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David Hutchings, Brother-in-law of Margaret and Trevor Sleep would like to thank Doreen & Joe Kay, Martin & Lorraine Kay, Dawn & Roger Sleep and Barbara Marshall for the lovely home cooked food they provided at the wake of my wife Lynda's recent funeral.

Thanks also to those who were present at the funeral.

Margaret Sleep would like to thank everyone who sent cards of sympathy and flowers after the recent deaths of my mother and sister.

And also all those who sent Get Well cards to me while in Derriford Hospital during the same period.

Special thanks to Jan Marshall and Lorraine Mead and Lorraine Kay and Martin Kay for visiting me on regular occasions during this sad time. (Thank you Darren and Simon and Andy and staff at The Old Inn for all their help.)

Our 300th Edition. What a milestone or as past and current editors occasionally remarked "what a millstone!"

It may not actually be our 300th edition as the numbering went astray once or twice and I haven't the time to count them all up. So whether it's 299, 300 or 301, thank you for all your encouragement and input. I wonder how many subscribers have actually read them all. I know Mrs Bousfield has, because her name regularly appeared in the early editions.

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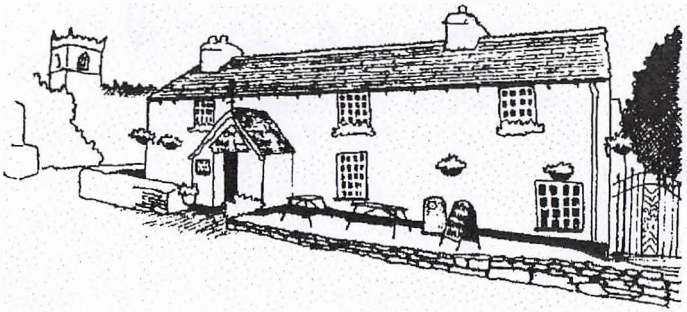

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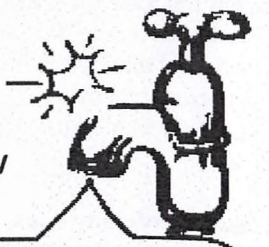

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Vintage Film Club

Yet another successful and hilarious evening was had at our last Vintage Film Club evening in February. The Film Club seems to be a well established favourite in the village judging by the numbers of people who came. Some of the audience had travelled far and wide to join in the fun! It is always good to see new faces! We were treated to a great Donald Duck cartoon – very nostalgic stuff and as always had people rolling in the aisles! Then we were shown a classic Ronnie Barker film, ' A Home of their Own'. This proved to many that nothing changes much in life – however it did give us a more humorous look at the building trade! Amazing too, in this Hi Tec era of film making that this oldie is still as funny as ever, even though it is a silent movie!! We are never short- changed on these occasions either, as we then had Pathe News from 1950 and then the Ice creams! A saucily clad Jo – sporting a Woman Police Constable's Uniform, served these!! This was a preamble to the Blockbuster of the evening, 'The Lavender Hill Mob'. This showed another superb Alec Guinness performance too.

Our thanks once again go to Arthur Ludgate and Charles Whitehead for all their sterling efforts on our behalf. Looking around the Village Hall at the end of the evening was proof enough to all that this event should continue!! I haven't seen so many happy faces for a long time.

The next Vintage Film Club will be in September 2005. This is due to the extensive renovations of the Village Hall. Please watch this space for future events.

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Tsunami Fund Raising.

There has been a great deal of fund raising in Blisland over the last few years but the generosity of people in the village for the recent Tsunami Appeal has been staggering. There has been a most successful coffee morning in the Village Hall, (we even had people from Liskeard that came along to support the appeal).

Betty O' Donnell very kindly opened her doors and had a coffee morning too. The Blisland Inn have for sometime now been collecting money for the appeal through charity boxes on the Bar and the proceeds from Quiz evenings. The Post Office has collected money too from donations. These fund raising events have realised and amazing total of £1055.03p. The money has gone to The Shelter Box Appeal. Many thanks to all the organisers and also to all of you who have supported these events.

Blisland Gardening Club.

In January we welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed listening to George Kestell again. This time his chosen subject was 'Bulbs all of Types'. It is truly amazing how many varieties there are and how we can enhance our gardens with such gems. He

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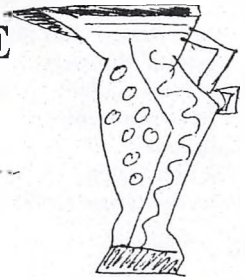

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Dear Friends,

Imagine that one of your dearest friends died, you attended the funeral and helped console the family in their grief. A few days later you are in a garden thinking sadly of all that you had shared, the laughter, good holidays and life experiences; you hear someone speaking to you and without looking up you reply, too involved in your sad thoughts to give more than a brief response. Then you hear your name spoken in the distinctive tone that your friend used. Alive, alive, yes really there with you again. Such joy!

The account of Easter Sunday in John's gospel gives a beautiful account of the reunion of the Lord Jesus with one of his best friends, Mary Magdalene.

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been. "Woman why are you crying?" they asked her. She answered, "They have taken my Lord away and I do not know where they have put him." Then she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?" She thought he was the gardener, so said to him. "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him". Jesus said to her "Mary!" She turned towards him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni" (This means Teacher).

"Do not hold me", Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

There are other accounts in the gospels such as the stranger on the shore, preparing a fish breakfast for the disciples when they returned from working their nets on the lake. He challenged them to remain faithful, "Follow me," he said, to Peter and that's our invitation too, to follow him, become more like him, share his concern for the poor, the downtrodden and the outcast. Let's be faithful, our gift of gratitude to him who suffered more than we can dream of in order to bring us into a living relationship with his Father.

