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Pamela Bousfield

We would like to thank our many friends for all the cards and messages we received whilst in hospital in November, and the huge amount of kindness and very practical help so willingly given. We are extremely grateful to everyone.

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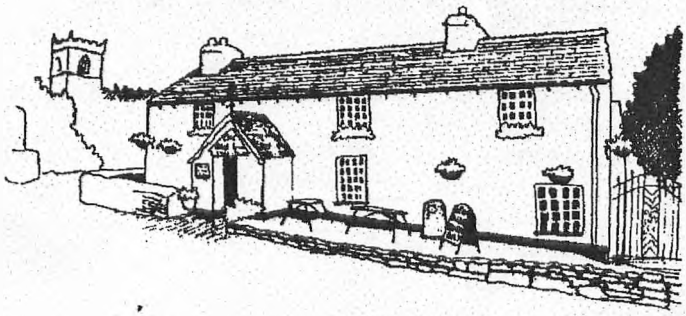

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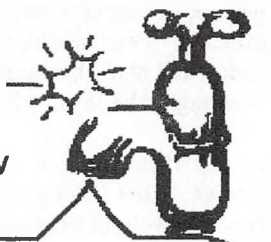

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St Breward Parish Church

The Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 4th December was a great success. The room was packed and Father Christmas was busy in his grotto. A total profit of £517.84 was made for church funds with the Sunday Club making £40.18 for their funds.

The turkey dinner in the draw was won by Mrs Pat Dibb. Well done Pat. Three other prizes were unclaimed as no manes were on the tickets. These numbers are 229, 618 and 620. If any of these numbers belong to you please contact Paddy McShee on 850435 for your prize. Also someone bought a pair of Wellington boots, which they then left behind – if they are yours please contact Paddy.

It was a wonderful occasion, full of festive spirit and many thanks must go to all those who helped and came along with a special thank you to Father Christmas for finding time in his very busy schedule to visit St Breward.

The Church would also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported the church over the year. As we have no vicar at the moment it is an especially busy time for the churchwardens who are doing a splendid job keeping the church running smoothly with services every Sunday. We mustn't forget all the people behind the scenes, bell-ringers, church cleaners, flower-arrangers and others who all give their time to keep the church alive in St Breward

Woolly thinking

A St Breward farmer is out tending his flock on Ladydown when a Range Rover comes rolling up the track. The driver gets out and announces that he wants a sheep to roast for a party. "How about a small wager?" the visitor proposes. "If I guess the exact size of your flock, you give me the sheep of my choice." The farmer, reckoning he's on safe ground, accepts but the visitor barely pauses before announcing: "Four hundred and thirty-two". So the farmer whistles up his sheepdog and herds his animals into a large pen. He counts the last one in: 432. "Fair enough," he says, "choose your sheep."

Just as the visitor is about to drive off with his trophy, the farmer proposes a wager of his own. "I bet I can guess where you live and what job you do." The visitor accepts and without hesitation the farmer says "You live in Brussels. And you work for the European Commission's agriculture directorate." The visitor is stunned and asks the farmer how he made such an accurate guess. "Who but a Eurocrat would know the exact number of sheep in my flock? And who else, given 432 sheep to choose from, would take the dog?"

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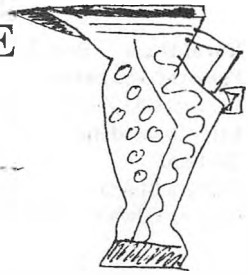

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Two straight backed chairs stood on the school stage in the hall. They had been transformed with velvet drapes and poles trimmed with gold foil, so that they were ready for occupation by royalty. Carefully folded garments were placed nearby, all awaiting the exciting start of the Year 5 pantomime.

There was an air of eager anticipation in the positioning of these items, so much rehearsing, learning of lines, doubts about acting ability, criticism, and encouragement.
Now it's over, a memory of laughter, delight, happiness, annoyance at mistakes, but over and above all that a sense of something well done.

It's January now, with its challenge of a fresh start, doubts and fears about what the New Year will bring us, hopes too for peace in the many troubled areas of the world. Let's pray with regularity for the poor of several nations who lack even the basic essentials of life, also that the world's politicians will heed their consciences and endeavour to share more generously the good resources that are hoarded away from the outstretched hands of the needy.

If each of us prepare a throne-like space in our hearts, in our lives too, for the Lord Jesus, we can make a significant difference to the lives of those around us, and that can be effective for change 'beyond our wildest dreams as we exercise faith, hope and love.

