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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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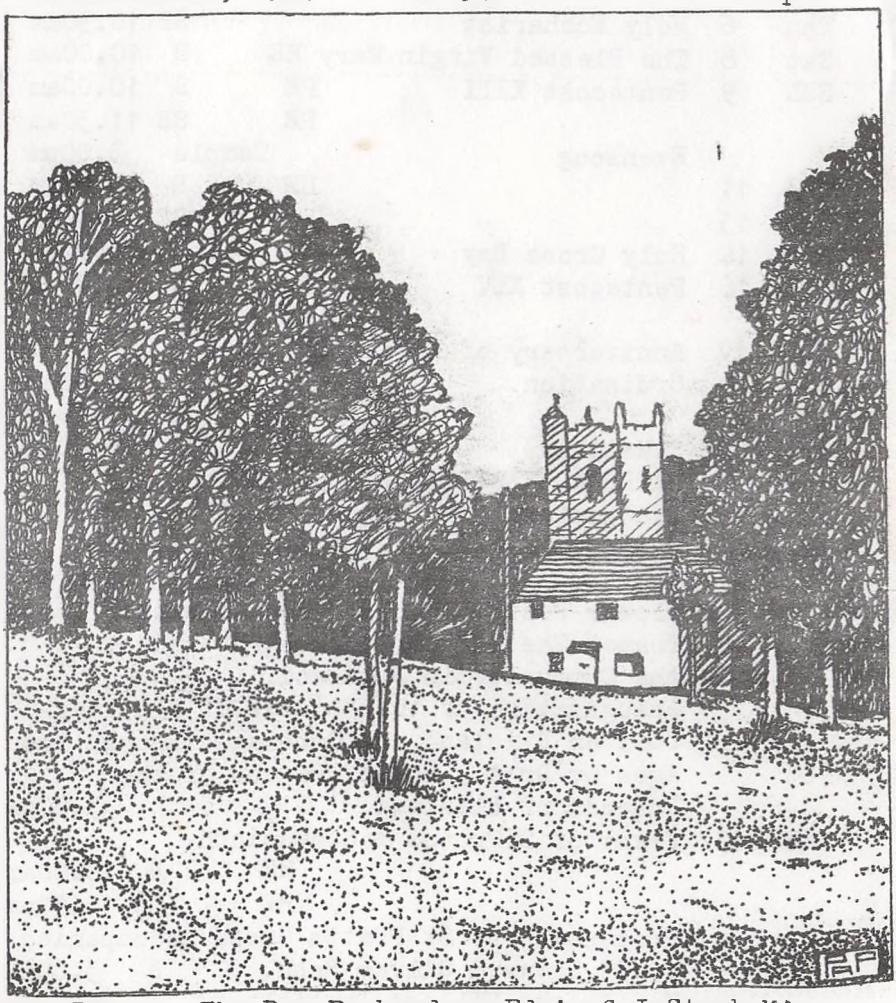

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1984.

SUN	2	Pentecost XII	PE	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
Mon	3	S.Gregory the Great	HE	B	10.00am
Tue	4	PCC Meeting (Blisland)	Village Institute		7.30pm
Thu	6	Holy Eucharist		SB	10.30am
Sat	8	The Blessed Virgin Mary	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	9	Pentecost XIII	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
		Evensong	Temple		3.00pm
Tue	11		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	13		HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	14	Holy Cross Day	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	16	Pentecost XIV	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	17	Anniversary of Parish Priest's Ordination.	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	20		HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	21	S.Matthew	HE	B	10.00am
		PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT BLISLAND (See posters for further details)			
Sat	22	Eve of Feast of S.Protus & S.Hyacinth	HE	B	10.00am
		Flower Festival in Blisland Church; Theme; The Life of the Church and of the Community in Blisland.			
		Inauguration of the Friends of Blisland			
		Talk on Blisland and Cornwall through the Ages by Dr A.L.Rowse, Patron of the Friends of Blisland.			3.00pm
SUN	23	Feast of S.Protus & S.Hyacinth	HE	B	10.00am
			HE	SB	11.30am
		Procession to St Pratts Cross accompanied by St Breward Silver Band.		B	3.00pm
		Tea in the Village Institute			4.00pm
		Evensong: Preacher Bishop Cartwright St Breward Silver Band will accompany Evensong & give a short concert afterwards.			6.00pm
Mon	24	Flower Festival ends with Evensong at 6.00pm.			

