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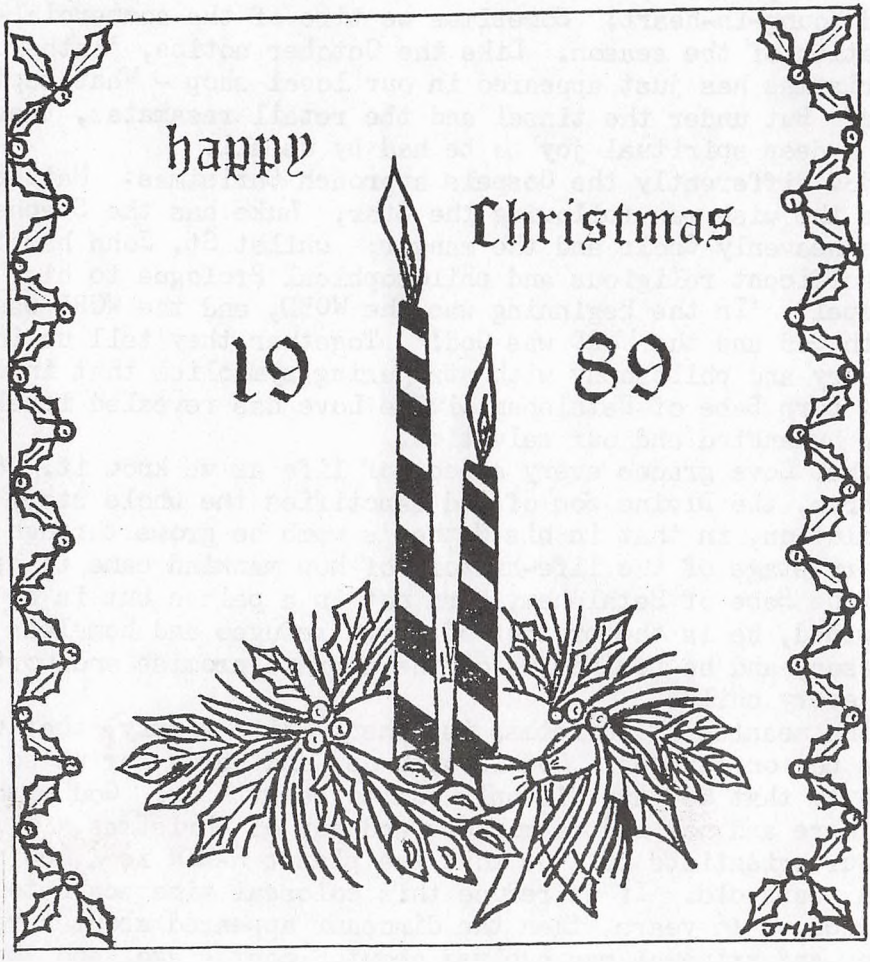

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Dear Friends,

Your editor has kindly invited me to send you a CHRISTMAS Message, which I do so with great pleasure.

Christmas has always had a special mystery and miracle about it, and above all it is the festival of the Young and Young-in-heart! Sometimes we tire of the commercialisation of the season. Like the October notice, 'Father Christmas has just appeared in our local shop - What kept him? But under the tinsel and the retail razamataz, there is a deep spiritual joy to be had by us all.

How differently the Gospels approach Christmas: Matthew has the wise men following the Star; Luke has the Shepherds, the heavenly Choir and the manger; whilst St. John has the magnificent religious and philosophical Prologue to his Gospel: 'In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God and the WORD was God!' Together they tell us in poetry and philosophy with staggering symbolism that in the new born Babe of Bethlehem Divine Love has revealed itself for humankind and our salvation.

That Love graces every aspect of life as we know it. As embryo, the Divine Son of God sanctifies the whole story of Evolution, in that in his Mother's womb he grows through every stage of the life-history of how mankind came to be. As the Babe of Bethlehem, born not in a palace but in a cowshed, he is the brother of every refugee and homeless person, and he reminds us of the supreme promise and worth of every child.

The meaning of Christmas is, then, quite simply, that we are not on our own. God is with us, and cares for us so deeply that He gave His only Son to be with us. God with us here and now is the miracle and joy of Christmas.

