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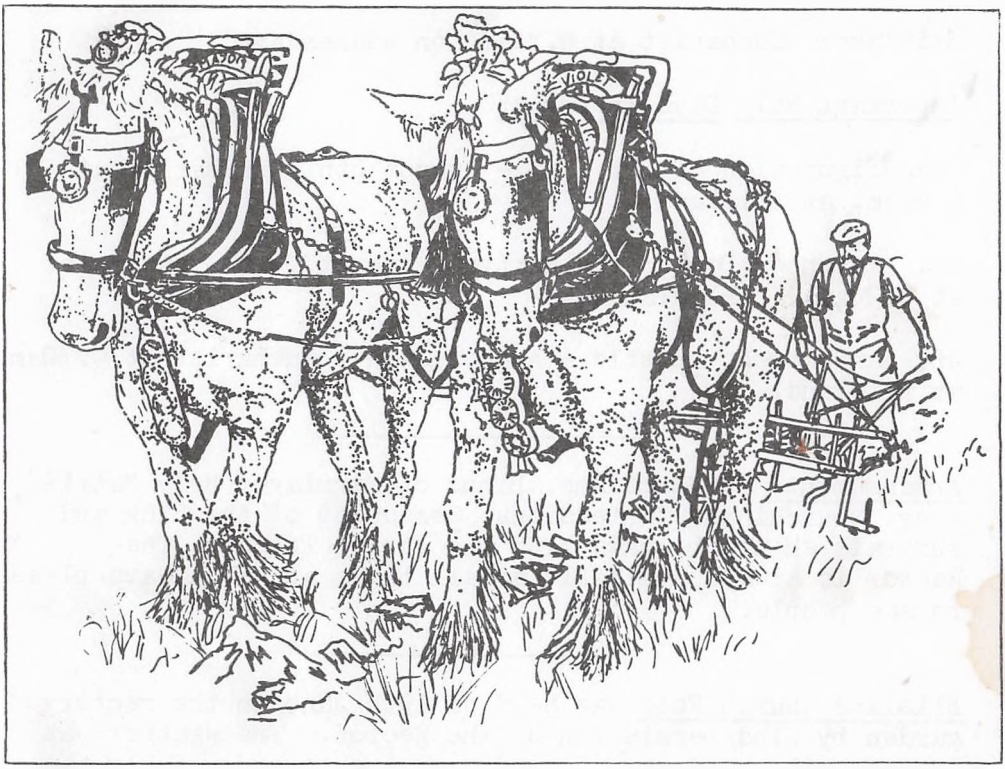

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Sunday Services for August

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

Temple - Evensong will be held at 3.30pm. on Sunday, 1st August.

Weekday Services

Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30am. on Wednesdays.

Important Holy Days in August

Transfiguration of Our Lord - August 6th - Eucharist at 9.30am. at Blisland.

St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr - August 10th - Eucharist at 9.30am. at Blisland.

St. Barthoomew, Apostle - August 24th - Eucharist at 9.30am at Blisland.

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

Blisland Church Fete was held on 19th June in the rectory garden by kind permission of the Rector. The weather was unexpectedly good and allowed everyone to enjoy fully the stalls, games and attractions that everyone worked so hard to provide. It was wonderful to see so many local children present and the afternoon made around £500. The committee would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to such a happy afternoon, and a special thanks for the delicious cakes that appeared like magic for the stall.

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.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 8th at 2.30pm. Preacher Mrs. Gabriel
Sunday August 22nd at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd A. Williams

Friends from churches as far away as Padstow attended the Service for our Chapel Anniversary on Sunday June 20th. The Rev'd Alf Williams was delighted to welcome our guest singers, Pat, Francis, Sarah, Anne, Les, Pat and Coralyn all from the Liskeard area. Everyone was enthralled with their delightful rendering of a wide range of songs from old favourites, "The Old Rugged Cross" to items of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Our own member Mrs. Gwen Masters read two of her own poems. The collection of £106.30p for church funds clearly indicated how the singing was enjoyed by all.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Paige Zoe Dowling was baptised on Sunday, 30th May at Blisland Parish Church.

Amy Elizabeth Angela Richards was baptised on Sunday, 6th June at Blisland Parish Church.

'Made members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of God.'

Holy Matrimony

Frank Edward Joseph McKay and Rachael Janette Robinson were married at Blisland Parish Church on Saturday, 5th June.

