

BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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10p

Mrs. Hainfield



LOWER LANK CHAPEL in 1980

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

- October 4th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 17) Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- October 7th Wednesday Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m.
- October 11th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 18) HARVEST THANKSGIVING Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
Evensong 6.00 p.m.
- October 12th Monday Harvest Supper (Buffet) and sale of produce 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall
- October 18th St Luke Evangelist (Trinity 18, Pentecost 19) Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- October 19th Monday. Parochial Church Council 7.30 p.m.
- October 21st Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10.00 a.m.
- October 24/25 CLOCKS go back one hour
- October 25th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (9th before Christmass) Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
- October 28th Wednesday SS Simon and Jude, Apostles Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

ST BREWARD

- October 4th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 17) HARVEST THANKSGIVING Parish Communion 11.30 a.m.
- October 6th Tuesday Evensong 7.00 p.m. Preacher The Revd Canon Gordon Ruming, Rector of Calstock. The service will be followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall (60p)
- October 7th Wednesday Mothers' Union, Blisland 3.00 p.m.
- October 11th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Pentecost 18) Mattins 11.30 a.m.
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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I am very pleased to hand over "my space" this month to our friend and resident the Revd Hubert Luke, who I have known for many years, and to whom the county has much reason to be grateful for all that he did when he was Chairman of Cornwall Methodist District.

CRS

From The Reverend H. R. Luke

October is traditionally the time for Harvest Thanksgiving Services to be held: this year both Parishes are having, on the first two Sundays of the month, our own special services in the Church of England and in the Methodist Churches. It was parson Hawker of Morwenstow who introduced Harvest Services into the English Church in 1843, and since then they have been generally celebrated throughout the country. It is one of the Festivals that unites daily work and Worship. In the countryside we can never forget our dependence on God for the blessings of Harvest. If that dependence is seen clearly in the fruits of the earth it is none the less true for all the harvests men gather. However clever we may be; however skilled in our work, no matter what that work is, it can be finally traced back to God alone - "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Without God's creation there would literally be nothing.

So it is good to be thankful. Someone has said that the saddest thing about an atheist is that he has no one to thank when the sun shines and the river flows. Thanksgiving is an essential part of the Christian way of life. "In everything give thanks," St. Paul writes to his friends. William Law, in his book A Serious Call wrote "Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays the most, or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, and justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God willeth, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart ready to praise God for it."

Bishop Charles Gore in his book on Ephesians says

that "St Paul's Christianity is a religion of thankfulness . . . The secret of this thankfulness is that he looks straight away from himself and his surroundings up to God . . . In proportion as we look up to Him we shall rejoice, and in proportion as we rejoice in the Lord, will our religion have tone and power and attractiveness."

So let us make our Harvest Thanksgiving Services times of real thanksgiving; and let them set the pattern for the whole of our lives. As Christians we have so much to thank God for every day we live. I sometimes think that one of the greatest tasks of the Christian is so to live that our lives make it easier for others to believe in God for themselves. Many, many things today give us cause for worry, anxiety, perhaps even fear. On the other side of the balance sheet every time we acknowledge our indebtedness and gratitude to God, we encourage other people to turn away from themselves and to see and appreciate how great God is.

R. Hubert Luke.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Lee Mark, infant son of Julie
and Mark Newton on Sunday August 30th
at Blisland Church.

Samantha Jane, infant daughter of
Peter and Lynne Runnalls, on Sunday
September 13th, at Blisland Church.

Burial

William Charles Owen HARPER
of Blisland, at Blisland
Parish Church, on August 24th 1981

Owen was held in much affection in the village and in Temple and beyond, and our sympathy goes out to his widow and sons.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

The Harvest Festival Service,
will be held on

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER
at 2.30 p.m.

Preacher: Mrs Garbett of
Barlendew, Blisland

on MONDAY 5th OCTOBER we have
our

HARVEST EVENING
at 7.p.m.

Various stalls and auction of
surplus gifts.

Refreshments will be
provided

This will be followed by the
Harvest Hymn Singing led by
the Rev. Darlington.

Proceeds for Church Funds.
All gifts willingly accepted,
and everyone old, young and
middling very very welcome.

Do come along and support
us.

PHOTO QUIZ

The photograph printed on
page 7 of the September
issue showed St Breward's
BAND OF HOPE photographed
in 1920.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival
Sunday October 11th

Morning Service when the
children will render their
gifts 11.00 a.m.

Evening Service 6.00 p.m.

To be taken by the Reverend
Peter Barber of Camelford

To be followed by the Harvest
Supper on Wednesday October
14th.

