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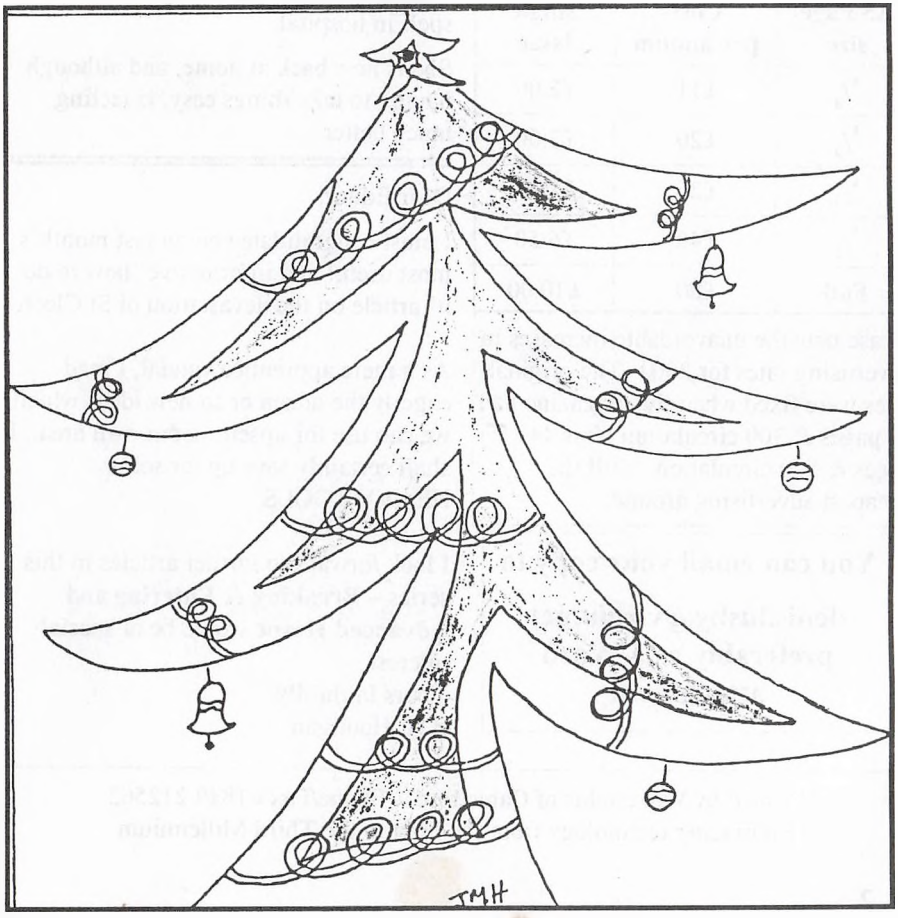

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Letters

I would like to thank my friends and customers alike for their concern and good wishes following my recent accident. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and support. There are far too many people to mention individually, but my thanks go to you all.

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Tony Taxi

Mrs Wendy Gurr would like to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes she received during her recent spell in hospital.

She is now back at home, and although having to take things easy, is feeling much better.

Dear Editor,

I must congratulate you on last month's most useful and informative 'how to do it' article on the devastation of St Cleer.

As a mere apprentice vandal, I read eagerly the dozen or so new ideas which we can use for upsetting our own area. I shall certainly save up for some HEAVY TOOLS.

I look forward to further articles in this series – **Breaking & Entering** and **Advanced Havoc** would be of special interest.

Yours faithfully,
B.A. Hooligan

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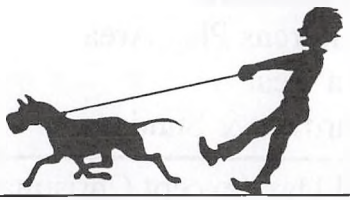
Dear Editor,

Little Place
Blisland

I read with disbelief the letter from the "Saunders" in the last issue of the magazine. Tigers Platt used to be a good place to walk and play with the dogs, but now it looks like a builders yard, with the added bonus of the cows, which are left to roam freely, causing more mud and "mess" than any dogs could ever leave.

Whilst agreeing that the vandalism is unnecessary may I suggest that at least if the cows were kept off the public footpaths, and into the 3 fields, we dog owners may be more inclined to keep the footpaths free from dog mess. This would also cut down on the mud, and assist in the health of the cows!!!

Lenny Polkinghorne



I should like to send Christmas and New Year greetings to our Post Office Staff. They do a wonderful job and are always efficient and cheerful.

We all appreciate their efforts and their service to the village.

JMH

Editorial

Apologies to those who noticed that November's edition said October on the cover. To those who did not notice - all I can say is, join the club - I didn't notice it either.

All the staff here at Purgatory Press wish anyone who has sent in articles, letters, information, gossip etc. all our distributors, our readers & subscribers; a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for your support. We'll meet again, here in 2001.

Denis Lusby Editor

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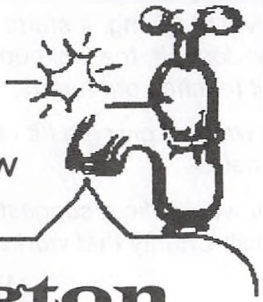

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Church's Page

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Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat,
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny — God bless you.

Poverty is real for some people in our country. They haven't two ha'pennies to scrape together. Others have enough and more than enough to spare.

The same is true of all the countries of the world. Even the poorest nations of the world have their rich elite and even the richest nations have substantial minorities with hardly enough to live on.

Now I am not of the view that any one individual or group in society is actually to blame for this state of affairs. I know that normally those with the cash hang on to it and those who haven't got it would like a bit more. But it seems that the business of living inevitably creates inequalities.

The important thing is how we react to these inequalities. It is wrong to pretend they don't exist and even worse to do nothing about them. The poor are with us to the end of the world and we ought to do the best we can to share what we have.

