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Feb 8th, 22nd and March 8th

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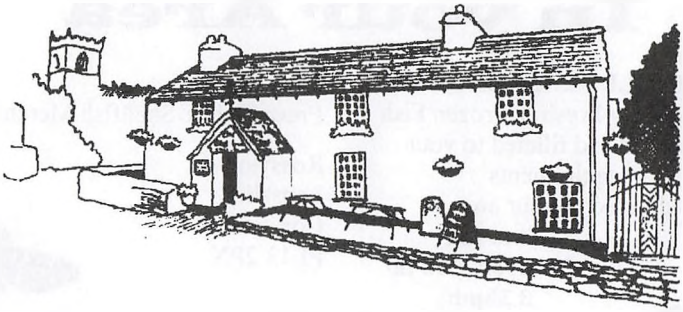

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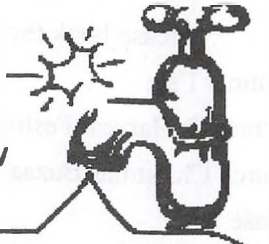

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St Breward Parish Church

On the evening of 16th December nearly 20 people gathered to go carol singing around Churchtown. Luckily the evening kept fine and we got a good response from the houses we sang at.

£61 was collected which has been given to Mr & Mrs Wilton to pass on to their son who is raising money to build a schoolroom in Malawi.

After the singing we all went back to John & Margaret Overton's for a welcome warm drink and some lovely food to eat. Thank you John & Margaret for organising the event.

On 22nd December the church held it carol service. The church was candlelit and in this lovely atmosphere 9 lessons were read and 9 carols sung accompanied by Graham Blackburn on the organ. Mrs Blackburn sang a beautiful solo of 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and the Handbell Ringers entertained with several more carols played on the church handbells. The evening ended with a cup of tea and a mince pie served in the church.

The church was full at 8.30pm on Christmas Eve for a Holy Communion service to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I'm sure everyone left the service feeling uplifted and ready for the rigors of Christmas day.

Thanks to all the people who helped make the church look so festive and welcoming at Christmas.

Catherine McShee

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH
Events for 2005

Please book these events in your nice new 2005 diary: -

Summer Fete	Saturday 2nd July 2005
St Pratts & Harvest Festival	Sunday 25th September 2005
Church Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 19th November 2005

Please Note: -

Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM)
Tuesday 12th April 2005, Institute at 7.00pm

An apple is an excellent thing – until you have tried a peach.

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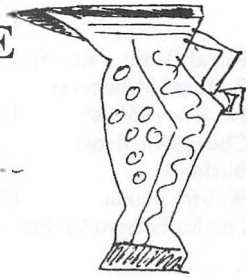

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Blisland		**St Breward**		**Helland**	
Barbara Makin	850144	Paddy McShee	850435	Paul Jackson	75240
Charles Edward Collins	821226	Peter Glaser	851744	Anne Maskell	76383

Dear Friends,

Have you spotted some snowdrops yet? Their other name is Fair Maids of February, well deserved too because they bravely grow in the roughest wintry weather. I watch for those I bought in the green at the end of there flowering season, planting them then is supposed to give them a better chance of surviving to become well established rather than putting them in the ground in October for greedy slugs to devour. We are privileged to have these lovely flowers and the other winter flowering plants to encourage us in the dark cold, days of January and February when spring seems a long way ahead of us.

We can take a lesson from these flowers; they nearly always exceed our expectations and come along year after year to make us smile with delight at their loveliness. We have a wonderful book filled with encouragement and help for our daily lives; let's stop neglecting our Bible or obtain a modern English version and read a portion every day. As a taster, here's a bit from Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever, Amen.

'There is a goldmine waiting for you in this book or books, stories, bad, wicked people, good ones too and throughout it all the strand of God's love for all his people, you and me. Don't miss out, open it up, try starting with one of the Gospels and read a chapter or part of a chapter each day, it will make a difference to your life. The snowdrops remind, us that Spring is on its way, God's word can give us hope and determination to make our way on the Christian parthway, discovering what good things God has for those who look for him.
Sincerely,
Valerie

Congratulations to Jenny Trethewey of Helland who appeared on a recent edition of the BBC's Weakest Link quiz and WON.