A prayer: O God, you make all things new. Help us at the start of this new year to find your love and presence afresh in all our beginnings as we reach out to grasp the possibilities before us. Amen.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Yours sincerely,
Val Jones

Church Services for January 2005

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
2nd January	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	NO SERVICE	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	None
9th January	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Holy Communion **Bodmin Team**	6.00 pm United Service (AT CHURCH) **Rev S Williams**	11.10 am Holy Communion ***TBA***	Village Hall
16th January	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Matins **Val Jones**	9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Village Hall then Church
23rd January	***TBA***	9.30 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	11.00 am United Service (AT CHAPEL) *TBA*	11.10 am Family Service **Val Jones**	Church
30th January	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Holy Communion **Conrad Sargisson**	9.30 am Matins (AT CHURCH) **Val Jones**	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Village Hall

Chapel's Page

Minister Rev. Stella Long Tel. 01840 212042			
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Dear Friends,

So we begin another New Year. It seems only yesterday that we were all talking about the beginning of the New Millennium - how quickly we move on! Many of you will have made new year resolutions - and broken them already - but isn't that the good thing about new years? We have this God given opportunity each year to make a new start, to leave behind the blots in our work books, to turn away from the failures of the past and begin again.

I was one of those children who was always making mistakes in my school exercise book - it was covered by crossings out and red teachers ink, the corners of the pages always seemed to curl up so quickly - and it is difficult to produce a good piece of work in a book like this. Probably stemming from this time, there is something about a clean unused piece of paper or book which gives me a lump of anticipation in my chest. For to me it symbolises a new start.

Our lives also soon get blotted and torn. We get caught up in a way of life which often we don't like very much, we make mistakes and have to make corrections; and it is difficult to turn away from it, much as we would like to. Our friends and family don't help either as all too often they continue to harp on about things which we would much sooner put behind us. But with God it's not like that. With him each new year is a truly new start, in fact, each new day and each new hour can be a new start with God. All we have to do is tell God we want to start again.

So this New Year, I would like to encourage you to 'make a new start', to turn away from the things we know God dislikes and focus instead on the way of life which is compatible with his love for us. And how about helping someone else to make a new start too by allowing them to leave past wrongs and hurts behind?

May I wish you good luck with your new start and may it bring you peace and good fortune in the year to come. God bless you all.

Stella

St Breward Methodist Church January Diary

2nd	9.30am	Mr J Bennallick
9th	9.30am	Mr L Mabson
16th	9.30am	Rev S Long Covenant Servicw
23rd	9.30am	Church Fellowship
30th	9.30am	Mr G Brown

No Coffee Morning this month

Blisland Methodist Church Services for January

Sunday 9th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev S Long Covenant Service
Sunday 23rd	2.30pm	Preacher Rev A Sowden Superintendent Minister

Blisland WRVS Club

Having travelled many miles in past Christmases to see the decorations of lights at Mousehole and Padstow, this time we kept local.

Wadebridge has done a first class presentation with their lights which we could appreciate while having a fish & chip supper in Barneys! Onto Trelawney Garden Centre where on 16th December late night shoppers were greeted with a glass of hot mulled wine, sweets and roasted chestnuts. Their display was excellent, snow scenes with white moving animals, a talking Father Christmas and a school band playing whilst the whole area was lit up with flashing lights.

On our return, Paula our excellent coach driver took us around nearby villages, St Tudy and St Breward where so many householders had spent time and money to make the area look like its Christmastime. Congratulations to one and all.
Tony ham, Club Organiser

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Blisland Parish Council (December Meeting)

The Parish Council met on Thursday 9th December. Seven Councillors were in attendance, with no members of the Public present. There had also been an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 2nd December also attended by seven Councillors, with one member of the Public present.

The extraordinary meeting held at the beginning of December had been principally called to review & amend the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) model Standing Orders for adoption by Blisland Parish Council. A draft document was established for further consideration at December's ordinary meeting. Other matters considered at this meeting was agreement to the CRCC quotation to prepare the database for the Parish Plan questionnaire data analysis; agreement to renew the footpath's maintenance contract with Pendrie Associates; elect Terry Pengelly as co-opted Councillor for the vacancy created by Charles Edward-Collins's resignation; and consider a planning application from NCDC to strengthen Church Bridge, Blisland. This planning application was for a listed building and was unanimously supported. In reply Council advised NCDC that it would be preferable for the work on the bridge to be scheduled for the school Easter break to minimise disruption & danger to children associated with the increased traffic through Waterloo during the bridge works.

The ordinary December meeting welcomed Terry Pengelly as the new Councillor who duly signed documents of acceptance of office. There were no planning decisions, and two planning applications. Blisland School for a small extension for an IT suite was supported by six Councillors; Rectory Cottage listed building application for a Fire Canopy was unanimously supported. Draft copies of Standing Orders for Blisland Parish Council were distributed to Councillors for consideration prior to adoption, planned in January 2005. Council agreed to support its new Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). It was agreed to consider the Grant toward the Village Hall regeneration at the January meeting. District Councillor David Miller addressed the meeting mainly advising on highways matters.

