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# BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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Sunday Services for February

The Parish Eucharist is celebrated at Blisland at 9.30am. and at St. Breward at 11.10a.m.

Weekday Services

Wednesdays at Blisland at 9.30a.m.
Thursdays at St. Breward at 10.30a.m.

Feast of St. Branwalader - Sunday 9th February. Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Breward at 11.10a.m. Service of Prayer and Praise at 3.30p.m.
The Silver Band will play during the service. Tea follows in the Village Hall.

Walsingham

The annual Cornish pilgrimage takes place this year from 27th April to 1st May. Total cost £115. This includes coach, bed and board. For details contact Father Harris.

Weddings

Please note that no celebration of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony can take place between Palm Sunday, 12th April and Easter Day, 19th April. This is because the Church is celebrating the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. thus making such celebrations incompatible with Christian sentiments.

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I would like to thank all who attended the meeting on Missionary Training which I helped to organise on Saturday 11th January. Especially my grateful thanks go to Becky Marshall who stepped in at the last moment to help with the music.

I was delighted with the large collection which amounted to nearly £60. This will go towards my Bible College fees.

I am hoping to hold a similar type of meeting in twelve months time. Many thanks for your interest and kindness.

Marion Cheeseman

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Education is very much at the fore front of public discussion at the present time. Much time is spent talking about the techniques and content of education but little about its purpose. In other words people rearely discuss the philosophy of education and yet this is essential if people are to give meaning to its content, techniques and presentation.

In trying to determine then the character and the objective of education we first need to understand it's subject, namely man himself. Consequently if we believe that man is made up of body, mind and spirit then nothing less than that which does justice to these concepts can be acceptable as we seek to develop the whole man.

Yet while there is much attention given to a person's development in the realm of mind and body, sadly little attention is given to man's spiritual maturity at least in the contemporary situation. The consequence of this, is that people lack objectivity in their lives with the result that they are unable to appreciate life's purpose and thus lacking spiritual and moral criteria which religion brings to bear, find themselves in no position to deal adequately with the many problems concerning life and death which confronts all of us as we perform our trivial round and common task.

As life passes then we need to make sure that we are doing justice to ourselves by being a complete a human person as possible. This means achieving maturity in body, mind and spirit. It is my prayer and hope that you will find that fulfilment in your lives within the Christian experience. For in it, we can work out a state of right relationship with God and our fellow-men thus fulfilling our role in this life and consequently achieving our destiny in the next. This done we shall have a true education which will serve us well both in time and eternity.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

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| Sunday February 9th at 2.30p.m. | Preacher Rev'd Broad (Holy Communion Service) |
| Sunday February 23rd at 2.30p.m. | Church Fellowship service) |

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ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP will be open again on Wednesday February 5th and on succeeding Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. to 11.30p.m.
Join us for a coffee and a chat.

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Christmas at St. Breward Church

The first Mass of Christmas, celebrated by Father Harris assisted by the Rev'd Joan Kirby was well attended, the Candlelit congregation almost filling the church.

Our thanks to Nancy and Rodney for providing our tree and the Harper family for decorating same. Thanks also to Bill for maintaining the lights on the tower, and to Christopher, Douglas and Clifford for their help. Grateful thanks also to those providing and doing the floral arrangements.

The Service of 9 Lessons and Carols was well supported by friends from Blisland and representatives of various organisations in the village. A collection of over £30.00 has been donated to the C of E Childrens Society.

On behalf of the P.C.C. may I wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

H.C. Hawken

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A memorial on a gravestone of a lady who weighed 22 stone.

Open wide ye pearly gates
That lead to the heavenly shore
Our father suffered passing through
And mother weighs much more.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd January at 8.00p.m. at the Village Hall.
The continuation of the carnival needs your support!
Unless a sufficiently strong committee can be formed for the 1992 carnival ..... there will not be one.
Please help. It does not need much committment. If you can spare a few evening hours between now and July to see the carnival continue or just want to come and have a say please come along. After all all villagers have benefitted in some way by the donations made to various organisations.

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I have recently received a letter from Jean Metters in Australia who regularly gets our parish magazines sent to her by her sister-in-law Mavis Metters. She says how much she enjoys walking the lanes and roads of Blisland and St. Breward again. She is a member of the Cornish Association of the A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory). All members are tracing their family history from relatives who came to Australia in the 1840's, 50's etc. As for herself she considers herself one of the St. Breward Metters having been married to John Metters of Penvorder Cottages. Within the Association are a group of Cornish Dancers who have been dancing for two years now and are well known in the area and they often get invitations to dance at various functions.