Tue	25		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	27	St Vincent de Paul	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	29	S.Michael & All Angels	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	30	Pentecost XVI	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

This letter is being written miles away from Cornwall because I am away conducting Retreats for other parishes from other parts of England. When people attend a Retreat they keep silence for a few days during which time they think about their Christian Faith and their Christian way of life, their difficulties and problems and the life of the parishes from which they come. They only break the silence for corporate worship and the interviews they have with the Conductor who gives addresses each day. Stacklands, where these particulat Retreats are held is set in 40 acres of grounds in the Kentish oountryside.

By the time you read this letter I shall be home getting ready with my flock to celebrate what is popularly known as St Pratt's Feast in which that part of my flock which lives in St Breward joins that at Blisland for the procession to St Pratts's Cross and for Evensong. The Assistant Bishop of Truro, Bishop Cartwright will preach the Evensong. We shall welcome him and also, of course, the St Breward Silver Band who, once again, will play for the procession and for Evensong.

St Pratt's Feast this year will have two further attractions. The Flower Festival will depict the life of the Church and of the Community in the parish. We shall be reminded of Baptism and the Holy Eucharist for example and of some of the occupations of the villagers - farming, forestry, quarrying, the village smithy and artistic talents for example. Then the Friends of Blisland will be formed. People come to visit Blisland (and St Breward and Temple too) from all over the world. Many of these will help to maintain the fabric of Blisland Church and the work of the Church by joining the Friends and regularly

contributing to its funds. Ours is a small community and we need help from well wishers from near and far. Already local people help us by what they do for the Church and by what they give to the Church and we hope that many of our villagers will become Friends too. Most of the Friends, however, will be people who have paid visits to Blisland from afar and have been grateful for the beauty, sanctity and peace they have found there. Details about membership of the Friends will shortly be available. They will be sent to people all over the country and all over the world and they will be available for the local community which already is friendly towards what the late Sir John Betjeman considered the loveliest church in the West Country.

As I write this letter I am looking forward to getting back home.

God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

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Parish Registers.

Mr Les Williams, late of Colans, died in the East Cornwall Hospital on 14th August.

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Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation.

The Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation has a junior branch, The Fox Club, and Matthew Hosking of Blisland has become its 1,000th member.

The Fox Club is open to young people between 5 & 16 and for a £1 membership fee they receive a badge and three issues of the magazine Pawprint, together with regular monthly outings. This country wide camapign is to encourage young people to take an interest in wild life.

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To Spell - or Not To Spell.

I make as many errors as the next,but I was appalled recently when I read what was supposed to be a business directory. There were at least 17 errors in the printing of names and addresses, and every reference to St Mabyn was given as Maybyn. Is this a one off or the general trend? the dailies seem to have the same malaise.

Across: 1.On which wool is produced (5 5)
6.Mixed peas produce animals (4) 9. Reredos(10)
10.County loses wall(4)12.Kyber is one(4)
13.Shed for cattle (4-5) 15.Egging on (8)
16.Village ones rare in Cornwall(6) 18.Saintly brother of 20(6) 20.Saintly brother of 18(8)
23.Morally(9) 24.Cuts down(4) 26"Once----once" we sing in a hymn(4)27.Ask to enter(3,1,4,2) 28.Church screen(4) 29.An estimate for example(10)
Down:1.Chair(4) 2.Take out (7) 3. 18&20 are patrons of this at Blisland (6,6) 4.Placing in a line(8)
5.Platform used in tiger shooting in India(6)
7.Lavish(7) 8.W.London Church(1,5,4,) 11.Not much to eat (5,7) 14.Entrance to place of worship(6,4)
17.Next to me (2,2,4) 19.Famous Moor(7) 21.Erehwon gets you(7) 22.Ever(6) 25.Do this with wool(4)

There will be a prize for the 1st correct solution opened on Sept 22nd & sent to the Rector.