Church Services for February 2005

Date	Temple	Blisland	Helland	St Breward	Sunday Club
6th Feb	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Holy Communion **Bodmin Team**	NO SERVICE	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Ken Rogers**	Village Hall
9th Feb Ash Wed	NO SERVICE	7.00 pm Holy Communion **Bodmin Team**	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	
13th Feb	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	11.00 am United Service (AT CHAPEL) **TBA**	11.10 am Holy Communion Revel Procession with Band **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Revel Procession Church
20th Feb	NO SERVICE	9.30 am Matins **Val Jones (Reader)**	9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	11.10 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	Half Term
27th Feb	**TBA**	9.30 am Holy Communion **Rev Conrad Sargisson**	9.30 am United Service (AT CHURCH) **Rev S Williams**	11.10 am Family Service **Val Jones (Reader)**	Church

Chapel's Page

Minister	**Rev. Stella Long Tel.** 01840 212042		
	Blisland	**St Breward**	**Helland**
Senior Steward	Mr ET Ham 850691	Mr R Hoskin 851445	Mr. Nigel White
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Dear Friend

Since the terrible devastation around the Indian Ocean on Boxing Day many have expressed the conviction that there cannot possibly be a God for no God would allow such suffering and pain. Such thoughts are similarly expressed after wars and after our own individual suffering. I can relate to that having experienced a particularly difficult time of sickness and more recently a burglary at home.

We ask, "Why, if there is a God, does he allow us to suffer." The answer is not easy. Yet God never told us that life as one of his children would be easy.

Several times he promised Abraham he would be the father of a great nation and would possess a rich and fertile land yet he never lived to see that for himself. Likewise, when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt they wandered for 40 years in the wilderness and only one who left Egypt eventually entered the Promised Land. Even Jesus didn't get things easy. He, too, had to fight Satan's temptations in the wilderness for 40 days and then what a life and death he suffered! So why should things be different for us?

Perhaps, instead of asking where God is we should be actively looking for him. Is he not there in the miraculous survival of many, or in the help given by so many aid workers? Or in the hearts of so many who have given so generously?

But why do people have to suffer? When I am finding things tough I try (not always successfully) to ask what I can learn from this situation, what part of me is God strengthening, how can I use the experience to help others.

I had an elderly friend who was always helping others. When her husband became ill and died it was an opportunity for all those people to return the favour. However, this argument doesn't work for those people around the Indian Ocean for they were already the poorest. Was it then that we in the west needed to see their suffering more clearly? I pray that our eyes stay open and that these people and others like them are not soon forgotten.

May God bless them and you richly in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Stella

Blisland Methodist Church
Services for February

Sun 6th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev S Long (Communion Service)
Sun 20th	2.30pm	Church Fellowship

St Breward Methodist
Church February Diary

Sun 6th	9.30am	Mr Bannister
Sun 13th	9.30am	Rev S Long
Sun 20th	9.30am	Mr Dowcra
Sun 27th	9.30am	Church Fellowship

Feb 2nd 10 – 11.30am Coffee Morning
Children's church meet fortnightly

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service will be held in St Breward Methodist Church
Friday 4th March 2005 at 2.30pm

The speaker will be the Rev Margaret Millson

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ANYONE FOR (TABLE) TENNIS???

We are considering starting a table tennis club in the Memorial Hall (lower room) and would be pleased to hear from anyone who may also be interested - you do not have to be experts at the game! We anticipate enjoyable, fun evenings and/or afternoons, please do not feel that you may be too old to play! (Or too young as we hope that someone may help to organise junior evenings in due course)

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Temple Church services 2005

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During the summer they are at 4:30 pm.
In winter they are at 3:30 pm with candles.
Everyone welcome.

23rd January	3:30 pm	Evening Service
27th February	3:30 pm	Evening Service
27th March	4:30 pm	Holy Communion
(Easter day)		
24th April	4:30 pm	Evening Service
22nd May	2:00 pm	Village Walk
	4:30 pm	Evening Service
26th June	4:30 pm	Evening Service
24th July	4:30 pm	Evening Service
28th August	4:30 pm	Evening Service
25th September	4:30 pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
23rd October	4:30 pm	Evening Service
November	4:30 pm	Holy Communion
(Dedication Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria)		
11th December	5:30 pm	Candlelit Carol Service
25th December	11:00 am	Holy Communion

The church is always open for rest and prayer. It is a pilgrim's church. We wish you well on your journey.

Blisland *Clubs and Activities in Blisland Village Hall.*

Table Tennis Club: This takes place every Thursday at 7.30pm. New members of any standard are most welcome. All the equipment can be provided if necessary. For further details please phone Bill Pope on 01208 850338.

