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Letters

I would like to say a big Thank You to any family, relatives and friends and whist drivers for making my 80th birthday such a happy occasion.

Thank you for gifts, flowers, cards and letters.
God bless you all.

Margaret Methven

As we leave St Breward we would like to say a big THANK YOU to the village and its people. We have spent many happy years here and will miss the beautiful countryside and friendly faces. We will miss the lovely old church, the congregation and most of all the children. We are not going far – visitors are always welcome.

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As promised from the earlier newsletter regarding the activities of the Camelford Cardiology Group, we can now update everyone with the programme for the rest of the year. On Saturday 15th September at the Camelford Hall, we shall be holding a Cornish evening, this will include a pasty, saffron cakes /buns, yeast cakes/buns, splits (scones) clotted cream, a cup of tea or cold drink. There will also be entertainment by S. Biddick & The Fishermen's Friends from Port Isaac. During the evening the Summer Draw will be made, this is in place of the Safari Meal as printed on the draw tickets.

Then on the weekend of November 24th/25th there will be a Craft Fair in the Camelford Hall, which will include crafts made by local people, this has previously been held at Wadebridge, and we feel very fortunate to be holding this event for this year, so please come and support the local crafters and the Cardiology as well!

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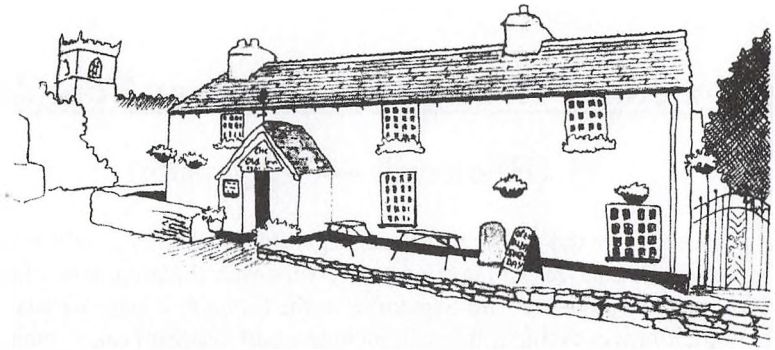

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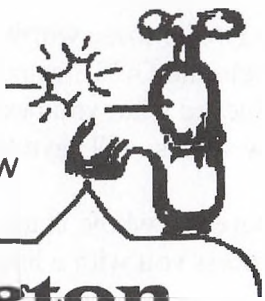

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Church's Page

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Patience is a virtue
Achieve it if you can
Seldom in a woman
But never in a man.

Now I dare not (Dear reader) promote gender superiority. Suffice it to say that patience is a rare commodity. Well, maybe.

In the ancient world, long before the words of the Bible were written down, the story of the good man, Job, was told. Job becomes the victim of a deadly wager between God and Satan – a test of this good man, to see whether he could in fact cope with personal loss of goods, family tragedy, pain and affliction. "Ah", says Satan, "Job's good. But he's got everything. Take away what he's got and he'll stop being good!" Job survives the ordeal. The old tale has a happy ending – and they all lived together happily ever after!

As I write these words there is the usual euphoria about more good A levels and GCSE's and all that. Congratulations to those of who have achieved what you needed – but there are many who, over the next few weeks, will have to cope with failure. That's not easy.

There is a whole litany of things that can go wrong in life – I won't depress you with a list, you've probably got your own list anyway!

The remarkable thing is how well we do cope. We all know scores of people who survive the most awful losses in their lives. Some more than survive and strangely and inexplicably through their sufferings

achieve a kind of peace and tranquillity. There is a large chunk of Job in us all.

The story of Job takes hardly three chapters of the Book of Job – the first two and the last. The other 38 chapters are all to do with the inner agony of Job. That was where the real battle was fought for Job. We know that. Most of the real testing is inside. It doesn't really show. If we want to help others through difficult times we have to be very observant and listen well.

It's no good saying, "Pull yourself together!"

We have to be patient and if we haven't enough then pray for more.

