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Fri 30	**Mobile Library**

Letters

A very big thank you to all those good friends and relations who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. The gifts and cards were overwhelming and the cake was delicious too - Thank you to you all.

Josephine Greenaway

Everyone at St Breward AFC & Social Club would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

I have been informed that commiserations are due to Gareth Bunt who failed in his attempt to become a centrefold in Playgirl Magazine.

Also Joe Kay's 'Baby Mushroom' is still roving; Ivan Crowle is still very much in the frame, and Doreen has a bag of cement ready for his return. She was heard to say "I'll put a stop to his gallivanting; I'll concrete him into the lawn!"

We would like to wish Percy Dingle a speedy recovery from his heart attack.

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Editorial

Once again I am asking the good people of Blisland to put pen to paper, or phone, with anecdotes, news, articles, recipes, anything that will help to redress the imbalance of St Breward News against Blisland. I cannot believe that Blisland is such a sleepy village that there is never anything worth including in the magazine. A possible solution might be to increase the number of Blisland reporters, so if anyone would like to give it a go, I would be pleased to hear from them.

Last month, after long self debate, I included a joke that was part of the football club report. For 3 weeks I constantly changed my mind from day to day. First it was in, then it was out etc etc. Eventually I decided to include it on the grounds that it was part of a report from St Breward AFC who donate money to the Parish magazine - not many parish organisations do. I also decided that the content of today's Radio and TV programmes are far far worse, even in programmes that appear well before the 9pm watershed. The final consideration, the one that swung the decision towards inclusion was the thought, does anyone read the magazine other than their own sphere of interest? This joke should at least provoke some response.

It did! Our Blisland reporter had a couple of verbal complaints, and I had an anonymous letter demanding an apology. In common with all other publications, I cannot publish anonymous letters although I can withhold the name and address of the writer if requested. So if the correspondent from St Breward would like to contact me again with their identity, I will be happy to include their letter next month.

I would like to add one final comment arising from the letter. This magazine is a community magazine which happens to carry a lot of Church news. It is NOT a Church magazine. Also, will the writer be disposing their TV and radio sets because of the content of their programmes?

I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and don't hesitate to let me know your feelings about your magazine. It is nice to know that people care and criticism, although not as welcome, will still be listened to sympathetically.

Denis Lusby

Church's Pages

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Dear Friends,

Within days of receiving this magazine, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany when we acknowledge the showing or manifestation of Christ to the world, commemorated by the Wise Men visiting the infant Jesus.

The Church has seen this wonderful event as the beginning of the universalism of the Faith, which the Old Testament plainly foreshadows as the purpose of God, the visits of the Magi to Christ as representing the revering of the world in worship to the Redeemer of the world.

The story suggests that the three strange visitors were astronomers or astrologers - it has been suggested that they could have been a mixture of both. Whoever they were, they became aware of the birth of a new King through seeing a new star, and interpreting its appearance in that way. It may have been the climax of many years study and a journey over considerable distance, the great event in their lives; their singlemindedness and perseverance can remind us that in diligently performing our everyday duties and our secular work, we fit ourselves to get to know more of God, for it is not to casual or careless folk that he reveals himself.

The coming of the Wise Men and their act of worship must have put great demands on their faith in view of the length of their journey, their difficulties in locating their King, and the lowly and unexpected place where they finally found him, conveying to us the omnipotent nature of his kingdom. This in turn indicates to us that he has the right to claim the allegiance of all, reminding us that we should be even stronger in our loyalty and service to him and in his wider world; let this be the message of Epiphany.

May God's blessing be upon you as we all set out on this journey together in His name in this new year.

Yours in Christ,
Father David.

Sunday Services

9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10am	Parish Eucharist	St Breward
Sunday 25th	The Feast of theConversion of St Paul	

(NB The First Sunday of the month (ie 4th January, this month), the St Breward Service is a Family Eucharist to which we warmly invite families with young children.

Weekday Services
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Thur 1 Jan	Blisland	The Naming of Jesus	10.00am
Tues 6 Jan	St Breward	Feast of the Epiphany	10.30am
Thur 15 Jan	Blisland	Feast of St Kentergen, Bishop	10.00am
Thur 22 Jan	St Breward		10.30am
Thur 29 Jan	Blisland		10.00am
Mon 2 Feb	St Breward	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10.30am
Thur 12 Feb	Blisland		10.00am
Thur 19 Feb	St Breward		10.30am

There will be no service on Thursday 8 January as shown in the December Magazine.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES OF WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday 18 January to Sunday 25 January

Blisland Parish Church Christmas Fayre

A most successful Christmas Fayre was held at the Mansion House on 29th November by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Ward-Lee.

