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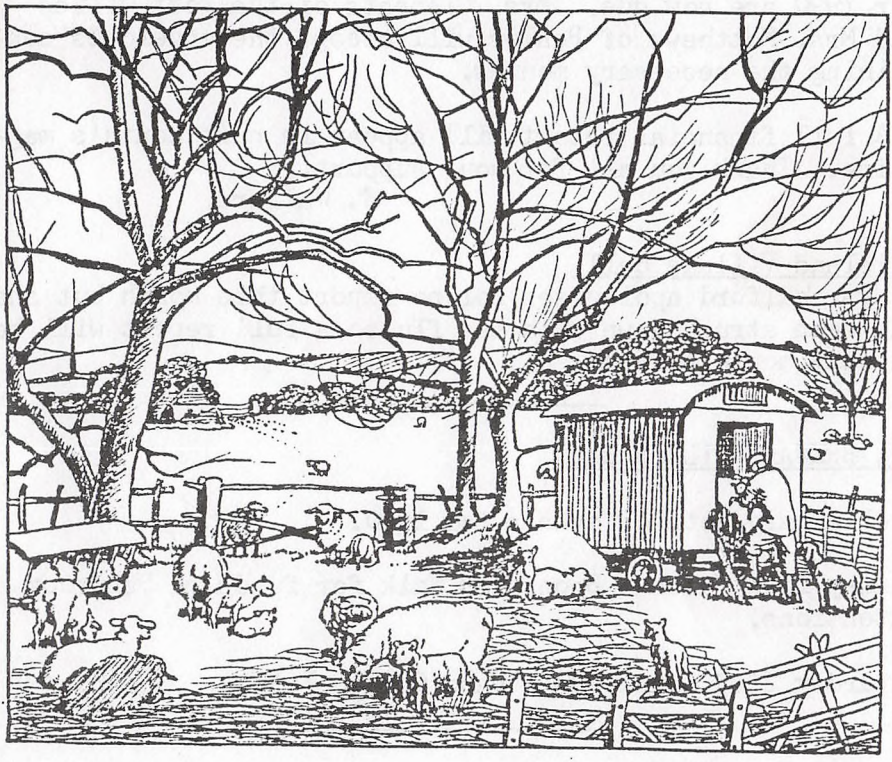

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Readers will be pleased to learn that a new vicar has been appointed. The Reverend Frank Harris will be taking office early in the new year.

Magazine Subscriptions

Will Blisland subscribers please note that subscriptions for 1990 are now due. Mrs. Clements of the Post Office and Mrs. Matthews of PenTor will accept the envelopes containing the necessary monies.

A full financial report will appear in next month's magazine. Thank you all for your support.

E. Walford

Blisland Village Hall

Mrs. Walford apologises for no report this month but she has been struck down with the flu so a full report will be in next month's issue.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Preliminary note of events for 1990.

Sunday 11th March - Sponsored Walk for funds re Bandroom extentions.

Saturday 23rd June 1990 - Band Garden Fete.

GILLIAN WALSH - JANUARY 1990

Saturday January 13th	Looe Residential Home at 7pm.
Saturday January 20th	Tywardreath Scouts Hall at 7.30p.m. with St. Mabyn Concert Singers. (For Lifeline)
Friday January 26th	Lanlivery Church at 7.30p.m.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Breward Carnival Committee was held in the Village Hall on November 14th.

The retiring chairman, Noel Hill welcomed everyone to this important meeting to dispose of the profits from last year's very successful carnival, when a profit of £900 was reported.

The committee decided to alocate £700 to the following local village organisations:

£100 each to: The Silver Band; The Scouts and Cubs; The Guides and Brownies; The Village Hall; The Playgroup; Penvorder Play Area.

£50 to the Church cemetry equipment.

£25 to the W.I. and the Gardening Club.

Officials elected to the committee were:

President Mr. Rodney Hall.	Vice President Brian Nottle
Chairman Mr. Noel Hill	Vice Chairman Ron Bennett
Secretary Mrs. Joan Sainsbury	Treasurer Eileen Sutton

The 1990 Carnival will take place on Saturday July 21st.

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ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Council have been informed from the County Surveyors Office, that there will be a review of the footpaths of St. Breward in the Spring. Paths will then be waymarked, priority paths and possible circular routes noted.

