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December Diary

Wed 2 **St Breward Methodist Church** 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Fri 4 **St Breward Community Bus Assoc** 7.30pm AGM. War Memorial & Institute
St Breward AFC: 8.30pm Fancy Dress Charity Disco
Sat 5 **MOBI** 11.15am Rylands
St Breward AFC: 8.30pm Live Music
Sun 6 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher: B Parkman
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist:
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Mon 7 **Neighbourhood Watch** 7.30pm St Breward Memorial Hall
Tue 8 **St Breward WI** 7.15pm Institute; Brown Willy
Wed 9 **Blisland WI**
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Fri 11 **Mobile Library**
Sun 13 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist: Harvest Thanksgiving
St Breward Methodist Church 9.30am Preacher B Parkman, Teddy Bear's Picnic 7.00pm Harvest Praise With St Breward Silver Band
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Carol Service, Preacher Mrs D Grundon
Temple Church 6.00pm **Candlelit** Advent Carol Service
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Wed 16 **St Breward Methodist Church** 10.00-11.30am Christmas Coffee Morning
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn
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Fri 18 **St Breward Methodist Church** 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Sun 20 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Rev. Lister
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Old Inn 8.00pm; Carols with St Breward Silver Band
Wed 23 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Thur 24 *Christmas Eve*
Fri 25 *Christmas Day*
Sun 27 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 2.30pm Village Carol Service
Quiz Night 8.30pm Old Inn
Wed 30 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn
Sat 31 *New Year's Eve*
Old Inn Hogmany with 'Just Ken'

Editorial I would like to thank everyone who has contributed, distributed, suffered or helped me get this magazine to you each month. I hope that you all enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed producing it. I have decided to make 3 New Year Resolutions for 1999

1) I will get the magazine out on time
2) I will not make fun of Joe Wills & Dai Kay
3) There will be no mistakes in 1999's magazines.

Mind you, thinking about N°3, only the Pope claims to be infallible, so maybe I am

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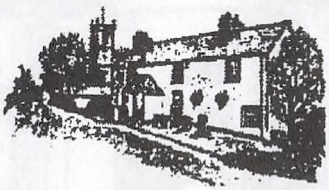

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Dear Friends,

Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year, and this year on Advent Sunday we have embarked on a new Calendar and Lectionary. This means that we will find a fresh route through the year as we mark the seasons and commemorate the festivals, and yet we will continue to see many familiar landmarks; thus Advent has always been the time of preparation for Christmas and the significance for Our Lord's Coming, and will always remain so.

Christmas means different things to us at different times of our lives. In the beginning, when we were very young children, it meant the presents we received, and the story of a Baby born in the manger. There was also the Tree, and around it the presents. As we began to grow up, the Christmas Story became more detailed, and there was another change. Christmas began to mean presents and people. Then we began to think not just about the presents we could get from other people, but presents that we could give; so a new dimension was added - consideration for others.

As we grew older and one Christmas followed another, people began to mean more and more, and things - presents - less and less. Greetings from relatives and friends, and people whose paths at one time or another have crossed ours begin to mean more. These are what makes the warmth of Christmas as we grow older, the warmth that lies in the depth of the love or concern of those who care for us.

As Christmas comes to mean that to us, so the religious message of the festival grows more important, deeper and more central. The Birthday has become the central thing about Christmas and we come to church to kneel before the wonder of the love of the God who could come into our world, with all its harshness, and make himself known as Man to walk in our common way of life.

As that part of Christmas becomes more and more central, the presents fade and the figure of the Christ Child and of God whom he incarnates grows in wonder and meaning for us then indeed we will have the 'Happy Christmas' which is the wish from the Churches in our parishes to you all.

Wishing you every Blessing, Father David

Sunday Services

St Breward Parish Eucharist 11.10am
Blisland Parish Eucharist 9.30am
(In both Churches on the First Sunday in each month, Family Eucharist when children and their parents are especially invited to be with us)

Advent Service at Temple

Sunday 13 December at St Catherine's Temple 6pm
Service of Carols and Readings for Advent by candlelight - all warmly invited

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

6.00pm	Christingle and Carol Service; arranged with children and their families in mind, but all welcomed	Blisland
8.30pm	Family Eucharist for Christmas; the Sunday Club and other families with children warmly welcomed	St Breward
11.30pm	First Mass of Christmas	Blisland

Christmas Day

10.00am Parish Eucharist; families with children warmly welcomed Blisland
11.15am Parish Eucharist families with children warmly welcomed St Breward

Weekday Services during December

Thur 3	St Xavier, Missionary Apostle to the Indies	St Breward	10.30 am
Thur 10		Blisland	10.00 am
Thur 17		St Breward	10.30 am
Mon 27	Holy Innocents	Blisland	10.00 am

Weekday Services during January

Fri 1	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	St Breward	10.30 am
Wed 6	The Epiphany	Blisland	10.00am
Thur 14		St Breward	10.30 am
Thur 21		Blisland	10.00am

For your Diary!

Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Truro at 7pm on Tuesday 19 February at St Breward.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

CES report that the new dog loo bin in Row is not being used, and following a complaint to St Breward Parish Council from a pet owner who stated,

"your dog waste bins are too high for my pet to reach,"

the PC has suggested that the owner takes his pet to Dog Agility classes, or failing that, changes his pet to a Irish Wolf-hound.

St Breward WI – Last Minute News

At the Indoor Short Mat Bowls County Tournament, Mrs Rosemary Lowe achieved first place, Mrs Margaret Willetts was 5th and Mrs Pat Dibbs was 10th. There were 30 competitors so congratulations are due to our three members.

The Earl Haig Poppy Appeal

The money collected in the village amounted to £243, and the Church collection was £57. £300 has been forwarded.

Thanks to everyone who took Collecting Tins.

Peter Nottle

Neighbourhood What?

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting, a list of all the co-ordinators for each part of St Breward was passed around those present. Joe Kay was heard to mutter

"Vincent, Vincent, Vincent, Vincent, who's this Vincent, he's doing a lot of areas?" It was suggested - kindly - that he book an urgent appointment with his opticians, because it was Vacant not Vincent! So if any of you Vincents out there would like to be a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator please come along to the next meeting

Fishy Tales

Staying on the subject of Joe Kay, unconfirmed reports have been circulating that at a fishing lake at Rose Park, Alternun, Joe was seen to catch 4 nice rainbow trout of an average size.

When it came to weigh-in, Joe's 4 fish weighed a massive 39lbs - a record for Alternun. Roy, the proprietor, his suspicions aroused, insisted on looking inside Joe's carrier bag.

When he found a big lump of granite, nestling in the bottom of the bag with the 4 fish, Joe was speechless for once, but soon blamed Trevor Sleep who had been fishing with him.

Roy said that in all his years at Rose Park he had never seen the like but maybe pickling too many onions had affected Joe's ead!

Your'e Our Man

Arthur Colman was very proud to be asked to be bouncer at a recent County event for Cornwall Young Farmers.

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The Old Inn December News Letter.

Your amiable hosts Ann and Iain celebrated their seventh Anniversary at your local **The Old Inn** on Saturday 7th November when a very large number of regulars and friends were entertained by the ever popular Wadebridge based duo **Cloud 9**. A "Happy Hour" and light refreshments contributed to making it one of our most successful evenings.

Over the past year **The Old Inn's** customers raised more than £1500 for charity by either special evenings or bar collection tins. This year our charity days and collections will be given to the following organisations all within the Duchy of Cornwall: ie Cornwall Air Ambulance, Mount Edgecombe Hospice at St.Austell Clic (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children) and St.Breward Silver Band.

The Old Inn's reputation continues to expand with our Sunday Lunch being one of eight locations in the United Kingdom selected by Popular and trendy magazine "New Woman" as an Inn well worth finding.

The Old Inn again is one of the few local Pubs to features in all the major 1999 guides; The Good Beer Guide, The Good Pub Guide. The AA Guide to Country Pubs. The Quiet Pub Guide and the Which Guide to Country Inn to name just a few.

Our Christmas program is now ready and again our exceptional Four course Traditional Christmas Lunch or Dinner will be available to order for parties of 4 or more from the 1st until the 23rd December.
St Breward Silver Band will be with us at 8.00 o'clock on Sunday 20th December playing a selection of Carols and Christmas music. Mulled wine will be available and all are invited to join us for this most festive evening.

Hogmanay (New Years Eve) will see the return of our old friend **Just Ken** to entertain you with his ever popular act of a song a calypso and a joke with music to suite both young and old.

Saturday 2nd January at 8.30ish sees the return of the ever popular Duo **Cloud 9** to dance and sing away those New Year Blues and again all readers who like music in the style of the Bee Gee's, Elvis and similar are welcome to join our Regulars for another Good Night at **The Old Inn**..

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our many customers over the past seven years for their kind and generous support and to wish them and all your readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Wealthy 1999.

A Prize Winning Tale

In September we went to the St Tudy Festival where I bought a book of raffle tickets, without looking to see what the prizes were. Well you can imagine my surprise when I got a phone call to say that I had won the star prize, a flight in a Sea King Helicopter Simulator at St. Mawgan. In October we went and we were met by SQL Bob King and taken in for a coffee and shown the charts where the Sea Kings had flown to this year, mostly along our coastline and the Welsh Mountains, the Lake District and the Highlands.

