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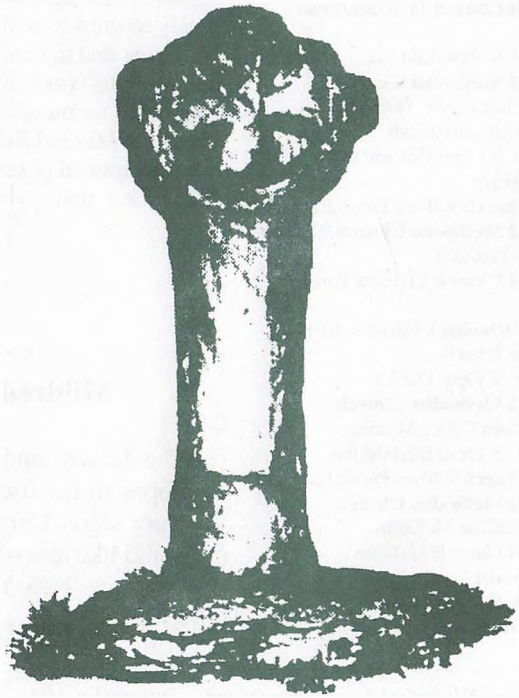

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February
Mon 1 **Neighbourhood Watch** 7.30pm St Breward Memorial Hall

Editorial

I would like to thank all our readers and supporters for their loyalty throughout 1997. It only remains to wish you all a Happy New Year and to remind you that Subs are due with this issue. At £3 for 12 issues - good value for money - I hope!
Thanks to Mildred Rowe who gave us a donation instead of sending Christmas Cards. Our motto is better late than never!

Denis Lusby

Mildred Rowe

Who did not send cards this year,
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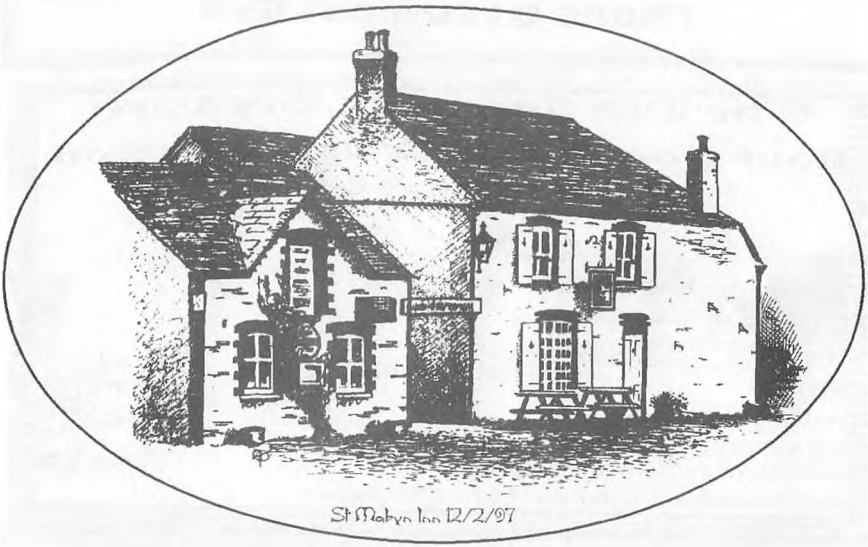

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Dear Friends

Within days of receiving this magazine, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany when we acknowledge the manifestation or showing of our Blessed Lord to the world, when we also commemorate the completion of the pilgrimage of the Wise Men to find Him and to pay homage to Him.

The Wise Men followed the light of the star which had appeared in the firmament. Its message was sufficiently strong, sufficiently urgent for them to take to the roads to find the new King. 'Where is he who has become the King of the Jews?' was the enquiry when they reached Jerusalem.

The Hebrews on the whole, could not see Jesus as the promised Messiah; this was not the sort of Messiah they expected or wanted. Even Christ's own disciples had difficulty in recognising Him; and even after the Resurrection, so little had they learned of the truth that they still asked: 'Lord, will you restore the Kingdom of Israel'.

But Our Lord's Kingdom is world-wide; 'Jesus is lord of all', declared St Peter a little later in the Acts of the Apostles, and since Christ died for all, He has the right to claim allegiance of all. This is why we should be even stronger in our loyalty to him in our worship and in our commitment to His service. Surely this is the appropriate way to set out on our journey through 1999; early this year, we will be joined by a group of young people and adults who will be making their commitment to Our Blessed Lord at their Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Tuesday 19 January; please give them your support in your prayers and by encouragement as they set out on their pilgrimage with us. It my not always be an easy one but one which is very well worth while

May God's blessing be upon you all in this journey.

