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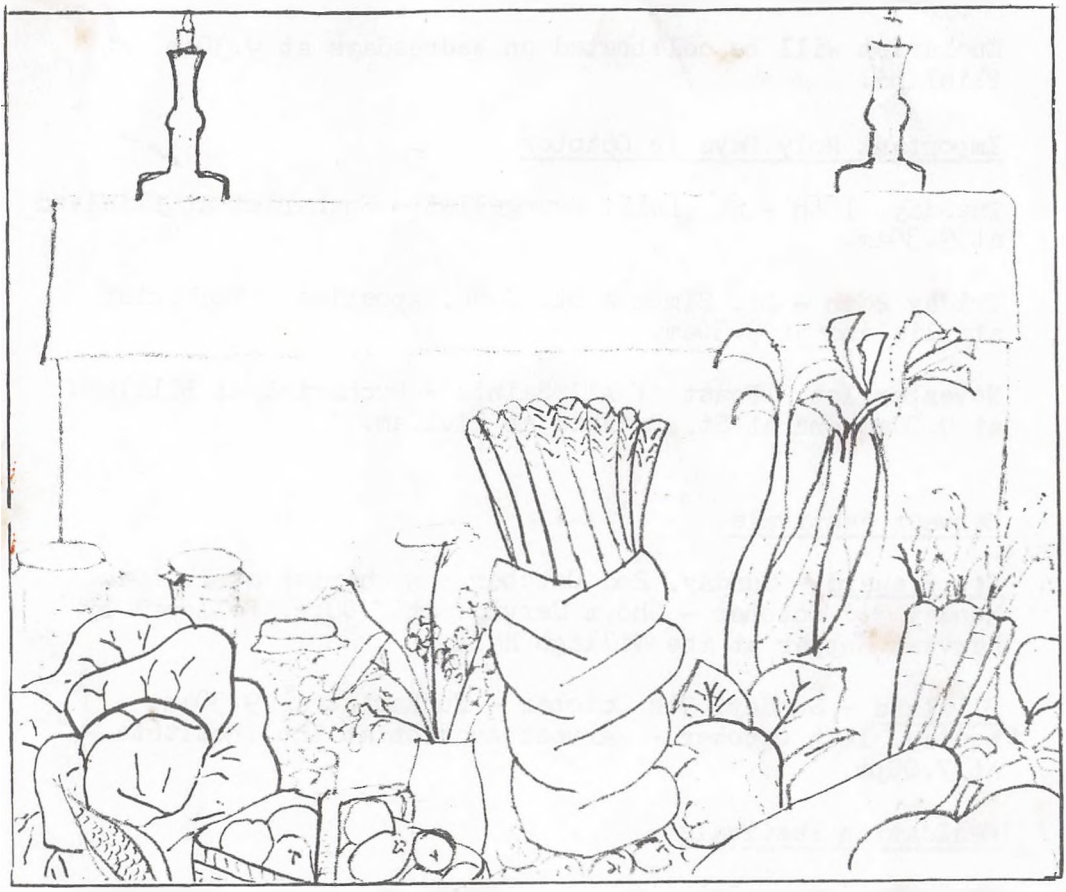

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Sunday Services for October

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

Weekday Services

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

Important Holy Days in October

Tuesday, 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

Friday 28th - St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

November 1st - Feast of All Saints - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am and at St. Breward at 11.10am.

Harvest Festivals

St. Breward - Sunday, 2nd October - Eucharist at 11.10am. Monday 3rd October - Short Service at 7.00pm. followed by Harvest Supper at the Village Hall.

Blisland - Sunday, 9th October - Eucharist at 9.30am. Monday, 10th October - Harvest Auction at the Institute at 7.00pm.

Dedication Festivals

These will be celebrated at Blisland and at St. Breward on October 30th at the Parish Eucharists.

