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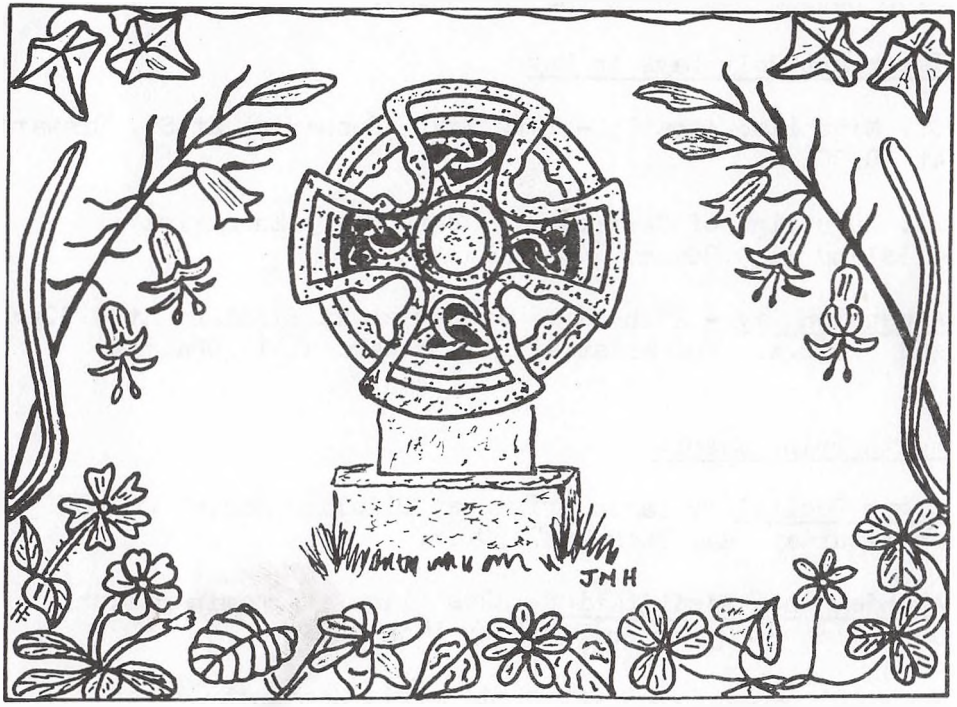

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Sunday Services for May

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.10a.m.

Weekday Services

Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and at St. Breward at 10.30a.m. on Thursdays. (See also Notice Boards in the Churches).

Important Holy Days in May

St. Matthias, Apostle - 14th May. Eucharist at St. Breward at 10.30a.m.

St. Augustine of Canterbury - 27th May. Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Ascension Day - 28th May. Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am. and 7.00p.m. Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Forthcoming Events

Organ Recital by David Briggs at Blisland Parish Church on Saturday, May 16th at 7.30p.m.

Archdeacon's Visititation takes place at Bodmin Parish Church at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 14th May.

Truro Diocesan Synod meets at Bodmin Community School on Saturday 16th May commencing with the Eucharist at 10.00a.m.

Society of Mary will hold their festival at Blisland Parish Church on Saturday 23rd May, commencing with the Eucharist at 12.00a.m. All are welcome.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

During this month of May, we celebrate the feast of the glorious Ascension. This solemnity not only marks for us the end of Our Lord's incarnate life but also the beginning of His High Priestly ministry in heaven. We could do well then to read the letter to the Hebrews, if we desire to have a fuller understanding of Our Lord's heavenly activity. For it is an activity that we should be familiar with, if at all we are going to understand and appreciate fully the role of priesthood and the place of the Eucharist in the life of the church. For the feast of the Ascension tell us that Jesus who lived among men, who suffered and died upon the cross, who rose again from the dead, has now entered into heaven before the throne of God as priest and victim, there to display his suffering and glorified humanity as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

The church then, in response to Our Lord's command at the Last Supper, makes present under the sacramental veils of bread and wine, the sacrifice of Our Lord's offering of Himself in heaven. (For a poetic description of Our Lord's heavenly role see hymns English Hymnal, numbers 301,302, 327,143.)

