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## Editorial

Once again we have an overflowing magazine and once again news about St Breward predominates. Please, please could readers from Blisland, Temple and Helland send in items for YOUR magazine. I am pleased that we have a full and lively correspondence page. (Thanks to NHW) Please keep your letters coming.

Every month on this page I ask for copy by the 20th of the month and this month both parish council reports, the vicar and others have been over 5 days late. So if your magazine arrives late again this month blame them, not me.

In April St Breward lost two proper gentlemen with the deaths of David Muskett and Donald Bousfield. Mr Bousfield, 'a gentleman of the old school,' contributed so much to this magazine from the first edition down to last December's crossword. He told me that it would be his last, but I did not believe him. There is a full obituary on page 12.

Dave Muskett was a quiet, softly spoken man who with a wry sense of humour liked to do things properly. I always enjoyed being served by him at the Old Inn - a veritable Jeeves behind the bar.

Both of them will be sorely missed.

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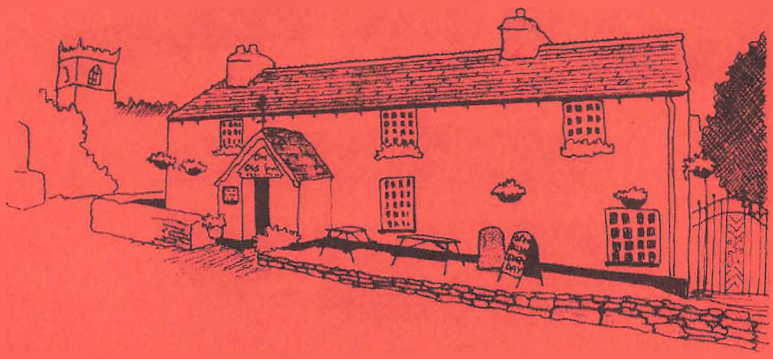

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# Church's Page

**Priest in Charge:** Revd. Derek Carrivick, the Rectory, St Breward. Tel. 01208 850869

**Churchwardens:**

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|---|---|---|
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In 1969 Andrew Lloyd-Weber and Tim Rice released the title song from "Jesus Christ Superstar". After being launched as a musical in Broadway in 1971 it became a huge hit in London, running from 1972-1980. More than fifty of us from St. Breward and Blisland went to see a new production at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. It was a very powerful presentation of a thought-provoking musical. I saw it in the West End in 1975 and it hasn't dated with the years – though I have! We rounded off a good evening with fish and chips in Saltash (where my parents were living in those days).

I was left reflecting on a couple of things.

Firstly, "Jesus Superstar" remains an important moment in our cultural and religious history. Simply because it revisits the "old old story" in a fresh way. Some have found it over the top because it is loud, heavy rock (though there are some sensitive ballads – Mary Magdalene's "I don't know how to love him" is particularly memorable). Some find it offensive or even blasphemous because it presents the life of Jesus from the perspective of Judas, the traitor, and Mary Magdalene, the prostitute. Some have found it explicitly violent – with a realistic portrayal of the flogging and crucifixion of Jesus. But it remains important because it makes you think. It challenges us to think about Jesus – man or God, or Man-God? You might spend a whole lifetime honestly struggling to give some kind of answer. Many do. The church has always taught that the balance of the evidence leads us to a conclusion that inescapably involves God. As we look at Jesus, God is disclosed to us. That is what I have discovered in my life, and this leads me to my second reflection.

In 1975 I was 30 years old (now you can work out my age!). I had just become a father for the first time, and just ordained a priest. We lived in Enfield Highway – and there are some of you, I know, who know that wonderful part of North London better than I do! I was then the same age as Jesus was when he started his ministry. Lots of things have happened in between the (1975) and now (2001). Our own personal histories are terribly important. What we have got up to, counts. I believe we are looked after by God through good times and bad – our lives have a

shape to them under God's providence. Our personal histories are tied up with God's History, how in all generations he reveals his love and purposes. That's the faith that keeps me going.

So thanks Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd-Weber, for being clever enough to write "Jesus Superstar" and to give me some food for thought.

Derek Carrivick

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**St Breward Parish Church**

The Coffee Morning held on 14th April made a profit of £120.45 for church funds despite fewer than usual people coming. Thank you to all those who did attend and spent more than usual! The Sunday Club still raised £26.20 for their funds.

May's Coffee Morning has been cancelled so that we can all support Paddy Powell's plant sale on May 12th/ 13th.

