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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

"HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID."

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Sunday Services for April
The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated each Sunday at Blisland at 9.30am. and at St. Breward at 11.10am.

Sunday School meets at St. Breward village hall at 11.00am.

Easter Week
The Eucharist: daily at 9.30am. at Blisland

Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist on 25th April:
Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

Weekday Services: Please consult Notice Board.

Annual Meetings
Blisland: April 6th at 7.30pm. at the Institute
St. Breward: April 21st at 7.30pm. in Parish Church.

"Investing in the Future"
Combined Parish Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am. on Sunday 24th April followed by Presentation concerning Diocesan finances by the Bishop's visitors.

The Late Barbara Sharp
At Temple Church on the 12th March at Evensong, a commemoration was made of Barbara Sharp. With gratitude we remembered her warm personality, her strong sense of faith and her concern for people, community and church. The Church at Blisland is indeed indebted to her for her numerous services. May then she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Deaths
Mrs Eileen Beatrice Browning late of St. Breward passed away on 26th February. Mrs Browning, widow of the late Rev'd Michael Browning will be remembered by many people of St. Breward where she and her husband lived for many years.

Mrs. Sofka Skipwith of Bradford, Blisland passed away on 26th February. Her funeral service took place at the Glyn Valley Crematorium.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Day is the most important day in the Church's year; for this is the day on which we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Prior to this stupendous event, Our Lord's work had seemed deemed to failure. Deserted by his disciples, betrayed into the hands of his enemies and finally put to death on calvary, all seemed to have been lost. But now through his resurrection from the dead, his life, his work, his suffering and even his death took on a new meaning and significance not only for himself but for all mankind.

For the significance of this event for us is that Jesus is the resurrection and the new life. That means that as well as enjoying our natural lives we are offered eternal life if we are prepared to respond in faith and love to our Blessed Lord. This new life begins when we are baptised; for this means entering into the very life of God himself. What is more, our natural lives are consecrated within this eternal life. Thus our daily lives with all its problems, our sufferings and even death itself is given purpose and so we are able to go through life knowing that we have a destiny to fulfil.

At Easter time then, we celebrate the redeeming work of Jesus Christ and especially the wonderful experience of the resurrection. What is more, we celebrate our own experience of eternal life, both as individuals and as members of the body of Christ which is the Community of the resurrection. For every time we celebrate the Eucharist especially on every Sunday, we are in fact experiencing the resurrection of Christ himself. For we are the people of the resurrection who come together on the Lord's day which is the weekly commemoration of the resurrection to experience the creating, redeeming and life giving work of the risen Lord.

As christians then, like those first disciples, let us also make a positive response to the risen Christ and so make a reality that glorious Easter experience in our daily lives.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday April 3rd Easter Sunday	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Rev'd A Williams (Holy Communion)
Sunday April 17th	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Mrs M Wilkins

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR APRIL

Sunday April 3rd	at 9.30am.	Rev'd Barlow F.S.
" " "	6.00pm.	Rev'd Bickle
Sunday April 10th	at 11.00am.	Mr Hoskin
" " "	6.00pm.	Fellowship
Sunday April 17th	at 11.00am.	Mr Jones
" " "	6.00pm.	Mr Sleep
Sunday April 24th	at 11.00am.	Mr Mabson
" " "	6.00pm.	Mr Osborne

The collection for the Woman's World Day of Prayer amounted to £28.75p.

COFFEE EVENING in St. Breward Methodist Church on Friday April 15th at 7.00pm. Musical items by friends from Delabole. Bring & Buy stall. Everyone welcome.

St. Breward Sunday School went on their annual outing to Delabole Pantomime on Saturday 12th March with parents friends and grand-parents accompanying the children. This year's panto was Robinson Crusoe and of course when Mother Crusoe found out the St. Breward Sunday School were there we became the butt of most of 'her' jokes. Never mind, we had our own back. When the children were invited on to the stage to join the 'Panto Choir' everyone had to sing 'Happy Birthday' to one of the St. Breward children and she ended up with more sweets than anyone else. A good time was had by all. At the close we were surprised to hear the Fire Engine outside and the last we saw of Dame Mother Crusoe was her stripy wig and flowing gown disappearing into the driving seat of the Fire Engine. We later heard that it had been a hoax call but wondered what would have happened if the alarm had gone off in Act I Scene I.

Don't forget Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 11.00am during Morning Service.

