

BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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Bradford Cottage

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

July 1st	Wednesday	Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m. Fr Hugh Fryer
July 3rd	Friday	S. Thomas Apostle Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
July 5th	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 3)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
July 6th	Monday	Parochial Church Council 7.30 p.m.
July 11th	Saturday	St Breward CHURCH FETE 3.00 p.m.
July 12th	Fifth Sunday after Penetecost (Trinity 4)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
July 15th	Wednesday	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10.00 a.m.
July 19th	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 5)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m. Evensong at TEMPLE Church 3.30 p.m.
July 22nd	Wednesday	St Mary Magdalene Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
July 25th	Saturday	St James Apostle Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
July 26th	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 6)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
July 28th	Tuesday	S. Samson, Bishop Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
July 31st	Friday	St German, Bishop Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

* While space does not allow my including all the feasts of lesser saints I am making exceptions in the case of some of the Cornish Saints ! CRS

ST BREWARD

July 1st	Wednesday	Mothers' Union at Blisland 3,00 p.m. Fr Hugh Fryer
July 5th	Fourth Sunday after Penetecost (Trinity 3)	Mattins 11.30 a.m.
July 11th	Saturday	CHURCH FETE to be opened at 3.00 p.m. by Mrs Maurice Rowling.
July 12th	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 4)	Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.
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Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.

Weekdays - HOLY COMMUNION Thursday 10.00 a.m.

TIMES OF PRAYERS or SERVICES to mark the WEDDING DAY of the
PRINCE OF WALES will be announced in both churches.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

May 31st 1981 Daniel Matthew McShee
infant son of Paddy and
Catherine McShee of
Homelands, Higher Lank,
at St Breward.

Mrs Hilda Harrison. St Breward has been shocked and saddened
by the death of Mrs Harrison after a car
accident in the parish. Her husband and
family have our sincere sympathy and our
prayers that they be strengthened.

Mrs Joan Tuffrey. Our sympathy and prayers are also with the
family of Mrs Tuffrey, whose ashes have been
placed in Blisland churchyard at a simple
service after cremation at Oxford.

Mr Wilfred Masters. As the magazine goes to press we have been
sad to hear of the sudden death of Mr Masters
of Tregenna. Our sympathy goes to his wife
and to Isobel and Tony. An appreciation will
appear in the next issue.

This month's cover Bradford Cottage - more as it was than
as it now is - kindly drawn for us by Bradford's own Ray Hunt

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

By the end of this month Dr Graham Leonard will have finished his work in this diocese on becoming Bishop of London. I had left Truro for a time when he was enthroned, but I remember that in the sermon he spoke of a young priest searching the lanes of the French countryside for the way to the parish to which his bishop had appointed him. A farm labourer directed him on the right road. "You have shown me the way to Ars," said the curate, "and I will show you the way to God."

This anecdote of the Blessed John Vianney, Curate of Ars, gave Bishop Graham the motto and pattern for his charge in Cornwall. I have had him for my father-in-God for only two years (although I knew him before) but that is enough for me to join the enormous number of people who believe that he is not only one of the best of bishops for the Church itself, but that he also fits St Paul's outline of a good bishop when he told Timothy that "He must have a good report of them that are without".

Bishop Graham has been to us the ideal bishop on the New Testament pattern, teaching the faith in its fulness, with no watering down, and with a priestly yearning for souls in drawing them to God's love. He has shown us that love in his own compassion. There can be few men who are so busy and so accessible, particularly to his clergy when they need him. Many of you have seen his kindness here. He is a scholar without being scholar-ly, a natural scientist (a botanist), a theologian and a spiritual priest. He has shown us afresh the nature of the episcopal Church (having bishops as the successors to the apostles). The point of unity in a diocese is the bishop around whom we are grouped. You are his people, and only mine by virtue of his mandate to me as his deputy to care for you on his behalf. He has shown that care, not by self-assertion, but by being all that a bishop should be, a kindly leader, a shepherd and father to his diocese.

