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I apologise for the late notice for the 1993 Carnival. I am pleased to announce that the

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Letters

Dear Editor

Regarding your letter last month, I am quite happy to pay for the magazine yearly and collect my copy from the shop each month.

I see on the cover of last month's magazine that the granite stile was topped by barbed wire. Was this put in deliberately to show how awkward it often is to get over stiles and maybe a subtle hint for Paddy – as Footpath Officer- to investigate? It won't be the first time we have had to scale barbed wire on public rights of way!

Catherine

A big thank you to Arran Dingle and Christopher Bunt for their donation of their Ten Tors sponsorship money to The Friends of St Breward & the St Breward Play Areas.

Also thank you to Lorraine Kay who has donated what she has managed to collect but is still trying to gather the rest. So come on you sponsors – pay up, or we won't let you have a go on the swings!!

Phew
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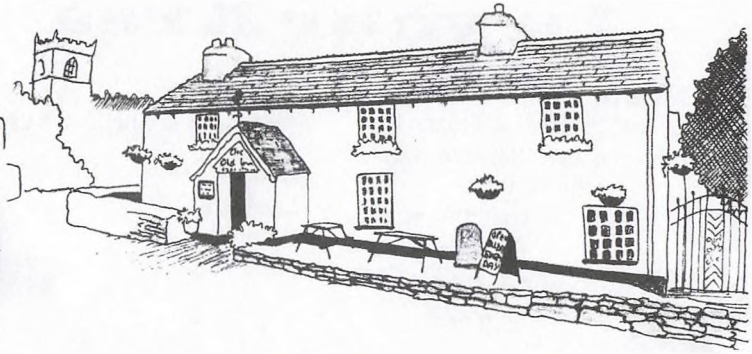

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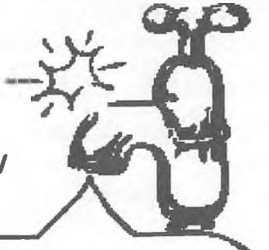

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QUESTION 1. If $2x = 10$ what is x?
(That was easy wasn't it, a "simple equation"!)
QUESTION 2. If $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ what is x?
(No prizes for solving this "quadratic equation"! There are two answers.)
QUESTION 3. What is the unknown "X" in Xmas?
(Now this one's a theological equation, a God puzzle)

Easy you say.
X = CHRIST. It looks like one answer and that's true in a sense. But who is this Christ?

We could say he's the baby, Jesus.
We could say he's a King.
We could say he's the Saviour (that's what the name Jesus means).
We could say he's Immanuel (that means God with us).
We could say he's the Son of God.
We could say he's God Himself!

We could say that we don't know what to say. And this is one puzzle far too hard for us to solve.

I used not to like seeing "Xmas" on cards and adverts. I used to think it was better to write "Christmas" in full. But there is something important in keeping the "X" factor in our celebrations at Christmas. It's a reminder that we might think we are clever and all that but we can't explain everything. Life is not like some kind of giant crossword to be solved.

It's good to sit and think, it's better sometimes to just sit.

Sit and picture the scene.
A crib,
in a stable,
there's Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, animals
'tis a dark night
there under a bright star
lies a baby –
'tis mystery indeed.

Happy Christmas from Derek Carrivick

CHURCH SERVICES 15th DECEMBER TO 12th JANUARY				
Date	**Temple**	**Blisland**	**Helland**	**St. Breward**
8th Dec		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am Family Service Valerie Jones	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
15th Dec	6.30pm Carol Service Derek Carrivick	9.30am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am Holy Communion(BCP) Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
20th Dec *Friday*				6.30pm Carol Service Derek Carrivick
22nd Dec		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick 6.30pm Carol Service Derek Carrivick	6.30pm (CHAPEL) Carol Service Valerie Jones	11.10am Nativity Service Derek Carrivick & Valerie Jones
Christmas Eve *Tuesday* 24th Dec		5.30pm Christingle Derek Carrivick 11.30pm Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	3.00pm Crib Service Derek Carrivick	8.30pm Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
Christmas Day *Wednesday* 25th Dec	12.00 noon Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	10.00am Holy Communion Joan Kirby	10.00am (CHURCH) Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	NO SERVICE
29th Dec		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	NO SERVICE	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
5th Jan 2003		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30pm Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
12th Jan		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am CHAPEL Morning Service Valerie Jones	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick

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A profit of £548.27 was made after expenses were taken out

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Blisland Harvest Supper.

