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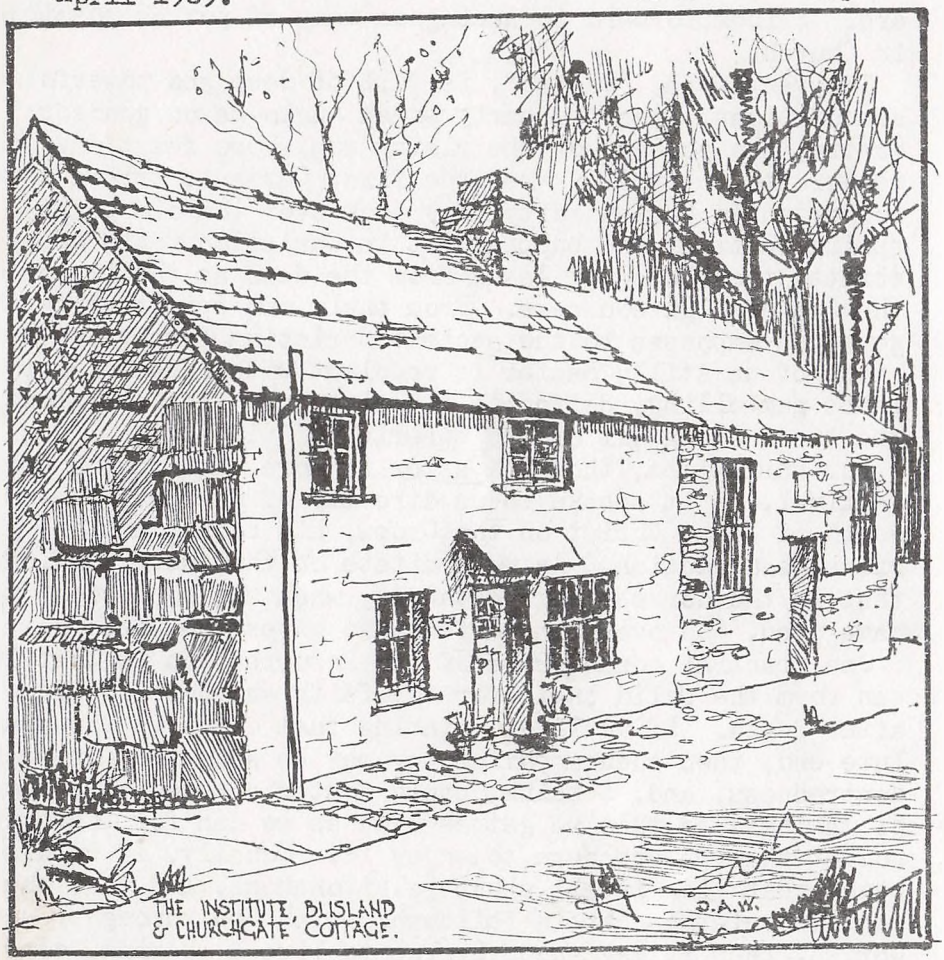

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Dear Friends,

The Editor of your Parish Magazine has kindly invited me, in the absence of a rector, to contribute the Easter letter this year. I am delighted, too, that the Cathedral has consented to free me on Easter morning so that I can take the services at 10 a.m. in Blisland and 11.30 a.m. in St. Breward. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Church.

The very word, 'Easter', is full of deep and powerful associations, from the early pagan Anglo-Saxon goddess Eastre, the goddess of the rising sun whose feast day was celebrated in April. When the first Germanic tribes were converted to Christianity they took over the old pagan spring festival and baptized it in Christian faith and celebrated the rising of Jesus from the dead as the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. From their own spirituality they gave new emphases to the ancient Christian festival. For many of us still, Easter is redolent with ideas of Spring, lambs gambolling, daffodils blooming, new life all about us, and the casting off of the miseries of winter.

For Christians, though, Easter is more than just a Spring Festival, as it speaks to us directly of the Passion and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, his burial and his glorious Resurrection. As we meditate on that story we learn that in the darkest circumstances, when all hope seems to have died, God overturns defeat and gives the victory.

One practial consequence of the Resurrection is that it can form the solid basis for our faith and hope of life after death. If we live, thinking that death is the absolute end, then such a philosophy may be a recipe for self-centredness, and, I think, could foster a personal policy of making sure that we get as much as we can for the brief moment that we are here to enjoy it! Equally, if we discover that life is all about relationships, and that the supreme relationship is fellowship with God through Jesus Christ, then it may encourage us to live a sharing, compassionate, caring life where the aim is to help others as much as we can. As we discover the Christ in each other, we shall look for that glorious crowning perfection which we call heaven.

