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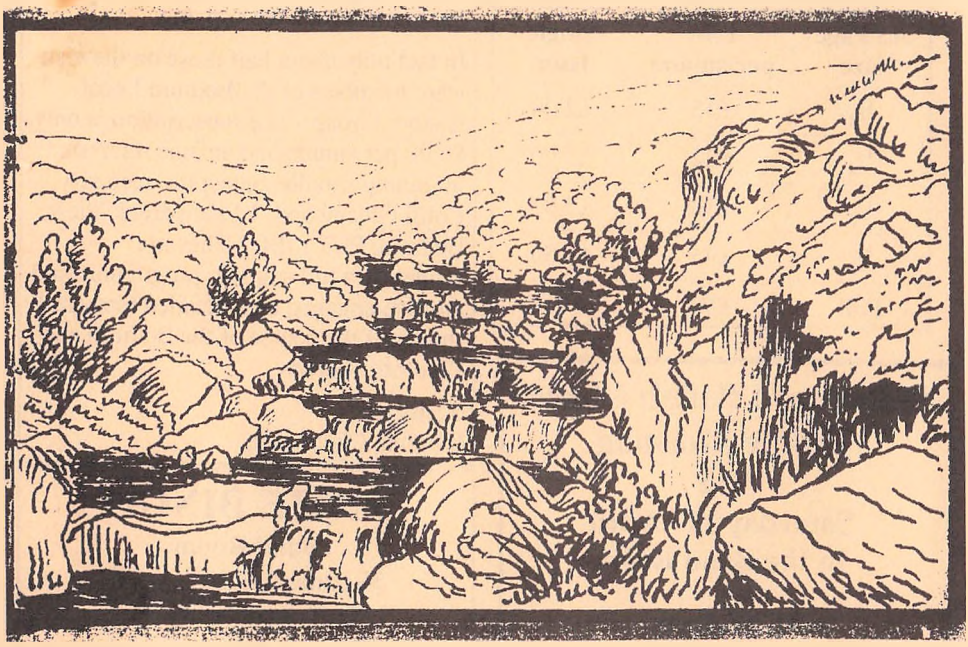

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St Breward Parish Church Coffee Morning

On
Saturday 12th April
In the Band Room

All Welcome

Letters

Sir,

It was lovely to see so many people at the De Lank Quarry Visit in February and thanks are due to David Methven and Ennstone Breedon for a most interesting afternoon. The report (Mag. March 2003) does not make it clear that the original nineteenth century turbine also worked a Holman compressor, which drove no less than three cranes and the rock drills. Also, Mrs. Percy Coggin was a Miss Mitter (not Miner). I am still working on the history of the quarry and would be delighted to receive any further information, photographs etc. for copying.

In fact only about half those on the visit were members of the Bodmin Local History Group. The subscription is only £6.00 per annum and anyone interested in joining should contact the secretary, Colin Greenwood, 1 Lanhydrock View, Bodmin, PL3 1 lBG. They are arranging a full summer programme and are also engaged on a detailed historical survey of the course of the Bodmin and Wenford Railway.

Yours etc.
Virginia Cholmeley.

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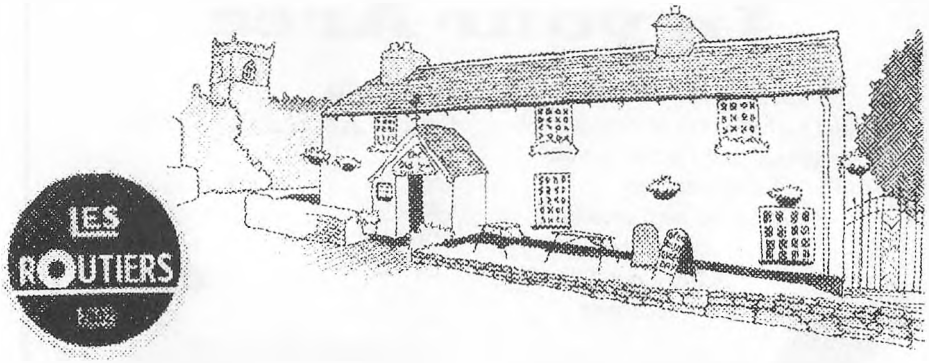

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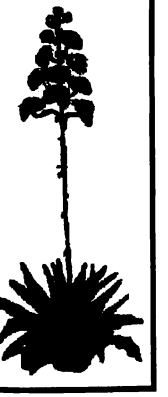

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Today, 20th March 2003, is the day war started in Iraq.

The first targeted attacks on military control centres in Baghdad have happened overnight. I cannot predict what will have happened by the time you read this. Though, we don't need a crystal ball to say that, in the course of first couple of weeks of the conflict, many will have lost their lives. There will have been surprises, tragedies, disappointments and disillusionments. By Easter we might well have begun to see the beginning of the end of Saddam's régime. But war is notoriously uncertain.

