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Letters

Dear Ed,

May I, through your pages, thank everyone concerned for making the seven weeks of daily trips to Truro bearable, nay, fun almost! I have learned SO much about the village, its histories and its people! My sincere thanks go to my drivers - Lenny, (special thanks for the trip to the pub on the way home on the last day of treatment!), Niki, Tony, Annie, Sue, Margaret, Julie, Linda, Anna, Terry, Doreen, Jane, Paula, Liz, Denis and to my transport secretary, Christine, who organised everything. I am sincerely grateful to the people of this wonderful village for their support, kindness and good wishes over the last twelve months and to the people of the Chapel and Church, who, even though I don't attend, offered their prayers for me. My thanks also, to all those who have looked out for Joseph and have had him to play or taken him out. My family and I are eternally grateful.

Viv Hill

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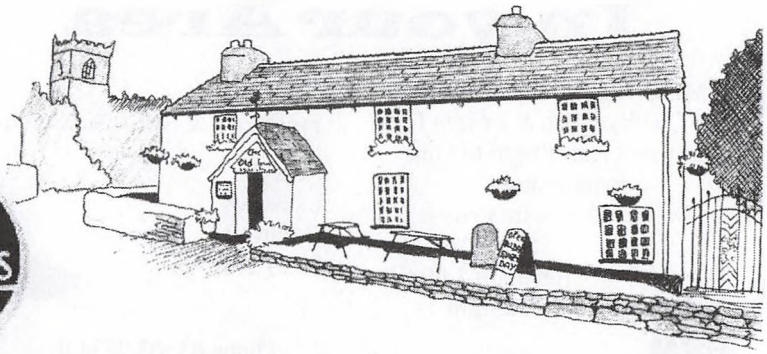

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RANDOM SAYINGS **From Helland and elsewhere**

Next week, being Easter Sunday, we will be asking Mrs Bloggins to lay an egg on the altar. Radio 4.

A renowned RE teacher ended her lesson with class prayers, asking the youngsters for their ideas for their own prayers. "Oh, please Miss, can we pray that United win on Saturday?"

A Riddle for all pottery experts:

My first is in cat, but never in dog,
My second in rabbit not ever in hog.
My third is in uncle and even in aunt
And the fourth is in everything, so don't now say "Can't".
The last is in trouble, so riddle me ree,
It's useful at mealtimes so eat up your tea.

QUICK SILVER AT HELLAND

A packed Village Hall responded the only way possible to the marvellous production by the Kneehigh Theatre . An enterprising use of longjohns may well see more and more wearing them as outerwear before summer arrives. The heroine had a dress fastened to the front of her pair, so that she could still flounce sexily when required, and the imaginative use of toy horses and other animals to simulate travel and danger were a joy to behold. The effect of Tarantula Joose brought back memories of the campfire in 'Easy Rider", but only for those of very mature years. Thanks most heartily to those who organised it, also to John and Margaret Overton for transporting some lucky Sunday Club members, also to Josh who offered me his next to last Rob. VJ

The following report was missed from a previous edition. Ed

THE KING AND I AT BODMIN

This production by Bodmin Operatic Company was meticulously planned, expertly performed and delighted everyone, especially the friends and family of the youngest member of the cast,

Emma Trethewey, who was perfect as a Thai princess. There were heartrending moments, as when the two young lovers parted never to see one another again, and we recognised fondly the music from the Valerie Hobson event in London in the 1950's. Emma was word perfect; she looked beautiful in her turquoise dress, in fact the whole cast gave of their best sending us off with or without raffle prizes, well content with a well spent evening. We shall be humming the songs for a long time to come. Thank you. VJ

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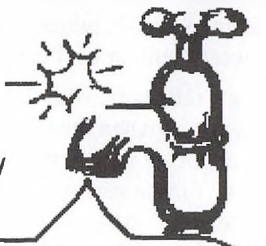

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Church's Page

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Going Fishing

To catch a pollock is not easy. They hide in rocks and the rocks lie hidden under the sea. The rocks near land jut out and you can guess where to drop your long line. (A long line is a tapered line started with a hook disguised by rubber tubing to look like a worm connected to fine gut which itself is connected to ever thicker gut and cord, all connected together by spinners which prevents tangling). Most pollock caught around the Cornish coast would be between one to three pounds. They can grow to more than 10 pounds. The smaller ones are often called "Joeys" and they are most tasty. Sweeter than cod and more delicately flavoured than mackerel, it is a most delicious fish. But they must be eaten fairly quickly. They do not keep well. So, as soon as you get home you peel your potatoes and get the fat hot. Now as for the edible crab. ...well that's another long tale, for another month!

Fishing is both an art and a science and many fishermen, whether they skillfully cast a fly from the river bank for trout, drag a long line, feather for mackerel, drift or trawl their nets – well, they think about things. We might say they have a philosophical way of looking at life.

