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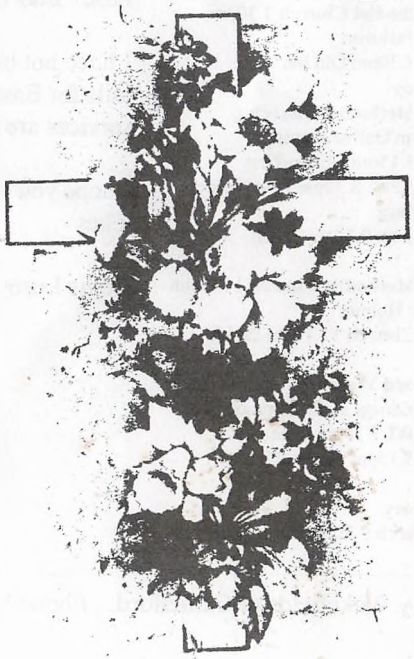

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April Diary

Fri 2 *Good Friday*
St Breward Methodist Church 9.30am
Sat 3 **MOBI** 11.15am Rylands
Sun 4 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher: Mr Garner
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist:
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Mr Parkman
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Mon 5 *Easter Monday*
Wed 7 **St Breward Methodist Church** 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Sat 10 **St Breward AFC:** 8.30pm Live Music **Johnny Cowling**
Sun 11 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist:
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Rev Holmes
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Mon 12 **Neighbourhood Watch** 7.30pm Memorial Hall. Talk on drugs in the community
Tue 13 **St Breward WI** 7.15pm Institute;
Wed 14 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Fri 16 *New Moon*
Mobile Library
Sun 18 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Fellowship
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Rev Lister
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Wed 21 **Blisland WI** 7.15pm
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Sat 24 **St Breward AFC:** 8.30pm Live Music **Jan Giles and Gerri Ellen**
Sun 25 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Mr Brown
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Fri 30 *Full Moon*
Mobile Library

Editorial

A topsy turvy month. No Vicar to fill up 2 pages at least, and me with a new nose. Lots of space in it as well.

I have not been given any service details for Easter but I believe the Sunday services are the same as normal.

I hope you enjoy our magazine and the jokes

Denis Lusby

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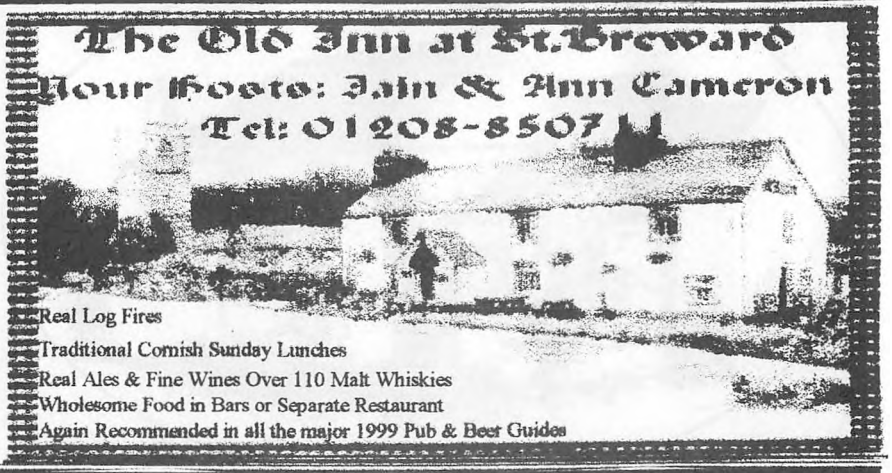

