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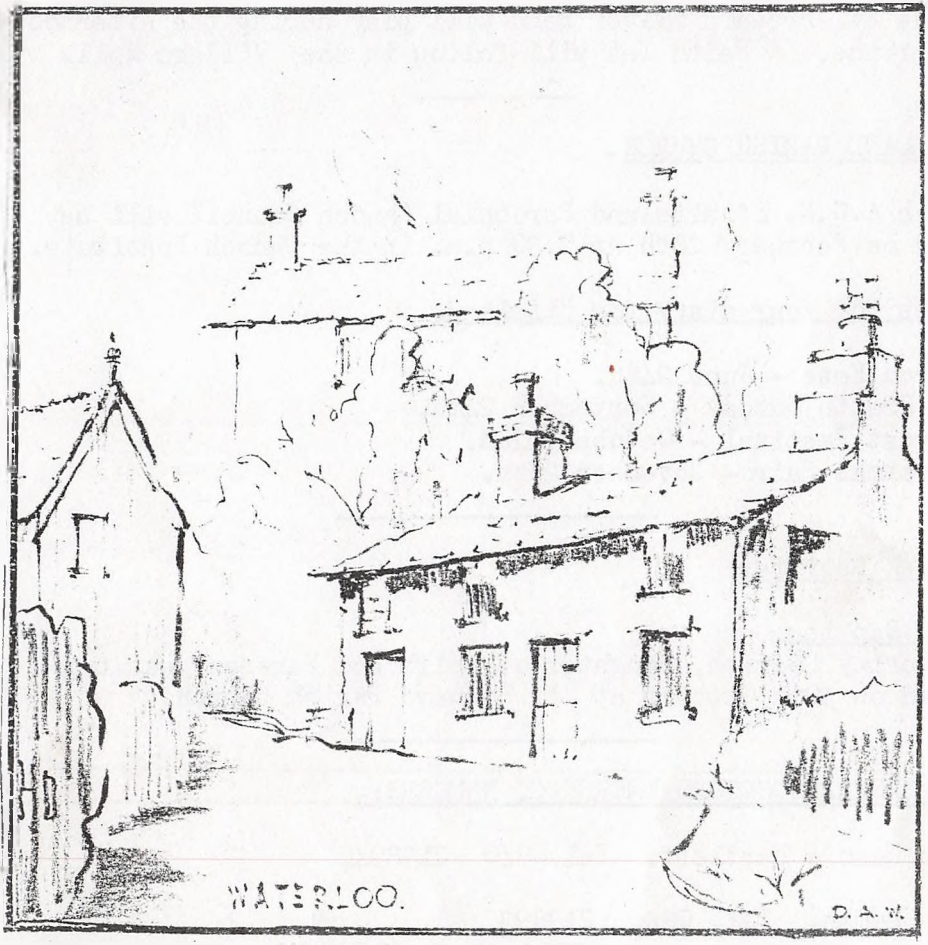

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ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH.

REVEL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 12th.

Holy Communion will be at 11.30 a.m.
Evensong will be at 3.00 p.m.
Both services will be conducted by Canon Peter Boyd.
The St. Breward Silver Band will play during the afternoon service. A Faith Tea will follow in the Village Hall.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH.

The A.G.M. of Blisland Parochial Church Council will be held on February 28th at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Institute.

Dates for your diary for Blisland.

Church Fete - June 24th.
St. Pratts Sunday - September 24th.
Harvest Festival - October 22nd.
Christmas Fair - November 25th.

Parish Register.

Holy Baptism.
Kimberley Morrish, daughter of Keith and Vanessa, was baptised on 30th October at St. Breward Parish Church.

ST. BREWARD DOCTORS EMERGENCY NUMBERS:-

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ST. BREWARD CHURCH.

We were once again blessed with a fine evening, and heralded by the sound of the bells, people were drawn to the Church for the celebration of Midnight Mass.

The floodlit tower, capped by the illuminated tree, which had been visible for many a mile during the week, guided our footsteps into the Church. Grateful thanks to Bill and his ringers for their hard work and also to Mickey and Shaun.

The Churchwardens were hard pressed to accomodate our magnificent congregation. We were indeed very grateful to the Revd. Ben Clarke who came from Bodmin and the atmosphere he generated throughout the service.

The Church had been beautifully decorated, and thanks to all who helped in any way. Our thanks also to Rodney and Nancy who provided the trees, they seem to get much bigger every year; in fact Clifford and I had quite a struggle to get it through the doorway, not to mention Bill and his pals haul to the top of the tower.

