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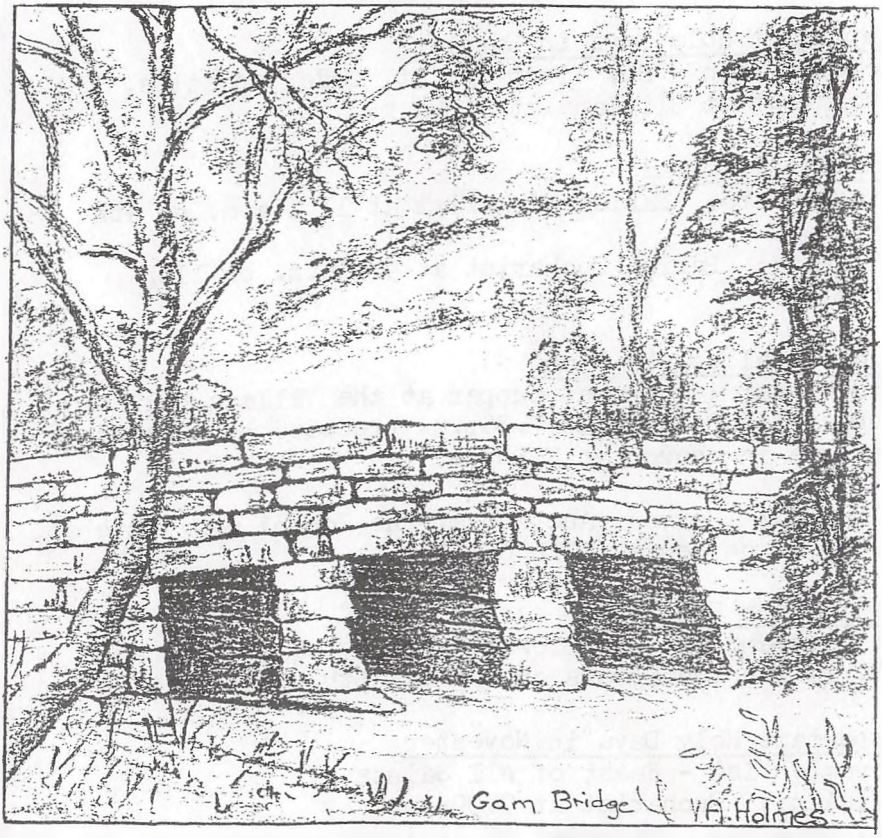


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Sunday Services for October

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

Weekday Services
Blisland: Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30a.m.

Important Holy Days in October
October 28th - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles.
Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Harvest Festival
St. Breward: Parish Eucharist at 11.10a.m. on 4th October.
Blisland: Parish Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on 11th October.

Additional celebrations
St. Breward: Harvest Supper at the Village Hall on Monday 5th October at 7.30p.m. preceded by a short service in church at 7.00p.m.

Blisland: Harvest Auction at the School Institute at 7.00p.m. on Monday 12th October.

Dedication Festivals
At Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated at the Parish Eucharists on Sunday 25th October.

Important Holy Days in November
November 1st - Feast of All Saints
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 11.10a.m.

Commemoration of All Souls - November 2nd
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 11.10a.m.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Holy Matrimony, Churchings, Confessions, Communion of the Sick and Funerals should be made with the Parish Priest.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

A priest is called by God to work in a variety of ways, in diverse situations and amongst many different kinds of people. To quote the words from the Ordinal "He is to proclaim the Word of the Lord, to call his hearers to repentance and in Christ's name to absolve and to declare the forgiveness of sins. He is to baptise and prepare the baptised for Confirmation. He is to preside at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He is to lead his people in prayer and worship, to intercede for them, to bless them in the name of the Lord and to teach and encourage by word and example. He is also to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death."

Such a calling then, is unique, fascinating but at the same time very demanding.

It is unique because it is a work which is concerned with God and thus the priest's primary work is to relate God to man and man to God.

It is fascinating because no other job enters into such a variety of vicissitudes in the human experience as it does from the cradle to the grave.

