BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY 1985

Wed	3	S.Thomas, Apostle	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	4	S.Elizabeth of Portugal	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	6	Visit of Truro Guild of Ringers			
		St.Breward 11.30am & Blisland 12 noon			
SUN	7	PENTECOST VI	PE	B	10.00am
		Mattins		SB	11.30am
		TEMPLE Evensong		T	3.00pm
Tue	9		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	11	S.Benedict	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	13	St Breward Summer Fete			
SUN	14	PENTECOST VII	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	16		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	18		HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	20	Holy Matrimony			
		Mr Bailey & Miss Collings		SB	12 noon
		Mr Murray & Miss Greenaway		B	2.30pm
SUN	21	PENTECOST VIII	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	22	S.Mary Magdalen	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	25	S.James,Apostle	HE	SB	10.30am
		Deanery Pilgrimage to Warleggan			7.00pm
Fri	26	S.Anne, Mother of BVM	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	28	PENTECOST IX	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	29	S.Martha	HE	B	10.00am
Wed	31	S.Ignatius of Loyola	HE	B	10.00am

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

There is a phrase in the Psalter "Thou hast set my feet in a large room" upon which we can all reflect for our three parishes cover an acreage of over sixteen and a half thousand. We live in an area of great scenic beauty. From the top of Brown Willy or Rough Tor, the two highest points in the County, we can survey the large room in which our feet are set pro-

vided that we can do so on a clear day. We can see much further afield too but when we come down from our vantage points we return to our village where we live in three centres which are linked by the outlying hamlets and homesteads between them where some of us live in a degree of isolation. All of us, however, share the privilege of living in a large and beautiful room and the best way in which to enjoy it is to travel around it, if we are physically able to do so, on foot.

This is an energetic exercise not the least because of the various gradients but one can always pause by a gateway into a field and enjoy a view which one would miss if travelling by car. The effort is always rewarded.

All of us have our ups and downs in life. There are times of enjoyment of good health and of the acceptance of ill health. There are times when we are happy and times when we are sad. Some experience loneliness but realise that there are worse things in life than loneliness. For all of us life is a pilgrimage of growing up and growing old but the most important thing in life is growing in grace.

Grace is a word of many meanings. It may, at one end of the scale, have to do with a pleasing quality, expression, elegance, for example - but, at the other end of the scale, it has to do with the spiritual life, with the acceptance and use of God's gifts of faith, hope and love and all the virtues which spring from them. All of us have to learn to grow up/old gracefully in the spiritual life. We are privileged to do so in the large and beautiful room which forms our parishes. We can all be alone with God in any part of that room or in the privacy of our homes (like St Piran in his beehive hut on the lower slopes of Rough Tor) but there are times when we should gather together to be with God in His Church remembering that the Church is not simply a building but world-wide congregations of the Family of God.

May God bless you and aid you and all whom you love in leading a life of grace in a large room.

EDWIN STARK.

ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP

On Monday 20th May I fulfilled an invitation to visit St Breward Playgroup. It was the beginning of the National Childrens Playgroup Week and St Breward started it off by giving a Coffee Morning inviting members of the public along to see exactly what the children did.

I was most impressed by the way the children were amused & looked after. The Playgroup is marvellous for parents, they can leave their children while they do their shopping or visit friends knowing that their infants are happy & well cared for.

The Chairman, Mrs Metters told me that there is a rota system whereby mothers help out and as the group is run on a shoestring I'm sure no one would object to that. Mrs Metters also said that they were sorry that there were no children from Blisland. At one time we were well represented but those children are now of school age. So if any new mothers to the area with a child over 2 years who is interested cares to contact Mrs Jill Goatman, who lives at Penpont. Tel.No 850213, she will give you all the details. There is also a Mother & Toddler Group on a Wednesday afternoon - again Mrs Goatman will give all the information.

This Playgroup is a marvellous idea and a great boon to mothers. Like everything else thats run on a private basis, money is short, so please support them to the best of your ability. The organisers & helpers work hard and they are all such cheerful people they n need all the backing they can get.

Eileen Walford.

