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The School Bus Run on a wet Monday in January

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OUCH Halfway through lunch Tony Wilson's denture broke. Starving hungry he was unable to chew so Shirley visited Row shop to buy superglue. He has been keeping his mouth shut since. Or maybe he cannot open it!

Letters

Congratulations to Janet Prout of Hantergantick Farm, St Breward on achieving a First Class Honours degree in Nursing (BSc(Hons)) from Kingston University, Surrey.

Dear Denis

Just a note to say that we raised £59.92 in the box on your shop counter for the St. Breward Play Areas. This will go towards equipment.

Lloyd has already started to plan this years decorations and hopefully it will be bigger and better than ever before, and we will choose the local charity nearer the time.

Many thanks for allowing us to collect the monies in your shop and we look forward to Christmas 2003!!!!!!!
Lloyd and Lenny Polkinghorne

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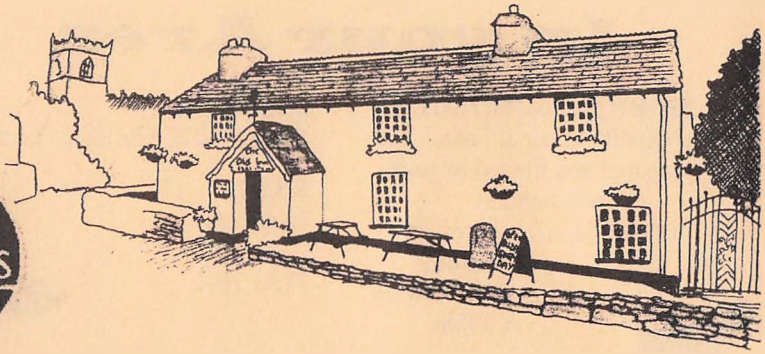

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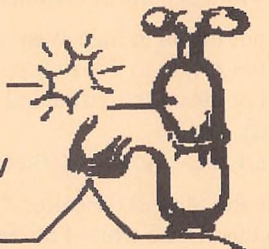

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Church's Page

Priest in Charge: Revd. Derek Carrivick, The Rectory, St Breward. Tel. 01208 850869
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Blisland		**St Breward**		**Helland**	
Mr David Kirby	851003	Paddy McShee	850435	Paul Jackson	75240
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VSO, that's Voluntary Service Overseas, reported today (20th January 2003) that, over the past 12 months, they have experienced a 50% decrease in their recruitment. Those willing to share their skills with less-developed countries has halved. A variety of practical skills are desperately sought – in hospitals, in schools and in building projects. One of largest areas of work is with those afflicted by AIDs in the African continent.

So why have the numbers gone down? The explanation is simple. Many are frightened off volunteering because of the risks involved. A number of aid workers have been killed by terrorist groups especially since September 11th. We should spare a thought for those of all ages who are prepared and brave enough to take a risk for their fellow men and women. They are perhaps the real heroes of our world. They take a risk for a purpose not just for excitement. There is a difference between teaching basic literacy in a school in Rwanda (say) and climbing a high mountain just for the hell of it!

Yet, it seems to me taking a risk is an inevitable and essential part of being human. From the first infant step we take there are risks involved. A two-year old might well stumble at their first steps and end up in hospital, there is always a risk. Yet, without trying that little one will never learn to walk properly.

What's true for the infant is true whatever age we are. To travel through life we have to put one foot in front of the other, overcoming our fears and taking a risk. Literally that is true for those many brave souls (long since passed the infant stage of their lives!) who go through a hip operation. Keep stepping out. Throw away your Zimmer!

We are not meant to hide away.
We are not meant to live in fear.
We are not meant to live behind high security fences, on our own away from everybody else.
No, we are meant to be together.

To quote the immortal Beatles, "We'll get by with a little help from our friend.." If we stick together, take a bit of interest in each other, help each other, we can step out boldly, then, with God's help, together we can face anything.

One more step along the world we go
One more step along the world we go
From the old world to the new
Keep us travelling along with you *(from a Syndey Carter song)*

Derek Carrivick, January 2003

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
2nd Feb		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30pm Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
9th Feb		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am United Morning Service (AT CHURCH) Valerie Jones	11.10am REVEL SUNDAY Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FREE in morning (Minibus for Revel, 2.15 p.m. at Rylands)
				2.30 p.m. REVEL PROCESSION Meet at Rylands 3.00 p.m. REVEL Service in Church	
16th Feb		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Joan Kirby	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FULL (Minibus)
23rd Feb	3.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30am Holy Communion (AT CHAPEL) Alan Priestley	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	FREE
2nd Mar		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	HALF & HALF (Minibus)
5th Mar ASH WED				7.00 p.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	

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VISIT TO DE LANK QUARRY

THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 2003

Meet in St Breward Memorial Hall at 11.30am for a short talk and exhibition of maps etc. (If anyone has any photographs or other items they would be prepared to lend, please let Virginia Cholmeley know on 01208 850769.)

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Chapel's Page

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Dear friends,

The Christmas cards have been put away or given away, for re-cycling, to help a needy charity. Now is time to buy that Valentines card for a special person.

We are constantly buying greetings cards of one sort or another to convey love and best wishes to those we love. When we receive a card through the post, it gives to us a feeling of joy as we realise that somebody loves us.

Unfortunately, there are many people in our world who feel unloved and hated. They feel this way because of the attitude of others towards them. This leaves them feeling isolated. I am thinking of those who live in certain cities of N. Ireland, People living on the West Bank of Palestine, White farmers in Zimbabwe and the citizens of Iraq.

Nearer to home there are those widowed or separated through divorce, and you can probably think of others too. The Bible speaks very clearly about love and hate. Take for instance the words of John in his first epistle chapter 4v20-21.

> "If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his brother, he is a liar, for anyone who does not love his brother who he has seen cannot love God who he has not seen. And Jesus gave us this command. Whoever loves God must also love his brother (or sister)".

Strong words! But they do make sense and if followed will surely bring peace in our time.

