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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1986.

						Intention:
Wed	3	St Gregory the Great				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		The Bishop of Truro.
Thu	4	Holy Eucharist	St B	10.30am		All Farmers
SUN	7	TRINITY XV(Pentecost XVI)				
		Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am		The Parish
		Mattins	St B	11.30am		The Parish
Mon	8	The Nativity of Our Lady				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am.		All Mothers
Thu	11	Holy Eucharist	St B	10.30am.		Local Schools
Sat	13	St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		The Persecuted
SUN	14	TRINITY XVI (Pentecost XVII)				The Parish
		Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am.		
		Parish Eucharist	St B	11.30am.		
Mon	15	Our Lady of Sorrows				Mourners.
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		
Wed	17	Votive for Priests				The Parish
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		Priest
Thu	18	Votive for Priests				"
		Holy Eucharist	St B	10.30am.		
SUN	21	S.MATTHEW, Apostle				The Parish
		Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am		
		Parish Eucharist	St B	11.30am.		
		Procession to St Pratt's Cross with the St Breward Silver Band at 3.00pm, followed by tea in the Village Institute & Evensong at 6.00pm.				
Mon	22	SS Protus & Hyacinth				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		All Martyrs
Thu	25	SS Cosmas & Damian				
		Holy Eucharist	St B	10.30am		All Doctors
Sat	27	St Vincent de Paul				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		All Missionaries
SUN	28	SS PROTUS & HYACINTH				
		Parish Eucharist	B	10.00am		The Parish
		Harvest Thanksgiving	St B	11.30am	PE	Thanksgiving.
Mon	29	St Michael & All Angels				
		Holy Eucharist	B	10.00am		Bishop Michael SSF
Tue	30	St Jerome HE	B	10.00am		Theologians.
		Evensong at St Breward 7pm (Preacher:Father Sargisson) followed by Harvest Supper in St Breward Village Hall.				

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

One of the things which I have found most moving since I became your Parish Priest has been the wonderful way in which the whole community of our respective parishes attends the funeral of one of its members who has died.

This was the case when the funeral service for the late Ralph Parnell took place in Blisland Church last month. He was well respected in all our parishes. Many will remember him as a member of the farming community and as a coach driver responsible for taking children to school. Old and young will miss him greatly. Maud, Mabel and Fred at Merry Meeting will miss him most of all and to them we continue to extend our sympathy and to assure them of our prayers in their sorrow.

There are two occasions this month when I hope that the whole community of Blisland & St Breward will come to church. The occasion at Blisland will be its Patronal Festival. This will begin, on the Eve of the Feast of St Protus & Hyacinth - Sunday 21st September at 3pm with the annual procession to St Pratt's Celtic Cross accompanied by the St Breward Silver Band. On Monday, 22nd September the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 10am in honour of our Patron Martyr Saints and on Sunday, 28th September the Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 10am in their honour. If you have not attended Blisland Church recently you will find that the Parish Eucharist is a service in which the whole congregation participates. The singing is improving and the people make all the responses in the service. This is as it should be. The Parish Priest and his people cooperate in offering the Holy Eucharist, reverently, sincerely and joyfully.

The occasion at St Breward is on Tuesday, 30th September at 7pm when Father Conrad Sargisson will be the preacher at Evensong. Afterwards the Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall. The singing at St Breward is led by Joey Greenaway who not only plays the organ but also sings as she plays. Incidentally, Rhoda Rickard performs the same dual role at Blisland. In both parishes

we must not only pray together reverently but also sing together joyfully though, of course, during the penitential season of Lent our singing is a little solemn because we prepare for the Passion of Our Lord.

This letter is written in haste because the Parish Paper has to go to press earlier this month but, in conclusion, may I make a personal request. On Wednesday 17th September I keep the thirty-sixth anniversary of my ordination to the Preisthood and I would be grateful for your prayers for me and for all Parish Priests. Nowadays most of the have more than one Cure of Souls which means, not least, that they rely on the loyalty and support of their congregations and the communities in which they serve but most important of all they rely on their prayers.

God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

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PARISH REGISTERS

The death occurred on July 26th of William Frank Ralph Parnell (72 years) at Merrymeeting Farm, Blisland. The funeral service was well attended at Blisland Church on July 30th followed by cremation at Penmount.

