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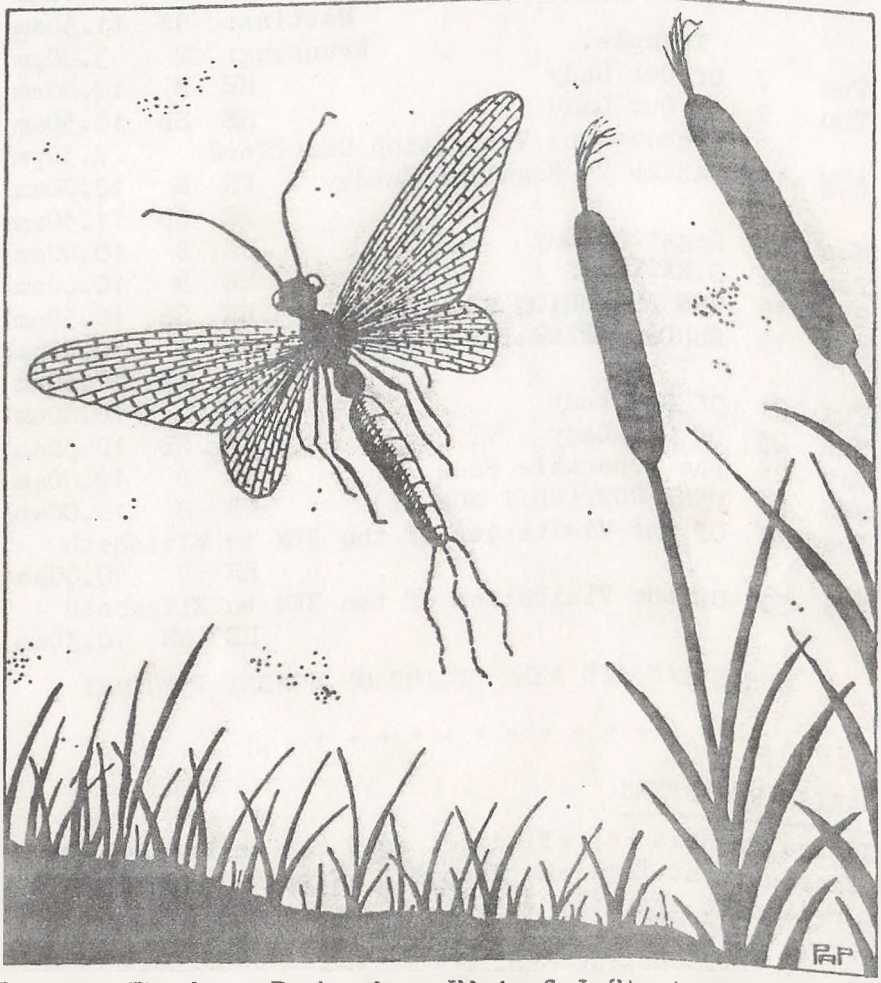

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAY 1985.

Wed	1	SS PHILIP & JAMES	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	2	S.Athanasius	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	4	Parish Priest preaches at St Endellion Feast			11.30am
SUN	5	EASTER IV	PE	B	10.00am
		Mattins:		SB	11.30am
		T emple. Evensong:		T	3.00pm
Tue	7	Of Our Lady	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	9	Of Our Lady	HE	SB	10.30am
		Archdeacons Visitation Camelford			7.30pm
SUN	12	EASTER V Rogation Sunday	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	13	Rogation Day	HE	B	10.00am
Tue	14	S.MATTHIAS	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	16	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	19	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	21	Of Our Lady	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	23	Of Our Lady	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	25	The Venerable Bede	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	26	PENTECOST(WHIT SUNDAY)	PE	B	10.00am
Tue	28	Of the Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	30	Of the Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth	HE	SB	10.30am

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS ON MONDAY 13TH MAY

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PARISH REGISTERS.

George Francis Parnell died, aged 84, on March 27th peacefully at Treliske Hospital after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family at Merrymeetings Farm. The funeral service took place at Lawhitton Parish Church.

Louise Ann Hill died aged 10 weeks on March 26th at Higher Penquite, St Breward. Our deepest sympathy goes to David and Madelaine Hill and her Grandparents in this latest tragedy to hit the family.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

May is Mary's month. May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary became popular in Italy in the eighteenth century and in the nineteenth century they spread throughout the world.

In England the Oxford Movement, whose chief exponents were John Keble, Edward Bouverie Pusey and John Henry Newman, revived especially Patristic studies (those of the Fathers of the Church) which led to a fresh appreciation of the role of the Theotokos (The Mother of God Incarnate) in the Christian dispensation.

