BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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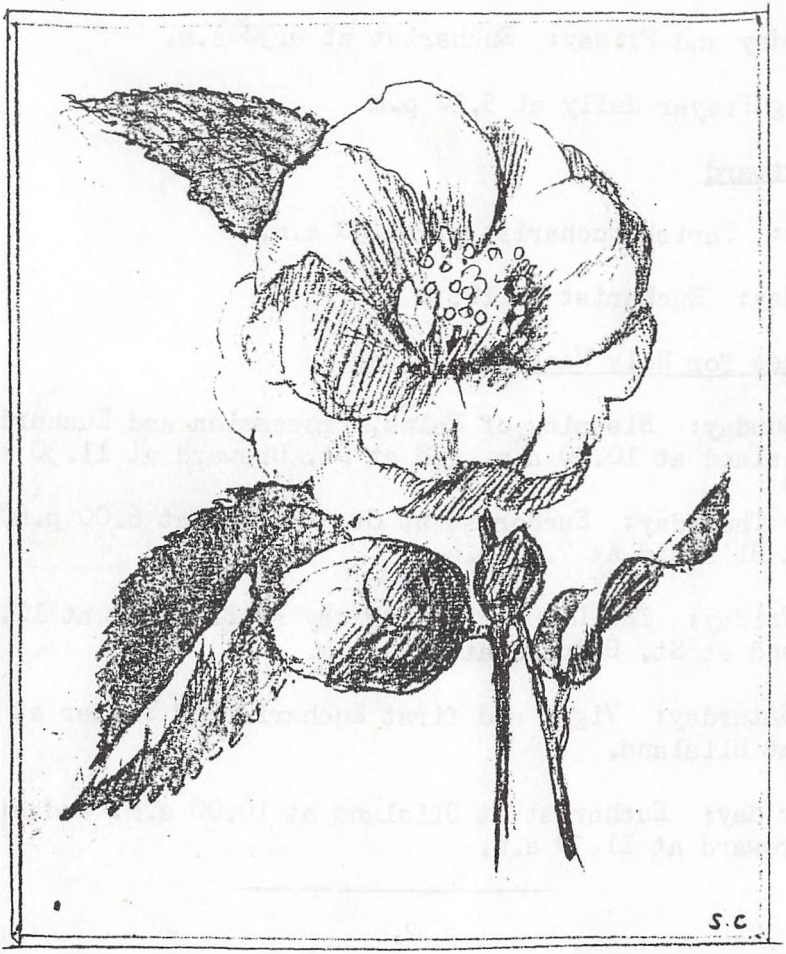

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Church Services.

Blisland

Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday: Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer daily at 5.30 p.m.

St. Breward

Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 11.30 a.m.

Thursday: Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms, Procession and Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00 a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: Eucharist at St. Breward at 6.00 p.m. and at Blisland at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday: The Liturgy of The day at Blisland at 12.00 noon and at St. Breward at 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter at 8.00 p.m. at Blisland.

Easter day: Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00 a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners,

For the Christian the culminating point of the Church's year is the festival of Easter. For it celebrates the fact that Jesus Christ overcame death and rose from the dead. It is rightly called then the festival of the resurrection for if there had been no resurrection then there would have been certainly no Christian religion and what is more the whole course of human history would have been radically changed.

The significance then, of the Resurrection of Our Lord which practising Christians celebrate at Easter is the Belief that Jesus Christ offers us eternal life. For as our winter of discontent is made glorious summer by the return of spring so each Christian life is made glorious by Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Risen Saviour.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has real relevance then for us as we seek to understand the meaning of life. For belief in the Christian religion provides us with a purpose and the means by which we seek to interpretate human life with all its joys, sorrows, afflictions, old age and death itself.

Christians then rejoice at Christ's resurrection and thus seek to live out their lives within the fellowship of the Church, the Community of the Resurrection which is his body so that in our lives we may know life's purpose, seek to live it out in him and so rise in glory with him when the time comes for us to depart this life.

Ponder then these things at this time and may God grant you the gift of his resurrection made possible through his risen, ascended and glorified son, Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Harris.

Parish Registers.
Holy Matrimony

Rodney Godfrey Mclean and Tracey Louise Sleep.

Martin John Gaisford and Clare Melanie Rogers.

Both weddings took place at St. Breward Parish Church.