Yours sincerely, Val Jones

Church Services for April 2005

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	**Sunday Club**
3rd April	**NO SERVICE**	9.30 am Holy Communion **Bodmin Team**	6.30 pm Evensong (at Church) **Val Jones (Reader)**	11.10 am Matins **Val Jones (Reader)**	Easter Break!
10th April	**NO SERVICE**	9.30 am Matins **Val Jones (Reader)**	9.30 am United Service ***(at Church) TBA***	11.10am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Easter Break!
17th April	**NO SERVICE**	9.30am Holy Communion **Rev David Read**	9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.10am Holy Communion **Rev David Read**	Village Hall then Church
24th April	***TBA***	9:30 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	11.00 am United Service (at Chapel) **TBA**	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Village Hall

On the night the Pope died here are some remarks of the irreverent Dave Allen who also died this week.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"I still think of myself as I was 25 years ago. Then I look in a mirror and see an old bastard and realise it's me."

"Am I the Irish comedian with half a finger? No, I'm the Irish comedian with nine and a half fingers."

"A good storyteller never lets the facts get in the way."

"I don't go out of my way to be outrageous; I just go out of my way to look at things."

"We spend our lives on the run: We get up by the clock, eat and sleep by the clock, get up again, go to work – and then we retire. And what do they give us? A clock."

"If it's sent by ship then it's a cargo, if it's sent by road then it's a shipment,"

"I've stopped smoking ... I think the cost was a lot of it, and not being able to breathe. I first gave up smoking when I was eight."

"Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never – I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever." (What Allen said he would like to have inscribed on his tombstone).

"Goodnight, thank you, and may your God go with you." (Allen's trademark sign-off).

Chapel's Page

Minister Rev. Stella Long Tel. 01840 212042			
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Dear Friends

By the time you read this Easter will have come and gone. We will have mourned the death of Jesus, killed in such a cruel and painful way on the cross on that first Good Friday; and we will have sung with joy as we remember His amazing and wonderful rising from death. Now is the time when we share the joy of the disciples as Jesus returned to them and shared His last few weeks with them before leaving them forever at His ascension - though not before He left His Spirit as His constant and continuing presence for all time.

One of the disciples I can easily relate to at this time is Thomas. Thomas came to be known as "Doubting Thomas" because he didn't believe his friends when they said Jesus had risen from the dead, but it is hard to blame him for his unbelief. You see, he was the only one who wasn't there when Jesus first came to the disciples, appearing suddenly amidst them in a locked room. And let's face it, would you have believe it?

Thomas said, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, and put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound at his side."

Jesus, understanding and caring to the last came to Thomas and invited him to do all of the above. He says, "Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" Of course Thomas did believe - how could he not? But Jesus continues, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway."

It is easy to believe when we have the proof in front of us but to believe without proof takes faith. God gives us lots of clues but it is not until we take the first steps of faith that we really find the proof. Ask any Christian and they will tell you that they **know** that Jesus died and rose again and left His Spirit with us. But, unlike Thomas, you will only get the proof for yourself once you have taken the first steps of faith. If you want to believe but can't quite, or if you would like to take the first steps of faith, then talk to me or any Christian and we will try to help you.

May God Bless you, Stella

Blisland Methodist Church Services for April		
Sunday 3rd	2.30pm	Church Fellowship Service
Sunday 17th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev S Long

St Breward Methodist Church April Diary		
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Mr J Bennallick
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Rev S Long
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Mr P Parsons
Sunday 24th	9.30am	Mr Bannister
Wed 6th	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning

Childrens Church meet fortnightly on Wednesdays

The Women's World Day of Prayer service held in St Breward Methodist Church on Friday 4th March was a great success.

The service prepared by the Christian women of Poland was particularly well written and our guest speaker, the Rev Margaret Millson delivered a wonderful address. Thank you to all who took part especially Mrs Lorraine Mead, our leader and Mrs Foxcroft our organist.

A total of £32.75 has been sent to the WWD of Prayer fund.

Margaret Overton, Sec. St Breward Branch

(Continued from page 6) *Blisland Gardening Club*

is a most amusing speaker and makes all aspects of gardening a real pleasure and attainable for all!!

For our February meeting we were delighted to welcome Tracey Wilson from the Duchy Nursery. She is such an amusing character that you know you will be well entertained for the evening. This year she shared her experiences and escapades at The Hampton Court Flower Show. She is truly inspirational with her sheer energy and enthusiasm.

For our April Meeting we will be welcoming Charlie Pridham. He is a Nurseryman and Grower, and he is a holder of the NCCPG National Collection of Clematis. Charlie will be talking to us about " Conservatories for Plants and People". As usual we will be holding a raffle at the end of the evening and refreshments will be served too. Please bring any plants or cuttings for our ever-popular Plant Stall. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

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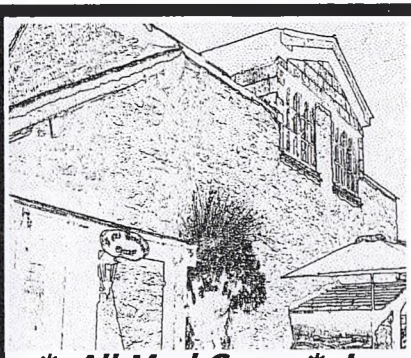

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1st St Breward Rainbows

Everyone at 1st St Breward Rainbows would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and Best Wishes in the starting of our new group. We received a lot of Good Luck cards, and a very generous donation from the Carnival Committee, which was not expected at all. We would also like to thank the Methodist Chapel for allowing us to hold our meetings there.