Line Dancing: This takes place every other Tuesday night at 7pm. It is fun and excellent exercise, so come along and get those dancing shoes on!!!

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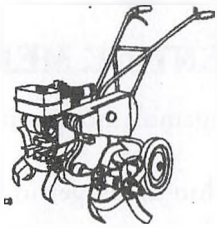

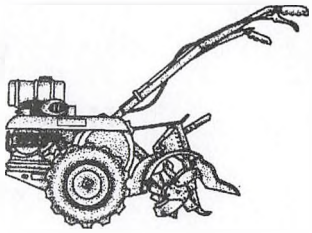

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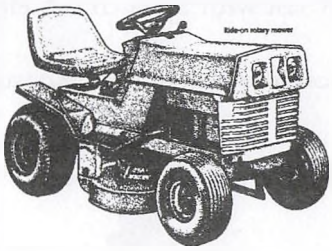

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Christmas Present Needed
Arthur Colman wished that he'd had a pipe detector for Christmas, when he drilled straight through a water pipe when putting up a shelf in the kitchen. His daughter Rebecca managed to stop the flow by covering the hole and Arthur went to turn off the supply.
"OK, you can let go now," he shouted.

Rebecca did so and another jet of water shot across the kitchen. Rebecca was unable to stop the water a second time as she was laughing too much to be of any assistance.
Shirley said, "I only wanted a shelf for my new microwave, not an internal waterfall feature."

Arthur is trying to say that the pipe was in an unusual place in the wall!!

Calling Dave Hill:
Last Monday Dave Hill saw Joe outside the shop and said "I'll Call up for a cup of tea tomorrow." Joe was quite surprised at this self invite but was patiently waiting the following morning with the kettle on the boil and a plate of biscuits at the ready.

Dave never turned up and if anyone sees him please tell him that Joe's still waiting, but the biscuits have gone a bit stale.

Gym or Bust
You must feel sorry for Julie Wright when both John and her locked themselves out of their house. The only open window, quite high up, was far too small for John to get through so Julie had to clamber in.

Onlooker said that it was worse than watching one of those TV programmes where unfit and bumbling army recruits have their first attempt at the fitness trail. You know the bit where they run at a 6 foot high wall and repeatedly fail to get a leg over and then have to crawl through a gap and all you can see is wriggling bottoms which appear to be stuck - well it looked something like that. He also said that if it had been televised the dialogue would have consisted of nothing other than a lot of beeps.

We want to know if Julie is going to get a gym membership for her birthday?

COMPUTERS!

For those of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a computer event, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the motor industry and said, '' If General Motors had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving $25.00 cars that travel a thousand miles to the gallon''.

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: ''If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash once or twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car engine would die on the motorway for no apparent reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all the windows, shut off the motor, re-start it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to re-start, in which case you would have to re-install the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive – but would run on only five per cent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This car has performed an illegal operation' warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?', before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You would have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off ''.

Please share this with your friends who love, but sometimes hate, their computer!

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Dr Richardson with Barbara Tyson & Barbara Sadler

St Breward Says Farewell

Over 40 residents of St Breward village joined together this week to say farewell to their retiring Doctor. Dr John Richardson of the Garrod & Richardson Practice has held surgery 2 days a week at St Breward since 1990. Originally joining the practice as Newman & Richardson, on Dr Newman's departure abroad, Dr Andrew Garrod joined Dr Richardson in 1993 to assist in running a very popular village community surgery as a branch to their main practice at Camelford. Little did Dr Richardson realise just how well he would personally be accepted into the community of St Breward, reaching into the affections of many a household with his ability to listen and chat, as well as diagnose, a combination of skills so often missing nowadays from overstretched large town surgeries.

Introducing Dr Richardson to the gathering before making a number of presentations collected from the villagers, local shopkeeper and surgery landlord Denis Lusby referred to an amusing number of anecdotes regarding visits to the surgery. Everyone was familiar with Dr Richardson's practical diagnosis for bed-rest or sending a patient "off to the Royal Cornwall" for further tests, by ambulance if this could speed up the process, thereby helping, and saving, many of the local's lives. His concern for individuals was further noted by his unfailing keenness to attend to home visits and this proved most welcome to the outlying areas of the St Breward community - even if it resulted in an excuse for a chat.

