

BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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Harvesting oats by Temple Four Turnings in 1926.

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PARISH CALENDARS

Blisland with Temple

June	1st	Monday	Parochial Church Council	7.30 p.m.
June	3rd	Wednesday	Mothers' Union	3.00 p.m.
June	4th	Thursday	- St Petroc's Day - (see St Breward)	
June	7th	Whitsunday.	Pentecost. Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
June	11th	Thursday	- St Barnabas, Ap. Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
June	14th	Trinity Sunday.	Parish Communion	10.00 a.m.
June	17th	Wednesday	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	10.00 a.m.
June	20th	Saturday	BLISLAND CHURCH FETE	3.00 p.m.
June	21st	First Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 2)	Parish Communion	10.00 a.m.
			Evensong at TEMPLE	3.30 p.m.
June	24th	Wednesday	Birthday of St John Baptist	Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
June	28th	Second Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 3	Parish Communion	8.00 a.m.
June	29th	Monday	SS Peter and Paul. App.	Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

St Breward

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As I write I have just returned from Evensong at Temple, (where the church had been beautifully swept and decorated) and found myself there talking about the generosity of God. That also came out in the readings about the spies of Moses reporting on the delights of the promised land and about the great catch of fish which the disciples caught with the help of the risen Lord.

That is just it. God is so generous. Esther Rartzen has been inviting people in the streets of London to sing a song of springtime in surroundings which can do little to remind anyone that it is spring or summer. We are fortunate to have in our surroundings constant reminders of God's goodness in the natural creation.

The trouble is that we can become so fond of the gifts that we forget the giver. We can also take them for granted so that all sense of wonder evaporates and life becomes drab.

We all have time. We all have talents. We all have possessions and some money in varying degrees. I think the question that needs to be asked is to what extent time, natural ability and money are ours at all. Or do they all come from - and belong to - God ? Are they, in some sense, lent to us to use for a while in a kind of stewardship in which we are responsible, not to ourselves, but to God ?

Depending on the answer certain things follow. If all the time we have belongs to God it seems churlish and unreasonable to act as though it were all ours. Should we not give him back at the very least one hour in the whole week, as members of his Church, to worship him ?

Similarly, with our abilities and our money. If we agree that the answer is that they are God's, it is hard to see how anyone can justify being so wrapped up in their own concerns as to become niggardly with them, towards God. Rather we should be honest and open with him, generous towards him as he is towards us. We are to love, then, because he loved us first.

Conrad Sargisson

There are no entries in the Parish Registers for
this month

For your prayers

Mr Herbert Hawken of Tuckingmill has been in hospital at Truro for an operation.

Mrs Ida Robertson of Limb Haven, one of our regular sick communicants, has been for a few weeks in East Cornwall Hospital, Bodmin.

Mrs Dorothy Tuson of Waterloo has been unable to come to church for some time. She has resolutely undergone an eye operation in recent months, and receives Holy Communion regularly.

Our best wishes to all of them and to any others who may be unwell.



Now where have I seen you before?

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly was reasonably well attended on Tuesday 9th April, and we would like to thank the parishioners who came to hear not only what the Parish Councillors had achieved in improvements to the Village over the past year, but also the supporting work of your County Representative and the District Council Representative. I know many of you take the Parish Magazine and therefore read the P.C. report, but the Parish Assembly is the one time in the year when you can have a share in the proceedings, can air your views and voice your complaints. I can only hope that the relatively small attendance means that all the rest of you are well satisfied with your Council's efforts, and have no problems.

Mr. Dodgeon, the Divisional Highways Surveyor gave an interesting talk on the structure and manning of his Department. Apart from looking after roads they are responsible for trimming back overhanging hedges, road signs, keeping a check on illegal signs, disinfecting areas contaminated with Foot and Mouth Disease, oil pollution and so on, so it is a very busy department.

Mr Jeremy Faull, the County Council Representative, in his report, explained the Block Grant in relation to the rating system; he also explained recent changes in the planning procedures adopted in Cornwall. Although planning decisions that go contrary to the structure plan are commented upon by the County Planning Department, ultimate decisions are now made by District Committees - the exception to this being decisions in connection with mineral extraction. Mr Faull also touched on questions of unemployment and reiterated his own concern for keeping the life of villages viable by ensuring that they had adequate opportunities to offer their residents.