Our two Young Leaders Katie and Rebecca have also been wonderful, and have helped us set the group up, and we hope that they enjoy the time they spend with us - we couldn't do it without them.

The girls have already been very busy, learning the new Rainbow song, and learning their Promise which we will all be making together (leaders and children) at Delphi Bridge on 25th April weather permitting of course.

We currently have 10 girls, but have a couple more spaces if any other 5 - 7 year old girls are interested in joining. We meet at St Breward Methodist Chapel every Monday 3.45pm - 5.00pm, and we have lots of fun.

Anyone interested in joining please phone either:
Gabby Waters 851249
or
Michelle Coleman 851350

Once again thank you to everyone who is supporting our new group.

Blisland Low Impact Keep Fit Classes.

There will be a re-launch of our ever-popular Keep Fit Classes in Blisland Village Hall. This will commence again after Easter on April 13th. If you want to come along for a taster session it will be free for the first session. The class is for all ages but suited particularly to those of you who do not want a High Impact class. It relies far more on the very important effects of stretching and toning –something we can all do with as we struggle into our summer clothes!

The classes commence at 10.30am and will be followed by a social time, enjoying a chat over a bowl of soup and a cup of tea to end the session if you have the time! Remember too –one is never too old to enjoying keeping fit and having a bit of fun at the same time, so come and give it a try!

A father spotted his four year old out in the garden brushing the family dog's teeth.
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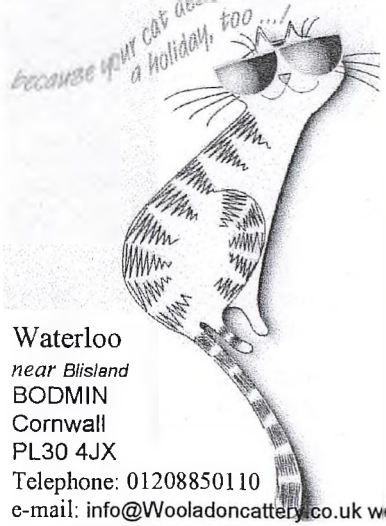

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ST BREWARD GARDENING CLUB <u>February meeting</u>

Mrs Brenda Whurr from The Old Mill Garden and Herbary put us through our paces regarding herbs – there is at least one for every letter of the alphabet! Brenda informed us about various medicinal herbal remedies plus of course the use of herbs for cooking.

Her garden at Helland Bridge is a place we shall visit during May - it is an unusual garden where there are planted named displays of herbs for culinary & medicinal uses plus aromatic herbs. Mr Robert Whurr (who was assisting during the evening) had a good supply of slides of the garden in various stages of development as well as shots of colourful shrubs and flowers. The mill leat has been cleaned and restored and now feeds the natural bog and water gardens.

There will be no meeting at the Memorial Hall for April as we are visiting Lanhydrock Gardens on the evening of 22nd April and are lucky enough to have a conducted tour led by the Head Gardener, Mr Tommy Teague. We shall use the Community Bus plus members cars. (see posters in due course re times etc.)

Bluebell Day at Bolts Quarry Farm will be held we hope on Sunday 1st May – there will be a bring and buy plant stall as well as a few other attractions. Please note that the date is subject to change according to the development of the bluebells!

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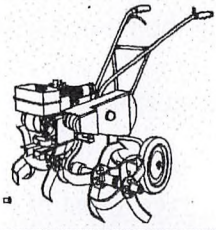

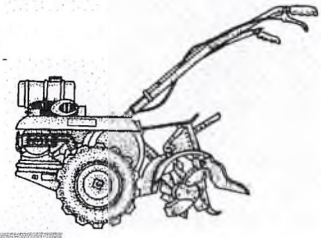

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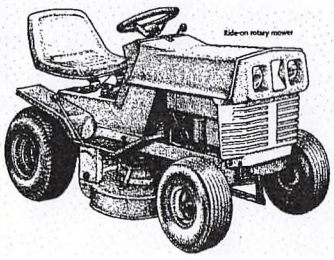

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Some members of the Parish Council visited this centre in March. Below are some useful facts and contact numbers. It is well worth a visit, we thought we were avid recyclers – but definitely had our consciences pricked and have been re-educated!

Home composting

Do you compost garden waste and vegetable peelings for homegrown compost? It is amazing to think that approximately 20% of the waste in our kitchen bins can be composted – saving valuable landfill space and helping your garden to prosper. Why not start Composting this spring and look after the environment as well as your pocket?

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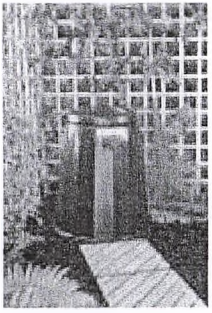

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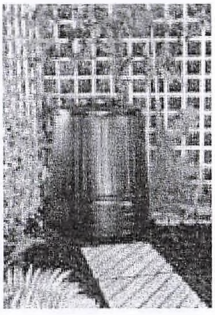

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Groups of all ages are encouraged to make visits to see and learn more about recycling in Cornwall through a tour of the centre, talks, interactive activities and discussions. Visits will be informal but informative and packed full of ideas and suggestions that you can take away.
The tour gave us the opportunity to watch from the purpose built walkway giving a

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great view of the whole process from the materials arriving, being sorted, compressed and baled ready to go on to the next stage as a quality raw material.