The main attraction was Father Christmas who was kept very busy! There were also various stalls.

£605 was raised for Church Funds.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Parish Priest is available to celebrate the sacrament at Blisland by appointment. Please contact him on 01208 850869

Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker: Mr Brian Parkman, 17 Trefrew Road, Camelford 01840 212736

	Blisland	St Breward
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Treasurer	Mrs W Gurr (850119)	Mrs J Teague (850342)

Dear Friends,

A new year dawns, fresh and untapped. What will it have in store for us, I wonder? Not one of us is able to know. The great joy of faith in God Almighty is to know that we can trust him for all our needs in the coming days. Peace through turmoil, joy in pain and love to share through the everyday experiences of life. An old song says; I know who holds the future and I'm guided by his hand. I know things won't just happen, everything by him is planned. As we move into 1998 are we ready for what tomorrow might bring? One new year's resolution will suffice in preparation, it is the words of Solomon found in Proverbs 3v5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your way straight. If you and I keep to that we shall have a happy and blessed New Year.

May God bless you all.
Brian

St Breward Diary for January

Date	Time	Preacher	
4th	11.00am	Mrs Garbett	
11th	7am - 8am & 4pm - 5pm	BBC Radio Cornwall: St Breward in "Cornwall Celebrates"	
11th	11.00am	Rev. Hockley Family Service and Sacraments	
18th	11.00am	Mrs Racham	
25th	11.00am	Mrs Flint	R/S

NO Coffee Morning in January.
Coffee mornings will start again on the first Wednesday of February, 10.00 - 11.30am as usual, see you then.

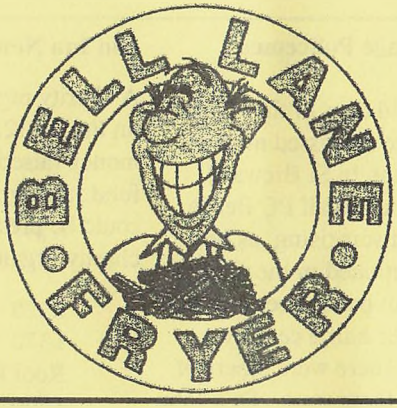
Blisland Diary for January

Date	Time	Preacher
11th	2.30pm	Rev. D Bridge
25th	2.30pm	Mr B Parkman

Blisland Methodist Church

An excellent Coffee morning was held recently at the home of our treasurer, Mrs Wendy Gurr. A total of £210 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to our host Wendy, all helpers and contributors.

Tony Ham
Church Steward



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St Breward Village Policemen

When the good old days of the "Olde Tyme Copper" are discussed most of the older generation in St Breward with long memories recall PC Bertie Hancock. It's not surprising, as he spent 16 years stationed in the village, out of a permanent police presence that lasted for well over half a century, ending in 1962. There were others of course. A few of these were : Pc's John Chapman, Oliver Dickinson, John Trehane, Mike Beresford, Dave Duckworth and John Waters who was known as a keen salmon fisherman with an interest in motorcycles.

If anyone has any memories, stories or photographs featuring any of these fine gentlemen, which they would like to share, then ring Pat on 851037 after 6.30pm, who would be very pleased to hear from you.

Don't miss the Radio Cornwall programme about St Breward

St Breward is to be the subject of the Radio Cornwall religious programme "Cornwall Celebrates" to be broadcast on January 11th from 7.05 - 8.00am, repeated at 4.00 - 5.00pm. There will be brief interviews with members of St Breward Methodist Church and St Breward Parish Church, who will each choose a favourite hymn to be played.

Old Inn News

A charity night was held at the Old Inn on Friday 12th December so that all the money raised during the year from fund raising activities and collections could be presented to the following charity organisations:-

£220 To Children in Need
£370 To St Breward Church Roof Fund
£500 was presented to Ray Warden, Vice -chairman of the Cornwall Air Ambulance
£150 Lifeboat
£150 Mount Edgcombe

Entertainment was provided by the talented Lee Dean. We would like to thank all those who helped contribute to our fund raising efforts.