THE VILLAGE THEATRE GROUP, ST. BREWARD

SOLD OUT!! This was the response of the village to the first production staged by the St. Breward Theatre Group. The open stage without curtains or wings, reminiscent of the old 'apron' stage, taxed the ingenuity of the stage manager (and his assistant) who came up with reversible scenery. The entrance of the children en masse for their first song made us realise just how many people were involved needing costumes of every size and shape beautifully created by Ann Hole: the woodland animals were a delight and the corps de ballet especially eye catching in their tutus. The dancing in general had been well schooled and rehearsed by Jenny Benham to give interludes of quietness amid the laughter. Among the children in the Shoe the twins were very competent in their major roles as were the romantic pair of lovers who sang a lovely duet. The up-to-date addition of the amorous council tax inspector and the softly spoken 'Beast of the Moor' were excellent. The star role of Mrs. Shoe, played by Jeff Metters, was in the true tradition of all pantomime dames - the 'Bloomer Song' really does linger in the memory! The gorgeous cat was always there adding interest but never interfering with the action. Gladys Champion as the Policeman really proved a stimulus to the audience (as if one were needed) when she and Tiddles led the singing of the choruses. The words written to the old 'Coming Round the Mountain' were excellent with their local basis - whoever wrote these deserves a medal! The competent keyboard playing by David Benham proved a major part in uniting the whole performance - no fumbling for odd chords by him. More quietly in the background Eric Lowe was working the lighting system, adding to the overall effect. The script by Leah Metters and Katherine Sims was cleverly constructed in true panto tradition so as to give everyone a part to play according to his or her abilities.

Christine Woolf may be justly proud of her Theatre Group and well-satisfied with the results of all her hard work to produce the first pantomime seen in the village for many years. Congratulations to everyone involved, no matter how small their contribution - it is all part of the final product. Let us hope that this is just the first of future productions to be staged in the village.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING - on Thursday 7th April, 10.30 to 12 noon at Durfold, home of Mr & Mrs M. Dickinson.
Cake Stall. Bring & Buy, Raffle. All welcome.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

To be held in the Village Hall, Blisland on Friday 6th May. Doors open at 7.30pm. and Auction begins at 8pm. Admission by catalogue £1. To include a glass of wine and refreshments. Available from the Village Stores and church members. This promises to be a fun evening with "Lots of Lots". We already have many offers, including Dinner for 2 at one of Cornwall's nicest restaurants, a spring lamb, 4 hours housework, day trips to Exeter, Plymouth or Truro, hedge or grass cutting and lots more! However, the more the merrier and if you are prepared to do something or donate something to be auctioned please contact Enid Dickinson 850560 or Ray Lee 850993. All contributions or offers will be gratefully received.

Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church

Mrs Ward- Lee's Supper Party and Social Evening at the Mansion House on Friday 4th March was attended by over seventy parishioners, who voted it a tremendous success. The Trustees of the Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Churches would like to thank Beryl Ward-Lee, not only for lending her lovely house for the occasion, but also for doing all the catering and cooking helping with the serving and providing the raffle prizes and generally being a wonderful hostess. It was a lovely party and greatly appreciated by everyone. Our thanks, too, are due to Geoffrey and Mavis Masters, Ken and Nancy James, Button Franklin, Eileen Walford and Wendy Gurr who helped at the buffet, the parcel stall and with the raffle. A total of £340 for the Society's funds was raised by the event. We are very grateful for the support of all those present and to those who bought tickets but were unable to attend.

T. Edward-Collins

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS every Wednesday 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m. All are welcome.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING - to be held in the Band Room on 16th April, Saturday, from 10.00 - 12.00.
Cake Stall and Raffle. Everyone welcome.

Dates for your Diary
July 9th - Annual Church Fete
October 3rd - Harvest Festival

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

SPONSORED BLOW - on Easter Sunday, 3rd April. At Padstow Bandstand on the harbour. Begins at 12.30 and carries in throughout the afternoon.

CONCERT - on Saturday 16th April at Wadebridge Methodist Church Egloshayle Road. With the Bodmin Ladies Choir at 7.30pm.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall A.G.M. will be held on Friday 15th April at 7.30pm.
It would be rather nice to see all the various organisations within the village, send a representative to view their opinions on the future of the Hall.

Parish News

The St. Breward Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday April 19th at 7.00p.m. in the Institute & War Memorial Hall. Guest speaker, Mr. Robert Gould will talk on the new Local Government Review.