Thank you also to Christopher, also the Harper family at Shallowbridge who did a marvellous job as always. Thanks also to Josephine, our organist, who has played for all our Christmas services.

Our service of 9 Lessons and Carols was well attended and we were delighted to welcome our friends from Blisland, other denominations, the Guides and Scouts; it was a truly ecumenical service. All our readers did a splendid job and the Carols were much enjoyed by all. A special feature this year was when the children sang 'Away in a Manger' under the Christmas tree, for which we thank them all very much.

We were fortunate indeed to have a good number of Carol singers when we sang throughout the village this year, ending up at Grace Masters house for supper. Hers and Alison's hospitality was much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The collection from the 9 Lessons and Carols, together with monies collected by the singers totalled £75.00, and has been donated to the Church of England Childrens Society.

May we look forward to a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

H.C. Hawken.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EVENTS AT ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH.

On Sunday December 18th the Chapel was full for the service of 9 Lessons and Carols. The Rev. Bickle opened the service and welcomed everyone. Lessons were read by, Alan Bevan, Anne Hole, Grace Masters, Albert Waddup, Pauline Marshall, Mark Prout, Mr. Sampson, John Hoskin, Pamela Bousfield, Henry Teague and Tammy Greenaway. Sololists were Mrs. Tildseley and Raymond Hoskin. Organists were Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Champion and Matthew Teague.

Carols by Candlelight was held on December 19th and again the church was full for the evening's events. There were Items by the Band and Mrs. Hilary Young entertained by singing with her guitar. The large congregation enjoyed singing favourite Carols and this was followed by a very welcome cup of tea and hot mince pies. The evening was brought to a close with the children of the Sunday School acting the Christmas Story in rhyme. A collection was taken and £59 has been sent to the Save the Children Fund.

New Year's Effort on January 4th

The evening started with tea for the Sunday School children and parents and friends. This was followed by an hour of very energetic games and a lot of noise. When the children had let off steam the New Year's Effort was opened and the well ladened stall did a brisk trade. Mrs. Bickle opened the gift envelopes while Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Metters and Rev. Bickle judged the competitions. Winners were:-
Brightest pair of socks - Dominic Goatman.
Prettiest Hankie - Margaret Willett.
Prettiest Scarf - Jennifer teague.

Mr. Bob Barber presented the Sunday School children with Book Tokens as Sunday School Prizes.

The evening ended with refreshments and £124 was raised for Chapel funds.

Nesta Teague

BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNTS.

Herewith is the balance sheet for the Parish Magazine for 1987/88.

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Bal. b/fwd.	286.38	Printing	504.00
Subs & Ads. inc. casual sales.		Expenses, Typ.ribbons	
Blis. & Temple	250.33	paper, &	
St. Breward	297.35	postage etc.	42.16
Adverts	35.00	Bal. c/fwd.	322.90
	£869.06		£869.06

It is reassuring that we enter 1989 with an increased balance, showing that there is a very healthy interest in the magazine. Our Editor, Mrs. McShee continues to maintain the high standard set by our previous Editors so please support her by sending in articles of interest. I would like to thank Mr. Gurr for auditing the books for me and his kindly advice. My thanks also to everyone who distributes the magazine, collects the subscriptions and generally promotes and encourages new members. Their efforts are shown in the above figures and greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Eileen Walford,
(Hon. Treasurer).

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ALADDIN - BY ST. BREWARD SCHOOL.

St. Breward School this year decided to produce the pantomime Aladdin for their Christmas entertainment. This was a new venture for the present staff and pupils which proved to be very enjoyable for the children taking part and their audience.

All the children in the school took part and all played their parts very well which makes it very hard to mention any by name. However, I'm sure everyone will agree the youngest children were quite delightful as jewels dancing in the cave and the golden boys were very smart.

The pantomime opened with the wicked Abanazar, played by Rowen Hicks, planning to use Aladdin, charmingly portrayed by Tammy Greenaway, in order to get the magic lamp. Aladdin is more interested, to begin with at least, in the beautiful princess, Joanne Gregory, who is accompanied everywhere by her three handmaidens. Beverley Yeo as the Empress and Justin Caudery as the Emperor added some interesting light heartedness to the production, both playing their parts very well.

The part of Widow Twanky called for quite a bit of nerve and Louis Manaton rose to the occasion, looking wonderful in 'his' curlers and earrings and quite stunning later in the show in his best frock. David Benham as Wishee, his assistant, popping in and out and helping things along.

