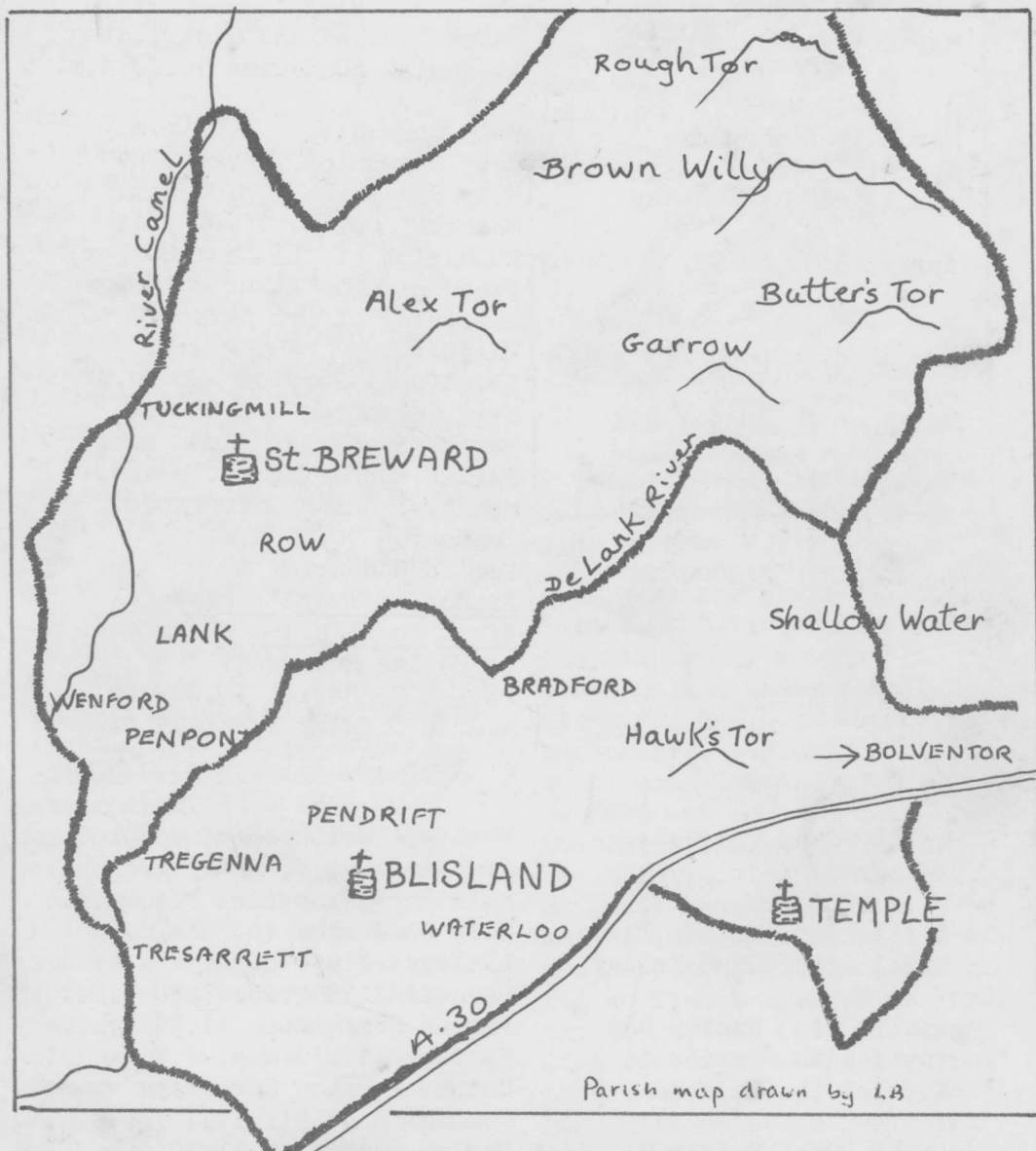


BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND CHURCH

March 30th Palm Sunday

Palms blessed and distributed
at Parish Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

Holy Week

March 31st Monday

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

April 1st Tuesday

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

April 2nd Wednesday

Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.

Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m.

April 3rd Maundy Thursday

Eucharist of the Last Supper,
Procession to Altar of Repose
Stripping of the Altars 7.30p.m.

April 4th Good Friday

The Liturgy 10.00 a.m.