The Wine and Cheese Party held in aid of St. Breward Church on Friday, 9th September made a total of £266 for church funds. A big thank you must go to Mr and Mrs Robin Clarkson who organised the event at their home, for all their hard work. The evening was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of October, the church provides for a celebration of the dedication of the church when the original date of its foundation is unknown. In common then with other ancient parish churches up and down the country we shall be celebrating this important event on the last Sunday in October. In doing so we shall be keeping a tradition going back over many thousands of years which dates back to the time of King Solomon, who built the famous Jewish temple in Jerusalem. (See I Kings, Ch.6)

In celebrating the feast of the dedication, we shall thus be celebrating the fact that there has been a building set apart for Christian worship in our two parishes for well nigh a thousand years. However St. Peter reminds us in his first letter, chapter 2, verses 1-10 that the church is not just a stone building but a community of faith, made up of living stones with Jesus Christ as the foundation stone. As those baptised into Christ then we are summoned into a spiritual temple as a people set apart by God to offer worship to him. Without such worship, no one has the right to call themselves a christian.

Those then who profess the christian faith are called upon to become builders not only of physical edifices but spiritual communities. This faith thus means believing, worshipping and practising within the context of the whole christian experience.

It is my hope then that the christian communities both at Blisland and St. Breward will become strong and forceful as they seek to present the christian faith to an unbelieving world around them. For it is only through conviction, commitment and discipline that we can throw off the lethargy which so easily besets the church in a rural setting. If this is done we shall not only be celebrating the dedication of an ancient building but a living spiritual community dedicated to God and to the establishment of his kingdom.

May God bless you in his service,

Yours sincerely,
Frank Harris

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Katy Louise Crowle was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on 28th August 1994.

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

Holy Matrimony

David William Tony Ridge and Sally Rosemary Young were married at St. Breward Parish Church on 20th August 1994.

Matthew Richard Brooks and Lindsey Victoria Thomas were married at Blisland Parish Church on 27th August 1994.

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

Funerals

The funeral service for the late Bessie Sanders took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Thursday, 1st September. Interment followed in the churchyard.

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

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 2nd at 2.30pm.	Harvest Festival Service Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow
Monday October 3rd at 7.00pm.	Service, followed by sale of produce. Preacher Rev'd A Williams
Sunday October 16th at 2.30pm.	Preacher Rev'd J Bickle
Sunday October 30th at 2.30pm.	Preacher to be planned.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

Isobel and Tony Willcocks invite you to Oak Ridge, Tregenna, Blisland on **FRIDAY** 7th OCTOBER for a Sale of Christmas Cards in aid of THE HOME FARM TRUST. (permanent homes for the mentally handicapped).

From 2 - 5pm and from 7pm.
Special attraction, Madame Marie - palmist.
Cake stall. Bring & Buy. Raffle etc.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2nd	at 9.30am.	Rev'd Barlow - Family Service
" "	6.00pm.	Mr. Toms
October 9th	at 11.00am	Mrs Garbett - Harvest Festival
" "	6.00pm.	Mrs Wilkins
October 10th	at 7.00pm.	Service with Rev'd Barlow followed by Harvest Supper and Sale.
October 16th	at 11.00am	Mrs Gabriel
" "	6.00pm.	Fellowship
October 23rd	at 11.00am.	Mrs Matthews
" "	6.00pm.	Rev'd Barlow (SAC)

Sunday School during Morning Service.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Breward Methodist Church would like to say a Big Thank You to all those who so willingly took part in the Flower Festival:- St. Breward Silver Band, Snooker Club, Parish Council, Scouts, Red Cross Simon Ward Club, W.I., Guides, Parish Church, St. Breward School, Playgroup, Simon Ward Carers, Football Club, Institute and War Memorial Hall, Methodist Church and Sunday School.
There are some very talented flower arrangers in the village. It was a very successful weekend raising much needed funds for the Chapel, £650 at the time of going to press! We thank also all those who came to visit and enjoy the Flower displays, Lunches and Cream Teas. The new Communion rail was dedicated during a special service and communion on Sunday evening was led by Rev'd Barlow and Rev'd Bickle. The perfect end to a wonderful weekend. Thank-you all once again for your marvellous support.

