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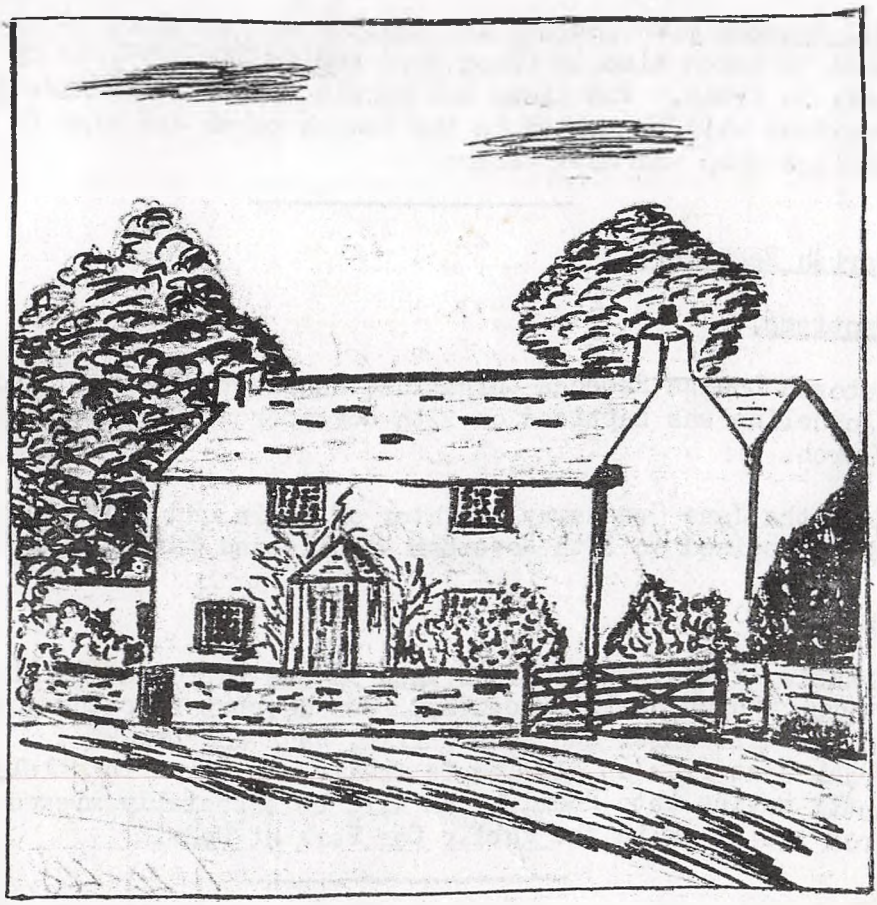

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 1989

It is hoped, as far as possible to have a full calendar for January 1989, with services at the usual times.

Blisland - On January 1st and 8th the services at 10.00 am will be taken by Canon Boyd. On January 15th the service will be conducted by Rev. R. Irwin.

St. Breward - On January 1st and 8th the services at 11.30am will be taken also by Canon Boyd and on January 15th by Rev. R. Irwin. The times and people appointed to take the services will be posted in the Church porch and also in the village shop and Post Office.

Parish Registers

Baptisms.

Deborah Louise Rebecca Cornelius, daughter of Ronald and Jacqueline was baptised on 27th November at Blisland Parish Church.

Samantha Jane Greenaway daughter of Kevin and Janet was also baptised on 27th November at Blisland Parish Church.

Burials.

Francis (Frank) Owen Harper aged 58 was buried at Blisland Parish Church on 1st December. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Hazel and sons Philip, Paul and Derek.
Frank came from an old Temple family and lived in Blisland until moving into Bodmin. He will be especially missed from the kiosk in the Public Car Park at Bodmin

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In Their Memory.

On Sunday November 20th a special afternoon service of dedication in memory of Cyril Greenaway and Richard Harris was held in the Parish Church of St. Breward. It was conducted by the Rev. Conrad Sargisson, vicar of Mylor with Flushing and formerly of St. Breward. The organist was Mr. Tim White, chief officer for the enviromental services.

In welcoming the very large congregation of relatives, friends and official representatives the Rev. Sargisson stressed that it was to be a joyful service of thanksgiving for the life and work that had been rendered so freely over many years. The lovely hymn of resurrection set the tone.