We should take example from the great festival of Christmas. It is the Festival of Giving. It starts with God. His generosity spreads out through Mary, Joseph, the innkeeper, the shepherds, and the wise men. And in the end it touches our hearts.

Find ways of giving a bit of time or a bit money to those who are less fortunate.

If you would like a suggestion the church will be giving some money to the Cornish Charity that works with homeless — it's called St. Petroc's Society.

Happy Christmas
from
Derek Carrivick

St Breward Parish Church

The Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 18th November made a profit of £496.98 for church funds with the Sunday Club stall raising £26.10. A wonderful effort and a big thank you to everybody concerned.

Mrs J Greenaway won the Turkey dinner; the champagne by Mrs J Hawken and Mr J Woolf won the whisky, with numerous other prizes going round to other people in the village. The Christmas cake made and iced by Evelyn Dunton and Audrey Burden was won by Mr & Mrs Hunt.

The churchwardens and PCC of St Breward Church wishes all its members and supporters a Happy & Peaceful Christmas & New Year and would like to say a big thank you to all those who have supported the church over the year in any way – Those who cleaned, arranged the flowers and generally kept the church looking neat and tidy; the key-holders who open and shut the church during the summer months; Brian Wills for keeping the churchyard so well and Bill Hill with his group of bell ringers for ringing the bells without fail every Sunday.

The Sunday Club would also like to thank the people that help them, especially those who drive the bus each Sunday taking the children to and from the Village Hall.

Catherine McShee

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A full detailed list of Church Services appears on page 9 with a Quick reference for Church services on page 12

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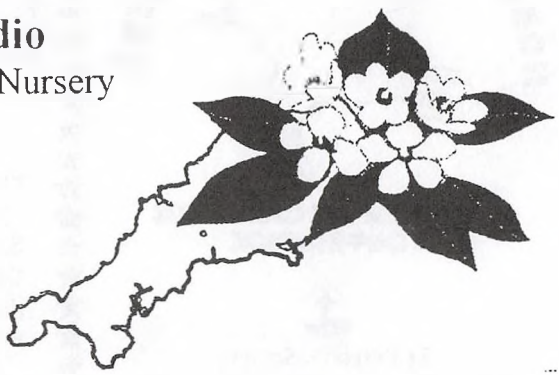

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Date	Blisland	Helland	St. Breward
3rd Dec	9.30am Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick	9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) Joan Kirby	11.10am. Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick [Sunday Club – Children @ Peace]
10th Dec	9.30am Holy Communion (C) Alfred Scott 6.30pm Carol Service at Blisland Derek Carrivick	9.30am Baptism Service Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick [Sunday Club — Video]
17th Dec	9.30am. Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick Temple 4.30pm Carol Service at Temple Derek Carrivick	11.00am Carol Service (at Methodist Church) Valerie Jones	11.00am Family Service (Carols & Chistingle) Derek Carrivick
Christmas Eve	5.30pm Christingle Service Derek Carrivick 11.30pm Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick /Joan Kirby	11.00am Carols around the Crib & the Blessing of the Crib! Simple Holy Communion (United Service at Parish Church) Derek Carrivick/ Valerie Jones	8.30pm Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick/Joan Kirby
Christmas Day	10.00 am Holy Communion (C) Derek Carrivick Temple Church 12.00 noon Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	10.00 am United Christmas Service (at the Methodist Church) Valerie Jones	NO SERVICE
31st Dec	9.30am Holy Communion (Rite B) David Reed	NO SERVICE	11.10am Holy Communion David Reed

Chapel's Page

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Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible that the first Christmas of this Third Millennium is almost with us

The dreadful weather of recent weeks has been a reminder of the Bible Story of Noah and the Great Flood. According to the account in the Old Testament, Noah's unexpected "vocation" or "calling" was to save humanity and all living species from extermination by drowning in the flood. In the floods in our own land in recent weeks there have been many brave rescuers who have helped and saved others in danger of drowning. Often God "calls" unexpected people at unexpected times to perform selfless acts for others.

The Christmas story is also one of a couple being unexpectedly "called" by God to be the parents of God's Son, Jesus. The history of the Christian Church emphasises the extent of Jesus' mother Mary's giving of herself and her life in doing God's will - being "called" by God to motherhood.

Christmas is a time of giving - perhaps as we prepare and buy presents for those we love and care for, we might remember that giving & receiving presents is part of our response to God "calling" us all to share his love in selfless acts of giving - just as Mary, Joseph and Jesus gave selflessly of themselves for all people of all time.

May Christmas be for you a time of peace, joy and sharing God's love.

Wishing you a Blessed Time - Sincerely,

David Bridge

Blisland Methodist Church Services for December

3rd	2.30pm	Preacher Mr L Mabson
17th	2.30pm	Preacher Pastor B Parkman (Carol Service)

Blisland WRVS Club

To bring our meetings to a close for this year, we were invited to the home of Mrs Betty Donnelly for the afternoon of the 24th October. All but two of our members attended. We were delighted to have Mrs Marjory Webber join us as she had not been able to attend for many months because of being incapacitated following a hip replacement. After a most tasty lunch we were entertained by Mrs June Eddy who gave us a most interesting coloured slide display of scenes and events which she had captured with her camera. We were also given a test of our knowledge of Cornwall by identifying features of well known places. Miss June Runnals and I scored the same highest points and shared the prize. Many thanks to Betty for providing a splendid lunch and to June for her photographic display.

Tony Ham, Club Organiser.

