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Letters

Aubrey & Sylvia Rowe would like to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Thanks also for all donations for the Cornwall Air Ambulance in lieu of gifts. Over £200 has been received so far.

Graham & Nellie Distan would like to thank everyone who kindly sent gifts and cards to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Also to family and friends who came and made it such a special day.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a sincere **"Thank you" to the Three Stooges,** for another summer of delicious bacon butties and cups of tea.

These three ladies give up a great deal of time and energy to raise money for Blisland, and they deserve our appreciation for their work.
Morning walks will not be the same.
Geoff and Dumpling
As our morning walks were taken
We dreamt of bread, of toast, of bacon,
And 10, on sighting Blisland Green
Three Stooges dressed in red were seen.
They greeted travellers with a smile
And bade them sit and rest a-while
And to their every whim they looked,
They gave directions, talked and cooked.
The customers then quite replete
Said "Thanks, Farewell" - and beat retreat.

Editorial: Dear Reader please accept my sincere apologies for the very late publication of this edition of your magazine. The combination of business, family, school bus driving, too many committee meetings and continuing computer problems induced a state of editorial block.

This was manifest by my inability to walk my dog, sit in front of my computer and hit any keys or enjoy a Jameson's whilst editing.

Thankfully with the arrival of the Rugby World Cup I have regained my usual perceptions and am quickly reaching equilibrium with copious draughts of Liffey medicine.
Here's to an Ireland—England final with the better side winning. DL

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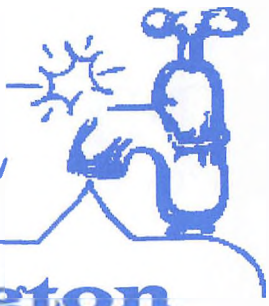

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ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING
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Harvest Festival – St Breward Church's Harvest Festival celebration will be on Sunday 5th October. On Monday 6th October there will be a Harvest Evensong in the church at 6.30pm followed by a supper and auction of goods at 7pm in the Village Hall to which everyone is welcome to come along.

The Church is holding another of its popular **skittles evenings** in October. At time of publication the date is yet to be confirmed so look in your local shop and Post Office for posters giving details. A fun evening for all ages.

Adult education classes in Blisland Village Hall

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Thursday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 pm
CAM3021 Snap Shots - An introduction to digital photography - 5 weeks from 25th September.
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Blisland Gardening Club Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be earlier than usual on Oct 31st. It will start at 7.00pm which all members should attend. Then after all the business is completed Tracey Wilson from the Duchy Nursery will be speaking to us.

St Breward Parish Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th October

10.30am – 11.30am

in the Band Room

Usual Stalls All Welcome

60 years ago, Sept 11, 1943

Although wired for electricity in 1939, the village of St Breward did not get a supply because of the outbreak of war. Now that paraffin is to be rationed, the village is pressing to be connected to the mains at Wenford.

Church's Page

Priest in Charge: Revd. Derek Carrivick, The Rectory, St Breward. Tel. 01208 850869
Churchwardens:

Blisland		**St Breward**		**Helland**	
David Kirby	851003	Paddy McShee	850435	Paul Jackson	75240
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Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St. Breward	Sunday Club
5th Oct Trinity 16		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30 p.m. HARVEST Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. HARVEST Family Service Derek Carrivick	FAMILY SERVICE (Minibus)
Mon 6th Oct				6.30pm Harvest Evensong Derek Carrivick 7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper *(Village Hall)*	
12th Oct Trinity 17		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30am United Morning Service (AT CHURCH) Valerie Jones	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
Mon 13th Oct				7.00 p.m. Harvest Service and Supper at St. Breward Chapel Derek Carrivick	
19th Oct Trinity 18		9.30 a.m. Matins Valerie Jones	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Family Service Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
26th Oct Last Sunday of Trinity	3.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. United Holy Communion (AT CHAPEL) Circuit Minister	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
2nd Nov All Saints		9.30am Holy Communion D Carrivick	6.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)

". . from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;"

This is lines 2 & 3 from the third verse of a well-known harvest hymn: which one? It's not very easy to answer this kind of quiz question even with Christmas Carols. The answer is at the end, upside down.

