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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

August. Parish Communion at 10a.m. on each Sunday at Blisland.
The Flower Festival at Temple on the 20th and 21st, with Evensong at 3.30p.m. on the 21st.

ST BREWARD.

August. 7th Sunday. Mattins 11.30a.m.
14th, 21st and 28th Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

The Mothers' Union does not meet in August.

PARISH REGISTERS.

George Winn, whose ashes have been laid to rest in Blisland churchyard.

Evelyn Ethel Keat, aged 51 years. Died 16th June at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Wonford. Buried in Blisland after the Service in St Breward Methodist Church.

Albert George Coleman aged 74, of Penvorder, St Breward. Died on July6th.

Our sincere condolences to all their families.
May the Souls of the departed rest in Peace.

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New arrival, on the 5th July, to Malcolm & Mary Price, a son, Richard James Oliver, a brother for Fiona.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners of Blisland with Temple and St Breward.

Sister Mary Francis and I arrived on July 6th and we are still in the process of unpacking. My desk is laden with packages and these I cannot remove until I can move the packing cases which surround it. So I am using one of the latter as a desk on which to write this letter to you for it has been kindly suggested that I should contribute to the August issue of your Parish Magazine. This I gladly do. Until July 25th I am legally still Parish Priest of Mylor and Flushing so my first letter to you as Parish Priest of Blisland with Temple and St Breward will appear in the September issue and I look forward to writing it.

Meanwhile this present letter may serve to introduce Sister and me to you. Sister Mary Francis is the senior member of the Community of St Francis which, with the Society of St Francis of which Michael, Bishop of St Germans is a member, forms the Anglican Franciscan Religious Order. Sister and I met when I became Eton College Missioner at Hackney Wick, East London, way back in 1964 and we have worshipped and worked together ever since. She is a very holy person, has a wonderful sence of humour and is full of wisdom and understanding.

Before meeting Sister I had been Parish Priest of a famous slum parish in Paddington and before that Chaplain of the London Hospital and before that Chaplain of Hurst-pierpoint College. The only other thing that you may like to know about me is that I am the senior member of the Society of Retreat Conductors and so, from time to time, I shall be away for a few days in order to look after people who want to spend time away from their daily chores in order to say their prayers and think about what God wants them to do with their lives.

As Sister and I prepare to begin our work among you we continue to say our prayers for you and we ask you to remember us in your prayers.

God bless you and all whome you love,

EDWIN STARK.

P.S. We have a collie dog called Perkin who is very obedient and will not worry sheep!

EVELYN E.KEAT. An Appreciation.

I first met Evelyn when, as a rather shy new girl at Bodmin Grammar School, I was put in her charge to be shown the ropes at my new school. There could have been no better person chosen. 'Shy' was a word which was not in Evelyn's vocabulary, she was too interested in people to worry about what they were saying or thinking about her. I owe her a great debt for showing me how life is much more rewarding if you are open to people and expect to find them all interesting.

This characteristic has been with Evelyn all through her life. She has kept in touch with people she has known wherever she has been. She has often mentioned that she has heard from so-and-so and I have been quite ashamed to remember that person, whom I also knew, but have never kept in touch with or thought about for years.

It was Evelyn's caring for people which made her decide, after teaching for several years, to qualify as a school counsellor. This involves dealing with children's problems on a one-to-one basis and not as a class. This needs a friendly and interested person who is able to talk easily with anyone - an ideal job for Evelyn.

Dealing with other people's problems doesn't mean you are immune from your own. When Mrs Keat became too frail to live alone, Evelyn dealt with the situation with sympathy and imagination and considerable self-sacrifice. I feel that one of the finest things she ever did was to make her mother, who had never lived out of Blisland till she was nearly 90, feel at home in Exmouth where she ended her life in great peace and dignity.

Some people who have a career in helping people find it difficult to accept help from others. Helping people can be a way of being 'one up' on them. Evelyn was not like that. She could accept help as well as give it, and both when her mother was alive and during her own illness she was able to ask for and accept help for herself - the sadness was that there was so little one could do.

Evelyn's Christian faith had always been so much a part of her life since childhood that there was no need to make any parade of it, it was simply there in everything she did and expressed more often in actions than in words.

We shall all miss her, first her own family, then the people she has helped professionally, the colleagues she has worked with in the church and voluntary organisations, and those who valued her as a friend.

Elizabeth Warne.

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TO THE MEMORY
of

George Winn, and the other "Good Companions" who went before - Jack Miller, Malcolm Watney, Reuben Long, Ronald Dewey, and Old Bill - with whom I passed many a happy lunchtime interlude at the Royal Oak, Blisland. Thank you, Gentlemen. You made the world a better place.