If all that were not enough for one man Dr Graham Leonard will continue to be a national figure. In the sphere of social responsibility he will speak out with conviction and courage and will speak the truth in love in upholding the faith and order of the Church.

We thank Dr and Mrs Leonard for all that they have given us. We shall keep them in our prayers.

BLISLAND VILLAGE ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION.

It was decided at an open meeting on June 2nd to celebrate the occasion of the Royal Wedding on Wednesday 29th July, by holding a FAMILY BARBECUE on the Village Green commencing at 6 p.m.

BARBECUE tickets will be on sale shortly at £1.00 each (30p for toddlers) and will be numbered for a prize draw.

Anyone willing to join the working party in the organisation of the festivities should contact either Mr C Hardy(Chairman) Liz Corns(Secretary) or Shirley Hargreaves(Treasurer).

Royal Wedding Souvenir Mugs will be given to all children 0 - 15 years and it is hoped that music, dancing and singing will be staged on the Green.

Please support us by buying a Barbecue ticket - or giving a donation. Money taken is expected only to cover costs but should there be any over this will be donated to one of the Duke of Cornwall's nominated charities. After ticket holders have all been served, any surplus will be sold on the day for cash.

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Colin Hardy

A new member was welcomed at a social afternoon on May 19th when various games and a competition were enjoyed.

On June 2nd Mr Hamilton from Webber's Garage showed slides of interest for both holidays and shorter trips suitable for Club outings. It was very nice to have Mrs Webber and Mr and Mrs McKenzie with us again.

Final arrangements were made for the outing to Exmoor on 7th July - there are still some seats on the coach - why not join us for an enjoyable day in good company! Leave at 9.30 a.m. with a picnic lunch.

Gwen M Masters

THE CORNISH SPASTICS SOCIETY

Tony and Isobel Willcocks wish to thank all those who so generously supported the fund raising effort at Oak Ridge, Tregenna on May 1st. The sum raised was £400 and this has been passed to the Committee of the North Cornwall Branch of the Cornish Spastics Society, who have requested that their sincere thanks be added to our own.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Springing into Action

We have asked the District Council to help us through their Springboard (Job Creation) scheme with much needed repairs to the village. We hope to have the Village Hall floor repaired and get some insulation and other jobs done in the Red Cross Centre. This should make these buildings more attractive and comfortable. It's rather a pity that our talents, finances and manpower have to be shared between so many different establishments - which brings me on to:

Problems at School

It seems that with an expected drop in the school population we may end up by losing one teacher and class, for want of a handful of children. This might mean that the proposed school library could be housed inside the school - but this may present problems if the library is to be used by the whole community. We will try to get around these difficulties if we can. Perhaps "Superdad" should be invited to come and live in the village - meanwhile some of us are doing what we can to keep up the numbers!

The head-teacher is concerned about cattle grazing the school grounds and has asked us to reconsider the matter of cattle grids.

Council Vacancy

Unfortunately Miss Burroughs has not enjoyed the best of health recently and has been unable to get to meetings for a while. This has created a vacancy on the Council. We all wish her well and hope to see her in full swing again soon, but in the meantime, if anyone is interested please contact Mrs Nottle, the Clerk. There will be official notices in due course.

Trees at Coombe

Judging by the enquiries, most people have heard about the application to fell three protected trees at Coombe. Although it is private land around here and the trees are not the largest in the area, they are significant. Their destruction would be damaging to this spot where road, river, stream and foot paths meet, a beautiful place that has been enjoyed for generations. The 'Planners that Be' have stated (Village Plan) that they will give "...special attention to preserving

the beauty of the landscape and enhancement of natural beauty . . . this point will apply stringently within the Camel Valley ". This council has been told by the Planning Officers that the tree felling is required "so as to carry out a permitted development". The eight Councillors present at the June meeting were unanimous in their opposition to this application. We have also expressed a feeling that in Conservation Areas there should be better controls on the siting of all buildings. If these controls existed I am sure the decision makers would be responsible and sympathetic to the special needs of farmers. It does seem strange that controls do not apply to farmers' buildings when they do apply to others who also have to make their living in the countryside.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