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

Fixtures

Football - 1st XI

January 6th	Tintagel (Away)
" 13th	St. Columb (Away)
" 20th	St. Dennis (Home)
" 27th	Padstow (Away)

Football - 2nd XI

January 6th	Knockout Cup - 2nd Round
" 13th	Riviera Coasters (Home) Divisional Cup
" 20th	Pelynt (Away)
" 27th	Mount Charles (Home)

Ladies Darts

January 8th	St. Breward A (Home)
" 15th	Wilsey Down (Home)
" 22nd	Cornishman B (Away)
" 29th	Bettle (Home)

Mens Darts

January 4th	St. Mabyn (Away)
" 11th	Fourways (Home)
" 25th	White Hart (Away)

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday January 5th	Nite Flight Disco
Friday " 19th	Nite Flight Disco
Saturday " 20th	Rimfire (Country & Western)

Recent Results

Football - 1st XI

October 28th	St. Minver (League Cup Round 1) Home 1-0
November 4th	St. Dennis Away 1-3
" 11th	Liskeard Home 1-3
" 25th	Sticker Home 3-3
December 2nd	Padstow (League cup Quarter Final) Home 4-0
" 9th	St. Minver Away 1-4

Letter sent to Parishioners from William Minors who became vicar of this parish on 26th March 1960 until 1963.

My Dear Friends,

In the first place I would like to thank you all for the very warm welcome you gave my family and me on the day of my institution to the parish, and to thank those who helped in every way at the social gathering in the Church Rooms.

We are also grateful to all those who spent so much time in preparing the Vicarage for our arrival.

I have settled down to the routine of the parish and hope to visit all parts of the parish in due course. Please help me by keeping me informed of any sickness.

I have drawn up a list of services which I hope will be convenient to you all, but I will review it from time to time when necessary.

I extend a welcome to all children to join our Sunday School if they do not already attend one. I would remind parents of their responsibilities and the promises made on behalf of their children when baptised. - "You who have brought this child to be baptised into the family of Christ's Church must see that he be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe."

I look forward to the future with confidence.

May God bless you,

Ewart Minors.

Received from Miss Blanche Hill.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Please note that the clue in last month's Crossword 13 Down should read DULLY uniform. My apologies to Mr. Bousfield. I double checked all the clues carefully and still mis-read his writing. I hope you can all finish the crossword now - I'm still trying as I don't have the answers either.

THE INDISPENSABLE MAN

Sometimes when you're feeling important,
Sometimes when your ego's in bloom,
Sometimes when you take it for granted you're the best qualified man in the room,
Sometimes when you feel that your exit would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow these simple instructions and see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hands in it up to your wrists,
Pull them out and the hole that remains there is a measure of how much you'll be missed;
You may splash all you like when you enter,
You may stir up the water galore,
But STOP and you'll see in a minute that it looks just the same as before.

The moral of this is quite simple,
Just do the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself but remember,
THERE IS NO INDISPENSABLE MAN

If Only a Post Card could speak.

Here is a mystery which maybe only Hercule Poirot could unravel.

It was on Friday 24th November 1989 that my mother, Ethel, received by post a picture postcard. She was mystified as to who the sender was, only that the card has been signed by myself. She had not expected a postcard from a strange place, showing lofty timbered houses with lovely colourful window boxes, as the farthest I had been this year was to visit my daughter in Sussex.

Further examination by her friend, Grace Masters, established that indeed the card had been posted in Germany - on 5th August 1986. Bearing the postmark of Dinkelsbuhl, an old Imperial City with its walls and towers of the 13th Century. Its moats and gabled houses, situated on the Romantic Road. Other cards posted from this city arrived after a few days in the post.

The card is in mint condition, so one wonders where it could have been hiding.

Clothes were strictly rationed on a points system but we all had to wear uniform at Harleigh School. How the present pupils would laugh at the funny red and black hats which we had and the box pleated gym slips and long black stockings.

One of the teachers at the school was the Rev. Madge who was Rector at Blisland for many years. He was a delightful person and taught us Latin. When it came to setting homework he would write the excercise on the blackboard, complete with answers, relying on us not to copy the answers as well as the questions. Needless to say when I encountered an extremely nasty, sarcastic Latin Mistress at the Girls School which I later attended my sins were revealed.

