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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND

Perhaps it is a bit late to comment on 1980, but the year ended with the usual hectic round of Carol Playing and Concerts. 1980 will be noted in the Band's history book for two things.

First, the Band won first prize in the third section of the South West Contest at Paignton, in November, this being the seventh attempt since 1964, when the late W. D. Lawton of Bodmin led the Band to first position.

Secondly the Band turned over the year in debt, owing to the purchase of several new instruments and a set of new uniforms.

In view of the recession we will have to work very hard this summer to fill the collecting boxes. Nevertheless we pride ourselves that we can still provide the use of instruments and music with free tuition, and there are plenty of vacancies.

Coming Attractions

March 1st: Pre-Contest Concert at Row Sunday School, featuring Dave Bennett singing the second placed song in the Song for Cornwall competition, also featuring the juniors.

April 5th: Camelford School. Concert with E.C.L.P. Area Choir.

April 8th: Supporting Mr Sexton with the School Concert at Camelford.

and

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

March 1st Seventh Sunday before Easter(Quinquagesima)
Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.

March 3rd Shrove Tuesday

March 4th Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m.
Holy Communion and First Lenten address
at St Breward 7.30 p.m.

March 8th First Sunday in Lent. Parish Communion
10.00 a.m.

March 10th Tuesday. Parochial Church Council 7.30 p.m.

March 11th Wednesday.Compline and second Lenten address
at St Breward 7.30 p.m.

March 15th Second Sunday in Lent. Parish Communion
10.00 a.m.

March 16th Monday. Holy Communion (Priests' Company
of Servants of Christ the King,
but anyone may come.) 10.30 a.m.
Evensong said in church 7.00 p.m.
before the Annual Parochial Church
Meeting in the Institute. 7.30 p.m.

March 18th Wednesday . Mothers' Union Corporate
Communion 10.00 a.m.
Compline and 3rd Lenten address at
St Breward 7.30p.m.

March 22nd Third Sunday in Lent. Parish Communion
10.00 a.m.

March 25rd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Deanery Festival
at St Breward 3.00 p.m.
Compline and 4th Lenten address at
St Breward 7.30 p.m.

March 29th Fourth Sunday in Lent.(Mothering Sunday)
Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.

Please Note

Thursday March 5th. There will be a meeting at the Rectory at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the future of the magazine following its 1st birthday. Please come and give us your views

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND

The slides of Denman College proved extremely interesting as well as entertaining, and showed members a further aspect of the opportunities offered by the W.I. The College, named after Lady Denman, the first Chairman of the N.F.W.I., is set amidst beautifully laid out gardens, and must make studying therea great delight.

Mrs Stella Vause attended the mini Consultative Conference at St Austell gave us a full and interesting report. You will see in the Home and Country magazine the Resolutions that are eventually chosen for the A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall in June.

Our Annual Birthday Dinner held at the home of Isobel and Tony Willcocks was a truly super affair. The outside caterer was first class and the usual generous hospitality of Isobel and Tony combined with the general sense of conviviality made the evening memorable.

We are having a special New Members evening on April 1st. It will be an informal affair and we look forward to seeing some new faces. Letters will be sent out, but should you be new to the area and your name overlooked, please come along. The time is 7.30.,the place - the Village Hall. We hope to give you a brief insight into what goes on in the W.I.

Next month is our A.G.M. when new officers are elected, so we shall not have a speaker, but the evening is always interesting, and you are invited to come along.

Eileen Walford.

ST BREWARD

The President, Mrs J Hawken welcomed everyone to a social evening which was much enjoyed, with an excellent supper provided by all the members. There was a chance to look at the report prepared for the Cornwall County Federation Allsop Cup competition, on the "History and natural history of the footpaths of St Breward". Nominations were made for the committee elections at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday,17th February.

There was some discussion about the final choice of speakers for the next twelve months, for which Mrs A Skinner had asked for members' suggestions. Thanks to her capable work and a variety of ideas put forward, an interesting programme has been prepared.