People who are installing bulk gas containers with the curtilage of their dwelling must have planning permission from the North Cornwall District Council.

A Whist Drive & Raffle will be held in the Institute & War Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm. In aid of the Guides & Brownies Headquarters for their electric re-wiring commitment.

MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

Well, in my memories I am still at Darjeeling, India. To my mind it was like a long summer holiday. Just our company there, with not a lot to do, just the usual Army routine with parades, drill and so on, with each platoon taking it in turns to do the chores around the camp. One chore I didn't go a lot on, which was four of us peeling two large sacks of potatoes for the main meal of the day. Plenty of sport of just about every kind. Each platoon playing one another. Concerts would be got up and bingo to entertain us in the evenings. That was our routine while at Darjeeling.

Another interesting and exciting adventure happened to me and a few others not long before we left. I will tell you about it. The officer in charge of us all, Major Bamfield. I mention his name as he will appear again in my memories. Anyway he asked for six volunteers to go mountaineering over the hills and dales for two weeks with no map just a compass. I volunteered along with five others. We set off early one morning with two Indian coolies carrying our kit. We needed groundsheets. blankets and pots and pans to cook our food with. Our food we had to catch or scrounge off the Indian tribes we would come across on our way. The officer in charge of us carried a rifle and bullets for any game we fancied to eat. So on we travelled the first day. As night fall drew near we came across a deep ravine which we had to cross. There was a very long bridge going across the top of it. We had never seen a bridge like it before. It was made of all rope with just a wooden floor to walk across with a width of 2 feet. It was swinging in the stiff breeze that was blowing. Underneath, several hundred feet down, we could hear the roar of a river flowing. As it was getting dark we decided to camp there for the night. We had brought haversack rations for the first day so we did not have to find our meal for that night. We were soon in our beds with the sky and stars above us and the night cries of the animals around us and soon asleep. Next morning, after finishing off our rations we decided to push on. We had to cross the bridge as it was the only way to go. The coolies said it was safe to cross. It looked weatherbeaten though and was still swinging in the breeze. We decided

to cross one at a time but a shiver went up our spines though before we reached the other side. So we carried on with our mountaineering for two weeks; we came across another rope bridge and many Indian tribes in their little villages. Many of them had never seen a white man before. They were friendly though and we ate with them at times. We never knew though what we were eating, a good job too I reckon. One evening when a storm flared up with heavy rain and thunder one village emptied a mud hut for us to stay the night. Good job it was dark as I can well imagine that there was plenty of insects in the hut. We survived the night and woke up to a breakfast the Indians had got for us and went on our way. That is more or less how we spent our two weeks. We even bathed in the swift rivers. We always made sure though that just three of us went in at a time roped to the other three on the bank as the currents were very strong. I enjoyed this time very much and will never forget it.

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

ST. BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB

To celebrate St. Breward AFC Centenary there is to be a limited edition of 100 commemorative plates. These will be sold on a first come first served basis and the cost is £10 to be paid with your order. Anyone interested please contact Doreen Kay on 850030.

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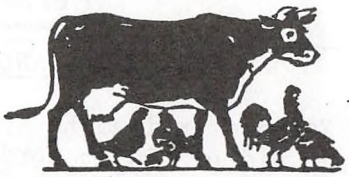

THE JOSIE NEWTON MEMORIAL DARTS TOURNAMENT

The Josie Newton Memorial Darts Trophy was played for, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs I. Cameron, at The Old Inn St. Breward on Sunday 20th February. Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Cameron for holding the event and for the lovely refreshments they donated. Thank you. also, very much, to Mrs M. Dingle, Mrs M. Hill and Mrs P. Colman for donating money towards the trophies. Also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and everyone who attended on the night. The event raised a total of £170.

The winners were Mr J. Hollister and Mrs V. Morrish and the runners-up Mr K. Greenaway and Miss J. Smith. Mr T. Champion had the mens highest score (after a play-off with Mr P. Greenaway) and Mrs E. Hillson had the ladies highest score. Once again, a big thank you to everyone concerned.

