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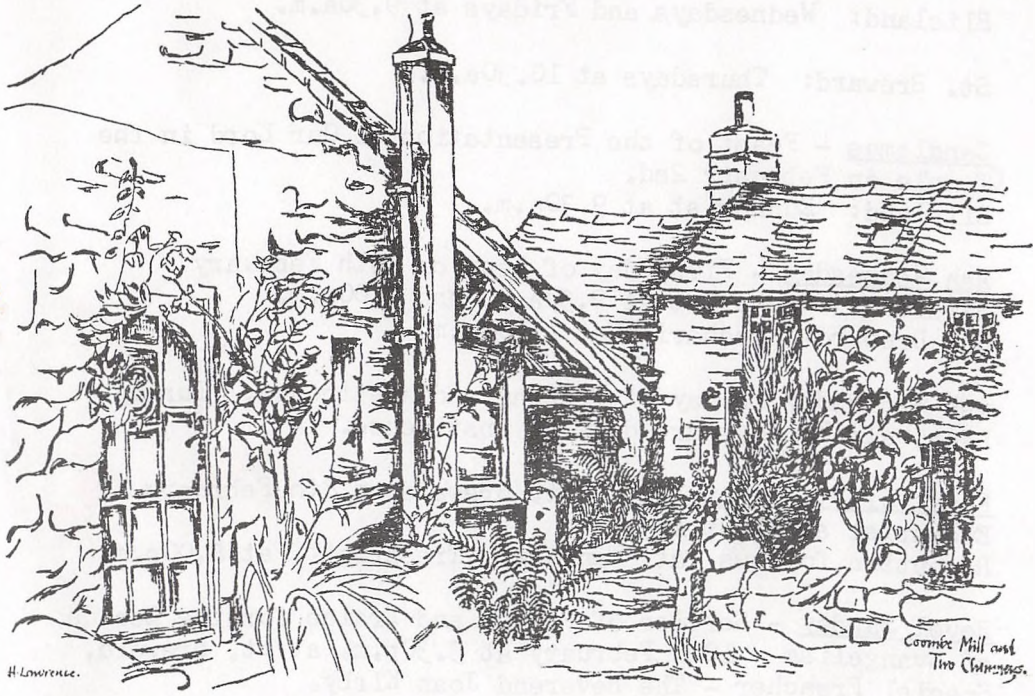

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Sunday Services for February

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Family Service at Blisland on Sunday 3rd February at 11.00am.

Weekday Services

Blisland: Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.30a.m.

St. Breward: Thursdays at 10.30a.m.

Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on February 2nd.
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m.

Ash Wednesday - First day of Lent on 13th February
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m. and 7.00p.m.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Ash Wednesday is day of Fasting and abstinence. During Lent, all Fridays are days of Abstinence.

Feast of St. Branwalder - St. Breward on 8th February.
Eucharist at 7.00p.m.
Reception follows at 'Penrose', Tresarrett, at 8.00p.m.

Revel Sunday - Service of Prayer and Praise for the Decade of Evangelism - 10th February at 3.30p.m. at St. Breward.
Special Preacher - The Reverend Joan Kirby.

The Silver Band will play during the Service. Tea will follow in the Village Hall.

Walsingham

The annual Cornish pilgrimage takes place this year in April from the 8th until the 12th. Total cost is £110 which includes coach, bed and board.
For details please contact Fr. Harris.

Letter from the Parish Priest.

Dear Parishioners,

The Season of Lent arrives earlier this year and this means that already we should be giving some real and positive thought on how we can better disciples of Our Blessed Lord. Discipleship of course involves discipline and we all know that without it, nothing worthwhile is ever achieved. For if people in everyday life spend much time and energy in the pursuit of some transitory ambition, how much more should we as Christians seek to embrace a discipline whose object is to prepare us for eternity.