Patrick John Dibb and Sarah Louise Hargreaves were married at Blisland Parish Church on Saturday, 26th June.

'Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder'.

A LONE SAFARI

After an absence of 5 months I have returned home to St. Breward regretting having missed the various garden safaris in the locality, but on Sunday morning I enjoyed my own safari albeit a green one. Where? you may ask. At Churchtown. It was a beautiful sunny day, as I entered the church drive for the morning service. I noticed at once the road duly swept, the edges weeded, the grey stone walls all devoid of nettles and brambles and not a trace of litter strewn anywhere. The steps to the church were duly brushed as were the paths all around the building. The memorial gates to the church yard and the porch had been freshly stained. I crossed over to the churchyard through those freshly stained gates and sat for a while on the seat. The grass was cut neatly, each headstone trimmed, not a blade of grass out of place; the whole vista looked like a municipal park. The new £1500 mower was certainly effective. And as I sat there the only sounds were the twittering of birds and the distant bleat of a sheep. Then ever faithful Bill Hill rang out the peal of bells. I looked around realising that having lived here almost 60 years I had known most of those buried there. I recalled that beautiful hymn written by Bishop How "For All the Saints" and especially the fourth verse,

"O Blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia".

We thank Brian and Darren Wills for all the attention and care which they take in keeping the village churchyard so lovely. It must surely be one of the best kept in the county. Thanks too to Colin Bluett for cleaning and weeding the drive and attending to the gutterings of the church.

Grace Masters

St. Breward Church Fete held on July 10th was once again very successful. The sum of £1072.96 was raised.
Many thanks to all those who helped, attended or contributed in any way.

ST. BREWARD INSTITUTE & WAR MEMORIAL HALL

At the first annual general meeting at the Institute and War Memorial Hall a new committee of management of trustees was elected.

Various activities are planned for the premises and the committee will keep you informed about the progress in the two rooms. To date the Institute has been cleaned and carpeted and the tables and chairs have been purchased from the Red Cross. A dressmaking course has already been started and other courses will soon be available, details will be in the Post Office window. Please let us know if you have a particular interest. We will try to help by finding a suitable tutor.

We are planning to make a small theatre in the War Memorial Hall with flexible, removable staging. We hope to form a drama group of people of all ages, drawn from St. Breward to present a variety of productions. If you are interested in joining this group either on or off stage, please ring Christine Woolf, Bodmin 851286 and/or come to a meeting in the hall on Tuesday 31st August at 7.30pm.

Also a writers workshop is to be formed. Fact - fiction- prose - poetry - plays - do you write or want to write? Learn more about your craft. We intend to hold fortnightly afternoon sessions in the hall. All those interested in putting pen to paper or finger to word processor will be most welcome 2pm. on Thursdays starting September 16th. Ten sessions. Fees modest.

Many people have already helped in several ways, cleaning, laying carpet, clearing weeds, checking the electricity and changing out-dated coin meters and not least by collecting and donating Sommerfields china offer which came along right on time. Please continue your support and make this a place to be proud of in St. Breward.

For more details contact Ann Hole, secretary on 851251.

Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church
Please note alteration : Garage Sale of Miscellaneous Second-Hand Goods - (not car boot sale) on August 28th at 10.30am. at 'Tor', Blisland, home of Captain and Mrs. Walford. Any contributions gratefully received before the day if possible. Refreshments available..

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

Our Duck Race in June was a great success with over 40 people attending. Due to the weather it was held in Waterloo rather than at Bradford, but this did not dampen any enthusiasm. Winners were Thurston Runnalls, Debbie Trevarthen and Tracey Greenaway. The event raised £70.90.

Our next event is a Family Dog Show to take place on Sunday 22nd August, this is to coincide with the school gymkhana.

We are also having a Car Boot Stall at Blisland Fun Day on August Bank Holiday Monday.

We would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support we have had with the playgroup project. A total of approximately £600 has been raised so far.

Any items such as dressing up clothes, dolls, prams, puzzles, puppets, musical instruments are still needed. If anyone wishes to donate anything of use to the playgroup we would be most grateful.

The playgroup will be open in September and will have sessions on Mondays and Thursdays between 9.30 - 11.45a.m. Fees will be £1.50 per session. Anyone requiring any information about the playgroup or the events to be held can ring Lisa Choldri on Bodmin 851244.

