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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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St. Breward Churchtown in the early 1900s *and the Old Inn*

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

February	1st	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
February	2nd	Monday The Presentation of Christ (Candle-mass)	Holy Communion with ceremonies of the day, 10.00 a.m.
February	4th	Wednesday Mothers' Union	3.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council 7.30 p.m.
February	8th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m. Pray for St Breward on Revel Sunday
February	15th	Ninth Sunday before Easter (Septuagisima)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
February	18th	Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate	Communion 10.00 a.m.
February	22nd	Eighth Sunday before Easter (Sexagisima)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.

ST BREWARD

February	1st	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.
February	4th	Wednesday Mothers' Union at Blisland	3.00p.m.
February	8th	REVEL SUNDAY. Feast of St Brewardius.	Mattins 11.30 a.m. Evensong 3.00p.m. followed by tea.
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February	18th	Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate	Communion, Blisland 10.00 a.m.
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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I can see much to be thankful for as I write a fortnight after Christmass. Blisland and St Breward both had Carol services, not badly attended, the former varying its adings this year with some poetry. This Christmas saw the one hundredth anniversary of the services of Lessons and Carols, a Truro Cathedral invention.

We had cold carolling round St Breward in a stiff nor'west breeze, and were grateful for the later warming we received from Mr and Mrs Bousfield's hospitality. Blisland's damp but cheerful lot seemed to dry out at the Rectory, and I suppose all this involved about fifty singers in the two outings, resulting in over £24 and £20 for the Children's Society. These were two good, generous, communal efforts by listeners and songsters. The enforced experiment of two "Midnight Masses", one hour apart and much moorland in between, seemed to work and I was grateful for so much cheerful co-operation. I thought that Mr Hardy's inspiration in bringing the children's "Joseph" to church was very much the right kind of fun, which has sent more than one person back to the Bible to re-read Genesis chapters 37-50.

If anyone missed these happenings I think they are spiritually the poorer and we of the worshipping community are the more incomplete in their absence.

All that I have written so far is not just stale news. Christmass really goes on through Epiphanytide until Candlemass, February 2nd, where the infant Jesus is presented by our Lady and St Joseph in the Temple. Sometime when in Blisland church ask for the screen to be opened and look in the Jesus Chapel at the lovely Flemish painting over the altar. In the right hand panel of this triptych you will see the aged Simeon giving thanks, with Anna, as the child is given over to God the Father as an offering, dedicated to him all the days of his life by presentation. The fee accepted is not the lamb of a rich man, but the alternative offering of the poor, two turtle doves. There they are, complete with pigeon basket. Keep the Feast in Blisland, please, on the Monday morning at 10.00 a.m. We all hold

lighted candles at the Gospel, to commemorate the Light of the Gentiles, the Light of the World, in the Gospel.

Beside the pigeon basket, in the same picture, a hairy little dog seems to have got in somehow. Perhaps he is after the pigeons. I suppose the artist put him in just for fun. I like that. We seem a little afraid of anything to do with religion being fun. Of course it is a very serious matter, but if it involves ALL our life as it should, then it must include all kinds of delight.

The delight with which we greet the spring will fill us before long, whatever hardships of weather we have to tackle first. There are some January primroses out in my garden. The deep and abiding joy of the Creator runs through his creation for us to share. So let us have a bit of delight in our worship and go about it with a glad heart rather than dreariness, a gladness which we have caught from God.

We are so fortunate, anywhere in these parishes of valleys and moorlands, to live in a lovely place, and it is marvellous to be able to say truthfully "I do not want to live anywhere else ". I am very grateful to all the people too, who make me feel like this.

Conrad Sargisson

P.S. May I say thank you for many Christmass kindnesses, things done and things said. CS

PARISH REGISTERS

Burial

Mabel Rose Best was buried in Blisland churchyard on Tuesday December 22nd after the service in church. I have heard many speak of her, particularly of her generosity and kindness, and we have all been sorry about a sad Christmass for some households. May she rest in peace.

JUBILEE ROCK



Your editor searched high and low last month in her search for a good picture of the engravings on Jubilee Rock to accompany the article about the history and origins of this strange feature of our parish. I could find nothing - but obviously I didn't ask the right people. Since the article appeared the pictures have followed, and the marvellous illustration above came from Mrs Masters of St Breward. I'm sure readers will agree that this will be a great help when we come to trying to revive the present sad state of the outlines.

If you are willing to help this project in any way please come to a meeting at Lavethan, Blisland on Friday 20th February at 7.30 p.m., to discuss ways and means. If the weather is terrible please 'phone 850487 to make sure this hasn't been changed, and please also let me know if you would like to be fetched.

ERRATA Finally my apologies to the author for a mistake that appeared (through my careless typing) in the Jubilee Rock article. The young Lt Rogers should have been described not as an architect but as an ARTIST and poet.

