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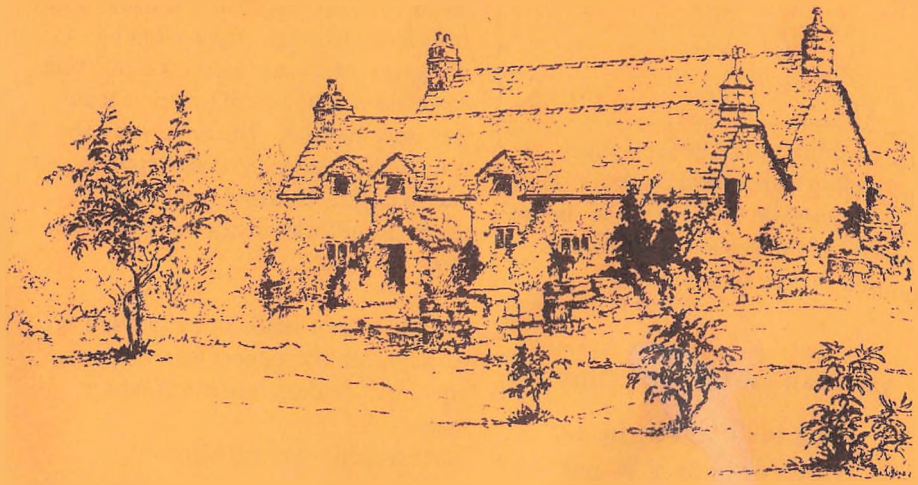

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Letter from your editor

Dear Reader,

This edition begins a new year for your Parish Magazine. I hope you all have had a nice Christmas and I wish you all a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

I have tried to make your magazine as interesting as I can but sometimes it is a struggle so please make a new Year's resolution to send in something that interests you and which will interest our readers.

We had an interesting article last month about the journal of Thomas Greenaway, so come on all you local historians and send in something. If you attend a village event, please do not assume that someone will be bound to report it as this isn't the case. The organisers are usually too tired/busy to find time to put pen to paper. Finally I need line drawings of local scenes to liven up the blocks of text.

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Race Evening

Would the very attractive, lightly dressed blonde 22 year old whom I escorted from the Old Inn to Row on New Year's morning and who whispered sweet nothings into my ear, please get in touch as I would like to further our aquaintence.

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Olympic Qualifier called off

Wobbly Bill's attempt to qualify for the next Olympics has been reluctantly abandoned when he was banned from his training venue. A practice dive of severe difficulty consisting of 3½ somersaults with 3 turns and a tucked pike failed when the basin came off the wall, causing extensive damage to the basin but not to Bill. Bill states that his peak fitness enabled him to avoid injury by rolling all over the floor thereby dissipating any energy.

Mr Darren Wills, owner of the St Breward Men's Diving Facility said he had no recourse but to ban Bill as this facility was very popular..

One commented that the only good outcome to all of this is that the Gents in the Old Inn now has a posh new basin.

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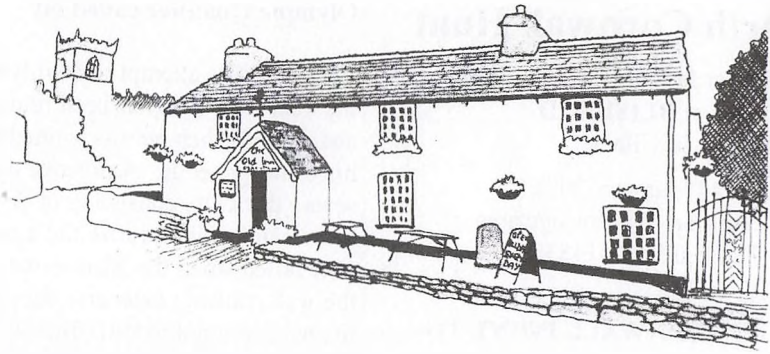

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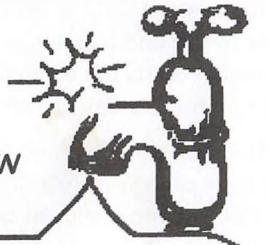

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A Chinese Puzzle — good for all you pub quiz enthusiasts!

1 .When is the Chinese New Year's Day in Year 2002?

. . . . and three other questions?

2. When is the vicar's birthday?
3. When was Abraham Lincoln born?
4. When is Shrove Tuesday this year?

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Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, New Year — it's all important. They give us markers on our journey.

As a child I would often walk the dark tree-shadowed lane from St. Blazey to Par. My method for warding off fears was to walk from telegraph pole to the next and pause for the briefest moment at each.

Use this time of the year to pause for a moment, build up your strength, and make your resolutions. In the old agricultural cycle this time of the year was a quiet time, a time for reflection and celebration. In church celebrations it was the time for Plough Sunday when the ploughs were brought into church for blessing.