BBC Radio Cornwall Pubs & Clubs Quiz

The brains of the Old Inn Quiz team were so near and yet so far in the semi finals of the Radio Cornwall Quiz. We were winning right up to the last round and finally lost by only 3 points. We would like to thank the following members of the quiz team who did so well. Captain Tony Taxi, Roger Sleep, John Arnold and John Parker.

New Year's Eve

We are delighted to announce that the very funny and talented "JUST KEN" will be playing for us on New Year's Eve.

Ann & Iain

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Is it true that Radio Cornwall has been rapped over the knuckles for all the free advertising that 'Toni Taxi' received during the quiz? Bush House said that it was the worst breech of their code of ethics in the history of the BBC. Toni Taxi refused to comment but has been seen looking over new BMW's in a local garage.

Blisland Area Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1997 collection in the Blisland Area raised a total of £247.45.

This comprised:-

House to house collection	£153.52
Remote Farms (collected by Mr Leo Burns)	£26.61
Blisland Inn	£7.57
Combined Church/Chapel collection & Wreath	£59.75

The Bodmin British Legion Secretary expressed his thanks for the outstanding support given by the inhabitants of the Blisland Area.

Our sincere appreciation for your contributions.

Audrey & Brian Pierce
Area Collectors

Church Dog, Changes Spots, Attacks Vicar's Car.

Buster the collie dog belonging to Christopher Greenaway has been the bane of many a motorist who have lost mud flaps to Buster lying in ambush in Churchtown.

Village observers noted that every type of vehicle, belonging to both visitor and local alike, all came under Buster's gimlet eye, but they noticed that over the years, as vicars came and went, Buster left their mud flaps alone (visiting Methodist preachers were not exempted). "That ol' Buster e' be a proper Church dog," they used to say.

They couldn't believe their eyes when in the summer our new vicar moved into St Breward. Soon after Buster was seen making several lunges at his car and it wasn't long before he was making off with one of the vicar's mud flaps. Observers have seen Buster sitting outside the Methodist Chapel on a few occasions and questions are being asked: Has Buster been got at? What did the vicar do to upset him? Has the Bishop been informed? Will Chris Greenaway throw him out?

Watch this space for further developments.

Act in Haste repent at Leisure

Commiserations to Terry Howell who had been sent a laxative which he was to take the day before his hospital appointment . His wife Sue, gave him the prescribed medicine at breakfast but it wasn't until mid morning that they discovered his appointment was for the following week. Terry was unavailable for comment as he was otherwise engaged!!

St Breward Parish Council notices

Letter to the Right Honourable Frank Dobson, Minister of Health.

Dear Mr Dobson,

Proposed Health Cuts in Cornwall

At a recent meeting of St Breward Parish Council the question of proposed health cuts was raised and I was asked to write to you to express members' deep concern over this matter.

As I am sure you must be aware the Cornwall Health Authority are currently claiming that savings to the extent of approximately £5 million are required due to "underfunding from the Department of Health".

In addition to various reductions in certain health service provision, with the added problem of job losses, four community hospitals are likely to be closed.

Cornwall, a relatively sparsely populated county, currently has the highest unemployment in the South West and suffers as a result of being one of the areas of lowest pay in the country. There are also a large proportion of elderly and retired residents in the county, as compared to many other areas, many of whom cannot afford a car or, for a number of reasons, do not have their own transport.

Many people, in particular the elderly, are therefore naturally very concerned indeed at the prospect of losing health services, especially the closure of community hospitals. Their fears are not helped due to the fact that there is little or no public transport in many areas of Cornwall.

We understand Wales and Scotland, which are similar in many ways to Cornwall, particularly in regard to their remoteness, apparently enjoy better funding per head of the population than does Cornwall. If this is true and the situation rectified then the current problems could surely be resolved.

It is true to say that people in Cornwall, from all political persuasions, feel that, due to our remoteness from Whitehall, their somewhat unique problems over health and other issues are not truly understood. In addition, regrettably, there is a growing feeling here that few in high office really care.

The Parish Council hope that this letter, plus the many other representations you have received, may help to persuade your department to act positively and fairly over this urgent matter.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,
R. Benham, Parish Clerk

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Complaints have been received by North Cornwall District Council that recyclable materials have been dropped at the pick up point long before the Saturday in question, resulting in untidiness in the immediate area.