A daughter, Vicki, was safely delivered to Gillian and Jeff Hollister on 21st July.

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I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing Sonia Murrell a very speedy recovery from her recent nasty accident outside Blisland pub. A pair of broken legs is no joke at the best of times and certainly not to our pet hairdresser.

GET WELL SOON .

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A daughter, Emily Rachel, was safely delivered to Cora and Simon Draper on the 2nd August.

A Tribute to Ralph Parnell from the Parish Councillors.

The Parish Councillors were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Mr Ralph Parnell. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family.

Ralph served as a Councillor for nearly 15 years and will be greatly missed at the monthly meetings. His presence was always appreciated as one knew that his opinions were honest and straightforward. There was no deviousness with Ralph and he served the village he loved so much with loyalty & integrity.

I personally will miss him very much & the Council just will not seem the same without his humourous slant on some of the matters. Apart from his work on the Council he helped with many maintenance jobs in the Parish, the last being the mowing of the Village Green. Dear Ralph thank you for giving us the pleasure of serving with you, a character that can never be replaced.

Eileen Walford.

Ralph also served on the Village Hall Committee for several years and one of his 'efforts' was the kitchen counter. He was also a reliable and regular participator of our village Whist Drives both in the Village Hall and up at Mrs Billing's Over 60's series - our best loved 'caller' , always a load of good humoured chaff which made the 'drives' a pleasure to hold and attend.

Another interest of Ralph's was the Gymkhana Committee where he was an energetic member from the start and served for about 20 years, many of them as their Secretary.

I shall miss the toot of his hooter as he passed my house, if I was near the road he would always pull up for a natter - we never quite succeeded in putting the world to rights - but it was fun trying..

God love you Ralph. SMV.

10 Reasons for not washing.

1. Its boring.
2. I was forced to wash when I was young and it put me off for life.
3. I don't feel like washing.
4. I can't find time for it.
5. You get dirty again, so why bother?
6. I do wash for special occasions.
7. There are so many brands of soap I can't choose the right one.
8. Our bathroom is so old and dreary that it puts me off washing altogether.
9. Plenty of people do it so I leave it to them.
10. I'm not really dirty so I don't need to wash.

Unconvinced? Strangely, we use the same reasoning to excuse ourselves from church going, praying, reading the Bible etc.

W. John Young.

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The Multiple Sclerosis Society Coffee Morning.

Maureen and Arthur Chipman would like to say a very big thankyou to everyone who helped to make their Coffee Morning with varied stalls at the Village Institute on the 9th Aug, such a marvellous success.

The raffle was given by and drawn by Mrs Joan Rich - the winner was 'Chippy' with green ticket No 3 (No fiddle, everything above board!) The fruit was given back and reraffled in the evening to swell the funds even more. The Institute Raffle raised £15.00, the evening Raffle £17.60, Jumble, cakes & produce stalls £121.48, a grand total of £154.08.

The door-to-door collection in July also raised £72.74.

The Mid-Cornwall Branch would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity.

MATHS IS FUN !

Something different - all quite simple and no "modern maths" needed. There are no prizes, but the answers next month.

A family I know has several children. Each boy has as many sisters as brothers, but each of the girls has twice as many brothers as sisters. How many brothers and sisters are there?

Take the number 12345679. Multiply by 2 and you get 24691358 - all digits different. Try other multipliers. Add together all the results of multiplying by 1,2,3,4, up to 9. (Don't trust your calculator, which may not be sufficiently accurate!)

Can you make 2 squares and 4 rightangled triangles using exactly 8 straight lines?

My sock drawer contains 6 pairs of grey socks and six pairs of red socks, all jumbled up. If I look for a pair of socks in the dark (the electricity has gone again!) how many socks must I take out to be sure that I have a matching pair?

A father is 4 times his son's age. In 30 years the son will be half as old as his father. How old are they now?

A 5 foot long staff casts a shadow 2 feet long. What is the height of a steeple whose shadow at the same time is 120ft long? (Who watched the Sherlock Holmes TV about the Musgrave Ritual? No trigonometry is needed actually!)

No smoking? A 'tramp' can make a cigarette out of 6 cigarette-ends (No filter tips). How many cigarettes can be made and smoked from 36 butt-ends?

Have fun! D.G.B.

A WALK TO LANLAVERY ROCK.

