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# BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

Rector: The Rev'd Frank Harris — The Rectory, Blisland, Bodmin 851020

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Sunday Services for September

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

Sunday School This will start again on Sunday 11th September at 11.00am in the village hall at St. Breward.

TEMPLE: Evensong at 3.30pm. on Sunday, 4th September.

Weekday Services

Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30am. on Wednesdays.

Important Feast Days in September

Thursday 8th September - Nativity of BVM
Wednesday 14th September - Holy Cross Day
Wednesday 21st September - St. Matthew's Day

Sunday 25th September - Feast of St. Protus and Hyacinth (St. Pratt's Festival).
Eucharist for both parishes at Blisland at 10.30am.

Pilgrimage to the Parish Cross from the Church at 3.00pm. followed by Short Service in the Church.
Special Preacher: The Reverend David Apps, Vicar of Charlestown.

Future dates in the Church's Calendar

Harvest Festival: St. Breward - 2nd October
Blisland - 9th October

Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated on Sunday, 30th October.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
Here are ten reasons why someone might say why they never wash:
1. I was made to wash as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites - they reckon that they are cleaner than other people.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
5. I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I am still young. When I am older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
8. I don't really have time.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.

Silly reasons you might well say and quite rightly so.
Yet people give reasons in a similar vein when it comes to the question of religion.
Whether we wash then or practise religion depends on how we view its relevance in our daily lives. Washing ourselves makes sense if we want to remain physically healthy. The practise of the christian religion makes sense if we want to develop the spiritual and moral sides of our nature.
For this purpose then we were washed in the waters of baptism made members of the church, offered nourishment in Word and Sacrament and commanded to celebrate Our Lord's redeeming work in the Lord's own service of the Holy Eucharist. The outcome of all this religious activity is that we grow in the grace of God, find purpose in this life and begin to experience a foretaste of eternity.
Failure then to wash our bodies could result in physical death. Failure, however to cleanse our souls in the blood of Christ could result in spiritual death.
Remember then that,
"The Glory of God is the living man;
And the life of man is the Vision of God"

St. Irenaeus, Early Greek Father.

For wholeness of body and soul think then on these things. Failure to do so could damage your health both in this life and the next.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Harris.

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Tombstones and Monuments

When seeking to erect a monument or tombstone in the churchyard it is necessary to keep in mind the requirements of the Diocesan authorities. These requirements are to be found in the Diocesan Handbook. In particular the following things should be born in mind.

1. No memorial should be made of marble, polished or painted stone. It should not be more than 4 feet in height and should not incorporate any image or statue.
2. No monument may be erected until details of the material to be used, together with a drawing of its design and size and the exact wording of the inscription have been submitted to the incumbent and approved by him in writing.

I hope that this information will prove helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should further clarification need to be forthcoming.

Frank Harris.

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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Natalie Louise Pengelly was baptised on 31st July at Blisland Parish Church.

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

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The picture on this month's front cover was taken in 1902 outside the shop at St. Breward and was kindly lent by Councillor Colin Brewer.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 4th at 2.30pm Preacher Rev'd Williams (Holy Communion)
Sunday September 18th at 2.30pm Preacher Mrs Wilkins

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ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday September 4th | at 9.30am | Preacher | Rev'd Barlow F.S. |
| " " | " 6.00pm | " | Mr Mabson |
| Sunday September 11th | at 11.00am | " | Mrs Beare |
| " " | " 6.00pm | " | Mr Martin |
| Sunday September 18th | at 11.00am | " | Rev'd Bickle |
| " " | " 6.00pm | " | Mr Turner R.S. |
| Sunday September 25th | at 11.00am | " | Mr Sleep |
| " " | " 6.00pm | " | Rev'd Barlow S. |

Advanced Notice
October 9th & 10th Harvest Festival

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

This will take place on September 2nd, 3rd & 4th.
10.00am to 8.00pm daily. Theme "HARVEST".
To be opened by Mrs Olive Bickle at 10.00am on September 2nd.
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Friday & Saturday Hot Pasties as well as Salads will be served at lunchtime. To order your pasty please ring Bodmin 851303.
Sunday 4th at 9.30am Family Service with Rev'd Barlow
At 6.00pm service Mr. Mabson.
At 7.45pm there will be a service to dedicate the new Communion Rail.
All proceeds for Church Funds.