If you find the hymn you will see it's something of an upside down harvest hymn. It's all about people being God's harvest. Not so much to do with fruit and veg, more to with Fred and Vera (my apologies to all you Freds and Veras!).

Loaded up with harvest produce, I remember going into an old people's day centre some years ago. Staggering through the door the warden stopped me, swept his hand around the room full of men and women and he said:

"Forget all those tins, and that great big marrow; that home-made bread and your baskets of fruit – we've already got our harvest."
Not seeing any signs of harvest anywhere in the room, I asked,
"Where?"
"Are you blind? All these are God's harvest. These are the ones that God wants safely gathered in 'ere the winter storms begin".

Well the winter storms have not quite started yet, but God wants us safe beforehand. There are many things for God to sort out in our world, but he is leaving most of them until the end. In his eagerness to purge away what is not good, he does not want to destroy what is good. But one day the heavenly harvest will come. In the words of the old spiritual (which Peter, Paul and Mary sang):

Everybody gonna pray, on the very last day
When they hear that bell ring the world away,
Everybody gonna pray to the heavens on the Judgement Day.

In the mean time we ought to pray to God, praying that we may able to discern what is good and what is no good. Remember you and I (yes Fred and Vera), we are God's harvest.

We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.

Derek Carrivick, September 2003

Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker: Mr Brian Parkman Telephone 01840 212736
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Dear friends;

How time marches on! School term is in full swing. Harvest festivals have been celebrated and the clocks will soon be back to winter time.
Now it is time to light the fire, pull the curtains and forget the darkness outside.

TIME: Now there's a commodity that some people never have enough of, so they say, while others appear to have too much to use properly.

When God created the heavens and the earth He designed it in such a way, that the Sun and Moon would divide time into 7 days of 24 hours in every week. God then advised mankind to work on six days and rest on the seventh. People today have sought to prove God wrong.

It is now essential to work seven days a week to earn enough money to live. We need the shops to be open for seven days a week so that we have time to spend all the money we earn. Rest is, apparently, a waste of time in the eyes of many. And yet, why are our doctors surgery's full of people suffering from a most common disease of "stress". Perhaps God got it right after all! Could it be that people have made the mistake of ignoring God's guidelines to healthy living

If only we would learn from our mistakes, how much better we would be in mind, body and spirit. The Bible is God's manual to direct us all for a better life here and life everlasting hereafter. Explore it for yourself and you will reap the benefit
Yours Sincerely. Pastor Brian.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN ST.BREWARD at The Methodist Church.

Worship will include singing, prayer and a short talk with open discussion. These meetings will begin on Tuesday October 14th and will then meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Each meeting will begin at 2pm and will conclude by 3pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for this informal time of worship and teaching. Our theme will be; FAITH. Taking God at His Word.

Blisland Methodist Church Services for October

Sun 5th	2.30pm	Harvest Festival Service Preacher Rev D Carrivick
Mon 6th	7.00pm	Short Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by sale of donated produce. Service led by Raymond & Betty Hoskin
Sun 19th	2.30pm	Preacher Superintendent Minister Rev A Sowden

Blisland WRVS Club

For our final summer outing on Tues 2nd September we all met at the Borough Arms Dunmere for an enjoyable lunch. Correction on previous report in September magazine: Wendy Gurr raised £365 on her open day for Blisland Methodist Church.

Tony Ham, Club Organiser

St Breward Methodist Church October Diary

Wed 1st	10 – 11.30am	Coffee Morning
Sun 5th	9.30am	Brian Parkman (SAC)
Sun 12th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Mrs Grundon
Mon 13th	7.00pm	Revd Carrivick followed by Supper & Sale of Gifts All proceeds of the Sale of Harvest Gifts will go to a Dairy Project in Malawi.
Sun 19th	9.30am	Mr Huntley
Sun 26th	9.30am	Fellowship

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St Breward and Blisland Church Bellringers joined St Tudy Bellringers and jumped aboard a ship (small ferry!) bound for Lundy on Saturday 16th August. Weighing anchor at 8:30am from Bideford meant an early rise for all of our village landlubbers seeking a day of calm and isolation, on this fascinating island. Leaving cloud and wind behind us, and with a 2 hour sail across smooth waters into sunshine, we just knew this was to be a day to be remembered.