Devotional Service 2.00 p.m.

April 6th Easter Day

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Parish Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

April 13th Easter 1

Parish Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

April 16th Wednesday

Mothers' Union Corporate
Communion 10.00 a.m.

April 20th Easter 2

Parish Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

Bishop of Truro's Pastoral
Visit to Blisland Confirmation
at Parish Eucharist

April 27th Easter 3

Parish Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

Weekday Holy Communion Tuesday & Friday 8.00a.m

ST BREWARD CHURCH

April 2nd Wednesday

Mothers' Union, Blisland 3.00 p.m.

Compline and Vicar's final
talk in Lent series 7.30 p.m.

April 3rd Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

April 4th Good Friday

Liturgy 11.30 a.m.

Devotional Service 7.30 p.m.

April 6th Easter Day

Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.

April 13th Easter 1

Mattins 11.30 a.m.

April 16th Wednesday

Mothers' Union Corporate

Communion at Blisland 10.00 a.m.

April 20th Easter 2

Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.

April 27th Easter 3

Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.

Weekday Holy Communion Thursdays at 10.30 a.m.

EDITORIAL

Welcome!

This first issue of our new magazine is being distributed free to as many parishioners as we can reach; if you know of any sick or housebound people who may not have received a copy, please try to get one for them from your local shop, post-office, church or pub, or failing that by telephoning the editor (see below). It is our hope that the magazine will serve everyone in this widespread area, regardless of their place of worship.

We would like your advice and your comments about this first issue, and your help in the future, and to this end Father Conrad has kindly invited all who are interested to meet him and the editor at the Rectory on April 14th at 7.30 p.m. Please come along and help us to make the magazine what you want it to be.

To those of you who have already paid for more issues of the old magazine than you received in 1979 let me assure you that you will continue to have the new one free of charge until you have had what you are owed. For new readers and all who would like to support this enterprise there is a subscription coupon on the back cover. You can send this to the editor or hand it to your distributor.

Will all organisations who are interested please note that copy - news items, dates, appeals and so on should reach the editor by the end of the first week of each month. We shall do our best to fit you all in and to include notices of fund raising efforts, for which there will be no charge. But of course we cannot exist without funds, so we hope also to run a small classified advertisements column in which you can offer goods for sale, services such as baby-sitting, lawn mowing etc., wants, exchanges - anything you like. For this we shall make a charge of 5p per word.

On page 5 of this issue we publish an article from Blisland Parish Council. In our next issue this feature will come from St Breward and thereafter the two parishes will alternate in supplying this important feature.

Ruth Lumley-Smith
Lavethan, Blisland (850487)

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

There now - I can't win whatever I call myself. I am Rector or Vicar according to which side of the De Lank river I happen to be standing. In any case I am neither, legally speaking, for I am still Priest-in-charge - and you just can't call anybody that.

It gives me enormous pleasure to introduce this first number of our new church magazine for the two parishes, and here's to its bright and continuing future. I am grateful to Mrs Ruth Lumley-Smith for taking on the task of its compilation and production and to all those who are co-operating in providing material for publishing. It has seemed to me that there is a need for a newsy and interesting magazine, covering as many activities as possible in the parishes, produced by the people and for the people, instead of things addressed just to Church people by the priest. They can best hear those things from him in church.

Now this does not mean that the parish magazine ceases to be a Church thing. What is a Church thing anyway ? Religion and life cannot be chopped apart. As I have commented on another page, our Lord's first miracle was at a wedding reception. That it should be very much mixed up with the life of his people is entirely in keeping with a religion based on incarnation (God in human form, embodied in flesh). I am suspicious, therefore, of any kind of language which seems to assume that there is a separation between "religion" on the one hand and "life" on the other, as though our daily lives and our Sunday lives can be divided off into separate compartments. One hears sometimes of the "sacred" and the "secular" as though the affairs of the world had nothing to do with religion, or vice versa.

That way is not the way of Jesus in the incarnation. The whole of life, looked at from a Christian point of view, is fundamentally religious. Whatever may be the raw materials of our work, whether it be with animals, earth, granite, clay or wood, or if we work with people, we are involved with something or someone made by a good God, as their creator. I don't see how that can be anything other than "religious", and yet it's our daily work, our daily life.