Dr Richardson's wife Rosie, also attending the presentation, confirmed their family had really integrated with the village over the years. Even their 3 sons had all passed through the St Breward Silver Band in their musical training, and she advised, "On surgery days for the village, John was always really keen to get up and go – he just loved St Breward!"

After nearly 15 years of helping the community, Dr Richardson's departure obviously leaves a lasting memory for the locals, a difficult gap to fill maybe, but Dr Garrod is expected to announce shortly a new partner for the busy practice.

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St Breward Primary School

Christmas Doings

Our Christmas Play was again a roaring success. We were overwhelmed by your generosity in donating your cash at the end of each performance and a truly magnificent £196.00 was raised. This will go towards next year's performance, less our donation to the Chapel for the use of their facilities. The two performances were so well attended that we are seriously considering the Hall for Cornwall this year to fit you all in!!!

We would like to thank Mr John Bate, who having heard the music in the first performance, kindly gave us a brand new CD player which won't skip and jump like the old one!

The Christmas Fayre, organised by our Friends of the school also raised £220.00 and our thanks also go to Denis and Christine who made our Christmas Lunch more festive by giving the children Christmas Crackers.

Vandalism

It was very disappointing to return to school after Christmas to find that some mindless vandalism had, yet again, occurred in our playground. The new equipment shed we had only had since the start of the term, was literally torn apart, leaving jagged metal edges which could seriously hurt the children. Nothing was actually stolen so the whole thing seems so childishly pointless. This has meant that for the last few weeks, all the play equipment has had to be put into school, taking up much needed space. We have now had a new 'shed' delivered, in the form of a storage container. Not pretty, but hopefully, more vandal proof.

Now it's back to reality and some hard work for the Year 6's who have their SATs coming up in May. The school is a bit upsidedown whilst we have a new carpet fitted into Class One's area but this will soon be done and it will make such a difference to the warmth and

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comfort of the class.

Finally.....

We would also like to thank the people who have started bringing in Yellow Pages. David Clarke managed to pick up 30 from a hotel in Exeter and we have been given 70 from another hotel – just for asking! So please ask, wherever you go. We are collecting now and will soon be pestering you for yours!!

A Full House Enjoy Bands Festive Music

Congratulations to Mr Woolf from Delank, who won first prize at the St Breward Silver Bands "Music For Christmas" festive hat competition, by displaying a life sized paper version of a stuffed turkey on his head. Amey Harris from St Breward won the children's section with her excellent miniature reproduction of a fireplace and chimney, a very controlled balancing act needed for this one. Francis Larkin from Port Isaac won the chairladies Christmas Word Search competition for the second year running, he along with the other winners received prizes from Debbie Hummerstone the bands retiring chairlady. Debbie agreed that the task of singling out a winner from the wonderful entries proved to be a difficult task, especially the children's section, suggesting small prizes should in future be given to all children who participate.

The singing of carols (conducted by Father Christmas), festive songs, paper and designer fancy hats, all added up to an excellent enjoyable concert a wonderful start to the festive week, all agreed a repeat for next Christmas.

Donations to be made to the Girl guides, Chapel, and Air Ambulance.

The band would like to take this opportunity to thank the Minister and Chapel Stewards for granting permission for use of the chapel facilities, also to Nesta Teague and her team for organising the teas, coffee, and mince pies.
The next band concert will be in early springtime this to launch their new CD for 2005.

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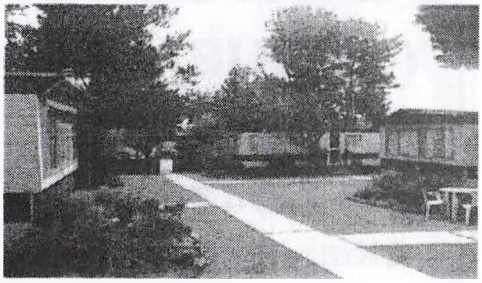

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North Cornwall National Trust Association

Despite the weather doing it's best to spoil our plans, the 2005 season got off to an excellent start, with our AGM on Friday 14th January.

We were delighted to welcome Mark Harold, the National Trust Regional Director for Cornwall and Devon, who gave an illustrated talk on progress within the Trust over the last 12 months. This ranged from potential new purchases and development within properties and gardens, to links with communities and schools. It was also a pleasure to welcome Ian Kemp, the Trusts Property Manager for North Cornwall, who spoke on the effects on the Trust of the Boscastle Disaster and the work already in progress to ensure that the village is open for business. He also kindly offered to lead a walk around the village, to talk about that fateful day, its consequences and the future.