So perhaps it was no coincidence that Jesus' first choice was four fishermen to help him with his mission, brothers Simon (nicknamed Peter, the Rock) and Andrew, and James and John (the sons of Zebedee). They left their boats and nets by the Sea of Galilee. They followed him for three years until sadly it all went wrong. They returned to the old familiar places, back to their nets and the fishing trade that they knew. It was good to be back working, handling the nets, looking out for changes in the weather, and the prospect of a good catch. But that first night back home they caught nothing. Daybreak was coming. There was nothing to do but to pack it in with the unhappy prospect of no breakfast. They did not speak a lot. After all, if you are to be fishermen you have to be philosophical about it all.

"Try the other side." They looked at each other. Who said that? "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." "It's the Lord", said Peter. The rest is history. They had their breakfast – fresh cooked over a charcoal fire.

Strange how God reveals himself isn't it – a bit of fishing, a bit of thinking and a delicious breakfast.

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P.S.
The fish became the secret symbol of the church. The letters in Greek for Fish were a mnemonic for the faith. Here's how it works:

Fish in Greek is "ιχθυς" which is pronounced "ichthus".

ι = Ιήσους (Jesus); χ = χριστος (Christ); θ = θεος (God); υ = υιος (Son); ς(σ) = σωτήρ (Saviour)

So the message is "Jesus the Christ, God the Son, our Saviour"

Derek Carrivick, Easter Monday 2003

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
4th May		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
11th May		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am United Morning Service (AT CHURCH) Valerie Jones	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
18th May		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion David Reed	9.30 a.m. Morning Service Valerie Jones	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion David Reed	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
25th May *Rogation Sunday*	2.00pm Meet at Church for Walk 4.30pm Evening Service Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am Holy Communion (125th Anniversary at Chapel) Chris Blake Chairman of District	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
Thursday 29th May Ascension Day				7.00 p.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	
1st June 7th Sunday of Easter		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)
8th June Pentecost *Whit Sunday*		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Joan Kirby	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion (AT CHURCH) Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Family Communion To be arranged	FAMILY COMMUNION (Minibus)

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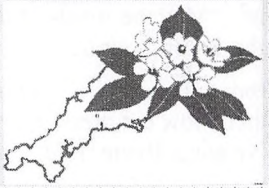

FROM HELLAND

An actress was asked to make a speech using the word horticulture; she responded, "You may take a whore ti Culture, but you can't make her drink".

The Sound of Silence: Peace and quiet stillness in the early morning can be beautiful after a lively party the night before. Silence can be eerie if you're alone up a mountain and longing for someone to converse with; silence can be healing if) like Spike Milligan you've been in hospital, trying to recover on a ward that's too busy and noisy with snores, clattering cups and food dishes, so that, in order to recover, he took himself off to stay under a tree in the middle of a wood, enjoying the natural beauty and peace of God's creation.

We can be susceptible to the sounds of people's voices, listening enchanted while a poet reads some of his own work, or wanting to cover our ears at the harsh tones of someone grumbling and criticising. Who would be your desert island voices? Remember, if you're a pre-war model like me, the voice of Glynis Johns, or on the Light Programme the sound of Laurence Olivier doing the much requested item on Family Favourites of Hamlet's soliloquy "To be or not to be?", then there's the hitting of notes perfectly of Tom Jones, yet again seductively, inviting us (in the 60s) to help ourselves. For smiles, dear Max Boyce with his songs and stories, the fun of Pam Ayres wishing that she had looked after her teeth (don't we all). To these I would add the lively delivery of certain preachers, tenderness in their voices when praying, the sweet clarity of one friend, the lovely Shropshire sound of another and one who's voice sounds like a melted Mars bar (on an enamel plate over simmering pan of water if you want to try it), poured over vanilla ice cream.

When doing Reader training, we had to do a five minute slot preaching on a harvest theme, which was videoed; to my horror I sounded rather too like Dame Edna and wished I could do better. One Christmas after a service a visitor shook my hand saying "Thank you, dear, I hardly heard a word". Far better was the regular worshipper at a different venue who pointedly cupped his hand round his ear, indicating clearly that I needed to speak up. I stepped nearer the congregation, stumbled on an unseen step, nearly fell flat on my face, lost my place, shortened the sermon, but we laughed and communicated the message of the love of the Lord for everyone, which is what we are about, by word, deed and demeanour, most of the time. "May the words of our lips, the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, 0 Lord, our help and our Redeemer".

From a friend: There was a lady on her way up the path to church wearing rather a low cut dress. Vicar: "You can't come in here wearing that." She replied, "I've got a divine right." Vicar: "You have a divine left too". VJ

St Breward Parish Church

The Coffee Morning held on 12th April made a profit of £178.45 for Church funds. A further £25 was raised for the Sunday Club. The next Coffee Morning is on 17th May.

