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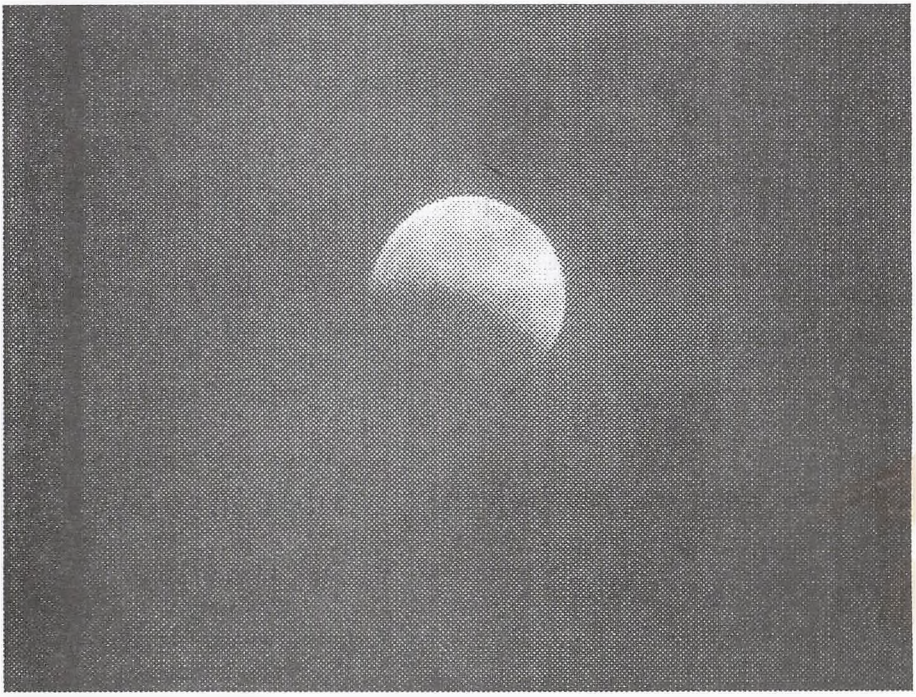

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Captain Eric G. Walford
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Eric Walford.

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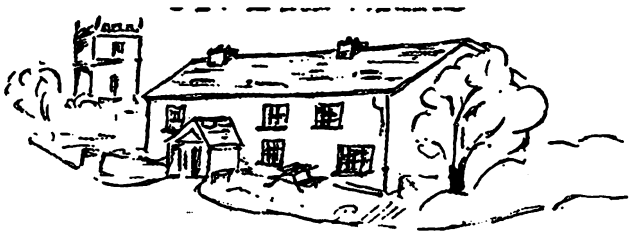

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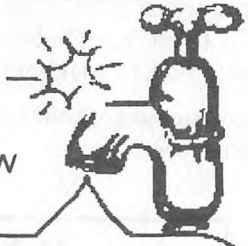

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Church's Page

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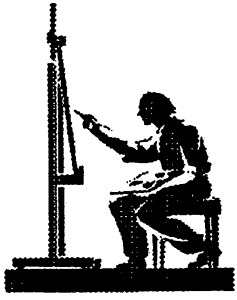
The old saying is true — "A job worth doing is worth doing well".

In many ways it does not matter whether we have great matters of state to worry about or the tending of our small corner of the garden — whatever we are entrusted with we should do well.



Jesus taught that whatever our gifts we should try to use them well. Sometimes we all yearn for a quiet life — but we should use and share our talents to the full. That does not mean running around in all directions —doing too much is as bad as too little.

What it is does mean is quietly doing what we can — and not expecting always to be noticed, let alone be thanked! Though, sometimes it is (I admit) a real temptation to announce t the family that you have done the washing-up.

Whether it's in the family, at work, at school, in church or community, we individually are the best judges of what we might do or not do. Our best guide is our own conscience and in the end it is between ourselves and God.

This Lent which starts on the last day of February don't just give up but take up as well. Try to get the right balance between doing and not doing; and have the courage to stick by your guns!

Be a good steward of your time and talents in this world — we only pass this way once, remember!

Derek Carrivick

St. Breward Revel Sunday
11th February
Procession — 2.30 p.m. Rylands
Service — 3.00 p.m. in Parish Church
St. Breward Band will be playing

	Blisland with Temple	Helland	St Breward
4th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
11th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	930am Sunday Club	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
			2.30pm Revel Procession begins at Rylands, followed by service at 3pm
18th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30am Holy Communion (C) Joan Kirby	11.10am Family Service Derek Carrivick
25th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am United Communion Derek Carrivick/David Bridge	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
	Temple Church 3.30pm Evening Service Derek Carrivick		
28th Feb	7.00 p.m Ash Wednesday Service Derek Carrivick		
4th Mar LentI	9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.3am Holy Communion (BCP) Joan Kirby	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick

St Breward Parish Church

St Breward church celebrated Christmastide with a variety of activities. The church itself looked wonderful with the welcoming cross on the tower lit up every evening. Inside, the tree, 2 Nativity scenes and flowers all helped to add to the festive atmosphere.

Before Christmas a hardy band of singers sang carols around Churchtown and raised £41, which was sent to the UK Brain tumour Society. Many thanks to John & Margaret Overton who organised this and provided welcome refreshments afterwards.

The Christingle Service on 17th December 2000 combined the service with the christening of Niamh Ann Simpson. Many thanks to Pat & Brenda Bennett, Marilyn Pluess and Caroline Ralph who spent so much time making all the Christingles. The **"St Breward Belles"** played a selection of carols on their hand-bells for the enjoyment of the congregation.