Our scientists tell us that the planet EARTH is 4,600 million years old. If we reduce this colossal time scale to a period of 46 years, then the dinosaur appeared about a year ago, and primeval man evolved about 8 months ago, and the ice age was last week-end, and the first Christmas was less than four hours ago. The industrial revolution began a minute ago. Jesus Christ in terms of God's plans for our world is very much our great contemporary!

May God give you all a truly blessed and happy Christmas!

Peter Boyd

ST. BREWARD CHURCH - Special Services in December.

17th December - Family Eucharist at 11.30a.m. Celebrant - The Very Rev'd David Shearlock, Dean of Truro.
Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at 3.00p.m. Ecumenical Service, all are welcome.

20th December - Carol Singing around the Village; meet at Churchtown at 6.30p.m. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us. The Collection taken will be donated to the Church of England Children's Society.

24th December - There will be no service in the morning on this day. Midnight Mass and Christmas Eve Eucharist at 10.00p.m. Celebrant - The Rev'd Ben Clarke.

BLISLAND CHURCH - Christmas Services.

Depending on the availability of clergy there will be a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and a 10.00a.m. Service on Christmas Day.

The Churchwardens and members of the Blisland PCC wish to thank all those who have helped with their time and trouble in supporting the Parish Church and Temple during the past year when we have been without a Parish Priest. It is due to their efforts and that of Canon K. Rogers, the Rural Dean, and the clergy he has sent, that services have been said every Sunday and on all major Feast Days throughout this period. We would also like to thank those who have maintained the Churchyard, the tidyness of which is a frequent subject of comment by visitors. To those who decorate the church with flowers throughout the year and to those who clean the inside of the church we would also wish to extend our grateful thanks.
The Blisland Churchwardens wish to thank all those who helped to provide the refreshments at the Harvest Supper and Auction on the 23rd October. The auction, conducted by Tony Willcock with his usual skill, raised £90.75, a tribute to the generous bidding of those who came to this enjoyable evening.

Parish Registers.

Holy Baptisms

Heather Megan Harper, infant daughter of Rosemary and Philip, was baptised on the 5th November at St. Breward Parish Church.

Two baptisms took place at Blisland Parish Church on 29th October. Both services were conducted by The Rev. P. Gay Curate of Bodmin. The two children christened were Wayne Richard son of Christopher and Maureen Craze and Carly Marie daughter of William and Paula Dowling.

Funeral

The funeral took place on 9th November of Wilfred Roy Nottle (Boysey), aged 59 years at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Roy was born at Keybridge and attended Blisland School

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REMEMBRANCE DAY - ST. BREWARD.

The village service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by Rev. Perran Gay of Bodmin with Mrs. Josephine Greenaway the organist. Mrs. Olive Bickle read the lesson. Mr. Fernley Parsons was the Legion Standard bearer. Mr. H. Bessell laid the wreath. The service was also attended by the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

A short service was held at the Red Cross Centre and Memorial Hall to remember those who died in the First World War. Mr. Raymond Hoskin took the Service and Mr. P. Nottle laid the wreath.

House to house collection for Earl Haig Poppy Appeal raised £174.50 and the Church collection was £66.00. Total £240.50.

BLISLAND & TEMPLE POPPY APPEAL.

The house-to-house collection for the Royal British Legion raised the most satisfactory sum of £193.78, some £25 more than last year and well above inflation. We must thank the strenuous efforts of Mrs. Sharp for Temple £11.34 against £7.87 last year and Mrs. Pierce, assisted by Mrs. Exelby for Waterloo, Pendrift and Churchtown (£64.52 against £19.89). The combined church service and wreath for the War Memorial produced a further £32.08 and so a total of £225.86. Thank you all for your most generous support. R.B.N. Hicks.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - CHRISTMAS EVENTS

December 17th	at 6.00p.m.	9 Lessons & Carols.
December 18th	at 7.00p.m.	Carols by Candlelight.
December 24th	at 11.00a.m.	Preacher Mrs. Troy.
	6.00p.m.	Carols.
December 25th	at 10.15a.m.	Christmas Morning Service led by Rev. Barlow.
January 3rd		New Years Effort.