Chapel's Page

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Dear friends,

At the time of writing our nation is still at war with Iraq. We are all saddened that this conflict was deemed necessary.

We are of course very grateful to those of our armed forces who have been committed to this war on our behalf. We will do all we can to support the families of those men and women and we will pray for the protection of the fighting force and comfort to those who wait for their return.

The churches of these parishes are praying fervently for a swift end to the conflict and for peace in the land of Iraq and in the wider world. The commitment of our armed forces to the cause of peace is one of self-sacrifice and hardship.

During the past month, we have been reminded of the commitment and self-sacrifice of Jesus as He gave himself for the world on the cross of Calvary. He endured the pain and suffering so that we might have peace with God. He was raised again so that we might have eternal life. Those who profess faith in Jesus are called now to commit themselves to fight the good fight of faith in their daily walk with Him.

The Bible urges all Christians who have commenced the walk of faith to; "run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Hebrews 12 v 1) Paul writes, "Run in such a way as to get the prize." (1. Corinthians 9 v 24b). These two phrases challenge me. How much determination and practice am I putting into my daily walk with God? The men and women who are fighting on our behalf will no doubt make some mistakes but they are putting their all into the fight for peace and security for us and the world. Jesus gave His all for us too. We may not be perfect in our Christian walk, but we can persevere and aim high for the King of Kings who gave so much for us. Yours Sincerely, Pastor Brian.

Blisland WRVS Club

Members gathered for the first of our summer meetings. It was agreed to partake of lunch at the Borough Arms, Dunmere. We were made most welcome and all enjoyed their meal. Our next meeting on 6th May will be held at the home of our

Tony Ham, Club Organiser

Helland Methodist Church Services for May2003

May 4th	11.00am	Mrs N Houghton
May 11th	11.00am	United Service at Parish Church
May 18th	11.00am	Readers Service
May 25th	11.00am	Revd Dr Chris Blake

This is a special United service to celebrate the Chapel's 125th anniversary.

The service will be followed by a lunch, at 12.30pm, in our adjoining schoolroom at £7.50 per head (children half price).

To book your place, please contact Margaret Mutton on 841264.

There will also be a celebratory concert on May 31st at 7.30pm in Helland Village Hall; items have been volunteered from churches within the circuit. It should be a fun evening!

Please join us in one – or all – of our celebrations.

Blisland Methodist Church Services for May

Sun 4th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev A Sowden, Superintendent Minister
Sun 18th	2.30pm	Preacher B Parkman

St Breward Methodist Church May Diary

4th	9.30am	Brian Parkman
7th	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning
11th	9.30am	Mr Mabson
18th	9.30am	Mr Huntley
25th	9.30am	Fellowship

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JIM AND NALDERA (POPPY) HOLLISTER.

The Parish Church was packed on Monday 7 April as the large Hollister family and the people of St. Breward mourned the deaths of both Poppy and Jim Hollister and gave thanks for their long and very full lives. It was a particularly touching ceremony as four of Poppy's menfolk carried in her coffin shoulder-high.

Jim Hollister, who farmed at De Lank for many years, was born in Bristol in 1915 and died in April 2003. In the pre-war years he worked for the Wills Tobacco Company and played Rugby for Bristol and, as a schoolboy, for England. His other sport was boxing, as testified by his very individual nose. On the outbreak of World War II he became a weapons instructor and was posted to Colchester where he met Poppy who was a V.A.D. nurse.

Poppy (nee Jones) was born in Manchester in 1920 and worked as a civil servant and then as a VAD. In 1944 she married Jim who already had three children, Jimmy, Janet and Jackie, from his previous marriage. To his relief Poppy did not baulk at taking on the first three Js and thereafter treated them as her own. The newly married couple moved to a mixed farm at Framlingham in Suffolk where Jerry was born. Times were hard and Poppy recalled sending the children to school, more than once, with a turnip instead of an apple. In 1948 they moved to a hill farm on the Mendips where the family was increased by the arrival of Jill and Jeff, and also Julie who died in infancy. Whilst Jim farmed, Poppy looked after all the family and the household, as is evidenced by her meticulous account books from that time. Later they took a butcher's shop in Sussex where Poppy was responsible for the delivery round.

The family bought De Lank Farm in 1961 where Jim milked upwards of 130 friesians, helped by his sons and latterly by Jo Kay. He covered in the yard for better management of the herd and constructed a calf unit outside what is now Corbels. When Jim retired from farming in 1985 he and Poppy moved across the road to the bungalow at Vordors, which they had built of stone from the Chapel at Lower Lank which had been disused for many years.