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

The club held their 24 hour Snooker Marathon on the 18th and 19th June. With ten players taking part they raised the sum of £455 to date, which will be split between the Cornwall Air Ambulance and the British Heart Foundation.

Many thanks to Barbara Marshall who started us off. Also congratulations to Dean Hill who scored the most points over 24 hours, 1,309 points, and to Terry Ellery who got the Highest Break with a 49 break. Thanks to all who took part who I know enjoyed themselves and also to all of you who supported us.

WENFORD BRIDGE

Many readers will be familiar with Charles Henderson's excellent book, "Old Cornish Bridges", published by Bradford Barton in 1928. Fresh information on this subject has recently come to light relating to the great flood of 1847 which swept away most of the bridges over the River Camel. It now seems certain that, contrary to Charles Henderson's statement on Page 110, the bridge at Wenford, like those at Helland and at Wadebridge, withstood the mighty force of the "wall of water from 12 to 18 feet above the usual level of the river".

Mr R.P. Truscott, whose opinion as County Surveyor of Bridges was quoted on Page 8 of "A History of St. Breward", has now written to me to convey the results of his research into the relevant contemporary documents, as follows:-

"In 1988 you were kind enough to send me a pamphlet introducing your book "A History of St. Breward". In chapter 2, contributed by Donald Bousfield, you indicated that at the time I believed Wenford Bridge may have been damaged in the flood of 1847, but not destroyed. I had come to this conclusion from its appearance and construction but I am now able to back up this statement by reference to a report made at the time by Mr Pease who was then the Surveyor of Bridges for the Eastern part of the County.

"The flood actually occurred on 8th July 1847 as Henderson states on his page 56, not on July 16th as he says later. Presumably an emergency meeting of the Magistrates was held on 15th July and adjourned to meet at Bodmin on the 29th when Mr Pease was able to report fully on the state of the bridges for which the County was responsible. For Wenford Bridge the report states: "In this case also, where the parapet, a very long one, had been washed away, the magistrate resolved that the contractor be allowed such a sum as the county surveyor may think fair and reasonable, to rebuild the parapet. - In answer to one of the magistrates, Mr Pease said that iron railings would be preferable at this bridge, but the parapets had been proceeded with, and were, in fact, nearly completed."

"So there we have it; in the 20 days available, even Mr Pease would not have been able to have rebuilt the bridge and from his own report we have the information that it was the parapets that were washed away."

Those who have copies of "A History of St. Breward" may like to enter a footnote on Page 7 to the effect that the correct date of the flood was July 8th 1847 and not July 16th as given in Line 7 in the excerpt from Charles Henderson's book.

Pamela Bousfield

Mr and Mrs James

Mr James is working on a dolls house. He's been working on it for three years. It is a large Georgian house. The dolls house had a bottom floor, a middle floor and on the very top of the dolls house there was a servants room. It is an imposing house with real marble steps going up to the main doors. Inside it looks half decorated (it is) but you can see how luxurious it will be. In the front are the family's living quarters. At the back are the kitchens. Just like a real Georgian house it has separate stairs for the servants. Going up these stairs you come to a complex of passages, all leading to the family's bedrooms. Also on this floor are the servants living quarters. Well, what there is of them! On the top floor are the servants bedrooms. Above them is a glass tower that will house a brass telescope. When finished the house will have working chandeliers and a flickering fire. The stairs are made out of wood. The tiles are made out of little bits of tile. Mr. James makes lots of things like ring holders in the shape of bells.

Mrs. James works in the garden planting flowers. They are attractive colours. There are steps going up to different parts. There is an ivy plant growing up one wall of the house. It looks really cosy,as if it is embracing the house.

Thank you to the children of Blisland School who wrote the above article. As the article was written last year I expect Mr. James has nearly finished his dolls house by now.

Camhayle at Blisland

The current Camhayle production of "A Month of Sundays" will be performed in Blisland Village Hall on Saturday, 7th August at 7.30p.m. This promises to be a highly enjoyable evening and tickets are available at the Village Post Office or from Enid Dickinson 850560 price £3, concessions £2.

Blisland's Big Bear Picnic and Barbecue

To be held on August 7th at 2.30p.m. in aid of Libearty, a campaign fighting to end the cruelty and exploitation of bears worldwide. Games, raffles, stalls, tombola, refreshments, many prizes. Bring your own teddy along. Signposted from village green. Telephone Tina Mellow on 850945 for details.