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NORTH CORNWALL HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB

COUNTRY FIELD SPORTS DAY

at Pencarrow, by kind permission of Colonel & Mrs J.A.Molesworth-St.Aubyn.

11th AUGUST.

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ST BREWARD SCHOOL CAMP 5-7th JUNE.

Pupils from the Junior class of St Breward School recently returned from an action-packed three days camping under canvas, near Rock. The camp set up by the Education Authority and used by Cornish Schools throughout the summer term, overlooks the River Camel just outside Rock.

Mrs Barclay, one of the teachers, organised the camp and was helped throughout the three days by her husband and Heather Old, one of the parents. Valuable help was also provided each day by Pauline Metters and Penny Giles.

The children arrived at camp on Wednesday, loaded down with food and clothes, and set themselves up on the site. They slept four to a tent and great fun was had by all trying to work out how to assemble the campbeds provided. This operation was still going on early on Thursday morning as some of the beds had obviously collapsed under their occupants during the night!

After a packed lunch on camp the party left in the Community Bus for a visit to the Padstow Lifeboat and Trevone Lighthouse. The visit was hosted by Mr Trevor Ramsden, the Lifeboat Secretary and was extremely interesting. We were shown around the lifeboat and the children plied Mr Ramsden with questions. He aslo asked the children some questions, and the alert children who answered some of his more difficult questions were rewarded with a ride on the lift to the top of the cliff. The rest of the children had to walk back up the steep steps from the Lifeboat Station!! Mrs Barclay and Mrs Old were able to ride on the lift as well but didn't have to answer any questions!

On returning to camp, the children had their evening meal, which some of them helped to cook. The rest then had to wash up, dry up and clearup, it took quite a long time!

Before bedtime we were entertained round a camp fire by a group of youngsters from Wadebridge School, led by Nicky Davey, who were singing at the Royal Cornwall Show.

Mr & Mrs Barclay and Mrs Old were woken up at half past five on Thursday morning by a dawn chorus of twittering....children! So we got up earlier than anticipated, had breakfast and were at 9am ready to begin the days activities, despite the time it took to clean up the scrambled egg pan.

Half the children went to Devil's Jump for rock-climbing with Ron Hart and his team of instructors from Boscastle.This proved to be a very exciting day with climbing (going up), abseiling (going down) and a river crossing suspended from a rope. No one fell in! The group were extremely good and most fulfilled every challenge Ron offered, including the cake-eating competition..

Meanwhile back at the camp, the other half of the group were learning the basics of orienteering. With the help of a map and compass, the children worked in pairs navigating themselves around the campsite and adjoining fields, looking for marked checkpoints. This group then had lunch on the beach at Rock, and it began to rain! After paddling in fairly cold water, we caught the ferry to Padstow and squelched our way to the lobster and crawfish tanks by Padstow Harbour. We then went out on the Tri-Star to Puffin Island and saw a lot of puffins, comorants, shags and oyster catchers, as the Tri Star dipped up and down in the waves.

Afterwards the group returned to camp and dried out, and the rock-climbing party returned. Over the evening meal and afterwards the children swopped stories of the day's adventures. Before bed, the children went to Rock beach where collections of crabs, shells,and stones were made.

Everyone slept soundly that night!

On Friday the two groups swopped activities and again everyone had a marvellous time. It didn't rain, and because it was much warmer more people from the rock-climbing group ended up in the river, for some reason.

For those going on the Tri-Star, the sea looked very calm as we left Padstow. It was a sunny day

but we were advised to sit at the back of the Tri-Star. We soon discovered why! The sea was choppy. Choppier than Thursday's boat trip, but it was great fun, although we didn't see any puffins. They obviously thought it was better to stay inside that day. The dipping of the Tri-Star didn't stop the children eating chocolate, crisps and having fizzy drinks.

After the day's activities, both groups met up at the ford near Devil's Jump, and the convoy returned to school where it was met by the parents.

Many thanks are due to Mrs Barclay for organising the camp, to Mrs Old, Mr Barclay, Mrs Metters and Mrs Giles for their invaluable help in running the camp and helping clear up. Thanks also to Mrs Hicks who taught Mrs Barclay's class while she was away.