The Eucharist thus becomes the highest form of Christian worship and all who participate in it, experience the worship of heaven itself. For by virtue of our baptism into Christ's life, death and resurrection, we become incorporated into Our Lord's own self offering and so in the words of the liturgy, 'By whom and with whom and in whom', we are counted worthy to stand in the presence of God.

We who offer the church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, need also to offer the sacrifice of ourselves to God. For the Christian faith demands a response on our part. Perhaps during this Ascentiontide, when we reflect upon Our Lord's own self giving, we ought to ask ourselves how best we can give back to God, as a sacrifice, those things which will give glory to God and at the same time advance our own sanctification.

Ascensiontide then is a celebration of Our Lord's triumph as King. We who celebrate his incarnation at Christmas, his resurrection at Easter, must now celebrate his

Kingship on Ascension Day. Make every effort then, to keep this day holy and do try to come to the Eucharist on that day.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris.

Parish Registers

Funerals

The funeral service for the late Arthur Frederick Gerald Basher took place on Monday 30th March at Blisland Parish Church. Internment took place in the churchyard.

The funeral service for the late Michael John Harries took place at St. Petroc's Chapel on Monday 6th April. Cremation followed.

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them".

Blisland Church Programme of Events for 1992.

Organ Recital by David Briggs at 7.30pm.	May 16th
Fete in Rectory Gardens	June 20th
Songs of Praise	July 19th
Campion - Words & Music on The Sea	August 1st
Harvest Festival	October 11th
Christmas Fayre	November 14th

St. Breward Church - Dates for your diary

Church Fete on July 11th at 2.30p.m.
Harvest Festival on October 4th.

The Coffee Morning in aid of Blisland Church held at Durfold on April 1st raised £187.50. Grateful thanks to everyone who came to support it.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday	May 3rd	at 2.30p.m.	Preacher Rev'd Broad.
"	May 17th	" "	" Mr. Sleep.
"	May 31st	" "	" Rev'd Broad.

Special Notice - On Saturday 9th May at 2.30p.m. there will be a Fund Raising Day at the Methodist Church. There will be a Sale of Plants, Bring & Buy, Stalls etc. Any support will be much appreciated.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 12th May 7.30p.m. at St. Breward Methodist Church "Pharoah to Freedom" will be sung by the 'Easter Singers'. Admission 50p. Everyone welcome.

Organ Recital - Blisland Church

There will be a special event to celebrate the new organ at Blisland. The Truro Cathedral Organist, David Briggs, will give a recital on Saturday May 16th at 7.30p.m. To be followed by a Buffet Supper in the Institute. Tickets £5 from Blisland Post Office and Mrs. Dickinson Tel. 850560.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Saturday 16th May - Afternoon Events
St. Breward Carnival Queen and Fairy Queen Choosing.
Entries on the field.
Also 6 a side under 11 Football Tournament.
Refreshments, stalls and games.
To be held at the C.P. School Grounds.

Congratulations again to Alison Bate of St. Breward who beat 200 other competitors at the recent English open double rise ladies' championship - a trap shooting discipline at Northampton.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Engagements
Sunday 24th May the Band will visit Padstow for two concerts on the Harbour Bandstand at 3.00p.m. & 7.00p.m.

The Band Garden Fete will take place on Saturday 27th June in the C.P.School grounds. Music will be by Lostwithiel Brass 88. The fete will be opened by Mr. A. Knight of Truro.

On Monday 6th April the Ashes of the late Mr. Ernest Keatt of Padstow were scattered at his request outside the Band Room. Ernest played cornet for St. Breward for most of his life and he remained a loyal worker.

STEWART REID
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The Josie Newton Memorial Darts Tournament was held by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cameron at the Old Inn, St. Breward.

The winners were John Dingle and Yvonne Shoesmith and the runners-up were David Ward and Elizabeth Hillson. The Mens Highest Score was John Dingle with 180. The Ladies Highest Score was Karen Bartlett with 149.

Eddy Newton and family would like to thank everyone for their support in the Tournament especially Mr. and Mrs. D. Judd for the Winner's Cup, The Old Inn 'B' Ladies Dart Team for the Runners-up Cup, Mrs. M. Dingle and Mrs. D. Hill for the Highest Score Medals, everyone who donated raffle prizes and Mr. and Mrs. I. Cameron.