Pamela Bousfield

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIE'S CLUB

At our meeting on January 20th we entertained our guests with a buffet supper, followed by a talk on the Holy Land by Mr Thomas, which was very much enjoyed. The decorated tables looked 'special' and games concluded a very happy evening.

The Annual meeting on Tues: 3rd February was well attended, with twenty-one members present, and Mrs Abbott was welcomed as County organiser.

A very successful year and a strong financial statement were reported by the secretary and the treasurer respectively. Speakers and entertainment for the next three months were discussed; cards were distributed, with committee members' phone numbers, for available help in emergencies.

There will be a demonstration on micro-wave ovens on March 17th, when anyone interested is invited to attend.

Mrs Abbott gave great encouragement to the Club when she again congratulated us on the way it is run, the friendly atmosphere, and the co-operation of all the members, and added that she was proud to have us affiliated to the W.R.V.S. movement. After tea a short session of Bingo was enjoyed.

G. M. Masters

BLISLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Blisland Sunday School was practically defunct when it was given the kiss of life, last month, by Judy Romero, and the arrival of several new members. Much is now taking place in the Institute (each Sunday at 10.00) and I do hope parents will actively support our efforts.

SUNDAY CLUB

On March 7th there will a Pancake Tea and Party Games with Hymn Singing with the Rector. This will be at Colesent, and children from St Breward are invited to join us, from 3.30- 7.00 p.m. If you would like to come please phone me (850789 or 850493) and let me know.

Lolita Bamford

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FUNDS FOR THE MAGAZINE

A Bring and Buy Coffee Evening will be held at the Band Room, St Breward, at 7 p.m. on Friday 10th April, in aid of magazine funds.

FULL DETAILS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Please note this date has been changed from April 1st to avoid clashing with other events in both parishes

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Compline and Fourth Lenten address 7.30 p.m.

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Remember in your prayers

Reuben Long - at the time of going to press we are very sad indeed to hear that he is seriously ill. He is greatly missed from the tower.

Liz Cornes - who is gravely ill in hospital in Plymouth. We have her, and David and Thomas in our thoughts constantly.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I am writing this just after Evensong on St Breward Revel Sunday.I think we all found it heartening to worship in a full church, supported by the organ and Silver Band. (No, it was not the Band that made the church appear full. The church was full).Fr Humphrey York, our Rural Dean, preached a helpful sermon on Jonah, who ran away from the uncomfortable task which God had set him at Nineveh. We heard how his fellow sailors "read the signs" in this man, how his preservation from danger (whale) was a further "sign" of God's purpose for him, and of how we must learn to read the signs of God's activity and his purpose for us.

People had worked hard and thoughtfully to prepare for that memorable afternoon. I was so pleased to see Blisland well represented there, too. The Revel Tea completed a happy day; a good Parish Communion, Evensong and the meal together as a church family, - as it should be.

St Breward Church itself is a good outward "sign" of God's presence and of the priority of the things of the spirit. It stands there 800 feet up and dominates the landscape for miles around. Our own St Breward churchpeople, for whose souls we prayed, as our fellow church members now, built it there because they wanted God to have the best place for his house. They wanted a prominent site, a supply of stone, and the saint had probably settled somewhere near a water supply.

God's house was to dominate in more senses than one. It is a matter for thanksgiving that the continuing Church in this place in 1981 should come in crowds to Revel because they are showing thereby that their Saint and his church are important to them. It has been a public acknowledgement that God comes first.

Blisland Church is also prominent, because of its size and distinctive appearance, but the geography is different and you have to look a little harder for it, standing on a sort of ledge half way up a hillside, tucked away in a little valley on the western edge of Bodmin Moor. The country is such that the church appears

with the District Council, the original plan to provide parking space was dropped. A new plan has now been produced, which I believe to be more acceptable to the residents. As far as the public is concerned this will improve the visibility in the area and make the road safer. However it is more expensive than the original plan - but has not yet (beginning of February) been costed. There is a high probability that the Parish Council will be invited to contribute to this scheme but no decision has yet been taken.