CALLING ALL READERS AND JIGSAW LOVERS - St. Breward Methodist Church has quite a selection of Jigsaws and Paper Backs at the chapel. If anyone would like to borrow either a jigsaw or a book please call on Wednesday mornings during coffee time. Books range from Mills and Boon to Tolstoy. Jigsaws from 250 pieces to 2,000. Just come along and browse.
Don't forget our Coffee Mornings every Wednesday from 10.00am to 11.30am.

MEMORIES OF MY YEARS AWAY AND MY RETURN TO BLISLAND

As I said last month my regiment was sent to Burma but because I had been overseas for so long I was not allowed to go. I could chose where I wanted to go. Major Bamfield with whom I had been in India was going into the 1st Airborne Army and seeing I had been with him for so many years he would very much like me to go with him, then if all went well we could finish off the war together. I told him I would let him know the next day. I knew they were the crack troops of that time and you had to be very fit and also that they only went where it was dangerous. But the major and I had been through dangerous times together in India so I decided to go with him. Two weeks later we were transferred into the 6th Airborne Division of the 1st Airborne Army, which consisted of two British Divisions and two American Divisions. We were stationed at Bulford in Wiltshire. Major Bamfield was put in charge of D Company and he made me a full Corporal in charge of a Platoon.

Soon after we went into very hard training with many assault courses with live bullets being fired over our heads. It was hard going at first but we who managed to get through it all became very fit. The training carried on for six months and we did many parachute drops on to Salisbury Plain both by night and by day after which we were classed as airborne troops. This was September 1943. We were then allowed ten days home leave. On the way home Ithought to myself that the war could not go on much longer and that the invasion of France or elsewhere was coming up very soon. If I came through safe I would leave the army. I decided now was the time to visit Blisland as I was determined to settle there as I had promised myself when I was a boy. My mother said she would come down with me. My sister Bessie had kept in touch with an old school friend. Bessie and her friend had both married and had lost their husbands after 18 months of marriage. The friend was the daughter of George Hooper of Mount Villa and blacksmith at Merry-Meeting Cottage, Tresarrett. The friend, Lilian was willing to put my mother and myself up. On a Saturday morning we arrived at Bodmin Road Station and changed to another train into Bodmin. We then had to walk down into Bodmin town and catch a Webber's bus out to Blisland. When we arrived at Blisland it looked exactly the same as when I had left it as a boy, as it still do to this day. The village has never changed thank goodness. I looked across the green with the same trees still standing there and Rectory cottage, my first home in Blisland.

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ST. BREWARD INSTITUTE & WAR MEMORIAL HALL

The months have flown by since our last report and hopefully you will find something to interest you in the activities on offer at the hall. During the past few months the upper room has been completely re-decorated and has been refurnished with comfortable padded dining chairs and twelve armchairs. These chairs came along just in in time for the start of the Simon Ward Day Care Centre; there has been much rumour and misunderstanding about the function and purpose of the centre and I would welcome explaining the aims of the centre to anyone interested.

The weekly Whist Drives continue every Thursday and many local and national charities have benefitted. This is always a very informal, friendly occasion and beginners are made very welcome.

The Writers Group will start the new winter session in the hall on Thursday September 22nd from 2pm to 4pm and fortnightly thereafter. New members are most welcome, if you are interested in writing stories, memories, poetry, plays please come along.

Painting Class - an introductory session on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm will be held in the hall with the aim of holding regular weekly classes, so if you've 'always wanted to paint,'like painting' or 'want to do more' come along to meet the tutor and discuss a programme of lessons.

Anyone interested in the relaxing yet stimulating pastime of circle dancing should watch the Post Office or shop windows for details of dance evenings.

The Keep Fit continues but it is now held on WEDNESDAY evenings at 7.30 to 9.00pm - a fun evening for everyone.