In St. Breward we have a surviving celebration of revelry! We call it Revel Sunday. This year it is on 10th February (2.30pm at Rylands). Even the animals join in the short walk to the church and the festivities begin. We lay the dark winter to rest and look towards the Spring, to the beginning of new life. Ash Wednesday starts the penitential season of Lent on February 13th. Easter Day comes on the last day of March.

I do like the variability and the untidiness of it all. Easter never ever comes the same time each year. Nor does the Chinese New Year start on the same day. They both follow a more ancient cosmic clock, the waxing and waning of the moon.

Celebrate the markers in your life, the places and times to pause before you continue on your way.
Happy New Year 2002 (or 4699 in the Chinese lunar calendar!)
Derek Carrivick
ANSWER.

February 12, 2002. It is the first day of the Year of the Horse.

Date	Blisland	Helland	St. Breward
6th January Epiphany	9.30am Derek Carrivick	6.00pm Covenant Service with Holy Communion at the Parish Church Derek Carrivick & Stephen Williams	11.10am .Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
13th January	9.30am Holy Communion David Reed	11.00am United Family Service (at Methodist Church) Stephen Williams	11.10am Holy Communion David Reed
20th January	9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Joan Kirby	11.10am Family Service Derek Carrivick/ Valerie Jones
27th January	9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am United Holy Communion (at Parish Church) Derek Carrivick	11.10am. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
	3.30am. (TEMPLE) Evening Service Derek Carrivick		
3rd February	9.30am. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30pm Songs of Praise Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick

Blisland Village Hall

A very successful Christmas Luncheon was held in the Hall on Thursday December 6th. Forty-five people enjoyed a turkey lunch, followed by entertainment by Thelma Tucker and Gilbert Roose.

Many thanks to all those who prepared and served the meal. Also a special thanks to Wendy Gurr, who not only provided the lovely table decorations, but also donated them to be sold towards hall funds.

A total profit of £231 was raised on this event.

To enable us to continue to provide this type of social luncheon/dinner we would appreciate if anyone has surplus to their requirements any of the following they could donate to the Village Hall:

> Pyrex dishes, water jugs and tumblers. Also a hostess trolley no longer used and would donate or permanent loan to the hall. This would be much appreciated.

Watch this space in the February magazine for more events/ activities for 2002.

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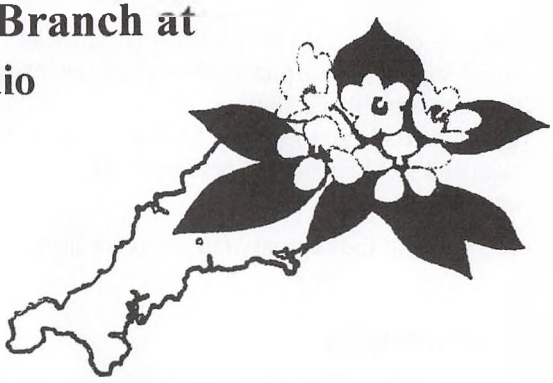

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ST MABYN PRE-SCHOOL

Its been a few months since I wrote to you but here's an update on Pre-school affairs.

The Jumble Sale in November raised a fantastic £217.86 which has been kindly matched with a donation from Bristol & West PLC. This will enable us to invest in new items for the children to enjoy.

Christmas preparations included making calendars, Christmas decorations, cards, nativity play and of course the inevitable Christmas Party. Luckily Father Christmas was able to take a break from his busy schedule and surprise all the children with some presents. Lots of fun, games and food were enjoyed by all the children.

The nativity play was shown at our Annual Open Morning when friends and relations joined us in the hall for mince pies and coffee. All the children participated and no major mishaps occurred!

At the end of this year we have a few children leaving us to go to school, therefore we have places to fill. Please contact Angela, playleader, on 01208 841659 for further details.

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HEARTFELT FROM HELLAND: Grateful thanks to those brave souls who came with much fortitude to sing carols round the village, it was delightful to see children's faces wonderingly watching our faces and torchlight song. Thank you to all you generous ones who gave and enabled us to collect the sum of £32 for St Petroc's Society for Homeless People; you have made a difference to more than one life, in a loving and practical way. Gratitude too to the kind hearts and warm welcome from Ann and Iain Cameron at Silverstream whose good hospitality enabled us to defrost noses and fingers whilst enjoying delicious mince pies, shortbread, tea and coffee. Some of us were intrigued by the well-lit houses whose inhabitants did not respond to our song, then someone enlightened us that these are they who do not keep Christmas and we must respect their views.