Such a discipline could well take the form of a 'Rule of Life'. For such a rule can both clarify the purpose of human life, a fact sadly lacking in most people's lives and provide us with a disciplined life style within the context of our Christian belief, worship and practice. The outcome should mean that we shall develop a more informed, committed and loving relationship with God and our neighbour.

Anyone then who seriously desires to pursue the Christian life should endeavour to give Christian discipline due consideration. For without it, there can be no real progress in the spiritual life. Do not hesitate then to consult with me should you feel that you need help in formulating such a rule of life. For such a rule could assist you greatly if you truly desire to become a better disciple of Our Lord.

May God then bless you in his service.

Yours sincerely,

Father Harris.

Parish Registers

Funerals

The funeral service for William Alfred Church took place on 13th December in the Parish Church at Blisland.

The funeral service for Eileen Margaret Jefford took place at Blisland Parish Church on the 4th January.

The funeral service for Dorothy Audrey Kay took place on the 3rd January at the Parish Church of St. Breward.

'Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.'

The death occurred on 9th January of Mrs. Maggie Culley aged 86 years at Treliske Hospital. Maggie lived almost all her life in St. Breward.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Hayling Island, Hampshire on December 15th between Miss Rachel Alison Davies formerly of Hazelmere, St. Breward and Mr. Andrew Simon Green.

Study Groups

The significance of Lent - Monday 4th February at 7.30p.m. at the Rectory.

The Liturgical Celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Meetings to be held on Monday 25th February, Monday 4th March and Monday 18th March at 7.30p.m. at the Rectory.

We regret to report the death of the Rev. Michael Charles Browning in a Residential Home at Looe.

It was in 1968 that Michael Browning was installed as Priest-in-charge of St. Breward Parish Church, having previously served in the parishes of St. Eval and St. Ervan.

Father Michael was already a familiar figure in the village, having bought, some years earlier, a holiday - cum - retirement cottage at Lower Penquite.

After his official ministry ended he frequently officiated at services during the two interregnum periods of the Parish Church and often took services in the Methodist Church.

Father Michael loved to walk on the moors, he was keenly interested in archaeology and the study of the ancient Cornish Crosses.

Many will remember Fr. Michael and Mrs. Browning travelling in the two seater M.G. sports car, open topped, both swathed in scarves and relishing the fresh moorland air. He will be missed by many people in the village. May he rest in peace.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday February 10th at 2.30p.m.
Preacher Mr. R. Hoskin.
Sunday February 24th at 2.30p.m. Holy Communion.
Preacher Rev. R. Barlow.

On the 14th and 15th December the Blisland Youth Drama Workshop under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Gurr, staged the 'Christmas Story'. This significant play set within the confines of the Methodist Church under the glow of gas lights captivated the audience on each night. The Church funds benefited by £118.50. All the Church members greatly appreciate the hard work and effort put into this production by Mrs. Gurr and the young people.

Tony Ham
Steward.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BREWARD 1990

Our illuminated tree on the tower, visible for miles around shone brightly, thanks to Bill and his team and welcomed all those who attended the first Mass of Christmas. This was Father Harris' first Christmas service at St. Breward and the congregation almost filled the church. The floral arrangements were skilfully presented and grateful thanks go to Hilary Cragg and Sue Hutton.

The Crib in its new position beneath the High Altar formed a beautiful focal point and the tree in the Lady Chapel was beautifully decorated thanks to the Harper family. Our grateful thanks to Nancy and Rodney for the trees and also to Christopher, Douglas and Clifford.