In 1823 Keble had written the first stanzas of his famous hymn Ave Maria, inspired by his mother's death, which was published in his popular Christian Year(1827) for "The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary". In it Keble, who had preached the celebrated sermon on National Apostacy in St Mary's Church, Oxford in 1833, addressed Mary as the "blessed Maid,Lily of Eden's fragrant shade... whose name all but adoring love may claim" accents which had not been heard in the Church of England since the seventeenth century.

In 1848 John Henry Newman preached a sermon on "Our Lady in the Gospel" in which he said: "Depend upon it, the way to enter into the sufferings of the Son is to enter into the sufferings og the Mother". In 1849 he preached two sermons the first of which was on "The Glories of Mary for the Sake of her Son" and the second of which was on "The Fitness of the Glories of Mary". In the latter he formally taught the doctrine of the Assumption of Our Lady and in the former he taught the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

In 1931 the Society of Mary was founded to promote devotion to Our Lady thoughout the Anglian Communion and in 1981 the President and Superior General of the Society was the then Bishop of Truro, Dr Graham Leonard.

You will often hear the Angelus rung five minutes before a week-day Holy Eucharist at Blisland or when the Church is opened and closed every day. Here are the words of the Angelus:

V. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it unto me according to Thy word.
V. Hail Mary.....
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwenlt among us.
V. Hail Mary.....
V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his Cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord
R. Amen.

May Our Lord bless you and all whom you love and may the prayers of Our Lady and all the Saints assist you.

EDWIN STARK.

STALL ON FLEA MARKET, Public Rooms,
Mount Folly, SAT May 5th 10-4pm
in aid of TEMPLE CHURCH GYMKHANA funds.
Bric-a-brac and small items wanted.
Please contact Barbara Sharp, Card 363 or Mrs J Richards, Churchtown Cottage, The Green, Blisland, if you should have any items. Thank you.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH.

I was glad to contribute an article recently on behalf of the Methodist Church. In that article I mentioned that there are plans to bring the Methodist work at St Breward under one roof. We have, as I'm sure most people know, two large buildings to maintain - the Chapel and the Sunday School. Moreover, the two buildings, seperate as they are, give a sense of divided identity. After much discussion and after taking expert advice the Church Council decided that the best way forward would be to retain the present Sunday School building & adapt it for a multi-purpose use. It already has many useful facilities - kitchen, toilets & committee rooms as well as a large hall. However, a lot of work needs to be done if we are to have a building which can be used for worship, fellowship and social activities - a building which is attractive, comfortable and warm.

The modifications needed will include a suspended ceiling and a folding screen. This screen will be used to make a small screen at the road end of the building, when we have a large congregation then the screen will be folded back. For concerts, the seats will be turned around to face the stage.

A warm, pleasant building will certainly benefit the Methodist people but we also hope it will be very useful to the community. We are sure that existing organisations will want to use the premises - either the main hall or some of the committee rooms. Perhaps new activities for young or old can be started there. Our appeal for funds will therefore be made to all in St Breward since we believe that the revitalised building will be a great asset to the village.

John Young. Minister.

Old Bill(Brusher) Spargo. I well remember about 1918 an occasion when a young man and working at De Lank quarry. As I walked into the Gully quarry, old Bill, the foreman was standing near the edge of the pit rolling tobacco in the palm of his left hand, his right hand alternately clenched when he used the side of his hand and open when he used the wrist end of the palm, an empty pipe between his teeth. He was looking, motionless with the exception of the movement of his hands, right at me, it seemed, as I worked at the quarry face. As I approached him I heard him shout "Boys" (everyone was a boy to Bill - his nickname was often extended to "Brusher Boy"). "Boys, if you see me looking at you, do not think I am looking to see if you are working: I am PLANNING."

I followed his gaze and asked him what he intended to do and so received my first lesson in "planning". Pointing to a particular spot, he explained that the blast would crack the granite there; cuts would then be made there, there, there and there; this should clear the end; with the end clear he could get a saw block there, another there; the remaining pieces would come on the "bank" to be cut to specified sizes for monumental and building work. He continued that we could then do this and that and in a very few minutes Bill told me his "plan" of work which would take at least 6 months to carry out.

Quite easily I followed every "move" and in the ensuing months I actually witnessed every "move" (or perhaps "remove" would be a better word); each piece of granite was obtained exactly as he had "planned".