We would encourage everyone to 'reduce, re-use and recycle', and to visit this facility – which provided education (for all ages!!), interaction and fun.

Ask yourself the following questions:
Do you use a composter for all vegetable peelings and garden waste remains?
Do you remove all tops from milk containers and plastic bottles before putting into the bag?
Did you know that nearly all plastic bottles could be recycled, including washing up bottles, squash bottles and shampoo bottles?
Do you put all white paper envelopes, magazines, newspapers and cards into the blue bag?
Do you put brown paper envelopes with all your cardboard for recycling?
No yogurt pots or margarine containers – but they can be reused for gardening or craft activities!
Register on freephone:0800 612 0456 to stop receiving junk mail

Blisland W.I. March Meeting.

Wednesday March 16th 2-15pm. Annual Meeting time again.

Wendy Gurr welcomed members on a wet Wednesday afternoon and got down to business. The Annual Account's Report was presented by Mrs. J Cotton, Treasurer and was accepted by unanimous vote. Mrs. S. Kerr, Secretary, went through the correspondence received and any other business. It was then time to elect committee members or rather re-elect Wendy, Jo, and Stella. All members voted unanimously for them to carry for on the grand work they do for further year, with encouragement and the support of the rest of the committee.

Next W.I. meeting Wednesday 20th April 7-15 pm. Change of time now the evenings are lighter.

We now have twenty-four members, new members are always welcome. Visitors welcome too.

Psychiatrist hotline voice messaging system:
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Support your Village School and Nursery.

It is very easy moving into St Breward or Blisland to send your children to other schools in the area. Everyone has an opinion on their village school; some glowing, some indifferent and some quite derogatory. Not many of these opinions are based on fact as the families who know what our schools are really like are few in number.

The 2003 OFSTED report on St Breward School states

HOW GOOD THE SCHOOL IS

This is a good school, which offers a broad and well-balanced curriculum to its pupils. They make good progress because of the good teaching they receive and the attention that is given to their individual needs. It is well led and managed by the headteacher, and the staff and governors work as a highly committed team for the benefit of the pupils. The school gives good value for money.

What the school does well

- The headteacher provides strong leadership and she is supported well by the governors and staff. As a result, standards have improved since the last inspection.
- Teaching is good. Teachers have a good understanding of their subjects and plan well for pupils' individual needs. As a result, pupils make good progress.
- Special educational needs provision is good. The needs of individual pupils are regularly reviewed to ensure that they receive the support that they need.
- The curriculum that the school offers to pupils is well balanced and thoroughly planned to promote progression and interesting opportunities for learning in all subjects.
- Good provision is made for pupils personal, moral, spiritual, cultural and social development and, as a result, pupils behave well, respect others and take their responsibilities seriously.
- Relationships between the teachers and pupils are very good. A warm and friendly atmosphere pervades the school and, as a result, pupils grow in confidence and are eager to learn.

National surveys show that one of the main reasons why families with young children choose a particular village in which to live is because there's a school in the village. If you ask new residents to your village why they chose it, they will often mention good community spirit with lots going on. A School, Doctors'

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surgery, Post Office, shop and pub are all there in the mix.

So why is it that newcomers often send their children to schools in neighbouring villages or towns? Do they not realise that by not supporting what their village has to offer they are giving their community a push along the road into decline? Without support, the County Council/Government will close our village schools.

A village without a school will attract even less families with children. The average age of our communities will increase and there will be fewer youngsters to bring life to our villages. Fewer youngsters means decline for village organisations such as Sunday school, Brownies, Guides, Football club and so on. Eventually the whole warp and weft of community life begins to unravel and our lives will be the poorer for it.

Of course parents have the right to choose where their children go to school, but before making that decision please go to your village school or nursery and ask for a prospectus or for information direct from those involved. Then make a conscious decision based on facts, not on hearsay.

Denis Lusby

BLISLAND PARISH PLAN
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The Parish Plan is coming to its final stages. We had 60% return of completed questionnaires, which was an excellent result and have completed the analysis ready to write the plan. It should be distributed sometime in May as planned. At Easter Bingo on Saturday 19th March, the winning questionnaire number (above) was selected. Contact Arthur Ludgate on 851012 to collect the £25 reward if you have the winning number.

A number of you may be aware that during the past 18 months Blisland & Helland representatives have been part of the Bodmin & Surrounding Area Market & Coastal Towns initiative (BASA MCTi). This group of people from Bodmin, Blisland, Cardinham, Lanivet, Lanhydrock, Helland, & Withiel have been working toward a Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for our communities to spell out a view of how BASA should develop through the next 20 years. The CSP is complete and with the printers. You should receive your 'short-form' copy sometime around 18th April. Please read this when you receive it, the BASA CSP is an excellent document, not just our view, it has won both Regional & National awards! A new organisation with cross community membership, 'Bodmin Futures', has been formed to deliver the objectives of the plan.

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Blisland Parish Council (March 2005 Meeting)

The Parish Council met on Thursday 10th March where there were nine Councillors and four members of the Public present.

Mrs Wendy Harper started the meeting, from the floor, advising concern about the state of hedgerows in various parts of the village. The Parish Council agreed to discuss these matters with highways. PC Rice, the Community Police Officer, sent in a written report advising that there had been one reported crime since the February meeting, the theft of concrete slabs and natural stone slate from the Rectory. Two green vans were seen in the area between the material times by a local resident.