A plan has evolved for the Royal Wedding Celebrations which should keep Royalists, Ratepayers, Revolutionaries, Revellers and Late Risers happy. The approximate timetable is as follows:

- 7.30 St Breward Silver Band procession and concert starting at Rylands
- 8.30 Spectacular bonfire at Mine Hill (please bring sticks, newspapers etc. throughout July)
- 9.30 Disco in the Village Hall arranged by the Football Club. (Cover charge only; not in aid of any charity or organisation)

Hot dogs etc. will be on sale. Unlike the lych gate there will be no direct cost to ratepayers. Hope to see you there - have a happy month.

Andy Henderson

ST BREWARD PLAY GROUP

Our Spring Fair proved very successful and we should like to thank everyone who helped and supported our venture. We made £64.35 in the morning and £53.17 at the Fancy Dress Disco in the evening - a grand total of £117.52

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Liz and David Corns would like to remind you of their forthcoming COFFEE DAY in aid of the Extra Long Bath - taking place at Oak Ridge on July 3rd - Please see full details in last months issue -

A MEMORY OF BRADFORD

It must have been in about 1913 when I was six that my father bought the cottage illustrated on this month's cover. We used to go to Looe in the summer, but my parents loved Bodmin moor and my father liked fishing the moorland streams, especially at Easter time soon after the trout fishing season began, when there was still plenty of water.



So we went mostly at Easter, driving from Bodmin in my father's

The family on the bridge at Bradford

Dion Bouton, or when it was out of action, as it frequently was, by pony and trap or a hired wagonette, or we cycled. There was no tar macadam on the A.30 then and there was scarcely any traffic. We used to stop sometimes at the top of Poundsconce Hill to talk to the stonebreaker who we greatly liked. He wore goggles and wielded a long handled hammer. He was paid for his work, which he did in his own time, by the measurement of his neat pile of broken stone.

The cottage was sparsely furnished, just the necessary beds, chairs and tables. I remember best the long kitchen table, always well scrubbed, and a form for us to sit on, a Cornish range, a steamy kitchen and the smell of box from the edges of the kitchen garden. There was a little gate from the garden which led directly into the farmyard of Bradford Farm which was then farmed by the redoubtable George Lean. He was often to be seen at the farm gate in his corduroy trousers and shirt sleeves with his thumbs tucked into his braces and what I call half a top hat, expounding country wisdom. Milk, butter, cream and eggs came in large quantities from the farm and water we fetched in pitchers from the spring up the muddy lane between the fields and Carbilly tor.

My sister, my brother and I spent our days playing by the river. When you crossed the clapper bridge - which in those days was for riders or pedestrians only, you came to an unenclosed area of grassy banks and ditches, the result of tin streaming which was carried on there hundreds of years ago - my father called this area, which is bounded on the east side by the De Lank river, the Parade. We played games all over it and caught tadpoles and frogs and newts in the water ditches, particularly one over which there is still a small clapper bridge. Here my father showed me the arts he had learnt as a boy (actually in the little stream at Halgavor near Bodmin) of tickling trout. You had to lie very still on your stomach with your head protruding over the water at a point where you had previously observed the trout - then you put your arm down in the water with your hand arched inwards and waited. When a trout passed over your fingers you began tickling, gradually closing your grip with thumb just below the fish's head. I watched him catch a trout like this, but I mustn't tell you whether he returned it to the river or we ate for breakfast!