No Coffee Mornings during January. We look forward to seeing you all again in February. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Nesta Teague.

GILLIAN WALSH - DECEMBER DIARY

Tuesday December 12th	A Candlelit evening of Opera. Trenython Manor, Tywardreath, at 7.30pm.
Thursday December 14th	Grampound Road Hall, St. Austell, at 7.30pm.
Friday December 15th	Helston Church at 7.30pm.
Saturday December 16th	Christmas Concert. Padstow Little Theatre at 7.30pm.
Thursday December 21st	Christmas Concert. Tintagel Church at 7.30pm.
Friday December 22nd	Christmas Concert. Wadebridge Residential Home.at 7.30pm.

Congratulations to Gillian for her recent performance in 'The Last Night of the Proms' - quote from the West Briton 9.11.89

REVELRY WITH PROMENADERS

"Duchy Opera's presentation at the Carn Brea Leisure Centre of 'The Last Night of the Proms' was in every respect the equal of the Royal Albert Hall productions.

From the first bars of Sibelius's 'FINLANDIA' we knew we were due for something special and that is what we got! Vaughan Williams's 'Serenade to Music' ethereal and yet sensuous, evokes precious memories of Isobel Baillie and the choice of GILLIAN WALSH to take her part was an inspiration.

Isobel would surely have approved and Gillian's performance was outstanding in every respect. " A.B.

ST. BREWARD CUBS & SCOUTS & PLAYGROUP

A big thank you to all who braved the elements to come and support the St. Breward Bonfire Evening on November 4th. The event did not raise any profit this year, probably due to the awful weather, but was throughly enjoyed by the children which made it all worthwhile.

It would take forever to mention all those who contributed to the evening, but special thanks are due to Alan Goatman and Paddy McShee who did a sterling job of running the firework display and also spent many hours collecting rubbish for the fire along with Penny Dunkin and the Scouts. Mike and Ann Guilfoyle were responsible for the lovely hot food, most welcome in the conditions. We are also grateful to the Football and Social Club members who offered support in so many ways.

Ann Bevan
Secretary, St. Breward Playgroup

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING
BRING & BUY & RAFFLE
DECEMBER 13th 10.30am - 12 noon

To be held at the home of Brig. and Mrs. A. Edward-Collins, Popes Cottage, Blisland. Admission 50p.
Also Grand Draw will take place for 'The Dolls House'. Decorated, painted, ready for furnishing. The ideal Christmas present. Raffle tickets 50p each still available at: Blisland Post Office; Mrs. A. Edward-Collins, Popes Cottage, Mr. K. James, Tremasden, Keybridge.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Parish matters discussed included the continuing upgrading of the street lighting, a review of the Institute insurance and the future erection of new signposts in the village.

A donation of £10 is being sent to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

B. Sharp.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Dates for December

Sunday December	10th	Lanhydrock House 2 to 4 pm.
Wednesday "	13th	Joyce Whitehouse Party at Camelford for elderly people living on their own.
Friday "	15th	Wadebridge Late Night Shopping 6.30pm
Saturday "	16th	Wadebridge Lions Party.
Monday "	18th	Carols by Candlelight. St. Breward Chapel.
Wednesday "	20th	Port Isaac Carols around Houses 7pm.
Friday "	22nd	Wadebridge Late Night Shopping 6.30pm

The band will also play carols around the village.

Congratulations to our band master, Mickey Hunt and his band on gaining 2nd place out of ten bands in the third section of the South West Brass Band Contest, at the Festival Theatre, Paignton.

The band are more than delighted with the new learners class of 18 pupils attending every Tuesday evening.

ST. BREWARD SURGERY. BROOKSIDE. ST. BREWARD.

