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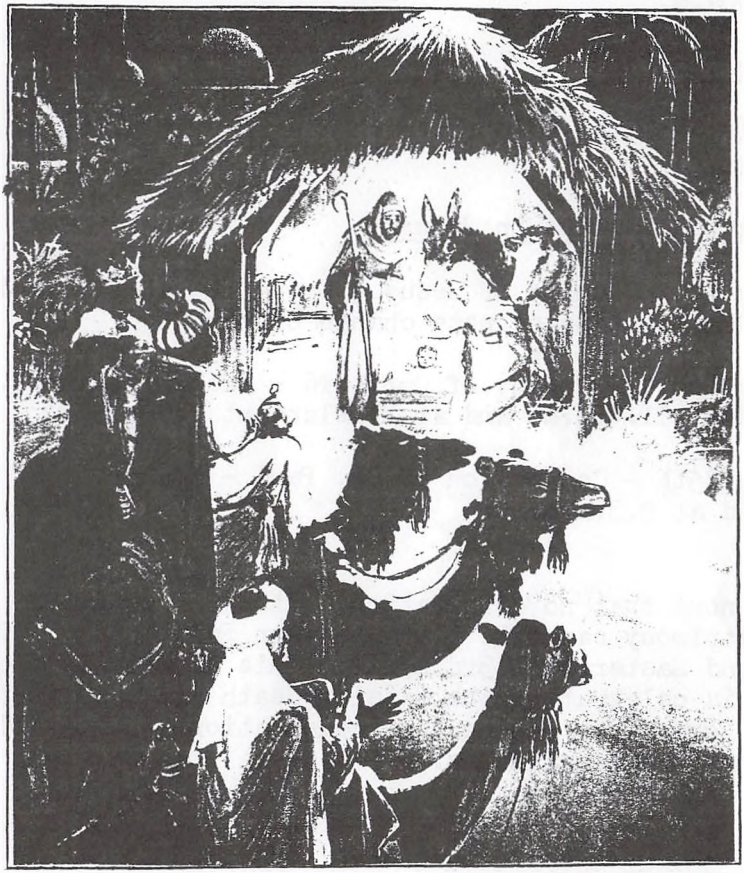

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Sunday Services for January

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

Sunday School meets at the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Weekday Services

Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays.

Important Holy Days in January

January 1st - Naming of Jesus - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00a.m. (Please note change of time).

January 6th - Epiphany of Our Lord - Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m. and at Blisland at 7.00p.m.

January 25th - Conversion of St. Paul - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Please note that no celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony can take place between Palm Sunday, 27th March and Easter Day, 3rd April. This is because the Church is celebrating the passion death and resurrection of Our Lord, thus making such celebration incompatible with Christian sentiments.

Mattins or Holy Communion?

The Study Group will be meeting on Monday, January 10th for the first of three meetings to look at the historical background to the most usual services in the Church of England, and to explore the reasons for a growing tendency in the 20th century to make Holy Eucharist the major service on a Sunday. All are welcome at Sunnybank, St. Breward on January 10th at 8.00p.m.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
The incarnation is very much in our minds at this time of the year and the feast of the Epiphany which we celebrate on January 6th reminds us that God has manifested himself in his Son, Jesus Christ. Thus as the first part of the Church's year unfolds for us in the Liturgy, we are confronted with the earthly life of Our Lord. The significance of this life for us is that it offers us a purpose in our lives and so we are able to interpretate them in a meaningful manner. How best then can we respond to the God who has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ? The answer lies in Worship; the response which the Magi made when they came to pay homage to the infant Christ. For Worship is at the very heart of the Christian Faith; for if there is no worship then there is certainly no religion.

The character and quality of our worship then can best be interpreted still by the offerings of those three wise men who worshipped the Lord Christ nearly two thousand years ago. For Gold reminds us that the church lives in a material world and that every Christian needs to support the Christian community with money, time and talents. Frankincense tells us that we are under an obligation to come to church every Sunday so that we can offer to God the Church's prayer of sacrifice and thanksgiving in the Eucharist. Finally Myrrh reminds us that suffering and death were part of Our Lord's sacrifice; hence, we who have been baptised into Christ's suffering and death need also to die to sin and self if we are to attain eternal salvation.

The season of the incarnation then is an exciting one. For it tells us that God has revealed Himself in Christ in love towards us. Like the Magi then, let us show gratitude to God in worship and in commitment and so in the coming year grow in his grace and truth.