During her time at De Lank Poppy helped with the St. Breward Guides and Brownies. She was a sociable person, much loved by her neighbours for the warmth of her personality – and her lovely smile. Her many coffee evenings for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council were legendary, spanning some 25 years and attracting support from far and wide, with cheese scones and other farmhouse fare. She always had her six grandchildren to stay in the summer and it is remembered that a good time was had by all. In her later years she joined a writer's group and produced many memorable pieces reminiscent of those times.

Sadly in 1997 Jim suffered a devastating stroke and Poppy devoted the rest of her life to caring for him. Poppy's own final illness was mercifully short and she and Jim died within the space of four days.

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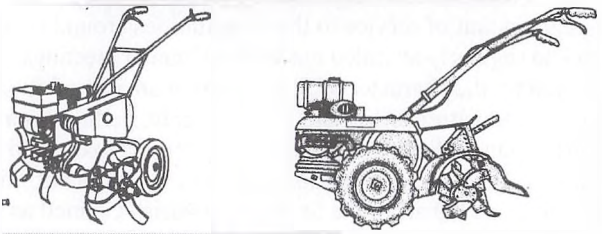

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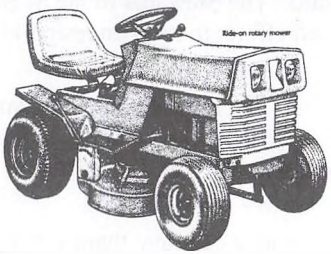

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St Breward Annual Parish Meeting

The St Breward Annual Parish Meeting was held on 15th April 2003 in the Memorial Hall. The guests of honour were Mr and Mrs Kempthorne.

The Hall had quite a festive air about it with individual tables nicely laid out. The St Breward Handbell Ringers led by Sue Hutton played for twenty minute such melodies as could be played on these 125 years old bells, some of which are a little off key. Mrs Glaser gave a short history of the bells.

The Chairman welcomed Jim Kempthorne and his wife, Theresa. Jim is retiring as District Councillor for the St Breward Ward after twelve years. He had also been a parish councillor of a neighbouring parish for forty years. These years had added up to a great amount of service to the communities around us as their unpaid representative. Jim had regularly attended our Parish Council meetings to give planning advice on how to maintain the character of St Breward in an area of outstanding natural beauty. It was hoped that St Breward would see him again, perhaps as a representative of the St Tudy Parish Council dealing with say a joint project that could be shared between the villages. Jim was wished a long and happy retirement. Jim and Theresa were presented, on behalf of the St Breward Parish Council as a mark of their gratitude, a large and healthy looking standard rose bush.

A short report on the St Breward school was read, explaining how there was a planning application on the table to enlarge the existing library to make an IT classroom. The library would be moved into an existing resource room at the school. Funds had been earmarked for the project. As the Parish Council was present, Dorothy Hannaford proposed and it was unanimously approved.

Peter Glaser had set up his computer in one corner of the Hall and displayed on the screen an interesting collection of snapshots in the interval when tea, coffee, wine and cheese and biscuits were available.

PC Brian Rice said that reported crime figures for St Breward during the year, sixteen, were the same as the previous year. In a village population of nearly 1000, this was a low crime rate. The most serious crime was one of assault committed by a person who was from outside of St Breward. The Stewards of the St Breward Football Club were commended for their continued efforts to keep undesirable people out of their Clubhouse.

Councillor Jim gave a brief talk. The District Council owned two acres of land in St Breward for housing. Building on the site would depend not only on demand but also on funds available. Building also needed an infrastructure including transport facilities and job availability. Jim also replied to questioning.

It had been a relaxed and enjoyable evening, thanks to those who had made it so. The Rev Derek Carrivick, Denis & Christine Lusby had organized cheese & wine. Jenny Teague and Betty Hoskin had made tea and coffee and had tidied afterwards. Peter and Cathy Glaser with the slide show and provenance of the bells. Sue Hutton and her bell-ringing ladies. Bob Benham for keeping an eye on things, getting the presentation rose and commissioning the photographer. And thanks are given to those who helped but whose names I have forgotten.

Mev Shelley

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Blisland Gardening Club

Chyverton Gardens, Zelah on the 29th March was the chosen location for our first club outing of the year. This was a most enjoyable excursion for the 34 people attending. A special thank you, here, to Mike Jory of KTL Coaches.

The owner Nigel Holman, assisted by his son Nicholas, conducted the Tour of Chyverton. Not only were horticultural information and advice given but a very personal insight into the planning and planting of these very private gardens. The weather was warm and very sunny, giving lovely reflections in the water and vibrancy to the blooms. Although the purpose of our visit was to see the magnolias, which were stunningly beautiful, the glimpse of the budding rhododendron "Cornish Red", possibly the largest in Europe, is a must for a later visit next year.

