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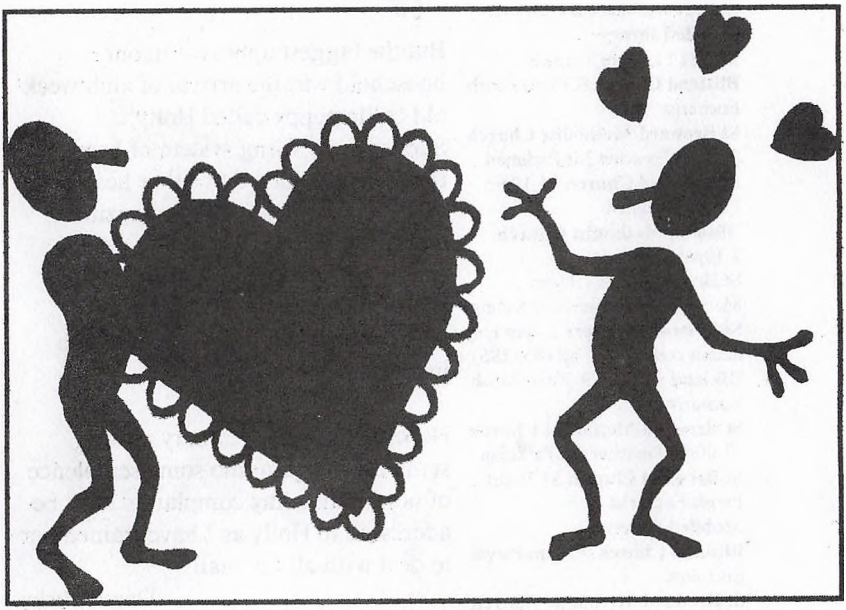

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Wed 4	**Coffee Morning** 10 - 11.30am St Breward Methodist Church
Fri 6	**Mobile Library**
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Sun 8	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church 9.30am** Preacher Mr Parkman **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist **Blisland Methodist Church** 2.30pm Mr Penna
Tue 10	**St Breward WI:** 7.15pm Memorial Hall: Annual Meeting
Thu 12	**St Breward Writers** 2-4pm For details contact C Wolf (851286)
Sun 15	**Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11.00am Preacher Mr Parkman **St Breward Church** 11.10am Parish Eucharist
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Thu 26	**St Breward Writers** 2-4pm For details contact C Wolf (851286)

Editorial

I apologise for the delay in publishing this edition of the parish magazine. Many things conspired against me; extra adverts which take time to set up plus my new ideas for 1998 took to long and will have to wait until next month (Temple I haven't forgotten you). Then there was VAT, Self Assessment and a busy shop to keep supplied.

But the biggest upheaval in our household was the arrival of an 8 week old collie puppy called Holly. Suddenly my filing system of heaps on the floor was joined by other heaps on the floor; articles for the magazine were chewed over and the computer cables are good for teething. Then there are the long walks which are supposed to tire out Holly but which just tire me out even more.

Hopefully during February all will settle down again into some semblence of normality. Any complaints must be addressed to Holly as I have trained her to deal with all my mail!

Denis Lusby

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LETTERS

Thank you Old Inn, St Breward.....
On behalf of the Church Wardens, Parochial Council and members of the congregation of St Breward, I should like to thank Iain and Ann Cameron, proprietors of the Old Inn, the regulars and visitors to the Inn for their very generous donation of £375 raised during the year for the Tower Appeal fund; this kind gesture is greatly appreciated and the monies very useful in meeting the costs of this necessary work. RDR

Dear Noel,

Just thought I'd write a letter offering many thanks to everyone involved in raising the money towards the "Play Station" computer and games. It has certainly made my stay a lot easier. I'm now feeling a lot better in myself although I've got a long way to go. I'm now out of isolation and staying in a flat across from the hospital. I still attend every day for check-ups and various other things. Hope everybody down at that end is in good health and are having a good New Year.

Many thanks to everyone for the time and effort involved, it has certainly made a big difference.

Many thanks

Simon Warne

Dear Noel and Everyone,

I would just like to echo Simon's remarks in his letter. It was a very kind, considerate thing to do, and I'm convinced it has made an awful lot of difference to his stay here in isolation.

Simon has now come out of isolation and spends much of the time here with me in a flat across the road from the hospital. The doctors are really pleased with his progress so far.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Sheila Warne

Does anyone know where I may be able to get a copy of the book "A History of St Breward". I have loan of one at present, but would very much like to have one of my own. On Page 88 of this book, there is a photo of interest to us, and I wonder if anyone has a print of this or may know where I may get one?