In his address the Reverend referred to the first pair of dedication gates as opening the way that led up the path to the porch gates which opened inwards symbolising that welcome to step inside, just as Cyril always spoke to and welcomed everyone who entered the church he loved so well.

At the close of the service the cross bearer, Darren Wills led the congregation outside where the two sets of gates were duly blessed.

The pair of oak gates at the top of the steps were dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Richard Harris who bequeathed a legacy to the church.

The inner porch oak gates with graduated uprights were dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Cyril Greenaway, formerly the churchwarden who died suddenly last year while in office. The generous contributions in lieu of flowers at the time of his death covered this cost.

Both sets of gates were made and fashioned by the Crowle Brothers of St. Breward.

Appropriate name plaques are being fixed to, the gates.

G.M.M.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH - The retirement of Rev. Prebendary Edwin G.J. Stark MA.

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to our Rector and Sister Mary Frances. Ill health has necessitated the early retirement of the former and Sister Mary Frances is still recovering from a broken pelvis she sustained in October. We wish them both every happiness in their retirement and an early return to full health. They will be living at 'Marways', Higher Tristram, Polzeath.

The rector was presented with a cheque for £150 together with a list of the names of those who had subscribed as a parting present at the Christmas Fair on 26th November.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all whom attended and helped at the Christman Fair which raised £359 despite the problems of having had the event postponed and as a consequence many of our supporters went Christmas shopping.

May we wish all our parishoners a Prosperous New Year and pray for a new incumbent soon.

S. Vause

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH - The retirement of Rev Prebendary Edwin G. J. Stark MA.

We are also sorry to have to say goodbye to our Vicar and Sister Mary Frances and we wish them happiness in their retirement.

The Vicar was presented with a book and record token and a cheque to the value of £80 at his last service in St. Breward and was wished a happy and peaceful retirement by Mr. C. Hawken.

C. Hawken

The Christmas Fair held in the Red Cross Hall by St. Breward W.I. was well supported and raised £154. Our thanks to all those who came and we hope that you enjoyed your evening.

"HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE"

Today upon the bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her - she seemed so gay,
And oh, I wished I were so fair,
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and wore a crutch.
But as she passed, a smile.
O God, forgive me when I whine
I have two feet - the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me had such charm,
He seemed to radiate good cheer,
His manner was so kind and warm,
I said, " It's nice to deal with you
Such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said, "Oh thank you, Sir!"
And then I saw that he was blind.
Oh God forgive me when I whine;
I have two eyes - the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said:
"Why don't you join the others dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew; he could not hear.
Oh God forgive me when I whine,
I have two ears - the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know,
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine;
Oh God, FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINE!

Contributed by Mrs. S. Cholmeley. I do not know if she wrote it herself but I felt it was fitting at this time of plenty to remember those not so fortunate.

ST. BREWARD SCHOOL

On 24th November, as part of a topic on Medieval Times, Class 3 of St. Breward School went to St. Teath School with Mrs. Helme to take part in a 'CRUSADE' with their juniors.

This 'CRUSADE' was a workshop, lead by Philip Astle, and based around the experiences of a group of villages sometime around the end of the 12th century, the time of the Third Crusade.

The children had to learn some medieval songs and some of them also learned to play medieval tunes on recorders beforehand.

On arrival the children first practised the songs together, whilst in between Philip Astle talked to them about the Crusades. After this the children had to learn a dance called the Farandole; this caused much amusement as the boys in particular, found it difficult to perform a skipping step in time to the music. This was all to be put into a play later in the day.

Now the time had come to prepare for the story which the children were going to act. One boy became Geoffrey, a villager accused by the Tax Collector, ably played by Jacob Waudby, of not paying his taxes. Geoffrey seeks sanctuary in the village Church where the Reeve (Philip Astle) suggests going on Crusade with the King to avoid having to pay up. Many of the other villagers also agree to go along and so "Off to battle we must go - - - -" as they march away on Crusade.

At this point in the day the children split into groups. Some made masks of oxen or sheep to wear later in the play. Some coloured pictures of a Crusader fighting a Saracen. But all of them had the opportunity to learn to play one of the medieval musical instuments, play a recorder and take part in other scenes of this Crusade.

After dinner, together the children of St. Teath and St. Breward continued rehearsals ans soon came the time to dress up in medieval costume for the performance.