Mr. Coad, our District Councillor and a good friend to Blisland, outlined some of the difficulties faced by the District Council. North Cornwall, as he pointed out, covers one third of the total area of Cornwall and is therefore much the largest area to administer, which

brings its own problems. The District Council were going ahead with a scheme, in conjunction with the Manpower Services Commission, to provide employment in the area. He also told us that local grant arrangements are under review. An interesting period of questions followed, and we felt that all the speakers had helped to give us a clearer idea of the breadth of County and District Council work in all its many aspects.

For the Parish Council nothing very exciting has been happening since my last report. We have carried on with the routine running of the Parish and we hope in the near future to get the patch under the swings on the Green, repaired. Mr Church has brought the sand up, so it is just a case of some good weather to enable us to get cracking. We have heard from the N.C.D.C. that the exteriors of the houses in Tregenna Road are scheduled for repainting this year . . . not before time !

Hooray! We have had two volunteers to help mow the Village Green - Mr Garbett of Barlendew has kindly offered his help and so has Mr Langshaw from Tregenna. Dare I hope that this has started the ball rolling and that more volunteers will come forward ? Your help would be truly appreciated by everyone - the Green looks so attractive when it is cut and gives the village a new cared for look.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, I called a Meeting of the representatives of all organisations in the village to discuss a Commemoration/Celebration of the Royal Wedding. Unfortunately either due to prior engagements or just forgetfulness, many were absent. In fact only four people, including myself, bothered to turn up. A further meeting has been arranged - please take note - for June 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at the Institute, when it is hoped that a lot more people will attend - you are all welcome - but if there is no better turn out we shall assume that no commemoration or celebration is wanted, and we just forget the whole thing.

Eileen Walford

A GREAT RIDE

Sixteen members of the North Cornwall Pony Club set off in torrential rain on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May, to take part in a sponsored ride. Cheered off by a group of well-wishers, they proceeded to Roughtor Ford where they were greeted by many people, both locals and visitors, who were climbing the tor. After a short stay they rode back across the moor by way of Fernacre to complete the twenty mile ride.

Assembling in the Old Inn Inn car park, they were served with hot pasties and soft drinks.

The splendid sum of £398 was raised on behalf of 'Riding for the Disabled' and the local pony club.

Highest sponsored riders were: Fay Blewett £72.00 Janice Kane £70.00 and Leza Lewis £54.00.

Grace Masters

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Where have you seen him ?

Did you recognise the face on page 4 ? He looks down on the heads of all who pass through the porch into Blisland Church.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Will all contributors please note that I will be flying off to Canada for three weeks in the middle of June, and copy for the July issue of the magazine must therefore reach me on time so that I can deliver it to the printers before I leave. This means that late copy simply wont be included - so please do all help by getting your pieces to me by the week-end of June 6th/7th. RLS

Distribution in Blisland, for this one month, will be done by Jane Talbot-Smith (850938)

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FILM SHOW

On Saturday 6th June St Breward Youth Club are putting on a film

V I V A K N I E V E

at the Village Hall
at 7.15.

Plenty of room for non-members to come and enjoy this unique show.

Further details from Andy Henderson (850396)

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A TEMPLE CHILDHOOD

The field shown here and on the cover of this issue no longer exists - it has become part of the dual carriageway at Temple Four Turnings. So much of the old village of Temple has gone now and I feel very sad if anyone takes me for a ride through those places I knew as a child. All the farmhouses and the outhouses are in ruins - even the big barn at Abbey Farm where they used to have dances. You can hardly believe that it was ever such a thriving place as I remember it.

I was born in Abbey Cottage in 1898. At that time my father worked for the Council, earning eighteen shillings (later raised to £1.00) a week. He looked after the old road all the way from Racecourse to Bolventor and I remember him telling how, when wagons loaded with peat came down the hill from Shallow Water some of the drivers would put on the drag too hard so that it stopped the wheels from turning at all and they would dig into the road. Ofcourse it wasn't metalled in those days, so then father would have to go out and fill in the ruts and rake over the surface.

At that time the farmers would produce as much as they could to keep themselves and their families. There were no hill subsidies to help them out. Mostly they grew their own potatoes and green crops and oats for their horses. The Harris brothers at Abbey Farm bred shire horses and won prizes at all the local shows.

My grandfather, Charles Harper was quite a famous preacher and I remember when we stayed with him it was prayers before every meal and prayers and bible reading before you went to bed. Although father wasn't as religious as that we children were strictly brought up. On Sundays we went to the Bible Christian Chapel twice and then in the afternoon we had to go to the Church Sunday School as well. At that time Temple Church was joined to Bolventor parish under the Reverend Dickenson, and at Christmas time there was a party for the Sunday School children at Bolventor Vicarage, where we were taken in a pony trap by one of the local farmers.