"TIME! GENTLEMEN! PLEASE!"

Where have all the Old Friends gone?
The smiling faces I used to greet,
"GOOD MORNING ALL!" But, one by one,
You stole away, and left an empty seat.
Where strangers sit, who cannot know, or care,
The sense of grief, and loss that I must feel.
To them I'm just another stranger standing there.

It's all a turn in life's great wheel,
And the shadows gather round me, too.
Ere soon, I, too, shall step into the Marble Hall,
And find you there, the friends I knew,
And greeting you, as once I did,
"GOOD MORNING ALL!"

1.7.83. H.C.G.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHAPEL

FLOWER FESTIVAL
AUGUST 19th 20th 21st.
11am to 8pm daily.

Tea and coffee served all day. Pasty lunches 12.30-1.30 supplied, to order ring 850342.

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Sunday School Anniversary.

St Breward Methodist Sunday School held its anniversary on Sunday July 3rd in real Anniversary weather.

The Preacher at 11a.m. & 6p.m was Mr Martin Cooper of Camelford. In the afternoon the children and Choir gave a demonstration service called "The Worlds of Wonder". The following Wednesday, July 6th there was a tea for the children in the Sunday School at 5p.m. and a Public tea at 5.30p.m. The children all went off to Mr Skinners field for the annual game of rounders and cricket, followed by much needed lollipops and cold drinks. After a wash and brush-up the children and choir repeated their demonstation service. The Rev. John Young being chairman. Mrs Hooper played for all services.

The Sunday School Treasurer Mrs Jennifer Teague gave the treasurers report and Mrs Parsons the Secretarys report The Sunday School Attendance Cups were won this year by Janet Prout and Charlotte Long for the girls and Mark Prout for the boys, all with full attendance. Collections on Sunday and Wednesday were for Sunday School Funds. NT.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHAPEL

ADVANCED NOTICE.

LOVENTY MALE VOICE CHOIR will be giving a Concert in St Breward Methodist Chapel on October 8th at 7.30p.m.

Book this date.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to thank everyone who kindly supported the Dance and Barbecue, either by attending or giving donations & prizes etc. After all expenses have been deducted we should be left with the sum of approx. £130 - quite a good effort. We do hope everyone who attended enjoyed the evening.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Committee Members who gave their help so generously also to Elaine & John Butters although not on the Committee gave very willing helping hands. EJW.

TRAVELLER'S NOTES. - Nyika Plateau - MALAWI.

Lt. Col W.Andrews and his family lived at Tumrose, Blisland before migrating to Rhodesia a few years ago. They subscribe to the Parish Mag. and in response to my request for news from abroad, Col. Andrews sent the following report - which also survived the flood in my house in the recent cloudburst, but remained legible.

'Following up a recommendation made to me at Mana Pools last year, I decided to make a trip to the Nyika Plateau in northern Malawi with the prime object of taking a good look at the bird life there. The plan involved meeting a friend from England, who flew to Beira, and then travelling on with the Landrover and Caravan as best we could. We motored north to Inhaminga,east of Gorongosa, where all our plans made with a reputable agent in Beira, to rail ourselves plus vehicles to Nsanjie,came to nought. Some serious deliberation was necessary, and in the end I decided to motor on. The road directly north was very doubtful with a caravan, so we branched off in an easterly direction and eventually crossed the Zambesi at Lacedonia to Mopeia. An enormous and quite flat metal ferry took us across. Then on to Quelimane through very exciting country with plenty of game and birds.

Detailed study was not possible because of the added delay and the concentration needed to negotiate everything en route. Eventually we entered Malawi at Milange. This trip from Dondo to Milange, all dirt roads in from fair to very poor condition, took us six days, including a thirty-six hour delay at Inhaminga.

The rains had not really started, but at all times a four wheel drive vehicle is recommended and NOT a caravan. After a short stop on the Zomba Plateau, we made for Salima on the lake shore, via Lilongwe - all tar from good to fair. The rest we knew was all dirt roads so we left the caravan, my two dogs and servant, here, to make our way to Nyika by Landrover, to spend Christmas.