St Breward's Bell Tower now boasts a new set of 6 bell ropes – with the fellets in traditional black and gold colours. The other ropes had worn out and kept breaking so it is good to have a brand new set. The ringers practice every Tuesday night 7.30 – 9.00pm and new members are always welcome.

The church services over the Easter period were well attended. A procession from the Village Hall started the service on Palm Sunday.

On Maundy Thursday the vicar followed the tradition of washing the feet of the communicants at the evening service.

A lovely joyful service followed on Easter Sunday with the church full. At the end, the children gave out eggs and bookmarks that they had made. The Easter garden looked lovely and the hard-boiled eggs painted by the Sunday Club were much appreciated by our resident church mouse!

Thank you to everybody who helped in the church, doing the flowers, the Easter garden and the cleaning over the Easter period.

Catherine McShee

**Blisland Churchyard Committee** would like to thank everyone who came to our Easter Bingo and gave prizes and helped in any way to make our evening a great success. We made £453.45

**Church Warden seen with Busload of Women**

Church Warden Paddy McShee was seen passing through St Breward with a coach full of women. Barney Nottle looked on with amazement and refused to believe that they were going to the theatre to see Jesus Christ Superstar in Plymouth!

Why did he need fish & chips on the way home? These questions need answering.

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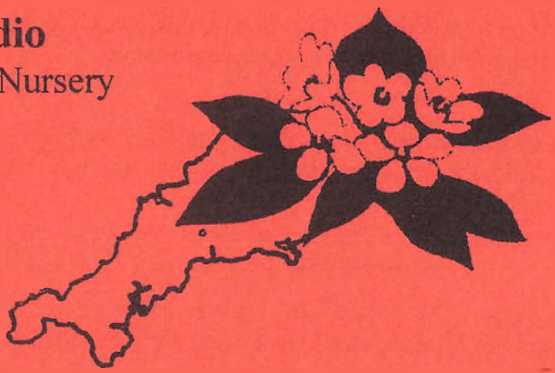

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## St. Breward Holy Well

Last month, Jeff Ryall (from the Heritage Coast & Countryside Service of NCDC) and I planted a number of young trees - whips - near to the Holy Well. A mixture of hawthorn, hazel and 3 holly, about 30 trees in all, were planted on top of the recently re-built Cornish hedge opposite the well and these will be laid in a couple of years to form a hedge. On the bank to the left of the well (when facing it) were planted a further dozen trees of the same local mix plus a single blackthorn tree. Owing to present restrictions on footpath use, I have not been able to check on their progress but am trusting to nature and the effect of the Holy Well for their survival.

The well is believed to be dedicated to St. James, for whom there was also a chapel nearby hence the name of Chapel Farm. Sadly, there is no longer water in the well but it was used in the past for treating sore eyes. I hope that, once the footpaths are open again, the sight of the young trees around the Holy Well will be a sufficient cure for sore eyes!

Jane Hanscomb
Treewarden, St.Breward

This article should have appeared in last month's edition but mysteriously dissappeared. Ed.

## I Do Wish

I do wish my mistress had learned dog-speak. After all, I've mastered "Here boy, down, sit, stay, fetch," and best of all "Walkies". It's never bothered us until lately. I'd do anything to please my mistress and she's always been so kind to me, plenty of water, nice clean bowls, nice food, warm bed in the kitchen and every day, when the main jobs are done, she puts on a jacket, says "Walkies," gets the lead from behind the door, and we're off down the road, then left down a long lane – she takes the lead off here – over a stile and into the bottom field. I run, jump high in the air, sniff around the hedges – all lovely doggy smells – back to her, off again, back again until I'm tired and then we walk home to a nice bowl of cold water and a rest on the hearth rug. Well, it was like that, but it's all different now. At the lane, I tug at the lead, but she still walks on down the road – no doggy smells –. I don't think I've done anything wrong – she doesn't sound cross but she doesn't understand a word I bark. She gives me extra pats and ruffles my fur lovingly, but she wont go off the road – I'll never understand women. PH

## St Breward Play Areas Fundraising Committee

The St Breward Fund Raising Committee will be holding an AGM on 8 May 2001, 7.30 in the Village Hall, St Breward. Everybody welcome.

# Chapel's Page

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Dear Friends

May the joy of Easter lift your hearts in praise and thanksgiving to God for his wonderful gift of salvation and the glorious hope of life beyond this life. As we often remind ourselves through the liturgy of our worship – Christ has died; Christ is risen and Christ will come again. The world around us may be dark and weary and this sometimes does make our own everyday living stressful and hard to understand. How good it is that through faith in the living Lord Jesus we can know joy as we continue to trust in Him. We must keep our eyes and hearts looking up even while our feet remain on the ground.