As the gardens are only open to group visits by appointment, anyone wishing to join us can meet club and committee members for information at our next meeting on Friday 25th April, Blisland Village Hall, at 7.30pm. The speaker this evening is Mrs Beryl Davis "All about Probus Gardens".

Tea, biscuits, cake, plant sale and raffle (donations welcome) are all on offer. Visitors £1 per person.

Blisland.com

The Web Site is now complete as originally planned except for the History content, the most recent additions being the Chapel, Pub, Village Hall and Clubs Pages. The Events listing on the Blisland Page has been reduced since Village Hall, Pub, School etc. have there own Events sections. Of course two major additions to the original plan are the School's 'Scarecrow Campaign' (see March magazine) and 'Blisland Contacts'.

The History Section will be my main task over the next few weeks. Kind souls have loaned over 300 old photographs of Blisland to copy ready for inclusion on the History pages. The oldest of these go back to c1890, and show the Church before Rev. Edward Vernon Collins's modifications and the old thatched roof Blisland Inn. The main task is to get these photographs correctly identified and dated and catalogued to a logical format. Hopefully there will be progress to report for June's Magazine.

Any ideas for further additions are welcome. Please make use of the site, it is your site and will be kept as up to date as possible. So far since we went live just before Christmas 2002 we have had 1349 visitors to the site. During May the Site is going to be featured in Britain's leading Web Site Magazine Web User.

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St Breward Band CD Launch a Great Success.

A packed audience in the St Breward Baptist Church last month, all agreed that the band's CD launch concert Breezin, was without doubt a night to remember. As guest left the church they paid their compliments :-
"a most enjoyable evening, please can we have another concert soon, we had no idea we had such a talented band, the band seemed to be really enjoying themselves".

Further compliments have been received on the bands web site. The free entry concert with it's intermission refreshments, and sale of CD's also requested donations for the support of the Cornwall Air Ambulance, as a result of this appeal, a cheque for £100 has been sent to their fund raising committee. The winner of the chairwoman's Friend of the "*Band Christmas Word Search competition"* Mr and Mrs Jones of St Breward attended the concert to receive their prize of a free copy of Breezin, plus a years Friend Of The Band subscription. The winner of the lucky concert programme Mrs Joan Meneer from Bodmin received a beautiful bouquet of flowers kindly donated by Forget-Me-Nots florists of St Breward. A further bouquet was presented to Nesta Teaque in appreciation for all her hard work in providing the refreshments for the evening. A big thank you is extended to Pastor Brian for allowing the band to use the Baptist Church for this CD launch concert. Breezin is now on sale in St Breward Store, or by ringing the bands tele: sale numbers 01208 851203, or 01752 203571.

March proved to be a excellent month for the band, for in addition to the release of their latest CD, they won the WD Lawton Memorial shield at the Cornish Brass Band Association Band Contest held in the Hall For Cornwall Truro. Also in March the band agreed by popular request, to have a repeat of the successful Music By The River Concert this summer. The date fixed for Saturday August 16th, a completely new line up of West country musical talent is promised. What I can say at this early stage of planning without giving too much away, is watch out for the marching and sounds of the mass pipes and drums!! Despite local fears I don't think the music played at "Music By The River" will turn St Breward into a second Glastonbury Pop Festival!!!!

Brian Hummerstone Band Publicity Officer.

St Breward Osteoporosis Exercise Group

We meet each Thursday in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We do some serious exercises, have a lot of laughs and support each other in good times and bad.

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Letters (Continued from page 2)

Polytunnel

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L Polkinghorne

Ring Road

Dear editor,

Whilst surveying on the moor the other day I was interrogated by a local lady who wanted to know what I was doing. Having told her, she suggested I write to you as it seems that both the consultative process and the publicity has gone awry for some reason. I refer therefore to the project on which I am working which is to construct the orbital ring road that will effectively bypass St Breward, removing the streams of traffic from the village centre.

If travelling west, the by-pass will leave the A30 at the first sign for Temple, crossing back over the motorway and skirting round the lower slopes of Brown Willy, to join the road at Fentonadle-By-Gam-Bridge. If going east, you will join the by-pass at Key Bridge, meeting the A30 at the current St Breward junction.

Contrary to rumour, Stannon pit will not be turned into a shopping mall. I can now confirm that this will be built on the land behind Chris Greenaway's garages that everyone thinks was bought for house building, and Stannon will be the new park and ride for Bodmin. When finished this will have the longest monorail in the U.K.

The nuclear power station will probably be going in to Hantergantick, and they are working furiously to get the level to the right depth. Apparently these old submarines from Devonport are quite long, and their ends will stick up if the hole is not deep enough.

I trust this explains all the surveying, and lights on the moor at night.

Yours faithfully
Gordon Prendergast

Arbuthnott & Jeeves, Surveyors.