Our service of 9 Lessons and Carols presided over by Father Harris was well supported. Amongst those taking part were, friends from Blisland, representatives from the Guides, Scouts and Methodist Church. The collection, together with funds from the Carol singing in the village totalled £59.00 and has been donated to the Church of England's Childrens Society. On behalf of the P.C.C. may I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

H.C. Hawken.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

League Fixtures for February

'A' Team

February	4th	St. Breward 'B' (Away)
"	11th	Camelford Cons 'B' (Home)
"	18th	St. Teath 'A' (Away)
"	25th	Bye

'B' Team

February	4th	St. Breward 'A' (Home)
"	11th	Camelford Cons 'C' (Away)
"	18th	Bye
"	25th	Camelford W.M. 'B' (Away)

A Junior Knockout Competition will commence from early February. Please enter your name on Junior's night on February 5th at 6.30p.m. There will be a prize for the winner.

SOLUTION TO THE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Congratulations to Mrs. Babb of 6, Rostalek, St. Breward, whose solution was the first opened.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

At their annual general meeting held recently, supporters and band members heard the report from their musical director, Mickey Hunt, stating that the band had had another excellent year of contests with many summer engagements. The treasurer, Michael Rowe reported a very healthy balance in the bank.

Officers elected were: Fernley Parsons, President; Dennis Champion, chairman; Victor Teague, vice-chairman; Mickey Hunt, musical director and secretary; Janet Prout, assistant secretary; Michael Rowe, treasurer; Kevin Colman, auditor.

Following last month's letter from Gerald Reed, Mrs. Beryl has also let me have a copy of a letter from another brother who lives in South Africa, Austin Reed. He also I'm sure is remembered by many people in St. Breward.

Dear Mrs. Helme,

Some time ago we received a letter from two dear school friends saying you would like to hear from any pupils who attended your school at its opening in 1930.

I spent the last year of my schooling at what was referred to then as the 'New School', which became the Council School.

I have memories (somewhat blurred by time) of journeys up and down the lane between the two schools, with the other older boys carrying things from the 'old to the new'. Everyone thought it fun, like children the world over anything was better than doing class work.

After the cold and draughty 'old school', to have central heating, hot water pipes on which to hang wet clothing in the cloakrooms, flush toilets, and desks for two, we thought we were in Heaven.

Gordon Ternouth and I shared a desk at the back of the classroom being in 'X7' (as high as the classes went). Whenever Mr. Dawe left the classroom we would of course start talking, suddenly Mr. Dawes' head would pop around the door and he'd say "Ternouth, your voice is like thunder". I wonder if the girls sitting in front of us - (I think Lorna Finnemore (now Parsons) was one) remember us dipping their long pigtails in the inkwells?

I remember our first football game in the new field with grass about six to eight inches high, before it was trimmed down with a grass cutter.

I left school at Easter 1931 at the age of fourteen to work at De Lank Quarries as a 'toolboy', eventually becoming a stonemason. I left for South Africa in August 1939 at the age of twenty two.

In June 1977, after an absence of thirty eight years, I returned to Cornwall with my wife Grace, on a three month holiday - which coincided with the C of E centenary celebrations - with my sister Beryl Williams we attended the special service at St. Breward Church and the get together in the old school afterwards.

What a wonderful feeling to be 'home' again, to show my wife where I was baptised and to visit the schools I had attended. A few of the former pupils of your school I remember meeting. Besides my sisters Mavis Found (St. Austell) and Beryl Williams (Rock) were Gordon and Edna (Rowe) Ternouth, Ernie and Mavis(Nottle) Metters, Hedley and Margaret (Burch) Methven, Fernley and Lorna (Finnemore) Parsons, Margaret (Hawken) Willetts, Josephine (Rawlings) Greenaway, Margaret (Coggin) Sullivan, Bob Boundy, Fred Winn, Wilfred Hawken, Blanche Hill. I think there were a couple of others whose names escape me at the moment.

I would like to pay tribute to the teachers who battled sometimes to drum the 'three Rs' into our heads.

It is too late to say 'thank you' to them - but to those who carry on the good work we would like to express our thanks.

I hope you will find something of interest in these ramblings of mine. Anyway it has been a pleasure writing to you. In doing so I have relived, in my mind, many happy days of my youth. Thank you for the opportunity of being able to do so.

