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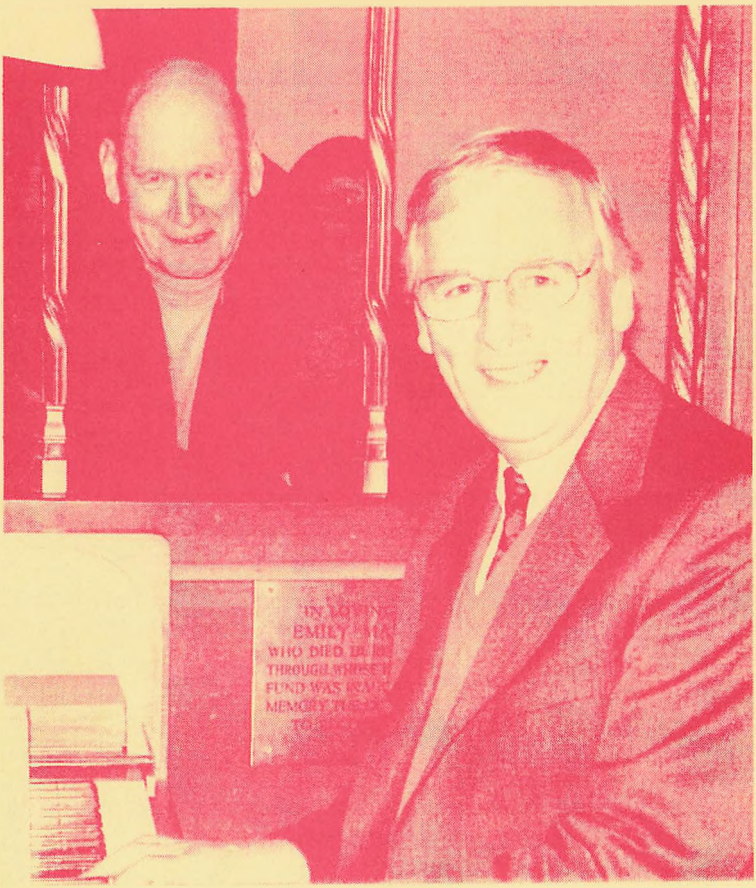

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I often hear it said that you shouldn't thank helpers by name, because you always forget someone, and that causes a row.

It's true, last month when I thanked almost everyone for their help with this magazine. I forgot someone important and she has been giving me hell for my omission.

So I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, my wife Christine, who has to put up with the disruption and chaos caused by the magazine for 3 days every month for the last 7 years.

She finds lost articles, remembers names and much, much, much more, while at the same time juggling with Community bus, Parish Council, Carnival, Memorial Hall and myriad other village matters.

I hope you liked the flowers and are we having Christmas Dinner after all?

Your loving husband, Denis

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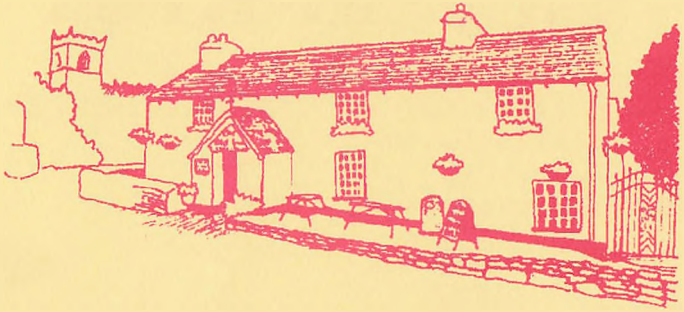

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St Breward Parish Church

The Coffee Morning held on 25th October made a profit of £179.10. The Christmas Fayre held on 6th December turned out to be a wonderful occasion. The room was packed with people spending their money and enjoying themselves. A grand total profit of £682.36 plus £50.50 on the Sunday Club stall for their funds.

The Grand Draw was won by Virginia Cholmeley, the champagne by Ann Hill and the whisky by Margery Crowle.

A big thank you to everyone who came or helped and a special thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit St Breward.

The PCC of St Breward Church would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the church over the year. The cleaners, flower arrangers, bell ringers, people who open and shut the church in the summer and those who help with the Coffee Mornings. Also Brian Wills who keeps the graveyard grass cut and tidy; Valerie, Marilyn and Caroline who do such a good job running the Sunday Club and the Sunday Club mini-bus drivers.

All these people need our grateful appreciation for the work they do to keep the church open and welcoming to both locals and holiday-makers.

May I wish all your readers best wishes for a peaceful 2004.

CMcS

What do you call a woman who balances a can of drink on her head? Bitch fizz.

