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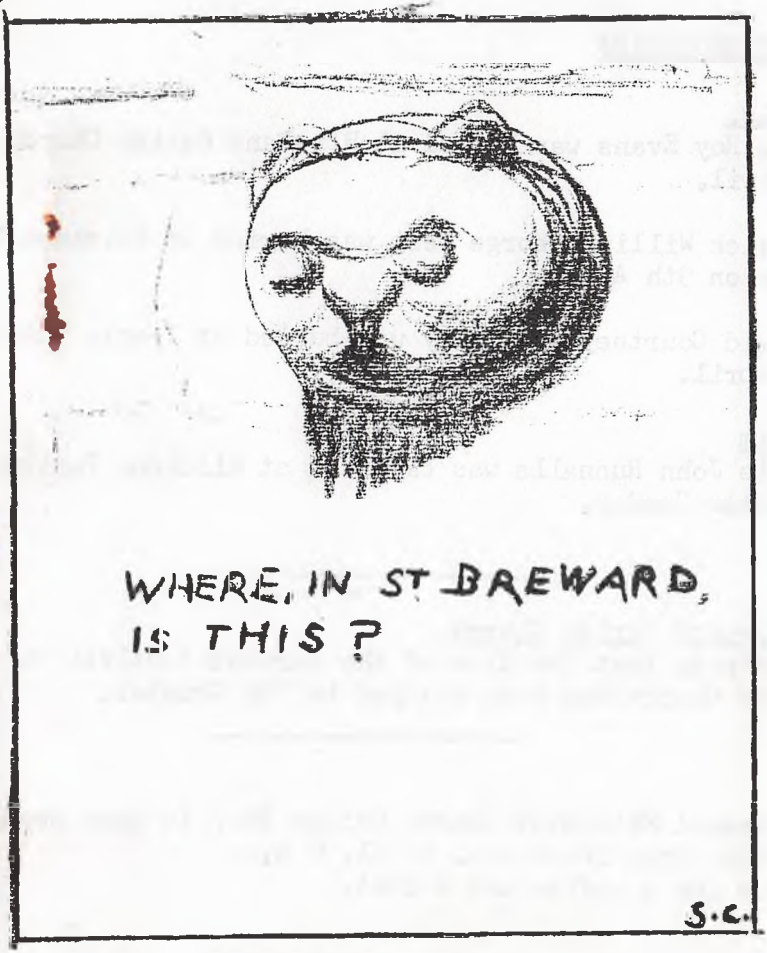

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Blisland 10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist.

St. Breward ~~10.00~~ 11.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist.

PARISH REGISTERS

Burials.
Morris Roy Evans was buried at Blisland Parish Church on 4th April.

Frederick William George Best was buried at Blisland Parish Church on 9th April.

Reginald Courtney Greenaway was buried at Temple Church on 10th April.

Baptism
Charlie John Runnalls was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Easter Sunday.

St. Breward Parish Church.
Please note that the date of the Harvest Festival for St. Breward Church has been changed to 7th October.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Making choices is part of everyday life and such choices invariably effect our material, mental and spiritual well-being for better or for worse.

The question thus arises how we can make the right choices? How can we make correct judgements? These are for the most part determined by the beliefs and values by which we live and these in turn have been forged by enviromental, religious and social forces exhibited by the community we are part of. Such beliefs and values will, if they are found to be relevant in daily living, remain part of our moral code and will thus determine our conduct in our relationship towards all and sundry as we pass through life.

However, such beliefs and values will only be of universal benefit should they prove helpful in dealing in the whole area of life from birth to death. For unless our philosophy of life embraces the whole of human existence, it cannot be said to be wholly helpful.

The intelligent man or woman must ask and will have to ask certain fundamental questions if they are to understand life's journey and the difficulties and problems which are thrown up along it's way. Thus we need to ask the questions: 'Who are we?' 'Why are we here?' and 'Where are we going?' Failure to ask such questions will make us less than human and certainly inadequate as we seek to deal with life in all its changing scenes.

In seeking to deal with such questions as these, I believe that the Christian faith does provide us with an intelligent and sufficient answer. For the season of the Resurrection, which the Church celebrates at this time proclaims the Risen Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life and thus in that resurrection experience is to be found the final solution to the meaning of life in all of its variety. What think you of Christ? is this a question which we should all know if we seek to understand the meaning of life and to find fulfillment in it.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Harris.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday May 1st - St. Breward Methodist Church at 7.30p.m. The musical 'A Grain of Mustard Seed', will be sung by a choir from the St. Tudy, St. Mabyn and District. Everyone welcome.