Surely that is why our Lord gave us the focus of earthly worship, the Eucharist. He took bread. Through his goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life. That bread and the wine, full of sunshine and the joy of the good earth, stand for and represent all our lives, our interests, cares, happiness and sorrow. In church at the altar they are offered. All our living, every minute of it, is spread out before God, for him to take and bless, fill with His life and give back to us. It is like Cana again; the water has become wine, richer than when we gave it. Then the offered life, received back, has to be lived out in the strength that God gives.

That is why a church magazine should reflect the whole life of the parish. I hope everyone will report news and views of any interest. We shall welcome news of our Christian brethren of other churches and chapels.

I hope I have shown why everything that goes on here in Blisland with Temple and in St Breward is of Christian concern. Woe betide the Church that tries to live a life separated from, or indifferent to, the life of the surrounding community. I think it was Archbishop Michael Ramsey who said: "The Church that lives to itself will die by itself".

God bless you all

Conrad Sargisson

What a joy it has been to see the new trees planted on the village green at Blisland to replace those which so sadly had to be felled. Very happy planting parties worked away there for a good many hours to get the young trees in. That was a good community effort, and our thanks and congratulations are due the the Parish Council for their enterprise. We are all agog now for the first sign of buds breaking in the spring.

CRS

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Tammy Lee, infant daughter of William Keith and Linda Mary Greenaway of 8, Ryland Terrace was baptised at St Breward Parish Church on 2nd March

Burials

Edgar Harris of Penpont was buried at St Breward Churchyard after a service in church on January 17th. He died very suddenly and our sympathy goes to his family in their shock and loss.

Ernest Rowe was buried at Bodmin following a funeral service at Blisland; he had farmed Penstroda in the latter years of his life after army service and twenty-five years at the De Lank quarry. Our sympathy goes to his daughter and three sons.

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Please remember in your prayers, with happiness, Tony Weaving and Joy Rowe who are to be married on 5th April at Blisland; also Clive Blake and Jennifer Distin whose wedding is to be at St Breward on 24th May. It always seems to me that the publishing of Banns in church should be lifted up from just the legal requirement into an opportunity to pray for the couples concerned. After all the scene of our Lord's first miracle - water into wine at Cana - was a wedding, which shows how he wants to be involved.

CRS

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We are sorry to hear that Mr Ned Greenaway of Waterloo has broken his leg and is in hospital at Truro, where visitors will be welcome. It would be advisable to check his whereabouts first by ringing his home: 850703

It is hoped to include an item on the Truro Cathedral appeal in the May issue of the magazine.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

BLISLAND

The Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock in the Church Institute and welcomes children over five, and sometimes younger ones in special circumstances.

We have half an hour of "learning and doing" and then join the congregation for the second half of the service. Perhaps parents would like to know just what we try to do, and you are all invited to discuss the programme with us.

The children's corner is coming along well. The screen we used at Christmas will be used for another collage depicting the Easter story, and we hope to have more work displayed for the Bishop's visit.

In addition to the Sunday morning meetings there are regular club days to combine the aims of the Sunday school with informal activities and to join with other parishes for fellowship and broader interests.

Our first outing on February 9th was attended by eleven children and six adults and was a treasure hunt and picnic at Wallhouse. We shared all the sandwiches and there was soup and a delicious chocolate cake

Keith Hargreaves and Tracey Greenaway were the top winners but there were treasures for everyone. We ended by acting out some of the parables and were very lucky that our helpers had had experience of youth work and were able to play the guitar and teach us some songs.

Those who come to Sunday School will find out what's happening in April - and if anyone has good ideas for future events please let us know.

