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

Sunday Services for February

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 on Wednesdays at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Important Holy Days in February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - February 2nd Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m. and at Blisland at 7.00p.m.

Ash Wednesday - February 16th. Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m. and at Blisland at 7.00p.m.
Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

Feast of St. Branwalader - February 9th - St. Breward Parish Church Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Revel Sunday - February 13th. Service of Prayer and Praise at 3.00p.m. at St. Breward Parish Church.

MONUMENTS

To facilitate the erection of headstones in the churchyards of the parish churches it is important to consult with the incumbent first, regarding material to be used; together with a drawing of its design and size and the exact wording of the inscription. Failure to do so may involve legal action with subsequent financial penalties. It is important then for people to realize that churchyards are subject to the regulations of the Chancellor of the Diocese, and that these regulations have the force of law and must be obeyed.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Education is very much at the forefront of public discussion at the present time. Much time is spent talking about the techniques and content of education but little about its purpose. In other words people rarely discuss the philosophy of education and yet this is essential if people are to give meaning to its content, techniques and presentation.

In trying to determine then the character and the objective of education we first need to understand it's subject, namely man himself. Consequently if we believe that man is made up of body, mind and spirit then nothing less than that which does justice to these concepts can be acceptable as we seek to develop the whole man.

Yet while there is much attention given to a person's development in the realm of mind and body, sadly little attention is given to man's spiritual maturity at least in the contemporary situation. The consequence of this, is that people lack objectivity in their lives with the result that they are unable to appreciate life's purpose and thus lacking spiritual and moral criteria which religion brings to bear find themselves in no position to deal adequately with the many problems concerning life and death which confronts all of us as we perform our trivial round and common task.

As life passes then we need to make sure that we are doing justice to ourselves by being a complete a human person as possible. This means achieving maturity in body, mind and spirit. It is my prayer and hope that you will find that fulfilment in your lives within the Christian experience. For in it we can work out a state of right relationship with God and our fellow-men thus fulfilling our role in this life and consequently achieving our destiny in the next. This done we shall have a true education which will serve us well both in time and eternity.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday February 6th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mrs M Wilkins
(Holy Communion)
Sunday February 20th at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd Williams

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday	February	6th at	11.00am.	Preacher Mr J Tredrea
"	"		6.00pm.	" Mr A Martin
"	"	13th	9.30am.	Preacher Rev'd Barlow FS
"	"		6.00pm.	" C.F.
"	"	20th	11.00am.	Preacher Mr G Brown
"	"		6.00pm.	" Rev'd J Bickle
"	"	27th	11.00am.	Preacher Mr E Jukes
"	"		6.00pm.	" Mr J Maskell

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Mornings - these will start again on Wednesday 2nd February from 10.00am. to 11.30am. All are welcome.

Book these dates for March

WOMANS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - to be held in the Methodist Church at St. Breward at 7.30p.m. on Friday 4th March.

SANKEY HYMN SINGING EVENING - to be held in St. Breward Methodist Church on Wednesday 9th March at 7.15p.m. Led by Mr. Charles Keast.

Mr. Eddy Newton would like to thank Vanessa Morrish and Julie Newton for the planning and preparation of his surprise 65th Birthday Party held at St. Breward AFC & Social Club on 10th December 1993. Also thank you to everyone who attended the party to make it a success, to everyone for all the lovely presents he received and to the Football Club for the loan of the premises for that night.

Parish Registers

Funerals

The funeral service for the late Josephine Georgina Exelby took place on Thursday, 6th January at Glyn Valley Crematorium.

Joseph Cyrus Hawken formerly of St. Breward died on 26th December at Launceston aged 88. The funeral service took place on December 31st at St. Breward Methodist Church followed by interment in the churchyard.

Barbara Sharp of Temple died at Okehampton on December 31st. The funeral Mass took place at St. Mary's Abbey, Bodmin on 7th January followed by a service at Glyn Valley Crematorium.

Teresa O'Keeffe of St. Breward died on 12th December. A Requiem Mass took place in St. Mary's Abbey, Bodmin, on 16th December followed by interment in the churchyard at St. Breward.

The funeral service for the late Derek Watson took place on Friday 14th January at Blisland Parish Church followed by interment in the churchyard.

"Eternal Rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them".

Terry O'Keeffe

Paddy Powell would like to thank the many friends in St. Breward who sent letters, cards, prayers and sympathy following the death of her sister, Terry O'Keeffe on 12th December.

Derek Watson

May I thank all my friends and neighbours for the wonderful help I have received since Derek's sudden death, and for the many cards, letters, flowers and donations to the Air Ambulance. I would also like to thank Father Frank Harris and Canon Peter Boyd for their support and the lovely service.

Pat Watson.

