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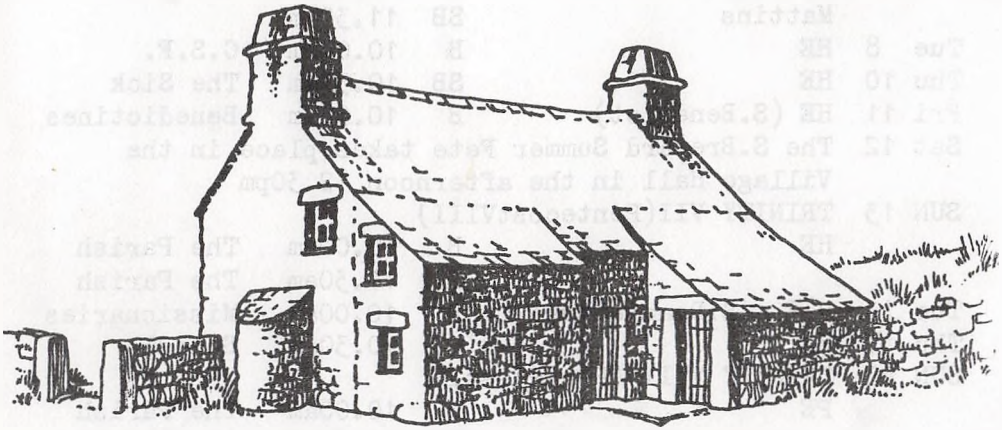

LOWER POLPRY CA. 1900 ?

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY 1986.

(From Monday, 30th June to Saturday, 5th July the Parish Priest conducts the Sister' Retreat at the Convent of Jesus the Good Shepherd at West Ogwell, Devonshire.)

				Intention:
Thu 3	H.E.	SB	10.30am	Unity
Sat 5	The Re-Opening Services at St Breward Methodist Church 3pm & 7pm.			
SUN 6	TRINITY VI(PentecostVII)			
	PE (BCP)	B	10.00am	Unity
	Mattins	SB	11.30am	
Tue 8	HE	B	10.00am	C.S.F.
Thu 10	HE	SB	10.30am	The Sick
Fri 11	HE (S.Benedict)	B	10.00am	Benedictines
Sat 12	The S.Breward Summer Fete takes place in the Village Hall in the afternoon 2.30pm			
SUN 13	TRINITY VII(PentecostVIII)			
	HE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		SB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue 15	H.E. S.Bonaventure	B	10.00am	Missionaries
Thu 17	HE	SB	10.30am	Schools
SUN 20	TRINITY VIII (PentecostIX			
	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		SB	11.30am	The Parish
	Evensong Temple		3.00pm	
Tue 22	HE S.Mary Magdalene	B	10.00am	S.M.M. Paddington
Thu 24	HE	SB	10.30am	Hospitals
Fri 25	HE S.James	B	10.00am	Teachers
Sat 26	HE S.Anne & S.Joachim	B	10.00am	Parents
SUN 27	TRINITY IX (PentecostX)			
	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		SB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue 29	HE S.Martha	B	10.00am	Housewives
Thu 31	HE S.Ignatius of Loyola	SB	10.30am	S.R.C.

(Note: C.S.F. is the Community of St Francis and S.R.C. is the Society of Retreat Conductors)

The Flower Festival at Blisland takes place from Friday 1st August to Monday 4th August. *

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

This pastoral letter has not been written whilst I was away on a working holiday. The latter was so full of engagements that I had time only to send post cards to Sister Mary Francis and some of the sick folk in my parishes.

On my return, I learned of the death of Joan Hunt and one of my first pastoral duties was to officiate at her funeral. This was a most moving and memorable occasion. St Breward Church was full to overflowing. Joan was a wonderful wife and mother. During her illness I had the privilege of ministering to her and her serenity and acceptance of suffering I shall always remember. She will be well remembered by her family and friends. We thank God for her and rejoice that she is now in paradise and at rest and in peace.

You may like to know what I did whilst I was away from my parishes. Fisrt of all I conducted a Retreat for layfolk in Kent. Silence was kept, apart from corporate worship and the addresses, and it was during periods of silence that people learned more about God and themselves. All of us,in our daily lives, should keep periods of silence during which we can listen to what God has to say to us. We say our morning and evening prayers and read our Bibles but then we must meditate upon a passage of scripture and, by doing so, learn to listen to what God wishes us to learn about ourselves and what He wants us to do for Him and for others. Christians must radiate joy and this means, as I have said before, putting Jesus first, others second and oneself (yourself) last.