Yours sincerely. Pastor Brian.

Helland Methodist Church

Thanks to all who joined us for our carol service, it was a lovely service and £86 was raised for NCH too.

Our February services:

Feb 2nd	Readers service	11.00am
Feb 9th	Val Jones, United service	11.00am at the parish Church
Feb 16th	Mr. Bennallick	11.00am
Feb 23rd	Mr. A. Priestley	9.30am

Blisland Methodist Church Services for February

Sun 9th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr Brian Parkman
Sun 23rd	2.30pm	Preacher Mr Glendon Browne

Blisland WRVS Club

On Thursday 19th December as a special pre-Christmas treat, a trip to Mousehole to see the illuminations was arranged. Group Travel provided a comfortable 25-seater coach and an excellent driver. Friends were invited to join us. A stop was made on the way to visit the Wyevale Garden Centre at Lelant to see their Christmas decorations and spectacular display of lights.

At Mousehole, before walking around the harbour, tea was taken at The Old Coastguard Hotel and everyone enjoyed the homemade mince pies and cream.

As always the lights were well worth seeing and their colours as they twinkled was reflected on the water.

Travelling back the driver took us to a little village near Penzance in which every home was decorated with light, a wonderful display.

To complete the day a stop for supper at the Welcome Stranger, Lanivet was much appreciated. It was a happy start to the Christmas festivities.

Tony Ham, Club Organiser

St Breward Methodist Church February Diary

Sun 2nd	9.30am	Brian Parkman
Wed 5th	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning
Sun 9th	9.30am	Rev Sowden
Sun 16th	9.30am	Mrs Keating
Fri 21st	7.00pm	Slide Show of Malawi (See notice below)
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Fellowship
Wednesdays	3.15pm	Children's Church

Feb 21st 7.00pm: Slides of Wesley & Muriel Wiltons' visit to Malawi where their son Clive is working with local families, helping and advising them to keep a dairy cow. All money to buy these animals is by voluntary means. Please come and support this cause. Everyone welcome.

Thank you from Children's church for the TV & VCR that have been donated to them

Yellow Pages: It's that time of year again! St Breward School are again collecting your old Yellow Pages for recycling. Please can you let us have them? They can be dropped at school, in the shop or at Viv Hill's house. Any year or area is acceptable as long as they are Yellow! Please check with relatives, neighbours, at the office or at work and let us have your copies please. Last year we collected nearly 400 – we'd love to beat that. Thank you.

JOAN HILARY JACKSON-GAMLEN.

Her friends in St. Breward were saddened to learn of the death, on 31 December 2002, of Joan Jackson-Gamlen (nee Wallice). Having spent her early years in Southern Rhodesia, in 1945 Joan married Byron whose family owned the prestigious Trebarwith Strand Hotel. Byron's great enthusiasm was hunting with the North Cornwall and point-to-pointing and he won races over banks all over the West Country. They had two sons, Rodney (known as Joby) and Hugh and on one occasion Byron and both sons rode in the same race, doubtless causing Joan immense pride and no little anxiety.

Joan qualified as a Chartered Physiotherapist and was the well loved and highly respected head of the physiotherapy department at the East Cornwall Hospital in Rhind Street, Bodmin.

In 1962 Byron and Joan came to live at Claylands and Byron acted as amateur whipper-in and looked after the hunt horses. Later they moved to Higher Penquite, where Byron continued to keep horses on Tiger's Platt, and they were generous and welcoming hosts to their many friends. Following Byron's death in 1988 Joan suffered from ill-health which eventually led to her having to leave Cornwall to be near her son at Blairgowrie where she died.

Blisland Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 9th January 2003.

The community Constable attended the meeting and reported that there had been no crimes since the last meeting in December 2002.

There were no planning applications. The budget for 2003/2004 was approved.

Quotations were accepted for the following works:-

1. External repair to Village Institute – T Champion
2. Internal decoration/works in Village Institute – D Crowle
3. Repairs and decoration to toilet – T Champion

An introductory meeting of the Market & Coastal Towns Initiative was scheduled for 15th January at Lanhydrock Golf Club. Mike Ward-Lee

Blisland News

A group of carollers from the village entertained many a household over the festive period. They were even allowed into the Blisland Inn! The warm hospitality they were shown by one and all was much appreciated on the two separate evenings around the village. It was also very heartening when the final tally was counted up to find that we had raised a grand sum of £207. This will be given to The Cornish Hospices. Many thanks to all who supported us and particular thanks to Mike and Beryl Ward-Lee for their kind hospitality at the end of our last night of wassailing.

ROB DAVEY

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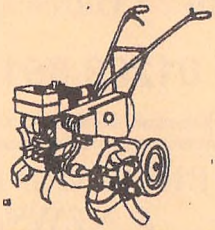

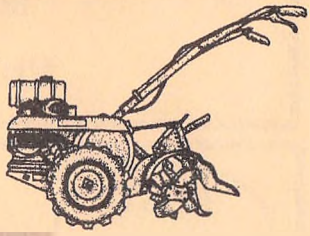

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It is obvious that our Post Office will not survive if 40% of its income is removed. The Government is discussing a rescue package to shore up the rural network for the nest three years, but the intention of the Government is, in my opinion, to save money without regard to the consequences to the rural community, who do not generally in Cornwall vote Labour members into office.

If we want to keep our Post Office then the solution rests entirely in our own hands. Opening a Post Office Card Account and then insisting that automated direct payments go into that account will result in the handling charge still being paid to the Post Office.

Be warned, however, that the letter notifying change to the automated system will probably contain no reference to the Post Office Card Account. Indeed from the newspaper report it appears you may have to justify why you need a Post Office Card Account. Nevertheless, if you insist the payment will be made to your new Post Office Card Account. The new pension payments will commence from April 2003 and you will be notified when the Pension or Social Services intend to use an automated payment system. You do not need to take any action until you hear from the Government department.

