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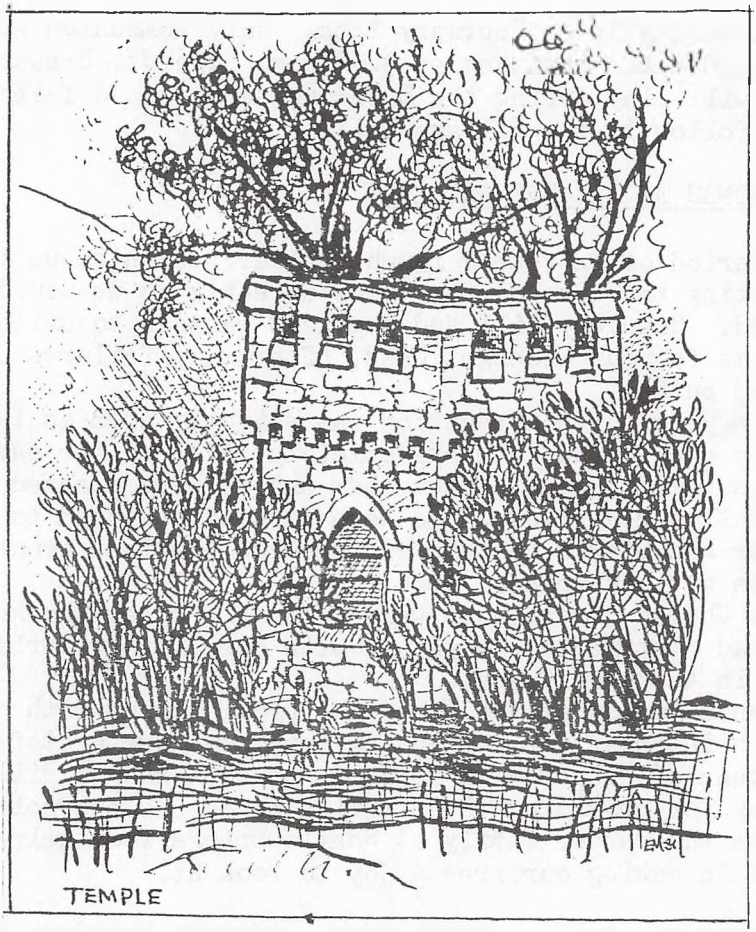

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ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Preparations are under way for the Institution of the Reverend Frank Harris for the combined Benefice of Blisland and St. Breward with Temple to take place at St. Breward Church on Monday 5th February at 6 p.m.

Revel Sunday is on February 11th. Holy Communion will be at 11.30 a.m. Evensong at 3.00 p.m. The St. Breward Silver Band will play during the Evensong service. A faith tea will follow in the Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BREWARD 1989

A period of extremely rough weather prevented us from illuminating the tree on the tower as early as we would have wished. However, Bill and the lads managed to switch on in time for our Midnight Mass, after many failures and replaced bulbs.

This year our congregation was slightly down on last year mainly due to the 'flu epidemic, but even so the carols were sung with great enthusiasm and we were pleased to welcome all our visitors. We were fortunate indeed to have Father Ben Clarke to take our service, he is a great favourite with everyone.

The Church decorations were admirably done, thanks to all who had contributed, together with our lovely Christmas tree in the Lady Chapel.

Thanks to Rodney and Nancy for providing us with the trees and Christopher for collecting same. We are grateful to our team of ringers who serve us so well and to Bill and Mickey for providing the illuminations. We appreciate as always the Harper family at Shallowbridge for their time spent in making our tree a joy to look at.

Father Ken Rogers, Rural Dean, presided over our Service of 9 Lessons and Carols, when we were joined by our friends from Blisland,other denominations, the Guides and Scouts; a truly ecumenical gathering. The collection was taken up by members of the Guides and Scouts and totalled £30.00 having since been donated to the Church of England Childrens' Society

Unfortunately, rough weather and gales prevented us from travelling round the Village with the Carol Singers as we have done in previous years. May we look forward to a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

H.C. Hawken

Parish Registers.

On December 15th the death occurred of Henry George Franklin (DSC &bar), of Manor Cottage, Blisland. Our sympathies go to his wife and family.

The death occurred on 31st December 1989 of Mrs. Marie Ellen (Mariel) Cardew aged 84 years of Wenford Bridge. The funeral took place on 9th January at St. Breward Parish Church. Mrs. Cardew came to St. Breward in 1939 with her husband Michael to establish the renowned Wenford Bridge Pottery.

