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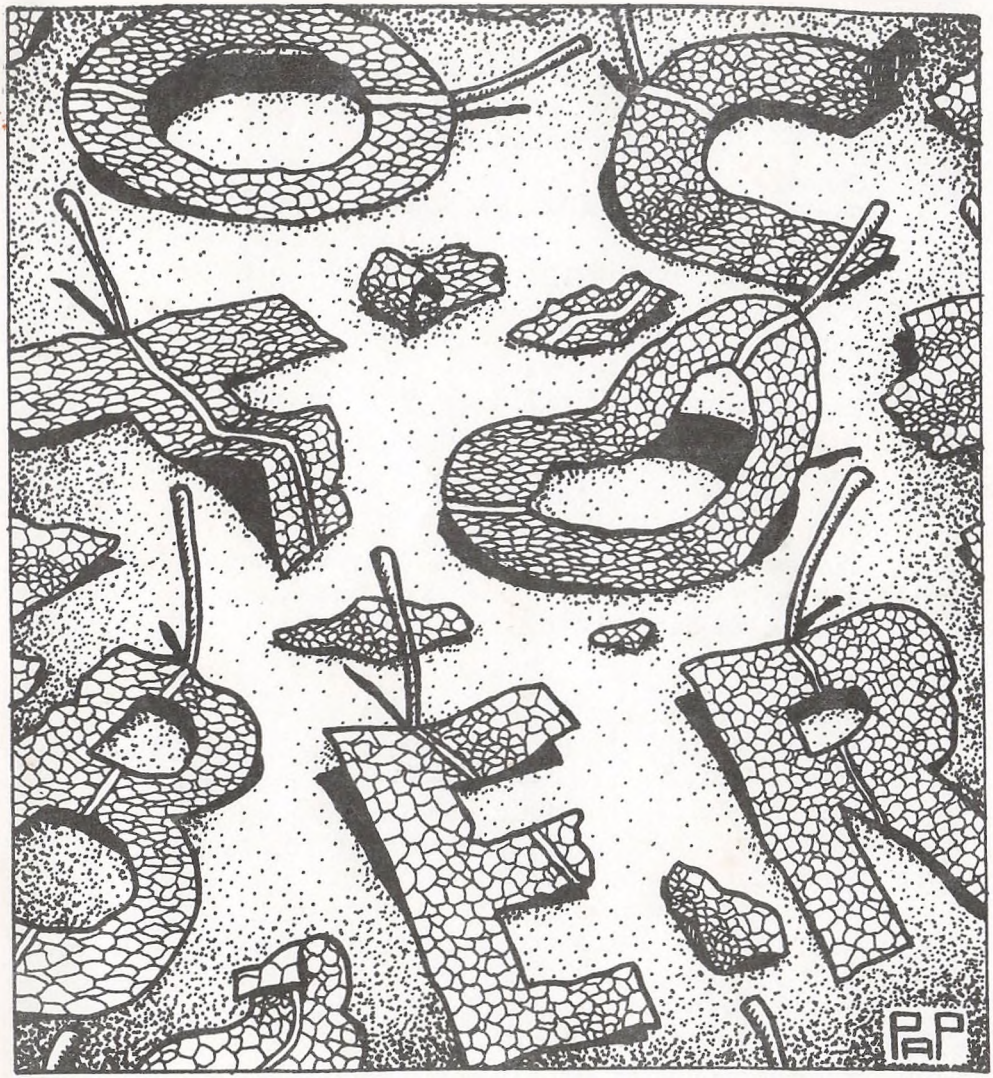

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# PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

OCTOBER.

2nd Sunday. Trinity 18.
Parish Eucharist 10a.m.

4th Tuesday. S.Francis. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

7th Friday. Our Lady of the Rosary.
Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

9th Sunday. Trinity 19.
Parish Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving) 10a.m.
Evensong 6p.m.

10th Monday. Harvest Supper, Village Hall 7p.m.

11th Tuesday. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.

16th Sunday. Trinity 20.
Parish Eucharist 10a.m.

18th Tuesday. S.Luke. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

23rd Sunday. Trinity 21.
Parish Eucharist 10a.m.

25th 40 Martyrs of England & Wales.
Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

28th Friday. S.S.Simon and Jude. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

30th Sunday. Trinity 22.
Parish Eucharist 10a.m.

ST BREWARD.

2nd Sunday. Trinity 18.
Parish Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving) 11.30a.m.

4th Tuesday. S.Francis. ~~Eucharist~~ Evensong 6.45 followed by
Harvest Supper in Village Hall 7.30p.m.