Patchwork classes are being organised for the autumn and again the P.O. or shop windows will give details.

Our Second Pantomime

A meeting will be held on 17th October at 7.pm. in the hall, for those interested in taking part, acting, singing, dancing or helping in any way for our pantomime Spring 1995. Please come along.

Children of 14 years and under will not be required to attend this meeting. The childrens drama group, times etc. will be notified later.

For further details of any of the activities please contact Ann Hole on Bodmin 851251.

Socially there was the G.F.S. (Girls Friendly Society), the W.I. a Folk dancing group and a concert party organised by Mrs M. Hooper. A body of keen young men were interested in Keep Fit and First Aid. There was a fine football team and the local band under the late Mr Jack Hawken played at all functions and they looked splendid in those military uniforms of brown with gold braid.

The village stores owned and run by the Hawken family provided the inhabitants with every need. Clothing, footwear, groceries, oil, flour, corn and petrol. Shopping in modern times is fast, practical and efficient - but boring. When you entered the village shop of yesteryear you were almost in an Aladdin's Cave. In front of the long wooden counter stood a serried row of Huntley and Palmer's square biscuit tins with their variety of creams, gingerbread and wafers etc: The mighty steel bacon cutter stood by the scales. Often an assistant would be cutting up the huge square of lard into pound and half pound packs. Everything was delivered in bulk. All dried fruit had to be weighed out into those blue squares of stiff paper and folded, closed at one end, then turned to close in the top end, quite an art really. Everything was asked for, you never served yourself. In the days before T.V. advertising forced itself into everybody's home products had to sell themselves by their appeal to the eye, bright wrappings, pictures and slogans. The Bovril advert was of a merry looking man clad in pyjamas astride a large Bovril bottle in a rough sea with the caption "prevents that sinking feeling". Do you remember the Fry's chocolate bar boy with 5 pictures on his face from anticipation to satisfaction?

There was an excellent butcher's department. The Hawken family ran their own farm at Higher Penquite and every week Abner Hawken would select a prime animal which he killed in the slaughter house below the existing Post Office, and he made weekly rounds in the neighbourhood. The old post office was in part of the butcher's shop, and what is now the post office was a store selling footwear and household utensils. The village shop was in fact a meeting place where news good and not so good, views and discussions often took place.

Mr Wilton had a smaller shop at Churchtown at The Gables and Mrs Colman one at Chapel Terrace. Mr Tom Couch. blinded in a quarry accident had a small shop at Churchtown square and weekly he toured the village with his donkey and trap and a lad to guide them. He sold tea, sugar and matches and candles. Mr and Mrs B. Polkinghorne's shop at Glenview supplied the village with newspapers and gifts and fancy goods and they ran a hat shop on the opposite side of the road. The Masters family of De Lank Farm supplied daily milk serving it from churns fixed to the back of a Trojan car that had solid rubber tyres.

Mr Gregory and son Basil ran a garage and taxi service at Ryland Corner and Mr W. Jeffs a garage at Bridge now the site of Metters Garage. People brought their wireless batteries to the garage to be charged up at 6d ($2\frac{1}{2}$p) a time.

What about fashions? All clothes were worn long then. Men wore caps, school boys green caps, trilby hats for best, and week day clothes were separate from Sunday best. At such times as the Anniversary in the Lank and Row Chapels everyone had "new for anniversary" and the respective services would be crowded. I remember 2 or 3 very elderly women wearing bonnets made of cotton. The front stood out well beyond the face, a deep goffered frill covered the sides and back of the neck and long strings tied under the chin. These with all washing were laundered in the copper with a wooden cover, which was often situated in the scullery or wash house. When busy with the washing the housewives wore aprons made of hessian. The old mangle was an integral part of the wash house.