New Start in 2002: I'm going to try and use language more carefully, especially when the milk boils over or the car won't co-operate, and keep on with Weight Watchers. Being a better neighbour, not just to the delightful family next door, but to whomever. The lady at the Jet station in Bodmin taught me a good lesson the other night when I checked my tyre pressures and found a slow puncture. She not only found me a chair in her warm shop, but also offered me a cup of tea while I waited for Brittania Rescue. She also chatted to me between customers instead of treating me like an unnecessary installation. That's going the second mile and some, just as our Lord Jesus taught his friends to do. So let's be bothered about those we come across, people we're never likely to meet but who desperately need help, and we can pray a simple one sentence prayer for the Lord to help them out of their misery into a better life. As we enjoy our warm homes, filled shelves and the love of family and friends, please pray for people like Oylsha, seen recently on the news, aged 39 yet looking 59, begging on the streets of Kandahar for food for herself and her 3 girls; her husband has been killed. Jesus said "What you do for the least of the, these, you do for me", which is the best ever reason for doing anything.

Valerie Jones

Blisland Methodist Church Services for January

6th	at 2.30pm	Preacher Mr J Hawkins
2oth	at 2.30pm	Preacher Pastor Brian Parkman (Holy Communion)

St Breward Methodist Church January Diary

No Coffee Morning this month

6th	9.30am	Brian Parkman SAC
13th	9.30am	Andrew Martin
20th	9.30am	Mr Mabson
27th	9.30am	Mrs Rackham

Children's Church Wednesdays 3.15pm

CAROL SINGING!

Twelve of us went carol singing around Blisland village and we collected £166.00 for The Sunrise Appeal.

We wish to thank all those who extended hospitality to us in the way of very welcome refreshments on a cold night and all who gave so generously. Also thanks must be given to Mary & Bill Pope for organising it and obtaining a mini bus to transport us and at the end of the evening providing refreshments back at Tresarrett!

Armchair Antics

Reports have been circulating that Dai Wills has an armchair in his shed at De Lank quarry. A piskie has asked me to put the record straight. The chair is in fact a car seat which still has a seatbelt attached. The Seatbelt came in very useful when Dai, on the wrong medication, often fell to sleep – it prevented him falling out and gave the appearance that he was alert and on the job.

Micky Harris is still 'saying nothing.'

Is it true that Jill Hollister offered Dave Hill, who was sitting between Ian Skinner and David Methven, a high-chair at the recent De Lank Christmas Dinner in the Old Inn. She claims that he couldn't see over the mound of food on his plate. History does not record what he said to her. (My reporter's memory failed just then as he downed his xx**th pint.)

NORTH CORNWALL DISTRICT COUNCIL

NCDC car park charges for next year

After meeting with town and parish councils and listening to what residents are saying about council car parks, NCDC is proposing some real changes in the charging structure for next year. The proposed changes are designed to help town centre businesses and tourism whilst still meeting the income target. NCDC earns around £1 m a year from car parks and this money is important because it helps pay for non-statutory services like beach lifeguards, coast & countryside and public toilets.

Town centre car park prices will be cut – the one hour tariff going from 45p to 40p. Coach prices will be slashed by half to encourage more coach operators to bring visitors to North Cornwall and the charging structure for long stay and coastal car parks will be simplified with just two tariff bands – up to 4 hours and over 4 hours.

The price of residents concessionary tickets will remain pegged at £100. These tickets are valid in long stay and coastal car parks 7 days a week. They represent incredible value for money giving parking at 38p a day over a working week. There are even further reductions for residents in receipt of housing or council tax benefits.

For visitors the weekly ticket for coastal car parks will cost £12 – offering a saving of 43% on the regular tariffs. Long stay weekly tickets will rise by just 50p to £7.50.

Tickets in long stay and coastal car parks are transferable so, for example, if you buy an all-day ticket at one car park you can spend a few hours there and then move on to another car park using the same ticket. (Good if you want to go to the beach and then do your shopping.)

Charging hours in coastal car parks will be cut so that they will be free after 6 pm although the charging period will now be extended to cover October.

At Boscastle the special hourly rate will be cut from 80p to 60p and residents will have half an hour's free parking till 9.30 am. At Tintagel, to encourage more use of the Visitor Centre, the tariffs will be cut extensively

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Golden Jubilee – BBC Music Live

Monday June 3rd has been designated as the BBC music live day. Everyone is invited to take part, towns, villages, councils, churches, community groups, choirs, orchestras and bands with music spilling out into streets, on village greens, beaches, public parks, community centre, pubs and sports clubs.