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ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open every Wednesday from 10.00am to 11.30am.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

## ELISLAND & ST. BREWARD SUNDAY CLUB

On 26th July the Sunday Club held an Open Evening during which a short play called "The Way" was performed by the children. This was a light-hearted little play based on the old mediaeval mystery plays. Following the play the audience was invited to view a display of the childrens work, have some light refreshments and spend some money on the various stalls. A total of £103 was raised for Sunday Club funds. Thanks must go to all the children who worked so hard beforehand to prepare for the play and to all the people who came along to support the evening.

The Sunday Club starts again on September 11th at 11.00am. in the village hall at St. Breward. New children are always welcome as are any adults who would like to help in any way. For more information please contact Pat and Brenda on 351124.

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I would like to thank all the people who have helped me to carry out my duties as a Church Warden for the last 17 years. This spanned four vicars, one Priest-in-Charge and various interregnums. With wonderful dedication from first Cyril Greenaway and then Charles Hawken backed up by excellent P.C.C. members we kept things going fairly evenly.

I wish Tim Durston, my successor. as fulfilling a term as I have had.

Sue Hutton


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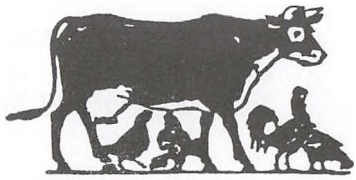

## CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

This takes place on September 10th and is a wonderful opportunity for a family day out to see the countryside that is missed when driving in a car.

One route that is not too challenging is to start on Bodmin Moor at St. Breward Parish Church. Cycle down through the village via the Methodist Church, take the left turn to De Lank and down to Pooleys Bridge and the start of the Camel Trail. Exit the Trail at Waterlands Farm taking the lane to the main road through Helland Village, turning left at the top to go to the Parish Church, then retracing your steps downhill, taking in the Methodist Church and down to the Camel. Cross the river and up the other side, across the main Bodmin/Camelford road into St. Mabyn. Follow the back lane to St. Tudy, where the Church and Chapel are very close together, rejoining the main road for a short distance before veering left to Treveighan, with its chapel, but taking the right turn into Michaelstow for the Church en route.

The truly energetic could then proceed to Camelford with St. Thomas' Church, Lanteglos, Camelford Methodist Church and even cycle out to Advent Church. This would make a lovely day out with many picnic spots en route.

Another route would be to start at the lovely old church at Temple. Then cycle back across the A30 and take the first turn left and go down into Blisland village past the Methodist Church and on to the parish church at Blisland. From Blisland you could either cycle through the village and join the Camel Trail at Tresarrett and down to Helland and carry on the trail to Wadebridge or even Padstow! Perhaps to be picked up there by car. Or from Blisland cycle up past Pendrift and onto the moor, turn left, past Delphi Bridge and on to St. Breward Church and Chapel.

For more information and sponsor forms please contact Mrs C. McShee on 350435.

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## WINE & CHEESE PARTY

This is to be held in aid of St. Breward Parish Church at Palmers, St. Breward on Friday, 9th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 to include a glass of wine. Available from Pip and Robin Clarkson, 350460.

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## ST. BREWARD 1934

60 years ago this September I came to St. Breward as a young schoolteacher to take up my first appointment. I had been requested to take this temporary teaching post in the village. St. Breward? I had never heard of the place nor had any of my family, but we found it marked on a detailed map of Cornwall and my brother took me on the back of his Norton motorbile to seek out this moorland spot. Eventually we found it after being warned by a local at Longstone, of the dangerous double-S bend then in existence, saw the school, met the vicar the late Rev'd Jennings and booked up lodgings for me to begin duties on the Monday. That settled, my brother and I returned to my home at Falmouth. On being asked "what is the village like?" my reply then was "It is the last place on earth and I wouldn't be found dead in it". Well I am still here 60 years on, well absorbed into the community and love the place and its people.

The school was my priority and it was with some trepidation on that first day when I walked into the lovely granite building to meet the staff. Mr T. Dawe the headmaster introduced me to the staff, Mr Frank Rundle who later became head of Menheniot school and now retired. Miss Owen Curnow (deceased) who emigrated to South Africa to marry a former resident Cyril Woodley who with a group of other stonemasons emigrated in the early thirties.