Having revived the harvest supper last year it was felt that as it was so well attended it should become an annual event. This was clearly a good decision as again the village hall was full to capacity. We all enjoyed a splendid evening in good company with excellent food and wine.

Lorraine Wright and Wendy Gurr beautifully decorated the Village Hall with floral displays.

After we had been suitably wined and dined, silver service prevailed on occasions too; we were then encouraged to join in a rousing singsong by Thelma Tucker, who tickled the ivories with gusto! Some of us had to learn very quickly as the more traditional Cornish songs were part of the repertoire, leaving newcomers lagging behind somewhat!!! Thelma was very patient with us! I am sure I can speak for everyone that a good time was had by all!

A big thank you to all the ladies who work so tirelessly behind and in front of the scenes. No doubt the village hall would fade into insignificance without their continued efforts. Another big thank you to all who attended and who helped raise a fantastic £548 for the Village Hall Fund by the sale of tickets, a raffle and the sale of the floral displays at the end of the evening. We all await next year's event with eager anticipation!

Blessed with 2 reports, I've included both. Ed

Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker: Mr Brian Parkman *(St Breward & Blisland)*		Telephone 01840 212736 17 Trefrew Rd, Camelford PL32 9TP	
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Dear Friends;

The fireworks are over, the darkest days have arrived and we enter into Advent.

Advent is of course a "churchy" word meaning; coming or arrival. Advent Sunday will be December 1st this year being the nearest Sunday to St Andrews day, which is November 30th. And so, in theory at least, we begin to think about the coming, or arrival of Jesus Christ into this world.

Yes, to put it in simple terms - Christmas is coming. Now that has probably put you into a panic. There's the cake to make. The puddings to stir. The presents to buy. The overdraft to arrange. And do we really have to invite great Aunt so-and -so, or could someone else oblige this year.

Stop right there! Return to sanity before you burst. It's Christmas that's coming, not World War 3. Let's get back to basics. Let's restore to our homes and family the real reason for the celebration. Remember again the heavenly proclamation introducing this great event into history. The angel said - I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people; a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.

Now, take a moment to take in the meaning of that message. What should this mean to us during the Advent season of 2002. Good news. Joy. Saviour. If ever the world needed these, it does now. And so do I. May God's blessing be upon you all during this festive season and may you rejoice in the good news and find joy through the Saviour.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas. Pastor Brian.

Blisland Methodist Church Services for December

1st	at 2.30pm	Preacher Pastor Brian Parkman (Holy Communion)
15th	at 2.30pm	Preacher Rev Andrew Sowden, Superintendent Minister
22nd	at 2.30pm	Preacher Pastor Brian Parkman Carol Service

Helland Methodist Church Services

Sun 1st	11.00am	Mr C Philp
Sun 8th	9.30am	United Family Service at the parish Church. Rev S Williams
Sun 15th	11.00am	Mrs J Hockley
Sun 22nd	6.30pm	UNITED CAROL SERVICE led by Mr R Harrison

St Breward Methodist Church December Diary

Sun 1st	9.30am	Brian Parkman (SAC)
Wed 4th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
Fri 6th	6.30pm	Brownie Guides Carol Service
Sun 8th	9.30am	Fellowship
Wed 11th	3.15pm	Kids Church (Last meeting of year)
	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sun 15th	9.30am	Mr Sleep
Tue 17th	Wed 18th	St Breward CP School Christmas Concert in Evening
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Carols
	6.00pm	United Village Carol Service with music by St Breward Band
Wed 25th	9.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 29th	9.30am	Rev Sowden

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The Wednesday Kids Church requires a large screen and video recorder as a teaching aid. If anyone has one needing a good home please let them know.

Wednesday Club will meet again in January. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and good luck in 2003.

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This item comes from the gift catalogue for the send a cow scheme.

Blisland Keep Fit Club.

It is hoped that we will be able to start a Fitness Club in the Village Hall in the New Year.

The type of exercise will concentrate on stretches and improving suppleness and posture. The cost of each session will be £3.00. The duration of the class will be an hour, commencing at 10.30am and will be held on each Wednesday morning.

To make this viable we will need at least 10 people to join the class. If you are interested in joining us please contact Mary Pope on 01208 850338.