The Pope was having a conversation with God. "Tell me Pope," said God, "with all the poverty in the world, will you ever consider contraception?" "Not in my lifetime," said the Pope "Well then, think about all the parishes without a good caring priest," said God. "Will you now think about ordaining some of those marvellous women you have in the church?" "Never in my lifetime" replies the Pope.

"Is there anything you would like to ask me?" said God, gently. "Yes, will you ever have another Polish Pope?"
"NIML" replied God

The biggest killer in the event of fire is politeness. "Aah, no, after you." (Have I Got News For You) Good ole Beeb.

"I watched a shiver go over the government front bench looking for a spine to rub up:" George Galloway, same prog.

A mysterious worshipper visited a church in Brighton, doing the rounds of the country assessing the value of services. This one was described as rather like a one night stand, good at the time, but you didn't want to stay around after the cigarette: (Radio 4) VJ

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Church's Page

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New Year's Resolution for Helland's Churches

January 4th will see a new beginning for the churches of Helland. After years of working together and praying together the two churches will commit themselves to working closer and closer together. In the presence of church leaders, Bishop Bill and Jennifer Lunn ,Superintendent Minister a Declaration of Intent will be signed. This will bind the churches to work together in serving the community, in prayer and study of the Bible, and in preaching the good news of Jesus Christ.

Why do it?

Christians believe that their primary purpose is to offer the "ministry of reconciliation", which is just a fancy phrase to say churches should try to help people get along with each another, to accept situations that are hard –sudden illnesses or other troubles. In short,we ought to live in harmony with one another, and our environment. "Peace on earth and goodwill to all people". It is after all the message of the angels.

So what could be better place to start than within the family of churches? The habit of falling out, selfishness, not listening, bigotry, prejudice, envy, greed – they appear to be of epidemic proportions in our modern world. The church sadly is not immune to this disease. Of course, it's not any one person's fault, but it is everyone's fault. Churches,then, have a duty, whenever possible to set the very best example by getting on together with each other. Perhaps sometimes an apology would not be amiss when churches have done the very opposite, causing strife and often rejecting other human beings in the name of God.

But thank God that his heart is bigger than ours in welcoming those we don't understand,fall out with and reject. If some poor sinner knocks on God's door he lets them in. That's what the churches together should be doing. The constant refrain of John Wesley's preaching and his brother, Charles'hymns was :

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The same sentiment is found in this old spiritual:

SALVATION FOR ALL

CHORUS

My Lord says there's room enough
Room enough in the heavens for you
My Lord says there's room enough,
Don't stay away

VERSES

Brothers* don't stay away (3 TIMES)

(*Sisters, mothers, fathers, neighbours, etc etc)

Happy New Year – Derek Carrivick

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St. Breward
4th Jan Epiphany/ Christmas 2		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	**6.30pm Covenant Service (to include the signing of a Local Covenant. Bishop Bill, Jennifer Lunn, Stephen Williams, Derek Carrivick**	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
11th Jan Baptism of Christ/	Epiphany 1	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek arrivick	9.30 a.m. Morning Service Valerie Jones	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
18th Jan Epiphany 2		9.30 a.m. Matins Valerie Jones	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
25th Jan Conversio n of Paul Epiph 3	3.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	11.00am United Holy Communion (AT CHAPEL) Alan Priestley	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
1st Feb Epihany 4		9.30am Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	6.30 p.m. Evensong Derek Carrivick	11.10 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick
8th Feb 3rd before Lent		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Derek Carrivick	9.30 a.m. United Service (AT CHAPEL) Val Sterling	**11.10am [REVEL] Holy Communion Derek Carrivick. 2.30pm REVEL PROCESSION from Rylands: 3.00pm Service in Church, Bishop Roy & Derek Carrivick**

Chapel's Page

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Dear friends,

A Happy New Year to you all.

How long will it take for us to get used to writing the New Year date of 2004? What will be the challenges of the year before us? How much change will we see in our villages this year?

A new year is of course a new beginning taking us into unknown times. But it is also a time of new opportunity to use life to the best of our ability. Sometimes we are heard to say; "Where there is life there is hope". So true, just look at nature: Already the spring bulbs are coming up ready to take the opportunity to brighten the life of others They will feel some cold winds yet and maybe even frost and snow, but there they are, ready to grasp all the opportunities offered to them. What an example nature is to us. Let us all look forward with hope and anticipation being ready to grasp every opportunity to brighten the life of others, living to the praise and glory of God who gives us life.

An old hymn written in the 17th century by Nahum Tate has these wonderful words:

> 'Through all the changing scenes of all, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God and King shall still my heart employ. May God give us all the courage to put our faith in Him to face the future with joy'.