The Government department should make it clear what you need to do to open the Post Office Card Account. The Department at this stage may try to persuade you to use a bank but they cannot make the automated payment without your details and you will have the opportunity of insisting on the Card Account. An application form will be received and if you have difficulty the Post Office will assist in its completion.

The new account will enable you to draw cash at the Post Office – a facility you will not enjoy if you let the payment go into an existing bank account.

People who already have their pensions paid by Direct Order into a bank receive those payments monthly in arrears. By changing to the Card Account they will not only support the Post Office and the village but their cash flow will improve by the automated payment being made weekly.

Go and queue at Bodmin or Wadebridge to see the effect of not supporting our local Post Office, which I believe gives a wonderful service.

Jeremy Hooper

St Breward Parish Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 22nd February

In the Band Room

10.30 – 11.30am

Many stalls and Raffle

St Breward Mother & Toddler Group

Meets on Monday and Friday mornings 9.30 – 11.30am at the Village Hall. Please feel free to come along for a chat and coffee.

Since the group started about 14 months ago with 8 children, it has been very successful. We now have 19 children on the register.

Throughout December & January, we have received many donations.

1. Christine & Denis Lusby gave us £25.00 of Tesco vouchers. This enabled us to buy each child a selection pack for Christmas.
2. Pat Dibb and friends gave us £8.50, a donation from their New Year party. This will be spent on role-play toys.
3. The Rotary & Lions Clubs of Bodmin gave us a £50.00 donation. This money will be used to buy a new overall for each child.

We would like to say a big, big thank you to everyone who has given donations, help and support. This is what enables us to keep things running smoothly.

Every mother and child would like to say a big thank you to Caroline Ralph for all her hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Any enquiries contact:- Hayley 851314 or Julie 850659

Mount Edgcumbe Hospice

Thank you to everyone who helped or supported us in raising £3,500 in the year 2002. The hospice as you can guess was very pleased to receive the cheque.

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Denise and Marg

Virginia Cholmeley

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Have you experienced this: you arrange a meeting with a friend outside a cafe, looking forward to exchanging news, seeking advice sharing laughter, but the friend forgets and you're stood there catching the aroma of the coffee and the other delicious cooking smells, wondering what has happened.

A big disappointment, hurtful because it is a valued friendship, you've shared good and bad times and the companionship is always enjoyable. That experience is just a little bit similar to the pain and disappointment that our loving God felt in the story in Genesis 3 when he went to meet his friends Adam and Eve on the pleasant cool of the early evening talking together appreciating one another, a pleasant relationship. Then one day it was destroyed, by just a little disobedience. Satan, in the form of a beautiful snake persuaded Eve to pick and eat fruit from the only tree in their garden that God had told them to leave alone. When they heard the sound of God's footsteps they hid themselves because they had become aware in their newfound knowledge that they were naked, they were ashamed. Their beautiful friendship was over.

The account of the fall, as it is sometimes called was one of the camp fire stories told from one generation to another, eventually written down and pieced together about 2,000 years ago, yet we can benefit even now as we consider the marvel of God's love for us in taking steps to heal that relationship by sending Jesus to be the perfect remedy for our broken friendship. It starts here & now with gratitude, honesty and acceptance.

Now for something completely different, a reading at Christmas made an impact, just a phrase about Joseph, Mary's husband, (not the one in Genesis). He was described as always doing what was right.

Yet, you feel that he was no stuffy prig, like the ones at school who always seemed to get 70% for every exam, or more. Joseph would have been a good friend and neighbour, solid as a rock, reliable, with time for anyone who needed him, none of his workmanship would have been shoddy, and he wouldn't have left the baking powder out of the Tunis cake as I did recently, resulting in a jaw aching result. So let's take heart, with examples like his, and there are some Josephs around, let's keep on celebrating and cultivating our restored relationship with the Lord our God, he is utterly trustworthy, like no-one else. VJ

Extracts from Church Notices

Do not let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Babies will be baptised at both ends.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday.

We have a nursery downstairs for those of you who have children and don't know it.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick, of our children and community.

The Ladies Liturgy Society meets on Wednesday. Mrs Blink will sing, put me in my little bed, accompanied by the pastor.

St Breward Play Areas

Good News. Although we are waiting for two small grants from NCDC and Sure Start, we are about to order the play equipment and safety matting. We still need to raise money for benches, litter bins and Basketball hoops so are planning **one last** fundraiser – a safari supper on March 14th so please support this as much as possible. Tickets @ £7.50 will be available from the shop.

Recent funds raised were:-

£280 Fireworks – Thanks to Darren & Simon for donating the fireworks.
£47.27 Raffle at Peter Cox's leaving party.
£135 Christmas decorations by Flower Studios' Pam & Alan Balding.
£298.20 Bingo – Nicola Dingle & friends.

Thanks to them and to all those who gave various donations.

We owe a big thank you to our committee Julie Wright, Jackie Champion, Sharon French, Linda Belcher, Darren Wills, Margaret Cox, Sherry Arnold, Natasha Beal, Martin Kay and Denis Lusby. They have worked very hard to raise over £23,000 during the last 2½ years.

North Cornwall Hunt

February 2003 All meets at 11.00am

Sat 1st	N Cornwall Point to Point
Sun 2nd	Fun Ride at Tredole, Boscastle
Wed 5th	Royal Cornwall Showground
Sat 8th	Alex Tor
Wed 12th	Homer Park
Sat 15th	Penrose Burden
Wed 19th	The Ship Inn, Wadebridge
Sat 22nd	Tredole, Boscastle
Sat 22nd	North Cornwall Hunt Ball
Wed 26th	The Kennels

Meets are subject to alterations; please see press for any changes.

March 2003

Sat 1st	Ivey
Wed 5th	Key Bridge
Sat 8th	Fernacre
Wed 12th	Bosnieves Cross, Withiel
Fri 14th	Rifle Range, Cardinham
Sat 15th	Western Point to Point
Wed 19th	Pencarrow
Sat 22nd	The Old Inn, St Breward
Wed 26th	Trewornan
Wed 26th	United Hunts Ball
Sat 29th	Lower Bodiniel

Car Followers are requested not to take vehicles on to the moor as it is now subject to Stewardship.

