was reminding us all of God's promise that says; "There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night. Today the front page of my newspaper declares in truth; "we soak up the sun and the traffic". Thank you God for your faithfulness, even though my faith is often weak.

The sun will certainly help in the harvest of the crops that are essential for the coming winter. Yes, even the traffic brings a crop for those in the tourist industry. Harvest comes in a multiplicity of produce. Hay and grain, fruit and veg, flowers and fuel and tourists from home and abroad. So often we take all these 'harvests' for granted, thinking more of the toil and sweat involved than the God of creation who provides them all.

Now, can I be so bold as to request the presence of as many as possible to the Harvest Thanksgivings arranged by your local churches. These give the opportunity to give thanks and praise to God for all His goodness to us. We would especially welcome you to St Breward on Sunday October 11th at 7.30pm for our 'Harvest Praise'. We shall sing the old favourite harvest hymns with the St Breward Silver Band together with soloist Brian Parsons from Tintagel. Come ye thankful people come.

Yours sincerely,
Brian

Blast from the past From Parish magazine issue N° 162, October 1993

A small school boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Sunday School. Although puzzled, she complied.

Later she asked what the cucumber had been for, and the boy confessed. "Sorry mum, I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer".

Thanks to Pat Dooley who trawled the archives.

St Breward Methodist Chapel Diary

2nd	Coffee morning 10-11.30am
6th	11am Fellowship
13th	9.30am Revd Bridge (Sac)
20th	11am Miss Hague
27th	11am Mrs Garbett

HARVEST FESTIVAL 11th and 12th October.

Sun 11th 11am Mrs Garbett. 7.30 Harvest Praise with Brian Parkman and St Breward Silver Band.

Mon 12th 7PM Service Preacher Mr Charles Philp followed by Supper and Sale.

Can you play the electric organ? St Breward Methodist Church needs someone to relieve our faithful organist occasionally (mornings only).

Any offers to Church Secretary 01208 851 303.
Thank you.

We had a little visitor, who went a little walk.
He so loved our Cornwall, he did nothing else but talk
About our scenery, coastline and fresh country air.
So off he went, and striding out, wandered everywhere.

As a Northern visitor he was such a lovely chap.
But like a silly Emmett he didn't take a map.
A compass or some money, as he set off to explore
And very soon was lost, upon our Bodmin Moor.

But a Cornish Knight in armour, was soon close at hand.
A painter and decorator who lived somewhere at Blisland.
Who returned our little guest, safe within our ranks
To this anonymous angel, our very grateful thanks.

Geoff and Hazel Burrows
The Barn, Penpont

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Ivan's Alarm clock

Following last month's appeal for an effective alarm clock for Ivan Crowle, I have just been informed that the residents of Church Town are very keen for him to have Christopher Greenaway's cockerel. They give it ***** for volume. They are also happy to throw in the church bells as a back up.

The world's first computerised, driverless, sheep-checking system, which was undergoing trials at a secret North Cornwall location, has had to be abandoned.

The revolutionery system (code-named **Buster**) enabled the farmer to spend more time filling in essential EC & MAFF forms whilst his landrover went around the farm checking on livestock, continually sending back a stream of live pictures to a monitor in the farm office. (A bit like NASA's lunar rover?)

The trial came to an abrupt halt when a horrified Christopher Greenaway looked out of his window in time to see his new landrover roll serenely into the garden wall.

Exhaustive checks have so far failed to find any malfunction and Christopher insists that only an idiot would park a landrover on a slope without pulling on the hand-brake. But observers have noted that Buster, who was to be made redundant, has been seen with an enormous grin on her face!!

Flying High

Has his recent helicopter flight gone to his head, or is it something new in his diet? This is the question that locals at the Football Club bar are asking. After appearing in a recent Cornish Guardian as St Breward's ace fly-fisherman, Joe Kay spent a couple of hours fishing up at Temple. It was a beautiful morning, the larks were singing and the fish were leaping out of the water waiting to be caught. Other fishermen were hauling out fine trout but although Joe had lots of nibbles, the fish refused to bite.

When a fine trout almost jumped onto the bank in fustration, Joe reeled in his line to discover that although he had a fly on the end of it - there was no hook!