Would those using the 'MOBI' please only bring items to the trailer on the first Saturday of each month at 11.15AM.

Thank you,

R Benham (Clerk)

ST BREWARD UNDER-FIVES

The children enjoyed their Christmas Party, which included a visit from Father Christmas and lots to eat.

Our Christmas raffle raised the magnificent sum of £126!! First prize of a Turkey Dinner went to Chris of *Thomas and Williams* in Bodmin. Mrs Alice Skinner won the basket of fruit donated by John Parker of Camelford. To all those who kindly contributed prizes including Hayley Harris, St Breward PO and St Breward Stores, and many more, and to all who bought tickets - thanks for your support.

We have recently heard that we have been awarded an Under Eights development grant by Social Services which, together with our raffle proceeds, will enable us to purchase new toys and equipment. More details of that later.

St Breward Under-Fives will resume on Tuesday 6th January 1998. Until then, we wish everyone in St Breward and Blisland a prosperous new year.

In Praise of Ground Elder!

Is ground elder a weed? Call it Goatweed, Ashweed, Herb gerard, Goat's foot (which its Greek name Aegopodium indicates), Kesh or even Jack - jump - about, or what you will. It was probably introduced into this country by the Romans (as with Alexanders) and it is mentioned by John Gerard (1636) as a plant "of a reasonable good savour". But he goes on to state that it is "so fruitful in his increase, that when it has once taken root, it will hardly be gotten out againe, spoiling and getting every year more ground, to the annoying of better herbes." Nevertheless, it was recommended, with its roots stamped, laid upon members that are troubled or vexed with the gout!

The young leaves in spring make a palatable vegetable (mixed with young nettle?). But if the definition of a weed is a plant growing where the gardener does not want it, then it surely is a weed!

Donald Bousfield

An Irishman went to college and got B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in literature but couldn't get a job, so he went to England to work on the buildings. The foreman decided to give him a test before he would take him on.

"What's the difference between a joist and a girder?" he asked.

"Well," said the Irishman, "Joyce wrote Ulysses and Goethe wrote Faust."

A Schools inspector visiting St Breward School asked a young boy in class, "Who knocked down the walls of Jerico?"

"It wasn't me, sir" said the boy nervously.

Furious with the low standard in the class, the inspector reported the incident to the head teacher of the school.

"I asked a young lad, who knocked down the walls of Jerico, and he told me that it wasn't him."

"The little rascal," said the head teacher, "I bet it was him all the time."

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Quick Quiz

1. Who is the present chairman of the 1922 Committee?
2. Who lives by the shores of the Gitche Gumme?
3. Which 2 US Presidents were born in 1913?
4. What was Kenny Everett's real name?
5. If you paid to have a rhytidectomy, what would you be given?
6. Who did John W Hinckley Jnr.shoot in 1981
7. Which river flows into a vast swamp called the Sudd?
8. What is a yarmulka?
9. Who shot Achilles in the heel?
10. What are the Devil's Bones?

Two Dots

Place two letters in place of the dots which will form a word when added to the end of the first words and will also form a word when placed in front of the last words.

CAD •• TIRE
FIR •• RIPE
CANT •• BITS
PIN •• CAPE

Then the eight letters make a word which is a word meaning good.

Odd One Out

Which of the following is the odd one out?

1. Sole, herring, octopus, anchovy lobster
2. Cork, larch, upas, maple, plane
3. Nectarine, elderberry, satsuma, tangerine
4. Poppy, orchid, snowdrop, yulan

This is a tricky question. You do not need to be a piscatorian, arboriculturist or a botanist to find the answer to this one!

ANSWERS on page 22

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Even more furious, the inspector went to the Board of Governors and repeated the story.

"Well," said the head of Governors, "The boy comes from an honest family, and you can take it from me, that if he says he didn't knock down the walls of Jerico, then he is telling the truth."

Finally in despair, the inspector reported the whole affair to the Department of Education. He received the following communication:

"Dear Sir with regard to your recent letter concerning the Walls of Jerico, we beg to inform you that this matter does not fall within the jurisdiction of this department. We therefore suggest that you refer the problem to the Department of the Environment."