She sends her greetings to the ladies of the W.I. and to the W.R.V.S. It is nice to know that our humble magazine is read in such far off locations.

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Notice in the West Briton dated 10th April 1884

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

The Seasonal Festivities began at the social club on the 14th December with a party for the players. Father Christmas was unable to attend as hoped due to a slight altercation with his reindeer, 'Lager' and 'Dash of Lime', resulting in his jaw being broken. Unfortunately for the players he made a speedy recovery and was able to visit the following Saturday, with some unexpected presents.

Sunday the 22nd was Christmas Draw day with the first prize of a colour television being won by Mrs. Freda Davey. A disco held on Christmas Eve was run by Mr. Tim Keat, who we must thank for all his work since the club opened, especially for donating his services on charity fund raising nights, of which there have been many.

The club was open again on Christmas Day evening and was visited by a steady flow of patrons. However, we were all surprised by the invasion of people on Boxing Day, but perhaps realising that Mr. Joe Kay, our resident Entertainments Secretary, was again busy behind the scenes, we should have. His usual hard work and dedication to any cause can only be admired. This was a Fun Day, with an all day disco by Mr. Chris Vanderplank, interrupted only by games of 'Bullseye' and 'Mr. and Mrs.' which were compered by that shy and quiet little man, Mr. John Bate. Unfortunately for the contestants he was in charge of both games. The results of the competition were:

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| Bullseye: | 1st | Mark and Haley Harris |
| | 2nd | Jill Trevarthen and Neil Morrish |
| | 3rd | Kerry Dingle and Thelma Whitehouse |

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| Mr & Mrs | Joint) | Mark and Haley Harris |
| | 1st ) | Peter and Freda Davey |
| | Joint) | Carol Griffin and Gary Saundry |
| | 3rd ) | Martin and Lorraine Dingle |

Many thanks also to Mrs. Louise Scawn and Miss Mandy Davey for their help in organising these events.

Saturday the 28th December saw the Members Party with an excellent spread of food prepared by Mrs. Moira Yeo, as she had also done on other occasions over the festive period.

New Year Eve again saw Tim Keat's disco, with several people attending in Fancy Dress to add colour to the occasion.

New Year's Day started with Mr. Keith 'Tweetie' Nottle as head barman, the duties of which caused him to miss Man. Utd's 1-4 defeat by Q.P.R. on television.

The 3rd January was the very popular childrens party with around 60 children attending. Chris Vanderplank again provided the disco and activities were organised by Mrs. Doreen Kay, Miss Amanda Davies and Miss Mandy Davey, with Joe not far behind.

Many thanks should also be expressed to all those who helped over the festivities, particularly the bar and cleaning staff, and especially to the club supremo, Mr. Chris Greenaway, who it is rumoured had his post redirected from the farm to the social club to give him a chance to read it. It is perhaps forgotten at times that the club does not run itself and people do give up a lot of their free time to see it operate smoothly.

Also, during the last few weeks numerous birthday parties have been held at the club, and we would like to take this opportunity to point out that the club is available to everyone with no hire cost, so don't be afraid to ask.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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The committee of the Football Club would like to say a big 'thank you' to Kelly for all the hard work he does as Treasurer of the club.

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The Goods Department was managed by a separate Goods Clerk who was kept pretty busy, nearly all goods in those days were transported by rail. Large numbers of cattle and sheep were loaded in the early days for the London market. At a later date the Cobbledick family erected a slaughter house nearby, then carcases were sent as well. A big trade was done in rabbits, all transported to London, many trappers were engaged in this business, usually working from various farms. A coalyard was situated in the siding operated by the Olde's of Boscastle and a corn and coal depot served the district, run by Hayne's of Camelford.

The L & SW Railway provided a local service to Exeter, which ran three times a day, some two or three carriages. This little train was always full as far as Launceston with people travelling to shop. I remember I could travel free and in fact could travel for a quarter fare anywhere on the railway whilst I remained a single person. Anyone connected with the Railway could get concession - any fares. To get to Plymouth one would have to transfer to the GWR at Launceston and proceed from there.

My mother used to keep a number of goats, the milk was for family use, these used to graze on the banks. Once a kid was run over by a train, I remember my father had a rug made with the skin.

When father was working at the extreme end of his section, in this case past Halwill Bridge, we used to enjoy taking pasties to him and others, walking along the line to the little hut.