BBC TV and radio want to extensively cover these events so if you want to register any event you may be organising, send details to BBC Music Live, BBC South West, Seymour Road, Plymouth Devon PL3 5BD email musiclive-sw@bbc.co.uk

Martin's unplanned away day

Jackie & Rose were glad to accept Martin's invitation,
To take the girls and all their bags along to Bodmin station.
For today's the day, they take the train, waiting on the track
"I'll give you a hand with your bag's and put them on the rack"
But little did Martin know that day, as he lifted up the cases,
That the train would leave, with him on board, maybe he'll change places.
For it's off to Florida their going, yes Florida in the sun
He's got not passport, got no clothes, it's like being on the run.
He better get off, or shall he stay on, he really didn't care
But off he got, at the Liskeard stop, God had he got the fare?
He's got to get back from whence he came to pick up the old car
So with a wave, the girls shouted out "Martin you're a star"
This good deeds cost him money, it's also taken time
But never mind, he's had a laugh,
And believe me that is no crime.

Martin Yeo went to Bodmin station and helped out with the cases, by putting them on the train, but the train took off with him on it. So really a very long way around from St. Breward to Bodmin via Liskeard without any money.

HELLAND VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Thank you everybody for supporting our Christmas Quiz night on the 6th December. Judging by the noise at the end of the evening a good time was had by all! The overall winners were 'Barn Eggs' from Helland led by Brian and Anthea Barker.

We raised a total of £185.08 which will go towards repairing the outside wall and varnishing the floor. Thanks must go to Iain Cameron for compiling the questions, Revd Derek Carrivick for being question master and trying to keep order and all other committee members who helped.

If anyone is interested in joining our committee we are having our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Band Breaks a 100 Year Tradition

A packed band room witnessed a century old tradition being broken at the St Breward Silver Band Annual General Meeting, when Debbie Hummerstone accepted the nomination as band chairman for the coming year.

Debbie has become the first woman to take this male dominated prestigious position since the bands formation over 101 years ago. She paid tribute to the outgoing chairman David Scoins, and vice chairman Victor Teague, who celebrates his 49th year of membership with the band this year.

Other principle officers elected being. Vice Chairman Andrew Rowe. Secretary Clair Teaque. Treasurer Mike Rowe. Band Manager Nick Teaque.

Debbie who plays cornet with the band, has over 20 years experience of brass band music, playing with Bodmin Junior Section, Shepton Mallet Town Band, Glastonbury Town Band, and Saltash. she has also made guest appearances playing with the Royal Marines based at Yeovilton.

In addition to banding she has been a peripatetic music teacher in junior schools throughout Somerset.

With the band riding on a crest of a wave following an excellent year of band engagements, plus it's recent promotion to third section on the National Brass Band championships, and success of it's latest CD ***"Centenary Celebrations",*** Debbie looks forward to the challenge of leadership, having already ideas for the year ahead.

One idea already being set up is a ***"Friends of the Band Club"***, offering quarterly newsletter, banding news, fundraising and social events. Full details of the club will published in next months Parish Magazine.

The month of December is traditionally a very busy month in banding circles, St Breward Silver Band was no exception, having played Carols for the local church service, The Old Inn, Port Isaac for the switching on of the festive lights, festive music for Garden Centres, but the icing on the cake being playing carols at a Young Farmers Christmas service in Truro Cathedral, and a visit to the band hall by Radio Cornwall's outside unit on the 20th of December.

After the festive season and the start of the new year, the band once again have to knuckle down and start practicing for forthcoming brass band competitions, building off the success of 2001.

New members are made most welcome, no matter what age group or competency of playing, Novices will be taught to play by the band, loaning instruments to practice on, and encouraging that music is fun, banding is fun, the social life not to be missed, so if you are interested, then why not give the band secretary a ring on 01208 851203

Members of the band wish you all a very happy and peaceful new year and look forward to your continued support.

Brian Hummerstone
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Resume of Farmwatch meeting held on 12th Dec 01
at Simon Ward Memorial Hall, St Breward

There were 9 apologises with all indicating interest in the results of the meeting.

Talkers present included; PC Brian Rice, Bodmin Rural Partnership Officer of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, James Morrish of the Rural Stress Information Network, Kevin Foster, organiser of the meeting as Representative of Nth Cornwall NHW Schemes for the NHWA and as organiser of Farm-Aid, a local marketing initiative.

PC Brian Rice explained the need for starting a Farmwatch scheme in the area and covered recent local sheep & equipment thefts. He explained that it was now apparent that thefts totalling 400-500 sheep could have been carried out over the last two months and in groups of 30-50 sheep either in horseboxes or stock trailers. He called for individual and collective vigilance and requested that people report suspicious sightings and actual crime AS SOON AS POSSIBLE since if no one reports a theft and no one is on their guard against thefts then those carrying out the thefts are encouraged to return repeatedly so as to steal again. The need for accurate information in relation to vehicle registration numbers, descriptions, location and direction of travel is paramount in addressing this problem. It was explained that the Traffic police were stopping transporting vehicles and were being made aware of the different types of Movement Licences, markings and ear tags. PC Brian Rice emphasised the need for ear tags, nothes or markings to be maintained on their stock for identification purposes. It was suggested that farmers ring in to notify of zero movements so as to make people more suspicious of actual movements. However this was felt unlikely to succeed since it required the co-operation of everyone.