Friday 11th March will herald our first meeting this year at Rock Village Institute. When, starting at 2.30pm, Andrew Besley, who was a photographer for a national newspaper, before working as a freelance, will be talking to us and showing some of his photographs on the theme of "Maritime Cornwall". This talk is part of our "Sea Britain" theme.

Continuing that theme, our first coach trip this year will be on Wednesday 20th April, when we will have a guided tour of the Royal Britannia Naval College, at Dartmouth, after a stop and free time in Totnes, for lunch and shopping.

For further details on any of our activities, please contact Eileen Treby, our Booking Secretary, on 01208850964
Or Jane Windeler, our Membership Secretary, on 01208863548.

The St Breward First Responders are about to conduct a door to door visit to all property listed in the parish of St Breward so as to log their GPS position. This will enable us to locate your property, should you require assistance, using equipment provided by NCDC, St Breward Carnival Committee [with thanks] and general fund raising. If the person calling is not recognised then they should be asked for identity, which they will be carrying. They will issue a label giving the OS reference number of that property which should be stuck to your telephone.

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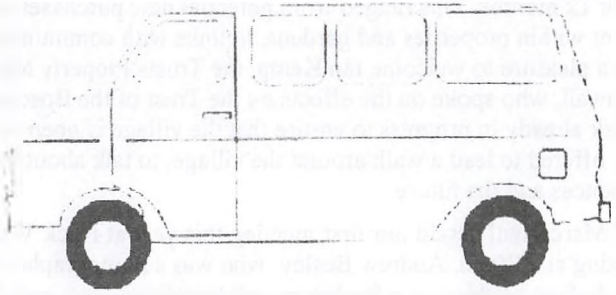

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Vintage Film Club
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Tea Party for Newcomers to Blisland: We had a very successful response to an invitation to newcomers to attend a Tea Party in the Village Hall just recently.

This was the brainwave of Mary Pope, whose energy and enthusiasm for organising events such as these is unsurpassed! As usual she was joined by her merry band of helpers – and as if by magic a wonderful array of scrumptious cakes and savouries was produced for the tea. A huge thank you to all who helped and of course to everyone who came along. It really was a happy occasion.

Slide Show.: We were given a most interesting insight into 'Life in Blisland', both past and present, with another Slide Show by Arthur Ludgate. We are indebted to him for all his efforts to make this an interesting and personal evening for many people in our community. Once again it was very well attended, which is so good to see. The next in this series will be this time next year, so watch this space!

Dates for your Diaries.

Gardening Club. February 25th, at 7.30pm
February's speaker will be the ever popular Tracey Wilson from The Duchy Nursery. This time she will be telling us about 'My Experiences of the Hampton Court Flower Show'. Guests are always welcome and new members of course. We have an excellent Raffle and a Plant Stall. Please bring any plants you may have spare. The evening finishes with refreshments and a good chat!! Look forward to seeing you there.

St Breward Village Hall
The Village Hall committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy 2005 and to say thank you for your support over the past year. We have had a busy year with a variety of parties, classes, Sunday club and an art exhibition. We hope you will all use your village Hall and enjoy all the events held there.

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January 10th – April 1st 2005

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MONDAY	***Mobile Toy Library*** Feb 7th, March 7TH St Breward Village Hall 1.30 – 2.00	St Breward Village Hall ***Birth to Three Matters group*** 1.30 – 3.30
TUESDAY	Blisland Village Hall ***Lunch and Toddler group*** 11.15 – 1.15	
FRIDAY		St Breward Village hall ***Baby Massage group*** 1.30 – 3.00

- The first full week of every month the Mini Gym is taken to the St Breward, Blisland Birth to Three Matters groups.
- Services will not be delivered on Friday 25th or Monday 28th March 2005
- We will keep you posted about any extra services or training that have not been included in this diary as yet.

ST BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

We have a most interesting local guest speaker for our February meeting, Mrs Brenda Whurr of The Old Mill Herbary at Helland Bridge. Brenda has made a study of herbal remedies over a period of time and has a collection of rare species for medicinal use and for the flavouring of food. Her garden has evolved over 20 years and she has carefully chosen a range of specimen trees to complement the varied aspects of her garden. She will tell us how her garden came into being and how the Old Mill was originally part of the Colquite Estate – it will be an entertaining evening.