Despite a grim weather forcast of rain by noon, which prevented most of the would-be walkers from turning out, a St Breward W.I. walk took place on Aug 5th from Roughto Ford to Lanlavery Rock. It was much enjoyed by the br ave souls who came and were rewarded with a dry day without a drop of rain.

After crossing the river, we turned northwards walking parallel to the St Breward parish boundary and looking out for any sign of Peverill's Cross, mentioned in the 1613 Terrier (see June magazine) but with no success. We noted how all the hut circles on the lower slopes of Roughtor were left behind us as soon as we had crossed the great boundary reeve running down the slope from Showery Tor.

As we approached the north end of the Roghtor Plantation, we passed the first of the six boundary stones marking the northern edge of St Breward parish; four more of these stand in a straight line along the far side of the plantation. We went through the gate into the clearing between Lower Moor Plantation on our left and Roughtor Plantation on our right, walking no doubt, in the steps of Charlotte Dymond and all the other people who have used this ancient track throughout the centuries.

We then struck out towards Lanlavery Rock, now in sight, where mysterious figures dodged in and out of the rocky outcrops. These proved to be army cadets on an exercise and we were warned that they were expecting an "attack" from the "enemy". Sure enough, as we sat eating our lunch in the lee of the rocks, a helicoptor came over and a line of infantry appeared over the horizon. The bangs and manoeuvres that followed were not easy to interpret and the cattle in the vicinity were as puzzled as we were.

In the distance towards Trevillian's Gate, we could just make out the Long House marked on the new O.S. I/25000 Camelford map (SX 08/18). Had we been more confident of the weather, we should have walked there and perhaps also looked at the archway stones over the

porch of Trevillian's Gate, taken from St Michael's Chapel on Roughtor.

We returned by a different route, following the parish boundary stones towards Roughtor Marsh and noting the O, presumably for Onslow, incised on some of them. The group then split up, two to visit the Long House east of Showery Tor, two to climb Roughtor and the remaining two content to return to the car park. P.B. 1986.

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Life in Cornwall.

Looking from Tors with magnificent views,
Is bliss, while sheep move to pastures anew,
Farms scattered far and wide over land,
Each one different, but all in God's hand.

In Cornwall a life full of joys is led,
Nothing destroying the beauty it has bred.

Coastlines, rugged, through weathering seas,
Old fishermen, netting in the offshore breeze.
Red sunsets, orange, pink and blue,
Night draws on with the falling dew,
Where I find happiness is here, on the hills,
Above trickling waters, marshes and mills.
Life here is something I'll always remember.
Long days in the summer, to snow in December.

Mary Sharp.

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St Breward Playgroup.

Mother and Toddlers only,
Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30.

LANXON SHEEPDOG TRIALS.

On Sunday, 10th August, at 10.30am,,the Blisland Sheepdog Trial was held at Lanxon, by kind permission of Mrs Rush and Mr Charles Rush. The weather could not have been worse, even if it had 'tried'! The torrential rain fell continuously from dawn until 12.30p.m.

However, despite the weather conditions, the trial ran very smoothly, as far as sheepdog handlers were concerned - it takes more than a"few drops of rain" to dampen their enthusiasm for trialling! - but it kept the majority of the locals away, which is reflected in the amount raised for Blisland School.

The Driving Class was won by Mr Bev Bond from Stratton, with his dog "Max" who had a very good run, and consequently won Mr Rush's Lanxon Challenge Cup. Mr George Colton, from South Petherwin, came second with his dog "Spot", and Mr Victor Bellringer from Grogley Moor, was third with his "old friend Trim".

The Hamilton Perpetual Shield, for the Best Pen and Shed was also won by Mr Bev. Bond. The judge for this class was Mr Derek Hooper from Great Draynes.

The Open Maltese Cross Class produced three good runs. First place, and taking Miss Maxine Down's Challenge Shield, was again Mr Bev. Bond with his dog "Gyp", followed by Mr George Colton with "Mac", and third place Mr Mortimore from Flushing, with his bitch "Jill". Mr Leonard Rendell of Stoke Climsland with his dog"Trim" won the Mendavision Perpetual Cup for the Best Pen and Shed in the Maltese Class. Mr Victor Bellringer was the judge for this class.