Helland Methodist Church Services for December

3rd	11.00am	Mr G Docwra
10th	11.00am	Reader's Service
17th	11.00am	United Carol Service: Mrs V Sterling
		Come along and sing. Coffee & mince pies after.
24th	11.00am	United Service: Parish Church
25th	10.00am	Short Christmas Service
31st	11.00am	Mr J Toms

St Breward Methodist Church December Diary

Sun 3rd	9.30am	Brian Parkman (SAC)
Wed 6th	10 to 11.30am	Coffee Morning
Fri 8th	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sun 10th	11.00am	RSSA
	7.30pm	Concert by Kessenyons
Mon 11th		Flower Arranging (Day workshop)
Sun 17th	11.00am	Carols & Fellowship
	6.00pm	United Village Carol Service. Everyone Welcome
Wed 20th	10.00am	Christmas Coffee Morning "Mince Pies & Cream"
Sun 24th	9.30am	Carols & Fellowship
Mon 25th	9.30am	Christmas Morning Service. Brian Parkman
Sun 31st	11.00am	United Covenant Service at Camelford
		NO SERVICE AT ST BREWARD

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Methodist Church during 2000. Happy Christmas and God's blessing to you all in 2001. Starting on 7th January, morning services will be at 9.30am.

Nesta Teague

St Mabyn Pre-School

Thank you for all the donations and help for Octobers Jumble Sale. We raised over £200. This will go towards buying new toys for the children at pre-school.

We always need more children, and offer a free trial session so you and your child can get the "feel" of the group. We have structured terms, with ongoing themes so that your child can learn through play. Varied craft tables. Many small and large toys including playhouse, trikes, pop up tent, tunnel, dressing up box and much more. We also have a quiet corner for reading and always finish with a good-bye song. Please drop into the village hall on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 9.20am – 11.50am. Tuesday under Fives group. You will be made very welcome.

Open morning, St Mabyn Village Hall, 7th December. For any new parent/carers who are unsure of what we do for this let me explain. The children will be entertaining for you, relatives or friends. Singing songs or acting. You will have to see. Mince pies and cream for everyone. For time please contact Mrs R. Ball 75223.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES – QUICK REFERENCE

10th December	6.30 p.m.	Blisland	Traditional Carols & Readings
17th December	11.10 a.m.	St. Breward	Carols & Christingle
	4.30 p.m.	Temple	Carol Service by candlelight
Christmas Eve	11.00 a.m.	Helland*	Blessing of the Crib/Communion
	5.30 p.m.	Blisland	Christingle Service
	8.30 p.m.	St. Breward	Holy Communion
	11.30 p.m.	Blisland	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.00 am.	Helland*	Christmas Family Service
	10.00 a.m.	Blisland	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Temple	Holy Communion
New Year's Eve	9.30 a.m.	Blisland	Holy Communion
	11.10 a.m.	St. Breward	Holy Communion

These are the special times and occasions for Christmas. Put some in your diary. Come to any of the services — you would be most welcome. The two services marked (*) at Helland are joint services with Helland Chapel.

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Diary dates

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December			
Friday	1st	Trelawney (private party)	7.00pm
Sunday	3rd	Duchy Loswithial	2.00pm
Monday	4th	Trelawney (private party)	7.00pm
Friday	8th	Concert with the Wadebridge Ladies Choir – Egloshayle Chapel	8.00pm
Saturday	9th	Wadebridge school	@7.30pm
Saturday	16th	Port Isaac Lights	6.30pm
Saturday	16th	Carol evening Old Inn St Breward	8.00 ish
Sunday	17th	St Breward Chapel 9 lessons and Carols	6.00pm
Friday	22nd	Wadebridge late night Shopping	6.30pm

THINK ABOUT IT!

THERE WAS A VERY CAUTIOUS MAN
WHO NEVER LAUGHED OR PLAYED.
HE NEVER RISKED, HE NEVER TRIED,
HE NEVER SANG OR PRAYED.
AND WHEN ONE DAY HE PASSED AWAY,
HIS INSURANCE WAS DENIED.
FOR SINCE HE NEVER LIVED
THEY CLAIMED HE NEVER DIED.

Anon.

I.B.Harris-Tottle. Blisland.

North Cornwall Hunt

Dec	All at 11.00am
Sat 2nd	Levethan
Mon 4th	Hunt Supper
Wed 6th	Tintagel
Sat 9th	West Candra
Wed 13th	Lanjew
Sat 16th	The Swan, Wadebridge
Mon 18th	Christmas Draw
Wed 20th	Chain Bridge
Sat 23rd	Sladesbridge
Tue 26th	Camelford
Thu 28th	Pendoggett
Sat 30th	Temple Four Turnings

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St Breward School

Primary schools serving Sir James Smith School at Camelford took part in a poetry competition at the Indian Arts King Centre in Camelford.

Keyen Dingle and Simon Yeo, Year 6 pupils from St Breward School were both singled out for their poems written about Autumn.

Keyen said,
" My poem was commended by the Judges. I was asked to go to the Indian King Centre on Friday 10th November where I was presented with a certificate for my poem."

Unfortunately, Simon was away on holiday and could not attend to receive his prize.

Simon's poem was judged to be a prize winner and he received a certificate and £5!

Simon said,
"I was extremely surprised to win as so many other schools were involved. I wish I could have been there to receive my prize."

These are the award winning poems:

V Hill

Autumn by Simon Yeo.	Autumn by Keyen Dingle
Webs sticking to leaves. Twinkling with wet drops, glistening. A patterned polished circle. Dust covering the glittery web. Fog creeps through the woods. It thickens through the night, Spooks people out. Fog whitened shadows appear, time after time. Leaves floating down from bronze trees, Crunching, crackling, crispy leaves. Ruby red and browny orange, Like burnt old ashes that float away.	The leaves fall into the fog. The transparent fog covers the earth. The earth is bare after the harvest, All the crops are safely gathered in. The glittering spider web caught the Autumn sun, Dew drops caught like gleaming jewels. The silvery patterns dazzled the dull days. The spider shivers in the centre of the web. The juicy nuts crack as they reach the ground. They lie amongst the golden leaves, Like amazing treasure for squirrels. Delicious smell of roasted nuts.