I was in charge of the infant class, 35 children aged 4-7 years. The youngest was Mr Dennis Champion, ex manager of Hantergantick Quarry and one of the eldest Mr Gerald Northcott now living at Claylands. The children in those days walked to school from distant Camperdown, Ivy, Penpont and Wenford. No luxury driving in those days, in fact there were very few cars in the village. There were no kitchen or dining facilities in the school and the children's pasties were heated in the Cornish Range in the infants' room. A cocoa drink was made up by the teacher and at lunch time a trestle table was erected in the classroom where the children sat and ate their meal. Most children walked home to dinner. When finished the older girls washed the dishes then all went into their separate playgrounds, iron railings dividing the boys from the girls. One of the three assistant teachers took weekly turns to

supervise the lunch break, 12-2pm. At the age of eleven those who passed the 'scholarship' and whose parents could afford the fees. pedal cycled to Camelford Grammar school and back. six miles each way in all winds and weathers.

My family had friends living in Bodmin so often I visited them for a weekend. What an effort it was! After school was closed on a Friday afternoon I would catch Willis' Blue Bus leaving at 3.30pm. with the mail and arriving at Bodmin at 5pm. The attraction in the town was the newly opened branch of Woolworths. The return trip on Monday morning reads like a journey from the dark ages. I would rise at 6am. have a light snack and walk to the Bodmin Post Office. Leaving in the blue mail bus again at 6.30am., dark and cold on those winter mornings, the bus headed towards Bodmin Road, calling at Fletcher's Bridge, Mount, Cardinham, Waterloo and Blisland collecting and delivering the mail. Finally at Penpont it stopped at Mrs. Harper's cottage. The driver Robilliard got out there to have breakfast! It meant a 20 minute wait for me in the cold bus. However, eventually we reached the village at 8.30a.m. to drop off Mrs Harper who worked at the General Stores. The odd weekend when I went home to Falmouth, Mr Eddie Greenaway would drive me in his motor-bike and sidecar to the train at Bodmin Road station - fare 2/6 (12½p).

What was the village like in those days? Certainly there were no modern facilities, no electricity, no T.V., no main sewerage. in fact many cottages had no piped water supply. Cottages at Row obtained their water from the shute at the Methodist chapel and one outside tap was installed in the pathway to serve the five Victoria Cottages. Just picture the amount of water that had to be carried from shute to home for bathing and on wash days. Water for boiling the clothes on the hob or in the copper, rinsing water, and finally the blue bag water. Thinking back I recall only 3 present residents living in their same houses as in 1934, Mrs Phyllis Teague (Louvain), Mr Lloyd Hoskin (Row) and Mrs Mabel Hooper (Hillcrest). Coombe Road, the left side of Limbhead Hill, Mount Pleasant and Higher Penquite Hills were entire areas of green fields. The standing granite posts in the fields opposite the 'Reading' Room marked the old track from Limbhead to Hill and Churchtown. Modern inventions and conveniences certainly bring village life to-day on a par with life in the towns but in one respect I differ concerning the state of the hedges. Having no

pavements it is very dangerous to walk along the main road with brambles and nettles growing some 4 inches out into the road on both sides in places. How those former road men took pride in working with their forked sticks in one hand and hooks in the other keeping the water tables clear and tidy; recalling the late Mr Claud Northcott, Mr Will Nottle and Mr Ned Roberts.

Village life centred around the activities of the churches, the band and efforts to support the Nursing Association. Nurse Carhart was the village district nurse, resident of Glenview and each New Year's Eve there would be a Fancy Dress Dance in the Village Hall to help raise funds to pay for her salary £150 a year. I wonder how many pairs of mens' socks she knitted!