June 1st. 2nd &3rd.- FLOWER FESTIVAL at St Breward Methodist Church. To be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 1st by Mrs. Pamela Luke followed by Morning Coffee, Buffet Lunch and Afternoon Teas. A Service will be held at 7.00p.m. led by Mrs. Pamela Luke.
June 2nd - there will be Morning Coffee, Buffet Lunch and Afternoon Teas.
June 3rd - Teas and Coffee will be served during the day. Services at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. Preachers as per plan.

ST. BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

St. Breward Gardening Club would like to thank everyone who helped and exhibited in our first Spring Show. It was very well supported and the Village Hall looked superb with the beautiful Spring flowers, pot plants, handicrafts and Home Produce.

Mrs. Josie Hawken won the Home Produce Cup and Mrs. Paddy Powell the Runner Up Cup.

Mrs. Paddy Powell won the Rose Bowl for Floral Arrangement. Mr. John Collings won the Daffodil/Narcissi Cup.

The Best Exhibit in the Show Cup was won by Miss Mona Brown.

The winners of the cup for the highest points in the Spring Flowers section were Mrs. Mavis Metters and Miss Terry O'Keefe who share the cup for the following year.

Soon we shall be holding a Plant Sale. Our next show will be in early September. Please watch the Post Office window for further information.

Doreen Bennet
Secretary.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Congratulations are sent to Micky Hunt who was recently presented with a certificate and a long service badge to mark his 52 years' service with St. Breward Silver Band.

Mr. Hunt joined the band in 1937 and started playing a tenor horn in 1938 and in 1960 took over the solo cornet. He was awarded the best player award at the Bugle Band Festival in 1971. He was secretary of St. Breward Band from 1949 to 1963 and he took over the job again in 1969 - a position he still holds. He has been musical director since 1975 and has been training learners since 1968 with currently 16 in the class.

At a recent concert in Wadebridge Town Hall by St. Breward Silver Band and other artistes Mr. F.E. Teague from St. Breward received the Cornwall Brass Band Association's Long Service Award Badge from Micky Hunt. In 1975 Mr. Teague received a certificate for 56 years service with the band.

Also at the concert Melville J. Irons from Wadebridge received the Cornwall Brass Band Association's Long Service Award Badge for 56 years playing the tenor horn with St. Breward Silver Band.

ST. BREWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

VARIETY CONCERT

To be held in the Methodist Church on May 24th at 7.00 pm. To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the building of the School. St. Breward Silver Band will start the concert. Refreshments available. Programmes will be available in the shop beforehand or just come along on the night.

St. Breward Post Office was broken into early on Saturday morning 14th April. The postmaster Mr. Derrick Adams saw a light on from his home and went to investigate. The three intruders ran off when bravely confronted by Mr. Adams before any damage could be done.

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual St. Breward Parish meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd April and was very well attended. The chairman, Mrs. D. Hannaford welcomed everybody and introduced the speakers. Mr. Chapman, Treasurer of N.C.D.C. gave a long but interesting talk on the poll tax and answered questions from the audience. Mr. H. Northcott, County Councillor spoke about roadworks in the area and about the closure of village schools. On the abscence of our community policeman, an acting sergeant from Bodmin police station gave a talk about the difficulty in policing rural areas due to lack of manpower. Over the last year in St. Breward, 6 burglaries were committed, 1 theft, 1 stolen vehicle and 1 case of criminal damage. In the eastern area as a whole crime had risen by 50%.

Mr. Edward-Collins then spoke about planning and other related matters. The meeting was then open to questions and discussion from the floor.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

MAY DAY - The Traditional Welcome of Spring

This MAY DAY the Carnival Committee want to arrange a FETE to carry out the choosing of the Queens and King and as part of the celebrations we would like to have a MAYPOLE DANCE but we need dancers.

Mrs. Jenny Benham will be arranging rehersals, so please let her know if you are interested.

The event will be held at the School on Bank Holiday Monday - 7th May in the late afternoon. Please help us to keep these traditions alive.

Mrs. Pauline Nottle would like to thank all who contributed to the very pleasing gifts and cards she received on her retirement from part-time clerical assistant, a post she has held at St. Breward C.P. School for almost 17 years. Sincere thanks to all concerned.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Well the Concert has come and gone and although I did give this a brief mention in last month's issue I would like to thank all the artists who so generously gave their time to help boost our funds. Gillian Walsh, Cynthia Clark, Rudi Gagnon, Bill Wareham, John and Rosemary Heard and Patsy Nichols are all entertainers of distinction and its always a great pleasure to listen to them. So we press on to the next event which is Wendy Gurr's production of Pinocchio on April 21st & 22nd. I'm sure it will be a great success. As reported last month by popular demand we are putting on another Garden Safari. The date is 20th May and schedules will be available from the Village Hall on the day at the cost of £1.00. Refreshments in the Hall will be served from 3.00p.m. In June we hope to put on a Dinner Safari - something quite new to me, but I'm assured they are good fun and at the end of June an Antiques Roadshow has been organised and you are invited to come along and have your bits and pieces valued by an experienced auctioneer for a small charge. This should be a most interesting evening and we are planning to have something a little more exotic in the way of refreshments. Hope to see you all at these events.