St Breward Parish Council

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R Benham, Clerk

ST BREWARD PARISH APPRAISAL

Progress Report - 20 November 2000

The processing by computer of the 135 returned parish appraisal forms, along with those of the young people, is now complete. This has taken in excess of 100 hours. This sterling work has been done by Virginia Cholmeley, Secretary of the Parish Appraisal Committee.

The complete analysis has been circulated to the committee members. They have each been apportioned a section relative to their interests and expertise in the subjects covered for their further analysis. On receipt by me of their written submissions, I shall complete a draft report which will then be discussed by the committee before the final report is drawn up and circulated to you. It is anticipated that the report will be circulated in January. The next stage will be to identify "the needs of the parish" and to apply for funding.

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Thank you for your support.

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St Breward Parish Council

The Council met on Tuesday 7th November 2000 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. District Councillor Jim Kempthorne being in attendance. Members of the public were also present.

Two members of the Youth Group made a request for a place to exercise mountain bikes. Two areas might he suitable, at the top of Chyryn Drive and in the Old Coal Yard. There would need to be a few undulations and hillocks made but the land could readily be returned to it's former use. The. Council would ask Cornwall District Council whose land was involved if they would sanction such a use. In the event of approval and subsequent Parish Council approval, the Parish Council would pay for the digger work required. The Chairman undertook to see what the Village Appraisal had reported in this matter.

Planning Discussion and recommendation made were as follows:

- An application to fell six straggling Lawson cypress trees and to coppice three yew trees all subject to a preservation order was recommended for approval.
- Osbourne - Lower Penquite - application to build a house - recommended for approval subject to the house being in harmony with the older houses around.

Discussion on equipment needed for the playing areas showed that although there was about £7.000 available, this sum is falling well short of the money required to equip the playgrounds in accordance with the current safety regulations. At the December meeting the subject of the Parish Precept will be discussed. The precept was raised by £2.000 last year towards the playing areas. Whether the fund raising group has made further progress on attracting funds will then be known as this might have a bearing on the level of the precept.

Mark Colton-Taylor said that the Council should make it's proceedings more interesting to the general public. It was agreed. as a trial, to circulate minutes and questionnaires to councillors before the meeting to save time and give longer time to discuss subjects that matter at Council meetings. On the County Council's tourism policy, he pointed out that each tourist to Cornwall spends £200 per week on average. Tourists should therefore be welcome as they contribute about a third to Cornwall's economy.

Cornwall County Council had published a proposal to build an Energy from Waste (EfW) plant in the centre of Cornwall. This involved the burning of up to a thousand tons of household refuse a day. The plant would need a tall chimney that could be seen for miles. Denis Lusby had studied this proposal and had expressed

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concern on a number of possible problems that did not appear to have been considered. The Chairman will write a letter expressing these concerns to Cornwall CC.

The December meeting of the Council will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 5th December 2000. Members of the public are cordially incited to attend.

On behalf of the St Breward Parish Council. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mev Shelley Chairman

HELLAND NEWS HELLAND NEWS

Good bye Mrs Wills

The retirement of Mrs D. Wills from the Hall Committee comes as she approaches 60 years of involvement. Although not on the committee, she will still be ready with her tea and cakes.

Daphne first cycled over to a whist drive at the tender age of 16. We will miss her humour, sharp instinct and enthusiasm very much.

Thank you for all you've done to date.

PJ

Helland Post Office – Closing 21st December 2000.

Another good-bye as Mrs White hangs up her date-stamp after 41 years. This is very sad both for Helland and for rural life in general. It is a real shame nobody was able to take the Post Office on. But we all thank you very much for all you have done over the years.

Enjoy your rest.

PJ

St Helena's, Helland

Jim Swingler has now completed the restoration and fitting of the new Chapter Room Windows. These lattice windows are the oldest glass in the church, probably dating from the late 18th Century. Jim took great care to preserve as much of the old glass as possible and to match with crown glass.

It is a superb job and well worth a look. The lead work too, deserves an appreciative glance.

Thank you to all who donated, especially and roll on the Sunday Club. The room has never looked better.

PJ

Annual General Meeting, Village Hall, 9th November 2000

Following last month's full and frank discussion of the hall's future, we held an AGM. Although the EGM was very well attended, yet again only a handful were able to attend. In a break with tradition, it was decided that for Year 2000 no actual offices will be held. The committee felt this was necessary because we were so few. That the chairman wished to resign after 11 years , the committee was already accepting the resignation of Mrs D. Wills from the committee.

Future meetings will be in the round with jobs delegated. Sam Trethewey is trying to audit the accounts. Mrs White will carry on with bookings and treasurer's jobs. Paul Jackson and Iain Cameron are addressing the advertising and re-letting of the hall.

Has anybody any ideas, local group or organisations we can approach. Eventually, it is hoped to reform with a new chairman.

Next meeting Thursday 7th December.
Please do come and help to save your hall.

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Celia Fiennes was an aristocratic spinster who rode through Cornwall in 1692 and recorded what she saw. She was particularly interested in local industry and gives a detailed description of mining around St. Austell. Her diary is published as "The Journeys of Celia Fiennes" but is now out of print.

Celia Fiennes was an ardent non-conformist and the description of her journey to Church in Truro is of interest to us today (I have reproduced her spelling):-

"Here is a very good Meeteing, but I was hindred by the raine the Lords day else should have come to hearing, and so was forced to stay where I could hear but one Sermon at the Church, but by it saw the fashion of the country being obliged to go a mile to the parish Church over some grounds which are divided by such stiles and bridges uncommon and I never saw any such before; they are severall stones fixed across and so are like a grate or large steps over a ditch that is full of mudd or water, and over this just in the middle is a great stone fixed side wayes which is the style to be clambered over; these I find are the fences and guards of their grounds one from another and indeed they are very troublesome and dangerous for strangers and children"

Anyone who has transported children, dog and picnic over some of the steeper St. Breward stiles will know what she means.