Yours sincerely. Pastor Brian.

Politicians

"The truly skillful politician is one who, when he comes to a fork in the road, goes both ways."

Blisland Methodist Church Services for January 2004

11th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr R Sleep
25th	2.30pm	Covenant Service Preacher Pastor B Parkman

Blisland WRVS Club

For our annual Christmas visit to see the lights, Padstow was selected as our venue. Transport was arranged with St Breward Private Hire at a very reasonable cost for their two vehicles which comfortably took 15 of us to the harbour.

Coloured lights displays always have an added attraction when reflected in the water. A cup of tea in Walker's Café was enjoyed where we could sit and take in the delightful display. A walk around the harbour and some of the streets and shops all gaily lit before rejoining our transport.

Next stop was fish & chips at Barney's in Wadebridge, which all enjoyed. As it was late night shopping at Trelawney Garden Centre we had a half hour to look at their Christmas display on the way home. This certainly was a feast of lights and decorations and to be presented with mulled wine and sweets at the entrance was much appreciated.
Tony Ham, Club Organiser

St Breward Methodist Church Diary January 2004

4th	9.30am	Mr B Parkman (Covenant Service)
11th	9.30am	Church Fellowship
18th	9.30am	Mr Docwra
25th	9.30am	Mr R Heywood

Children's Club Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.45pm
No Coffee Morning in January, the next is on February 4th.

Last month's Coffee Morning raised £76.00 for the Children's Club. Collections at the Carols by Candlelight service amounted to £60 for Save the Children Fund. Many thanks to all who supported these events.

Signs found outside churches

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch- -ch. What is missing? (U R)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Blisland Gardening Club.

At our recent meeting in November we were delighted to see David Pearce again. He spoke to us about 'Soft Fruit' and how to best go about cultivation in our Cornish climate. I, for one, realised pretty quickly that I had not 'peaked' quickly enough for my Blackcurrant bushes or my Raspberry canes for that matter!!! Next year...

As promised, Lorraine Wright inspired us all again with another Christmas delight!! This year, not only were we given a refresher course on the wonderful wreaths that we all made last year, but also we were then shown how to make a superb Christmas Table Decoration. Lorraine, of course, makes it all look so easy!! Not so for us! But we had a great evening, starting as usual, with mince pies and mulled wine. Certainly gets one in the festive spirit! We all went away very happy with our efforts. Many thanks to Lorraine.

Now I want to whet your appetite for next year.... We start with a talk on 'Winter Colour'. We will welcome Ken Willock as our speaker on January 30th 2004. Subscriptions are due then and will be held at £3.00 per person. Please remember to bring your plants for sale as usual.

Peter Holden will be our guest speaker in February and he will be speaking about Propagation, in particular 'Seed Sowing'. Then a special treat awaits us in March when we have Ann Swithenbank visiting us. Try and encourage your friends and family to attend that meeting, as they will be in for a very interesting evening.

Thank you to everyone who has staunchly supported our Gardening Club over the last year. It certainly has been a joy to see so many people in the village and sometimes beyond, join us so regularly.
Looking forward to seeing you all next January 30th 2004. Happy New Year!

Haunted Graveyard

One lunch time recently Simon Hetherington was enjoying a breath of fresh air on the Old Inn's veranda when he heard faint ghostly cries coming from the Churchyard. "Si, Si," it wailed but he ignored it. Then he heard it again, "Si, Si, Si," and screwing up some courage he climbed up the wall and peered into the graveyard, where he saw a terrible blood-covered figure clambering up a grave stone.

As he looked closer he realised that it was a semi conscious Noel Smith who had been up a ladder cleaning out the Old Inn's launders when the ladder slipped, tipping him into the Churchyard, where he banged his head on a headstone.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

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During the interval tea, coffee and cakes etc were served and which were kindly donated by some of the ladies of the village! After the interval Arthur put on a film of the years activities in the village, which was set to some lovely music. This included The Fun Day, New Years Day Hunt on the Green, Stooges Barbecue, Isobel Willcocks's open garden day & Cream tea, Wendy Gurr's open day for the

Educated ignorance

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The players and members of
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wish you all a very
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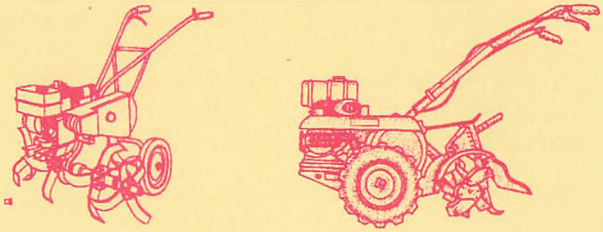