Please note that a copy of the approved minutes for the meeting of 11th November & the Extraordinary meeting of 2nd December can be downloaded from the Parish Council page of www.blisland.com and/or viewed on the Parish Council, PO & Shop, Village Hall & Blisland Inn notice boards.

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Thank you to everyone who came along to the hall on 4th December to enjoy a fun filled evening of frivolity. The hall was decorated, the lights were dimmed, the candles lit and a vast amount of mulled wine and mince pies were consumed by the quizzers. The overall winners were 'Blisland brains'. Thanks go to Malcolm Barnecutt for donating mince pies and Dave Cornall for being question master. We raised just over £200.00 which will contribute towards electrical repairs for the hall. I am sure you enjoyed yourselves and hopefully you will all come along to next years!

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THE THREE STOOGES

We wish to thank all those locals who have supported us so well this year and also to the many visitors who have been into the Village and come in for some refreshments plus of course the Rosemullion boys!. We opened on May 20th and completed on Saturday, October 2nd with a Silent Auction. The Auction raised £333, with grateful thanks to those who donated articles and to those who braved the weather to support us!

The Christmas Bazaar raised £533, again many thanks to all those who supported us
This Year we have raised for the Blisland Amenity Centre----

£3,759

This includes £364 given to the Parish Council for the use of the Institute and £80 from the "Blisland Past" magazine plus £41 from the sale of Matty & Tizers 'product' which we thank Charlie Rush for the bags and Cathy, Scott & Scott Junior for helping to collect it!!!!!

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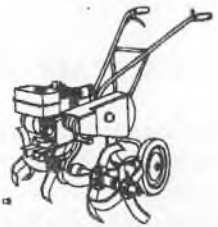

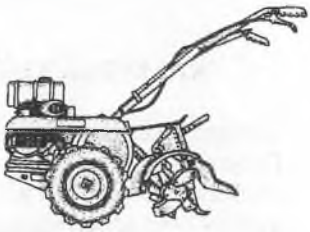

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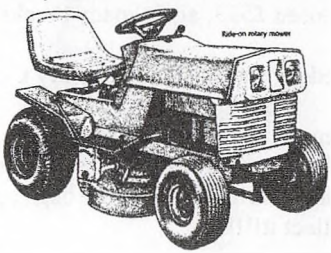

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Blisland Keeps St. Piran's Flag Flying Proud

Over the last school term Blisland School have been partaking in a *'Sense of Place'* pilot initiative outlined by Cornwall County Council in conjunction with the renowned storyteller Will Colman. This innovative project takes the focus away from London and encourages each pupil to study local area topics in relation to Cornish history and culture.

During the term the school studied a selection of fascinating areas related to the Jan Tregeagle legend. Each class learnt about Cornish centred topics from the stories behind the local saints, to the scientific theories behind the bridges along the Camel, to local wrecks and rescues.

Even popular local artists (Robert Bradford and Robin Paris,) were roped in to add an artistic viewpoint to the activities, which resulted in two epic troll statues and an ornate batik banner.
The project spanned a selection of day long activities involving both St. Tudy and St. Teath and culminated with a performance at Daymer Bay.

Rather than the Teachers telling you about the initiative, the pupils paint a far more vivid picture:

On Friday the 17th of September Blisland, St.Teath, and St.Tudy school all met up at St. Mary's town hall where we met Will Colman. He is a very good story teller because he has an excellent imagination. He told us the story of Jan Tregeagle. After he had told us the story we had our lunch. When we finished we had to get into the months we were born in and act out a bit of the story, it was good fun. We did the scene where Jan emptied out the bottomless pool with a limpet shell with a hole in.

Then we played a game where, when Will said green we would run, if he said amber, we would walk if he said red, we would freeze it was a great day. By Milly (10)

On Friday the 15th of October, Blisland school year fives and year sixes went to St. Issey, to visit an art studio. When we got there, two other schools were there, they were called St. Teath and St. Tudy. The man who

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owned the studio told us what to do. We had to make trolls to burn on the 12th of November. One was sitting and the other was standing up. Some people made a troll house. Blisland School had a great day out!

By Jocelyn Brotherhood (10)

The infant class spent the first half of the Autumn Term learning about 'Wrecks and Rescues' on the Cornish coast. We had been looking at maps and photographs of ships that had been shipwrecked around Cornwall a long time ago. On the 15th of October they set off on a visit to Charlestown to experience life on a tall ship as well as explore the Shipwreck and Heritage Museum.

When the bus picked us up from the Green in Blisland it took us to Charlestown. We arrived at Charlestown and walked down to the boat. The boat was made from wood and was gigantic. We were met by Captain Black. He showed us all around the boat. First we went up onto the poop deck. There was no poop on the deck but a huge compass. It was in front of the ship's wheel.