Eddy Newton and family

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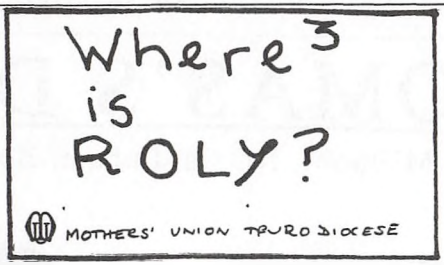

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

You are invited to attend the 25th Annual COFFEE EVENING in aid of ARC at Vordors, De Lank, St. Breward on Thursday April 14th from 7pm. onwards.
Bring & Buy, Cake Stall, Raffle, Lucky No. etc.
All welcome. Please come.

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

On Sunday 6th March a Snooker and Darts Social Tournament was held for club members in the snooker club and village hall. Fourteen members took part with Roger Sleep winning the darts and Terry Ellery the snooker. A raffle was held which made £26. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who took part. The chairman, Mr. Mike Sutton ended the afternoon by presenting the winners with a trophy each.

With the league season nearing its climax the 'A' team are still holding their form and are in contention for the runner-up spot. The 'B' side are hoping for a change in their fortunes in the last quarter to stop their slide down the division two table. The 'C' team in the St. Blazey & District league are holding their own in mid table, picking up good results on the way.

Calling All Juniors, Male or Female

You are invited to come to the Snooker Club on Saturday 2nd and 9th April from 10.00am. onwards to play snooker. Cues provided. This applies to 11 years old upwards. These sessions will be taken by Dean Hill and Daniel Dunkin.

Last but not least. Congratulations to the St. Breward Theatre Group on producing their first pantomime. "The Old Woman who lived in a Shoe". An excellent performance by all who took part and helped in anyway from the Snooker Club.

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

Saturday 2nd April	Ricky Barnes
Easter Sunday 3rd April	Touring Football side Cheam Village Warriors
Easter Monday 4th April	Disco
Saturday April 9th	Disco
Thursday April 14th	Whist Drive
Saturday April 16th	Catch 22 (Duo)
Wednesday April 20th	Bingo
Saturday April 23rd	Disco
Saturday April 30th	Pageant (Group)

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup entered a team in the Quiz held at St. Breward AFC & Social Club on 24th February and came second. Thank you to Roger Sleep, Teresa Bunt, Mark Newton and Vanessa Morrish for volunteering/being volunteered for this, it was nice to see a Dad and Uncle in the team as well as Mums!

Playgroup will close for its Easter break after the session on Wednesday, 30th March, and re-open on Wednesday 20th April.

The Playgroup will be holding a Clothes Party on Saturday 16th April from 1.00 to 4.00p.m. at The Red Cross Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be available.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.00pm. at St. Breward AFC & Social Club on Wednesday 20th April, and is open to anyone who is interested. For more information on Playgroup please contact Vanessa Morrish 850417, Dawn Sleep 850447, Clair Teague 851203 or Julie Sleeman (Playgroup Leader) Otterham Station 425.

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

On Easter Sunday we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the village green at 11.00am. This is our third year and has proved a great success as well as a lot of fun. We start with an Easter Bonnet parade; there are prizes for best boys and girls bonnets. This is followed by the hunt which is open for children under 12 years old from the parish. We will also be holding a raffle. Anyone wanting tickets please see any member of the playgroup.

Playgroup is on holiday until Monday 18th April when we start our summer term. For further information please ring Lisa Chohdri on Bodmin 851244.

BLISLAND W.I. CONT.

are used and hydrangea petals are popular. Each petal has to be put on singly so it is a very time consuming task. The end result is quite spectacular.

The meeting on 20th April will commence at 7.15pm. and our speaker will be Mr. D. Kirby who will talk about 'Cornish Railways - Past, Present and Future'.

W. Barwood

BLISLAND W.I.

There was an afternoon meeting on 16th February and Mrs. Aspinall took the chair.

Our Christmas dinner in December had to be cancelled because so many members were suffering from the flu but on 9th February twenty seven members and their friends visited Squires Restaurant at Trelawney and enjoyed a delicious meal.

An outing has been planned to see the Bodmin Operatic's performance of 'Oklahoma' at the Public Rooms on 19th April. There are many interesting events on offer in the news Letter including a Bonsai Day School at St. Mawgan in March, a Public Speaking course at Otterham in April, a Floral Art Day at Perran-an-Worthal on 15th April and a Spring Walk at Bude on 7th April. Cassettes are now available of the Thanksgiving service which took place at Truro Cathedral in December to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. Dates for your Diary are the Spring Group Meeting on the 14th April and Blisland W.I. Produce Show on the 27th July 1994.