Thanking you in anticipation, from a very happy newcomer to this village.

Rita Blackwell, Delank.

Buster

In last month's magazine, I read with interest the report on Buster and her taste for mudflaps of cars. I would think that having found an Anglican mudflap to her taste, she decided to discover if Methodist mudflaps taste so good, but I understand she has been tempted by those of a certain green Skoda on the way!

Father David

(Does this prove that she reads the parish magazine? ED)

Church's Pages

Priest in Charge Father R David Reed The Rectory, St Breward Tel 850869
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Mrs HM Webber 850239 Mrs S Hutton 850761

Dear Friends,

It seems that no sooner have we celebrated the great festival of Christmas, than we are looking ahead to the important penitential season of Lent. In fact, in later paragraphs of this section, I will be expressing our thanks to all who made Christmas such a happy festival in our parishes with notices following regarding Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Before we anticipate Lent, the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2 February provides us with the perfect example of commitment to God, reminding us of our duty to Our Lord and how we should live this out in our worship and everyday life, mindful of the sacrifice he was to make on behalf of us and all mankind; to help us in our commitment we have the selfless examples of saints who we commemorate during the coming month, citing especially Saint Branwalader, the patron saint of the parish of St Breward whom we will celebrate on Sunday 15 February.

Lent will give us an opportunity for a "spiritual Spring-clean" in which we examine our discipleship of Our Lord, to see if we are giving him the time he deserves – time for prayer and worship, time for finding out more about our faith through participation in a Lent course, and time for making some financial sacrifice through supporting a missionary society or charity to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

Lent can offer us an echo of our Blessed Lord's forty days in the wilderness when he pondered upon the mystery of God and the nature of his life and his calling. Let us follow his example this Lent.

Yours in Christ
Father David.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Sunday Services

9.30	Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10	Parish Eucharist	St Breward

3.00pm 15th February **St Breward Revel Service**
with St Breward Silver Band
(followed by refreshments in the Village Hall)

NB. The First Sunday of the month (ie lst February 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

Mon 2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	St Breward	10.30am
Thur 5	NO SERVICE		
Thur 12		Blisland	10.00am
Thur 19		St Breward	10.30am
Wed 25	Ash Wednesday		
	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist	St Breward	10.30am
	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist	Blisland	7.00pm
Thur 26	NO SERVICE		
Thur 5 Mar		Blisland	10.00am
Thur 12 Mar		St Breward	10.30am
Thur 19 Mar	St Joseph, Husband of BV Mary	Blisland	10.00am

ST BREWARD REVEL SUNDAY
Sunday 15 February
A date for your diary!

We warmly invite members of our communities to celebrate the feastday of St. Branwalader, the patron saint of the parish, a name by which St Breward is frequently known by joining with us at our Parish Eucharist at 11.10 am and at the special **REVEL SERVICE** at 3pm, with the **ST BREWARD SILVER BAND**. Refreshments in the village Hall afterwards.

The Bodmin Lent Course (At St Petroc Church) – Advance Notice.
Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm, Tuesday 10 March, Wednesday 18 March, Thursday 26 March. Sponsored by Forward in Faith.
See Church notice boards and next month's magazine for details.

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Chapel's Page

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

	Blisland	St Breward
Senior Steward	Mr ET Ham (850691)	Mr R Hoskin (851445)
Treasurer	Mrs W Gurr (850119)	Mrs J Teague (850342)

Dear Friends,

Christmas is now over and we are well into a New Year. I am reminded that both of these events were caused by the coming of God into our world as the babe of Bethlehem. The writer: John Blanchard, raises a very relevant question for us; Who is Jesus? I quote "Nobody knows the exact date of this birth, but that one event divides the whole of world history into the years labelled BC. and AD. He never wrote a book, but more books have been written about him than anyone else in history. The nearest thing we have to His biography – the part of the Bible called the New Testament, has been translated in whole or in part into about 1500 languages.

He never painted a picture or composed any poetry or music, but nobody's life and teaching has been the subject of a greater output of songs, plays, poetry, pictures, films, videos and other art forms.

He never raised an army, but millions of people have laid down their lives in his cause. It has been calculated that every year the almost unbelievable number of 330,000 of his followers are martyred for their faith."

A good task for this year could surely be to find out more about this Jesus who changed our world to such a great extent. Come and join a study group at your local church and expand your knowledge of that great man Jesus.

May this year be a year of blessing for you.

