BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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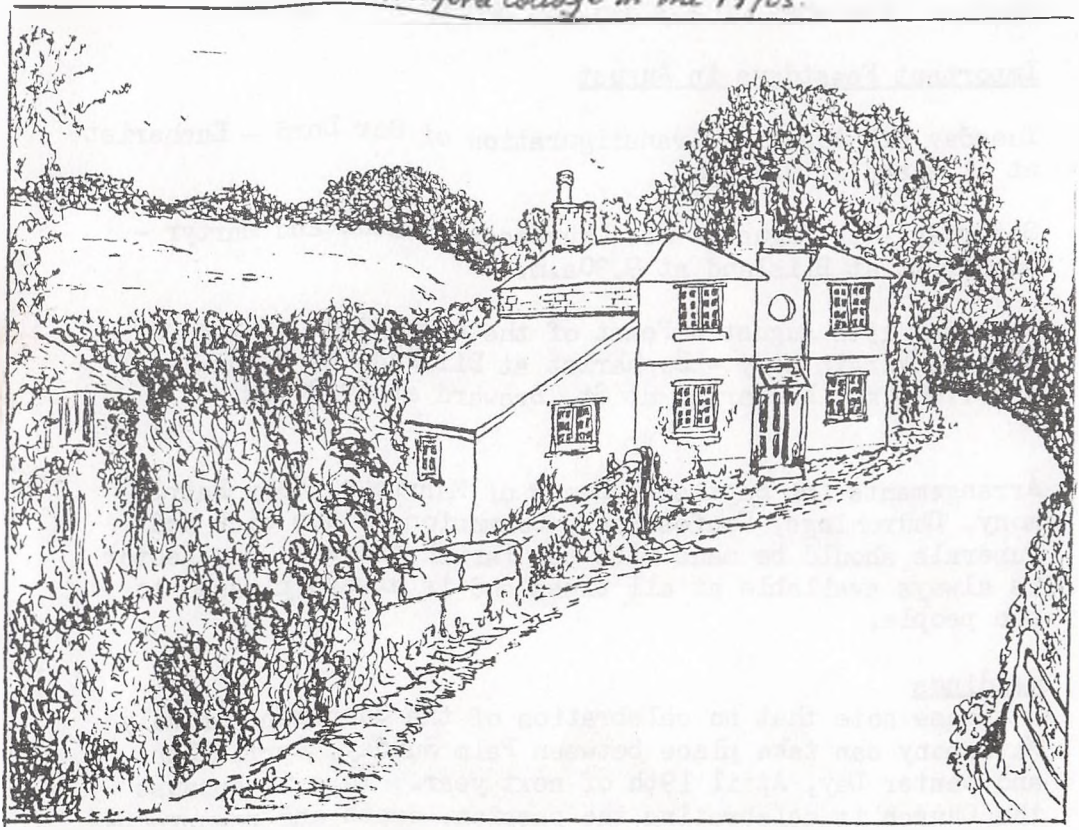
Wenford Cottage in the 1970s.



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St. Breward	Mr. H.C. Hawken	Bodmin 850294
	Mrs. S. Hutton	Bodmin 850761

Sunday Services for August

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

Weekday Services

Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 10.30a.m. on Thursdays.

Temple: Evensong at 3.30p.m. on Sunday 4th August.

Important Feastdays in August

Tuesday 6th August - Transfiguration of Our Lord - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Saturday 10th August - St. Laurence - Deacon and Martyr - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Thursday 15th August - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and 7.00p.m. Eucharist at St. Breward at 10.30a.m.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Holy Matrimony, Churchings, Confessions, Communion of the Sick and Funerals should be made with the Parish Priest. The Rector is always available at all times and is always pleased to see people.

Weddings

Please note that no celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony can take place between Palm Sunday, April 12th and Easter Day, April 19th of next year. This is because the Church is celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Marriage celebrations are thus incompatible with Christian Sentiments during this period of the Church's year.

Letter from the Parish Priest.

Dear Parishioners,

On the 15th of this month we shall be celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church's calendar. It is a day when we celebrate the completion of the life and work of the greatest of God's servants. Her success, lay in the fact that with the help of God's grace, she sought in all things to do God's holy will. Mary then, is the prototype of what every christian should try to be. It is only right then, that we should honour the Blessed Virgin and thus I hope that all who take their religion seriously will celebrate her heavenly birthday by attendance at the Eucharist on that day.