After seeing the poop deck we went down to see where the people slept. It was called going 'below deck'. It had 2 rats, one with a hat and the other without. It was very dark and cold. An ex sailor and artist called Tino told us some stories about ships, ferrets and rats. We really, really enjoyed the stories!

Next we went back up on deck and sang 'South Australia' – an old sea shanty sung by sailors. Then we had some lunch. We had to be careful not to drop any crumbs. If we did Captain Black told us RATS would come onto the boat! After lunch we got off the boat and crossed a bridge. It was quite scary because there was really deep water underneath it and it was very narrow!

Then we went to the museum. Outside the museum we went on an old lifeboat. The lifeboat was once used to rescue people from drowning out at sea. We went up into the museum and went into an orange life raft. We saw some trousers that were called 'breeches buoy' invented by Henry Trengroouse.
We saw some pictures of boats that had been shipwrecked around Cornwall. One of these wrecks was the Cita.
We learned a lot from the museum and it was very exciting!
By Jonty (7), Callum (7), Adam (6), Lewis (5) and Aston (5).

On Wednesday the 10th of November 2004 St Teath, St Tudy and Blisland (our school) all went to Rock Sailing Club. We shared all that we had done for this project. Just before we all had to go back to school we did a cool parade and sang songs on the beach. I was a drummer. We showed off our fantastic, colourful banners, I think ours was by far the best. Will Colman who is a story teller can also play the bagpipes. He played them on the beach while Emma and I played the

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drums. When we were on the beach we were in two circles, small children were on the inside circle and the bigger children were on the outside circle. Emma, Will and I were in the middle of everyone. By Jessie (10)

On Wednesday the 10th of November Blisland School went to Rock Sailing Club. We were accompanied by St Tudy and St Teath all through the Sense Of Place Visits. We all met up at Rock Sailing Club Hall, then we showed each other our hand made banners. For our banner, we used our initiative and got a batik artist in, to show us how to use hot wax to make a picture. After we had lunch and the day was coming to a close we went around the beach singing to the tune of the bagpipes. I think everyone thought that the banners were fantastic. We had a great time throughout the Sense Of Place Visits, and we got the chance to communicate with other children from other schools. By Eddy (9)

On Wednesday 10th November, once again the three schools, Blisland, St Tudy and St Teath met up at the Rock Sailing Club to show what we had been working on for the Sense of Place project.

Every school had made banners to show. Ours was by far the best. The way we made it was really fun using hot wax and dye. Every school did things like songs, games and even the Lords Prayer in Cornish, also we did things like making boats and bridges. We learnt songs that day like 'Martins Bicycle' and 'Oh when the saints'. It was such fun.

Before we left, we went down to the beach with Will Colman playing his bagpipes and with children playing drums. Together with our banners, we marched down onto the beach singing 'Oh when the saints'. Once on the beach, we did a big 'Martins Bicycle' dance. When Will Colman stopped playing, we got out bags and walked to the bus. We sang 'Oh when the saints' all the way home. It was really fun. By Elle (9)

On Friday the 12th of November, Blisland, St Teath and St Tudy schools went on a brilliant school trip, which was all to do with the interesting sense of place project. We did stuff like learning the Cornish language. We all went on four school trips in one day. Personally I think the last part of the trip was the best as we went to the beach. When we got down to the beach some people had to try to empty a rock pool with a limpet shell with a hole in, which was obviously impossible. Others had to catch the wind, which nobody can do. Everyone else had to go around the beach finding pieces of shipwreck and bringing them back to build a huge boat sculpture. And that was the end of our day.

By Deanna (9)

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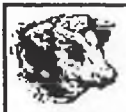

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On Friday 12th of November Blisland School went to a lovely spot called Tresarrett woods. We walked through the wood and saw loads of coloured autumn leaves. Finally we got to what the infants called their special place. It was beautiful with a little sparkling river. Then we had to pair up with an infant. The infant that you had paired up with would tell you what they liked about this wondrous place (like what their favourite tree was and what noise the river made). After that we all made wishes and when we made our wishes we had to hold this little blue boat with a candle in. Suddenly someone lit the candle which was in the little blue boat. Finally we sent the little boat down the river carrying all our wishes. Then we left this wondrous and beautiful place and ran back to the school bus.

By Joe (9)

The entire project was thoroughly enjoyed and very beneficial to all the schools. The final thought was one of great excitement as all the children felt much closer to the county in which they live.

Congratulations to the mighty Blisland School football team who recently dominated the local football festival held at Bodmin Community College. Mitchell is still running around holding three fingers up after his hat-trick heroics.

Confirmation of the new computer room has come through and building will commence very soon. Each class is looking forward to spreading out onto a further eight computers and using a new interactive whiteboard.