He told us about the history of the Squadron & about their work abroad in such places as Cyprus, the Falkland Islands and troublespots such as Yugoslavia. We then went to the Locker rooms and saw the outfits that the pilots and winchmen wear including their helmets; various pieces of equipment such as distress signals that can be picked up by Radar; the lifeboats, both for a single man and for 10 men and all the gadgets inside them. Their outfits are completely waterproof, being all in one, including their boots. Every 2 years they have to go on a survival course, including escaping after being ditched into the sea, which did not sound at all pleasant.

Then it was time to go to the simulator room from where the simulator was controlled. We were immediately confronted by a number of TV type screens which brought up various scenes such as the sea, boats or coastal scenes, fog, wind etc. We then crossed a bridge to the simulator. We were told that in case of an emergency we should jump down onto a mattress, about 1 0ft down!! Also if we felt ill to say & it would be stopped--- neither thank goodness was necessary!! We were strapped in, me into one of the pilots seat and Thurstan behind plus we had on the headphones so that we could talk to each other and to the control tower. Then SQL King started it up and you could see the blades going around until it warmed up then you were not aware of them again and we went out on to the runway, both Bob King and myself had controls and he showed me all about the various dials of which there were many! I had to watch the speed and whether we were going right or left etc, etc.

We took off & circled around and did a couple of landings then went out over Newquay and out to sea where we landed on an aircraft carrier and then took off. Then we flew to an oilrig which we landed on. That was quite frightening because you could hardly see the landing area as you came in.

Suddenly we had engine failure so we crashed into the sea and all the waves came up over us, it was frighteningly lifelike. We then had a shout from the control tower that we were off to Snowdonia! It was so realistic, absolutely amazing especially as one felt the movement of the craft and that you were really in one. It was then time to get into a real one, not to fly it! We were shown

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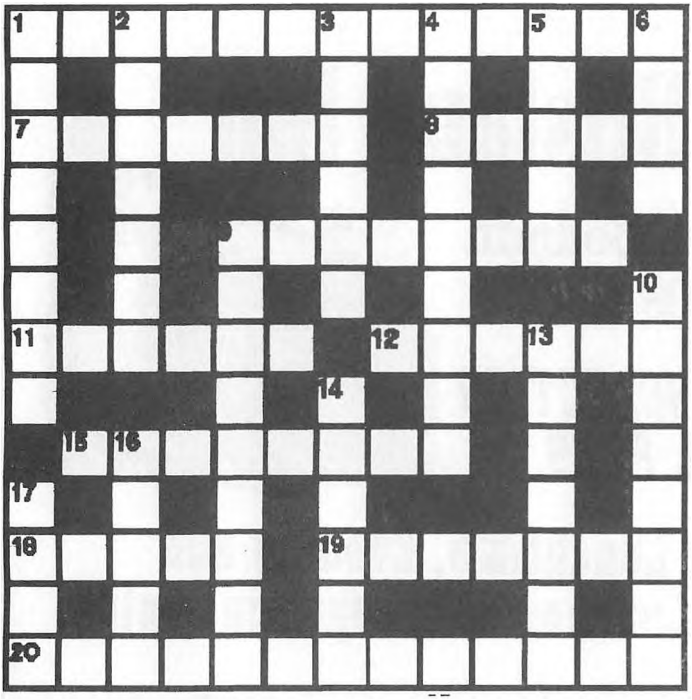

All clues contain anagrams.

ACROSS

1 Containerised transport is thought less (13)
7 No need to stand on these if you use potties! (7)
8 Hoses will fit into these (5)
9 Live deer are released (8)
11 The cleverest tables (6)
12 A part of Tresco, perhaps (6)
15 Migrants are feeling pain (8)
18 I'd air them in a circle (5)
19 In haste in Tangier (7)
20 Racing tipster may affect this! (8,5)

DOWN

1 Entire altering is required (8)
2 Topical use of a Roman temple (7)
3 Slight sunlit movement? (6)
4 Segregate this from a Spring chicken (6,3)
5 A sundried abode (5)
6 Eels otherwise rather fishy (4)
9 You must rein start for this (9)
10 Musical altering of 1 down (8)
13 The interim ends here (7)
14 This points to a bit of a pump (6)
16 Communications are aimed here (5)
17 Used by Mars, the god of war? (4)

Entries to Reach D. Bousfield at Hantergantik by 10th January 1999.

Christmas Teaser

Answer the following questions to make a total of £32.17s.8½d.