In winter, in especially bad conditions the line would be blocked by falls of snow between Delabole and Camelford Station, and towards Otterham. Father and the gang would be called out early in the morning to clear the line with shovels. I can remember him returning one day with frozen eyebrows and moustache. Also in the extreme cold the points would freeze and fires would be lit to thaw them free.

There would be a special overnight train at Christmas to bring people working away home and only a curtailed service on Boxing Day. On this day the North Cornwall Hunt would be in the vicinity, father would have to put

detonators on the line to alert approaching trains of the hounds.

Nowadays one passing this spot finds little to remind one of those tranquil if not busy times of the past, vanished in one chop of the Beeching axe!

Melba Boundy

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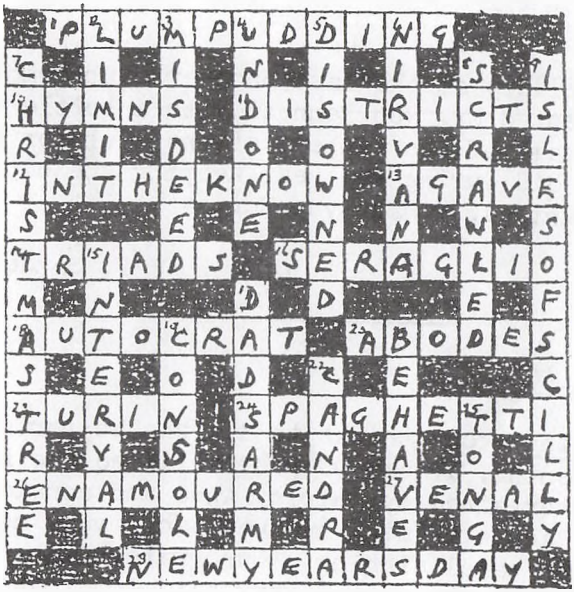
SOLUTION TO THE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Congratulations to Mrs. Grace Masters with the first correct entry out of the hat. I enjoyed working on the puzzle but I'm afraid 16 across stumped me. Thank you again to Mr. Bousfield.



ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB - Fixtures for February

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| February 3rd | St. Breward A Bye |
| | St. Breward B v Camelford W.M. |
| February 10th | Wadebridge B v St. Breward A. |
| | St. Breward B v Camelford W.M.C. |
| February 17th | St. Breward A v Tintagel C.C. |
| | Camelford Cons. C. v St. Breward B. |
| February 24th | Camelford Cons. C. v St. Breward A. |
| | St. Breward B v Port Isaac. |

ST. BREWARD BILLIARDS TEAM

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| February 5th | Camelford W.M.I.B. v St. Breward |
| " 12th | St. Breward Bye |
| " 17th | St. Breward v Camelford Cons. C. |
| " 26th | St. Issey v St. Breward |

Mr. Terry Ellery at the last Snooker Club Committee meeting presented Mr. Ron Bennett with a bottle of festive spirit on behalf of the members of the club for the sterling work he did during the year keeping the club clean and well organised. Thank you Ron.

F. Sanders.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Cornish Evening - our thanks to all who supported the very enjoyable evening, almost 90 people filled the Hall and were well entertained by Shirley Anne and considering there was no accompaniment produced some very melodic sounds for the carol singing. Our grateful thanks also to all the ladies who worked very hard to produce such a nice spread. The event raised £190 for the hall funds. BULLSEYE QUIZ EVENING - the change of date is very much regretted but this will now take place on Friday 7th February. Entrance is £1 per person. There is a trophy for the winning pair and a runners up prize. Light refreshments included. All welcome to join in.

R.L.

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

Entertainment

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| Saturday | February | 1st | Sparkle |
| Friday | " | 7th | Niteflight |
| Saturday | " | 8th | Ricky Barnes |
| Friday | " | 14th | D. Mackenzie |
| Saturday | " | 15th | Niteflight (charity disco-grand draw on the night - in aid of Air Ambulance- all welcome) |
| Friday | " | 21st | Craig Dowler (disco) |
| Saturday | " | 22nd | Tequila |
| Friday | " | 28th | Target (disco) |
| Saturday | " | 29th | Red Raiders |

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## BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The December meeting was held in the Village Institute where it was noted that a work party consisting of members of the Council had met on the village green during November. The matter of village street lighting was discussed, in particular the problem over obtaining suitable lighting for the road along the top of the green.

The difficulty for motorists turning into the Blisland access roads from the A30 was brought up - in view of the ever-increasing volume of traffic using the A30. The Highways Department will be approached regarding improving these junctions before the planned upgrading of this stretch of the A30.