It is however a demanding task, because it is often a role which is mis-understood by both practising Christians and by those who have lapsed from the practice of their faith. The consequence of this, is that the parish priest is not always able to minister effectively when such ministrations are needed most.

Most parish priests then in the Church of England seek to serve the spiritual needs of their people but such a ministry can only be effective insofar as lay people themselves act maturely in a responsible way to understand the Christian faith and in particular, the role of the Church in their lives.

To appreciate the role of the priest in the church then is a must, if anyone wants to understand the spiritual nature of the ministry and to use it in a Sacramental manner.

May God bless you then, as you mature spiritually in the thought of Christ.

Yours sincerely,

Father Frank Harris

## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

Daniel, Lawrence and Joshua Belcher were baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday 23rd August. "When they were made members of Christ, Children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of God".

### Marriages

Holy Matrimony was celebrated at St. Breward Parish Church on Saturday, 5th September between Nigel Lloyd Hoskin and Alison Joanne Palmer.
"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder"

### Funerals

The funeral service for the late Henry Purdey took place on Friday 14th August at Glyn Valley Crematorium.

The funeral service for the late William Rodney Sleep took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Wednesday 26th August. Interment followed in the churchyard.

The funeral service for the late Godfrey Sanders took place at Blisland Parish Church followed by interment in the churchyard.
"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them".

Congratulations to Mary Sharp daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sharp of Tor Farm, Temple who married Richard Petela in Bristol in August.

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On the occasion of the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Dennis and Gladys Champion of St. Breward recently, friends and relations donated the total of £200 in lieu of gifts, towards the new South West Childrens Hospice being built at Barnstable.

## Blisland Methodist Church Services for October

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| Sunday October 4th at 2.30p.m. | Harvest Festival Service. Preacher Mr. Martin |
| Monday October 5th at 6.00p.m. (please note revised time) | Service, followed by sale of Harvest produce for church funds |
| Sunday October 18th at 2.30p.m. | Preacher Rev'd A. Williams |

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On behalf of the members of Blisland Methodist Church I would like to express grateful thanks to the organisers of the Annual Blisland Sheep Dog Trials Mrs. Rush and Mr. & Mrs. Burns who donated all the monies raised £148.40 to our church. Thanks also to the ladies who produced such a display of cakes, buns etc. for sale that afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs. Billing of 'Polpry', who organised a Coffee Morning at her home on Tuesday 8th September. A total of nearly £200 was raised for the Methodist Church funds. There were so many helpers and contributors to the various stalls.Too numerous to mention all names but sincere thanks for the effort and again thanks to all those who attended and supported.

Tony Ham
Church Steward

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## St. Breward Methodist Church

Harvest Festival on October 11th. Preacher at both 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. Mrs. Pamela Luke.
Harvest Supper on October 12th. Preacher Mr. David Brown.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Shop. Wednesdays from 10 to 11.30a.m. Join us for coffee and a chat.

BLISLAND CHURCH - programme of events for 1992

Harvest Festival on October 11th
Harvest Supper & Auction on October 12th at 7.00p.m. in Village Institute.
Christmas Fayre on November 14th at 2.00p.m. in Village Hall.

Contributions of food or goods for all these events would be much appreciated.

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The Campion concert held in Blisland church on 1st August raised £180 which will be divided between Church Funds and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported it.

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ST. BREWARD CHURCH - Harvest Thanksgiving

Parish Eucharist on October 4th at 11.10a.m.
The Church will be decorated on Saturday. All contributions of flowers and produce gratefully received. Please take to church by 2.00p.m.

On Monday 5th October there will be a Service in Church at 7.00p.m. followed by a Pasty Supper in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. Admission £1.50.
Sale of harvest produce afterwards.

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Thank you to A. Holmes who drew the cover picture of Gam Bridge.

A History of St. Breward

Although this book has been out of print for over two years now, I still get many requests from people who would like to buy a copy. I can only advise them to borrow it from the Public Library. So do bear in mind that your copy, if you have one, is now still worth as least as much as you gave for it. I am always ready to buy back copies to sell to those who apply to me.