On Saturday February 12th we plan to visit Bosvigo House Gardens near Truro (for the third time!) where it is 'Hellebore Day' - Michael and Wendy Perry specialise in hellebores and the woodland walk underplanting needs to be seen! There will be coffee/teas and light lunches served in the old kitchens (no charge but donations towards a shelter box for the Tsunami Appeal will be welcomed). Please telephone Jackie to book your seat on the Community Bus which will leave St Breward at 9.15am and return after lunch. All welcome.

A diary note – our March guest speaker is the well known Mr John Harris and because of Bank Holidays our meeting is on Thursday 24th March. For April, instead of our usual meeting at the Memorial Hall we have arranged to visit Lanhydrock Gardens where Mr Tommy Teague, head gardener, will act as our guide for an informative tour. This visit is planned for Friday 22nd April.

The date for our February meeting is Friday 25th in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome. Jackie Greengrass 851592

St Breward & Blisland Church Bell Ringers

In December the church bell ringers decided to have a Christmas party at the Pickwick Inn, St Issey. The evening began with an hour ringing of the bells at St Issey church after which we drove the short distance to the Pickwick. 20 ringers with their partners were served with a wonderful meal and it was a happy, jolly evening.

The only hiccup was the fact that our treasurer, Peter Glaser, misheard where the meal was to be held and was sitting all on his own in the Ring- of –Bells wondering where everyone else had gone. Still, he was rescued in time to pay for the meal!

Thank you to Keith Matthews who organised the evening and also for organising other evenings when we go and ring the bells at other church towers.

On New Year's Eve the ringers gathered to ring in the New Year at Blisland church. It was lovely to carry on the tradition and hear the bells ring out at midnight across the green.

If you would like to learn to ring the church bells just come along on a Tuesday evening to St Breward church, or at Blisland church on the last Tuesday of the month, between 7.30pm and 9.00pm and have a go.

St Breward Exercise Group

Thursday afternoons in the Village Hall are fun. We exercise, play games and laugh a lot and sometimes eat too much!

During 2004 we went for a beach picnic and paddle, a cream tea, a farewell lunch for Wendy Bevan, a founder member, who has moved away. We welcomed some new members and would love to see anyone else who is game for a laugh on Thursdays at 2.30pm. We wish everyone in St Breward a Happy 2005.

HPD

St Breward Luncheon Club

December 21st brought our third Christmas Lunch, enjoyed by everyone I hope. We continue to welcome a great chatty group each month and still have a waiting list if anyone wants to join it. The cooks and "Jills" of all trades thank everyone for their support and the lovely Christmas gifts. We hope to continue for many more Christmases and we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

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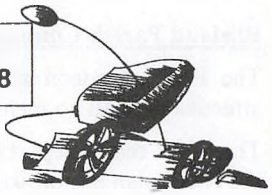

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Blisland Parish Council (January 2005 Meeting)

The Parish Council met on Thursday 13th January. Eight Councillors were in attendance, with no members of the Public present.

The Clerk read a report from PC Rice. During December the Police had recovered the two stolen motorbikes from an address in Bodmin & made an arrest. There had been a minor assault in the village. County/District Councillor Miller reminded the meeting that the "Freedom of Information Act 2000" was now effective and outlined actions being taken at District & County level to make the maximum amount of information available electronically, either through the Web or through one to one contact with Council officers using computer access to the information. (Note that the Parish Council makes current information available on the Web, see below.)

The work on improving the swings on the green including safety matting is now complete. Work has started to draw up a scheme to improve the Public Toilets with disabled access. There were two planning decisions, Blisland School for an extension for IT equipment was refused as not satisfactory for a grade 2 listed building; and the first floor accommodation for a Bungalow at Tremarvid in Cassacawn Road was refused since the scale & design were out of keeping with the surrounding area. Planning application for a Barn conversion with linkage to the House at Bradford Cottage was unanimously supported, as was continued use of land & a building at Jollybrook Barn for the repair and servicing of 4x4 & agricultural vehicles. (Due to recent improved access.) Also supported unanimously was the demolition of old stables to be replaced with new stabling at Jollybrook Barn. The conversion of a number of barns into a dwelling house as a family residence or holiday let at South Penquite Farm was supported by seven in favour with one against.