The following week Joe caught 3 fine fish which he placed in a Somerfield carrier bag. When he arrived home there were only 2 smaller fish in the bag! Did these 2 fish eat the third? How did they shrink - were they on diets? What did Joe have in his flask?

The moral of this story is **It pays to shop in your village shop: Our carrier bags don't eat fish**

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Pre-historic finds near Coombe Mill, St Breward.

When Mr and Mrs Courtney Holden were living at Coombe Mill in the 1940s they ploughed an area of the meadow next to the River Camel on the west side and immediately north of the Mill, intending to start a market garden. Mr Holden noticed that various pieces of stone and flint were being turned up, so, according to Mrs Holden, he scratched about and found quite an interesting collection of artefacts.

When Mrs Holden showed them to me in 1996, I asked Peter Herring of the Cornwall Archaeological Unit to come and examine them. I told him that Mr Holden had always intended to give them to the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro, but he died before doing so. Peter Herring and Carl Thorpe, also of the C.A.U., prepared a report on them, identifying them as Bronze Age and Iron Age artefacts with some medieval and post-medieval pottery sherds:-

"Flint.
1 core-rejuvenation flake of imported flint nodule (ie not picked up as a pebble on a local beach). Notched- for use as a shaft scraper (for example for cleaning and straightening the shafts of arrows. It is not an axe but is nevertheless an important find, as most flint used in pre-historic Cornwall was obtained from nearby beaches, whereas this was imported from the flint country in central southern England.
1 flint ball, purely natural but possibly picked up and used as a talisman as it was so unusual.
1 burin or awl, for boring holes in leather and such like.
1 fabricator or strike-a-light.
1 scraper, burnt.
4 waste flakes, created during the manufacture of tools.
The scraper is probably Bronze Age (ca 2200-800BC) and the other flints would not be out of place in a Bronze Age context. The waste flakes are important for showing that there was either a settlement or an activity area there.

Other stone.
1 spindle-whorl made of greenstone. Not closely datable but often of the Iron Age (ca 800 BC - AD50). Used as a weight which was spun to create yarn from wool or hair.

Pottery.
1 Rim sherd of medieval pottery with slash decoration on a broad flat rim. Probably "Bunning's Park ware", of the 13th or 14th centuries.
2 sherds of later medieval Lostwithiel ware, 14th or 15th centuries. One is the base of a storage jar and one is from a small flagon.

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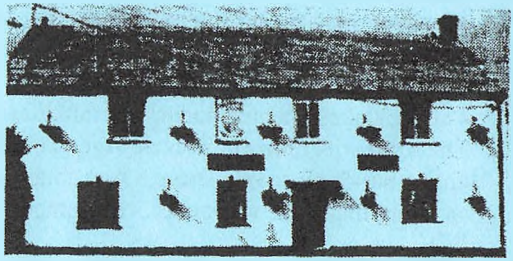

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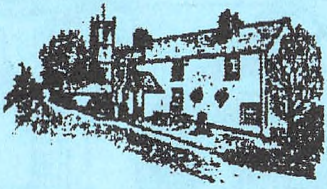

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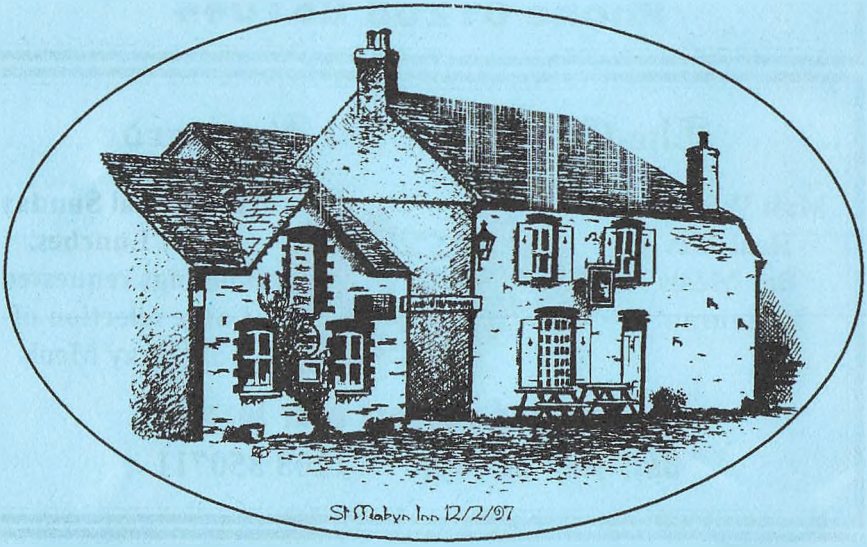

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September

The beech has changed her lacy dress of spring
And donned her evening gown of russet hue,
While all of Nature glows with a last fling
Before the winds of winter take their due.

