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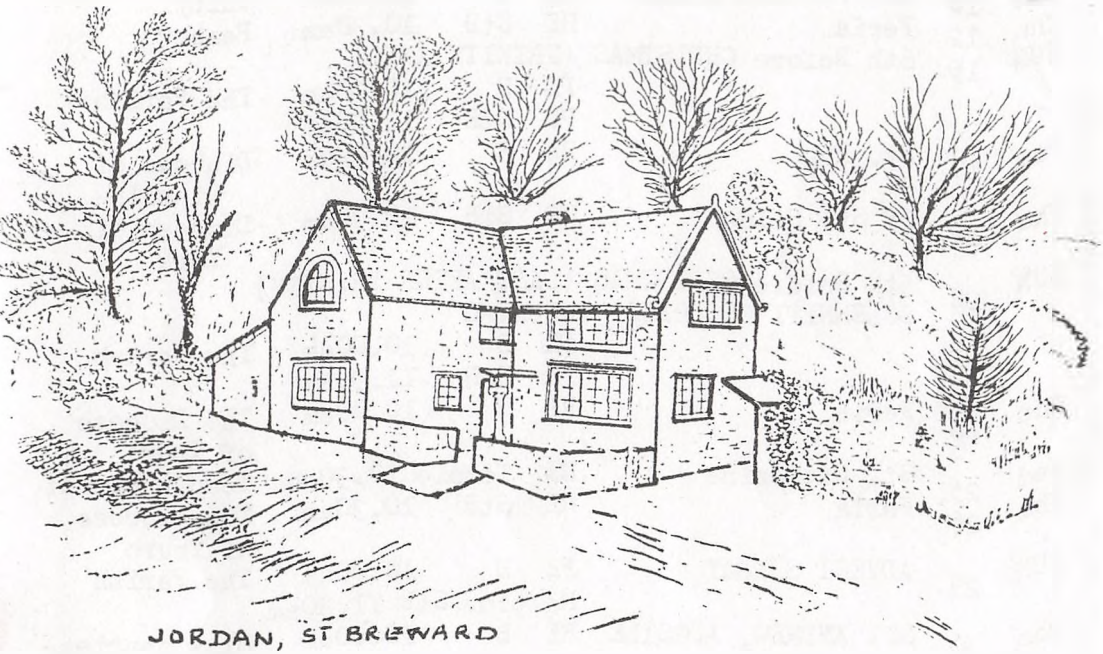

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1987

						Intention
SUN	1	ALL SAINTS	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	
Mon	2	COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS				
		Requiem		B	10.00am	Departed Souls
Thu	5	Requiem		StB	10.30am	Departed Souls
SUN	8	7th Before CHRISTMAS (TRINITY XXI)				
		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY				
			PE	B	10.00am	Remembrance
		followed by 2 minutes silence at 11.00am				
		Ecumenical Service at St B			11.30am	
		Ecumenical Service at B			2.30pm	
Tue	10	St. Leo the Great	HE	B	10.00am	Unity
Thu	12	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	Peace
SUN	15	6th Before CHRISTMAS (TRINITY XXII)				
			PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	
Tue	17	St. Hugh	HE	B	10.00am	Diocese of Lincoln
Thu	19	Of St. Hilda	HE	StB	10.30am	Diocese of York
SUN	22	5th Before CHRISTMAS (LAST AFTER TRINITY)				
		SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING				
			PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	
Tue	24	Feria	HE	B	10.00am	The Diocese of Truro
Wed	25	St. Catherine	HE	Temple	10.30am	Temple Hamlet
Thu	26	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	The Diocese of Truro
SUN	29	ADVENT SUNDAY	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			Mattins	StB	11.30am	
Mon	30	ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE	HE	B	10.00am	Missionaries

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Parish Registers.

The marriage of Fiona Old and Peter Scawn took place at St. Breward on Saturday 19th September.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St. Breward and Temple,

We have had a great number of visitors to our three churches this year and it is nice to note the comments they make in our visitor's books. It is also nice to receive letters of appreciation and I would like to quote from one received recently from a visitor to Blisland Church: "I felt I had to write to say how much I enjoyed my visit. It must surely be the most attractive church in the country. I found it breathtaking once I stepped inside. It is filled with such beauty and it was so peaceful".