Derek Watson

Mr Derek Watson of Blisland whose death occurred recently will be greatly missed by the people of the village. He was a great artist whose last commission was the painting for Mr. G. Masters upon his retirement as churchwarden. He also drew the covers for the parish magazine in 1988. He was a great supporter of local activities. chairman of the Churchyard Fund and adjudacator of the childrens entries in the WI Produce Show. He also designed and helped with the scenery in the village plays.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Pat.

Barbara Sharp

Barbara Sharp was the epitome of a good neighbour. She lived at Temple for many years and looked after the church there, helping to clean it and prepare it for services despite being a Roman Catholic herself. She was the parish councillor representative for Temple and she distributed the parish magazines there and collected the monies.

She was a great fundraiser, always supporting the WI Produce Show, attending Car Boot Sales and holding a Flea Market in Bodmin on Saturdays all to raise funds for Temple Church. She was always willing to help anybody and I'm sure we all have fond memories of her. She will be greatly missed and our sympathies go to her husband and family.

Note to all Readers

Please note that if you pay your magazine subscription by cheque, make the cheque payable to Blisland and St. Breward Parish Magazine and not to the treasurer personally.

The wedding took place on 18th December at St. Tudy Methodist Church between Andrew Finnemore of St. Breward and Lucy Hales.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BREWARD CHURCH 1993

The coloured lights on the top of the Tower remained bright and visible for many miles in spite of gales and heavy rain, thanks to the efforts of Bill. The candle-lit church, very tastefully decorated, welcomed the congregation to the first Mass of Christmas. Father Harris led the Eucharist assisted by Rev'd Joan Kirby.

Our thanks to the Harper family for decorating the tree and to Pat and Brenda for the gift of the tree. Grateful thanks also to Clifford for his assistance.

The service of 9 Lessons and Carols was well supported, representatives from various organisations took turns with the readings of scripture. The collection, totalling over £30 has been donated to the Church of England Childrens Society.

Mention must also be made of the children of the Sunday Club, who, with the help of a few 'older people' performed a Nativity Play at the end of the service on 19th December much to the delight of the congregation.

Well done also to Anna Walby and Vicky Hollister who read their lessons so well at the service of 9 Lessons and Carols.

H.C. Hawken

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

REVEL COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday 19th February 10.00a.m. to 12 noon
in the Band Room Cake Stall & Raffle
Admission free Everyone welcome

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH

A SUPPER & SOCIAL EVENING will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs Ward-Lee, Mansion House, Blisland, on Friday 4th March at 7.00p.m. Tickets £4 each may be obtained from Blisland Post Office Stores and Mr K. James. Tremasden Key Bridge.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

St. Breward Silver Band will shortly be starting a learners class for children over 8 years of age. Tuition and instruments free.
Please contact A.W.A. Hunt on 850356.

The children of Blisland School recently held a "Court" hearing regarding the starter homes in Blisland. Below is printed the results of this "Hearing" and reflect the views of the children.

The children of Blisland School held a debate about the starter homes in Blisland. The following is an account of the points I raised; if the starter homes were built it would encourage young people into the village to keep the cycle going. The young need encouraging to stay and to come. If the starter homes are not built then eventually people will die or move out and the village will become a huge graveyard; dull, boring and life-less. Blisland is a beautiful small rural village with lots of friendly OLD people (this is how we are going to describe the village in a few years time), nobody will want to live here. There are a lot of houses for sale in and around Blisland. The first thing young people will say when they see the price is "it's a bit too expensive and we are surrounded by elderly people, I'd rather move to an estate in Bodmin where the prices are lower". Blisland will become stale without anything to encourage the younger generation.

As we are in a recession there is not much money around it's hard enough to find a suitable home for anybody especially young people who aren't really familiar with 'the game of life', it's time for us to hand them the rules! The only houses that have been built in Blisland recently are Retirement or Holiday lets at prices that are beyond local residents. There is not that much to attract young families at the moment so why make it worse! If these houses wern't built apart from killing the village it would kill the school as well. As long as the houses are built in a style that blends in with the village none of the allure should be lost. As Mr. Rowe said in the article in the Western Morning News "once the school goes we have got a God's waiting room. We need young people, young spirit in the village. If we lose it then it will be a heck of a job to keep it alive"!

We have a very pleasant, friendly educational school here in Waterloo and it would be a shame to lose it! I did a survey to show all those in favour of starter homes in Blisland and all those that are not out of 24

people, the result was 21 people said yes we want them and 3 said no we don't, however the 3 that said they didn't want starter homes in Blisland didn't live there so it wouldn't affect them anyway!