Just a joke for the magazine.

Two cannibals were cooking and eating a clown. One cannibal turned to the other cannibal and said "Does this taste funny to you?"

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Blisland.com Update

The 'blisland.com' Web Site went live just before Christmas with the Blisland, Community Association, Church, WI, School, and Links Pages. By the time you read this, the Parish Council, PO & Shop, and Tourist Pages should be added. At the time of writing this, in the 40 days the Site has been open, it has been visited 371 times, i.e. an average of 9 'hits' a day. We are working on the History, Village Hall, and Chapel Pages, and should have these in place before March. There has been a suggestion of adding a Wildlife/Conservation page, which is an excellent idea and will be put in place in due course.

Any further ideas would be welcome, please either email me direct (see below) or drop a note on the Blisland Page under "Letters & Massages". We have opened the "Tourist Page" to help our visitors get the most out of their stay in our beautiful part of Cornwall. Anyone wishing to publicise their "Holiday Let" facilities on the Tourist Page please email me or leave a message on the Site. The Site's main function is as a Community facility, but we are accommodating limited tourist adverts for £10 pa contribution to the Blisland Community Association toward the New PO, Shop and Amenity Centre.

Arthur Ludgate (arthurludgate@amyemma.demon.co.uk)

Wenford Bridge Pottery

The quiet time of year is with us again,
and we at Wenford Bridge Pottery are catching up on our reading and hoping St. Breward's parishioners are doing the same.
Getting ready for warmer weather is also a considerable part of the daily agenda.
In 2003 our tea room hopes to grow into lunch and evening meal bistro-style dining with continental breakfast breads and Italian espresso & cappuccino served all day. This is as well as the traditional coffees, teas and cakes we love. The Potter's Barn will offer alfresco and under
cover dining areas to please all temperaments ..... and temperatures!
This page will keep everyone informed about the progress and as we pore through,
test and adapt copious recipes, as one seems worthy, we'd like to share it.

PORTUGUESE ALMOND CAKE

This is a loose English translation of what the Portuguese call Bacon from Heaven' It has absolutely nothing to do wiih bacon bul is certainly a heavenly dessert; rids, sticky and exceedingly comforting.

Butter well a 9" or 10" tin with removabie bottom, spring release is best. Preheat oven to gas mark 4 or 350 F

450 grains golden castor sugar (but any sugar will do)
100 ml hot water

combine sugar and water in a saucepan, stir and dissolve completely over low heat. Do not allow the syrup to boil.

220 grams ground almonds

Add to saucepan of sugar syrup and cook very gently fro about 5 minutes then set aside to cool slightly

3 large eggs
Yolks of 5 large eggs or 6 small
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon almond essence
Flaked almonds and sugar for sprinkling

Beat the eggs and yolks or whisk by band until they are thick and a sunny yellow. Add the spices and flavouring and mix well. Add to the syrup/ground almond mixture and stir over gentle heat until the mixture has thickened (5-10 minutes). Pour into prepared tin and sprinkle with sugar and flaked almonds. Bake for approx.30 minutes or until set and a golden colour. Allow to cool in the tin.

Meanwhile, if we can interest anyone in a pot, the shop is open seven days a week, even if the lights are not on! You know where to find us. Happy reading.

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St Breward Primary School

Football

As promised last month, I am now able to update you with our football results. Our full team comprises Adam Super-Sleep, Alastair Feet-Feasey, Luke Hand-Hicks, Ben Fleet-French, Josh Belt-it-Belcher, Seb Clout-it-Clark, Andrew Pass-it-Prout, Nathan Freekick-Philp, Robert Kicker-Kay, Thomas Dasher-Dingle and Kirsty Krusher-Harris. Starting last year with an inter-schools tournament, which St Breward comfortably won, the team have gone on to conquer St Mabyn (3-2, Super-Sleep scoring the hatrick), St Teath (3-0, Super Sleep 2 Belt-it-Belcher 1) and Camelford A Team (0-0 draw but we nearly scored!) St Breward are currently at the top of the table. Watch out for more heroic feats!

Basketball

On Thursday 23rd January, a team of year 6 went to play basketball against some other schools at Camelford Leisure Centre. As the weather improves, we will be playing more basketball with the equipment purchased last year through your donations. Not such a good result as the football, but I'm told Ben French dribbles well and Josh Belcher can hit a girl in the face with a ball at a hundred paces! Unfortunately, she was in the audience! We hope to improve on this one.

Coming Soon

Class One have a surprise coming! Sometime soon, something is arriving at school just for them! They know its coming but they don't know what yet, so watch this space!! (Actually, I don't know either, Mrs King won't tell me!)

Also coming in February are the EnviroMen! This circus-theatre show aims to encourage our youngsters to help save the planet by reducing, reusing and recycling waste products. This will be demonstrated in the form of juggling, unicycling, stilitwalking, acrobatics and with live music. The show has an interactive element, which will make it fun and memorable for the children.

Books for Schools

Yet again, we are collecting Books for Schools tokens, which enable us to get much needed and, importantly, free books. We would be very grateful if you could save any tokens you may get on Walkers Crisps packets and in The Sun newspaper. These can be handed to any of the children to bring to school or to Viv Hill. Alternatively, there is a collection point in the shop – you can drop them off there. Last year we managed to get free books, both fiction and non-fiction. It is a great bonus for the children, who get to help choose them too.

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And finally.....

Due to the donations we have received in the last twelve months from various kind sources, we have been able to purchase some new play equipment for the Class One playground and some lovely wooden planters to brighten up the main playground. These will be planted up by the children of the gardening club in the coming months and will make for a wonderful display outside. Our thanks to all concerned.

HELLAND VILLAGE HALL

QUICK SILVER – KNEEHIGH THEATRE, 12TH MARCH

Thank you to everyone who has already booked tickets for this production in March, the tickets are a bargain compared to the price at other venues. Please see the main advertisement for more details or phone 01208 72603/75691/78762.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 25TH MARCH, 8PM

Please come along and help support the hall. Any sort of help, however small will be greatly appreciated. We are a friendly group of assorted ages who meet approximately four times a year to organise different events. Hope to see you there!