We took nearly one hundred photos between us, and these are on display in the school library for anyone who is interested to come and look at, along with other items of interest. Some of the photos will shortly be on display in St Breward Post Office.

JB.

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** TEMPLE GYMKHANA on 15th June raised over £209. Our grateful thanks to that hardy band of stalwarts, their friends and supporters. **

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COFFEE SHOP OPEN ST BREWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL
W ednesdays 10.00am - 11.30am.

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Memories of times past.

I am very pleased to be asked to write my memories of Blisland. My first visit was as a very small child - too young to remember my first impression. My father was on the staff of Sir Warwick Morshead & we lived in a small cottage on his estate at Binfield, a small Berkshire village.

In 1886 he built Tregaddick and from then on the whole household moved from Binfield to Blisland every year from May to October. What a move that was ! staff, dogs, horses, cat and a tremendous amount of luggage.

The journey down on the GWR was all very exciting for we children as my Mother and her three daughters went too. We were met at Bodmin Road by horse drawn vehicles for the last part of the journey. I now realise what a priviledge it was for during my childhood I grew to know the people of the village and the beautiful countryside.

Our first summers at Blisland were spent at Cassacawn with Mr & Mrs Jory. Living on a farm was wonderful for we children & we were allowed to join in all the activities - learning to milk, collecting eggs & helping in the dairy. Then there was Polly, the mare, and we journeyed far with Polly and the trap. I remember going miles out on the moor to cut peat. This was used for the fire on the hearth in the back kitchen - on this the pans of milk were put to scald. Then came the separator - quite a magic machine in those days with its musical churn.

On a certain day in the week the regrador called with his horse drawn vehicle. He was the man who bought surplus dairy produce but he also sold groceries.

There were two shops on the Green - the one next to the Royal Oak belonged to the Rich family and the two daughters served in the shop, both were charming ladies. It is nice to know that Mr & Mrs Rich's grand-daughter now lives there.

The other shop was at the opposite side of the village green and it was also the Post Office.

After spending several summers at Cassacawn we moved to Tor and from there to a house at Tregenna - next door to the Master's family & their children were our playmates. As Miss Blake the junior school mistress, lived opposite we all walked to school with her, passing on the walk the stone mason at the side of the lane splitting up the elvin & piling it up in a very tidy heap all ready for road repairs.

The school was at Waterloo where Mr Jory was the Headmaster. I give great praise to him and his staff. In the tiny cottage by the school gate lived Mrs Gill. She was a very kind lady, especially to the children who walked miles across the moor to reach school. She dried out their wet clothes and warmed their dinner pasties.

On Sunday mornings there was Sunday School in the room on the Green, before we went to church. I think I remember we all had to know by heart the collect for each Sunday.

Then in 1914 came the break, our schooling came first - we had to stay in Binfield. In 1922 Lady Morshead died and Tregaddick had a new occupant. For several years then we had no contact with the village. However in 1955 a most unexpected thing happened. My husband and I were on holiday in Switzerland and had bought the Daily Telegraph, for no special reason I ran my eye down the obituary column and saw that a death had occured at Tregaddick Hotel, Blisland. At once I explained that I must go back there. So in the Spring of 1956 we booked rooms in the normal way at Tregaddick. My sister and her husband came too. We duly arrived & were having tea when a message was brought to us."Are you Miss Jacobs?"-"Yes."- "Would you please call on Mrs Keats at The Mill". Then on the following day we set out for Jubilee Rock. Having difficulty in finding it I asked help from a young man on a tractor. After giving instructions he said " You are coming up to see my Mother". I just couldn't believe it for this lady was Cissie Masters (Mrs Willcox) - the lad was Tony..

To this day we have never been able to find out

how the news got around that we were back.

Since 1956 we have returned to Tregaddick every year for a Spring Holiday and now we go in Autumn as well.

Through all these years we have been able to join in the joys and sorrows of our friends. I still miss Wilfred Masters very much as he could always answer any questions I asked about the past. I still think of Gwen as Mrs Jory's "little maid".

The village remains almost unchanged, but life for it's people has become much easier. Often during the very hot summers the wells would run dry - this meant some of the villagers having to carry water for quite long distances.