A full church at the Christmas Eve 8.30pm service welcomed Christmas in. Locals and visitors alike joined in for this first Mass and sang all the well-known carols.

Many thanks must go to all the people who worked so hard to make the church so welcoming and attractive at this time and the church looks forward to your presence in the future.

Catherine McShee

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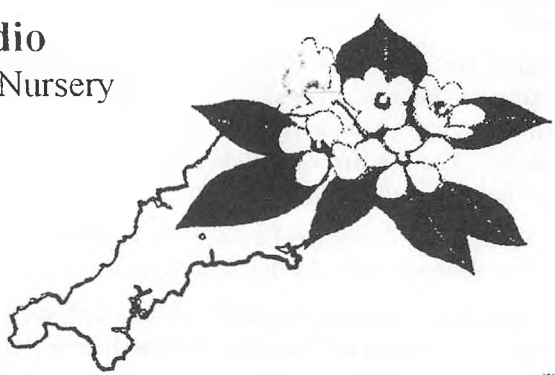

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WILD NIGHT AT HELLAND: The balloons got burst, the wine was mulled, the music was assorted (and sorted), the heaters were more than adequate for the occasion, the cooker warmed the sausage rolls perfectly and miraculously a friendly crowd arrived. Our apologies to those we didn't reach with a pressing invitation, but there was a lot to do in very little time, e.g. listing all the items for the games, cutting out and sticking quiz items from the last fortnight's newspapers and sorry to those who did complete the quiz, we forgot to read out the answers and present the prizes, but rest assured the washers up (v. noble deserving souls they were too) enjoyed the Fair Trade chocolate on the way home.

We hadn't felt sure about celebrating 2001: what if only a handful turned up, but we thought it would be worthwhile to give it a go, so we did some thinking, planning, writing and praying and with the Lord's gracious help it all came together merrily. We firmly and truly believe that there is an especial blessing on occasions that cross sectarian barriers, so we hope that it will be a repeated exercise.

Grateful thanks to everyone who came, brought food, contributed music, dance, friendship and smiling company. VJ

Women's World Day of Prayer (Interdenominational)

A service will be held in St Breward Parish Church at 2.30pm on Friday 2nd March 2001-01-31 Speaker: Mrs Ann Rowe (Week St Mary Circuit)

This year the service has been compiled by the women of Samoa with the theme "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action".

EVERYONE WELCOME REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

Careers Evening - Monday 12 February 2001

Saltash College will be holding a Careers and Advice for people interested in careers in health, care and childcare. The evening, open to those interested in both full-time and part-time courses, will be held at Saltash College in Church Road, Saltash, on Monday 12 February from 530pm to 8.00pm.

Careers advisors from Cornwall and Devon Careers and staff from the University of Plymouth and professional bodies will be on hand to talk about future courses and careers. Tutors from Saltash College will be able to give information about courses at the college.

The evening is aimed at students interested in full-time courses in Health and Social Care and Childcare as well as students interested in returning to study with Access to Higher Education courses and those looking to gain accreditation for work in care, childcare and childminding.

If you would like further information about the Careers and Advice Evening, or details of courses, phone Saltash College on 01752 848147.

Chapel's Page

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Blisland Methodist Church Services for February

		Preacher
11th	2.30pm	Mrs J Rackham
25th	2.30pm	Pastor Brian Parkman (Holy Communion)

Helland Methodist Church Services for February

4th	11.00am	Mrs M Coad
11th	11.00am	Mrs J Rackham
18th	11.00am	Reader's Service
25th	9.30am	At Parish Church

St Breward Methodist Church February Diary

4th	9.30am	Brian Parkman Sac
7th	10 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning
11th	**3.00pm**	Brian Parkman 18th
	9.30pm	Mr Sanders
25th	9.30am	RSSA

Can you help?

Some hymn books have gone missing from the chapel (during Christmas concerts and services). If found please return to any chapel members.

Many thanks

A PRE – LENT SLINGING OUT SESSION:

There was a delightful piece by that marvellous observer of human behaviour, Alan Bennett, about the way a certain unwanted Christmas gift was continually 'recycled' amongst unloving relations. And it is tempting to hoard a bagful of seemingly useful items that "might come in handy", when they could be of considerably better use if donated to a good cause.

So have an exhilarating hour turning out those hoarded items and bring them to church for raffle or Tombola prizes. Similarly old but decent clothes & other household goods may be donated to the Sally Army & help warm a cold, homeless person.

"What have we to do with idols that have companied with thee" is the end of a lovely old hymn sang long ago at the Keswick Convention, when Holy Communion was shared by 500 plus. So as we clear out our cupboards, let's try and clear out our hearts and minds ready for the joy of Easter morning. A bit of inward looking can be healthy so long as it brings about positive action.

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Dear Friends,

In Cornwall we have the advantage over most of the UK because we can say in February that Spring is on the horizon! As I write this letter on 15th January the daytime temperature in Bodmin has not risen above 3 Degrees Centigrade all day. But, I can remember a Methodist Ministers' retreat in St Ives last January when we stood outside in the sunshine without overcoats. So, perhaps we can with confidence look forward to the gentle warmth of Spring coming to Cornwall quite soon - after all we do deserve it after so much wet and rain

February 14th is perhaps the most famous Saints Day of the month - St Valentine's Day. No one knows much about St Valentine apart from the fact that he lived in the third century after Christ and was probably a Bishop in Italy. It is said that he died for his faith at a time of fierce persecution. Similarly the reason for his connection with lovers and the sending of Valentines Cards is unknown. There was an old English tradition that 14th February was the day when the birds choose their mates. Most people believe that the connection between the Saints Day and lovers sending and exchanging cards is coincidental.