BEETLE DRIVE/BRING AND BUY SALE – 26TH APRIL, 7.30PM

This is a new event which we are hoping will appeal to adults and children alike. If you have never been to one before, the aim is to complete a beetle by throwing a dice and gaining different parts of a beetle depending which number is thrown.e.g. if you throw a six you can draw a body, etc. This will be a very informal evening with a nominal entrance fee of 50p (what a bargain!).

Finally thank you to everyone who contributed to the Jubilee Seat, this is now in place beside the Church entrance. Please feel free to test it.

HELLAND VILLAGE HALL

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Although little management is required on this site, we keep a watchful eye over the area for any threats or pressures forced upon it. Roughtor is a wild and peaceful place, and we would like to keep it that way. It is easy to go for a stroll on the moor, and see very little in the way of wildlife. However, for those who make more regular visits, the rewards can be well worthwhile. Bodmin Moor is internationally important for its rich and varied wildlife. This is especially so of the numerous birds that make this wild place their home.

A walk up Roughtor on a good day could provide numerous sightings of moorland species. Ravens can be seen soaring above the Tor. More often than not, the deep-throated and far carrying croaks are heard as it glides over the moor. Of the smaller birds, the most numerous is probably the Meadow Pipit. This streaky brown species is a characteristic bird of upland moor that can be seen throughout the year. In spring it parachutes out of the sky in a courtship display, twisting and turning as it descends to the ground. The Skylark is another familiar species. Well known for

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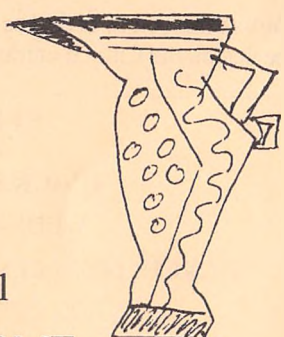

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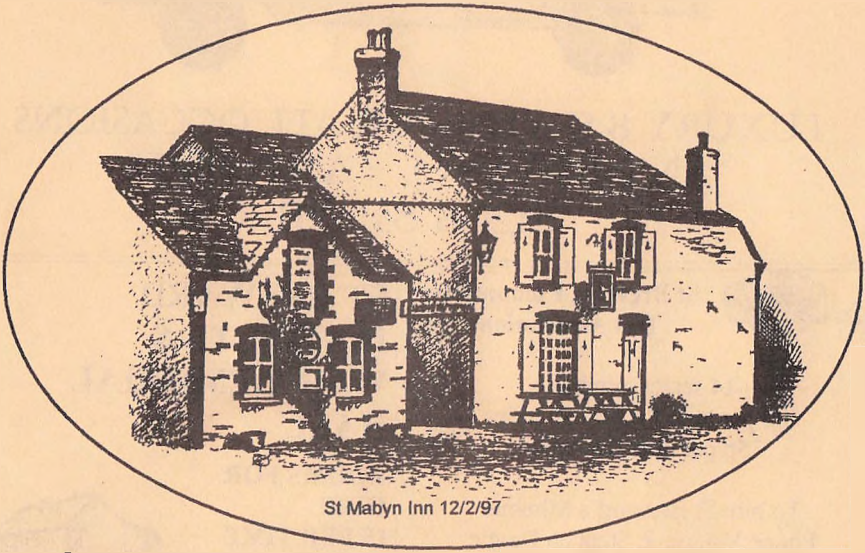

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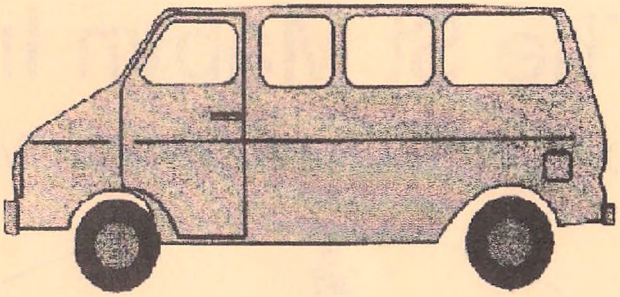

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In reply to the gentlemen of Darrynane Dining Society –

Gentlemen,

What a wonderful article in last month's magazine. It just makes us silly girls realise how lucky we are to have such caring and understanding husbands.

I, for one, like nothing better than rising at 4.30am to kill the fatted pig, which I will lovingly slice into bacon to serve to my husband when he sees fit to rise from his well deserved sleep.

I, of course, will not eat with him so as not to disturb his reading of the morning papers.

After he has dressed in the clothes I have prepared for him, making sure, of course, to provide him with the correct tie for that particular day, I gratefully receive his farewell kiss on my blushing cheek and set about my busy day.

The children need to be woken, breakfasted, dressed and transported and then I can come home to the lovely empty home my husband provides for us, to prepare for his return.

The post will have arrived by now, and I do not bother my pretty little head with its contents, but I will ensure that it is neatly displayed upon the hall table awaiting my husband's management.

After a thoroughly super day consisting of washing, ironing, cleaning and cooking, I look forward to my husbands return in the evening. Sometimes he even lets me know what time he will be home. So considerate.

I dose the children with Calpol to subdue their energies and bathe and clothe them for bedtime so that they just have to say goodnight to Papa before I lock them away for the night.

I try to be gay, but that can depend upon my husbands mood and how long he has had to endure the frivolities of the local hostelry on his way home from a gruelling day of business, in which he has to instruct his long legged secretary in many matters. (She's very efficient and now knows exactly what sort of perfume my husband likes me to wear.)

With my lips shining, my cheeks aglow and a fixed smile upon my face, I serve today's dinner to my work weary husband. I, of course, will not eat with him so as not to disturb his reading of the evening papers.

After dinner, I clear and wash the dishes, but only after I have served my beloved with a comfortingly large brandy after his tiring day.