We three children used to fish with any bait we chose, flies, worms, tadflies, woodlouse - (sow-pigs we called them) and grass-hoppers, all of which required somewhat different skills. At that time I think there were more fish in the De Lank than there are now, and I remember one day when we all took our rods and fished the river right up to Bedrawl and beyond to the foot of Brown Willy. We caught 144 fish, I daresay quite a lot of less than regulation size. I also remember one day when my father caught a $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounder in a deep pool at the top of the Parade. There was no nylon gut then, and he had not got his landing gear. The rod broke, he fell in and had a wetting but got the fish. Although the fishing in the De Lank has always been affected by the fact that the fish cannot get through the gran-

ite dumps from De Lank quarry which fill the old river bed, it has also much deteriorated because of the abstraction of water by the Water Board, at Bedrawl. Many years later, when I was Clerk to the Camel Board of Conservators and the then Water Board promoted a Bill in Parliament to give them power to take water from the river at Bedrawl, we filed a Petition against the Bill and as a result an agreement was reached to limit the amount which could be taken. There had to be a minimum amount of "compensation water" left in the river. Later the Board of Conservators was abolished and their duties were taken over by the Water Boards, so that now the same Authority that extracts the water also has a duty to protect the rivers. I wonder how often the Water Authority looks at that old Agreement - not very often I think!

Other memories crowd in - two grass snakes swimming across the river below Leaze - a fox sitting on a rock at Bedrawl - adders at Carbilly tor - buzzards high in the sky - lizards in the granite hedges and a raft which we made from a large flat crate and a great deal of tar in which we punted about in the wide part of the river. We used also to gather sacks full of sphagnum moss which was used as dressings for the wounded during the war.

At Easter my mother used to gather gorse flower petals to put in the water when she was boiling eggs for Easter which turned them yellow. We used to cycle to church at Temple.

My father sold the cottage in the twenties because he didn't think it right to keep it empty for the greater part of the year when there were people needing permanent homes.

JHP



AN APOLOGY

To Mr Owen Harper, the author and to all the Hawken of St Breward whose name was wrongly printed last month - The provision merchants who called at Temple (among many other places) were of course the family firm of Hawken or were they Spare and Hawken ?

This photograph was taken in 1920. The teacher is Mr Thomas.
Can any veteran supply a list of the names of all the pupils ?



SCHOOLS in ST BREWARD - THEN & NOW

There is a tablet on a wall in St Breward bearing the words of Isaiah "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children" and from the book of Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he shall not depart from it." - the tablet is signed William Collins, Joseph Hawken - Church-wardens.

Perhaps this inspired the Vicar, the Rev Dr George Martin to build the St Breward Parochial School in 1852; before coming to St Breward, this well loved vicar had been the Principal of St Luke's Training College for Teachers, so perhaps that also was a reason for founding the first school in the village. Before that the only available schooling was at a Dame school near Keybridge. The cottage that housed it is now demolished but during recent excavations at Tremasdon House the once white-washed walls of the school were uncovered. It is interesting to record that Mrs Gladys Masters of Keybridge has in her possession her father's bible with the inscription - John Dennis, Keybridge School 12th November 1879. For which tuition he paid 1d a week.

Returning to the history of the village school, in 1860 it was taken over by the National Society and became St Breward National School. The names of teachers like Brown, Denzil, Brookes and Thomas will be familiar to present day senior citizens.

The infant class was held in what is now the kitchen of the Village Hall, while all other classes were held in the one large room. Black combustion stoves provided the heating and on top of these were heated the children's dinner pasties. Children walked to this school at Churchtown from Roughtor Ford, Fernacre and other distant parts across the moor. If it were cold and frosty the boys had their iron hoops and crooks, and the girls hoops and sticks with which they ran around to warm up before lessons began. The large school bell would be rung at five minutes to nine and could be heard at Row.

Originally there were two sets of steps leading up on the south side, the girls entered on the left and the boys on the right. Similar separation existed in the playground. Inside the entrance door there is still fixed a slate shelf with a large hole in the centre. This held a bowl for water which had to be fetched from the shute in the road and when that dried up in a hot spell water was fetched from silver spring at Lower Penquite. This was the sole means for washing.

During each summer holiday the inside walls and the roof between the rafters was given a coat of white wash.

Education consisted mainly of the three Rs and scripture. The Rev. Taylor used to visit the school twice weekly teaching the catechism and on Ascension day a service was held in the church.

Slates and slate pencils were the order of the day and wooden forms and flat topped tables instead of desks. If a pupil wished to leave before the age of 14 a general proficiency test had to be passed.