On a more profound level, the Russian writer Fyodor Dostovevsky wrote about love in the following way:

"Love will teach us all things: but we must learn how to win love. It is got with difficulty; it is a possession dearly bought, with much labour and in a long time. For one must love not sometimes only, for a passing moment, but always.... Love all God's creation, the whole of it and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light! Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. if you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.... and you will at last come to love the whole world with abiding universal love."
From Father Zossima's discourse in The Brothers Karamazov)

Perhaps this Valentine's Day, we might spend a moment to thank God that, living in the countryside, we are all the time very close to Him and His creation.... and then to follow the guidance quoted above, that finding love in God's creation, we might perceive the divine mystery.

A belated Happy New Year and Best Wishes to you all

Sincerely David Bridge

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I hope to cut down on sweet intake, have a swear box that will take 20p a cuss, and try to be more organised with my paperwork, e.g. this is being typed at 5pm when the thought came into my brain at 10 am. And those are only the more obvious corrections that need attention, more to follow.

Have a good, effective Lent.

Valerie Jones (Lay Reader at Helland)

Blisland Parish Council Meeting January 11th 2001

Planning applications were received from Orange Personal Communications Services Ltd which requested the lifting of the limiting development to a 10 year period for the masts at Four Winds, Cardinham and Hawkstor. The council consider that new planning applications should be submitted rather than a request to remove the limitation.

The final information was received from the second person re the difficulty experienced by the ambulance drivers in finding the locations. This has been submitted to the Westcountry Ambulance Service for their comments

It was agreed that Cornwall County Council will be informed that Blisland to be included in the speed limit policy.

Mike Ward-Lee Chairman.

Peggy Vercoe

The many friends of Peggy Vercoe were very sad to hear of her death in Marlborough on January 14th. Peggy was eighty-eight and had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for many years – but happily for most of us here, our memories are of her and Peter in their golden years together in their wonderful old house at Higher Lank. They were both active in the village – as they had been when they lived at Whiteheads on the Moor in the forties – and Peggy was a particularly loyal member of the WI for many years.

Higher Lank was a haven of fun, kindliness and hospitality for all their friends as for their family – their daughters Vicki and Kate and their nine grandchildren in Australia and Marlborough. We all missed Peter and Peggy dreadfully when they moved to Marlborough ten years ago to be near Kate when poor health forced their move from their beloved Cornwall. Peter died in Marlborough in 1995. Both of them have left behind in St Breward the fondest memories.

Paddy Powell

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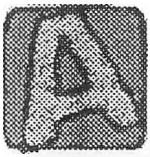

ST BREWARD PRE-SCHOOL
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Hello, I hope you all had a good Christmas, the new year has brought a lot of changes to St Breward pre-school. Due to family commitments Caroline Ralph has had to resign from her post as play group assistant, she will still be working at the playgroup hopefully on a regular basis and she will always be welcome. Amanda Arthur will be taking over her post and we wish her all the best. Julie Greenaway has resigned from the committee as our secretary because Jake has now gone to school we would like to say a big thank you for all her help and support, Natasha Beale has taken over Julie's position we wish her all the best. The rest of the committee will be resigning at the end of march as their children will have also moved on to school we also thank them for all there help and support in the past, we wish all the new committee members good luck.

At the end of last year the pre-school went through our first ofstead inspection it went quite well, at least we have a target to aim for, the pre-school learning alliance was happy with what we are doing but we need to develop some areas. We welcome all new children of any ages and we look forward to a new beginning to the year.

Helen Jackman Playgroup leader.

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A Curry Evening On March 6th at 6pm

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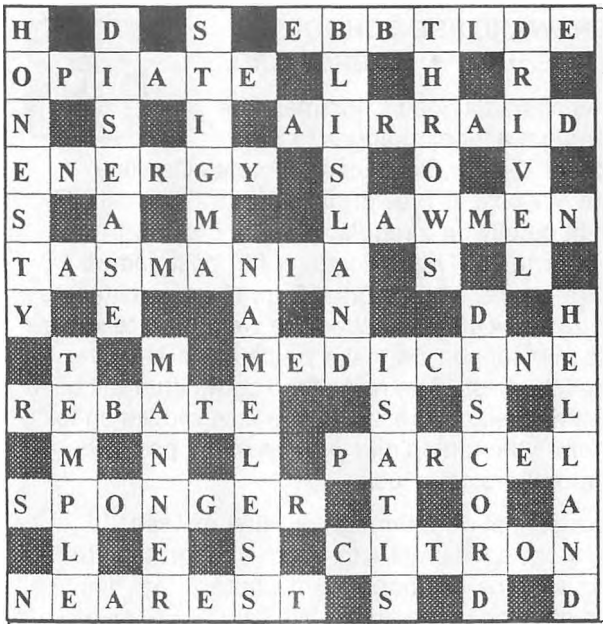

Christmas Crossword Answers

Only one entry for the Christmas Crossword prize - from the incomparable, millennial Mrs grace Masters, who not only solved the crossword but corrected the error in clue 19 down, which should have read WOAD not WOOD. Congratulations

DGB

The ringed letters spelt St **Breward.**

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Helland Parish Meeting Special Meeting
Thursday 1st March Village Hall 730pm.
New Forms of Government at the County Council.

Helland Village Hall News: After two emergency meetings to plot the future of the hall (following the closure of the Play Group), there will be a committee meeting on February 8th. It is hoped to meet again in March to hold an AGM and elect a new committee. There is now some light at the end of the tunnnel. We hope to keep the hall going for future generations. Of course we still need new members and plead for anyone to join us.

GOOD NEWS: Line Dancing is coming to Helland. To be held at the hall. More details next month.