NATURE TITBITS.

In reply to 'Nature Titbits' in August magazine, beech mast occurs about every four to five years, usually after a good sunny summer like we had in 1983. The trees build up a surplus of starch which they put into seed the following year.
Unfortunately seed from Copper Beech trees do not produce young Copper Beech seedlings, there are sports which turn up approximately one in a hundred seedlings from either Copper Beech or the common green Beech. The seedlings can also revert back to normal green seedlings in the first two or three years. So when buying a Copper Beech make sure your young tree is four or five years old to be on the safe side.
In Beech woods during a heavy mast fall in the autumn, th vole population can explode with the abundance of food. There is no problem while the food supply lastes, but the following Spring with hordes of hungry voles around searching for food, considerable damage can be done to young trees, usually ring barking them. The large number of voles can also trigger off the Owls, Kestrels & Sparrow Hawks to have large nests of young, which during the summer brings the vole population back down to normal.

J.H.T.

BELLRINGERS WANTED.

Blisland church tower is short of ringers!
Haven't you noticed the hush on Sundays?
Anyone interested in ringing - or learning to ring, please contact Roger Sanders, Tregenna Road, Blisland.

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Quotable Quote.
If you can't sleep. Don't count sheep.
Try talking to the Shepherd.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

On 8th September the Band are playing at the Indian Queens Band Garden Fete at 2.30p.m.
Saturday 22nd September, there is a Massed Band Concert with St Breward Band and Launceston Band at the Town Hall, Launceston at 7.30pm.
Sunday 23rd . St Pratts Procession & Evensong.
Friday 28th September is the 85th Anniversary Social Evening in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. with the Grand Annual Summer Draw. The whole evening is open to everyone, a small fee will be charged for the food.

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ST BREWARD SCOUTS.

The Scout troop have gone on their annual camp to Carnon Downs, so we hope to have a report next month.

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MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION IN ST BREWARD.

Mrs Joy Cheeseman has been the main magazine distributor in St Breward for the past four years. Due to pressure of work and family commitments she felt unable to continue, but has soldiered on until a replacement could be found. Our sincere thanks to Joy for all her efforts on our behalf.

Mr Peter Nottle of Willow Cottage has kindly agreed to take over the job - he has been my anchor man in St Breward and I am very grateful to him for helping out once again.

SMV

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P.S. to the Produce Show .
I have found a new use for empty salad cream jars - they make excellent containers for flowers at the Produce Show. I would advise all entrants to save a few ready for next year. They are a good size, stable, and you don't have to shed tears if they get misplaced after the show, the same applies to the large paste jars.

SMV

CHURCHGATE COTTAGE.

The front cover this month shows Churchgate Cottage which is tucked away on the South side of the Green and adjoining the Institute. A cosy little dwelling that defies the keenest wind. For the past twelve years it seems to have passed from owner to owner without anyone really knowing the who or why, used as a holiday cottage or winter let, and at present empty and for sale - at an exorbitant figure.

The cottage has stood for centuries, it is reputed to have been the workshop/ carpenters shop when the tower was built, but that was in 1420, however in the accounts of 1791 are items amounting to £43 for the work of a carpenter and mason. It has a doorway overlooking the churchyard which has long been blocked up but the outline can be clearly seen from the church path. There is another access upstairs and an unwary D.I.Y. type could easily put a nail through and finish up inside the Institute - there speaks the voice of experience!!

The Rowe family lived there for three generations. John Rowe was born at Undertise, married a Miss Rich and raised 13 children in Churchgate. He was gardener to the Rectory and churchyard, also sexton, and Captain of the Tower, as noted on the plaque in the tower when it was rededicated on St Pratts Day 1908.
Water was brought from the chute - until the mains were laid there in 1967. Their garden and toilet facilities were at the far end of the churchyard in a walled garden which is now the new churchyard.