Cardinham Methodist Church Annual Flower & Vegetable Show

To be held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4th September at 3.30p.m. Schedules from Mrs. Best Cardinham 244.

David and Anita Cornelius invite you to a Pasty and Cider Evening at Valley View, Limehead, St. Breward on Friday 27th August. Tickets £2.
Proceeds in aid of medical equipment to improve patient care at Deriford Hospital.
Any donations for raffle or tombola will be gratefully received. Look out for further details.

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

BLISLAND CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING FUND are holding a FUN DAY on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August 1993 at Down Park, Blisland at 2.30p.m.
Comic football match and Childrens Fancy Dress Parade.
Also childrens sports, Car Boot sale, raffles, cake stall, plant stall, tombola, white elephant and much more.
On field refreshments. Everybody welcome.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Engagements for August

Thursday 5th	Port Isaac at 7.45
Saturday 7th	Pickwick
Sunday 8th	Looe Seafront at 2.30 & 7p.m.
Wednesday 11th	Wadebridge Carnival at 7pm.
Thursday 12th	Port Isaac at 7.45pm.
Thursday 19th	Port Isaac at 7.45pm.
Sunday 22nd	Looe Seafront at 2.30 & 7pm.
Thursday 26th	Port Isaac at 7.45pm.
Sunday 29th	Padstow Bandstand 2.30 & 7pm.

September

Thursday 2nd	Port Isaac

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BLISLAND W.I.

Imagine a card table, and placed on the top, several dainty containers each holding a single exquisite bloom. Every month at the Women's Institute we have a competition to see who can produce the winning flower and this month the table resembled a miniature Chelsea. Mrs. B. Makin, exhibiting a pretty old world rose, came first, closely followed by Mrs. W. Barwood and Mrs. I. Willcocks.

So many colourful flowers, such perfumes, how privileged we are to enjoy the gifts of sight and smell. Something I have not mentioned before is that every month, if it is your birthday, you receive a posy. May I take this chance to thank all the posy doners for their beautiful offerings. Even in the bleak winter nights these ladies manage to find colour in profusion to cheer our birthdays.

The ladies, in their summer dresses, vied with the flowers this month, and our speaker, Mr. C. Rawle must have considered himself doubly lucky, but it was the members who were the lucky ones because our evening was truly memorable thanks to Mr. Rawle's talk.

Our president called us to order but alas we are so noisy we now have to be summoned by bell! No not the steeple bell - not yet anyway - let us hope Mrs. Aspinall does not have to work her way up to that. Anyway, in the immediate hush Mrs. W. Barwood read the minutes of the last meeting and we heard the report from the spring meeting at Hendra.

Mrs. B. Makin advised us that two out of the three 1993 resolutions have been approved.

We are going to Trelawney's for a luncheon party on the 15th August so bang go our diets. Still, we have been advised by our sport and leisure chairman that we <u>will</u> be getting fitter. We are, supposedly going to indulge in 'gentle exercise' - the first person to laugh gets nominated to attend the evening "<u>work</u>shop" (oh..oh..aah..) in September. This will be further discussed at a much, much later date. Who said October?

With Mrs. E. Walford's Strawberry Cream Tea looming on the 26th July, perhaps we ought to give the exercise programme some consideration. Mrs. Walford has invited members and their friends to tea. There will be a raffle and a bring & buy stall and the fun starts at 2.30p.m.

We are still researching our field names so come on you local history buffs, we depend on your memories and verbal contributions to ensure that Blisland fields are named and recorded for posterity.

Our thanks and congratulations to Keith Barwood and Alan King, the sum they raised from plant sales, held in conjunction with the Blisland Garden Safari, amounted to £190.50. If they can raise money like that small wonder they raise gardens that make Babylon look amateurish. Dare we wonder where the W.I. would be without their menfolk?

On the subject of money, suggestions are needed from members on how to multiply the £5 loaned to us by CFWI. Half the profit for our own institute and half back to county. Prizes for the best ideas. Perhaps Keith and Alan could plant our £5 - on their excellent showing we stand to raise a fortune!