Does anyone else know of an organisation that may wish to be given details of the hall?

Welcome to Helland's first baby of the year 2001. Born to Steve & Lisa Stokes of Limbsworthy, Helland on 24th January 2001, Eugene Tait, who was borne at Treliske and weighed in at 8lb 7oz.

Happy Birthday to Peter Maskell whose birthday is on the 5th February. Age not disclosed!

Happy Birthday to Lucy Dove of Crossing Cottage for 17th February.

Enjoy Singing?

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The Police Constables of St Breward (1859-1962)

In 1857, the Cornwall County Constabulary was instituted, with its headquarters in the county town of Bodmin. It was at this time a mainly rural police force, as most large towns, such as Bodmin, Launceston, Falmouth and Truro etc, had their own Borough Police. At a meeting of the Police committee in early 1859, it was decided that a police Constable should be stationed in the village of St Breward. This was an association that was to last for some 103 years, with twenty-five Constables serving the community.

So on 11th December 1859, PC 96 George Lucas, a 26 year old single man from Fowey, arrived in the village, moving into his rented accommodation at Row. Whether an incident happened at his previous station at Wadebridge or in St Breward is not known, but PC Lucas was "Dismissed for highly inappropriate conduct as a Police officer" on 1st January 1860. So after only three weeks, the village had lost its Constable. Between January 1860 and November 1861 three further Constables serving in the village were dismissed the Force. One of these, PC 99 William Parsons (March - October 1860), was "Dismissed the Force" having been found in the tap room of the Old Inn, by his sergeant, "unable to stand". This was his third offence of drinking on duty, and had been fined 5s in each of the previous occasions.

A PC 124 William Dawe, a Devonian, came to the village in November 1891, and had an uneventful time until he too was caught drinking at the Wenford Inn whilst on duty. The church Vestry Committee minutes (forerunner of the Parish Council) dated 19th March 1892 states, " the best way in which the parish could make its wishes known to the Chief Constable concerning the case of PC Dawe, i.e. that a full enquiry should be made as to the charges brought against him, so that the parish might know why he is being removed". It did not help, as he and his family were removed from the village to South Petherwin at his own expense.

PC 145 Edward Wonnacott, another Devonian, arrived in March 1892, and was the first Constable and his family to move into the newly built Police house at Chapel Terrace. He only remained in the village a couple of years before moving to Nanstallon. In November 1904, PC Wonnacott and his family were again stationed in St Breward and the house they had left almost ten years earlier. One of his early investigations was of a fire at Hill farm, owned by John Curnow, when a quantity of hay and straw was burnt. It transpired that a young boy had been playing with matches which had started the fire. No charges were brought. This was followed by a John Alford being dealt with for "allowing a dog on the highway without a collar". He was fined 6s. The Wonnacotts left the village in 1912, moving to Egloshayle, before he retired because of poor health in October 1913.

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PC 139 John Chapman, served in the village from 1912 until November 1919, when he resigned from the Force, before he could be dismissed for "conduct unbecoming a Constable and calculated for bringing discredit on the Force". What he did is not recorded, but PC Chapman had been in trouble before. In February 1900 he was "fined 5s for unnecessary delay in returning to his station" and "fined 5s for drinking in a public house whilst on duty". But from those that knew him, he was a good Constable. He served the village through one of its saddest times, that being the First World War, when some of those who volunteered to serve their country, failed to return. Then there was the setting up of the Memorial Hall, the control of crowds besieging the quarries to view the Nurse Cavell memorial, and the outbreak of rabies in the district, when a Joseph Hambley of St Mabyn was charged on passing through the village without having his dog muzzled. It was during his last years of police service that he joined the St Breward brass band, playing the large base drum, and became locally known as "Drummer Chapman", carrying his large drum to concerts in the sidecar of his motorbike combination. On retirement he became the only Constable to remain in the village, living at Duck Street. **(to be continued)**

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Percy Dingle aged 71

St Breward mourned the death after a long illness of Percy Dingle at his funeral at Glynn Valley Crermatorium.

Percy's first connection with St Breward, he was a Port Quin lad, was when he married Madge Colman at St Breward Parish Church in March 1954. They lived at first in St Dennis but later moved to St Breward

He spent most of his working life driving a heavy lorry all over the country and then found a local job at St Lawrence's hospital. He served as a Police Special.

In retirement Percy kept himself very busy, much involved with village life, serving as a Parish Councillor and forming our very active Neighbourhood Watch. He was a committee member of the St Breward Community Bus Association, acting as relief driver on the 'School run' and also taking his turn with the Camelford Age Concern bus.

A common sight around St Breward would be Percy and Peter Nottle working at logs or Percy towing his trailer with a lawnmower on board. I first met him soon after we had first moved into the shop (1994). I had a lot to do, restocking and putting the shop to rights, but Christine wanted her large rotary washing line erected. Martin Kay negotiated to do the work but on site Percy was the foreman and the washing line was soon in place. Every time I look out of our kitchen window I can still vividly picture the banter with Percy giving off to Martin about the way he was going about things and Martin giving back as good as he got.

Percy's social life revolved around the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes and he was very proud of the high levels he reached in the 'Buffs'. When he first told me that he had been the Provincial Grand Primo I jokingly said that 'Primo' was a cabbage; he soon put me straight.

In life, we all take people like Percy for granted, seeing him out and about in the village, passing the time of day, even having the odd disagreement, but in death we realise how much Percy contributed to the uniqueness that is St Breward . It is a poorer place for his passing.

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The Missing Link **By Pauline Northcott Tel 01208 74637**

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The family moved to Blisland around 1820 and although many of our ancestors are buried in Blisland churchyard, some moved away to Bodmin, or nearby villages.