Please ring Bodmin Police if anyone has further info relating to this crime. Unfortunately District/County Councillor David Miller was unable to attend due to ill health, the meeting wished him a speedy recovery. There were 13 planning decisions advised, too many to detail here. Approved, Jollybrook Barm vehicle repair, Fourwinds & Hawkstor Cell-phone mast restrictions lifted, South Penquite Barns redevelopment, 3 Church Close pergola, Church Bridge strengthening, Chalet Tresarrett extension. Refused, appeal or withdrawn, Jolybrook Barn various items, High Clere 4 detached houses, Jollybrook Barn stable block, Darcroft Garage Mobile home, Lanxon Barns extension & Lavethen Mill offices. Planning applications considered were Carbaglet House single storey granny annex extension, unanimous support; Tremarvid extension & re-arrangement, seven support one against.

The meeting was advised that Church Bridge would be closed for Bridge strengthening for 1 week from the 29th March, as would be the stretch of Cassacawn Road past Down Park from 23rd March for 2 days for in-filling road repairs.

Arrangements have been made for the Cornwall Deaf Association to assess the Institute for a hearing loop. The proposed new Public toilet arrangement including disabled access was with contractors for quotation. An Edgar Rowe memorial stone had been selected, and arrangements were in hand for 'Edgar's Oak'. Issues associated with Insurance cover for Council property were discussed and resolved. The Financial Regulations were approved and adopted for use from April onward. The meeting was advised that the BASA MCTi CSP 'short-form' should be distributed by 19th April, and that the CSP had won Regional & National awards.

Please note that a copy of the approved minutes for the meetings of 3rd & 10th February can be downloaded from the Parish Council page of www.blisland.com and/or viewed on the Parish Council, PO & Shop, Village Hall & Blisland Inn notice boards.

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St Breward Primary School

What a busy term we've had. We have been fortunate enough to have a 'funky dance' teacher come to the school to teach the children rhythm and dance each week.. They have thoroughly enjoyed this and it has complimented the Wake Up call we now do every morning. This consists of aerobics and dance and the children have all learned the routines. So each morning before lessons, the whole school joins in and the difference it has made to concentration is quite remarkable. And we're all getting fit too! Also, there is a slight difference to this some of this month's articles. The children have written them and their words are in italics. Lauren Sleep, Charli Frost and Hollie Cornelius do this month's reporting.

Class Sale

On Thursday 17th March we held the Class Three Easter Sale and Coffee Morning. We raised a total of £308.56, so thank you for all of the donations to the raffle, stalls and refreshments.

Red Clothes Day

We also raised £238.75 for Comic Relief, by holding a red clothes day along with the red noses.

Send a Cow

Class 3 at St. Breward Primary School recently did a sponsored swim to raise money for a charity that helps people in some of Africa's poorest countries. Send a Cow is a charity based in the UK that tries to raise money to buy crops and animals for the poorest farmers. £30 will provide fruit trees, £40 provides a beehive, for £60 you can get poultry, £100 provides three weeks training as a farmer and how to care for the animals, £125 will ensure a pair of dairy goats, and last of all £750 for a dairy cow. The livestock helps the poorest people in Africa to regain control of their lives. Already thousands of families have been helped by Send a Cow.

Send a Cow works in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Lesotho. Surplus milk, calves, and eggs all provide money for school fees, pens, books, paper, and university tuition charges.

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On Thursday 10th March we had to swim as many widths as we could in fifteen minutes. Everyone put a lot of effort into the event and the highest amount of widths successfully completed was just over 70. Thanks to the event, we know that we have managed to raise about £200. Thank you to everybody who supported us and helped us raise this great total. We'd also like to thank Camelford Sports Centre who kindly let us use their pool.

Yellow Pages

Oh didn't we do well!! 964 copies – that's 17.85 per head of children. Remarkable and since the closing date, we have received more – enough to have taken us over the 1000. So, we're starting again for next year – please keep them coming either to the school or drop them at the shop.

Finally.....

Here is also a short story written by Charli, which is based on a project the children have done about seed germination.

The Fantastic Flower by Charli Frost

Magda pulled her denim jacket out of the cupboard and slipped it on. It was 9 o'clock at night and Magda was getting ready to go out with her best friends, Nadine and Emily. They were going up to the Football Club to watch a match. She quietly opened her bedroom door and peered out. The house was silent and as she slid down the banisters (to avoid the creaky steps), she heard a quiet meow. She looked down and scanned the hallway floor. Something furry wound around her legs and as she bent down to touch it, something licked her hand.

"Buttons!" she frantically whispered, "You're a cat, so go and stalk a mouse, not me!" She bent down even further and lovingly cuddled him. Then, without uttering another word, she sidled out of the front door and she was on her way to the coolest night ever! Magda's little sister woke up to hear the front door closing. Thinking nothing of it, she went back to sleep!

Dawn broke and Magda awoke, feeling happy. Last night she had been asked if she wanted to be on the girls' football team! She grinned into her pillow and then put on her slippers and

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wandered downstairs for breakfast. halfway down the stairs, she stopped and sat down. She hauled off her slipper and fished around inside. Her fingers closed around something flat and rectangular. When she pulled her hand out, enclosed in her grip was a seed packet. She frowned. Then smiled. She hurried out into the garden and opened the packet. A tiny seed fell out into the palm of her hand. She quickly planted it, following the instructions on the back of the packet. Within minutes, a tall green plant had emerged from the soil and after ten minutes, it was as tall as Magda! It suddenly stopped growing and as a bud opened up, she saw a small mouth and a pair of big, blue eyes, peeping out at her.

Suddenly the flower started to LAUGH! Magda stared as the flower started to talk!

"This is a really weird place," it said. "Have you got any cola?"