One son of John's - Richard Wesley, best known just as Wesley Rowe (1892 - 1962) lived in Churchgate with his wife Violet (1904-1966) where they reared their family before finally being rehoused at Witley Barn - a modern house. The family gradually married and moved to nearby villages and towns but still retain their links with Blisland. One grandson has moved back into the village, and Rob is now a local milkman.

Among John Rowes sons were, Tom and Martin, also Frank who used to drive a horse drawn bakers van for a Bodmin firm. Edie Rowe became Mrs Northcott but Fanny Rowe remained a spinster and raised the children after her Mother died.

Martin had a son, also Martin, who was a Server at Blisland church for many years.

Wesley Rowe was a quarryman at De Lank and Temple but when the works closed down he joined the County Council Highways Dept. The Foreman was Tom Manaton - another well loved man - and with Tom Pearce of Pendrift they became an excellent team of roadmen looking after the parish roads and drains. The drains were always kept clear and free and the hedgerows well trimmed. A humble job but one in which they took pride - and to this day folk deplore their passing. Even after retiring Wesley & Tom would always unblock 'their' drains after a down-pour.

Of Wesley's sons, Frank still lives over at Helland but Bill went into Bodmin after his Mother's death. He had worked at De Lank for several years before a reccession, but now is our local pest control officer and also the Mace Bearer to the Mayor of Bodmin. He was for many years a regular bellringer for Blisland and even now comes out to assist on High Days - so the tradition carries on.

After the Rowes left Churchgate it was sold to Mr & Mrs Tommy Greenaway who lived in the Tregenna Road, who turned it into a General Store. They were there for several years then in succession came Mr Hale, Mrs Felgate and Mrs Bradley. Then the Ray Butlers' came and livened up the district with their antics before the Sherrif pinned a writ to the door! 1966!!

My husband and I bought the property off the Bank.. and we revived the shop.. it was a lovely way of life, we got to know most of the villagers and many, many visitors. Bazeley's came and laid the sewerage pipes 1967/68 and we all started getting plumbed in. The builders arrived and the Pentor Estate was erected - one forgets the mud and muck and only remembers the personalities that we met.

John had a stroke in 1969 whilst we were on holiday in Majorca, from which he never fully recovered. We had to return to London for 2½ years during which time our daughter Marion managed the shop, but it became too much for her so we closed it in March 1972, within 6 weeks I was able to come back but it was too late. John died in June. I do hope that Churchgate comes to life again.

Stella Vause.

SIR JOHN BETJEMAN.

Much has been said by the media about Sir John Betjeman but for many years he has had a special place in our hearts. His comments written and broadcast about Blisland Church did much to enhance our reputation - and coffers.

When I first came back to Blisland I was told about this man, quite frankly, I had never heard of him.. Our Rector, Mr Madge , would come into Churchgate Stores and chat about him, but I hadn't a clue to whom he was referring, all the same he sounded a nice person.

After one particular christening, Mr Madge told me that John Betjeman had refrained from entering the church lest his presence should detract interest from the baby and family, but we both said how honoured they would have been to have had such a distinguished guest. Instead he inspected the churchyard until after the ceremony.

During the interegnum after Mr Madge died I had many callers to the shop enquiring after the health and plans of our church. It was touch and go whether we'd have another incumbent. One such caller was a dear little man who brought visitors in, would buy a few sweets or postcards of the village; always looked a little crumpled, but so pleasant and polite, and above all most concerned for our church.

On one of his visits I noticed that his boot lace was undone - and as ever with kids around with football laces undone - I knelt down and made it secure. He was so pleased - and I thought no more of the incident. Much later I was to find out that my kind and gentle man was John Betjeman.

We are shortly to found 'The Friends of Blisland Church' a project which would have been dear to his heart, but at the end of the day I truly believe that he was our very original 'Friend'. He wrote a very fine 'Foreword' to Dr S.J.Madge's"BLISLAND CHURCH & its Patron Saints " published in 1950 and Dr Madge remarked in the preface that'since then(Sept 45) Mr John Betjeman's impressions of the church have been repeated in the "Home Service" of the BBC.' Later the church was included in the T.V. series "Meeting Point", in John Betjeman's "A.B.C. of Churches"

May he rest in peace.