Those who helped with the compilation of our book may be interested to know that I still receive frequent letters of appreciation from people all over the world. Many of them, like Mr. Gerald Reed of South Africa, write to share their own memories of St. Breward and to give news of their present activities.

Typical of such letters is a recent one from Mrs Jemima Allan from the West Midlands: "Some time ago I acquired "A History of St. Breward", having known the area since 1929. Recently I have re-read it and feel that a sincere "thank-you" is called for on this excellent presentation.

I have walked, in retrospect, every road again; most of the villagers I knew in those far-off days when I was a happy teenager and life was good.

The pictures of the Band evoked a very pleasant memory, as most of them I knew personally. I have very vivid memories of "Hospital Sundays", with services alternately, year by year, in Church or Chapel, then a concert in the evening, if the weather was fine, in the village.

Thank you for a wonderful book of the village and environs I knew so well and have loved so long; for the photos and word pictures of people I knew, so many of them no longer with us but ever present in memory.

My sincere thanks for this glimpse of St. Breward which has given me so much pleasure."

I find that a very touching tribute to the special spirit of St. Breward, as well as to all those who worked on the book.

Pamela Bousfield
Hantergantick

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

Well now my days are gone, memories still linger on, of thoughts when I was a boy.

I finished off last month with farmers going to Bodmin market to sell their cattle. and so on, or buy. So I will write a little more of my memories of **them** when I was a boy. How they must have worked and walked, as all they had then was their teams of horses to do everything on the land, no tractors then. Before they started on the land though they would start at dawn with their morning chores, milking, feeding up and so on before breakfast. Fancy, just think of the miles they must have walked behind a team of horses and plough, from morning till dusk, or whatever they were doing, getting the ground ready for sowing, and then sowing. Then in the evening the same chores again what they did in the morning. So you can imagine the miles they must have walked in a year, several hundred I would imagine.

My memories of the harvest when I was a boy are all pleasurable. We would romp in the hay and corn if we had the chance, and hay sweet the girls, if any were romping with us. Very often they would be, yes some fun it was. I know one farmer whose grandson runs the farm these days. His wife used to ask me to take food and drink out to the men in the hay field. The farmer would then tell me to join in and have tea with them. Hay and corn was saved those days by men with their pikes pitching it on to the wagons and either taken home to the farm-yards in sheds, or stacked in the fields for the winter. The corn of course would be threshed in the autumn. That was a busy day. All the farmers would thresh in turn so that they would all help each other.

That is about all my memories of the farmers except to say once again that they had to work very hard in those days, when I was a boy and they must have been fit. They would eat a lot of fat meat, bacon, ham. butter, cream and so on, but it didn't seem to do them any harm and they lived to a fairly good age, some of them (the very young ones) are still alive to this day. So I imagine the saturates and cholesterol

never had time to clot up their veins. So I take my hat off to them if any are reading this.

Well time has gone on again and mother has given birth to another son named Keneth; so it is six boys, one girl, with mother and father, total nine, quite a large family. I remember saying to my father, "It is time we had another bed dad, as it is a tight squeeze for us boys in one bed, and one on a mattress on the floor". The answer I got was a clip over my ear but eventually we had another bed, when the next and last child arrived - which was yet another boy named Roy.

Another memory I have is of the two daughters of the retired couple who lived at Lavethan at the time. They both ran a mission for the children in famine countries, Africa and so on. So we children would make toys and other things, such as a woollen ball, dolls and rag dolls and things we used to make with a fret-work set. This was held twice a week at Lavethan and we would finish up having tea. The two ladies would also take us who were in the mission on an outing during the summer in their cars. I can remember one incident that happened on one such outing at Polzeath. We were all bathing in a big pool, one end was deep. My sister Bessie got out of her depth and could not swim, and was in trouble. Brother Frank who could swim went to help her. Bessie panickedand started to pull Frank under as well. The eldest of the two sisters saw what was happening and dived in and got them both out, only just in time though. I can remember we had several garden fetes during the summer months. The church held one. I am not sure if it was held on the green or in the rectory. They were much bigger events than they are these days. Large tents would be put up, where plenty of food and drinks would be served. Tregaddick used to have one. I can remember there was a long lawn there, it had a steep hill going down at the starting of it. We children, different ages at a time, would line up on top of the hill. Then someone would throw a round red dutch cheese down the hill. We children would run after it, first one who got to it kept it. Lavethan always held a fete as well.