ROB DAVEY

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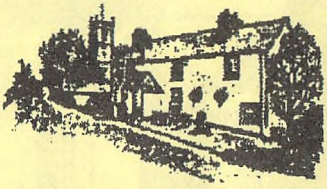

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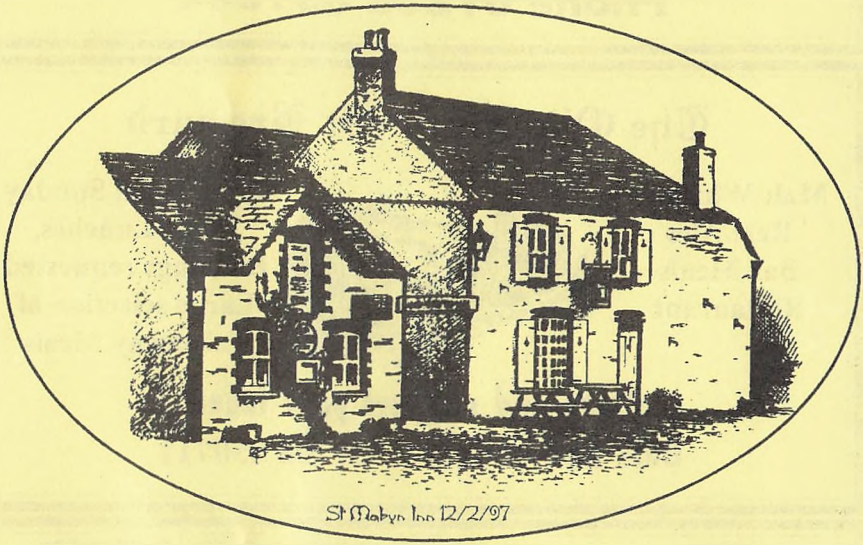

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An Amazing Co-incidence (or when the Spirit of Bushmills and the Spirit of St Louis crossed with the Spirit of St Breward)

One night in early December, relaxing with a glass of Bushmills, after a long session of office work, I decided to check to see if I had received any e-mail. There wasn't, but I came across a competition to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Lindbergh's epic first solo flight across the Atlantic. I had to answer 3 questions:-

1) What was his plane called?
2) Where did he start and finish?
3) How many hours did his flight take?

The first two questions were easy; His plane was called 'The Spirit of St Louis'; he took off from New York and landed in Paris; but the third question was the stumbling block. I had a choice of 3 flight times, but which to choose? I searched the internet visiting all sorts of web sites, constantly being side-tracked, but never finding that elusive piece of information. Eventually I took a gamble; I chose the middle figure of 19 hours; I sent off my entry and went to bed thinking of what it was like to have the mad courage to fly in a small plane such a long way over water without any back-up.

The very next day, Mrs Bousfield called into the shop and gave me an envelope which she said might make an interesting article for the magazine. This is what was in the Envelope.

Oct 31st 1997

Dear Mrs Bousfield,
This will be a story that stretches over a period of 70 years On May 21st 1927 Charles Lindbergh concluded his historic non-stop solo flight from New York to Paris. At that time we lived at N°11 Penvorder Cottages, by chance I was in the near-by field of Charlie Masters. I was more or less in line with the bottom hedge of the front gardens. I heard the roar of a plane and looked up in time to see a plane - flying very low - come over the hedge about 150 yards away. Young as I was it was quite a thrill to see the name SPIRIT OF St. LOUIS on the side of the plane. Although I was only 11 years and 8 months old I remember being very conscious of the fact that I was witness to a historic happening. My family believed me and my wife , children and grandchildren believe me now, but what would strangers think of the story? Perhaps attribute it to a youngster's vivid imagination, or as the concoction of an old fogey!

To get it printed in the village magazine would require proof that our village was on Lindbergh's flight path. I decided to get proof!

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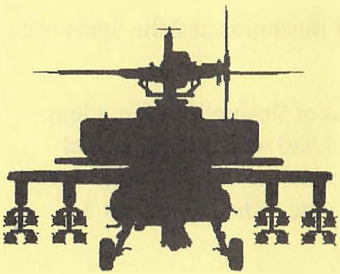

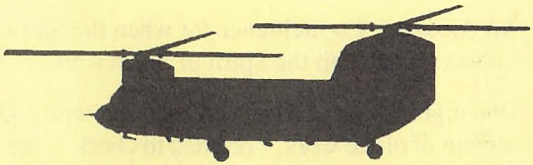

Up, Up and Away

One, two, three, four helicopters . . . . . how many more can he fly at once?