L. Bamford and L Pengelly

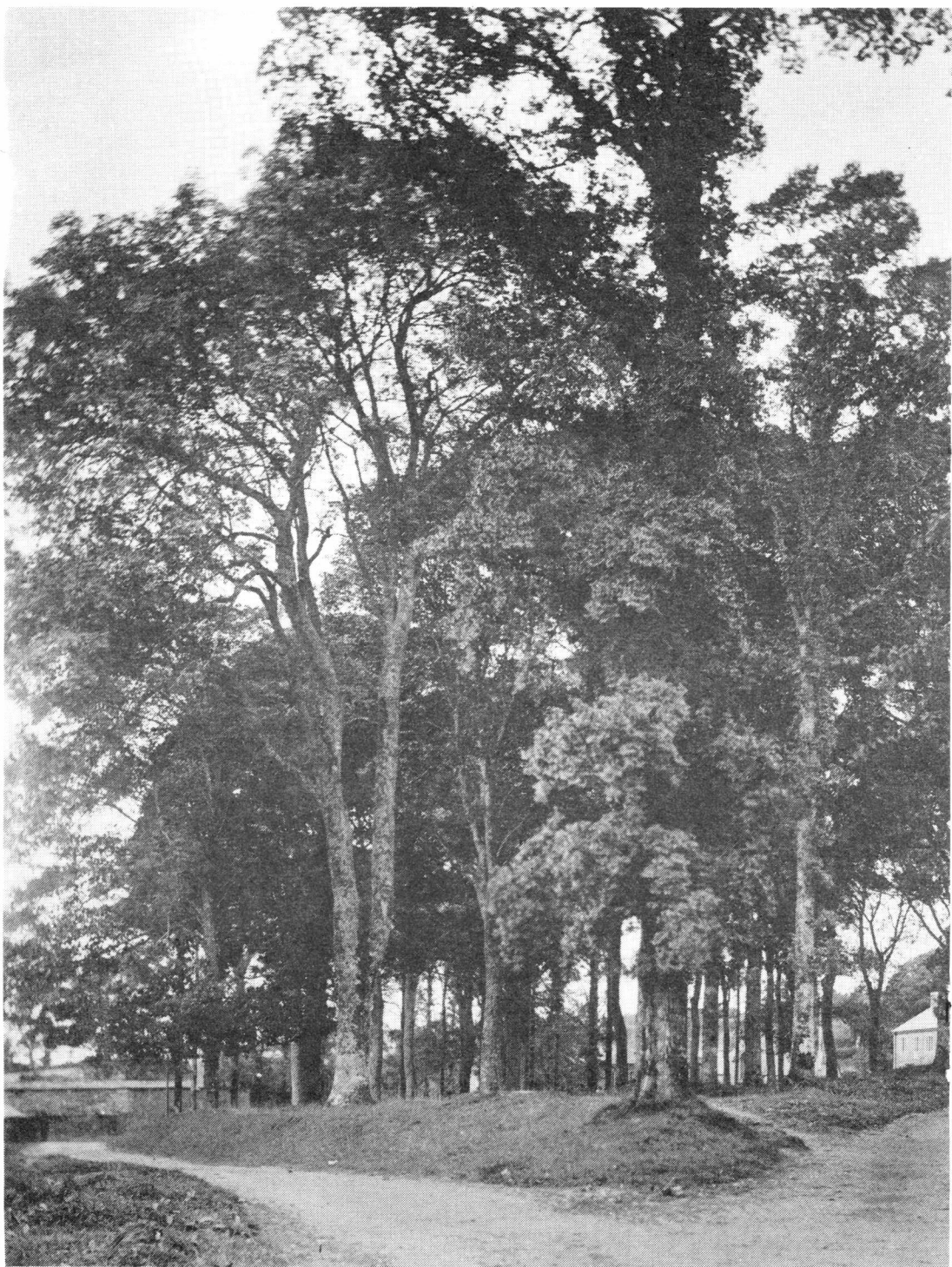
ST BREWARD

The Methodist Church at St Breward has a Sunday School which meets in the schoolroom every Sunday morning at 10.25. The session lasts for half an hour and children and teachers then proceed to the Chapel to join the congregation for the first part of the morning service, leaving at about 11.30.

New scholars are welcome at any time and we are sure would soon feel at home in the very happy atmosphere of the school.

Our children have raised the splendid sum of £25.10p by selling Sunny Smiles tickets.

AH



From the Chairman of Blisland Parish Council

Trees to delight our grandchildren

As I am sure you all know the work of tree planting on our Village green is now complete. The varieties planted include Silver Birch, Ash, Red Oak, Green Beech, Copper Beech, Norwar Maple, two Firs and one Lime. Of course it will be many years before the green is restored to its former character, but it is a consoling and happy thought that our grandchildren and their children after them, will have the chance to enjoy the green as we once knew it, and perhaps, who knows, they will sometimes pause and say a little thank you to those twentieth century villagers of vision who planted the trees and cared for them in the eighties.

To dispel the doubts that many of you have expressed that we have planted too many trees, let me assure you that Mr. Thomas of Manor Close, our tree expert, tells me that we shall be extremely lucky if one in three of those planted survive to maturity - so it seems unlikely that we shall ever see a forest on the green, although as we can see in the photograph on the facing page, which was taken about eighty years ago, it really looked very nice when it was well covered.

