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Editorial It is that time of year when I must thank those who have helped me over the last 12 months. A big thank you to my distributors, Sandra Matthews, Paul Jackson, Audrey Monk, Rita & Brian Blackwell, Margery Crowle, Sue Hutton, Peter Nottle Maureen Murray and Ann Welton.

I would like to thank the many contributors of articles, reports and news—it all helps to make our magazine a good read. Last month someone said to me "I never get time to read all of the mag, just the bits that interest me. But this morning I sat down and read the magazine from cover to cover and thoroughly enjoyed what was a cracking good read."

Alan

Alan was one of the 'Greats' of this world, and I'm sure he will remain the same in the next world.

He would wish me to say a big thank you to our two doctors, Richardson & Garrod, our two Barbara's, all the carers, the District Nurses, Elaine, John, Jan Malcolm and Pauline, John and Hilary, they gave us so much support. Christine & Denis for our deliveries each week, regardless of the weather, we could not have done without them all.

I hope someday to meet up with you Allen, till then enjoy the peace.

Love Peggy

Comments like that make it worthwhile.

Most importantly I would like to thank our advertisers who cover over half our running costs. Once again the cover price will stay at 25p although advertising prices will have to change as a 52 page magazine has different costs from a 36 page version. I will write to all advertisers during December.

I would like to thank our treasurer Mike Ward-Lee and printer Frances Bennett whose help has been invaluable.

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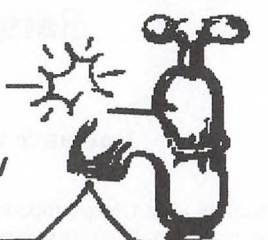

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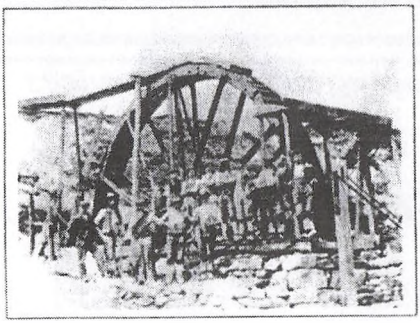

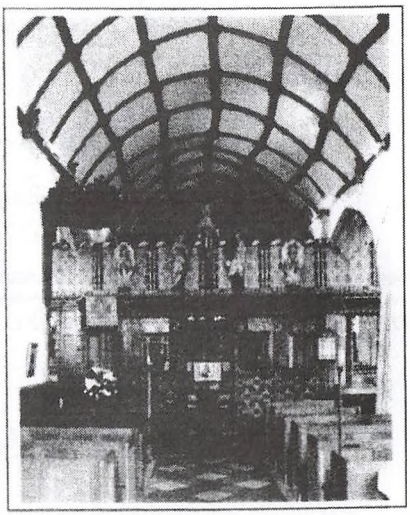

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A Story for Christmas

At the end of World War 2 a US officer was visiting a baker's to choose a selection of cakes when he noticed a small boy hungrily gazing through the window. Rationing had just been lifted and the shop contained cakes that had not been seen for a long time. The soldier paid his bill and walked to his jeep.

Feeling a wave of emotion the man turned back and handed the box to the watching lad. As he climbed into his vehicle the soldier felt a tug at his jacket. The boy stood with a quizzical look on his face. "Mister" he said, still firmly clutching his box of cakes, "Are you God?"

The story ends with the powerful line, "We are never more like God, than when we give."

With all the hype and hassle of the Christmas season, it is worth thinking about this profound truth. GM

From Helland:

Today's Bible study notes posed the question, How often do you tell someone that you have thanked God for them, just as Paul did in his letter to the people in Philippi?" Well, here goes.

I thank God for the one in the dog collar and his family, their genuine friendship gives me emotional strength, and, some dear personalities at Helland (to name them would probably cause blushes), who understand when I am down in the dumps and help me along with a hug and a smile, better than all the talking in the world.

Heartfelt thanks, too, to those who worked so hard to make our Remembrance Sunday so different and refreshingly memorable, the work on the memorabilia display and the many fascinating items caused interest and discussion, it was marvellous teamwork, so please have a verbal bouquet of gratitude.

We remembered in two silences, one by the War Memorial and one during the church service, then very movingly some said, "Wives remember, sisters remember, Brothers remember" in a clear firm manner that made us all think with thankful hearts. The children were marvellously quiet during the silences; they also sang Kum Bai Yah with a little help from the grown ups.

We enjoyed tea/coffee and a cake made with vinegar instead of eggs to a world war 2 recipe, altogether a very worth while event. VJ

Today is 21st November.