The villagers really made a difference, singing and dancing their way through scene after scene. The slave, the genie, appearing through a puff of smoke and a panda all added to the occasion.

All agreed it was highly entertaining and thanks must be given to all who made it possible, from make-up and costume, to the scenery, lighting and music, especially the coordination and production.

We are all now thinking what we can do next year.

J. Helme.

FORMER VILLAGE LAD.

News of the death of George Hawken reached us at Christmas from his daughter Myrtle, in Canada.

George, who had attained the age of 100 years in August last year had remained active up to the age of 99 years, having emigrated to Canada in the early 1900's. Not many of us alive will remember him working in the village, although his last trip to St. Breward was in the late 1950's when he visited his cousins, Minnie and Lilly at Victoria Terrace.

He was born at Oxspring Cottage (now Kennel Cottage) and there he lived with his parents and two brothers. The boys all worked with their father, Bill Hawken, then Carpenter and Wheelwright at Limbhead.

My mother, Ethel, well remembers the time spent with the family and her cycle rides with George as a young girl, when staying with her Aunt Emily, George's stepmother.

George, on his birthday, received many congratulatory letters from the Canadian authorities and also a telegram from the Queen.

H.C. Hawken.

BIRDS IN FLIGHT.

Birds fly, high in the sky,
High above the clouds they go,
Soaring through the air, silently,
Higher, higher, faster, faster,
Flying gracefully,
Above the trees and houses,
I love watching birds fly.

Elizabeth Dando
aged 10.

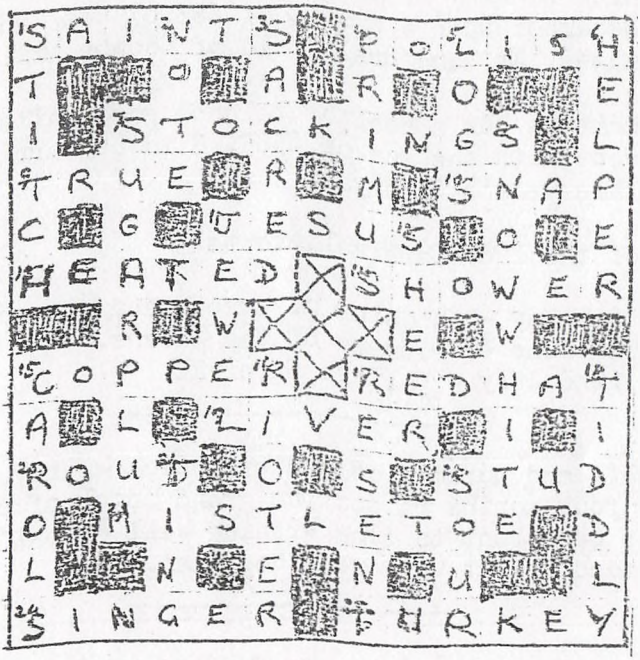
From St. Breward Parish Magazine. February. 1885.

"SAINT BREWARD RINGERS"

On Thursday, December 11th, at 9 o'clock a.m., eleven of the St. Breward Ringers started off for a day's outing, having first obtained the kind permission of the Incumbents of the various parishes to ring in their towers. They first halted at St. Teath, but owing to a little mishap to one of the bells during the second peal they were obliged to stop. Then, without delay, they proceeded to Endellion, where they arrived amid torrents of rain about noon. They put up at the Village Inn and had their dinner which they were much in need of after their long and wet drive. Dinner over, they proceeded to the tower accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. R. Treffry), where they rang several merry peals, the striking and the time throughout being remarkably good. About half-past five they returned to the Inn where they had tea, being admirably attended to by the hostess, who did her best to make her visitors comfortable. Tea being ended, and the rain having eased, the horses were again harnessed to their respective vehicles, and the ringers made their way to St. Kew, where they halted again for nearly two hours, but here meeting with difficulties, they did not make such good striking as at the former place. They returned home safely in good time, having thoroughlyly enjoyed their day's outing in spite of the heavy rain that fell. On New Year's Eve, the annual ringing supper was held at the Vicarage presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the two churchwardens and Mission Churchwarden. The supper over, the annual business was proceeded with, viz:- selecting the foreman, revising the sets, electing new members, &c., which lasted until about half-past ten when they went to the Church, where an appropiate service was held, at the conclusion of which the Vicar gave a short address suitable to the solemn occasion. The ringers then rang out the old year and rang in the new according to their usual custom.