6th Thursday. S.Bruno. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.

9th Sunday. Trinity 19.
Matins 11.30a.m.

13th Thursday. S.Edward the Confessor. Eucharist 10.30a.m.

16th Sunday. Trinity 20.
Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.

20th Thursday. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.

23rd Sunday. Trinity 21.
Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.

27th Thursday. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.

30th Sunday. Trinity 22.
Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.

# FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

In this issue of the Parish Magazine for October you will be able to read the address I gave at Evensong at Temple in August during the Flower Festival there and I would like to thank all those who arranged this festival so beautifully and thoughtfully, and all those who attended it. Evensong on that occasion was an ecumenical act of worship at which Roman Catholics and Methodists were present.

October is the month during which we give thanks for the Harvest followed by traditional Harvest Suppers. During both we must remember those throughout the world who are under-nourished and those suffering from starvation. It is my hope that from the proceeds from our Harvest Supper donations will be sent to such organisations - Christian Aid for example - which provide food for those in need of it. We must pray for them and also for those who provide food for us.

The Feast of St Francis is on October 4th. He was born in 1181 at Assisi and although he was the son of a wealthy merchant and could have become a wealthy man himself St Francis gave up everything in obedience to Our Lord's command to "Leave all, and follow me." St Francis accordingly lived a life of poverty and preached the Gospel. He was joined by others and there came into existence the Franciscan Order observing a simple rule of life based upon love of God, of others and of all created things. St Francis died in 1226. Today, over 750 years later, the Franciscan Order continues to grow throughout all the world. This includes the Anglican orders of the Society of St Francis - of which Brother Michael, Bishop of St Germans is a member - and the Community of St Francis - of which Sister Mary Francis is the senior member.

Thank God for the life and example of St Francis and for all those Franciscans who have served over the centuries and all those Franciscans who continue to serve God and all His creatures today.

Finally, a gentle reminder. As we give thanks for the Harvest, which I have already mentioned, we must remember the Harvest of Souls. In November we not only give thanks for the lives of the Saints on All Saints' Day (Nov 1st) but we also pray for the repose of the souls of the departed an All Souls' Day (Nov 2nd) and during that month particularly.

God Bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK.

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PARISH REGISTERS.

Burial at Temple. 22nd August.
Edgar James Ernest Janes. aged 62 of Hill House, Temple.

Burial at Blisland 5th September.
Frederick Delamare of Black Penquite.

Mrs Jane Runnalls, aged 90 years, of Penrose Farm, Blisland, died in East Cornwall Hospital. The funeral service was held at Millpool Chapel on Aug 26th and interment at Cardinham Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs Collins of Waterloo, and her family upon the tragic loss of Joanne (13) her grand-daughter.

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Address given at Temple at Evensong on Sunday, August 21st, 1983, at 3.3p.m. during the Flower Festival.

It is appropriate that we should attend Evensong during this Flower Festival and use the occasion to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding of this ancient and historic church.

The West Briton published on January 12th 1885 recorded the funeral service and interment in the churchyard afterwards at Temple of Arthur Rich, who died in his 86th year, adding that it was the first funeral to have taken place there for at least 150 years. This was hardly surprising for the church at Temple had been a ruin for about this period of time.

On January 29th 1882 the Reverend J.R.Brown, then Rector of Helland with Temple, gathered together some thirty people within the ruined church and proposed that it be restored. Sixteen months later, in May 1883 this great work, under the direction of the architect - Silvanus Trevail, was accomplished the walls being rebuilt six inches thinner above the foundations. Nevertheless those rebuilt walls have stood the test of time and a century later we can give thanks for the inspiration and labours of those who made it possible for us to worship within them today.

The date of the foundation of the original Chapel of Temple, as it was first called, is unknown but we know that in the valuation of Pope Nicholas (1288-1291) the"Capella de Templo" was rated at 10s and that in the taxation of the Bishops of Lincoln and Winchester (1294) it occurs again in the same form but with the addition of the word "hospital". The name Temple (from the Latin templum - a sanctuary) derives from the fact that in the 12th century the Knights Templars, Christian defenders of the Holy Land and The Temple in Jerusalem were founded. They were given a small property in the midst of the Cornish moors where they built a place of worship.