Against starter homes

When the starter homes are being built it will destroy habitats and landscapes in two ways. 1) The rubbish will have to go somewhere, the rubbish won't all be carried away by the dustmen so tips will have to be brought to the site or the rubbish might have to go to a tip on the moor. 2) Building the houses is destroying habitats. If people have come from out of Cornwall to Blisland then it can't be a graveyard. We have 27 children and yet people say its a graveyard. If people don't move into the starter homes then it will have been a waste of time. waste of material, space and money.

By Thomas and Alexis

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Mr Joseph Cyrus Hawken - RIP

The death has occurred at Millar House, Launceston of Mr Hawken (Cy) at the age of 88 years and 11 months. Mr Cy as he was affectionately known was the youngest of the 11 children of the late Mr Charles and Mrs Olivia Hawken of Lawson, St. Breward.

He was one of those stalwart people born in the Edwardian period and brought up in a christian atmosphere where respect, discipline and good manners were paramount, and into a family who served and gave much to village life for almost 100 years.

He attended school at Churchtown, where he was given special dispensation to stay at home on Mondays to help his mother with the washing, that entailed stoking the copper in those far off days when there was no electricity, no mains sewerage and very few houses with a piped water supply.

On leaving school he joined the Family business of running the general store and Post Office. While other members of the family had gone to the war 1914-19 he and his father ran the business together.

Mr Cy married Miss Annie Hill in 1928 and lived in the bungalow at Row before moving to "Treleaven" at Limbhead. There was one son Mr Cecil Hawken, now a retired head teacher and local preacher.

When other family members returned from the war to the business Mr Cy was responsible for serving Blisland and the moorland farms, taking weekly orders, riding around on a push bicycle. He served that scattered locality well, often posting letters for customers, taking and receiving messages, giving advice, news and making contact when necessary with the doctor. He later had a mechanised bicycle; an engine behind the saddle which helped propel the wheel.

Mr Cy was a member of the St. Breward Band, in which he played the euphonium. During the 2nd World War he was a member of the Royal Observer Corps, who regularly watched over the village from their little hut on Mine Hill.

All through his long life Mr Cy was a devout member of the Methodist Church serving as a steward and Treasurer for many years. As long as he was able he never failed

to attend morning and evening services at the chapel at Chapel Terrace and later at the re-built Methodist Church and Sunday School at Row where his funeral service was recently held prior to the interment at the village churchyard.

Sympathy is extended to his son Cecil, daughter-in-law Phyllis and grandsons Mark and Andrew.

Grace Masters

MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

It was a station 8,000 feet up in the hills. Wonderful up there it was, just like an English summer. We had to have thicker cloths and blankets on our beds. To get up to Darjeeling we had to go by train. It was the smallest train and railway I had ever seen. The rail lines were about two feet apart. The train and carriages, we could stand and look over them. The railway lines didn't go in one long line like home here. It went around and around in circles all the way up to Darjeeling, with stations all the way up. On the front of the engine was a large platform filled with sand, where an Indian man would be sat, with a shovel in his hand. All the way up he would be throwing sand on to the rails, so the wheels would grip. I wondered at the time what happened when we came down. Which I was to find out later, end of summer. It was a wonderful trip up though and interesting for us all. I was very glad I never missed it. I enjoyed my few months up there and saw some wonderful sights. I will tell you one of them. One morning, very early, myself and a few others climbed another 1,000 feet before the sun rose. We came to another little station where we went to a certain place we had to stand. When the sun came up we saw a wonderful sight of the tops of the three sisters (mountains) and Everest was in the middle. The sun was shining right on them. We looked around and below us and we realized we were up above the clouds, all different colours with the sun on them. It was a sight I will never forget.

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

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Coffee Morning held at the Bandroom on Saturday, 4th December raised a total of £52 profit, despite a very poor response from the public. Thank you very much to everyone who gave their time helping and to those few who did attend.

The Christmas Party held at Playgroup on 22nd December was very successful, with the Mother and Toddler Group also attending. Paul Scott the Magician entertained the children (and parents) and Father Christmas arrived to give the children presents, despite it being his busiest week of the year!

All children aged between 2½ & 5 years old who are toilet trained are welcome to join us. For more information contact Vanessa Morrish 850417, Dawn Sleep 850447, Denise Yeo 850936 or Julie Sleeman (Playgroup Leader) on Otterham Station 425.

Solution to the Christmas Crossword

Congratulations to Mrs. Grace Masters who won the prize for being the first correct entry opened. Also to Mr. D. Bousfield who compiled the crossword. It certainly kept me busy trying to finish it but I'm afraid I got stuck on two clues.