To cater for a village tea was a mammoth task. Held in the Village Hall, then the Church rooms, trestle tables with starched white cloths lined the room. The preparation took hours. Those 3 stalwarts of the tea table were Mrs Graddon, Mrs Maud Colman and Mrs Stephen Hawken and the W.I. was usually called upon to help. They were always in the back-ground cutting up those long crusty loaves of bread (no sliced bread then) for sandwiches, 7lb slabs of fruit cake and numerous loaves of saffron, white and seed cake were all delivered early in the morning by Radcliffe's bakery of Delabole. Plus the plates of splits, buttered and cream and jam and other fare given by the people together with those dear old stand-by Scribona swiss rolls 1/- (5p) each. Even the boiling of the water for tea was a herculean task. The water was fetched from the shute at the entrance to the Hall and boiled in dixie cans over an open fire in the ground and over oil stoves in the rooms.

..... to be concluded next month. Grace Masters

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MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

Last month i finished off with the C.O. telling me that a troopship was leaving Bombay in three days and I could go home if I could catch it. So early next morning I left for Columbo, the capital of Sri Lanka, caught the ferry to India and a train to Bombay. I caught the ship with an hour to spare, by being taken out to the liner by ferry. The liner turned troopship was the third largest in the world at the time and I had to climb aboard from the ferry by a rope ladder. After seven years in India and four months in Ceylon I was going home. However none of us knew that there were two enemy submarines waiting for us out at sea. Another troopship had left the day before and they were waiting for us both. The first ship the Empress of Canada was stopped by the submarines. A warning shot was fired across its bows and they were given one hour to clear ship. There were not enough life boats for all the men on board and many men were lost. We were lucky to escape as we altered course when we received a message from the captain of the first ship. Our ship was fully loaded with 3,000 men and 1,000 women and children with only enough lifeboats for the women and children. We picked up some survivors from the Empress of Canada, as did other ships and we sailed on to Capetown, South Africa. We were all worried in case we were attacked again and preferred the rough waters where the submarines couldn't go. We were armed as any battleship and we could travel very fast which is why we had no escort. We had no more trouble and carried on past Cape Horn and believe me it was rough there. Seas each side of us like mountains and gales. I didn't mind though, I liked rough seas. After a week at Capetown we set sail on the last lap for good old England. It took us six weeks from the time we left India. By the way, during the whole trip I slept in a hammock - best sleep I have ever had. Rocked to sleep every night and then rocked all night. Eventually we arrived at Liverpool. We had to anchor off a few miles out as Liverpool was being bombed with flying bombs. It was a rough night and a severe gale was blowing. Next morning we pulled into the docks and landed on England's shores. It was a wonderful feeling after all them years away. I went away a boy in my teens and returned a young man. I had seen many sights, places and experiences which I will never forget as long as I live and enjoyed it all.

I was glad to be home though with the thought of seeing my family again in the near future. I was sent to Southend and was billeted in a street along with other soldiers waiting to be posted. Soon after that I was sent on two weeks leave and I sent a wire home saying when I would arrive in Newton Abbot where my family were then living. When I got home I found great changes. My younger brothers were going to school when I left. now they were young men. Three other brothers had joined the forces, Frank, the eldest in the army and two younger ones in the navy. My sister Bessie had lost her husband in the war. Mother and father had not altered much just a little older. Anyway it was good to be home with them again. I was allowed another weeks leave when one of my brothers came home from the navy. When I got back to S uthend, I was soon sent to the Regiment I was in before I left for India- the 2nd Devonshires, where I also came across Major Bamfield whose Company I was in in India. The 2nd Devons were soon sent to Burma but having been in India for so long we were not allowed to leave England for twelve months.

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

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THE ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS. The verb "to sing" means to chant, intone, carol, serenade, vocalize, trill, croon, pipe, chirp, warble, chorus and yodel. Under the musical guidance of Rudi Gagnon with Leo Tarring on the piano, we have done almost everything but yodel and we are, very definitely, alive with the sound of music! Singing is a marvellous form of relaxation and if you have even half a notion of singing, and you want to know what to do with it, and a couple of hours on Tuesday evening, then why not join us. You do not have to be Pavarotti, especially if you are female, and no one is asking you to be Dame Kiri; all we are asking is that you come along and see, and hear, what we are all about. Our practice venue is St. Tudy Methodist Chapel. Tuesdays 7pm. Our subs are a modest 50p per week. How can you possibly ignore this invitation. For Concert/Membership information please contact Jennifer Tarring 0208 341329.

