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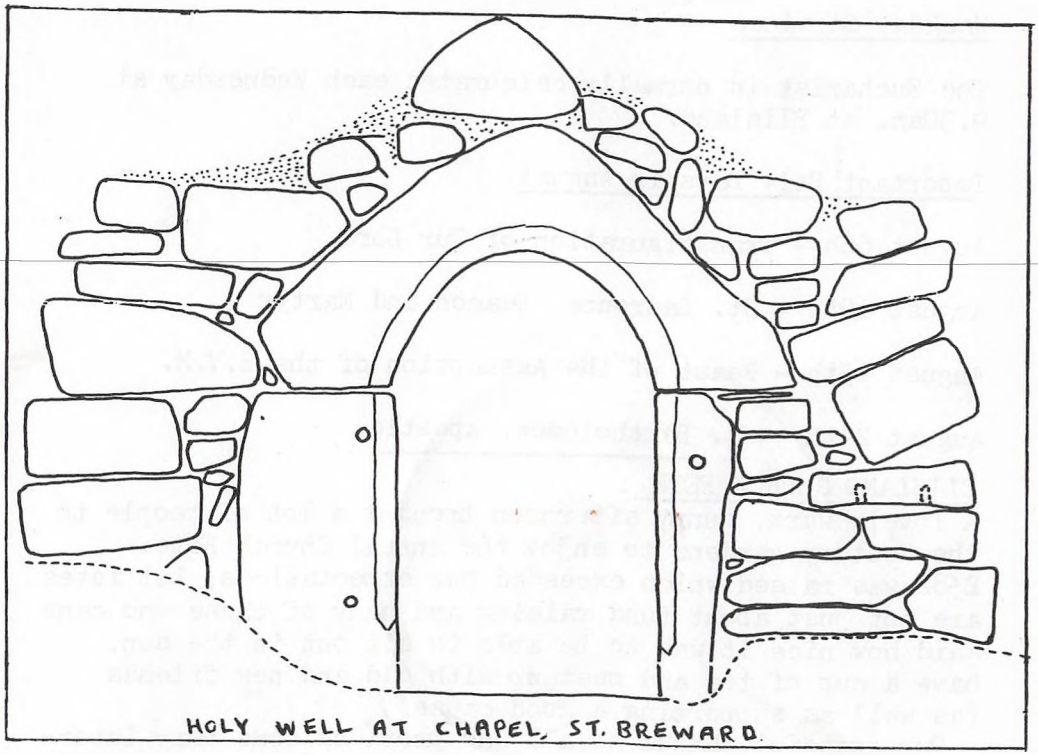
BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD



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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.

There will be no Sunday School during August. It will resume again at 11.00am on Sunday 11th September.

Weekday Services

The Eucharist is normally celebrated each Wednesday at 9.30am. at Blisland.

Important Holy Days in August

August 6th - Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 10th - St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr

August 15th - Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.M.

August 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

BLISLAND CHURCH FETE

A lovely warm, sunny afternoon brought a lot of people to the Rectory gardens to enjoy the Annual Church Fete. £582 was raised which exceeded our expectations; but fetes are not just about fund raising and many of those who came said how nice it was to be able to sit out in the sun, have a cup of tea and meet up with old and new friends (as well as supporting a good cause!)

Our grateful thanks to all who provided some very interesting stalls and games and those who came along to spend some money.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH FETE

This was held on 9th July in the Village Hall on a warm afternoon and the sum of £1122.72 was raised. This was the most we have ever made and thanks go to all the people who contributed, helped and came along to spend their money.

The Coffee Morning for St. Breward Church held on 18th June raised £96. Again a wonderful effort and thanks to all who supported the event.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

On the 15th of this month, we shall be clebrating 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

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Kirsty Marie Harris was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 12th June.

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

Holy Matrimony

John Trehayne Irons and Anne-Marie Pope were married at Blisland Parish Church on Saturday, 9th July.

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

Funerals

The funeral of the late Charles Samuel Heywood took place at the Glyn Valley Crematorium on Monday, 20th June.

His sudden death brought much sadness to many at Blisland who had got to know him during his short stay in the village. He was a very friendly and out-going person who had entered a lot into the village life and he will be sadly missed both by church members and by many in the community. May he rest in peace.