MONDAY	9.30 - 11.00	DR. BARTLETT
THURSDAY	5.00 - 6.00	DR. BARTLETT
FRIDAY	11.30 - 12.30	DR. NASH

ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

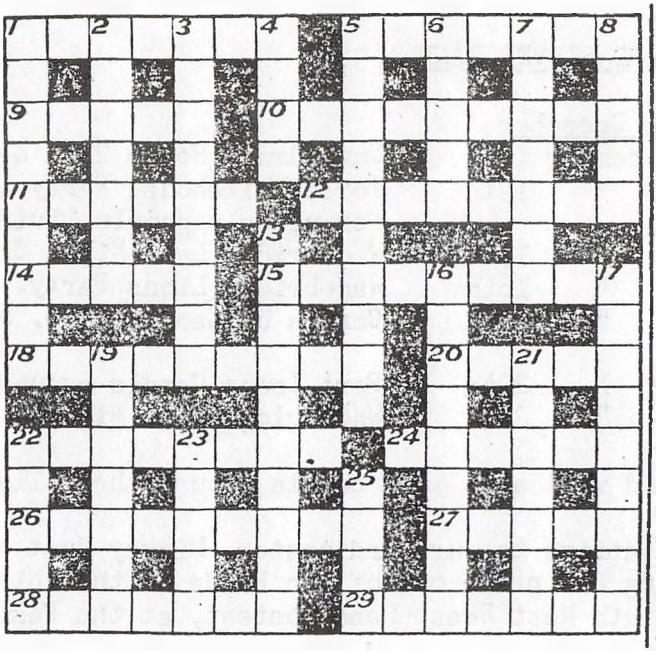
Very many thanks to all who contributed to the above House-to-House Collection in Blisland and the Collecting Box in the Post Office. Altogether we raised £48.00 for a very worthy cause. Your support was graetly appreciated.

M. Horton

NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME

The collections in St. Breward amounted to £147.98p. Thank you to all the collectors, Pauline Marshall, Maureen Colman, Sylvia Rowe, Jacqueline Lewis, Betty Hoskin, Denise Prout, Nesta Teague, Lorna Parsons.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



As a result of their day and evening of events at the Clease Hall, Camelford, in aid of the Cornwall Kidney Research Percy, Madge and Shirley would like to thank all friends and relations for making this day such a great success; to those who gave donations, prizes etc. in memory of their late son Robert. The grand sum of £1,345.53 was raised.

Mrs. Marjory Hill of Pentor, Blisland, would like to thank everyone who donated so generously in lieu of flowers to the Air Ambulance Fund for the late Mr. William Hill (Bill's) funeral which totalled £270.

I would like to write a short letter concerning myself and my late husband. We were very pleased earlier in the year with all the kind wishes on our Golden Wedding on February 25th and thank all those sending us the lovely cards and presents. I need not say that I miss him very much and do not like living alone, so I am going for two weeks (Nov 5th to 19th) into a retirement home between Looe and Polperro to see if I like it, and if so shall come back just to sell my home. We enjoyed our 15 years in St. Breward especially our neighbours Mr. & Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Colman and Mr. & Mrs. Edwards who have all been a great help and comfort to me since my dear husband passed on.

Win Tildesley.

CLUES - ACROSS

1. What a beggar should not be (7)
5. Super banger at 1 down (7)
9. Haggard horseman (5)
10. You can safely bet on it! (9)
11. Day of rest - for some? (6)
12. Went to heaven? (8)
14. He was found in the bulrushes (5)
15. Ancient royal standard of France (9)
18. Closes (5,4)
20. Not Anglican Church, for the moment (5)
22. Lift (8)
24. A severe behind! (6)
26. Rodent's haunt near Penzance (9)
27. Obtainable off all carcases (5)
28. They guide the plough - thro' the waves? (7)
29. Can a lady lie? Theoretically perhaps (7)

DOWN

1. It comes but once a year (9)
2. There is one of these in St. Breward (3,4)
3. Exceeds (9)
4. Part of St. Minver parish (4)
5. Salute the Happy morn! (10,5)
6. See 5. down
7. God's is like a grain of mustard seed (7)
8. Ready to be beamed around (5)
13. Dolly uniform (10)
16. Local filling station (9)
17. It's near telly? Could be always! (9)
19. Like the sides of a scalene triangle (7)
21. Requisite and necessary (7)
22. Cornish visitant! (5)
23. White poplar tree (5)
25. Half a house or a half-house? (4)

Thank you to Mr. Bousfield for our annual Christmas brain teaser. He is offering a £5 prize to the first correct entry opened by him on 6th January 1990, at Hantergantick, St. Breward. Solution in the February issue.