One of our favourite walks is along the old railway line from Tregaddick to Helland and returning through the woods. A few years ago as we were approaching Helland we heard from behind us the whistle of the approaching train. We hurried to a gateway & to our utmost surprise the train almost stopped & the driver leaned out of his cab & asked us if we were going far. I am sorry we spoke the truth for I am sure he would have given us a lift. Sad to say the train is now no more.

I would like to say "Thank you" to all the people in the village who make us so welcome, and especially to Mr & Mrs Partridge at Tregaddick.

Ethel Hawthorne.

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BLISLAND W.I. ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW

WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

Doors open 7pm. Official opening 7.45 by Mrs Sue Oliver.

Refreshments. Trash & Treasure Trough

Sale of Produce to follow.

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This is an Open Show.

Entries to be staged 10.30am - 12.30pm

Schedules available from Mrs Vause.

NORTH CORNWALL HUNT

TERRIER & PET DOG SHOW

JULY 31st BUTTS PARK, ST TUDY.

6pm Judging 6.30pm Pet dogs

followed by Terriers.

Stalls and sideshows. Teas.

1st ST BREWARD SCOUTS.

The first meeting of the 'Beavers' for boys aged 6-8 years was held on the 14th June.

Meetings are held weekly from 6pm - 7.15 at the Village Hall, St Breward.

Anyone who is interested please come along, or for further information 'phone Bod 850815

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

All officers were re-elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The balance sheet was presented and it was decided on limited expenditure to repair or renew some of the items damaged in the play areas.

Arising from the proposals at the Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council received letters from many firms and business people supporting the request to the County Council for improvements to Wenford Hill and bridge. These were sent to the County Surveyor and a meeting was arranged between these officers, Mr Harry Northcott, County Councillor and the Parish Council, who inspected the area and various proposals are being investigated.

While the workmen and compressor are in St Breward we have been informed that an effort will be made to remove some of the rocks in Tuckingmill Hill. MH.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

Only a small number of members arrived to the May meeting but the general discussion of the resolutions for the AGM was lively and a surprising amount of relevant information was volunteered to sort out points arising.

Mrs V Busbridge had aslo been our delegate to the Spring Council Meeting in Truro and gave us a good report of the items raised there.

At last we managed to raise enough people to use the Community Bus for our evening at the Group Meeting at St Lawrences which made for a much more "party outing" feeling.

Six of us went to the Bodmin Indoor Bowling rink to learn a little about the game before entering the competition in the autumn; we had a very good coach who taught us as much as possible in the two hours available, but unfortunately it is not easy to book the rink because of the many competitive games played there.

The St Breward Playgroup Open Day was well attended by members; I found it very interesting to see how competently the children were cared for at different stages in their development.

I paid a flying visit to Mrs Sue Oliver's Coffee Morning which raised a lot of money towards the cost of the Show marquee; speaking of which - four of our members have volunteered to help with teas on the Saturday there, an endurance test for feet and fingers, so good luck to them.

Because of trouble with WI funds in various institutes a set of guidelines has been produced which our treasurer, Mrs I Donald, discussed at the meeting.

Mrs P Bousfield has suggested another walk to look at recent findings near Temple, all we need is decent weather to make it a most enjoyable day. By the time we had enjoyed a social chat over our supper the evening was nearly over & closed with a word game won by Mrs Bousfield.

 Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

The month of May and the first part of June was full of action for our WI. Apart from the normal monthly meeting we attended the Group Meetingheld in the Foster Hall, St Lawrence Hosp. the Spring Council Meeting at Truro & finally our round of activities culminated in doing a stint at the Royal Cornwall Show serving teas in the WI tent.

At the monthly meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs Donald from St Breward who is our Link delegate at the AGM in London this year. The resolutions to be presented at the Meeting covered such diverse subjects as'Help for drug addicts', 'Acid rain', 'world food,''death grant' and a Federation rule that a lively & varied discussion took place. Mrs Donald was given our instructions on how to vote on each subject and we are looking forward to her return visit to hear the results of her great day in the Metropolis. The competition 'Craft for the R.C.S.' was won by Mrs A Pierce and the raffle by Mrs M Horton. The admirable refreshments were supplied & served by Mrs Pierce & Mrs M Webber.