He will doze by the fire, (the chimney of which I swept only that morning,) with the dogs at his feet, (I have, of course made sure the dogs are well walked and too tired to bother him),

At bedtime, I put on my prettiest secretary-shopped-for night attire and comb my hair til it shines, just in case I may be needed.....

Then he woke up!!! (Anon – but it could be any one of us.)

Parish Magazine Accounts for 2002

1. Income	
Sale of magazines	1252.00
Packing & posting	13.50
Donations	83.00
Advertising	1511.00
	2859.50
2. Expenses	
Printing	2270.00
Sundries	20.00
	2290.00
3. Surplus	569.50

Notes

1. Advertising includes some late payments for 2001
2. Advertising for 2002 does not include some payments

Mike Ward-Lee 17th January 2003

St Breward New Year Party 2003

It was a good way to celebrate New Year 2003. A get together of village people at the Village Hall, where we played games, did quizzes, sang to the vicar's guitar playing, ate. drank and were merry.

Donations exceeded expenses and we have donated £10 to the Play Areas fund; £8.50 to the Mother & Toddler group and £8.20 to the Church Roof fund.

Thanks to all who came to make the evening such fun.

St Breward Christmas 2002 Lights

Our Christmas tree and lights at Row were a good success and we had lots of supportive comment. We have a balance of £56.47 that is to go towards Christmas 2003's lights. We would like to extend the lights to other parts of the village but need help with funds, ideas and help to put them up.

We would like to thank Neil Simpson, Liam Lusby, Brian Garrett, Timmy Cornelius, Chris Vanderplank and Howard Faulk for their help.

St Breward Luminerists

Dai's Mystery Taxi Tours: Dai Wills was taking Darren & Simon to Exeter airport but ended up in Tavistock. So if you want Dai Wills to drive you to Exeter, tell him you want to go to Tavistock and if you're lucky you might end up in Exeter.

Darren and Simon couldn't ask for their money back as it was The Old Inn's taxi Dai was driving.

Dear Sir, **St Breward Dining Society**

I read with interest the concerns expressed by your members with regards the interference from spouses. May I draw the attention of your members to the report from St Breward WI (which you will not have read).

They are looking for two men! It really says so! To be the Secretary and President (and whatever else!) This would be an excellent opportunity for two of your members to offer their services and introduce the WI to your Society's philosophy.

Do they know what goes on at your Initiation ceremony?
Which way the beer can be passed round the table?
How teeth may not be removed after eating nuts?
That braces may not be worn at 'half-mast' when eating
Toothpicks are not to be used for picking up peas
Newspaper laid on tables are to save on tablecloths and are not used for any other purpose.

All the above rules are a hallmark of a well-run society. The Good Wife's Guide could be set to music and sung at the commencement of each WI meeting.

Yours faithfully
BG Featherstonehaugh Lt Col Ret. 6th Poona Reg

St Breward GDC have asked me to point out that the rule on beer has been amended to "All beer can only be passed downwards," this was in response to some members inability to remember their left from their right especially towards the end of meetings. Ed.

The Rules

The FEMALE always makes THE RULES.
THE RULES are subject to change without prior notice.
No MALE can possibly know all THE RULES.
If the FEMALE suspects the MALE of knowing all THE RULES, she must immediately change some or all of THE RULES.
The FEMALE is never wrong.
If the FEMALE is wrong it is due to a misunderstanding, which is a direct result of something the MALE did or said wrongly.
The MALE must apologise immediately for causing said misunderstanding.
The MALE must never change his mind without the express written permission of the FEMALE.
The FEMALE has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
The MALE must remain calm at all times, unless the FEMALE wants him to be angry and/or upset.
The FEMALE must, under no circumstances, let the MALE know, whether or not she wants him to be angry and/or upset.
The MALE is expected to mind-read at all times.
The MALE who doesn't abide by THE RULES, cannot take the heat, lacks a backbone and is a wimp.
Any attempt by the MALE to document THE RULES could result in bodily harm.
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St Breward Gardening Club

Our January meeting was very well attended by 29 members.

The evening began with our first guest speaker Mr Peter Holden BSc, Horticulturist who gave us a very informative and enjoyable talk on propagation and provenance. Peter entertained us expertly with his knowledge of all manner of propagation including information gleaned from his time spent with the National Trust in Cornwall. He now has his own business in garden design, advice etc. Peter spent the whole of the evening with us and offered excellent tips on various aspects for our future garden enjoyment as a club.

We have great places to visit starting in the Spring and plan to take part in Nanstallon Gardening Clubs Gardening Gala on the 10th May – should be good!

The club is proving a good social meeting place for like-minded people and 6 new members attended the meeting. So far 50 local people have expressed interest and the members list continues to grow. Our treasurer, John Mundy, reported on healthy club funds and it was agreed that members will pay £1 monthly which will include raffle and refreshments and which will also enable the club to enjoy a variety of excellent speakers.

Next monthly meeting is 28th February and our guest speaker is Mr C Pridham, subject Climbers in Cornwall and Clematis and Clematis pruning. Mrs Pridham will run a plant stall of various climbers suitable for our area. (NB no club plant stall this month)

Apologies were received from John Harris who was originally booked as speaker for January but unfortunately was unable to attend due to a severe attack of bronchitis. We wish him well and no doubt will see him sometime in the future. Our very grateful thanks to Peter Holden for standing in at very short notice – plus the bonus of an excellent presentation – we hope to get him back at some stage on another topic.

Guests are very welcome to attend and anyone who would like to find out more about us please come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Jackie Greengrass chairperson 851592

True Stories of Santa

Santa was on his way into the St Breward Football Club to entertain the little ones when he met two "older" lads. He said "Ho Ho Ho boys and what would you like Santa to give you for Christmas" to which one of them replied "A packet of Rizzlas would be great Santa Thanks" Santa said "Are you sure you wouldn't like something shaped 36-24-36" and the lad replied

"No thanks Santa a packet of Rizzlas would be ace.