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

Weekday Services during January and part of February

JANUARY		
Fri 1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	St Breward	10.30am
Wed 6 The Epiphany	Blisland	10.00am
Thur 14	St Breward	10.30am
Thur 21	Blisland	10.00am
Mon 25 The Conversion of St Paul	St Breward	10.30am
FEBRUARY		
Tue 2 The Presentation of Christ	Blisland	10.00am
Thur 11	St Breward	10.30am
Wed 17 February **Ash Wednesday**		
Imposition of Ashe:s & Holy Eucharist	Blisland	10.00am
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist	St Breward	7.00pm
Thur 25	St Breward	10.00am

An important dates for your Diary!

Confirmation by the Bishop of Truro

The Confirmation Service will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 19 January (NOT February as I indicated in last month's Community Magazine) at St Breward. Everyone warmly invited to support our candidate who would appreciate the prayers of our congregations,

Sunday 14 February **Revel Sunday in St Breward**
The Revel Service with St Breward Band 3.00pm

From the Registers

Funerals

The Ashes of the late Evelyn Odell Nicholson were interred in St Breward Churchyard on Thursday 22 October.

The Ashes of the late Gladys May Champion were interred in St Breward Churchyard on Monday 26 October.

The Ashes of the late Elizabeth Rowling were interred in St Breward Churchyard on Saturday 7 November

'rest eternal, grant unto them 0 Lord,
and let light perpetual shine on them'

Holy Matrimony

Marriage was solemnised between Darren Pearce and Julie Ann Foxwell on Saturday 31 October at Blisland Church

'Those whom God has joined together
Let no man put asunder'

Chapel's Page

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

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Dear friends,

A Happy New Year to you all. May it be a year of blessing and good health for you and your family. It will be a special year for many of us as we await the total eclipse of the sun and the new millennium. But these events are for our personal pleasure and we need also to consider the needs of others.

We "Methodists", the unusual people we are, start the year by renewing our covenant relationship with God, and that includes offering ourselves again to His service both within the church and in the society in which we live.

Our "covenant service" was designed by John Wesley but has its origins in the 17th century Puritan movement. The whole emphasis of the service is on God's readiness to enfold us in His generous love, not because we deserve it, but because He first loved us. The past Christmas season has reminded us of that fact so well. We then, must love one another. This principle does not apply just to those called "methodists", but to all who sincerely have put their faith in God for salvation. This year could be really special for us all if we make a positive response to the love of God. Yes, the total eclipse will be spectacular, the "new millennium" will be special. But both will be 'clouded over' if we neglect the love of the God who designed them both.

May God bless you all.

Brian

St Breward Methodist Church January Diary

Sun 3rd	11am	Mr Hooper
Wed 6th	10-11.30	Coffee Morning
Sun 10th	9.30am	Mr Brian Parkman (Sac)
Sun 17th	11am	Mr Garner (R)
Sun 24th	11am	Brian Parkman Covenant Service
Sund 31st	11am	Reader Service

Blisland Methodist Church Services for January

Sun 10th 2.30pm
Preacher Mr A. Priestly

Sun 24th 2.30pm
Preacher: Mr B. Parkman
(Covenant Service)

ST BREWARD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE 1998

The Carnival Committee held their AGM on 3rd December 1998.

Iain Cameron (Chairman) summarised that the Carnival Committee saw an encouraging start to 1998 with new blood joining the Committee.

The successes of both the Fun Day and the Carnival was attributed to the support of most Village Organisations, our beautiful Queen and attendants and the hard work of all Committee members.

1998 saw the inception of 'Carnival Week', a superb idea - only dampened by the weather!

The financial report was detailed by Mr Alan Balding (Treasurer). The Carnival Committee 1998 are pleased to report an increased income of £1,400 from last year - including a reduction of expenditure by £300.

The meeting for the allocation of profits will be near the end of January - and will be advertised locally.

The Carnival Committee have over £1000 - to distribute. In view of this sum - all Village Organisations - who feel they require a share - are asked to complete an application form (available from St Breward Stores or Anita Cornelius (Secretary)) - to be submitted by 22nd January 1999.

The Committee will review all applications and allocate funds at their January meeting.

The nomination of Officers for 1999 - concluded the AGM and are detailed below. All members of the !998 Carnival Committee wish to extend warm thanks for all the support they have received - and hope that this will continue for 1999!