Derek Carrivick

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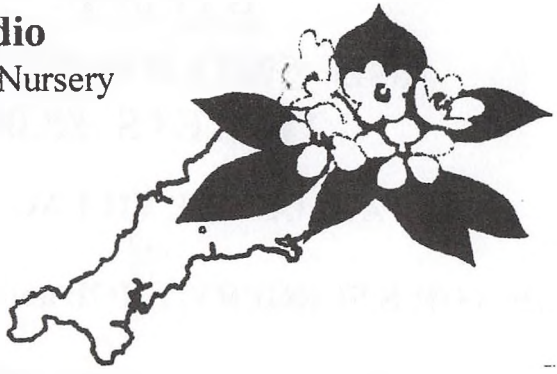

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If anyone has any ideas about functions, clubs, special occasions they would like to see organised in the hall please let us know. During the last month it has been used for childrens parties and Judo practice. We are open to suggestions!

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Chapel's Page

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Dear friends,

I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to modern technology and human talent. The chapel at St Breward has recently taken delivery of a new organ that is able through modern technology to play without an organist. One of our young people "feeds" it with a small disc, sets the programme, and together we sing our praises. Truly wonderful. But equally wonderful is the faithfulness of our organists who over many years have given time and talent on the manual keys, leading us in our praise of God. We are truly indebted to Mrs Foxcroft for her faithfulness over the years, as week by week she has served the chapel in this way, and we hope will continue to do so for a few years yet. We are also indebted to the late Mrs Mabel Hooper, who for many years played the organ for the local congregation, who provided a legacy enabling us to purchase this new organ in her memory. God in His goodness gives various talents to different people so that His work on earth can continue to the glory of His name. On Monday October 15th at 7.30pm as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, we shall recognise these gifts as we dedicate the new organ and will give God thanks for the faithfulness of these His servants. You are welcome to join us for this occasion.

Wishing you all God's blessing, Brian.

Blisland Methodist Church Diary for September

9th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev D Carrivick
16th	2.30pm	Preacher Superintendent Minister Rev A Sowden (Holy Communion)

Blisland WRVS Club

On Tuesday 7th August we had lunch at Trelawney Garden Centre which was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon we were able to have a leisurely stroll around the centre and examine the many displays.

Tony Ham
Club Organiser

Helland Methodist Church Services for September

2nd	11.00am	Mrs J Garbett
9th	11.00am	Mr C Irons
16th	9.30am	Rev S Williams
23rd	11.00am	Mr G Docwra
30th	11.00am	Rev S Williams

On Sunday 23rd September at 7.45pm there will be a concert in the Chapel by the Porthpyra Singers, chairman Mike Collins.

St Breward Methodist Church September Diary

2nd	9.30am	Mr Brown
5th	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning
9th	9.30am	Brian Parkman (SAC)
16th	9.30am	Rev Sowden
23rd	9.30am	R.S.S.A.
30th	9.30am	Brian Parkman

Kids Club Wednesdays 3.15pm

Harvest Festival October 14th
9.30am Mr Woodroffe of Roche
8.00pm Concert by the Treknow Singers

Monday October 15th 7.00pm Service and Dedication of new organ followed by supper and sale of Harvest Gifts.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

On August 11th and 12th refreshments were had at Tresarrett Manor by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Bill Pope in aid of the refurbishment of the hall. This was a very successful occasion, £790.00 being raised after expenses.

Grateful thanks to all those who came and supported us and those that gave donations. Also grateful thanks to:-

Steven Pearce,
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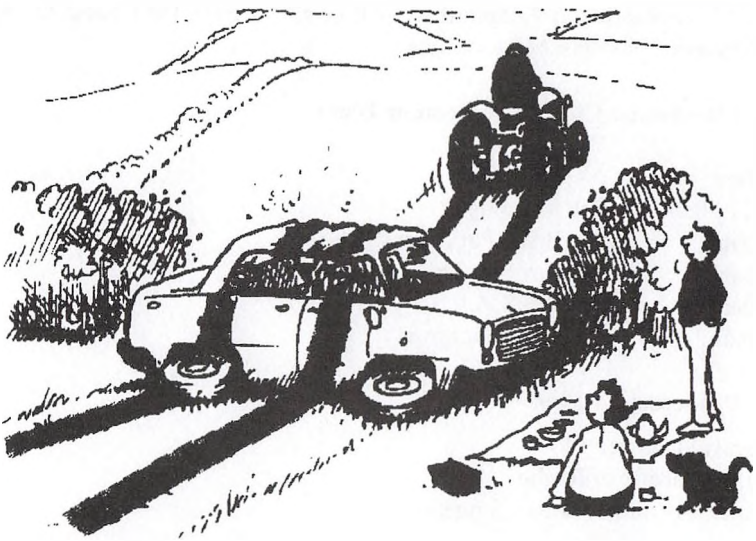
Not forgetting those that volunteered to help including three Pope daughters!