Economy played a big part in village life in those days. Nothing was wasted. Flour was sold in bags of cotton and when empty the cloths were boiled and used as soft handkerchiefs. Employment catered for all the working population. 3 granite quarries and 2 clay works and the farming industries served St. Breward and the neighbouring villages. A stone cutter's wage then was £3 a week, a farm worker's much less but he had the advantage of a tied cottage and cheap milk. My salary as a teacher was £14 a month relatively high! Mr Tom Teague and sons were the masons and builders a firm now carried on by grandsons and great grandsons. Brothers Cyril and Reg Rowe were the decorators. Mr Stephen Hawken and Son the carpenters and coffin makers who worked in the building at Limbhead corner. Mr Wallace was the postman who lived at 1, Victoria Terrace and Mr Searle the cobbler worked at Churchtown opposite the Old

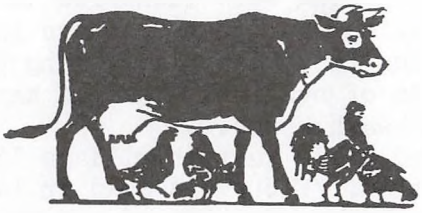
Inn where the publican was Mr Higman. Another public house was at Wenford run by a Mr Armstrong.

Dr. Bailey was the local G.P. whose surgery was at St. Tudy to which one walked for medicine and treatment if mobile.

Such was life in this rural village, happy, friendly and leisurely until the outbreak of the 1939-45 war when new blood, new cultures were introduced: we are still a happy and thriving community.

Grace Masters

THOMAS'S DAIRY



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Lilian, my sister's great friend was there to meet us. I knew her also as we had been at school together. We walked up the lanes, where I had walked many a time as a boy, to Mount Villa which was George Hooper's home, which was a little farm. We had a nice cornish tea and cornish pasties, and we talked of old times. Lilian then asked me as it was still light if I would like to go up over the moor and out to Bradford where we had spent many a time picnicking and playing when we were children. I said that I would. We both didn't know it then but in time it was the start of a wonderful courtship and happy marriage for 42 years.

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

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed War Memorial and Garden (to include possible seating)

As you may be aware suggestions have been made regarding the possibility of a War Memorial etc. to be situated on land to the rear of Victoria Terrace, opposite the butcher's shop.

Initial inquiries have already been made but before matters progress any further the Parish Council have decided to seek the views of the public.

A questionaire is to be distributed to every household in the parish asking opinions on such matters as whether or not they are in favour of a memorial and if they are prepared to self fund it.

Following an analysis of the replies a public meeting may take place. Please forward your views, to me, in writing on this matter.

R. Benham (Clerk),
Wayside,
St. Breward.

"David and Anita Cornelius would like to thank all their family members and friends who made their "Pasty and Cider" evening a wonderful evening. They raised £560 which will be divided between Hound Ward, Derriford Hospital and the Camelford and District Cardiology Fund. The money will be used for the ongoing efforts of improving patient care."

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE IN AID OF CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year the cycle ride took place on September 10th. I was unable to go on a long ride but I did manage to visit our local churches and chapel. However Paddy and Daniel set out with their picnic lunch up to St. Breward chapel and church where they sheltered from a very heavy shower. They then cycled off to Highertown Chapel, Advent Church, Camelford and then Lanteglos Church where they ate their aforementioned lunch. After refreshment they carried on to Trewalder and St. Tudy Chapel, St. Tudy Church, Treveighan Chapel and finishing at Michaelstow Church after which they headed for home. They cycled a distance of just over 22 miles in 4 hours and Paddy came home exhausted. Daniel however immediately went off again on his bike to meet his friends! Thank you to all the people who sponsored us - a total of over £40 was raised which will be split between The Historic Churches Trust and St. Breward Church. Thank you also to all the people who sat in church on the day to welcome any cyclists.

Catherine McShee

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

Quilts Galore! This could have been the title for Mrs. Susan Curley's wonderful display of her unique designs in patchwork and quilted bedcovers. The work that each quilt entails was explained and these can be seen at the Tregreenwell Craft Centre where she has a working studio.