Over in Penvorder the Parish Council has decided to get on with the job. A tender has been accepted to tidy up the space at the De Lank end of the cottages, which will improve the parking and play areas. Mr Hillson will be moving in with his digger when the weather gets a bit better.

Well, I hope to see you on the 31st, but if not you will be able to read all about it in May.

PS I have just received the details of the International Youth Camp, which is held at Porthpean between July 11th and August 8th. The cost, for a week under canvas for those aged between 15 and 21, is £32.00. This fee covers the cost of three meals a day and participation in the camp activities.

The County Youth Organisation will provide proper supervision for these activities which include sailing, canoeing, discoes, folk singing, films, day excursions and so on. For an additional fee special activities like sea fishing and horse riding will be arranged. The camp site overlooks St Austell Bay and has permanent medical, dining and washing facilities.

The camp provides an opportunity to meet young people from all over Europe, and seems to me to present very good value for money. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. Andy Henderson (850396)

OWING TO THE EXTENDED CALENDARS AND EXTRA LONG REGULAR FEATURES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ISSUE A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HAD TO BE LEFT OUT. I apologise to all who have been disappointed- and hope to get you all in in the next issue. Editor

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

One of the most important events of the year for the Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting. It will take place on Tuesday 31st March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Red Cross Hall. Unlike other elected bodies, the Parish Council has to hold an "Open Meeting", at which all those on the Parish Electoral Register are entitled to vote. It is the only opportunity that the Public has to take part directly in the democratic process. It is for this reason that the Parish Meeting is so important and any decision taken at a well attended meeting has to be taken very seriously. The Council will be pleased to see as many people as possible attending.

Mrs Gloria Alsey has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about the work of the Cornwall Rural Community Council, of which she is the Secretary. This Council does a great deal of work behind the scenes for communities such as ours. Organising information evenings like those on nuclear power and footpaths, arranging training sessions for clerks and councillors, setting up the "Reels on Wheels" enterprise and so on. I look forward to hearing more about the work of the Council and its plans for the future.

We have also invited a representative of the South West Water Authority to talk to us and answer any questions you may have. There have been problems with water supplies around the village, so if you would like to ask specific questions, tell us, and we will pass on your queries before the meeting, so that the Authority will have no excuse for not giving an adequate answer. Micky Hunt went to a similar meeting for councillors recently and found it interesting and informative.

The Annual Parish Meeting will also give you an opportunity to hear the accounts, and bring up any other business you wish.

Playing and Parking at Penvorder and Rostalek

I had hoped to give you full details of the plan for parking at Rostalek in this issue, but after consultation

and disappears as you go about. From a few spots you look up to it, but mostly you see it from above or level with you. As for Temple, you really have to search.

I wonder if there is a 'sign' in these things ? We must not only let God dominate, so that we worship him and live in his strength. We must also be prepared to search for him, to let him be there in the midst of our daily life, not necessarily prominently impressive, but quietly there, motivating, prompting in our conscience pouring his grace into our lives through our unspectacular and faithful waiting upon him in prayer and frequency of churchgoing.

Let 1981 be the year when people of both my parishes rediscover their parish churches, and vow to our Lord a faithful promise, that we will love his house best of all houses, his day the best of all days and his saints the best of all company. And when we make this vow let us not forget the children. The choir and the Brownies were with us on Revel Sunday, and in Blisland the Sunday School has taken a new step forward. Our children must be constantly encouraged to attend, so that they may grow into full and faithful members of the congregation.

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It cannot often happen in one day that one faces such a contrast, but it so happened that the same day I was detailed to conduct a further Evensong in another church in the Deanery. There were four of us present. Two of us were 'staff', the organist and myself, and in the congregation there were two. The service was sung, complete with its four hymns and there was a sermon, all taking the same length of time as it would with two hundred people. It was simple, and just as 'impressive' as with two hundred, but this time impressive in its sincerity of intention and its calm atmosphere of reverent devotion. There was no great volume of sound, as at St Breward, to carry one along - it was much harder work -. But as the Lord said he would be, he was there with the 'two or three' gathered together in his name. The little faithful group were keeping the light of faith alive in that place, and were fulfilling their solemn and happy duty of being the Church in that village for that day.