Our speaker was Mrs. Wendy Gurr, one of our members, who gave a most interesting talk on 'Well Dressing in Derbyshire'. At one time Mrs. Gurr lived in Derbyshire and she was so intrigued by the custom of Well Dressing that she devoted much time to finding out the history of this practice.

The origins date back to pagan times and the idea was to decorate the springs and wells with natural objects to give thanks for the water. The custom seems unique to Derbyshire and probably survived because of the remote nature of the Dales. About fourteen villages in the White Peak area dressed the wells fifty years ago but now there are twenty seven who follow the custom - perhaps as a tourist attraction. Each Village has a Festival and apart from the dressing there is a Church blessing as well. Any money raised goes to charity. Much work goes into the decoration which consists of a large board anywhere from 3 to 12 feet in height, which is covered with nails which form a key for the clay which is throughly worked with water and salt and then placed on the board trays. The design is marked out with black knobbing (alder cones) and patterns pricked out. At one time wild flowers were used but nowadays garden flowers

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

Numbers were very much depleted at the March meeting due to the members who were otherwise occupied with the final of THE PLAY! Those who did arrive to the first of the summer evening meetings in the dark were treated to a slide show of films taken by Mr. John Beckett, who also produced some of his collection of very old cameras. Many questions were asked and advice given to those who are interested in taking their own photos.

A lot of notices included a final one for the Heligan visit, the Aquarobics at Hengar for £2 a visit, a Craft Day at Cuddra on June 18th, a meeting with Mid- Cornwall Police at Padstow on March 17th and stage one of a Public Speaking Course at Otterham on April 13th & 20th. A team was assembled for the quiz at St. Pinnock on March 16th and more entrants would be welcomed for the Western Morning News Rosebowl competition for dominoes. Anyone who would like to attend the Triennial Meeting at Birmingham on June 7th/8th please contact the secretary.

Having finally produced a W.I. banner ours is too large to be entered in a non W.I. competition with the theme of Cornish Living! Those present voted en-bloc for the delegates for the NFWI whose addresses were in the West Country - it was felt that this would help to keep Cornwall on the W.I. map. Feelings were mixed about holding two Table Sales every year and the constant clashes with other societies in November are a problem. But one has been set for Saturday May 14th in the School as in previous years with a raffle and refreshments by the W.I.

An invitation has been received from one of our previous members, Mrs. P. Bridge, to visit her in St. Germans if we wish to combine this with a visit to the Kernow Woolen Mill. Our president scooped both the Flower of the Month and the competition first places this time, with Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Teague second and third with their comic photos, and Mrs. Warne and Mrs. Metters second and third in the 'What I found in my Garden Today' competition.

Our next meeting is on April 5th to learn about Rhythmic stretch - the Medau Method, which should be of use to those of us who are not so supple. The competition is a Keep Fit Rhyme, and a mini garden on a 10" plate. This meeting will be at 7.30pm. - definitely in the daylight this time.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Only one report of club activity this month. Because of the snow fall on Monday night 14th February, I decided it was not worth the risk for the elderly to be walking to the village hall for club meeting the next day. As it happened there was a rapid thaw and conditions were nearly normal by the afternoon.

On Tuesday 1st March we were delighted to welcome for a talk, Mr. Jeff Thomas, probably Blisland's most travelled resident. His last holiday had been to Egypt and this was the subject. Jeff made the comparison of his first visit to Egypt when it was provided free by H.M. Government as he was a serving soldier in the early days of the second world war. Instead of a few hours flying time as it is now, his first visit was by troopship, which took the long sea voyage by way of Africa, around the Cape of Good Hope and eventually disembarking at Suez. Poverty was rife and he had an early sickening experience of a small boy tugging at him to come and look at a woman laying on the ground, probably the boy's mother. She was covered by a sheet, but on lifting, her body could be seen to be festering with sores and maggots were eating her away.

He visited several places this time where he had been before while in the army, but those days did not include a luxury trip up the Nile river! Descriptions of the early Egyptian civilisations of how they lived on one side while the other side was used for burial grounds. We were given a fascinating description of the tombs of the early kings which because of the large numbers of visitors the inscriptions inside were now deteriorating rapidly. How so highly skilled were the ancient Egyptians in construction and how the burial chambers were attempted to be made that it was hoped they would never be uncovered. Many other features of Egypt were given and the talk proved absorbing to all members. Thank you Jeff.

TONY HAM

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