But then I ask myself: what is certain about life generally, whether in times of peace or war? Certainty, predictability, control – do not figure as much as we might like in human affairs. All the best-laid plans of mice and men...Like the young soldiers in the desert, we learn that life is indeed all about unforeseen, harsh circumstances, unhappy outcomes. Sometimes even staying alive is hard. In the "fog of war", lessons about our human predicament are learnt pretty rapidly! In a desert storm, you cannot know what will happen next, let alone make sense of it all.

In the same way, because he too was in the "fog of war," Jesus, when he was publicly executed around 30 AD, did not know what would happen next, nor could he make sense of it all. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani" (My God, my God, why have you forsaken me) – that's the words, from Psalm 22, that Jesus sang on the cross. It is a song that resonates throughout all human history. It could indeed be the cry of a young Iraqi or American or British soldier: "here in the desert, in the bombed streets of Baghdad, in the mountains of Kurdistan – where indeed *is* God?"

As for us, in this green and pleasant land, we give thanks for the peace and security we enjoy. But we are not excused from struggling with life's hard questions. The working out of some kind of answer rests with each one us. Others' answers may not be ours. Though, if we are lucky we might a glimmer of light and inspiration from those who travel a similar road to us.

You may believe the great Easter message that mysteriously God travels with us. Where we go he goes. Some find that too much to accept. All of us, some of the time, find it hard. Jesus himself found it hard on the cross.

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These words from the pop anthem might help you on your journey:

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of a storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver sound of the lark
Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dream be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on,
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never, walk alone

Derek Carrivick, 20/03/03

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
30th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**		9.30 a.m. 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	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
13th April PALM SUNDAY		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am UNITED SERVICE (WITH PROCESSION) CHURCH & CHAPEL Valerie Jones	11.00am Family Communion Derek Carrivick (Service starts in village hall at 11.00 am	FAMILY COMMUNION (Minibus, 11.00am)
17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY		7.00pm Holy Communion, Concert, & Vigil Joan Kirby/ Derek Carrivick			
18th April GOOD FRIDAY		7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Derek Carrivick		2.00 p.m. Meditation Joan Kirby	
19th April EASTER SATURDAY				10.00am Sunday Club Easter Exploration (Village Hall)	FULL Mini-bus 10.00am Village Hall
20th April EASTER DAY	4.30pm Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Joan Kirby	11.10 a.m. Family Communion Derek Carrivick	FAMILY COMMUNION (Minibus)
27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am United Holy Communion AT CHAPEL Ronald Hockley	11.10 a.m. Morning Service Valerie Jones	FREE

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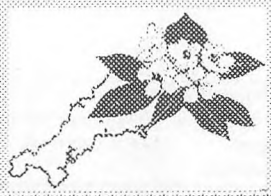

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17th at 7.30pm

There will be a service of Holy Communion led by the ECCI Engineering Male Voice Choir. After the service the choir will give a short concert of music for meditation for anyone wishing to stay.

St Breward Parish Church

The Coffee Morning held on 15th March made a profit of £140 for church funds. Thank you to all who helped.

The 2003 Women's World Day of Prayer was held in St Breward Methodist church on the 7th of March. After bad weather in the morning the afternoon proved fine but cold and over 30 ladies (+ 1 young man) attended the service and heard a lively address given by Valerie Jones. £45.60 was raised for the WWD of Prayer educational funds. Many thanks to all who attended and took part in the service, especially Valerie and Mrs Sue Hutton our leader. The service next year will be prepared by the women of Panama.

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Dear friends;

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. I hope you are filled with the joys of Spring. Already I imagine someone saying, "I don't know what there is to be joyful about." True, life can be very difficult at times. Health is unpredictable, homes can be stressful, society around us is sometimes disrespectful and the international scene makes us fearful

So where is the joy of Spring? It is there in the midst of all the pain and strife.

The dread of Good Friday can become the joy of Easter day. Happiness is created by circumstance. Joy is a gift of God. Happiness is a surface feeling. Joy is in the depths of the heart. Easter brings the message that Jesus died and rose again so that real joy can be available to all who believe in Him. Joy is the result of knowing Jesus. Even the experience of the cross brought joy to Him.

The Bible tells us: "For the joy that was set before Him, Jesus endured the cross, scorning it's shame, and sat down at the right hand of God"(Hebrews 12 v 2). Everyone, through faith in Jesus, can be full of the joys of Spring.

Yours Sincerely. Pastor Brian.

Blisland Methodist Church Services for April

Sunday 6th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr G Brown
Sun 20th	2.30pm	Preacher Pastor B Parkman (Holy Communion Service)

Special Notice

Blisland Methodist Church
Invite you to a **Sankey Evening**
To be held in the village Hall on Friday 4th April.
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St Breward Methodist Church April Diary

Wed 2nd	10 – 11.30am	Coffee Morning
Sun 6th	9.30am	Brian Parkman (SAC)
Sun 13th	9.30am	Revd Sowden
Fri 18th	9.30am	Brian Parkman Good Friday Service
Sun 20th	9.30am	Easter Day Mrs & Mrs Docwra
Sun 27th	9.30am	Mr D Bannister

Children's Club on Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.45pm 20p per session.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7th March 2003

We met at the Methodist Chapel in St Breward to share with many thousands of women all over the world in an interdenominational service prepared by Christian Women of Lebanon.