A video was shown entitled 'Easy Pickings' followed by further discussion. The newly re-named 'Community Messaging System' [formally called 'Ringmaster'] for the various watches was explained. For those that fill in form for the purposes of Data Protection, they will receive a telephone call giving an appeal about a particular crime in their area or it may pass on information to help one protect their self and their neighbour from crime. It is planned that the system will be developed to send faxes and emails to suit the recipient.

James Morrish, the South West Project Officer of the Rural Stress Information Network then gave a talk on the history and services of his organisation. Whilst the organisation exists for all those working and living in rural areas, he explained that the organisation gained both publicity and funds during and since the 'Foot and Mouth' crisis in the support of Farmers etc. In association with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution they have been able to give practical and financial assistance to those in need by providing listening ear and fodder etc.

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Now is the time that farmers are feeling more under pressure even after the height of the 'Foot and Mouth' disease. As many as 110 calls per day come into his office from farmers requesting assistance. Several anonymous examples were given.

A proposition of a marketing initiative, called 'Farm-Aid' was then given by Kevin Foster. Farm-Aid was formed just before Foot & Mouth broke out. Its aim is to give practical assistance to producers of meat and vegetables by: 1) Marketing local produce for local outlets and so minimising 'middlemen' thereby maximising return for both parties. Other advantages will be a) better quality meat since the animals tend to be cared for since there is less traumatic changes of ownership b) reduction of travelling distances by animals to slaughter c) reliable traceability of product back to the local producer d) keeping money in the local economy by shopping 'local'. It is not the intention to by-pass the local shops, on the contrary, Farm-Aid wishes to produce income for the local retailers as well as the local producers since they each are part of the community under threat. 2) Producing a list of goods for sale or wanted to assist producers who either wish to sell or acquire property or equipment using a confidential box number of Farm-Aid. 3) Offering computer services for searches or administration. 4) Promote Farmwatch in conjunction with the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

Research has been conducted and the necessary approvals have been given.
If the outbreak of Foot & Mouth has taught one thing to those who had not given it much thought, it is the importance of home produce from our farmers and our dependence on it.

This talk was then followed by two appeals by Kevin Foster as a representative of NHW. The first appeal was for land to be identified that come be given, rented or purchased for the youth of the village. Their group is keen to develop an area for Trial Pedal Cycles but it must be close to the village for their safety. The land could attract diversification grants.

The second appeal was the information on the dog 'Moss' missing from the Blisland area since between 3pm and 4.30pm on 5th November. It is a black/white collie bitch with distinctive left floppy ear, white front left leg and white socks. There is a £500 reward for information leading to its recovery. Any information should be rung on 01208 850306

It was then stated that another Farmwatch meeting is organised in approximately 6 months time. It was agreed that this would be good for both Farmwatch and the Rural Stress aspect.

People were thanked for their attendance with an invitation made for confidential private discussion with the guest speakers at any time.

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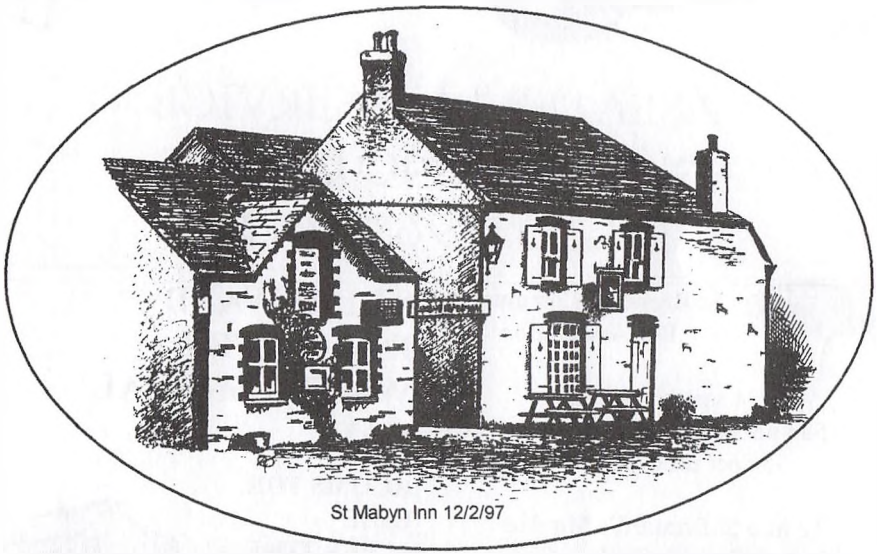

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Meanwhile, we give publicity to useful relevant numbers:

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Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution [Financial assistance]: 01865 727 888. Open weekdays 9am to 5 pm/4.30pm Fridays
Farm Crisis Network [Practical support from farmers]: 07002 326 326. Open 7pm to 10pm daily.
The Samaritans [Emotional help and support]: 08457 909090 Open 24 hours a day.