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1. One stone
2. A bicycle
3. A singer
4. A mans name (shortened)
5. Part of a monkeys leg
6. A leather worker
7. Sun, moon, pluto
8. Hit repeatedly
9. An unwell sea creature
10. 50 per cent of panties
11. A monarchs headpiece
12. A type of pig.

Answers to Mr and Mrs G.A. Burrows, The Barn, Penpont by 10th January.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Please read the below paragraph and from it identify

1. How many people make up the team; and

2. Decide if the members(s) of the team can be identified by name.

A "Research Team" proceeded towards the apex of a natural geological protuberance. The purpose of their expedition the procurement of a sample of fluid hydride of oxygen in a large vessel, the exact size of which was unspecified.

One member of the team precipitately descended sustaining severe fractural damage to the upper cranial portion of his anatomical structure. Subsequently, the second member of the team performed a self-rotational translation orientated in the direction taken by the first member.

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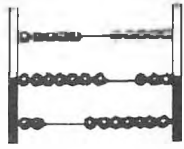

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Christmas is coming... the diary's getting fat!
You wouldn't think that weeks of hard work under pressure of time could produce feelings such as satisfaction and enjoyment? Yet, that was the outcome at our recent October concert in Charlestown, in aid of Restormel Mental Handicap Group. Laced with the irrepressible hilarity of Janette Eathorne as compere, and spiced with the powerful and rhythmic shanties of the hugely enjoyable Fishermans Friends, we can truly say that the atmosphere was great and, as always, it's one of our favourite concerts of the year. The icing on the cake was the £230 raised for the charity.

If mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun, then guess who ventured forth across the October floods on Bodmin Moor, in the pouring rain and pitch blackness (waves of water lapping onto the roads), to keep a concert date with St Nonnas Church at Altarnun? Dedication knows no bounds! We even witnessed a miracle... ... out of the storm came an audience! They grow them weatherproof at Altarnun you know. In November, we held another bingo night at Camelford to raise funds for the choir. The hall was packed so we couldn't help being friendly, and the stage was covered with an amazing quantity of prizes. Everyone had a good time, and helped us raise about £240, some of which will go toward our 1999 concert repertoire. Our mid-November coffee morning in St Tudy Clink raised £131 and covers the cost of some extra Choir Uniform Sweatshirts that we will need to hold before selling on to any future new members, (remainder going towards Music etc.). You may have noticed those serving you coffee and raffl tickets looking particularly smart in their new black tops. Now, instead of shivering to, from and during our winter concerts in thin white blouses, we can keep body and voice warm. Many thanks to all who had some part to play in the success of these two events.

By the time you read this we expect to have: -
learned a lot more about Cornish music and Songs at an afternoon seminar in the Indian King Centre, Camelford supported St Breward Band in their concert 22nd Nov in the Church at St Tudy
and mustered another team for another Quiz night, this time held by CAOS in Camelford Liberal Club.

For the first time we are entering St Austell Music Festival on 4th December and are hoping to do well as ambassadors of North Cornwall communities. On 13th, we are invited to sing a short concert in Bethel, St.Austell, and on the evening of 18th you'll find some of us quizzing (should we let them win this time?) and singing Christmas songs in the Conservative Club, Camelford. We're building up to our Christmas Concert on the evening of 19th Dec.at Lante-

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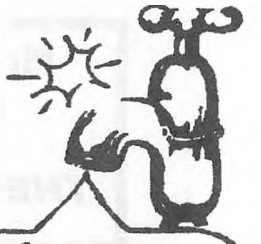

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"St Breward: The long stiff climb to it brings its own reward, for it gives us a great panorama of gently rolling land through which the River Camel winds its way. Its spacious church is one of the highest in Cornwall, mainly from the 15th Century with a tower of massive blocks of granite, sturdy enough to meet these wild Atlantic winds. A very queer stone head looks out on this great panorama.

There are still three Norman pillars in the nave, low, round and sturdy, and the topsy-turvy font is probably made up of the base of a Norman font and the up-turned capital of a Norman pillar. The medieval screen is made up of bench-ends with carved figures and tracery; the wagon roof, has its original timbers, matching the fine roof of the south porch.

There are two 17th century memorials in slate. One is a table tomb with the portraits of Christopher Rogers and his wife, he in armour and a ruff, she with a ruff and hat, both kneeling; the other has the portraits of Lewis Adams and his wife, both with ruffs and she with a high hat. He was vicar here at the time of the Armada."

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St Breward Football Club – Manager's Report

This report is dedicated to Joe Kay, as it took him three months to get me to put pen to paper!

This season has got off to a good start. In the league we have a record of played 11, won 7, drawn 2, lost 2, goals scored 27, goals against 25, points 23.

We are now unfortunately without the services of Olly Walby who is away at university partying. Sorry, studying, and also last seasons player of the year, Dave Cole. Dave has joined Liskeard in the hope of playing South Western League football.