My prayer then for this year is that you will make every effort to enrich your lives in his service.

With seasonal greetings.
Yours sincerely,
Father Harris.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Abigal Scawn was baptised on Sunday, 21st November at St. Breward Parish Church.

'Made a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God'.

Holy Matrimony

Joanna Best and Phillip Batterby were married recently at Blisland Parish Church.

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

Funeral

Mrs. Nora Hawken of Nether House, Launceston died on the 23rd November. After the service in the Methodist Church burial took place in the churchyard at St. Breward.

'Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her'.

BLISLAND with TEMPLE - 1993 POPPY APPEAL

The 1993 collection in the Blisland and Temple area amounted to £175.48 (House to house £145.80, Royal Oak £4.43, Joint Chapel/Church Service £14.00, Wreath and Poppies £11.25).
Our thanks to all contributors on behalf of the Royal British Legion, and ourselves, in this our first year as collectors, and to Capt. R.B.N. Hicks DSO RN (Rtd) for his stirling work on their behalf in past years.

BA & AK P.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE POPPY APPEAL - raised a total of £222.45. Thanks to all collectors.
The Parish Church collection was £51.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 2nd at 2.30p.m. Preacher Rev'd A Williams
(Covenant Service)
Sunday January 16th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mrs M Wilkins

A total of £213 was donated to Blisland Methodist Church by Mrs. Isobel Willcocks as a result of the Coffee Morning held at her home on Tuesday, 23rd November. On behalf of all members we wish to express our sincere thanks for your generosity, time and effort.

Tony Ham,
Church Steward.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S EFFORT on January 5th at 6.00p.m.
'Magician Entertainment for all. Come and join in the fun.

I have been given some interesting old documents destined for the St. Breward Archive. They are detailed Sale catalogues dated 1912-1920, some with large-scale maps, concerning land and property in St. Breward, Blisland and Temple:-

St. Breward: Tor Down, Churchtown, The Old Inn, Palmers, Irishes, Bradford, Fernacre, Brownwilly, Butterstor, Higher Butterstor, Higher & Lower Garrow, Mount Pleasant, Priest Hill, Carkees, Scribble & Druglets, Camperdown, North & West Candra, Casehill, The New Enclosure, Whiteheads, Bradford, Hallagenna.

Blisland: Pennant, Higher & Lower Pengelly, Trewint, Cassacawn Mills, Waterloo, Trevissick, Shallow Pit, Carbilly with Bedwithiel.

Temple: Tor, Hill House.

If any readers would like to see these at my house before they are lodged in the Archive, would they please contact me before the end of January.

Mrs. P. Bousfield, Hantergantick, St. Breward, Bodmin 850419.

CHACEWATER

Chacewater is a reconstruction of an Iron Age village. The people were wearing old age clothes and doing historical things. The main hut had a straw roof, wattle and daub walls. They had a stone floor with a fire in the middle and straw beds. We made wattle and daub by collecting clay, mud, water and straw and mixed it together with a spade. We got some local clay and made some bowls and then we put them round the open fire to bake. We went berry picking and we picked blackberries and elderberries. We ground corn into flour by rubbing the corn between two stones. We made a type of bread which contained honey, water, crushed nuts, salt, ground flour and berries. We then mixed it altogether and cooked them on an open fire, they tasted delicious. We plaited with grasses. It is possible to make spoons, plates, hats and bags. We got a piece of wood and skinned it then we got some rust and charcoal and used the wood to paint a stone. We also saw two boars and one goose just like you would have seen in the Iron Age. Another thing we did was making a scarecrow by collecting dandelions, bracken, leaves and then we stuffed these into a shape to make a head. Then we collected branches to make fingers and arms and gradually made a scarecrow shape. We stripped wood for tools by shaving wood on a special seat just as they would have done in the Iron Age. The people there gave us real dandelion and burdock to drink. It wasn't fizzy but it tasted just like liquorice. We enjoyed it but we would have liked to stay longer. The infants really enjoyed it as well. We all got very dirty but it was worth it, and because we were able to actually do the things the Iron Age people would do, we learnt a great deal!

Written by all the junior children of Blisland C.P. School.

Second Hand Typewriter for sale. Recently reconditioned. £20 o.n.o. Ring Pamela Bousfield on 850419.