I am not sure that my time at Bodmin School would be of interest to anyone but I must relate an incident which connects the past to the present. I was at a party one Christmas recently when a lady came up to me and said that she recognised me and that we used to be friends. She was the friend in fact mentioned previously who came to the caravan with us but I had not been in touch or seen her for over forty years. I was very pleased to renew the acquaintance but must admit that when she introduced me to her husband as '.... who used to be an evacuee here' it still made my hackles rise even after all this time!

My life continued in this way for another two years. I enjoyed my weekends and when staying at Millpool would often visit Blisland with my Grandparents in a pony and trap. The trap was pulled by a lovely old horse called Tom who was then about twenty six years old and who had a wonderful temperament. When the hills were steep we had to get out and walk as my Grandfather considered that he and the trap were sufficient load for the horse. When at the farm there were all the familiar things to do and my brother and I knew every inch of the place.

There are many other tales which I could tell but feel that I have taken up enough space in the magazine for the time being.

In 1943 my parents decided that we should return to London. We could not think what children could do there and were not at all pleased at the idea. However, we did return and we were in London during the flying bomb period. We did discover that there was plenty to do in the town as well as in the country. I will never forget my childhood years in Cornwall, the kindness of all my relatives and especially the friendship with my cousin which is still something which I value very highly.

By 'An Evacuee'

In 1959 a young Methodist Minister arrived in St. Breward to begin a two year Probation period, which meant he had to continue with his studies, take services on Sundays and occasional week-nights and chose to visit each member of the eight Churches that were in his care, at least once a quarter.

At that time the Section included St. Breward, De Lank, St. Tudy, St. Mabyn, Longstone, Blisland, Treveighan and Higher town (I think!) His name - John Leech B.A. a splendid preacher and a very keen, eager and conscientious young man.

A very good sportsman, he played football for St. Breward a few times, but unfortunately cartilage trouble prevented him playing regularly.

A bicycle arrived a few days before he was due, so we thought to ourselves, "Well, he's no proud chap - but he will certainly find it hilly, push-biking around!" However, that didn't deter him and off he used to go, every afternoon visiting his 'flock'.

He settled in quite happily and contentedly in our humble home, and enjoyed the company of our three children, Trevor, Daphne and Adrian - and thanks be, has always kept in touch.

After a few weeks a Scooter was allocated to him, and proudly he showed it to us, pointing to the number plate, "744" he exclaimed! "O, happy day that fixed my choice!" as thats the number of that particular hymn in the Methodist hymn book! He came off it a few times, but persevered because it was much easier for getting around than the bicycle of course.

When we decided to apply for the Caretaker's job at ZION Methodist Church, St. Austell in 1960 he very kindly wrote a letter of recommendation for us, and we were successful in obtaining the post.

Then John had to find a new home, and hospitality was provided for him, by Mrs. Phyllis Teague, as she had done before for the other Methodist Ministers.

Recently we had a very nice letter from John - news of which I would like to pass on to all those who are interested up in the North Cornwall area.

His mother died aged 92, but the severest shock came when his brother, who was singing in his Church Choir, Christmas 1987, suffered a heart attack and passed away that same night. The Chapel was packed for the funeral and in lieu of flowers there was £1,000 in the collection plate for Church funds.

Percy had helped to raise £11,000 for Church renovations. The total cost needed was £12,000, so he was only that £1,000 short, so as John said "God moves in mysterious ways indeed!" (By the way, I'm sure Percy preached in St. Breward Chapel many years ago.)

John is going to represent his brother at the Church re-opening. His sister was 70 in April, so there was a family get together for that occasion. John is a Superintendent Minister at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. His wife Jean is as active as ever, and using her beautiful singing voice.

Their daughter Audrey, is at Birmingham University in her second year and son John is taking 'A' levels this year and hoping to go to university in October to do a degree in Banking and Finance.

I see in the Monthly 'Message' is a letter from a very grateful member of John's Church, in which he pays tribute to the "Minister, his wife and family . John Leech is the best visitor I have ever known! I like the way he conducts worship, and find his sermons interesting and challenging! I hope they stay with us until John retires!" He also mentions about the splendid group of teenagers and many young families playing an important part in the life of the Church.