It's only about a month to Christmas day.
We are in that period of pre-Christmas preparation, which can more or less hectic and last-minute depending how organised you are. But sometimes unexpected things are forced upon us. You know the saying, "All the best laid plans…".

Today my heart goes out to those recent victims of terrorism in Istanbul. Sadly, I suspect, by the time we reach Christmas there will be other equally devastating atrocities.

"Happy Christmas" does sound a bit of a hollow greeting if you've experienced a recent tragedy. In fact Christmas then can sometimes make us feel worse not better. That is sad.

Well what can we say?

It is easy to say and harder to believe but we need to look beyond our own personal happiness to the joy of Christmas, to God's deeper joy. In fact that joy, buried under the rubble of our own personal tragedies is always there. It's a still small voice waiting not like some bomb victim to be rescued, but the reverse. This still small voice is waiting, and longing to rescue us and bring us joy.

In the rush of pre-Christmas preparation make some space for yourself, spend time quietly listening for that still small voice. You might hear something like this: "Come unto me you that are heavy-laden and I will give you rest". If you do count yourself blessed for you have received the biggest present of all, the peace and joy of God himself.

Here is the first verse of a hymn which has been popular in the United States for more than 200 years and has become well-known in our country in recent years. It was written in the C18 by an Englishman, Isaac Watts:

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive he king
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

If you are lucky you might get to sing it or hear a canned version in Asda!

Derek Carrivick

Church Service:

Christingle Service with a Difference. Come and enjoy our music and drama
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VJ

Chapel's Page

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Dear friends,

We are now about to enter that part of the year we call Advent.

Does this excite you, or are you saying: O dear; I haven't started to think about Christmas yet. What a pity it is that in our commercialised society some of us are driven to despair at a time when we should all be rejoicing with the message of Advent.

Christians above all others, should remember that advent really means "coming", and refers to the coming of Jesus into our world to bring salvation to mankind The presents we feel duty bound to purchase should be but a token of the greater gift that God in Christ has given us. It is indeed a CELEBRATION.

Just about 2000 years ago; Jesus quite literally restarted time (BC to AD) to give to all the opportunity to know life as God meant it to be for us. At that time very few people were willing to exercise the faith in God needed to receive the wonderful offer.

Today, in our modern world, most people are just as blind and cannot see the need to accept God's wonderful gift of salvation through faith in Jesus. Advent also reminds us of the promise of God that Jesus is coming again. As He himself said; "I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be with me where I am".

Jesus will quite literally restart time again for all who are trusting in Him. Are we ready for this second advent of Jesus? Let us get our priorities right this time. Think of the message first and then prepare for the celebration.

I wish you all God's blessing and a very happy Christmas. Pastor Brian.

A good night's sleep

"The good people sleep much better at night than the bad people. Of course, the bad people enjoy the waking hours much more."

St Breward Methodist Church December Diary

3rd	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning for Children's Wednesday Club (Bring & Buy Stall)
7th	9.30am	Mr B Parkman
10th	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
14th	9.30am	Rev A Sowden
21st	9.30am	Mr Hawkins
25th	9.30am	Mr B Parkman
28th	9.30am	Church Fellowship

Children's Club Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.45pm, 20p per session

Helland Churches Services in December

Dec 7th United Family Service, 11.00am at the Chapel, led by Nicky Houghton.
Dec 7th Advent Carol Service, 6.30pm at the Church. Proceeds for Bible Lands.
Dec 18th Carol Singing around Helland, meeting at the hall at 6.30pm. Please join us; money raised to go to St. Petroc's.
Dec 19th Coffee, mulled wine and mince pies at the Old Stables, Lower Coldrenick, proceeds to Chapel funds.
Dec 21st Carol Service at the chapel at 6.30pm to be led by Rev Jennifer Lunn. Followed by coffee and mince pies. Proceeds to NCH.
Christmas Eve, Crib Service at the Church at 3.00pm
Christmas Day, Family service at Chapel 10.00am led by Val.

NB All the services relating to Christmas are United which brings me on to the final date: on Jan 4th at 6.30pm in the Chapel there will be an Ecumenical Covenant Service when the Bishop and the Superintendent Minister of the Methodist Circuit will come and take part in this very important step for our Churches.
AND THAT'S_NOT ALL!!

On January ? tune in to 'Cornwall Celebrates' on Radio Cornwall which comes from Helland!! MM

MARY'S DREAM: "I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. The people in my dream had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts.

It was peculiar thought, because the presents weren't for our son. They'd wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes: They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments. There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree. Everyone was laughing and happy. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name. I had the strangest feeling that if our Jesus had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding.