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ST. BREWARD AFC & SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas at the football club kicked off on 11th December with the players party, which was well attended and throughly enjoyed by all. This was followed on 16th December by the Senior Citizens Xmas Party. Many thanks must go to Garnett and his willing band of helpers who made the afternoon very special for everyone. The food was excellent, plentiful and well presented; thanks to all the members who supplied it and Garnett and special thanks also to our President, Mr. Paul Heywood, who generously donated a Chicken dinner hamper for every Senior Citizen/Couple who attended and also plied them all with drinks! The entertainment laid on for the afternoon was by Morley Ruskin and was enjoyed by everyone (requests have come in for the same next year). On now to the members party on 19th December. Thanks. once again, to Garnett for laying on a wonderful spread of food which was consumed with gusto, some having to eat off trays as their plate wasn't big enough. Mike Porterfiel provided the entertainment, with a mixture of comedy and music and everyone had a good time.

Christmas Eve was the next function and the atmosphere in the club was very festive. This was followed by Xmas night and the bar prices were rounded to £1 and £1.50 to enable Liz and Ivan to manage their additions without too much trouble; needless to say, the club was full! Tim Keat did the disco on New Year's Eve and the club was full of revellers to see the New Year in.

Unfortunately there was little football over the Xmas period due to the inclement weather but the club was well attended nevertheless.

By the time you hear from us again the club refurbishments should have been completed and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a successful New Year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 5th February	Fortuna
Saturday 19th February	Tim Keat - Disco
Saturday 26th February	Ellen Van Day

ST. BREWARD W.I.

St. Breward W.I. celebrated the New Year with their Annual Luncheon at Trelawney Garden Centre on January 4th - there were only thirteen members present but the hubbub of laughter and conversation gave the impression of thirty. Business took part afterwards when members were pleased to hear about the photos of our banner in various newspapers. The choice of four crafts to be covered in our four corner day will be in the next newsletter and we may decide to invite other Institutes specifically to join us on the day. Do you remember the Talents Scheme when each Institute was given a starter of £5 to see how much each one could raise? We raised £92.62 which is quite near the top amount. The outings offered varied from a holiday in York for about £300 to a Floral Day at Perranwell Station in April; some members are interested in the day at Clarks by coach to browse around the Factory shops there. An appeal for stewards at the Triennal Meeting was read out - we usually have a problem finding a problem for our delegate! At least one member will have a go at making a rag doll for the Barbara Reed Trophy at the Royal Cornwall Show.

Nominations for the committee were asked for, Mrs. Hunter having left the Institute, and eight names were put forward; these were mainly those who had been on the committee last year. We are thankful that enough members are willing to give up their time to ensure that the rest of us have an Institute to attend. May I apologise last month for wrongly attributing the work of programme secretary to Mrs. Woolf - it should be to Mrs. A. Hole and a nucleus of members who met at the secretary's house to discuss speakers and competitions.

Our next meeting will be on February 1st at 2.30p.m. when Mrs. Annabel Johns, the senior County vice-chairman, will be our VCO for the Annual Meeting. Do please make the effort to come as this is your chance to air your views about the running ot the W.I.; among the points for discussion will be the decision whether to extend the afternoon meetings to include March as it is still before the hour changes to summertime. There will not be a competition at the February meeting. The members wish you all a Happy New Year- why not join us for a meeting? There are always details on the posters in the Post Office window.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On writing the report for the club's last activity for 1993 there are two events to record, one of happiness and enjoyment, followed by great sadness at the loss of one of our youngest members, Mrs. Jo Exelby, who passed away on New Year's Day.

Jo became a staunch supporter of the club on joining in 1987. She was always a willing helper, serving teas to the members whenever we met in the village hall. On special occasions such as the Harvest Supper or Christmas Party she took a great delight in designing and making the table decorations. A lady with a unique personality and her own special humour. Although seriously ill, speaking only in a whisper, she insisted on being with us for our Christmas Party and was present at the table in a wheelchair. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

For our Christmas celebration, a three course lunch was laid on by my wife and Mrs. Audrey Pierce to whom I owe special thanks for all the work of preparation. Although a little early, being held on 7th December, we did capture the Christmas spirit. A glass of sherry, kindly donated by Mrs. Harker preceeded the lunch of soup, ham salad and jacket potatoes followed by a choice of sweets. The tables were tastefully decorated with holly and trimmings. A lighted Christmas tree stood at the entrance. On pulling our crackers, adorning the hats we settled back and went around the table for members to read their jokes.

During the afternoon I was very much taken by surprise when Mrs. Gwen Masters presented me with a large basket of fruit on behalf of the club, together with a Christmas card signed by all members, thanking me for the work undertaken in organising the club for the past $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. For once I was at a loss for words for I was deeply touched by the kind thought. The afternoon was made complete by a good old sing song of carols and well known ballads with Mrs. Rosa Billing at the piano. We all departed, feeling happy that Christmas was upon us.

Tony Ham

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