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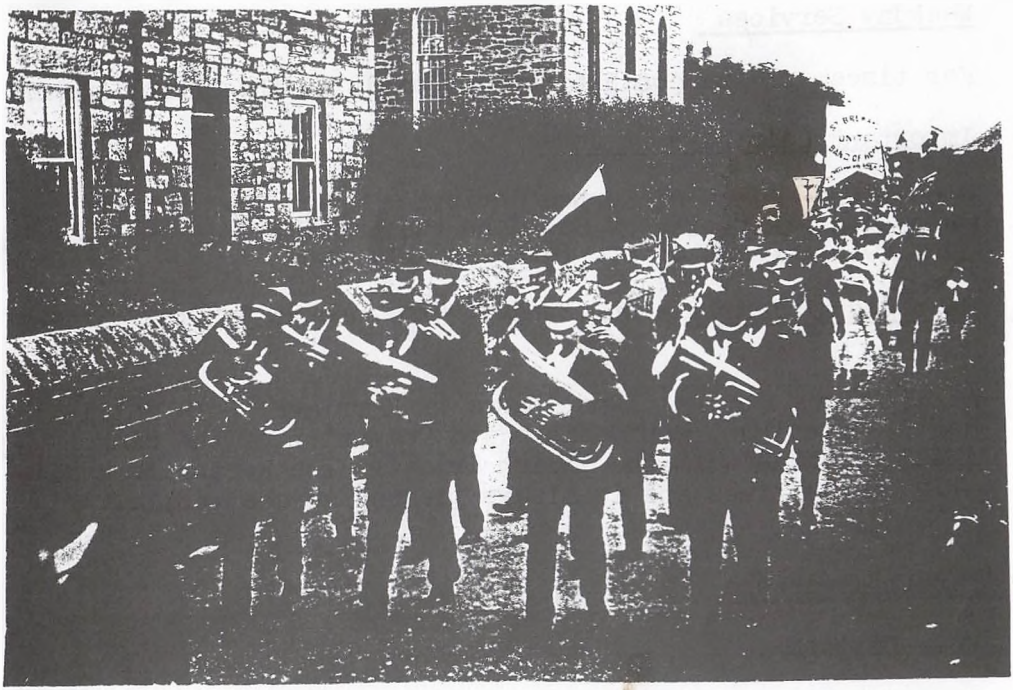

St. Breward Band 1914.

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	Mr. R. W. T. Lee	**Bodmin 850993**
St. Breward	**Mr. H. C. Hawken**	**Bodmin 850294**
	Mr. R. Clarkson	**Bodmin 850460**

Sunday Services for June

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

Sunday School meets at the Village Hall at St. Breward every Sunday at 11.00am.

Weekday Services

For times, please consult notice boards in the church porch.

Important Holy Days in June

June 14th - Feast of Corpus Christi
June 24th - Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 29th - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

Evensong at Temple - on Sunday, 4th June at 3.30pm.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Holy Matrimony, Churchings, Confessions and Communion of the Sick should be made with the Parish Priest. The Rector is available at all times and is always pleased to see people.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Bethany Ann Clarrissa Olivea was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 30th April.

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

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

How time flies. Already half the year has gone and in liturgical terms that means the first part of the Church's year. During this period, we have been celebrating what Our Lord has done for us. We have been confronted with his life and teaching, his suffering and death, his resurrection and finally with his glorious ascension into heaven where he forever makes intercession for us. In other words in this part of the church's year, we have experienced God's redeeming work accomplished in his son Jesus Christ. We have thus been offered a purpose in life. With the proper response then on our part we can achieve our goal in life which is to know, love and serve God so that after our sojourn here on earth we may enter into a state of friendship with him for all eternity. This is what the christian faith is all about and to achieve this, God has sent his Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and to assist us in the work of our own sanctification.

We thus celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Church on the feast of Pentecost. God gives us a wonderful opportunity of ordering our lives in his service. We are called then to make a response to God in the Holy Spirit and so throughout the second half of the church's year, we shall be celebrating our response both as a christian community and as individuals to the demands of the Gospel.