Celia Fiennes returned up the county via Wadebridge and Camelford. She does not mention St. Breward but from her description it is possible she found herself on the moor here: -

"From St. Culombe I went to Way Bridge 6 long miles; there was a river which was flowed up by the tyde a greate way up into the land, it came from the north sea it was broad, the bridge had 17 arches. Thence to Comblefford over steep hills 9 mile more, some of this way was over Commons of black moorish ground full of sloughs, the lanes are deffended with bancks where are stones, some great rocks others slaty stones such as they use for tileing; Combleford was a little market town but it was very indifferent accomodations, but the raines that night and next morning made me take up there, till about 10 o'clock in the morning it then made a shew of cleering up, made me willing to seek a better lodging"

Thanks to Virginia Cholmeley for sending me this article. DL

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St Breward Play Areas

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The total raised for the evening was £720.

We have also received a £100 donation from Carlton Broadcasting

Once again we would like to thank anybody who helped and everyone who has supported us throughout the past 12 months.

Our next fundraiser is an evening with horseracing to be held at St Breward Football Club on Saturday 2nd December starting at 7.30pm. Please come along. Help raise funds for your child, grandchild, niece or nephew.

J Champion, Hon Sec.

Mole on the Green

With all the wet and windy weather that most of the country has suffered from over recent weeks, it is refreshing to hear about a sudden overnight heatwave that reached Meadow Plash in late October. Although it occurred between 2.00 and 3.00 in the morning, it did not deter one visitor to the estate arriving by car only wearing a pair of boxer shorts and a broad smile.

Despite the Mole's strenuous underground activities, the identity of the mystery man remains unknown. However, one eagle-eyed resident was sure that the young man's boxer shorts had a Dairy Crest badge on them.

In a similar vein, another mysterious gentleman has been seen frequenting the local ale house already prepared for the next heatwave to hit the village. Although Gary the landlord has to provide a foot stool for the punter to reach the bar, there seems to be no doubt whatsoever that he is legally entitled to consume alcohol, and copious quantities at that!

It may be some time before we see the next rays of sunshine, but the David Beckham style haircut looks sure to be the next fashion accessory for the hotter climates of Southern France, Spain or Pendrift Villas.

PS Has anyone seen Nicky?

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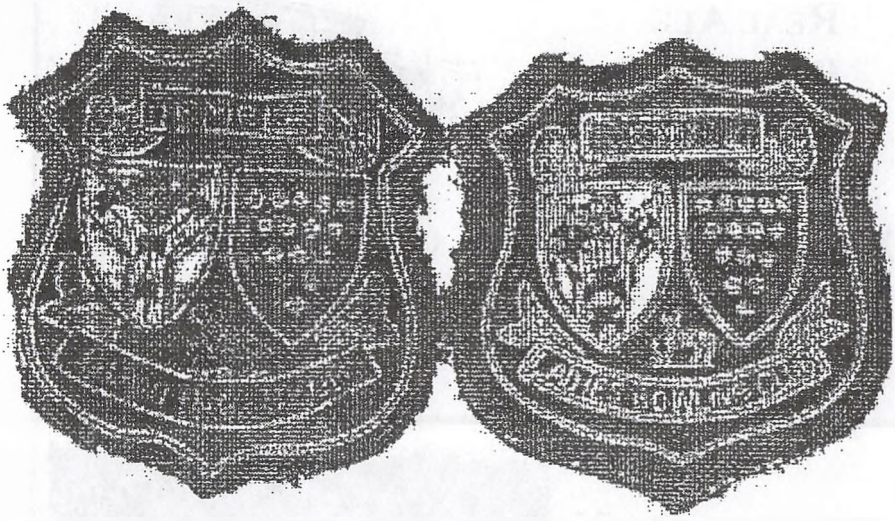
Temple Mystery

These two badges were found at a car boot sale in Kent. We don't know of any other Temple in Cornwall but can't imagine where a bowling club could ever have been held in our village. If any one is able to shed any light on this mystery, please contact Karen Dickin at the Old Chapel, Temple.

Karen Dickin



Due to the poor reproduction of these badges above I have attempted to describe them. Both Badges have 'Temple' embroidered above the shields, the right shield being the 15 Cornish bezants or yellow circles like gold coins. See diagram on right.

The left shield consists of a 3 armed Y shaped band with 3-headed, axe-like motifs. This is not the symbol of the Knights Templar which was a Maltese Cross as worn by the central figure on the left.

Below the left shield is a banner which says 'Bowling Club' and below the right banner is embroidered 'Ladies Bowling Club.'

Ed.

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INCIDENTS IN ST BREWARD DURING OCTOBER

Early in the Month, it was reported that some time between Saturday evening and Monday morning of the weekend 8/9th October, the stile to Mr. Greengrass from Tigers Platt was vandalised and some of the hedge in the narrow lane between the paddocks was pushed down. The Police were informed and a PC Flowerday from Bodmin was due to make a visit the following weekend, 14th October to assess the situation and show a Police presence.

The second incident was again over a weekend, when the Public Toilets were vandalised, a toilet roll holder being ripped off the wall.

Since this incident one of the Co-ordinators was alerted to a commotion at the cottage at the bottom of Duck Street. It was discovered that there had been a break-in. The Police were informed immediately. So far there has been no report of what damage occurred or if anything was stolen.

NHW AWARDS

The NHW Awards were recently held in Birmingham where it was proudly announced that since its formation in 1 982, NHW now covers 10,000,000 people in 1 55,000 NHW Schemes. This is the largest voluntary organisation in Britain.