Two days were spent in the Kasungu Game Reserve. Birds here were much the same as we see in Rhodesia. Black Bellied Korhaans were very common and several pairs of Wattled Cranes were present on the pans,

otherwise nothing very exciting, except a wonderful twenty minutes with a pair of magnificently black maned lion who occupied the road and would not allow passage, and a very determined charge by a heavily tusked bull elephant. I found out later at the base camp that both incidents were unusual in Kasungu, as lion had not been seen for a long time and the elephant in the reserve, as we had already discovered, were highly nervous and moved off at the first sound of our engine. The reserve is on the Zambian border and a pretty wild part at that, and poachers were a constant problem. There was little doubt that this chap had been hunted for his ivory, although from the hurried glances we were able to give him, there was no evidence of wounds and his condition was good. This is an a attractive reserve with an interesting selection of game.

From here on, the roads are very poor and in places very rough indeed. Being the only main road north it was used by everything from small private cars to heavy transport. Certainly not a wet weather road except again for four wheel drive vehicles. There are rest houses at most of the "towns" and provided that one is not over fussy, they provide adequate shelter and rest. They do not supply food, but will cook and produce it for one. Most essential items can be purchased at the vaious stores.

The road from Mzimba to Mzuzu takes one over the Vipya Plateau. Although not quite as lofty as the Nyika, it is quite beautiful with startling views. Eventually we reached Nyika Reserve where for six days we settled down in quite comfortable accommodation to fish for trout and to watch birds. Both were excellent and rewarding occupations. Around the camp the commonest birds were Black Lored Cisticolas, Robin Chats, Pied Wagtails, Fiscal Shrikes, Malachite Sunbirds and Red Knobbed Coots. The Cistcolas were perhaps the most engaging birds I have watched. They were in small parties, for the most part sitting on the support wires of the telegraph poles, constantly in voice, with tails fanning, and changing position all the time, giving one the impression that it was good to be alive. Coot were not breeding and only when very close to them was it possible to see anything of a red knob.

On my first view when driving up I thought I had discovered a population of the European Coot much farther south than had been recorded. The warden told me that many previous visitors had thought the same. African Marsh Harrier and Augur Buzzard were fairly common in the open country and one pale Pallid Harrierwas seen.

I spent a lot of time watching Denhams Bustards which were fairly numerous and very territorial. Schalows Turaco was a noisy occupant of the forest areas but was only seen on one occasion. This was however a good viewing. Marsh Widow Birds, which I had not seen before were in all suitable places. Others in general distribution were Red Wing Francolin, African Quail, Red Chested Crake (1), Mountain Yellow Flycatcher, Stonechat, Blue Swallow, Red Rumped Swallow, Pied Crow and African Wood Owl. Richards Pipits and Rufous Naped Larks were extremely common. One does not expect at this height - 8,500 ft - to find an enormous range of birds, but of course there were others, particularly in the wooded areas, mostly small birds, which neede youthful eyes to recognise with certainty. The best of all, saved as a finale, was the discovery of a Wattled Crane incubating a single egg, in a large marshy area leading down to a dam. I spent many hours watching her and her mate. After the first exciting moments, when she had safely returned to her egg, I was able to borrow a pair of Japanese Binoculars from the warden. Magnification was "Fifty". They of course had to be erected on a stand due to this and their enormous size and weight. From a distance of half a mile I felt as if I could reach out and ruffle her feathers. At least twice daily, the male who would be feeding on the hillside about four hundred yards away, would stroll leisurely down and when within a few yards of the nest, the female would leave it and together they would slowly return to the feeding grounds, feed for half an hour or so and then he wouls accompany her back to the nest. A few pieces of weed would be gathered by the female and added to the nest which was a huge construction, and she would settle herself. He would then just as leisurely return to the hillside. Could they have been newly married or was this gentlemanly behaviour a relic of the past?

Altogether a journey well worth the effort, as apart from the birds, large herds of zebra, Roan and Eland together with reedbuck everywhere, bushbuck and a few Lichenstein Hartebeest, could be seen in completely different surroundings from the type of bush country we see here. The rolling grassland of the plateau with trees growing in small pockets in steeper places, and the most breathtaking of all, the incredible carpet of wild flowers, including gladiolus, iris and orchids in profusion, made this a very memorable holiday. Not least of all, the lake itself which is very beautiful. W.A.

Letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor, Congratulations on your first completed twelve-months as editor. I enjoyed the July issue, although I was sorry to learn from it that you have been ill. As an ex-Blislander I am of course always avid for news, so I was very interested to hear about the remarkable service on the top of Rough Tor, and I am so glad too, to hear that Temple Church is to have a Festival of Flowers. I wish its organisers all the success they deserve for their enterprise.

It was certainly nice to have the three contributions from the children at Blisland School. I am curious to know where ten year old Louise was lucky enough to see a mother otter and her young. Otters, as we heard at a meeting of the Camelford Valley Protection Society, last year, are known to frequent several N.Cornwall rivers, but I do not remember hearing of them in any lake. Their numbers are dwindling and they are far from safe from extinction yet.