Magda was amazed. "You can talk!" she exclaimed.

"Sure can," it said and with that it started wandering around the garden. It had amazing feet! They were like long stripy socks, pink, orange, yellow, green, purple, blue – all the colours of the world. Magda hurried into the kitchen with the plant trailing after her.

The fridge was full of cola and Magda opened a can and passed it on to the plant. It drained it in a few seconds and suddenly sprouted buds. Quickly, big blooms burst out.

As soon as the blooms had appeared, they wilted and disappeared! Then the flower groaned. It had stared to melt!

"Help meeeeee...!" it screamed. Magda stared.

In a few minutes, there was only a pile of ragged leaves and a tiny seed. Magda bent down to pick up the seed, but with a pop, it vanished!

Magda went back inside. She was a bit disappointed that the seed wasn't something truly amazing. She was still clutching the seed packet when that suddenly disappeared as well! Magda was amazed. It was a really cool story to tell her friends!

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Three streets away, Tom had just woken up, with a tiny seed on his pillow.

"Hmmmm," he said.

When your mum is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.

Village's Ladies of Mercy – Tsunami Appeal

When Betty Hoskin of St Breward first heard about the far away Tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean, her first thought was what she could do to assist and how. With like-minded Doreen Kay, also from St Breward, they agreed to try and organise a coffee morning, an often held village function to raise funds locally, normally generating £100-£200. The chosen charity to support was Shelter Box in Helston because it was felt that it was clear exactly where the money was going, according to Betty, "We wanted a recognisable charity that would make it clear to our friends in the village exactly where raised funds would be spent to support this horrific disaster. Shelter Box is such a worthwhile scheme and results of our efforts can be seen. An additional bonus is, of course, it is Cornish based!"

What Betty and Doreen did not appreciate at the time was the tremendous support they would receive from the village in helping to arrange such an amazing morning of generosity, resulting in the village's Band Room taken over by stalls heaving with goodies for sale and villagers jostling shoulder to shoulder buying and donating. Betty could not believe that the takings at the end of the 2 hours reached £1,800, an unheard of precedent in the village for such an event. Further bolstered by additional village fundraising events from Bingo, Football Club raffles, and a Village Stores counter bucket, a total of £2,950.78 was eventually sent off by Betty to Shelter Box from St Breward.

St Breward resident, Peter Glaser, and his family visited Shelter Box's warehouse following the donation to see for himself just how successful the organisation was. Shown round the premises by an exuberant George Curnow from the Rotary Club, Peter witnessed the whole process from donations coming in to the administration centre, sorting and packing the boxes in the large dedicated warehouse, to weighing and loading into lorries for the first stage of the precious cargo's journey to the Indian Ocean via Heathrow airport. The size of the urgent need for the Tsunami appeal had of course placed strain on suppliers of the various items of equipment required for the boxes, but the very nature of the Shelter Box scheme allowed the boxes to be adapted to the differing requirements of the regions.

Article & Photo Peter Glaser

Betty & Doreen at Shelter Box

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR BOUNDARY STONE SURVEY

Blisland Commoners Association has been successful in obtaining funding for a project to survey and restore the many boundary stones on the 14 areas of common land known as Blisland Commons.

The project is being funded by the Local Heritage Initiative, a national grant scheme to help local groups to investigate, explain and care for their landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. The LHI is run by the Countryside Agency and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Nationwide Building Society.

The project will consist of recording each individual boundary stone, with photographs, recording their dimensions, grid reference, symbols or letters carved on them etc. Eventually, those that are leaning or that have fallen over may be re-erected and in certain situations replacement stones may be set up where the original stones have been lost.

A number of volunteers are required to help with this project, under supervision, with the survey and practical work. All volunteers need to be fit and have suitable clothing and footwear for walking on the open moor. We will be surveying the stones on the land with the kind permission of the landowners and commoners.

The majority of this work will be undertaken at weekends. Anyone who is interested in taking part is asked to telephone Peter Davies at Bodmin on 01208 76044 (evenings).

The Winner of our caption competition was
Nesta Teague with

Anita saying to Joe:-

"Please warm your hand before putting it there again.!

Joe to Anita

"I will if you will."

If she wishes to take up her prize of a Year's Free Membership to the Carnival Committee, we will see you an the next meeting Nesta.

Access to Health in Cornwall

At a recent conference at County Hall, we heard about different methods of transport for enabling patients to visit their 'health providers'. Up till recently, the NHS were obliged to provide transport only for emergencies and also for people who had no transport of their own to get to hospital; now, this is gradually being expanded to include transport provision for patients to visit their GPs, dentists, opticians, etc., by integrating with the local 'transport providers' (mainly buses). Unfortunately, this process hasn't yet reached Cornwall but is beginning to happen in other parts of Britain: it has been found to cut down on the number of patients that do not arrive for their appointments and also to reduce costs to the NHS by early treatment of disease. It also benefits the patients by a reduction in the stress of travelling, especially on long or difficult journeys. Perhaps we could ask our local providers why this isn't happening here?

One way of getting to appointments that *is* provided here is the TAP system - Transport Access Patients. By phoning one central number - 01872 223388 – a car with volunteer driver will take the patient to and from their appointment. It is a very successful system but fairly expensive at 35p per mile, measured to and from the driver's own door (and at 70p per mile after two hours). An alternative is the Western Greyhound Bus Company which provides a two hourly service from Wadebridge to Treliske Hospital.