Anne Edward-Collins - It is with much regret and sadness that we record her death. A faithful worshipper at Blisland Parish Church, a greatly loved person in the village and one who was well respected throughout the county of Cornwall and in whose service she gave much. She will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.
Her funeral service took place at Blisland Parish Church on Friday, 8th July. Cremation followed at the Glyn Valley Crematorium.

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

The family of the late Mrs. Pauline Nottle of Willow Cottage, St. Breward, would like to thank everyone who gave donations in lieu of flowers, also to Jennifer Teague for receiving them and sending a cheque of £513 to the R.C.H. Heart Appeal at Treliske.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 7th at 2.30pm.) Preachers not yet
Sunday August 21st at 2.30pm.) planned

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The Sunday School Anniversary was held on July 3rd. The chapel was full for the 11.00am. service with the preacher Mr. Glenton Brown. The children took part during the morning service. Those taking part were Charlotte Goatman, Cheryl and Anthony Sleep and Rebecca and Zoe Teague. Mr. Brown presented the Sunday School Attendance Cups to Rebecca Teague and Jonathan Harris. The preacher at the 6.00pm. service was Mr. Andrew Martin. Collections were for Sunday School funds. Sunday School is held during morning services and we invite any young people to come and join us.

CAMHAYLE PERFORMS AT BLISLAND

The Camhayle Theatre Club from Wadebridge have again offered to stage their current production at Blisland Village Hall on Saturday 6th August at 7.30pm. in aid of church funds. The play is Alan Ayckbourn's 'Ten Times Table' which centres around a small group in a west country village who decide to put on a pageant, and things do not go according to plan when hidden tensions come to the surface!

This is bound to be a popular event as last year's play was a sell out so please book early! Tickets £3. concessions £2 from Blisland village stores or 850560.

BLISLAND CHURCHYARD GRASSCUTTING FUND - FUN DAY

To be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August at Down Park, Blisland starting at 2.30pm.
Stalls, games, raffle, refreshments - fun for all the family.
Car boots welcome at £3.00 per car. Ample parking.
Enquiries to Mrs. Wendy Harper, Bodmin 850221.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND - ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST

August 4th	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
" 6th	St. Teath Carnival
" 7th	Port Isaac Lifeboat Larks
" 10th	Wadebridge Carnival
" 11th	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
" 14th	Pencarrow House 11.00am
" 18th	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
" 25th	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
" 28th	Looe Seafront 2.30 - 7.00pm.
September 1st	Port Isaac Nite 7.30pm.

Good news is that this September a new Learners class will be starting for anyone wishing to learn a brass instrument. Tuition and instruments are provided free of charge. There is no age limit, young or old are welcome. This is your chance to join the ranks of one of Cornwalls most popular entertainment bands. More information on 863566 or 812955.

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Roger, Dawn, Kylie and Adam Sleep would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone for the wonderful gifts, flowers and cards received to celebrate the birth of Lauren. Thanks cannot be expressed enough to Mum and Dad for caring for Kylie and Adam during the short stay in hospital and for their support during the 'hectic times' after returning home. Many thanks also to Rose Harper for transporting Kylie to and from school and to family and friends for their help in many ways. Your kindness is really appreciated.

MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

Time went on and the Japs entered the war. We were still at Lahore. Word came through that they were trying to take Singapore and our army there were badly in need of more men. So we were rushed into mobilisation and became a fighting battalion, fully armed for war, which took only a few days. We were all set to leave India for Singapore, when word came that Singapore had fallen to the Japanese. Shortly after came word that a battalion was needed in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). in case the Japanese invaded it. We had to travel 2,000 miles to the port to catch the ferry over. What a journey that was through the hot plains, nothing but dust. We always made sure that we stopped by a river to cleanse ourselves each night making sure there was no crocodiles in them. This journey took two weeks and we always slept on the tailboards of our trucks as there were too many poisonous insects on the ground. My truck was loaded full of mortar bombs. Eventually we arrived at the port and crossed over to Ceylon, landing at the capital Columbo. I had spent seven years in India and Pakistan. Shortly after that I caught malaria and went into hospital. When I came out I was told the time had come for me to go home. There was a large troop ship leaving Bombay in three days which I just managed to catch in time to come home.