A very informative video entitled 'Help at Hand' giving details of a Rural Stress Action Plan is available on loan via Moorgoods.

ST BREWARD PLAY AREAS

The Play Areas Committee would like to say a big thank you to Nicola Dingle for organising a Bingo Evening and Peter Nottle for giving up his time to be Bingo Caller. The evening raised £311. This amount combined with the generous donation of £150 representing the proceeds of Denis and Christine's Christmas Raffle bring the amount now raised at the end of 2001 to an impressive total of £9,950. The Committee would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank all those who have helped us to raise funds and we hope with your continued support that we will achieve our aims in 2002.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January 2	Weigh in for Sponsored Slim
January	Disco at St Breward Football Club - Date to be announced so look out for our Posters
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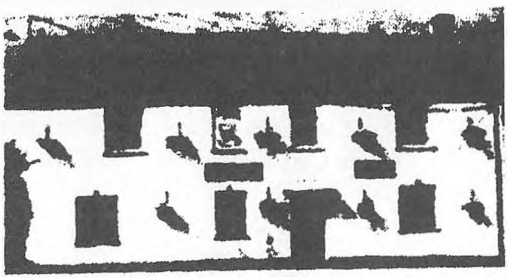

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St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Tuesday 4th December 2001. PC Hellier attended and also a member of the public, Mr J Smith.

PC Hellier reported that in the last few months, petty crime and incidents were very low in the village. As if the Farming Community had not suffered enough from F & M disease, there had been serious rustling of sheep from Bodmin Moor recently. In the reported incidents, 400 sheep had been stolen but the figure would be higher as losses of a few sheep would not necessarily have been reported. If any unfamiliar vehicle which could carry sheep and raises suspicion is seen on the Moor, the Police have no problems tracing vehicle ownership so registration numbers ought to be given to the Neighbourhood Watch Committee or to the Police.

Mr Lusby presented his summary of the NCDC Housing Strategy up to the end of 2004. In North Cornwall, 115 affordable houses per year were needed but current resources do not allow NCDC to achieve this. NCDC owns the land to the east of Chyryn Drive and proposes to develop this land for affordable housing when circumstances permit.

The Council raised no objections to a planning application for an extension to Mr J Smith's cottage at Penpont, noting that the external walls of the extension would be made of local stone.

The Council supports the idea of recycling waste materials but there are the problems of finding an acceptable site for recycling bins and the vagueness (or lack) of a National policy for recycling. Will householders have their own separate containers for recyclable waste or will there be local sites for public use? In the meanwhile, your Council will explore with NCDC the feasibility of having a recycling site for specific materials in St Breward. But it also requires that the site be acceptable to you and that suitable arrangements are made to maintain the site in a neat and hygienic state.

Do you know that you are all allowed to attend a Council meeting to listen and to raise matters or queries, which are in the remit of the Council? After a meeting, the minutes are written up in far more detail than this report and as there is no secrecy, you are entitled by law to see the minutes at a reasonable time, to see what decisions are made for you by the Council on your behalf

The Council needs money each year (called the Parish Precept) to operate. The

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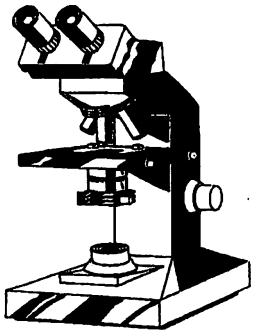

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minimum precept for St Breward is £3000. The Council decided, but not unanimously, on a precept of £5000 for next year. The extra £2000 will be used on projects, which could include site preparation for recycling, grant application for a new village bus and help on village playground equipment. This will require subsequent approvals by the Council. How is a precept funded? The precept forms a part of your council tax. Here, £5000 adds about £13-20 per year to a band D property council tax or about £6-60 per year to a band A property.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 8th January 2002. On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you all a peaceful New Year.

Mev Shelley

Mount Edgcumbe

Hospice

Dear Ms Hill

On behalf of Mount Edgcumbe Hospice I would like to pass on our extreme thanks to you and the Members of the St Breward Friends for your wonderful donation. Please find enclosed our official receipt for £2,700.00 and a Certificate of our Appreciation for you to display.

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Many thanks once again for your support of the work we do here and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Sara Shearman (Miss)
head of PR & Fundraising

Sara Shearman

Old Inn Taxi in Guinness Book of Records

Recently the Football club Men's darts team booked the Old Inn Taxi to take them to an away match. On leaving Brake Parc they only got as far the bottom of Penvorder Lane when the taxi ground to a halt – It had run out of diesel. Consequently it has won the Guinness B of R category for the longest distance travelled on an egg cup of fuel. The driver Dai Wills is to travel to London to receive the award. By train we hope?