Do you remember the words of this old hymn?

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand.

May God bless you and I as we continue in our walk of faith with the living Lord Jesus. He not only died for us. He now lives with us so that we might live in Him.

May the God of hope fill you with his joy.

Yours sincerely. Brian

## Chess

Is there anyone living locally interested in forming an informal Chess Club for persons of any standard?

If interested, please phone Bill Pope on 850338

**Blisland Methodist Church Services for May**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sun 6th | 2.30pm | Preacher Mrs J Rackham |
| Sun 20th | 2.30pm | Preacher Pastor Brian Parkman (Holy Communion) |

Sat 12th Blisland Methodist Tabletop Sale in Village Hall. Doors open 11.30am Plant Stall, Bread & Cake Stall, Raffle Refreshments, light Lunches. To book a table Top contact Mrs W Gurr Tel N° 850119

Sun 20th Anglican and Methodist Churches invite you to a concert in Blisland Parish Church at 7.30pm. Singers Tintagel Orpheus Male Choir.

**St Breward Methodist Church May Diary**

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|---|---|---|
| 2nd | 10 – 11.30am | Coffee Morning |
| 6th | 2.30pm | Brian Parkman |
| 13th | 9.30am | Mr Brown |
| 20th | 9.30am | Mr Mabson |
| 27th | 9.30am | Brian Parkman |

Children's Club Wednesdays at 3.15pm

**Blisland WRVS Club**

Our first meeting of the year opened with a splendid lunch served at the home of our treasurer Mrs Audrey Pierce, ably assisted by husband Brian. Eight out of our eleven total membership attended. Also Mrs Marion Humber WRVS Club representative for N Cornwall.

Before our AGM in the afternoon we had a few quiet moments to remember two of our members who had passed away, Mrs Gwen Masters and Mrs Mildred Rowe, sisters who had supported the club since its inception in 1973. Both will be held in our affection and their presence sadly missed.

Ous secretary. Mrs Margery Webber gave her report on the club's activities last year and Mrs Audrey Pierce as Treasurer presented the club's financial position. For a competition we had a most intriguing competition set by Audrey. Seventeen words which could be used for parts of the body. I.e. flat fish, answer sole. This had all of us thinking hard and caused much merriment. My answer for small animal – ear-wig was not accepted as it is not an animal. I did try!! Everyone had a prize for effort. Many thanks Audrey and Brian for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Tony Ham
Club Organiser

## DONALD GREENHILL BOUSFIELD

His many friends were saddened by the death of Donald Bousfield on Good Friday at the age of 87. His distinguished academic career began with Scholarships to Winchester College and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1936 he joined the staff of Eton College where he was Head of the Maths Department and a housemaster for 17 years.

Donald's sporting achievements included three times as Junior Lawn Tennis Champion of Hertfordshire. He played cricket for Winchester, Cambridge, Hertfordshire, the M.C.C. and Buckinghamshire and was a formidable opponent in the Eton wall game. He was equally successful on the football ground, playing for Cambridge University and Town and Hoddesdon Town. He later took up golf and was often to be found practising on Lady Down.

Donald's time at Eton was interrupted by war service. He served as a gunnery instructor in Portsmouth. A perk of the job was the use of a motor boat in which he was accompanied by his General. Their voyages included a sea-borne visit to the King Arthur's Castle Hotel at Tintagel, still open despite war-time restrictions. Donald later served under Monty in London and then at the War Office.

In 1945 Donald married Pamela (nee Calvert-Smith) and in 1965 they bought Hantergantick, having previously spent their holidays with their three daughters at Rock. They retired to Hantergantick in 1976. Donald's many local activities included being chairman of the St. Breward Youth Club, a vice-president of St. Breward Silver Band and a sidesman in Church where his singing and his generosity will be much missed. He was a keen amateur photographer, having some of his prints produced as postcards which he sold in aid of the Church, there being no other postcards of St. Breward or its moor on sale at the time.

As word of his retirement spread, a large number of children were lucky enough to be able to go to Hantergantick for maths coaching, achieving a high level of exam success. At Donald's suggestion, one student paid him with fish from her father's trout farm.