Blisland Village Housing Needs Survey

The lack of availability of affordable housing in North Cornwall is a matter of serious concern, especially when the house prices on the open market are beyond the reach of those in our low income economy.

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Should anyone need further information please contact me on 851220.

David Miller (District Councillor)

St Breward Parish Council

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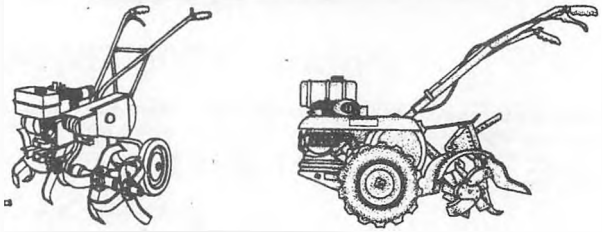

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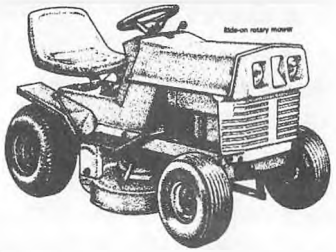

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St BREWARD GARDENING CLUB NEWS

Next monthly meeting 29th November 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

New members will be made very welcome - those of you who missed the first meeting please come along! There are already 3 dates for our diaries for next year

Friday 28th March - Ken Willcocks will be our speaker, Subject - All Year Colour (We hope to arrange a visit to Ken's gardens at Pensilva later on)

Friday 29th August - an evening visit to the Duchy Nurseries when Tracy Wilson will conduct us around, answer questions and arrange 10% discount for the evening!

Friday 26th September - Tracy Wilson will be our speaker, Subject - winter colour

Other subjects mentioned as possible talk material include Conservation, Organic Gardening, Vegetable Growing, Ponds, Internet Gardening: Places proposed for future visits - Eric Baker's garden at Lerryn, Pine Lodge near St Austell, Probus Demonstration Garden, Bosvigo near Truro, Illand Nurseries, Bodmin Plant and Herb Nursery. (Plus a few others where more information is being obtained - there will never be a dull moment!!)

The general view regarding officers required was as few as possible! However, new members thoughts will be requested before the best way forward is found. So far, we have elected John Mundy as Treasurer (please bring along your £5 membership with your name, tel no, address written on your envelope so that John can record members contact details) and Jackie Greengrass is elected as Chairperson.

A plant stall (bring and buy) is planned and we all will try to bring along something from our gardens to help boost club funds. There is help and advice on offer on where and when to plant etc .A little like Gardeners Question Time! There will be a monthly raffle and excellent November raffle prizes where quickly volunteered - thank you!
Visits to some member's gardens during the summer sounds fun! In addition, a Garden Safari was suggested and having some afternoon meetings instead of evenings - more thoughts on this idea will be welcomed?

There is no speaker for November (some members expressed the view that it will be good not to have speakers at some future meetings) but the evening will pass very quickly have no fear! - We will welcome new members and discover their ideas, register our details and subscription with John, enjoy the plant stall and raffle - not to mention the cup of tea and biscuit! A little fun is on the agenda if time permits

We hope to meet up with friends, make new ones and generally have a social time discussing one of our favourite hobbies, Gardening!

Looking forward to our next meeting. Jackie Greengrass (851592)
Chairperson

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

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Undeterred Dave went off home and soon returned with a suitable length of strong rope. – It turned out to be Madelene's washing line, which he had quietly cut down. Micky Hunt and Dai Wills are both convinced that Madelene's undies were still attached to the clothesline. So far Madelene has refused to comment.

To whom it may concern

Dai Wills has been augmenting his crib by regularly attempting to buy large Malcolm Barnecutt's pasties from the village shop. So far Christine has successfully prevented this from happening by saying that they were all sold. Watch this space (waistline!)

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Yes, this is right, the village of Blisland has a Web site. There has been a Web page "www.Blisland.co.uk" for sometime, but this is part of a national village promotion scheme aimed at providing tourist information. There is also a Blisland Page on "www. Bodminmoor.co.uk" which is reasonably comprehensive, but leaning towards tourist support. **Blisland.com** has been registered as the village's Web site, and came about from a suggestion to support and promote the village post office, shop and amenity centre project. Those of you who listen to Radio 4's Archers will be aware of Jenny Aldridge's Ambrige Village Web Site. Like the fictional Ambridge site, **Blisland.com** is aimed as being your Web site promoting, informing and communicating all aspects of our village life. If you visit **Blisland.com** now, you will see that the site is under construction. To make it a viable and vibrant site we need contributions. Suggested Web pages for the site are, Home/Index Page, Village History Page, Community Association Page, Church Page, Chapel Page, School Page, Pub Page, Temporary PO/ Shop Page, Village Hall Page, Parish Council Page, WI Page, Holiday Lets Page, Clubs Page(s), Information & Events Page, News Page, and Comments & "send us a message" Page. There will also be links to "www.Blisland.co.uk" & "www. Bodminmoor.co.uk".

