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Dear Ed,

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I feel privileged to be living in this community and I suspect that many others in St Breward are equally appreciative. Thanks

Congratulations. Proper job. Thank you.
Bob Humphreys

David, Anita, Joseph & Anna Cornelius would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped them during Joseph's recent illness.
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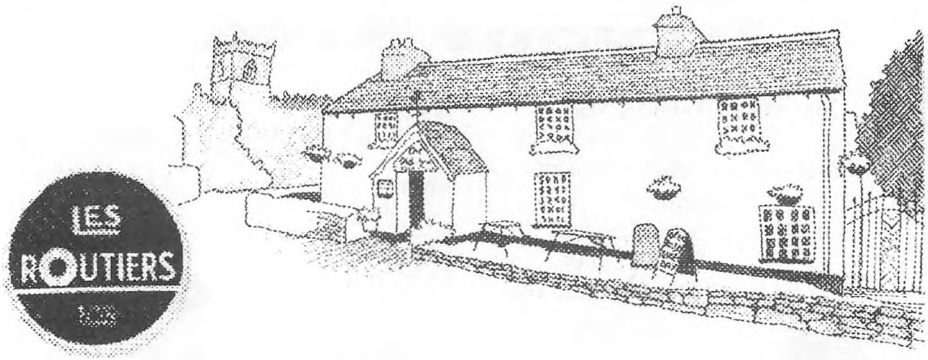

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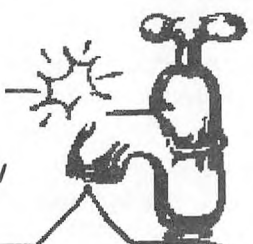

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Church's Page

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Mr David Kirby	851003	Paddy McShee	850435	Paul Jackson	75240
Mrs Edward Collins	821226	Peter Glaser	851744	Anne Maskell	76383

Praise where it's due!

Our hard-working editor always reminds (politely!) us contributors to think ahead.

So, in February, we have to think ahead to the March edition. Frantic e-mails fill the airwaves; special deliveries race across the misty moorlands from Temple; from Helland, desperate calls make the phone wires red-hot. "Think ahead" says our editor.

It made me realise just how much we do think about the future; and just how much time and energy we use up planning for what hasn't arrived... And as we do our thinking about tomorrow, we experience a whole range of feelings and emotions.

We look forward
with glee to our holidays in Newquay or Newfoundland;
with anxiety at the approaching dental appointment;
with uncertainty towards retirement and the health of our pension scheme.

And then tomorrow actually comes.
It never really comes, of course, but you know what I mean.

Lumping unnecessarily heavy suitcases, we actually go on holiday.
Hoping its not today, we go to the dentist's.
And....we retire.

Perhaps one of those tomorrows has arrived for you. You will know that it's never, just never, quite what you expect.

The holiday was different (to put it mildly!).
The dentist was charming and you never felt a thing.
And you should have known that it rained a lot in Cornwall!

It is surely a universal law that "those things we expect to be good are never quite as good as we thought they were going to be; and those things we dreaded most are not half as bad as we expected.

For practical reasons, if you want to enjoy the moments as they fly*, take to heart the wise words of Jesus.
"Do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself. Each day has troubles enough of its own" (Matthew 6:34)

* Have a look at the St. Breward Motto inscribed on the sundial clock at the church. See what it says.

Derek Carrivick

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
2nd March		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30pm Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
5th Mar ASH WEDNESDAY				7.00pm Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	
9th March		9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	11.00am United Morning Service (AT CHAPEL) Alan Priestley	11.10 a.m. Family Service Valerie Jones	FAMILY SERVICE (Minibus)
16th March		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30am Morning Service (BCP) Valerie Jones	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
23rd March	3.30pm Evensong Derek Carrivick	9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am United Holy Communion (AT CHURCH) Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
30th March MOTHERING SUNDAY		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am United Family Service (AT CHURCH) Mrs. Cole	11.10am Family Service Derek Carrivick/ Valerie Jones	FAMILY SERVICE (Minibus)
6th April		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30 p.m. Evensong Valerie Jones	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)

St Breward Parish Church The Coffee Morning held on Feb 22nd made a profit of over £200 with the Sunday Club raising £25 for their funds.

Thank you to everybody who helped and came along to spend their money. The next Coffee Morning is on March 15th.

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Peter Barnaby Cox
(See front cover)

Peter went to St Breward Primary School and then Sir James Smith, Camelford. He played rugby for Launceston U15, then U16, and he has always been an avid follower of the North Cornwall Hunt; he is well known around the village with his happy nature and smiling face.