I've managed to trace almost all of the direct line, but I'm really stuck on one side of the family; that is the family of George Northcott and his wife Mary Ann Dodge.

George has a beautiful headstone in Blisland churchyard, where he and some of his children are at rest. His son William Albert died during the Great War. His name is on the war memorial. His second son, George Henry is buried alongside his wife Edith Mary (Rich). His daughter Emma is buried in an unmarked grave next to her youngest daughter, Frances
Neal. His grandson, Edwin Thomas and daughter-in-law Fanny Kate are also there.

But what happened to his other children?

Anna b. 1860 – Mary J b. 1862 – Elizabeth b. 1866

Where are his grandchildren Hilda and Gladys?

If anyone has any knowledge of these or any other Northcotts please could you give me a call. You never know maybe I'm the missing link to your family tree!

North Cornwall Hunt

February 2001

Sat	3rd	N. Cornwall Point to Point
Wed	7th	Lesnewth Rectory
Sat	10th	Ivey (for the moor)
Sat	10th	North Cornwall Hunt Ball
Wed	14th	Homer Park
Sat	17th	Hustyn Mine Park
Wed	21st	The Cornish Arms. St Tudy
Sat	24th	Temple Four Turnings (for the moor)
Wed	28th	Chain Bridge
Wed	28th	United Hunts Ball

March, 2001

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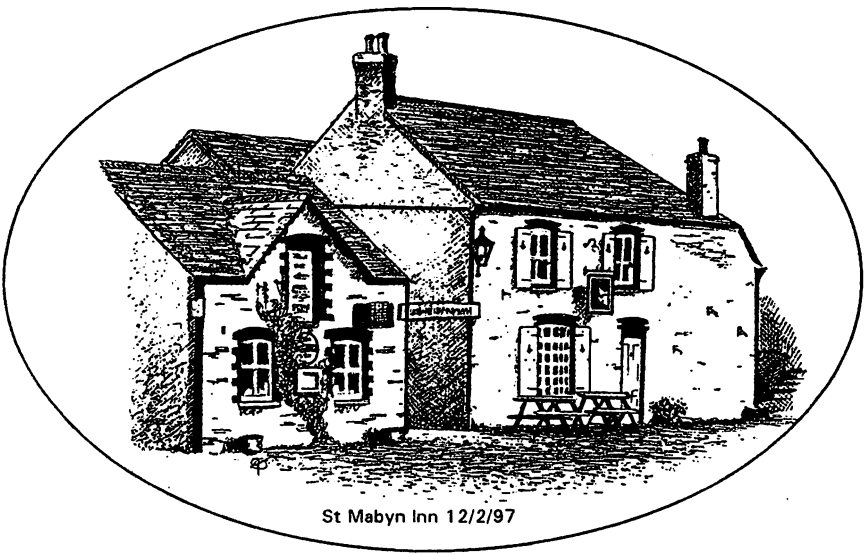

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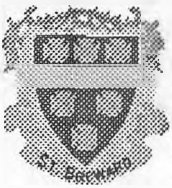
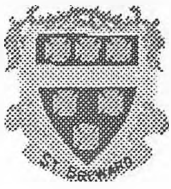


Presidential Honour For Band



Members of fourth section South West Regional Champions St Breward Band, are blowing their trumpets with joy following the acceptance of the bands invitation to Goff Richards the famous international brass band composer and conductor to be their new President.

Goff Richards was born in Cornwall. After studying at the Royal college of Music and Reading University he embarked on a career that saw him firmly established as a composer, arranger and conductor. His brass band works in particular have earned him an international reputation, and there will be few brass band concerts that do not feature something of his.

He has composed and arranged works for a wide variety of international artists and ensembles, including the King singers, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Radio Orchestra, BBC Northern Radio Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra's, Choral Societies, Military, and brass bands. In the field of light entertainment Goff has contributed regularly to BBC Radio Two programmes, as well as writing extensively for TV.

In his role as band adjudicator he is widely travelled, attended National Brass Band championships throughout Europe and indeed the world. For his services to Cornish music, Goff Richards was honoured by being made a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd in 1976.

Goff's close family who live in St Minver have for many years had a close relationship with St Breward Band, and to this day continue to support and show a keen interest in their achievements. His late Uncle Jack, who died last year, was President of the band for many years. Goff is particular delighted to take up the Presidential role maintaining the close family ties with the band.

A possible commission in the year 2001 based on suitable West End music and Broadway tunes may be forthcoming, tunes that would fit in well with music played by the St Breward Band, and that were particularly loved by his Uncle Jack.

The band also announce the retirement of one of it's long serving members, and past chairman, trombone player Jack Heard. Jack ends his 35 year association with the band by looking forward to his golfing pastime and lifetime ambition for a hole in one!!
All members of the band thank him for his years of support and dedication, wishing him well in his retirement.

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Quite soon a core of 5 of us were regularly practising. We met the Tintagel Handbell Ringers who showed us how it should be done! Then we visited a Handbell Ringing Festival at Larnerton, Devon; we weren't participating but we learnt a lot that night.

We are currently endeavouring to secure funds for renovation of the complete set of 12 handbells. These handbells are very special to St Breward being presented to our Church in 1896 - cast by Mears of Whilechapel Bell Foundry, London, renowned for their high quality bells.

Our future aims are to be involved in local activities, visit a variety of other local groups/organisations, young and old, where we will play our handbells and encourage others to 'have ago'. We want to build our membership up to 2 full teams to enable us to make full use of all 12 bells.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our group or would like to give it a try, you are very welcome. You need no previous musical experience!