Forthcoming events included the Group Meeting on October 20th hosted by Blisland W.I., a visit to Kernow Woollen Mill on September 28th, a Table Sale by Bodmin W.I. on Mount Folly on October 29th, 10am to 12 noon, cookery at Wadebridge on November 10th and a walk in Cardinham Woods on October 27th at 11am with an optional W.I. cream tea for £1.75. Mrs. Christine Woolf will be our representative to the Autumn Council Meeting at Hendra on October 18th and Mrs. A. Hole is attending the Rural Careers Meeting at Westminster on October 31st. Forward notice was given of the Intermediate General Meeting to be held at Blackpool next June, and nearer to home a County Lunch at the Metropole Hotel in Padstow which will hopefully be better than the last lunch attended by some of our members.

A letter of thanks for the support given by our Institute to the Flower Festival held by the Methodist Church was read out; our next event will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sponsored by Mrs. J. Sainsbury for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund to be held in the Methodist Church on Friday, September 30th from 10 o'clock to 12 noon. We hope that many of you will come to support this very worthwhile cause.

The Spring Group Meeting will be hosted by our Institute and take place on April 27th so once again Mrs. Woolf's expertise will create an entertainment from the resources at her disposal.

The competitions were won by Mrs. Shelley for her sample of patchwork and Mrs. Champion for her beautiful rose bud.

The October meeting will be by Mrs. Griffiths on French Villages and Country Life - do you remember her magnificent slides of wildflowers in France in March 1993 which were a joy to see? This meeting will be at 7.30pm in the evening so do try to book this date in your diary.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

As there isn't a meeting of the W.I. in August some members were able to get together over lunch at the Trelawney Garden Centre at the attractive Restaurant. Our thanks to Mrs. Aspinall for organising the meal, it was lovely Mary. With the meal in progress, we were able to finalize arrangements for the outings taking place before our next September meeting.

In this month's news letter the trip to Exeter to take place at the end of November has been announced - hope the rain keeps away this time.

Our September meeting will be held on the 21st at 7.15pm Preparation for the play to be performed at the Group Meeting of Blisland W.I. in October will start then. Any new members are welcome to join us. The competition is, 'A Pressed Fern' and Mr. P. Davies will give a talk 'More About the Moor'.

J. George

BLISLAND W.I. PRODUCE SHOW

It was a lovely day for the 44th Annual Produce Show, and a busy time for members preparing the hall ready for the displays of vegetables, fruit and flowers, pot plants, floral art and handicrafts, and cookery.

The children brought along their contributions for 'A picture of the Countryside' an animal made out of vegetables, cookery, a poem and a miniature garden. The whole display was wonderful.

In the evening the doors of the hall opened to admit friends and visitors for an evening of fun and entertainment. Captain and Mrs. Hicks were invited to come and open the show and present the prizes and we thank them both for coming. Thank you also to all who made the show possible; all the workers behind the scenes and of course to all the competitors without whom the show would not be possible. Thank you also to Mr. Tony Willcocks who was the auctioneer for all the produce sold off. It was a great day and we look forward to the 45th show. To all the entrants once again our thanks, see you next year.

J. George.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

It was originally planned to have a picnic at Bradford on 6th September but owing to the unpredictable weather it was decided to meet in the village hall. Our annual Harvest Sale was brought forward and I had quite a busy time auctioning a variety of members gifts from household articles to vegetables and fruit. A very helpful amount of money was raised for club funds.

Tony Ham

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

ENTERTAINMENT FOR OCTOBER

Saturday October	1st	Jailhouse
" "	8th	Pagent (not to be missed)
" "	15th	The ever popular Ricky Barnes
" "	22nd	Versatile Peter Falkes
" "	29th	Martin Lucas

We are pleased to announce that earlier in the summer an exhibition darts match with England international Mike Gregory proved very successful and the raffle held that night, together with a later skittles match and raffle raised a total of £220 for Mount Edgecumbe. Many thanks to all those that helped.

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