Mrs Santa was away from home having her car serviced in a large dealership when she had a call on her mobile from Santa who said "Hello love have you seen my beard anywhere?" to which Mrs Santa replied "Its hanging up in the hallway" and of course, Santa replied "Which hallway".

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enriching the moor with its captivating song. It is however sensitive to large numbers of stock grazing the land in summer, as Skylarks prefer tussocky grass in which to nest. Wheatears on the other hand prefer short grass in which to feed, and rocky parts or walls in which to nest. They can be identified by their conspicuous black and white tail markings, grey backs, and buff breasts. Flying all the way from Africa to be at Roughtor, they are one of the earliest tropical migrants in spring, with some arriving in early March.

If you are lucky, there are a few moorland specialities, which you could come across. One such bird is the Merlin, a small falcon, which has been seen hunting the moorland around Roughtor, particularly in autumn and winter. It sweeps low over the ground and surprises small birds such as Meadow Pipits, and can make prolonged aerial pursuits. The Merlin is notably smaller than its close relative 'the Peregrine', and has been known to become part of its lunch! Another is the Ring Ouzel, an upland thrush that once bred on Bodmin Moor. In 1970, a pair raised three young on the slopes of Roughtor. These days you would be very lucky to see one, although they are still seen in spring and early autumn. The Barn Owl is another impressive bird that once bred at Roughtor. In 1943, it reared young in an old building between the Tor and Brown Willy. This popular Owl can still be seen today, hunting open country, and the male's distinctive shrieking call heard in the middle of the night. One of the moors most secretive of birds is the Snipe. It uses its long bill for probing into the mud in search of food and therefore relies on wet areas for its survival. Roughtor Marsh is just the place for this wader to skulk and hide. Other Wader species seen on the moor include Lapwing, Golden Plover and Dunlin (bred in 1933). The wet flushes to the south east of the Tor provide feeding spots in winter for these species.

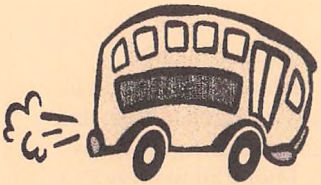
Numerous rare birds have also been seen on Roughtor, including occasional sightings of Red Kite. In 1990, an Alpine Accentor was recording feeding near the summit, and last summer both Hen and Montagu's Harrier were seen gliding over the moor. Who knows what birds may be on Roughtor the next time you go for a walk?

Kevin Sharp - National Trust Assistant Warden

Hill Abandons Car Again: Driving through Bugle recently, Dave Hill's car conked out and he had to hitch a lift back to St Breward. Three or four days later he persuaded Alistair Philp to tow his car to Longstone garage saying that there was something seriously wrong with his car this time.

While he was at the garage he decided to put in some fuel, and out of interest turned the ignition key to see if his battery was still charged – imagine his astonishment when his car started and ran sweetly all the way home.

Dave was right, there was something seriously wrong with his car was - LACK OF FUEL.



St Breward Community Bus

As you are probably aware by now the Bus Committee has been able to purchase a new bus for the village. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken part in the weekly bus lottery because without that fund raising event we would not have received grants the Cornwall County Council and The Countryside Agency. These organisations want to see that you are working hard as a constituency to raise money for your project

Hopefully, if things go to plan we should get our new vehicle sometime during March 2003. I will let you know probably in the next Parish Magazine the precise date.

After last month's magazine, we have received responses from a couple of people who would be willing to drive the bus on the school as and when required. We are still looking for more drivers male or female so that we could possibly arrange some sort of relief system. If you feel you could help but are a bit unsure regarding driving the Council are running courses to assist people in driving and understanding what is needed and we could get you onto one of these courses – free of charge – of course. If there is anyone who would like to attend one of these courses please let me know and perhaps we could arrange one in St Breward using the new bus.

Well that is all the news for now and once again thank you.

Terry Goode

THE THREE STOOGES, BLISLAND

The scheduled re-opening at The Institute will not take place on April 19th as planned because the painters and builders will be busy working there!
We will be open again as soon as possible.

ST VALENTINE'S DINNER

Will be held in Blisland Village Hall on Friday ,February 14th at 7.30pm.,
Consisting of a Three Course Meal and a Glass of Wine, Cost £8.00.
In Aid of Refurbishing The Hall
Tickets avaliable from Hall Committee members Or 850338 OR 851240

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Suffragettes Would Have Jumped For Joy!!

Perhaps Suffragette Emily Wilding Davidson's death in throwing herself under the Kings horse during the 1913 Derby as it rounded the Tottenham corner was not all in vane. She would have been proud of St Breward Silver Bands democratic vote at their AGM, held in the band room, Thursday 16th of January.

A packed band room witnessed Debbie Hummerstone being re elected as the bands chairperson, Clair Teaque retained her role as Hon Secretary, and by unanimous decision baritone player Catherine Rowe, some 20years standing with the band, has been elected Vice Chairperson. Nick Teaque remains as band manager, Mike Rowe retained his position as Treasurer.

The meeting had a light hearted approach this year, members took this opportunity to relax and socialise together with their guests. Whilst nibbling on sausage rolls, chocolate buns and other delicacies from the first ever AGM finger buffet, they sat and watched the Chairpersons somewhat unusual report . A selection of unflattering photographs taken of band members and supporters over the year being projected onto a large screen during this computer aided presentation, all to the amusement and shock of all present !!

Officers reported that it was once again a very successful year for the band, with members all agreeing that playing within the community had been particularly enjoyable, especially at the Golden Jubilee events. The successful *Music By The River* event staged at Wenford Bridge Pottery in September is again to be repeated but this year on Saturday August 16th.

The winner of the Chairpersons Christmas Word Search was won by a *Friend of the Band* Mike and Jan Jones of "Ravens Cry", Hill Close, St Breward. They win a 12 month free subscription as *Friends of The Band*, which includes the bands latest CD **Breezin**, due for release end of February.

Brian Hummerstone Publicity Officer.