Good luck with the next twelve months.

Yours sincerely, Ruth Lumley-Smith.

'CATS ' Bike Hike.

The final figures are not yet in regarding the sum raised on 26th June but it seems reasonable to assume that it will be in the region of £1000.

There is to be a presentation at the Westbury Hotel, Bodmin on the 7th August.

More news next month when the grandchildren have ceased to be pickled, spotty etc.from all the local infections now doing the rounds.

CROSSES IN BLISLAND CHURCHYARD.

There are two ancient crosses in Blisland churchyard both with interesting histories. One - a tall cross standing near the eastern side of the churchyard - is at least 300 years old. It was placed in its present position in 1929 when the churchyard was enlarged. It originally stood in the centre of the village green as the village cross, mounted on a raised granite base formed of three steps leading up to it. During the Civil War (1642-1649) the head of the cross was broken off and thrown down by the Roundheads probably when they camped on the green on their way to Bodmin in March 1646. The head was removed to the rectory where it was found around 1800 when the ground was being prepared for the erection of a new barn. It was set up on a granite shaft in one of the glebe meadows which was after that known as Cross Park. The old shaft was left in position on the green and was known as the Dial as a sun-dial was placed upon it. The shaft was later removed by Mr Morshead to Tregaddick and used as a gatepost in one of his fields.

When the field known as Cross Park was bought by Mr Hugh Hocken of Newton House at a sale of the glebe in 1922, the cross became his property. At his death in 1929 before the sale of Newton House and its lands, Miss Hocken consented to the cross being removed and erected in the churchyard at the request of the rector the Rev. E.B.Clarabut. The rector asked Captain Vernon Morshead of Tregaddick if he would restore the original shaft still in use as a gatepost This was done and the cross was re-erected on its original shaft in 1930/31. It is in the shape of a plain Latin cross - a type dating from the 15th century. It stands on a modern base with a total height of 8ft7ins. A metal staple when it was used as a gatepost is still in position.

The second cross was found in the bank by the churchyard gate in 1894 when the opening was enlarged and new gates erected. It now stands near the rectory hedge on the west side of the churchyard mounted on a large block of granite. On the cross are engraved the words -"1894 - Unknown yet well Know." It was placed there by the Rev.Edward Vernon Collins over bones found buried under the floor of the

church and re-interred in the churchyard - Burials in the South aisle of the church caused the distortion of the arcade due to the subsequent sinking of the ground. The church accounts show burials inside the church from 1724-1814 - the fees rising from three shillings and fourpence to five guineas in1783. During the restoration of the church in 1894 a finely contructed strut made in Exeter supported the leaning pillar of the arcade which is 5 ins. out of perpendicular. The strut bears the shields showing the letter P and the martyr crown of St Protus and the lily flower of St Hyacinth resembling a French fleur-de-lys.

R.C.

NATURE TITBITS.

I met Perce Nelder and Roger Harper sitting on the seat on the Green and they asked how it was going with the 'fuzz adders'. Perce reckons they were called Asps, well I'm not up on reptiles (amongst other things) so I ploughed through my nature books and reference books, nought on snakes or asps.. but I did eventually track them down. "Vipers (adders). Asp (asp viper)" So I reckon that Cleopatra clutched a good old Anglo Saxon adder to her bosom - the result was the same!

My enforced inactivity has been relieved by watching the birds tunnel through the tail end of a large loaf - donated for their use- the crows made a start on the blind end and the small birds finished it off, hopping in one end and departing from the other with beaks full.

During the recent hot spell I have noticed that the birds have been having a dip in stream across the road and over the hedge, then coming back to dry out and preen themselves on some drying branches just outside the kitchen window, sometimes only one but quite often two or three busy with their ablutions or sunning themselves.

I have been told that there seems to be an abundance of Cuckoos out at Temple this year. I don't seem to have heard one yet so perhaps the answer is that they have moved across the A30. SW

Odd thought.

If you say it can't be done- you're right - you can't do it.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

The President Mrs A.Holmes, was pleased to welcome the familiar faces of several long standing members who had been unable to attend recently due to illness and other reasons. A letter from St Breward Methodist Chapel about the August Flower Festival was read out and Mrs H.Cragg agreed to be our representative at the meeting in July. There were not many notices this month and no great rush to join the Orienteering course! Four members went to St Teath for table tennis and there has been a first "run through" of the Group entertainment.