Role:	Nominated Officer for 1999
CHAIRMAN	IAIN CAMERON
TREASURER	KEVIN COLEMAN
SECRETARY	ANITA CORNELIUS

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Neighbourhood Watch

Please note the next meeting for the St Breward Neighbourhood Watch will be held on the first Monday in February.

Blisland Area Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1998, Blisland area collection, raised a total of £301.63
This comprised

House to house	£165.37
Remote farms	£ 28.68
(collected by Mr L. Burns)	
Blisland Inn	£ 51.08
Combined Church/Chapel collection and wreath	£ 56.50

On behalf of the British Legion Secretary may we express our appreciatin to all supporters of the appeal.

Audrey and Brian Pierce

Temple Steelheads Fly Fishing Club

Thank you to all concerned at the St Breward Football Club for the Bingo Evening held on 30th November. Many thanks also for the donations of prizes for raffle and Bingo, and for those who partook.
Many Thanks.

Julian Jones

TREES

The season for tree planting is now upon us and the parish of St. Breward has a variety of possible sites for planting them. Have you a space to plant a tree? Or the corner of a field or an even larger area that you would like to see tree covered?

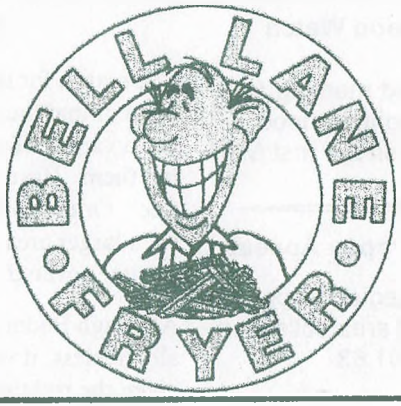
Although Bodmin Moor is now virtually treeless, it was not always so; given the right conditions, small areas of woodland could be planted around the parish. Trees give beauty, wild life havens, wind protection and help to keep our air clean.

Various tree planting schemes and grants are available including the Cornwall County Council scheme which will provide, free, a minimum of 50 trees for sites of less than 0.25 hectares (0.6 acres) in the countryside. (These figures can be achieved by adding together two or more sites).

Also available now - free and grown in St. Breward approximately 20 ash saplings:

For details on any of the above, please contact me on (01208) 85080b.

Jane Hanscomb
St Breward Tree Warden.



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MANY THANKS

STOP PRESS: //our coffee morning on 18th of December raised £230.00. Thanks to all who supported us.

St Breward U5's Achievment Award - Sammi Champion

Attendance Awards: Over 2½ years Shania and Cordel Nancarrow
Under 2½ years Emily Bunt

Blisland Church Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th November was held at the Mansion House by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Ward-Lee.

It was a very successful morning and raised just over £500 for Church funds.

Father Christmas was kept very busy and everyone enjoyed the good food and convivial atmosphere

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News from De Lank Guide Hut, St Breward

What a busy Autumn we've had. Guides have come in from a summer of camping and outdoor challenges to a winter programme working for varying degrees of Trefoil badges. Whatever the level of skill the girls are working on, it requires endeavour and is such a broadening experience. The culmination is the Baden Powell award and Helen Pluess was presented with her Baden Powell Award at the Christmas Carol Service, held this year in the Church on 13th December.

Most important of all though, is fun. Brownies and Guides joined in the Carnival spirit and the Brownies then progressed to taking part in the Halford Trophy. On a theme of oceans, we've crafted boats from papie mache; written about lifeboat men and those who look after people who brave the dangers of the sea; visited Port Isaac Lifeboat; made a poster about sea dangers and acted out "Mutiny on the Bounty" showing the local connection of William Bligh to Tinten Manor.

Although Halloween was more like "Monsoonween", we all enjoyed a guiding day out at Woodlands Activity Centre, coming back with pumpkins, dressed up and entered into a fancy dress competition (two of the Guiders received a £15 donation for their efforts (were they really dressed up - ED) and got decidedly wet. We monopolised all the water slides though as you can only get wet once, and what fun.

Many thanks to all those who so gladly helped to swell our Children in Need collection box. Our renditions weren't polished but we were enthusiastic. The grand total of £111.00 was sent to the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

St Breward and Area Community Bus

At the recent AGM concerns were raised about the declining use of the bus and the long-term viability of its future in such circumstances.