Ekwall in his Dictionary of Place names does not mention Temple in Cornwall but contents himself with mentioning that the name when used indicates that the place once belonged to the Knights of the Temple. Ekwall does mention such places as Templeton in Devon and Temple Grafton in Warwickshire. Historians of Religious Orders seem not to have regarded Temple in Cornwall as worthy of mention. It is not recorded in Dugdale's Monasticum Angelicanum, Tanner's Notitia Monastica nor Woodhouse's Military Religious Orders. Oliver's Monasticon Dioecesis Exoniensis Supplement which includes a Catalogue of Parish Churches has an entry "Temple or Temple Grafton (no church)" but Temple Grafton is in Warwickshire and at Temple there was a church even if it was in a ruinous condition.

Why was Temple overlooked? Not because the Knights Templars were suppressed in 1314 after their trial for heresy. Their property at Temple was convened to the

Knights Hospitallers and in 1340 Temple had a preceptor, a brother and two male servants who resided there and provided hospitality for pilgrims. Whilst former Templar foundations find a place in history of religious and military religious orders that of Temple would seem to have been omitted because of its remoteness (albeit it was on a highway for travellers) and its small population. Over the centuries this has not increased. In 1666 it had 15 inhabitants. In 1801 it had the same number. In 1983 it has not increased.

Temple has at least achieved a degree of notoriety in its long history. Having become a donative at the Reformation it later, having received a grant of £200 in 1744 from Queen Anne's Bounty with which to purchase some glebe, came under episcopal jurisdiction. This was just as well because, before this time, it had become a veritable Grtna Green where irregularities were rife. At the time of the restoration of its church it was looked after, as we have seen, by the Incumbent of Helland. Today it s attached to Blisland now associated with St Breward. That is why during this Flower Festival parishioners from these two parishes and visitors are giving thanks on the occasion of the centenary of the rebuilding of its church and recalling a little of its history.

Long may it serve its small flock and welcome its many visitors. E.S.

## Temple Flower Festival.

Temple Church's 'Flowers for Pleasure' was an exercise in dedication, fun and hard graft. One didn't just waive a wand and find a flower festival ready to be visited. It started with an idea propogated by Elaine Bray and Barbara Sharpe , a couple of local residents, as they felt that Temple Church needed redecoration and an uplift.

Having approached the Parochial Church Council and obtained their blessing they started from the bottom. The church, in a very sparsely populated parish, is only used once a month from April - September, and although rebuilt 100 years ago has fallen into some disrepair over recent years when the population fell.

Barbara and Elaine fell in, with families, and dusted, swept and mopped the interior and checked the exterior. It was hoped to paint and decorate the interior but it was found that so much needed to be done to the fabric that it was decided to leave it in its present condition and appeal for funds to properly restore it.

That was the first job on the list, then came the question of the fittings, at some time the brass lectern and altar rails had been painted over. The lectern was taken home and thoroughly cleaned and restored by Mr & Mrs Ken James of Key Bridge, as was an old oak chair.

As there is no water supply at Temple Church, Geoffrey Masters loaded up churns of water for our use. On Friday folk arrived loaded with flowers, fixtures and fit tings and set to decorating. It was organised chaos but each lady had their special niche to decorate and beavered away. Mary Sharpe and Caroline Bray were given the job of setting up the porch and filled the roof niches and young Richard also did a spot, we welcomed the help of the youngsters.

The churchyard was also given a face-lift, we could not let our visitors come through a jungle - the grass was fully cut and the graves set with flowers.

The Probationary Service had a hand in cutting out the path and it was left to the Faithful to get the gravel organised and delivered to Temple - and a hardy few that laid it down the path.

To ensure the security of the interior, the old lock was removed and renovated, and during the opening hours a series of volunteers came out to greet and guide the visitors.

The Evensong was packed out, visitors from all over the diocese joined us, a record 91 in church - and overflowing to the porch.

Our sincere thanks to all whom decorated or helped us to have such a successful time, not least to the lady who drove over with flasks of coffee during the afternoon to keep the flagging bodies going.

We finished up with a profit of £54 - but much in human relationships. SMV.

## DICK CROWLE REMEMBERS.

I was born and bred in St Breward. The older members of my family came from Luxulyan. My father, Bob Frank Crowle, married a Brenton from Egloshayle. He went away to work to Wales, to Barry Docks; outside of that, he spent the rest of his life here. We were three boys and five girls: I come 5th in the family after Mag, Doll, Frena and Bob. We lived opposite the old Methodist Chapel in a house called Ivy Cottage which was then two dwellings and is now one. The two boys worked at the quarry, but the girls went in for nursing; in fact the sister next to me, she still does a lot of St Johns Ambulance work, teaching these young students in the Falmouth area.