Yours sincerely,
Brian

Blisland Methodist Church
St Breward Methodist Church

Services for February

1st	11.00am	Fellowship
8th	9.30am	Brian Parkman

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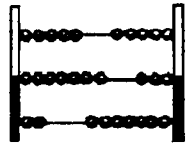

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15th	11.00am	Brian Parkman SAC	Fri 6thMarch Womans World Day of Prayer: 2.30pm at Methodist Church: Speaker Reverend Sherry Bryan of St Teath. Everyone Welcome.
22nd	11.00am	Mr Garner R/S	
4th	Coffee Morning 10 to 11.30am		

Blisland Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held on the 22nd October 1997. This was the first annual general meeting after changing the financial year from October - September to April - March. The financial situation of the Hall remains satisfactory with the income easily matching the expenditure and with a working capital of around £1,500. It is desirable to keep an adequate amount of capital readily available given the age of the building and the likely need for structural repairs.

The internal renovation and decoration is now nearly completed and the committee members have received many compliments on the quality of the interior. In particular, the very successful Table Tennis Club has had many positive remarks from visiting teams on the good conditions for playing. Our bid to the Cornwall Composite Scheme for improvements to the outside of the building has been deferred but we hope to submit a modified proposal. The Hall is now being well used, on average three evenings a week in addition to the regular daytime use. There is, however, spare capacity and the committee will welcome any proposal for increasing the use of the Hall's facilities.

The existing committee was re-elected to serve for the forthcoming year, but there are vacancies for members. Any parishioner interested in becoming a member of the committee should contact the secretary; Mrs T Mellow on; 850945. The primary purpose of the general management committee is to take responsibility for the management and maintenance of the building and its facilities. Until recently the committee ran a considerable programme of events, but it was decided that it should concentrate on hiring the Hall for others to put on events. While there are numerous events taking place in the parish it has been suggested that there are some gaps and that an entertainments committee could be set up to look at this issue. If anyone is interested in this please contact Mrs Mellow.

I should like to thank the members of the committee for their help and support - most of them for the past several years. The committee expresses its thanks to Yvonne Matthews for the high quality of the cleaning and care of the Hall.

Trevor W Murden Chairman

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Thank you Blisland and Temple ..... I should like to thank our friends in Temple for making Temple Church look so attractive for our Service of Advent Readings and Carols; our thanks to them for preparing the carol sheets and organising the candles. Thank you to John Holman and Henry Kendall for decorating so well. Thank you to so many for giving flowers and for cleaning the church for Christmas and for every Sunday of the year. Indeed, thanks to everyone who made the Church worthy of the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity. This commenced with a full church of enthusiastic children, parents and friends for the Christingle Carol Service (Christingles " made"by Deanne Kendall and her loyal band of helpers) from which the collection realised £77 for the Children Society's special appeal for runaway children and young people. It was also most encouraging to see so many at the Midnight Mass, especially considering the dreadful weather.

And Thank you St Breward ..... I should like to thank Philip and Rosemary for giving the handsome Christmas Tree for the Church, and to Julie and June who decorated it so beautifully. Our thanks to Paddy for manufacturing the illuminated Cross and to Bill, John and Vivian for fixing it so firmly that it was able to withstand the gales; to Sue who so attractively arranged the crib, to all who contributed both in anna lu7money and in practical help in providing flowers and for decorating the Church, so that the Church looked so delightful for our Christmas services which included the well attended Family Eucharist when it was particularly encouraging to see so many children and parents in spite of the wild weather.

On a personal note, I would like to express my thanks for the Christmas Cards, messages and kindnesses that went towards making Christmas such a happy time for me. RDR.

The Church's Work with Children.

In these parishes, because we are concerned about our responsibility to helping children to have their place in the life of the church and to share learning together and to feel part of the life of the parish, we run a Sunday School in Blisland organised by Mrs Deanne Kendall (850986) which meets from 9.30 am until 10.30 am on Sunday mornings. At St Breward there is the Sunday Club which I run with parental help and this meets on Fridays at the Village Hall from 3,15 pm until 4.15 pm.

There are some vacancies for children in both organisations and offers of help, especially in Blisland, would be appreciated; please contact either Deanne or me for further information. RDR.

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Staff at North Cornwall Aviaries were looking forward to their trip to the Welsh National Bird Show. As they journeyed along the M5, Gareth and Scott's thoughts ranged ahead to a nice comfortable hotel and a delicious meal, followed by a relaxing pint in the hotel bar.

As they crossed the Severn they asked Ivan about the hotel he had booked them into. . . .

"The Hotel Vivienne" he replied.