Another way to 'Access Health' is to take more exercise to keep fit! There is now a scheme called 'Pedal Back the Years' for older people who would like to get back on their bikes but are feeling nervous and /or out of practice. These are guided group rides, accompanied by a First Aider, and the ride along the Camel Trail, from Scarletts Well car park, Bodmin, to Pooleys Bridge takes place on alternate Fridays. (A similar accompanied scheme for walkers, 'Stroll Back the Years', takes place in the St Austell area.)

For further information, please contact me on (01208) 850806.

Jane Hanscomb

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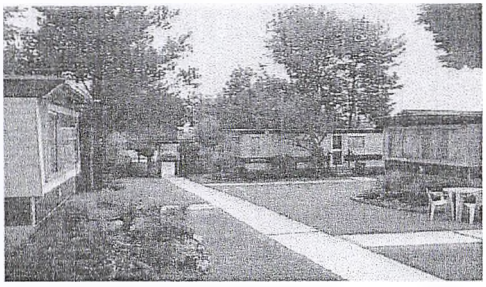

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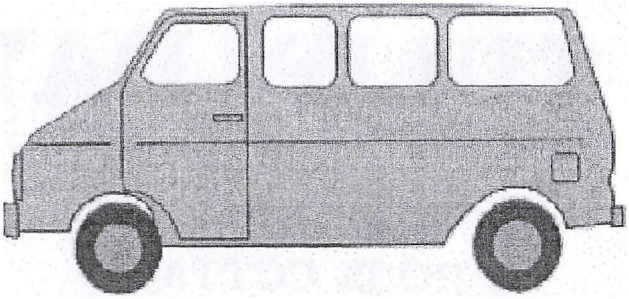

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3. Higher Lank to Penrose Burden
4. Hill to Fellover via Sunnybank
5. Mount Pleasant to St Breward/Blisland boundary (remove parings from Mt Pleasant to Highland Cot)
6. Hill to Tor Down quarry via Mill Lane (Attention to be paid to Japanese Knotweed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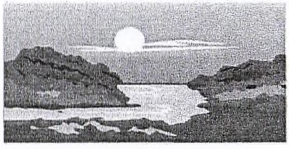

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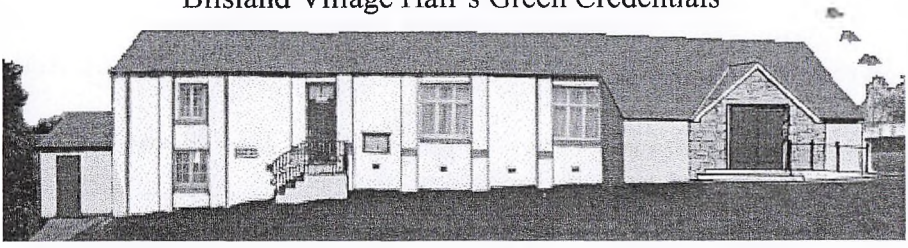

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This theme continues for our next four events - all in some way connected to the coast and the sea. Our last indoor event of our spring season will be on Friday 20th May at Wadebridge Town Hall, when we shall welcome Tamsin Loveless, who is the Marketing Manager of the National Maritime Museum, as our speaker.

Then it is walking shoes on, firstly on Wednesday 25th May, when we will be reminded of the power of water as we take an evening stroll around Boscastle under the guidance of Ian Kemp, the National Trust Property Manager for North Cornwall.

This will be an opportunity to learn something of the devastation that struck the village, much of which is owned by the National Trust. We will also gain an insight into the efforts to restore Boscastle to its former glories and to be able to welcome back the all-important visitor.

On Saturday 11th June, we will be taking a walk along the coast, starting at Polzeath. This will be led by the local National Trust warden, Derek Lord who is a fund of knowledge on the natural history of this area.

Our final outing this year will transport us in spirit to 19th century Paris, whilst we gaze on the stupendous views from the Minack Theatre. We have a trip arranged to see the matinee performance of "La Boheme" on Wednesday 20th July.

If you would like further details of any of these events or to join our Association, please contact either Eileen Treby (Booking Secretary) on 01208 850964, or Jane Windeler (Membership Secretary) on 01208863548. Whilst we welcome guests at all our events, where numbers are limited we must give preference to paid-up members.

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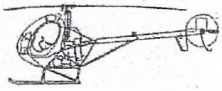

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St Breward NHW renewals of £2 are due from 1st April. You can pay giving details on the form via Moorgoods or St Breward Post Office. Our thanks to them for their assistance.

Neighbourhood watch renewals were due April this year. We wish to increase communication preferably by E-Mail, but if not by Fax or Post. However this is dependant on renewals and this can be carried out by dropping this completed form together with £2 [per household] in either St Breward Post Office or Moorgoods.

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St Breward Parish Council Tuesday 1st March 2005

Seven councillors and three members of the public attended. District Councillor David Miller didn't attend as he had a more important engagement at Treliske Hospital that day. We are pleased to say that he is recovering well from his heart attack although somewhat short tempered due to his new 'No Smoking' lifestyle.

Planning applications received:

Mr K P Foster: Renewal of permission for the retention of hangar and helicopter pad 3 Councillors had visited the site – a vote of no objection was proposed, and seconded. Unanimously agreed.

Mr & Mrs A Philp: Erection of shed as machinery store/agricultural and garden machinery. 3 Councillors had visited the site – the PC felt it important to support local businesses. A vote of no objection was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.

Approvals/Refusals: Mr A G Masters, Keybridge Farm, 2004/02837 – approval
Mr N Cambouropoules, Coombe Mill, 2004/02902 – approval

Parish Plan: Sub-group plan to meet on 15th March. The Clerk circulated a fact sheet to the councillors who will be on this sub-group.