Lebanon is one of the smallest countries in the Middle East, less than half the size of Wales; it is bordered by Syria, Israel and the Mediterranean Sea. Agricultural products, light industries and tourism are the mainstay of the economy. Beirut is a centre for education in the Middle East. Lebanon is the only Arab state that is not officially Muslim. Christians and Muslims participate equally in government etc. Arabic is the official language but English and French are used.

Lebanon is an ancient Bible land; its name appears 75 times in the Bible. The long civil war (1975-1992) precipitated by the large influx of Palestinian refugees into the country and later the Israeli occupation of the lands of South Lebanon has created many problems. There are two groups of people - the very rich and the poor majority.

The ladies of St Breward prayed together and shared the written form of service prepared for all people around the world and we sang, we were led in responses and offered prayers of thanksgiving and confession, prayers of intercession, times of silent prayer and listened to bible readings. There was a short address given by Mrs Val Jones on the value of ordinariness in all our lives and the way we treat each other.

"Holy Spirit, inspire the hearts and minds of those in government. Fill them with mercy, kindness, generosity and wisdom. Guide them to act justly and preserve human rights, especially for children who are in need of shelter, protection and access to proper education."
Diane Shann

The best things in life are not things.

A Memorable Day

It was a misty morning in mid-September 1951. My family was moving from a farm in Surrey to a farm in Kent. I rose early to prepare for my journey with Patsy my pony. With sandwiches and a flask, a hay-net for Patsy, the journey began at 7.30 when we set off to ride over Headley Heath to Betchworth railway station. A quiet ride of about four miles over the heathland I would surely miss.

We arrived and were duly loaded into a small cattle van and at 9.15 the train set off. I had a small, seated compartment on my own with Patsy travelling behind me; we had a connecting door should she need any attention.

We sped along to Redhill, about 20 minutes away and there we were shunted into a siding for what seemed to be hours. I was quite sure we had been forgotten, I did not have a watch and no mobile phones in those days. Time seemed to stand still and I saw no one – then quite suddenly, we were off again, the countryside sped by. I had never been so far from home nor travelled on a train before, it was exciting and concerning at the same time. I ate my sandwiches, gave Patsy her hay and suddenly we stopped, again we were being shunted backwards, lots of clanging and banging noises and we were again in a siding. But this time it was Sevenoaks, our destination. Railway men came to unload Patsy, I put on his tack, gathered up our belongings, mounted and we set off to find Dale Farm.

I did not know the way but I had a map and instructions to go uphill from the station. We walked on through the town past Knowle Park that looked a good place to ride in future! Eventually we came to the top of a steep hill, which I later knew to be Hubbard Hill, down the hill and a wonderful panoramic view of the Weald of Kent. Past another cottage and there in the valley lay Dale Farm. I was so excited and pleased with myself for achieving such a journey on my own.

When I arrived in the farmyard, it was all hustle and bustle. It was sale day and implements were set out in the field, people milling around and animals being led out for sale. So many people I did not know where to go. I was directed to the stable and as I went in with Patsy, I was just in time to see the carthorse Boxer being led out to be sold. He was very frisky having been kept in for several days. The only person brave enough to lead him prancing out was a young man called Peter.

Little did I know that day that Peter was to be my husband to whom I have been happily married for more than 48 years.

I was so tired I don't remember any more about that day but Dale was a happy place for Patsy and me.
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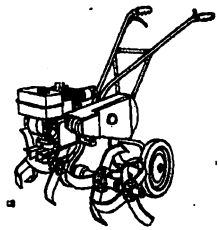

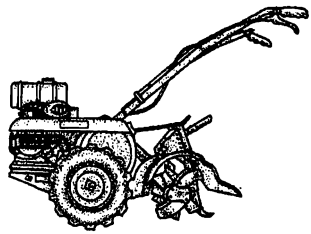

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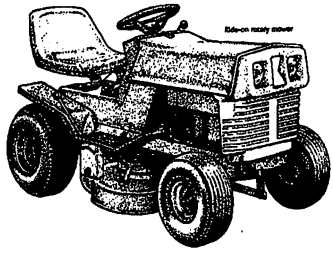

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Blisland School Goes into Farm Recycling

The children of Blisland School won a small award for recycling and have invested this into a campaign to help promote Farm Recycling. At school an amount of preparatory work has been done, and the school has bought a 'Wormery'.

On Tuesday & Thursday 11th & 13th March, a visit was made to South Penquite Farm to understand an aspect of Organic Farming and the problem of recycling 'Black Plastic'. Black Plastic is not biodegradable, it can currently be burnt, but of course in so doing pollutes the atmosphere, so later this year the Government plan to ban burning of 'Black Plastic'. Once again the government is imposing restrictions, however well meaning, on the poor old farmer without giving him a way out. Cornwall will need a 'Black Plastic' recycling scheme, and to prompt this the children have built Scarecrows from black plastic to display at the Royal Cornwall Show along with photos, motifs, and a video. Additionally we have extended the School part of **blisland.com** with a focus on farm & general recycling.