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St Breward Primary School

Apologies for the delay in bringing you up to date with school activities, but here we are!!

Another school year is now well under way and the children all seem to have grown a foot taller! We have welcomed six new children to the school this term and all of the children have settled well into their new class years. During the summer holiday, we had the car park extended and fenced, and this has made a lot of difference, especially for the safety of the children when they are dropped off and picked up.

Piccolo Puppet Theatre

The term started with some fun too. The Piccolo Puppet Theatre visited and performed a story called The Magic Shark. In the afternoon, the children of class one had a special workshop where they were shown how to make their own puppets. A wonderful start to their Design and Technology work this term.

Indian King Poetry and Art Competition

Having won the overall competition last year, we again entered twelve poems and ten pieces of artwork to in the Indian King Poetry and Art Competition this year and congratulations go to Alastair Feasey, Chris Crane, Thomas Woolf, who had their work commended and to Beatrice Tucker who won a £5 prize for her artwork. The standard was extremely high this year.

Children in Need Appeal

Friday 15th saw the children dressed up in all sorts as part of the Children in Need appeal. A sight to behold, and £42.50 to be donated to this worthy cause by the school.

The Wizardry of Harry Potter

Young Potter has again captured the imagination of the children (and the adults, I love it!), and we were lucky enough to take the children of Classes two and three to the cinema to watch the second film. Our sincere thanks go to the never-tiring Friends of St Breward group who funded the entire trip and to the parents who helped with transport. Class one didn't miss out as the Friends have given them some money to buy new play equipment. What would we do without these hard working people!!

Class One Sale

There is a coffee morning and sale on December 5th, starting around 9 o'clock,

and we invite everyone to join us. As usual, there will be stalls, games, a raffle and refreshments and any donations to these stalls would be very much appreciated. All the proceeds will go to Class one for new equipment.

St Breward Thespians!

The Christmas Play is now being rehearsed and we wonder if we can beat last year's magnificent production! I'm sure Mr & Mrs Brewer have surpassed themselves again with their brilliant scripting and choreography and the children just seem to get better every year. The performance will be held in the Methodist Chapel again and the dress rehearsal will be held on the afternoon of Monday 16th December at 1.30pm. Please come along and bring the younger members of the family. The main performances are on the evenings of Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm.

Football – St Breward v St Mabyn

What a brilliant game! A really exciting match that culminated in a 3-2 victory to St Breward with all three of our goals being scored, (yet again!), by Adam Super-Sleep. Watch this boy!

And finally.....

As we look forward to our Christmas holiday, we would again ask you to please keep your eye out for any unauthorised use of the school premises. The children of our village would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year and they would like to thank you for your brilliant support in the last twelve months!

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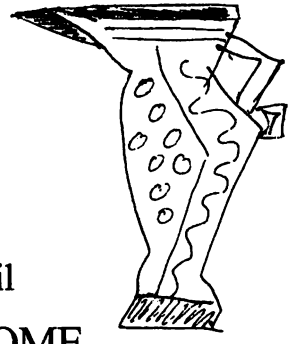

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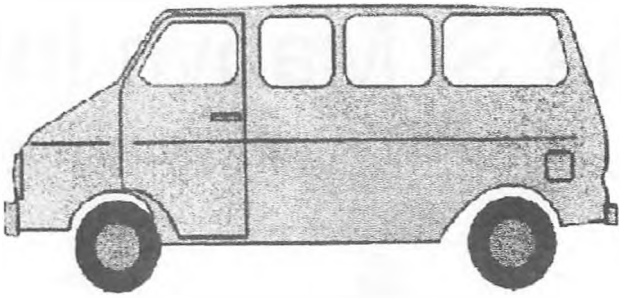

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Dear Denis

Here's a little contribution from Helland. Thank you for all you do each month to keep people in touch with each other. Val