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

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE CHURCH

The James I coat of arms missing from Blisland Church for the last several months has now been returned in all its beautiful splendour, to a new position above the entrance door,
Commissioned by the society, Mrs. Debbie Coleman of Looe has carried out the restoration to a very high standard. It is a sobering thought that in this age of 'throw-aways' this magnificent work has survived almost 400 years, to be seen and admired by the many visitors to Blisland Church.

Brigadier T. Edward-Collins

Chapel Holy Well - St. Breward

The history of Cornwall as a Celtic stronghold goes back to the days of the druids when there were strong links between Wales, Ireland and Gaul. It was at this time which our Holy Wells were first used as a means of worship/gathering places by the Celts, and as a site for "votive" offerings (i.e. heads of enemies/bronze heads). We know that to Druids certain springs, pools and lakes were also held to be sacred and had a special significance in spiritual rituals. The adoption of the names of Saints is complex but it is suggested that these relate to wells taken over from pagan beliefs for wishing and divination ceremonies. In other instances such as Chapel Holy Well near St. Breward, this could have been due to the presence of a Christian Saint, the name often taken from the site or remains of a nearby ruined medieval chapel. We know that two such buildings were sited nearby in 1442, dedicated to St. James and St. Michael. and parts of the structure of the former building have been incorporated into Chapel Farmhouse (Olivers Monasticon). It is assumed that the well was in the memory of St. James although worship at the site may have taken place long before the adoption of this Saint.

The exterior structure of the well comprises of a dry stone covering probably erected in the middle ages (15thC) to prevent pollution or debris falling into the water. At this time the "common" people often adopted wells for alternative healing purposes. and remedies for eye and skin diseases were particularly prevalent. This type of information was handed down through word of mouth and covered a range of ailments from Tuberculosis to ulcers!

Chapel Holy Well was renowned for its properties in the treatment of inflamed eyes and"other infirmities". Sadly today it is devoid of water although some was recorded by Thomas Quiller Couch in his survey of Cornish Wells in 1856. He also noted that the activities of miners behind the well had created a conduit and it is likely that this may have robbed the main source. The structure is sited on the footpath between St. Breward village and Chapel, and is thought to have been on the route to Spain used by Pilgrims destined for the Cathedral of Compeostela. This is said to be the resting place of St. James who was killed by the Romans in A.D. 43 and was the first Apostle to be martyred.

The well is particularly attractive with a door arch dressed from a single piece of granite and simple unadorned door jambs. At one time it would have displayed a high

pitched roof although we know from old illustrations that a thorn tree grew out of the well long before the turn of the century. In recent years an alkathene pipe had been forced through the back wall of the structure causing some damage and the wall itself has badly slumped. Added to this has been the build up of soil around the exterior walls.

Late last year St. Breward Parish Council contacted the Service with a view to carrying out some minor repairs to safeguard the well into the future. Because of its importance English Heritage had designated the well as a Scheduled Ancient Monument which has meant applying for various consents and consulting with local experts to put together a restoration programme. Finally after the co-operation of many groups and individuals, not least of which were the landowners, Mr and Mrs Muskett, the project has been given the go ahead. In addition to a generous grant from English Heritage and help from the Parish Council local skills are to be involved and it is hoped to include the school and local Old Cornwall Society in the restoration, which will involve the first excavation of a Holy Well in Cornwall.

If you would like further details on the project then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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This month's cover is a scale line drawing of St. James' Well by the Cornwall Archaeological Unit.

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

Friendly Football Matches

1st August	Newmoor
6th August	Cornish Arms

Entertainment

6th August	Sunshine Boys
13th "	Live Music
20th "	Disco
27th "	Disco (Tim)

On Friday 5th August at 7.30pm. there is a 'Players Re-union' to celebrate the football club's centenary anniversary. All players. old and new and their partners are invited to come along with the highlight of the evening being a presentation on behalf of the Football Association, to be made by Mr. Ryder of the C.C.F.A.

Also to celebrate the club's centenary year a match is being played against a Plymouth Argyle XI on the 28th July, kick off at 7.00pm. A small admission charge will be made.

There are still a number of Cententenary Plates available and anyone who would like one should contact Doreen or Joe Kay on 850030.

Centenary Dinner

The centenary dinner of St. Breward A.F.C. was held at the Lakeview Country Club on Friday, 3rd June and was attended by over 120 people. Following the meal, a special cake was cut by Mrs. Beatrice Sleep who is the only surviving life member of the club.