During the play the villagers plough their fields and shear their sheep whilst their men folk are on the battle field in the Holy Land. Our hero, Geoffrey, saves the King's life and is knighted. Although the Crusade is lost to the Saracens, the men folk arrive home in triumph and

so a feast is organised by the Reeve to celebrate at which acrobats, jugglers and fire eaters, acted out by the children, perform.

To end the day Philip Astle gave a short concert demonstrating some of the medieval instruments.

It was a great day, much enjoyed by all who took part, children and adults alike.

St. Breward Silver Band.

At the Annual General Meeting of St. Breward Silver Band held recently another very successful year was reported. The Musical Director, Mickey Hunt said that the standard of playing and the presentation at all engagements were a credit to the band.

The performance at Paignton contest was a success although only third place was obtained, a very difficult piece was played.

The members were very pleased with the new granite tablet outside on the bandroom wall. This has been carved and lettered with gold leaf at no expense by Mr. Bobby Armstrong of St. Tudy.

Thanks again were also recorded to the collectors who always help to ensure the band has a healthy bank balance of £4.500.

Mrs. Nesta Teague presented the musical director with a photo of the band Majorettes who have supported the band at many Carnivals during the summer.

This year is another milestone in the band's history, being it's 90th year.

A coffee morning organised by Mrs Annette Hill and Mrs Alexis Cox raised the sum of £112 for Multiple Sclerosis and the Air Ambulance.

CORNISH WEATHER

The weather plays an important part in the lives of us all, and here in Cornwall, with its unpolluted atmosphere and often clear views of land, sea and sky, we have a wonderful opportunity of watching its changing moods, and their effects upon the activities of man, bird and beast.

This was quickly impressed upon me when I came to live in Cornwall over forty years ago, as a doctor in Camelford. One day, 'in the bleak midwinter' of 1947-8 I was at Tintagel, hurrying round the visits as quickly as possible after finishing the afternoon branch surgery. From the appearance of the black clouds which were gathering in the sky, it was obvious that a storm, probably of snow, was imminent. It broke just as I had finished, with gale force winds. Snow fell so heavily that all roads to Camelford were quickly blocked by deep drifts.

Leaving the car in a garage at Trewarmett, I set out on foot for Camelford in the fading light, carrying my doctor's bag with me, and choosing the route through Delabole, which offered more shelter. Sometimes the drifting snow obliterated the hedges, and in the dark I missed the road at one stage. The street lights of Delabole were a welcome sight when they came into view, and I was able to reach my partner's house in the village and ring Camelford to assure them that all was well and I was on my way home. I was told that a search party had set out by car from Camelford, but had had to turn back because of deep drifts.

The remainder of the journey was uneventful except for hard foot slogging. It was made more enjoyable by catching up with another Camelfordian who was also making the journey on foot. We went on the lower road through Hendra and Trevia where the going was easier.

The following two days were spent giving much advice on the telephone to patients who were unable to reach the surgery. By the end of that time the County Council had cleared the roads and the car was able to be retrieved.

Twice during the next few years, confinement cases marooned in their homes by snow had to be conveyed to hospital by helicopter, and once the same means was used to supply coal to an isolated farm on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

I had another winter experience on the return journey from a night time confinement at Blisland. The road lay over the moors, and the morning sun was just creeping over the horizon. As it slowly rose, the whole of the landscape was bathed in a warm pink glow, which was reflected from the glistening surface of the white hoar frost which lay everywhere around. It was an unforgettable sight. I wish Turner could have seen and painted it.

Although Camelford lies in one of the highest rainfall areas in Cornwall, it does not rain there every day, and it claims its share of the sun. The lanes around the town are bright with primroses in the Spring, and the sheep and cattle seem to be very contented, grazing in the lush green meadows which line the banks of the Camel, which, up there, is little more than a stream, although containing salmon and trout.

Since retiring to Rock, I have frequently noticed that on coming home from Bude or Launceston in driving rain and mist, the worst area encountered is usually on the high ground in Davidstow, fairly near Rough Tor and Brown Willy. When the road descends and crosses the Camel at Slaughter Bridge conditions improve, and by the time Pendogget is reached, the sky becomes brighter. On arriving in St. Minver the rain and mist disappear altogether, and the sun makes its appearance. St. Minver has one of the lowest rainfalls in the County.

George Miller.