As people then, who have been baptised into life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called upon to adopt a Christlike character. Let us ask ourselves then how best we can achieve this within the context of our faith, worship and daily routine and so change our lives that we may become more like our blessed Lord in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday June 4th at 2.30pm. Preacher Mrs Gabriel

Sunday June 18th at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd Williams (Holy Communion)

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday June 4th	at 9.30am	Preacher Rev'd Barlow F/S
" "	6.00pm	Mr Sleep
Sunday June 11th	at 11.00am	Miss Hague
" "	6.00pm	Mr Penna
Sunday June 18th	at 11.00am	Rev'd Stevenson S
" "	6.00pm	Mr Martin
Sunday June 25th	at 11.00am	Fellowship
" "	6.00pm	Mrs Cole

SANKEY HYMN SINGING EVENING on 23rd June at 7.15pm.
Come and join the singing of your favourite Sankey Hymns.
Chairman Mr Charles Keast. Collection for Chapel funds.

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

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In aid of
BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD PARISH MAGAZINE
At The Mansion House, Blisland
(By kind permission of Mr & Mrs M. Ward-Lee)
On Tuesday 6th June
From 10.30am to 12.30pm
Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cake Stall
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BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH

The Cheese and Wine and Antiques Evening held at the Mansion House was very much enjoyed by all and raised £200. Our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Michael Ward-Lee for their kind hospitality and to all those involved in providing the excellent food or helped in any other way.

BLISLAND GARDEN SAFARI - Sunday 4th June, 2pm to 6pm.
In aid of church funds. Programmes and entry per person £1.50 (Concessions £1.00) available at the Institute, adjacent to the Church on the day.
Eight gardens to visit. Cream Teas and refreshments served at the Institute during the afternoon.

BLISLAND & TEMPLE CHURCH FETE
Saturday 24th June
At the Rectory Gardens
All the usual attractions. Lots of stalls, Games, Childrens Sports and Pony Rides. Teas and Refreshments.
Come and support your church.

The Garden Day at Rose Cottage, St. Breward proved to be a tremendous success. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Garden Day on 14th May so enjoyable and successful. Our overall profit was £1,251.21p of which £250 will go to St. Breward W.I. and the balance to Arthritis Research.

Paddy Powell.

Mr. King of Bradford has rung me to say that he has copies of all the past editions of the parish magazine which he now wishes to dispose of and he wonders if anyone is interested in having them. If so please ring Mr King on 850901.

Appointment of Churchwardens

At the Annual Vestry Meetings held in the Parishes of St. Breward and Blisland, Mr Charles Hawken, Mr Robin Clarkson, Mr Ray Lee and Mr John Holman were elected Churchwardens respectively. Our congratulations and thanks as they perform this very ancient and important role in the life of the parishes.

Resignations

Our best wishes and thanks go out to Brigadier Edward-Collins in appreciation for his outstanding work as churchwarden at Blisland over the last twenty seven years. He has contributed much to the practical running of the church and the parish owes him a great debt of gratitude for all the work that he has performed during his long period in office. Thank you then Brigadier, for all that you have done.

The Church also needs to place on record our appreciation for the roles performed by Mr Tim Durston as Churchwarden at St. Breward and Mr Henry Kendall as Treasurer at Blisland. Their contribution to the practical running of the Church over the last year has been invaluable. Our thanks then, for assisting in this important work.

THE ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS have just celebrated their first anniversary and are delighted to report that the choir now has twenty members. When we formed it was hoped that we would be a mixed choir but this was not to be and it soon became obvious that we would be an all female affair. Now ladies all you need to join us is a desire to sing, to learn new songs, perform in concerts and above all the desire to join a group of really friendly ladies. We meet at The Methodist Chapel in St. Tudy every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8.30pm, subscription only 50p a week. For more information please contact Jennifer Tarring 01208 841329

Thank you to Mr. Luxon of Saltash for the picture on this month's front cover of St. Breward Band in 1914.

The following two poems were 'group' poems produced by the children of Blisland School after a recent visit to Antony House where they worked with the poet Bob Devereux as part of the Arts in Trust project.

INSIDE THE DOVECOTE AT ANTONY HOUSE

Step down to the grid in the door
Cobwebs in the windows.
It is gloomy inside,
Pitch black at first.
A gentle vibrating sound,
A cooing question
Till my eyes adjust.
Six snowy white doves
In a round room.
Fearful of death,
They flutter into flight
And feathers fall.

IN THE SUMMER GARDEN AT ANTONY HOUSE

White shell blossom
On the magnolia
In a garden for one season
And the gardeners dressed in blue.

Amongst the magnolias
And the flowering apple trees
And the gardeners dressed in blue
Where the white star flowers twinkle.

And the flowering apple trees
Tower over everything.
Where the white star flowers twinkle
And yellow tulips leap to my eye.

Towering over everything
An ancient hedge
And yellow tulips leap to my eye
And the sun shines down.