SMV.

FOOLS CORNER.

Nothing ventured, Nothing gained.. I have put a couple of copies of our magazine into a competition run by the Cornwall Rural Community Council - the prize of £100 being the bait!!
The notice was in the W.M.N. (which Mrs Grace Masters also read and told me about) so I put in for an application form - failing all else we may get some constructive criticism.
I have also applied for a place with the 'Newsletter Day' at Tresillian Village Hall on 3rd November.
The subjects to be discussed are:- Planning and organising your newsletter. Sources of finance. Production on a shoestring. Content. Presentation. Simple aids for good results. There will be comment and discussion after both sessions.
The tutors will be editors and managers from Imperial Tobacco, Rank Xerox the Somerset Standard and other newsletter editors.
The fee is £1.50 with an optional lunch at £1.50.
My reason for the indepth discourse is that I would like others to come along and get themselves informed with the vain hope that they would be interested enough to take over this editorial chair.
There comes a time in the life of all men (and women) when they have to give way to new blood, or just want a break. I would like to join the back-up group. There are one or two things that I would like to research but don't have the time to do at present. I've done the job for two years and think that a fresh mind would be a good thing. Quite apart from the fact that having only one person in 'the know' can be chancey. My spell in hospital last year was well organised but I have had to dash up to Sussex twice recently and I have been able to work the trips between editions - but it may not always be possible to drop everything and drive off..without qualified help to hand over to.
So I would appreciate a few quiet moments thought on the matter. The Newletter Day application form has to be in by 15th October. It should be quite an interesting day out.

SMV.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD

There was a good turnout of members for the July meeting when we had the pleasure of welcoming our County Chairman, Mrs Sur Oliver, who showed us her large collection of paper weights. She spoke about the early and I for one learned that not all of them are round with snowstorms, but have very delicately executed paintings on them, probably to commemorate a special occasion. On hearing of the value of some of these a few members waited eagerly for her to judge their entries in the competition for the prettiest paperweight! This was won by Mrs I Bate but there were no comments that it was an undiscovered masterpiece.

Seven members have volunteered to help with the serving of refreshments on Sept 5th to the Camelford Disabled Club, items provided by all members. After a small amount of business final details were given for the evening outing on July 24th. This proved a success, the weather was first class, the bus on time plus the thirty passengers composed of members, their husbands, children (or should I say - young adults) and friends. Our first stop was at the Mid Cornwall Gallery at Biscovey to look at beautifully made examples of many crafts besides painting, then on to the Charlestown Visitor Centre to walk round the cleverly presented exhibits some of them very life-like indeed, and see various items retrived from the sea around our coast. Everyone then had a supper in the Upper Deck Cafe which was absolutely spotless, then back on the bus to St Breward.

The next meeting will be on Sept. 18th when Mrs Taylor of 'Trevor' will talk about doll making and judge the competition for an item made from 1oz of wool.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

A touch of the supernatural was introduced in our July meeting when Mr Thomas gave a fascinating talk on the Gypsies, or diddicoys as they were locally known, who lived in the New Forest about 16 years ago. As Mr Thomas had many of these people working for him he knew them very well and was able to tell us something of their way of life including the witchcraft, fortune-telling etc. which played a big part in their lives. We all bombarded Mr Thomas with questions which only proves how interested we are in people who live in an extraordinary way.

The final arrangements for the Produce Show were made and more on that subject towards the end of this report. Mrs Eileen Walford won the raffle. Mrs Vause was the only competitor with a decorated hat. Those of us on diets were easily wooed away by the tea and refreshments served by Mrs Joyce Richards & Miss June Runnalls.

The Produce Show - for the W.I. it was a great success - a beautiful evening, the bumper crop of entries & it was well attended. We were delighted to see so many new names amongst the entries & prizewinners.

The Produce Show is a very relaxing & happy annual get-together & surely thats what village life is all about. Participation & supporting local events brings us together & keeps us on our toes.