From Kent I proceeded to Ely, Norwich and Cambridge in all of which places I have old friends and in which I made new ones. Ely and Norwich have magnificant cathedrals in which it is a joy to worship though as I appreciated their architecture and atmosphere I recalled that of our churches of Blisland, St Breward and Temple. At Norwich, I was asked to read the first lesson at Evensong.

It was Joshua, Chapter 2. It seemed to take a long time. I realised too late that I had been reading Chapter 3 as well. From Norwich I accompanied a priest friend of mine to Walsingham where at the Shrine of Our Lady I remembered all the sick folk in our parishes. We also went to Worstead (the church houses a number of looms) where the villagers took part in a procession on the Feast of Corpus Christ. In Cambridge, I called to see Bishop Michael, Minister General of the Franciscan Order, who was recently Bishop of St Germans and at a village near Cambridge I preached at the Silver Jubilee Eucharist of a priest whom I had not seen since he was a schoolboy. His is a very lively parish in which a great number of people (young and old) attend Church regularly.

From Cambridge I went to Lincoln. Here I stayed with an old friend of mine who had just had laser beam treatment for his eyes and so I was able to act as his guide. There was a magnificent procession in the Cathedral to the shrine of St Hugh of Lincoln. Not far from Lincoln is Retford where a former verger of mine was in a Nursing Home. He has defective lungs (I noticed an oxygen cylinder by the side of his armchair and another by his bedside) and suffers from other serious ailments as well but has accepted his condition and radiates joy and comfort to all the other patients there.

It was time to make my way home. I returned to the Retreat House in Kent for a short private Retreat and then headed west via Somerset where I was able to visit two old friends who were my churchwardens at my first Cure of Souls. It's a small world. I discovered from their Parish Priest that he had been born in the same parish as Miss Margaret Clarabut. And so, back to Blisland, St Breward and Temple.

May God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

PLEASE NOTE... ST PRATTS TO BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY 21st September..

PARISH REGISTERS.

Angela Sheila (4) youngest daughter of Ivor and Sheila Dowrick was christened at Blisland Church on 24th May. The Rev. Roger Mitchell conducted the service during the Parish Eucharist.

Mrs Joan Hunt (53) died at her home in St Breward on 7th June and interred in St Breward Churchyard June 12th.

Claude Prout (77) died in East Cornwall Hospital on June 11th and buried in St Breward Churchyard June 17th.

Both Joan Hunt nee Pierce and Claude Prout will be sadly missed in both parishes. The Pierce family lived up at Pendrift for many years. I was present at the 85th Anniversary Social of St Breward Silver Band when Micky Hunt was given such a splendid presentation but one had the feeling that it was equally a recognition of the help and co-operation that Joan had given him.

Claude Prout had lived at Carbaglet Farm (Mag 26 May'82) for thirty odd years after moving there with his bride in 1936 and moved to Hantergantick with his son ~~Brian~~ Keith after Dorothy Prout died.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to both families.

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TEMPLE CHURCH.

Sunday 15th June was a really beautiful summers day and the church was full when the Evensong included the dedication of 38 chairs, with commemorative plaques. Temple and Blisland families came from as far as Bodmin and Launceston.

Our thanks to Barbara Sharp and Mary, Elaine Bray and Mrs Janes for all the effort put into the project and hard work attaching the plaques, and cleaning and polishing, and the floral decoration, making it a joy to visit Temple and having a lovely service.

The next Evensong will be on 20th July at 3pm.

ST BREWARD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

FRIDAY 18th JULY at 6.30pm.

The British Red Cross collection in St Breward totalled £77.61.

APOLOGIES. In 'Miss Blanche Hill remembers' in the penultimate paragraph it should have read "my Father died in 1917 aged only 57 " - not in 1957. our typing error. I also regret to say that you will not be getting a real cheap trip to Thorpe Park with Webbers - good value it may be but not £2 - £14.is the correct fare.

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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
Mid-Cornwall Branch.

There will be a house-to-house collection in Blisland during the week 7 - 12th July. Then on Sunday 20th they will be having their annual outing to Blisland and having a Pint and Pasty on the Village Green.

Maureen and Arthur Chipman have been elected to the Committee and hope to hold some fund raising events during the summer, so watch out for a Coffee Morning in August.

The village did a fantastic amount of fund-raising a few years ago to provide electric wheelchairs for local sufferers. But before that time we had the indomitable Barry Pethick, the most courageous and cheerful man that I have ever had the good fortune to meet - and if one can help people like him then it is time and effort very well spent.