The ringing outing, superbly arranged to the last rope by Ron Skyner of St Tudy Bellringers, was to allow us to show Lundy just how the church bells should be rung. And, for once, no broken stays with compliments all round on the quality of the 8 bells in Lundy's little church perched high on the top of the cliffs. A visit to the island's hostelry was then inevitable for lunch, with talk of the beautiful weather, good food, drink and…..just how would the pub have coped with 270 day-visitors should it have been pouring with rain! However the Chivers did come prepared with their sandwiches, just in case the pub ran out!

And then it was free time, so to speak, to explore the island, with the team splitting

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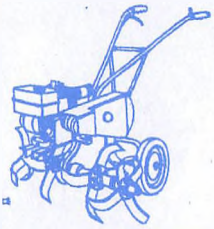

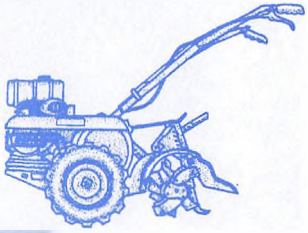

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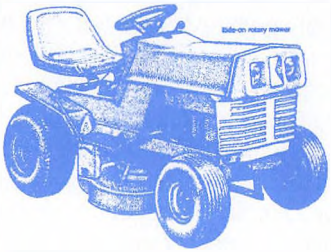

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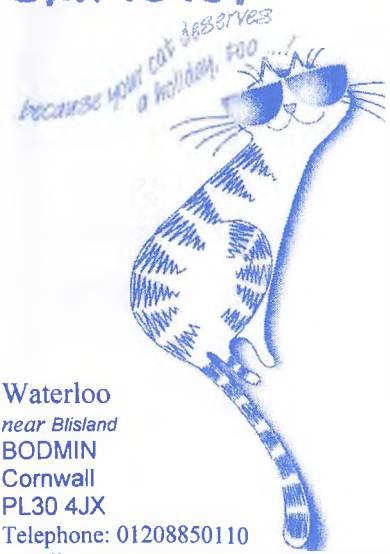

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into small groups according to exercise needed. Some walked the length of the island and back (3.5 miles long!) but apparently required a good sleep halfway (was this the over zealous walking pace or the lunchtime ale?). Others found the views from the pub entertaining and strenuous enough and relaxed in the sun, possibly to ensure they were close enough to check the beer did not run out completely? Others undertook a little exploring along the high rocky west cliffs.

Jack Marshall surveying the pier on Lundy

Tremendous views from a number of vantage points around the island, including the Lighthouse and Churchtower, together with a sighting of a large basking seal, provided unforgettable experiences – but, disappointingly, no puffins were sighted.

On eventual arrival back on the mainland after another 2 hours at sea, a starving group descended on the nearby fish&chip shop in Bideford – only to be provided by entertainment on how (or not as the case was) to attract the waitress (to place an order for food that is!). It was a very long wait indeed, but we had best leave that fishy tale and its conclusion for another day, Paddy.

This was definitely a visit to remember helped by luck with the superb weather. Our thanks go to Ron at St Tudy for dreaming up the idea and ensuring we were all ship-shape for the journey.

Remember, ringing practice in the tower is every Tuesday evening from 7:30pm – 8:00pm, 1st, 2nd 3rd and 5th Tuesdays in the month at St Breward, 4th Tuesday in the month at Blisland. All welcome to try!

Peter Glaser, Secretary, St Breward Church Bellringers Tel: 01208 851744

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Some Old News and Some New!

Well, another school year was over and we had another set of leavers. In July, we said goodbye to Adam Sleep, Josh Belcher, Ben French, Chris Crane, Lisa Millward and Alastair Feasey and wished them all the very best at their new schools. Thank you to the parents for their wonderful support during the time these children have been in our school. However, we welcomed our new pupils, Tamika Pearn, Georgia Bunt, Jessica Greenaway and Eleanor Westbury.

Books for School and Other Tokens

Many thanks to all those who collected Books for School tokens for us. We are still counting and will let you know how many books we have been able to order. However, we are still collecting PERSIL 'STARS' found on your washing powder packet which will give us free art materials (if we get enough!) and NESTLES BOXTOPS TOKENS found on cereal packets for which we can claim 10p per token.