Sandra Calvert, Chair of Devon & Cornwall NHW Association received a - Special" Award. Home Secretary, Jack Straw said, "you may double or even treble the number of Police Officers but you will still need NHW because the Police cannot be successful without them.

It is an established fact that the risk of burglary for a member of NHW is 1 in 340, whilst the figure for those who are not members is 1 in 35.

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Sgt. Steve Torr said that moorland car parks such as Rough Tor and along the Camel Trail, were regularly visited by criminals. Between June 1 and October 11 last year. there were 13 moorland car park break-ins and that number has risen this year.

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We should like to remind readers that the Village Hall has been attractively refurbished and now has an efficient heating system. It is most suitable to hire for private and community functions.

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NCDC Christmas holiday arrangements

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Office hours: NCDC Offices will close at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 24th December and re-open at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesday, 2nd January.

Emergencies
Officers will be on call throughout the holiday period to deal with emergencies. Contact the emergency operator on 01208 893131.

This is an article written by Maggie Reed's Granddaughter for her church magazine.

Pearl Harbour Remembered

Our roving reporter, Vicky Hammerstein, writes to us from Pearl Harbour December 7th, 1941. The day which brought the United States into World War Two. At Pearl Harbour, one hundred and thirty vessels of the US Pacific Fleet lay calm and serene. Servicemen were enjoying a day of relaxed duties and preparing for church services. Two hundred and thirty miles north of Pearl Harbour, the first wave of Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes were preparing to take off. They arrived at 7.55am and at 8.10am the USS Arizona exploded having been hit by a 1760-pound armour-piercing bomb that slammed through her deck and ignited her forward ammunition magazine. In less than nine minutes she sank with 1177 of her crew.

The USS Arizona was one of seven battleships tied up along "Battleship Row". All the ships suffered significant damage and the attack claimed the lives of 2388 military and civilian personnel and a further 1178 were wounded.

The USS Arizona could not be raised and is the final resting-place for many of the ship's crewmen. Today a one hundred and eighty four foot long memorial structure spans the mid-portion of the sunken battleship and according to its architect, Alfred Pries, the design of the Memorial "wherein the structure sags in the centre but stands strong and vigorous at the ends, expresses initial defeat and ultimate victory ... the overall effect is one of serenity. Overtones of sadness have been omitted to permit the individual to contemplate his own personal responses ... his innermost feelings." I think this quote sums up the whole experience.

The memorial is visited by 1.5 million people a year from all over the world and I have been fortunate to be one of them. There is an excellent programme consisting of a brief talk from a National Park Ranger, followed by a 20 minute documentary film on the Pearl Harbour attack. Amazingly, the film includes real footage of the moment the bomb was dropped on the USS Arizona. After the film, visitors are taken by boat to the memorial. Visitors have time to compare what remains with a picture of the ship before it was attacked. The damage done was incredible.

Reading the names on the marble wall of all who were lost, made me sad as there were several sets of brothers listed and I tried to imagine how those families would have felt when they learnt, they had lost not only one, but two sons.

Visitors also have a chance to visit a museum, which for me, was probably the most moving part. Here there are displays containing models of the ships, photographs and explanations of events of that fateful day. Families have donated personal items for display, such as uniforms, photographs, medals awarded

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posthumously and the most touching of all, letters written by crewmen to their families shortly before they died.

The visit was an informative and yet emotional one. I learnt so much about the US involvement with WW2 and visiting the grave of so many men made personal the facts I had only heard about in history lessons in school.

I was seated at the rear of St Breward Parish Church before the start of the act of Remembrance, alone at first but soon joined by members of the Sunday Club, all young boys and girls.

I suppose that after a while we were chatting about us and who they were. I could distinguish most by their family likeness, only their names were not familiar to me.

Soon afterwards I heard a little girl say, "Look, he's got all his Brownie badges on." You see I was wearing my Service medals.

I thought, 'how lovely' such an innocent little girl did not associate my medals with the horror of war. Afterwards I tried to explain to them with the help of an older girl what they meant, and was asked, had I seen any of my friends killed?

I sincerely hope they will never be subjected to the trauma and conditions experienced by many who served in the armed forces and those who sadly lost their lives.

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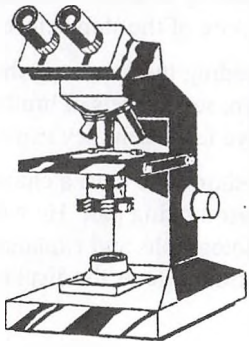

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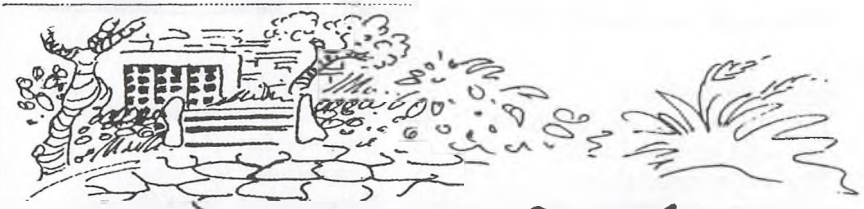

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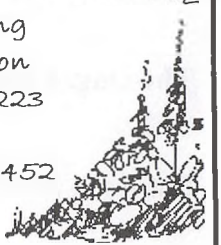