Thank you,
Shirley Runnalls



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Lucky The Duck Keeps Rain Clouds At Bay.

Lucky the duck reported missing over a year ago by members of the St Breward Silver Band following last years duck race, was found stranded on rocks on the Camel River just two weeks before this years Gala Day. since being found, Lucky became the bands Gala Day mascot, believing that it was he, despite prevailing duck weather, prevented the flash storms that lashed the surrounding district of St Breward from reaching the bands main fund raising event, Gala Day 2001 held in the grounds of Wenfordbridge pottery Sunday 5th of August.

Local people mingled with holiday makers swelling the crowds well into the hundreds, forcing overflow car parking to be opened in the early part of the afternoon. Face painting, duck and balloon racing, bouncy castle, bowling, all day refreshments, raffles, stocks, static stands and stalls, pottery making, tug of war, plus band concerts were just a few of the attractions on offer, all contributing to a enjoyable family day's outing.

Martyn Lucas of "Stars In Your Eyes" fame and local cabaret artist officially opened the event, later in the day, and at short notice, singing a selection of tracks from his latest CD backed by the band. This a first for Martyn to be singing with a brass band, and indeed for St Breward Band to be playing backing music for a professional vocalist. Later in the day, and as a sporting fund raising gesture, Martyn and his cabaret partner Catherine stood in the stocks to be pelted by wet sponges. The duo left St Breward soaking wet, forgetting that within the hour they had to appear on stage in Newquay, the band never heard if they dried out in time.

Martyn having enjoyed the day to the full, has now featured St Breward Band on his official web site.

Face painted creatures lurking around the grounds mingling with medieval entertainers, together with racing balloons flying off on uncharted journeys, all helped to create a carnival atmosphere. To-date one balloon tag has been returned to the band secretary having been found in Buckfastleigh, Devon, but with several days yet before the closing date, this distance could well be

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beaten.

Band members would like to take this opportunity in thanking all those who attended Gala Day, especially supporters, and volunteer helpers, some who travelled some considerable distance, all to contribute to what must now be seen as the bands main established and most successful fund raising event of the year.

Since sending my gala day editorial we have just been advised that a balloon has been found by the Chassagrande family near Calais, France.

Brian Hummerstone
Publicity Officer.

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All are welcome to attend and the current committee ask villagers to come and support them in their efforts to keep the minibus running. We would especially like to see those parents whose children use the bus on the school run to attend so that we can plan the smooth running of this service for the coming school year.

Denis Lusby, Secretary

KNOTWEED RUNS WILD IN ST BREWARD

This has been confirmed by Catherine McShee who says that her husband Paddy 'Knotweed' McShee, St Breward's new Footpaths Officer has been uncontrollable in recent weeks. She has encouraged him to walk the footpaths in an effort to bring him under control.

Walkers have been advised that if they come across 'Knotweed' to leave him lying where they find him. Do not to take him home with them otherwise he will soon be all over their gardens as he is very persistent and hard to get rid of.

Viv Crowle says that he has four gallons of 'Roundup' which he is prepared to give away to help eradicating this pest.

NO LUNCH AT COOMBE MILL

Mark & Pippa Colton-Taylor turned up for an afternoon barbecue at Darrynane on Bank-holiday Monday only to find the place deserted except for the gardener who told them that the barbecue had been the day before on the Sunday!!!!

BARNEY MEETS FLORIDA

Barney Nottle is in strict training for his impending trip to Florida and was been seen jogging up Coombe Lane after the Darrynane BBQ, closely supervised by his personal trainer, Sheila. He told this magazine that warming up properly is the key to a successful blitz on Florida and a few glasses of wine followed by lots more were the only way to achieve supreme fitness. I agreed with him but unfortunately cannot remember being able to jog anywhere.