FAITH FOR LIFE

Vice-president designate
of the Methodist Conference,
Mrs Pamela Luke of St
Breward, appeared on West-
ward Television's Faith
for Life in September. In
an interview she said that
she had faith in the robust-
ness and deep faith of
Methodists in Cornish
villages. Referring to
Borlase's description of
the Cornish as being endowed
with 'Divine pig-headed-
ness' she said she thought
it a fair way of suggesting
they are stubborn, but it
is this quality that has
ensured that they won't
let Methodism die in the
villages, however harsh
the odds.

De Lank Methodist Chapel, illustrated on our cover this month, was pulled down in 1980. Below Mrs Nellie Marshall remembers it when it was still the very centre of all village activity.

DE LANK METHODIST CHAPEL AS I REMEMBER IT

De Lank Methodist Church was built in 1884. It was a United Methodist Church, but in 1923 the Wesleyan, United Methodists and all other Methodists joined and it was then known as The Methodist Church. I understand that Mr Ben Hawken who farmed De Lank farm had all the stone for building the church drawn by horse and cart.

In those days the preachers came by horse and trap and would stable their horses at Mr Hawken's farm. The Hawkens were great workers for the church, both he and his son were local preachers and he was a superintendent of the Sunday School. A lot of the local preachers would walk miles to take services.

I think the stables were built after Mr Hawken gave up farming at De Lank. Years later it was used by the Youth Club for wood work.

I remember as a girl there was always a good congregation and the Chapel would be three parts full both in the morning and the evening, and we children went to Sunday School morning and afternoon. For anniversaries, Harvest Festival and Easter the Chapel would be so packed that extra chairs would have to be brought in. I remember one old lady who used to walk from Church Town carrying her lantern, and I can see her now blowing it out and putting it under her seat. Then there was a Miss Hawken, not any relation of Ben Hawken, she looked after the Chapel and Sunday school and kept them lovely. She didn't have a lot of money but any extra she had would be spent on the Chapel. She died in 1923.

We had a good choir and some fine singers too. I remember Dr Spargo - he had a good voice, and how he loved singing! Somehow over the years the congregation got smaller - I think a lot of it was to do with there being more transport and it was so much easier for people to get away.

OWEN HARPER

The death of Owen Harper has removed a respected and well-loved member of our community. Owen was born at Temple in 1898 and educated at the little school there, a fact of which he was very proud.

He served in the D.C.L.I. during the First World War, was wounded in France, and after the war served in India until 1922. In 1939 Owen again "answered the call" and served in the Army until 1945, including a spell in North Africa.

He worked for many years at the then Hawk's Tor china clay works and also at the Cornish De Lank granite quarries. A gentle and loving family man, with a wonderful sense of humour, his main hobby was gardening, and he was, in fact, working in his beloved garden a few minutes before being taken ill. The measure of his popularity was reflected in the large attendance at the funeral service on August 24th.

One of Owen's favourite sayings was, "If you want good neighbours, you must be a good neighbour." Perhaps we could all learn a little from his example.

RMH



Perhaps I might add one word to the tribute to Owen Harper written by someone who knew him far far better than I did. Mr Harper was a great friend to this magazine, and as you will know, an excellent contributor. I think all of us in Blisland feel particularly happy that in the last few weeks of his life Owen met and enjoyed chatting to many old friends on two special occasions which he attended. The Open Day at Lavethan and the Village Barbecue celebration of the Royal Wedding. That is something we are all glad to remember.

RLS

BLISLAND ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION EVENT FUND

At the public meeting held in June in connection with the celebration of the Royal Wedding, when the Committee was formed, it was stated by the members in general, that after the Village had had its celebration, and the children their mugs, the balance of the cash raised/donated would be given to a charity or charities for the disabled in the Year of the Disabled, according to Prince Charles' wishes.

It is with some consternation that I read in the September issue of the magazine, of the disposal of the balance of those funds. The donation to the Loretto House Charity would be in order, but reparation work to the duckpond, (and I hear that a seesaw for the children was also mentioned), was in no way in the minds of the people present at that meeting in June. Disabled people are disabled people and I do not think that our children locally, come into that category.

Whilst I have every sympathy for the children's needs (indeed I suggested many years ago using the old duckpond as a children's play area, but we only got as far as placing swings on the Green), I do not think that this suggestion comes within the terms of reference given to the Celebration Committee.

If at a future date, events were held to raise funds to enable the children to have an improved play area, then no doubt they would receive support to that end. Perhaps a plea to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund might be the answer, always providing one could find enough room between the trees to make a play area.

I recall that over the years when various organisations have gathered money for charitable purposes, that Blisland children have always had their fair share of the proceeds; would it not be a nice gesture to give this kitty, with love and thankfulness, entirely to those less fortunate than ourselves? We had our fun and games on the Royal Day, now let us in some small measure help the helpless.