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Lucky Telephone Numbers Draw held at St. Breward A.F.C. & Social Club on Saturday 27th November made a profit of £58.00 for Playgroup funds. The winners of the prizes were:- Barbara Whittaker, David Colman, George Whitehouse, Kelvin Greenaway and Joan Dennis. A big thank you to Trevor Sleep for organising the draw and to the Football Club for letting us make the draw on their premises.

Playgroup returns from the Christmas Break on Wednesday 5th January 1994. We meet at the Village hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. For more information contact Vanessa Morrish 850417, Dawn Sleep 850447, Denise Yeo 850936 or Julie Sleeman (Playgroup Leader) on Otterham Station 425.

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

The first week of December brought good tidings for all our snooker teams. The 'A' team visited St. Teath and came away with a 5-0 win over their 'A' side with Dean Hill having the best result - a massive 123 points to 19 win. Meanwhile back at St. Breward our 'B' side was enjoying similar success and also had a 5-0 win against the Wharncliffe from Tintagel. The 'C' team playing the following evening entertaining Lostwithiel social club 'B' at St. Breward proved not to be out done also winning 5-0.

Congratulations to all team players on a truly unique achievement. Keep up the good work in 1994.

M. Yeo.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

The recently held Table Sale raised £47.75 and the Coffee Morning £159.25 both for church funds. Thank you to eveybody who contributed, helped in any way or just came to buy.

The Sunday Club - made a profit of £26.21 at the Table Sale. Again thank you to all who contributed or helped in any way.

MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

I finished off last month's memories of our trip back to England. We all set up home at Buckland-in-moor. I got work as a teamster in the saw-mills that was near by. Driving a team of horses, bringing in trees that had been cut down, to the saw mills. I carried on with that until the time came when I decided to join the Army. I went to Exeter, passed my medical, and the tests that was needed to join. Shortly after I had word to say I was to report to the training depot at Exeter. Which I did, and completed my six months training. After which myself and the rest of the Platoon I trained with, was sent to the 2nd Devonshire Regiment which was stationed at Bordon in Wiltshire. From there the Battalion moved to Dover. After being in the army for two years, I was put on a draft for India with several others. We then had to go through a lot inoculations and vaccinations. After which we were sent on one months draft leave. At the end of the leave came the sad parting from my family. I knew I would be away for at least five years. Little did I know at the time that it would be seven years and four months before I saw any of them again.

My brothers and grandfather came to see me off at the station. I said good-bye to mother in the sitting room, she was breaking her heart. Father I had said good-bye to before he went to work. Anyway I got back to Dover. We then had our final inoculation and vaccinations, which put us in bed for 48 hours. It made us feel that we had a very bad bout of flu. One morning two weeks later we set off for Southampton. Our band played us all the way to the station at Dover and played us off as the train moved off. A troopship was waiting for us at Southampton docks. Away we went to India in the far and mystic east. I had a sad moment when we passed Eddystone lighthouse and the Lizard, thinking of my family not too far away. At the same time though I was looking forward to my visit to India. We went on through the Bay of Biscay; there we had our first storm and gales. The seas each side of our ship looked like mountains. A lot went down with sea sickness. I am glad to say I did not have that. We called in at Malta, Gibraltar, then

we entered the Suez Canal and stopped at two ports in Egypt. We got stuck half-way through and had to wait until the tide came through. We then entered the Mediterranean Sea, followed by the Red Sea, where we were pointed out a rock in the sea and was told by the Captain of our ship that it was the rock that Moses smote with his rod to part the Red Sea when he fled from Egypt with his people. All we had to go through then was the Indian Ocean. It is large though I was very surprised to find it so rough with the sun blazing down hot every day and no winds. We called in at Madagascar and eventually we arrived in Bombay after three weeks at sea and 1400 odd miles.

We boarded a train for our destination which was Calcutta. It took us three days and nights. When we arrived we were taken to Fort William, which was a closed in fort, where the 1st Devonshire Regiment were stationed. Gosh how hot it was, 115°in the shade. All we did for quite a while was drink and sweat, until we got acclimatised to the heat. One good thing - our clothes were light, just thin shift and shorts, long stockings to our knees, and topee or pith helmet on our head, when outdoors. Soon after I am glad to say, we who came over from England were sent up to Darjeeling hills with the company that was due up there for the hot summer.

to be continued..... R.A. Dowrick

THE OLD INN

We shall be celebrating New Year's Eve with live entertainment by Chris Morris, vocalist from the well known orignal 70s group, 'Paper Lace', singing hits, "Billy Don't Be a Hero" and "The Night Chicago Died". Do come and join us for a fun evening.