When Ruth Lumley-Smith became the first editor of the Community Magazine in 1980 she asked Donald to contribute the historical articles. One of these (Sept. 1980) about the Wenford railway included a description of what must have been one of the last family outings in a railway "gondola" from Bodmin to Wenford Bridge, in 1964, where Donald was disappointed to find he could no longer have a beer at the pub. Later he contributed several chapters to "A History of St. Breward" which was edited by Pamela, and a large number of most entertaining crosswords and other puzzles to the magazine.

Donald was a keen gardener and generously imparted his knowledge and his cuttings to his friends. He will be very much missed in St. Breward and in Rock.

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## Letters

**Neil and Fiona Morrish** would like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts received following the birth of " Katie Ann" on the 23rd of March.

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**A wonderful day** was held at Pencarrow House on the 10th of April, by kind permission of Lady Molesworth St. Auban, to celebrate the investiture of M.B.E. to Josephine Greenaway, around 65 guests attended the presentation. The Lord lieutenant of Cornwall,Lady Mary Holborrow presented Joey with the M.B.E. in a very relaxed and informal manner. A buffet luncheon then followed at The Old Inn st. Breward, and what a lovely spread it was too! Thank you to Simon, Darren and their hard working staff. A memorable day was had by all, and I would like to finish by saying how proud we are of mum and of her achievenents and long may she reign!. Kerry and Christopher.

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**Victor Teague** would like to thank everyone who made enquiries, sent cards and visited during my stay at Treliske Hospital.

I am delighted to say that I am now well on the way to recovery.

Many thanks to all.
Victor

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**Peter, Sue, William & Harriet Levers** would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and offers of help following Peter's recent heart attack. They were much appreciated.

He is now at home and supposed to be taking it easy!

**Dear Sir,**

May I as a parent of teenagers, through the medium of the parish magazine, set the parishioners and NHW's mind at rest about 'vandalism' mentioned in April's issue.

The wall that PC Hellier supervised was:

a. Not destroyed, but damaged, and no it should not have been touched at all.
b. The teenagers that I know personally that were there, had nothing to do with the damage, but went to support their friends and to help peace generally in the village. So to call the helpers 'offenders' is very misleading and quite upsetting.

The NHW does a good job, in that there is no dispute. But I ask that they get all their facts correct before issuing statements.

M Cox

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**Dear Editor,**

As somebody who gave my time in helping to rebuild a vandalised stone wall, I would like the Neighbourhood Watch Reporter to note that the majority of people present during the rebuilding of this wall were there for public spirited reasons and were not "offenders".

Sherri Arnold

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

## BLISLAND TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Blisland Table Tennis Club has just completed their most successful season ever.

Team results as follows in the Mid Cornwall League:

A team 1st in Division 1
B team 3rd in Division 2
C team 5th in Division 2
D team 3rd in Division 3
B team 2nd in Division 3

At the time of writing Yann Sebille's D team are in the final of the County Class 2 Championship.

The A team also won the North Cornwall League KO Cup and Roger Winn's North Cornwall B team finishing midway in Division 2.

Individual results as follows:

Cornwall County Tournament

Gary Hall - Open Consolation Cup
Bill Pope — Over 55's runner up

Mid Cornwall League Tournament

Gary Hall – Division 1 winner
Mark Rowe – Division I runner up
Gary Hall/Mark Rowe – Open doubles winners
Jack Rowe – Over 55's Handicap winner
Yann Sebille – Division 3 runner up

North Cornwall League Tournament

Mark Rowe – Open winner
Bill Pope – Hard bat winner and over 40's runner up.

Club nights are held every Thursday at Blisland Village Hall throughout most of the summer. Three tables and all equipment are provided.

New members are most welcome. For further information please phone either Bill Pope on (01208) 850338 or Roger Winn on (01208) 850410

## End of Season Relief for Darts Captain

**Martin Kay** will only tentatively look back over the 2000 – 2001 darts season. He bravely led his team through all the high and lows of the season and put himself on the firing line when duty called. But the one act that was beyond the call of duty and one that he is trying to forget is that Saturday morning when the phone rang and Steve Dingle of St Breward Minibus committee told him to clean up the minibus.

So began Martin Kay's 'Absolute Pits' of the year. Frank had been sick on the way back from darts the previous evening and Martin had told him to be there in the morning to clean it up. Martin waited for him in vain but eventually had to clean it up himself. Apparently it was so bad that soon Martin was seen leaning against the minibus, bringing up his breakfast at the roadside.

I would like to know what exactly he said to Frank when next he saw him.