Editor

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At last all the obstacles have been overcome and four new street lights have been installed -- one at Cassacawn, one at Butts Cottage, one at Pendrift Council houses and one at Tregenna Council houses. The total cost of equipment and installation will be in the region of £240, and the District Council will take over responsibility for the up-keep and running costs. We do hope that this extra lighting in and around the village will meet all the requests for this amenity.

The Parish Council are rather perturbed by the new Electoral Division proposed by Cornwall County Council. Our County representative Mr Jeremy Faull already covers Withiel, Lanivet, Blisland, Helland, Lanhydrock and Cardinham. The proposed extra villages are St Mabyn, St Tudy and Eglos-hayle. This would present an enormous extra area to cover and we feel that Mr Faull or any future County Councillor has enough to cope with without the added burden of three more villages. A letter to this effect has been sent to the County Council.

The Parish Clerk, Mr Edgar Rowe, gave a short resumé of the Information Evening he attended on the subject of Nuclear Power which took place at Redruth. This is such a controversial subject that I wouldn't even attempt to condense the arguments for and against, into this short report. Like all major issues where the experts themselves cannot agree, it is difficult for the layman to know who to believe. However if you are interested, and really you all should be because this is going to affect all our lives one way or another, I would strongly advise you to get hold of a copy of the transcript of the questions and answers that were heard that evening. The document is called **NUCLEAR POWER AND THE PARISH COUNCIL**, and is available from the Cornwall Rural Community Centre, 1-2 Victoria Square, Truro. The price is 35p inclusive of post and packing.

The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have brought my attention to the litter and dumping of larger items in and around Blisland. For those of you who may be unaware of the law in this regard, the Litter Acts of 1958 and 1978 make

it illegal to drop litter, leave rubbish lying around or dump anything in public places or on common land. Anyone doing so is liable to heavy penalties. I have been in touch with the N.C.D.C. Environment Office and I am assured that anything coming into the category of a useless household object, for example old cookers, washing machines, bedsprings, refrigerators etc. etc., will be collected free of charge. Builders rubble can also be taken away but there is a charge for this of £13.00 for up to a three ton lorry. For further information a phone call to Camelford 2441 will, or should ! solve your problem -- and do let's make use of these free facilities and keep our moors clear of the horrible eyesores caused by dumping -- it does the reputation of the village no good and can be a danger to animals and even to unwary children who are easily tempted to go looking for hidden treasure in these dumps.

Finally to cheer you all up the Parish rate for the coming year will remain the same, at 2p. Did I hear a big sigh of relief echoing through the lanes ?

Eileen Walford

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the school on December 18th when we were entertained by the children, to a marvellous performance of "Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreaancoat" - remarkable for such a young cast, and the singers are to be commended for memorising such a tongue twisting collection of words; indeed all concerned are to be congratulated, and we were delighted to be there.

Afterwards a 'spread' of turkey and all the good things connected with Christmas were served in the canteen, and our "Thank you" seemed hardly adequate.

Three new members were welcomed to the meeting on January 6th. This being "Old Christmas Day" the meeting was opened and closed with the singing of carols, with Mrs Billings at the piano. Christmas cards were displayed in a competition, and Target Bowls was again enjoyed. These events brought the Christmas period and the Old Year to a close.

To welcome the New Year, arrangements were made for the Annual Supper on January 20th, by which time we hope all sick members will have recovered and everybody will be able to attend.

G. M. Masters



The Nativity Play in Blisland Church 1945

At Christmas in 1945 the children of Blisland School performed a nativity play in the church. The war was just over and the evacuees had returned to their homes in London. Mr Blackford, the headmaster, conceived this as a play of thanksgiving for peace after nearly five years of war.

Most of the costumes were produced by the children and their parents, but the angel's dress had belonged to the church for many years. It was an exact copy of the angels on the beautiful church screen.

The choir sang carols. Gilbert Roose sang Gounod's Nazareth - a never to be forgotten experience as his beautiful boy's voice echoed round the church, which was filled with a large audience of parents and friends. Gilbert still has a fine voice and is now a member of the Loveny Male Voice Choir.

This picture will no doubt bring back many happy memories of childhood days thirty-five years ago.

R.C.

SCHOOL PLAY AT CHRISTMAS 1980

Joseph and the amazing Technicolour Dream-coat

The performance at the school of "Joseph and the amazing Technicolour Dream-coat" was most enjoyable. This modern Morality Play in miniature was indeed very well done. The device of having the juniors miming the action while the narrators told the story must have made the producer's task easier and proved to be very effective.

The quality of the singing was very good and this was undoubtedly assisted by the adults who helped to carry the tune and to add body to the sound. Not least of all, the pianist displayed well the unobtrusive help that can be given by a skilled accompanist.