Under **blisland.com** a separate linked site "www.blisland.com/Schoolrecycling" has been set up detailing Blisland School's campaign and inviting other schools/ organisations to post ideas to a bulletin board. Like Blisland Contacts, the linked site approach has been used to permit independent listing of the site on search engines. We will do as much as we can to support the School's campaign & promote the issue.

Normally I would use this space to advise developments for **blisland.com**, but I consider that recycling and support to our farmers is so important that for the last month I have focused more on the School's campaign than on the site specific. Our children's future is going to be tied into how we manage waste. **ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO RECYCLE**?

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Poona; Rules et al.

We are still receiving letters from readers in response to the somewhat controversial article from the St Breward & District Gentleman's Dining Society, which appeared in our January edition. This month I include a letter printed below and an alternative set of "Rules" on page 22 and intend to refuse any more items on this subject.

D Lusby, Editor

Dear Editor

As you may be aware, post takes quite a time to reach the last outposts of the Empire, so imagine the immense surprise I had as I sat here in Poona, opening the letters from home only to find that the latest parish magazine contained a letter from BG Featherstonehaugh Lt Col Ret. There is surely little doubt that this is the now immortal (within the Regiment) "BG" known and loved by all in Poona for his escapades whilst here on his various tours of duty.

If it is who I am thinking of, we first met in the second campaign of the much discussed fourth Congo Uprising, when BG led his men to victory in the famous battle for the high pass through the Ruwenzori mountains. My chaps and I were being held in reserve in case we were needed, but when BG was about we never were. He was a great one with not only his own men, but the natives also, being one of the few commanding officers who could not only salsa and tango but rumba with the best of them. And he shared his gifts with the locals too. I have to say, since his retirement regimental dinners have never been the same. What nights they used to be. Some of Her Majesty's finest officers, effortlessly gliding across the dance floor in each others arms. Not a thought for the prickly heat or midges and mosquitoes in the wet season.

Those of us closest to him had a sort of pet name for him. We called him "Swilley" because when it came to having a sundowner or two he could put them away better than anyone else. Usually followed by the band playing a little light music to dance the night away with.

Anyway, if BG is indeed Swilley, I am pleased that he is enjoying the softer climate on Bodmin Moor. It will be good for him after the ravages of the climate out here. I hope we can meet up again soon. Meanwhile, must dash to get the mail donkey before it goes or this will never make the packet leaving on the morning tide.

Thank you for letting me use your excellent magazine to make contact with what I hope is the right chap, and I look forward to catching up when I am in the area around April 13th, visiting Gaylord Debussey and hopefully looking up a couple of other regimental chums.

Yours faithfully

Tarquind M Farquarharson (Brigadier) Poona 41st's.

BLISLAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2003

We are hoping to revive an excellent tradition - the Blisland Christmas Concert.

At a time when spring is sprung and we are still paying for last Christmas, who wants to think about December 2003?

We want you to do just that - if you can sing dance, tell stories, act a bit, conjure or would like to help behind the scenes then please come to a short meeting in the Blisland village hall on 23rd April at 7.30 pm. All will be welcome. Or call Anne and Charles Whitehead on 851990.

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- Do YOU have a project idea that will lead to long-term benefit to our Area
- Do YOU want to be involved in making the process happen?

If so then join us in the Market & Coastal Towns Initiative and use your knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and support to build a better future.

As you may be aware there has been a successful application, made by the seven parishes, in the name of Bodmin and Hinterland MOTI, to become part of this Initiative.

What have we done so far?

A small working group comprising representatives from the parishes, Bodmin Town Council, Bodmin Town Forum and the Bodmin Community Regeneration Officer has been successful in attracting funds on your behalf. It has secured in excess of £67,500 specifically to enable local people produce a vision for their area and produce a strategic action plan. This plan will enable us to build our skills, develop our vision and a strategy looking at the needs of our area over the next 10, 15 or 20 years. We will use this plan, combined with the skills and energy of our community, to get the funds to really make things happen for our area.

At the moment Bodmin Town Forum, an existing constituted successful community regeneration organisation, is the Accountable Body through which the Initiative is being progressed but the Town Forum needs to expand to become more inclusive and representative of the wider area. Accordingly, on 24th March at the Town Forum AGM a new Constitution was discussed and approved. This Constitution comprises membership of the six parishes, from Bodmin, from District Council, from County Council and from the Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

We now need people from Blisland and Helland who want to be involved and make a difference. Is that YOU if so please contact your Parish Clerk who has been closely involved in the process to date and can provide you with more information. Alternatively, you can speak with Peter Serpell, or Stephen Facer on Bodmin 74159

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2. Sometimes we are not thinking about you.

3. Saturday = Sport, It's like the full moon or changing of the seasons.

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23. When we have somewhere to go absolutely anything you wear is ok. Really.

24. You have enough clothes

25. You have enough shoes.

26. Beer is as exciting as your handbags.

Thank you for reading this. Yes I know I will be sleeping on the couch tonight.