Editors Note

Quite a few community groups are sending in event notices 2 or 3 months in advance. These notices are often quite large and take up a lot of space.

Space is at a premium in your magazine these days and this month is the 4th time in 12 months we have had an extra 4 pages--costing an extra £45 each time.

In future if a community group wants an advance notice or advert taking up more than a few lines we will have to charge for them. A single notice for a community event appearing the preceding month will still remain free.

Denis Lusby Editor

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St Breward NHW Scheme AGM Memorial Hall, St Breward, 7th April 03.

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Guest speaker, PC Bryan Rice was then invited to give his talk on 'Personal Safety' and to give a general report. He started by saying that whilst he was Partnership Officer for both Bodmin Town and rural areas, from the 1st April the imminent reorganisation commenced that should give Officers a specific area but would take effect when the officers were available. He has applied for St Breward and Blisland. In the year to 1st April 03, there were 16 crimes reported which was the same as 01/02. He emphasised the need for rapid reporting of incidents. He said that clues on appreciating situations often relies on reading body language which is often done without realising it. If caught in a situation then calm it down by moving your hands up and down showing the palms of your hand. In situations involving bag snatching then make lots of noise, do not hang on to it but walk away, going to where people are. PC Bryan Rice was thanked.

There were no other nominations for the post of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. It was agreed that Kevin Foster would carry on the role as joint Chairman/Secretary and that Geoff Burrows would carry on as the Treasurer for a further 12 months. The state of the NHW signs was discussed. The one at Candra was reported as broken and may need replacement. However, no one was present from the Candra area. The idea of placing the signs on a white backing was mentioned with the white space used for displaying the start of the various hamlets of St Breward to assist the emergency services for locating properties. The application for funding under a Millennium Awards scheme to issue all property in St Breward with Ordnance Survey map reference has been acknowledged and will be dealt with.

The poor turnout to the AGM was then discussed. The majority agreed to give NHW in St Breward one more year to see what support transpired. Mention was made of improving communication using post, fax and email [email addresses to kevinfoster@moorgoods.co.uk] but this is dependant on subscriptions/donations received. The NHW section of the web site of Moorgoods at www.moorgoods.co.uk continues in popularity, particularly the stolen goods list, which is used by the trade as well as members of the public. The latest proposals on speed limits were reported. An appeal for a co-ordinator for Chyrin Drive, Rowe and Rylands was made. It was agreed to maintain the subscription at £2 per household however, could not be given now to Dave Powell at the Post Office but could be given either to Geoff and Hazel Burrows at 'The Barn', Penpont or to Kevin Foster at Moorgoods. A free property marker kits would be issued to those renewing subscriptions. We currently have 6 volunteers for the St Breward First Responder Scheme but need at least another two. Volunteers are asked to contact Kevin Foster.

Kevin Foster Chairman

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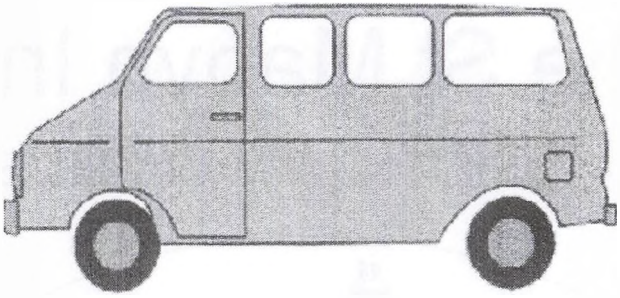

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Comic Relief Day

Red noses and strange hairdo's filled the school on this day and we raised £127.59 to go to the Red Nose Appeal.

Ofsted Report

In March, we had our Ofsted inspection. The inspectors came to school for three days and sat in on the lessons. The report is not yet out, but commendation must go to the children who all behaved impeccably. We think they were impressed!

Books for Schools

Can we please remind you that we are trying to collect as many of these tokens as possible? They can be found on packets of Walkers snacks and in the Sun and News of the World newspapers. Please send them into school or drop them off in the box in the shop. Thank you.

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Our thanks go to Mr & Mrs Champion for sponsoring our new football strip. We are really looking forward to outsmarting our opponents with our skills and new kit!

And finally, out of the mouth of babes.....

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As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Our cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cupboards, when we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No mobile phones. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it. We ate cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial, but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, 65 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, surround sound, personal mobile phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian - how did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate worms, and Although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. Footy and netball had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.....

Some pupils weren't as smart as others so they failed an exam and were held back to repeat the same year. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law - imagine that!

St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Tuesday 1st April 2003 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. District Councillor Jim Kempthorne and members of the public, Mr Powell and Mr Pratt also attended.