BLISLAND POPPY APPEAL

The final total for the above was even better than that given in last month's magazine. Mrs. Pierce collected an extra £6 and the combined church service and poppy wreaths provided £43. A total of £211.14.

The Bodmin area as a whole raised £4380.22p, 20% up on last year - itself a record.

R.B.N.H.

Blisland Parish Council wish a Happy New Year to All.

The Parish Council have won an award in the British Telecom 'Watch a Box' scheme. The £150 cheque will be used to improve the former duck pond area of the Green.

The 3 pay phones in the Parish will be visited daily and we thank the persons involved for their public spiritedness.

Over the last few months the council has been looking at ways to overcome the vandalism of the bus shelter and we hope, with the co-operation of the young people, this will be resolved.

Barbara Sharp.

The St. Breward Village Hall Snooker Club

The Snooker Club has donated a total of £144.47 to the Village Hall. The money will be used towards loft insulation for the Village Hall.

The recent Snooker Concert held at the Methodist Hall on the 18th November, helped raise funds for the club. Everyone who attended had a most enjoyable evening. Special thanks were given to Mrs. Gillian Walsh and the St. Mabyn Entertainers, by Mr. Mike Sutton the club's treasurer for their music and sketches.

A friendly snooker match was held on Sunday 20th November between St. Breward B and Stannon E.C.C.I. works. Refreshments were provided by the home team. The Stannon workers raised £10.00 which went towards the Children in Need Appeal.

A reminder to all club members that the Cyril Greenaway Singles Cup and Dr. Alec Taylor Doubles Cup Tournament matches begin on January 24th, so enter your names now!

T. A. Ellery,
Club Secretary.

The Gilbert Monument at Bodmin - from the West Briton 18th September 1857.

On Saturday evening September 5th, the last stone, about 1 ton in weight forming the apex of the Obelisk erected on Bodmin Beacon to the memory of the late General Gilbert, was placed in its position. The Mayor of Bodmin and other gentlemen were present to witness the raising of the stone. The obelisk is the highest structure of any kind ever erected in Cornwall being 144 feet from the base. The work has been beautifully performed by Mr. Thomas Eva, builder, of Helston and the undertaking has been accomplished without the slightest accident throughout. The scaffolding and machinery used in the erection of the monument are well worthyof an inspection before they are removed. The obelisk can be seen from a great distance and is a fitting tribute to the memory of so brave and illustrious a soldier of whom Cornwall may truly be proud.

Lt. General Sir Walter Raleigh Gilbert (1785-1853) was a descendant of the famous Gilberts of Compton Castle, Devon and notably Sir Humphrey Gilbert in the reign of Elizabeth I and his half brother Sir Walter Raleigh, - famous seamen and explorers of the 16th century. The name Walter Raleigh continued in late years as names in the Gilbert family - Lt. General Gilbert was born in Bodmin and lived at the Priory. The Priory was built at the end of the 18th century by William Pennington who belonged to the famous family of bellfounders. It is now the Municipal Offices in Priory Park. The monument commemorated Lt. General Gilbert's distinguished army career in India.

There are a number of important days throughout the year which are thought to influence the weather and many of them are linked to the Church calendar possibly because religious festivals were highlights of a rural year and therefore the weather associated with them was remembered and it became possible to make quite accurate weather predictions. Two predictions for January are: 13th January, The Feast of St. Hilary is often the coldest day of the year. 25th January, St. Paul's Day - If St. Paul's Day be fair and clear,
Then it betides a happy year.
We shall have to wait and see!

Letter from the Treasurer.

Dear Readers,

I had hoped to present the Parish Magazine Balance Sheet, in this month's copy but unfortunately, although my intentions were good I ran out of time. Mr. Curr is auditing the books for me now so I can tell you that the subscription remains the same £1.80 for the next twelve months. I would like to remind the Blisland subscribers that the money is due in January. Mrs. Vause is kindly sending out the envelopes with the magazine and prompt payment would be appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,
Eileen Walford,
Hon. Sec.

The First Public Elementary School. West Briton December 5th 1872

The 1870 Education Act aimed at providing elementary education for all children and made provision for the building of Government schools whenever there was a need. (Attendance was compulsory in 1880). St Austell opened the first school erected in England by a School Board at Mount Charles for 375 children with separate rooms for boys and girls. The total cost of building, furniture etc. was £945. Since 1833 the Government had helped towards the voluntary building of schools by the Church of England and the Dissenters (Chapels).