He was the first recruit to attest from Bodmin recruiting office and has just passed out from Pirbright, Surrey, where he won a medal for Best Shot. He is now at Larkhill, Wiltshire, and will be there about 10 weeks, after which he will join his regiment – The Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, where he wants to train to be a farrier.

We are very proud of him, and wish him all the luck.

HELLAND VILLAGE HALL

12TH MARCH – KNEEHIGH THEATRE, QUICK SILVER
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25th MARCH – VILLAGE HALL AGM
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If anyone has any thoughts for future events in the hall please let us know. Come on the 25th March and share your ideas with us. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

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Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker: Mr Brian Parkman *(St Breward & Blisland)*	Telephone 01840 212736 17 Trefrew Rd, Camelford PL32 9TP	

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Dear Friends;

We are about to enter the most exciting period of the year. That's my opinion, but I forgive those who do not share it with me. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday signal the beginning of Lent. Leaving aside the religious significance of the two events, they do remind us that we are approaching both the beginning of spring and the celebration of Easter. It is these two events that excite me. Both remind me of new life after death. Spring brings in the new life of nature around us. How magnificent it is. The snowdrops-daffodils-magnolia-camellias and others are now in full bloom. Suddenly, new life has emerged from the deadness of winter. Easter, similarly, reminds those of the Christian faith that out of death, life springs forth. Our Saviour Jesus endured the death of crucifixion and then in power experienced resurrection. Sin and death had been conquered. Humanity was offered the same victory through faith in the Son of God-Jesus. Many of us have experienced the death of someone dear to us over the past year. The coming of Easter brings to us all new hope and excitement in the knowledge that there is "life after life." Jesus Christ achieved that life for us. We receive it freely through faith in Him. Together with me, you can know excitement again as we look forward in faith and joy through the brilliance of spring and the power of Christ's resurrection.

God bless you all. Pastor Brian.

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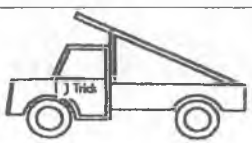

Blisland Methodist Church Services for March

Sun 9th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr J Hawkins
Sun 23rd	2.30pm	Preacher Rev A Sowden (Holy Communion)

Special Advance Notice

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

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Special requests ring Church Steward Tony Ham on 850691

St Breward Methodist Church March Diary

Sun 2nd	9.30am	Mr Brown
Wed 5th	10.00 – 11.30am	Coffee Morning
Sun 9th	9.30am	Mr Hosking
Sun 16th	9.30am	Mr Martin
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Mr Parkman (SAC)
Sun 30th	9.30am	Mr Mabson

Children's Church Wednesdays at 3.15pm

Women's World Day of Prayer
(Interdenominational)

A service will be held in St Breward Methodist Church on Friday 7th March at 2.30pm.

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women of Lebanon. The theme "Holy Spirist, Fill Us"

Our guest speaker will be Mrs Valerie Jones. Refreshments will be available after the service. **Please come and join us.**

What appears to be "greener pastures" may be nothing but a patch of weeds.

St Breward Parish Council

Tenders are invited for the paring of the following footpaths
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(FP13 to be pared at end of July also)

1. Higher Penquite to Penvorder. . . . . .(to stile only)
2. Vicarage to top of Palmers
3. Higher Lank to Penrose Burden
4. Hill to Fellover via Sunnybank
5. Mount Pleasant to St Breward/Blisland boundary
6. Hill to Tor Down quarry via Mill Lane (Attention to be paid to Japanese Knotweed regulations: ie cut – do **not** strim)
7. Between Corgelly Farm and Newton Farm as far as footbridge
9. From Footpath N° 4 to road south of Lower Hamatethy
13 Churchtown to School playing field. (Remove parings)
17. School to Holy Well via Sunny Bank
18. Coombe to Chapel (Wooded section only) (Remove parings)
20. Limbhead to Penvorder
21. Churchtown to Fellover/Sunnybank path
26. Penvorder to De Lank quarry
28 Moddeling Lane to Rylands Terrace

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What did we know?