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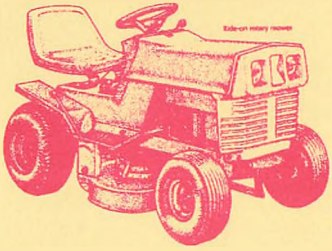

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St Breward Silver Band In Festive Mood

December proved to be a really enjoyable month for the players and supporters of St Breward Silver Band. Definitely a month to remember for retired player Seth Cardew following the surprise arrival of the entire band and their families on a pre-booked social dinner at his restaurant the "Potters Barn" to say a fond farewell. This was followed by an impromptu playing of Christmas carols for the enjoyment of diners. In appreciation, £100 was raised from the tables for the BBC "Children in Need" appeal. Chairperson, Debbie Hummerstone, had great pleasure in presenting Seth with a garden seat in recognition of his outstanding long service and dedication with the band.

The Lions Clubs International booked us for their annual Christmas Dinner, this for the young Senior Citizens of Wadebridge. Once again a most enjoyable and rewarding engagement and a letter of appreciation was received from a young 80 year old lady who took a fancy to the band's young Musical Director. I don't think Father Christmas honoured her secret wish!!

The band returned to Port Isaac to play for the traditional switching on of their festive lights Saturday 13th, the ceremony was well attended by the residents despite rain filled clouds in the night sky.

Leading up to Christmas in St Breward Chapel, the band played to a packed audience for their *Music For Christmas* concert. The night was a great success with a fantastic festive atmosphere, lots of singing and foot tapping audience participation led by Father Christmas himself. The Christmas hat competition was a huge success with Mr Woolf wining a prize for his large Christmas pudding hat, (see page 37 for photo) and bass player Steve for his illuminated Christmas tree which stood 2 foot tall! Our thanks must go out to Pastor Brian Parkman, and the Trustees of the Methodist Church, also to the local guides and Brownies for their help in making the evening such an enjoyable festive occasion. Donations collected on the night went to the Cornwall Air Ambulance and to help the Brownies & guides with their much needed renovation work, a £100 given to both parties and a donation also made to the Chapel.

With reduced numbers so as to fit into the bar of the "Old Inn" St Breward, the band played carols for the enjoyment of those in the restaurant and bars.

And so with Christmas over and the New Year ahead, the band is already in practice for the South West of England Regional Championship to be held in Torquay in March. But before this we are holding our Annual General Meeting to be held in the band room on Thursday 29th January, 7-30pm: All most welcome to attend.

Happy New Year to you all.

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Blisland Church Reverberates to a Splendid Organ Recital by Dr. Barry Rose OBE

On the afternoon/evening of Sunday 14th December 03, Blisland villagers were entertained to an excellent Organ Recital by Dr Barry Michael Rose. Dr Rose has a distinguished career as one of Britain's leading musicians, as onetime Organist & Master of the Choristers at Guildford & St Paul's' Cathedrals, Master of the Choirs & Music at King's School Canterbury & St. Albans Abbey respectively and 20 years as the BBC's Religious Music Adviser. With such an outstanding pedigree it will not be a surprise for you to read that Dr Rose's recital in Blisland filled its Church to capacity.

The recital commenced with the sparkling sound of Theodore Dubois's 'Toccata in G' and finished with a resounding performance of J S Bach's 'Toccata & Fugue in D minor'. In between we heard works by Harold Darke, Alan Ridout, Louis Claude Dacquin, Edwin Lemare, Edward Elgar, Arthur Sullivan and Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

Barry introduced every piece explaining how they were written and filling in with interesting anecdotes. The programme of varied musical styles covered the period from the mid 18th to the end of the 20th century, stretching and demonstrating the range of sounds possible from the Church's instrument.

The Church was rather cold, but the brilliant playing of Dr Rose and his warm and inviting personality warmed our hearts. The recital started at 4pm and finished just after 6pm when the village ladies provided light refreshments in the Village Institute. All in all it was splendid event which will fondly remain in our minds for many years to come. The recital raised a magnificent £427 toward Blisland Church funds. Thank you so very much Dr Rose, and thanks to all those who helped to make this event such a success.

The picture on front cover (by kind permission of Peter Glaser) shows Barry Rose sitting at the organ discussing the instrument with our resident organist John Meeson.

Noddy In a Pickle

Joe Kay was alarmed to hear that Mark Newton had broken his denture right down the middle when he bit into a pickled onion. Joe was rushing off home to check on his Public Liability cover when he was told that it was a Hayward's pickled onion, not one of his.