Gillian Walsh - Diary

Thursday 5th April	Mozart "Requiem", Camelford Church at 7.30p.m. (St. Materiana Singers).
Saturday 7th April	Mozart "Requiem", Tintagel Church at 7.30p.m. (St. Materiana Singers).
Sunday 8th April	All day / solo singers. 9.30-5.30p.m. Master Class by Molly Petrie(Professor of Music, Guildhall School of Music, London). St. Martin's Church Hall, Liskeard.
Wednesday 25th April	Old Tyme Musical Evening at Trenython Manor, Tywardreath, 7.30p.m.
Thursday 26th April	Old Tyme Musical Evening at Trenython Manor, Tywardreath, 7.30p.m.
Saturday 28th April	Variety Concert (with Bill Wareham) at Lostwithiel Community Centre, at 2.30p.m.
Saturday 28th April	Variety Concert (with Bill Wareham) at Lostwithiel Community Centre, at 7.30p.m.

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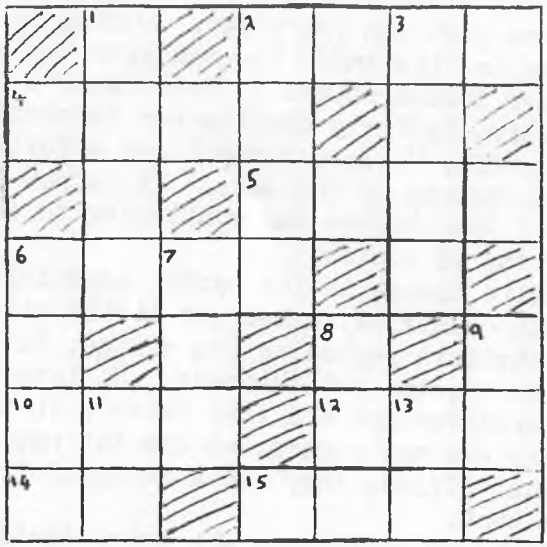
Here is a teaser for all the family - a little history, a little geography, a little arithmetic and a little modern maths supplied for our entertainment by Mr. D. Bousfield. The sum of all the digits in the puzzle is 117.



Across

2. Height of Brown Willy (in feet).
4. Opening year of the Wenford railway.
5. The sum of 6 across, 6 down, 2 down.
6. The first year of the Parish magazine.
10. Factorial 6!
12. 100,000,000 in 'binary' counting.
14. This + 11 down = 13 down.
15. The total number of squares on a chessboard (beware!)

Down

1. When John Rogers first carved Britannia on Jubilee Rock.
2. The number of minutes in a day.
3. The OS 4-figure map ref. of St. Breward church (reversed).
6. The OS 4-figure map ref. of Blisland church.
7. 3 x 5 x 7 x 8.
8. The number of the new April magazine.
9. The perimeter and the area of a certain square.
11. See 14 across.
13. See 14 across.

THE PAST TEN YEARS IN BLISLAND

A thousand years are but a day, and as you grow older time seems to speed away; yet our first lunch at Mrs. Lumley-Smith's to finance the first magazine, as we know it today, was just ten years ago. During this time what has happened in Blisland? The magazine thrives today, thanks to her foresight and to Mrs. Vause's valiant efforts over the years, latterly despite her terminal illness, and to treasurer Mrs. Walford's continued efforts to drum up support and chasing up the subs! It is now in the capable new hands of Mrs. McShee and continuing to entertain us with a variety of topics.

The dramatic change in the world, especially in Russia and European countries, makes our little village insignificant to outsiders regarding its change, but it is all - important to us, the parishioners. No longer do we see only our relatives and old time friends in the Village Shop, the majority are new-comers, as are the new owners of the shop and Post Office, they are a delightful couple and a delight to know.

Most of the new residents, who bring their knowledge and crafts to join in the community of village life, have made the village richer by their coming, and we welcome them with open arms. The new estates have provided homes, and the population has greatly increased; this has been shown in the various organisations. The Methodist Church for some time had only a few faithful members and it was an effort to keep the doors open, but we persevered with small numbers until recently, since when we have had almost a revival of old times, with a good congregation, thanks to our Minister's field work. I am glad to say that the Rectory is again occupied after more than a year without a resident Rector, something we had never before suffered, but the stalwarts kept things going. We now hope the 1990's is set to be more out-reaching in this respect. The W.I has celebrated its 43rd birthday: a gallant lady as formidable as ever, despite fluctuations in membership. The Monday Club changed its name from 'Over 60s' as no one admitted to being a senior citizen, although I know of several well into their 80s! They are the most lively club and ready for anything that comes along. The Village School has been threatened with closure and has suffered several change of teachers, never a good thing, however it is now settled

under the new headmaster. There lies the future of our village life and we hope we can keep it so. The Royal Oak has also had several different 'mine hosts' but judging by the number of cars parked outside, business is good and provides the numerous visitors to our village with the 'life saving' requirements! The main attraction to our village is our beautiful Norman church, which draws people from far and wide, as a place of great tranquillity and for 900 years has been the heart of the village. We have planted new trees on the green to replace those which fell victim to our Dutch Elm disease a few years ago, which left the green a sad and desolate sight. Now its former glory shows signs of being there for our grandchildren if not for us, while we await the show of daffodils planted round them.