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St Breward Primary School

A review of July

July saw some 'wonderful' British summer weather, which forced us to cancel the Area Sports and the Exhibition of Work and Rounders match. We are really disappointed but hope to reschedule the Exhibition and Rounders after the holidays. Our own school Sports Day went ahead and we were delighted to see so many parents, relatives and friends. A big thank you to those who came and for your support with the raffle. We raised £57 towards PE equipment.

Our Year 6 Leavers – Rebecca Teague, Simon Yeo, Robert Reeves, Tim Clark, Tom Morrish, and Daniel Mead

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Year 6 on some very fine exam results. The children have worked very hard this year and have achieved some of the best results the school has ever had. Well done to all of them.

As a treat, Mr & Mrs Brewer took Year 6 on a trip to the cinema, to see the film 'Shrek'. They had a wonderful time and after much popcorn, (and chips on the way home,) all agreed that it was one of the best evenings they had spent. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs B for taking them and to the Friends of the School for funding most of this trip. Mr & Mrs Brewer would also like to point out that the children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school and the village.

They have also spent two days at Sir James Smith in Camelford to get a taster of what lies ahead for them at secondary school. Here is what they have to say..

"We had a brilliant two days. The science labs are great and there are Bunsen burners, bones, a stuffed fox and eyeballs! There were 7 labs in all. It's great!.....It was SO big that I kept getting lost in the

corridors!..... The canteen and the food are excellent. I had spaghetti bolognaise and doughnuts. The fish and chips were good too.....The PE was cool. We had to run three quarters of a mile around the hall.....the ICT unit is amazing. There are about 20 computers and all connected to the internet.....I tried on my uniform and it made me feel quite grown up. the uniform is cool and the rugby shirts are brilliant.....I don't like the hockey socks though!..... Our form tutor is really nice.....We are all looking forward to going in September."

At this point, we would like to wish Simon Yeo all the best in his new school. He is leaving us to go to Fowey School and also to Ross & Jake Keast and Luke Osborne who will be going to a new school in St Issey. Good luck to both families.

Class 1's Sale

Yet again, the parents, relatives and friends of the school children have done us proud. The sum of £176 was raised to fund new play equipment for the new Class 1 playground.

And Finally.....

We are all looking forward to our summer holiday and hope that the weather will be kinder than it has been so far this year. Good luck to Keyen, Simon, Tim, Tom, Dan, Becca and Rob. Our thanks to all parents, relatives and friends of the children, who have supported the school over the last year. We look forward to seeing most of you again next term.

(Due to editorial delirium this article did not appear in August's edition as it should have done. DPL)

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Blisland Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 9th August 2001

There were no planning applications for consideration.

Cornwall County Council expressed concern about converting the road system around the village green to one-way. Granite boulders will be placed in the eroded areas along the southern side on a trial basis.

North Cornwall District are unable to provide dog waste bins. Every effort will be made with the local community and visitors to minimise the deposition of dog waste on the green.

Geoffrey Bell explained his proposed Local Transport Review. The council agreed to support this review.
Mike Ward-Lee, Chairman

Whitewashers Wanted

The walls of Temple Church need lime washing and we are planning a work session for Sunday, 9 September between 12 noon and 6.00pm. If anyone would like to join us for all or part of the time, will they please contact Joy or Graham Montague on 821582. Many hands make white work.

Exhausted Shopkeeper Spends Night on Stairs

Customers of St Breward Stores had a lucky escape last week when Denis Lusby woke up at 3 o'clock in the morning on the stairs at the rear of the shop and staggered off to bed. His excuse was that he sat down to give Holly the collie a big hug and that overwork must have caused him to fall asleep instantly. Tony Taxi has joined Holly in giving Denis a wide berth especially after he has enjoyed Darrynane hospitality.

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St Breward Neighbourhood Watch

A meeting of the St Breward neighbourhood watch was held on Monday 6th August 2001 attended by Dave Powell, Kevin Foster and Bob Humphreys. Apologies were received from Ian Burns and Geoff Burrows. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved by all those present. The treasurer reported that the current balance of the funds stands at £333-72p. There are still some members who have not renewed their subscriptions for the year 2001/2002. Could co-ordinators please check all the members in their own respective areas and either collect the subscriptions or confirm the names of those not wishing to renew their membership. The names can then be removed from the database.