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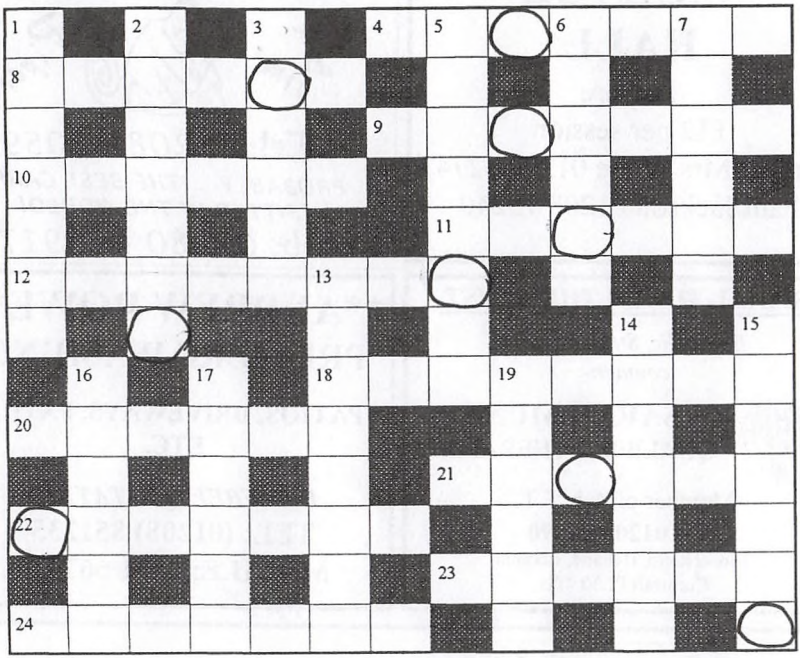

Across

4 Out-flow to the sea (7)
8 Tue chop I ate contained a drug (6)
9 This could set off a siren (7)
10 The Joule measures this (6)
11 Policemen perhaps (6)
12 Launceston's state abroad (8)
18 A pill perhaps - or a ball (8)
20 Discount (6)
21 It costs a packet by post (6)
22 Parasite - with a smell inside! (7)
23 The answer is a lemon! (6)
24 The closest are in the home (7)

Down

1 The best policy (7)
2 Illness from the seaside (7)
3 Mark of infamy (6)
5 A local church (8)
6 Flings; in spasms, say (6)
7 It's nonsense to urge a learner thus (6)
13 Unidentifiable sort of salesman (8)
14 Trouble with dancing on the street (7)
15 A local church (7)
16 A local church (6)
17 A more virile kind of behaviour? (6)
19 Wood (6)

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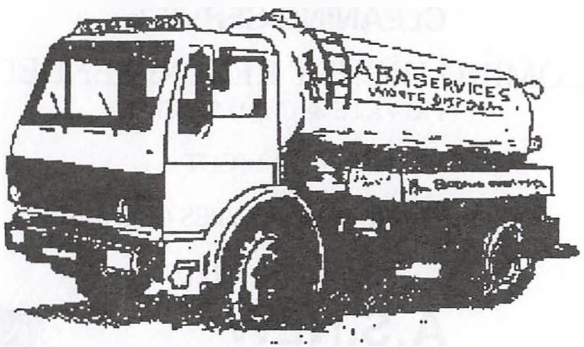

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St. Breward WI November 14th, 2000

22 members braved the atrociously wet weather, arriving damp and dripping at the Memorial Hall for the November meeting. Mrs C Woolf then presented St. Breward 60th birthday mugs to ladies who have joined us since then. She announced that the team of 4 had gained 3rd place with their entry "Proms in the Park" at the Primestock Show. A letter was read congratulating our WI for raising £145 at the coffee morning held at Mrs Pat Dibb's home. We received an invitation to a cookery demonstration at the Padstow Seafood School at quite short notice.

NFWI have asked us to support their chosen charity by holding a 'Lunch for Life' probably next summer in aid of the Stroke Association.

Mrs. Veronica Stansfield has given the WI a tall revolving bookstand which will be used to display WI publications only for our "lending library ' at 10p a month. Anyone who has lent books to the original library is asked to reclaim these ASAP, a book sale will be held of the remainder soon. Mrs M Wilton showed us the results of the Christmas Action Pack day in the hall, mainly items for presents etc. as a result of this day the craft afternoons may start again in the New Year.

The 4 officers attended a " How the WI. Ticks " day and found that, on completing the two questionnaires, St Breward is doing most things correctly! Mrs G Daws gave a very detailed and interesting report of the Autumn Council Meeting at Hendra. The Millennium Diary is to be collated in December by the 12 members participating. Mrs A Holmes read out the first draft of the Welcome to St Breward pamphlet asking for further information for inclusion.

NEWT have said that institutes may not pay for flowers, condolence or get well cards from our own WI funds, but must raise this money from the tea or raffle money! Apropos of this a lovely bouquet was presented to our president, Mrs Christine Woolf, on winning the Blaikeley Salver for her poem, which she was persuaded to read for us.

It was a shock to hear that Mrs. Wendy Gurr had suffered a stroke, especially coming so soon after the Group Meeting presented by Blisland.

Mrs Pauline Metters then showed us how to paint Christmas decorations, providing a vast array of items to choose from and dozens of paints to use: it was quite a hilarious time and we all went home clutching our efforts.
Foliage Arrangement: 1st Mrs Dibb, 2nd Mrs Wilton 3rd Mrs Lowe: decorated Spoon 1st Mrs Alexander, 2nd Mrs Lowe, 3rd Mrs Wilton.

The Dec.12th speaker will be M. Charles Perry with excellent slides 'Focus on Nature.' Competitions: a poem 'Focus on Nature' and a posy around a candle. Don't forget the Christmas tea at East Rose at 4pm on Wednesday Dec 13th.