A letter had been received from a Parishioner advising concern about recent planning applications which will increase traffic in Tregenna Road. Councillor Miller advised that he had asked Highways to look into this problem, the Parish Council advised that it would support this initiative. Standing Orders at issue 1 were presented to the meeting and adopted. It was agreed to meet on Thursday 3rd February to start the process of adoption of Financial Regulations. During December the Institute had been surveyed and valued for Insurance purposes. The surveyor advised on dampness in the Institute. It was agreed to explore the cost of night storage heating as one solution to this problem. Council agreed to the proposal that the Clerk should be instructed to set up the R&M account in advance of its budgeted use from next financial year. The meeting close at 10.05 pm after 2 ½ hours.

Please note that a copy of the approved minutes for the meeting of 9th 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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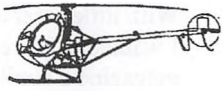

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We were chauffeured back and forth to their residence by Mr Benham who was a great help to us "two body builders." Thanks to you all.

Boxing Day we were chaperoned by Mr Camhi to Potters Barn, where we enjoyed a fantastic meal at such a reasonable price. Both Ruth and Malcolm were such a help, getting us in and out of the car and to our seats. Do try their perfect restaurant, it's worth a visit.

In my eyes, all of these people add up to being true Christians making us two have a Christmas to remember.

Last of all thanks to Elaine for being you, you are my rock.

Happy New Year, one and all.

Magazine Finances

Accounts for 2004

Income		**Expenditure**	
Magazine sales	928.00		
Advertising	2,682.00	Printing	3,100.00
Donations	12.00	Sundry expenses	68.00
Totals	3,622.00		3,168.00
Surplus	454.00		

Although we had a surplus of £454 for 2004, we have no reserves and our printing bill will be £3,600 if your magazine continues to be the same size, with a similar number of adverts.

With little reserves we had no choice but to put up the cost of the magazine to 30p. I wanted to increase the cover price to 35p – the same as Port Isaac's Trio magazine a similar sized publication, but your treasurer argued against. Advertising rates were increased last year and it seemed best to leave them alone for 2005.

Costs have risen because we now have the magazine completed by the printers. I used to collate, staple, fold and bundle the magazines but originally there were only 200 copies and 6 sheets of paper. Now there are 13 sheets of paper and 500 copies – the job now takes 8 hours for one person.

Denis Lusby

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St Breward Parish Council 2005

Meeting of the PC on 4th January 2005

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year.

Apologies were received due to illness and annual leave.
Members of the Public present were: Mrs Webb, Mr & Mrs R Webb, Mrs Lusby, Mr Foster, Mrs Griffen & Mr Richardson.

Mr Foster gave a report of recent crimes committed in the village, during December, including vandalism at De Lank Quarry and the School.

Parish Plan
Jessica Pytel (Community Regeneration Officer) gave an account of the purpose and value of Parish Plans, and how St Breward could produce such a document. A Parish Plan is a community consultation, resulting in a local strategy and development framework. Each Parish has different needs and stakeholders and other agencies come together to address the needs of the village. The PC will discuss this at the February meeting.

Planning Applications
Mr A Masters, Keybridge Farm – erection of an agricultural workshop – all in favour
Mr C Walker, 4 Haydown Close - siting of a portable wooden garden shed – all in favour

Planning Correspondence
The Environment Agency informed the Council of a forthcoming hearing concerning an appeal from Mr P Millward, under Section 78 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990.

No planning approvals of refusals were received.

Precept Planning
The precept is an integral part of the Council's financial planning. Three proposals were unanimously agreed:

- Councillors will have the option to claim for mileage expenses, only for distances of 8 miles or more. The remuneration will be 25p per mile, including 3p per additional passenger
- The Clerk's hours will increase to 8hrs per week, from 4th April 2005, paid at £7.80/hr.
- The Clerk will undertake training in Local Policy from September 2005, with the University of Gloucestershire.

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The precept for 2005/06 will total £11,972, which is equivalent to each Band D Council Taxpayer contributing £34.50 a year in St Breward. This compares favourably with other local villages: Blisland £47.79, Michaelstow £55.20, St Mabyn £39.93 (04/05 figures).

Recycling Visit

The Council have been invited to visit the Recycling Centre in Bodmin. The Clerk will arrange.

Fire Services

Cllr Hanscomb gave a detailed report of CCC Fire Brigade Service Plan and Summary – Consultation Paper.

The meeting closed at 22:25hrs.