Meanwhile, Barry Parker has joined local lad Matthew Teague. Young Wayne Davy is also knocking hard on the door of the first team. Malcolm Kay who transferred to us last season is still here as are Darren Fryer, Paul Dowling, Phil Speare and Chick Worden, who is now regaining fitness after a long knee problem. Imports kept on are Rob Cole, who is now the Captain, Martin Jordan.

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December Entertainment

Fri Dec 4th	**60's, 70's & 80's Charity Fancy Dress Disco** in aid of Macmillan Nurses & Air Ambulance **£50 top prize for best fancy dress** Tickets £2 from Steve Kay (850346) Louise Scawn (851348) or Football Club (850526) **Strictly over 18's only. ID will be requested**	
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Sat 19th	Player's Party	
Christmas Eve	Disco	**Members Only**
New Year's Eve	Disco	**Members Only**
Boxing Day	St Breward v Wadebridge at 11.00am Followed by **Members Party** Come and join in the fun. Bring all the family Disco from 2.00pm STRICTLY MEMBERS ONLY	

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Jeremy Rendle, Karl Mallett and Keeper David Parsons, who is now in his third season at the Club.

New signings are Jamie Taylor who has had many seasons with South Western League side Millbrook, John Doherty who previously played for Torpoint. Derek Cox who has played for Holsworthy in the SW League, moved from Saltash United Reserves, and Stuart Fisher, an experienced player in the East Cornwall League with Looe, Polperro, Liskeard and St Cleer, when I managed there.

Despite being from all over, these players will always give their all for the Club, I wouldn't have signed them else. They may even show some class along the way. Gone are the days of St Breward being in the lower reaches of the League and hopefully we will now do the winning and Whipping of our opponents.

The welcome, support and atmosphere at the Club only acts as a spur towards winning some silverware for both me and the players which will hopefully cheer the long suffering Committee and supporters.

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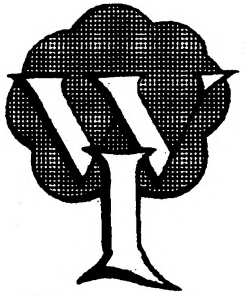

St. Breward WI November meeting

Eighteen members attended the November meeting and were handed a long questionnaire to fill in about their particular history of health with regard to specific problems, such as arthritis and heart disease; these are totally anonymous but to be used by the health services only. Please hand yours in at the next meeting or to Pat Dibb.

Mrs. P. Bousfield reported on the Autumn Council Meeting which was held in the Hall for Cornwall after many years at Hendra Park; one of the items for consideration was a call for larger toilet cubicles able to hold shopping and children when out shopping, and particularly for doors which will open outwards in case of access required by ambulance personnel etc (sometimes the patient is virtually squashed by the inward opening door!)

Seven members may go to the St. Tudy meeting on November 20th- Pete Levers speaking about Cornwall, and three others will go to the indoor bowls at St. Newlyn East. The outing to Plymouth has been cancelled due to lack of support, and. there will not be a cream tea at Lanhydrock this Christmas as they are not open for these except on Saturdays. The New Year lunch however will take place at Trelawney in their new restaurant on Tuesday, January 5th. Mrs Wilton brought her dragon boat, which is a beautifully "woven" tree decoration, and Mrs. P. Metters had made a lovely padded photo frame with an oval aperture at the Camelford 4 corner day. Once again we shall try a craft afternoon, this time at Mrs Mavis Metter's home on Thursdays so come along for a social time and make some of your presents. The Table Sale will be held in the Memorial Hall from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, November 28th and is open to everyone with tea and coffee also. We were able to see the professional botanical flower paintings by Jill oombes whose work is in many of the large format specialist books, one in particular being the Beth Chatto book with 53 full page paintings by Mrs. Coombes. Her slides about the history of botanical painting were of superb quality, including several by her own pupils. Certainly an evening to remember, thanks to Paddy Powell where she is staying at present. Mrs. P. Dibb won the flower embroidery competition, and Mrs. M. Wilton produced the best flower of the month. A herb book illustrated by Jill Coombes was won by Mrs. W. Bevan, a souvenir of a lovely evening.

Peter Herring will talk about Brown Willie on December 8th, and ideas for speakers and/or subjects you would like will be welcomed for 1999.

Anne Holmes

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How the lilt of a song
Makes us happy and gay
And a rainbow brings hope
After skies have been grey.

Nice thoughts for a miserable winters day.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 9th December.