Temple had its own school in those days with about twenty children although in my father's time the children



from Greenbarrow walked across Trehudreth to the Dame's penny-a-week school at Lease Cottage - and he was a better educated man than ever I was. After my time Temple School closed and the children were taken across to Poldue in a wagon and walked down the hill to Waterloo. My brother and two sisters and I went home for our dinner because we only lived five minutes walk from school, but I remember a brother and sister Prout who came from Hawks Tor. At twelve o'clock each day when we came out of school we would see their dog, Spot, coming along the lane from Hawks Tor carrying a basket with

two warm pasties in it for the children. When they had finished their dinner Spot would take the basket again and carry it back home. I believe dogs were much more intelligent in those days. I have some tales to tell of our own 'Spot' who appears in the photograph.

I left school in 1912 and went to work as a 'yard boy' for Mr Nicholas Dingle at Carblake. There were two yard boys and plenty for us to do, working with the cattle and horses. We earned £5.00 a year ! paid quarterly, but we lived with the family and were well looked after. In those days of horses and very little machinery there was always plenty of work for a willing lad, and even when we were still at school we would spend most of the holidays and the summer evenings making ourselves useful around the farms. At haytime and harvest everyone in the village turned out to help. The hay was lifted by a derrick worked by a pony and quite a small lad would be set to work leading the pony back and forth to work the lift.

Temple had a Church and a Chapel, the Institute and the school, but we never had a shop. We never needed one. Everything that wasn't produced at home came from Hortons in St Breward. Once a month the chap would arrive on horseback to take the orders and collect the money for the previous delivery, and a week later the month's supplies would arrive in Horton's grocery cart. Keats of Lavethan Mill delivered flour and meal or corn for the animals. My mother kept the flour in a 'flour hutch' which had two compartments, one for the bread and one for the flour. She baked bread and pasties in a specially made metal box in the red hot ash under the peat fire. It was many years before she had a range - and then it was a second hand one she bought for thirty shillings.



I joined the army in 1914 and served six years and another six in the second war - and I've been to many countries - but I would never have exchanged any of them for the Temple of my happy childhood.

Owen Harper

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The last meeting in April was a social afternoon with various games and a spring flower arrangement competition

Friends from St Breward Club, and several supporters, helped us to nearly fill the coach for our birthday outing to Launceston on May 5th.

Despite the unkind weather a busy afternoon was spent, and thirty-five rather damp, but cheerful people enjoyed a magnificent high tea at Eagle House, before returning home.

Most of the party re-booked for our next outing on July 7th, for a day touring round Exmoor. We shall leave Webber's Garage at 9.30 a.m., taking a picnic lunch.

If anyone would care to join us, please ring Miss Tucker (850295) for details.

Mrs Phyllis Hawken

In lieu of flowers for the late Mrs Phyllis Hawken the sum of £124 has been received. The money will be used to purchase something to enhance the beauty of St Breward Church and serve as a memorial to her

Mothers' Union

The Dearery Festival of the Mothers' Union was held on Lady Day at St Breward Parish Church. The service was conducted by the rector, the Rev C Sargisson, with Mrs Greenaway as organist.

Members with their respective banners represented the parishes of St Winnow, Lostwithiel, Bodmin, Eglos-hayle, Blisland and St Breward. Lessons were read by Mrs G. Masters (St Breward) and Mrs D Miller (Blisland). A Bring and Buy Stall raised £15.00 for overseas work and tea, served in the Village Hall, was enjoyed by over 80 people.

We thank the choir girls who attended, Mr R Crowle for bell ringing, and all friends who gave the refreshments

Liz and David Corns

invite you to a COFFEE DAY on
Friday July 3rd from
2.30-5.00 p.m. and 7.30-10. p.m.
to be held by kind permission at
Oakridge, Tregenna
in aid of Freedom Fields Neuro-
surgical Unit's EXTRA LONG BATH !!

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UNNATURAL NOTES

Dog worried by lambs!

Some of our readers will know 'Felix', the editor's black labrador. Being a dog who takes his mistress for a daily outing on the moor he has been well taught to ignore sheep at all costs. Imagine his consternation then, when trotting quite innocently down a hedgerow he was suddenly confronted by two very new, very white lambs who had apparently been abandoned, for the time being, by their mother. The two tiny creatures rushed up to Felix bleating hungrily and started a search for milk under his tum! Even

when he tried to get away the persistent lambs ran after him bleating, and he had to go into top gear to free himself from their attention.