Dog walker

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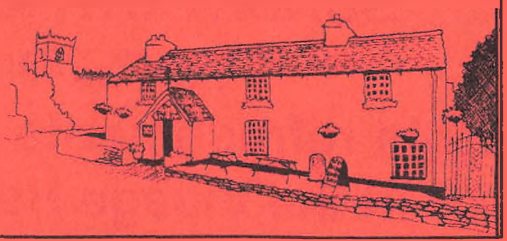

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Also we would be very grateful for home-made cakes and jams, honey and free-range eggs.

We're promised some wonderful raffle prizes – including a painting of St Breward from Ken Duxbury, pots from Seth Cardew and Paul Jackson and a chimney sweeping from Jeffrey Metters – so there's so much to spend your money on.

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Paddy Powell 01208 850186.

### St Breward Carnival Committee 2001

At the last meeting it was agreed, with regret, to postpone the 'Fun Day' and Carnival for 2001.

The issues surrounding the Foot and Mouth crisis are complex and hard to predict.

The 'Fun Day' usually allows the Committee to select a Queen & attendants, with its profit contributing to the Carnival costs.

Additionally, many of the local football matches have been cancelled or postponed, meaning that the venue for the Fun Day would be in question.

The Committee felt it would be insensitive to our farming Community to 'carry on – regardless'.

However, the Carnival Committee plans to host monthly events in June, July, September, November and December – and asks for the Village's support in fundraising for local organisations.

Each event will be advertised in the June edition of the magazine.

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## St Breward Primary School

Class 3 Sale - A report by Kelly Bunt.

On the drizzly morning of Thursday 22nd March 2001, Class 3 held their annual sale, to raise funds for more accessories for their classroom.
Unfortunately, their beloved teacher, Mrs Brewer, could not make it because she went home on the Wednesday, feeling very poorly. Poor Mrs Brewer!

There were various stalls, such as toys, books, buns and the jumbly stall. Three competitions were held and they were, Guess the Name of the Monkey, Guess What's in the Mystery Prize and Guess How Many Chocolate Eggs Are in the Jar.
After a very noisy morning, we managed to raise around £190. WOW!!
When Mrs Brewer finds out, she will be overwhelmed!
The prizewinners were: The Monkey – Jamie Dow
Mystery Prize – Kelly Bunt
How Many Eggs – Joshua Belcher.
Thank you to everyone who took part and supported us. We will let you know what we spend the money on soon.

### Easter Fayre

The Easter Fayre, organised by the Friends of St Breward, raised a magnificent £270. Although it was postponed until the Monday, the Fayre was very well attended and the committee is extremely grateful to all of those people who gave their time and their support.

At the next meeting, it will be decided how this money is to be spent. Mr Brewer has already put in a bid to part-fund some basketball equipment!

### Plants & Shrubs

The school gardening club begins after Easter, and we would still be very grateful for any plants, seedlings or shrubs you may no longer have use for in your own gardens. If you cannot get them to the school, please let any of us know and we will arrange for them to be collected.

### And finally.....

The children of St Breward School would like to wish the residents of our village a very Happy and Peaceful Easter and thank everybody for the support they receive at school and in the community.

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## St Breward Parish Council

The Council met on 3rd April at 7pm. District Councillor Jim Kempthorne attended and also Mr Jon Webb, chairman of the Village Appraisal Committee.

Mr Webb outlined progress on the Village Appraisal. The statistical data from the questionnaires had been circulated. Some of future needs to be met would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Other needs for the youth of the Parish were being actively addressed. Subject committees had been set up to apply for grants but outstanding needs should be addressed by new subject committees to identify further projects for funding.

The Chairman read extracts from a publication on 'How to Stop and Influence Planning Permission. He also briefly talked about the review of the Cornwall Structure Plan. Background papers and monitoring reports covered these areas:- Population, Employment, European Context, National and Regional Planning Policy, Local Plans, Development Trends, Transport, Availability of Land for Employment. Provision of Housing, Affordable Housing, Social Issues and Planning and Rural Employment in Cornwall. There was not much to say about affordable housing apart from the difficulties. There was nothing of significance in the structure plan for St Breward.

The Chairman explained that there will be a Periodic Electoral Review by the Local Government Commission this year for North Cornwall. Some electoral wards have as few as 1000 electors. Others have as many as 2000 electors. The aim is to get fair representation so that wards will all have approximately 1500 electors. All wards in North Cornwall will be affected. The LGC can subdivide a parish into two or more areas. It can alter the number of Parish Councillors to be elected and propose names for the names of existing wards. The LGC cannot change the boundary or name of an actual Parish. The LGC cannot create new Parish Councils, cannot create joint Parish Councils and cannot abolish existing Parish Councils. In other words, St Breward Parish and boundaries will remain unchanged but the electoral wards and names may change.