Honor O'Donnell

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glos Church Camelford, but this will be non-religious, more of a "variety" style event. Our former M.D. Leo Tarring, who has just released his first recording, will be playing and singing in the guest spot. This year the profits from the event will go to the Widewalls Animal Sanctuary
The following morning, the 20th, we shall be taking part in the Carol Service in the Methodist Chapel, St Tudy For the New Year ---a new repertoire! We are preparing a programme of songs from each decade to "SING OUT THE CENTURY", and have been fortunate enough to attract grants to match our fundraising in order to purchase the large amount of music necessary. And some new faces have been welcomed to our choir, although we have missed the few who have recently left for a variety of personal or health reasons. We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining us to come for a taster evening or two, so that you can get to know what we are about. We meet 7pm Tuesday Evenings in the St Tudy Methodist Schoolroom. Contact tel nos 01208 850029 or 841329

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Blisland WI

We had a good attendance for our meeting on 15th November with Mrs Gurr our President in the Chair.

Mrs Gurr discussed with us several points from the CVO meeting she attended at St Kew, some of these relating to correct procedures for Treasurers and other officers in the group.

CFWI Millennium Project with the Duchy of Cornwall Rheumatology Department – we were each issued with a "Questionnaire on Women's Health." This is a completely confidential questionnaire and is the first part of this worthwhile project.

Four members are looking forward to their Christmas visit to Exeter on 30th November and a party of us are going to Truro on 16th December for the service of nine lessons and carols.

Our Speaker this month was Mr Thomas who gave us an interesting account of his visit to the Ardennes. This took him through parts of France and mainly Belgium.

Travelling from Waterloo by Eurostar it took only two and a half-hours to reach Brussels. From here, travelling at about 187 mph, he arrived at Lille, a changed scenery from his last visit many years ago, gone are the coal and iron works which made the area so dirty – instead most of the land is used for agriculture. Tuesday markets were popular and worth visiting. These were mainly vegetables and antiques markets, with vegetables being cheaper than in London.

Flanders in the North is very flat – here the people speak Flemish. Out in the South and East the people are French speaking and are called Walloons. Belgium is a great beer drinking country but rarely is any drunkenness seen

Other places of interest visited were Reims with its wonderful cathedral and Luxembourg, which has a population of 400,000 people.

Ms O'Donnell gave a vote of thanks.

Part of a poem from a Member in New Zealand.

Isn't it wonderful?
How a flower or two
Can brighten our pathways
And cheer our hearts too!

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WIND IN A FROLIC

The morning was all fair and bright
Until the weather it took fright,
And became like naughty child
Acting strange and really wild.
The clothesline broke, brought down the whites
Into the mud, my nails I bite,
And then to add to all the stress
It rained so hard and made more mess.
As I looked out on sodden lawn
And water can, I'd used at dawn,
I seethed within, got hot without,
And felt from rooftops I could shout.
Before I'd got my tension slack
The wind had risen at the back,
And doors were banging everywhere
And made me 'champ the bit' and swear.
The draught then caught me unawares
From upper window, blew downstairs,
And caught my finger in closing door,
To make me angrier than before.
As if I had'nt had enough
The chimney smoked with such a puff
It covered me and all it touched
With greasy, black, and smutty stuff.
I remembered I had left outside
The boots I'd cleaned that morn with pride,
Now they were floating, up to laces In the pond, with ducks so gracious-
At this I thought, this is enough.
I'm giving up, let's all be rough,
I put my mac and wellies on
And rampaged with a ribald song.

This poem became detached from its accompanying letter so I do not know who sent it or who wrote it. Thank you for it who ever you are. DPL

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the cockpit, just the same as the simulator plus a box of gadgets, which our son had done development work on. The pilots are hooked onto their seats and these are their liferafts. At the back there' s 7 seats on either side that can be converted to hold stretchers, 6 can be carried in 2 tiers. There were also 2 life rafts to carry 10 people in each one and a lot of medical equipment etc. At the back were 2 seats by large projecting windows from which you could see under the helicopter so helping to guide it when they were hovering over an object. Then of course there's the large open door area where the winchmen work from, they are also able to guide it themselves from here, taking over from the pilots.

We were there for nearly 3 hours, it was certainly a once in a lifetime experience which we will never forget and I have a certificate to prove that I have flown in a Sea King Helicopter Simulator!!! Our grateful thanks go to all concerned.

Shirley Runnalls Blisland

Tea-time Treats No.2

Here is a recipe to use up those ground almonds from the Christmas cake and small amounts of pastry from the mince pies.

MAIDS OF HONOUR – makes 10-12 cakes.

Ingredients
Sufficient short crust pastry to line 10-12 bun tins
3oz caster sugar
2oz ground almonds
1 medium sized egg
Few drops almond essence
1-2 tspn lemon juice
Small amount of raspberry jam.