The golden sheaves be ripe upon the ground,
Bare patches show where moles enjoy their run,
While field mice play their last in larders full,
All creatures bask in warm September sun.

Then when the gold of hunter's moon rides high
The silver haze of day steals swift away,
Tis now, contentment such as never was
Draws to a close this rich Autumnal day.

So feast your eyes, and thus enjoy this day
This glowing scene, this fruitfulness, and you
Will surely fill the larders of your mind,
To last the long, long, winter through.

Gwen Masters

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2 sherds of Ham Green ware from Bristol, 15th or 16th century,
1 sherd of post-medieval glazed pottery, probably from the Bristol area. 16th or 17th centuries.
11 sherds of post-medieval glazed red earthenware; 17th to 19th centuries. 2 sherds of modern industrial stoneware, salt-glazed,

Conclusion This is a very varied collection with several useful items for understanding the history of this part of Cornwall. The site is adjacent to an ancient fording and bridging point over the Camel, and can be expected to have been settled or intensively used from the Bronze Age onwards."

We are familiar with the prehistoric stone monuments and hut circles in the uplands of our two parishes, but these finds indicate an ancient valley settlement of which we had no previous evidence. The finds also emphasise how important it is to 'scratch about" like Mr Holden when digging or ploughing. You never know what interesting things you may turn up!

Pamela Bousfield

I wish to make it known that we have been reminded of the terms of **Section 1(1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc)Act 1985**, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV which is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers to or from a designated sporting event (League football matches).

In addition to these statutory provisions. the Police have asked operators to comply with the following guidelines when conveying passengers to such sporting events.

a. to arrive at the venue of the event no earlier than 2 hours before, and no later than one hour before the scheduled start time.
b. not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either on route to, or departure from the event.
c. to leave within one hour of the end of the event; and nor to stop at any premises on the journey to or from the event where intoxicating liquor is available.
d. not to stop at any premises on the journey to or from the event where intoxicating liquor is available.

This means that if St Breward are playing Camelford, passengers must board the bus at Dunmere Bridge to avoid stopping within 10 miles of the venue. Bodmin AFC is outside this 10 mile rule, but if passengers decide to stop at Blisland Inn on the way back then the bus will have to do a detour via Alternun where they can stop for refeshments to ensure that there is more than 10 miles to go.

Alternatively they could stop at the White Hart in St. Teath which is more than 10 miles from Bodmin, but on leaving the bus would have to do a detour to Port Isaac, to ensure a clear 10 mile run to St Breward. Passengers will have to be dropped off on the edge of any village or village Church where they are asked to pretend that they are on an 'Old Cornwall' or Sunday School outing.

On the other hand, if they want to have a drink in St Breward AFC on their return, the bus will have to drop them off on the moor, thus avoiding stopping at licenced premises and less than 10 miles from the venue. We request passengers to follow the country code as they walk back across the moor.

After any away match passengers will have to board the bus immediately after the game to avoid any close calls about leaving within 1 hour of the end of the event.

I am sorry about the complexities of these regulations, but the law must be obeyed.

Secretary of St Breward Minibus Committee

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St Pratts Festival, Blisland
26th, 27th & 28th September 1998

For the week preceeding the festival there will bc a display of Childrens Art, Poetry and Story writing in Blisland Parish Church.

Saturday

2.00pm on Village Green Craft Stall, Pets' Corner, Pony Rides, Car Boot, Games, Cream Teas, Cake Stall, White Elephant and many many more.

Wadebridge School Steel Band

3.00pm Family Pet Show judged by local vet Simon Draper (He of TV fame!)

5.00pm Ram Roast

Sunday

9.30am Morning Service with children

3.00pm Beautiful & Colourful Procession to St Pratts Cross led by St Breward Silver Band. Children dressed in white robes, wearing and carrying flowers and banners, clergy in full regalia.