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## ST. EDWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

During the past few weeks much work has been done to the pitch and changeing rooms at the football club and special thanks go to the Teague Brothers, Philip Yeo, Basil Sleep, Paul Greenaway, Paul Worden, Peter Davey and even Joe Kay who nearly cut the pitch in straight lines. Thanks also to everyone else who works behind the scenes to get ready for the new season.

To celebrate the centenary season, we were fortunate to welcome a Plymouth Argyle XI to Brake Parc on Thursday, 28th July. Although not able to bring their first team, a strong youth team came instead run by the former Nottingham Forest player Ian Bowyer. Manager Peter Shilton was not present, but his son was one of the players.

In an evenly fought match, Argyle managed to score the only goal of the game with five minutes left, but the large crowd were well entertained in the bright evening sunshine.

On Friday, 5th August, a players reunion was held at the social club with several ex-players covering many years being in attendance. The highlight of the evening was a presentation on behalf of the Football Association by Mr. Ryder chairman of the C.C.F.A. The scroll, commemorating the club's centenary was presented to Bob Armstrong, who being a day short of his 81st birthday, was the oldest ex-player there, and Joe Kay. Another scroll, from C.C.F.A. will be received in the near future.

The club's chairman, Chris Greenaway then made a special presentation to Gladys Champion who has audited the football club accounts for many years, but due to new procedures introduced by the F.A. has had to stand down.

One of the main areas of interest during the evening was the numerous photographs of past teams, which are still displayed around the clubhouse. Further photographs were also taken on the night which will be available for purchase.

Entertainment

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| Saturday 3rd September | Martin Lucas |
| " 10th " | Jumbo's Disco |
| " 17th " | Wild Country (Country & Western) |
| " 24th " | Final Frontier |

## BLISLAND W.I.

The President Mrs. Walford presided at the July meeting. The minutes were read and signed and correspondence was read out including a letter from the visitors who came on the 5th July to our cream teas, 36 in all, our first Hospitality tea for the season. We are preparing ourselves for our next visitors on 23rd July for cream teas. The tables are a credit to the ladies who prepare the lay out.

Outings arranged included one to Trelissick to see both the gardens and the Copeland Spode Collection. Also the trip on 2nd September, 'Tamar River Cruise, coach and boat time for shopping in Plymouth. On 17th August our members will gather for lunch at Trelawney Garden Centre.

Mrs. G. Masters has kindly said she would submit a poem in the Blaikley Salver Competition. This has to be 32 lines long with the title 'Weather'.

Time was pressing on and we settled back to listen to our speaker, Mr. H. Kendal with his fascinating talk on 'The Industrious Bee'. His grandfather and father were bee keepers and of course he is carrying on the tradition. He has been chairman of the Cornwall Bee Keeping Association for 10 years and looks after the bees at Probus Gardens. He explained how honey has been one of mans chief sweet foods throughout history and how there are many different types of hives and straw skips. He said about the Queen Bee and how she is so much larger than the drones and the female workers and told us how to manipulate bees and how to extract the honey from the hive and the beeswax, and he explained the common practices in apiary management. His interesting talk soon came to a close and a vote of thanks was given to our speaker.

The next meeting will be on September 21st.

J. George.

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BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

As the club is now meeting once per month there is only one activity to report. I still however hope that someone, male or female will come along to assist me in organising the club so that members could again meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. I can be contacted on Tel: 350691 and would gladly explain what is entailed.

On 2nd August my wife and I were delighted to welcome to our home for a barbecue lunch all the members. As it was a wet day it was not possible to sit and eat in the garden but we managed to provide enough seats indoors. As chief cook and with 'Raindrops keep falling on my head' and the barbecue! I managed to cook a variety of meats without burning or saturating! Having eaten, not many felt like doing a competition but we had a word game of trying to unravel Cornish place names in which the letters had been jumbled about. It caused some amusement but even with a little collaboration very few unravelled every name. Prizes were awarded to Miss Pat Nelder, Mrs Doreen Millar and Miss Maud Parnell.

Tony Ham

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WANTED - More pictures for the front cover of the magazine. If you have any old pictures or photographs which I could photocopy and use please let me know. Size doesn't matter as they can be reduced or enlarged. Or of course if any artists among you would like to draw a picture that would be most welcome.

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