The Pint and Pasty party will start about mid-day so if you have a spare hour, come along and wander around the Green. They may even have a small stall which helps towards their funds.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH.

The members of Blisland Methodist Church would like to thank all who attended their anniversary on Sunday 15th June and made it such a happy and uplifting occasion.

The singing by 'Day Break', a group of girls from Camelford was very much appreciated.

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FOOLS CORNER.

Well, for my sins I am about to enter my fifth year in this hot seat!! and I honestly don't know where the time has gone. Looking back over a list of subjects we've covered we seem to have dabbled into everything except sex and party politics - and no sane editor tackles them.

I have been very lucky to have had Mrs Chadburn and the Bousfields producing memories and histories, and Paul to produce front covers that have been very different from the normal Parish Mag. Mary Sharp has added a new youthful dimension with her enthusiasm for Guiding.

As we were expecting-Gateway(International) stopped the Tuesday bus so we are without mid-week transport to Bodmin. And 'Hello Presto' and 'Goodbye Liptons' - another old familiar store gone, it only needs Woolworths to sell out and the face of Fore St will have been changed beyond recognition. I'd love to have a time switch and hop back thirty years - a weekend in the Royal Hotel and the chance to buy some Chiltonian biscuits from Hellen's high class grocers, and get back to London on a tank of petrol for £2.10shillings. (£2.50p) Heigh-ho..

So the Sunday Trading Bill failed to get through Parliament - what a pity! The present laws on Sunday Trading are, and have been for many years, unfair and it was time we had a clean sweep. I refused to sign the petition on the premise that it's supposed to be a free country, and this is a poor law. I did have a casual glance at the signatures on the list - not too many were churchgoers - or shopkeepers..

LOWER POLPRY COTTAGE, BLISLAND

On the Metherin road beyond Cassacawn, just down the hill from Polpry, stands the ruined cottage of Lower Polpry. The ruin, half buried and totally overgrown until partly cleaned up last summer by its previous owner Alfred Church, seems nearly lost to local memory and only familiar to those few who have at some time lived close by.

Lower Polpry received attention last summer when we, the new owners, successfully sought planning permission to restore it to what it may have been when last lived in. Before we begin actual restoration work, we want to learn as much as possible about the history of the building and particularly what it looked like when last used, around the turn of the century. To this end we seek people who knew or know of the property before its decline. Many people have already been generous with their time and patient with our questions and we wish to sincerely thank them. Unfortunately we have as yet only fragmentary descriptions of the building itself.

We have learned that until 1945 when Charlie Cawrse purchased the surrounding farm from the Molesworth-St Aubyn Estate the farm was tenanted, and from Blisland School records we have the names of some families who lived there.

1914 - Muriel Harrison
1910 - Evelyn Harrison
1906 - Sidney Harrison
1903 - Irwin Carne
1894 - Joseph Phillips
1892 - Hilda Maude Phillips
1890 - John Parsons
1883 - Thomas Bate
1881 - Meheneot Northcott

From other earlier records we know that John and Jane Rowe lived at Lower Polpry and their daughter Mary Ann was christened in 1875.

Around 1865 a Blisland Church sexton named Joseph Northcott lived there with his wife, a midwife, and their son Nehamiah.

In 1841 Thomas and Mary Rowe lived there with 1 year old Richard. We have found a wine bottle medallion dated 1743 which bears the name William Kempthorn, and the historian Maclean mentions Thomas Robyn living at Polpry in the reign of Elizabeth I.

Architectural features on the site clearly point to a building begun in the early 1600s, and having a number of

later structural changes. The sketch shown is a possible reconstruction of what Lower Polpry looked like before abandonment sometime around the turn of the century. As we wish to restore the cottage as closely as possible to what it was, we would very much like to contact anyone who has recollections of the property, information or photographs. A photograph would of course be invaluable for accurate restoration, and however small the chance, we hope that someone will discover one in their possession and let us see it!