Mrs J.Brown gave her report about the AGM at the Albert Hall, once again the voting on one issue was so close that it required a count to settle it. She then spoke of the differences in dress and the nearly total lack of hats since her earlier visit several years ago, but praised the detailed organisation of the transport and accommodation which now ensures that anyone unfamiliar with London could volunteer to be a delegate without any worries.

The speaker, Mr Fairclough, spoke with tremendous enthusiasm about his favourite subject, the Bodmin-Wadebridge Railway, and with his anecdotes about the old characters caught our interest. We were amused to hear of overtime being paid for with tokens for cocoa and that the train would stop virtually anywhere along the line to unload sea sand for the farmers, and of the brave man who roade on the front buffer to leap off and open gates or chase cows off the track! The top speed of eight miles per hour (downhill of course) should make us appreciate our inter city high speed trains today, although fares of six old pence would be more to our liking.

Mrs V.Busbridge won the competition for the most unusual stone, which I called a pair of spectacles but others thought it had a more feminine aspect! A lovely rose won the flower of the month for Mrs J.Teague, judges by Mr Fairclough whose father was a rose grower.

There will be no meeting in August.

Anne Holmes.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND.

Our speaker for the June monthly meeting Mrs Tillett whose topic 'Embroidery can be Fun' was very, very interesting for although she is obviously very talented she doesn't take her work too seriously. The childrens toys she had made were different from the usual run of the mill & at the other end of the scale the work she had done for various churches ie. collection pouches, communion cloths etc. were exquisitely embroidered.

Mrs Brown from St Breward gave us a very interesting description of her trip to the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall and urged members who had not attended one of these Annual Meetings to really make an effort to go, for it was only there that one realised what an enormous organisation the Womens Institute was and to what an extent its influence stretched over the country.

Mrs Shirley Runnalls and Mrs Eileen Walford supplied the refreshments for this month and Mrs Sharp kindly helped to dispense them.

The Competition - a hand embroidered tray cloth-was won by Mrs Audrey Pierce, and the raffle by

Our Produce Show takes place on the 27th July and I do hope as many people as possible will support it. It's a Village Event and it's always pleasing to see new names on the prize winners cards.

We have a break in August so our next meeting will be in September and our speaker is Mrs Irwin who will show slides & talk on The National Trust in Cornwall. E.J.W.

ST BREWARD CHURCH FETE was opened by Miss Elizabeth Johnstone, resplendant in her robes as High Sheriff of Cornwall, she was presented with a jug from Wenford by Joanne Vanderplank.
The fete raised the grand sum of £525.

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ST BREWARD COFFEE SHOP
open in the Sunday School on THURSDAYS from 10a.m. -11.30.

Come and join us for a coffee, meet old friends and have a chat.

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W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB.

Our change of date for the outing to Truro & Falmouth to Wed 22nd June to accomodate St Breward friends proved very successful, with again lovely weather, and a good number going.

We spent the morning in Truro & went to Falmouth at 2p.m. Our driver took us around the castle and outskirts of the town, dropping off some of the party at the beach and gardens, & taking the rest into the town.
A surprise addition to the arrangements was a river trip, leaving Falmouth at 4.45 & reaching Truro around 6p.m. in time for a meal, before being picked up at 7p.m. for home. Altogether a very full and varied day & most enjoyable.
On July 5th we had the company of Brigadier & Mrs Edward-Collins in the Village Hall, who described their recent visit to India and showed photo's of some of the lovely buildings and gardens there.
The Brigadier told of how a company was formed there, and of his re-union party with fellow officers of 30 odd years ago, & was pleased at how well things continue to be organised. Many stories of hygiene habits - travelling, and trafic hazards kept us all amused & we are all grateful to them both for giving us their time.
Mrs Edward-Collins judged the competition for a favourite jug, which was won by Mrs Gill.

A discussion followed on pursuits for the coming months. Newquay was suggested for an outing in August, & a picnic at Delphi next meeting, weather permitting. Join us for our outing to Newquay where there is everything for everybody.

G.M.Masters.

TEMPLE CHURCH.

A final reminder of the Festival of Flowers at Temple on Saturday and Sunday , 20th and 21st August.

The Church will be open from 10.30a.m. until 8p.m. both days. A pamphlet with the history of the church is being printed and will be on sale. A small charge of 15p will cover the printing costs.

Members of the P.C.C. will be there throughout the Festival to greet visitors.

Anyone willing to help with the staging on Friday 19th will be most welcomed.
For further information contact Mrs Elaine Bray. Card. 401.
or Mrs Barbara Sharpe, Tor Farm Temple. Card. 363.

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