A LAST REMINDER

If you live in the Parish of Blisland, then by now we trust that you completed the Blisland Parish Plan questionnaire and had it collected by one of our Steering Committee members. We have started the process of data entry but this will take a little while, so there is still time for those who did not complete on time. If you still have your questionnaire please complete it and hand it in at the village temporary PO & Shop. We will include any late contribution up to the end of January 2005.

Parish Plan Steering Committee

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St Breward Gardening Club

Our November meeting consisted of a short AGM and an evening of surprises!

We started off with drinks and nibbles and social chat – our Treasurer , Sheila , collected our annual subs. and soon we started our evening entertainment. First to take the floor was Mr Alfie Fooks with his photographic slide quiz of Cornish landmarks and fascinating artifacts that he had taken over a thirty year period. Alfie gave us a choice of three answers for each slide and as some were taken from unusual angles (and close to home for most of us!) guesswork came into play! During the answer session Alfie elaborated on the history of some of the places and the whole of the presentation was given in a very humorous way. Altogether very enjoyable.

Mr Ivor Chivers from Candra then gave us such a fantastic insight into his career as a professional ocean engineer. He was initially a Principal Scientific officer in the civil service and was very much the creator of innovative machines and equipment to enable various scientific groups to conduct specific marine oceanic experiments. In fact, although he glossed over some of his achievements it was quite clear that we were in the company of a very gifted (and very modest) individual! Ivor finished his presentation with explanatory slides - it seems that St Breward is home to some exceptional people.

We moved on to AGM business and it was quickly decided that no changes were required and next year we would visit gardens of interest, nurseries etc during Summer months and arrange speakers for the Autumn and Winter. We hope to visit Bosvigo gardens during their special February helebore days but in the meantime our next meeting will be Friday 28th January, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

We proposed a grateful vote of thanks to Gill Goode who very kindly produces our excellent monthly posters (and any thing else required) on her computer. Also our sincere thanks to Irene Alexander for her unstinting help with arranging the monthly sale of raffle tickets and collecting tea money etc.

The evening ended with a gardening quiz kindly prepared for us by Carol Richards – great fun – and a welcome cup of tea or coffee to accompany the raffle.

We look forward to 2005 and many happy hours of social gardening.

Jackie Greengrass 851592

? last Tue in month

A child is not a vase to be filled – but a plant to be cultivated.

St Breward Community Bus

Our yearly Annual General Meeting was held on November 17th where many aspects of running the bus were discussed.

The biggest topic by far was the need to increase the Bus Charges. Bearing in mind that there have been no increases for many years and that vehicle running costs keep going up especially for fuel it was decided with great reluctance that we had to increase our charges to firstly stay viable and to look to the future when a new bus is required. These increases have been kept to a minimum and are as follows:

School run increased to 30p per trip
Mileage charge for the first 50 miles to be 55p per mile and 45p per mile thereafter.

Once again this is an absolute necessity and we sincerely hope it will not put people off from using the bus.
On a lighter note the Bus Lottery is continuing with much support and at the time of writing we have paid out over £9,000 in prize money (I hope you got your share) and of course a similar amount has been put to the bus finances. I hope that you will all continue to support the bus.

It is very pleasing to see that the Truro Shopping Trip is being very well supported. If you want to go you only have to ask.

By the time you read this we will be into the New Year and May I and the Bus Committee hope you had a superb Christmas and that 2005 goes well for you and your family.
Terry Goode

Blisland Table Tennis Club

Blisland Table Tennis Club had a special Club night on Tuesday 7th December. This was a great success with all three tables being used continuously from 7.30pm. Two former members from the 1999 1st Team were able to attend and we hope to arrange a match with our present 1st Team against the 1999 1st Team. After the Club night we retired to the Blisland Inn, where Margaret and Gary had put on a superb buffet for us. Many thanks to you both it was much appreciated .

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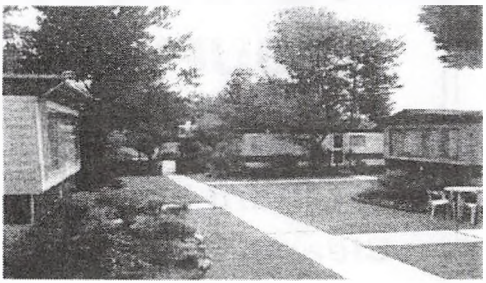