The trip to Truro for the CFWI Spring Council Meeting was attended by Mrs M Webber and myself. It was a most enjoyable day & it was interesting listening to the talks on Rural Transport & the vulnerable elderly in the community. The main speaker of the day was Capt. Peter Jackson M.N. retires Master of the Queen ElizabethII. His career in the Mercha nt Navy serving in the main with the Cunard Line was very eventful & at times quite hilarious. Capt. Jackson was a joy to listen to.

The Group Meeting in Bodmin was very well attended by all five Institutes. The Speaker was Mrs Cooper J.P. who spoke of her childhood & adult life in Spain, only leaving because of the Spanish Civil War. Listening to Mrs Cooper & reflecting on how much simpler life seemed to be in those days. I wondered if we place too much importance on

material things & lost sight of the real things in life. But I digress - the entertainment was given by Miss Rosemary Rowe & a friend - they sang a miscellany of songs so beautifully & their voices blended so well that the rest of the evening went far too quickly. We all came away feeling we had had a super time.

On Friday 7th June five of us set off for the Royal Cornwall Show. Mrs D Miller, Mrs A Pierce, Mrs M Horton, Mrs I Willcocks and myself reported to the WI tent at noon to serve teas from then until 6.30pm. We were joined by Mrs S Vause whose extra pair of hands were most welcome. When I tell you we used over 90 pints of milk it may give you some idea of the number of teas we served. By 6.30pm we were all feeling a little frayed at the edges but in spite of our aching limbs we unanimously agreed we had enjoyed it. Now our next big event is our Produce Show on Wednesday July 24th. your schedule (Blisland delivery) was included in last month Parish Mag. but if you have mislaid it more are available from Mrs Vause. Look forward to seeing you on 24th July.

Eileen Walford.

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St Breward WI speaker for July 16th will be Miss Elizabeth Johnston, and the competition "any item made locally" - lots of scope there.

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ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY July 7th.
Preacher at 11am Mr C.Irons of Wadebridge.
Preacher at 2.30 & 6pm Mrs Pamela Luke of Penzance.
At 2.30pm the children will give a Demonstration Service called "The Jigsaw Message".

Wed 10th July Anniversary tea at 5pm for children. 5.30pm for parents and friends, followed by a repeat of the Demonstration Service.

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

May 21st was a social afternoon. Arrangements were made for our next outing. Miss Rowe again organised her very popular game and we all indulged in tea and chat.

The meeting on June 4th was in the capable hands of our deputy, Mrs Miller, as I was unable to attend. Mrs Billing's talk on her recent holiday to Majorca, I understand, was well received, unfortunately I missed the pleasure of hearing about it.

Mrs M Webber won the competition 'Arrangemant of flowers in wine glass'. Our next meeting on June 20th will be open and we hope to have entertainment by friends from Bodmin & an auction for funds.

Gwen Masters.

NB. Miss Rowe had a fall in her garden and spent a while in hospital getting pinned back!! We are pleased to report that 'Auntie Mil' is back in the village and making good progress - it was some quiet while she was in Truro..

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St Breward Rechabites Results for Temperance Knowledge Exam.

Mark Prout 100%
Matthew Teague 99%
Janet Prout 93%

Robin Teague won first prize £10 in a National Word Puzzle Competition and Highly Recommended in a competition to advertise your home village for visitors in 10 words.

Well done to them all. NT.

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* ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVES' HORSE SHOW, *
* Gymkhana at Palmers by kind permission *
* of Mr & Mrs Robin Clarkson. *
* AUGUST 17th Details from Miss V.R. *
* Cholmeley, Deaconstow, St Breward. *
* Bodmin. (s.a.e.please) *

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EUROPEAN MUSIC YEAR

St Breward and a number of Primary Schools in the North Cornwall District are participating in a Primary Schools Music Day at St James Smith's School. They will then hold CONCERTS on Wed 3rd & Thursday 4th at 7pm at Sir James Smith School.

Admission 50p Adults and 25p Children & O.A.P.
Tickets available from St Breward School.

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