THE ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

We have just had a wonderful visit to the Cornwall County Music Festival at Truro Methodist Church on Thursday 13th March. The Choir got off the coach and rushed into the hail to sing in the Class "Choirs and Choral Societies of over 30 Voices." We sang *Bridge over Troubled Water, 0 Waly Waly* (arranged by Steve Tyrell our accompanist), *Wind Beneath my Wings* and *Wedding Ring*. The adjudicator Jeffrey Wynn Davies ARCM LTCL CertEd from Manchester was unimpressed by our grand entrance and referred to it as "ragged" however, he was delighted with our singing and we won the wonderful wooden salver and outstanding marks.

Our next class was for "Ladies Choirs" two "own choice" contrasted pieces and we sang *From a Distance* and *Chattanooga Choo Choo*. Wow!

Our third class was for "Choirs of 30 Voices or under" again own choice contrasted pieces not to exceed 10 minutes singing time and we sang *Moon River* and *I Write the Songs*. The outcome was entering three competitions winning three times and carrying home three trophies.

All the above songs are included on our CD and copies are on sale when we sing "out" and can be obtained from choir members.

The Allen Valley Singers held their AGM at the commencement of the weekly meeting on 18th March. Jan Man our MD thanked members for their support and hard work through the year. Barbara Hamley retired as Choir Chairman and Zoe Ray has taken her place. Secretary is Jenny May and Treasurer is now Ronnie Fawkes.

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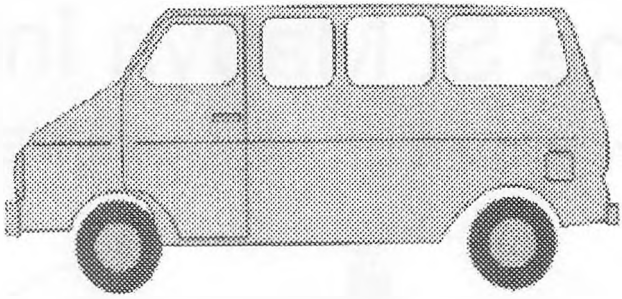

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St Breward Carnival 2003

The Carnival Committee is eagerly planning this year's Carnival.
We are delighted to announce that our new President is Mr Trevor Ternouth. Trevor, 'originally a St Breward boy', still considers St Breward to be 'home' and is honoured to be our President. We are extremely grateful for his enthusiasm, support and ideas.

We have decided to make 2003 the year for change!
Firstly, the date has changed, to avoid conflicting with other local Carnivals. Saturday 5th July – make a note in your diary…start thinking about your entry!

Secondly, we have decided to alter the Carnival route. The previous route is long, and for little ones and people marching and blowing instruments – it was a challenge! This caused lengthy discussion through the winter months, because whichever road you use a hill is involved!

However, we have agreed the following route:
Start at Rylands – allows all entrants to be judged, without causing complete traffic obstruction.
Whole procession leads down towards the Shop, passing the School and Brookside.
The Procession will split at the Shop.
All walkers will take the 'top road', Mount Pleasant, Higher Penquite – finishing at the Football Field.
All vehicles will take the 'bottom road', Row, Limehead, Penvorder – finishing at the Football Field.
This will allow the 'whole Carnival' to be together at the Football Field. Often, lots of hard work and endeavour has been given to floats, cars and walking entrants – and it is not always seen or appreciated by onlookers.
All Presentations and drawing of the Carnival Raffle will take place once everyone is assembled. Entertainment, refreshment and fun will follow.

We are very interested in hearing your views and feedback, once the changes have been experienced! We know that we are learning all the time – and are just trying to provide fun and entertainment for all ages, whilst raising money for village organisations!

We will have new classes this year for all local businesses and tradesmen, and Classic and Ancient Vehicles. So, please start thinking about your entry!

The Choosing of the Carnival Royalty and the Programme Cover Competition will be on Friday 25th April, from 6:30pm until 9pm. The Football Club are hosting a Junior Disco, and the Royalty will be chosen during this event and the Programme Cover winner will be announced.

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St Breward Carnival Committee 2003

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St Breward Play Areas Safari Supper

Treasurer & Secretary after too much swamp water!

Yes! We did it! We have finally raised the funds to put in the two play areas and they will be going in the week commencing 22 April.