The Chairman said that with Parish Council elections in May, this meeting would be the last of this session. The Council had worked harmoniously together in representing St Breward for its benefit. He thanked the Councillors for their efforts over the last four years and for their support. Kevin Foster, who represents the Neighbourhood Watch, was thanked for his work for the village, but regretfully, as he would not be standing for re-election due to business pressures.

Parish Council raised objections to the planning application - Mr L Turner - for a house to be on the plot next to Ticketyboo Cottage. The Council thought that the height and appearance of the house would not be consistent with the neighbouring houses which appear to be bungalows when viewed from the road.

Patrick Powell explained the features of a free, two-monthly newssheet that he wanted to publish for twenty villages around the Moor. Input from some primary school head teachers and parish clerks had been agreed and would provide the gist of some of the newssheet contents so that villagers could know the happenings in their neighbouring villages. Adverts in this publication would pay for the costs of production. The Council had no objections to this venture and wished it success.

Denis Lusby reported that the installation of the play areas equipment for Rylands and Penvorder would be started in April. The Play Areas group continued to raise funds and had a particularly successful safari supper recently. The Council will need to take out a bank loan of £5,000 to pay for the VAT but expected repayment of VAT in about a month. Insurance, safety, maintenance and general management of the play areas would be the responsibility of and undertaken by the Parish Council which would organize this in the next session. To avoid danger from the stream at Penvorder, the District Council have agreed to provide suitable fencing.

Denis Lusby was also thanked for preparing a detailed review of road signs and speed limits in the village, which had been sent to our County Councillor, Bob Ellison, with a view of calming road traffic in the village.

Tenders were opened for the paring of St Breward footpaths in the coming year. The lowest tender was accepted, as the work would be carried out by a local man at a cost comparable to last year. Modernization of toilets behind the Post Office was proceeding well. These toilets will be eventually locked at certain times to keep out brain dead vandals. It is anticipated that the District Council will pay the legal cost of transfer of the toilets to the village.
The new Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 6th May 2003 at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. Mev Shelley

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St Breward Mini Bus

St Breward turned out in force on Easter Saturday (19th April) to welcome the arrival of their new mini-bus at the Football club's Brake Parc.

Terry Goode, Chairman of our mini-bus committee, welcomed North Cornwall MP Paul Tyler who handed over the keys to Derek Carrivick who then blessed the bus. The Cornish Guardian was there to take photos and St Breward Silver Band played a selection of stirring tunes to give the occasion a festive air. Joe Kay prepared an excellent array of refreshments and a band of willing ladies served tea and coffee. Noddy looked after the bar where, it must be said, he looked very much at home.

Peter Nottle was presented with an inscribed watch as a small thank you for all the years he drove the bus on the school run. Terry and Gill Goode were presented with champagne and glasses as a thank you for all the hard work that went into organising and raising funds for the new bus.

Every one had ample time to look over our smart new Iveco 16 seater [including driver] mini-bus with automatic door and step, power steering and ABS braking. Technical experts enjoyed mastering the operation of the wheel chair lift at the rear.

Two thoughts struck me as I admired the executive coach-like interior with its aircraft-type control panel for the driver.

1. Will I be able to drive it next Monday morning on the school run? – It seems to complicated for a simple Irish man, descended from generations of donkey-cart driving ancestors.
2. Will the football club be able to utilise the rear lift to drag comatose XXXL players or managers onto the bus after hard matches or after hard après-match sessions? Much safer than carrying them up the steps.

I would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed towards our new mini-bus and towards such a super Easter Saturday morning. Thank you.

Denis Lusby Hon. Secretary

Cool Taxi Driver: Arthur Colman had just picked up his passengers in the Old Inn Taxi bus when he realised that he wasn't wearing his new, expensive, designer sunglasses.

Explaining to his fares that no self-respecting, cool-dude taxi driver would be seen driving without his shades, he detoured to home but was unable to find them. He phoned the Old Inn and all places where he had visited but no sign of his shades.

As the realisation sunk in that he would have to drive the taxi without them, his head went down to his chest in depression . . . . but wait there. What is that hanging on a cord around his neck?

You've guessed it. Arthur's sunglasses were hanging around his neck the whole time.

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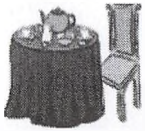

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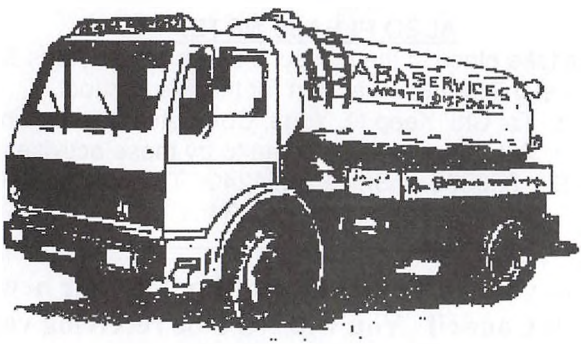

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That Sinking Feeling . . . . . was what Peter Davey got when he reversed the forklift into one of the newly concreted bases at the new construction in De Lank quarry. Dave Hill remarked that, "It was the funniest thing I've seen for many a year." Micky Harris was unable to comment because of the intense pain from his gout! Dave Hill says, " I keep telling him it's gout but he won't believe me." This photo is of Dai Wills showing Peter how to correctly and confidently reverse the fork lift without looking behind.