Attractive is a word which denotes being drawn to someone or some place. Now there is one person to whom we should all be drawn and that person is Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is important that we should daily, morning and evening, draw near to him in prayer. A useful prayer to say at the beginning of our prayers is "Lord, Jesus Christ, I have come into your presence. Help me to know that you are here and grant that what I say with my lips, I may believe in my heart and try to shew forth in my life". At the end of our prayers it is proper to say "Lord Jesus, be in me as you would have me be". Then we can begin the day and end the day in His abiding presence.

There is also one place to which we should all be drawn and that is our local place of corporate worship though sometimes we may like to go there on our own. Whether we go to church together or whether we go to church on our own, whether we go as members of our Christian family or as an individual member of that family, we draw near to Our Lord. Some people go to church regularly, Sunday by Sunday, Holy Day by Holy Day. Others attend church only occasionally, perhaps once a month, perhaps only at Easter and Christmas, perhaps only for baptisms, weddings or funerals. All must try to pray and to pray together as often as possible. There are those , of course, who cannot get to church because of age or infirmity.

Sunday, 22nd November is the last Sunday in the Christian Year which is observed as the Solemnity of Christ the King. Sunday, 29th November is Advent Sunday - the first Sunday in the Christian Year when we begin to prepare ourselves for Christmas, the feast of Our Lord's Nativity. During the penitential season of Advent we think of the Four Last Things - Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven - because Advent

is not only a preparation for Christmas but also for Our Lord's Second Coming as Judge. It is a good time during which to make resolutions among which we should include saying our prayers each day and coming to Church to worship together.

God Bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK

HOLY MATRIMONY

Peter Brown of St. Breward was married to Elizabeth Willmott of Pendogget at the Collegiate Church of St. Endellion on 10th October 1987.

Dominic Fairman of Blisland was married to Paula Tompkins of St. John's Wood at St. John's Wood Church on 17th October 1987.

Andrew Dingle of St. Breward was married to Nicola Snowdon of St. Teath at Forrabury Church, Boscastle on 19th September.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. R. Sleep of St. Breward who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 25th September.

THE LATE CYRIL JOHN GREENAWAY FUND FOR ST. BREWARD CHURCH.

Joey, Christopher and all their family would like to thank all who have been so very kind and thoughtful in a very sad and sudden loss of Cyril and also for the generosity of family, friends and organisations near and far for giving to his memorial fund for St. Breward Church. We are very grateful to Miss V. Cholmeley for being so kind and helpful. The amount on October 7th now stands at £751.
Thank you.

Joey & Christopher.

THE FLANDERS POPPY

Every November artificial red poppies are worn by people to remember those who lost their lives in service to their country. One of the young men who died was Dr. John McRae a Canadian medical officer in the First World War.

In 1915 he was serving at a field hospital near Ypres, tending the injured and dying. Looking outside the windows he saw growing the red Corn poppies. He remembered the Greek Legend that the poppy was created by the God of Sleep and to him the weed symbolised the everlasting rest of the fallen. He wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" which ends

"if ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields".

Dr. McRae died of pneumonia in 1918 and each year a wreath of poppies is placed by his tombstone in France.

In 1918 an American woman Miss Moira Michael had a meeting at her home attended by several dignitaries. She bought 25 poppies, wearing one herself and selling the others to the people present.

The idea of selling poppies and using the money to help service men and women and their dependants came from a French woman Madame Guesin.

Britain's first poppy day was held in 1921. The newly formed British Legion opened their own factory in 1922. Today more than 35 million poppies and 65,000 wreaths are made each year at their factory in Richmond.

During the two minute silence at the annual Festival of Remembarance in the Albert Hall a poppy petal for every person who lost their life in service for their country will be dropped from a special trapdoor in the ceiling of the Hall.

G.M.