It was not, however, just four people. How many have worshipped in any given church over the hundreds of years

since it was built, and in less permanent structures for some hundreds of years even before that ? Are they wiped out, or in the resurrection life are they not still our fellow church members ? And what about our patron saints, Protus, Hyacinth, Breward and Catherine? And the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven ? One is never alone in worship, or even when we think our prayer is private. Try thinking of that sometimes, before praying. Don't just rush into prayer - stop and get ready first, for you have myriads of companions. Lent is a good time to begin.

Conrad Sargisson

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Matthew Stephen Turner at St Breward Parish Church on 1st February 1981

Burials

At St Breward, on Friday 16th January Mrs Alice Cobbledick. Although she lived just over the parish boundary in Michealstow her affection and loyalty towards the church very much included St Breward Church in particular.

In Blisland Churchyard, on Saturday 7th February, Mrs Ivy Irene Roberts, after a service at Bodmin Methodist Chapel.

May the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace

Breward by two of Jack's nephews.

In the days of the Inn all the water required was fetched from the spring across the road, but in 1956 mains arrived and carrying water in buckets became history. In 1962 mains electricity reached Wenford and all the Tilley lamps, Aladdin lamps and old Primus Stoves went into retirement.

One by one the buildings that had once been skittle alley and brew-house; blacksmith's shop, cowhouse and piggery, came into use as parts of the pottery. The old stable was burnt out in 1963, and was rebuilt with the present hipped roof. As time went on the impecunious young man who had taken over the rat infested Inn became a famous and distinguished stoneware potter.

Today many visitors from all over the world visit Michael Cardew in his pottery, which is now run with the help of his eldest son and some students. The pots are sold from the outbuilding that was once the cowhouse and many people remark on the fine proportions of the house that used to be the Wenford Inn.

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ST BREWARD YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club meets in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings and is open to any young people who live close enough to come. We have a darts board, pool and table-tennis table, and the record player works again, after a few hiccoughs (I hope Sheila's records were not too badly scratched). There is also the occasional Disco and we have some netball and badminton matches arranged for March.

Unfortunately the mini-bus I had hoped to be able to use will not be available again for a couple of months, so at a recent committee meeting it was agreed to pay 15p per mile to anyone prepared to use their car to take youngsters to sports meetings.

Larry Thomson is having a break from the club for a while - his wife is expecting a baby in a few weeks time and he wants to spend a bit more time at home. We wish them all well.

The Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on 1st April at 6.30 p.m. Parents and anyone else who would like to come would be very welcome.

A.P.H.

from De Lank and Tor Down. Cornish wrestling bouts were held in the field across the way from Wenford Inn and these events also brought trade to the busy landlord and his wife.

With the help of the midwife - Nurse Crahart - Mrs Armstrong brought ten children into the world, all of them born at the Inn. Alas four died young - two of diphtheria and two from tuberculosis, but even with six growing children life was crowded enough, but they were a happy family, and as they grew old enough the young Armstrongs helped to serve in the bar. Sadly those happy days came to an end when their mother died in 1926, aged only forty-four. Without her capable management the business deteriorated, and after a few years the licence was withdrawn, and the buildings stood empty except for the rats.

In 1939 an impecunious potter, Michael Cardew, came bicycling down the hill to Wenford, and saw the potential of the old Inn and its range of outbuildings, as a place to start a pottery, and moved in with his wife and three sons.

With the help of Jack Teague of St Breward, he built his kiln in the meadow behind the garden -- that was the generation when three Teague brothers married three Roberts sisters; today the business is carried on in St

Building the Wenford Bridge kiln, 1949

WENFORD RAILWAY - AS I REMEMBER IT

Nellie Marshall.

It was in January 1911, that my father, John Daddow Cole, arrived in St Breward, to take charge of the station at Wenford, and my sister Emmie and myself settled down with him in the little cottage, (no longer standing) at the end of the railway line.