We said a loving farewell to my dear Mother in October; she had been suffering from Altzheimer's disease for many years so grieving had taken place along the way as her mind slipped into other dimensions. She was the most vibrant influence on my life, hard working, a wonderful sense of fun, singing while doing her household chores and extremely brave. We lived in a tied cottage before World War 2 when my Father was a gardener, in a little village called Boxted near Colchester in Essex. When my Father joined the RAF we were given notice to quit. My mother had to pack up all the furniture and possessions, then we travelled across London to Kent where she became a cook/housekeeper to the local organiser of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Association. We had two rooms in their huge house in a village called Aldington near Ashford. There was a bluebell wood next to the house and a clover field where my friends and I made camps and played with our dolls.

One marvellous summer we came and stayed near Perranporth where my Father was stationed at Trevelis Cove. Our lodgings were opposite the aerodrome so we were able to see Dad every day. I was sent with a jam jar down a lane to a farm where the friendly lady poured some wonderful stuff into the jar. We spread some bread with blackcurrant jam and topped it with the cream: delicious. Mother had a pretty navy-blue dress with tiny red and yellow flowers all over it, after that holiday, we always called it her Perranporth dress.

She taught me to pray daily, took me to church every Sunday and insisted on my confirmation before I left school. She loved the Bible, often sending me snippets about Christianity, which she had found in newspapers and magazines.

I was feeling a bit sad thinking about her when I noticed our Christmas cactus was once more covered in little pink buds – a new flowering – which is just what she is doing in heaven, adding a little to the loveliness that awaited her after a long, well – lived life.

VJ

Oil Spill threatens local river: International oil-spill experts were diverted from the stricken oil-tanker off the French Coast when a large quantity of oil threatened the De Lank river last week.

Reports coming suggest that Dave Hill put so much oil in his granite saw at De Lank quarry that when he lowered it to set it up for the next job a river of oil was sent gushing towards the river.
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Many of you have been querying what will happen to the village Post Office due to the change to pensions and benefit payments. This will depend on how many people continue to collect their pensions and benefits from the Post Office rather than using the high street banks or building societies.

There are leaflets available in the Post Office explaining the different possible accounts that can be used for the pensions and benefits. One of them is the Post Office account, which is specifically developed for such use. This will be available from January 2003. Many of the benefit forms that you receive do not mention the Post Office as an option for payment so please ask us in the Post Office and we will help you set up the account with the post office etc. Do not assume you cannot use your local Post Office to collect the benefit payments.

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Dates for your Diaries

December 2002

Mon	2nd	Christmas Supper at Withiel
Wed	4th	Red Lion, St Kew
Sat	7th	Davidstow Aerodrome
Wed	11th	Lanjew
Sat	14th	Alex Tor (Moorland day)
Wed	18th	Pendogget
Thurs	19th	Christmas Draw & Skittles Evening
Sat	21st	Chain Bridge
Sat	21st	Nth Cornwall Pony Club Dance
Tues	24th	Sladesbridge
Thur	26th	Camelford
Fri	27th	North Cornwall Pony Club Open Show & Dengie Qualifier
Sat	28th	Ivey (Moorland day)

January 2003

Wed	1st	Blisland (no transport in village)
Sat	4th	Children's Meet, Entrance to Devil's Jump

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St Breward Silver Band
List of Engagements For December 2003

30th November	
1st December	*Recording of new C.D.*
6th December	*Wadebridge Ladies Choir (Wadebridge Chapel)*
7th December	*Wadebridge Lions Club International Christmas Party*
14th December	*Switching on of Port Isaac Christmas Lights*
17th December	*Radio Cornwall Christmas Concert, Truro Cathedral.*
22nd December	*Christmas Carol Service St Breward Chapel.*

St Breward Play Areas Bonfire Night

A big thank you to Nancy Hall and the Commoners for giving permission to use their land, the Mansfield's for the use of the digger, Cohn Greenaway for clearing the ground and helping us to set the bonfire alight. We would also like to thank the Harper family for the use of the tractor and trailer and hedge trimmer to set the site up and Will Waters for helping to collect the rubbish. Thank you to North Cornwall Aviaries for the use of their wooden stakes and a big thank you to Bricknells for setting off the fireworks with the help of Dai Wills. Thank you to Noel Smith and Simon Hetherington for trying to keep the generator going, but forgot to check the oil and it seized up!! Also, thank you to St Johns Ambulance for attending the event.