A Village Brief. I have said before, but will again repeat, it was the custom for 90% of the parishioners to keep a pig when I was a boy in the early 1900's; in fact a pig's house was deemed a necessary part of a dwelling. (In modern advertisements it is rather amusing to find them described as "accomodating outhouse or building")

The pig was kept to kill for the winter and if the pig died just before it was fit to kill, it could be of serious consequence. A house-to-house and works collection was made throughout St Breward and the usual contributions of one or two coppers each was handed to the person who had lost the pig, to buy one.

This collection was called a "Brief". A Brief was made and someone received between £2 and £5.

Coffee Shop OPEN in the St Breward Sunday School on WEDNESDAYS from 10am - 11.30am.

V.E.BARN DANCE BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Sat May 11th 8 - 11.45pm

Admission £1. Children under 12yrs 50p must be accompanied by an adult.
Refreshments available.

St Breward Playgroup's 5 Year Celebration and National Playgroup Week.

Monday May 20th. Playgroup Open Day at the Village Hall from 10a.m.

Wednesday 22nd May Morning Coffee 10-12
Afternoon tea 1.30-3.30pm
Cake stall and Raffle.

Saturday May 25th. "For the Children" Teddy Bear's picnic. Punch & Judy Show and childrens games. Admission charge covers picnic and Punch & Judy Show.

"For the Grown-ups" Fancy dress disco in the Village Hall from 8-12pm.

IMPRESSIONS OF A VISIT TO TEMPLE CHURCH
by some children of Blisland C.P. School.

We went to the swimming pool first. After we went swimming we got on the bus and went to Temple. When we were there we got off the bus and walked down a small lane. There was a lady waiting to give us a guide book of the church. Then we walked down the church path. I thought it would be smaller - like the picture on the guide book of the church. Then we went into the church and had a look around inside. Then we had a look around outside. It was fun outside. The bus was waiting at the top of the hill - waiting for us. We got on the bus and went back to school.

Charlie Howard (10yrs)

On March 1st we went to Temple by bus. We went to look at the shields and the knight. When I got into the church it looked smaller on the inside than the outside made it look. Mrs Cable put Blisland School in the visitors book. My name is in the book too. In one of the stain glass windows there was a knight. Then we went outside. The graves were still and very quiet, which was very nice. Before we left I said a little prayer next to our Grandad's grave. Then we left and I was feeling very sad.

David Spurrell (9yrs)

On Friday 1st March, Blisland School went to see Temple Church. The Church's real name is St Catherines. We went in the bus from swimming. On the way it was very bumpy. When we got there we had to walk down a little lane. When we got into the church I found it very small and quiet. Where the bell tower went up there was a barricade because the bell is unsafe and could fall down. Mrs Cable wrote the school's name in the visitors book. There was a knight in the window of the bell tower. Mr Heap who is our teacher, wanted to see the knight because that is one of the things we went to see. He went in to see the knight. We were allowed to go in one by one to see it. When I went in to see the knight in the window I looked up and I could see the bell turned upside down so it couldn't fall down.

The rope was very short so you couldn't ring the bell. Afterwards we went outside to see the gravestones. We were there for about 30 minutes to an hour. It was a very peaceful church, and I enjoyed my visit.

Anna Sheppard (10 yrs)

On the way to Temple Church we had to go down a very narrow lane. We went through a little gate which led us on a path to the church itself. Just by the church door there is a little grave where a baby is buried. It was a very damp inside and it was very peaceful. There is only one bell in the church and it is very small. I felt unhappy because I know that a few of my relations were buried there. I can't say anything more except it was very beautiful.

Gillian Harper (11yrs)

On our way to Temple Church the bus was hot and the road was very bumpy. When we arrived and got out it was cold and quiet. We walked down a small narrow lane as the wind blew. When we got there it seemed that it was a very lonely church. The sun shone and the flowers were almost out. When you went in you would expect the walls would be very damp, but when you went in it wasn't. It was the smallest church I have ever seen. It was big on the outside, but when you got inside it was even smaller.

Rose Lilley (11yrs)

Blisland School went to Temple Church for the morning. We all had a surprise because the church was quite small inside and it had looked quite big from the outside. Inside there were lots of stain glass windows, all nice colours. The walls were damp and mouldy. We had to queue up to look at a window which had a knight in it. I felt sad because lots of young people who had died there were my age. The landscape was lovely with farms all around us with fields of cows and sheep. In the visitors book Mrs Cable put the school's name.

Helen Moon (10yrs)

PAINTING COMPETITION.