There are of course, people in our own parish who show a similar commitment to that of Our Lady. For we owe a great debt of gratitude to a small number of people who week by week offer their time, talents and money in the service of God and his church. We should indeed be grateful. For as a result of their efforts, we are able to maintain a christian presence in the parishes of Blisland and St. Breward and at the same time meet the occasional religious needs of many in the community who do not regularly practise the christian faith. It would of course be beneficial to the church both spiritually and materially if more people would offer themselves to God at a deeper level. Certainly the cause of His kingdom would be advanced and the lives of those who commit themselves in such a way would be greatly enriched.

As we ponder then the life of Our Lady and celebrate her glorious entry into heaven, let us imitate her example by seeking to do God's will in our lives and so commit ourselves more generously to His service in the life of the Church. With this done, like Mary we shall have glorified God and also like her find our lives wonderfully blessed in our generation.

Yours sincerely,

Father Harris.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Annabel Grace Suzanne Green was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on the 13th June.

Holy Matrimony

Mark Anthony Harris married Hayley Louise Davey on the 15th June at St. Breward Parish Church.

Andrew Alan McKay married Sharon Elaine Butters on the 6th July at Blisland Parish Church.

Funerals

A service for Hester Anne Harper took place at Blisland Parish Church on Friday, 14th June. Internment followed in the Churchyard.

A service for Edith Barbara Cursley took place at the parish church of St. Breward on Saturday, 15th June. Internment followed in the churchyard.

A service for Josephine Mary Newton took place at the parish church at St. Breward on Thursday, 20th June. Cremation followed at Glynn Valley, Bodmin.

Future Dates in the Church's Diary

Patronal Celebration in honour of St. Protus and St. Hyacinth will be held on Sunday, 22nd September.

Harvest Festival: St. Breward on 6th October
Blisland on 13th October.

Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Blisland and St. Breward on October 27th.

Visitation of the Bishop of St. Germans on October 22nd.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 11th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mrs. A. Beare.

Sunday August 25th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow.

Miss Blanche Hill (100 not out)

Congratulations to Miss Blanche Hill who will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 8th.

Born in St. Breward the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Hill, Miss Blanche grew up in the village and lived here until the last couple of years.

On leaving the old church school at Churchtown she learnt dressmaking from a Miss Best who lived at Ivy Cottage. Becoming very capable in her profession she taught the craft at the local school, as well as serving the villages.

A staunch member of the Parish Church Miss Blanche attended morning and evening services regularly as well as teaching in the Sunday School for over 55 years. That meant walking from her home at Mount Pleasant to Churchtown and back three times a day.

St. Breward sends greetings to you Miss Blanche and hope you enjoy your special day.

G. Masters.

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year the sponsored bicycle ride is taking place on Saturday 14th September from 10.00a.m. to 6.00p.m.
All money raised is divided equally between the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and your own church or chapel.
You can cycle, walk or ride to as many churches as you like.
A fun day out in aid of a good cause.
Sponsorship forms available from Mrs. C. McShee, Homelands Cottage, Higher Lank, St. Breward, Bodmin. Tel. 850435.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Engagements for August

Thursday	August 1st	Port Isaac at 7.45p.m.
Saturday	" 3rd	Tintagel Carnival 7.00p.m.
Sunday	" 4th	Looe 2.30 & 7.00p.m.
Wednesday	" 7th	Port Isaac Carnival
Thursday	" 8th	Port Isaac 7.45p.m.
Sunday	" 11th	Lifeboat Larks at Port Isaac 2.30p.m.
Wednesday	" 14th	Wadebridge Carnival 7.00p.m.
Thursday	" 15th	Port Isaac 7.45p.m.
Saturday	" 17th	Bodmin Carnival 7.00p.m.
Thursday	" 22nd	Port Isaac 7.45p.m.
Sunday	" 25th	Looe 2.30 & 7.00p.m.
Thursday	" 29th	Port Isaac 7.45p.m.
Sunday	September 1st	Padstow 2.30 & 7.00p.m.

The St. Breward Silver Band Fete held recently made the marvellous sum of just over £400. It was opened by Mr. L. Prideaux, Headmaster of St. Breward School and Bodmin School Band under their conductor Mr. A. Evans provided musical entertainment. The weather was atrocious and everythinghad to be indoors but a good time was had by all.