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB.

FIXTURES

Football - 1st XI

December	2nd	League Cup - Round 2
"	9th	St. Minver (Away)
"	16th	Wadebridge (Home)
"	23rd	Bude (Away)
"	30th	Camelford (Home)

Ladies Darts

December	4th	Masons (Home)
"	11th	Liberal Club (Away)

Mens Darts

December	7th	Sixers (Away)
"	14th	Conservative Club (Home)
"	21st	Red Lion (Away)

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday	December	1st	The Wright Connection
Saturday	"	2nd	Disco and Cabaret
Friday	"	8th	Nitelite Disco
Saturday	"	9th	Tequila (Four Piece Band)
Tuesday	"	12th	Prize Bingo
Friday	"	15th	Clive Johns (Guitar and Vocals)
Saturday	"	16th	Dave and Jay
Tuesday	"	19th	Xmas Bingo
Friday	"	22nd	Nitelite Disco
Saturday	"	23rd	Creeper
Friday	"	29th	Ben Murphy
Sunday	"	31st	Martin Hamilton (One Man Group)

Please Note: All children under 8 years of age to have left the premises by 10.00p.m.

Ladies Wanted! - to join our only other lady table tennis player at Blisland Village Hall on Thursdays 8.30 - 10.00pm.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

As we all know, the surrounding area of the Hall has been a bone of contention for years - very untidy. So at our October meeting it was no surprise that the question was raised as to when something could be done, with the result that tenders have been asked for to cover the whole area with tarmacadam. This will not be a cheap operation so the fund-raising has started again in earnest.

By the time you read this the Cabaret Evening will have taken place (Nov. 24th) and we hope it will have been well supported. Next event on the agenda is Carol Singing on Dec. 20th, meeting outside the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Why not come along and join us and get in the Festive Spirit. We will be visiting Waterloo, Tregenna and touring the village including the Royal Oak by kind permission of Mr. Simon Parker; finally returning to the Hall for mince pies and hot toddies!

January 1990 will be a quiet month - we will all be recovering from Christmas and the bills will be coming in! BUT in February there will be a Bingo Session - date to be announced later and on the 14th a Valentines Dance. These events should be good fun and a source of enjoyment for all.

Although this may seem early but the magazine does not come out until after Christmas the Village Hall would like to wish everyone the Seasons Greetings.

E.J.W.

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BLISLAND W.I.

Our October meeting was opened by Mrs. Gurr and the Minutes read by Mrs. George. Several members were away due to other committments.

Our latest tea party made £51 and we were grateful to Mr. John Runnalls for bringing his coach to Blisland.

Congratulations to Jo, Mrs. Gurr's daughter, on the completion of her sponsored swim from Polruan to Fowey. She raised £160 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind - not actually a W.I. event but several people from Blisland W.I. sponsored her.

May we ask all those interested in the re-cycling of waste to make an effort and write to Gateway indicating their desire to have an easily accessible place for a bottle bank and newspaper collection point. Most local people use the Supermarket and there is a very large Car Park there which could accomadate this. Our Secretary has been in communication with Gateway but more letters could expedite this.

St. Breward are holding a Social evening and Christmas Fair on the 13th December to which we are invited.

We hope to take part in a display of 'A Cornish Celebration' at the Wadebridge Fat Stock Show on the 13th November, 1989.

Our speaker this month was 'Phyllis' from the Samaritans. We had an interesting talk on the history and work of the Samaritans. The service was set up in London in 1953 by an Anglican Priest and it was mainly for people who wanted to talk about their problems rather than be interviewed.

A Samaritan's duty is to listen and try to give the caller a spark of hope as the majority of callers are people who are at the end of their tether, Their annual phone bill is around £2¼ million. Last year they had 183 branches and 22,200 Volunteers. How sad it is that there are so many lonely, depressed, distressed and suicidal people in the world today - perhaps offering a friendly word to a lonely person is something which we could all practise.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Garvey and refreshments were supplied by Miss Runnalls and Mrs. Aspinall.