Come and talk to us after our performance or ring Cathy Glaser, Secretary, on St Breward (01208) 851744 for more information.

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Camelford & District Old Cornwall Society January Meeting

This was the inaugural meeting of our **Camelford Project**, which is to record and preserve the vernacular history of Camelford & district during the 20th century. Denis Lusby deputised for David Attwell who was unable to give the presentation. He outlined the aims of the project and introduced the Wayside Features Recording sheets which he gave to members and asked them to fill in with information about any wayside object that are local to Cornwall. These could be granite mileposts, stiles, crosses, slate hedges or more ephemeral objects such as local names for roads, lanes or fields.

Local history of an area is not just about Kings & Queens and lords of the manor but the more prosaic matters such as why places have particular names; why, where & when certain types of business were carried out. Local history is the day to day reasons why a community exists in its present form. Most of this information resides in people's memories or in individual archives, which are so often lost when that individual dies. Our project aims to collect this information and hold it in trust for future generations.

Mr Henry Symons read out some of the simple chattels and strange conditions of an old local will. Ms Celia Langley listed the businesses and occupations of Camelford from the 1841 census – this included a photographer! Mr Wesley read out a humorous account of goings on at Delabole slate quarry and Mr Peter Ascott presented a list of field name of around Tintagel taken from tithe and OS maps.

Next meeting is on Monday February 12th at 7.30pm in the Clease Hall when Mr Tim Dingle will give an illustrated talk on **The Wildlife of N Cornwall.**

Visitors are always welcome. More information from Denis Lusby 01208 850260

Strange But True

A surprise visit to the Old Inn Picture the scene – a dark January Saturday evening with the wind and rain gusting around the front porch of the Old Inn. Inside, customers enjoyed the blazing fires but the more observant among them noticed that there were few staff about and that the landlord was nowhere to be seen.

Before they had time to ponder on this rare phenomena , a dark stranger came through the door causing the bar person (politically correct title) to gasp in shock.

Patrons huddled closer to the fire wondering what calamity was about to befall them.

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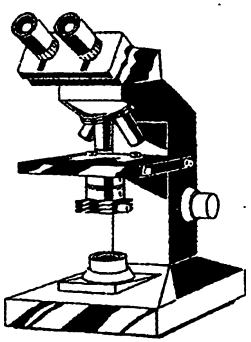

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They needn't have worried – with all the excitement of the N Cornwall Hunt Point to Point at Wadebridge the old Inn had forgotton that Johnny Cowling was booked to entertain!!

The Mystery of the disappearing water

Gareth Bunt had an urgent message to phone Ivan Crowle. He did – and Ivan said

"you'll ave to come down the ouse an ave a look at this ere. I've lost two thirds of me water from me fish tank."

"O", said Gareth, " I seed that up the road."

"Where to?" asked Ivan !!!

The real mystery is that two thirds of a 4ft x 4ft x2ft fish tank is an awful lot of water to lose without any evidence of a leak The carpet underneath was bone dry and it wasn't in his vacuum cleaner.

The Aviaries favoured scenario is that maybe Ivan came in late at night and drank the water or was it ghostly monks from the old abbey with a n almighty thirst?

Reports are coming in that **The Mole on the Green** has finally succumbed to that molean 'Grim Reaper' - The Inland Revenue. Although I have heard it said that if he spent less Saturdays on the golf course then there would be no problems.

The St Breward Institute & Memorial Hall

On Monday evening, 22nd January, the Chairman, Dennis Champion and the committee welcomed Cathy Glaser as their new Secretary.

If you would like to book the 'top room', which is fully carpeted and comfortable for meetings and exhibitions, or the 'lower room', which is ideal for more active use; dancing for example, the charge is £5 per session. A session is a morning, an afternoon or an evening, this includes heating and the use of the kitchen. We already have a variety of groups who use this facility regularly: the WI, the Parish Council, the Day Centre, Line Dancers and the Whist Drivers! There will soon be Spanish Dance lessons too. As you can see it is very versatile. Please phone and inquire, Cathy Glaser on 01208 851 744.

NORTH CORNWALL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contaminated Land

Under new duties placed on local authorities, NCDC is now required to identify all contaminated land in North Cornwall. The main cause of contamination is industrial use and so the first thing we have to do is to pinpoint the land that may potentially be contaminated and then investigate whether contamination has actually taken place.

Our environmental health team are using a variety of sources to identify industries that may have caused land to be contaminated. They are researching planning records, local library collections, County records and so on but would also be very grateful for any local knowledge.

If any residents have memories of past industrial use, pollution incidents or any type of activity that may have led to the contamination of land we would like to hear from them.

Here is a list of some of the industries that may have caused contamination :

Airports & Dockyards
Ceramics, Textile and dye works
Gas works & Chemical works
Pulp and paper manufacturing
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Charcoal works & Timber products
Fibreglass manufacturing
Printing and bookbinding
Animal and animal products processing
Engineering & Metal manufacturing
Power stations & Oil refineries
Railway land
Sewage works & Waste recycling
Dry cleaners & Photographic processing

There may also be natural sources of contamination.