A Christmas Turkey

Dave Hill was sent off to buy a 10 pound turkey in Somerfields. He staggered back to Madeline concerned about the price and how unfit he was getting as he was finding it a struggle to carry a 10 pound turkey when she pointed out that the 9.8 stamped on the label was actually Kilos and the bird was closer to 20 pounds. Apparently he is still eating it.

Both these stories have been brought to you by our award winning De Lank reporter M Harris. Dave Hill says he hasn't made a final decision on the award yet.

Did you hear about Joe Kay who in a fit of excessive zeal decided to tidy up the Football Club kitchen during a lull in the evening's festivities. He scraped the plates and dishes into a bin bag, emptied the raffle drum in on top and then he was interrupted by someone asking for the raffle tickets as the draw was about to take place. He spent the next 20 minutes ungluing 500 tickets.

Mark Andrews brought a wheelbarrow along to his staff party at the football Club. It caused a lot of speculation – Was it a raffle prize? – Was he delivering it to someone at the party? In the early hours of the morning the mystery was solved when it was used to transport Arthur Colman to his house and pour him into bed. *I tried to check the accuracy of this story but was told that Arthur was still in bed 24 hours after the party! Ed.*

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St. Breward Community Bus Association

UPDATE

The Committee of the Bus Association would like wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2002 and also to thank all those who have taken part in the weekly lottery.

Funds have now been granted to enable the planned survey to take place. Forms will be issued towards the end of this month and once completed can be deposited at either the Post Office or the Shop. This is the first step to be made in the attainment of a replacement bus for the village. It will not happen overnight but things look very positive. Progress will be reported here as it happens.

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Bot Wine	Jill Goode
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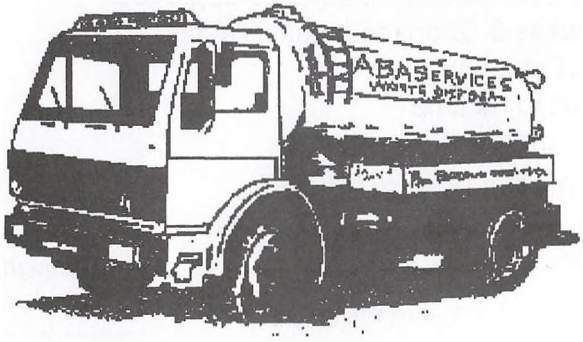

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St. Breward WI December 11th, 2001

Our president, Mrs C Woolf, showed the Visual and Performing Arts Trophy which has been presented for her work in writing and presenting plays; this is a new Ann Gubbins' trophy. It is hoped that she may give us a hands-on afternoon next year on pewter making. Five members went to the calligraphy afternoon, and four attended "Wuthering Heights" at St Austell. Our November meeting raised £25 for Pennies for Friendship with a sales table. Mrs Margeiy Crowle and helpers held a fundraising day for Mount Edgecumbe Hospice; the result was a staggering £1240! This plus earlier events resulted in over £2000 being given to the Hospice; everyone involved is to be congratulated on their work raising this fantastic amount.

Mrs P Bousfield and Mrs M Shelley went to the Crantock Bay Hotel to sample a free lunch which was very good with excellent attention from the staff. The China Day at Bodmin Shire House is on March 15th 2002, this is the same date as the Antiques and Flower day at Launceston so decisions must be made as to which to attend. Two delegates from our institute will go to the "From Schedule to Show " day at Carnon Downs Village Hall on March 26th to learn how to stage an exhibit; the cost of this will be paid from our funds, this should tempt members to apply!

St. Breward will enter the Royal Cornwall Show Cup Competition "A Touch of Gold" 'a fitting subject for the Queens' Jubilee Year') and the Barbara Reed Day doll competition is " Queen for a Day ".

Subscriptions are due – Home and Country magazine £13.50; WI annual subscription of £17.25 – January meeting – our New Year Party on January 8th at 7pm **not** 7.15 as in the program; please bring a wrapped present costing not more than a pound (should this be in Euros by then *?)* and a plate of food for one person(in the Methodist chapel)). The collection of old coins has now finished: thank you to all who have brought these in.