Coffee Morning and Sale to raise funds for Class Two and Class One.

Yet again, the level of support we get from the village astounds us. A sum of £210 was raised for Class 2 before the holiday! Class One had their sale on the 18th September and to ring the changes, this time we had a 'Cream Tea' morning too. We raised nearly £200.When the funds are allocated and the children have decided how to spend the money, we will let you know.

Sports Day.

The weather was kind to us, in fact, it was more than kind, it was really hot! Luckily, the St Breward breeze gambolled around the field and prevented the children from becoming overheated! A great afternoon, which was enjoyed by children and parents alike.

Exhibition of Work and Rounders Challenge.

The 'Friends' excelled themselves again and a good turnout of children and adults ensured a successful evening. Many of you marvelled at the high standard of work the children produce each year and the feedback we got was impressive. Even the weather held for the rounders match – well sort of!

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October. There are all sorts of books for sale and we get 50% commission (which is taken in books), which is brilliant bearing in mind our budget situation this year.

Building Works

The planned building extension started during the summer holidays. We are extending the current library to make a classroom for Class 2 and the old Class 2 room will become the library and house the computers. It has meant that the car park is quite chaotic at drop off and pick up times so please be extra vigilant if you collecting children or visiting the school as we do not want any accidents.

And finally.....

The patter of tiny feet next January!! A Tiny Tim perhaps? Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Brewer who are expecting their first child at the end of January. Mrs B hopes to keep working until Christmas and will then take maternity leave until September next year.

ST BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

We welcomed Tracy Wilson from Duchy Nurseries as our speaker for our August monthly meeting – her topic was 'all year round colour' and accompanied by attractive slides. Some inspiring ideas delivered with Tracy's usual enthusiasm for her subject and we now look forward to our evening visit to the Duchy Nurseries on September 26th. The evening will be framed around 'Tree Week' at the Nursery. The trees and shrubs will be wearing their Autumnal colours so this will be a very good chance to plan our potential purchases for the best effects or to get some ideas for next year.

In the meantime we enjoyed a return visit to Bodmin Plant and Herb Nursery for a conducted tour and ideas for winter container planting. Mark gave us plenty of unusual ideas with the bonus of using plants that will be suitable for planting out next Spring.

On the morning of October 6th we will visit Oak Lodge Nurseries at Nanstallon. This is an informal woodland garden and we will be able to walk through the woods and by the river so this should be an enjoyable morning followed up by coffee time! (Non members are very welcome on our excursions). We return to the Memorial Hall for our October meeting (Friday 31st) when our guest speaker will be Mr Ken Willcocks and his subject will be 'Winter Colour'. A treat to look forward to!

This is a busy time of year in the garden what with tidying ready for winter, planning which bulbs to plant etc! The club celebrates its first anniversary in November and the meeting for that month will be on Friday November 21st - please make a note in yourdiaries – this will be a special evening with some rather different happenings! (It will also of course be our AGM)

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Yvonne Bell

There was consternation in Camelford last weekend when Christmas lights appeared at the home of Geoffrey & Hazel Kay.

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The simple answer was that their home was the final venue on the Safari supper organised by them to raise approximately £1,000 for the Camelford Christmas lights—they were displaying some of the new lights they had bought.

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Mr Music Man Hangs Up His Cornet

Following over 30 years as a dedicated member of St Breward Silver Band, cornet player Seth Cardew has decided to call it a day. His finale being at the bands end of Season summer concert on the Platt at Port Isaac on their 'Last of the Proms' special evening September 4th.

Seth has had a varied career making music, playing an assortment of instruments. Reminiscing, he recalls playing a Jews Harp way back in the late fifties in his brother's London based band the "Scratch Orchestra" this as background music for a *dentistry documentary!!*. In his late teens early twenties, the armed forces requested the pleasure of his company, this for a two year duty of National Service. Ever alert Seth quickly made his musical talents known to the station commander, following 6 weeks of intensive painful square bashing. The result, he finished up playing clarinet and alto saxophone with the Royal Air Force dance band touring Singapore and Ceylon now Sri Lanka, the drill hall a past memory and never to be seen again.