If the Committee renege on our wishes this time, we may all find it hard to get public support for future projects.

PTO

Having said all that, may I add that the Committee and friends did a very fine job in decorating the Green, organising a real 'fun day' and for that they deserve a big and hearty 'Thankyou.'

Stella Vause

BLISLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

In July fourteen children participated in a Passover Meal at Colesent. First the story was read and explained and talked about, and then everyone helped to prepare the feast. Lamb roasted with bitter herbs, unleavened bread in the shape of very professional tortillas. Rhubarb crumble admittedly was not on the original menu, but did provide some energy for the hymn singing, directed by the Rector, which followed the feasting.

In August a few of us attended the Scripture Union Beach Mission at Polzeath, now in its twenty-third year. We were very impressed by the dedication of the organisers who kept 120 children of all ages, enthusiastically involved. The "sand church" was packed out and surrounded by parents and friends. The twenty-four helpers who run this mission certainly showed what can be done with a little imagination and a lot of hard work.

This month Sunday School starts again from where we left off - on Mount Sinai - hopefully we will learn the ten commandments and then proceed on to the New Testament to see how we can live by them.

Already we are talking about Christmas and making our plans. The more children we have coming to Sunday School the more we can learn and do and enjoy ourselves. So please come along at 10.00 a.m. each Sunday morning, in the Institute, and bring your talents along. Parents please support this effort and encourage your children. We do all we can -- but it is up to you to get them started with us.

LB and JR

North Cornwall Hunt Puppy Show

The Show was held in July, at Treworman, by invitation of the retiring Master, Mr W.J. Tucker and Mrs Tucker. There was a good entry of puppies, and winners were as follows:-

Doghounds

- 1 Gainsborough, walked by Mr and Mrs R. Ferkin
- 2 Galloper, walked by Mr & Mrs Clarkson of St Breward
- 3 Planet, walked by Mr and Mrs W.J. Tucker.

Bitches

- 1 Gambol, walked by Mr and Mrs R. Ferkin
- 2 Wavelet, walked by Mr and Mrs H.G. Tom
- 3 Waxy, walked by Mr and Mrs J.R.Alford of Hamatethy.

There having been no Puppy Show in 1979 a special class was held for already entered hounds from that year.

Winners in this Class were:-

Doghounds

- 1 Tackler, walked by Mrs G. Kessel

Bitches

- 2 Hairpin, walked by Mr and Mrs Vernon Lobb
- 3 Tally , walked by Mr and Mrs Henry Lobb

Judges were Mr Dick England, M.F.H., and Mr Bevil Bunt M.F.H. and the puppies were shown by Huntsman Melroy Francis and Janice Kane.

SC



Buying a House Cow - from the diary of a farmer's wife.

May 13th 1946. Our supplementary petrol coupons arrived in the post today so at last we can move again, and as it has become such a nuisance having to walk half a mile over the fields to fetch milk, we decided to have another try at getting a house cow. Tom thinks I'm daft - but I didn't want Ernie giving me all his free advice again, so agreed not to tell him our plans - but it made no difference because he was waiting at the end of our track and we couldn't deny we were going to market, so he came too and kept telling me it was lucky he happened to be free to come and do the bidding because we'd be sure to be 'done' if we tried to do it ourselves. I suppose we do look a bit green, but I do wish he'd leave us alone!

Anyway we got to market and it turned out that Ernie had several errands of his own, so he lost us (sighs of relief from me) and we went to look at the cows and calves. As last time they were nearly all South Devons and Tom got quite cross with me when I insisted I had to have a ruby*. Then, when he'd gone off to look for some spare parts for the oil lamp, I suddenly saw her - my dream cow! She was tied up on her own with a little heifer calf, a replica of herself, beside her. I went and took a closer look, felt her udder - four good even teats and everything about her looked right from her gracefully curved creamy horns, sable tipped like a Siamese cat's, to her deep body and dark red curly coat. While I was admiring her I saw I was being watched by a little brown-faced man with a funny high hat pulled right down over his eyes. 'Is she going in the ring?' I asked. 'Nah' he mumbled 'He baint.' Followed by silence. Then, 'You interested in cows?' he said. 'Mm' I replied 'May be. Is she for sale?' 'Ah' he said 'If the money's right.' Well we've budgeted £30 for the house cow, so 'How much?' I asked, and my voice went all squeaky because I was so excited. 'Thirty-eight quid' he said, and my heart bumped into my boots. 'Too much' I whispered. 'I'll sell thee the bullock without the calf for £34,' he said. I looked at the little red calf and knew I had to have them both, so I went and found Tom and told him I had found the perfect house cow for £38.00. 'Thirty-eight' Tom whistled 'But Ernie could get one for twenty-eight.' 'Yeah a rotten old bag of bones' I muttered. 'Well' he said 'Let's have a look'. Honestly Tom doesn't know a good cow from a nursery fender, but he said 'Do you want