Ann & Iain

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND - congratulations on winning the 3rd section of the SWBBA 47th Annual championship held at Paignton recently. The band gained 93 points thus winning the Grosvenor Cup plus certificate. Each member of the band received a medal engraved SWBBA 1993 and their conductor Micky Hunt received a personal trophy.

BLISLAND MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBERS

Dear readers,

This is just a reminder that the 1994 annual subscription of £2 is now due. Prompt payment would be appreciated. This helps to keep the cost down, for I'm sure you all know the magazine is run on a shoe-string. In spite of many reminders two subscribers still owe for 1993 - perhaps they would be kind enough to put it in the enclosed envelope.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Editor for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the magazine this year in spite of the traumas she and her family have had to cope with. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Cathy and her husband and family a much much happier 1994.

Finally I thank all the distributors for the stalwart work they do, with a special mention to Barbara Sharp who did the job for many, many years and only gave up when her illness became such that it was impossible to carry on. I take the magazine to Barbara each month and although she is now in a nursing home at Okehampton she still takes a keen interest in local affairs.

A very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to you all. Thank you for your continued support.

E.J. Walford
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Entertainment

Saturday	15th January	Disco
"	29th "	Martin Lucas

CHILDREN IN NEED

A darts/pool evening and raffle was held at the Football Club on Friday, 26th November in aid of Children in Need.

A great evening was had by all with Carol Griffin winning the pool and Nicky Rundle and Dave Hooper sharing the darts final, generously giving the prize money to Children In Need. The highlight of the evening being Bet Bate giving Dai Wills a lesson in darts! In all £121.02 was raised for Children In Need.

We would like to thank Mark Harris and Martin Kay for raising money and for organising the prizes and also all our local traders for their support and donations. Many of the raffle winners returned their prizes which were then auctioned off, with the money being added to the Children In Need Fund.

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year break and are now looking forward to a new spring term.

Looking back to the Christmas term we had our Open Morning which the children really enjoyed. They loved the interest shown in their activities and their singing was better than ever before.

The Craft Bazaar had the village hall filled with some super stalls. Something for everyone for Christmas. Unfortunately the turnout from the village was very poor although the people who did attend all left with a little something in their bags and replenished with their free mince pies and cream. Maybe next year you should try the local village hall for your Christmas presents instead of Tragos!

Anyone wanting any information about our playgroup can ring Lisa Chohdri on 851244.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Seventeen members arrived in the Village Hall, which is looking even better with the new curtains, to hear that the Table Sale had raised £130 for W.I. funds; this is apart from the amounts raised by each table holder for their own particular fund. It was mentioned that many events are held on the same day by different clubs etc. which does affect the turnout to any one event; suggestions that a Parish Diary be kept to avoid clashing of dates were discussed. Everyone signed a list of County members to be displayed for the 75th anniversary year book of members - what will be the state of the world in another 75 years? We are invited to Bude W.I. for the evening on December 13th, and to a day out at Clarks, Street, Somerset at which goods from Laura Ashley, Royal Worcester and other well known names will be for sale at greatly reduced prices. Mrs. Woolf read out the winning poem by Patsy Brewer for those who were not at the Group meeting. Mrs. Annabel Johns, senior vice-chairman of CWFI. will be the VCO at our Annual Meeting in February - see her photo in the current County News. Further information will be sought about the Aquarobics at Hengar Manor every Friday. 10.30 to 11.30am; it is not often that these interesting events are held so close to home so it may well tempt several members to join in. There is also some interest shown in entering the Royal Cornwall Cup competition - anyone with a suitable largish basket is asked to bring it to the February meeting; we shall be at Trelawney for our Annual January luncheon on January 4th. Please arrive at Trelawney for 12.30 so that we can all begin lunch together in the private room as previously - there will be details on the poster in the Post Office window regarding the community bus if it is available.

The programme card compiled by Mrs. C. Woolf gained us a B plus for its "good information, interesting topics and well presented card"; thank you Christine for all the hard work. One of the items that will be on the 1994 card will be the Four Corner Day to be held in the Memorial Hall on April 18th when four tutors will each teach a craft. Our subjects will be chosen from applique, tatting, knitting finishes, patchwork, quilting and pergamano (a form of embossed greetings cards etc.)