During and after the First World War the poor condition of the buildings and inadequate accommodation were constant causes for complaint. The fires often filled the rooms with smoke and 140 children were packed into three small rooms. At last in 1926 a deputation from the Education Committee - including Sir A. Quiller Couch, C.V. Thomas and F.R. Pascoe met the local managers to discuss a new building.

The opening ceremony of the present St Breward Council School took place in 1930 to the accompaniment of the St Breward Silver Band. The children enjoyed the luxuries

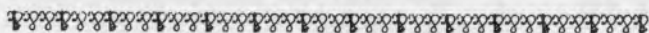
provided by this fine granite building - central heating, cloakrooms, wash basins and running water. There were four large classrooms and four teachers for about 140 children. A cornish range in the infants room enabled the children's pasties to be heated efficiently, and the one third pint milk bottles then provided would be heated in large containers of water placed on the hob, and in winter hot cocoa was made by the infant teacher. Only those children who lived at a distance would stay to lunch which was eaten at trestle tables put up in the infant's room. The senior girls had to do the washing up and the boys cleared away the tables. Each teacher took a week's turn at supervising the lunch hour and the playground.

Over the years the school population has fallen and now there are only 60 juniors attending a school built for 160. The seniors are transferred to Sir James Smith's School in Camelford.

Today there is a much better teacher-pupil ratio with up to date equipment and modern aids for teaching. Freshly cooked meals from the purpose built kitchen are served in a dining room section. The far-sighted Rev Dr George Martin would certainly approve the better conditions and opportunities that our children enjoy in St Breward today.

G. Masters

An article on Blisland's schools will appear in August. If any old pupils could lend us photographs for this feature I should be very grateful - Editor.



ST BREWARD CHURCH FETE

July 12th 3.00 p.m.

To be opened by Mrs Maurice Rowling

Stall Holders

Fancy Goods	Mrs J Greenaway
Plants & Produce	Mrs S Cholmeley
Bottle Stall	Mrs S Hutton
White Elephant	Mrs P Bousfield
Cakes	Mrs G Masters
Chance	Mrs Y Crowle
Games	Mrs J Cheeseman
Teas	Mrs M Morrish

A WINDOW CLEANER
is now visiting
Blisland every
six weeks - if
anyone would like
to be included on
his schedule
please contact
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Tree Cottage,
Tregenna, for
further details

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NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

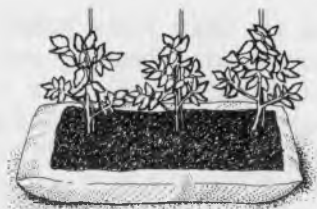
Mrs Luke, the President, welcomed two guests, Mrs M. Barber and Mrs A. Holmes, expressing the hope that they would soon be members. She then led a discussion and took a vote on twelve resolutions chiefly concerned with proposed alterations to the Constitution of the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

The secretary, Mrs Bridge, gave a good account of the Spring Council Meeting in Truro, describing with enthusiasm the musical talk given there by Mrs Prins-Buttle.

Members were then entertained and stimulated by Mrs Hawke from North Petherwin, who demonstrated the preparation of some delicious fruit and gateau recipes. Mrs Hawke is always a popular speaker and she was appreciatively thanked by Mrs Hawken.

On the evening of July 21st a visit is planned to the Churchtown Field Studies Centre at Lanlivery.

Pamela Bousfield



BLISLAND

We are now looking forward to our Annual produce show on 22nd July, and I hope you're all busy growing things to put on show. But there are so many ways you can enter, whether your fort  is cookery, gardening or flower arranging.

Hopefully most people in the village will have received a schedule by now - if you have not then extra copies are available from the Post Office. So please consider taking part - there is no entry fee and winning is such fun! All entries should be taken to the village Hall on the morning of July 22nd.

Also don't forget our July meeting on 15th when Mrs Retallick will be speaking on making a banner. Look forward to seeing you there.

Judy Ivil

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On Growing Older

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains - Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint, some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast stores of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

A Mother Superior's Prayer

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