I feel sure John's old friends and aquaintances will be delighted to hear about his dedication, and results of his devotion to Ministerial duties.

John says "God bless you all", and give his love to all who ask after him.

Edna Ternouth
St. Austell.

ST. BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

A Club has now been formed in the village with several people joining. Membership is £1. per annum. It is not too late to order from Dobie's seed catalogues. Further information regarding the club may be obtained by phoning 851109. Our next meeting is Friday 2nd February at the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Doreen Bennett,
Secretary,
St. Breward Gardening Club.

The Tradition of the Yule Log

There are many customs regarding Yule Logs and of bringing them into the house to be burnt. In Charles Henry Pole's 'Customs, Superstitions and Legends of the County of Somerset ' he records:- "The burning of the ashen-faggot on Christmas Eve is an ancient ceremony transmitted to us from the Scandinavians, who at their feast of Juul, were accustomed to kindle huge bonfires in honour of Thor. This faggot is composed of ashen sticks, hooped round with bands of the same tree, nine in number. When placed on the fire, fun and jollity commence - master and servant are now all on an equal footing. Sports begin - jumping in sacks, diving in the water for apples, and many other innocent games engage the attention of the rustics. Every time the bands crack by reason of the heat of the fire, all present are supposed to drink liberally of cider or egg-hot, a mixture of cider, eggs etc. The reason why ash is selected in preference to any other timbers is that tradition assigns it as wood with which Our Lady kindled a fire in order to wash her new born Son."

It was traditional to kindle the faggot with a cinder from last year's Yule Log and the fire would then burn throughout the festive season bringing light and warmth to the whole house. It was believed that the log had to burn for at least twelve hours in order to bring good luck to the household.

The Yule Log tradition was maintained in Cornwall and was called 'The Mock'.

Nowadays with the advent of central heating, smaller fireplaces and grates which cannot accomodate the traditional Yule Log, the custom is not as widely celebrated as it once was.

GARDENING HINTS FOR JANUARY

This is a good time to check over your gardening tools before the busy season really starts. They should all be given a good clean, hoe blades sharpened and all metal parts given a wipe over with an oily rag. All wooden handles should be given a good rub over with a rag soaked in linseed oil, and be generous with it. This helps to preserve the wood and well looked after tools will last a lifetime.

If you have a warm greenhouse you can now plant seeds of cress, mustard, leeks, onions and lettuce, the last three to produce plants that will, in the Spring, be planted out of doors.

Sweetpea, antirrhinum and scarlet salvia seeds can also be planted. I say scarlet salvias because the salvia family is a large one, the scarlet bedding varities are only one small section. Some are annuals, some perennials, some red, some blue, some shrubby, indeed the sage grown for use in the kitchen is a salvia.

In the cold frame you can now start to root cuttings of hardy perennial plants such as phlox, gaillardias and anchusa. After completing these jobs you can settle down indoors in the warm, and if you have not already done it, there is one important gardening job that you can do in comfort. That is, of course, to get those glossy seed catalogues out and make the selection of what you are going to grow next year. Be selective, poor varieties take up just as much room as good ones, so it pays to get the best.

But don't imagine that all of the new introductions are far better than existing varities, these new introductions next year will be superceded by more new ones, so if you have an older variety that does really well in your garden it often pays to stick to it.

Probably the next plan is to experiment with one or two new varieties each year, if they do well you can continue with them the following year, if not you can forget them.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

The President, Mrs. Mavis Metters welcomed all the members, and Mrs. Margaret Shelley our secretary read last month's minutes.

The Special Anniversary Draw was passed around and many tickets purchased. Several members have accepted an invitation from St. Mabyn for their Christmas party on January 8th. Final arrangements were made for our Coffee Evening, which was a happy occasion and we did very well considering how cold it was and that several of our members were unable to come owing to sickness.

Mrs. Pam Bridge gave a very interesting report on her visit to Hendra for the autumn Group meeting.

Our speaker for this month or should we say teacher, was our own member Mrs. Ann Hole, who showed us how to make Christmas gifts. Most chose to do Father Xmas, a lot of fun ensued and a jolly time was had by all. She was thanked by Josie Hawken.

Flower of the Month Competition was won by Mrs. Pam Bousfield, with Mrs. Joey Greenaway second and Mrs. Metters third.