The death occurred on December 24th of Mrs. Isabel Bate, aged 81 years of St. Breward and the funeral took place in the parish church on 2nd January. Isabel was born at the Candra's and after her marriage moved into Churchtown and finally to 'Fernleigh Cottage', Limehead.
She was a loved woman who was a life long member of the W.I. and for many years she was a regular church goer. Over the latter years she had been a member of the Methodist Church.

The death occurred at his home at 'Row', St. Breward, of Arthur Wills aged 81 years on January 8th. The funeral took place on January 15th at St. Breward Methodist Church. Our thoughts are with his wife Hilda, daughter Denise and sons Colin and Philip and their families.

A blessing of the marriage of Deana Mattey of Luxulyan and Sean Sullivan of Blisland was held recently at the parish church.

CALLING ALL LADIES - Come and join with us at St. Breward Methodist Church on Friday 2nd March for the Womens World Day of Prayer Interdenominational Service at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Peggy Crosley of St. Teath. This year's service has been put together by the Women of Czechoslovakia and is entitled "A Better Tomorrow, Justice For All".

There will be a collection for the on-going work of W.W.D.O.P. Tea and biscuits will be available at the close.

Cornwall Rural Community Council

The fifth winter meeting of the Cornwall Rural Community Council was held in November 1989 at Truro.

During the year the R.C.C. has worked closely with village halls and community centres throughout the county supporting and advising the local committees on legal, financial and management affairs. Blisland is one of the many halls who have been helped in such a way over the last year.

The Community Fund deals with smaller rural projects and is made up with grants from C.C.C. , the six District Councils and the Rural Development Commission. Both Blisland and St. Breward have been given support along with assistance and advice.

The Cornwall Playing Fields Association had eight successful applications for help during the year including St. Breward Parents Association, who were given £100.

Within a year of the inception of the British Telecom Watch-a-Box Scheme 85 parish councils, including Blisland, have joined this scheme. They have the benefits of £5 per quarter for every box watched within their parish plus the opportunity to qualify for grants from the enviromental projects fund. Blisland was successful in its application from this fund and received £150.

The R.C.C. does much good work in helping to keep our villages alive with many other schemes and grants and keeps a watchful eye on any new regulations which might affect us especially regarding our network of Post Offices.

MRS. MARIEL CARDEW

A great teller of stories she could revive everyone's memories of life at Wenford Bridge during World War Two. On one occasion she came downstairs in the morning to find a platoon of soldiers with their officier lying on tables forms and chairs,having crept in during the night after manoeuvrers, ready to sleep where they lay down. She made them a hot breakfast before they left.

While a U.S. Army Battalion was encamped at Hengar an officer came at her invitation on weekends to make drawings of the kiln. He was to have returned after the war, but we boys feared he may have died in battle, for we never saw him again.

Mrs. Cardew, with her enthusiastic and high spirited manner ran a children's out door play group in summer, and in winter time the young people would learn music on tin whistles. Mrs. Cardew presided, even though she could not sing two notes in time herself, and two of these young musicians went on to hold prominent positions in the village band, (Micky Hunt and Dennis Champion).

On another occasion she was asked to read aloud to the Women's Institute as her voice was instantly recognisable and had a pleasant sound. She had an intuitive understanding of people that made her able to reach them on levels they did not expect, for example through poetry.

She chose to read a long epic poem about a racing horse, and there was some doubt whether the poem would go down well in St. Breward; however it was well received, and as it was too long for one evening everyone came back to hear the finish on a second evening. During the reading of it you could have heard a pin drop.

She loved St. Breward, the moors, the quarries and the Camel Valley and felt that she belonged here, even though for years she held the post of Art Teacher in the City of London School for Girls, and became drawn into an old lady network in London; she would always return during the school holidays to breathe in the clean air here, resume acquaintances and restore herself.

It was on such a visit that she had a nasty fall on 28th December, breaking a hip. She died on New Year's Eve 1989 in City Hospital, Truro.

ST. BREWARD PANTOMIME

St. Breward School this year took part in the pantomime Robinson Crusoe. On Wednesday afternoon of December 15th they performed especially for the Simon Ward Club and the Playgroup. On Thursday evening, December 16th, their second performance played to a packed house of mums, dads, relatives and other people from the village.

The production was a huge success with all the usual pantomime ingredients. There were many humourous moments and the usual audience participation. All the children took part so it would be unfair to mention any names, so well done to everybody; all the hard work put in by the children, staff, parents and helpers was most worthwhile.

Waste Paper Collection -Red Cross Centre.