A marvellous time was enjoyed in the Chapel schoolroom a few Friday evenings ago, when our brains were exercised by a mixture of questions devised by Stephen. Some of us were fortunate to be in a team with an ex-schoolteacher, so our lack of knowledge wasn't too obvious. Delicious egg and bacon pie and homemade biscuits with a welcome cuppa aided our mental recovery for the second half. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to the cast of Sleeping Beauty. We wish them every success in the following rounds. The production of this hilarious pantomime by Camelford and St Mabyn Young Farmers, to a packed, standing-room only audience at Wadebridge Town Hall gave everyone an evening of laughter and fun long to be remembered. The sisters and the town crier were excellent; the energetic somersaults in the finale were a wonderful surprise. Everyone deseryes a star from a grateful audience.

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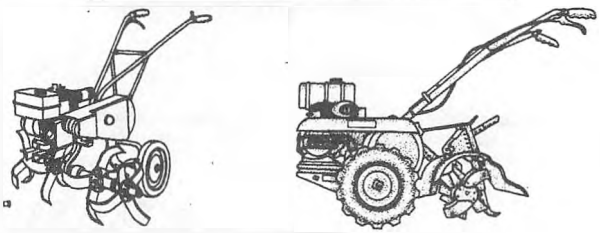

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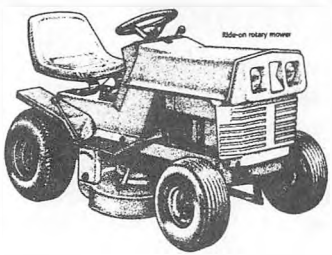

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In Bodmin, you can buy a copy at: -

- the Tourist Info Centre on Mount Folly, or
- combine purchasing a copy with a coffee at the Maple Leaf in Honey Street.

Further afield, it is stocked at the Truro Museum Shop and the Launceston Bookshop opposite St Mary Magdalene's Church. Revd Derek Carrivick keeps a few copies at the Rectory or you can send £5 to the address below and I will send you one. (When our website is up and running you'll be able to buy it on that.) Perhaps by the time the magazine comes out I will have got copies over to the Blisland Post Office and the St Breward shops.

The other parts of the project are moving on too – the path to the Church is now complete – earlier than expected thanks to the willing volunteers from Sylvanus Trust who joined us. No excuses now for not attending church when the ground is wet! The church wall has been dismantled, the foundation stones re-laid and building-up well on the way. Ed Greenaway brought his digger over and straightened the leaning granite gatepost, Mr John Yeo has kindly allowed us to pick up more stone from one of his fields and Graham has been around our fields eyeing up surplus stone (is it ever?) to complete the job. Gary Thrussel, artist in metal from Colquite, near Temple, will then put metal rails along the top to further deter sheep, as well as a simple handrail along the path.

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is leading the wall building, and participants will earn a certificate indicating their skills in traditional wall building. We look forward to much-improved hedges and walls around the village.

Tom Dickin has started work on designing and building our website. A great deal of research covering various aspects of the Temple area has been done, but getting it all organized will take a little time yet. Hopefully, in the next magazine we'll be able to announce that we've "gone live".

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Once again we have had an extremely successful evening meal and we sold sixty tickets, a full house! This time it was St Valentine's Night when the hall was beautifully decorated by Deana Kendall and Lorraine Wright with a lot of red hearts and lights etc., very effective, and the table flower arrangements where by Wendy Gurr, which were later sold for the hall funds.

The meal was supervised by Mary Pope with an excellent back-up team, all contributing both to the cooking, arranging and clearing up afterwards!

There was also a very nice finish to the evening of a performance by Mr Mark Hawkin on the accordion and not forgetting the amusing story as told by Bill Pope!

The profit from this function was £410, which is towards the refurbishment of the hall.

Arthur Ludgate very kindly arrived with his camera and took many photos which can be seen and bought in the Post Office or seen on Blisland's Web Page, www.blisland.com Do look at this page as it has a lot of interesting things on it and many photos of Blisland and surrounding area and some of the activities in the hall.

Blisland Gardening Club.

Business was brisk at our monthly Gardening Club meeting and we now have a dedicated group of over 30 paid up members. New members and guests are always welcome of course.

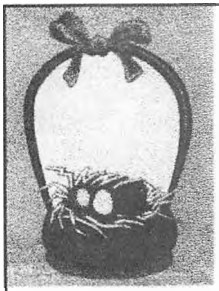
We had another brilliant evening at the end of January, this time with Alistair Rivers. Alistair is a most knowledgeable horticulturalist and we learnt a great deal (with some secrets passed on) about the trickery of propagation. Hands up those of you who have dashed out and bought 'a little propagator' already! I'm sure many of us went away feeling it was not necessary to persecute ourselves and always do things the hard way in the name of being 'a dedicated gardener'! It should be fun after all. It is a treat, though, to have such a wealth of knowledge passed on by an entertaining speaker like Alistair.