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In September 1939, when war was declared, everything changed. Gangs of workmen arrived and dug pits all over the moor. Large posts, rather like telegraph poles were sunk into the ground until the moors looked like some weird forest. Some of the pits were left empty with the earth piled high on either side. This, we were told, was to stop enemy planes or gliders from landing. (Some of the overgrown piles of earth can still be seen on the left as you enter the moor from Carbilly Lane). We went down to the Institute at Temple to have our gas masks fitted and issued. Then came rationing, blackouts, and all the other restraints of war, including identity cards, which had to be carried at all times. ( I still have mine). There was never ending movement of Army convoys on the A30, by day and by night and many troops were camped upon the moor. Our happy family life was over. One by one we went into the Services and it was many years before we were to be all together again. During the war we moved across to Blisland but I still visit Temple whenever I can. I visit my great grandfathers grave in the little churchyard. I see the little cottage where my father was born and I watch my grandsons play among the very rocks where I played all those years ago. Small wonder then, that Temple Holds such a special place in my heart.

concluded. R. Harper.

Thank you Mr. Harper for all your recent articles about Temple and your memories. They were very interesting and informative and were enjoyed by all our readers.

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CHILDHOOD DAYS cont.

There was always something going on in the days when I was a boy. I can never remember being bored. In the winter we kept ourselves happy indoors playing games. We older boys, say from ten years old would get up a football team and go around playing different villages. We walked to each village then walked home again after the game was finished.

to be continued.

PROPOSED NEW LOW COSTING AT BLISLAND (OPPOSITE VILLAGE HALL)

A Cornish Housing Association is seeking locally based purchasers for a small development of new two and three bedroom houses for between £20,000 and £30.000 on a shared ownership scheme. If you are a first time buyer and live in either Blisland, St. Breward, St. Tudy, St. Mabyn, Helland, Cardinham, Altarnun, St. Neot or Warleggan and have close relatives in any of these villages, then for further details please write to Peter Worne, Yondertown, Trethevy, Par, Cornwall PL24 2SA.
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ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

The Doreen Bennett Summer Trophy Final was contested between D. Masters and D. Hill, Dean winning by two frames to one. The match was refereed by Mr. R. Benn-etts. Mr. D. Walsh presented the cup and congratulated both players for providing us with a fine final.

A quick reminder to any Junior, (under 16 years old) wishing to take up the game that a night has been set aside on the first Thursday of every month beginning the 1st October. An adult will be present to give help and advice.

M. Yeo

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I have had a letter from Mr. Olver Harris of Launceston who recently met Mr. and Mrs. Dennis here on holiday from Australia. Mrs. Audrey Dennis' grandfather was Thomas Greenaway born at Helstone on 19th May 1864 and at one time lived at Penpont. He had a brother, Robert Greenaway who farmed at Carbilly, Blisland. Mrs. Dennis would be grateful for any information regarding her family. Her adress is, RSO5624, Yeo, Victoria, Australia, 3249.

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## ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

It is with much sadness that we have to say goodbye to Margaret Sleep as our Playgroup Leader. Unfortunately Margaret has to give up the position due to ill health. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in to make the playgroup successful. She will be greatly missed by both the parents and children. Taking over from Margaret will be Mike Sherry and we would like to wish Mike every success.

Our good wishes go to Kimberley Morrish, Christopher Bunt, William Sherry and David Reeves who have now left playgroup to start part-time school.

From 7th October 1992 playgroup will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.15am to 12 noon. It is open to all children aged from 2½ to 5 years and costs £1.50 per session.