The contact at NCDC is Stephen Whitehurst, Environmental Health Technician
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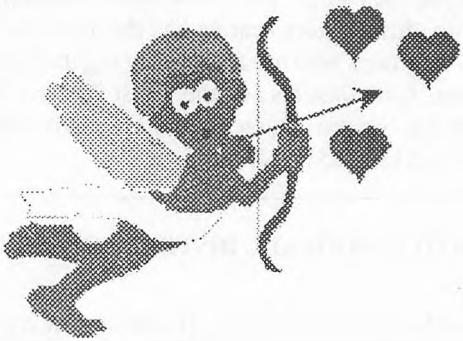

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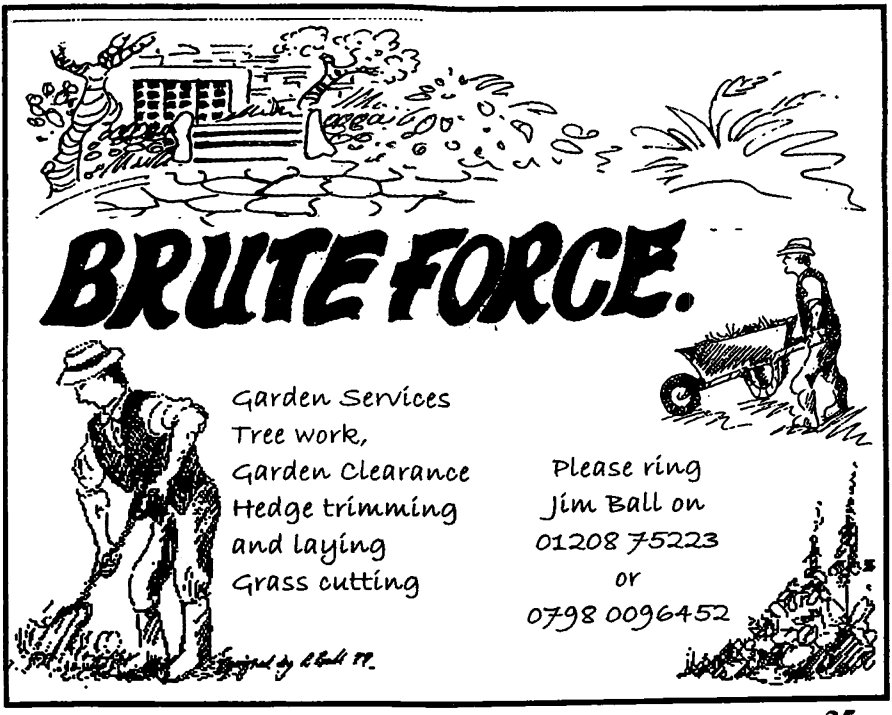

St Breward Parish Council

The St Breward Parish Council met on 9th January at 7pm, District Councillor Jim Kernpthome being in attendance.

Planning applications passed for approval were as follows:

Mr & Mrs Renfrey - Kennel Cott - Erection of extension.
Mr & Mrs Hethrington - Riverside Cott - Erection of extension.
Mr & Mrs Hooper - Pendavey - Gas tank retention.

Virginia Cholmeley brought to the notice of the Council a book on the influencing of planning decisions which would be obtained. Discussed also was the problem of a footpath that had been altered. Although the Council would make it's own viewpoint heard, such a matter had to be resolved legally between the solicitors for the landowner involved and the authorities.

Denis Lusby recommended that a Village Design Statement be prepared which would constitute a design guide for St Breward future development, to augment the existing North Cornwall Design Guide. In the past, there had been some remarkably bad planning decisions made by the NCDC for St Breward against the recommendations of the Parish Council. A senior planning officer would be invited from Bodmin to attempt to avoid such problems in future.

Following the resignation of Eileen Collings from the Parish Council and notices posted in St Breward, NCDC has stated that there was an insufficient response from the village to hold an election. The Parish Council will, accordingly, co-opt a new parish Councillor at the next meeting in February.

The transfer of funds held by the Council to the playground equipment fund raising committee was agreed but this had to be in accordance with the regulations affecting Parish Councils and an announcement will be made at the next meeting..

The Government White Paper "Our countryside: the future" has been received for comment.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Memorial Hall on 6th February at 7pm. All members of the village are welcome to attend, to listen or to raise any particular concerns they may have.

Mev Shelley Chairman

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Modernising NCDC

North Cornwall residents are to have the opportunity to influence the way their district council operates in future. A wide-ranging public consultation programme about the four options for a new political structure gets underway this month. A special edition of the Council's newspaper *North Cornwall Matters* explaining the four options will be delivered to all addresses in the district by 9th February. The newspaper includes a reply-paid questionnaire asking residents to state their preferred option.

In addition, NCDC's Chief Executive, David Brown will be holding a series of public meetings about the four options in February and March. The public meetings which all start at 7.30 pm will take place on the following dates:

Monday, 12th February	Bodmin, Shire House Suite
Monday 19th February	Camelford, NCDC Council Chamber
Monday 26th February	Wadebridge Town Hall

The four options for a new political structure are:

- A directly elected Mayor and a Cabinet
- A Leader and a Cabinet
- A directly elected Mayor and a Council Manager
- A streamlined committee system

NCDC is hoping for a good response from residents so the message to you readers is please send back your questionnaire from North Cornwall Matters and come along to one of the public meetings.

Private water supplies — recent news stories about radon

NCDC's environmental health staff will be pleased to give advice to any residents who may, be concerned about the recent news stories about radon being found in some private water supplies in West Devon.

For anyone with a private water supply it is important to keep this issue in perspective Radon, if present at higher levels may be an increased risk over a whole lifetime's exposure, especially for smokers. It is much more important to protect private water supplies from bacteriological contamination to prevent stomach upsets or worse, and to inspect and maintain the source and distribution system and to have the water tested once a year.