The moral of the story is that Joe Kay's pickles are safe for denture wearers to eat. Joe says, "A pickle in every jar is tested. "My own dentures haven't broken yet and I've been testing onions for 15 years!"

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St Breward Jubilee Luncheon Club

Another successful Christmas Lunch was held on 16th December. We would like to thank all who contributed to the lovely presents given to us "musketeers" – we do enjoy running the club and to see so many people having a good chat and a meal they have not had too cook is a reward for us. We missed Rosemary Lowe who was poorly; we said farewell to Kitty and David Royce who have moved to Delabole and we wish Bernard Rundle who was poorly at the club a speedy recovery.

Anyone wishing to go on the waiting list, which is fairly long, please contact Pat on 850628 or Margery 850679.

The next lunch is on January 20th and as usual every third Tuesday each month.
APD

When to be silent

"It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

Abraham Lincoln

Quiz - Jan '04

Proverbs - these are the initial letters of well known (I hope) proverbs.

1. I T C F W I
2. S A P A P I U, A T D Y W H G L
3. C Y C A T Y C
4. M A S T C A L
5. L B Y L
6. D C Y C B T A H
7. M H M L W
8. A S I T S N
9. M I H R A L
10. T M C S T B
11. H A L I B T N B
12. D C Y B T Y C T T
13. R B S S B E
14. M H W T S S
15. A A A D K T D A
16. W T A W T A W
17. D P A Y E I O B
18. Y C M A S P F A S E
19. E D H H D
20. W T C I A T M W P
21. L S D L

2Z.F K L W

23. M H L S
24. I W W H B W R
25. P W P F

Answers to Dec 03 quiz.

1. 1843
2. Captain Cook
3. Rudyard Kipling
4. 1957
5. Special Christmas stamps
6. . . . . .comes but once a year".
7. Lawyers tongues and clerks fingers
8. Hellebore
9. Tom Bawcock's Eve
10. 6
11. "To hear the news the angels bring"
12. Jan 6th
13. Partridge
14. Christmas Eve
15. Greek letter Chi
16. Butterfly
17. To catch small birds
18. TFI Friday
19. Raisins
20. Tree resin

I would like to thank Mrs Yvonne Bell for her quizzes. They certainly keep me guessing DPL

Fighting talk from the former Bishop of Durham Sholto Byrnes writing in the Independent 22/11/03

Dr David Jenkins, the infamous former Bishop of Durham, gave a speech about "the future of the Church of England" in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. It was not comfortable listening for his fellow clergy, as Dr Jenkins said he thinks that Rowan Williams has been "compromised" by his position as Archbishop of Canterbury. Giving the Michael Ramsey Memorial Lecture in Cambridge last week, Jenkins also warned strongly against any further rapprochement with Rome.

"If we have to toe their line it is not worth it. This Pope is clearly in the tradition of Urban VII, who threatened
Galileo with torture"" he declared, before condemning John Paul II's line on contraception as "unutterably callous", and saying that the reason why the current Pontiff had created so many saints was that "he doesn't like his company on earth, so he's making sure he can choose it in heaven." Vintage stuff. VJ

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L-R: Ringers Marjorie Leigh, Jan Chivers, Penny Carrivick, Sue Hutton, Sheila Worth, Catherine McShee, conducted by Jan Jones.

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St Breward School children performing in their school play on stage in the Methodist Church

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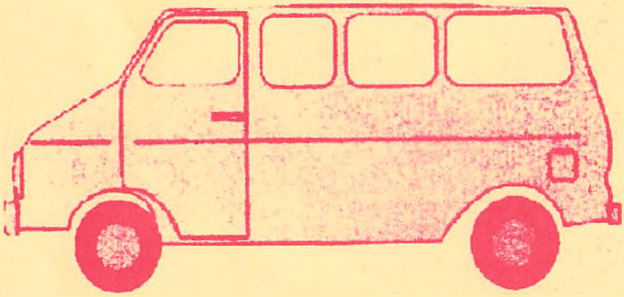

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ST BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

Our last meeting of 2003 was held on the 21st November and included our AGM. It was decided that our Club would continue in the same format - as little as possible in the way of officialdom!

We look forward to another gardening year in which we will incorporate many vistas, have a lot of fun, and enjoy the company of like minded people.

Our Treasurer, John Mundy, was pleased to report a healthy position for club funds. Grateful thanks were given to various members who had assisted in the smooth running of the Club through the year (and I am delighted to say will continue). We had a swop shop plant stall and a Christmas raffle.