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St. Breward WI. April 8th, 2003

Mrs A Holmes to give a short report about the opening of the new county house - Chy Noweth An Conteth - by Princess Anne; she remarked on the very obvious presence of security police which was countered by the friendliness of the Princess herself who dispensed with formality, shaking hands and chatting with most of those present. I hope that many of our members will visit the house to see the layout for yourselves.
Messrs Cragg, Tiplady, Lowe and Wilton will construct our entry for the Royal Cornwall Show, June 5th to 7th, about a sporting event. No members wish to help with teas this year. On this food topic, we have already received a request from Camelford Disabled Club for a date in 2004 to provide a tea. The Spring Council Meeting will be held at the Hall for Cornwall on May 21st when, Ms Alison Neil, will talk about Catharine Parr (Henry VIII's wife); Mrs Woolf and Mrs Daws will be our representatives.

A letter from Mrs A Cornelius gave details of the new route for this year's Carnival; our WI will arrange an event for Tuesday July 1st, which is under discussion at present. Just prior to that is the Boconnoc afternoon, entry £2.50; the house will also be open to view the restoration so far for £3. I am hoping to present an Art and Photography Exhibition and Sale in the former Head Groom's room so please send in your applications by May 31st.

A short note on my behalf that the Watercolour Day will be at the new house on July 2nd; an opportunity to visit it then.

St. Breward has been asked by Blisland to provide a delegate for the AGM. We shall be discussing the resolutions, which are on page two in the County News at our May meeting, when Pauline Kennedy will be our WI Advisor. There will be a Flower of the Month competition but no main competition.

Our demonstrators, Pamela and Alan Balding, live in St. Breward and run the Flower Shop on the Longstone Garage site. Pamela created several huge displays in metal containers of various shapes, using some very exotic foliage and flowers. These items were very given to be raffled in aid of charity. It was quite an experience for those of us like me who happily support our daffodils with twiggy branches from our gardens.

The decorated eggcup in any medium competition was won by Mrs Tiplady, who must have been trained by Faberge to have produced such a painted example, second Mrs Gant and third Mrs Alexander. The arrangement in an eggcup was won by Mrs Wilton, second Mrs Lowe and third Mrs Alexander.
The three superb arrangements were raffled and Mrs Woolf , Mrs Tiplady and A visitor, Barbara Jessop, were the lucky winners.

Please come to the resolutions meeting on May 13th to air your ideas and opinions about these subjects.

Anne Holmes

St Breward AFC & Social Club

St Breward FC have four remaining games which are

May 3rd	Maker with Rame	Home
May 10th	Bodmin Athletic	Home
17th May	Maker with Rame	Away
24th May	Veryan	Home

There are still semi-finals and finals of the Sweet & Masters Cups to be played at Brake Parc. Please watch notice board for the dates of these matches.

The Division Three final was played at Wadebridge on April 8th between St Breward and Veryan. After a hard fought game, Veryan won 3 – 2. Well done to St Breward for reaching the finals.

NOTICE: FOOTBALL DINNER. May 30th at Trethorne Tickets £12. Please book with Joe on Bodmin 850030

Blisland WI The meeting this month was very well attended – I am sure that this was because Brigadier Edward-Collins was there to give the second part of his account of his life in India before and during the 1939-45 war. Members were enthralled by the tales he had to tell. We are all hoping that perhaps there will be a third part!! Mrs Sue Smith gave the vote of thanks.

There was little business to discuss – Mrs Gurr had a letter from Mr George Kessell who has a gardening club in Withiel, inviting us to a Garden Day at Withiel Village Hall on 10th May 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Mr Kessell is a well known gardener and was one of our speakers at a previous meeting.

Mrs O' Donnell had attended the Resolutions meeting at Chy Noweth an Conteth. The speakers were very good and gave us plenty of inspiration about the resolutions that we will have to vote for.

Mrs Gurr asked members to let her know if anyone had any gifts for the craft stall at the Royal Cornwall Show. One or two members were interested in going to the Take a Town visit to Tavistock in September.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st May at 7.15pm.

St Breward Jubilee Luncheon Club

We have celebrated our first anniversary and continue to have a successful luncheon for 50 people each month.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the Football & Social Club for allowing us to use their premises free of charge each month.

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