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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

- April 1st Wednesday Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m.
- April 5th Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday
Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- April 12th Palm Sunday. Blessing and Distribution of
Palms, Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- April 15th Wednesday in Holy Week. Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion 10.00 a.m.
- April 16th Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion of the
Last Supper 8.30 p.m.
- April 17th Good Friday. The Liturgy 10.00 a.m.
Devotional Hour 2.00 p.m.
- April 18th Holy Saturday. Blessing of Paschal
Candle and Easter Vigil 7.30 p.m.
- April 19th Easter Day Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- April 25th Saturday. St Mark, Ev. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.
- April 26th First Sunday after Easter. Parish
Communion 10.00 a.m.

ST BREWARD

- April 1st Mothers' Union at Blisland 3.00 p.m.
Compline and Fifth Lenten Address 7.30 p.m.
- April 5th Fifth Sunday in Lent Mattins 11.30 a.m.
- April 8th Wednesday Compline and Sixth Lenten
Address 7.30 p.m.
- April 12th Palm Sunday Blessing and Distribution of
Palms, Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.
- April 15th Wednesday in Holy Week. Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion at Blisland 10.00 a.m.
- April 16th Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion and Final
Addresss of Lenten Series. 7.00 p.m.
- April 17th Good Friday. Devotional Hour 7.00 p.m.
- April 19th Easter Sunday. Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.
- April 26th First Sunday after Easter. Parish Communion
11.30 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

A Happy Easter to all our readers. The Magazine has been running in this new form for a year now and many people have shown delighted surprise that two country parishes like ours should produce anything so ambitious and with such finesse. Everyone will want me to have said Thank you and Congratulations to our editor, Ruth Lumley-Smith.

A Happy Easter in the deepest sense depends for Christians on spiritual preparation. The joy of the first Easter in our Lord's rising from the dead, came about through his suffering. We must be with him in the way of the Cross, and the best manner for Church people to do that is through our Lord's own service, The Holy Eucharist, his own gift to us on the evening before he died. (See calendar for services on Maundy Thursday). Come to church as much as you can in Holy Week. Do look at the times in that Calendar, and if it doesn't allow you coming to a Holy Week service which you would otherwise like to have attended, then please tell me. I will gladly put on extra services, morning or evening, wherever possible.

All communicants should be aware of our Church's ancient rule of a minimum of three acts of communion each year, of which Easter shall be one. We ought to consider ourselves bound by that rule of an Easter Communion. It seems to me that once we have seen and known the real spiritual reason for having a Christmass and Easter holiday, we are deceiving ourselves and cheating God out of his due if we then accept the holiday and the fun while leaving God out of the whole business. And Good Friday ? That's the day we killed him. What about that day ?

Easter communicants, then, rally round and let nothing stop you. Blisland 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m., St Breward 11.30 a.m.. Anyone else reading this, young or old, and not yet a communicant, then let us, this Easter, put an end to the bad old habit of regarding our parish churches as lovely places from which to stay away. We

want you, we need you and we shall love to see you. We also hope you will feel the same about us.

Conrad Sargisson

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of Reuben Long of Tregenna, who had been ill for some while. An appreciation of Mr Long will appear in our next issue. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family

Our sympathy and prayers are with
Liz Corms of Pendrift
and
Leonard Rich of Penworden
both on the sick
list

CHURCHYARD MEMORIALS

In an earlier issue of the magazine we appealed for volunteers to work in the churchyards of Blisland and Temple. We are very pleased to have received offers for both of these. Blisland is a big undertaking and Jane Talbot-Smith who has undertaken the task would be very glad to have some helpers - if you can give even a little time please get in touch with her directly tel: Bodmin 850938 or call at her workshop before 1.00p.m. Monday to Friday.

Since the first notice appeared I find that we also need volunteers to help us finish St Breward. The old churchyard has been recorded but we need helpers for the burial ground across the lane and also the new extension.

All information and instructions can be obtained from Mrs H.J.Hicks, Paradise, Boscastle (Boscastle 250)

A Message from St Breward . .