How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party! I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible Joseph if it had been real". VJ

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St Breward Carnival Bonanza

Following a well supported Carnival Week and Carnival Procession at the beginning of July and the outstanding success of the fundraising during the week's activities, St Breward Carnival Committee Chairman, Joe Kay, and his team decided to hold a Presentation Evening as a way of saying thank you for our village's support, and to present donations from the fundraising to various village and local activities.

Held at the St Breward Football Club on Wednesday 29th October, the evening commenced with a skittles game for all attending followed by a huge buffet meal superbly prepared by the Committee Members.

The main event of distribution of funds was announced by Anita Cornelius, Secretary for the Committee and one of the key organisers for the Carnival events. With £1,750 to present, there were many surprised faces at the success of the Carnival, especially when the main donation for the St Breward Brownies and Guides was announced for £1,000. As Anita advised, " The Brownies and Guides' building needs urgent updating, in particular the installation of toilets and a disabled access. In fact the building has remained the same since I was a Guide! The Committee felt this was an appropriate contribution to a worthy part of our community and we hope the amount will help them well on their way to raising the rest of the funds required." Charlotte Goatman, one of the Guides accepting the donation, was clearly overwhelmed at the amount and could not wait to tell her Guide Leader, who was unable to attend, the good news.

Joe Kay, in closing the evening, thanked not only all those attending, but wanted to ensure that all who had contributed to the Carnival 2003's success were aware of his and the Committee's gratitude, and assured everyone that next year's Carnival, on 3rd July 2004, was going to be even bigger!

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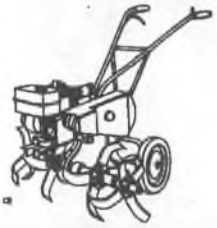

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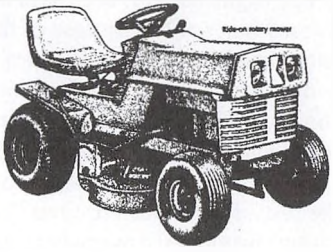

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Blisland Gardening Club.

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Tracey Wilson, from The Duchy Nursery, was our next speaker and one could not help but be captivated by her sheer joy and enthusiasm of her chosen subject. Her talk was about their entry for the Chelsea Garden Show in 2001. She took us on the complete journey from putting in an application to enter the show to how the plants were chosen and who would supply them. She amusingly described the logistics of actually transporting their design, 'The Cornish Garden', all the way from Cornwall to Chelsea in huge Pantechnicons!!! I actually went to the Chelsea Flower Show for the first time that year and saw The 'Cornish Garden Design', and a few months later I moved down to Cornwall. So it made a special impact on me but suffice to say all the hard work was worth it and their Gold Award was richly deserved!

Our next meeting will be on November 28th, at 7.30pm at Blisland Village Hall and our speaker will be David Pearce. He will be talking to us about 'Soft Fruit'. Everyone is welcome and please remember to bring plants for our plant sale. Visitors are charged a £1.

Hopefully, we will be having another Christmas event like last year for our December meeting, so watch this space! Lorraine Wright has very kindly offered to share her expertise with us again and this year we will be making a Christmas table decoration. Contact: Lorraine – 01208 850138 or Carolyn – 01208 851601

As a special note, I'm sure all our members would wish me to extend a big vote of thanks to our retiring Chairman, Val King. She has been a vital mainstay in the setting up of the Gardening Club and with a membership in excess of 50 people she should feel very pleased with all that has been accomplished in such a short space of time. At our recent AGM Peter Heffenden very kindly offered to become our new Chairman. We extend a warm welcome to him and his wife Pam, who has already offered us invaluable help at our meetings.

PRISONER

I have been shut away in this cramped, dark space. Time is hard to judge, it seems months have passed since I have been confined. Sometimes there is movement and voices but as though through a blanket. My life is wasting away without purpose. Why am I here?

Suddenly there is light. Strong hands lift me out of my prison. People exclaim reverently, "Ah, The Buzzer!" Now I am seated in my rightful place. All is well with the world— Oh, and also with the door of St Breward's Community bus. The buzzer, a vital part of the electric door circuit has been lying in the glove box all along. Don't ask why just be thankful. DL

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Computer Fund: As you m ay know, we have had to cancel the new computers this year due to budget cuts. This is a great shame considering we now have a new computer room and library ready and only a couple of old computers to put in it! However, thanks to the generosity of the village, we are now on the way to having enough funds to place an order for some new ones. Our thanks must go to everyone who has put their spare change into the box in the shop. A truly magnificent £120 has been raised. Thanks to Christine & Denis for doing this. Also to the Carnival Committee, who donated a brilliant sum of £100. The Friends of St Breward are working hard to raise more by having a Christmas Fayre and a Bingo Night and the £50 we won at The Indian King Centre has been added to the fund. Thank you also to Mr Grigsby for the £25 he donated. We are hoping that by Christmas, we will have more than £1500. However, if, by mid January, we can raise a total of £2000, we can apply for a direct Government Grant that will double that figure if we can prove that the money has been fund-raised or donated.