Virginia Cholmeley circulated 'Notes on a Model Code of Conduct for Members.' The Council had been asked to comment on a consultation paper on this subject but felt that the paper was comprehensive enough. The paper gave maximum weight to the importance of declaration of interests by members. She also tabled 'Notes on the Draft Visitor Management Strategy for Bodmin Moor.' Exploration of possibilities for temporary car parking at peak period within Bodmin Moor's honey pot locations at Delford and Bradford bridges was noted.

The next meeting of the Parish Council has been changed to 15th May. All members of the village are welcome to attend, to listen or to raise any particular concerns they may have.

Mev Shelley Chairman

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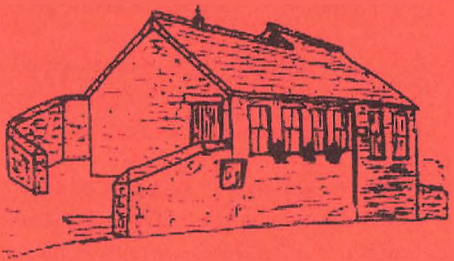

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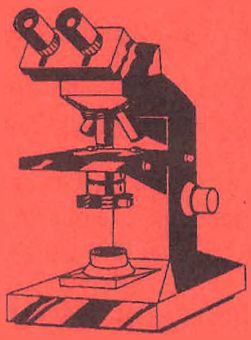

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## ST. BREWARD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

MEMBERSHIP. More than half of existing members have already renewed their membership for the coming year. This is excellent news and shows that NHW is considered to be a worthwhile cause to support. We would urge all other Villagers to consider joining NHW to make it all the more effective.

Closer ties are being forged between NHW and our new Village Police Officer, PC Adrian Hellier. We now have that, so important Police presence here in St. Breward

CCTV CAMERAS in the Village are still being considered and a Police expert on the subject is getting back to us with further information.

INCIDENTS IN THE MONTH. Three Members have reported that they have received phone calls and when they have answered they have been met with silence. In each case there has been more than one call. It is suggested that anyone receiving such calls should dial 1471. By doing this, unless the call number has been withheld, the number will be revealed. Ian has done this and obtained the number of a suspicious caller. By cross-referencing the numbers obtained it can be revealed how many are from the same source.

There has been an incident where a man walking three dogs came out of the Quarry footpath. There is a Foot & Mouth restriction on that footpath with a penalty of £5000. The Police have been informed and will be taking the necessary action, which they consider to be appropriate

The Police have informed us that there is a firm of builders called M & H touring this area looking for business. We have been warned not to let them do any work, as they are unreliable and considered to be "cowboys".

We have also been told to keep a lookout for door to door salespeople using the name D & D who are selling cleaning and household goods. We are recommended not to buy from them.

YOUNG WATCHERS. Dave Powell has suggested that some sort of facility is provided to encourage the youth of the Village to meet together to listen to music, buy a drink and sweets, etc and chat and "chill-out" together, on a regular basis. It may also be possible to have use of the Internet, occasionally.

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES have not gone away. Please be aware and do not take risks with unknown callers at your door. Make sure that you see an official form of identity before considering letting them in to your home.

CHANGE OF NUMBER. Please note that the Police contact Number 0990 777 444 will soon be changing to 08705 777 444.

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Having just started up last year using the old bells that had been resting in their wooden chest on the floor of the St Breward Church hell tower for quite a time, they are now a team of seven but would like to expand to 14 members to make full use of all the handbells.

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**Blisland Parish Council**

A council meeting was held on Thursday 12th April 2001.

The following planning applications were reviewed:-

1 Erection of a wooden shed as sheep shelter for fleece sheep and erection of a hobby shed – Lower Gawns, Durfold. Recommended for approval.

2 Listed building consent for the removal and rebuilding of two brick chimneys to same design as originals – Casacawn House. Recommended for approval.

3 Erection of a house with underground garage at High Croft, Tregenna Lane. Recommended on the understanding that any part that can be seen from the village green be constructed in materials consistent with the buildings in the Conservation Area.

A meeting has yet to be fixed with a representative of the West Country Ambulance Service.

The Greenpark project for a purpose built business park served by an energy from waste combined heat and power plant in the centre of the county was reviewed and the principle accepted.