POPPY APPEAL 1987

This year's house - to - house collection for Blisland will start on Monday 26th October. Mrs. Pierce will be collecting in Churchtown and Waterloo; Mrs. Sharp in Temple and Captain Hicks in the rest of the parish.

It is hoped to improve on last year's collection, amounting to £113, which itself was a record.

This year's Remembrance Sunday is 8th November.

R.B.N.H.

LOOKING BACK

With the end of harvest autumn is nearly done, reminding me of a poem I wrote years ago, part of which goes:-

'as gold of hunter's moon rides high,
The silver haze of day steals swiftly away,
'Tis now contentment such as never was
Draws to a close this soft autumnal day.
So feast your eyes and thus enjoy this day,
This glowing scene, this fruitfulness, and you
Will surely fill the larder of your mind,
Enough to last the long, long winter through.'

So let us hope this warm spell will last a little longer before the winter comes; but on the farm there was still more to be done. Now there was a R in the month the pig could be killed. Nowadays they are killed all through the year, but not then. Older people also killed according to the phases of the moon. The fat would run better if killed on the waning of the moon and the 'scallops', - that which remained after the fat was run out, would be mixed into a pudding and boiled in a cloth to be eaten hot with a cooked meal.

Mrs. Jory and my mother in law cooked in a large black iron boiler over a fire in the open fire place. Boiling all the ingredients together, they would be put in at different times to allow for the varied amount of cooking required, meat first, pudding next, then vegetables in string bags and cabbage last, also in a string bag. This was a popular harvest supper.

My mother in law also cooked pasties and pies in the ashes on the hearth. These would be put on an iron tray covered by a 'Baker', this was a kind of iron frying pan, deeper and with no handle. The hot ashes would be heaped around, covering completely and left the full cooking time, no thermostat, and you couldn't open an oven door for a peep! expert guessing was required and the food was delicious. She would also use the clome oven, as did my grandmother. Thankfully I wasn't expected to do likewise. I had a modern 'contraption', a valour perfection oil stove, also the old black iron stove, which was soon pensioned off. I don't know if the food tasted quite so good. I doubt it!

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ST. BREWARD SCHOOL 6-A - SIDE FOOTBALL

In the first game of the season the boys of St. Breward School travelled to St. Tudy to play a combined team from St. Tudy and St. Teath.

The game began with both teams playing good entertaining football. Although almost all the first ten minutes play was in the St. Tudy / St. Teath half it was in a quick breakaway that they were the first team to score. However from the centre ball St. Breward determindly took the ball towards the opposing goal with Kristofer Carroll running up the right wing and passing to Daniel Dunkin who had no trouble scoring his first goal of the season and shortly before half time showing he meant business by shooting another splendid ball past the goalkeeper making the score 2 - 1 to St. Breward at half time.

Playing downhill in the second half the boys from St. Breward scored another three goals, two from Kristofer Carroll and one by their captain Neil Simpson. Altogether it was a very good match with both teams playing well.

Thanks to Mr. Dunn for refereeing well, Mrs. Bishop for providing good hospitality and all parents who supported.

J. Helme.

MRS. D. KAY, secretary of St. Breward A.F.C. would like to thank everyone who donated and helped with the Fete on September 18th. A profit of £250 was made.

THE CHRISTMAS BINGO will be in the Village Hall on 27th November at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

FIXTURES FOR ST. BREWARD A.F.C. FOR NOVEMBER

FIRST TEAM

7th November	St. Minver	(Home)
14th November	Tintagel	(Away)
21st November	Roche	(Home)

SECOND TEAM

14th November	Blackpool	(Home)
21st November	Delabole	(Away)

WHEN THE OLD KENT ROAD CAME TO BLISLAND

It was in the late 1920's that rumours began circulating the village that we were going to have an invasion of Londoners and that they were going to set up camp in the field by the river below the Rectory. Eventually, when it became official, many of the villagers were more than a little dubious - a lot of strangers coming down here from London!

The attitude adopted was you don't know who they are or what they are like and there was more than a little uneasiness amongst quite a few of them.