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1. Nevil Burnard carved a likeness of John Wesley over the entrance to the Wesleyan chapel - where?
2. Mevagissey is named after which two saints?
3. Luxulyan was originally a shrine on the route between which two religious houses?
4. Name the Victorian folly built overlooking Port Quin.
5. St Nonna - to whom the church at Altarnun is dedicated- was mother to which Welsh saint?
6. The Round Houses in Veryan are said to have been built by a parson, but for whom?
7. Which village church has the Mermaid Chair?
8. During World War 1 D H Lawrence and his German wife Frieda lived in which village?
9. Where is the "oldest village street in England"?
10. Where did Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, build a castle on "The Island"?
11. Which village was the first station for the Preventive Men?
12. Harbor Cottage and the Manor House were the only surviving dwellings after a Spanish raid in 1595 on which village?
13. Where can you find the Trefry Viaduct?
14. To where was Thomas Hardy alluding when he wrote of Castle Boterel?
15. and West Endelstow?
16. Danescombe Mine engine house is now a holiday home in which village?
17. Where would you find 19 Merry Maidens?
18. Roger's Tower stands on Castle Downs - where?
19. Where would you find a memorial to sailors who froze to death?
20. Three stone sugar loaves are found in which park?
21. Where did Paul Corin build up his collection of music machines?
22. Where can you find a House on Props?
23. Legend has it that no-one can count these particular Hurlers. Where are they?
24. Which churchyard has a figurehead memorial from the Caledonia?
25. John Nash designed a Gothic castle on Veryan Bay, but at which village?

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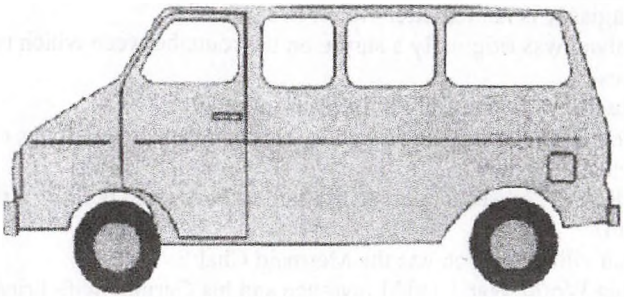

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I couldn't let 2005 begin without a couple of jokes from my unreconstructed correspondent, 'Your man from Ivybridge', who has just got over his 74th birthday which he celebrated on the 14th of December.

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Having seen the recipe for Traditional Fruit Cake in the December Magazine, it occurred to me that a recipe for a warming and nutritious homemade stew might be welcomed, particularly at this time of the year. Should any intrepid cooks try this recipe, I would be interested to hear if it was a success!

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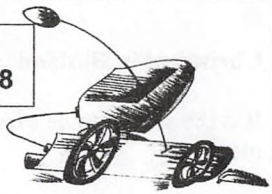

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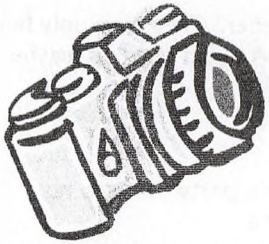

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Christmas in Blisland

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Some of the events highlighted in the last two weeks have included a very successful Classic Old Time Film Show, sure to be repeated, inclusive of ice creams in the interval. Many thanks go to all the hard work of Charles Whitehead and Arthur Ludgate. Jo will not be forgotten either!!!

The sheer skill and effortless talent of Lorraine Wright once again delighted the Blisland Gardening Club as she took us through the making of Christmas Swags and Garlands! Lorraine's of course was stunning!!! We all went away very happy with our efforts though, always being inspired to do better!! The Gardening Club also held a very enjoyable social evening in the Blisland Inn. We had a magnificent buffet. Many, many thanks to Margaret and Gary and all their helpers!!

There have also been two Christmas parties held in our village hall; one for the adults and one for the children. Both were an outright success and we all had much hilarity, fun and games!!! Thanks go to all that came along and actually supported these events, especially in such a busy run up to Christmas. But it would not happen were not for the sheer energy and enthusiasm of Mary and Bill Pope!!

One of last events of the year was the Carol singing!!! A happy band of carollers went around the village singing better and better the more mulled wine we were offered. Hmm!!! Thanks to all who offered such warm hospitality, it really was appreciated!!! We ended the evening at the Blisland Inn and were treated to a wonderful spread by Margaret and Gary!!! Many thanks are due once again!!! How lucky we are to live here! The Carol Singing raised £158 for the Children's Hospice South West.

We had to say a sad farewell to Caroline and Bruce Kelleher. They have only lived in the village for about 7 years but will be sadly missed. A poem sums up maybe how some of us feel about their departure. (On page 37)

NEW YEAR'S JOKE

A young man at a New Year's party turns to his friend and asks for a cigarette.
'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' his friend says.
'I'm in the process of quitting,' the man says. 'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.'
'What's phase one?'
'I've quit buying.'

'Ode to Caroline'
The Giver

Blisland is a village brimming over with humanity,
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With their own unique input and time.

You have filled our village with compassion
Which you freely ladle out sans discrimination
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And an instinctual penchant for giving.

So few have your rare ability for caring so much about those around you;
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And organic vegetables for many.

All villages have their elders yet hardly
Any are revered, in fact mostly are forgotten,
But you have been there for them
As well as so many others.