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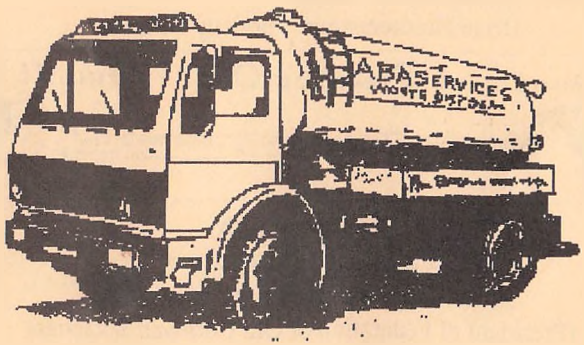

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St Breward Parish Council

St Breward Parish Council met on Tuesday 7th January in the Memorial Hall. District Councillor, Jim Kempthorne, and members of the public, Jon Webb and Mrs S Muskett also attended.

The Parish Council expressed no objection to the following planning application: - Mr & Mrs Hanscomb - Tor View - construction of a workshop to replace one previously destroyed by fire.

Parish Council activity in St Breward is open to public scrutiny. Minutes of meetings and financial accounts may be inspected by arrangement with the Clerk, Mr Bob Benham. Notices of meetings are publicized and the public are always welcome to attend Council meetings. However, to meet statutory requirements, the following announcement is made. "The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Core Classes) has been adopted by the St Breward Parish Council".

The North Cornwall Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are offering a Drugs Awareness training session, free of charge, suitable for those who work with or have young children or those who have an interest in increasing their knowledge in this area. For further details contact: Anne Smith - NCDC - 01208 893 227.

There have been complaints about vehicle parking at the junction of Coombe Road and the road down from the Post Office. This matter is in the hands of the Police who advise that drivers must take care and adjust their speed in case of road obstruction around blind bends.

The District Council has warned St Breward that their intention is for the public toilets behind the Post Office to be closed eventually unless taken over by the Parish. The Parish Council are negotiating with the District Council to have the toilets refurbished before they are handed over.

Denis Lusby said that the Play Areas Committee has over £23,000 and can now start to equip the Rylands and Penvorder play areas. The Parish Council has voted to ensure that the spend is invoiced to the Council so that VAT is not attracted.

Mr Benham reported that two new streetlights would be installed at Higher Penquite. He also reported that there has been a rural speed limit review by NCDC. The problem of speed in Penvorder Lane was raised again. Half of the school children in St Breward live along this lane so representations will continue to be made. The County Councillor will be formally approached to help in this matter. Reference was made to the Parish Appraisal conducted in St Breward recently where there were over 80 complaints about speeding on the roads.

The Council agreed with the Rev Derek Carrivick who presented his comments, which were forwarded, on the Draft Structure Plan for this area. He highlighted the necessity of having Parish Councillors as key partners in the development of the plan. An audit of available affordable housing should be carried out in conjunction with local organizations. An audit of available buildings for conversion to new sustainable productive use is required for job creation. Provision for the monitoring and limiting of use of buildings, especially barns, for conversion into dwellings for holiday use is needed.

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NORTH CORNWALL DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Council elections

Just to remind you that we are putting on an information evening for anyone interested in standing as a district councillor in the May elections. The information evening will be held at the council chamber, College Road, Camelford at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 19th February. Being a councillor is hard work but it's a great opportunity to influence the future of North Cornwall as a whole whilst also helping local constituents with their problems. At the meeting on the 19th you can talk to current councillors and officers to find out more about the workload and the responsibilities involved.

Council tax increase

Councillors have agreed to set a 7.8% increase in the NCDC element of council tax for the forthcoming year. This amounts to an extra £9.00 a year for the average household. NCDC uses around 12% of the total council tax bill for local services like: refuse and litter collection, beach cleaning, recycling, environmental health, planning, economic development, electoral services, benefits and leisure centres. Most of the money you pay in council tax pays for countywide services like education, social services, highways, the fire service, trading standards and the police. This year the central government grant for North Cornwall was the worst in the county so although our own costs have risen by 3% we are having to increase council tax by a higher amount to make up the shortfall and maintain services. In the coming year we will be looking to make savings of up to £200,000 to keep council tax increases at a reasonable level in 2004/5.

Recycling

The construction of the new recycling facility in Bodmin is well underway. It is on the Bodmin Business Park on the same road as ASDA. It should be completed by this summer. We hope that lots of local groups will come along to the visitor centre and see the recycling process in action. Once the visitor centre is up and running we will send round more publicity for you to circulate. The new recycling centre will be run jointly by NCDC and Caradon with our contractor the Cornwall Paper Company. The three organisations have already won a national award for the kerbside recycling scheme in the two districts which is held up as a good example of a partnership between the public and private sector.

Funding for sport and leisure clubs

NCDC supports the only Sport & Recreation Council in Cornwall. The North Cornwall Sport & Recreation Council has given grants and loans to many local clubs over the years.

Help us spread the word locally that there is this kind of support available — it can make a huge difference to a club that is struggling to find funding to pay for equipment or improve facilities. More information is available from Emma Dutton 01208 893353 or our Sport Development Unit 01208 262800.

St Breward AFC & Social Club

On January 18th, a very successful evening was had with MJ's Karaoke. He was kept busy all night with people wanting to sing their favourite songs. To name a few there was Jill "These Boots were made for Walking" Hollister, Gemma "I had a Dream" Hill, Nessa, Lorraine and friends who were St Breward's answer to the Spice Girls! And Martin, who after a few vodkas thought he was 'Pop Idol 2003'!!!

Thanks to Maura and Anthony for their help and to everyone who joined in to make the evening a success.

Watch the notice board for the next one & come & join in the fun.

Fixtures for February

Men's - Saturdays

1st	Veryan	Away
8th	No match	
15th	Bodmin Ath	Home
22nd	Lanivet	Away
March		
1st	Biscovey Res	Home

Ladies – Sundays

2nd	Roche	Away
9th	Mullion	Away
16th	Hayle	Away
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