For the time being we are unable to dispose of any waste paper, so would be obliged if you would refrain from bringing anymore to the Red Cross Centre. Thanking you for your past support.

Simon Ward Club.

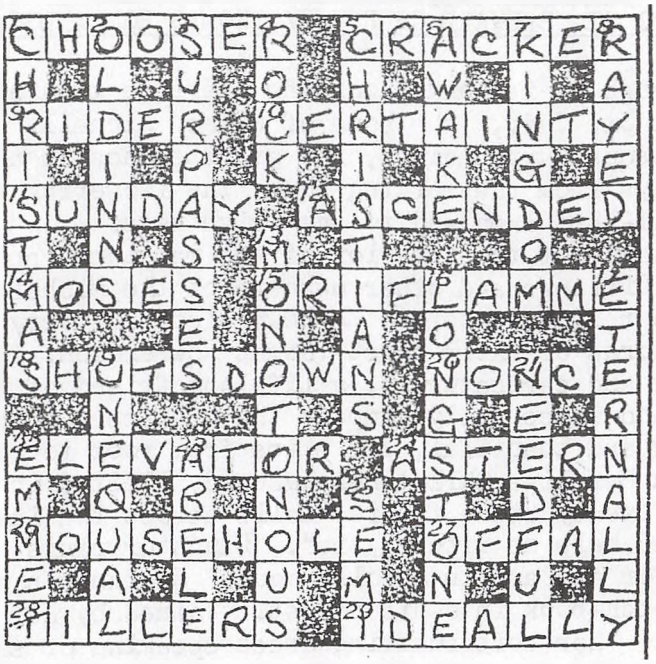
The works staff of Hantergantick and Merrivale Quarries enjoyed their annual Christmas effort at the 'Poldark Inn', Delabole. During the evening the staff raised the grand sum of £350 through a raffle in aid of 'Children in Need'.

As with any month February has its share of Saints Days. Among the most unusual are St. Bride's Day on February 1st. She's the patroness of Irish nuns, dairy workers, midwives, babies and fugitives. Legend has it that she could turn her bath water into beer.

February 3rd is St. Blaise's Day. He is known for saving a boy from choking on a fish bone, which is why it is throat-blessing day in Paraguay.

February 12th is St. Marina's Day, in honour of a female monk who spent her life in a monastery, disguised as a man.

SOLUTION TO CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Congratulations to Mrs. Pamela Bridge of St. Breward who was the first person whose name was pulled out of the hat with the correct solution. She has won the £5 prize.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy following the death of my husband on the 15th December. They are such a comfort to me in my great sadness, and I am helped by the thought of all the wonderful years we had together.

Henry had not enjoyed good health for over 40 years, having lost a lung due to his War Service. He was a brave, God fearing man and a gallant Naval Officer. It was through his sheer determination to live that I and our two children were so privileged to have had him with us for so long.

My special thanks to Mrs. Marjorie Webber, who in the true sense of the words is a good neighbour.

Thelma("Buttons")Franklin.

ERNEST COLMAN'S IMAGINATIVE DESCRIPTION OF A REVEL SUNDAY VISIT TO ST. BREWARD CHURCH BY THOMAS ROWLANDSON 1756-1827.

Although it is Sunday morning there is much activity at Hengar, St. Tudy, the home of Mathew Michell. Situated in picturesque surroundings, the granite mansion appears 'alive' with rays from the morning sun. The flowering shrubs around the well-kept lawn add to the brightness.

The walls of the interior of the mansion display portraits of the Billings and other members of the Michell family who were in residence before Mathew; also, in every room, are found works of their guest Thomas Rowlandson, landscape painter and caricaturist, a lifelong friend of the present owner and whose jolly company the mistress welcomed.

Young and beautiful, she skips from room to room with a song on her lips whilst her husband, limited in his movements by his twenty stone figure, calls across the landing "Rowly, come and help me with my tie". Laughter rings through the house for all are in a jolly mood. Rowlandson quietly slips his sketch-book into his pocket. Joined by her husband, Mrs. Michell - her soft rustling dress speaking of silk not cotton - graciously descends the stairs. The carriage, with the coachman in livery and high hat, and the horses, whose brasses sparkle in the February sunshine, are drawn up at the door. They enter and take their seats. Their guest Rowlandson has intimated that he would accompany them and also takes a seat.