The evening started with cheese, nibbles and a glass of wine (or something similar) and we went on to enjoy four guest speakers – the first being Mrs Pamela Bousfield who movingly recited her poem inspired by the Club's visit to her Wild Garden during May of 2003. An absolute delight.

Mr Denis Champion took the stage next and gave us such an interesting talk on the history of our St Breward Institute and Memorial Hall; many memories were shared with us including the start of Denis's working life at Tor Down Quarry at the age of fourteen. (Much of the granite for the Hall came from this quarry) These memories of St Breward are precious – perhaps they should be written down for posterity?

Mr Terry Goode's turn came next and we were treated to a fascinating account of childhood working holidays spent in the Hop fields of Kent with his parents – how life has changed! Terry even had some hops to show us. It was hard work with long hours but what fun he had!

Finally we were treated to a very topical talk from Mr John Mundy – he had just returned from a duty at Buckingham Palace for the State visit of Mr George Bush! So not only were we given an incite about his responsibilities when on duty as a Yeoman Bedhanger of the Queens Yeoman Bodyguard but we were lucky enough to have some of the special ceremonials for the President of the United States explained to us. (Plus a few behind the scenes happenings!)

Thank you one and all again very much for making our evening so special.

To finish our entertainment we had a lot of fun with a gardening quiz very kindly prepared for us by Mrs Carol Richards (an excellent guest speaker during the year).

The Club starts 2004 at our meeting on Friday 30th January when we have Mr Alistair Rivers as our guest speaker and his topic is 'vegetable growing'. We welcome new members and interested people and meet in the Memorial hall at 7.30pm.

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St.Breward Playgroup

The Playgroup has had a very busy December, and all the mum's and children are looking forward to the holidays for a rest.

A lot of money has been raised for various causes, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and villagers for supporting the Playgroup. At the beginning of the month £16.00 was raised for Jeans for genes day, and a further £40.00 was raised in conjunction with the brownies for Children in Need.

On the 12th December we had our Christmas Fayre and an amazing £505 was raised, which surprised us all. A lot of the children were poorly, but the ones that were OK, enjoyed a morning of games with Lorraine and Caroline, and then they came over to the Bandroom for the grand entrance of Santa. There was a cake stall, Pin the nose on Rudolph (won by Joseph Cornelius), Guess the number of sweets in the Jar (won by Michelle Coleman), and Name the Christmas teddy (won by Julie Colman - who then auctioned it off for the Playgroup). The Raffle was a big success and a big thank-you to everyone who helped make this such a big event. The Art competition this month was won by Callun with his Christmas picture - Well Done Callun.

That evening the mum's went out for their Christmas Meal at St Mabyn, where the food was very good, and then we ended the evening at Hengar Manor. We won't write too much about the latter part of the evening, but let's just say that it wasn't just the mum's hair being let down that night - YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE - SUPERMUM!!!!!!!!!!!

On Monday 15th December Surestart did a Christmas Party, where the children played a lot of party games, and had a healthy lunch, and then they swapped Christmas cards. Wednesday 17th December they had their un-healthy Christmas Party, where they had chocolates, cakes, sausage roll's etc, and they had crackers and carols.

We had one birthday this month and that was Jordan Cox who was 3 on the 29th December - Happy birthday Jordan. He had his party on 17th December up at Playschool.

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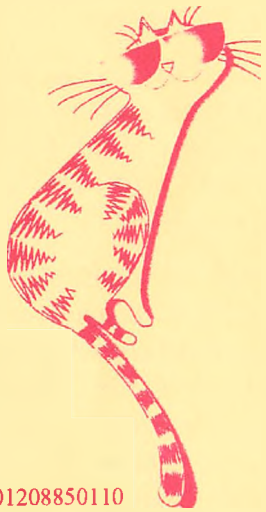

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St Breward Village Hall

Thanks to John Francis and other committee members the Art & Craft weekend went well – a profit of £259 was made for Village Hall funds. There were over 100 paintings on view and very interesting craft stalls. Those who did not come to have a look missed a treat. Refreshments were available all day thanks to the exercise group; we would not have managed without them. Thank you all.

We have new tea and serving plates thanks to a further grant from the Co-operative Society. We are now well equipped to host events.

Flower arranging classes were a great success; another series is planned for February/March. Anyone interested contact 850679.

At the last committee meeting it was decided to amend the charges for hire of the Hall for all village activities to £7 per session, i.e. morning, afternoon or evening. Anyone wishing to book a "straddle session" should talk to Margery Crowle to agree a price. Our aim is to make this very pleasant hall accessible to all village people and organisations at a reasonable cost.