We were very pleased to see amongst our visitors Mrs Sue Oliver, our County Chairman and her Mother, Mrs Scott, from Mount.

Thankyou to all the people who stayed and took part in the auctioneering of all the produce. The auction was ably conducted by Mr Tony Willcocks who has a great sense of humour. A healthy sum of money was raised and our Treasurer, Mrs Isobel Willcocks reported a net profit of £60. We look forward to another bumper crop of entries next year & even more new names.

Eileen Walford.

MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDES

- no its not a new word game, but please read on. They are rare incurable metabolic diseases. There is no known cure for this dreadful illness which attacks the unborn baby and causes deformed growth and frequently progressive mental handicap.

I have only become aware of this dreadful terminal illness through a friend of mine whose two grandchildren are unfortunately stricken with it.

Money for research is urgently needed and so I have offered to have Coffee Evening on Sept 5th. Would you please come along and support this very worthy cause, I would be so grateful.

Thankyou, E.J.Walford, 'Tor' Blisland.

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* COFFEE EVENING IN AID OF RESEARCH *

* INTO MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDES. *

* WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, 7p.m. *

* 'TOR' BLISLAND. *

* Bring & Buy and Raffle. *

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FASHION by Mary Sharp (14)

High heeled shoes and stilletto heels,
Aching ankles, that's how it feels.
Tight skirts above the knees
And matching bags to hold your keys.

Ruffle shirts, soft to the eye,
While jeans are worn by male passers-by,
Princess style hair, flicked at the sides,
Or just have it tinted, the true colour it hides.

Long dangly earrings, sparkling so bright,
While blusher is put on to darken the light,
Eye shadow and lipstick all over the face,
To give false disguises in a newly found place.

All this is fashion, expensive to buy.
New things designed, this week it's a tie.
Here in Britain we have hairspray galore,
While people in other countries have food no more.

W.R.V.S. OVER 60's REPORT.

July 17th was a social afternoon when arrangements were made for future outings.
The competition for a flower buttonhole was won by Mrs M.Collins.
The venue for our picnic on August 7th was changed to Bradford which was a little more sheltered. Although not enjoying the warm sunshine of other years it was still dry and very pleasant. A treasure hunt, devised especially for the surroundings, afforded much activity and was won by Miss M.Greenaway.
Transport was arranged for the visit to Lower Hamatethy on the 21st & bookings taken for the outing to Perranporth. Everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable afternoon.
We arrange various outings during the year; why not join us & enjoy a carefree outing without traffic and parking problems.

Gwen Masters.

ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH.

At the Church Fete on July 14th a record sum of over £700 was raised with all the usual stalls and games.
The Fancy Dress competition proved a successful new venture with many entrants in both classes.
The winners were:- Under 5's.

1st Rebecca Greenaway.
2nd Lucy Whitehouse.
3rd Daniel McShee.

5-11 1st Lee Metters.
2nd Charlotte Long.
3rd Ross Metters.

The afternoon was enjoyed by one and all in spite of the shower which drove them indoors, and well supported by the village.

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May we wish Mr Bob Greenaway and Alan a speedy recovery after their recent accident in a car.

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WEBBER'S TOURS 1984

OCT 22- 25 HALF TERM TRIP TO LONDON

To London for overnight stop at the Royal Scot Hotel, on Tuesday a trip to Woburn Abbey, Wednesday is free for shopping, sightseeing etc. then depart for home midday Thursday.

Per person inc.VAT from £57.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT BLISLAND

Holy Eucharist will be held at 10.00am on Sat 22 Sept.on the eve of the Feast of St Protus & St Hyacinth.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL will be held in Blisland Church with the themes 'The life of the Church and of the Community in Blisland.

DR A.L.ROWSE, Patron of the Friends of Blisland will give a talk on Blisland and Cornwall through the Ages at 3p.m.

Full details of weekends activities on p.2.

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The frontispiece is of Blisland Green showing Churchgate Cottage and the Church tower with a glimpse of the Institute, by Paul Pierce.