To France you go with Bruce and your Great Danes.
And Blisland will feel a great loss
France is now the fortunate one
As you embrace it with your love.

ANSWERS to December's QUIZ

1. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
2. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer
3. The Twelve Days Of Christmas
4. The Holly And The Ivy
5. In The Bleak Midwinter
6. When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney
7. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night
8. Jingle Bells
9. Once In Royal David's City
10. Frosty The Snowman
11. See Amid The Winters Snow
12. We Three Kings Of Orient Are
13. I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas
14. Mary's Boy Child
15. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
16. Infant Holy Infant Lowly
17. Angels From The Realms Of Glory
18. O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
19. The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
20. Joy To The World
21. Love Came Down At Christmas
22. Little Jesus Sweetly Sleep
23. Little Donkey
24. O Little Town Of Bethlehem
25. We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Events in St Breward in 2005

Avoid confusion, double-booking. Have you been upset to find that someone is running another event in the village at the same time? Ensure that your event gets the best response by putting it on the St Breward Calendar in St Breward Post Office—in the Coffee Shop. Get there first.

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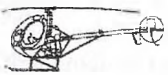

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The Farmer & the Lottery

I saw an interview on TV where this one old farmer won ten million in the Lottery. Naturally he was asked what he was gonna do with all that money. He kinda scratched his head and said, "Not sure as I know right off. Guess I'll keep farmin' till it's all gone."

Circle Flies

After pulling a farmer over for speeding on the A30 near Temple, the policeman started to lecture him about his speed, pompously implying that the farmer didn't know any better and trying to make him feel as uncomfortable as possible. He finally started writing out the ticket, but had to keep swatting at some flies buzzing around his head. The farmer said, "Having some problems with circle flies there are you?"

The policeman paused to take another swat and said, "Well, yes, if that's what they are. I've never heard of circle flies."

The farmer was pleased to enlighten the cop. "Circle flies are common on farms. They're called circle flies because you almost always find them circling the back end of a horse."

The policeman continues writing for a moment, then says," Hey, are you trying to call me a horse's behind?"

"Oh no, officer." The farmer replies. "I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers for that."

"That's a good thing," the officer says rudely, then goes back to writing the ticket. After a long pause, the farmer added, "Hard to fool them flies, though."

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We expect to start our new extension to the hall at the end of January.

We aim to limit the disruption to the main hall to the minimum and to continue with the activities therein for as long as possible. However while the main hall and extension are brought together, activities will be transferred where practical to the room underneath the stage or the Institute.

Due notice will be given to everyone that might be affected. Many thanks to everyone for their support in attending these activities; also all the committee and helpers who have made our hall such a success.
I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Bill Pope
Chairman Blisland Village Hall

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL
Saturday Events in January 2005

8th January – Saturday Night Flicks

If you enjoyed the nostalgic experience of the FILM CLUB'S last 'Saturday Night Flicks' on the 4th December 2004, then we are sure that you will want to come again for this our last event before the Village Hall renovations. If you missed December's show, then make sure you don't miss this January 2005 show. The feature film will be 'Kind Hearts and Coronets' shown with a full supporting programme.

15th January – Old Blisland Slideshow

In late November 2002 there was a very popular slideshow of a number of old and some new Photographs of Blisland and its surrounding countryside. Time has come for a second airing of many of these photographs plus a number of new additions. Make sure you book your place, it is unlikely that you will get another chance to see this show this side of 2006!

Bumper Stickers to start the new year:

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The more you complain, the longer God makes you live.
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New Year's Resolutions

As we all start a new year, it is time again to make those ever so important New Year's Resolutions. I have faithfully made such resolutions in the past, and while I haven't been able to keep all of them, I have tried my best to continue making progress on them year after year.

Following is my revised list of "New Year's Resolutions - 2004 Edition":

Resolution #1
2002: I will try to be a better husband to Christine
2003: I will not leave Christine.
2004: I will try for a reconciliation with Christine.
2005: I will try to be a better husband to Carol.

Resolution #2
2002: I will stop looking at other women.
2003: I will not get involved with Carol.
2004: I will not let Carol pressure me into another marriage.
2005: I will stop looking at other women.

Resolution #3
2002: I will read at least 20 good books a year.
2003: I will read at least 10 books a year.
2004: I will read 5 books a year.
2005: I will finish Airport.

Resolution # 4
2002: I will get my weight down below 180.
2003: I will watch my calories until I get below 190.
2004: I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200.
2005: I will try to develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

Resolution #5
2002: I will not take a drink before 5:00 p.m.
2003: I will not touch the bottle before noon.
2004: I will not become a "problem drinker".
2005: I will not miss any AA meetings.

Resolution #6
2002: I will not spend my money frivolously.
2003: I will pay off my bank loan promptly.
2004: I will pay off my bank loans promptly.
2005: I will begin making a strong effort to be out of debt by 2008.