Finally our banner is now on show in the County Museum in Truro as seen by Mrs. Shelley, our secretary.

Suddenly the hall was turned into a veritable jungle as our speaker, Mrs. Hilary Cragg produced masses of greenery etc. so that we could try our hands at creating Christmas table decorations in the form of trees with holly ivy and cones. First Mrs. Cragg showed us how to build up the basic shape then she produced in true Blue Peter fashion several that she had made earlier - one for each season of the year, tiny daffs for spring, carnations for summer, warm colours for autumn and crisp white daisy type flowers for winter. We are truly a fortunate Institute to have so many talented members. Mrs. J. Lewis produced the winning cactus, not succulent, and Mrs. Shelley had made the best Christmas card.

May I wish you all a very happy 1994 from all the W.I. members - we would be pleased to see you at our meetings to share in friendly conversation and perhaps to learn more of the world around us, or explore a new skill.

Anne Holmes.

WINTER

Sun setting in a band of red,
A whoosh of starlings overhead,
Dead leaves in a flower bed,
Winter.
A buzzard on an old stone wall,
Frosty nights when vixens call,
Icicles on a waterfall,
Winter.
November bonfires glowing red,
Barn owl hooting overhead,
Hot-water bottles in the bed,
Winter.
Paper chains pinned to the wall,
Mince pies when the neighbours call,
"Merry Christmas one and all"
Winter.

M.R.G.

BLISLAND W.I. WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the 20th November Blisland W.I. together with other local WIs in this area planted a tree, in celebration of our 75th anniversary. along the Camel Trail. It was a beautiful Christmassy morning, with a nip of frost. Some of you younger readers will be able to toddle along and see what it is like in 75 years time. I wonder what changes all you little saplings will see.

Someone is looking out for us and it is nice to feel protected isn't it? And our Environmental protection agency, the National Rivers Authority, is the strongest and keenest in Europe. They cover 10,884 square kilometres of ground in the south west aiming to be a tough and effective regulator of our vulnerable, stunning landscape. More power to them and long may they flourish.

Our November meeting was addressed by Miss Judy Hill of the N.R.A. and she gave a presentation which was both entertaining and informative. We covered it all! Dinosaurs, early man, choosing your medieval toilet location, how to empty your chamber pot to maximum effect in Georgian England and how, to avoid cholera in victorian times. All handy information for time travellers and us moderns are catered for with our water quality, pollution control, fisheries, flood warning and defence all monitored by our N.R.A. guardians. As for the future - a South West Conservation Officer is there ready to maintain and improve our fragile habitat - great!

At the Wadebridge Prime Stock Show last November our W.I. came second in the 'A Country Kitchen' class. Well done our girls. And continuing the winning theme Mrs. A. Pierce won our Prettiest Flower competition as well as helping to provide winning refreshments together with Mrs. I. Willcocks. Mrs. W. Gurr caught on to this double your winnings game and scooped the raffle and went on to gain first in the Press Cutting competition. Mrs. B. Makin made the charming birthday posy.

Come and join us. Our next meeting will be in the Blisland Village Hall at 2.15p.m. on the 19th January. Bring a friend, bring a relative - but come and enjoy what promises to be an interesting talk about our own wild, Bodmin Moor! Please leave your puma at the door!

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Due mostly to sickness, eight members were unable to accept the very kind invitation of Mrs. Betty Donnelly to her home on Tuesday, 16th November. Those who could attend had a most enjoyable, happy afternoon, the highlight being a talk by Betty on her experiences as an apprentice hairdresser. The hours worked were long and hard and subject to much discipline. The various techniques of cutting and setting were described in detail. As a mere male it was an eye opener to me to hear what you ladies had to endure to create a stylish hairdo! The names of the various settings were talked about. Even I had heard of one 'Marcel'. (There is an old song, the title of which I cannot recall but one of the lines ran - "Get a Marcel wave in your hair").

To follow the talk a very tasty tea was presented. Thank you Betty for all your effort to give the W.R.V.S. Club such a pleasant afternoon.

The competition was set by Mrs. Rosa Billing estimating the number of sweets in a jar and was won by Mrs. Hawken.

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My best wishes to all readers for 1994. Thank you to all people who have contributed to the magazine over the last year; to Mr. F. Hodges for printing the front and back covers each month; to Mrs. Walford our treasurer who does a sterling job looking after the finances and to the distributors including Mrs. Hemmings who has taken on the distribution for Temple.

Catherine McShee

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