Eventually the current vehicle will need to be replaced and presently it would be hard to make a convincing case to do so. As most will be aware, the bus exists for the benefit of the community and in particular its younger members. Whilst it is accepted that there are few organisations of sufficient size to justify the cost of hiring the bus, there are numerous organised activities in nearby towns for the benefit of youngsters. In particular in both Wadebridge and Bodmin Mini Rugby, soccer and swimming clubs exist.

The bus committee is aware that to some, the cost of hiring can be prohibitive and is prepared to address the problem as required. In the meantime any member of the committee would welcome any suggestions regarding potential excursions or the cost of hire.

Please take the trouble to make your views known because without sufficient use, the future of the bus will be in jeopardy.

Contact any of the committee members listed below: -
Dennis Champion (Chairman), Mavis Metters, Denise Yeo, Linda Belcher, Philip Chance, Joe Kay, Eric Lowe, Peter Nottle, Percy Dingle & Denis Lusby

St Breward Silver Band

CONGRATULATIONS to the St Breward Silver Band, who has now been a feature of the village life for 100 years.

To celebrate this event, a cassette has been recorded, also a Souvenir Brochure with History and Photographs has been published. Both to be released in February 1999

Many special events are being organised; the first of which is a "March to the Church on February 14th for Revel Sunday"

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WINTER INTO SPRING

I always dread the onset of winter; going into the unknown and never more so than when we were farming. To go out on a severely frosty morning, milking the cows, feeding the calves and pigs, with my hand constantly frozen to the bucket handle; I could wear gloves to feed the poultry and carry water in their field, breaking the ice on the troughs when I got there.

Turning the animals from the yard was hazardous, the cows all had names and would come when called, but rather hesitant on the slippery ground. Wilfie would spread straw on the concreted part to save them from falling. Concrete was a risky improvement on the old-fashioned cobblestones, though much easier to clean.

Gales and storms were worse; we had a lot of slate roofs around the yard and I was always terrified that a slate would blow off and I had visions of it slicing our heads in half and our brains strewn about. Then it would quieten down and the snow would come to transform the landscape with pristine beauty. Nature waiting to be reborn.

With the slow thaw the eaves would drip icicles, forming fleeting curtains of glistening crystal; what recompense to even things up! Contrasts which only winter brings. The sound of the overflow of the well was music to our ears, we knew then the water supply was safe. Later we had water from the Holy Well, piped in from our outer field and had plenty of lovely spring water.

I always looked forward to Spring. The lambing season would be well under way and with luck our stock greatly increased. The old people always had a lambtail pie when the tails were cut, we never did, it was a smaller joint than oxtail and no doubt delicious. Nothing was wasted in those days.

We have had some lovely weather in March when we would turn the calves out from their winter quarters during the day, it was fun to watch them jumping about in their new-found freedom - but not so good at night trying to get them in again!

The birds and Spring flowers would appear everywhere, we would be rearing our chicks and the field work would start in earnest.

I would especially listen for the wood pigeon which would come in the early morning to the Chestnut tree at the back of the house, then I knew Spring had come. This was a memory renewed of my childhood. There was a wood near my grandparent's home where there were many wood pigeons and I always awoke to their call -"Take two cows, you fool, take two". This was the time I loved best. With longer daylight hours the farming year, like a never-ending circle, would

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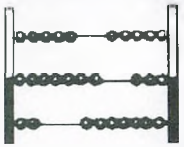

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St Pratt's 1998 Festival.

I must apologise for the delay of this report but illness and holidays have played their part in the delay of writing of it. Despite the inclement weather St Pratt's was a great success. After the enjoyable one day revival of last year we took the gamble and staged a three day event this year and it paid off

Each day was a success on its own. The Saturday started with the very well supported Art/ Poetry competition. Many thanks to Blisland School for their help, and a big thank-you to our judges Miss Kate Dickinson and Mr Wallace who had the unenviable task of choosing the best due to the high standard. The overall winner was Tara Matthews who was presented with the cup by Father David Reed. Congratulations Tara, keep up the good work.

It's amazing how people cope in a crisis. What should have been nicely spaced out on the Green was miraculously fitted into the Village Hall at the first sign of rain - Refreshments, Cakes, Crafts, Face Painting, Bric-a Brac games - all with such good humour. We did keep the animals outside though! Well most of them. The tender rabbits and birds proved an attraction in the Village Institute while the sheep and miniature ponies had the Green to themselves.