Later it became known that Mr. Edmund Clarabut intended bringing a group of people, of all ages, from a Mission in the Old Kent Road of which he was the leader and in conjunction with Father Chambers who was the Vicar.

The younger and more sturdy members of the party were to live under canvas and the more elderly and fragile members were, if possible, to be put up in 'digs' in the village. Eventually, with a little persuasion with the locals, and beds moved from one room to another, accommodation was found and requests satisfied.

Behind the scenes however more than a little activity was going on. Outhouses and coalsheds were made a little more secure. Tools, etc. that had been left lying around outside the houses and in the gardens were picked up and put away safely under lock and key. Well you don't know what they are like, these folk from London.

Soon the day came when the advance party, about ten, arrived at Bodmin Road Station. The platform was a scene of great activity; camping equipment being off-loaded from the train and onto Rundles' lorry and transported to as near the camp field as possible where the tents, etc. would be erected in readiness for the main party which would be arriving early on the Saturday morning. In all about one hundred would be coming, the majority being teenagers.

They too would be met by lorries which by now had had a frame work fixed up over the butt with a tar-paulin sheet draped over it and made fast to keep

everyone dry should it rain. Forms would be fixed around the sides and front of the butt for seating accommodation and for those who could not find a seat there was always the floor but as necks craned to catch a glimpse of their destination all discomforts were forgotten - perhaps they were never even considered.

One must remember that for many, very many, this was the first time they would have seen the real countryside and its freedom.

After settling in down at the camp and in their 'digs' our visitors began introducing themselves to the village and villagers. Perhaps a little nervously at first by peoples from both sides.

Many a sly glance was taken from behind the lace curtains. Who are these visitors? What are they like? Eventually however the barriers were broken, contact was made and many a lasting friendship formed.

There was however one problem I well remember. In the Rectory back lane, which was the main entrance down to the camp, was the territory ruled over by a cock turkey and he let everyone know he ruled that area and more than one of our visitors made a quick detour over the hedge and out of 'Oss Pit' gate.

One had to remember many things were strange to them; they were, for some, seeing the wide open spaces, the fields, moors, cows, sheep, pigs, fowls and horses for the very first time; it was to them a new world.

Having by now found the Post Office, cards were sent off home with the same messages written on them that we use today, except for one thing, a penny stamp was all that was needed.

On the Sunday many attended the Church services, some even donning surplices and filling the choir stalls, others of course doing camp duty for meals, etc. Some of the contingent were from a Scout Group and, to us, were quite a novelty in uniform.

During the fortnight's stay, which was always during our own School Summer holidays, the same lorries which ferried them from the station came four days a week, complete with canopy and forms, and took half the party to the local beaches whilst the other half stayed behind to do camp duties and then take a jaunt to Jubilee Rock.

On the two Thursdays they were here many of the local people with children were invited to take a trip to the seaside with them. This was always a happy event, sharing food and drinks and participating with them in games on the beach. Harlyn Bay was the favourite, offering such wide open spaces for everyone.

Other lorries would have to be put on to carry the extra passengers or one would make a double journey. However, this was risky as lorries back in those days often had a will of their own and if they thought they were being imposed upon would break down. Every night, when on the way home, especially on the Thursdays, singing would take place and always turned up when passing through the villages. Forgive me for adding, but I have just realised - I never hear anything like that now. But always, a happy time was had by all.

On the two Friday nights we would all be asked down to the camp fire for a sing-song although each evening, weather permitting, lusty and enthusiastic singing could be heard filling the valley. The second Friday it would somehow be with a heavy heart for we knew that on the morrow the tents would be taken down, the camp fire would go out for the last time, not to be lit again until next year. The field, so full of laughter and happiness over the past fortnight, would be silent except for the owls and one could imagine the Turkey saying, 'Ha, I've seen 'em off'.

From it all many friendships were made. Even today, sixty odd years later, I can remember many names from what was known then as 'The Corpus Christi Mission'. Invitations were made to come to London and accepted. Some people from the village took advantage of the cheap Bodmin Road - Paddington return on offer by the then Great Western Railway, leaving Friday night about 10 o'clock and arriving back around 7 o'clock Sunday morning - all for nineteen and sixpence return (yes 19/6) plus Porter attention and the train would be on time.