Periodically I go round and look at these young trees, and I am sorry to say that already several branches have been broken off, most of them well above the heads of toddlers, so the blame does not lie there. It would be a tragedy if the natural hazards faced by our young trees were to be increased by sheer carelessness and vandalism.

Apart from the goodwill and hard work that went into the planting of the trees, there is also the considerable cost involved. The trees, stakes, hire of digger, fertilizer and ties, added up to a sum in the region of £400. We have been given a grant of £250 by the Countryside Commission, but the rest of the costs must be born by all of us, the rate payers - so apart from the loss of amenity this vandalism is also bad economics. It occurs to me that if every one living within sight of the green was vigilant much of this wanton damage could be stopped.

Eileen Walford

Ourselves Long Ago

Each month on this page we shall have a short illustrated article about some of the interesting topical or historical places or events in the neighbourhood of our two parishes. We hope that readers will be sufficiently interested to make suggestions for inclusion in this feature, and better still to offer material for future issues. Particularly welcome will be the loan of pictures or photographs that illustrate aspects of life in the area. Photographs like that on page 8 are a source of interest to us all. Can any one in St Breward help ?

For a start here are some excerpts from an early book about Cornwall A Topographical and Historical Description of Cornwall written by John Norden and published in 1650. At this time the county was divided geographically into nine 'Hundreds', our two parishes came into the Hundred of Trigg.

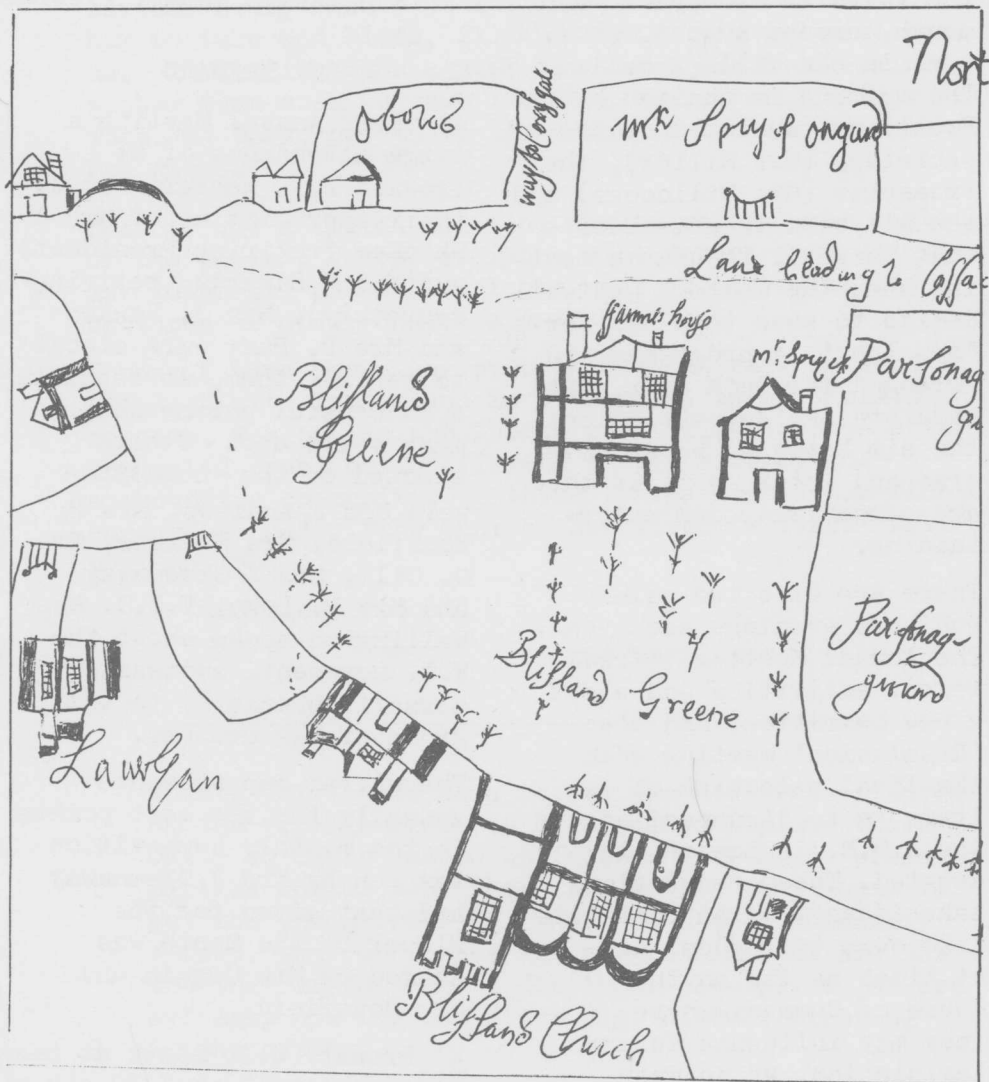
What did John Norden have to say about us ? About Blisland -or Bliston - he wrote " a parishe standinge nere the Moares and craggie hills, yet are there pastures within the parishe that will keep fatt oxen all the wynter, and as in good case as in some places they can be kept with haye; and the soyle beareth as good corne . . . This parishe is a libertye, wher the Shirifes Baylye can not areste, or otherwise entermedle without lisenche of the Lorde of the Mannor or his officer."