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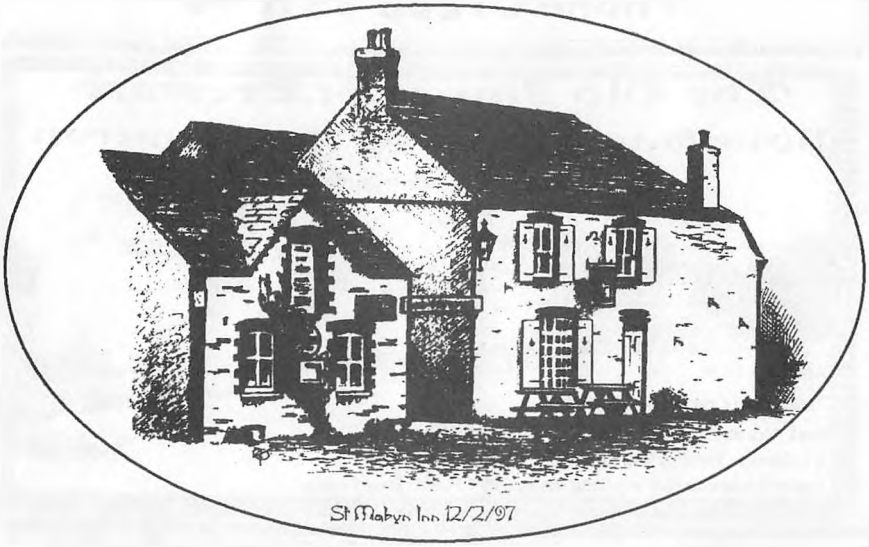

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Letters

John Parker Barry, Sarah, Millie, Shirley and family would like to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for enquiries during John's illness. Also for the numerous cards, flowers, letters, donations and messages of support received following their sad loss. Special heartfelt thanks to all friends for the overwhelming attendance at the Service of Thanksgiving for his life, a life of caring and spreading happiness all around him.

Thank you: Joe Kay would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and enquiries and offers of transport while he was in hospital.

He is home now, and making good progress.

John and Elaine would like to thank family and friends for gifts and cards received on our wedding day. We had a wonderful time made even more memorable by the efforts of Iain and Ann Cameron of the Old Inn. Thanks must also go to Mary for the superb food served by Fiona, Tina and Kerry and to Dave for his relentless hard work behind the bar. The evening went with a bang thanks to local group Cloud 9 who excelled themselves. A mention should be made to Kerry and Jill for their romantic rendition of Scuba-diver! Finally, thank you to the Friday gang; it was just like old times! John & Elaine

In Aid of Air Ambulance

Coffee afternoon
will be held on Thursday 22nd April
2.00pm – 4.00pm
in the Bandroom, Row,St Breward

Also at 7.30pm
" a Whist Drive"
in the Memorial Hall, St Breward

COME AND JOIN US

Church's Page

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

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday the 5th of March the 1999 service to commemorate the Women's World day of prayer was held in St Breward Church Nearly 30 friends from various denominations joined in the service which had been prepared by the women of Venezuela.

Th service was lead by Mrs Sue Hutton. Door Stewards were Mrs J Lewis and Mrs N Distin. Mrs J Teague and Mrs M Willetts took up the offerings. The guest speaker was Mrs Joy Rackham and what an excellent address she gave on the theme "God's Tender Touch". Our thanks to Mrs Nesta Teague who has been the Secretary of our branch for the past 12 years and has now handed on the position to Mrs Margaret Overton

The sum of £34.50 has been sent to the Women's World Day of Prayer Society

The millennium service will be prepared by the women of INDONESIA.

St Breward Parish Church

COFFEE MORNING

on

Saturday 17th April

10.30 - 11.30am

in the Bandroom

Stalls and refreshments

All welcome

The Promise of Spring

How can we think there's nought beyond
This life which here we live,
This life of strife, and greed, and war,
Much more was meant than this!

When valleys show the green of spring
The sky seems spread on earth
As bluebells dip their heavy heads
To honour their re-birth.

The primrose clusters in the hedge
Their scent drifts on the air,
So lowly they, yet faces bright,
Rival the sunshine there.

The ruffled throats of tiny birds
Near burst with glorious song,
To delight their listeners and fulfil
This glimpse of things beyond.

At end of life earth claims its own
But only to restore,
Come Spring, then natures born anew
With promise of much more!

Gwen Masters

St Breward Parish Church

The Coffee Morning held on 13th of March raised the marvellous sum of £144.64 for church funds.

Many thanks to everybody who supported this event.

Chapel's Pages

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

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Dear Friends,

Easter is almost here again. What a glorious time of the year it is. Whatever the weather; (and being an early Easter it might be wintry) the signs of new life are all around us. Easter eggs, Easter bunnies and chicks, they all remind us of new life coming to us following the dormancy of winter Let us not forget that Easter is here to remind us also of the resurrection of Jesus following His death on Calvary's cross, to take away the sin of the world. His resurrection was the means whereby all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Let me be really bold now, What does Easter mean to you? Have you by faith believed in the Saviour who died and rose again?
However you might feel physically, we can all rejoice in the new life of Jesus; eternal life. Speaking of new life, we all wish Rev. David Reed joy and happiness in his new life at Bossinney, Tintagel God bless you David. Together with other Christians in the parish we shall pray that a new parish priest will soon be found to continue the good work of the gospel of Jesus.