Having been met at Paddington by Father Chambers the party were shown places of interest they had only previously read about. They were then taken back to The Old Kent Road and the Mission Rooms to meet those who had visited Blisland in the summer.

 Austin Axworthy

As the year neared it's end, would come the preparations for Christmas, with anticipation of family gatherings and parties, concerts to take part in and carol singing. Meanwhile, with New Year on the horizon, always being aware that the farming year would soon come full circle, then everything would start all over again.

Gwen Masters.

This is the last of the 'Farming Sagas' from Mrs. Masters and I'm sure we would all like to thank her for providing us with such interesting reading over the past months.

C.M.

MR. & MRS. R. SLEEP of 5 Penvorder, St. Breward would like to thank their family for giving them such a lovely day on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; also to all their friends and relations for numerous cards and presents received. We had a truly memorable day. We would also like to thank our very many friends who visited Dick while he was at Treliske Hospital and for the offers of transport received. Thank you one and all.

BRIAN & JOSEPHINE HARDING of 17 Rylands Terrace, St. Breward, wish to thank everybody who supported Brian and voted for him to be Churchwarden.
We hereby wish the Rev. Stark and the Church and its congregation all the best in the future.

The Harding family.

CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

Open Day from 10 a.m. at Wilburn, St. Breward. (Mrs. D. Hill) on Friday November 20th.
Various Stalls & Raffles etc. Everyone Welcome.

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ST. BREWARD W.I. September 15th 1987

Twenty two members and visitors greeted the start of the winter season and the return of Mrs. Julyan to talk about Repairs and Renovations, including turning shirts into pinnies and sheets into pillow cases, tea towels and eventually floor cloths. This brought back memories of the post war "make do and mend" to many of our older members. Helland Church sent a letter of thanks for the support given by Mrs. G. Champion and Mrs. J. Lewis with their flower arrangement, and also the help on the day by Mesdames. Metters, Bridge and Willets serving teas. Several members intend to support the Harvest Fair by St. Mabyn W.I. , a new vigourous institute who are also members of our St. Petroc group. A party of members hope to go to the shopping evening at the British Home Stores using the minibus (I use the word "party" intentionally because any outing involving the minibus turns into a party.) It is expected that the minibus will again be used to take us to the Group Meeting at St. Lawrence's on October 22nd. complete with our "ginger fairings" and flowers in a thimble etc. The delegate for the Autumn Council Meeting will be myself again - in spite of my praise for the new venue at Hendra Tourist Park no other volunteer was forthcoming, but Mrs. J. Roberts will support as a visitor. The discussion about changing our annual meeting to the autumn as suggested by the National Federation was carried over to the next meeting. The grand total raised by the Coffee Evening held at Mrs. J. Hawken's home was over £150; about £50 of this was the result of raffling the knitted scarecrow doll made by Irene Donald and because of Irene the proceeds all went to the Stroke Rehabilitation Centre at Tehidy. A wonderful effort by all involved. Irene Donald is in a rehabilitation flat in Brighton and has been visited by Mrs. Hawken's daughter.

The competion for the best craft item for our Christmas Fair was won by Mrs. A. Holmes, and Mrs. M. Willetts produced the best flower of the month.

On October 20th our Speaker will be Mrs. Hooper from Port Isaac with slides about her holiday in Austria. On November 17th Mrs. Yvonne Cherry will talk about the Marie Curie Foundation - she last spoke to us about Radio Cornwall - a lively interesting speaker so do come along; it may be wet or foggy outside but it is always warm and bright inside with your friends.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

Our September Meeting went with a marvellous swing. The atmosphere was lighthearted and the Speaker was our own Marjorie Horton who had a most appreciative audience. Mrs. Horton is very talented, making beautiful soft toys (lots of Teddy Bears), patchwork quilting, (loads of quilts), hessian dolls, and numerous other handicrafts. Samples of her work were passed around and the basic stitches and patterns explained to us. It was all quite fascinating and the work painstakingly done. The patience she must have, for instance we were shown the whole set of the Brambly Hedge characters all done in the minutest detail right down to a tiny catapult - marvellous. We are hoping to have a series of afternoons after Christmas so that Mrs Horton can instruct us properly on how to follow in her footsteps!