Our funds continue to roll in with £9.00 made on tea and biscuits. The plant stall (a little depleted this time though) still raised £9.50 and the raffle, an impressive £25.50. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this excellent effort.

Our next meeting will be on February 28th at 7.30pm in Blisland Village Hall. John Harris will be speaking to us under the heading '12 months in the Life of a Head Gardener'. As John is Head Gardener at Tresillian it should provide an excellent insight into the delights ahead of us when we visit there in July – watch this space!

Joe Kay-ism

Recently in a restaurant, Joe was ordering his sweet. The whole restaurant stood still when Joe asked for a "Kick Boxer's Glory". A new ice-cream concoction?



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There are about 30 of us in the choir at present singing Soprano, Mezzo and Alto. You would be assured of a warm welcome by the existing members of the choir. We have had three new ladies join since Jan 1st and so you would be joining with others who have to start from the beginning with each song, something I know can feel a bit daunting, but you would find everything would fill into place in no time!

We are very blessed with Steve Tyrell our accompanist who is extremely talented.

In November, we "cut" our first CD and copies are on sale when we sing "out" and can be obtained from choir members, Heather Harris, Joyce Brown. Diane Shann, Maureen Murray, Ronnie Fawkes, Janet Tiplady etc. to name but a few.

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By the time you read this the Chapel & Pub pages should also be up and running. I'm taking my time with the History Page, must get this right. Also I am still getting information & old photographs (thank you to those supplying), so still some work to do here. We have some excellent photographs, and unusually old recordings of memories back to c1910. We even have a couple of videos! Anymore old photographs, information from the past & recordings will be much appreciated. Please contact me as below.

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Recently we have started Karate for the over 8 year olds which is proving very popular with the youngsters, there being 20 attending the second week that it was held and they all seemed to appreciate it very much.

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Also not forgetting table tennis, which has been an on going thing for some time, with fun evenings when all are welcome plus evenings with tournaments.

In March we are starting Line Dancing and Yoga, Oh how fit the folk of Blisland will be, plus mentally with the computer classes for Database and Desktop Publishing!!!!!

The gardening club is also becoming extremely popular with interesting speakers or visits to various gardens planned for the future and off course one must not forget the W.I., which again is still going strongly with some new members joining and another interesting programme for the year ahead.

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Bodmin Local History Group Meeting, St. Breward —20 February 2003.

Virginia Cholmeley organised a very successful day attended by some 50 members. She began by giving a brief history of granite quarrying in St Breward.

The granite of Bodmin Moor has been used since Neolithic times and from late mediaeval period moor stones (the natural boulders scattered over the landscape) were split and dressed to make simple lintels, jambs and quoin stones, and also more difficult objects — crosses, millstones, arches, cider-millstones

Stone splitting methods developed over the centuries. Before c1800, a row of chiselled slots would take iron wedges, to be hit with sledgehammers until the rock split. After c1800 iron plugs were hammered into lines of hand-drilled holes, each fitted with a pair of iron feathers, until the granite broke away along the line. In St. Breward, the resulting debris can be seen scattered over Treswallock Down and at least one partially created millstone has been abandoned on the slopes of Roughtor.

Later on, quarries were developed with black powder being used to open up the natural cracks in the granite, releasing large blocks, which were then split by the plug and feather method. The holes for the black powder and the plugs and feathers had to be made by hand using an 18 foot rod called a jumper held by two men with two other men wielding sledge hammers striking the jumper alternately, the jumper being turned after each strike.

Tor Down Quarry was working before De Lank, as were a number of quarries elsewhere in Cornwall. For De Lank Quarry the 1840 Tithe Apportionment shows the quarry property as 99 acres of pasture, arable and marsh belonging to Sarah Elizabeth Harrison and occupied by Thomas Miller as part of Mrs. Harrison's De Lank Farm. There is no mention of a quarry on the Tithe Map and the 1841 Census of the five hamlets nearby (Lower Lank, Higher Lank, Wenford, Penpont and Keybridge) does not mention anyone with a quarry-related occupation. By 1851 the Census for the same five hamlets showed 3 stonemasons, 1 granite quarryman, 5 stonecutters and 1 blacksmith — a total of 10 — and in 1861 there were 1 master mason, 9 stonemasons, 1 quarry labourer and 1 blacksmith a total of 12.