Yours Sincerely. Brian.

14th April

COFFEE MORNING

10am to 12 noon

at

MR & MRS WILTON'S

COOMBE ROAD, ST BREWARD

St Breward Methodist Church April Diary

2nd	9.30am	Good Friday Service
4th	11.00am	Mr Garner R/S
7th	10am-11.30am	Coffee Morning
11th	9.30am	Revd Holmes
14th	10am-12noon	Coffee morning at the home of Mr and Mrs Wilton, Coombe Road
18th	11.00am	Fellowship
25th	11.00am	Mr G. Brown

Blisland Methodist Church Services for April

Apr 4th	at 2.30pm	Preacher Mr B Parkman (Holy Communion)
Apr 18th	at 2.30pm	Preacher Rev G Lister

Advance Notice

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on

Sat 15th May at 2.30pm

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NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

An engraving done by Brian Hanscomb in 1984 has recently been purchased by the Science Museum, London, for its permanent collection. The print, titled "Premature Baby," is of his daughter Ellie who was born 12 weeks early and weighed 2lb.10oz (but is now fit and well!)

Thank you to Cara Way for the recipe for Boiled fruitcake, and the other 2 "Tea time treats." The boiled fruitcake was so easy to do and very good.

Looking forward to another recipe to try – Any More?

From Hazel Nut

Can you help?

Do you remember Alan Drew, who as a boy, was evacuated to St Breward during World War 2? His hosts were Mr & Mrs Vitting, who may have been Swedish. Mr Vitting worked at De Lank quarry. Alan played in the St Breward Cricket XI after the war (in 1951?) with G Nottle, D Hooper, B & P Skinner, E Harris, C Hawken, R Burrows, W Saundry, G Sweet, A Prout, W Pearce, A Drew, H Teague, F Rendell and V Crowle.

He has happy memories of St Breward and would like to re-visit one day and see the house where he lived. Can anyone remember where that was?

Please contact Mrs Bousfield on 850419

Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting of the St Breward Neighbourhood Watch is on Monday 12th April at the Memorial Hall at 19.30 hrs. There will be a guest speaker at this meeting to give a talk on Drugs, entitled "Appreciation of the dangers of drugs to all members of our community".

All are welcome.
Kevin Foster

Is it true that despite being on a strict for the past 5 years, Dai Wills is still sneaking home at dinnertime to snack on a mega-fried egg sandwich? This is in addition to his crib box which has (so I'm told) 4 little wheels to wheel it around.

Congratulations to Julie Colman who, after much delay has produced a son, Jack at 8lb 4oz.

Hospital visit causes rash of births at Shallowbridge Farm.
June Harper had fed and checked all the

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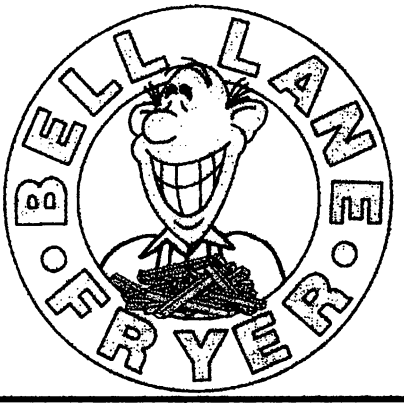

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stock. All was quiet so she set off with her mum to visit Julie and the new baby in hospital. The dust had hardly settled in the lane when Tim found a ewe in difficulties with a breech birth. Tim, more used to spinning discs found his hands were too big. (Lambing expert Arthur Colman was very skeptical about this excuse and hinted that Tim was actually scared of the sight of blood). Mr Harper was unable to help as he had hurt his hand in a cattle crush (Hand injury expert, Arthur Colman commented that you usually put cattle in a cattle crush!!). They called in Philip Harper who proceeded to diliver 2 more breech births from the same ewe. They had hardly finished with her when the ewe in the next pen gave birth to twins. - So much for a quiet afternoon up on the farm. Tim's only comment was "Arthur's never there when you really need him!!"