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ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

The coffee evening held at Edgehill, St Breward, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs C Hawken raised £82 towards Church funds. Mr and Mrs Hawken would like to thank all those who supported this event.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

There are vacancies for the months July, September and October, any person willing to assist with this task would be welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Sunday 28th September at 11.30am
Tuesday 30th September Evensong at 7pm followed by supper

ST BREWARD CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 12th July at 2.30pm

Children's Fancy Dress Competition, Bowls, Skittles etc.
VARIOUS STALLS:
White Elephant - Mr & Mrs Bousfield. Chance - Mrs Y Crowle
Fancy - Mrs J Greenaway. Plant & Veg- Mrs Cholmely
Bottle - Miss V Cholmely/Mrs Hutton
Cake - Mrs G Masters/Mrs Hollister
Refreshments - Mrs J Hawken

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SCOUTING RULES OK ! By Mary Sharp

Last month I told you about the fun I had doing Scout activities, so this month I have decided to give you a report on our local St.Breward Scout Group. The boys do not only come from St Breward, it is very much an area concern, as there are members from Longstone, St Mabyn, St Tudy and St Teath, but at present there are no young lads from Blisland. How long will this be the case?

The group consists of three sections:
The BEAVERS, boys aged between 6 and 8, are led by Mrs B Hoskin and meet on Friday nights in the Village Hall. During the summer months, some meetings are outdoors. Recently they have visited Jubilee Rock and have also been to Nine Ashes, the County Scout Campsite, near Pencarrow.

The CUB section has boys between 8 and 11. They have two leaders, Mr J Turner and Mr R Stiff (Bodmin). The main talking point amongst the Cubs is the Summer Camp being planned, where activities may include trails and outdoor cooking, at Nine Ashes.

This year, Cubs all over the World are celebrating their 70th Anniversary. They all have a bright coloured badge on their uniforms to commemorate 1986. Baden-Powells first Cub group started in 1916, but the strong and united spirit is still very much present.

St Brewards active SCOUT section has boys between 11 and 15½ taking part in an ambitious programme, led by Mr R Winn. They attended a district camp in May, and several went on a Pioneering Weekend near Wadebridge. Some more activities are being planned including an energetic hike and a possible camp, as well as their annual summer camp. They await the Annual County Scout Camping Competition in September with high hopes of a vast improvement on last years result.

Last Autumn, they attempted to start up a VENTURE SCOUT unit so that young gents AND ladies between16 and 20 could have a movement in the area, but this collapsed because of a lack of leaders. This is a great shame, as there is determination amongst the young folk.

New members are VERY WELCOME to any of the 3 sections. It is definately a worthwhile organisation to join, with

lots of fun to be had from its activities. The experience is great, and I have learned a lot through this movement.

I intend to continue , hopefully becoming a leader when I am older, as there is a great need for more help with all sections, not only in St Breward, but all over the country.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

In May we discuss the resolutions to be put before the AGM in London - this always seems to put members off, but in reality it is not so bad! The subjects are up to the minute - punishment for child molesters, the need for more information about AIDS, the Channel tunnel (to be or not to be), inspection of hospital kitchens. With more information about more each subject we could have talked all night! Mrs w Gurr, the link delegate from Bodisland, will take our votes for and against to the AGM. Mrs Holmes thanked all those members who had worked so hard to make our Group Meeting a success, especially those presenting the play.

A reminder was given about the Coffee Morning at Mrs P Bridge's home; this has now taken place and has raised over £22 for WI funds.

Members were asked if they would like to have a summer outing this year, and several suggestions were discussed; at present the idea of going to Polkerris WI for tea in the has the most approval, so anyone who was not at the meeting will you please remember that this is in the pipeline in early July.

After all this there was not a lot of time left for playing games except for a word game before a lovely supper was served, contributed to by all the members bringing enough for one person. Lots of chatter, no competitions this month.

In July we have a local speaker, Mrs Mit Barber, who will be talking on how nutrition can help overcome the ailments of our modern society; probably most of us at some time have thought that a better diet could cure our aches and pains so here is your chance to find out! DO COME.

ANN HOLMES.

- ST BREWARD SILVER BAND will be playing every Thursday until 28th August at Port Isaac at 7.45pm.
- Flora dance and Band concert