On behalf of the members of the P.C.C. and subscribers to the magazine, I would like to express sincere thanks to Mrs Vanderpalnk for the time she has given to being Magazine Secretary over the past seven or eight years, firstly with the Church magazine and during the last 12 months with the joint Parish magazine. We appreciate all she has done in getting them distributed.

The new Magazine Secretary is Mrs J. Cheeseman, Barn Park, our thanks to her for taking over from the April issue.

P.M.Parr.

THOUGHTS ABOUT PLAYGROUPS

It was with great pleasure that I accepted an invitation last month, to attend the St Breward Playgroup and see just what is being done for the young children of this area.

Mrs Featherstone, who is in charge of the Group, showed me round. I was very much impressed by the number and variety of the activities available for the children. This really is a very worthwhile project, for it not only gives the mothers a chance to catch up with odd jobs, shopping and so on, knowing that her child is in good, responsible hands, but the children benefit from this chance of being with people outside their home and family. This makes it much easier for them to come to grips with life when they start school. This is specially true of toddlers who live in remote places far from any others of a similar age.

I hope Mrs Featherstone will get all the support she needs, and my congratulations to Mrs Treglown, the Chairman for organising the Playgroup.

As an interested party in the question of the Survival of Village Halls, I must add

that I think the regular booking of St Breward village Hall for this purpose must be of great benefit to their finances, so from all aspects the playgroup can do nothing but good.

May I take this chance to make a request on behalf of the Playgroup for toys, jigsaws - anything to help divert and entertain the youngsters. These are expensive to buy and would be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

EW

FUNDS FOR THE MAGAZINE

A Bring and Buy Coffee Evening will be held at the Band Room, St Breward at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 10th April. As most readers already know the charge of 10p per copy does not cover printing costs, so extra funds need to be raised from time to time. So please come and bring cakes, produce, books, unwanted presents etc. If you want to send things in advance they can be left at the Rectory or with Mr and Mrs Bousfield at Hantergantick

EDITORIAL

I know that many of our readers particularly enjoyed Mrs Nellie Marshall's lively memories of her life at Wenford Bridge in 1911, and I hope that this will encourage a lot more of you to send in your contributions. Nothing written up by a third party is ever quite as colourful and authentic as a first hand account -- so thank you Mrs Marshall and I hope your piece will start a flood of memories flowing my way.

Kind words about the magazine on its first birthday have come from many of you, and these are underlined by what appears in this issue in the Rector's address and from Mrs Walford in her Blisland Parish Council Report. A magazine is only as good as its contributions, so my thanks go specially to the people who have researched and written and produced such excellent articles for us. I thank you all for your generous support and would like to say that producing the magazine has been tremendously rewarding and brings me nothing but pleasures; greatest among them being the opportunity this has brought me of meeting so many of you. Thanks to everyones support and enthusiasm our subscribers have nearly doubled in the twelve months since we first appeared and we go into our second year in high spirits and financially sound.

Ruth Lumley-Smith

BLISLAND CHESS CLUB report a successful start with a nucleus of some four or five regular members and as many occasionals or possibles. The Club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and moves from one member's house to another. More players would be most welcome. To know where to go all you need do is give Mr Langshaw a ring-850652- and he will tell you where it is meeting. Beginners welcome.

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BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

As people who use The Ham will know we have had more problems with flooding at the Waterloo end of the path. It was therefore decided to replace the pipes that carry the water under the path. This work was done by some of the Parish Councillors, at the end of February, and apparently none too soon, as the old pipes turned out to be cracked and far too small for the job. We hope this problem is now solved. We do try !!!

The residents of Cassacawn have marked their appreciation of the new street light in their area by writing a letter to the Parish Council - it is nice to receive a bouquet occasionally among all the brickbats!

An annual grant to the Village Hall was discussed when we reviewed the Budget for 1981/82 and it was decided to grant a sum of £100 for this year. The Hall is used by the majority of parishioners at one time or another, and therefore we feel that the grant will spread the load reasonably painlessly.