The Village Hall, venue of all our social activities, celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a great expenditure for fire regulations. This challenge was met with gusto from a strong committee; now with its stunning new decor and curtains it is really a village hall worth supporting.

We have just experienced the worst storms in living memory, these have been countrywide, but Blisland in general, has escaped with relatively small damage when compared with the rest of the county, mainly roofs and favourite trees and shrubs in gardens. The fir trees by the Rectory gate came down and demolished the wall, not a very good welcome for our new Rector! But there is something to be thankful for, no loss of life or limb.

These last few years we have missed several familiar faces of Old Blisland families. Their memories are cherished and we hope that those who take their places will leave equally good memories. Then Blisland will still be a worthy village, even if changed, after the next ten years.

Gwen Masters.

Rumanian Orphanages Appeal

On behalf of Cora Draper and myself I would like to thank everyone from Blisland and St. Breward who responded so magnificently to the above appeal. Cora took all the items down to Truro from whence they will be taken to Devon and on March 16th will be transported with other goods in a 40 tonne carrier over the ferry and driven across Europe to reach Rumania in the next few days. Many thanks to all who gave or sent donations.

Catherine McShee.

TEN YEARS ON

Your editor has kindly invited me to contribute to your tenth anniversary issue, so let me start by congratulating her on all her work building on the original foundations and the years when the late Stella Vause was editor. Catherine McShee has done excellent work to keep the magazine going - and that's no easy task. Long may she continue.

I have been glancing through some of the very early issues and recalling the happy times I spent meeting people and gathering material. I had been recently widowed and the starting of the Blisland with Temple and St. Breward magazine gave me the chance to get to know some of the lovely people whose families had lived in the three parishes for generations.

One of my favourites was Owen Harper who was born in Temple. He told me the delightful story of 'Spot' the dog who used to come over the moor from Hawks Tor to the old school at Temple, carrying a basket in which there were two warm pasties for a brother and sister Prout. All the children would watch out for him as he appeared over the hill at noon, so they could tell the teacher it was time to stop for dinner. When the pasties were eaten Spot took the empty basket and trotted back home. What a wonderfully well brought up dog!

Owen Harper remembered when Temple had a Chapel as well as the Church and the school, but it never had a shop. Hortons of St. Breward supplied all the residents needed. Their man would ride over one week to take the orders, and the next week the goods were delivered in the grocery cart. Flour and feed for the family pig or poultry was delivered from Lavethan Mill.

Owen was delighted when his story appeared and many people 'phoned him to tell him how much they had enjoyed it. "They never wanted to listen to my yarns down the Royal Oak," he told me, "Folk is funny." I could have listened to many more of his stories but sadly he died quite soon after I met him.

Another very interesting history was that of the five generations of the St. Breward building firm of Teagues, who are still in business. I spent two afternoons with members of the family, now retired. There were many stories of other branches of the family which had spread as far afield as New Zealand.

A Blisland character whose obituary appeared in the autumn of 1980 was Charlie Cawrse. Many readers will still remember him for he was held in great affection and respect by everyone who knew him, and his home at Trehudreth was one where hospitality, in the form of home made wine, and good talk was always to be found. "When we were lads," one of his old friends told us, "We would work all day for him for no more than a plug of baccy."

We were very lucky in those early days in having the magazine printed at a special rate by a Wadebridge printer, so that we were able to include old family pictures with the articles. The Teagues, the Webbers, the Keats and the Cawrse family among others lent family photographs to illustrate the pieces about their families.

There were some faithful regular contributors - Mrs. E. Chadburn and Mr. Donald Bousfield among them - what would I have done without them?

I have collected many of the stories and illustrations together in one volume and from time to time I pass a nostalgic hour browsing through it. Meanwhile I look forward to news of you all when I receive my monthly copy in the post.

Ruth Lumley-Smith.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The annual Parish Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday April 5th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Institute. The Community police officer, Mrs. Jenni Thompson, County Councillor and our own ward councillor Mr. David Coad will be attending. All parishioners are invited to come along and put their questions to the speakers. Questions perhaps about the Poll Tax, the future of the Village School and other local problems which need discussing.