Upon completion of National Service, Seth decided to join his world famous master potter father at his pottery in Wenford Bridge, St Breward. His studies taking him on travels throughout Europe and the United States of America. He finally returned to St Breward and the family business Wenford Bridge Pottery in the mid sixties.

Seth will be sadly missed by the players and supporters of St Breward Band, for in addition to playing a variety of instruments, he will be best remembered for his cornet playing and teaching young budding musicians wishing to learn an instrument . A number of players presently playing with the band were taught by Seth.

Seth admits he is sad in having to retire from St Breward Silver Band, he has some great memories, nonetmore than playing at the Royal Albert Hall during the bands centenary year. Seth and his wife Bobi will continue to support the band by allowing their popular annual summer concert "Music By The River" to continue within the grounds of their pottery.

Seth loves his piano, you can see and hear him tickling the ivory's when dining in the family owned restaurant the popular Wenford Bridge "Potters Barn" St Breward. Yes Seth is truly a "MUSIC MAN" his talents and arrival at winter band practice covered in clay from working his pottery will truly be missed. We wish him well, and thank him most sincerely for his long term service and dedication to St Breward Band.

Brian Hummerstone
St Breward Silver Band Publicity Officer

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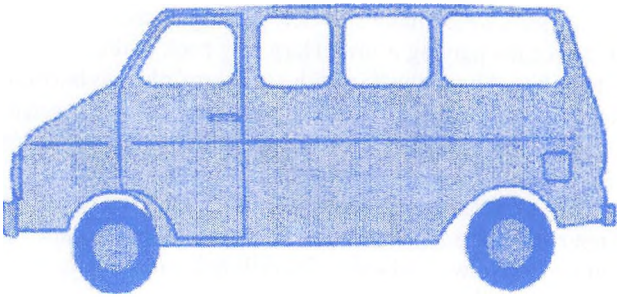

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St Breward Village Hall

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The kitchen has been partly tiled thanks the generosity of Mr & Mrs H Teague who gave us tiles and Viv & Margery Crowle who put them up.

Flower arranging classes – four in all will take place in November – book your place with Margery Crowle on 850679.

The Art & Craft Exhibition and Sale will take place on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November – to exhibit please contact John Francis on 851 680. Anyone wishing to help with refreshments please contact Margery 850 679 or Pat 850 628.

St Breward Handbell Ringers

The Handbell Ringers would like to express their gratitude to the person who has so generously donated a substantial amount to their funds. This money will go a long way to help them buy more bells to ring with their present set and this will enable them to play a longer repertoire of music.

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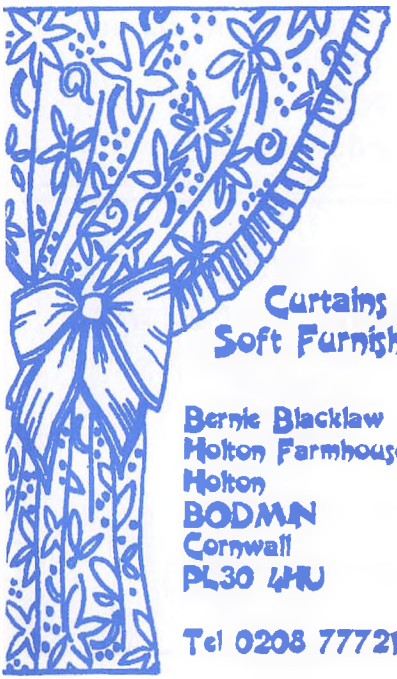

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Peter Davey was surprised at the stick of rock that Dave Hill brought him back for looking after his cat but not as much as Freda who said, "My life I've never seen anything like it". The rock was called 'Floppy Willy'.

Micky Harris had a bad week recently. First of all, whilst working at De Lank quarry, he stood back to admire his handiwork on his saw bench and fell into the pit. Then in the dark at 5AM he clattered over his dustbins on his path outside his house. Expert opinion is divided over whether he was staggering home from the pub or whether he was trying to avoid the bee's nest he was trying to drive out with the fumes of a petrol soaked rag.