It is Revel Feast in the adjoining parish of St. Breward and they are now ready to set off to attend the Church Service. Passing out of the front gates, the carriage proceeds down the hill into the river Camel valley, crosses Gam Bridge and climbs the steep hill to St. Breward Church. Michell has left his St. Tudy estate and is now passing through his St. Breward estate of Hamatethy.

His guest looks about him, down to the valley through which they have passed and over to the moor, recalling three of his pictures, 'Hengar Woods', 'The River Camel' and 'Cottage at the foot of Rough Router Mountain'.

The church bells are ringing, calling all to worship on Revel Sunday, the Church's reminder of its dedication and of the Saint of bygone days. The parishioners of St. Breward are making their way in twos and threes to attend the Service

on this special day, the first of the parish Feast week; all will attend, filling it to capacity, those with musical talent occupying the gallery. The Michells and their guest occupy the Manor pew and on this occasion are joined by the Billings of Lanke.

As the time nears for the service to begin, the Rev. Ralph Baron leaves the vicarage and, walking to the church, sees a stranger approaching. The stranger introduces himself 'Dr Syntax , teacher' and offers to preach the sermon. Baron, a clever though somewhat eccentric man, sees the twinkle in the Doctor's eye and the humourous expression on his face, immediately accepts the offer and they both proceed to the church.

The congregation now assembled sees the Vicar and this stranger walk up the aisle and, to their surprise, the stranger enters the pulpit and later preaches the sermon, as described in 'Dr Syntax's Tour' by William Combe and as drawn in two of Rowlandson's pictures.

(Despite this imaginitive account, Mr. Colman subscribed elsewhere to the commonly held opinion that 'Dr Syntax' was in fact modelled by Rowlandson and Combe on the Rev. Ralph Baron, the Vicar of St. Breward.)

Pamela Bousfield.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

After a lull in the reporting of the Hall's activities due to a bout of'flu' etc. etc. I'm pleased to say that it's all 'go' again in the entertainment world. To back date just a little I must mention the Cabaret Evening in November. This was a super show and all the performers provided three hours of first class entertainment. We have so much local talent and they all gave their services so generously, for which we were most grateful. Another evening like that has been requested so perhaps next autumn we can organise something on the same scale.

Our next big event is the Saint Valentine's Dance on February 14th. Commencing at 8p.m. there will be dancing to the Dunheved Trio. The tickets are £2.50 and this includes a marvellous selection of food on the buffet table. There will be a Bar run by Sue White with drinks at reasonable prices. Tickets available from Sandra Matthews, 7 Pen Tor, Eileen Pengelly, Whitely Barn, Sonia Murrell, Hillside, Waterloo and the P.O. Stores, Blisland. Don't leave it too late as tickets are limited and it would be a pity to miss out on what is going to be a marvellous evening.

On March 10th - a Saturday, there will be a Grand Variety Concert organised by Patsy Nicholls from Lostwithiel and will include artists who are at present performing in Show Boat being staged in Bodmin, so that should be an evening not to be missed. More details next month. We look forward to your company and thank you all for your support in keeping the Village Hall a going concern.

E.J.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH

The Coffee Morning held on 13th December at the home of Brigadier and Mrs. Edward-Collins raised £176. My sincere thanks to all who supported the morning and by comimg along or who kindly sent donations. Particular thanks must go to Brigadier and Mrs. Edward-Collins for their very warm 'open house' and also to all the helpers. The draw for the dolls house was won by Mrs. Isobel Willcocks of Oakridge, Tregenna.

E. N. James.

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

Fixtures

Football 1st XI

February	3rd	Bugle (Home)
"	10th	Wadebridge (Away)
"	17th	Roche (Home)
"	24th	Camelford (Away)

Football 2nd XI

February	3rd	Polruan (Away)
"	17th	Pelynt (Away)
"	24th	Boscastle (Home)

Ladies Darts

February	5th	Millhouse (Away)
"	12th	Bye
"	19th	Cobweb (Home)

Mens Darts

February	1st	Bettle (Away)
"	8th	Swan (Home)
"	15th	Sixers (Home)

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday	February	2nd	Nite Flight Disco
Saturday	"	3rd	Choice Two
Friday	"	9th	Disco
Saturday	"	10th	Group
Friday	"	16th	Nite Flight Disco
Saturday	"	17th	Martin Hamilton
Friday	"	23rd	Nite Flight Disco
Saturday	"	24th	Tequila

ST. BREWARD METHODIST COFFEE SHOP is open again. Call in on Wednesdays from 10 - 11.30 a.m. for coffee and a chat.

The following quotation was sent in by the Rev. Ben Clarke and is from 'The Church and the Nation', by C. Smyth.