Indian King Art Centre. Oh, how good are we!!? Brilliant – that's what! For the last three years we have entered the children's artwork and poetry into this competition and have won something. This year we won the overall Best School Entry out of a total of nine schools. In addition, **Seb Clark** got an individual prize and **Will Browning, Will Levers and Amy Harris** were commended on their pieces.

Christmas Play Another brilliant performance is on its way! Many of you have marvelled about the hidden talents of your children and here is another opportunity to come and witness their thespian skills! This year's play is written yet again, by Mr & Mrs Brewer and is called The Christmas Ant and is very funny and.....well, I'm not going to tell you! You will have to come along on **Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December at 6.30pm in the Chapel** to see for yourselves. **Dress Rehearsal is on Friday 5th December** if you would like to bring the young ones to this.

School Christmas Fayre The Friends of St Breward are holding their Christmas Fayre on Thursday 18th December starting at 9.00am in the school, which is also our last day of term. Please do come and support this. Money raised is going into the Computer Fund.

Building Works: This is now complete. Class Two have moved into a lovely new room and we are partly using the computer side of the Library. There are still a few finishing touches to make, such as display boards and shelving (useful for books in a library!) But hey – we're getting there!

Mrs Brewer At the end of this term, Mrs Brewer will be leaving us as her baby is expected in January. Miss Naomi Clarke will be stepping in for the two terms Mrs B is away and the children are looking forward to welcoming her in January.

And finally.....

The children and staff of our school would like to wish our village a very happy Christmas and brilliant New Year and, as always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who give us so much support during the year. We couldn't do half the things we do without you. Thank you.

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MEMORIES

Dear Denis

Whilst on a recent holiday trip to Cornwall, my wife and I made a visit to St Breward and we called in to your shop and started to tell you about our experiences of when my mother, brother and I were evacuated to the village from 1940 to 1945. After a pleasant conversation about how it is now and how it was then, you asked if I would write something for the Parish Magazine. Here are some of the things I can remember:-

The long train journey down from London. No high speed trains then, it took all day to get there.

We were first billeted with a family down the hill. Unfortunately I cannot remember their name. Then we finally got our own small cottage, just off the village square, a few yards along the road from where Ray Hoskins lives. I am sending a photo but we only had one half of the cottage you see today. Two cottages have now been joined and had an extension added to make a holiday home.

The cottage had only two small bedrooms, and one room downstairs. The lighting was from oil lamps and what we did for washing I am not sure! However, as two small boys we were only interested in going out to play.

Walking to school in the mornings – as evacuees, we went to the same school as the local children. The school is still there today.

Looking in the river from the bridge and watching the trout; making whistles from the shoots of sycamore trees; digging up earthnuts; looking for sweet sloes at the end of the summer.

At the bottom of Mill Lane (or was it Duck Lane?) there was a river in which us kids used to make a dam from time to time – great fun!

We had great times playing in the quarry after the men had gone home in the evenings. Probably very dangerous but we didn't think so at the time.

I remember the day when two German planes flew over and a bomb was dropped on the Village Hall. Sadly one of the local boys lost his life during the raid. I was running home, very frightened and fortunately a man pulled me to safety by the telephone box on the corner.

Then there were the American soldiers doing their footslogging. They used to rest awhile near the village and offer us kids some gum. The Americans were based at Hengar Woods.

The Baptist Church along by the Old Police House is now a private residence. I once went to a Harvest Festival there.

I remember the fish and chip shop, which was near to our cottage.

My mum used to make Cornish cream by boiling and skimming the milk.

As children in those days we were like free-range chickens – not like youngsters today who do not have the same adventurous opportunities today.

All in all, there may have been a war on but us kids were having a great time.

After meeting you and following your directions, we went and saw Ray Hoskins and had a pleasant chat about old times. He and I are the same age and we were at school together. He remembered the Cheeseman boys.

It was good to be back in St Breward and remember what life was like then. It was Spartan but did us no harm.

I have managed to find an old photograph of us with some of the local boys. My brother and I are in the front – Ron is the little one. Note that most of us are holding guns! I wonder if anyone will recognise themselves.