On the ancient hedge
In a garden for one season.
And the sun shines down

MEMORIES OF MY LIFE IN BLISLAND - R. A. Dowrick

Well as I look back to when I was young memories still linger on and unfold. In my memories I have been at Mount Villa for a while and time has gone on. George, my stepson is a few years older and has started school at Waterloo in the infant class. Iris, our daughter has grown away fine and almost at school age, you wouldn't think she was so small now when she was born. We had another child which was the last, a son this time named Thomas Ivor. He wasn't so heavy as his sister, born premature at 6 months, only weighed 21b 10ozs; like his sister though he went ahead from the start. At the present day he is married with four young children. So nothing is said for very small babies, our two proved that.

During this time my wife's father, George Hooper had passed away only just reaching his three score years and ten. We miss him very much, he was a good man and gave us many a good advice. I was getting on fine with my farming and had learnt a lot. Many a night I had stayed up with a cow that was due to calve and gave her a helping hand if she needed it without having the vet. We used to cut two of our fields for hay each year. Hay then was still saved loose either in a rick in the field or in a hayshed in the yard. I had trouble in saving it though as I never had any transport and had to depend on other people so I decided to get some transport. I was looking in the 'Farmer and Stockbreeder' one evening and saw for sale a brand new army Bedford 30cwt truck for sale, so I decided to buy it and sent away for it. It was sent down by rail soon after and was brought out to me. I then had to write to the Army Record Office for proof that I had passed my driving test, which they sent by return, I then sent it to Truro and they sent me my driving licence. So I was all set to save my own hay. Also I could take out my farmyard manure which before I had to wait on a contractor to do it. I even had lades made to carry the hay and many a time just my wife and I would carry a field of hay on our own. Lillian would make the load and I would pitch it up to her. Same when we got it up the yard in the hay shed, Lillian would make the rick I would pitch it into her. I would also help other part time farmers to carry theirs in my truck in return for helping me. By the way petrol was still rationed and only 3 shillings a gallon which wouldn't buy one pint at the present day.

We also used the truck for pleasure especially in the summer. Many a time when any of our relations visited us we would all go down to Polzeath or some other seaside and spend the day. Another memory I have is that for three years running I took the Parish Carnival Queen around the village in the back of the truck with her maids in waiting. First of all my wife's cousin used to come up our place then we used to decorate the truck with flowers and greenery. Then the next day on a Saturday I had to take it down the village and reverse it up to the Royal Oak step. Then chairs would be put in the back of the truck and a carpet for the Carnival Queen and two other girls to sit on. Then after a while the St. Breward Band would start up and I would follow the band and all the rest of the Carnival would follow along behind. We would go around the green twice and finish up outside the Royal Oak again.

My daughter Iris was still very young at that time and would sit in the front of the truck with me. Ivor was still a baby in his pram. Yes when I think back they are nice memories when my wife and I were young and bringing up our three children. We had our ups and downs like most everyone do, with bad luck and illness at times, but we overcame them. I reckon myself that a marriage is not a good marriage unless you have good and bad times to test your love for each other.

..... to be continued

BLISLAND & ST. BREWARD SUNDAY CLUB

Some of the children of the Sunday Club have recently formed a choir to sing in church in part of the Sunday Service each week. Congratulations must go to Stephen Bond, Kylie Sleep, Kimberley Morrish, Kayleigh Walby and Heather Harper for their hard work which they put into practising - it is much appreciated by the congrgation. The Sunday Club has had several new members recently and we welcome them. A special thank you must go to Anna Walby who comes each week and helps especially with the little ones. If anyone is interested in joining the club please ring Pat and Brenda Bennett on 851124 or come along any Sunday to St. Breward Village Hall at 11.00am.

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

Entertainment

Saturday	3rd June	Wild Country
"	10th June	Disco with Jumbo
"	17th June	Ice
"	24th June	Disco with Tim
"	1st July	Sleep Flower

The annual dinner/dance takes place at the Lakeview Country Club on Friday, 2nd June, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are still available from Marie Kay on 850030 priced £11 each. All tickets must be paid for by 31st May to guarantee your booking.

Looking ahead to the 29th July, Back Bite will be at the clubhouse where you can re-live the Beatles. Tickets will go on sale prior to the evening priced £1.50 or on the night priced £2.00 and can be arranged through Joe Kay on 850030.

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ST. BREWARD NEWS

The weekly Whist Drives held during April raised money for the following: Conservatives £45; Arthritis Care £67; Liberals £46; Institute £47.

ACoffee Morning to raise funds for Guides and Brownies in the Band Room raised £132. Thanks to those who organised this successful event.