Last of the classes was the Novice. This was won by Mr Guy Old with his dog "Fred", taking Dr Bulstrode's Novice Challenge Cup, and Mr Bev,Bond was second with "Jill". Mr Mortimore with "Ross" was third. Mr Derek Hooper was judge for this class.

A special rosette went to Guy Old jnr., the youngest competitor, who showed great promise for the future with "Nell".

Brigadier Edward-Collins kindly attended the trial and presented the trophies.

The amount raised was £86.62 and after expenses a total of £52 was donated to Blisland School.

Many thanks to the ladies who donated cakes for the stall - Mrs Rush, Mrs Carhart, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Larson, Mrs Trevarthen , Sandra Matthews, Mrs Moon & Mrs Burns. Also thanks are extended to Mr & Mrs McCarron forsupplying soft drinks, sweets, pies and crisps, and for staying till the end of the trial, and to Mr J Gibson & Mr J Allott for their help.

Last, but not least, many thanks to Mr Charlie Rush for the use of his field and sheep; also for spending all day, most of which in atrocious weather conditions, proficiently handling the sheep, with help from Kevin & Peter Greenaway, and for the smooth-running of the trial.

The First Prize in the raffle, a basket of fruit, donated by Mrs Victor Bellringer, was unclaimed. After consultation with Mrs Bellringer and Mrs Rush it was decided to donate it to the East Cornwall Hospital, and it was delivered there on Tuesday, 12th August. L.B.

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St Breward Church Fete.

In spite of the miserable weather on the 12th July, the St Breward Church Fete drew a good crowd. The Band played manfully outside. The Fete was officially opened by Mrs Stella Vause, the first person to be thus honoured from Blisland, who commented that over the years since the Joint Benefice, our parishes have been steadily particpating in each others events and as Editor of the Parish Magazine was pleased to assist to that end.

Mrs Vause was presented with a carnation buttonhole, also Tokens - in appreciation for opening the Fete and for her efforts as Editor of the Parish Magazine.

Mr & Mrs Bill Whiteway had the difficult job of choosing the winners of the Childrens Fancy Dress Comp. they were presented with a buttonhole each by Clover Clarkson. The winners were:- Under 5's. 1st Zoe Metters, 2nd Gemma Hill & 3rd Joanna Dymes. 5-11 years. 1st Helen Davey, 2nd Lee Metters & 3rd James Hill. C.McS.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

Those members who arrived to hear Mrs M Barber of St Breward speak about the ways that a healthy diet can relieve the problems of arthritis among others received positive proof that this really works and I think that a few members will be consulting Mrs Barber privately to find relief from their aches and pains. Her advice is not for the faint-hearted though, but requires perseverance to gain the best results.

Mrs I Donald gave her report about the Spring Council Meeting in Truro which was held over from our last meeting. Once again she emphasised the "feeling" in the hall when so many members are gathered together, similar to that pervading the Albert Hall at the AGM.

Four volunteers were found to enter the table tennis competition in the autumn, hopefully there will be some chance to practice before then! Mrs P Bousfield has arranged another walk for Aug 5th out to Lanlevery Rock - weather permitting, but the outing to Polkerris for tea etc. has been cancelled due to lack of support for the second year running.

Unfortunately our speaker for September, Mr Atkinson, on Walking the Cornish Coastline has died suddenly; we have therefore asked Mrs Ann Hamilton to give us another demo on spinning , following the interest shown in her March talk when she simply ran out of time!

It was decided that our charity for this year will be the Devon & Cornwall Cavitron Fund - see page 15...

Lots of rules for a healthy diet entered but Mrs J Teague gave the three best; Mrs J Roberts had the Best Flower of the Month with a little help from our regular winner Mrs J G!

Enjoy your summer break and come back full of vim and vigour for the autumn session of our meetings - spinning Open University, the Royal Yacht and Radio Cornwall.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

The main topic of our July Meeting was the Produce Show. As to us this is an important event of the year we do try to ensure the smooth running of the days events. It always amazes me that even though we are a small Institute everyone rallies round & the numerous jobs in stewarding, tea ladies, raffle sellers, door ladies all seem to be done without effort. Of course we are lucky in having Mr Tony Willcocks & Mr John Gurr to help put up the trestle tables & for this we sincerely thank them.