The really important thing is to realize that the Easter reality of Jesus risen from the dead can be absorbed and appropriated by all of us in our personal lives. Through faith in God, we, too, can have new life, and see the glory and victory of God breaking through darkness and despair in our lives.

Yours very sincerely,
W.J. Peter Boyd,
Chancellor of Truro Cathedral.

Thank you very much Canon Boyd for taking the time in your busy life to write a letter for our magazine. I do apologise that it did not appear in the March issue but as I'm sure you know from past experience editions have to be sent to be printed long before they are distributed to readers. When I ask you to write for us I was at fault by not stipulating the date I needed to receive it. But as most of our readers have their copies of the magazine at the end of March or the beginning of April and this will still be Easter week I'm sure your message will be just as relevant.

Catherine McShee

As I am sure that most of you know, Mrs. Stella Vause, the past editor of this magazine, is ill in hospital at the moment. We all send her our good wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see her back home in Blisland soon. Her daughter has asked that no calls regarding the magazine are rung through to her home but if you need to ring please ring Mrs. Slyfield on Bodmin 73124 after 8.00 p.m.

Mrs. Stella Vause would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and goodwill messages which are much appreciated during her continued stay in hospital.

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The Annual Service was held in St. Breward Parish Church. The theme this year was "Lord, teach us to pray". Our speaker this year was Mrs. Pamela Luke of Penzance. Thirty nine ladies joined together in prayer and song led by Mrs. Olive Bickle. Those taking part were:- Jennifer Teague, Anne Holmes, Margaret Disten, Sue Mitchell, Betty Hoskin, Judy Brokenshire, Nesta Teague, Nan Hollister, Gladys Champion, Denise Prout, Mavis Metters, Mary Blackburn, Sue Hutton, Winn Tildesley, Josie Hawken. The organist was Josephine Greenaway.

A collection was taken and £21-10p has been sent to Woman's World Day of Prayer for the ongoing work and Christian Literature Societies. Tea and biscuits were served at the close.

Next year's service will be at the Methodist Church on the first Friday in March.

COFFEE MORNING
on

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19th
at

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH
in aid of

HOLIDAYS FOR UNDERPRIVILEDGED CHILDREN IN CORNWALL.

Bring & Buy Stall.

A boy asks his mother, "Mum, does God live in our house?" Mother replies, "No, of course not, God lives up in Heaven". Boy, "Then why every morning do I see Dad standing outside the bathroom door and saying, "Oh God, you are not still in there are you?"

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH.

Mothering Sunday or Refreshment Sunday as it is otherwise known, took the form of a Family Service in the afternoon. This was well attended, and we were pleased to welcome the Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, both of whom were well represented. We were especially pleased to have our Methodist friend, the Reverend Bickle, join us to conduct the service.

The abundance of flowers were blessed and then distributed to the Mum's by the younger children.

Book tokens were presented to members of the Choir by the Reverend Bickle for good attendance.

THE CHURCH URBAN FUND.

The Delegation of senior representatives from Bradford Cathedral visited St. Breward village on Saturday 4th March as planned, accompanied by Canon Peter Boyd.

They were very interested in our Parish Church and its past history.

It was our intention to show them around the locality, but due to the fog and intermittent rain, our tour was curtailed to a visit to our Bradford. They were intrigued with the peace and tranquillity of the river and its surroundings, and were not deterred by the muddy conditions. Such a contrast to the Bradford to which they are accustomed.

As you will remember, we had suffered a power cut on that day. This caused a few problems - but aided by a small gas stove, the ladies came up trumps and a sumptuous tea was enjoyed by all in the Band Room. Many thanks to all those who provided the wonderful refreshments.

Our visitors were well entertained by those gathered, and invitations to meet again were exchanged.

Our friends departed eventually, having thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

H.C. Hawken.

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of St. Breward Parish Council will be held at the Red Cross Centre on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30p.m.
Guest speakers will be:-
Mr. Connell from S.W.W. Planning Department.
Mr. H. Northcott from the County Council.
Someone from Bodmin Police Station.

All are welcome.

'SAINTS ALIVE' - a musical by Roger Jones will be performed at St. Breward Methodist Chapel on Sunday, April 16th at 6.00p.m. and sung by a choir from the St. Mabyn and St. Tudy district. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Registers.

Christopher James, infant son of Teresa (née Tchir) and Gareth Bunt of Bodmin was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday March 12th.