Mike Ward-Lee

## Blisland WI March

Our Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 21st March, with most of our members attending. Mrs Dorothy Grundon the VCO was welcomed by Mrs Gurr.

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of one of our founder members, Mildred Rowe. Mildred who had been cared for so wonderfully by Isobel and Tony Willcocks, had been in failing health for some time. A donation of £25 was made to the Air Ambulance.

Several members hope to attend the flower show at St Tudy. Our Birthday Dinner will be held at the Blisland Inn on April 25th.

After the business meeting voting took place for the position of President. Mrs Gurr was re-elected for the coming year. The committee was re-elected en bloc.

Mrs Grundon gave us a wonderful account of her childhood in Northern Ireland. She painted a picture of great family happiness and as she perceived more tolerance between the Roman Catholics and Protestants at that time. Ordinary Irish people abhor the violence between the extreme factions and wish for a more peaceful existence.

Thought for the Month
The little things are most worthwhile –
A quiet word, a look, a smile,
A listening ear that's quick to share
Another's thoughts, another's care –
Though sometimes they may seem quite small
These little things mean most of all.

**April**

This, our first evening meeting of the year was well attended with Mrs Gurr in the chair. Various topics were discussed, among these was 'making it happen' – the first national census of WI activity in the community. This is a scheme to work out how much time members have contributed to the community. Eg helping local schools, churches, community groups, charities etc. The equivalent financial value for these hours is calculated at £10 per hour. This should prove to be an interesting undertaking.

It was sad to see so many cancellations due to Foot & Mouth disease. We pray that the devastation and disruption of the countryside and farming will soon come to an end.

Members have been asked to collect brightly coloured double knitting wool to send to Mrs Kneebone of St Agnes.
We were pleased to note that there isn't so much paper from County duplicating

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items in the County News!!!

Our speaker was Mr Paul Holden who is the House Manager for Lanhydrock House. He gave a very interesting talk with slides about Lanhydrock House in Regency times. The house was originally built in 1620. It was the seat of successive Earls of Radnor. In 1741 it passed to the Hunt family of Mollington in Cheshire as there were no male heirs of the Robartes family, Mary Vere Robartes marrying Thomas Hunt and the house passing to their son George. He died a bachelor, the house passing to his niece Anna Maria Hunt 1798 who later married Charles Agar the 1st Viscount Clifden.

Her personal taste in creating a home at Lanhydrock reflected changes in contemporary style of the Regency fashion. The shape of some rooms was changed. Strong colours were used about the house in shades of crimson and green with crimson damask bed hangings and festoon matching curtains – the damask also being used on several items of furniture. Specially woven Axminster carpet was purchased as well as Pembroke tables and sideboards with integral pedestal cupboards for different rooms.

Because the house was cold and damp she made sure that fires burned in the large fireplaces – these were kept alight even when she was away during the summer.

In 1799 George Hunt had introduced neo-classicism but Anna Maria created a Regency style incorporating a mixture of high fashion with traditional elegance.. Yellow became a popular colour with blue. The outside of the house was painted yellow replacing red walls.

In 1806 a bathing machine was installed in the Green Damask bedroom. Plumbed water was not installed until 1812.
The library of 1799 was by 1840 in the Gallery along with a billiard table. The original library had become by 1929, a writing room with a pianoforte. The south wing, first floor became suite of family and guest bedrooms.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jo Cotton.

Our next meeting is on may 16th at 7.15pm. Resolutions will be discussed.

Honor O'Donnell

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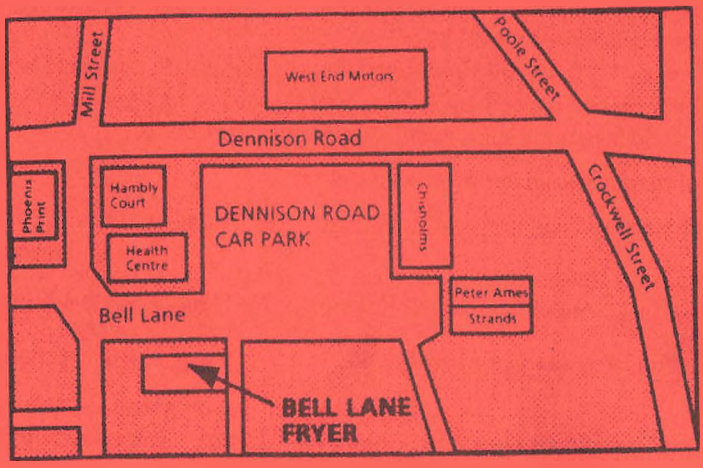


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## St. Breward WI April 10th 2001

Once again success has come to St. Breward WI! Our president, Mrs C Wolf, wrote the play which won the Cornish round of the NFWI Drama Festival, and was also joint winner of the Cornish One Act Festival. The next Western Region of One Act Plays will be at Falmouth on April 28th and if successful there, will compete in the NFWI round at Shaftsbury. Five of the period costumes were made by Mrs J Gant, and Mrs M Shelley wore her beautifully tucked dress and bonnet for us all to admire. Congratulations to all involved.