Pamela Bousfield.

SOLUTION TO THE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD.



Congratulations to the winner of the £5 prize, Mrs, Grace Masters of St. Breward.

Visiting America during the summer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie, was in plain clothes when he stood in a queue at Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

Talking with an American in front of him, he was asked, "Did you see the Royal Wedding?"

Dr. Runcie, with a twinkle in his eye, replied: "I had a very good view."

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

St. Breward Carnival Association held a Christmas Disco and Children's Fancy Dress Competition in the Village Hall on 16th December when a profit of £83.67 was made. Thanks to the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Field of Coombe Mill.

The Committee has a healthy balance sheet after last year's event with the sum of £565.48 to be carried forward towards this year's Carnival.

Dates of the 1989 Carnival events:-

Saturday 6th May - Choosing of Queens and attendants.
Friday 30th June - Crowning of the Queens.
Saturday 22nd July - Village Carnival.

The staff and workmen of Hantergantick Quarry have, during the last four months raised the grand total of over £500 which has been sent to 'The Wishing Well Appeal' for the Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital.

Candlemas Day is on February 2nd and is the day when the child Jesus was taken to the temple by his mother and the old man Simeon recognized him as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel'(Luke II, 22-38). The day gets its name from the fact that by the middle of the fifth century it was celebrated with lighted candles.

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter'll have another flight.
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.

I wonder what weather we will have this Candlemas Day and if this old saying will come true. The Feast of St. Hilary on January 13th is often considered to be the coldest day of the year. If that is so then we have been let off very lightly this year.

VALENTINE'S DAY.

This takes place on February 14th, but the cards we send today have no connection with St. Valentine. It is probable that the cards were first of all sent as greetings cards. The paper valentine dates from the 16th century. By 1800 hand printed copperplates were produced to meet large demands. These were followed by woodcuts and lithographs until todays mass produced cards swamped the market and the imagination.

Saint Valentine.

There are two saints of this name who died at Rome in the 3rd century. One was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martydom during the persecution of Christians by Roman emperor Claudius II Gothicus and was buried on the Via Flaminia. Pope St. Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave.

The other, bishop of Terni, Italy was martyred, apparently also in Rome and his relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible they are different developments of the same original account and refer only to one person.

Saint Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival seems to be connected either with the Roman fertility festival of the Lupercalia (February 15th) or with the mating season of birds!

Historians have related the heart-warming story of Abdul Kassem Ismael, the scholarly grand-vizier of Persia in the tenth century and his library of 117,000 volumes. On his many travels as a warrior and statesman he never parted with his beloved books. They were carried around by 400 camels trained to walk in alphabetical order. His camel-driver librarians could put their hands instantly on any book their master asked for.

Perhaps my husband can take heart. I am forever tempted to buy books and then have to buy book cases to put them in, but I don't think I have room for camels in my garden!

C.M.M.

ST. BREWARD TODDLERS & PLAYGROUP

The playgroup is going well at present - there are 15 children on the register - though we are sorry to say goodbye to our supervisor, Lisa Chodri, who is expecting a baby in the Spring. However, we are very happy to have Tina Nottle as our acting supervisor in her place. We now need a replacement assistant supervisor so if anyone is interested could they please contact Jane Hanscomb on Bodmin 850806 or Alison Bate on Bodmin 850137. There is a small payment for this post.

The playgroup meets every Monday and Tuesday in term times at the Village Hall from 9.30 - 11.30am. All children from 3 to 5 are welcome and it's only 80p a session.

Jane Hanscomb

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND.

At the recent A.G.M. of St. Breward Silver Band, Mr. Dennis Champion was elected Chairman and paid tribute to the outgoing chairman, Victor Teague and hoped everyone would support the Musical Director to enable the band to reach its full potential.

In Mr. Hunt's report he said how delighted he was to see so many - 39-at the AGM. There is now only one committee, a General Supporters Committee with Andrew Rowe in charge of fund raising as before. The band room is to be renovated inside and new instruments purchased with the possibility of producing another cassette to mark the 90th year. There are several contests to work towards again this year. He also thanked the collectors who raised over £2500 for band funds. A plea for a deputy conductor was recorded and thanks given to the Ladies Committee.

The treasurer, Michael Rowe reported a healthy bank balance although the income for the year was down on the previous six years, and expenditure had been more than usual, with 36 new chairs being purchased and repairs to the outside of the bandroom undertaken but the new year starts with a profit of £4532.00 in the bank.