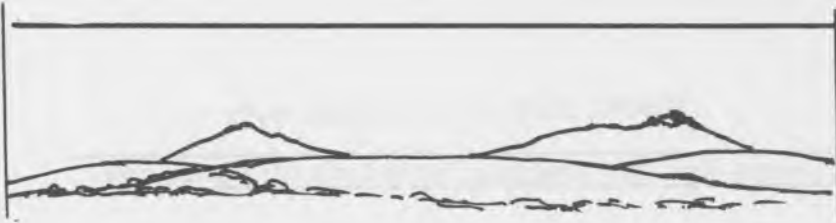
The scenery was beautifully painted and I am sure the audience appreciated all the hard work that must have gone into this production; they were certainly enthusiastic in their applause and demanded an encore of the final delightfully sung melody 'Any dream will do.'

Afterwards, having had refreshments served by the usual cheerful and efficient helpers, we had a further treat -- joining in Carol singing to the excellent playing of the Liskeard and Lostwithiel Youth Band.

M. M-L.

Sadly we have been unable to get any pictures of this years play which was performed twice at the school and once in church.





CHRISTMAS COMPETITION RESULTS

Many thanks to all of you who had a go at the Brown Willy and Rowtor competition. It wasn't easy, I know, and those who completed and sent in their answers must have spent a lot of time and effort on it. Much ingenuity was also needed to describe exactly where you were when you thought you had found the exact location of each drawing, and for the interest of all who tried it, I give below both Mrs Holden's own list and also the one sent in by the winning entry. In the case of nos 1, 3 and 6 a careful scrutiny of the map was made in order to determine who came nearest. Congratulations to the winner PETER NOTTLE of St Breward, who wins a bottle of port with his six correct answers all right on target. Second with five right answers and two very close came Mr and Mrs Bousfield and third with four right and two close Miss Cholmeley. Mrs Webber of Blisland and Michael and Jane Talbot-Smith both had four answers right.

Mrs Holden's List

Peter Nottle's answers

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| 1 | Back of Stannon near + stone circle | | Camperdown |
| 2 | Tresillian Gate and of Davidstow Aerodrome | 2 | Davidstow (road from Davidstow to Altarnun - cattle - grid) |
| 3 | Laneast Downs | 3 | B395 between Cold Northcott and Pipers Pool |
| 4 | St Endellion | 4 | St Endellion |
| 5 | Rock House, Delabole | 5 | Delabole |
| 6 | Half way down the dual carriage way on Bodmin side of Bolventor | 6 | A.30 between Hawkstor and Bolventor - on top of Lord's waste layby. |

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Many readers will well remember the Townsends who lived at Landabethick. The following is part of a letter sent to the editor with her subscription to the magazine.

A Paradise Down Under!

We have now been in New Zealand for five years. It is such a lovely country, so much space and so few people, only 3 million and half of those live in Auckland. We live in a wooden house, this is the usual kind, raised up on concrete piers. All the houses are built to resist earth tremors. When we first came we had a lot of them, sometimes three or four a week, and quite big ones. It was quite frightening, but we soon got used to them. However White Island, off the Bay of Plenty erupted, and that quietened them down. The stone houses of Cornwall would have tumbled down, like the ones in Italy, but we suffered no damage.

Our weather is very good, the winters are mild and we only get a few slight frosts. Hardly a day passes without several hours of clear sunshine. The summers are hot and sunny and when it rains the showers are very heavy but short lived.

We live in a village, Paen-garoo, not like Blisland, but a collection of detached bungalows, all with big gardens around them. There is a school, a motor-drome (garage) Post office and store and a take-away shop and health food shop. We have a large Community hall built by the County Council.

We have three quarters of an acre of garden which I tend. It was a plot of bramble covered weedy volcanic sand when we took over - but I have tamed it and now we grow every kind of fruit and vegetable in huge quantities. We have peaches and nectarines, plums, apples, figs, strawberries, passion fruit, quince, feijoas, quavas, tamarillos, cape gooseberries, raspberries, melons, oranges, lemons, grapefruit and newly planted are grape vines and kiwi fruit. The citrus fruit ripen in the winter, but there are always lemons ready to pick on the tree. We pick fresh fruit from the garden every day of the year. In spite of this I bottle about 200 bottles each year and make large quantities of preserves, as well as what I put in the freezer. Tomatoes grow well outside too, and from only three or four "super-toms" I often pick up to ten pounds a day. We also have fresh

vegetables all the year round.

The soil on the Bay is volcanic sand, no stones and very easy to work. It drains freely as it is very deep sand, and of course has to be watered for nine months of the year. It also requires large quantities of compost and either animal or artificial manure. My husband cuts the lawns, sprays the fruit trees and puts up the supports. Our flower beds, too, are always a blaze of

colour, and local people call it the English garden. Most gardens are set with specimen flowering trees at intervals in wide expanses of lawn.