They were incredulous. "You can't have booked us into an hotel with a name like that. . . . no self-respecting Welsh hotel would be called that." They soon discovered the reason for the booking . . . £15 per night bed or £20 for B&B.

As Ivan pulled up outside the 'Hotel Vivienne' their incredulity was overwhelmed. On the front of the hotel most of the windows were boarded up; the graffiti read "Bob was ere, but soon left" (soon to be added " Gareth & Scott left sooner") and a faded For Sale sign leaning picturesquely. In an effort to placate them and to build up his own enthusiasm for the Hotel Vivienne, Ivan took them into the bar. Let your imagination colour the scene; just like all those old classic movies . . . . 3 strangers in town; they enter the dimly lit saloon bar; Tina turner is playing on the juke box to a susurrus of background Welsh which ceased immediately they entered the room. The bartender was investigating his nasal cavity whilst a 'good-time Octanagerian' was propped up by a bar-stool. Behind the bar, the drinks chiller contained a single carton of milk on the top shelf; orange juice in a jug on the middle shelf and on the bottom shelf, a dish of mouse poison; and what was that lurking in the corner at the bottom of the fridge, is it that dark writhing lump of ectoplasm that they have been searching for in the 'X Files'in the last 3 series?

The drink failed to work and all three quickly and quietly moved across town.

Gareth was upset further after betting his new bonsai tree against Ivan's skill at picking up a prize with a small grab in an arcade machine. Gareth lost and foolishly tried to recover some of his losses by betting that Ivan couldn't do it again - He did, so now they are selling 'Birds for bonsai Trees'!!!!

Blisland Post Office

Attention all committee members

There is a local events calendar on display in Blisland Post Office Stores. Local committees and organisations are welcome to use it to plan dates for their events and functions. This is not to advertise, but it is hoped that this will avoid the problem of double dating.

Mrs Clements

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

The marriage has taken place recently between Miss Liza Lewis, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lewis of Louvain, St Breward, and Mr David Wilson, son of Mrs and the late Mr Wilson of Hornchurch, Essex. The ceremony and reception were held at Risley Hall in Derby. Liza and David live in Nottingham. Guest of honour was Mrs Phyllis Teague, the 90 year old grandmother of Liza.

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The Allan Valley Singers

The Allen Valley Singers go into 1998 with a mixture of good and bad news. On the good side, we now have our first official sponsor – The Cobweb Inn, Boscastle, will be funding us to the tune of £200 per annum, and we are extremely grateful to Mrs and Mr Ivor Bright.

The bad news is that we have to find suitable replacements for our Musical Director and Accompanist, Leo Tarring. Leo will be leaving us this year to further his education at University. Advertisements will shortly be seen in the county's newspapers and we are hoping that it will not be too long before we can announce that our search has been successful. If you are interested, or know of someone who might meet our requirements, please contact Jennifer Tarring on (01028) 841329 or Lorraine Rooke (01208) 850029. We are building a reputation as a choir with unique qualities and style, and anyone joining us now will be joining at the beginning of a new phase in our success. New members are always welcome – Tuesday evenings, 7pm, at St Tudy Methodist Chapel.

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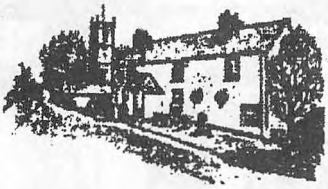

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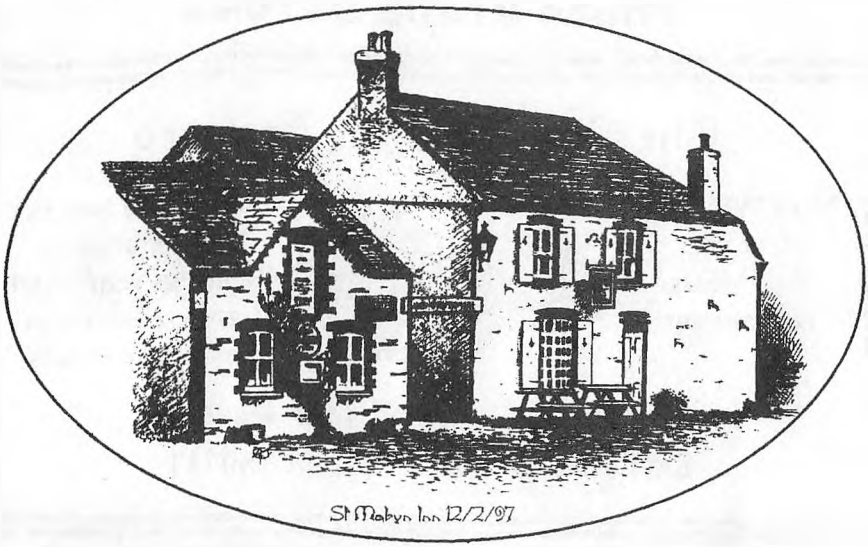

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Memorial Seat

The daughters of the late Mr & Mrs Varcoe have had placed on the grassy mound at Higher lank, an oak seat in their parents' memory. The inscription reads

"In loving memory of Peter and Peggy Varcoe and their friend Wesley Finnemore."