Barbara Sharp

KERNICK JOHN BURNARD was presented with the Imperial Service Medal in December for 30 years service in the Dockyard. He lived with his family at AllensFord, Advent and was educated at St. Breward School leaving 30 years ago to learn his apprenticeship as a shipwright at Devonport Dockyard.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

The surrounding area of the Hall is in the process of being tarmac'd and when finished should be a great improvement. Especially as Mr. and Mrs. King have generously supplied and will be planting shrubs spaced out along the back boundary wall. This will prove an attractive addition to the look of the place. Our next project will be the cleaning and painting of all the exterior woodwork. All this upkeep costs money but like the Church, Chapel and Village Green, the Village Hall is an essential part of village life. We are very fortunate to live in such a pretty area and it is up to us all to support and maintain our heritage. You have all been so supportive in the past not only with the hall but all the other self-supporting concerns. I can assure you it gives me no pleasure to keep asking you for money, but as previously said we must keep everything financially viable. After all we are only custodians of these buildings, they have come down to us in reasonable conditions because people cared and so we must carry on that responsibility for the next generation and so on. The Village Hall is, to quote one of the management committee, like the Forth Bridge, a never ending expense, so we must, to keep the Hall open continually raise money. We do try to give you something in return by the way of entertainment of some sort. Our Valentine Dance raised £180.00 and we hope the concert being held on Saturday will be well supported. It is possible that one of Mrs. Gurr's fabulous plays will be staged in April. In May there will be another Garden Safari and more entertainment during the summer months. If any of you can come up with any new ideas for fund-raising we would be delighted to hear them. Thank you all for your continued support.

On the 10th Anniversary of the Parish magazine I would just like to say congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributes and subscribes to this monthly newsletter. We have been very lucky to have Editors who worked hard and efficiently making the magazine something to look forward to every month. Our thanks to Mrs. Ruth Lumley-Smith who got the magazine off the ground and ran it for I believe five years, followed by the late Mrs. Stella Vause and now Mrs. Cathy McShee. We look forward to another 10 years of publication.

E.J.W.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

P.S. At the splendid concert held on March 10th, Mrs. Gwen Masters presented a beautiful clock to the Village Hall in appreciation of the heart warming celebration of her 80th birthday by the people of Blisland. Her generous gift is most welcome as the Village Hall lacked a clock and this gift provides the finishing touch to our recent re-decoration.

E.J.W.

The annual Woman's World Day of Prayer Service was held in St. Breward Methodist Church on Friday 2nd March. Ladies from churches near and far attended this warm and friendly service of prayer and fellowship together. The speaker this year was Mrs. Peggy Crosley of St. Teath. Soloist Zoe Hodges of St. Tudy. The sum of £23.32p was sent to the WW Day of Prayer Society.

Those taking part were organist Miss Amelia Wadge, Jennifer Teague, Josephine Greenaway, Olive Bickle, Pamela Kennaway, Hilary Young, Nesta Teague, Margaret Diston, Ann Hole, Denise Prout, Nan Hollister, Betty Hoskin, Clair Charlton, Mavis Metters, Lorna Parsons, Sue Hutton, Jane Hanscomb, Margaret Willetts, Mary Blackburn, Sue Mitchel.

House to house collections in St. Breward for the Salvation Army amounted to £48.05p. Many thanks to the collectors who had to brave storm and flood to do the collecting. Dora Pearce, Maureen Prideaux, Denise Hill, Vera Colman, Margaret Willetts, Nesta Teague. A big thank you to you all from the Bodmin branch of the Salvation Army.

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April	7th	Sticker (Away)
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"	22nd-Sunday	Nanpean (Away)

Entertainment

Sunday	April	1st	Pool competition
Wednesday	"	4th	Bingo
Friday	"	6th	Nite Flite Disco
Saturday	"	7th	Peak Condition (Our own locals)
Saturday	"	14th	Lee Dean
Sunday	"	15th	Cheam Valley Warriors F.C. and Michelle
Wednesday	"	18th	Bingo
Friday	"	20th	Nite Flite Disco
Saturday	"	21st	Martyn Lucas
Friday	"	27th	Target Disco
Saturday	"	28th	Left, Right and Centre

ST. BREWARD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - this will be held in the Red Cross Centre on Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. Guest speakers will be an Officer from N.C.D.C. Treasurer's department, Mr. H. Northcott, C.C. and a representative from the Devon and Cornwall Police.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

COFFEE EVENING AT DE LANK

in aid of Arthritis Research Council funds.

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Cake stall, lucky No. raffles etc.

Please come. N. Hollister.