About St "Bruard" he wrote "St Buarde, in some records Bru-rode " - and there apparently he lost interest and had no more to say - not even an apology for his various spellings of our name, (but more of this at a later date!). John Norden has more to say of Temple: "a little parishe situate by the Moares sydes, nere the hundreds of Lesnewth, Easte and Weste. It is a place exempted from the bushops Jurisdiction, appertayninge in former times to the Templers: It is a lawless church (as they call it) wher manie badd mariages (where or howsoever contracted) are consumated. And here were they wonte to bury suche as wrowght violent death vpon themselves: But the tolleration of all mariages in this and the lyke churches couertly to be shuffled vp, is a

thing dissonant to diuine order, and worthy both in this and al other lyke to be abandoned."

And what about the Pendre stone, described by Norden as "a rock upon the topp of a hill nere Bliston" Who knows exactly where this is, or was ?

Donald Bousefield



Detail of a map of Blisland probably drawn at the beginning of the Eighteenth century. The original is in Truro Museum.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND

The Blisland W.I. meets on the third Wednesday of each month, except August, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting is chaired by the President, assisted by the secretary (Mrs Miller), the treasurer (Mrs Willcocks) and the six committee members - that is until the March meeting when the members may well decide to swap them all for a 'new look'. A programme is arranged for each year, with speakers and demonstrations the aim being to be as diverse and interesting as they are educational and entertaining.

There are also two mainly business evenings each year. The Annual Meeting to review recent activities and elect a new committee, and the 'Resolution' meeting when the final selection of items to be discussed at the A.G.M. in London, is debated. These resolutions take ideas from an Institute like ours to London, and at times as far as the House of Commons where they may influence future legislation. We do much more than sing Jerusalem and make jam!

Recently a Coffee Evening was held at Mrs Miller's home to which non-members were also invited. We hope they liked us enough to join - and to those unable to attend, the invitation to join our W.I. is still cordially extended.

Stella Vause, President

ST BREWARD

At their Annual Meeting a large attendance of St Breward W.I. members showed their appreciation of Mrs A Skinner (retiring President) and Mrs V Edwards (retiring secretary). Mrs J. Hawken and Mrs P. Parr were elected to replace them, so repeating a successful partnership of many years ago. Others elected to the committee were Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs P. Bousfield, Mrs M. Gibbs, Mrs G. Gill, Mrs J. Greenaway and Mrs P. Luke. V.C.O. Mrs Wellington spoke about the W.I. movement, addressing herself especially to the group of new members.

The silver cup presented annually for the most points in the monthly competition was won by Mrs J Greenaway and that given for the Flower of the Month was shared by Mrs Coggin and Mrs Bousfield.

St Breward W.I. meets at the Red Cross Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

PB

LETTERS

As this is our first issue we have no letters to publish, however the following extract from a letter written by our MP, Robert Hicks to Blisland's postmaster Mr W Whiteway is of interest to us all whether we live in Blisland or St Breward, and I am grateful to Mr Whiteway for allowing me to quote from it. The letter is in answer to one from Mr Whiteway expressing concern over the implications of Sir Derek Rayner's recommendation that the paying of pensions and other benefits should no longer be made at village post offices, thus leading to their ultimate closure. Here is what Robert Hicks wrote:

"I can well understand your concern, which I share. You may have seen both in the local press and on television that I have already made strong representations to the Secretary of State on this subject, since I believe that there is a social cost that must be included before any decisions are made. The existence of village life as we know it in rural areas is dependent on such facilities as the post office cum village stores and I would like you to know that I shall defend your situation with all the influence I can".