The outstanding popular pet show was staged in a quick make-shift show-ring outside the village hall. Local Vet Simon Draper and I made good use of the strings of flags that the Sunday School children had made for the Green with one end thrown over the wall and tied to the bumper of Mr Phillips's car and the other end tied to a strategically parked vehicle on the car park edge and Bingo a splendid Show-ring, thanks Simon, who incidentally did a fantastic job of running and judging the pet show. Thanks also to his helpers. The main event on the Sunday St. Pratt's Day was very rewarding, so many people attended with visitors from Plymouth to Penzance, everything from the Service to the procession with the brightly coloured robes of the clergy to the white robed Sunday School children with flower head-dress's on the girls and the rest of the Village children in their Sunday best, again the girls wearing flowers in their hair, followed by what I should think was the whole Village with the wonderful St. Breward Silver Band heading the whole thing.

The rain held off till the end of the service after which the children (how many ?) enjoyed a super Tea Party in the Village hall with child orientated music again provided by the band which was much appreciated. All this was followed by the fantastic Magic of Richard Ternouth of St. Austell who had us all spellbound, for a while we were all children again.

Monday night brought the concert in the Church. The beautiful harmonious

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Blisland WI

15 members gathered for the last meeting of the year in the village hall - with Mrs Gurr in the chair.

A small amount of business was dealt with before Mrs Betty Donnelly gave us a very refreshing talk about the Amish people she saw during her visit to America, and showed us a beautiful quilt made by some of women.

The Amish people are a very strict Mennonite sect who settled in Pennsylvania to escape religious persecution in Germany and Switzerland - they have a Swiss/German dialect.

They live a very simple life, farming the land. There is no electricity a modern convenience. The horse and buggy is their means of transport.

Quilting Bees are the major social occasions for the women. The original Amish quilts were purely functional and the patterns were mainly geometrical with dark colours. The designs are now more modern and consist of more vibrant colours.

After the talk we tucked into a veritable feast of goodies - each member having brought something to eat. A raffle was held where everyone received a prize. It was a really good afternoon and full of Christmas Cheer.

On Wednesday 16th December two of us attended the Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols in Truro Cathedral, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the WI in Cornwall. The singing of the WI choir was wonderful and helped make the occasion a memorable one.

A saying taken from the New Zealand Home & Country magazine: -

Friendship is a precious gift
To give at Christmas time
A cherished gift, a treasured gift
That lasts throughout all times.

Merry Christmas everyone and a very happy New Year.

Honor O'Donnell

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singing of the Millpool Ladies Chorale was a delight to hear. While the Illogan mixed choir's rendering of Thomas Merrit's " Shepherd of Israel " was an education to us all. The refreshments served in the village hall were enjoyed by all, thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

The Grand draw proved a great success it made £327.95, thanks to the salesmanship of everyone. Our thanks go to every one who helped in anyway by providing food etc. Manning a stall, donating money, running around you name it. Special thanks to our committee members all of whom worked for many a long hour before and during the festival.

Because of the generosity and support of everyone we were able to Donate £100.00 to the children's hospital Joey appeal and bank a substantial sum towards next year's event, so lets do it all again. A very Happy and Blessed New Year to one and all.
Deanna Kendall

Why Worry

There are only two things to worry about, either you are well or you are sick.

If you are well, there is nothing to worry about, but if you are sick, there are two things to worry about, either you will get well or you will die.

If you get well, there is nothing to worry about; if you die, there are only two things tto worry about, either you will go to heaven or to hell.

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start all over again. We had to be ready and prepared for all there was to come, and always hope the New Year would be an improvement on the last.

Simple pleasures and happy days!! Eventually Income Tax and VAT reared their ugly heads and farming became more a business than a pleasant way to earn a living and something good in life was lost forever.

I look around and see the rape of the countryside. Hedges ripped out, gateways widened to accommodate the ever bigger machinery lumbering along our ever muddier lanes, huge sheds marring the landscape and the hedgerows mutilated. How greatly changed is the face of Cornwall. We no longer have the full volume of the dawn chorus of bird song, the profusion of hedgerow primroses as in days past; indiscriminate spraying has seen to that. All in the name of progress; Bigger crops - fuller pockets for some perhaps, but at what cost, and for how long?

Although this year, the hedgerows have been one glorious display of colour, let us hope that at last the ravages of the spraying, now discontinued, is recovering and we shall see once more the glory of the Cornish Countryside.