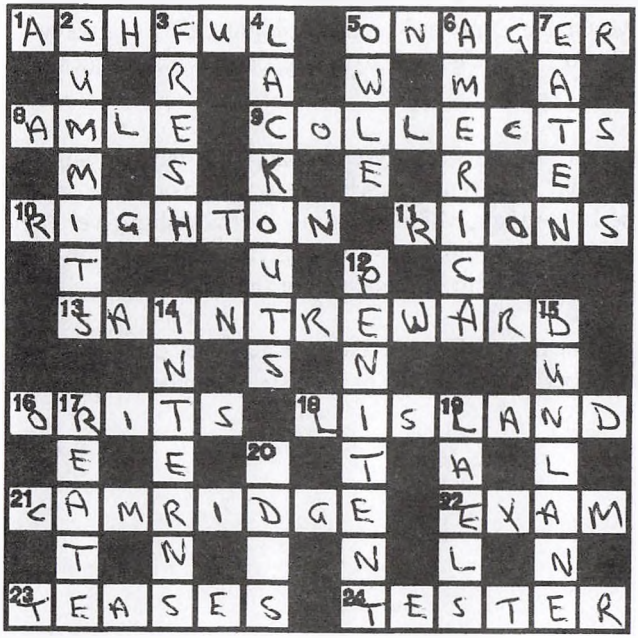
Mr Finnemore, in his later years passed many hours in that spot and expounded his bible to whoever chose to sit with him awhile.

Where in the World

The location of the map was 'New Redruth,' which is in the Transvaal, South Africa. I wonder which Cornish man managed to name so many roads from his ancestral home? No one guessed the location so I drank the prize myself. (Editor's perk)

Christmas Draw

The St Breward Stores Christmas Draw raised £140 for a seat in memory of Inez Burrows. Together with £51.50 from a whist drive and various donations we have a total of £204. We hope to have an unveiling ceremony in the middle of March. C & D Lusby



December's Crossword Winner

Four solutions were received, all of them correct (none from Blisland).

The prize was awarded to Jennifer Teague.

DB

Temple Fly-fishing 1997 Report

In June we had a fly-fishing competition at Temple for chidden with cerebral palsy. this was organised by Vranch house School and Centre, which is owned and run by Devon & Exeter Spastics Society. The competition was sponsored by Airflo and was called the **Airflo 7000 TS Charity Challenge**. Temple Fishery anglers raised a grand total of £1033.25. With money raised in 1996, the fishery has raised £1630.30 for this well deserving charity so far. Temple will be hosting another such competition in 1998 and if anyone is interested in fishing in this sort of event where you can have an excellent day out, win prizes and go on to fish other heats, then please contact me.

Also last year, some of Temple Trout fishery's members formed a fly-fishing club called the Temple Steel Heads which holds inter-club fly-fishing competitions and forms teams to represent the Fishery at other venues. Temple Trout Fishery was made a Trout Masters Water in 1997, this is a prestigious title given to top class waters by the Trout Fisherman Magazine. The magazine also runs a competition linked to this title.

We had some very good fish caught at Temple in 1997. Mr Archie Pitt of Padstow caught the best 5 fish of the season which weighed in at 22lb 14oz. Mr Dennis Dawson of Bodmin caught the best brown trout of the season which weighed 12lb 2oz and Mr Graham Bray of St Austell caught the best rainbow which weighed in at 12lb 5 oz. Some good fish, but hopefully some larger fish will come out in 1998.

The fishery is presently open 3 days a week - Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Day tickets, 3/4 day and ½ day and evening tickets are available on these days. Club membership for the 1998 season will be due soon. Membership gives 10% discount on all tickets purchased at Temple as well as giving access to club events. A new season ticket is going to be launched for the 1998 season.

If anyone requires any information on Temple Trout Fishery they can contact me on my home phone number 01208 850250 or the fishery number 01208 821730.