The provision of more houses for rent in the village by a Housing Association was raised, and it was felt that this was a matter to be looked at again next year.

The January meeting of Blisland Parish Council was attended by all the parish councillors and also by Mr. David Coad, our representative on North Cornwall District Council.

The question of street lights along the road at the top of the green was again discussed. Mr. Coad explained that any lighting there would be extra to the approved scheme and that a contribution would probably be required from the Parish Council. It was decided that two extra lights should be requested.

The housing needs of the village were discussed with regard to both housing for rental and for purchase. It was felt that it was necessary to have more detailed knowledge of the requirements of people living in the parish, and the possibility of conducting a village housing survey in conjunction with the Cornwall Rural Community Council will be investigated.

The controversial television programme 'Cream Teas and Concrete' recently shown on Channel 4 was discussed. Councillors voiced concern that there should be any irregularities in the planning system, of which the Parish Council is a part, and welcomed the announcement of an independent enquiry into the allegations made in the programme.

The next meeting will be held on February 13th.

Joy Montague

BLISLAND W.I.

There was no meeting in December but instead a Christmas Party was organised and twenty eight members and friends visited Trelawney Garden Centre.

We were greeted by the staff and the ladies of the party were entertained to a floral art demonstration whilst the gentlemen were given a tour of the Centre and a talk on the history of it.

A most delicious meal was prepared by the Chef and it was throughly enjoyed by everyone. Afterwards we were allowed to wander around the Centre and make our last minute Christmas purchases.

Everyone voted this event one of our most successful Christmas parties.

Mr. D. Jones of the R.N.L.I. will be the speaker at our meeting on February 19th.

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Another event of note during December was the publication of Mrs. Gwen Masters' latest book, 'Through Mists of Time - Cameo Tales'. The 'tales' are memories of Mrs. Masters' life from before the first World War to the present day and the book has been dedicated to her daughter Isobel. The author is now over eighty and the changes she has seen since her childhood make fascinating reading.

Our congratulations to her - this is a splendid follow up to her poetry book!

W. Barwood.

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

Our January meeting was a well attended, jolly affair, held at the Trelawney Garden Centre Restaurant. After a very good lunch Mrs. Josephine Hawken presided over a short business meeting. Nominations were taken for next year's committee, to be voted on at the annual meeting in February, when VCO Mrs. James will be present to officiate.

One of the County notices invited members to a meeting at Treliske hospital on February 19th to be told up to date details about HIV and the AIDS virus. As this is such important information which should be widely circulated we were dismayed that the venue for such a meeting was as far away as Treliske, on a winter evening. Mrs. Christine Woolf suggested a request should be made to the organisers to arrange a similar meeting in our area. Secretary Mrs. Joan Sainsbury agreed to write accordingly, also to request any literature on the subject that might be available.

An invitation from Blisland W.I. has been received, to attend their meeting at Blisland village hall on February 19th, when the speaker will be from the R.N.L.I.

This year it is essential that we have a fund-raising event for our own funds, and a long discussion followed; arrangements will be finalised at the February meeting.

Pamela Bridge.

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Copy for March issue in by 10th February please.
Thank you to Ross Metters of St. Breward who drew the cover for this month's magazine.

## BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On Friday 13th December at the kind invitation of the Head Teacher of Blisland School the club members were invited to preview the school play 'Babushka'. It was considered by those who attended, that this presentation by the children was an outstanding success. The parents who watched the main performance later that day must have felt very proud of their children so well did they perform. Congratulations to Mr. Hort and staff for directing and bringing out the multitude of talents from all the youngsters at the school.

Members were again invited to participate in the childrens 'Christingle' service at the church on 18th December. It was a moving experience to see the children worship together with the elderly of the village, celebrating the birth of Jesus. We had our last meeting of 1991 following the service and our tea as laid on, was much appreciated. The competition 'A pretty button', suggested by Mrs. Marjorie Webber was won by Miss Mildred Rowe.

The first meeting of 1992 took place on 7th January. It was noted sadly by members that Mrs. Goom who became the founder club leader in 1973 had recently passed away.

It was reflected how quickly the years disappear as one gets older, what is the explanation? May I suggest it would be interesting for readers to submit their views as to why time appears to speed up as the years advance!

Various games were played during the afternoon. Darts was the favourite pastime. The scoring was fairly good. Maybe we should submit some names for the 'Bullseye Quiz' at the village hall on February 7th!

The competition 'The prettiest thimble' suggested by Mrs. Ida Brown attracted many entries. The winner was our treasurer Mr. Stan Jefford.

Tony Ham.

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