BLISLAND W.I.

Our meeting on the 20th February, 1990 commenced at 7.15pm., the Minutes were read by Mrs. George and Mrs. Gurr said how much the meal at St. Breward had been enjoyed.

One of the special events in this 75th Anniversary Year will be at the Cornwall Garden Society's Spring Show which is to take place on Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd April at Lanhydrock. This is an opportunity for the flower arrangers as the W.I. have been invited to take part and a schedule of three competitive classes has been drawn up relating to the Anniversary.

The A.G.M. will be at the Albert Hall on the 6th and 7th of June and it is our turn to send a delegate. People interested were asked to submit their names.

We recently had a talk by the Truro Wildlife Park owner about the work done there to save the owls. If you wish to help further would you please write a letter of support as they might lose their planning consent due to an alteration to a proposed road. The person to write to is Mr. Goddard, Polisken Wildlife Sanctuary, near Truro.

As from March we will be having a Trading Stall. Members are invited to bring goods, surplus vegetables, etc. for sale and 10% of the proceeds will go towards funds.

Our speaker was Mr. Alan Cooper who gave us a most interesting talk on India and showed us some beautiful slides. He visited the country with his family and they travelled extensively by bus and train in order that they could come into contact with the local people and really see how they lived. Their journey commenced in Calcutta which has some beautiful buildings but generally is very dirty and the people very poor. Mr. Cooper was very struck by the beauty of the people but everywhere there were crowds, poverty, filth and smells. They continued through Goya, the place where Buddism was born, to Patna and eventually by bus to Nepal, a journey which should have taken six hours but in fact took two days! They saw markets, temples, prayer wheels, riverside cremations and an endless kaleidoscope of colour. After the magnificent scenery of the Himalayas they travelled to Benares where they stayed in a hotel reminiscent of Somerset Maughan. Another memorable visit was to the Taj Mahal at Agra and from there it was off to New Delhi and thence home once more.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Mrs. Mavis Metters welcomed 20 members and one visitor to our A.G.M. Mrs. Margaret Shelley read the minutes.

Many subjects in the County News were discussed especially getting new members to join. Not all newcomers to the Parish want to give us a trial! Although there are so many different things going on to suit all tastes. We appeal to all you Ladies out there to come along. I'm sure you will find someone who is especially tuned in to your wave-length. Two skittle teams are to go to St. Pinnock again this year. After a lengthy discussion it was passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to start our meetings in the Village Hall for the time being as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

Voting for the new officers then took place carefully watched over by Mrs. Grace Masters, to whom we give our most grateful thanks. Mrs. Gladys Champion is to be our new President, with Mrs. Margaret Shelley still Secretary and Mrs. Mavis Metters as Treasurer.

Mrs. Grace Masters audited our accounts and Mrs. Champion gave us a full report, which was good and put us all in quite a safe frame of mind. Mrs. Margaret Shelley then gave us her Annual report as Secretary which was very full and interesting. After Mrs. Metters presented her report, they were all adopted. Mrs. Busbridge gave a vote of thanks to the past president and committee.

The banner has at last been put in motion and everyone has been asked to work something on it after the designers have put it all together. Several bags of knitted squares were given to Grace who offered to sew them into blankets.

The winners of the Annual Cups were, for the competitions:
1st Mrs. Pam Bousfield,
And Flower of the month Annual Cup winner,
1st Mrs. Joey Greenaway.

Mrs. Josie Hawken.

Blisland W.I. cont.

Mrs. Isobel Willcocks won the competition, refreshments were provided by Mrs. Dunworth and Mrs.Horton and the raffle was won by Mrs. Barwood.

W. Barwood.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB.

February 19th was an exciting afternoon when we welcomed two ladies from the North Cornwall District Council, Miss George and Miss Bickerton, who talked on the new Community Charge and housing benefits. They were bombarded with many questions and showed great patience, although admitting that things could change 'tomorrow'. They were thanked when they told us we could always call at the office if in any doubt and someone would advise us further.

The competition, 'prettiest brooch', was won by Miss Rowe, and the afternoon concluded as usual with tea and chat.

On March 5th we welcomed Mrs. Shirley who showed many examples of Old Lace; from a bridal veil to collars and cuffs, also pieces heavily beaded. We thanked her for coming and were glad to see she had recovered from the fall which prevented her from coming on an earlier date. The competition, 'Spring flowers in an egg cup', was won jointly by Mrs. Miller and Miss Rowe. We were very pleased to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Jefford, who are returning to Cornwall to live and we hope will continue to be members.

A lovely tea was again provided by volunteers.

Gwen Masters.

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