Snowbird

The day after the May blizzards, when Brown Willy Garrow and Roughtor were still covered in snow, a cuckoo sat on top of the cheese-wring at Carbilly, and cuckood for all he was worth as though he thought his voice might melt the snow. Perhaps it did, for by the following day it had all gone.

B L I S L A N D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

The CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY will be
held on

SUNDAY 21st JUNE at 2.30 p.m.

Preacher: Mr Squire from Lifton

Special items will be given by the

SWEET STRINGS OF WADEBRIDGE

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND

ST BREWARD

Mrs Edward-Collins gave an excellent account of the duties of a magistrate, illustrating her talk with both amusing and sad anecdotes remembered from her many years on the Bench.

Arrangements were made for St Petroc Group Meeting at which St Breward W.I. were to be host to Blisland, Helland, Bodmin and St Lawrence's. This duly took place at the Methodist Sunday School, where Mr Kenneth Duxbury, himself a resident of St Breward, gave a wonderful slide-show and commentary on his aerial pictures of the North Cornwall coast, and his bicycle ride across the mountains and deserts of Morocco.

The evening ended with the performance of a one-act play "Hang Aunt Emily", acted by Mrs A. Skinner, Mrs I. Donald, Mrs P. Bousfield and Mrs M. Willets assisted by Mrs. J Greenaway and Mrs V. Busbridge.

Pamela Bousfield

Well many thanks to the large numbers that turned up to our April meeting, and a warm welcome to our new members.

We had a most interesting talk on Cheese and cheese-making, and what a pleasure it was to taste 'real' cheese Mrs Turner made the whole process seem so simple - which I'm sure it isn't.

At our next meeting we'll be showing some slides of Denmar College - the W.I.'s own college where members can study more or less anything from sewing to archaeology. It should prove to be an enjoyable evening. Then in June we have Mrs Flockton coming to speak on Keeping Fit (We have about a month to get in shape!)

In case you don't already know our meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

We really look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings, I'm sure you'd find it enjoyable.

Judy Ivil

ROYAL WEDDING

The results of the Easter holiday competition were disappointing in that the only entries came from Blisland school - where were the expected poems from children who have sent me poems during the last twelve months ? And where were the new poets of St Breward ?

The competition was judged by a teacher with long experience of children's writing. Presentation, illustrations and age were taken into account.

Congratulations to the winners whose poems are printed below.

FIRST Dong ding the bells do ring
 As our future King walks up the aisle
 With our future Queen in hand,
 The crowds do cheer -
 Charles and Diana are smiling away
 Both thinking of their honeymoon
 Both happy and gay
 As they get into the Royal Car,
 The crowds cheer even more,
 The Prince is married
 The people are so happy
 For the Queen to be.

Fiona Webber, aged 9

SECOND The Cathedral will be crowded
 Bells will be ringing
 People cheering.
 Charles is getting married
 Other people saying
 Lady Diane is getting married!
 A black car will be waiting outside
 Cameras and newspaper reporters
 Asking questions.
 They will live together
 For the rest of their lives
 They will rule England and Wales.

Steven Ward, aged 10

EQUAL THIRD

There's going to be a Royal Wedding
It's going to be Prince Charles and Lady Diana's
wedding

There will be lots of people there
The Royal Wedding is on July 29th
They are going to be married in St Pauls
There will be crowds of people.
Prince Charles gave Lady Diana her ring
On the grass outside Buckingham Palace.
All the people will be shouting
They will line the procession,
We hope for a sunny day and
A honeymoon in Newquay.

Judith Hill, aged 8

There will be crowds near the wedding
And a long procession,
The people have a holiday.
The Royal couple are engaged,
The wedding will take place
At St Pauls Cathedral.
Diana whose having the wedding
Has got an engagement ring,
They love each other,
They will usually have flowers,
It will be a happy time,
There will be a Royal Banquet.

James Hosking, aged 7

I think the wedding is going to
be nice
And there might be a big crowd
Of all Diane's children what she
looked after
In a home before she was getting
married
Then she came to Buckingham Palace.
Marie Greenaway, aged 7

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SATURDAY 11th JULY -- ST BREWARD SUMMER FETE

SUNDAY 26th JULY -- LAVETHAN OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER -- ST PRATT'S FEAST

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