ST. BREWARD SCOUTS & CUBS are holding their AGM at Brake Park on Tuesday,6th August at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

Ten Posters seen outside churches

Fight truth decay - brush up your Bible every day.
Come in for a faith lift.
Seven prayerless days make one spiritually weak.
The Good Book has more chapters than the bad box has channels.
Come to Ch++ch. What is missing?
It's impossible to lose your footing on your knees.
Sing a hymn for Him.
Jog to church and keep spiritually fit.
Bank on God for a higher rate of interest.
Danger! Live Church!

Extract from Magna Britannia Volume 3 - A concise topographical account of The several Counties of Great Britain. Volume the Third containing Cornwall. Printed in 1814.

Temple

The depopulated parish of Temple, which contains only three cottages, with some small remains of its dilapidated church, lies on the downs, six miles from Bodmin, on the road to Launceston.

The manor and church belonged to the Knights-Hospitallers, and having passed with their preceptory of Trebigh, are now the property of Sir Bourchier Wray Bart who is patron of the sinecure benefice: it has twice been augmented by Queen Anne's bounty. Many aged persons, now living, remember the church standing, and divine service performed in it. The surplice duty is now performed by the rector of Blisland, and the baptisms and burials are now entered in the registers of that parish.

Mr. Carew observes that Temple is a place exempted from the Bishop's jurisdiction, "as one appertaining to the Templars, but not so from disorder; for if common report communicate with truth, many a bad marriage bargain is there yerely slubber'd up".

Tonkin adds, "grass widows go thither, sent to lye in and be nursed".

Hals says, "that by ancient right or prescription, the vicar or curate, or parish-clerk of Temple, for the time being, legally married all persons applying to them, according to the canons of the church of England, without banns or licence, and registered their names as married couples, which was good and valid in law to all intents and purposes, whatsoever".

The extensive moors, which lie between Bodmin and Launceston, take their name from this parish, in which they are partly situated.

A. Charlesworth.

A BOY FROM THE MOORS - by Roy Harper

An excerpt from the Temple chapter.
"Near the engine house was an old railway carriage, at one time converted into a home for a clayworker (Hawkestor) I suppose. This was converted into a Sunday School by Rev. Edmund Clarabut, and he came every Sunday from Blisland. There was a little organ, and his sister Winnie came to play it, and he put a little cross on the roof, and it became a real place of worship. I think my brother Fred was christened there. Near Hawkstor Bridge there was a pipe, under the road, it was only about a foot in diameter, but we used to wriggle through it. When a lorry thundered overhead it was quite a frightening experience, but to refuse to go through would be unheard of"..... "Hawkstor was in full production then, and lit up after dark, like fairyland to us who had only lamps and candles at home"..... "We had no television or wireless, but we didn't miss them much"..... "We had an old gramophone once and a few old records, and learnt all these old songs by heart"..... "We often used to walk from Temple to Tommy Greenaway's shop at Waterloo, sometimes over Trethot Hill and down the hill, and sometimes in to Newton gate and down through Durl, we thought little of this little 'stroll' "..... "On Saturdays Tommy and Elsie made a weekly delivery"..... "Butcher Jim Venning from St. Mabyn also called every Saturday, and this was the day we always had pasty for tea. My mother would have enough meat for a shilling (5p) to bake us a pasty each, that was seven altogether"..... "Where was there anything to equal the taste of those 'teddy and beef' or sometimes 'turnip and bacon' pasties? As Jan Stewer said "my dear soul, they was handsome"..... "We were superstitious alright"..... "bowed to a single magpie"..... "turned your coat inside out to guard against the magic of the piskies"..... "never opened an umbrella indoors"..... "but in time we disproved them all"..... "These things were all part of the magic of the moors and the legends and the superstitions which abounded were part of the make-up of these simple hardworking people of my childhood days".

E.J.W.

From the St. Breward Parish Magazine. August. 1887

JUBILEE FIRES ON BEACONS

Sirs,

Among the many sources of enjoyment that the people have indulged themselves in on the occasion of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, none seems to have been in greater favour than a huge bonfire. Each parish seems to have had its bonfire as a fitting conclusion to the festivities enjoyed on the very rare occurence of a Jubilee of the Sovereign's Reign. These fires, besides affording amusement to both old and young, bring to our minds very forcibly the times when they were kindled not to amuse, but to serve a very useful purpose, that of transmitting rapidly through the country news of the greatest importance; such for instance as the sudden approach of an enemy in time of war. Such an approach of a hostile foe would be first signalled from an elevated cliff. This signal would be taken by a corresponding fire kindled from an eminence further inland. Thus beacon fire would answer beacon fire till the whole land would be apprised of the sudden but expected approach of the foe. Flamborough Head, an eminence on the Eastern coast of England owes its very name to the fact that beacon fires were often kindled on its top to warn the country of an impending danger.... The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, the Lord Lieutenant of the county, did good service in arranging for the bonfires on Cornish eminences, to be lit as in bygone times one after the other through the whole length of the Country on the night of the 21st of June. The people of St. Breward, who had their two fires, one on Brown Willy, and the other on the Mine Beacon, had a splendid view of nearly thirty fires from the latter eminence.....