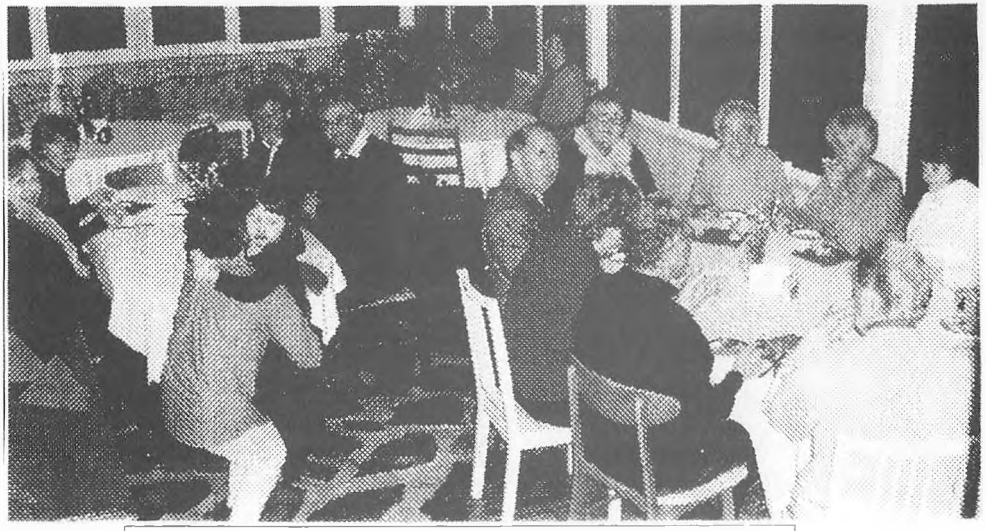
Thank you to everyone involved in the Safari Supper especially the venue holders, Jacqui Champion, Jane Pratt, Veronica Stansfield, Mary Vaulter and Darren Wills and all their helpers, not forgetting all the kind donors of food etc. We raised an amazing £1,089.28.

Nicky Francis & Edward Cox. Just two of many teenagers who helped at the Safari Supper

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee who have worked very hard and tirelessly and have given up a lot of their time for 3½ years – so thank you to Jacqui Champion, Denis Lusby, Darren Wills, Sheri Arnold, Tasha Beale, Linda Belcher, Sharon French, Margaret Cox and Martin Kay.

And last but not least thank you to the all the villagers for supporting our cause and continually putting your hand in your pockets – we couldn't have done it without you.

Julie Wright Treasurer



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Blisland Gardening Club

The swelling numbers at Blisland Gardening Club bears testament to all the hard work that has gone into the planning and organisation since we started late last year, providing all of the members with a really excellent evening to look forward to each month.

John Harris, who is Head Gardener at Tresillian, was an inspiration last Friday. We were all in awe of his accomplishments, all created by his particular skill of Lunar Gardening. He is also a follower of companion gardening, which should be everyone's aim, as he produces the most wonderful fruit, vegetables and flowers without ever using any pesticides!

John has a droll sense of humour and kept us all thoroughly amused throughout the evening - ably 'heckled' from time to time by his wife. She is clearly a very proficient photographer and has captured John's work in the garden most brilliantly for posterity! Fortunately, we are visiting Tresillian Garden in the Summer and I, for one, cannot wait to see it in the flesh!

Eight new members joined us on Friday (taking our membership to 42) and our funds continue to swell. The Raffle took £23, tea and coffee and delicious cakes (thanks to Barbara Balloch) made £7.30, and our ever popular plant stall took £14.50. Thanks again to all that support these.

Our next meeting will be on March 29th (NB: Saturday) at 2.30pm. This will be a tour of Nigel Holman's Garden at Chyverton, Zelah to see the magnificent Magnolias. The cost will be £5.00 per person and is inclusive of coach travel. We can also look forward to hearing Mrs Beryl Davis talking to us, " All About Probus Gardens", on April 25th at 7.30pm at Blisland Village Hall.

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St Breward Gardening Club

At our February meeting it was so good to see 29 enthusiastic members - the Club is proving to be successful and hopefully just structured enough to provide interest with the added bonus of an enjoyable occasion.

Charlie Pridham, our excellent guest speaker, gave us a most comprehensive talk on 'Climbers in Cornwall' and many notes where taken! We were very surprised that so many climbers would settle well in St Breward gardens and of course the slides shown were a great encouragement with so many ideas for use of climbers – (especially attractive as there were references to easy maintenance – we liked that!)

Mrs Liz Pridham was in charge of the plant stall where many specimens mentioned in the talk were available for our members to buy. Liz was also a great help with tips for planting etc. Charlie and Liz run their own Nursery at Roseland House, Chacewater (a visit during the summer is a must) and do not sell anything that they have not grown themselves. In fact the slides shown were all of climbers in their own gardens.

The raffle, cups of tea and biscuits rounded off the occasion very well and thanks are due to our members who organised these very necessary parts of the evening!

During March our first visit is arranged and we shall be descending upon Mark at Bodmin Plant and Herb Nursery for a demonstration on basket and container planting.

Our March meeting guest speaker is the very well known Mr Ken Willcock who will talk to us about Spring colour in the Garden. It just gets better and better!

Our April 25th meeting guest speaker is Mrs Carol Richards of Illogan whose topic is ' Fun With Fuchias' plus she will offer some of her very different types of fuchias for sale. Fuchias it seems have moved on from just the hardy, bush and trailing types!

We are particularly proud of Mrs Paddy Powell and her garden at Rose Cottage, St Breward as this year her enchanting gardens open on Sunday 1st June and 13th July between 2-6pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme (Charitable Trust). A well deserved accolade.

We welcome new members and meet on the last Friday of each month in the Memorial Hall, St Breward at 7.30pm.

Jackie Greengrass chairperson

Bodmin Moor and Camelford Partnership in Bodmin.

We have our annual Local Development Group meeting coming up on Wednesday 2 April. The meeting is taking place at Millennium House, Pesilva starting at 7.00pm and everyone who has an interest in the regeneration of Bodmin Moor and Camelford is welcome to come along.