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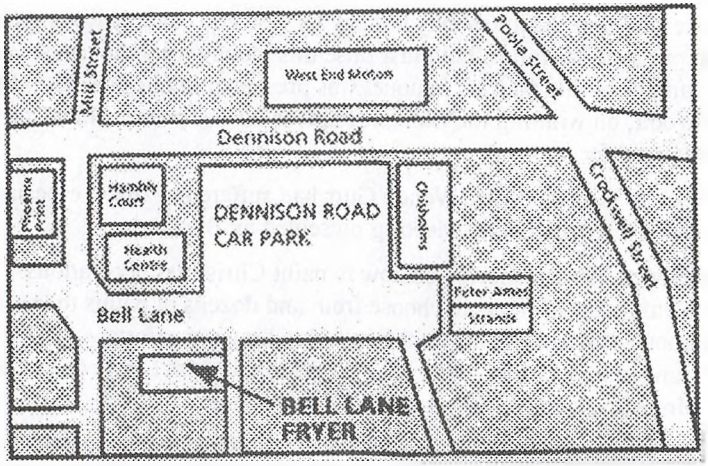

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Blisland WI October Meeting

The meeting began at 2.15pm, being the first of the winter afternoon meetings -

The President read a letter from Jean Richardson's husband thanking members for flowers etc. during Jean's illness and for their attendance at her funeral. Members were also thanked for the donation to the Red Cross in her memory.

There will be a coffee mining on 20 Oct to raise money for Whizz Kids - the charity which raises money to buy wheel chairs for disabled children. Arrangements were made for the St Petroc Group meeting on 1st Nov at 7.30pm. Stewards were appointed and members asked to donate refreshments and raffle prizes.

Our speaker, Mr Mathew Lewis of the National Trust gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the work of a National Trust Countryside Warden. Photographs showing work "before" and "after" demonstrated the dramatic effect rhododendron clearance had on wild flower generation. The talk covered the very wide range of work undertaken by the Trust, from establishing new woodland areas and wild flower meadows, to routine maintenance of river banks and fences.

GROUP MEETING 1st NOVEMBER

The St Petroc Group, covering St Breward, Bodmin, Warleggan & Cardinham and Blisland met at Blisland Village Hall for their annual group meeting. The competitions - a hand made toy, a date and orange cake and a poem entitled "Bonfire Night" demonstrated the wide range of talents possessed by WI members.

The speaker for the evening was Flt. Lt. Ian Hardy of the Sea King Search and Rescue Organisation. He vividly described the work of the unit , using videos and equipment and a brave member demonstrated a "Mae West". Members were fascinated by the accounts of courageous men (and women) who risk their lives in the service of others. A most interesting and impressive talk.

The evening ended with the serving of refreshments, the raffle draw and the prize giving, ending at 10.15pm. The next meeting of the Blisland Group will be at 2.15pm on 15 November in the Village Hall.

BLISLAND WI November Meeting

Mrs. Pierce took the chair at our November meeting as Mrs Gurr was unable to attend as she had suffered a heart attack the previous week. We are pleased to say that she has wade a good recovery and is now home again and will, hopefully, be at the December meeting.

The Group meeting hosted by Blisland went well and we made a small profit. We won both cups for obtaining most points in the competitions although there was a lot of challenge from the other Institutes! The talk and slide show about the

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Helicopter service in the country was much appreciated.

County House is to be sold. It is a Grade II listed building and repairs are becoming increasingly expensive. A suitable site with public transport access is currently being sought. In the meantime County House will be closed on Friday instead of the present arrangement when it is closed on Thursdays.

If you are not yet computer literate there are free computer taster sessions available at St. Austell College, Sedgemoor Centre, on the 3rd and 17th February, 2001. Word processing, spreadsheets, databases and accessing the Internet will all be explained.

Our speaker was Mrs. P. Dodds and her subject was 'Georgian Cornwall'. The period covered was from 1715 to 1857 and we were shown slides which demonstrated the different styles of architecture during this time from workmen's cottages built with rough course granite, sometimes covered with stucco to typical mineworkers' terraces with cut stones built to a plan and then onto the grander houses which we think of as typically Georgian such as Priory House in Bodmin and Trewithen. These houses are symmetrical, made from cut stone and where there are three floors the top floor windows are half the size of the ground and first floors. Proportion is very important and the doorways usually have a pediment and columns.

The buildings for public purposes such as the Assize Courts in Bodmin and Quaker Meeting House in Truro would have three arches on the ground floor and three windows above. Also within this period there was a Gothic revival and examples of this are Werrington Church (1742) and St. Day Church (1826)

On the 17th January the speaker will be Mrs. J. Kerridge and the subject 'Magistrates in the Community'. We would welcome new members at the Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.

W. Barwood Blisland WI

St Breward AFC & Social Club

On October 28th Wadebridge Gateway Club paid a visit to play skittles. Refreshments were provided by the club. It is an inspiration to see how these people, who are less fortunate than ourselves enjoy themselves.

Also in October over 100 young footballers (under 12) and parents used our facilities for a tournament. Refreshments were served all day, and thankfully the weather kept dry.

The Play-areas Committee held a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco at the club and raised the magnificent sum of £700.

On Nov 9th Bodmin Gateway Club came for the evening. They had a skittles tournament and our Chairman Chris Greenaway presented the trophies. Refreshments were provided by the club.

Fixtures: Unfortunately due to weather conditions most of the football matches have been postponed.

First Team			**Second Team**	
Dec				
2nd	Liskeard	Home (League Cup)	St Merryn	Away
9th	Wadebridge	Home	Tintagel	Away
16th	Liskeard	Away	Foxhole	Home (Div Cup)
23rd	Bude	Away	Lanivet	Away
30th	–		Bere Alston	Home
Jan				
6th	Nanpean	Home		

Entertainment

Dec 2nd	Horse Racing night organised by Play-areas Committee to raise funds for new play equipment. **Be there!**
Dec 9th	don't forget the 1940-1950's School Reunion. Entertainment by Trevor Ternouth. Please ring Maura on 850936 for further details.
Dec 23rd	"Let's party" with Johnny Cowling and Sarah. **Free Entry.** It'll be a great night!
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Disco with Tim **Free Entry**
Dec 26th	Boxing day open all day for members' party. Fun for all the family! **Free Food – And Disco**

New Year's Eve Disco with Jumbo FREE ENTRY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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