Magazine Accounts for 1998

Income	**£**
Sale of magazines, packaging & posting	885.40
Donations	123.53
Advertising	284.00
Fund-raising	40.00
	1332.93
Expenditure	
Printing	1110.00
Stationery & Packaging	37.18
Miscellanious	3.00
	1150.18
Excess of income over expenditure	£182.75

I would like to thank Mike Ward-Lee for the time and patience he has given as treasurer, not least the considerable task of encouraging me to hand over the advertising details. So if you are an advertiser and you haven't had a bill for a long while, Mike will be contacting you shortly. Please accept my apologies for being so tardy with the invoices. Denis Lusby.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE, CAMELFORD

Would you know how to react in an emergency, if a member of your family was injured or your friend collapsed in front of you? If you come along to the St John Ambulance meetings at Camelford on a Wednesday night you will find out. We will welcome everyone from 6 years to 65 years old, the Badgers are 6y -10y old, Cadets 10y -18y and Adults from 16y. We meet on Wednesdays, Badgers and Cadets 6.15pm to 7.15pm throughout the school term and Adults 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the St John Hall, Clease Road, Camelford and cover a variety of subjects, not just First Aid and all Training is given free. If you aren't particularly keen on First Aid then perhaps you would prefer Caring for others in the Community, Radio Communications, or driving and maintaining the Ambulance, or Administration, or Public Relations, or Fund-raising - there are lots of areas where your talent will be welcomed. In fact if you don't want to do First Aid you don't even have to wear uniform and you can be over 65yrs.

Membership has been falling in Cornwall over recent years so new members are always welcome. This year we celebrate 900 years since the foundation of St John Ambulance so help us to keep St John Ambulance in Camelford by giving us your time and support. Barbara (Camelford 213566) and Margaret (Camelford 212144) will be only too willing to give you any further information.

Tribute to Miss Kathleen Tucker
1907 – 1999

Kathleen May Tucker was born in Plymouth but came to Blisland as a young baby with her parents Catherine and George, the latter being a master tradesman and a superb craftsman.

On leaving Waterloo School, Miss Tucker continued her education at Harleigh Grammer School in Bodmin. She then returned to Waterloo School as a pupil teacher and she remained there for the next forty years until her retirement in 1966. Miss Tucker was a strict, but fair, teacher and taught literally hundreds of boys and girls from the Village. For most of her career the children remained in the local school until the age of 14 or 15 years. Miss Tucker taught the whole range of the curriculum and was also very skilled in needlework.

Kathleen was a lady of many interests and participated in Village affairs and was Secretary to Blisland WI for some years and was treasurer of the WRVS Senior Club. She remained independent until well into her eighties and her latter years were spent at Windmill Court, Polzeath where she maintained an active mind until the end.

A History of St Breward

As readers of this magazine will know, "A History of St Breward" has been out of print for many years. It was first published in 1988. It has often been suggested that it should be reprinted, but it was difficult to know if the sales would justify the cost and the work involved. However, the demand has continued and keen purchasers have been paying up to £20 for second hand copies. Many who bought the book when it first came out have said they would like to have copies for their children and grandchildren; many new residents in the neighbourhood are eager to have a copy and family history researchers ask for it from all over the world.

So a reprint has been ordered, which will be ready by 17th April when it will be on sale for the first time at the St Breward Parish Church Coffee morning in the Band Room from 10.30 – 12 noon, price £12. After that, it will be on sale at St Breward Stores and at St Breward Post Office. It can also be ordered from Mrs Bousfield (Hantergantick, St Breward, Bodmin, PL30 4NH, telephone 01208 850419, who will mail copies to addresses in the UK for £12 plus £1.40 p&p; for addresses abroad, the charge for p&p varies according to destination.

The book will be exactly the same as the earlier impressions, hard-back, with colour jacket and with chapters covering Pre-history, Roads and Bridges, The Church, The Domesday Manor, Methodism, Schools, Farming, Emigration, Celtic Crosses, Mining, Quarries, The Wenford Railway, The North Cornwall Hunt, The Silver Band, The Commoner's Association, Shops, Sports, family histories and other subjects.