My father used to pay 2d. a week to go to school and if you never had the twopence then you couldn't go. When I was at St Breward School there were two teachers and about 160 children. Mind, that would be in about 1910 when they had all their schooling here in St Breward. There were a lot of big families: we were eight, there was a family down below us was twelve, the Hawkens were twelve - Charlie Hawken's father's family, that was; many a family here was six and seven. The population was just as great if not greater than now. The children came to the school from all around and there were a lot of gypsy children too. When I was a youngster at school there were 300 men working at De Lank and we were allowed out of school early, you see, to take the dinners to work. A man called Brookes was the teacher at the time. We used to go to him and say "'Tis my turn for to carry dinners today." "That's all right," he would say, "you may leave early." The largest pasties were put on the top to keep the bottom pasties warm. There was a man called Higgins who lived in behind Mount Pleasant and he used to eat a terrible great pasty. We always used to put his on top to keep the rest warm.

I went to work when I was 13. I went to the clay work to start with; I couldn't get a job in thr quarry. Father said "Why don't you go down and see Captain Richards at Wenfordbridge?" That was a private company back in those days; it was the Noth Cornwall China Clay before

it was amalgamated. Mr Sessions was the salesman for the company and was actually the man who made the amalgamation. He lived in that bungalow on the left hand side as you go down to Coombe, Darrynane, and he was one of the first men, him and a man named Bolt, that I could remember had a car in the village: and that little bungalow on the other side of the lane, that used to be his chauffeur's.

I worked at Wenford probably about six years. I served my time with the blacksmith, a man called Trediga. Then the clay business got rather short and I went on with Father and he taught me the tool shop and all that, so I carried on in the quarry. I worked at Hantergantick Quarry for 35 or 36 years for May Brothers, till Mrs Hooper closed the quarry. I then went to work at Tor Down where there were about 80 men working. When it closed I went back to Hanter and started again. I had plenty to do in the shop because we had at least 40 men and there were no tungsten tools in those days; they all had to be iron sharpened. When I was working at Hantergantick, a lot went there on foot and there were some on motor-bikes but more on push-bikes. The motor-bikes came in after and the majority of them in those days were British bikes - B.S.A.; we've lost the trade now. Probably the last one to walk to Hanter from Blisland was Arthur Northcott. I was nearly 70 when I retired and that was more than 10 years ago.

I was too young to be in the first World War; my brothers were and my eldest brother was injured and invalided out. When he was 21 he joined Kitchener's army when Kitchener called for volunteers. One of the Gills that used to live down by the little bridge over the stream, well he got killed; that was Joe.

We've been living here at Churchtown pretty near ever since we got married. When the wife was courting us, she was living out to Stannon bungalows. I used to go to church and she used to go to church; she used to come to church on purpose so we could meet, or else she wasn't allowed out.

I started to ring the bells with the Rev. Jenning. Mr Matthews was Captain of the Tower then. I was Master of the Tower. It was later on I took over being Captain;

it was left to the ringers to ask you. There may be one or two towers in Cornwall that I haven't rung in; I don't think at the outside there could be more than three or four; and I've rung in a good many in Devon. They used to have a mini-bus at Webber's in Blisland at that time and every three or four weeks we used to get a little gang of us together, seven or eight maybe and go off on a Saturday afternoon and ring at three towers. Well, that's how we used to do much of it.

Our bells were silent for about 13 years when they needed attention; the war came in and the ~~belfry~~ bell foundry wasn't allowed to carry on, so they weren't rehung till about 1947.

I've done quite a bit of hand-bell ringing. We've got a beautiful set, 12 of them, presented to the Tower by the Churchwardens Henry Hawken and William Miller in 1896. We started ringing them again some time ago, but now people don't seem to be so interested. I like them. I'd like to see people interested in ringing them again. Four generations of my family have rung St Breward Church bells.

St Breward bellringers 1956.

Fred Heller. Jack Matthews. Dick Crowle. Norman Armstrong. Joe Knight and Fred Bate.

## LANXON SHEEPDOG TRIAL.

The Cornwall Sheepdog Society are very appreciative to Mr Charlie Rush for providing a field and sheep for the Lanxon Sheepdog Trial, which was well attended by sheepdog handlers from Cornwall & Devon, on 21st August. A total of 36 dogs were entered.

The Lanxon Challenge Cup which was donated by Mr Charlie Rush for the Driving Class, was won by Mr H.Thomas of Par with his bitch Bess, with 91½ pts. Mr W.Hartley of Grampound Road was second with his dog Jason, 83 points and Mr G.Coltan of South Petherwin was 3rd with Spot, 80½ points.