For information or to request an info pack contact: Paul Williams 01208 893521

Yellow Pages — recycling

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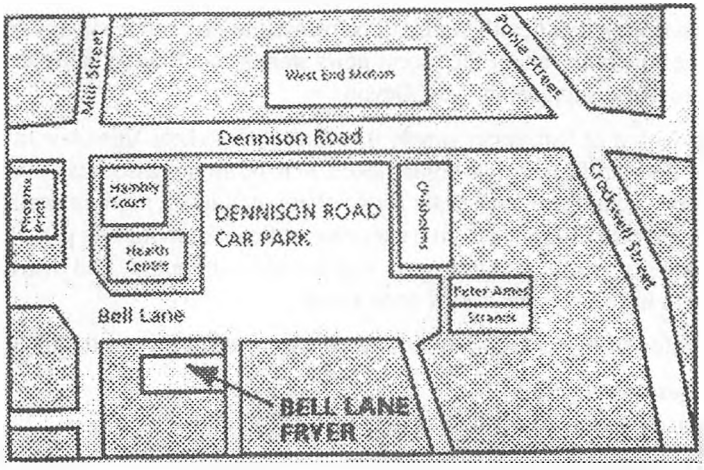

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VANDALISED CARS: In the early morning of Thursday, 21st. December, no less than six cars were attacked through the Village, from Rylands to Limbhead. All of these incidents involved criminal damage and ranged from break-in, wires ripped out, ignition and wires ripped out and items stolen, to the removal of one car, a Vauxhall Nova, from an address at Rylands Terrace which was later found burnt out in Helland woods. The Police are treating this matter very seriously and we are waiting for information back from them. Any further information, no matter how small, regarding this incident, would be appreciated. A group of youths is suspected of committing these offences.

HOOLIGANISM: At 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th. January, an elderly couple, living near the Football Ground, were disturbed by a shower of stones being thrown at their windows. This mindless act was immediately reported to the Police who will be following up this incident and asking questions around the Village

POLICE CONTACT AT BODMIN: We now have a contact Officer at Bodmin Police Station. His name is not for general release but may be obtained by Members from Ian Burns or Kevin Foster

CCTV CAMERAS: In view of the recent spate of crime in St. Breward, the Committee are looking into the cost of installing CCTV cameras in the Village

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES: There have been a great many distraction burglaries in the Devon & Cornwall area, recently.

Often the prey of these teams of criminals are the elderly and infirm, although this is not always the case.

Their methods are to mislead and confuse their victims, posing as officials from the water, gas or electricity boards. Another ploy is to ask to inspect a property, to suggest what measures should be taken to avoid flooding. They may even ask to use your toilet or ask for a drink of water.

There have also been incidents when a man has called at elderly persons doors, claiming that there are children running around in the back garden. Don't be misled, they could be middle aged or young, male or female and even children have been involved.

Ian Burns

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN ST. BREWARD
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
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St. Breward WI. January 9th 2001

Twenty three members gathered in the Methodist Church for their New Year party, each one bringing a small helping of refreshments which were well set out for a celebration supper after the normal business had been dealt with.

A card was signed by all present to congratulate Mrs Joey Greenaway on being awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List, which surely must be a "first" for our institute, unfortunately she was unable to attend because of illness but Mrs C Wolf and Mrs Teague took this and a flower basket to her at home.

The craft afternoons started with a patchmaking session at Mrs M Wilton's home on Jan 17th

The secretary, Mrs J Gant, has the entry forms for the Barbara Reed competition for a Topsy Turvey doll at the Royal Cornwall Show; and St Breward has entered the " Women of Prominence" competition in the usual box area format; this must include flowers, craft and the biography of a person. One suggestion was Nurse Edith Cavell because her connections with St. Breward.

An outing was suggested to the Tavistock workshop of David Trewin, a master craftsman wood turner. It is always so fascinating seeing the work of someone so skilled at his or her chosen profession. Looking well into the future - the 2001 Garden Day will take place on Sunday May 13th at Mrs Paddy Powell's home: it will soon be time for members to sow seeds and decide which plants will be available for sale on the day. Three members had applied for a £100 bursary to Denman College of which we have two to offer, so it was decided that we should raise a further £100 for the third bursary by extending our fundraising a bit further.

Nominations were taken for the 2001 committee as follows; Mesdames Powell, Daws, Welton, Bevan, Dibb, Gant, Wilton, Woolf, Crowle, and Alexander; Mrs. A. Holmes will remain press secretary unless a volunteer is waiting in the wings.

The lovely supper was then next on the agenda, accompanied by lots of chatter as usual, and afterwards we tried our wits on three good written games produced by Mrs. Wilton with a lot of cries of " I should know that!". Eventually the winners divided the £5 vouchers towards WI subscriptions which was a very useful prize especially at this time of year with the £16.25 almost due. Everyone had brought a small wrapped gift, so all present picked one out of the basket to take home. The very next day it was the New Year luncheon at the Old Inn which nineteen people attended, as one member remarked " all we seem to do is eat!"

The Annual Meeting is on February 13th at 7.15pm when we will elect our new committee. Subscriptions are due on this evening & there will be no competitions with the retiring committee acting as hostesses.

Anne Holmes

St Breward AFC & Social Club

With the dodgy weather hopefully behind us, our football fixtures are just about getting back to normal. Unfortunately the Sweet & Masters Cup games have had to be postponed this year due to the backlog of league fixtures.

It is nice to welcome back our friends from Priory house on Tuesday mornings to play pool and skittles. Joe provides a few light refreshments for them and they thoroughly enjoy themselves every week.

Members of St Breward AFC & Social Club would like to congratulate Mrs J Greenaway on receiving her MBE. We should also like to wish her a very speedy recovery after her illness.

Fixtures for February

1st Team			2nd Team	
3rd	Foxhole	Home	Foxhole	Away
10th	Liskeard	Home	Tideford	Away
17th	St Blazey	Home	Bodmin Ath	Away
24th			Tregony	Home
March				
3rd	Camelford	Away		

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