The first and second impressions, totalling 1500 copies, were sold out within a year; this will be a limited edition of between 500 and 600 copies, so don't delay if you want to be sure of a copy.

Pamela Bousfield.

Speculation is rife in St Breward as to the success of Tony Taxi's recent trip to the Cheltenham Race Festival.

Informed comment is that taxi fares will have to rise steeply if he is to recover from the jaunt

St. Breward Festival 2000?

Can we all get together to have a Festival to celebrate 2000 years? Could we co-ordinate the many village clubs, organisations and talented people to have the Carnival, Craft and Art Exhibitions, Photographic Display, Garden Safari, Conducted Village Walk, Flower Festival, Bumper Draw, etc, etc, etc. The ideas are endless BUTT your help and enthusiasm are needed. Will it work? Should we try? We need to know of anyone who is interested. Please do not be backward in coming forward. Your help and ideas are needed if this venture is to get off the ground. We want to enjoy ourselves, and show off our village.

Please contact Pat Dibb (850628).

An Irish joke or two

An Irishman went to confession in London. "Bless me Father for I have sinned - I've blown up a ten kilometer stretch of track belonging to British Rail."

"For your penance my son," said the Irish priest, "do the stations."

(Note: The stations above are the 'Stations of the Cross' representing Christ's suffering on the way to his death on Calvary. They are usually fixed around the sides of a Catholic Church and prayers at said before each station).

The same priest got into trouble with his continual preaching of anti-English sermons. Eventually he was given a final warning and told that if he made even a single anti-English reference in a future sermon he would be suspended. One day the bishop sneaked incognito into the church where the priest was preaching. This is what he heard:

And the Lord said to Peter, "Will you betray me?"
And Peter replied, "No Lord, I will not betray you."
And the Lord said to John, "Will you betray me?"
And John replied, "No Lord, I will not betray you."
And the Lord said to Judas, "Will you betray me?"
And Judas replied, "Not bloomin' lightly, mate, I'm yer friend, ain't I?"

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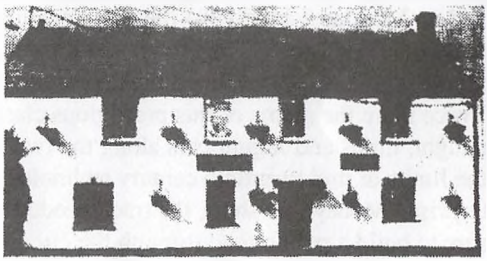

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CYCLES OF WEATHER AND HISTORY: DAVIDSTOW MOOR

In 1867 Lake saw the publication of his Parochial History of Cornwall. Within its pages he describes Davidstow Moor as:

'...somewhat bleak and there is a shortage of trees...'

This is the area in which, during April 1844, Charlotte Dymond met violent death, whether by the hand of Matthew Weekes (who hung for her murder) or some other is still open to debate. Mists and winds are not uncommon on the high flat land between Roughtor and the North coast. It is made of the stuff of mystery, intrigue and romance. But on a dull day Davidstow Moor is bleak.

Scars of its more recent are evident to this day on its course turf over which, in the early months of 1942, an airfield was built. RAF Davidstow Moor was the highest operational airstrip in Britain. It was a base for RAF and USAAF bombers until the end of the war with Europe and played a significant part in coastal defence during its history. As World War 2 moved East to Japan, the base closed and much of its tarmac was skimmed for re-cycling.

By 1952 motoring enthusiasts had converted the site into a racetrack. With England still recovering from the economic effects of a world war, motor racing proved a popular distraction. Wet Bank Holiday meetings saw speeds of 120 mph and lap times averaging 80 mph plus. For a few years the circuit thrived and on Monday 7 June 1954 the first Formula One race on Cornish soil was fought at Davidstow. The professional ancestors of Micheal Schumacher, Damon Hill and Mika Hakkinen thus practised their art on Davidstow Moor. Twice more the giants of this prestigious class of motor sport hurled their Connaught, Lotus and Jaguar cars along the two straights and four bends, pushing the limits of mid twentieth century technology. But fortune was against the enterprise. Money was short, the track needed re-surfacing, and there was pressure to build a public road through the circuit.

Monday 30 May 1955: a race day at Davidstow. Race 8 - Formula Libre, 20 laps - was won by a Cornishman named Sid Broad at an average speed of 67.76 mph. The oil heavy fumes settled, perhaps the champagne was quaffed. And the last race at Davidstow had been run. A minor road now neatly cuts the circuit in two.