Method
Line bun tins with pastry
Place a small amount of jam in each pastry case.
Mixx all other ingredients together – it should be a soft dropping consistency.
Divide the mixture equally between pastry cases.
Bake at 375 degrees F or 190 degrees C or gas mark 5.

Note: Error in November issue, Parkin recipe. Cooking temperature should have read 180 degrees C.

Cara Way

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

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Before leaving home, with slicked down hair and wearing a tuxedo he was seen pumping his muscles whilst peering into a mirror, and asking close friend Tim if he looked just a bit like Slyvester Stallone. (I won't repeat Tim's reply.)

On arriving at the venue he announced that he was their bouncer.

"O good," said the harassed organiser, "but aren't you a bit overdressed to be in charge of the Bouncy Castle?"

A story from Blisland

A little boy was attending Sunday Servicef or the first time, with his Grandmother. All went well until it came to the collection. As the collecting plate was passed in front of his Grandma he piped up in a clear little voice, "You're OK Grandma, under 5's get in free.

Wood to Burn

With many people now turning their thoughts to the cold winter ahead, high oil prices and Gas only being available in a few areas, we should like to present some thoughts on what wood you should burn. The following lines are taken from an old estate management book, but the lessons remain true today. Thanks to Brian Pierce for finding it and thinking of us.

Logs to burn; logs to burn;
Logs to save the coal a turn.
Here's a word to make you wise
When you hear the woodman's cries;
Never heed his usual tale
That he has splendid logs for sale,
But read these lines and really learn
'The proper kind of logs to burn.

Oak logs will warm you well,
If they're old and dry;
Larch logs of pinewoods smell
But the sparks will fly.
Beech logs for Christmas time;
Yew logs heat well;
"Scotch" logs it is a crime
For anyone to sell.

Birch logs will burn too fast;
Chestnut scarce at all;
Hawthorn logs are good to last
If cut in the fall.
Holly logs will burn like wax,
You should burn them green;
Elm logs like smolderingt flax,
No flame to be seen.

Pear logs and apple logs,
They will scent your room;
Cherry logs across the dogs
Smell like flowers in bloom.
But ash logs all smooth and grey,
Burn them green or old;
Buy up all that come your way,
They're worth their weight in gold.

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St Breward Methodist Church December Diary

Dec 2nd	10 – 11,30am	Coffee morning
Dec 6th	11am	Brian Parkman

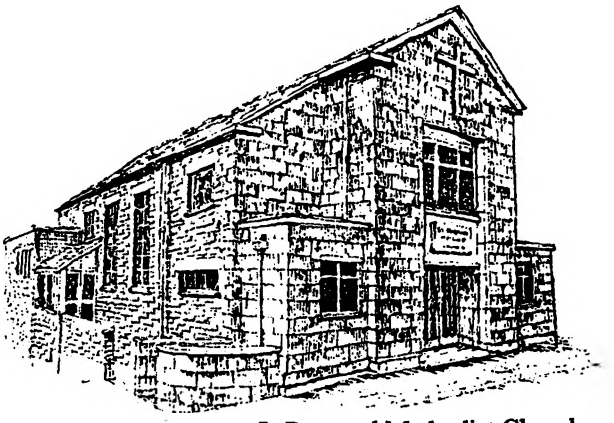
Dec 13th 9.30am Brian Parkman (S)

"Teddy Bear's Christmas Picnic"

Please bring your teddy bear or soft toy, Children and Adults.
Tea and coffee will be served.

Dec 16th	10 – 11.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning Bring and Buy stall, hot mince pies and cream.
Dec 18th	7 pm	Carols by candlelight. Collection for Save the Children Fund
Dec 20th	11am	Revd Lister
Dec 25th	9.30am	Brian Parkman Family Service Everyone welcome.
Dec 27th	2.30pm.	Village Carol Service.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all. Thank you for your support during 1998. We look forward to your support in 1999.



St Breward Methodist Church

Chapel's Pages

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

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Dear friends,

ADVENT is here again, and we think of the coming of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah who was born of the Virgin Mary nearly 2000 years ago. We also begin to think of Christmas cakes, puddings, presents and cards, because it is a season when families get together and friendships are renewed.

The coming of Jesus into this world was a family event. Mary and her "husband to be" Joseph, received the Christ child into their family and there was much joy. This child Jesus did not come solely to make that family complete though. He came to restore you, me and all who so desire, back again into the family of God. Jesus did say, you will remember;

> "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me."