The Garden Day organised by Mrs P Powell has been relocated due to the problem of parking in the farm fields. It will now take place in the Village Hall on two days May 12th and 13th from 11am to 4pm. This year the money raised will go to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution to help the farmers who are suffering so badly - so please come and help swell the funds.

The day outing to Tavistock and David Trewin, woodturner, has been postponed for the present,. Several members had to cancel their booking for Caerhayes on April 11th, but those who went enjoyed the best weather of the year so far.

Mrs J Gant and Mrs G Daws will attend the Spring Council Meeting at Hendra on May 22nd.

Members are asked to bring cakes etc to the June 12th meeting to raise funds for our own Institute.
Look for the notice in the June County News inviting other Institutes to come to St. Breward for a cream tea, let us hope that by then more of the rural areas will have been opened up for walkers.

Looking ahead the Group Meeting will be held in the Bodmin Methodist Church on October 18th; more details later on.
Our speaker was Mr George Kestell talking about Plants with Linear Leaves; he began by showing slides of many that we recognised instantly but then progressed to the more exotic and spectacular ones. It was an evening that made us long for the mild spring days when gardening will become a pleasure once again, and we can apply some of the advice we have been given.

The competition for an Easter card was won by Mrs Lowe, with Mrs Wilton and Mrs Gant second and third. The Spring Arrangement in a teacup produced some overflowing displays 1st Mrs Wilton, 2nd Mrs Lowe 3rd Mrs Beavan.
May 8th at 7.15pm will be the meeting when we discuss the resolutions for the IGM in June at Cardiff under the guidance of Mrs J Brunton-Greene. The competition will be for a Family cake or sponge, and for the Rower of the month.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE GARDEN DAY IN MAY AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND BRING AS MUCH AS YOU CAN TO SIJPPORT THE FARMERS

Anne Holmes

**St Breward AFC & Social Club**

We are still struggling to fulfil all the football fixtures. It has been a very difficult season owing to all the wet weather and the foot & mouth crisis.(Come on, no other football manager has used foot & mouth as an excuse, Yet! Ed.) However when the remaining fixtures come through I will put a list in the shop window.

The football dinner this year is on June 1st at Trethorne Leisure Centre. Tickets will be £11.00 each. Please ask Joe or ring Bodmin 850030.

On May 25th A quiz will be held at the club, teams of four (£4 per team). All proceeds to Bodmin Lions Club for various charities. Everyone welcome.

Unfortunately due to the Foot & Mouth crisis, the Ten Tors walk has been cancelled for this year, but it will go ahead in May 2002.

Doreen Kay

**FOG FAILS NODDY BUT SAVES 2ND TEAM FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT**

After a 3 year absence from the football field Mark Newton turned out for St Breward AFC Second Team in their match against St Columb.

Before the game he spent a long time in a huddle with team coach Joe Kay. Spectators speculated about which tactics were being discussed – was this Joe's new secret weapon? The Brake Park Vole informs me that Joe had a young, fitter substitute and was trying to persuade Mark to play for part of the second half. Stung by the derogatory remarks about fitness from his partner, Jackie, Mark insisted that he was up for playing all of the first half.

De Lank roving reporter, Micky Harris reported that the only outstanding part of 'Noddy's Return' was his white legs which obviously hadn't seen the sun for the last 3 seasons.

In the second half his younger and fitter replacement had hardly got warmed up when the fog descended and a voice boomed out over the crowd towards the referee commanding "Stop the game Now! Then it wont look so bad in the paper." With St Breward trailing 11 – 1 the referee promptly abandoned the game. By the time the players had settled in the club house the fog was fading away and a ray of sunshine was seen to shine over the pitch.

The Revd Derek Carrivick is claiming Divine Intervention for this strange occurrence and will welcome any refills of his beer glass. Mark Newton is believed to have needed a zimmer frame to aid walking until the following Tuesday but is prepared to have another go.

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