Several members hope to attend the St. Mabyn W.I.'s Harvest Morning on Saturday 10th October. Their Institute was only re-formed early this year so we do try to support their events. We are also going to an evening of "Winter Sunshine" in the company of "Carmel" (who is Carmel I wonder!) all will be revealed on 29th October at Liskeard along with Films, Produce & Tastings - the latter holds great promise.

Four members took part in the first heat of a Fire Prevention Quiz held in Bodmin by the Fire Brigade Officers. Mesdames Wendy Barwood, Margaret Garvey, Pat Brewer and Mrs. George were able winners and went forward to compete in the semi-finals held at Liskeard. Unfortunately Gunnislake and Polzeath beat us by three points making us Third, followed by Maramchurch and St. Stephens. But it was a very good effort and if nothing else made us all very aware of the fire risks in the home and elsewhere.

I have digressed a little from our actual meeting so will end this epistle by telling you that Mrs Heather Munn won the Competion with her soft toy entry and Mrs. Doreen Miller and I supplied the tea and refreshments. Mrs. Miller produced some delicious cheese scones, one of her specialities. We look forward to hearing from Mrs. Barber our Speaker for next month on Nutrition and Diseases of Modern Times. So till then.....

Eileen Walford.

BELISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The 'Public Awareness' meeting was reasonably successful and presented some interesting information.

The Police representative put the point across very forcibly that, in areas where there is a Community Watch scheme, crime was minimal or non-existent.

Bearing in mind the recent large robbery in the area, it is hoped people will attend the next meeting. This meeting will be held on November 24th. at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall and householders will be given a reminder in leaflet form inviting them to take part.

B.J. SHARP.

TEMPLE CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the Car-boot sale. The amount raised was £31.

B.J. SHARP.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

There are now available in the church new pamphlets outlining the historical and architectural features, (20p) and an aerial postcard, (10p); the latter is also on sale at the Post Office. If anyone would like to buy the postcards in quanity e.g. ten or more, please apply to D.G. Bousfield on 850419.

Gardening Tips.

Cut off the runner beans and leave the roots in the ground because the little white nodules on the roots are full of nitrogen which goes back into the soil.

After the Guy Fawkes bonfire is out, save and sift the charcoal pieces. Mix with peat and coarse sand and you will have a good bulb fibre. This mixture will also make a useful bottom layer for a bottle garden.

G.M.

W.V.S. Monday Club Report.

On September 21st we welcomed a favourite speaker, Mr. Thomas, who gave a very interesting and quite humorous talk, on how he provided a varied menu on 3 basic ingredients, while serving with the Desert Rats during the war. It was surprising in how many disguises Bully beef, baked beans and biscuits could be dished up! (I'm glad he wasn't given corned beef sandwiches for tea). He spoke of the frustrations, after treating themselves to a special set of cooking pots, to have them flattened by an over-zealous driver and having to revert to the more available oil tins. Their water supply at one point, disclosed, when the well dried up, the body of a dead donkey. This didn't augur well for the meal that day. Also how they survived sandstorms, which sometimes lasted 3 days, and the insects with which they were be-devilled. As Mr. Thomas didn't want to bring back harsh memories of the actual war into our lives, this lighter side of their lives made a welcome change of thought. As usual, he received many thanks from us all.

In the competition "Prettiest cup & saucer", mine was considered the winner. Arrangements were made for a harvest stall at the next meeting and tea concluded the afternoon.

On October 5th we enjoyed a social afternoon and the competition "arrangement of Autumn tints" was won jointly by Miss Rowe and Mrs Horton. After tea suggestions and offers of food for our own Harvest Supper was enthusiastic and this is something to which we all look forward on October 27th.

Gwen Masters.

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