AMICUS

Pamela Bousfield.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

The club successfully held its second annual 24 hour marathon on June 21st and 22nd.

The sponsored marathon was opened by Mr. Fred Sanders representing the Cavitron Fund for Derriford Hospital at Plymouth, and Mr. Ray Worden of the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Twelve members took part in the marathon. It is hoped that £800 was raised to be shared between the two charities. The final total will be presented to these at the St. Breward Carnival.

A raffle was held every two hours throughout the marathon, a total of fifteen prizes were won by various people. The prizes were donated by all participants of the marathon. The club would however like to thank Derek and Lyndsey Judd, also Paul Heywood for their donations. A big thank-you also to everyone who kindly contributed to these two worthy causes.

Note: The Camelford and District Snooker League A.G.M. is to be held on Thursday August 8th at the Camelford Conservative Club at 7. 30p.m. All are welcome.

The club has recently undergone re-decoration; a special thank-you to all the faithful members who carried out the work. The room is looking immaculate.

BLISLAND CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING FUND

To be held at Down Park, Polpry, Blisland (home of Mrs. Wendy Harper) on SATURDAY AUGUST 17th at 2.00p.m.

Mini Fun Races & Childrens Races.
Various Stalls including Cakes, Tombola, Plants, Bowling,
Pony Rides, Bar-b-que, Refreshments.
Grand Prize Draw for painting etc.
Car Boot Sale - all cars welcome.
Disco in the evening to be held in the Village Hall.
Enquiries to Mrs. W. Harper, Tel. 850221.

ST. BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB

St. Breward Football Club held their annual dinner and dance at Lakeview Country Club recently.

Chairman Chris Greenaway thanked the many people involved in the club. Despite a disappointing season this year he hoped for more success in the 1991-92 season under the newly appointed manager, Jeff Kay.

Trophy winners: First team player of the year, Tony Champion; second XI player of the year, Matthew Teague; players' player of the year, Andy Ahearne; sporting trophy, Dave Greenaway; highest scorers - first team, Dave Hoskin; seconds, Nicky Greenaway.

Gratitude

Our thanks to all who organised, supported and came to the Flower Festival at Blisland and to the Fete at St. Breward, both held in the month of July. Despite the inclement weather, the events were well attended and an enjoyable experience was had by all. Our thanks to all concerned.

Father Harris

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Thank you to Mrs. Edna Ternouth who sent me a drawing done by her son Trevor of "Wenford Cottage" as it was when her Auntie Nellie Marshall lived there to use for this month's cover.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

At the July meeting members heard an interesting and informative talk on 'Jewellery' by Mr. Brown, from Liskeard, ex.watchmaker and jeweller. He described the importance of gemstones throughout history as status symbols, personal ornaments and even for the treatment of physical ills, either applied directly to the affected part of the body or ground into a powder to be taken internally. Mr. Brown also gave advice on the safe-keeping, insurance and cleaning of jewellery. He was thanked by Mrs. Josephine Hawken.

Mrs. Ann Hole was congratulated on organising and setting up the St. Breward entry in the Royal Cornwall competition in which it was placed seventh. Her choice of "A Pioneer of Medicine" was Lister. To illustrate his work on antiseptics, a section showing modern dressings and the sterilisation of instruments was contrasted with a horrible "historic" exhibit of a suppurating wound (made of cold custard and green dye) dotted with blood and bluebottles. No wonder it won high marks for "impact"!

For the first time for many years, a Resolution is being put forward for County and perhaps National consideration. This has been framed by Mrs. Joy Cheeseman. It suggests that as the U.K. imports food and drink to the sum of about £5 billion per annum, W.I. members should urge supermarkets and other shops to offer U.K. produce and that we should favour the U.K. product if it is the same or better in quality. The Resolution is being seconded by Blisland W.I.

Plans were made for the W.I. float in the St. Breward Carnival.

The flower of the month and the competition for the most unusual earrings were both won by Miss Mona Brown.

Pamela Bousfield.