Les Cheeseman

Fairview Cottage as it is today—now one cottage instead of two

I would like to thank Len for his photograph (Front cover) and reminiscences. If anyone has any memories or photos of the Cheeseman's or other evacuees to our three parish's please contact the editor. DPL

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North Cornwall Hunt

December

Wed 3rd	Cornish Arms Pendoggett
Sat 6th	Davidstow
Wed 10th	Lanjew
Sat 12th	Ivey Farm
Wed 17th	Trewanion Cross
Sat 20th	Hamatethy
Wed 24th	Sladesbridge
Fri 26th	Camelford

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January 2004

Thurs 1st	Blisland Inn, Blisland
Sat 3rd	Chainbridge
Wed 7th	Red Lion, St Kew Highway
Sat 10th	Little Tregolls

Dates for your Diary

Mon December 22nd Christmas Draw Tintagel Country Club 7.30pm

Sat 31st January Point-to-Point, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge

Car followers are requested not to take vehicles onto the moor as it is subject to Stewardship

Skills were Exchanged: A good community attendance was seen at St Tudy Village Hall on 9th October as individuals came along to join in the Parish Plans Skills Exchange, to find out about Parish Plans and gain from the experience of others.

The aim of the event, organised by the Bodmin Moor & Camelford Partnership Team, was to bring together parishes that were unsure about parish plans and their benefits to the community, and gain from the experiences of those who have already published their plans. Feedback from the 27 attendees has been very positive.

Presentations on the process, and the help and advice available, were given by Marita Ward, Research Development Manager from Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC), and John Chadwick from the Community Projects Trust (CPT).

The production of a parish plan is about consulting with members of your parish, in order to identify what they do and do not want to see happen to their community in the future. During discussions, Marita commented: "It is important to ensure that you ask your community the right questions, and this is where agencies like CRCC, CPT or your district council can offer help and advice."

Jessica Pytel, Community Development Officer from North Cornwall District Council also added: "A parish plan should not be produced in isolation, there are other initiatives going on, such as the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative, and it is important that these are considered when putting together a plan for the future of your community".

After lunch, representatives from St.Cleer and St.Ive parish, talked about their already produced plans. This was followed by a lively question and answer session, and a few words from Caradon DC's Parish Plans Officer, Felicity Sylvestor.

We would like to thank the St.Tudy Women's Institute for supplying such a lovely lunch, and NCDC for supplying the exhibition stands and paying for the hire of the room.

For anyone wishing to find out more about the Parish Plans process, contact Marita Ward at the Cornwall Rural Community Council on 01872 279977 or Community Projects Trust on 01208 75799.

St. Breward Playgroup Newsletter

The Playgroup has had another busy month, with parties, fireworks and the build up to Christmas.
The month started with Ashleigh and Anna having Blossom the Clown for their birthday party, and all the children learning a few circus tricks. There was juggling, spinning plates, stilt walking and loads of other exciting new tricks, and as usual the children picked it up a lot quicker than most of the mum's!!
After Half Term it was Bonfire Night, and as most of the children are a bit young for real fireworks, they were given a special treat of a fibre optic sparkler each. They were also given a fine feast of hot dogs and marshmallows for their lunch, expertly cooked by Hayley. Caroline then helped the children make sparkly firework pictures out of ribbon and glitter for the Post Office drawing competition. This was judged on Friday 7th November, by Joe Kay and Derek the Vicar (now renowned art critics), and this month's winner was Charlotte who painted a bonfire and some fireworks.
Also on 5th November, Surestart came to school with the mobile toy library, which is a big hit with the kids – it means that they can take home all the noisy toys which mum can then hide away when they aren't looking!
We would like to say a BIG THANKYOU, to the Carnival Committee, who generously presented us with a cheque for £100 at the recent evening, at the football club, which was enjoyed by us all.
On Monday 10th November, Surestart ran the group with Caroline, and the children did lot's of artwork, and were read a story by Madeline with the help of a few hand puppets, which the children loved. While the older children were busy doing their art, one of the younger members of the group, 12 week old Chloe, was treated to a baby massage, with the help of her mum Nicki, and Claire who is currently taking an exam in baby massage. At first Chloe didn't like the idea of taking her clothes off in the middle of November, but once the massage started, she seemed to relax and quite enjoy it. It is supposed to help children sleep better, and also help them to calm down, and can even relieve constipation! We also had a visit from the Cornwall Action Team, who have also donated us some money to get the children all the materials they need, to continue with their art work. They are also being given a lot of Christmas items so they can make calenders and cards etc in time for the big day. Finally please don"t forget:

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER - XMAS FAYRE - 10.00AM - 12NOON - ST.BREWARD BANDROOM

Please support the Playgroup, by buying Raffle Tickets, or turning up on the day to enjoy a morning of Christmas Fun, which the children have been working very hard towards.

Silver Band Plays Music for Christmas.