"We cannot restore the past, but neither can we obliterate it. There is a richness, variety and vitality, and also a fundamental coherence and continuity in the Anglican Tradition of which we are the inheritors. In every generation God calls his servants to fresh visions and new tasks, but out of the old fields must the new corn come."

EXIT LINES - some memorable epitaphs

In this grave ye see before ye
Lyes berried up a desmal story.
A young maiden crossed in love
And tooketh to the realms above.
But he that crossed her
I should say
Deserves to go the other way.

Found in a St. Austell graveyard.

Here lie the bones
Of Joseph Jones
Who ate while he was able;
But once o'er fed
He dropt down dead
And fell beneath the table.
When from the tomb
To meet his doom
He rises amidst sinners:
Since he must dwell
In heav'n or hell
Take him----
which gives best dinners.

Found in a graveyard at Wolverhampton.

Beneath this stone, the lump of clay,
Lies Uncle Peter Daniels,
Who too early in the month of May
Took off his winter flannels.

Found in Medway, Massachusetts.

BLISLAND W.I.

We had no speaker for our December meeting. Instead, we had a 'rehearsal' for Christmas and enjoyed the fun and games which some of our members had organised. Unfortunately, almost half of our members were unable to be with us because of illness - victims of the 'dreaded 'flu bug'! Those who were present joined in the fun very enthusiastically. Everyone contributed to the refreshments - and what a 'Festive Spread' it was! A real foretaste of Christmas. The Bring and Buy stall did a roaring trade and soon sold out. The competition - four Mince Pies - was won by Miss. J. Runnalls and the raffle by Mrs. George.

Now Christmas is behind us and we are a month into the New Year, so we are busy making final arrangements for our speakers for the next twelve months. The programme promises to be a varied and interesting one.

Our speaker in February, (21st, at 7.15 p.m. at Blisland Village Hall), is Mr. Allen Cooper, talking about his "Trek across India". If you feel this would warm you up during the cold wintery month of February, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Wendy Gurr

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Sweb continues with the upgrading of our street lights and will be erecting new lights on the top side of the Green. Highway matters discussed included road signs and the change of priorities at a Tresarrett road junction.

Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Institute. Interested parishioners would be welcome to attend.

B. Sharp.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

On December 11th we had our Christmas tea party, to which we invited special friends.

It was very disappointing that the Christingle Service was postponed owing to sickness among the school children.

The speaker was Mr. Tamblyn from St. Pinnick, who brought his wife, and gave a talk on 'The Spoken Word' with much humour. This set the theme for the afternoon. The ladies excelled themselves with the lovely assortment of goodies for tea, the centre piece being the superb iced Christmas cake made and given by Mrs. Jefford, who again joined us, with her husband, from Lincolnshire. They haven't really left us! Tea was served at tables decorated with Christmas arrangements made by Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Exelby. There was a large number of items for the raffle, donated by members, including more Christmas arrangements, making it a very festive occasion which everyone enjoyed and the Christmas spirit pervaded throughout.

On December 18th we all went to Mousehole to see the Christmas lights, and true to tradition, we did see the sun, on a fine day, during a very stormy period. We visited the coastal fishing villages on the way to Mousehole and saw the devastation caused by the storm. One thing I remember was a lonely little Christmas tree which had defied the storm and was bravely showing its lights on the shore at Porthleven, albeit with its streamers rather tattered. There should be a lesson there somewhere. Tea and mince pies awaited us at Mousehole, where many of the lights had been destroyed, but those which had survived were well worth seeing. We returned via Truro where the street lights were beautiful and to Lanivet for the inevitable fish and chips supper and the drive through Bodmin to see the street lights ended our journey, concluding a very enjoyable outing. A return visit was suggested, which will be considered. This was the last meeting of 1989 and we hope to have many more in 1990.

Gwen Masters.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

The December meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 13th at 6.30p.m. Twelve members were present, apologies were received from eleven other members. As it was a special Social Evening and Christmas Fair, there were none of the usual competitions.

We were joined by visitors from other W.I's, all of whom enjoyed the party games and carol singing. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the optional glass of wine and especially the large Christmas cake made and given by Mrs. Metters.

The total amount raised at our last Coffee Evening and Christmas Fair was £100.00.

The President read out a letter from Mrs. Grace Masters thanking all the members who had knitted or provided wool for Baby Coats to be given to Christmas Day babies at Treliske.

It was decided that funds raised at the special charity effort later in the year will go towards the new Cornwall Disabled Bus.

Josephine Hawken.

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