Gwen Masters Looking Back

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St Breward WI December meeting

The December meeting began on a happy note with the singing of Happy Birthday to Margaret Willetts and Margaret Shelley, then the news that we had received £20 from the proceeds of the play. The Table Sale had made £37.36 nett for funds, plus £28 for the Air Ambulance and £35 for AICR (International Cancer Research); it had been an interesting day but rather short on prospective purchasers most of the time. Four members had enjoyed the meeting at St. Tudy recently, and the craft afternoons are still being held on Thursdays at Mrs Mavis Metters' home. A sudden decision to visit Lanhydrock for a cream tea on Tuesday, December 15th, only raised 6 interested members this year. The Trelawney lunch will be by bus at 12 noon on January 5th, when we shall sample the delights of their new restaurant.

The new group convenor is Mrs. Muller from Warleggan and Cardinham WI, and it is St Breward's turn to be the hostess institute on April 21st. We shall have to get busy in the new year to prepare as good an evening as the last one we provided! Also the Royal Cornwall Show competition is entitled " The Return of the Sun" to be entered by a team of four members. Even further ahead is the 1999 Garden Day at Mrs P Powell's home, but not too far ahead for those who are raising the plants etc to make it once again a great success - weather permitting! Some photos of the play are still available. Suggestions are sought for speakers for the 1999 program, please contact anyone on the committee if you can think of either a speaker or a subject you would like to learn more about.

Our speaker was Mr. Peter Herring from the Cornwall Archaeological Society, who showed many slides of Brown Willy from every possible viewpoint, with especial reference to the mediaeval remains of six farmsteads near the Fernacre track, possibly the best in Britain because they were granite built, with two corn drying barns and a leat from a well to each of the longhouses. There may be the possibility of a walk up Brown Willy next April.

Our supper refreshments were enhanced by birthday cake from Mrs. Barbara Norman's party! Mrs. P. Bousfield won the competition, and Mrs. M. Wilton produced the finest flower.

Mr. Burnard Hawken will return on January 12th to give us his advice on "Good Economical Gardening" which is near all gardeners' hearts, so bring along a small pot plant (not Granny's aspidistra) for judging. May we all wish each other a 1999 free from ill health and full of happiness.
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The Bells

A considerable number of people have mentioned to me their pleasure in hearing the bells rung so regularly; we have been arriving at St Breward Sunday by Sunday to their welcoming sound for many months, and more recently church goers at Blisland have shared this welcome. One of our Crownhill (Plymouth) visitors to Blisland expressed her delight in hearing the bells of a village church, this on the occasion of their choir's visit in November.

May I express our thanks to Bill Hill for his patient and encouraging instruction, to the experienced ringers who have supported us so loyally for so long and to those others who have recently taken up the art so enthusiastically. Last but not least, our thanks to Deanne Kendall for her letter to this magazine for encouraging us to action.

Father David

St Breward AFC & Social Club

Both football teams are still doing very well as we move into 1999. The ladies darts team is also doing well. At the moment they are on the 1,000 (Gellow as it is better known). So well done girls, keep it up. The pool team is also fourth in the league, so good luck everyone for 1999.

Football fixtures for January:

	First 11	**Second 11**
2nd	Padstow A	Biscovey H
9th	Saltash H	St Merryn A
6th	St Cleer H	Gunnislake A
23rd	Liskeard A	Lanreath H
30th	Bude A	St Mawes H

On Friday 4th December a fancy dress disco was held in aid of MacMillan Nurses and Air Ambulance and a total of £210 was raised. Lorraine Kay who looked and danced exactly like Adam Ant won the £50 fancy dress prize. Thanks to all the people who supported it, especially North Cornwall Aviaries, Chris Greenaway, St Breward Stores and St Breward Football Club, who gave the prize money. Thanks to Lorraine who donated £25 of the prize money to the causes. There were some really great stars at the club that night!! Thanks also to the judges, Mr and Mrs D. Clark and Dave and Hilary Hodge.

On Wednesday 16th December 43 members from Priory House enjoyed a two course meal and disco. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy & prosperous New Year.

Entertainment in Jan Sat 23rd Johnny Cowling Back by popular demand

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On Monday evening a bright light was seen in the sky over St Breward and lo the Virgin Mary appeared outside St Breward Stores. Staff and customers were too afraid to approach her (she was pacing up and down and glaring at her watch!). Eventually a mini-bus pulled up and she climbed aboard. Already on the bus were the Angel Gabriel, a couple of shepherds, an old cow and a very nice looking ass. Joseph was there, but the 3 Wise Men were noticeably absent. This was due to the fear that with a 'virgin birth' the Child Support Agency might latch onto any male seen in the maid's company, and hold them financially responsible. This is the reason why they were called the Three Wise Men!

PS the Ladies Darts Team had an enjoyable evening

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