The watchtower of RAF Davidstow Moor still stands. It is daubed with graffiti. Windowless, abandoned but affording a broad and wistful view across the glistening runway to Roughtor and Brown Willy.

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It would be inaccurate to describe the runway as disused, for many learner drivers still navigate their first uncertain mile on its surface. Neither is the runway a stranger to aircraft. The Moorland Flying Club is housed in a long low building that once saw the private fear and public relief of bomber pilots as they awaited or returned from a mission. Weather permitting, Micro light aircraft now roar along the same track that once served their heavy bombers.

And if you've ever wanted to see St. Breward, Blisland or Temple from 1,000 feet, this must be the cheapest way of doing it. ...O.K....so the air ambulance might be cheaper, but is it worth the pain and the risk that they might send a land vehicle?
Davidstow Moor is bleak on a misty day, but when the sun comes out it holds the promise of tremendous fun.

Camelford and District old Cornwall Society

The meeting room in Camelford Conservative Club was filled to capacity for the talk and slide show on The Railways of Cornwall by Mr Stan May. Stan had spent all his working life on Cornish railways and has never forgiven those who closed the lines and those who blocked conservation by selling the tracks for scrap, for small sums of money.

He had enough slides to keep showing for a whole week, so at times we fairly whizzed through them. But for most of them he had a story about that particular halt or station and about some of the characters who worked on Cornish railways. Oddly enough he isn't a man interested in the steam engines that pulled the trains, and most of his slides were of station buildings and lineside views. Views of a Cornwall, long gone and never to return.

Single-handedly, Stan has built up a collection of Cornish Railway Memorabilia that has no equal and on being told that the Royal Institution of Cornwall did not have either the space or facilities to display such a large collection, Stan has decided to purchase and set up his own museum.

Everyone in the room, Cornish or not, came away with re-awakened memories of the railways of their youth. Thank you Stan.

The next meeting will be in St Breward on Monday 12th April

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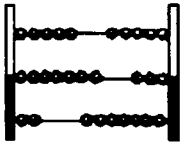

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Panto fun

I had the great pleasure of attending the last night of Christine Woolf's production, "Cinderella of St Breward," which played to packed houses over 6 nights (including a matinee performance). Act 1 took place at Tumbledown Hall the St Breward Seat of Sir Deeply & Lady Ida Down, admirably played by Wayne Davey and Hazel Burrows, who gave the most blood-curdling witches cackle. She was so effective that when she was practising her lines in her garden all her neighbours in Penpont were observed hanging out bunches of garlic and sprinkling their doorsteps with water from the Holy Well!

Leah Manning as Buttons and Katherine Stansfield as Cinderella sang a lovely duet and Catherine managed to convey a whole dictionary of meanings to her oft-repeated lines "All right." She narrowly avoided disaster to the script by pausing in her flight from the ball at midnight, to lob her slipper down the stairs. Linzi Hanscomb was an elegant Prince Charming and with Charlotte Goatman as Fitzherbert sang We'll meet again" in a distinctive American accent for some reason.

. The two Ugly Sisters, Hanter and Gantic played with verve by Helen Pluess and Iain Cameron who formed a large part of the production, reduced the audience to fits of laughter and when Gantick, undressing for bed, threw some of her finest lingerie into the audience, Jill Hollister had one of those heart-stopping moments. She said it was as if Breitling Orbiter 3 had just landed on her head.

Sheryl Sleep was a very serious but commanding Fairy Gossamer and bravely and excellently sang a solo when she wasn't waving her magic wand. (In my book anyone who can stand on stage and sing on their own is very brave as I cannot sing a note and suffer badly from stage fright) Rebecca Rose looked enchanting as Miss Spirella Corset and appeared to be stage manager as well. It was nice to see that Maura Yeo, who played the Postwoman as well as the very regal Grand Duchess, was still having trouble opening the jar of lollypops (on the first night she had to leave the stage to get scissors from the kitchen).

Gill Goatman was the Grand Duke Megamoney of Minions. Apparently at casting, when she murmured that she couldn't act she was told to just play herself, which she did to perfection!