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Despite the valiant efforts of those worthy citizens who regularly go out picking up litter, our hedge rows, lanes and highways are increasingly becoming dumping grounds for rubbish.

As well as being unsightly and dangerous to wildlife, the cost of the Local Authority to clean up this rubbish is huge and increasing, it also adds considerably to the level of council tax.

It is disappointing to those who have pride in their community to see the discarded take-away food containers, obviously thrown out of car windows, littering the verges and hedge banks of our lanes.

I will happily join in a campaign to seek to persuade the Super Markets and take-aways in Bodmin to reduce their excessive packaging and the use of plastic/ polystyrene containers.

David Miller, Blisland 01208 851220

De Lank Floods: blocked toilet floods staff block in De Lank Quarry. Inundation discovered by Micky Harris getting wet feet. .Dai Wills blamed for blockage. Dave Hill said "Stands to reason, Only Dai would be capable of doing something stupid like that" – Reporter stopped asking questions and made strategic withdrawal.

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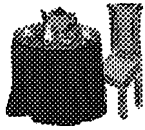

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St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Tuesday 4th March 2003 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. District Councillor Jim Kempthorne and member of the public, Mrs Muskett also attended.

After discussion, the Parish Council raised no objections to two planning applications:
Mr & Mrs Hamilton - erection of a house on the plot next to Avalon. Mr Belcher - replacement windows in Penvorder House.

Mr Lusby reported that work would start on the play areas. Fencing will be required around the play area at Rylands. Thanks are due to Mrs N Hall for granting permission for the construction of two raised flowerbeds in this play area, which is on common land.

There have been problems in the village due to streams overflowing which might have been averted if the rules below had been obeyed. Where a stream, whether open or underground, flows through land or a garden, the owner has legal responsibilities thus:
1) To maintain the banks and not to allow the stream to be diverted unless there exists a proper storm drain.
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In the past, problems have been caused, for instance, by apples and leaves blocking the exit of a stream. A solution here is to provide a suitable grating to prevent blockage. Run off from roads has flowed into streams for many years. The Highways Authority is being consulted to determine if it has responsibilities in this matter.

If elections are held in May, the Council hopes that you will exercise your democratic right and vote for candidates who you believe will work for the benefit of the village. After the elections in May this year, there may well be changes in the Council's membership. The last ordinary Parish Council meeting of its term of office will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7 pm on 1st April 2003 and is open to the public.

The Council will hold its Annual Parish meeting in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th April. The Handbell Ringers will provide musical entertainment. Both County and District Councillors will be present to answer questions. Suitable refreshment will be provided; we are thinking of cheese and wine. All villagers are welcome and invited to attend.

Mev Shelley

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Blisland WI

At our Annual Meeting this month, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Marjorie Mitchell, a WI County Advisor and member of Sticker WI and Mrs Norma Brice who is a trainee Advisor.

Blisland had had a good year. The treasurer, Mrs Jo Cotton reported that our bank balance was in a healthier state than last year partly due to some donations and some money from the sponsored abseil that Jo had done for WI funds. Well-done Jo!

Mrs Gurr in her report thanked all the members for their support and particularly thanked Mrs Stella Kerr for her hard work as secretary and Mrs Cotton for her difficult job as treasurer. All the committee and officers were re-elected.

Mrs Mitchell expressed her pleasure at being with us at our meeting and congratulated us on our efforts during the year.

She informed us that the new County House building at Threemilestones Industrial Estate has now been completed with all equipment insitu. One of the advantages of this new building is that it is disabled friendly and matches all the new 2004 regulations. Mrs Mitchell also spoke about the Agenda conference in April and the London conference in June. Mrs O'Donnell gave a vote of thanks.

The next "Coffee & Chat" morning will be at Mrs Gurr's on April 2nd. The previous one raised £100 for the Meningitis Appeal Fund.

It was decided to have our Birthday Dinner in May this year. It has been booked for Wednesday 7th May.

Mrs Sue Smith has completed the embroidery of the tablecloth for our twin group in New Zealand for their 70th Anniversary and this will now be sent to them.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th April at the summer time of 7.15pm.

Honor O'Donnell

St Breward Police Hunt

Villagers were shocked to find all roads into the village blocked by SWAT police teams. The constabulary were quick to reassure St Brewardites that they were not searching for Mr Binhandles or Sammy Hussein but were after a driver who crashed into another car in Bodmin and then drove off in a cloud of black smoke, leaving burnt rubber on the pavement. A police spokesman said that it was a multiple offence of dangerous driving, failure to stop, failure to report an accident and failure to see where he was going. An eyewitness said that he thought the car was driverless until he spotted a woolly hat just peeping above the steering wheel. Police say that it could be a 12 year old or a 40 year old? They are convinced that someone in St Breward is shielding this dangerous driver and are appealing for them to come forward. Fourteen residents have already asked if there is a reward.