Refreshments on the Green

Magician Richard Trenouth

Monday

7.30pm Concert in Blisland Church with Millpool Ladies Chorale and Illugan Male Voice Choir

Tickets £3.50 to include refreshments in the Village Hall

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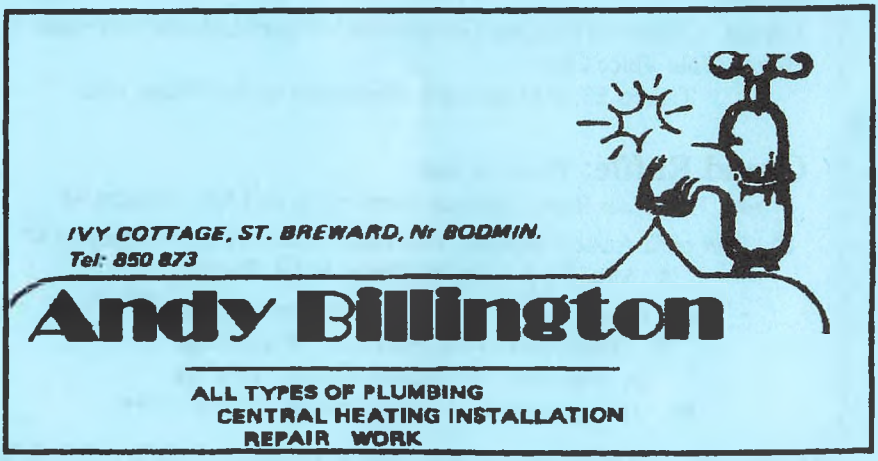
- Half Hour flying lesson at Bodmin Flying Club , Bodmin
- Tour of St Austell Brewery (Free beer/ wine tasting for 2 people)
- Meal for 2 at the Westberry Hotel, Bodmin
- Cream Tea for 2 at Trelawney Garden Centre
- Wash/Blow dry at 'Hair it is', Wadebridge
- Meal for 2 at Tredethy Country Hotel
- Halagena Farm: 1 Riding lesson (Value £10)

Here are the answers to the **St Breward Parish Church Fete Quiz** which was organised by Mr & Mrs Bousfield. Note all the answers had to contain the word 'LAND'.

1.	Home of the Shamrock	IRELAND
2.	Strainer used in kitchen	COLANDER
3.	Plain. Mild.	BLAND
4.	Novel by Virginia Woolf	ORLANDO
5.	False or harmful statements	SLANDER
6.	Painter of "Monarch of the Glen"	LANDSEER
7.	Male flirt	PHILANDERER
8.	Bodily organ, a secreting structure	GLAND
9.	World famous amusement park	DISNEYLAND
10.	Flattery, coaxing	BLANDISHMENT
11.	Defoe's "Moll"	FLANDERS
12.	Overwhelming electoral victory	LANDSLIDE
13.	South African antelope	ELAND
14.	Stealthy; secret	CLANDESTINE
15.	To whom one pays rent	LANDLORD
16.	Long-distance herdsmen	OVERLANDER
17.	A wreath of flowers	GARLAND
18.	North Wales coastal resort	LLANDUDNO
19.	Peter Pan's home	NEVER NEVER LAND
20.	Symphonic Poem by Sibelius	FINDLANDIA
21.	Hero of the Charlemagne legend	ROLAND
22.	Sauce made of egg yolk, butter and lemon juice	HOLLANDAISE

Several correct entries were received. The prizewinner is Miss Mona Brown of 13 Rylands Terrace.



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September

The beech has changed her lacy dress of spring
And donned her evening gown of russet hue,
While all of Nature glows with a last fling
Before the winds of winter take their due.

The golden sheaves be ripe upon the ground,
Bare patches show where moles enjoy their run,
While field mice play their last in larders full,
All creatures bask in warm September sun.

Then when the gold of hunter's moon rides high
The silver haze of day steals swift away,
Tis now, contentment such as never was
Draws to a close this rich Autumnal day.

So feast your eyes, and thus enjoy this day
This glowing scene, this fruitfulness, and you
Will surely fill the larders of your mind,
To last the long, long, winter through.