Resolution #7
2002: I will go to church every Sunday.
2003: I will go to church as often as possible.
2004: I will set aside time each day for prayer and meditation.
2005: I will try to catch the late night prayer on the radio.

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St. Breward WI December 14th 2004

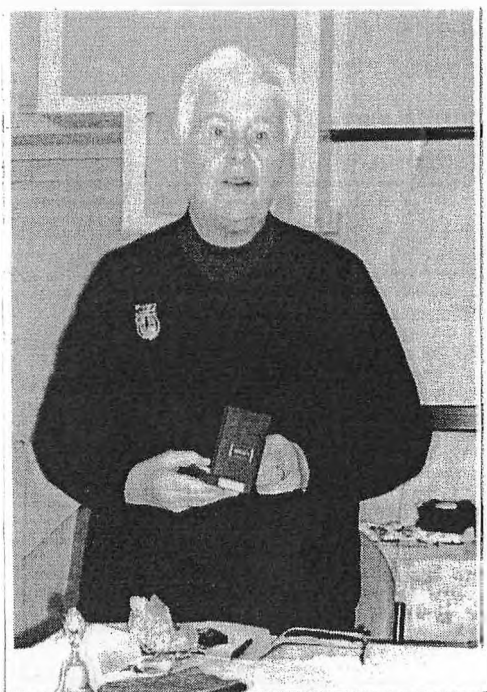
Several members had given their apologies and one, Mrs Wendy Bevan, had removed so the numbers for the Christmas were rather depleted, but this was still an enjoyable afternoon. Mrs Pamela Bousfield returned after her accident which was good news.

Three members will attend the "Future is Yours" meeting at Crackington Haven on January 21st, and final numbers were taken for the Art and Music day at Withiel on March 18th. Looking ahead this March week promises to be a busy one - the Watercolour Painting Day for the more experienced is on Wednesday the 16th with bookings just beginning (Anne Holmes 01208 850953), Energy Plus US on the 17th at County House then the Art and Music Day on the 18th (note the change of date from the 11th)!

The winning poem in the Blaikley Salver Competition was available for members to read.

Guen Daws gave a report from the Annual Council meeting, and minutes of the meeting had been supplied by County Office. The names of the new Executive committee were published in the County News, which is a good idea as not many members have a Year Book to consult about who is who.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a President's Brooch to Christine Woolf for her nine years service for our WI. This had been quietly organized by Anita Webb who was thanked by all.



Mrs Christine Woolf being presented with the silver President's brooch on behalf of St. Breward Women's Institute photo by Anita Webb;

A delicious tea provided by the members, with table decorations made by Rosemary Lowe, then followed the games and competitions. Every one received a wrapped present, all having been given by members.

There will not be a meeting in January, the Annual Meeting will be an evening one on the 8th of February at 7.15 pm. Please try to suggest ideas for our program, either actual speakers or ideas that that a speaker or tutor might be found to talk about or demonstrate. This is the way to make a varied program for all members.

A Very Happy 2005 to all from St. Breward WI

Anne Holmes

St Breward Parish Council Tuesday 7th December 2004

Apologies were received from Mr D Kay (illness)

Planning Applications

Mr C Greenaway, Churchtown Farm, St Breward.
Realignment of boundary to proposed development. PC had no objections as original boundary to this previously approved development erroneously included part of next door's garden.

Approvals: Mr Pledger, Ten Tenths Higher Penquite—erection of dwelling and Mrs Hoskin, Southwells, outline planning demolition of existing building and erection of 2 dwellings.

Reports were given on the meetings attended by Councillors M Harris and J Cornelius on Planning & Development Control; A Cornelius, V Stansfield & D Lusby, Training & Cornwall Assoc of Parish Councils; Rural transport, J Hanscomb. A brief report was given on the meeting with SW Housing Association & NCDC of future development of Chyryn Drive by A Cornelius and D Lusby.

Next year's precept was discussed with extra hours for the clerk and public toilets, which we will soon be responsible for. The precept will be set at January's meeting.

Concern was raised by NCDC's failure to reply to the agreed concerns and improvements needed at the toilets by the Parish Council and NCDC.

Next meeting Tuesday 4th January 2005 St Breward Institute & Memorial Hall at 7.00pm, including a presentation on a Parish Plan by J Pytel NCDC.

There will be a presentation by the Eden Project on January 5th, 7.00pm at St Breward Chapel on the transportation of the crane to lift the massive lump of granite at De Lank. This will entail approx 30 lorries over 4 days—a significant disruption to the lower half of the village. Come along and find out what it will mean to you and Eden.

St Breward Stores were delighted to present £210 to St Breward Guides & Brownies at their recent Christmas Party. Also we are trying to arrange to hand over £850 to Rev C Musser for the Boscastle etc flood relief.

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