The chairman. Chris Greenaway, recalled some of the highlights during the club's history and made a special presentation to Garnet Sleep who has been the treasurer for the last 29 years. In addition, the recent years saw the formation of the social club, the instigator of which John Bate, became its first life member.

Tribute was also paid to members of the football club and the community for enabling it to reach its centenary year, during a speech made by Dennis Champion.

The annual awards to the players, presented by the secretary, Doreen Kay were:

1st team: Player of the year - Phil Menhenick; Players player of the year - Adrian Jeffs; Highest goal scorer - Paul Worden; Sportsman of the year - Mark Newton.

2nd team: Player of the year - Tony Champion; Highest goalscorer - Mark Prout; Sportsman of the year - Ian Marshall.

A presentation was made by the first team to Chris Greenaway, Doreen and Joe Kay for the way in which the club is run and also to Paul and Sandra Greenaway for their work during the year.

The final presentation of the evening went to Chris Greenaway from the football and social club in gratitude for all the effort he has put into running both clubs for several years.

David and Anita Cornelius are having a Pasty and Cider evening on Friday, 19th August from 7.30pm, at Valley View, Limehead, St. Breward. In aid of Hound ward, Derriford and Camelford & District Cardiology Fund. Stalls, raffle etc. Please forward any donations and contributions or buy tickets from Anita on 350954.

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust - Sponsored Cycle Ride

This year this annual event takes place on Saturday 10th September and is open to everyone, walkers, cyclists or just sitters in church. To obtain sponsorship forms, more information and ideas of different routes to ride please contact Mrs. C. McShee, 350435.

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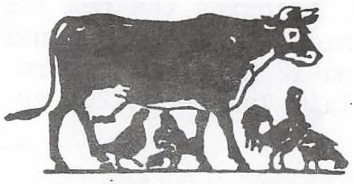

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

The Duck Race held on 3rd July was a great success. The first prize was won by Flo. The playgroup raised £74.50. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Our summer outing is to Trethorne Farm Park and we are all looking forward to the day and hope the weather is kind to us.

This is the last term for Tara Matthew, Bridie Gallagher and Robert Reeves. we wish them well at their respective schools.

Our autumn term starts on Monday 5th September. We hope you all enjoy your summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.

For further information about thr playgroup please ring Lisa Chohdri on 851244.

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Clothes Party held on 18th April raised £69.28 and the Whist Drive held on 16th June raised £40.50 for playgroup funds. The children have had their annual outing where they went to Colliford Lake Park. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to Jill Hollister for driving the bus.

We take this opportunity to say goodbye to Simon Yeo, Daniel Meade, Thomas Morrish, Luke Sleeman, Rebecca Teague, Alexandra Bell and Sophie Sargisson who will start school in September.

It is also with much sadness that we have to say goodbye to Julie Sleeman as Playgroup Leader. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in to make the playgroup successful. The playgroup will be run temporarily by Margaret Sleep and Kerry Sargisson. Anyone interested in becoming the new Playleader should contact the playgroup which is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9.15 and 12 noon. For more information contact Teresa Bunt 851292 Clair Teague 851203 or Dawn Sleep 850447.

Mrs. Ruth Hocking wishes to express her thanks to all who sent birthday cards and presents at her new home at Penclease House, Camelford with special thanks to Mrs. Denise Hill for her help over the last nine years.

BLISLAND W.I.

At the evening meeting on 15th June Mrs Walford was in the chair and the attendance was good.

Blisland W.I. Produce Show was discussed. Mr. Hicks would open the show in the evening of 27th July and confirmation of the judges were read out to the members. The Blisland W.I. received a certificate acknowledging and thanking the part that some of our ladies were able to do in the 'Get to Grips on the Litter' campaign. At the Royal Cornwall show our entry for the competition 'Country Basket' didn't win but we still got good marks. One thing we all agreed on is that it is the taking part that counts; this is something Blisland always tries to do, with success many times as we have a number of talented ladies in our W.I. group.