The event raised £324.96 for the Mount Edgecumbe Hospice. An additional £86.17 was raised by The Old Inn 'A' & 'B' Mens Darts Teams through an extra tournament and raffle.

The Grand Total of £411.13 will be presented to the Hospice in the very near future.

TEMPLE - TOWARDS BETTER TIMES

Following the closure of the Church at Temple the population declined to such an extent that various writers described it as 'a deserted medieval village' and 'the haunt of shady characers'. In 1796, William Marshall, who was engaged in a survey for the Board of Agriculture, mentioned large herds of goats, and wrote, "Temple is a deserted village, the only one I have ever seen. Some years ago not a single person lived in the township (a curacy dependent to Blisland) and only one little farm-house is now inhabited, the ruins of half-a-dozen more; the Church down; the chancel remains. Surely Goldsmith must have travelled this road." (The poet Oliver Goldsmith wrote his poem "The Deserted Village" in 1770).

However something of a population 'explosion' seems to have taken place soon afterwards and by 1841 the 'Cornwall Register' records a population of 37, the lowest of the 209 Parishes in the County, not, however the smallest in size at 780 acres. The Register records that the Church is "still in ruins but that ere long we hope to see Temple again opening the doors of that ancient Church to its hardy inhabitants". Prophetic words indeed, for in 1850 the Rev. Edward Steel of St. Neot, held a Service amid the ruins of the Church and started a rebuilding fund.

To be continued. R.W. Harper.

The Cornish Friends (North) of The Home Farm Trust

COFFEE MORNING
in aid of the new Cornwall Home of the H.F.T.
at the Old Clink, St. Tudy.
Wednesday May 6th. 10 - 12 noon.
Raffle Bring & Buy etc.

The Home Farm Trust in Cornwall. - Homes for life for people with a mental handicap.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open on Wednesdays from 10 to 11.30a.m. Join us for coffee and a chat.

MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD DAYS - By R.A. Dowrick.

This month I will write memories spent mostly near and around the village as my sister and we four boys were very young as I mentioned in last month's magazine. Mother and father didn't like us to play or stray very far from the village. So as our house was just across the road from the village green we had a lovely place to play. The trees were very large in them days which always used to remind me of a little wood especially in the summer when all the leaves etc. were on them. We used to play many games such as hide-and-seek, football, marbles, mothers and fathers and so on. Yes they were the BEST days of my childhood. As evening fell and shadows lengthened my mother used to come out to the garden fence which overlooked the road and green and shout, "Come home my children it is supper time". We used to go home then and wash our hands as we didn't dare sit down without doing that. Mother and father used to say grace inturns then we used to tuck in being hungry after being out all day. It would be a roast or maybe a rabbit pie or perhaps a stew, all vegetables from father's garden. Afters as we called it then would be baked rice pudding or bread marg and milk pudding. When supper was over Bessie and Frank the eldest of we children, it was their job to clear and wash up as mother would be weary after her hard days work. In those days most women especially married ones had long hair half way down their backs. During the day they would roll it up into a bun shape at the back of their neck. So mother used to let hers down after supper and would ask me to comb it for her as it was so soothing. So I would stand behind her chair and comb it and many a time she would drop off to sleep. By this time father would be asleep on the sofa as it was called then. We children had different times to go to bed according to our age. When the hand of the clock reached our time we had to go without being told; if we didn't we would have a clip around the ear to remind us. After we were in bed mother would come upstairs to tuck us in and kiss us goodnight. Us boys were in one bed laying across the bed, not length-ways as it was more room for us. Our sister would be in a room of her own. Mother sometimes told us a story. I will tell you one of her own made up ones.

Once upon a time a cockerel and hen got married and lived in a little house in the country. One day after breakfast Mr. Cockerel went upstairs to change into his Sunday best clothes and came downstairs looking smart with his top hat and cane. He then said to his wife who was washing dishes at the sink. He said, "I am going out today my dear and won't be back until 10.00p.m. as I am to dine with Lord and Lady Waddle Duck seeing the weather is fine." His wife had been looking out of the window and could see dark clouds coming up and told him not to go as a storm was coming up. "Don't talk such rot," he said and walked outside the door. Along a lane and through a field he went, then through a wood and along a vale. Then all at once the lightning flashed and thunder roared and the rain came helter skelter. As he fled he humbly said "My wife I see was right".