Gwen Masters

I am constantly asking people to write 'something' for their parish magazine. So I am more than pleased to publish a short story, which as any short story should - sets you thinking! I hope you enjoy it and that it will encourage others to set pen to paper. (DPL)

REPAST

The salmon steak was a perfect shade of pink. It was wild salmon with no hint of fat, and the skin held the flesh with a rare degree of viscosity that any fool could see was how fish skin should cling to its meat.

He had made the fennel cream sauce from its raw ingredients. The smell of the herb had broken from its plant and mingled with white wine, neutralising acid with its strident anti septicity, allowing neither flavour to dominate.

This meat and this sauce lay steaming on a virgin white porcelain plate that had been warmed in fiercely boiled water. He now prepared a side salad in a separate individual bowl as the aroma of this meal began his enjoyment of its consumption.

It was a little treat he offered himself once a month, an indulgence that bordered on necessity.

Food.

More typically he got by on utilitarian fare, sometimes sinking to the depths of flash heating canned beans and pouring them over thick chunks of buttered toast. He had even – rarely – chanced a take away.

Once a month he planned and produced a meal fit for the higher echelons of society. This was one of those days, during which he had been entirely occupied by thoughts and actions concerning food. The steam, rising from his repast, formed a small aromatic cloud that embraced him gently.

And then the shrill summons, the broken desperate call of his telephone, threw everything into confusion.

He dropped the lettuce on the floor at its first ring and kicked it like a football as he ran to answer the screaming machine, leaving behind him the subtle mist of steam. His hand trembled as he reached for the cold plastic

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handset which settled like a crying baby in the cradle of his fist. And his heart raced when he heard her voice.

The meal he abandoned to the offer of her cheap wine, of her company.

As he ran out of the door a fly settled on the firm pink flesh and salivated before sucking through its fine proboscis the first few drops of fennel cream sauce.

She opened the door of her flat with a smile on her lips and willingly he walked into her web.

St Breward Under Fives

Our outside play area was officially opened in July by Heather Harper, our Carnival Queen; fortunately the weather was kind to us! The tombola and jumble sale held at this event raised £40. Thanks to everybody who helped that afternoon and supported us, especially Father David, who very kindly allowed us to hijack Sunday Club. Also thanks to Tony Champion, Mark Harris and Phillip Ralph for their hard work on this project.

Earlier the children enjoyed a trip to Trethorne Leisure Farm. Thank again to everybody who helped, especially Jackie Frost.

Four of the children - Lauren Sleep, Jake Keast, Jesse Nancarrow and Charlotte Frost - leave us at the beginning of the new term to start school. We wish them all the best for the future.

Congratulations to our attendance prize-winners. Best attendance for over 2½yrs old, went to Lauren Sleep, while Emily Burt won the prize for under 2½'s.

Pre-school restarts Tuesday 8th September at the Village Hall, 9.15 - 11.45am All under-fives are very welcome.

Sue Levers (851 232)

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St Breward AFC & Social Club

Secretary's Report The first team have got off to a good start with a 5-0 win over St Austell, and a 3-0 win against Torpoint. The second team have only played one match so far, losing 4-1 against Biscovey.

The Peter Harper Memorial Pool Tournament was won this year by Dean Hill. The money raised from the Pool Tournament, plus sponsor money from the Ten Tors Walk, raised £210 for the Air Ambulance. Thanks to everyone who

1st Team Fixtures for Sept/Oct

Date	Opponents	Venue
5th	Nanpean	Home
	(League cup preliminary round)	
12th	Wadebridge	Away
19th	Callington	Away
26th	lst round League Cup	Home
	(Only if they win prelim!!!)	

Date	Opponents	Venue
3rd	Camelford	Away
10th	Nanpean	Home

Please watch Noticeboard for 2nd Team fixtures

Entertainment for September

5th Dixie
11th Sports Quiz. Teams of 4, £4 per team entry. Everyone welcome. 8pm.
12th Sacred Turf, tickets £2 prior, £3 on the door, available from the Village Shop or Joe Kay & Dai Wills (**Daianjoe**)
19th No entertainment
26th Disco

At the AGM of the Footbll Club, officers were elected as follows:

Secretary	Mrs D. Kay
Chairman	Mr C. Greenaway
Vice Chairman	Mr J. Kay
Treasurer	Mr G. Sleep
President	Mr P. Heywood
Managers	Mr D. Hodge
	Mr S. Kay

Mrs M. METTERS And SONS

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