Blisland readers please note that while Mrs. Vause is ill, Mrs. Walford has taken over temporarily the distribution of the Parish magazine. She does not however, have the list of everybody who should receive this publication, so if you did not get a copy last month pleasejust give Mrs. Walford a ring so she can make up her list and make sure that nobody is left out.

A nervous curate saying goodbye to the congregation after his first sermon received a crumb of comfort from a jolly-looking farmer who gripped his hand like a vice.
"Well done lad!" he said enthusiastically. "I didn't get a wink of sleep."

St. Breward School photo of 1931.

Many thanks to those who have kindly given me the names of those who are in the photo on page 107 of 'A History of St. Breward'. The complete roll call is, (left to right):-
Front row. seated on the ground: Charles Hawken, Freddie Parr, Willie Yeo, Roy Finnemore, Freddie Colman, Freddie Simpson.
Second row. seated on a bench: Leslie Winn, Rita Gill, Mildred Saundry, Emily Hawken, Dorothy Woodley, Mollie Skinner, Cyril Pearce.
Third row, standing: Jean Parr, Douglas Hancock, Edna Sleeman, Audrey Harris, Evelyn Boundy, Winnie Yeo, Gladys Gratton, Kathleen Gill, Winnie Hill, Nancy Savage, Charlie Eade, Millie Gratton.
Back row: Mr. T.J. Dawe, Ronald Bartlett, Willie Gill, Albert Marshall, Fred Hopper, Ronald Allen, Bill Pluess, Cyril Pluess, Miss Gwen Curnow.

Now, can anyone supply the names of those in the picture of the flood at Wenford on Page 13? So far we know Mrs. Ethel Hawken behind the nurse and Miss Inez Burrows with her hand outstretched. Perhaps the nurse is Mrs. Elaine Smith (née Hill), or Miss Lydia Smith.
Can anyone help?

Pamela Bousfield,
Hantergantick.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

WPC. Karen Teague was welcomed and will be the Community Policewoman for Blisland.

The duck pond area was one of the subjects discussed. When the weather is right, the weeds will be killed, top soil laid and the area re-seeded.

The Parish Assembly will be held on 13th April at 7.30pm in the Institute. This is an open meeting for all members of the parish and your councillors would be pleased to see a good attendance. Bring your questions for the councillors and the Community Policewoman.

B. Sharp.

VILLAGE BOMBED

This was the heading in a recent edition of the Sunday Independent and I quote:
"The article on the German bomber dropping two bombs on St. Breward certainly brought back memories.

I was evacuated to St. Breward and was one of a group of youngsters playing near the Sunday School (Row) when the bombing took place. The boy that died was one of that group.

I spent many nights in an air raid shelter during the Plymouth blitz, yet the nearest I got to being killed was during that raid on that up to then peaceful village in the middle of Bodmin Moor - the place to which I had been sent for safety.
R.J. Nation, Manadon, Plymouth."
(The boy killed was Roland Skinner).

I wonder with whom he was billetted. I wonder too how many evacuees of those days keep in touch with their 'host' families. I well remember going to Camelford with my late husband - (then billeting officer for St. Breward), to collect two young sisters, Kathleen and Maureen Cooney. They arrived from London and were left in care at the Police Station. These two girls, aged 8 and 10 were duly taken to Rose Cottage, Lank, St. Breward, where Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawken lived and who lavished all their care and attention on these children. Kathleen and Maureen, now grown up with children of their own, still communicate regularly with Mrs. Hawken, now 96 years of age and only last month she had a long letter and wishes for her birthday.

It would be interesting to read about other former evacuees.

Grace Masters.

I am sure this article brings back many memories for some people. Living in a remote part of England they probably thought themselves safe from enemy bombers. But my husband's mother can remember seeing German planes flying down through the valley at Bodmin so low that she could see clearly the pilot in his cockpit. She shook her fist at him only to have him reply with a rather ruder gesture!

C. McShee

LOOKING BACK

Looking back in the February issue of the Bodmin Broadsheet one reads with interest about the history of the town's fire service.

In 1871 the then Mayor, Mr. John Crang met to discuss the formation of the fire brigade or hydrant service. The following year a Public Meeting was called and the Bodmin Volunteer Fire Brigade was formed with 24 members.

Unlike today several months could pass without a call for their help and when there was a call the horse drawn engine had many mishaps, including difficulty in rounding up the horses when needed. Another time the horse ran away and four fireman and a policeman were thrown off and hurt. In 1898 the hose cart was again the source of trouble when attending a barn fire at Trewint Farm, Blisland, whilst on the journey the wheels gave way due to the number of people being carried.