What better sound than that of a live brass band playing carols to set the scene for Christmas. St Breward Silver Band will be doing just this, together with a selection of popular festive music at their ***Music For Christmas*** **Concert** to be held in the chapel, St Breward, on Sunday 14th December at 7.00pm. Entrance fee £2-50p, to include a cup of tea and a mince pie, children free. The band are particularly pleased that the local Girl Guides and Brownies have agreed to join the musical festivities with their own Christmas performance.

Despite a hectic work load, Father Christmas has agreed to welcome guests from his entrance grotto. If you're really good he may just give you one of his special Christmas crackers. He has also kindly agreed to listen to last minute orders for Christmas stocking deliveries, on condition they are not too big or heavy. Father Christmas offers no guarantees on delivery but promises to do his best.

To help set the scene and create a real festive atmosphere to the concert, a prize will be given to the person wearing the most creative Christmas Hat. Florist Forget-*Me-Nots* of St Breward, (tel: 01208851203) have kindly agreed to sponsor this event, so let's have a fun night, and have a really good ***Music For Christmas Concert.***

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Brian Hummerstone Publicity Officer

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The grant will be used to employ a Business Development Officer who will develop regular training sessions, networking events and a trade fair for members; and to raise the profile of businesses in the Bodmin Moor and Camelford area.

Group chairman Jeremy Capper said: "*I am absolutely delighted that all our hard work has finally paid off. We have been working on this bid with Jacqui Orange and Gemma Shields in the Bodmin Moor and Camelford Partnership office and John Coles of Enterprise Tamar for a considerable length of time and without their help we would never have done it. It just goes to show what can be achieved when the public and private sectors work together for a common goal.*

The Best of Bodmin Moor group was formed in early 2001 with the aim of promoting all businesses operating within the Bodmin Moor and to take advantage of the various funding opportunities available for the regeneration of the area. Since its launch, membership of the group has grown to 87 local businesses, including accommodation providers, artists, tourist attractions and essential service providers.

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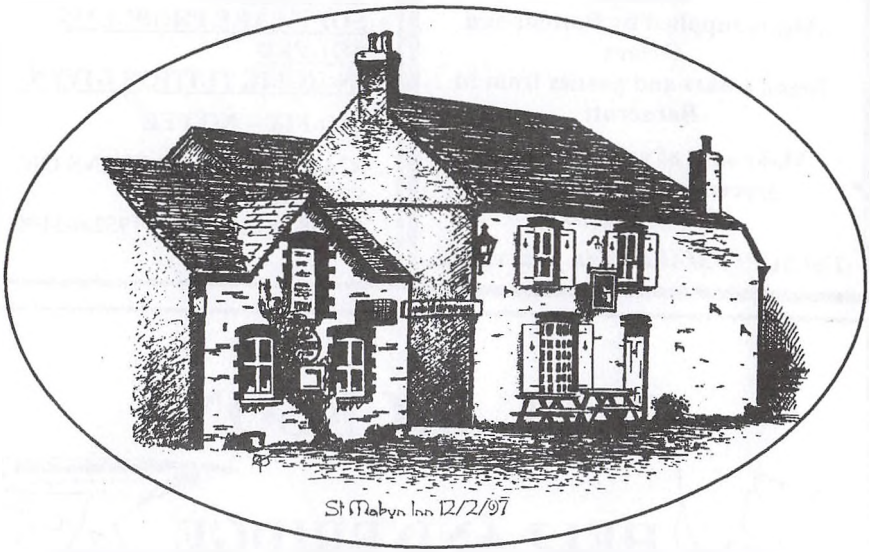

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4. In which year was the first British hydrogen bomb dropped over Christmas Island?
5. What were issued for the first time on 1.12.66?
6. According to the proverb "At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas. comes but once a year"
7. The Devil makes Christmas-pies of what?
8. What is another name for the Christmas Rose?
9. What is celebrated in Mousehole on Dec 23rd?
10. How many "Christmas's are listed in the Dec 2002 phone book for this area?
11. "On Christmas night all Christians sing" - Why?
12. What date is the festival of Epiphany?
13. How is the bird Perdix Perdix better known?
14. When is a Yule log traditionally burned?
15. Where Christmas is written Xmas, what does the "X" represent?
16. What is a Holly Blue?
17. Birdlime was made from holly bark and mistletoe berries. For what purpose?
18. On 24.12.99 Ian Woodley won £1 million on which TV show?
19. What are the "plums" in plum pudding?
20. From what are Frankincense and Myrrh obtained?