Yes, it was heard that Moorgoods are operating not one, two or three but FOUR helicopters . . . . . large ones at that, with two rotors . . . sufficient to carry our usual helicopter and a battalion of soldiers, or should it be washing machine engineers? Perhaps someone's been watching the truly magical Phoenix on television!

Now we've heard it all. Six million pounds worth of helicopters . . . 'in my dreams' . . . . . what would I do if I could sell one of them!

Seriously though, how many people know what we are doing at Moorgoods? We will explain.

We operate a single engined helicopter for commercial and charitable use and it has a name, it's called 'Sparkie'.

Its commercial use allows us to pay the basic costs of operating the helicopter with aerial photography and flying instruction, including trial flights etc., which is usually carried out at Bodmin Airfield. With the basic costs paid, it allows charitable use to be made of the helicopter to carry out, at cost, the aims of Heli-Aid to support any of the emergency services who require it.

The newly commissioned helicopter pad at Moorgoods is available for use by the Air Ambulance & Police helicopters, but its main purpose is to be on stand-by seven days a week for Heli-Aid. It is paid for by the fund-raising efforts of, and donations by, supporters of Heli-Aid. We sell pens, mugs, hats and books etc to assist with fund raising.

To shelter the helicopter from the worst of our weather, we desperately require the materials to construct a hanger, for which we have planning permission. If anyone is aware of a building, or materials, to enable the construction of a building of 40x40ft base, clear span along one side with height to eaves of only 10ft minimum we would be pleased to hear. We will be happy to consider a

larger building so that it can be reduced in size.

But what of all the recent helicopter activity lately . . . . No not Moorgoods Air Day! In fact nothing to do with us at all! It was a military exercise and they chose this area in which to fly.

In fact 'Sparkie' has been on an extended holiday. . . It has just undergone its annual maintenance from mid August to mid December and so that is why the bird in the sky has not been seen to fly! Wait for it though, because 'Sparkie' is returning before Christmas Eve, just in time to rescue Father Christmas if he gets stuck with a broken sleigh!

Even when we do fly, there are, in fact, not many who notice since we operate away from the village and the helicopter we use is the quietest little rascal for its size.

So, those low flying helicopters are nearly always going to be of a military nature. Their ongoing training on home ground will undoubtedly increase as many of our forces have pulled out of overseas bases. Commonly heard flying around Cornwall, with its very significant deep sounding "thud" "thud" "thud" is the military Chinook helicopter with its twin rotors. Commercial (civilian) pilots generally fly higher and still with great concern for the welfare of all persons and animals on the ground.

We do thank our neighbours for their support of the helicopter and in turn we look forward to supporting them and other members of our community in the use of 'Sparkie' for the benefit of all.

Kevin Foster
Chairman, Heli-Aid
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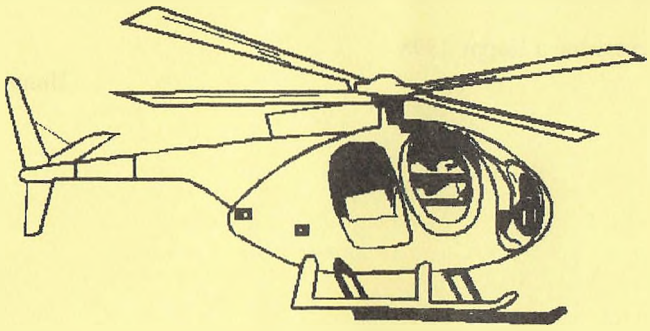

Blisland WI December Meeting

This month we had a short meeting chaired by Mrs Wendy Gurr.

We welcomed two visitors - Mrs Marjorie Horton and Mrs Eileen Walford.

Our oak tree has now been purchased and is to be planted on the village green on December 13th. at 11am.

"Fun with a Fiver" - Mrs Eileen Walford has kindly offered to serve cream teas on Wednesday 26th February from 2.30pm onwards to all members and friends. There will also be a raffle and a "Bring and Buy" stall.

On 21st of January we shall be celebrating our birthday again with a dinner at Hengar Manor for members and their partners.