Julian Jones

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

At the December Meeting of the Parish Council it welcomed two new councillors. Miss Stephanie Meads who works as a Museums Development Officer for the North Cornwall District Council. Also Major C F T Edward-Collins, the present High Sheriff of Cornwall following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Blisland Council, like St Breward Council, has made representations against the proposed closures of hospitals and the losing of hospital beds within the county. Council and feels that any action to reduce the service would be detrimental to the county with relatively low incomes and an ageing population.

At the January Meeting, Council has been informed that there are now 31 pupils at the School. This justifies the action taken against the authorities who wished to close the school. General concern was expressed as to the state of the local highway network with clear evidence that the edges of the roads are breaking up. There are still drainage problems at Cassacawn Hill. Also at Church Bridge and Shellwood Bridge. There are problems of blocked drains and gutters which need clearing after the recent storms. It was agreed to seek a meeting on site with the Environment Agency to discuss the problems of flooding of the highway at Delphy Bridge. It was reported that there is honey fungus on the village green which has resulted in the loss of some of the trees. It was agreed that the swings on the Village Green should be put out of action to allow for repairs to be made.

The Precept for I998 -1999 will be £4,600.00 This is approximately £21.00 per Band D property. This is not an unreasonable precept bearing in mind that the Council has more corporate property that any other rural parish in the District with the exception of Bodmin, Bude, Camelford, Launceston,Padstow and Wadebridge. The Parish Council maintains the village green and the Village Institute. It is one of five parishes councils in North Cornwall District which maintains its public toilets. All other parishes which have public toilets are maintained by the District Council. It also make contributions to the Village Hall and the Blisland Churchyard Fund.

It was pleased to note that the North Cornwall Hunt had honoured its agreement to make good tree damage to the Village Green following the New Years Day Meet.

Edgar Rowe
Clerk
January 1998.

The Marshall and Crowle families of St Breward

Since publishing the"A History of St Breward" in 1988, I have received a lot of enquiries from people whose ancestors left the parish many years ago. I am not able to undertake research for them, but I give them the address of the Cornwall Family History Society and invite them, if they plan a visit to S Breward, to consult the records that I have here and in the archive in the St Breward PC School.

The latest enquiry from Denys Peck of 34 Upper Crescent, Taradace, Napier New Zealand, about his grandfather, Joseph Marshall, who had emigrated to Sydney, Australia in 1882. Mr Peck went to the Family History Centre in New Zealand where, by pure chance, he met a Mrs Jean Bullock, who also has a family link with St Breward. She has been here in 1988 and bought a copy of "A History of St Breward"which she loaned to him. He was thrilled to read on page 112 how Richard Marshall and Elizabeth Hannah Crowle, married in St Breward Church in 1880, had emigrated to Australia in 1882 with their children Joseph and Lily.

This Joseph, Mr Peck's grandfather, later moved to New Zealand and lost touch with the main family in Sydney. I gave him the name of Mrs Gwen King, of New South Wales, who had provided the details for Mrs Grace Masters' chapter on emigration in the book. Mrs King possesses the family bible and a great deal of information about the family in Australia. She has been able to share this with him and also to hear from him about the New Zealand branch.

Mr Peck is coming to England in April for about six months. He will be working in Shanklin, Isle of Wight, from about May 1st, but plans a trip to Cornwall and a visit to St Breward and would be most interested to meet other descendants of his great-grandparents Richard Marshall and Elizabeth Hannah Crowle.

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VAGARITIES OF WEATHER

A beam of bright sunshine reached into my space
Enfolded my body, and bathed it in gold,
I stood in its radiance and welcomed the dawning
Of a new day, with its pleasures untold.
The sun climbing high in a cobalt blue sky
Sets diamonds a'glitter where spiders webs stray,
But weather is fickle, oft' causing affray
By changing its mind in a demoniac way.

The clouds gathered low in the darkening sky
When that sudden flash of lightning was shed,
Then just for an instant all was revealed
Before thunder ripped and crashed overhead.
Heavy clouds their burden of wealth released
Soon drenching the waiting meadows below,
When that indefinable freshness was spread
And the promise renewed with that mystic 'Bow.

The mists rolled in from the sea like a shroud
And silenced the land, not a sound was heard,
Except from the depths of that swirling void,
The plaintive cry of a forlorn bird.
That night when weather played her cruel game
And caused the wind to rise and to howl,
The trees creaked with pain as their boughs were bent low.
No longer safe shelter for beasts nor for fowl.