In 1855, Mrs. Harrison had leased the quarry land to Preston Wallis of Bodmin. De Lank Farm was subsequently sold to William Henry Pole-Carew, of Antony and we know that in 1864 and 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Pole-Carew and their trustees leased the quarry to Charles Goodyear, a granite merchant from Middlesex. Sadly, by 1876 Charles Goodyear, the quarry tenant, was bankrupt and the lease was assigned in 1878 to Hugh Shearer and Morris Charles Smith, granite merchants of Dalbeattie and Westminster.

The fourth Eddystone Lighthouse was built in 1882 - a major work for the quarry. The granite was taken by rail and worked at Wadebridge, then shipped from the quays adjoining what became Eddystone Road. The construction of Tower Bridge was effected in 1890 and the Beachy Head lighthouse followed in 1901.

The need to transport granite to the railhead at Wenford gave rise to the construction, in about 1890, of the tramway from Lower Lank where the engine house for the

winding gear and the abutments for the bridge across the road can still be seen. This was a standard gauge track. The wagons were brought up the incline from Wenford by a cable, working on the counterweight principle, and it was not unknown for the cable to break and trucks to freewheel terrifyingly down to Wenford.

The level tramway at the top was worked by horses and latterly by a Simplex engine. The last horse was Prince, a Clydesdale stabled at Eddystone Cottage and looked after by Warren Couch until the Second World War. Use of the tramway ceased in the 1940s.

By 1898, there were over 100 men employed and extensive saws, polishers and lathes had been installed in yards on two levels at the south end of the site.

The power for this machinery came from a turbine driven by water piped from a pond a quarter of a mile upstream. supply the rock drills. Compressed air was also supplied to the smiths' fires and the machinery in the carpenters' shop.

In 1910, 12 cottages at Penvorda were built by the quarry. The footpaths over the down to the quarry and the Turbine House are still to be seen and form part of the public footpath network.

Early in the Twentieth Century quarries such as Spion Kop were active across the De Lank at Pendrift and William Nankivell and Sons, who owned Tor Down Quarry, had an extensive entry in Kelly's directory in 1910 for their quarries at Pendrift and Penquite. Hantergantick Quarry opened just up the river in 1919

The quarry had been bought by Thomas W Ward of Sheffield in 1923. Subsequent work included the Edith Cavell monument, the Tyne Bridge in Newcastle, Sydney Harbour Bridge, the docks at Hartlepool and the extension to the harbour at Gibraltar in 1938. The Tyne Bridge served as a "dummy run" for the enormous bridge in Sydney. Margaret Sullivan remembers that during the Second World War a crushing plant ran night and day to provide stone for the Americans to build roads. In 1948, a canteen was opened for the workers and its first anniversary was celebrated with a dinner and entertainment in the form of a Worker's Playtime revue. However, by 1980 the labour force had declined to 25, and fell further to 21 in 1989 and 19 in 1999.

The Sydney Harbour job was one of the first to be supervised by Percy Coggin, a 23 year-old Yorkshire man sent to Cornwall by Thomas W Ward in 1928. He was a very talented man who married a local girl, one of the Miner family, became manager and lived at Eddystone until his retirement when he moved to a new bungalow next to the tramway bridge at Lower Lank. The arms of Cornwall and Yorkshire can be seen on the gateposts there. He became a Magistrate in 1943 and was chairman of the Camelford Bench for 19 years.

In the afternoon, we were shown round by one of his successors as manager, David Methven. We saw men drilling blasting holes and cutting granite with a thermic lance (deafening) in the large pit. We saw all the different methods of cutting and polishing and preparing different finishes and some of the finished stone destined for a London Development.

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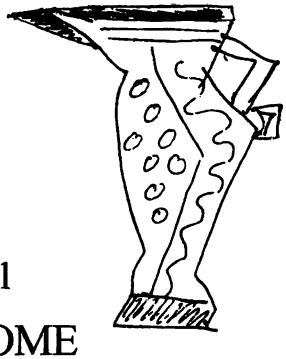

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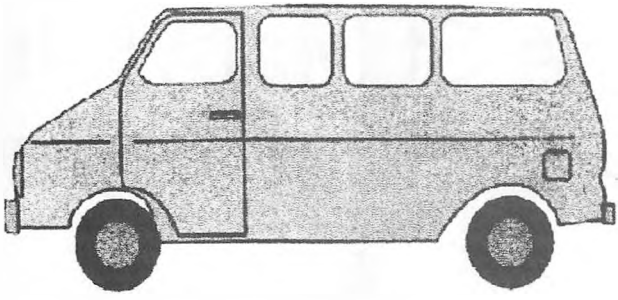

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St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Tuesday 4th February at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. County Councillor David Miller, District Councillor Jim Kempthorne, Police Officer Brian Rice and member of the public. Mrs Muskett also attended.