ADVENT means; "the coming." This reminds us too, that Jesus is coming again to receive His children of faith into the "family home" of heaven. So may God bless you all in this season of Advent as you celebrate His coming.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN

Blisland Methodist Church Services for December

Dec 13th at 2.30pm Carol Service, Preacher Mrs D. Grundon.
Dec 27th Cancelled

Note: Thursday 17th December, in aid of Blisland Methodist Church, special Christmas warm up!! Coffee and mince pies at the home of Mrs Wendy Gurr. "Skyber Rhyn, Pendrift, Blisland, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Letters

I would like to say a big thank you to my family, friends and neighbours for all the good wishes, cards, flowers etc received during my recent illnes.. I am pleased to say that I am making a good recovery.

Molly Prout.

This is to say thank you to everybody in St Breward for all the cards, flowers and visits to me whilst I was in hospital. Three months is a long time, but at last I am home again, and getting better day by day. My advice to everyone is to stay off ladders unless you know what you are doing!! For me getting up was OK but coming down was a different thing altogether. I have learnt my lesson, never to go up a ladder again, so be warned.

Thank you all.
Gerda.

Dai and Caroline Wills would like to thank family and friends for joining them to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary and thank you also for all the cards and presents. Also a big thank you to the Football Club. We hope you all had a good time.

Dai and Caroline

Thank you to all who helped and supported us to make £376 for the Air Ambulance. The afternoon tea was a success and the "whist" a good night was had by all.

Raffle prizes as follows:

1st White ticket 115
Mrs Burrows, Penpont

2nd Orange ticket 422
Mrs Peter Teague

3rd Orange ticket 137
Mrs J. Greenaway

4th Orange ticket 339
Mrs Foxcroft

5th White ticket, 252
Mrs V. Colman

6th White ticket 295
Mrs Sambooke.

Mrs and Mr V. Crowle

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being too optimistic, although Barny is convinced that the ale they serve at Hengar Manor makes him infallable; in fact he says that he can perform miracles on it. The other weekend he left his clothes all around Hengar, and miraculously they appeared at home the following morning.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Denis Lusby

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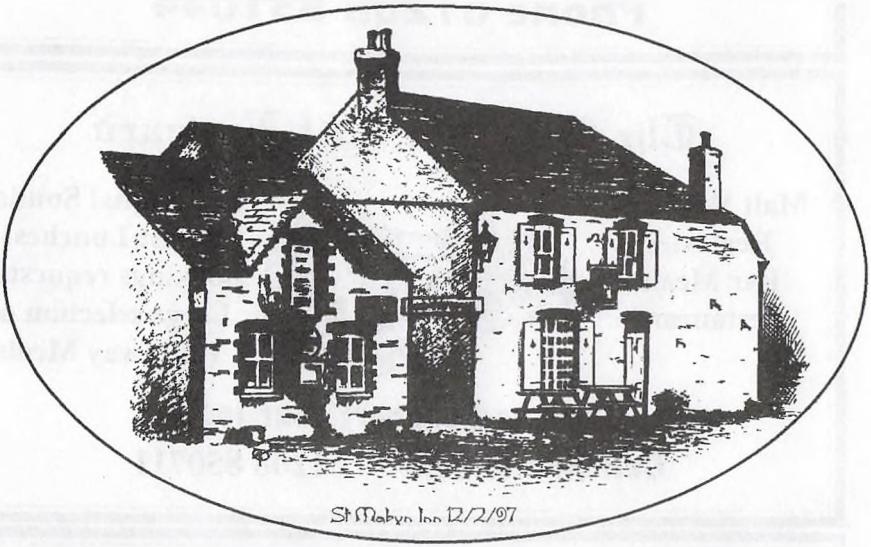

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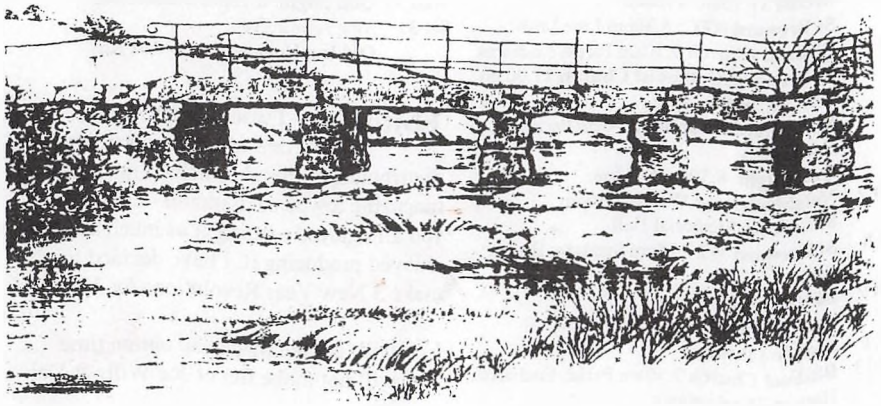

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