The chains on the children's swings have been shortened and as soon as the weather improves the earth which has been worn away under them will be filled in and grassed.

Lambing time is with us again so may I remind dog-owners yet again that they must not let their pets roam the countryside. Apart from the damage which is done every year by sheep worrying, your dog is liable to be shot on sight if seen near a flock of sheep.

Although it is always a pleasure when the Hunt meets here in the village, we feel that last New Year's Day proved an exception. The usual considerate organisation seems to have broken down completely and lorries and cars were parked haphazardly with the result that every road in and out of the village was blocked causing a great deal of inconvenience. How fortunate it was that the chimney fire which occurred in the Village in the afternoon did not happen any earlier. Had it done so the fire engine would have been unable to reach the scene. This annual event gives enormous pleasure to a great many people, so it is a great pity that lack of

thought and common courtesy turned delight to displeasure this year.

The Annual Assembly takes place on April 9th and everyone is welcome to come along. This is the one time of the year when you can take active part in the meeting. Mr Jeremy Faull, your representative to the County Council will be present, also Mr David Coad the District Council representative. If you have any questions for them, now is your chance to put them.

Finally we would like to thank the Editor - Mrs Ruth Lumley-Smith-for the excellent Parish Magazine she has turned out each month throughout the year. Many people have remarked on how well it is put together, and it has given the Parish as a whole a new look. This is far from being an easy task and it takes a lot of time to collect all the articles and put the magazine together. So once again, on behalf of us all, thank you, dear Editor, long may you continue. Readers please encourage neighbours and friends to take the magazine. The more we sell the more viable the magazine becomes.

Eileen Walford



The Hunt Meet on Blisland Village Green some years ago



In the first issue of this magazine, last April, there was a map of Blisland Green drawn at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century. It shows the house of Mr Spry, where Newton House now stands. This was the home, in the Seventeenth Century, of William Spry, a romantic and heroic figure.

In 1642, when Civil War broke out between King Charles and Parliament, Cornwall was for the most part a Royalist county, and William Spry declared at once for the king. He raised a company of foot soldiers of men from Blisland and the neighbourhood who he clothed, equipped and largely maintained at his own expense. The blacksmiths of Blisland must have been kept busy making helmets and pikes and other weapons for his men. No doubt there would have been a service in the church when the rector, Henry Lockett, who had been a Royal chaplain to the king would have blessed the soldiers and wished them victory.

To begin with the Royalists did well-- there were famous victories at Braddock (originally Broad Oak) near Bocomnoc in January 1643 and at Launceston and Stratton the following April and May. In August 1644, the Roundheads were defeated at Castle Dore in heavy rain, their leader, Lord Robartes escaping to Fowey and thence by sea to Plymouth, a Parliamentary stronghold. The king himself was at Bocomnoc at the time and ordered a general thanksgiving in all the Cornish churches.

After 1644 the tide of battle turned with victories by Parliament over the king in other parts of the country, and in 1646, in February, the victorious Roundheads invaded Cornwall, marched to Launceston and Camel-ford, and by March were quartered on Blisland Green. What a different scene this must have been from the mustering of the troops four years earlier. Now the people would have stayed indoors, fearful for their lives. The next day the Roundheads marched to Bodmin, the Royalists retreating before them -- and then on to Truro, where on March 12th a peace treaty was signed at Tresillian Bridge.

But many Royalists refused to surrender, among them William Spry. Under the leadership of old Sir John Arundell of Trerice they retreated to Falmouth and occupied Pendennis Castle where they held out until 17th August, besieged by Roundheads, until they were forced to surrender through lack of food. Many Royalists returned to their homes, others fled to France. William Spry had all his property in Blisland taken away, but he still continued to fight in secret.

After the execution of Charles in 1649, and the establishment of the Commonwealth under Cromwell, the Royalists formed a secret society called the Sealed Knot. William became a member of this society organised by the Arundells in Cornwall. They plotted to restore Charles II to the throne. They were often betrayed, and William Spry was caught many times in London, tortured and threatened with death, but he still remained loyal to his king.