Cllr Stansfield informed the PC that there will be a new seat at Collan's Cross for Easter provided by East Rose Farm.

CroW Act drop in sessions are forthcoming in Feb and March. These will be targeted at landowners, tenants and commoners. The Clerk has displayed a poster about these dates in the shop and the Institute & War memorial notice boards. Further information can be obtained from enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk

Cllr Hanscomb attended the rural Transport meeting, and summarised this in a report, which was circulated to each Councillor. (See report on Page 30). She also informed the meeting that the Best of Bodmin Moor business scheme has advertised that there is a plan to manufacture and sell granite items at Tor Down quarry.

The Chairman attended the Play areas training event, having found it useful and informative and is awaiting documentation before presenting a report.

The definitive rights of way were circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will speak with Paddy McShee (PC's Footpath Representative) to discuss our priorities and action plan for the footpaths in St Breward.

Foskett & Lusby have volunteered to make the Parish Council a glass fronted notice board with St Breward Stores providing materials This will go on the Doctors Surgery wall. Cllr Harris will provide an internal notice board for the Institute & War Memorial Hall.

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Next Meeting of PC is on Tuesday 5th April 2005 at 7pm in Institute & War Memorial Hall

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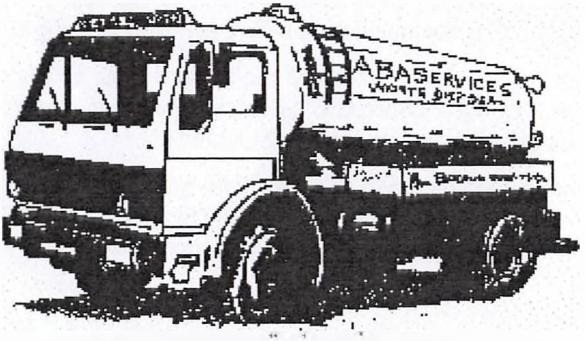

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QUIZ - Mar '05 ANSWERS

1. Gallons = Litres
2. Miles = Yards
3. Litres = Pints
4. Inches = Centimetres
5. Metric carats = grammes
6. Hectares = Square miles
7. Square miles = Acres
8. Feet = Yards
9. Square metres = Square centimetres
10. Hectolitres = Gallons
11. Degrees Centigrade = Degrees Fahrenheit
12. Hundredweight = Pounds
13. Nautical miles = Yards
14. Inches = Metres
15. Grammes = Ounces

and

16. Epiphany
17. Islamic New Year
18. Purim (Jewish)
19. Shavnot - 1st day of Pentecost (Jewish)
20. Dharma Day (Buddhist)
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St Breward WI March Meeting

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Before Mrs Jolliffe left she chose the evening's prize winners as follows;Flowers - first Mrs Jennie Teague, second Mrs Rosemary Lowe, third Mrs Muriel Wilton. Competition - first Mrs Lowe, second Mrs Guen Daws, third Mrs M. Wilton.

Mrs Christine Woolf, president, then gave the month's news; she and Mrs Guen Daws will attend the Spring Council meeting, other members will go to the Grand Music Extravaganza on April 16th at Redruth Methodist Church when friends may also be invited. The visit to Bicton Park is on the same day when husbands and non members may also go on the St. Breward bus for about £6 to £7, plus £3.95 for concessions. Another visit is to Anthony House on June 21st when husbands and non members may join on the WI pickup bus £9.75 plus £4.30 admission.

Looking well ahead a visit will be arranged in July to the Bodmin recycling depot.

Our effort for the St Breward Carnival will be a Home baking and Produce Stall in the Chapel on June 29th, when the Chapel are providing a lunch. We do need to have a well filled stall so put on your thinking caps in good time.

The next meeting will be on April 12th at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall where the top room will have been redecorated by then. The speaker will be from the Cinnamon Trust, a society who looks after pets (not a boarding kennel) when the need arises, there will be slides also. The Competition will be a photo of a dog and a small spring flower arrangement.

As most of us have a pet this should be of interest to all so do come along to join us on the 12th, visitors are very welcome to come along to make friends and possibly join the WI in the future. Anne Holmes

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Imagine Doreen's surprise when she looked into the living room two hours later to find Robert standing on his head with his legs tied in knots. Ollie was standing on his hands with his nose nearly on the floor and his feet tucked up behind him but pointing skyward. Meanwhile Joe was sitting crossed legged on the rug, arms akimbo with his tongue sticking out and curled up at the sides all the while making a curious snoring noise.

Unable to get through to Joe but determined to find out what was going on, she upended and straightened Robert and asked him what they were at.

"Granny, Granddad's DVD might have had fly-fishing on the box but the DVD was all about Yoga, and there was this very fit Chinese girl showing you how to do it. I was doing a lotus headstand, Ollie's in the 'Crow' position, Granddad's doing a breathing exercise called 'Sithali', but I think he's gone to sleep."

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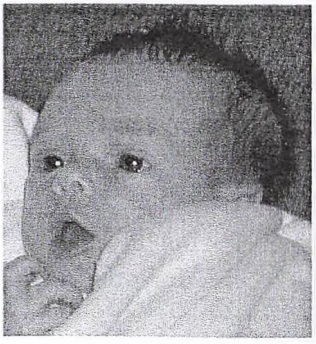

We would like to thank everybody for the support we received during the birth of our daughter, Amelia (Millie), born on Wednesday, February 23, 2005.
Millie was born at 5:13pm at Treliske, and Mim and Millie are both doing well.

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