Christmas lights in the Hall grounds were switched on with carol singing, mince pies & sausage rolls (Don't tell Christine that I ate 5 of them. Ed) on 19th December. The vicar led the carol singing, ably assisted by Paddy McShee, who had never belonged to any choir! The vicar managed to sing a complete verse of one carol to the tune of another, and the Kay family seemed to be ganging up on Paddy McShee, who gave as good as he got. Great fun!

Thanks to John Arnold and Viv Crowle for putting up the lights. I was going to comment on the fact that the Village Hall Christmas tree didn't appear to be truly vertical, but after out tree, opposite the shop, blew over in the high winds on Saturday night; I've decided to say nothing.

The New Year Party is on 31st December and will be commented on in the next magazine.

Pat Dibb with additions by the editor.

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We have had a very busy 2003, and we are hoping that 2004 will be just as successful, and that the village will continue to support us in our fund-raising.

The children of the Playgroup would like to wish everyone in St Breward: **A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

St Breward Parish Council

The St Breward Parish Council met at 7pm on Tuesday 4th November 2003 in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public present included Mr J Webb and Mrs S Muskett. District Councillor David Miller and PC Brian Rice also attended. There had been no Council meetings in November.

Planning applications reviewed were as follows:

- Mr & Mrs Boo - Ailsa Cottage Limehead - erection of an extension - no objections.
- Mr & Mrs Martin - Arundel Limehead - erection of an extension - no objections.
- Mr and Mrs Blackwell - Bungalow at De Lank - erection of an extension - the Council were unable to make a recommendation as the drawings of the bungalow contained an extension that was not the subject of the application.

A brief Parish Council meeting had been held on21st October 2003 handling only the three planning matters as follows:

- Mrs S Green - Green Briars Coombe Road - no objections.
- Mr P Glaser - Tremorcoombe - alterations to house - no objections
- Mr Guilfoyle - The garage Higher Penquite - work on trees covered by TPO - no objections.

The public toilets still need work by the Technical Services Dept and the Parish Council will not accept ownership until the work had been carried out satisfactorily. Both the Clerk and the District Councillor had made several efforts to get the District Council to complete the toilets but Technical Services are not yet awake to public needs.

PC Rice said that in the last eight months, there had been five incidents in St Breward including a lamb that had disappeared, a missing mobile phone and damage to the Football Clubhouse.

The culprits causing the damage were from Bodmin and were known to the police. Local police were being moved temporarily as Bodmin police station had been taken over as incident rooms for a homicide case. Despite this, PC Rice's opinion was that St Breward remains a very low crime-rate village.

The precept is the amount of money to be spent by the Parish Council in one year and every £1,000 spent by the Council is equivalent to a cost of £3 per year on the Council Tax on a band D property. The precept for the current year is £4,000. The

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precept required for next year (2004 to 2005) is £7,300 a rise of £3,300. However, the District Council may give us a grant towards the costs of the toilets which would reduce the precept. This extra £3,300 is built up as follows:

- Cost of maintaining and cleaning public toilets £1,000
- Council reserves are too low and are to be increased £800
- Inflation 5% of £4,000 £200
- Play areas insurance and maintenance £700
- Allowance for donations to seed grants for public works £600

The Council reluctantly voted for a precept of £7,300 but some Councillors were opposed to it. David Miller gave a brief talk on the problems that District and County Councils had in determining the Council taxes as Central Government tended to expect these councils to provide ever more services without the necessary funding. This was a recognized problem that needed solutions.

On behalf of the members of St Breward Parish Council, I wish you all a prosperous and happy new year in 2004.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th January 2004 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend, to raise matters of public concern or only to listen.

Mev Shelley

THE THREE STOOGES

We held our Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 29th, which was a great success, raising £742 towards the new Shop, Post Office & Doctors Surgery. This was due to the help we had from many volunteers who manned the stalls and the food counter and plus, off course Father Christmas who not only attended to the children that came but also contributed by doing a photo of the Three Stooges which raised a lot of money by people guessing our combined weights!!!!!

We must also thank all those who contributed such things as cakes, bric-a-brac and preserves etc towards the stalls and those who came and supported us by buying from them and guessing the weight of the cake and buying raffle tickets etc. Many thanks to everyone!