When at last Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660, William was rewarded for his loyalty. He was knighted and made Surveyor General of the Duchy of Cornwall. His son, George was given the property that had belonged to his father in Blisland. George had ten children, all baptised at Blisland Church between 1662 and 1675. His daughter Honour married William Browne of Trewardale. In due course their grandson married Mary Hamley of Bodmin, and their only child, Elizabeth married John Bassett Collins, Rector of Camborne, who inherited Trewardale through his wife. Thus the story of Sir William Spry has a happy ending, for he was an ancestor of the present Brigadier Edward-Collins of Trewardale.

E.R. Chadburn

A Pig Bewitched

I was very interested in the cover of the February issue, which reminded me of a tale my grandmother used to tell, many years ago, of how she and an old woman who lived in one of the cottages in that picture of St Breward Churchtown, both bought a farrow from the same brood.



Grandma lived at Fernacre out on the moor and came to Row to get provisions - there were no deliveries then. Well, one day when she had done her shopping she thought she would call at the cottage just to see how the old woman's pig compared in size with her own. The pig was proudly let out of its sty and Grandma looked at it and agreed that it was a good size and a fine healthy pig, but she observed, it wasn't quite so big as her own which she was going to have killed the next day. How the conversation went after that I don't know, but Grandma left and trudged over

the fields and moors to her home. Alas! when she got back she found her pig was dead. This was a terrible loss for the pig was the main source of meat for country folk. The old woman had always been looked on as a witch, and from that day on my grandmother had no doubts about it.

D. Miller

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

The interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in St Breward Parish Church this year, and was led by Mrs P. Luke. The service was well attended and much appreciated. The singing and readings were of a high standard and were enhanced by the solo sung and accompanied on the guitar by Margaret Distin. The Address on this year's theme The Earth is the Lord's was given by Mrs Joyce Bird, J.P. and was very well received. This reverence for the natural world is an integral part of the ancient culture of the American Indians whose women had designed this years service.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is held on the first Friday in March, and each year a new theme is chosen and prepared by a group of women from a different part of the world.

ROYAL ROCK

Permission has kindly been given for the restoration of JUBILEE ROCK, and the reclamation party is ready to move into action. Anyone who would like to be associated with this project is invited to join us at The Royal Oak on

THURSDAY 6th APRIL at 6.30 p.m.

We shall proceed from there for an on site meeting. If all goes well and the work of restoring the engravings is completed we hope to celebrate the Duke of Cornwall's wedding with a great Barbecue at the Royal Rock on July 29th. This project has the support of the Parish Council.

Further details from the Editor tel: 850487



W.R.V.S. Over Sixties Club

The last two meetings of the club have been mostly social, with members enjoying themselves playing scrabble, dominoes and various card games. We also enjoy tea-time with our friends, and for the 'chore' of serving and clearing away we owe a debt of gratitude to our two helpers, Isobel Willcocks and Muriel Greenaway.

Thank you Both!

At our next meeting the merits, or otherwise, of micro-wave ovens will be reported.

On April 7th we shall welcome the Rev. Browning from St Breward, who will speak on St Piran and his little church, which was recently buried.

Mr Reuben Long had been a member of the Over Sixties Club for many years and was a valued member of the Committee. News of his death on March 7th, has saddened us all.

G. M. Masters

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

St Breward

At the A.G.M. Mrs. A Skinner, Vice President, welcomed Mrs. P Eddy, V.C.O. Mrs Eddy spoke of the importance to the W.I. in Cornwall of their stand at the Royal Cornwall Show. She brought a number of delightful samples of her own work with soft toys and needlework, and expressed the hope that members would be able to make similar items for sale at the Royal Cornwall Show W.I. Gift stand. Mrs P. Luke thanked her for her help during the evening and for her interesting talk, and expressed the regrets of the members at her retirement as V.C.O.

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The cup winners for 1980 were as follows:

Monthly Competitions - Mrs J. Greenaway.