Joe Kay had a rude awakening on the first morning of his holiday in Devon. He woke up thinking a whole squadron of Morris men were dancing on the roof of his caravan. It turned out that it was gulls on the roof eating the bits of bread that Martin had thrown there the previous night.

Disturbing to learn that Lorraine Kay has a penchant for going to bed with the contents of a whole box of Kellogg's cereal scattered across the sheets. Were they Crunchy Nut Cornflakes? - Martin wouldn't say.

Congrats to Tony Champion for winning the solo cupboard-tossing championships. Unfortunately he was disqualified in the doubles competition as Nishy wasn't there to heave on the other side. Luckily, father-in-law Noel Smith was able to rally round and repair the damage to his pride!

St Breward man replaces Prime Minister's top spin doctor. With the departure of Alistair Campbell, Tony Blair has replaced him with David Hill whom he has described as a man of few words and a modest demeanour. Reporters have been hanging around the gates of De Lank quarry hoping for a pithy quote, but Dave Hill is refusing to speak. Colleagues say they cannot understand it as he is usually very garrulous. Others have commented that he went very quiet after many long calls to his mobile phone from someone called Cherie.

St Breward's David Kay has been sent into Iraq as the UN's new chief searcher for weapons of mass destruction. Informed sources have been surprised at the appointment of this quiet, unassuming Cornishman, but close friend 'Greens' is on record as saying that David is the right man for the job.

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The Wenford Dries in St Breward

St Breward Parish Councillors toured Wenford Dries on 16th September 2003, conducted by Mr Ivor Bowdich and Mr Brian Patton of Imerys. The Dries had been in operation for almost all of the last century, drying china clay slurry which was pipe lined through St Breward from the Stannon clay pit. The dries have recently closed being unable to compete with plant nearer St Austell.

The dries are a short distance from the left bank of the river Camel. Ironclad sheds and buildings run between the main buildings and the river and are due to be demolished shortly. A ruler straight railway line runs along the front of the main building, which is over 300 yards long. This huge building processed the clay in former years. Behind this building is a row of tanks where clay once settled out from the slurry piped in from Stannon. The long building is flanked by the settling tanks on one side and the railway lines on the other.

The building is split along its length by the drying floor nearest the tanks and the handling floor nearest the railway line. The drying floor is covered with tiles, underneath which are channels through which hot smoke from central fires once passed. The wet clay from the tanks was loaded onto the hot drying floor and after drying, was shovelled over and into the handling floor. This is where the dried clay was finished, packed, stored and loaded into the railway wagons below. Today, the settling tanks are empty, the fires are out, the drying floor is clear, the rest of the building is empty and no steaming railway locomotive trundles along the tracks.

The rest of the building? Standing inside at one end of this building and looking into the distance, one is awed by its sheer length. Was this the nave of some huge medieval cathedral being built? Is it some deserted eighteenth century navy ropewalk? Is it to be a thousand feet long bowling alley for a race of super giants?

But when the railway closed and due to the labour involved in operating this huge processing plant, it was decided to automate the task of clay drying. A new building was built nearer to the road and higher than the old long building. Wet clay from the settling tanks passed along a conveyer belt in the old drying section into the new building and water was pressed out in a pair of huge presses, like cider presses but on their sides. When only 25% of the water remained, the screws were reversed and the nearly dry clay cakes dropped onto the floor below where another conveyor belt took the pieces into the hot end of an enormous fuel heated tumble drier. The drying clay took three quarters of an hour to rumble through the drier drum to come out dry where a conveyor took the clay for final treatment and to be taken by lorry to St Austell. The tumble drier was worn out by 2001 and replacement costs meant the end of clay drying at Wenford after ninety seven years.

Thus, there is this enormous derelict but historical industrial site at St Breward. The owners, Imerys, undertake to make the site safe. The cement asbestos roofs must be removed and used as landfill, leaving the vast skeletal roof frames. All the roof

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frames must come down to avoid tempting robust youngsters who might try their hands at emulating spider men. Settling tanks must be kept drained so that rainwater does not turn them into deep dangerous pools. The new building is full of hazards and with its tumble-drier and cider presses must be demolished. Drainage will be installed to collect water safely off the site. The site will be fenced after allowing the Camel Trail extension to pass through. All this work will be costly.