The Maltese Cross provided the high light of the day. It resulted in a run-off between Mr H.Thomas of Par, with his dog Rex and Mr R.Watson of Yelverton with his dog , Blue. Mr Watson took first prize after a very good run. Mr H.Thomas 2nd and Mr G.Coltan of South Petherwin 3rd with his dog Spot.

The Novice Class was won by Mr F.V.Bellringer of Grogley with his bitch, Fly., and Mr B.Bound of Bude came 2nd with his dog Moss.

Special mention must be made of the sheep handlers who worked all day out of sight of everyone, Mr C.Rush, Mr M.Rowe and Mr Bob Greenaway Junr. and Mr Barry Shipley of Bodmin.

Thanks to Brig. C.T.Edward-Collins for presenting the prizes. The Judges Mr Bellringer, Mr D.Hooper & Mr W. Hartley, the timekeeper Mrs D.Bellringer.

Special thanks to Mrs Rush and her daughter Margaret (Mrs M.Rowe) and grand-daughter Helen Rowe for supplying some of the refreshments, and Mrs M.Shipley for helping with the running of the refreshments stalls and supplying the ice cream. The electricity supply was kindly donated by Mr Tunnicliffe of Lanxon, and the two nurses on the gate, Susan Lewis and Dorinda Hale and for looking after the two side stalls.

The evening Ram Roast on the Village Green was a great success due to the many helpers and for Mr Charlie Rush for supplying the lamb.

In all £242.48 was sent to the Cornwall Body Scanner Appeal.

# WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

International Stores have agreed to a major promotion of the W.I. 'Women in the Community' in each of its 420 stores for a 12 week period starting 1st September.

During that time shoppers will be invited to donate their till receipts towards raising money for the W.I. 'Women in the Community' and, in particular, for new projects which provide either child care facilities or provision for the elderly and sick.

Each mile of till roll will raise £100, up to a maximum of £20,000 in the three months ending 30th Nov.

All you need to do is put your International Supermarket till receipt in the special W.I. postbox placed just inside the main door.

Please help us to help others - don't litter the floor with your tickets - post them to us..

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## OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE C.F.W.I.

I am always a keen advocate of C.F.W.I. trips, I would love to be able to afford the trips abroad but failing that I'm usually up and away on the day trips in the Spring and Autumn.

They are usually places that I haven't seen before, or have passed at speed when en route elswhere, so it is nice to have ones arm gently twisted and to go with the my fellow members.

Normally the day trips take in a couple of venues, Arlington Court and Dartington Glass, Killerton House and Exeter ( quick trip to the Maritime Museum) and the latest was to Totnes and Dartmouth.

I wish that more of our local members would take the opportunities that these trips offer. I know that we have to book well ahead - and pay cash with booking - with no refund for non-attendance, but surely that is the price of any holiday booking, one has to pay a deposit which may not be returnable. To my limited knowledge there are few who fail to turn up. I pay up and forget the cheque, lifes too short to worry about the ifs and buts..

On this last trip I met up with seven ladies from St Wenn. The coach was to time at Dennison Road and we were on our way at 8.15. The day was fine and warm with enough breeze to make life pleasant.

We went via Plymouth and Dartington to Totnes. We were allowed 2½ hours to wander around. They have an Elizabethan Market in a square up the main road. All the stalls are run by charities and the vendors dress in Elizabethan garb. A little lady on the Disabled Stall is a dab hand at running up the costumes. Some are very ornate á la Lady and Lord of the Manor, resplendant in velvet trimmed with fur and decorated with seed pearls(?) etc. and did I espy a serving wench scuttling between the stalls? The Society of Friends wore plain brown linen frocks with white cloth caps.

We boarded the coach for a very pleasant ride to Dartmouth, where we had another hour to spare to look around the back streets and markets before going aboard one of the steamers .

The river trip lasted a couple of hours, we went up just past Dittisham then back down river and just out to the edge of the sea. The Mate gave an amusing and informative running commentary, pointing out places of interest, commenting on the local boats and some famour owners, plus bringing to our notice the local birds (feathered variety) that we may not have otherwise seen roosting or sitting or wading around the waters edge particularly if you happened to be sitting on the other side of the deck.

The driver gave us a really spenic trip back to Plymouth via Slapton, Torcross & Modbury. The road often only wide enough for the coach, the way he manoevered the bus around was a joy to behold - and breathtaking.