But Nature recovered from flood and from storm
And weather had romped on its wild wanton way.
But soon it returns on silent white wings
Transforming the land with its dazzling array.
As frost drapes its fingers on eaves and on fence
And a flurry of snow touched the window pane,
The remorseful weather, its wildness all spent.
Now bathes me in radiant sunshine again.

Gwen Masters

In response to last month's editorial, I received a delightful letter from Mrs J M Hodges from 'sleepy Blisland'. She sent the following recipe (which I cannot wait to try out) and two poems. 'Old Songs' was published last year in 'Yours' magazine. Her second poem will appear in next month's magazine.

Jo's Fruit and Honey Cakes

3oz White SR Flour
2oz Wholemeal SR Flour
5oz Margarine & 3oz Sugar
1 heaped tablespoon of honey
1 heaped teaspoon ground ginger
1 free range egg (size 1)
4oz Sultanas (or mixed fruit)
1 tablespoon milk
approximately 5 tablespoons water (for sponge cake consistency)
12 fairy cake baking cases.

METHOD

Preheat oven Gas mark 5 (or equivalent in electric) Cook just above the centre of oven.

Place margarine, sugar and honey in bowl, whisk together until creamy white.

Add egg, ground ginger and a little flour, whisk together for a few seconds.

Add rest of flour, fruit, milk and half the water. Whisk briefly then add rest of water.

Whisk for about 1 minute only, otherwise the mix will become too light, resulting in all fruit falling to the bottom of the cakes (I found out the hard way!)

Fill the baking cases. Place in oven and cook for around 35-40 minutes, until golden brown. When cold, I keep mine in a biscuit tine, in a cool place.

A programme on TV stated that all transmitted sound made here on earth travels up and off into outer space, indefinitely. All our early transmissions must be some way off by now! This reflective poem is about the passage of time. Old memories travel with us through our life, on and on into our inner self.

Old Songs (Oct 1996)

I hear their voices
from long ago
Singing old songs
the best songs
they called them.
"Just a song
at Twilight,"
"Danny Boy"
sung at the
shaving mirror,
or dressing table.
Melody and words
stirred their
very soul
the heart
the larynx.
Singing along
with the stars:
Crosby, Durbin,
Cole:
broadcast on
Bakelite wireless.
Stars meeting stars
somewhere along
the Milky Way.

Josie May Hodges
1998

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

You may have noticed that a new seat has been erected at the top of Wenford Hill recently.

Mrs Kate Maurice and her sister, Vicki, requested that something be situated in the village in memory of their parents, Peter and Peggy Vercoe. It was eventually agreed that a seat could ideally suit this purpose. The plaque on the seat reads

"In loving memory of peter and Peggy Vercoe
& their friend Wesley Finnemore - 1996."

The original seat has been repaired and relocated to a site near the entrance of Hill Close.

R. Benham
Parish Clerk

St Breward Silver Band

Over the Christmas period the band had quite a few concerts, the first being on 6th December at Wadebridge School. The following Wednesday they played some carols for the old people at the Camelford Hall which I am told was enjoyed by all and on Saturday 13th the band were once again at Port Isaac, and on 15th at Wadebridge Thorncliff old people's home. The highlight of all was on Friday 19th when we were delighted to be asked to play at Truro Cathedral for the Young Farmers Carol Service. It went down a treat and everyone really enjoyed it, On the same night the Juniors were in the chapel at St Breward for the Annual Candle Light service which at this stage I must give on behalf of Micky and the band, a very big thank you to Mr Ray Hoskin who stepped in at the last minute to conduct them.

Coming now to the last two engagements of the year they played in St Breward Old Inn which was packed out with people enjoying the Christmas Carols and the last engagement was at Hamatethy.

We are now looking forward to 1998 and some new engagements.

Mary Cook, Press Officer.

St Breward WI

The highlight of the January meeting was surely the two owls from the Screech Owl Sanctuary - Richmond, a delicately marked barn owl only two years old, who was totally unruffled by the surroundings, and Dougal, a tawny owl with strong brown feathers. Apart from learning quite a lot about owls in general we were able to stroke both owls which were surprisingly soft and silky. We really must take care that these beautiful birds do not disappear from our countryside – there are only approximately 6,000 barn owls left.

We are hoping that details of a neighbourhood watch scheme will be available at the May Resolution meeting now that St Breward seems to be the victim of more robberies etc.

There will be a Cornish history day on Saturday 7th March at Truro College covering three areas, place names, archaeology and prominent families. This will cost £10.75 for the day and should prove very interesting.

The items for the fifty years of Denman College competition are a marionette or glove puppet, a photograph (I cannot remember the subject!) and a box of home-made confectionery.