PC Rice reported six incidents in the parish since September last. The most serious happened on the Moor one night where several signposts had been damaged or uprooted by a tractor-driving vandal. The Highway Authorities have been informed. Vehicle parking problems were discussed. The problems won't go away but where a vehicle must be parked, care should be taken to ensure that the road or lane is not blocked. There was considerable concern about the parking of a trailer and other vehicles in the school lane, interfering with school access. This matter is being investigated. One of the visits to St Breward by PC Rice is made on the third Thursday each month from 12 to 12.30pm near the Pub and from 12.45 to 1.15pm near St Breward Stores. He is there to hold his "surgery" where parishioners are most welcome to discus any matters or concerns with him.

Road speed control was discussed. A communication from County Councillor Bob Ellison was read in which he offered possible financial support to St Breward for traffic calming in Penvorder Lane. Various ideas were put forward including use of speed limits and rumble strips. The Clerk would assist in compiling these ideas.

David Miller explained that he has responsibilities in the County Council regarding the management of areas of outstanding natural beauty in the whole of Cornwall. There are a dozen of such areas in Cornwall but are far too fragile to be treated as national parks. Management concerns are addressing matters such as the Countryside Rights of Way Act, designated land, maps of the areas, modernization of appropriate footpaths, access forums and advice on access to areas of outstanding natural beauty such as Brown Willy.

On planning applications: Mr and Mrs Harrison - Treleaven - extension to cottage. This application had previously come before the Council, which had then expressed no objection. There was no objection to this new application. Mr Hemmings - Lower Penquite - erection of a house. This application had also previously come before the Council which had objected to it as constituting an over development of the site. Although the site had now been cleared, there was no change in the current application and the Council voted its objection to the scale of this proposal.

Denis Lusby reported further progress in the procurement of play area equipment for Penvorder and Rylands play areas.

The St John's Ambulance Training Services are offering First Aid training. At the end of the six-hour course, an attendee receives a certificate. It is necessary to have ten people for the course to be held and the cost is £10 plus vat per head. Those interested should tell the Clerk, Bob Benham. 01208 850802

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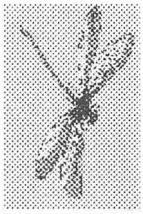
"I do like an ot orlicks," thought Jo as he tidied away his pickling operations, " She was some clip wi me las time oi was late." However, when he tried to open the door he found—Doreen had locked him in. Nearly an hour later Doreen feeling the now cold mug of Horlicks, glanced out of the kitchen window wondering why Joe was late. Then she noticed the shed door rattling and the shed shaking. She opened the shed door and burst out laughing at the expression on Joe's face. This was too much for Joe; his reply was unprintable



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Blisland Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 13th February 2003.

David Miller attended the meeting and clarified the situation with reference to replacement of the metal road signs in fibreglass. He also clarified a number of Highways queries.

The insurance query reference trimming works on the village trees has been resolved and the work can proceed.

Two members associated with the Camel Trail Partnership attended the council meeting: discussion took place on whether horse riding should be allowed on the upper section of the Camel Trail. This was not recommended due to possible safety problems between horses and pedestrians/cyclists.

A planning application was received for change of use of a garage/small barn to a boarding cattery at Wooladon, Waterloo. This was not recommended for approval due to the creation of additional traffic movements in a restricted area and any addition of dog kennels.

The external work at the Village Institute will be completed before Easter, based on the quotation from Mr Champion.

Councillors attending the Bodmin and Hinterland Market & Coastal Initiative introductory meeting on 15/01/03 and follow up meetings on the 3/02/03 and 10/02/03.

Mike Ward-Lee

St Breward Parish Council *(Continued from page 29)*

The Chairman said that local elections are due to be held in May this year. He pointed out that although the St Breward Parish Council is a legally constituted body, it is not democratically elected, as there were less than eleven nominations for the Council at the last election time. Thus no election was held. It is important to have a democratically elected Council as otherwise, we might lose democratic privileges and there is the possibility of being forced to amalgamate with other parishes. He felt that St Breward ought to try to put up more than ten Parish Councillor candidates for election in May.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday 4th March 2003. All are welcome to attend the meeting, to raise matters of public or individual concern or perhaps only to listen to (or perhaps comment on) what goes on in local government.