After a meal at the Berni Inn, and we all arrived together (about 150 en masse) the staff coped very well and we got away to time. I arrived home in time to feed the animals and catch the late news. We had all agreed that we'd had a smashing day, seeing beautiful country and some lovely buildings.

## ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVE SIXTH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW.

The St Breward Conservatives' sixth annual horse show, gymkhana and exeption dog show was held at Hallagenna Riding Centre by kind permission of Mrs K. Millward. Local winners were Joanne Roberts riding Chelsea Girl who won the Committee Tankard in the novice jumping class, C.Griffin on Barbary Thistledown who won the Musical Corners. Julie Skinner on Albert who won the senior sack race. K.Griffin on Frosty, Sally Millward on Thunderbay and Nicola Ellery on Betsy. The Shallowbridge Cup in the open jumping was won by Sarah Stephens riding Tall Trees Tavli who was bred by Mrs Carr and is by Mrs Throssell's stallion, Kingfisher.

The North Cornwall Foxhounds paraded during the afternoon by kind permission of the Joint Masters, Mr G.Ferkin and Mrs G.May, and Mrs Millward's Trakehner stallion, Orlando, was also paraded in the main ring. The dog show organised by Mr & Mrs Clarkson was well supported and Mrs Cragg and Mrs Laupretre ran a successful cakes and produce stall.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to Mrs Millward and to the numerous others who helped on the day.

V.R.Cholmeley. Hon. Sec.

## ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on Tues 6th Sept the Chairman Mrs Hannaford thanked Mrs Edwards and Mrs I.Collings for preparing the Council's part of the display at the Row Chapel Flower Festival and these ladies expressed thanks to the following for Flowers and items loaned. Mesdames N.Masters, B.Rowe, I.Rowe, E.Champion, C.Nottle C.Hawken. Mrs D.Knight & Mr B.Rundle.

Still no sign post at Loskeyle, we are going to ask St Tudy P.C. if they could help.

Closing the Wenford Line will greatly increase Heavy Transport, maybe there will be some more road improvements?

Complaints regarding the bad road surface at the top of Wenford Hill, there is no money available for this but there is a Drainage Scheme for Penvorda Lane next year, perhaps this will be included.

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

The meeting on Aug 16th was a social afternoon when we enjoyed tea and chat. The weather was so hot I think we were all glad to sit and not be too active.
Arrangements were made for the harvest meeting and entertainment on Sept 20th to which we hope to welcome many friends.
On Sept 6th a talk given by Mrs Charge on Herb Gardens was well received. She brought several aromatic plants to pass around, which brought many questions.
Gifts of produce raised £3 + for funds.
Our new Rector was welcomed and he walked freely among us and had a word with every one. He promised to come and give a talk on 'Cockneys & Cornishmen' which sounds exciting, & we shall look forward to that when he has settled in. We hope he will enjoy being among us in Blisland.

G.M.Masters.

## ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

Loveny Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in the St Breward Methodist Chapel on October 8th.7.30p.m

**October 9th.Harvest Festival** 11a.m. & 6p.m.

October 10th Harvest Supper.

## BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH

For the Harvest Festival on 9th October, could all donations of fruit, veg. etc. be put in the church either Friday evening or Sat a.m.

Thankyou.

October 26th.

**A COFFEE EVENING** is to be held on Oct 26th at the MANSION HOUSE, Blisland in aid of Church Funds by very kind invitation of Mrs Ward-Lee, from 7p.m.

November 13th.

The Combined Remembrance Service will be held in Blisland Parish Church 3p.m.

November 26th

St Pratts Xmas Fayre. Village Hall 2.30p.m.

## ST BREWARD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee were delighted at the success of their recent Car Rally Treasure Hunt, and thank everyone for helping.

## ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The St Breward Playgroup are organising a BONFIRE and FIREWORK DISPLAY and BARBECUE up at MINE on NOV 5th, starts at 6.30p.m all welcome.
DISCO to follow at 9p.m.

# WEBBER TRAVEL

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## BLISLAND CHURCH FLOWER ROTA.

Oct 2nd Mrs Webber & Mrs Dowrick
9th Harvest Festival, all help. 16th & 23rd Mrs Masters.
30th Oct & Nov 6th Mr Thomas. 13th & 20th Mrs Walford.
Nov 27th Advent Sunday - no flowers until Dec 24th,
Christmas Eve, all help.

## BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Oct 2nd. Harvest Festival. 2.30p.m.
Monday Oct 3rd. Harvest Supper. 7p.m.


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