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LONGEVITY IN CORNWALL

Carew has recorded the following extraordinary instances of longevity:- "One Polgew", says he, " lately living reached into 130; a kinsman of his to 112; One Beauchamp to 102. Jean Browne, the beggar, a Cornishman by wandering (for I cannot say by inhabitance), though Irish by birth, outscoreth a hundred winters by I wote not how many revolutions." He speaks in another place, of one Prake, who lived at Yalland and died at 110. The Rev. Thomas Cole, Minister of Landewdnack, who died and was buried there in 1683, is said, in the register, to have been above 120 years of age. Dr. Borlase relates an anecdote, of his walking to Penryn and back, a distance of thirty miles, not long before his death, on the authority of Mr. Erisey, who met him on the road. Michael George, sexton of the same parish, was buried March 20th, 1683, again as is said in the register of 100 years. Dr. Borlase speaks also of an old man of the name of Collins, upwards of 100, who he saw on a tour to the Lizard: this man (Sampson Collins) was buried at Ruan-Major in 1754 aged 104. Dr. Borlase tells us also, on the authority of Mr. Scawen, of Molineck, of a woman who died at Gwythian, in 1676, at the age of 164. There is no entry of this woman's burial in the register, but by an inquiry, obligingly instituted by the present rector, Mr. Hockin, we find she is well known by tradition among the oldest inhabitants. Her name was Cheston Marchant. The tradition of the place is, that she had a new set of teeth and new hair in her old age, and that travellers, who came to see her out of curiousity, frequently took with them a lock of her hair; it is said also, that she spoke only the Cornish language, and that she was many years bedridden. Mr. Polwhele mentions Henry Brenton, a weaver of St. Wenn, who died in the reign of George I, aged 103; Mrs. Trevanion, who died at Bodmin in 1769 aged 107; Mr. Richardson of Tregony who died in 1770 aged 102; Mrs. Blanch Littleton of Lanlivery aged 101 (the three last on the authority of the Annual Register); a lady at Egloshayle aged 112; Maurice Bingham a fisherman of St. Just who died in 1780 aged 116; Elizabeth Kempe of Wendron who died in 1791 aged 104; Catherine Freeman a Scotch woman who died at Falmouth in 1793 aged 118; John Roberts of St. Keverne aged 107; Priscilla Rouse aged 101 and Edward Roberts aged 102 both of Manaccan; Mary Sarah aged 102 and Jane Studiford aged 102 both buried at Gluvias in 1803;

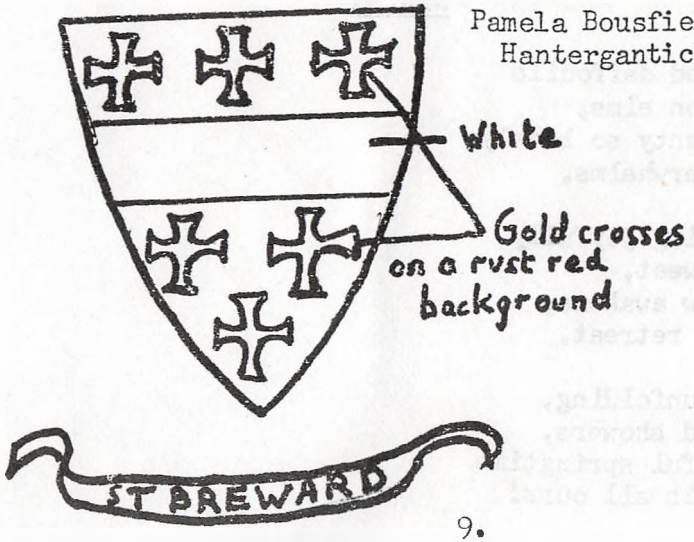
Mrs. Zenobia Stevens of Skilly-Waddon in the parish of Towednack who was buried at Zennor in 1763 at the age of 102, was tennent for 99 years of the tenement of Trevidgia-Warra and we are informed that when she went, on the expiration of the term, being of course in her 100th year, to the Duke of Bolton's court who held the tenement at St. Ives she excused herself from drinking a second glass of wine because it was growing late and she had some way to ride home upon a young colt. Her daughter, Mrs. Zenobia Baragwanath lived to the age of 98 or 99.