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BLISLAND W.I.

Our November meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Wendy Gurr. May we remind all members of the new starting time of 7.15p.m.

Blisland did well at the Wadebridge Prime Stock Show; our display being placed fourth and was only one point behind Helland who were third. Miss M. Rowe obtained full marks for her chutney and also won third prize for her jam in the 'Open' class.

Forthcoming attractions include B.H.S. Shopping evenings in Plymouth, Choral Concert Area Rehersals and a Craft Exhibition Information Day at County House, Truro.

Mr. Peter Borlase of Lanhydrock gave a most interesting talk which he illustrated with slides. He has been in charge of the gardens there for over twenty years and it was fascinating to see the way in which the gardens have been developed in this time.

Slides of the famous Yew trees in the formal garden in front of the house show how much work has been done to improve the shape and make the size more uniform. In this garden there are beautiful rose beds and we were interested to learn that 'Bright Smiles' (yellow) and 'Escapade' (lovely smell) were resistant to the black spot which affects so many roses in Cornwall. Also in this garden are formal beds which are planted with tulips and forget-me-nots in the Spring and begonias and busy-lizzies in the summer. The box hedge which encloses more formal beds was planted to commemorate the Jubilee of George V.

Lanhydrock is famous for its Magnolias. Many of these were planted in 1933 and are now over 70ft. tall. One very fine one is Magnolia Albatross. The rhododendrons and camellias are also very fine and many of the rhododendrons are trees rather than shrubs. All over the outer gardens there are lovely rare trees and shrubs and although the gardens are at their best in the Spring there is much of interest for all keen gardeners throughout the year. The autumn colour of the Acers and Cryptomerias is magnificent.

Before the National Trust took possession of the house and gardens, the task of trying to maintain the gardens with only two gardeners had resulted in some neglect and

ST. BREWARD W.I.

At their November meeting, members heard about the wonderful work of the Mount Edgcumbe Hospice from the Matron, Mrs. Margaret West. As well as the small wards, it has a library, chapel, quiet room, seminar room (used for study days and social occasions); it also has visiting chaplains, hairdressers, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, beautician and chiropodist. Volunteer helpers and patients' families and friends are made welcome and, with the devoted staff, help to create a loving, caring atmosphere.

More copies are now available of the St. Breward Questionnaire circulated by Exeter University for the Cornwall Rural Development Committee. The importance of filling in these forms was stressed. Only if enough people complete them will local opinions be properly heard and considered. No names need be given and not all the questions need to be answered.

Arrangements were made for the Christmas Fair on November 17th in the Red Cross Centre, with stalls for cakes, craft goods, bric-a-brac and 'good as new' clothes, as well as raffles and refreshments. Visitors are coming from St. Mabyn and Pinnock for this event.

Plans were also discussed for the Spring Meeting at St. Breward on April 27th, 1989. Mrs. Gwen Gill had the best Flower of the Month and Mrs. Bousfield won the competition for a fund-raising idea - to give every member £1 and ask them to turn it into £5 in any way they liked.

P. Bousfield.

BLISLAND WI. CONT.

the herbaceous area had to be completely replanted. Luckily there were some photographs available and this part has been restored to its original glory.

The competition for the best garden photograph was won by Mrs. Isabel Willcocks.

Wendy Barwood.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

On November 21st we enjoyed slides on the Channel Islands shown by Mr. S. Jefford, which took us around the coast, so much like Cornwall in places and the beauty spots inland. The talk was so descriptive it made us want to visit these lovely islands at the first opportunity. An interesting discussion, including the wartime occupation followed and Mr. Jefford was thanked for putting on the slides, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The competition 'Christmas arrangement' was won by Mrs. King. Arrangements were made for the Christmas tea party on December 12th. Tea concluded the afternoon.

On December 5th we met in the Institute as the Village Hall is being re-decorated. Our programme had to be re-arranged through lack of space, but members always 'rise to the occasion' and we had an enjoyable time. It was dreadful weather and we decided to go home early, but not before we had a lovely tea and announced the winners of the competition, 'Prettiest Spoon', which were Mrs. Hambley and Mr. Jefford. An invitation has been received from the Village School inviting us to the Christingle Service in Church and to the School on the 16th for tea and entertainment. We accept with pleasure.

Gwen Masters.

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