During the summer months some families would get together and all take some food, packets of tea and water, and large iron kettles and teapots and go up to Jubilee Rock or perhaps Delfi or Bradford for a picnic. We children would go around picking up smutties to light a fire which was three pieces of granite to put the iron kettle on to boil. We would then have tea, all good plain home made bread, yeast cake and so on; nothing fancy then.

After tea we children would play games of all sorts, chiefly amongst the furze bushes. When evening came we would make our own way home, walking of course, tired out, then to bed and we would be asleep as soon as our heads touched our pillows.

It was nice mornings spring time when we were awaken by the birds in the trees on the village green with their dawn chorus. Church life was very active then. A service at 8.00am. every morning, two main services on Sundays, morning and evening when the church would be full as most everyone from near and far would come to church. There was Sunday School for the children mornings and afternoons. All work would stop on the Sabbath then and no shops would open, farmers just did what they had to do, such as feed their animals; no horses would be worked on the land. On a Sunday evening if it was fine weather in summer, parents with their children would go for walks up the moors or in the lanes and perhaps finish up meeting on the green and have a good yarn. One good thing everyone knew

each other in those days, like one big family and if one was in trouble the others would come to help. Yes those days around or near the green when we were quite young were precious memories.

Precious memories how they linger
How they overcome my soul.
In the stillness of the darkness
Precious memories still unfold.

I can never remember the green being cut. The cattle and ponies used to come down from the moors during the nights and graze as there was no grids. Many a morning we would look out of windows and see them laying down contentedly chewing their cuds.

To be continued.

On March 26th 1992 a team of ringers was invited to come to Blisland Tower to render a birthday peal in honour of myself being an active member for many years.

My thanks to the two Bills, Colin, Ken, Keith and Roger. Also thanks to the Rector for giving the toast. It was a delightful and happy hour, all smiles and thank you all who sent birthday cards.

Rhoda Rickard,

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

St. Breward Snooker Club members were very saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Harries, a regular playing member of the club and they wish to send their deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Women's Institute Table Sale at St. Breward School

May 2nd 1992 10a.m. to 4p.m.

A table has been reserved for the Church and any unwanted articles for sale would be welcomed, also cakes and fancies.

Any offers of help on the table, even for an hour would be gratefully appreciated.

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

Entertainment

Friday	1st	May	Disco
Saturday	2nd	"	Sparkle
Monday	4th	"	Disco
Friday	8th	"	?
Saturday	9th	"	Disco
Wednesday	13th	"	Skittles away to Poldark
Friday	15th	"	Disco
Saturday	16th	"	Karaoke Night
Friday	22nd	"	Clive Dowler 50's & 60's Disco
Saturday	23rd	"	Live Music
Monday	25th	"	Disco
Friday	29th	"	Disco
Saturday	30th	"	Martin Lucas

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE EVENING tobe held on Thursday 21st May at 7.00pm. at The Mansion House, Blisland, by kind invitation of Mrs. Ward-Lee. Bring & Buy and Raffle.

A date for your diary - Friday 12th June. Summer Supper in the Village Hall. Further details next month.

R. Lee

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Institute & War Memorial Hall on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30p.m. The guest speakers will include, a representative from SWEB talking about Wind Farms; Inspector Pierce of Bodmin Police Station and County Councillor Harry Northcott.

The sum of £450 was raised at a Bingo Evening held recently at the Football and Social Club for the 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Thanks to Percy Dingle and all his helpers.

At another Bingo Evening held at the Football Club the sum of £374.60 was raised for the Mentally Handicaped, (Pentire Branch). Thanks to Mrs. Nora Babbs and her helpers.

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Copy for June issue in by 10th May please.
Thank you to Mrs. J. Hodges who drew the cover of this month's magazine.

BLISLAND W.I.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 18th March and Mrs. Aspinall took the chair. Apologies were received from Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Pierce.

There was no V.C.O. present but Mrs. Joy James will attend the Resolutions meeting in May.

A visit to the W.I. Musical, 'Little Women', was proposed for the 30th May at Liskeard Public Rooms. There is a possibility that the St. Breward Community Bus will be available. The Group Meeting will be on the 30th April at Blisland and the competitions were confirmed as a soft toy to be made from any fabric, a necklace made from seeds and threaded, and the cookery item is chicken liver pate to the recipe supplied.