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John Woolf with his prize for his Christmas pudding hat at St Breward Band's concert *Music For Christmas.*

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Children at St Breward's Christingle Service *Pix P Glaser*

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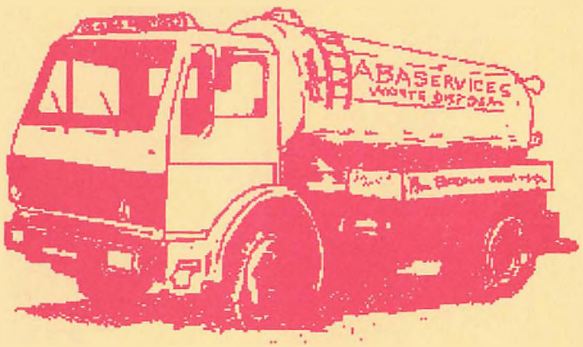

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Tales from the Old Inn Part one

With Darren & Simon off skiing recently, Dai Wills was left in charge of the Old Inn. He was late in opening up and in his hurry couldn't find his comb so was spotted using a nail brush instead.

Surprised lunchtime customers at the Old inn spotted Barbara Sadler, Practice Nurse at Dr Richardson's and Dr Garrod's surgery in St Breward carrying out a full sample bottle from the pub. They were relieved to find out that it wasn't a urine sample only a sherry that she was taking home to drink later after work.

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St Breward WI

The December 9th meeting had to be postponed until December 17th when several members will go to Mrs Marcia Castles' home for a baking demonstration. Therefore the monthly meeting took place on the 10th before going to the Potters' Barn for a Christmas treat.

Three members wish to attend the Floral Art day on March 24th at Launceston. Mrs M. Wilton gave a satisfactory quarterly report to those present. There win be an NFWI award for designing a web site for your community - have we any takers?

The entry form has been sent in for the Royal Cornwall Show display, now all we need are the four volunteers to create it. There will be a four corner day in the Marshgate/Otterham Hall, Camelford when members may chose to make various types of cards for spring on March 4th, the closing date for applications is January 13th. As we do not have a meeting in January please contact Anita Webb before that date.

If you have any suggestions for speakers/tutors for 2004 please contact Mrs C Wolf; it depends on the members what type of meetings we enjoy.

A potted plant and a card were taken to Mrs Wendy Bevan by Mrs Webb; Wendy has had problems with a broken wrist recently and now has DVT (deep vein thrombosis); we all send her good wishes for recovery.

Nominations for the committee were taken ready for the Annual Meeting in February. Seventeen members then went to the Potters' Barn for our "treat" and enjoyed many tasty items - several of them were unusual recipes which several may try to produce for our own family teas! As this was their first Christmas, Seth opened bottles of wine and a general toast was given. A most successful outing for all of us.

One item from the meeting was the report by Mrs G Daws from the Autumn Council Meeting when it was said that the EU is to ABOLISH the Standard of British Hallmarking! One more nail in our coffin! Mrs Wilton produced the one lonely decorated 6" tree so won the competition.

A Happy and Healthy New Year from St. Breward WI to everyone.

Anne Holmes

Tales from the Old Inn Part two

The Old Inn is sending Liz Hillson on a "Spatial Awareness" course. "We hope it will help her to work out that it is best to open doors before trying to walk through them, especially in the dark."

ST BREWARD AFC & SOCIAL CLUB

Jan 3rd St Breward V Menheniot
Jan 10th St Breward V Mary Tavy
Jan 17th North Hill V St Breward
Jan 24th St Breward V Queen Rangers
Jan 31st Maker with Rame V St Breward

The football club had a very enjoyable and successful programme of social events during December. Unfortunately all the committee were too exhausted to write a report!! On a serious note I would like to thank St Breward AFC & Social Club for all the generous help they have given various village organisations throughout 2003. DPL

Have you got AAADD ?

I went to the doctor yesterday and have been diagnosed with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it, manifests itself: -

I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table. I decide to go through it before washing the car. I put my keys down on the table, put the junkmail in the bin and notice that the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table to take out the bin. But then I think, since I shall be near the post box when I take
out the bin, I might as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left, so I go to my desk in the study, where I see a bottle of coke that I had been drinking.

I am about to look for my cheques when I notice that the coke is warm, so I decide to put it in the fridge. I head towards the kitchen when a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye; they need water. As I put the coke down on the counter I notice my glasses, which I've been looking for all morning. I decide that I'd better take them back to my desk, where they belong, but first I must water the flowers.

I fill a jug with water when I spot the TV remote on the kitchen table. Tonight, when we go to watch TV we'll be looking for it, so I decide to take it back to the TV but first I must water the flowers. I put water in the vase but some of it spills on the floor, so I put the remote down to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

Now it's the end of the day; the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a warm bottle of Coke on the counter, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote or my glasses and I don't know what I did with the car keys. I try to work out why nothing got done today, and I'm baffled because I've been quite busy and now I'm really tired. I realise that I have a problem and I'll try to get some help, bur first I'll check my e-mails...

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