Mev Shelley

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Mrs Mavis Kingdom Chairman of the St.Tudy Village hall Committee chaired the meeting welcoming all and giving a short introduction for the purpose and format of the meeting. She then introduced Derek Munston from St. Tudy to the meeting. Derek being the man who to date had played the major part in motivating and promoting the concept of forming an Drama group in St.Tudy.

Derek who has a wide range of experience in Drama groups over many years then outlined his Hopes, ideas and plans and opened the meeting to general discussion. An interesting and useful debate then took place with a good general exchange of ideas and views being made by many. Coffee, tea and biscuits was kindly supplied and served to all attending.

We are pleased to be able to report that this was a very positive meeting, it was agreed that a Group should be formed and that a small committee be formed with the object of staging our first production on stage on the 9th & 10th May 2003. Yes folks **MAY** only a few months away.

A full committee will be created in due course meanwhile volunteers and supporters for all of the many aspects of local dramatics are urgently required. We need members of all ages with all skills and we are particularly anxious to recruit more males members prepared to take on acting parts.

THE St.TUDY VILLAGE THEATRE have already experienced some very positive and welcome action from several other Village organisations ie Village Hall Committee, The St.Tudy W.I and the Methodist Church for which they are mast grateful and encouraged.

Interested parties in any aspects of Amateur Drama are urged to contact:

Derek Munston on 01208 851208 or Ann Cameron on 01208 74408

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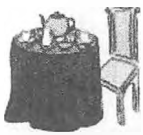

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St Breward NHW meeting held at 'The Barn', Penpont on 17th Feb 02.
Welcome was made to a new member present. Funds were quoted as £381.77 after deduction of one outstanding invoice for photocopying.
Kevin Foster reported: Local Partnership Officers have moved; PC Adrian Hellier has moved from Bodmin to Wadebridge, WPC Mel Hellier has moved from Camelford to Bodmin, WPC Sarah Carthew is now part-time at Bodmin. This leaves PC Bryan Rice as Partnership Officer for both Bodmin Town and rural areas until the imminent reorganisation commences that should give Officers a specific area; A finished door sticker was passed around for comment that gives Ordnance Survey map reference and other anti-crime matter. A bid for funding has been made to pay for a personal approach to be made to every household in St Breward giving them this sticker with the householders own map reference. This should alleviate some of the problems experienced by the emergency services. Other solutions may be to use white space on new purpose designed NHW boundary signs to print the various hamlets of St Breward but this ought to be considered after the new signs that are being planned by Highways have been erected; Anyone interested in the Horsewatch and Farmwatch Schemes should contact Kevin Foster; Concerns of speeding vehicles through the village; Currently have 6 volunteers for the St Breward First Responder Scheme but need at least another two, volunteers are asked to contact Kevin Foster; The possibility of less meetings was discussed with more use of letters, fax and emails [email addresses please to kevinfoster@moorgoods.co.uk] but this will discussed at the forthcoming AGM; Concern expressed that some people have not renewed memberships and that some co-ordinators have not assisted with collections with alternatives methods of subscriptions discussed; resignation of Dave Powell given and details of new vacancies for co-ordinators at Chyrin, Rylands plus Rowe. Thanks given to Geoff and Hazel Burrows for their hospitality.

Next meeting will be the AGM at Memorial Hall, 7th April 03 where there should be a guest speaker plus issue of free property marker kits to those renewing subscriptions.
Kevin Foster

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Mrs Gurr greeted members at our February meeting on a rather chilly afternoon! She welcomed a new member, Mrs Anne Whitehead – this now brings our membership to 18, which is a considerable increase from a year or so ago. If anyone reading this would like to join our "happy band," you would be more than welcome. Come to one of our monthly meetings and get to know us.

County Chairman's Coffee Morning in April – we are sending a £10 donation as none of our members can attend.

Shirley Runnalls has asked for any recipes for a recipe book for Sure Start, a children's charity.

A group of us are attending a lecture by Peter Clarke in April on opera – 'Mozart, The Man and his Music' – this should be a good day. Mrs Gurr reminded us about the village gardening club which is held on the last Friday of each month.

A tablecloth generously donated by Mrs Barwood is being embroidered with Blisland WI's logo by Mrs Sue Smith and is being sent to our sister group in New Zealand for their 70th anniversary.

Mr Colin Edwards, the county archivist was our speaker this month. The Cornwall Record Office holds a variety of records dating from the 12th to the 20th century. Many of these records can be used to trace your family history.

Cornwall County Council provides the service and its main purpose is to ensure that the archives relating to the people, places and organisations of Cornwall are preserved for the future.