Mrs. G. Masters had the enviable pleasure of thanking our speaker Mr. C. Rawle for his talk entitled "Water Wheels". Mr. Rawle spoke for an hour and we could have listened all night. He told of the great water wheels of the past and the vital part they played in the history of our country. Mr. Rawle was born and brought up in Blisland and merged his history of these magnificent means of power, with his sound knowledge of local wheels and the fine men who built and worked them making such a valuable contribution to Cornish industry. With the introduction of new power sources, man disregarded the water mill, now most are in ruins or gone, just a small percentage remain working. Fortunately, enthusiasts, like Mr. Rawle, still engage in restoration work and despite the ruin and decay he sees all the time he is philosophical. His thoughts turn more towards recovery than writeoff.

We had enjoyed an evening with a real cornish feel about it. But next month - well next month has a decidedly exotic flavour. Our speaker will be Mr. J.H. Thomas, on Travel in South East Asia - so why not join us for a trip to the mysterious east? See you in the village hall on 21st July at 7.15pm. Our president, Mrs. M. Aspinall, can be contacted on Bodmin 851150.

Jean and Victor Teague would like to thank relatives and friends for their lovely presents, cards and telephone messages on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 15th.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

In spite of the meeting being altered to 2pm. seventeen members came to see Mrs. Christine Woolf produce wonderful art deco type dressing table accessories. The era was the 1930's but most members could recall using some of the named products or at least remember seeing them in use by mothers and aunties!

Mrs. Bancroft VCO had kindly agreed to speak to us about the IGM at the Royal Festival Hall and made us feel the atmosphere as well as hear about the business side of the meeting. A new slogan has been produced - Today's Women Working for Tomorrow's World - let us hope that we do succeed in making it a better place for all to live in. Apropos of better places our visit to the Last Gardens of Heligan was a great success, especially with a guide to show us the particular features and discoveries made in only two years.

Two members will go to the Staging Day, two others will go to the Active Living Workshop at Otterham, others joined in the Hippy Walk in the village. Ideas were sought for ways to celebrate the WIs 75th anniversary on September 30th - a walk on the Camel Trail for lunch at the Borough Arms was suggested. Our Institute may try to start a library of craft type books in the near future, already we have some WI publications available.

A card was signed by those present to send to Mrs. Gwen Gill, one of our oldest members, who recently fell and broke her hip. Already some members have increased their initial £1 or 50p 'starting money' to quite a considerable extent.

Our Institute hopes to plant a tree in the village during the Year of the Tree, but decisions will be made in the autumn about position and type suitable for an exposed situation. The competition for a lace article was won by Margaret Shelley with Rosemary Cousins and Joan Sainsbury second and third; Mrs. Shelley also won the flower competition.

I leave you with the thought that in 1933 a girl would spend 3/6d ($17\frac{1}{2}$p to the uninitiated!) on make-up for a week and 3/- (15p) on her fortnightly hair-do. The advice given in the first issue of Woman's Own in 1932 was not to let your husband see you in a shabby pinny on his return from work! There is no August meeting so enjoy your summer and we shall meet again on September 7th to have one item each valued by Richard Hamm of Lambrays. We hope that other WI members will be invited to join us for the evening.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Most members enjoy a game of cards and 'whist' is probably their favourite. At the kind invitation of Mrs. Rosa Billing, club secretary, we made our way to 'Polpry' for a Whist Drive' and tea on 15th June. To play the game properly we were divided up into equal numbers of ladies and gents and were obliged to move tables according to the rules. I have yet to appreciate the finer points of the correct way to play and had to ask to which table I should move on playing a winning or losing hand! It is a serious game when played with experts and while I do not recall trumping a partners 'trick', my unorthodox style was not fully appreciated. Mrs. Val King won the highest score as a lady player while Mrs. Ida Brown and Mrs. Dorothy Ham shared an equal score as gents. A splendid tea followed and a 'cuppa' helped to calm the frayed nerves! Many thanks Rosa for organising everything and giving us all such a pleasant afternoon.

On Tuesday 6th June arrangements were made to use the St. Breward Community Area mini bus to take members to Pencarrow Gardens. I was the driver who had not previously driven a mini bus and was a little apprehensive about such an undertaking. It was not long before my driving skills were put to the test as I had to back up in the lane leading to Tresarret! Having survived without a scratch (to the bus) the rest of the journey was uneventful. Some picked fruit, others enjoyed the garden and then sat in the picnic area for tea. The weather was sunny and warm and despite some of the peacocks endeavouring to snatch away our sandwiches the visit was much appreciated.

Tony Ham

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