The following is a summary of a Summary of Changes to the NFWI Constitution!
1 "countrywomen' now refers to "women who are interested in issues associated with rural life, including arts, crafts and sciences"
2 Triennial meetings will be discontinued; NFWI AGMs will be attended by a Link Delegate representing a number of WIs.
3 New ways of voting may be introduced i.e. postal voting or even individual WI members if appropriate in the future.
4 Pooling of fares will continue
5 The chairman and treasurer of each Federation will be members of the NFWI, or

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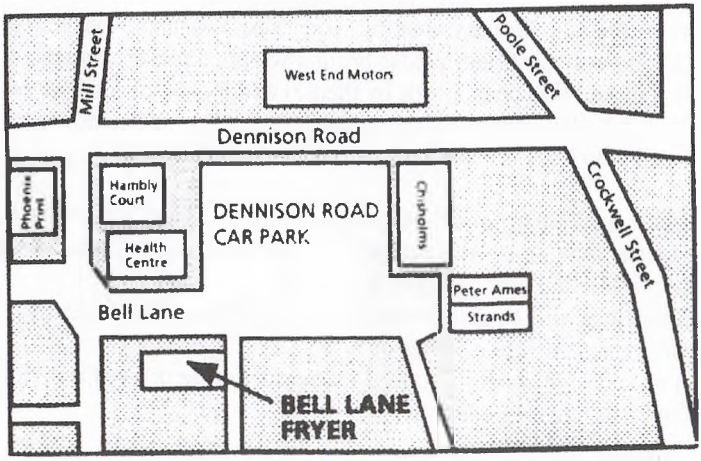

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a proxy if necessary;
6 The National Council will meet at least once a year; Federation chairmen and treasurers will attend
7 NFWI Board of Trustees meets five times a year; details of eligibility are given.
8 amalgamation of Federations introduced
9 W c'tees may terminate a member's office during the year; further details given.
10 a dual member *(* of two WIs *)* may vote re proceedings.
11 NFWI trustees will set the subscription rate, and how it is divided between NFWI, CFWI & WIs

Our speaker was Mrs. Caroline Guillamy about the Orchards Project - to find out the history of types of apples which are almost extinct, and their possible locations, especially in our own location.
She showed large maps, both modern and old, which may be obtained very cheaply from various sources, showing how many areas were orchards years ago. It is hoped that our WI may take up this project to seek out information in order to make an apple map of our own; Mrs P Bousfield showed interest in doing this so it may be on its way "!

The competition for an unusual pottery item was won by Mrs Bousfield, and Mrs M Wilton produced the best decorated napkin ring.
It is too late to wish you a Happy Christmas, but not to wish all a Healthy, Happy New Year.
Anne Holmes

Camelford & District Old Cornwall Society

Once again **The Crossbow** restaurant, Tintagel was the venue for our Annual Christmas Dinner on December 10th. In a convivial atmosphere 18 members sang Trelawney and then sat down to enjoy fine viands and victuals but were unable to do justice to the cornucopia that was laid before us. Our President, Mrs Dorothy Merrett proposed the loyal Toast. Our Chairman, Mr Peter Ascott thanked Roger and his staff for the excellent evening and Mrs Ethyl Broad entertained us with a selection of humorous notices and signs.

Our next meeting on January 14th at the Clease Hall, Camelford at 7.30pm will be a Member's Evening, when members and guests are asked to bring along objects or artefacts of interest. If you have any objects that might be of interest to our society please contact Denis Lusby, Hon Secretary 01208 850260.

February's meeting on Monday 11th will be a talk by Tony Blackman on 'Archaeology at the source of the River Fowey'.

Visitors are always made welcome.

St Breward AFC & Social Club

Fixtures for January

5th	NO Game	
12th	Lanreath away	
19th	Tintagel	Home
26th	Polperro	Home

It has been a very busy December for the Club. On December 11th Doreen and her helpers provided a two course Christmas Lunch for 50 members, parents and friends from the Priory House Centre, Bodmin. After lunch entertainment was provided by Jumbo's Disco. In appreciation gifts were presented to Joe, Doreen, Chris, Barbara, Margaret and Caroline and a vote of thanks was given.

On Dec 13th a Bingo Evening was organised by Nicola Dingle and friends in aid of playarea funds. A magnificent sum of over £350 was raised. On Dec 15th St Tudy Boy's Football Club held their Christmas Party & disco. A welcome visitor was Father Christmas who gave each child a bag of sweets. Approx. 90 adults and children attended and a buffet was catered for by Joe & Doreen.

On December 22nd a large crowd turned out for Mark Andrews Staff Party and on Dec 23rd the ever-popular Johnny Cowling and Sarah entertained an even bigger crowd. Everyone was certainly in the Party Mood and raring to go! And a lot of them came back for more dancing on Christmas Eve, when Tim's Disco entertained in true Christmas style!!

The Members Party was held on Boxing Day, when food was provided by the club, Joe & Doreens's traditional turkey stew was once again a big hit. A disco in the evening was provided by Jumbo who was briefly interrupted by Yvonne Davey when she took the mike to make a speech, wishing Andy and Marie Strachan (nee Kay) all the best for the future in their move to Wiltshire. Then it was back to the disco and everyone agreed it had been a great night.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a very happy and healthy New Year and to thank everyone who has helped in any way throughout 2001. The club couldn't run without you.

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