The archives can help people explore many things including agriculture and landscapes, mining history, boundaries and rights of way, historical buildings and family and local history. We were shown some fascinating old maps, some dated from the 14th century. One or two members had used the facilities available from the Record Office to learn more about the properties they own.

Mrs Sue Smith gave a vote of thanks for a most interesting talk.

A Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Isobel Willcocks, Oak Ridge, Tregenna on 5th March, 10.30am – 12.30pm, in aid of the Meningitis Appeal.

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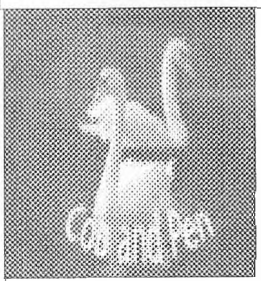

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St. Breward WI February 11th 2003

The Annual Meeting was well attended and the treasurer, Mrs M Wilton, reported a healthy balance, and that we had raised £422 for the new county House by various means during the year. Mrs J Gant, our secretary, gave an excellent account of the year's events when many members went to many excellent organized events and participated in several competitive ones. Our president, Mr. C Woolf, confirmed these reports, which included groups, organized by individuals such as exercise for osteoporosis, a monthly luncheon club, short mat bowls and a new gardening club, which many members have joined. More members are needed to help run the WI itself rather than it be left to the same ones. Mrs Woolf also mentioned that the rules governing an institute raising money for another charity allow us to do this subject to certain limits.

St. Breward W.I. will be 75 years old in July this year so we should start to think of a suitable celebration for this anniversary. It seems that the new Country House will be open by March 14th and the various committees are busy arranging events for this special occasion.

A sincere vote of thanks was given to our officers, president and the committee members for their consistent hard work on our behalf.
The elections then followed for 2003/4; there was no response when those present asked to take over as president from Mrs Woolf, so eventually Christine agreed to continue for a ninth year. Mrs. A. Holmes said that she would be vice president to cover for times when Christine would be unable to attend, but that this would not mean that she would be president next year. Mrs M Wilton very kindly agreed to continue as treasurer, a job which she carries out so competently; but Mrs J Gant is resigning her post as secretary after three years coping with all the details this entails, it is hoped that Mrs J Teague will be able to take on this position very shortly, but up to then Mrs P Powell will cope as assistant secretary.
Thanks were expressed to the auditor, Mrs C Powell, and a voucher will be given to her.

The Competition Cup was won by Mrs M Wilton, Mrs P Bousfield second, and three members tied for second place Mrs W Bevan, Mrs J Gant and Mrs R Lowe. Mrs M Wilton also won the Flower Cup, Mrs Bevan second, and Mrs Bousfield third. Congratulations to all winners, especially to Mrs Wilton.

Seven may attend the President's Coffee Morning at Lamorna which is the home of Mrs Liz Anderson, on April 29th. We hope for a fine day to also spend a little time visiting Lamorna itself.

The afternoon at Boconnoc takes place on June 22nd, - fundraising with stalls, treasure hunt, and an art and photography exhibition and sale of items.

Anne Holmes
01208 850953

St Breward AFC & Social Club

Congratulations to Dean Hill and his team who won the Pool League Championship on Sunday 23rd February by beating the Rising Sun. Well done!

22nd March **MJ's Kareoke** Back by popular Demand Starring Joe Kay with his Buddy Holly rendition of "24 hours from Tulsa." (One to be missed!!)

Fixtures for March

8th	Div 3 semi-finals	
	Queens Rangers	Away KO 2.00pm
15th	Mary Tavy	Home KO 2.30pm
22nd	Boscastle Res	Home KO 2.30pm
29th	No game fixtured	

St Breward Women's Football

As all the villagers know this is our first season of having a ladies football team for many years. To great delight, we are doing very well, much better than expected.

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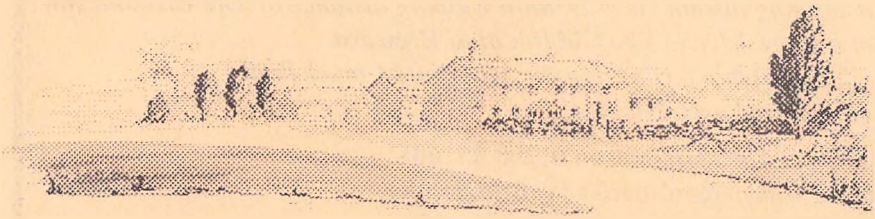

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