Yours very sincerely,
Austin Reed.

Spare a thought for the mother who left her four year old son with the vicar while she popped out to make him a cup of tea. The vicar noticed the child looked curiously at his face and when he asked the child why he was doing so was told that he was 'looking for the other one'. 'Looking for the other what?' asked the vicar, intrigued. 'Oh' said the boy, 'Mummy says you're two-faced, so I was looking for the other one!'.

"That embroidery is quite superb, Mrs Brown," said the vicar as he walked round the church fete. "It requires a lot of expertise to produce work like that."

"You're wrong, vicar," she said. "I did it all meself."

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

Entertainment

Friday	February	1st	Niteflite (Disco)
Saturday	"	2nd	Red Raiders
Friday	"	8th	Jumbo (Disco)
Saturday	"	9th	Graham Ryder
Friday	"	15th	MO-JO (Disco)
Saturday	"	16th	Andy Claridge (He does everything)
Friday	"	22nd	Horse Racing?
Saturday	"	23rd	Robby Hart

Dear Editor,

Referring to Mr. Smith's rhyme concerning an extra sign at the top of the village.

Other signs immediately spring to mind that are much more important; such as repeater speed limit signs to try to cut down the speed of the traffic which rushes through the village, often exceeding 50mph. Our pets fall victims to these speedsters - one day it could be a child! Also a sign is needed to indicate that there is no footpath through the village.

If our Parish budget cannot be stretched to provide these signs, can it really be expected to fund a sign to guide those confused visitors, coming off the moor, to our local ammenities? Surely, if the business community feel it would make such a substantial upturn to their Summer trading, they could club together to provide their own sign,

Yours sincerely,
Leila Bateman,
St. Breward.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 15th February our Valentines Dance will commence at 8.00p.m. Entrance £2 including refreshments.

E.J.W.

THE SNOWSTORM

O thou wind-swept blinding mass
Coming with thine icy breath,
Devouring, even as you pass,
With such cruel force, akin to death.

What mercy showeth thou to us,
Unceasingly thy bitter blast
Covers us; thy snowy gust
Wrestling - draws our breath at last.

In the lull so tranquil, glorious,
We our gasping breath re-new,
But thou oft' return more furious,
While we blindly struggle through.

Beneath thy force so unrelenting
Fail we then to guide our feet,
While thou, still so unrepenting,
Silently in vain retreat.

Gwen Masters.

ST. BREWARD CONSERVATIVES

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Breward Conservative Association will be held in the Band Room on Wednesday, 6th February, 1991 at 7.30p.m. All present and prospective members welcome.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Shop will open again on Wednesday February 6th and be open subsequent Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Mrs. Josephine Hawken welcomed members and the minutes were read by Mrs. Jenny Teague.

It was decided to purchase a bed jacket for Mrs. Mabel Hooper in recognition of her many years as pianist for the meetings.

The St. Breward Methodist Church asked the W.I. if one of our members would read a lesson at their Carol Service on December 23rd.

A Flower Festival is to be held in the Parish Church on 25th, 26th & 27th May 1991 and has asked if the W.I. will help with the sponsorship. The sum of £20 was proposed by Mrs. Anne Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Pamela Bousfield.

We have been allocated a V.C.O. for our resolutions meeting in 1991 and again in 1992.

It was suggested we have an outing to the local inn for lunch before the January meeting.

Our speaker was Mrs. Hilary Cragg, who demonstrated how to arrange a lovely decoration for the Christmas table; some were of holly and lovely coloured greenery, others flowers and holly. All the members tables should be a delight to see on Christmas Day. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Anne Holmes.

Flower of the Month was won by Mrs. Joey Greenaway, second was Mrs. Pamela Bousfield and third Mrs. Joan Sainsbury.

The Competition was won by Mrs. Pamela Bousfield, second was Mrs. Joey Greenaway and third Mrs. Pam Bridge.