On the 19th October we attended a splendid Group Meeting at the Bodmin Methodist Hall. We were the guests of Bodmin W.I. Mrs. Joy James, a V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser), spoke on the activities of the county and various committees

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Our President Mrs. Mavis Metters welcomed members and our visitor Mrs. June Whiteway. One apology was from our Treasurer, Mrs. G. Champion. Mrs. M. Shelley read the minutes.

Our meeting in December will be a social affair, taking place in the Village Hall on December 13th, starting with a short meeting at 6.45 p.m. Visitors from other W.I's have been invited.

Arrangements were made for our visit to the Group Meeting in Bodmin. There is to be a Breast Screening Clinic in Camelford, arrangements were made for some to travel together. Our Christmas Fair is to be held on November 23rd at 7.00p.m. in the Red Cross Centre. Please come along and support us and meet old friends for a good natter.

Mr. Derek Watson of Blisland came and gave us an inside view of how to start about the art of painting; he brought a lovely selection of his work - from his first sketches right up to some really lovely finished paintings in water colours. He answered with patience all our questions and was warmly thanked by Pamela Bousfield.

Josephine Hawken.

BLISLAND W.I. cont.

Mrs. Sue Pryor then gave a Cookery Demonstration and she showed us how easy it is to prepare and cook a meal with three courses in about one hour. Delicious lentil and vegetable soup, chicken with cream and mushroom sauce served with cheese and potato pie, cheesecake, special rice pudding or a sponge gateau with cream, cointreau and apple puree.

After refreshments we were entertained by the Bodmin Group who performed a most amusing play called 'A Celestial Error'.

W. Barwood.

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W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

October 16th was a social afternoon, mainly Bingo, which the members seem to enjoy.

The competition, 'Bookmark', two classes, 'Home-made' and 'Any Other' was won by Mrs. Exelby and Mrs. Billing respectively. Final arrangements were made for our Harvest Supper. This was held on Monday 30th October, the date being changed to avoid the Church Harvest Sale. A sumptious supper was enjoyed, provided by various members, to which we invited friends and those people who had kindly given talks, slide shows etc. to our members during the year. It was good to welcome the Jeffords, who have gone to live in Lincolnshire, back for this occasion.

The entertainment was supplied by 'Rachael and Sue', well known in the area for their talents as a musical duo. This consisted of songs traditional and humerous, in which the audience at times joined in. This was well received and generously applauded. The lovely floral table arrangements, made by Wendy Gurr, were later presented to the artistes and the most senior members. The evening ended with the welcome cup of tea and lively conversation. Thanks were expressed to all who made the evening so successful.

On November 6th Miss Sheers of St. Tudy, showed slides taken in the West Country, of Gardens and Coastal Scenery and other places of interest; these also included beautiful sunsets and cloud formation. She was warmly thanked with a request to 'Come again'. The competition, again in two parts, of a 'witch' which was won jointly by Mrs. M. Webber and Mrs. Exelby, and a 'witch's hat' won by Mrs. Exelby.

The Harvest Supper was voted a great success, with a few suggestions for next year. We now look forward to our Christmas tea party on December 11th when we hope that those friends who couldn't be with us for the Supper will be able to join us then.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Gwen Masters.

NOTICE: Canon Peter Boyd will be conducting a series of eight weekly classes on Thursday evenings in St. Breward Methodist Chapel on St. John's Gospel, beginning at 7 pm. on January 11th. 1990 All are welcome!

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Dear readers,

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to wish you all and happy and peaceful Christmas and to thank all the people who have contributed to the magazine in any way over the last year. Please keep the articles coming - it is after all your magazine and is only as good as the material I receive. It is pleasing to know that our circulation is increasing so some of you must be spreading the word. May I also put out a plea for any artists among you, I would appreciate pictures for the monthly cover, just one from any body even if you wish to remain anonymous! Thank you to Mrs. J. Hodge for this month's seasonal picture. May I apologise to 'An evacuee'; I promise to put the last part of the story in next month's issue, I'm afraid I ran out of space this month.

Don't forget to send in your contributions early for next month's copy so it can be printed before the Christmas holiday.

Catherine McShee.

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