After the arrangements were completed our day trip to Lerryn was finalised & other small pieces of business sorted out. Mr John King from Laveddon Nursery was our Speaker & he gave some very helpful hints on how to look after your pot plants. I for one benefited enormously - I could almost hear a sigh of relief come from my poor under-nourished indoor greenery.

The tea-hostesses were Mrs Masters & Mrs Isobel Willcocks & the refreshments are always appreciated. The competition was won equally by Mrs Gwen Masters & Mrs Stella Vause for the prettiest paperweight - each submitting the W I anniversary paperweight by Liskeard Glass!!

Now for the results of the Produce Show. Overall it was rather disappointing. I know the year weatherwise has been pretty awful but why is it that <u>after</u> the Show one meets people who say 'Oh, I could have put such and such in' - or words to that effect - so why don't they enter their produce or whatever & support the local show & make it a day and evening to remember. My thanks go to the competitors who <u>did</u> take part, especially to one gentleman who has had dreadful problems with wild rabbits yet he managed to find <u>some</u> vegetables. And what happened to the children ? - the show was a week later this year to enable them to take part as it would be holiday time. Come on, lets see more entries next year. Anyway the Judges were impressed with the quality of all the products & this year Mr Harper once again scored most points in the Vegetable & Fruit classes & also won the

Kathleen Huchison Cup for the most points in the Show. The pot plant which caught my eye & won first prize was the African Violet reared by Mrs Marjorie Webber & the other prize exhibit was the cactus dahlia entered by Mrs Rickard - beautiful.

Mr Edgar Rowe the Parish Clerk, opened the Show & on behalf of a cousin, Mr Trevor Rowe, presented two silver cups to the Childrens Classes. These are perpetua ting awards and each year will be awarded to the child with the most outstanding entry in each age group. This years winners are 5-10 years Jason Greenaway for his Miniature Garden & 11-15 years Gillian Harper for the Fatless Sponge Cake. The Cups are a very generous gesture on Mr Trevor Rowes part & we sincerely thank him.

Tamsin Robinson charmingly presented Mr Edgar Rowe with a carnation buttonhole after he had declared the Produce Show open. To round up the evening Mr Tony Willcocks ably conducted the auctioneering of the goods left behind by the exhibitors. After the expenses had been paid we were left with the profit of 49p. Last year it was approx £40 & the year before £60!! Ah well, ce la vie.

Enjoy whats left of the Summer and we meet again in Sept.

E.J.W.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING ! !

After the recent very happy course on Flower Arranging it was thought that another get-together might be arranged. This time a course in Cake Icing, in time for Christmas, but also useful for other occasions.

Ideally we need 10-15 in the class for three to five lessons which would cost about £3-£5, if anyone is interested would they please contact:-

Mrs Mavis Masters on Bodmin 850331.
Classes to be held in Blisland.

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

July 15th was a social afternoon when Miss Rowe again organised her special game, a short session of Bingo and our usual tea and chat made a friendly afternoon.

The competition 'prettiest plate' was won by Mrs Horton.

Aug 5th. was our annual picnic afternoon, when we gathered at Respryn Bridge, on a nice afternoon, despite an early forcast of rain! Again a treasure hunt occupied the members for a considerable time before we enjoyed our tea.

We chose a popular venue as many people seemed to have the same idea. We are grateful for the car owners who provided transport and thank them for their helpfulness.

Our next outing is on the 19th August when we join Webbers travel for a visit to Truro & Falmouth. Our Harvest meeting and auction is Sept 2nd.

Gwen Masters.

The Devon & Cornwall Cavitron Fund.

What is the CAVITRON ? It is a machine which has a vibrating titanium tip to pulverise and suck away tumours without affecting other tissues.

The machine is already in use at Freedom Fields Hospital having been bought in Sept 1984 following a long appeal for funds and has already saved more than 200 people with brain and spinal tumours.

The special tip can only be used ONCE and costs about £450 - cheap when you consider it can save a life - perhaps one day yours or one of your family.

St Breward W.I. would like to support this appeal and are holding a Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy on Sept 23rd, 10.30am till noon at Mrs J Taylor's home Buzzards Brake along the first turning below St Breward Primary School.

We would like support from everyone - not just the W.I. as this is something which could benefit anyone of us at any time. WATCH FOR THE POSTERS! Anne Holmes.

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