BLISLAND W.I.

Our December meeting was on the 14th December, one week earlier than usual to allow members to complete their Christmas preparations without interruptions.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Bone and we were reminded of the changeover to the new system for subscriptions as from the 1st January. The annual membership fee will be £6.10 for new members and £4.63 for those whose previous subscriptions will have already covered part of this year.

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Willcocks and Mrs. Jefford and our new willow pattern china was used for the first time.

Entries for the Cream of Cornish Cookery competition must be in by the 31st January and your original recipe can be for either a savoury or sweet dish. The finals will be held in the W.I. Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show.

On the 14th March a Floral Art Day will be held at Coads Green.

Our W.I. celebrates its 42nd birthday in January and a party will be held in the Village Hall on the 25th.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Fiona Russell, a most talented floral art demonstrator, as our speaker and she gave us many good ideas for decorating our rooms at Christmastime. The fact that this could be done at very little cost was an added bonus!

My favourite arrangement was one of holly, ivy and fir lightly sprayed with gold and red carnations. The base was a brass candlestick and the result was most festive. A most original display was made with giant fir cones, aspidistra leaves and white chrysanthemums constructed from pieces of polystyrene packing. We were shown how to make a small Christmas tree suitable as a table decoration from shaped oasis covered with small pieces of evergreen material, tiny fir cones, gold ribbon and small dried flowers - most effective. A decorative card was created with fir and poinsettias, the latter being made from ribbon and wire - very simple when demonstrated by Miss Russell although I am not sure how mine would turn out. A decorated box was beautifully done with a design of tiny dried flower material and minute fir cones.

Miss Russell brought some of the pendants, pill boxes, brush and comb sets, etc. which she makes and decorates with exquisite miniature flower arrangements.

 W. Barwood.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

At their December meeting, Mrs. M. Metters, president, welcomed seventeen members, and also three visitors. She also welcomed Mr. Charles Hawken, who had come to show them some holiday slides of his holiday with his wife Josie and friends. Their holiday involved travelling to Germany and Luxembourg. Slides of Brussels and Heidelberg were shown. It was interesting to note that most of the pavement was made up of granite setts. Interesting castles and buildings made up many of the photos, some as early as the 2nd Century. Also seen were vineyards set on the sides of steep hills. It was noticeable that the rivers seemed to be well used by working barges as well as pleasure boats.

Mrs. Doreen Bennett thanked Mr. Hawken for entertaining everyone with a show of his interesting slides.

The Christmas Fair, held by W.I members, on the 17th November, raised £153.95.

Mrs. Joey Greenaway won the flower of the month competition. Mrs. Ann Hole taking second place. Mrs. Pamela Bousfield won the competition of 'A Holiday Snap', with Mrs. Gladys Champion 2nd and Mrs. Joey Greenaway 3rd.

The Annual Meeting will be on February 21st, with Mrs. Vera Jennings as our VCO. Please make a special effort to come to elect your officers for 1989.

Sue Mitchell.

I have had a letter from Mrs. S. Cholmeley stating that she did not contribute the poem published in last month's magazine. I do apologise, but in the file passed on from previous editors it had her name written on the bottom - a mix up I hope she will forgive.

C.M.M.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Shop is open on Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
Join us for a coffee and a chat.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB.

On December 12th about 18 of us attended the Christingle Service in the Church with the school children. This was much enjoyed and the children took part well. Afterwards the club members congregated in the Institute for our meeting and Christmas tea to which we invited the young clergyman who officiated in Church.

We also welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Olivey from Lanivet. The Institute looked very festive with a decorated Christmas tree supplied by Mr. Jefford and a lovely cake made and iced by Mrs. Jefford. The array of Christmas 'eats' and the competition 'Best Christmas Cracker' which was won by Mr. Jefford and Mrs. Exelby, added to the atmosphere.

Many gifts made a bumper raffle and the humorous poems contributed by the Rev. Olivey brought the afternoon to a hilarious close delighting both members and friends.

On Friday 16th we were welcomed to the School where the children performed the pantomime Dick Whittington, with great effect and throughly deserved the warm applause they received. They were thanked by Mr. Ham who also presented a signed Wild Life Calendar to them on behalf of us all.

Gwen Masters.

P.S. Has anyone seen a stray pink and grey umbrella with a pink crook handle? It went walk-a-bout from the Institute between the 5th and 12th of December. It is of no value, but useful and my constant companion. If anyone sees it wandering, will you please clip its ear and send it back to me - I'm missing it!

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