Barbara and Graham Whittaker would like to thank everybody in St. Breward who contributed to the recent collection in aid of Dr. Barnado's. The sum of just under £50 was taken.

BLISLAND W.I.

Our June meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 19th. Mrs. Aspinall opened the proceedings at 7.20p.m. and the Minutes were read and agreed.

Mrs. Pierce was welcomed back. Apologies were received from Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Makin.

A letter has been sent to the Parish Council about the telephone kiosk but as yet no reply has been received. We hope that they will manage to deal with this matter soon.

The C.F.W.I. have thanked us for our donation. The Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Health Authority have sent information about the proposed changes in the National Health Service and how it will affect us.

Several outings have now been agreed. The picnic at Bodrigan will be on the 14th August. The trip to Trewithen Farm Foods and the garden at 'The Hollies' will be on the 25th September. Instead of the usual Christmas Social we hope to arrange for a supper at the Trelawney Garden Centre on the 11th December. The entertainment will be a talk on gardening.

Mrs. Aspinall and Mrs. Makin attended the Council Meeting at Hendra. Amongst the information gleaned here was the fact that the W.I. is to re-establish relations with Eastern Europe, the Village Book will be available in the Autumn and exhibits from the Royal Cornwall Show will be able to be collected on the Sunday morning instead of having to be cleared by Saturday evening.

Mrs. Donnelly reported on the Trienniel Meeting at Birmingham. All the Resolutions except the one on Child Care were carried. The W.I. are to fight for safety surfaces in playgrounds to prevent serious injury in the case of accidents. Ten thousand members attended the meeting giving Mr. David Maclean, Food Minister, the biggest audience of his career. Mrs. Jean Varnam has completed her term of office as N.F.W.I. Chairman and has taken on a prestigious new position as a member of the National Consumer Council. At future A.G.M.'s four Institutes will be asked to combine and send one delegate. At the Trienniel Meeting every W.I. will be asked to send a delegate.

One or two items from the County News; on the 30th November there will be a 'Mind Your Own Business Day' at Perranporth. Experts will be there to help you with advice

on house buying, investments, legal matters, Income Tax, benefits and entitlements. On thelst October there is to be a Gardening Day at Probus Demonstration Gardens.

Our speaker was the Rev. Olivey. His subject was 'Poems and Pieces' and he kept us well entertained for forty five minutes with both humorous poems and country poetry, including some of his own writings. He was thanked by Mrs. Meeson.

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Meeson. The competition was won by Mrs. Pierce and the raffle by Mrs. Masters.

There will be no meeting in August apart from the outing to Bodrigan.

W. Barwood.

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

Entertainment

Friday	August	2nd	Niteflight
Saturday	"	3rd	Tony and the Cadillacs
Friday	"	9th	Niteflight
Saturday	"	10th	Tom Daniels
Friday	"	16th	Disco
Saturday	"	17th	Jason St. Clare
Friday	"	23rd	A.R. Road Show
Saturday	"	24th	Red Raiders
Friday	"	30th	Niteflight
Saturday	"	31st	Niteflight

Congratulations to Alison Bate of St. Breward who has been chosen to represent England in a clay shooting event to be held in Ireland's national shooting grounds in July.

Alison, who has only been shooting clay pigeons for four years is to be one of six women members of the English International DLT (Down The Line) team.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB.

As it was getting near to mid summer, it was decided to have our first picnic of the year on 18th June. Cardinham Woods was suggested as there was a picnic area with tables adjacent to the car park which made it very convenient. Although it is only a few miles from Blisland, very few of the members had previously visited this delightful area. It was generally agreed that another visit to explore the various walks would be undertaken by those able to do so. Weather was fair, a bit breezy and for a change no rain!!

For a competition I gave out a list of flowers which could be found in a wooded area, but instead of using the common name I used the botanical name. It was surprising how many knew both names and nearly completed the competition. Stan Jefford gained most points and won the prize.

On July 2nd the members had a most interesting talk from the Area Crime Prevention Officer, Constable David Key of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. An outline of Home Office statistics were given regarding serious and petty crime. It was most surprising to note that most burglaries took place in the afternoon and were generally committed by an age group between 16 and 24 years. The main target of thieves is small items such as jewellery, cheque books, credit cards etc. Many sound practical tips on how to deter the opportunist thief from breaking in were given and a lengthy discussion took place between Constable Key and the members.

The competition for a small piece of coloured glass, suggested and judged by Mrs. Harker was won by Mrs. Excelby.

Tony Ham

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP is open on Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
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