Answers for November 03 quiz

1. Marigold
2. Tulips
3. Chrysanthemums
4. Snowdrop
5. Aster
6. Cowslip
7. Gladiola
8. Buttercup
9. Pink
10. Dandelion
11. Poppies
12. May
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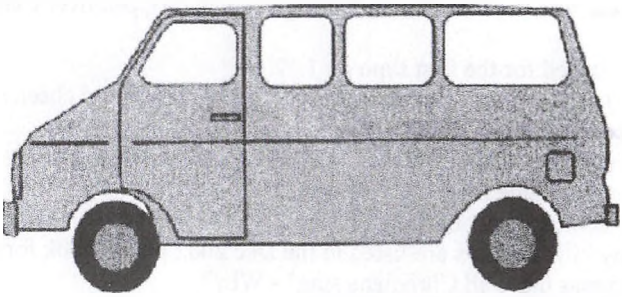

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The assistance of the public is requested to provide any relevant information, no matter how apparently insignificant, to the relevant incident room. They are particularly interested to hear from/of people who were in the area around the time of the crimes particularly who may have seen a hitchhiker in the area of Perch Garage at the time of the incident.

Perch Garage incident date evening of 051103 [Bonfire night]
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Also on hand to show the pupils around the two completed houses opposite the village green were Rosemullion Construction Director, Ray Trebilcock, and Site Manager, Paul Riley who answered technical questions put by the well-informed school children. Popular questions concerned the way the houses were built and in particular the manner in which the granite - featured on the elevation of each property – was cut, dressed by hand and laid by skilled stonemasons. All five houses at Church Close have their front elevations dressed in granite to blend with the atmosphere of other older properties around the village green.

David Furzer has promised that a return visit will be possible to show the pupils and teachers the other three homes currently under construction towards the rear of the development and this is scheduled to take place shortly before Christmas or early in the New Year.

The Show Home at Church Close is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm and current prices for the houses being offered range from £295,000 to just under £400,000.

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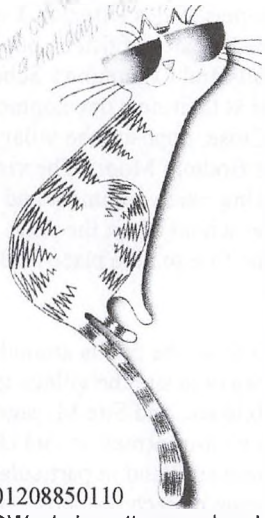

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An evening visit to The Duchy Nurseries during September 'Tree Week' was well attended and much information gained on so many different species of trees. Tracy Wilson has such enthusiasm that it was impossible not to enjoy every minute of the occasion!

The club visit to Oak Lodge at Nanstallon on 6th October was our last outing for the year. The sun shone for us and another morning was memorably spent wandering around this informal woodland garden with some well established areas together with new plantings of trees and shrubs. The hillside location is wonderful and the paths meander through woods down to the river Camel. (Coffee time was especially enjoyed with wonderful homemade biscuits - yummy)

Ken Willcocks was our guest speaker for October and his talk on |Autumn colour in the garden was very well received – many notes taken for reference – especially his ideas for planting of various shrubs to accentuate colour differences. The club meeting was on Halloween night and our thanks to Jenny and Henry Teague for their help in overcoming the tricks and treats which came our way!

Our first year has been great and we can very much look forward to year 2 – many thanks to all who have supported the club in so many ways. There is no club without our very special members all of whom have played their part in making our first year a success. There is no December meeting - our AGM and November meeting will be reported in the January magazine.

Jackie Greengrass

Broadband (ADSL)

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GIVE US ALL YOUR DOUGH THEN.
BROWNIES AND GUIDES MUST HAVE A LOO,
IN THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON,
THEY'RE OUR CHILDREN AFTER ALL
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HELLAND VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We have been successful in obtaining a grant for £300.00 from South West Foundation to buy new chairs and are waiting for news of another grant for folding tables. The toilets are in the process of being painted and we are also looking into new flooring to complete the refurbishment.

Thank you to everyone who has used the hall recently and to all those who have booked for parties in December. I'm sure you agree £10.00 per session is a bargain!

COMING SOON – Our next Carn to Cove production will be Cornish Contemporary Films in January 2004, keep watching for those posters!

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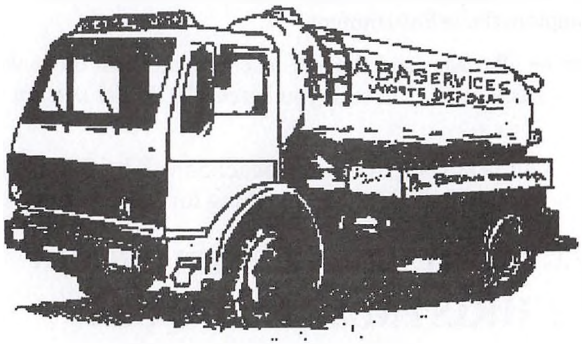

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Flower Arranging courses are well underway and being enjoyed by all.