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St Breward WI March 11th 2003

The February minutes were read by our new secretary, Mrs J Teague, and approved. This year it is the AGM at the Albert Hall but it is not our turn to send a delegate. Members were asked if a group of four would enter the Royal Cornwall Show competition which is "A Sporting Occasion" from village to international standards; the format is not the same as the usual set box size this year; the Floral competition has the title" Gone Fishing" (pond weed and a tin of sardines?).

The president, Mrs C Woolf, said that our New Year luncheon would be held at East Rose Farm on April 8th, meeting at 12.30 for 1 o'clock.

Mrs Woolf presented a potted gerbera to Mrs Gant to thank her for her three years as secretary. The Photography and Art Exhibition and Sale which will take place at the Boconnoc Day on June 22nd was mentioned; I have the full details regarding entry for anyone wishing to enter; this will be a similar exhibition to the 1998 one at Trewithen. Mrs Woolf gave forward notice of the Festival of the Spoken Word on October 8th, which is a team competition of choral speaking, verse and prose readings.

In order to celebrate our 75th anniversary the July meeting will be changed from the 8th to the 22nd this will be in the program eventually. Three members ordered copies of the "Women's World" at only £1 for a 400 page of interesting articles etc. The order book was sent around for calendars for 2004.

Our speaker was the St. Breward royal connection - Yeoman Bedhanger of the Queen's Bodyguard, John Mundy, whose photograph graced our local newspapers when he officiated at the Queen Mother's Lying in State. He had brought many photographs and mementoes of his life in the Guards from 1963. The history of the Royal Bodyguard commenced when Henry Tudor formed them from Welsh soldiers, which is why their march is "Men of Harlech," and why their uniform is basically Tudor.

They are not to be confused with the Tower Warders who guard the Royal Mint, or the Gentlemens' Bodyguard who wear their long white plumes from a pointed helmet. Yeoman receive a token payment of only £100 per annum, although expenses are paid of course, and they may now live at home and are called upon to attend state visits. banquets, parliament openings, garter services, garden parties and there are always five at all investitures.. John gave us an insight into a life none of us know but were fascinated to hear about.

The competition for a Royal souvenir was won by Mrs V Busbridge, Mrs P Bousfield was second and Mrs C Woolf third; Mrs W Bevan had the best flower of the month, Mrs. I. Alexander second and Mrs P Bousfield third.
The speaker for April 8th will be Pamela Balding about Flowers for Easter and the competition is for a decorated egg.
Please do not forget the Spring Luncheon which is also on April 8th.
Anne Holmes

St Breward AFC & Social Club

Congratulations to all our football team who beat Queens Rangers in the semi-final of the Divisional Cup. They now play Veryan in the final at Wadebridge on April 8th at 7pm.

There are two remaining league matches left to play, but no dates have been arranged as yet.

*****Please watch the notice board*****

A disco was held at the club on 22nd March. A profit of £133 was raised for club funds. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and those who gave raffle prizes.

St Breward Ladies

We started training last May and believe me it wasn't a pretty sight, there would be balls flying in all directions and I think one or two of the ladies thought the object of the game was to kill off the opposition!! I was hoping for a scene out of "Bend it like Beckham" but at times, it was more like "Chicken Run." Thankfully, all the ladies have improved and got thru the season without many injuries.

We had hoped to win at least one match in the league but have done a lot better having won 9, drew 2 and lost 7. We triumphed over Falmouth, Porthleven, Hayle, Holmans Kerrier and Stoke Climsland.

We entered three competitions but lost in the first rounds to Newquay, Marazion and Camelford.

The season has now finished and we are fifth in the league, which we hope to improve on next season. Everyone has enjoyed being part of the team and football club and can't wait until next season.

Tina Walsh

St Breward road names: It was with pleasure that I saw the correct spelling of Limbhead in the St Breward Parish Council's list of footpaths in the March Magazine. When we were preparing "A History of St Breward" for publication, Ernie Colman impressed on me that Limbhead was so named because it is the area at the head of the "limb", that is, the lane to Coombe which branches off the main road through the village. It is difficult to expect those who have become accustomed to spelling and pronouncing it as Limehead to change, but I do applaud the Parish Council for keeping the old name.

The footpath between the Parish Church and Rylands has been spelled in various ways over the years, including Moddeling and Modlin (see page 17 in "A history of St Breward"). My guess is that it was originally Magdalen or Maudlin Lane, so named because that means sorrowful (from the assumption that Nary Magdalene was the penitent woman of Luke chapter 7), as it was the route to the church and churchyard when coffins were carried there on foot.

Pamela Bousfield

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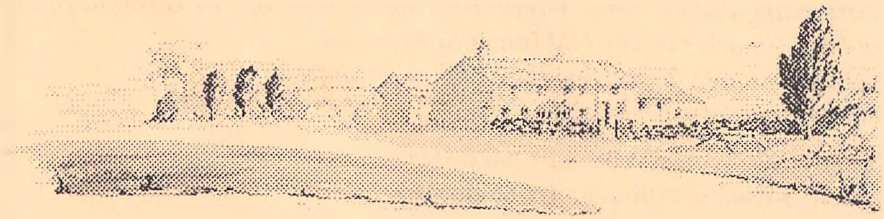

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