Freda Townsend

This is only a part of Mrs Townsend's most interesting letter. A further extract about her New Zealand experiences will appear when space allows.

Ed

Little Bowls of Delight

The first primroses and snowdrops are already out, and almost all our gardens boast a few stray polyanthus or perhaps an odd marigold left over from summer or anticipating the spring, as well as periwinkles, winter flowering jasmin, perhaps a Christmas rose or wintersweet; the first daphne or witch hazel.

None of these look very pickable, especially the very small and fragile, but there is a way in which they can be used to bring much joy and delight to those who may be house bound for any reason.

All you need is a 1lb plastic carton from margarine or cottage cheese, or some similar container. Fill this with moss - our woods and banks have numerous lovely varieties - and then place the delicate little flowers in the moss in groups of two or three, with leaves around them. Fill gently with water which the moss will soak up and retain like a sponge, so that the flowers will keep fresh for a long time. One of the beauties of this is that when one some blooms die off (periwinkles never last long but are so pretty that it is tempting to use them) they can be taken out and replaced with new ones without disturbing the arrangement.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND

Arrangements for the Annual Birthday Dinner were discussed and this year it will be held at the home of Tony and Isabel Willcocks. The dinner will be cooked and served by outside caterers. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Other business matters were discussed, including suggestions for next years outing. This was followed by a Social Evening. Mrs Gwen Masters introduced a mind-teasing quiz game on names of Cornish Villages, this proved quite a test of our ingenuity, so full marks to Mrs Miller and Miss Rowe who scored the most points. Food was provided by all the members and as usual was most delicious.

This month we are showing a film on Denman College which is where the N.F.W.I. holds a variety of courses throughout the year, for WI members and (if they so wish) their husbands. The variety of subjects to choose from seems to cover just about everything under the sun - it's rather like a WI version of a university!

February brings us a visit from our own June and Bill Whiteway, who will entertain us with a talk on their experiences in the Welfare Services -- knowing June and Bill it should be an amusing as well as heart-pulling event.

A warm welcome awaits you if you care to come along

Eileen Walford

ST BREWARD

Members had asked for a talk on the subject of patchwork, and who better to give it than the President, Mrs J. Hawken, who showed many samples of her work, demonstrating a great variety of template sizes and shapes. The juxtaposition of patches of different shades, colours and designs, had produced very attractive cot-covers, tea cosies, work-bags and quilts. Members were full of admiration for her skill and patience and were encouraged on hearing that Mrs Hawken had taken up the craft only about three years ago. Mrs J Brown gave a vote of thanks.

Mrs G. Brown offered to attend the Mini-Consultative Conference in St Austell on January 16th and, it is hoped, may be able to rep-

resent St Breward and
Blisland at the London AGM
which will be held at the
Albert Hall on June 4th.

The December meeting was
held earlier in the month in
order to avoid the busy
Christmas period. In January
it returned to its usual
meeting date, the third
Tuesday of every month; new
members are always welcome
at 7.30 p.m. in the Red Cross
Room.

Pamela Bousfield

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ST BREWARD CP SCHOOL

St Breward C.P. School held their annual concert on
December 16th when parents, relatives and friends were
entertained by the children representing different seasonal
objects, the theme word being Christmas. There were carols,
musical items, plays and recitations, and £45. was collected
for Mount Edgecumbe Hospice at St Austell.

In the past year the pupils have raised £250 in aid of
different charities.

On the 18th the End-of Term Service was held in the
St Breward Methodist Chapel with Rev. Luke giving some
Thoughts for Christmas. Lessons were read by Mesdames
Luke, Chapman, Batten and Rowling. Carols were accompanied
by Mrs A. J. Hooper on the organ.

On Christmas Eve, at 7.30 a.m. the pupils of St Breward
School were able to hear themselves singing carols on the
Radio programme 'Morning Sou'West ', which had been
recorded two weeks earlier

I. J. Rowling
Headmistress

Written by the children of Class 111
St Breward CP School

This poem was written after
a visit to Llanhydrock House
when we saw the ceiling in
the gallery, and after
seeing a programme about Noah
on television

When all the animals were
out of the ark
They went off in their pairs
Noah cried "Praise be to God"
And knelt down to say his
prayers.

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being, but watch this space for our new schedules starting
at Easter.

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COLLECTION OF GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES FOR HELP THE AGED

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place at the Church Institute, Blisland, on Tuesday
24th February from 10.00 a.m. till noon, and from 2.00 p.m.
to 4.00 p.m.

If you have contributions to make but cannot manage to bring
them at the appointed time, please telephone Mr Masters
(Bodmin 850331) to arrange for alternative times for delivery
or to have your things collected.

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organisation and will go to the areas where the need is greatest

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