her enough to go without a carpet for another six months?' 'Oh, yes Tom,' I said, so we approached the nut-brown man and tried to bargain with him, but he wouldn't budge. 'Take it or leave it' he said, and started to walk away. 'Where was she bred?' I asked, to delay him, and remembering Ernie saying we'd better be sure of a moorland bred animal so it wouldn't wither away on our windblown hillsides. 'Up Blisland' he said 'Brought off the moor this morning he was.' That clinched it, even for Tom. So we paid him the thirty-eight pounds, and this evening she arrived, and with her a great gangling ugly yellow bull calf! Ernie laughed when I told him she'd had a little heifer this morning. 'Ah' he said 'I told you you shouldn't go buying without me Chiel, but never mind you've got a lovely little second calver there, best I've seen in a long while.'

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St Breward Conservatives Annual Horse Show

St Breward Conservatives held their fourth annual Horse Show, Gymkhana and Exemption Dog Show at Hallagenna Riding Centre on Saturday 22nd August, by kind permission of Mrs Kay Millward. About eighty horses came before the judges, Mr R.J. Lobb, Mr J. Drummond-Dunn, Mrs B Macintosh and Mrs J. R. Alford. Winners of the perpetual Challenge Cups were:- Children's Jumping - M.White, St Clether; Junior Jumping - Suzanne Speare, Delabole; Novice Jumping Miss C. Bate, Cardinham; Open Jumping Julia Drummon-Dunn, St Teath; Best Pony - Mary Hancock, Helligan Barton; and N.Scott, Tintagel; Best Hunter - Joanne Flew, Tintagel; Champion Working Hunter - Julia Drummond-Dunn.

There was a very satisfactory entry for the exemption dog show organised by Mr and Mrs Robin Clarkson. The judge was Mrs I.E. Clark and the Newton Cup was won by Mr R. Hirst of Bude.

A most successful cakes and produce stall was run by Mrs. Cragg and the Misses Jenefer and Mary Peter looked after the busy clear round jumping ring.

Focal point of the afternoon was the parade of the North Cornwall Foxhounds by kind permission of the Joint Acting Masters..

The Committee are extremely grateful to Mrs Millward for the use of her field and to all those who gave cups or helped in any way with the Show.

VRC



Owing to tremendous pressure of work our correspondent from St Breward has been unable to complete his Parish notes for this issue. We publish instead this happy picture of St Breward Youth Club rock climbing in Rocky Valley, near Tintagel. We wish the enterprising YC good luck and wistfully look forward to the day when they will have time to fulfil an undertaking they gave us last Spring to help with the restoration of Jubilee Rock. Could we still do it in the year of the Royal Wedding? Come on Peter Nottle and all you enthusiasts. Get out the brushes and the domestos and give us a call. There are volunteers waiting here in Blisland.

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB

An almost overflowing coach left Blisland on August 18th for Perranporth, where a long, warm and sunny afternoon was spent in various ways, ending with the usual fish and chip supper before leaving.

The outing to Exeter on 1st September was well supported, and we arrived to the 'rainiest afternoon' for some months! However it soon cleared up and the new macs which had been hastily bought were packed away ~~against the next~~ emergency.

The Cathedral was visited and the usual shopping spree enjoyed, but we found the price of a pot of tea rather high! A stop for fish and chips was made at Saltash on our way home.

It will be a change for members to meet again in the village hall in September, when we shall be arranging for our Harvest Stall for October.

Mr Owen Harper was a member of our Club at one time, he always kept us amused with his fund of anecdotes, which he loved to relate. We shall miss seeing him around and extend our sympathy to his family.

We are glad to know that Mrs Page is home from hospital

and progressing satisfactorily.

G. M. Masters

ST BREWARD PLAY GROUP

The Disco for the Mentally Handicapped raised £40.77

The Coffee Morning raised £19.91

The Playgroup is open to all pre-school children over three years old. It is held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

For full details of fees and transport please phone Mrs McShée - Bodmin 850435

St Pratt's Procession

Mrs Grace Masters writes:

'The small boy carrying a bunch of flowers is Mr Charles Masters formerly of De Lank Farm and now studying at York University for his doctorate. Catching hold of his hand is Mr John Rogers Masters, his cousin, with his mother (me) behind.'

Two little girls quite far back, very solemn in their new duffle coats are my elder two daughters - RLS



Members of St Breward Youth Club Football team in their match against St Tudy YC.

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