In September St Tudy are holding a Festival of Arts, Crafts and Flowers with refreshments, and we may make a visit en masse, more details at a later date. Four members are having a go at the quiz about WI women using the WI book as their reference point, and Mrs P. Powell is already making marmalade with the £5 allocated by County for fundraising.

Mrs Anita Cornelius came in to ask for helpers for the St Breward Carnival for this summer, the Carnival AGM is on 3rd February. Mrs Powell asked if any members are willing to grow a packet of seeds, provided by her, for the Garden Day this year, and a few members volunteered.

Nominations for the committee were received as it is our Annual Meeting next month, 10th February, when the subscription of £13.75 is due.

The competitions for this month were won by Mrs J. Greenaway with her flowers and feathers, Mrs P. Dibb with her small carved owl and also Mrs Dibb with her crossword – well done again Pat.

Anne Holmes

St Breward AFC & Social Club

MANAGER's REPORT

Well, it's been an interesting and fun first half of the season; Out of the League Cup, Senior Cup and top six. It's not all bad really, unfortunately we were drawn away to high fliers Porthleven in the senior cup and ended up losing 8-2, but did ourselves proud. 1-0 ahead, coming back to 2-2 after they had scored two controversial goals. Yes, they were better than us, but no as much as the score suggests. Evidence of how well we did came when they signed our Goalkeeper Daniel Parsons as cover for the County Goalie, Cary Penhalligan.

As for the League Cup, we blew it. Everyone had us as favourites to beat Bude but on the day they proved that there are no easy games in the East Cornwall

1st Team Fixtures for February			**2nd Team fixtures for February**	
Date	**Opponents**	**Venue**	**Opponents**	**Venue**
7th	Liskeard	Away	Looe	Home
14th	Nanpean	Home	St Columb Minor	Away
21st	Saltash	Home	Godolphin Atl Res	Away
28th	St Dennis	Home	Southgate Res	Away
7th March	Camelford	Away	St Columb Minor	Home

Entertainment

7th February	**Cloud 9**
14th February	Fancy Dress St Valentine's Disco
21st February	Back by popular demand – **Bertie Basset and family**
28th February	**Tim's Disco**

Admission for entertainment - £1.50

Forthcoming Attractions:

14th March	**Al Hodge** Tickets £2 prior, £3 on the door.
21st March	A date not to be missed, the very funny and talented **Johnny Cowling**
4th April	They've been before, and they're back again – the fabulous **Back Beat Boys** Tickets £2 prior, £3 on the door. (See Joe for tickets 850030)

League and kicked our butts 4-0 with a battling performance that we were unable to compete with.

On the league front things are not as bad as it sounded at the beginning. We are currently in 7th place with games in hand to get us into the top six, just as long as we don't get carried away and keep doing the things we are good at as a team.

After a lengthy spell out through injury, leading scorer Karl Mallett is back. Unfortunately, Olli Walby is suspended, Paul Worden is injured and Rob Davy is battling with a back problem.

Two players have refused overtures from other clubs, Darren Fryer – Camelford and Dave Cole – Liskeard.

Despite injury and unavailability problems which have meant team changes in nearly every game so far this season, the spirit is high and hopefully will remain that way for the rest of the season and maybe even get us into the top six. I just hope I don't get a vote of confidence from the Chairman at the next committee meeting! (Is that called a 'Dan McCauley Handshake?' Ed)

Last time I wrote in the magazine I told you about myself. This time, a little about the new names I've added this season. Jeremy Rendle: played for Callington and St Cleer previously, mainly played up front this season, but is also well suited to midfield. Martin Jordan: entering the veteran ranks now, played for many clubs in the East Cornwall league over the years, either in Midfield or defence. This season's sweeper. Dave Cole: early twenties, Dave has already played in nearly every position possible this season, so Daniel in goal had better watch out. Played at Dobwalls and St Cleer before Liskeard and spent most of last season in their first team. Rob Cole: Dave's older brother, best in the centre of midfield. Played most of his football at the same clubs as Dave. Unfortunately he has not been available much this season so far, but should be OK now.

Paul Dowling: good breeding stock. Youngster from Bodmin, Defender. Paul is fast improving and starting to show his real potential. Dave Martin another youngster from Bodmin. Recently transferred from Bugle. Wide midfield player who will hope fully soon grow in confidence and show his worth.

OK – bored you enough for the time being, but don't miss the next instalment.
(Any more like this and you could find yourself in the Church pages, writing sermons! Ed)

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