Flower of the Month - joint winners - Mrs P. Bousfield, Mrs J. Brown and Mrs J. Greenaway.

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Elected Officers for 1981
President- Mrs P. Luke
Vice-President- Mrs A. Skinner
Secretary- Mrs P. Bridge
Treasurer - Mrs P. Parr.
Committee - Mrs G. Brown,
Mrs P. Bousfield, Mrs I. Donald and Mrs M. Willett.

P. Vercoe

Blisland

Our February Meeting was very well attended to hear Bill and June Whiteway talk of their experiences as Welfare Officers during their time in Plymouth. Some of the cases they had attended were very sad and heart-rending, and made us all very aware of the responsibilities of these very dedicated people.

Isobel Willcocks, our treasurer gave a summing up of the finances throughout the year and it's nice to know we have a healthy balance in the Bank. Mrs Vause, who has organised next years Speakers has proved once again that the W.I. has a lot to offer. For instance our programme for 1981 includes Chees-making; Plants under Gl Glass and a Quiz on Cornwall.

As I mentioned last month we are having a Special Guest Evening on April 1st and Mrs Brown from Bodmin is coming again to show us how to do Yeast Cookery. Mrs Brown is such a friendly person we feel sure she will appeal to anyone who cares to come along and watch - at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Miss Rowe and Judy Ivel supplied the excellent refreshments and the Competition - a Useful Household Hint - was won by June Runnalls.

Eileen Walford

HOLYHILL TRUST

Last month at its inauguration Colesent took on another name, Hollyhill Trust, and opened its doors for three days to give people a chance to see what is happening in that tranquil spot, which according to scholars of Cornish and ley lines means the Holy hill.

The aims of the Trust may sound pretentious, but as we defend them to friends and critics, we believe in them more firmly. They are to help people deepen their appreciation and reverence for life through Christian Fellowship, the study of nature and personal achievement.

The farmhouse and buildings are available at Youth Hostel prices, for all sorts of groups who want somewhere quiet and beautiful, suitable for creative activity from meditation to rural studies and crafts. These will include parish retreats, Sunday schools, urban school visits, holidays for people with physical or economic handicaps, and opportunities for people who have retired and want to spend some time in acquiring new skills.

Jeremy Dowling gave a witty and serious introduction to the project and Ken Duxbury showed slides of the Camel valley and the coast. The following evening Chris Tomlinson had the rapt attention of a youth group, as he spoke of the joy of creation, from the birth of a lamb to the building of a lighthouse at De Lank quarry. The final evening turned into singing carols and community songs with Mr Vernon Williams, unexpectedly finding himself in the role of music master.

Support has come from many quarters, and the Shaftesbury Homes sent a further donation this year towards children's holidays. This, together with other donations will allow us to offer low cost holidays to two groups. Anyone willing to help, or wanting information, please contact Lolita Bamford, Colesent. Tel Bodmin 850789.

Our cover picture this month has been kindly lent by Eric and Joan Bower who have recently taken over The Royal Oak. Can any reader suggest a date for it ?

EASTER HOLIDAY COMPETITION for our younger readers

First find the two hidden words below

This letter's in ROSE but not in THISTLE

The second in WHOOP but not in WHISTLE

The next is in FILLY and not in FOAL

The fourth in TARGET and also in GOAL

The fifth is the last to appear in this word

You'll find it in MILK but not in CURD

This is a letter in WOOLLY and WARM

And this one's in BEES but not in SWARM

The third is in BULLDOG and isn't in COLLIE

The fourth is in TEDDY and also in DOLLY

The fifth's not in WRONG but always in RIGHT

And the next is in SCENT but not in SIGHT

My last is the first in GOLDEN and GAY

And my whole will take place on a right happy day

When you have solved the first part

write a poem, not more than twelve lines long,

looking forward to what it describes.

Write out the solution and your poem, add your name and address and your age, and send it to The Editor, Blisland and St Breward Parish Magazine, Lavethan, Blisland, Bodmin to reach me by 1st May. Winners names and a selection of the best poems will appear in the June issue

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