The meeting completed, we divided into groups of four to play the first round of the scrabble competition - after much hilarity, and of course, serious playing a winner emerged - Mrs Jenny Masters - who will now go on to the next round. Well done Jenny!

Refreshments were a group effort, providing a veritable feast! A most enjoyable meeting to end the year.

Competitions

Flowers	1st Mrs A Pearse	2nd Mrs O'Donnell	3rd Mrs Aspinall
Prettiest Gift-wrapped Parcel	Joint 1st Mrs Pearse and Mrs O'Donnell		

Our next meeting is on January 21st at 2.15pm - the speaker will be Mr Ken Golding on the history of Lanhydrock and the Robartes Family.

We wish everyone a Happy 1998

Honor O'Donnell

St Breward WI December 9th 1997

Our president warmly welcomed the 19 members present and gave out a list of events reaching ahead as far as 2001! This is when St Breward WI will provide the delegate for the IGM - no one present spoke up to volunteer for this, possibly not wanting to count their chickens so far ahead. In the foreseeable future the Barbara Reed Trophy will be for a handmade rag doll, dressed in Cornish costume which must be completely removable. Entry forms to be in by March - possibly something to occupy those long winter evenings? A new quiz will begin in January, all about WI women; so as we have the book about these ladies, we expect to "have a go."

About 8 members met at Mrs M Metters' house to help plan the programme for 1998, and to choose suitable competitions for each speaker to judge. M Metters and M Wilkie will arrange the programme cards for distribution after the new officers are elected at the Annual Meeting in February. On July 13th 1998 it is the 70th anniversary of the founding of St Breward WI so we are discussing ways to celebrate this special date. At present we are considering a lunch at a suitable venue to which the presidents from the Group Institutes will be invited. Enquiries are being made about a special commemorative mug. In the immediate future there is a possible outing to Clark's Shopping Village in January. Please get in touch if you are interested.

The highlight of the evening was attempting to make anemones out of crepe paper under Ann Hole's supervision! There were many cries of, "Please may I have another piece of black/pink/green paper" as much of it was turned into confetti by a slip of the scissors. Nothing saleable was created but the comments (some unprintable) and laughter made a glorious hubbub. The following day we went on the community bus to our annual cream tea at Lanhydrock at a long table in front of a lovely log fire, having spent a long time browsing around the extended shop looking at, and buying, some of the interesting items on show. I could not resist two books full of paintings of cats for my son, if I can bear to part with them!

Mrs P Dibb came first, both with her flower and her writing entries, and Mrs R Lowe had the best homemade Christmas hat.

We are beginning to attract younger members who have found that we are not "all jam and Jerusalem" so why not come as a visitor to see how friendly we can be. A notice is in the Post Office every month giving the date and the speaker for the next meeting (usually the second Tuesday evening in the month).

A very happy and healthy New Year to you all.

Anne Holmes

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First I phoned the American Ambassador's office in Pretoria, they referred me to their office in Johannesburg, they were helpful, they suggested I write to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, this I did.

From a map, I ascertained that St Breward was at the point where Latitude 50°32 North intersected Longitude 4°38 West. my question to Washington was then simple: 'Would they confirm that this point was within Lindbergh's flightpath on his historic flight?'

This is the reply he received.

Dear Mr Reed:
Your memory of the events of May 21st, 1927 are quite accurate. Your hometown of St Breward was indeed along Lindbergh's flight path. According to his book, The Spirit of St Louis, Lindbergh reached Cornwall at 1.52pm New York time, on the 31st hour of his flight while on his way over Plymouth, which he used as a checkpoint. This would have been at 6.52pm your time. You might like to know that he was wondering what you and others were thinking as he passed over. I am enclosing four pages from his book in which he discusses his thoughts as he flew over England. . . . .

Donald D Engen
Director

. . . . . *For aviators approaching from the sea, a coastline chooses between two methods of appearing. When air is crystal clear it announces itself delicately, subtly,y as a fine, dark line, barely breaking the evenness of the horizon. . . . in*

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heavy haze or fog it can loom up with terrifying suddenness, not even leaving time to turn from its crushing impact. . . therefore the first sight of land is an omen of great significance. . .

The coast of England is well above the horizon when I see its outline pale and whitish in the haze. Then there's no fog over Cornwall.