Will there be a future use for Wenford Dries? The settling tanks could be swimming pools or used for fish farming or could make splendid tennis courts. Could the long building have been used as a vast warehouse or have been turned into 25 industrial units for light industry or low cost dwellings? We believe that all these options have been explored. There is only regret that an era of St Breward's industrial history is ended, in which 2,000 tons of china clay was made each week.

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St. Breward WI September 9th, 2003

Mrs C Woolf, president, welcomed members to the September meeting in the Memorial Hall. In spite of earlier interest we have been unable to raise a team for the Spoken Word day at Cuddra on October 8th. Mrs Woolf and Mrs G Daws will go to the Annual Council Meeting on October 21st as our delegate and visitor.

A reply was received regarding our concern about advertising mail sent to each WI secretary for distribution to members; it was felt that sufficient circulars were already sent to institutes and to our homes; it said that £130,000 revenue is received as a result of this arrangement. It was noted that the WI subscription will rise to £20 in 2004 which was met with a mixed reception! It was agreed that we send £10 for the Coins for Friendship fund; this is for smaller projects like a cow for a family, or money and tools to dig a well for good water for a village.

By the time you read this the WI will have held its annual MacMillan Coffee Morning, run by Christine Woolf and Jenny Teague and others, in the bandroom on September 26th. We hope to raise a good amount for this much-valued cause.

Warleggan and Cardinham will host the St Petroc's Group meeting at Mount on October 22nd and we shall use the community bus, probably leaving from outside the shop at 6.45pm.

Mrs Woolf gave us a lovely surprise when she announced that Mrs P Bousfield had gained third place in the Blaikley Salver competition for a 32-line poem entitled Cornish Wild Life, and even more when she said that she herself had been awarded second place! Both of them then read out their entries to us; two very different styles of writing and so very good. St. Breward certainly has its share of creative people

Our speaker was Wendy Hillary who gave us a talk about the composer, Edward Elgar, recently. This time she chose to talk about the life of Elgar's wife Alice, who was several years older than he was and seemed to act as a manager cum nurse to this musician who was quite a hypochondriac at times. In spite of being a very well-educated person she dedicated her time to ensuring that his life ran as smoothly as was possible, even drawing the five lines required on each sheet of score required and constantly trying to further his career in spite of many setbacks. Wendy supported all this with selected items of music with words written by Alice. It is difficult to imagine such a man writing some of our most well known music such as Pomp and Circumstance!

The October 14th meeting at 7.15pm in the Hall should be very interesting because Norman Trebilock will tell us about the Fleet Ambulance; the competition is for an Old-fashioned Health Remedy, and for the Flower of the Month.

Anne Holmes

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Ladies

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Oct 14th Quiz night £4 per teams of four. Start 8pm all proceeds for Bodmin Lions charities Everyone Welcome.

The Duchy side has started their league games losing to Tywardreath and Delabole. The Sunday League to date has won 2 drawn 1 and lost 1.

The Ladies got off to a flying start beating their opponents Stoke Climsland 7-1.

Imagine the consternation on Hayley Harris's face when Kirsty came out of school and said "Mum I hate your new hair style." Trying to recover some credibility with her eldest daughter, Hayley retorted, Wait until Aimee comes out. She will say Mum I love your hair, She is always positive like that" . . . . . .

When Aimee came out she shouted, Mum, what the hell have you done to your hair?" For once Hayley was speechless.

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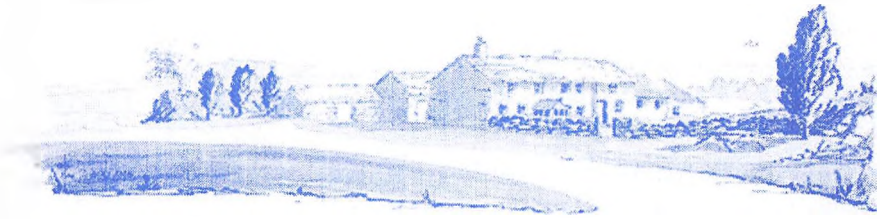

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