We would like to give a very, very big thank you to Darren Wills for organising and donating the fireworks. And not forgetting all the Committee for their help and time on the night to make sure that this was another successful event.

The evening was very successful and we managed to raise £280.

Darren and several other villagers have mentioned that it was nice to see the bonfire at

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the top of Mine Hill again and we will endeavour to keep this up every bonfire night in the future. It would be nice to set up a separate committee to raise funds for future bonfire nights and if anyone is interested in forming this committee could they please contact Darren or Julie at The Old Inn on 01208 851671.

Floral Demonstration: We would like to give a big thank you to Pam and Alan Balding for donating both their time and flowers and making this event a very successful one. Everyone who came to the evening thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were able to raise £135.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their kind support and generous donations throughout the year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Julie Wright, Treasurer

ST BREWARD CHURCH ROOF APPEAL
A BIG THANK YOU!

As most of you know, there has been a major effort this year to raise money to pay for the repair of the North facing roof of our Parish Church. This was an urgent and costly task to be undertaken before the winter set in. Our fundraising met with tremendous response both locally and further afield, enabling the work to be completed by September before the onslaught of high winds and torrential rain!

Monies raised this year specifically for the Roof Appeal were:

Appeal Events:	
Quiz Night	£128
May Coffee Morning	£115
Flower Festival	£1,510
Church Fete	£1,209
Three Tors Walk	£437
Graveyard Sleep-in	£300
Skittles	£84
Total for Appeal Events:	£3,783
Individual Donations:	£2,350
Grant & Trust Donations:	£8,350
TOTAL RAISED:	**£14,483**

Using donations and fundraising retained from previous years, together with the ability to reclaim part of the VAT, we have managed to fully meet the anticipated cost of works of £22,500.

The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone for their tremendous support. Also, as with all fundraising activities, so much effort is put in "behind the scenes" and special thanks must go to the PCC members and friends, without whose devoted help little of this could have been achieved.

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Peter Glaser, Churchwarden & Roof Appeal Sub-Committee Member

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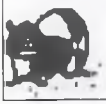

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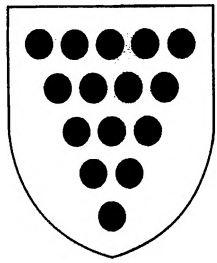

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St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Monday 11th November 2002 in the Memorial Hall. District Councillor Jim Kempthorne, David Attwell from the Coast and Countryside Service and members of the public, Jon Webb, Mrs S Muskett, Mrs B Charlton and Mr B Dennis also attended.

Mr Attwell gave a short presentation and answered questions on a proposed extension of the Camel Trail to Wenford Bridge from Poley's Bridge. Before this section of the Camel Trail could be opened, public reaction in St Breward would be sought and it would be necessary for the China Clay people to give access at the rear of the old clay drying plant at Poley's Bridge.

After review, the Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:
Mrs B Charlton, Candra Conversion of a granite barn and pigsties into 2 holiday units.
Mrs S Muskett, Carnak Construction of a semi-detached bungalow to replace the old aviaries.
Mr R Webb, Camelside Construction of a sun lounge at the rear and a porch at the side.
Mrs F Walkey, Bolatherick Listed building internal changes to provide disabled facilities
Mr & Mrs Hutley - Eddystone Court - Erection of a satellite dish.

Replies had been received from the emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) about addresses of places that they would need to go in an emergency. Generally, there was no problem but cases had occurred recently when newcomers in these services had difficulty in finding places. It is paramount, therefore, that when you call any of the emergency services, you help them with the quality of the information that you give them. In other words, help the services by giving them good directions if you think that the location could give a stranger some difficulty.

The subject of Council taxation of second homes was raised. People who were less well off had to pay Council tax, whereas those who could afford second homes only had to pay half rates. This matter had been raised with the local MP. Unfortunately, legislation on second homes and the matter of rate charging can only be determined by National Government who talk about it but at present have not acted.

Kevin Foster raised the subject of 6 to 10 volunteers required to train to call help for those who fall into a life-threatening situation. Those interested should see the notice or contact him directly.