Competition winners proved to be a joint first between Mrs. Pam Bousfield and Mrs. Joan Gamlen.

Josie Hawken.

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BLISLAND W.I.

Mrs. Gurr opened the meeting on the 15th November, 1989 and welcomed visitors who had come to see the Microwave Cookery Demonstration.

There was no further news about the Bottle Bank but we are hopeful that something will soon be done. Our exhibit at the Wadebridge Fat Stock Show looked very nice and a great deal of work was put in by Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Garvey in modelling and painting the background depicting St. Pratt.

Several trips are on offer: the Sleeping Beauty Pantomine at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on the 12th January at £9.75, including coach travel seems good value. There is also a three day (2 night) trip to London to see The Phantom of the Opera at £121. (7/9 March). On the 25th January, 1990, there is a 'Have-a-Go' Craft Day at Mills Hall, Carharrack. For a fee of £2 you can try patchwork, crochet, smocking or canvas work.

Our speaker was Mrs. Barratt and her theme was 'Cooking for One or Two' using a Microwave cooker. She showed us several good recipes and recommended the use of wholemeal flour to give more colour to pastry as the microwave does not brown things very well. The menu consisted of a mushroom savoury in wholemeal pastry, turkey with a cream and grape sauce, bananas with rum and sugar and pears stuffed with walnuts and almonds with a chocolate sauce. All the items were raffled and several members went home to try the goodies. One thing which I found interesting, as a non-microwave person, was the fact that the cooking time depended upon the quantity and that two bananas would take twice as long to cook as one. I am still baffled as to how things will cook without the dishes becoming as hot as in a conventional oven.

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Willcocks and Mrs. Donnelly and the competition for a Marble Cake was won by Mrs. Pierce.

Mr. J. Aspinall will give a talk on Photography at our January meeting (17th) and any prospective new members would be most welcome to attend at 7.15 p.m.

W.D. Barwood.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

November 20th was a social afternoon when various games were arranged around the room which attracted a steady stream of participants. The competition, 'Home Made Calendar' was won by Miss Rowe, with a hand painted picture of Delphi Bridge. The usual delicious assortment of home cooked goodies for tea concluded the afternoon.

On December 4th we were delighted to welcome Mr. Thomas, always a favourite, to give us an account of his recent holidays in Kenya. He always gives a vivid picture of his day to day experiences, something not to be missed! Apart from spending a night at 'Treetops' and seeing all the animals roaming at will and at the drinking spot, he spoke of the very good accommodation and of passing over the equator and what to look for, including the moon directly overhead, something we don't experience, of the beautiful scenery, which at this time was Spring, but I think one of the highlights was his being able to meet a young man he had sponsored from childhood, now working in a bank, which of course he would not have otherwise been able to do. Also of his hazardous travel further inland, to meet his latest sponsored child in his school. This entailed travelling on a train to apparently nowhere, and crossing a rickety bridge over a river occupied by crocodiles waiting for a quick meal! However the journey proved worthwhile, as he met the teachers and children, but spent a sleepless night in a hammock, deafened by the sounds of the jungle. During this journey he hadn't met another white face but spoke very highly of all the warmth and courtesy and friendliness he met there. Very emotional but very memorable.

Mr. Thomas also thought of us and brought back a lovely little carved wooden elephant for a raffle, which I was extremely lucky enough to win. He carried us through experiences we can only dream about and he was thanked most warmly. He was asked to judge the competition, 'Souvenir from anywhere', which was won by Mrs. Brown with a pair of china boots from Tintagel. Good old Cornwall!

Arrangements were made for the visit to Church for the Christingle service with the school children on December 11th and our own Christmas tea to follow. It was announced that we had received an invitation to the School for entertainment on the 14th December and the trip to Mousehole for the Christmas lights on December 18th was well and truly on.

Tailpiece.

Mr. Thomas's companion bought £70 of carved animals as presents. He dropped the bag they were in near a window, while he searched for his key. A large hairy hand and arm reached in and dragged the bag to the top of a tree. Needless to say, that was the last he saw of them!

Gwen Masters.

ST. BREWARD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the above association will be held in the Band Room on Wednesday, 31st January, 1990 at 7.30 p.m. All members welcome.

Virginia Cholmeley,
Secretary, St. Breward Conservatives.

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