A. Charlesworth.

ST. BREWARD COAT OF ARMS

I have been shown two objects on which the shield of a coat of arms for St. Breward features. One is a tiny jug, a piece of Goss commemorative china owned by Mr. Morley Tremaine of Churchtown. The other is a cigarette case belonging to Mr. Fernley Parsons of Mount Pleasant. It was from the latter that the design on the tunic pockets of the St. Breward Band was taken. Below is a sketch of the shield. It is unusual for a village to have its own coat of arms. Can anyone throw light on its origin?

Pamela Bousfield,
Hantergantick.



BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly was well attended. Mr. D. Pearson, chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Inspector Buckingham attended with WPC Teague, community policewoman who gave a short address. During the past year there have been 9 crimes, 2 burglaries and a theft of a car. Mrs. J. Thompson, County Councillor and Mr. D. Coad, Ward Councillor addressed the meeting and then answered queries on planning and the Poll Tax. The possible closure of the village school was discussed but the headmaster is optimistic about the future. Parishioners need to be aware of the situation that the school is an integral part of village life. A petition will be circulated to be signed in support of the school.

At the recent monthly Parish Council meeting councillors were told that the street lighting plan has been finalised and lights will be erected as finances become available. The bus shelter has been damaged again and it is hoped if the young people are given one more chance they will appreciate the repair of the shelter and help to keep it in good order. Perhaps parents and parishioners could co-operate in this matter.

Barbara Sharp.

SPRING

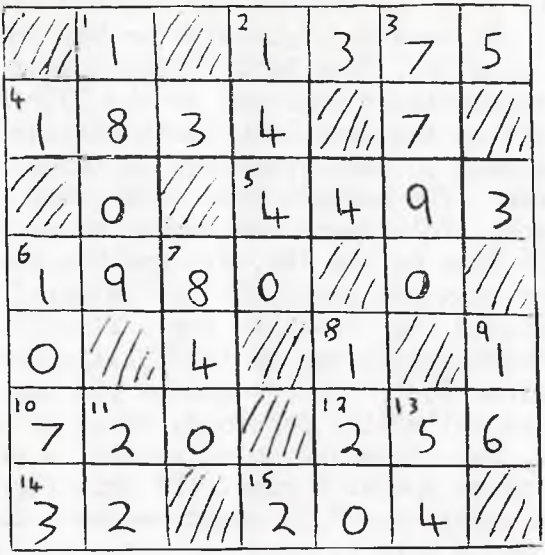
Bird song and daffodils
Soft blush on elms,
Spring's bounty so lovely
All else overwhelms.

Lambs skipping joyfully,
Primroses sweet,
The land now awakens,
On winter's retreat.

Green buds unfolding,
Sunshine and showers,
This wonderful springtime
To enjoy - is all ours!

Gwen Masters.

Here is the solution to the teaser provided by Mr. D. Bousfield. I'm sure it gave us all plenty to think about over the Easter holidays.



BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY

Wednesday 2nd May

10.30 - 12.30

Cakes & Plants Stall

BLISLAND W.I.

The 21st March 1990 was the day of our AGM. Mrs. Brown our V.C.O. was welcomed and Mrs. George read the Minutes. We are sorry that Mrs. George is resigning as Secretary but she has had to do so as she and her husband are leaving the district. We were very grateful to her for stepping into the job when Mrs. Bone left Blisland last year.

1990 is Communications Year and on the 27th June there will be a visit to the Satellite Earth Station at Goonhilly Downs when we hope to send greetings to Canadian members at Stoney Creek. Two members from each group will be invited to attend. Volunteers are needed to do teas at the Royal Cornwall Show on the 7th, 8th and 9th June - free passes for the show are available for helpers!

You are reminded that from 1st April it will be possible to pay your Community Charge at the Village Post Office. Do use your local Post Office whenever you can as all transactions such as collecting pensions, child allowances, buying stamps, T.V. licences, etc. attract a unit value which add up to an annual figure. If this figure falls below a given amount the P.O. could become a Community Office which would only be open for a few hours each day.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Willcocks and was agreed and adopted. Mrs George gave the Secretary's Annual Report. Mrs. Brown took over the meeting whilst our new officers were elected and she also explained the revision of the Constitution to us. Mrs. Gurr was re-elected as President, Mrs. Willcocks agreed to carry on as Treasurer and Miss Runnalls and Mrs. Aspinall will share the secretarial duties between them. As our numbers have dropped to fifteen we would welcome any new members. Even if you don't want to join at the moment you would be welcome to come as visitors to see what our meetings are like - 7.15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month! At our May meeting Mrs. Deacon will be talking about, and demonstrating painting on, china.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Aspinall and teas were provided by Miss Runnalls and Mrs. Richards.