Anyone wishing to know more details about the playgroup should contact either Vanessa Morrish on 850417, Denise Yeo on 850936 or Dawn Sleep on 850447.

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## ST. BREWARD NEWS

The family of the late Mary Old of Shallowbridge, thank everyone for their kind donations which amounted to £302.50p for Penclease Retirement Home towards Patients Comfort Fund.

A Car Boot Sale on behalf of the Air Ambulance and St. Breward Cub Scout Group raised the sum of £77.70p. The sale was held at Brrokside Garage.

Michael Scott thanks everyone who helped him to raise the sum of £385 for the Diabetic Association when he organised a barbecue, raffle and Pool Tournament at the St. Breward Football Social Club. Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped him in his effort.

Mrs. Madeleine Hill and helpers held a Car boot sale, with stalls and raffles and a disco at the St. Breward Football Social Club with the help of their committee. She wishes to thank everyone who helped to raise the sum of £450 towards the 'Cot Death Appeal'.

## ST. BREWARD W.I.

After the summer break fourteen members came to the September meeting and were pleased to hear that the W.I. float based on Disneyland had won the cup for the best in the St. Breward Carnival; shall we see the cup at a future meeting?

Members of long standing were sad to hear that Mrs. Gwen Gill feels unable to attend the monthly meetings in future but intends to keep in touch with W.I. events. The County lunch will be on November 26th at the the Carlyon Bay Hotel cost £7.50 per member, and the Autumn Council Meeting will be at Hendra Tourist Park as usual on October 20th. Our own Group Meeting will be on October 22nd in the Methodist Chapel with a Bring & Buy table instead of a raffle. Mrs. Mavis Metters was asked to co-ordinate arrangements for this event; the VCO will be Mrs. Joy James who is already well known to many members. The competitions are; a St. Breward teacake (which is a cup of tea cake recipe used several years ago I believe); a display in a 6" saucer entitled Autumn Tints (novice class also); a knitted 8" stocking stitch square in double wool incorporating a scene or similar motif.

More immediate is a Coffee Morning in aid of the Macmillan Nurses in the Coffee Room in the Methodist Chapel on Friday September 25th; please watch for the Posters as this is a very worthwhile cause! There will be items for sale etc.

The speaker was Mr. Hayne from the St. John's Ambulance Service, who began by giving a resume of the content of their classes, then showed the contents of his official bag when on duty - not forgetting the vital safety pins! Mrs. Willetts was the body for demonstrating the "recovery position" which is so vital in many, but not all, cases.

Mrs. J. Greenaway won both the flower and the competition for a home made first aid box; well done.

The next meeting on October 6th may incorporate discussion on formulating a sentence describing the overall purpose of the W.I. movement; so put on your thinking caps ladies.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On 18th August the club welcomed as guest speaker, Mr. Murden, local parish councillor. As the topic was known to be of great interest, Blisland W.I. were invited to attend.

Mr. Murden gave a wide ranging review of the economic problems in Cornwall today. Figures and percentages were quoted showing the general high level of unemployed, average wages per hour for various industries, number and possible growth of population, housing and planning requirements etc. Some of the figures given shattered generally held opinions. Proceeding then to local problems Mr. Murden raised the question, 'What was envisaged for the future of Blisland? Does it stand still? Does it develop? Should the setting up of some light industries be encouraged to offer some form of local employment? Should steps be taken to attract more tourists to the area?

The Parish Council were most anxious to plan ahead and get it right. To do this, the views of the local population must be known. A questionaire had been prepared and was given to those present as the initial launch. It was envisaged further questionaires would be distributed around the parish on various topics and it was hoped by completing and return a fairly accurate picture of local thinking would be built up. Many questions were put to Mr. Murden on completion of his talk which were answered and dealt with most authoritavely.

It was games afternoon on 1st September. On completion of club business, darts, connect four, cards, draughts and even snakes and ladders were available to be played. The competition, 'anything associated with a frog' was won by Mrs. Margery Webber for her miniature model of a frog.

Tony Ham

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