In 1897 the brigade raised sufficient funds to purchase a new horse drawn engine which was named 'Ethel' after Captain Bawden's wife and this engine was to give valuable service for nearly thirty years.

In November 1904, 'Ethel' attended the fire at Hengar House, St. Tudy. When the Brigade arrived at the house the hopelessness of their mission was soon apparent, but they worked with their manual engine from eight in the morning until five in the afternoon by which time Hengar was but bare walls enclosing a blackened heap of debris, but all the members of the Onslow family who were present in the house at the time escaped. However many valuable paintings including some by Van Dyck, the family silver, jewels china and furniture all perished in the flames.

During World War I the brigade carried on as best it could although many men were away fighting. But the end of the war brought many changes as there was now difficulty in obtaining horses. In 1922 the brigade turned for the first time to a lorry. On receiving the alarm to serious fire at St. Breward a lorry towed 'Ethel' taking one hour for the journey and were successful in saving two of the six cottages owned by English China Clay at Stannon.

1926 saw the arrival of a motor trailer pump paid for by public subscription and in May 1928 a Motor Tender arrived at a cost of £415.00. The brigade had now entered the era of the motor vehicle.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the hall on Tuesday 25th April, 1989, at 7.30 p.m.

We need your support at this meeting. All welcome.
Charges for hiring the hall are as follows:-
Meetings £2.
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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

"HELP"

The Village Hall is urgently in need of your support to meet modern fire and safety regulations. Unless we can fulfill the requirements of the authorities, our Village Hall, which is 60 years old this year, will cease to function. We urgently need your money - every penny counts. All donations please to Mrs. S. Bone, Hon. Secretary, 'Millmoor', Meadow Plash, Blisland. Tel. 851014.

WANTED

There is a book in existence which was signed by all connected with the Village Hall building and decoration. If anyone knows where this is would they please contact Mrs. Sandra Bone (851014), who needs this for the 60 year Diamond Celebration of the Hall.

Last Saturday our family set off on one of its frequent expeditions and although we have lived in St. Breward for eleven years we still seem to find places of interest we have not seen or footpaths we have not yet trodden.

Suitably equipped with my son's compass which was a recent birthday present we started off along the lane to De Lank quarries and followed the footpath down to De Lank river and over the bridge.

Walking in a SW direction we went right, along the valley and skirted the swamp until we find what we were looking for hidden in a small wooded hollow - an old medieval chapel. Little now remained except one ivy covered wall and a window but the old well was still there on the side with its carved stone and the water from the spring gushing forth.

It is interesting to try and picture what it must have looked like and its surroundings in the years that it was used but the countryside has changed so much that we can only guess.

C. McShee

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

There were more members than usual at the Annual Meeting this year, twenty four plus our VCO Mrs. Vera Jennings who was the County Vice Chairman in 1985. It was announced that the National Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Salter, had died after an illness lasting several months. Several new ideas were discussed and it was decided to give a buttonhole to any member who had celebrated her birthday in the month of the meeting, and also to present one to the speaker. The usual question about the size of the refreshments each month raised its head again; a comprise was reached in that each member may please herself whether she provides biscuits or homemade cakes etc. Four members will enter the Western Morning Rosebowl competition which is 'Driving': others are interested in the swimming at Polkyth Leisure Centre. Mrs. J. Taylor and Mrs. J. Hawken will be our representatives at the Spring Council Meeting at Hendra on May 16th. The first rehersal for the Group entertainment will be at Mrs. P. Bridge's followed by others in the Methodist Hall. Mrs. V. Busbridge has the task of sorting the talent, or lack of it, to produce the six decades of our W.I. history, written by Mrs. P. Bousfield.

Two new committee members were elected, Mrs. A. Hole and Mrs. D. Bennett, to join Mesdames Shelley, Taylor, Skinner, Champion, Hawken and Metters. Mrs. Metters was re-elected as president, with Mrs. Shelley as secretary and Mrs. G. Champion as treasurer. The treasurer reported a balance of £415 plus the deposit amount of £73. The secretary reported that there are 27 members including 4 new ones and 2 members have moved away,(Mrs. J. Roberts and Mrs. J. Jory). Mrs. Shelley also recalled all the events that our W.I. has taken part in during the year and it was a lengthy list showing an interest in many things outside our own village.

Mrs. Jennings then spoke about the W.I. being part of a national association, in particular, the Association of Country Women Worldwide, (the A.C.W.W. to which we send our Pennies for Friendship yearly). She suggested that we use part of our financial surplus to form a bursary for any member to attend Denman College, after being entertained by the discussion about the mythical piano fund which forms part of our deposit account dating back many years. A bursary fund would be decided by a vote if necessary, not by a lucky draw.