There are still problems locally with drugs being pushed to young people in the village as well as an increase in under age drinking, with one teenager (who was found in an inebriated state) being picked up by police and returned to his home. The police have warned that any future occurrences will not be dealt with on such a lenient basis and could lead to either the offenders or their parents facing charges.

All members are reminded to be aware of bogus callers offering a wide range of different services including, gardening, decorating, building work and odd jobs. If you see anything suspicious call the police immediately. Do not wait to report it to the NHW members as this could waste valuable time and may mean the difference between someone being caught or getting away with a crime. Remember there is a number in the phone book you can use if you wish to remain anonymous. Try to be particularly vigilant during the summer months at which time there are many places empty, especially schools, village halls, churches and other public buildings.

It is now possible to get access to an identifiable property list. This lists items that have been recovered by police and are security marked. For further details of this please contact Kevin Foster at Moorgoods.

Ringmaster: This service is available to all NHW members who wish to register. Once registered you will receive calls direct from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary detailing various things that you should be aware of, or suspicious characters to watch out for. For more information please contact Dave Powell at the post office.

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd September at 7.30 in the post office. All are welcome.

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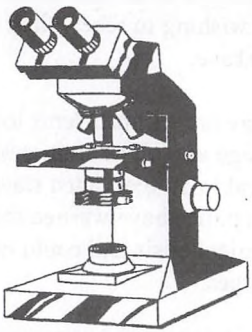

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new husbandrie forceth, him now to begin:
Old farmer still taking, the time to him given,
makes August to last, until Michaelmas even.

Provide against Michaelmas, bargaine to make,
for farmer to give over, to keepe or to take:
In doing of either, let wit beare a stroke,
for buying or selling, of a pig in a poke.

Good farm and well stored, good housing and dry,
good corne and good dairy, good market and nie:
Good shepherd, good tilman, good Jack and good Jill,
makes husband and huswife, their coffers to fill.

Thresh feed, and to fanning, September doth cry,
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rye:
To harrow the ridges, ere ever ye strike,
is one piece of husbandry, Suffolk doth like.

Seed sowne, draw a furrow, the water to draine,
and dike by such ends, as in harms do remaine:
For driving of cattle, or roving that way,
which being prevented, ye hinder the pray.

Saint Michael doth bid thee, amend the marsh wall,
the brecke and the crabhole, the foreland and all:
One noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may save thee a hundred, ere winter be gone.

The moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,
but winter fruit gather when Michael is past:
Though Michers that love not, to buy or to crave,
make some gathered sooner, else few for to have.

Wife into the garden and set me a plot,
with strawberry roots, of the best to be got:
Such growing abroad, among thornes in the wood,
well chosen and pricked, prove excellent good.

To gather some Mast, it shall stand thee upon,
with servant and children, yer mast be all gone:
Some left amongst bushes, shall pleasure thy swine,
for fear of a mischief, keep acorns from kine.

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which well being ringled, the better doth feed:
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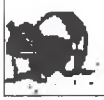

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Proud grandmother Maggie Reed, sent me this article about her granddaughter Melanie Ethrington whose skills were much appreciated by those who used the Cathedral refractory over recent years. I must admit that I have enjoyed the occasional foray in the refectory. (DPL)

Refectory: Melanie will be much missed

After seven years working in Truro Cathedral's refectory, the last four as manager, Melanie Ethrington retired last week. At a farewell tea party the dean, the Very Rev Michael Moxon, spoke of Melanie's great charm – unruffled in an emergency – and the happy staff she maintained, both volunteers and paid, and including students seeking NVQ qualifications. 'The refectory' he said, 'has a reputation for the excellence and quality of the meals she has provided, including 150 hot lunches each day, and must be one of the finest refectories in the country.' On behalf of the Chapter he gave her a framed etching of the cathedral and a cheque. From the friends of Truro Cathedral Penny Fincken, its secretary, presented Melanie with a bouquet and a cheque. There were many other presents, including those from staff and friends.

Confusion at old Inn

In recent weeks regulars to the Old Inn have noticed staff standing motionless staring at the two new computerised tills at the 'Food Ordering Point' in the back bar.