The Mixed Vegetables & Toys looked lovely especially the little rabbit with the big ears and the big smile. They were played by Hannah Blackman, Kelly Bunt, Samantha & Rebecca Claydon, Katie & Ruth Davison, Leanne French, Katie

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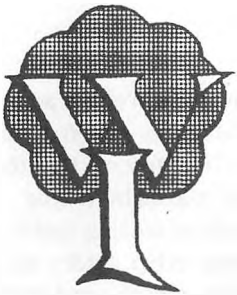

St. Breward W.I. March meeting

The seventeen members present voted unanimously that in future Group meetings should only take place once a year, but that as Warleggan and Cardinham W.I. have volunteered to host one on October 21st this year, this will obviously go ahead. The final decision of course will come from all four institutes' votes. The competition for our group meeting on April 22nd for six petit fours been clarified to six varied ones on a plate, not in a box; according to the Roux Brothers they are "small sweet cakes with marzipan; cherries, truffles etc served with coffee: This may clear up any misunderstandings with the judges hopefully.

Just four nominations for NFWI were sent in this year, including Anne Cornwell, the first member from Cornwall to be elected to National last time. The complicated area of individual institutes raising money again cropped up, it appears that if St. Breward W.I. showed over £1000 on the books we should then register as a charity, but it is in order for fundraising to be done in the name of an individual member!

There will be an exhibition of craftwork by CFWI members in the Assembly Room at the Hall for Cornwall on April 30th, 10.30am to 4.30pm, items to be taken in and collected on the day. Anyone wishing to do so could spend a day in Truro at the same time.

Following up the questionnaire we all filled in recently, there is to be a " health promotion and activity course" taking about 90 minutes a week for ten weeks, or you may simply agree to complete two questionnaires by filling in the slip on the bottom of the form handed out at our meeting. Following up the activity theme, we are asked by our events organiser if anyone would be interested in skittles at the Football Club and also in swimming at Bodmin; both of these sound as if they will be a lot of fun. Arrangements for the Royal Cornwall Show entry were left until next month. Our demonstrator was Mrs. Janet Toft from who gave a very thorough manicure to Mrs. Jennie Teagues' nails, while fully describing the items used and the reasons why each one was chosen. She also answered questions from other members to help solve any problems.

Mrs. M. Crowle produced the best flower of the month, and Mrs. J. Greenaway wrote out the best beauty tip (do not wash your face with a face flannel). On April 13th the subject will be Amish Quilts, the competition is for a home-made needlecase in any material i.e. tapestry, leather, embroidery etc. and a flower of the month.

Anne Holmes

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Hollister, Jessica Holman, Kimberly Morrish, Kimberley Rowe, Kylie Sleep, Rebecca and Zoe Teague

Costumes were by Ann Hole; Eric Lowe was in charge of Lighting; Maura Yeo was in charge of Properties and Maurice Adams was the Musical Director. He looked as if he was appearing on "Old Time Music Hall" and when asked if the music that he played in the interval was 'Brahms and Liszt,' he replied "I didn't know I had drunk that much". I have been informed that some of the proceeds from this year's production will be used to send Maurice on a refresher course. I am still waiting to hear what they mean by 'refresher'!

Mention must be made of ex 'French Onion Seller' (from the Carnival) who took advantage of EC funding to retrain as the ice-cream seller in the interval. Her husband, John says that she will be able to use this training in the coming season at East Rose Farm. Next year, I will follow the example of Mavis Metters who brought along a cushion, and bring my own as the bench seat must have been designed by an invertebrate.

A thoroughly enjoyable village pantomime enjoyed by everyone who took part and by everyone who came along to watch. Just the type of village occasion which brings a village together by reinforcing community spirit and which helps to make it special.