Above the sheer Cornish cliffs, rising straight up out of the sea, farm fields break off abruptly where their soil has tumbled down into encroaching waves. . . . . The road, and little houses and barns on top of the cliff, are all set back from the precipice, leaving a strip of green fields along the edge, a few generations worth of land to delay the inevitable collapse into sea - an offering to the god of the ocean. . . . . .

Cornwall is more populated and prosperous than Ireland, and less rugged. How foreign - how different from America it is, with its neat, miniature farms all divided off by hedge and stone fences, and its narrow, sod-walled roads running crookedly between slate-roofed villages! How can a farmer make his living from fields so small? He'd barely get started with a plough before the hedge at the far end would turn him back. No wonder there are so many one-horse carts. . . . . It was from such farms and villages as these that Englishmen set out to build a new life in America. The men and women down below are children of those who stayed at home, still carrying on the traditions of our forefathers. . . . . Well, now it is my turn to get a first impression of the English. I drop down to five hundred feet. People raise their heads as I fly over them. What do they think when they see my plane? Do any of them realise I've flown across the Atlantic Ocean, or do they regard me as simply a British pilot on a local flight? Do they know they're looking at the Spirit of St. Louis - a plane which has travelled from the United States to England in thirty hours? But even if they heard of my take-off from their local radio or press, they wouldn't expect me to fly through their particular sky, or think I could have made the trip so soon. . .

Dear Reader I hope you enjoyed this piece of living history from Ginger Reed? You will have noted that I failed to answer my third question correctly DPL

Answers from page 14

Quick Quiz: 1. Sir Archie Hamilton, 2. Hiawatha; 3. Gerald Ford & Richard Nixon; 4. Maurice Cole; 5. A face-lift; 6. President Reagan; 7. White Nile; 8. Jewish Skull cap; 9. Paris; 10. Dice

Two Dots: RESTORES, cadre, retire, first, ripe, cantor, bits, pines, escape

Odd One Out Group comprising nectarine etc is the odd one out Initial letters spell 'nest' which is not a collective noun for a fruit. The other initial letters spell out an appropriate collective noun for the group ie shoal of fish, clump of trees and posy of flowers

St Breward AFC & Social Club

Secretary's Report The First Team are continuing to make good progress. Results this month are a 5-4 win at Wadebridge; a 2-2 draw with Liskeard; losing to Camelford 3-1 and a 2-1 win over Torpoint. Meanwhile our Second team lost both to Godolphin 4-2 and St Merryn 6-5. The Second's obviously need to spend more time on the training pitch and less in the bar!

December 5th: 52 members of St Tudy Youth Club held their Christmas Party when basket meals and a disco were enjoyed by all.

December 6th: A Pool Tournament was held, 16 people participated and the finalists were Peter Sutton and Dean Hill, with Peter Sutton winning 2-1. Proceeds were in aid of the Air Ambulance and £110 was raised. The cup was presented by A.S. New.

December 16th 35 members from Priory House (Mentally handicapped and helpers) enjoyed their Christmas Dinner followed by a disco provided by JUMBO. During the course of the afternoon a presentation was made to Joe and Doreen Kay in appreciation. Every Tuesday morning Joe gives up his time to be at the club so that they can play skittles etc. Many thanks to Dinah Davey, Elaine Sutton and not forgetting Mr Fawlty Towers himself - Chris Greenaway who did a splendid job waiting on the tables.

December 13th The Players Party was held. A buffet was provided by the club and the music by Jumbo. A good time was enjoyed by all.

December 18th 44 senior citizens enjoyed a 3 course Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to our President, Mr Paul Heywood who provided all the meat; to North Cornwall Aviaries who donated the Christmas Puddings, to Chris Greenaway who gave all the veg and to Rob Davey for the rolls and butter. Music was provided by Roger Raynor. Many thanks to all who helped on the day. Special thanks to members of St Breward Chapel and the Silver Band for the loan of extra crockery & tables etc.

1st Team Fixtures for January			**2nd Team fixtures for January**	
Date	**Opponents**	**Venue**	**Opponents**	**Venue**
3rd	Callington	Home	Godolphin	Away
10th	Torpoint	Away	St Mawes	Home
17th	Sticker	Away	St Ann's Chapel	Home
24th			Biscovey	Home
31st	Bugle	Away	To Follow	

Entertainment for January

January 17th All or Nothing (New Band)

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