A recent visitor was relieved to see that when he ordered his pudding, a banana split, the computer screen flashed up with the message "Banana split without peas"

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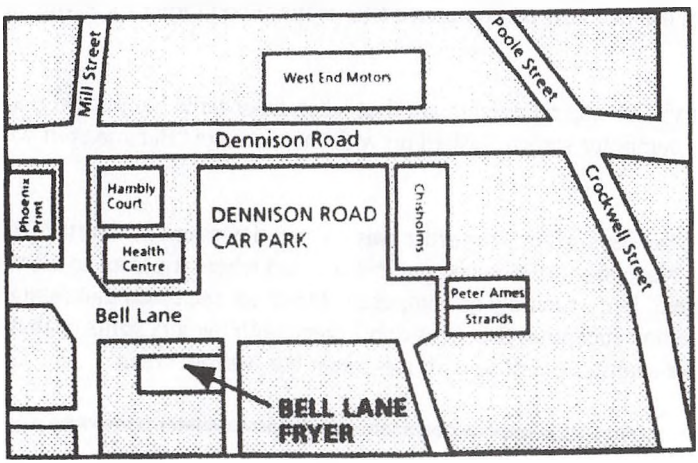

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Treseder's Seeds

At last we have been able to see 'Treseder's Seeds,' the award winning one act play written by Christine Woolf and produced by members of St Breward, St Tudy, St Kew and St Neot Women's Institutes. Two performances were put on at St Breward Institute & Memorial Hall to very appreciative audiences.

The setting was part of the hold of the ship 'Westminster', which sailed on December 1842 from Plymouth bound for New Zealand. The ship is near the end of its voyage that took 118 days. The four main characters, who have had to spend long hours together speculate about their future and think of their pasts which have brought them on this journey.

Keziah (Kym Hall) young and innocent; Jane (Jenifer Lucas) unmarried and grieving over her baby lost in a ditch at childbirth; Mary Ann (Guenever Daws) a bible quoting, unforgiving older woman and Elizabeth (Yvonne Nobbs) who is going to meet her husband and who has taken various packets of seeds with her to her new country.

The tight dialogue combined with superb acting from the four women ably assisted by the voices from the past (Margaret Shelley & Christine Woolf) helped put flesh on the four women and with Paddy Powell's sound effects and the authentic period costumes (Yvonne Nobbs, June Gant, Muriel Wilton) we were soon with them on board ship.

All too soon the play was over and we returned to St Breward 159 years later and the reality of the lucky seat number draw. The vicar, Derek Carrivick, was asked to make the draw and after staring into the bag for a long while he managed to draw out his own seat number. He quickly made his goodbyes carrying off his chocolates unopened. His wife Penny was heard to say that all she would see of them would be the wrappers. Although the rest of us went home sweetless we all now knew why 'Treseder's Seeds' had won the National Federation of Women's Institute Drama Festival 2001.

DPL

St Breward AFC &Social Club

I was with regret that after 44 years in senior football St Breward AFC has had to withdraw from the East Cornwall League, after losing most of last year's squad to other clubs. It was felt that there was no way forward to continue in senior football, and it has been impossible to sign enough players to form a team, so it was felt there was no other option open to us.

However, on the bright side we still have a Duchy 3 team with a lot of up and coming youngsters from last year, with the experience of Lee Newton, Wayne & Rob Davey and Ian Marshall to mention a few. The Duchy side manager is Steve Kay, and we would like to wish him all the best for the coming season. Our ground at Brake Parc and the facilities are second to none, thanks to Trevor Sleep, Phil Yeo and Anthony Sleep who do a marvellous job cutting the field etc.

The social club continues to thrive and raise money for different charities and we are always delighted to welcome our friends from the Gateway clubs from Newquay, Bodmin and Wadebridge and Liskeard.

Matches for September are :-

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4th	Foxhole	Home
8th	Marie & Andy's wedding!	
15th	St Minver	Home KO Cup
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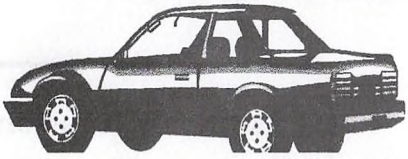

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