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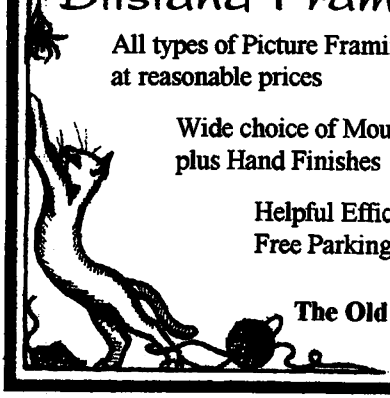

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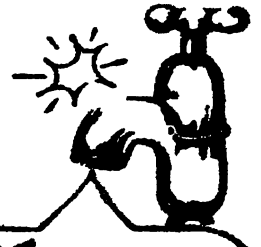

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"Listen here, my man," he said in a lofty tone,
"Do you know St Piran?"
"Yes sir, certainly. Well not to say know him personally but I know of him, certainly, sir," said Jack.
"Well, you'll know then that he was a moron", the Englishman went on.
"No, sir," said Jack politely. "No, I didn't know that. That's certainly interesting though. A moron you say."
"Not only that," the Englishman continued, slightly disconcerted by the lack of a desired response, "not only that, but St Piran was a ****head as well."
"You don't say, sir," replied Jack. "Well, you live and learn, don't you, sir."
The Englishman gave up and went back to his ale. His friend Charles, who had heard the baiting, sprang to his feet.
"Leave it to me, I'll make him mad", he said, and weaved his way to Jack's side.
"Listen here," he said to Jack, "did you know St Piran was an Englishman?"
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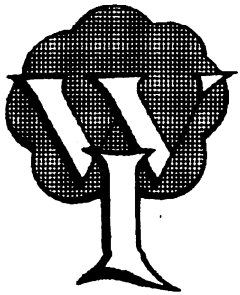

Blisland WI

Ten members gathered for our ordinary and annual meeting on 17th March chaired by our President Mrs Wendy Gurr.

Mrs Gurr welcomed Mrs Dorothy Grundon from County and Mrs Anne May from Egloshayle WI.

The afternoon commenced with a short ordinary meeting. Mrs Marjorie Webber was welcomed back into the fold. Marjorie had been a member for several years but due to commitments had been unable to attend for a while.

We all enjoyed our evening at Hengar Manor on 3rd March, celebrating our 52nd Birthday. Two members visited Lake View for the Italian Day. Planet Pledge Initiative – nation wide. All our members have promised to be more diligent about saving articles for recycling, using water butts for saving water and composting waste foodstuffs.

As a Group we are hoping to make several storysacks for the infant class in our local school. Storysacks are large cloth bags containing a good quality young childs picture book with supporting material to stimulate reading activities. To bring the book to life – soft toys of the main characters, artefacts relating to them in the story, a non-fiction book relating to the fiction theme, an audiotape and a language game based on the story. The aim of these sacks is to make learning to read more interesting and enjoy learning in-groups.

The Annual Meeting – Mrs Gurr reported that owing to her husband David's illness, Mrs Jenny Marsh had resigned as Treasurer, although she still hopes to come to meetings whenever possible. Thank you Jenny for all your hard work during the past years and we hope David will make good progress during the coming months.

Mrs Jo Cotton who is a new member, very kindly offered to become the new Treasurer.

Mrs Benwood who has been our secretary for several years feels the time has come for a change. Mrs Stella Kerr has agreed to be the secretary. Wendy has given much of her time to being a most efficient and conscientious member of the team for which we thank her. Mrs Wendy Gurr was voted President for an

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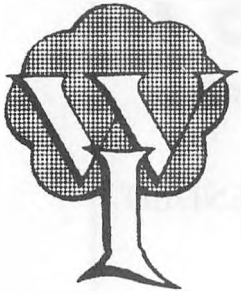

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other year and the remaining committee were returned unanimously.

Mrs Grundon thanked Blisland WI on behalf of the County for their efforts during the past year. She hoped that more members would be encouraged to enter the various county competitions. "You will never know what you can achieve until you try!"

Mrs Anne May talked to us about being in the WI and what it has meant to her and how she has made so many friends.

Mrs O'Donnell gave a vote of thanks.

Please don't forget that our next meeting on 21st April will be at 7.15pm.

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We are currently waiting for the new re-arranged fixtures to arrive for both teams so please watch the noticeboard for forthcoming matches. Also the are the Sweet Cup and Masters Cup games to play this season, with the semi-finals and finals being played at Brake Parc. St Breward plays Camelford Away on March 28th in the Sweet Cup. KO is at 3.00pm and the second plays Pensilva on Easter Sunday at Brake Parc in the Masters Cup with KO at 2.00pm.

Entertainment

Don't forget Johnny Cowling is back on April 10th
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The Bodmin Gateway Club spent a very enjoyable evening at the club on March 18th. Refreshments were provided by the club. Thirty members attended.

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