Josephine Hawken

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Oak or Ash. £18 small load. £44 unsplit large trailer load. £50 split large trailer load.
Contact Brian Runnalls. Tel. Bodmin 850376.

BLISLAND W.I.

Our meeting in December took place one week earlier than usual because of Christmas and this could possibly account for the very small number of people who attended our Christmas Social on the 12th. Nine members prepared delicious refreshments and we welcomed three visitors, Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. Miller and Miss Parnell.

Mrs. Gurr had made some very pretty table decorations and the tables were set about the hall and it all looked very festive. When the business had been concluded and Mrs. Aspinall had read the minutes the party began. We pushed all the tables together and decided to make the evening take the form of a family-type party and we all sat round the large table and everyone performed their 'piece'. Mulled wine helped the festive atmosphere and several of us asked Mrs. Donnelly for the recipe! Many of the poems and stories had a Christmas theme so I will not quote them as by the time you read this in February they will not really be relevant. Mind you, I often wonder if anyone does actually read our W.I. news as I don't think I have ever had a response to any of the queries, requests or anything else!

Mrs. Masters read an amusing poem called 'A Warning'. Although she did not write it herself we all enjoyed listening to it as follows:-

'When I am an old woman I shall wear purple,
With a red hat, which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on Brandy and summer gloves,
And satin sandals, and say, 'We've no money for butter'.
I shall sit on the pavement when I am tired,
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells,
And run my stick along the public railings,
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain,
And pick flowers in other people's gardens,
And learn to spit.
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat,
And eat 3 lbs. of sausages at one go,
Or only bread and pickles for a week,
And hoard pens and pencils, and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We will have friends to dinner and read the papers.
But maybe I ought to practise a little now
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple.'

We trust that all those who were unwell on the 12th have now recovered and will look forward to Mr. Thomas's talk on 20th February.

We were very sad to learn that Mrs. Eileen Jefford died on Christmas Day and we offer our condolences to her husband.

W. Barwood.

Stan Jefford and family wish to thank everyone for the many floral tributes and messages of sympathy received and to thank particularly their many friends in Blisland for their wonderful support and comfort during their sad time.

Stan Jefford.

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Thank you to Pat Lawrence who sent me the picture of Coombe Mill for this month's cover. It was drawn by her daughter Helen showing it as it was when the Lawrence family lived there. Although they moved to Bournemouth in 1983 it is nice to know they still receive this magazine.

W.R.V.S. CLUB

A shopping trip to Truro took place for the Club on 27th November. There was plenty of seats available for anyone wishing to partake of this outing but despite a prominent notice displayed in the village the response was disappointing.

At the kind invitation of the Head Teacher, Mr. Malcolm Vian, the Club was invited to Blisland School on Thursday afternoon, December 13th to see the children perform 'Santas Workshop'. This amusing mini pantomime, so well performed by the children, delighted the members. It was obvious a great deal of preparation and study had gone into this production and all concerned were congratulated on the very high standard achieved. Mr. Vian was thanked and a calendar presented to him from the club.

On the 18th December the Club held its final meeting for the year. A social afternoon was the theme and Mrs. Audrey Pierce introduced a game where members, on being allocated three playing cards could then claim a prize when their card was called. As the game progressed the prizes changed hands many times much to the merriment of all participating. A simple game but a lot of fun.

The competition - to identify a baby photograph was not very successful as only three photographs were submitted and this made the competition too easy!

It is with great sadness that we record the passing away of Mrs. Eileen Margaret Jefford on Christmas Day at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice after a short illness. Eileen was an active member of the Blisland W.R.V.S. Club and the W.I. She and her husband Stan, regularly worshipped at Blisland Methodist Church.

Tony Ham

At their annual Christmas party the staff of Hantergantick and Merrivale quarries donated a cheque for £225 to the Children - in - Need Appeal, as a result of their raffle.

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