The Chairman and Jon Webb attended a seminar during October on the subject of grants for village halls. There appears to be several grant aid authorities but funds are limited and demand is great. There are lottery grants and grants from NCDC (subject to Parish Council approval) available but conditions of granting are strict. The charges for hiring many village halls only cover minor expenses and leave little for hall improvement and proper cleaning and maintenance. In other words, charges for the hire of village halls in many instances are set too low for such halls to be viable.

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Virginia Cholmeley had reviewed the Policy and Legislation relating to Common land and town and village greens and presented a precis which is available. The policy documents are available on the DEFRA web site http://www.defra.gsi.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd December. One subject to be dealt with will be the Parish precept, how much money needs to be spent by the Council on your behalf next year. Council responsibilities, among others, include hedge trimming in footpaths, election expenses in 2003, notice boards, help in getting grants and the eventual rebuild of the public toilets for the disabled. All folk are welcome to attend the meeting, to raise matters of public or individual concern or perhaps only to listen to (or perhaps comment on) what goes on in local government.

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St Breward WI November Meeting

Our president Mrs C Woolf gave her report on the Autumn Council Meeting at Tretheras School when the emphasis was very much on the progress of the new County House. No grants are available therefore all are urged to raise funds; Christine's play raised nearly £300 by a collection afterwards, and a collection at the St Petroc's Group meeting hosted by St Breward raised about £40, and the Leaf Collage donated by Liz Gregory made a further £40 after the Lakeview auction; this is in addition to earlier fundraising efforts.

The annual donation of £10 was given to the Memorial Hall funds also.
We were pleased to receive a further 80 teabags from Taylors of York but were not successful in gaining a grant for the St. Breward children's' play area.

Several members wish to attend the "New Year - New You" on January 30th at St. Newlyn East so we expect a few sylphlike elegant ladies to appear at our meetings in the spring. A team will enter the long mat bowls at Newquay indoor bowling club on November 21st - we wish them good luck.

Mrs C Woolf was congratulated on gaining second place with her poem for the Blaikley Salver (we have not heard this yet Christine).

Members were asked for ideas for speakers for 2003/2004; it was suggested that we have another travelling Tutor box (I believe that we had a Christmas one last year). On December 10th at 2pm, our speaker will be from Chicks - Country Holidays for Inner City Kids; the competition is for a homemade toy, and a decorated Christmas candleholder with a candle. After the meeting we shall go to East Rose for a Christmas tea. Unfortunately, this is the Carol Service day at St. Petrocs' Church in Bodmin so we shall not be represented. Written proposals for a new president and secretary, plus committee members should be given in at this meeting ready for the Annual Meeting in February. There will not be a January meeting.

Mrs W Bevan won the competition for my favourite dinner plate, and Mrs J Greenaway produced the best flower.
Our speaker was Sue Smith from who showed dozens of pieces of beautifully made lace; a lot of this was her own work. She told us about the different patterns coming from particular areas, which were very closely guarded to keep them unique. St Catharine is the patron saint of lace makers and spinners.

Dealers from London would visit the villages to buy these exclusive patterns, which were sold to them by the inch. Lace making was at its height in the mid 16th century to the 18th century, and there were many male makers. The well-known ruffs worn by Queen Elizabeth 1st were each 12 yards long by 9" high, and courtier's ruffs were cut down at the gates if they were higher than the queens! King Charles 1st created the fashion for colourful lace, and Queen Anne wore all lacey underclothes because she had male dressers! Quite a history behind a piece of lace well presented by Sue.

Anne Holmes

St Breward AFC & Social Club

December Fixtures

Men

7th	No fixture	
14th	Lanreath	Away
21st	Queens	Home
28th	None	

Ladies

1st	Falmouth	Home
8th	Kerrier Terriers	Home
15th	Stoke Climsland	Home
22nd	No fixture	
29th	No fixture	

Bingo Wed 18th December in aid of Play Areas Eyes Down 7.30pm

Don't Forget Johnny Cowling on 22nd December

Discos Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve

Doreen Kay and friends would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped or donated anything towards the Christmas tree and lights. What a marvellous response.

The Coffee Morning plus donations raised £405.30 and a disco at the football club raised £160 making a magnificent total of £565.30. The tree has been kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Seth Cardew and the lights are all on order. The tree is being put up opposite the shop in Bolthole Cottage garden by kind permission of Brian Garrett and will be ready for the big turn on at 6.15pm on Wednesday 11th December (Same night as Carols by Candlelight in the Chapel)

So forget Blackpool Illuminations – St Breward Illuminations are on the way!

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