The Minutes for the last A.G.M. were read and agreed. Mrs. Donnelly presented the Treasurer's Report and we still have a reasonable balance. There was some discussion regarding our financial situation as with a small number of members the subscriptions do not cover our expenses. However, it was felt that with various fund raising activities we should be able to pay our way.

The Secretary's Report was read and agreed and Mrs. Aspinall thanked Mrs. Makin, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Horton for their special support.

On the 21st May an outing to Trelawney is planned and we will have lunch there and then view the new greenhouses. We also hope to have our Christmas Party there again this year.

The new committee was elected as follows:
Mrs. Aspinall - President
Mrs. Makin & Mrs. Masters - Vice Presidents
Miss Runnalls & Mrs. Barwood - Secretary & Minutes Secretary
Mrs. King - Treasurer
Mrs. Burr - Assistant Treasurer
Mrs. Willcocks, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Meeson have resigned from the committee and were thanked for all their help.

We have many interesting speakers booked for the coming year with talks on Doulton china, gardening, books, travelling through the Rockies etc. If you are interested in joining the W.I. our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Blisland Village Hall.

Refreshments were supplied by Mrs. Makin and Mrs. Donnelly. The competition was won by Miss Runnalls.

W. Barwood.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Our new President Mrs. Joan Sainsbury took the chair, and the minutes were read by the new Secretary Mrs. Margaret Shelley.

A decision has been made to have Scrabble meetings in different peoples houses when several members will be taking part.

The final arrangements were made for our Table Sale, with coffee and teas etc. to be held on May 2nd at the Village School between 10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our Carnival entry has been decided upon and Mrs. Ann Hole is in charge of design and making. Mrs. June Eddy was our Speaker and she showed us some lovely slides of various W.I. events as well as of the countryside. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Pamela Bousfield.

Flower of the Month winner was Mrs. Josephine Greenaway.

Competition winner was Mrs. Mavis Metters.

J. Hawken.

GYMKHANA - Don't forget the Gymkhana to be held in Temple on Saturday 23rd May at The Old Chapel.
All proceeds will go to the Temple Church Fund.
For a schedule write enclosing an s.a.e. to Mrs. K. Dickin, The Old Chapel, Temple, Bodmin, PL30 4HW. Tel. Card. 583.

Money given in memory of Mr. Arthur Wesley Finnemore, who died recently amounted to £175. This has been donated to The Save the Children Fund. Thank you to everybody who gave.

R. Finnemore.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On 24th March we were delighted to welcome on a return visit our guest speaker, Mrs. June Eddy of Rosewarrick, Lanivet. Mrs. Eddy commenced her photographic slide show with a competition. Twenty slides were shown, the majority being of well known cornish places with five or six photographs of cornish personalities. I was very pleased to be declared the winner and received a packet of chocolate biscuits and a kiss from Mrs. Eddy!! There followed a wide selection of slides from pictures of St. Paul's Cathedral, Lord Mayor's Show, to local views and photographs of animals and flowers. On her previous visit Mrs. Eddy took several photographs of our club members and these were displayed to the enjoyment of all.

The club competition for this meeting was a 'Spring Flower Arrangement' suggested by our treasurer Mr. Stan Jefford, judged by Mrs. Eddy and won by Mrs. Margery Webber.

Another speaker on a return visit was Dr. Kinsman-Barker of Wadebridge, who at the meeting of the 7th April spoke of his experiences as a ship's doctor. The reason for taking up such an appointment was to see the world and get paid for doing so! Voyages to Japan via India were described, life on board, together with the various social functions and dining etiquette which the ship's officers had to follow were described, accompanied by many humorous tales of actual events. At the end of his talk Dr. Kinsman-Barker extended an invitation to the club to visit the Betjeman Centre in Wadebridge of which he is the Administrator. This was gladly accepted for a future meeting in May.

Any picture of a bird was the competition suggested by Mrs. Ham for this meeting. There were 16 entries which were judged by Dr. Kinsman-Barker who selected a wildlife study of a wren as the winner. This picture was submitted by my wife.

Tony Ham.

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