December 19th at 7.30pm Christmas Tree lights will be switched on. Come and enjoy carol singing and **LIGHT** refreshments.

New Year's Eve from 8.00pm 3rd annual Village Party – don't see the New Year in alone, come and join friends and neighbours at the Village Hall for food and drink, fun and games. Just come along with some food and drink which we pool and a donation towards costs. We end the night to the Church Bells ringing in 2004. For more details contact Pat 01208 850628 or Margery 850679.

The hawthorn trees planted in the hall grounds have not survived well. Dead ones have been removed and survivors have been resited to more convenient spots where the soil is deeper – we hope they will do well in their new homes.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Village Hall, the committee welcomes any ideas for fundraising fun.

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St Breward WI November 11th 2003

The first winter afternoon meeting took place at 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Members were asked to think about the Royal Cornwall Show 2004 Competition for the subject 'Feasts and Festivals', we hope to maintain our high standard.
The subscriptions for the Home and Country magazine £13.80, which is only £1.15 per copy, are now due.

We were all pleased to hear that the kitchen in the Memorial Hall is to be refurbished and will be called The Tea Room in future which should make life easier for the tea makers.

This year our Christmas tea will be at the Potter's Barn on December 10th, Wednesday, at 3.30pm, where there is good parking.

The Book was sent around for members to suggest speakers for 2004, do remember that it is your WI so think about ideas for interesting subjects to enjoy or to learn about.

With Christmas in mind our demonstrators, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Rock, showed members how to make baubles using polystyrene balls, which were then covered with material, rickrack, sequins and other fancy shapes ALL without any gluing or sewing. The alternative idea was to create fancy boxes using Christmas cards. The results were so pretty that we hope to have a full afternoon with our tutors in the future.

Four members have been to the Falmouth Arts Theatre for a full day with Alison Lloyd, the curator of the Penlee House Gallery, who spoke about the Newlyn School accompanied by very large slides. Dr. Richard McGredy from Exeter Extra Mural Studies supplied music from the period, discussing the composers of the time. About 140 CFWI members enjoyed the day.

Mrs A Webb won the Wartime Memorabilia competition, with Mrs P Bousfield second and Mrs R Lowe produced the best twig arrangement, with Mrs M Wilton second.

For our December 9th meeting at 2pm we have been invited by Mrs Marcia Castle to Old de Lank Barn where she will give a cookery demonstration. The competitions will be Three mince pies and a Mini Christmas tree, maximum 6 overall, decorated.

A Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to you all from St. Breward WI members.

Anne Holmes 01208 850953

PARISH COUNCILLOR SEEN TOTTING: St Breward residents were very surprised to see Parish Councillor and shop owner, Denis Lusby, raking through the remains of the previous night's fireworks bonfire. On closer inspection they saw that he was laboriously picking up strips of tin off packing cases and scattered bed springs and iron nails. Was the shop doing badly? Why was he spending two hours collecting scrap worth just a few pounds?

Dai Wills had told him he had found somewhere to dispose of the bonfire remains but they wouldn't accept bits of metal—it wasn't true, he was only joking. Since then Denis has been refusing to answer to any names referring to tin or Stannery.

ST BREWARD AFC & SOCIAL CLUB

Fixtures for December

Duchy

6th	North Hill	Home
13th	None	
20th	Menheniot	Away
27th	None	

Ladies

7th Carlyon Arms Home
14th County Cup TBA
Next match 11th January 2004

Entertainment

December 17th: **BULLSEYE** with your host Mike Tregaskas. If you would like to enter please put your name on the list in the clubhouse or tell Joe. Entry fee £2 per pair. Time 8.00pm.

December 19th Don't Forget!! The ever popular **Johnny Cowling** 9.00pm

December 20th **Member's Party**: Fancy Dress theme 70's & 80's (optional). If you wish to become a member, please do so at least 48 hours prior to the night, as no membership will be accepted on the night and entry will be refused. This is strictly a Members Only night.

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve Disco (Member's Only)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

De Lank Quarry were proud of their big new roller-shutter doors. Their smart appearance cheered up everyone. Then someone remarked that Micky Harris was not his usual cheerful, smiling self. Enquiries were rebuffed—they couldn't fathom out his gloom—that is until the morning he drove the forklift right into the new doors making dents all over them.

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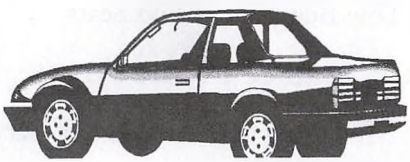

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