There were four entries for the 'April Duck' painting competition - all from St Breward - they were all very good which posed a problem for the judges, Sqn. Ldr and Mrs Pierce. Mark Prout of Hantergantick Farm was finally chosen as first, but consolation prizes will go to Matthew Teague, Mandy Greenaway and the tweenie, Kelly Barber.

TEMPLE CHURCH.

We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Cholmeley for providing a draught excluder and door fittings for Temple Church.

The bell tower area at Temple Church has been roped off as there is a danger that the bell beam and tower roof timbers could collapse. The walls were repointed a little while ago but it has now been found that the tower roof is leaking which has caused the timbers to deteriorate. The cost of repairs could be in the region of £1400, which quite frankly are not available. In 1984 the few services at Temple and donations from visitors only raised £114. Some money has been found to repair the guttering, but apart from the immediate problem of the tower roof there is also the interior which needs attention.

There is also a need for new chairs, the present furniture is in a sad state of repair.

This is quite a sad tale with which to start the Summer Season. A considerable problem for a parish of so few residents. The potential for this scale of fund raising is very limited.

The Gymkhana is to be held again on **Sat June 15th starting at 10.30am ** which we hope will be well supported. Apart from that has anyone some bright ideas for some massive fund raising to assist Temple Church?? The little band of Temple workers perform wonders - but unfortunately cannot to date perform miracles - but with a little help .....! We therefore appeal to those outside the parish, to ex-Temple residents, or any interested parties.

SMV.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

There were 27 people present which included Mr Victor Harrison Sec. C.P.R.E. who showed slides and gave a talk on the work of his committee. Police Inspector John Hawkey addressed the meeting on various aspects of Police work and Mr H Northcott County Council member gave news of the 'Leatherbottle' improvement scheme for '85-'86. Concern was expressed that no road improvement had been carried out in the village for many years, and it was thought that rather than the C.C. spending money on the purchase of the Wenford Railway for a footpath, it would serve the community better to widen one of the routes into St Breward. The great increase in Heavy Transport to various industries was causing many problems, twice in recent years some of the handrails had to be cut off Wenford Bridge to allow jammed machines across, and the bridge is in frequent need of repair. Mr Greenaway said that money ear-marked for Footpaths could not be used for other purposes. It was decided to write to the Highways Dept, enlist our M.P. and request support from local firms to get a sceme set out for Wenford Hill and Bridge.

It was agreed to support the Camelford Council's letter regarding emergency hospital treatment. Vital time was lost when at an accident people had to be transported either to Truro or Plymouth, particularly during the holiday season.

The Parish Council was requested to examine the litter problem in the village, there are plenty of bins but it seems that some people are not concerned that the village looks untidy.

The Clerk read the financial statement which showed a balance of £733.21p.

V.E.Day. The Parish Council had requested ideas for this to be brought to the Meeting, as nothing was forthcoming no action was taken.

The Chairman, Mrs D Hannaford thanked the speakers and everyone for attending.

Wm. A.Hunt.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

Two visitors, Mrs R Law and her mother Mrs Cooper new to the village from Southend, helped swell the numbers at the March Meeting, and two new members officially enrolled, Mrs Benton and Mrs Byrne. Welcome to you all!

Members felt that the suggestion of the fund for research into sudden infant death (cot deaths) for our charity of the year was a good cause, it was decided to hold another disco later this year to support this and eleven members volunteered to help on the night. Meanwhile seven of us are going to try our hand at skittles as guests of St Teath WI at Juliots Well. Only two members and friend went to the microwave day at Camelford to learn how it is done, but several have paid their dues for a day at Coleton Gardens in May.

It is our turn to supply a delegate to the AGM athe Albert Hall so hope that one of our number will come forward to take advantage of the opportunity of a day in London at the expense of the WI!

The Spring Group Meeting will be at St Lawrences on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm and remember that our Institute gains one point for every entry in the competitions - scones, toilet bag and knitted toy. See the entry details for sizes etc.

The Treasurer, Mrs I Donald, presented the Budget for 1985 covering our estimated expenses during the year. Many members queued up to pay their subscriptions at the first meeting of our Institute year. Thank you.

Once again our speaker was a local person, Mrs Taylor, living close to the Hall. - how many more talented people are there quietly pursuing their chosen theme in our midst? The range of dolls that Mrs Taylor had made was quite astounding, particularly when such attention was paid to the accuracy of their individual costumes. The buttonholes and corsets complete with tiny bones spoke of hours of pains-

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BLISLAND.