We must all surely hope that his influence will long delay the time when our post office stores may be forced to close. Perhaps St Breward people should write to their M.P., for it is Gerry Neale's view that if it saves the GPO money, then the closing of village sub post offices is justified. RLS

Letters for publication are welcome and should reach me as early as possible in the month.

Ed

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND

Congratulations to St Breward Silver Band and their Musical Director Mr W A Hunt, known to all as Micky, who attended the Cornwall Brass Band Association Silver Jubilee Contest at the City Hall, Truro, on March 1st 1980. Competing against nine other Bands in their Section, playing the test piece, Partita, they again achieved the highest marks overall in the Section. The adjudicator, Mr Edward Gregson, who also composed all the test pieces for the contest, awarded them 184 marks. They received the Mark Bazeley Cup and a cheque for £60. The W. T. Lawton Memorial Cup was presented to Mr Hunt as the conductor of the winning Band.

FROM OUR YOUTH CLUBS

BLISLAND

Blisland Youth Club meets on Friday evenings in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. The age limits are 8 to 18 years. The Game Keepers are Rowan Mabelle and Mrs Vause who are always on the look out for hardy - fool-hardy ? - individuals who would give some time and energy to assisting them and occasionally giving them an evening off.

Like the Phoenix, Blisland Youth Club periodically rises from the ashes. I have seen three such resurrections - which proves the need for some better facilities for our young people than a broken down bus shelter.

Since last October the kids have been responsible for putting on a whist drive at Christmas; thinking up the Christmas party and holding a disco. We adults have been the pit props and have wielded brooms in the mopping up operations. Our members are full of ideas and energy and should be encouraged - there's a lot of potential that should be developed. If anyone can help please telephone Mrs Vause (850512)

ST BREWARD

On Wednesday nights Mr Larry Thompson, a teacher from Camelford, battles through storms to St Breward Village Hall. He is leader of the club that caters for about forty young people in this area. The club provides table tennis, darts, the occasional disco and an opportunity for members to get together. There is also a badminton club that meets to play on a rather undersized court at the Methodist Sunday School on Friday evenings.

Like most organisations, the youth club is short of funds, but we have a number of fund raising schemes in mind, for example a sponsored tidy up of the village over the Easter holidays; so if we come knocking at your door, please give us your support. We would like to buy a Pool Table for the club.

We have been fortunate in having the help of Mr Ken Duxbury in starting a canoe project, but we still need more help to complete the job. We shall be looking for help too, when it comes to Transport and supervision. If any reader would like to help in any capacity please let me know.

Andy Henderson
Secretary (850396)

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH REGISTER with a DIFFERENCE

When a hoopoe arrived at Lavethan many years ago we were not only delighted by the sight of this beautiful bird feeding in our court yard, we were flattered that ours was the garden it had chosen to visit! That was in March 1957. Twelve months later almost to the day a learned ornithologist turned up from St Breward, less than four miles away. The news of our rare visitor had only just reached him. We could do better than this if we published an occasional record of rare birds seen in our two parishes. Will readers send in dates and approximate locations of any slightly unusual birds - and indeed other wildlife - that they have seen. I hear rumours of a rough legged buzzard, can any one confirm this? And when was the last time a hoopoe visited the parish? I believe a record of this sort could be a valuable source of information in future years.

RLS

HOPOE

Crest, shown open, cinnamon pink with black tips.



Head, mantle and breast cinnamon pink; rump and belly white; shoulders, back, wings and tail black barred white. Feet & legs grey, long curved dark bill.

WANT TO KEEP FIT ?

A project the girls of Blisland Youth Club would like to get started is a Keep Fit Class in the Village Hall. Tuesdays have been suggested and there are plenty of interested candidates, but so far we have not found a qualified instructor. If any readers can offer advice please let me know. Meanwhile Tina Nelder is compiling a list of would-be keep fitters, and until we find a teacher we shall try to make do with the loan of a record and some swotting to get us started. Watch the Post Office notice board for details. All welcome.

SV

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