BLISLAND

We had the great pleasure of welcoming 2 prospective members at our May meeting. Mrs Garvey and Mrs Munn came along to see what the WI was all about. I introduced them them to all the members present and then got on with the business which included the final arrangements for Mrs Wendy Gurrs trip to the AGM in the Albert Hall and our visit to Truro for the Spring Council Meeting. The Resolutions discussion followed and I was a little apprehensive that our visitors might find it dull. But all to the contrary they both took an active part and were helpful with their professional advice and information. The subjects which I mentioned in last months magazine were thoroughly debated and Wendy was left in no doubt as to how we wished her to vote for us on the various resolutions. After all the talking that went on we were all gasping for the cups of tea and refreshments supplied by Mrs Marjorie Webber and Mrs Audrey Pierce. Mrs Gwen Masters performed the hat trick and won the raffle and the competition which this month was an arrangement of flowers in a wine glass. The following Thursday morning most of us met up again at the County Treasurers home at Withiel, for a fund-raising coffee morning (to help with the cost of the WI Marquee at the RCS) and we had a most enjoyable time. There was a plant stall - need I say more! Then that evening we all went to St Neot for their celebration of Oak Apple day. They hoist an Oak tree branch up to the top of the Church and it stays there for the whole year. There were stalls and refreshments and of course the raffle. It was a pity it was so cold but at least it kept fine. On Saturday 24th May Mrs Wendy Gurr and I went to the Spring Council meeting at Truro. All very interesting but the talk on "The Preservation of Cornish Hedgerows" proved very popular and Brian Mansell CC surveyor came under a lot of fire - the main topic, the way the hedges are mutilated by machines. Apparently it is NOW recognised that experts are needed to drive these machines and men are now being trained.

July heralds the Produce Show. I know that the cold, wet spring has made everything late but I'm sure you'll find some thing in your garden to show. If not from the garden, what about the Cookery Class or Flower Arranging - I'm sure there

is SOMETHING you can take part in. It would be marvellous if we could have a bumper crop of everything from all classes this year. Schedules are obtainable from the Post Office. Date to remember 31st JULY 1986. Our speaker for July is Mr John King from Laveddon Nurseries and his subject "House Plants". As a born killer of anything in a pot I look forrd to his talk.

EILEEN WALFORD.

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ATTENTION ALL KARL FANDANGO CAR OWNERS!

Coming soon to the Highways and byways of Blisland and St Breward - and event that the RAC Lombard team would be proud of.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Then after taking the Porshe for a spin, relax in a good atmosphere.
BE THERE! MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH...

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BLISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

36th Annual Produce Show on

30th July,1986 Doors open 7p.m.

Vegetable, fruit, flower, pot plant classes

floral arrangements, childrens classes.

cookery, preserve and produce classes.

Come along and have a try. Schedules available.

Entries to Village Hall 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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

On May 20th we welcomed Mrs Shirley, our previous County Organizer, who showed us a varied collection of unusual jewellery; One item being a bracelet, made of silver and enamel, a gift to compress Josephine from Napoleon, which was part of a set. Rare stones in Victorian settings, cameo buckles etc, all very interesting indeed.

The coach for Padstow had to be cancelled owing to lack of support, members deciding to make up parties for shorter journeys using their own cars, or to take advantage of Webbers Travel for longer outings.

The competition "Favourite piece of jewellery."was won by Mrs Miller, with a ring.

June 3rd was an active afternoon when Mrs Gurr and Mrs Bullbeck gave a session of flower arranging, inviting members to try their skill, which produced some very good efforts. Mrs Gurr kindly gave a lovely arrangement of Apple Blossom and Carnations and a magnificent Rhododendron bloom in a bud vase and Mrs Bullbeck donated a charming basket of Lilies of the Valley, all to be raffled for funds.

They were both heartily thanked for a lovely afternoon.

The competition "flower; one stem", was won by Miss Rowe for her Soloman's Seal.

G M MASTERS

RETURN THANKS

Brian, Josie, Mark and Matthew Harding would like to say thank you very much to everyone who helped in any way while Brian was a patient in the Rheumatology Unit at Truro Hospital. Special thanks to Fr. Edwin Stark and St Breward Church congregation for their prayers to us. Brian is now home and getting better every day. May God bless you all.

THE HARDING FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS- to Olver Harris (June1983) on being re-elected as Mayor of Launceston.

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August trips.

5th Day trip to St Agnes Model Village & World in Miniature, Goonhavern.
7th Day trip to Bicton Park & Exeter.
12th Day tour of Garden Centres.
14th - 17th Long Weekend in Bournemouth.
14th Day trip to Thorpe Park, Surrey.
19th Day trip to Truro & Falmouth.
25th Day trip to Alton Towers, Staffs.
28th Day trip to Exeter & St Bridget Nurseries.

September trips.

6th Day trip to Farnborough Air Show.
13th - 20th Week at St Helier, Jersey.

October.

11-12th Mini Weekend in London & Horse of the Year Show.
31-2nd Nov. Long Weekend in Blackpool to visit the Illuminations.

November

1-3rd Mini Weekend in London & London-Brighton Veteran Car Rally.
15th Day trip to London and Caravan & Camping Exhibition.

December

4th Day visit to Royal Smithfield Show in London.
13th Day visit to London for Xmas Shopping & to see Lights.

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