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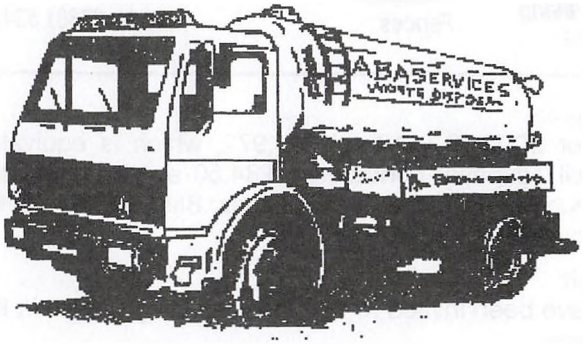

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Feb '05 QUIZ

I have called this Alphabet Soup - the answers to these clues sound like one or more letters of the alphabet e.g. A tree often found in a churchyard - U (Yew) Good Luck

1. A cyclops has just one
2. A vegetable
3. To be in debt
4. Tracy and Sharon are said to live here
5. A climbing plant
6. Beer
7. Red pepper
8. Sharp-eyed
9. Causes cavities in teeth
10. Written composition
11. Age of an octogenarian
12. Crust of a sesame bloomer
13. A deadly sin
14. Vacant
15. Not difficult
16. Frozen
17. Colourful bird
18. Secretive
19. Sister of Doris Waters
26. No matter which
21. Type of soil
22. Greeting attributed to policemen
23. Good at craft work
24. Town in Germany
25. Wigwam
26. Elation
27.3 British rivers
28. Wait here for a bus
29. Katherine
30. Bumble, honey or killer?
31. Caspian or Baltic
32. Cream, High or China
33. Be very good at
34. For what reason?
35. - and Pascoe

QUIZ - Jan '05 ANSWERS

1. Altarnun
2. St Mewan and St Issey
3. Tywardreath Priory and St Benets Lanivet
4. Doyden Castle
5. St David
6. His daughters
7. Zennor
8. Tregerthen
9/ Chysauster
10. Tintagel
11. Polperro
12. Mousehole
13. Luxulyan
14. Boscastle
15. St Juliot
16. Calstock
17. St Buryan
18. Castle an Dinas
19. St Mawgan
20. Werrington
21. St Keyne
22. Polperro
23. Minions
24. Morwenstow
25. St Michael Caerhays

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There is a coffee morning in Blisland village at the Institute 19th February 10am-12md.for The Meningitis Appeal.

Our next meeting will be February 16th 2-15 pm when Mr Peter Stafford will talk to us about "The Lost Gardens Of Heligan"

----- New members and visitors always welcome. -----

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St Breward AFC & Social Club

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5th	Queens Rangers	Home
12th	Polperro	Away
19th	Dobwalls	Home
26th	Newmoor	Home

Please watch the notice board for all Sunday league & cup games and Ladies matches.

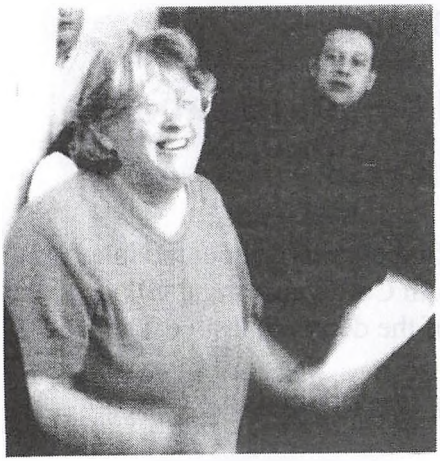
Christmas Lights: After all expenses were paid, there was a surplus of £220.15, which will be needed this year to replace some of the lights etc.

Coffee Morning: Betty Hoskin and Doreen Kay would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the 'Shelter Box' Coffee Morning in any way. It was an overwhelming response and most of the village turned out. A magnificent sum of £1,450.28 was raised on the morning. The Football Club donated the proceeds from two raffles and Betty received £200 in donations, making the total so far £1,815.

Events yet to take place are a disco at the Football Club, Bingo in the Bedroom and a disco at the Old Inn, plus collecting tubs from St Breward Stores and the Old Inn.

As this is a village effort, all proceeds will be added together and sent to the Shelterbox Trust. We will announce the total amount in next month's magazine.

Yes, St Breward has come up trumps once again. Thanks to everyone.



Betty announcing the amount raised

Young helpers at Coffee Morning

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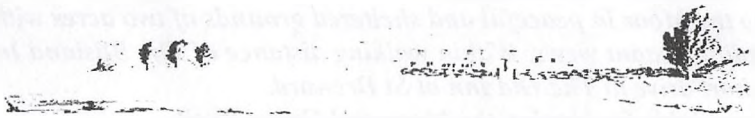

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