Wendy Barwood.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Our new President, Mrs. Gladys Champion welcomed members and two visitors, one of whom was Mona Brown, a former member for many years. Mrs. Margaret Shelley read the minutes.

The design for the Banner has been approved by everyone, so the work can now begin, with several people working on it.

Our monthly raffle has been undertaken by Mrs. Bennett, all members to supply an item.

There is to be a notice board put up in the Village Hall, where our next months meeting takes place. Mrs. Taylor has agreed to be our representative on the Village Hall Committee.

There is to be a Flower Festival at St. Breward Methodist Chapel, and we have been invited to enter an exhibit, which is to be arranged by Mrs. Cragg and Mrs. Gamlen.

Mr. King from Laveddon Nurseries gave us a very informative talk, mostly concerning indoor pot plants. We learnt many useful tips, and he kindly answered questions afterwards, being thanked at the end by Mrs. Bridge.

The commission table was ably run by Mrs. Mitchell.

Flower of the month was won by Mrs. Bousfield, 2nd Mrs. Greenaway, 3rd Mrs. Metters.

The competition, 'A Garden in a Saucer', was won by Mrs. Bousfield, 2nd Mrs. Sainsbury.

Josephine Hawken.

Gillian Walsh - Diary.

Monday 14th May to Saturday 19th May inclusive.	'Showboat' by Jerome Kern at Foster Hall, St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin.
Friday 25th May	Athelstan House, Bodmin.

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

Fixtures

Football 1st XI

May	5th	Kilkhampton (Home)
"	12th	Tintagel (Home)
"	19th	Liskeard (Away)

Mens Darts - Super League

May	3rd	St. Blazey F.C. 'B' (Away)
"	10th	George and Dragon (Home)
"	17th	Swan Hotel 'B' (Home)
"	24th	Fairpark Flyers (Away)
"	31st	Tywardreath B.L. (Home)

Entertainment

Wednesday	May	2nd	Bingo
Thursday	"	3rd	Ben Murphy
Friday	"	4th	Nite Flite Disco
Saturday	"	5th	Double Top
Friday	"	11th	The Bizz
Saturday	"	12th	Nite Flite Disco
Wednesday	"	16th	Bingo
Friday	"	18th	Disco
Saturday	"	19th	Mike Porterfield
Friday	"	25th	Nite Flite Disco
Saturday	"	26th	Rimfire
Wednesday	"	30th	Bingo

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W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB

March 19th was a musical afternoon when popular records were played, for musical parcels, on a music centre, presented to the Club by Mr. Alan King. This gift was much appreciated and thanks were accorded to Mr. King for his kind thought.

The competition, 'Daintiest piece of China', was won by Mrs. Ham. Tea was provided as usual by volunteers.

April 2nd was our A.G.M. when we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Holland, District Organiser and Miss Everton, District Old People's Welfare Officer.

The secretary, Mrs Billing, gave a full account of our year's activities and Miss Tucker, treasurer, presented her financial statement. Both were approved. A certain amount of sadness was mingled with my report as retiring Leader. Owing to new rules reported last year, I have had to resign my office, owing to the age limit of 65 for Leaders. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 14 years as Leader, but will remain on the committee. Miss Tucker and Mrs. Billing will remain in office for the coming year to support our new Leader, Mr. Ham. I was very pleased to present my organisers badge to Tony Ham in whom I have every confidence that he will make a competent and popular Leader - I wish him every success. Mrs. M. Webber has agreed to be the Deputy Leader.

At this point there was a great surprise, a lovely iced cake, made and provided by Mrs. Ham, appeared, together with sherry for all, provided by Mr. Ham and also a large basket of fruit from the members. While we were enjoying this I was also presented with a W.R.V.S. commemorative spoon and signed card from Mrs. Holland, on behalf of the staff at District Office. After many kind remarks tea was served. I hope I thanked everybody but it was a little overwhelming. When things got back to normal and Mr. Ham took over, the raffle winners were announced and the winners of the competition, 'Picture of an animal', were Mrs. G. Hambley and Mrs. Billing. This concluded my last meeting as Leader. At the next meeting Mr. Ham will be in full charge. In accepting Office, Mr. Ham made a stirring speech, which augers well for our future and I'm sure set the seal on his Leadership.

 Gwen Masters.

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