Our outing to Heligan Gardens would now take place on 28th June. Our Cream Teas for visiting W.I.s with Blisland as host starts with two bookings in July. Mrs. Munn, our delegate to the Triennial Annual Meeting in Birmingham, gave a very interesting talk on her visit, with the discussion of the resolutions whose topics were not always as straightforward as they seemed. A vote was taken at the end on all three resolutions with each delegate to vote as she thinks on behalf of her members. Following the debates and the voting the guest speakers were Michael Palin and Mavis Nicholson.

Miss E. Bate was our guest speaker for the month and her talk was titled 'History Heritage and All That'. Miss Bate herself a retired teacher of History told us many stories of the past and what it means to teach the subject ('The great dust heaps called history'). She made history come alive with such stories of the English Civil War, visiting the Records office, looking at old Parish records and Heritage.and this along with other interesting topics made an enjoyable history lesson. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Willcocks, Our meeting closed at about 10p.m.

J. George.

Marjorie Heywood and Family would like to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy and, also to the people of Blisland and St. Breward who have shown Mrs. Heywood such kindness on the death of her husband, Samuel C.S. Heywood.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

The pleasant friendly atmosphere at the July meeting so impressed the visitor that evening that she immediately became a full member! An example of the cheerful attitude of our members towards others. There were a lot of notices which were read out with difficulty by the president and treasurer both suffering from the St. Breward plague - sniffles and a hoarse voice. Our effort for the Royal Cornwall Show of a picnic basket was not among the prize winners but we thank those who put their efforts into filling the basket, Forthcoming events include a chance to meet Vivienne Cherry who was skipper of a yacht in a previous Round the World Race on October 28th, an Art Day at Probus on October 20th to hear about the Early Artists of Newlyn and St. Ives, another County Lunch this time at the Metropole Hotel in Padstow in November cost £8.50, the chance of six golf lessons for £30 at Bowood Park near Camelford. Denman Day takes place at County House on September 22nd with a light lunch for £1.50 which is your chance to hear more about this seat of learning and possibly be encouraged to apply for the £50 bursary which our Institute awards to one of our members to attend the course of her choice. Mrs. Christine Woolf told us about the course she had attended about William Morris and the Pre-Raphaelites, and thanked members for her £50 bursary. The Baker Cup competition this year is for an essay of not more than 1000 words on the St. Ives Tate.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Griffiths about 'Country Chairs'. He told us how he acquired his interest in chair-making and produced five full sized chairs and a tiny child's chair which seemed to bring back fond memories to many members. The construction of various types of chair were discussed and some of the tools used by craftsmen were shown to us and their use explained.

Mrs. R. Lowe was the only person to produce a small dried flower display so was declared the winner, but a more difficult choice was the best old wooden item as they were so varied but eventually Mrs. P. Bousfield was declared winner.

There will not be a meeting in August as we are all supposed to be out enjoying the summer holidays, so have a good time and we shall all meet again on September 6th.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

As reported in the June magazine on the 19th April I was delighted to welcome two new members to the club. It is with much sadness that I now report one of those, Sam Heywood has recently passed away. To his widow Marjorie we extend our heartfelt sympathy and hope she will continue with us and share in the warmth and friendship which the club members offer and so help to ease the burden of her sad loss.

On 21st June the club were given a special treat by being invited for the afternoon to the lovely home of Mrs. Isobel Willcocks. Because of various reasons, mainly sickness, only eight members were able to accept. We had a most enjoyable time, being given various competitions. One was to identify objects photographed from unusual angles. This proved quite difficult but produced a good laugh when the answers were checked. Another was finding flower names from a jumble of letters. Mrs. Mildred Wilkins excelled herself by being the overall winner. As the numbers were small it was not possible to eat all the goodies which were provided for our tea. But it was much enjoyed. Many thanks Isobel and Mrs. Gwen Masters for setting the competitions.

Our guest speaker, when the club met in the village institute on 5th July was Mrs. Enid Dickinson of 'Durfold' Blisland. As regional organiser for Arthritis care she explained the workings of this charity, what help was available to arthritic sufferers and distributed many useful pamphlets. Most people at some time or other experience arthritic pain and it was quite revealing to learn how much the problem could be eased.

The competition, 'An old photograph' suggested and judged by Mrs. Ida Brown produced over a dozen entries, many of local interest and depicting scenes from the past and snapshots of Blisland inhabitants. The winner was Mrs. Audrey Pierce who submitted a portrait of herself and brother.

Tony Ham

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