Wenford was a really busy place in those days, the trains coming up two or three times a day, to take away the clay and granite. Quite often as many as fourteen trucks would come down the incline from De Lank Quarries, carrying granite and crushed elvan, which was used for road stone. Granite from other quarries was brought by horse drawn waggons, to be loaded into the railway trucks.

All the artificial manure for the farmers also came on the railway and the 2cwt bags would be labelled with a different coloured label for each farmer. If we didn't keep an eye on them some would take the wrong bags, not bothering to look at the labels.

All the big houses in the area would have a truck load of coal, and the village shop also carried large stocks of coal and corn, besides the usual groceries and other commodities, for the people could seldom get into town for anything.

Sea sand also came up by rail for the farmers, and would be collected by horses and carts. One farmer who lived on the moors had a big horse he would put in the shafts of the waggon, and tied behind a string of small ponies that were used to help pull the load up Wenford Hill. We used to call out 'Look! The menagerie is coming!'

I remember when my father asked one of the farmers to sign for something, and he replied "I bain't no scholar, Maister " and signed with an X.

When we moved from Ottery St Mary in Devon, our furniture came in a Passenger luggage van which impressed one old man who was standing by. He thought he'd have liked a ride in the train.

In 1919 my father was taken ill with a bad bout of flu', and as no relief was sent Emmie and I had to do everything that was required. We had to go down to the clay dries to meet the trains, and count the number of empty trucks. Then we came up with the trains and back again, and count the number of trucks that were returning. We used to help with the shunting too, by letting the Guard's van run and bump into the trucks, so pushing them on to the line from the siding.

The engine driver, guard and brakeman would go to the Wenford Inn to have their dinner, and they used to dip pieces of food into the beer and throw it to a cockerel who would crow each time. which greatly amused the on-lookers, until the landlord, Mr Armstrong, put a stop to it, after seeing that poor cockerel staggering around, the worse for drink!

Just after we arrived at Wenford the last three dries were being built, and a lot of navvies lived on the site in their own hut and did their own cooking. When they received their wages, off they would go to the shop, to buy their provisions for the week, and the rest of their money was spent at the Inn - now Wenford Bridge Pottery. In fact where Mr Cardew throws his pots used to be the 'Skittle Alley'. If those walls could talk they'd have some strange things to tell!

There are so many memories I could write a book, but I will conclude by saying that I enjoyed my young days living on the other side of the bridge - and how fortunate I am to have lived so many years at the 'White cottage' as it is often called.

THE WENFORD INN and WENFORD BRIDGE POTTERY

The Wenford Inn was built around 1835 when therail-way was laid. By reason of the numerous wooden partitions that were used in those days to keep out the draughts and create a cosy interior, both Bar Parlour and Tap Room were very small (about nine feet square.

In 1856 the Landlord of the Wenford Inn was one Harry Bastard, who was steward to the Onslow family at Hengar. He was succeeded by John Colwell who died at the age of forty-nine, after which the Inn was run by his widow, Sarah. In 1889 Edward Eade was Mine Host for a brief period, and in 1893 the lease was taken over by Archibald Campbell, thus marking the change from a landlord of Cornish stock to one from far away Scotland. At some time during these changes of tenancy the beer ceased to be brewed in the adjoining brew-house, and the Inn became tied to St Austell Brewery.

The last Landlord of The Wenford Inn was Alexander Armstrong, from the Scots border, a stonemason by trade, who had experience as a landlord at the Sportsman's Arms in Camelford. He was assisted by his wife.

In those times, before the Wenford Dries were built, china clay was taken from the dries near Stannon down to St Austell by horse-drawn wagons, and the drivers would spend a night at the Wenford Inn, and Mrs Armstrong would cook breakfast for them. Later, when the clay was piped in liquid form from Stannon to the Wenford dries, the workers at Wenford would have their "crib" at the Inn. On Saturdays, after the game, the football teams had tea and splits upstairs, where a moveable partition could be put aside, thus joining the two rooms into one, and enough space to set up the trestle tables. Mrs Armstrong also made pasties for the men who came up the line with the train that carried granite