The cup for the Monthly Competitions was presented to Mrs. P. Bousfield, with Mrs. J. Greenaway second and Mrs. G. Champion third; the Flower Cup went to Mrs. Champion, with Mrs. Bousfield second and Mrs. Greenaway third. Votes of thanks were given to the VCO and the committee and officers for their year's work.

The speaker for April 18th is no stranger to us; she is Mrs. Walford from Blisland W.I. who will speak about her experiences in the BBC, and the competition is for your prettiest plate.

This is the last report that I shall write, having done this for seven years it is now time that you all had a change of viewpoint. It has been an interesting experience, it ensures that I attend every meeting which is no great trouble living as I do opposite the Red Cross Hall! I have learned a lot about the way that the W.I. functions, the rules, regulations etc. but most of all I have made a large number of friends an acquaintances with so many diverse interests and skills. It is not easy for a newcomer to a district to make a completely new circle of friends, especially if you have not got the common bond of taking young children to school, but I would recommend that every 'newcomer' join the local W.I. and you will find a group of cheerful, talented women all willing to be your friend.

Anne Holmes

House to house collections at St. Breward for the Salvation Army amounted to £71-30p.
Bodmin branch say a big thank you to the collectors: - Dora Pearce, Maureen Prideaux, Sylvia Curtis, Denise Hill, Margaret Willetts, Basil Sleep and Nesta Teague.

St. Breward Methodist Sunday School's annual collection for the National Children's Homes amounted to £42-28p.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Shop is open every Wednesday from 10.00a.m. to 11.30.a.m.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

BLISLAND W.I.

The February meeting on the 15th was opened by Mrs. Wendy Gurr and the Minutes were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Sandra Bone. Nominations were invited for next year's Committee. There are various outings on offer including one to the Shire Horse Centre at Yealmpton on the 15th April. There was also an invitation from St. German's W.I. to visit them in the summer. The president mentioned that some of the bulbs bought from W.I. funds, and planted by our members, were in bloom on the Village Green.

The Speaker this month was Mrs. Beryl Martin, a trainee Health Visitor, from Bodmin Health Centre. She spoke on preparing for retirement and caring for elderly people. This was mainly a questions and answers session with members raising many interesting points. Although we sometimes grumble about our services it was good to know that there is a lot of support for the elderly and Social Services provide many aids in the way of Home Helps, handrails, commodes, walking frames, wheel-chairs, etc. With the District Nurses and Meals on Wheels organised by the W.R.V.S., many elderly folk can continue in their own homes instead of having to go into Residential Homes or sheltered housing. This is an enormous subject but there are many organisations which can give advice and practial help.

The Tea Hostesses were Mrs. Walford and Mrs. Pierce with Mrs. Horton helping with the preparation. The competition winner was Mrs. Bone for her suggestions on the six best items to be kept in a First Aid Box.

The decorations to the Village Hall have now been completed and it looks very bright and cheerful with the new curtains made by the W.I. members.

Don't forget that the Table Tennis Group meets at the Hall on Thursdays and Mr. Garvey would like to see more adults taking advantage of the facilities. 8.30 p.m. is the time for anyone feeling sufficiently energetic!

W. Barwood.

W.R.V.S. Monday Club.

On February 20th we welcomed Mr. Aspinal, who showed slides of photographs he took of Austria. The beautiful scenery delighted us all, and the quality of the slides was excellent. He let slip that he had others, something we will remember for the future! He was warmly thanked and Mrs. Aspinal was welcomed as a visitor.

The competition, 'Paper Knife', attracted a very good assortment and was won by Mrs. Exelby.

Arrangements were made for our visit to St. Mabyn Club. This was on Thursday March 2nd when 16 of us were entertained with slides of Australia and a generous tea. Thanks were accorded to the members of the St. Mabyn Club for a lovely afternoon.

March 6th was a social afternoon, when Mr. Ham organised a variety of games that kept members happy and amused. Mrs. Scott was the eventual winner in the Darts - no definite scores seemed to have been taken in the cards and draughts and other games, so all was considered equal and everybody a winner! The outing on May 9th will be to Fowey and Looe, when we invite friends to join us. Book with Mrs. M. Webber. The competition, 'Spring Flowers in Cup and Saucer', was again well supported and won by Mrs. I. Willcocks. The meeting concluded with tea served by willing volunteers.

Gwen Masters.

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