General Meetings can be rather dreary, so much business to be dealt with & it seems all facts and figures. But this year Mrs Bancroft from Wadebridge who acted as our V.C.O.(Voluntary County Officer) took the meeting so informally & gave such an insight into 'behind the scenes' of County Officer's that she was bombarded with questions by an enthusiastic audience. Mrs Mary Price our retiring Secretary gave an excellent summing up of our years activities for which she was thanked & our good wishes given to her and her family for their new life in Bodmin. Mary will be greatly missed for with her quiet way of doing things & her sense of humour. She was a great asset to our W.I. Mrs Isobel Willcocks proved once again that you can get blood out of a stone by presenting a very healthy balance sheet in spite of starting the year almost broke. This to some extent was due to the kindness & generosity of many of the members holding teaparties in their homes to raise money for our depleted coffers. Its amazing how much money is needed to run a small Institute like ours. The Financial Statement was adopted and a vote of thanks given to Isobel. The new officers elected are:- Mrs Audrey Pierce, Secretary. Mrs Isobel Willcocks, Treasurer. Mrs Eileen Walford, President.

Mrs Miller won the Competition with her knitted sqaure & Mrs Joyce Richards & Miss June Runnalls fortified us with very tempting food & much needed cups of tea.

I know there are many newcomers to our village, and one good way of meeting people & joining in village life is to come along to our WI and see what it's all about. We really are a very friendly group & would be delighted to see you. If you have transport difficulties I would willingly help out, just give me a telephone call - as simple as that.

Eileen Walford.

ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH.

The Mothering Sunday Service was conducted by the Rev.M.Browning. Mrs J Greenaway played the organ. The service was well attended and included local Brownies, Guides and Cub Scouts along with families and friends.

Lessons were read by Sarah Ellery, Guide, and Matthew Teague, Cub Scout. All the children presented their mothers with cards and posies.

The collection was for Guides and Scout funds.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

This is a brief half-year report from St Breward Silver Band. The Treasurer, Albert Winn reported that there was £5988 in the bank. The Chairman, Mr Rueben Rosevear, congratulated the band in gaining 3rd place at the Truro contest, competing against 11 other bands.

The Musical Director, William A Hunt, reported that the band will be getting new uniforms for the 1986 season, they also hope to record their second cassette for the 1986 season. Mr Hunt is still looking for collectors for the coming season. Anyone interested please contact him.

** The Annual Band Fete will be held on Saturday 22nd June. 3pm at the Village School. **

The President of the Band, Mr Will Teague and his wife celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Maunday Thursday when the Band played for them. A bouquet was presented to them by Judith Hill.

Jillian Walsh, a newcomer to St Breward, entered the Cornwall County Music Festival at Truro recently and won the Dora Richards Cup for the 'Opera' class at her first attempt. She sang the opening aria from Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly'. She now belongs to the Duchy Opera and the Bodmin Players.

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

March 5th saw the return of the Rector, Rev. Stark with more slides of the Holy Land and of classical paintings depicting stages in the Life of Christ. During the period of Lent, the showing of these slides was very appropriate and much appreciated. Thanks were accorded to the Rector for giving us so much of his time.

It was with despondency that I looked out at the hail showers on the morning of the 14th. This was the new date for our 'New Year's' lunch at Porth Avellon Hotel. However by the time we left the village the sun was shining & we had glorious weather forthe rest of the time. A very enjoyable lunch taken in lovely surroundings, and a detour on the way home proved well worth waiting for.

April 2nd was a social afternoon when future e events were discussed and plans made for our 12th Birthday in May, and an evening outing in June.

We are sorry to have lost a valued member in Mr George Parnell, we were unable to represent the Club at the funeral service at Lawhitton Church on the afternoon of our meeting, but we kept a minutes silence, during the time of the Service, in his memory and flowers were sent on behalf of all members.

We hope Mrs Parnell will soon be fully recovered from her recent operation & that all our sick members will be back with us as the weather, we hope, gets warmer.

Gwen Masters.

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St Breward WI cont.

taking work; a lesson to all of us who hope for quick results!

Mrs P Bridge won the peg doll competition and Mrs P Bousfield had the best flower of the month.

May 21st will be a Social Evening with all the members contributing towards the refreshments. Please make a note in your diaries to join us then.

Anne Holmes.

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For further details and information contact the office.

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NORTH CORNWALL HUNT - Garden Open Day
at BUTTS PARC, St Tudy.
Saturday May 4th 2.30- 6pm.
Plant sales by Miss Bailey & Mrs Jacket
Teas and refreshments.
Dogs must be kept on leads.

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