A Coffee Morning with many stalls and raffle held in the Band Room recently raised the sum of £145 for the Renal Unit at Treliske Hospital. Thanks to everyone who gave and helped.

Madge Dingle & family

Results of St. Breward Parish Council elections held on 4th May 1995: I. Burrows 102 (elected); D. Champion 150 (elected); S. Clarkson 92 (elected); E. Collins 93 (elected); P. Dingle 135 (elected); P. Dunkin 67; D. Hannaford 76 (elected); R. Hoskin 119 (elected); M. Metters 94 (elected); F. Sanders 121 (elected); M. Shelley 60; B. Walby 68 (elected).
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THE CORNISH MIDSUMMER BONFIRES

The practice of lighting bonfires on midsummer eve goes back to remote antiquity, and is based on a theory which is known as sympathetic magic, that is the belief that by carrying out certain actions you can cause similar actions to be performed by heavenly bodies such as the sun. Two of the deadliest enemies of primitive man were cold and darkness, against which he had little protection, so that he looked forward with dread to the short days and bitter weather of winter.

At midsummer the sun began to go lower in the heavens and the days to shorten, so, using his magic, man sought by his fires to prolong its light and heat.

This custom was general through Europe and lasted in Cornwall, especially in the west of the county, until about 1880, when it was discontinued except in isolated instances. It was revived in 1929 by the Old Cornwall Societies, and with the exception of the war years, it has been an annual festival.

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

The members present at the meeting were joined by Mrs Mabson from Camelford who will represent St. Breward Institute at the I.G.M. in Blackpool in June. More immediately the notices included the arrangements for the Whist Drive in the Memorial Hall on May 4th, a visit to Heligan organised by the Dogs for the Disabled on May 18th, and patterns were available for the Bodmin W.I. Group Meeting competition for a knitted cardigan for a premature baby when it is hoped that these will be donated to the Baby Unit. Mrs. G. Champion volunteered to be the local area co-ordinator for the newly launched Mermaid Appeal for £500,000, so if you have any ideas for fund-raising please consult her. If you already have your 1996 diary our W.I. has been asked to provide refreshments and an entertainment for the Camelford Disabled Group on March 6th, 1996, it is several years since we last did this. At a recent meeting attended by our officiers a questionnaire was produced which we shall be asked to complete at our June meeting; this deals with various aspects of our preferences regarding the running of the W.I. especially at our own meetings, so come along to make your wishes known. It was good to see the sale table re-instated with bargains in many forms - why not try bringing your surplus produce, cakes, plants, books or items in good condition, the commission charged is only 10% for our own Institute.

Mrs K. Wadey VCO, came to help us discuss the resolutions for the IGM and after explaining each one then divided the members into three groups to stimulate more discussion which it certainly did. This was a most successful method of dealing with the two main resolutions as each group then put forward their feelings to the others.

The June meeting will be on the 6th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall when Mrs D. Grunden will talk about the Shetland Islands, the flower competition will be for one June Rose, and the competition (missing from the printed programme) is for a homemade bookmark, the literary entry to be "Thoughts on my Favourite Island".

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

The meeting on the 19th April took place in the Village Hall and Mrs G. Masters took the chair. Unfortunately about half the members were absent due to holidays, visitors and other sundry reasons. Mrs O'Donnell was welcomed as a visitor.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Margaret Brown who was a V.C.O. for many years and a good friend to Blisland W.I. Mrs Gurr and Miss Runnalls represented us at the funeral.

At the local Playgroup's recent fund raising event our Cake Stall made a profit of £38.35p. We also participated in the 'Get a Grip on Litter' campaign and managed to collect about nine large bags of rubbish in, and around, the Village. Many thanks to the schoolchildren who helped us.

We hope that some members will be able to visit the Betjeman Centre when they hold an Open Day on the 20th May. This is an opportunity to learn about the many hobbies and courses available there for the 60+ age group.

Mrs V. Parkinson was our speaker and she gave us a most interesting talk on her experiences at Lourdes. We often hear about the miracle cures that take place there but most of us had never met anyone who had actually experienced this. Mrs Parkinson is a M.S. sufferer and before she visited Lourdes she was both blind and paralysed and completely dependent on others. She was like this for seven years and although a Church-goer felt she had lost her faith. In 1991 the Church wanted her to join a pilgrimage to Lourdes but she felt she was too ill to make the trip. Her friends eventually persuaded her to make the journey but she was very ill whilst travelling and had to go into the intensive care Hospital on arrival. The next day her friends took her to be immersed in the water and to visit the Grotto. She had various spiritual experiences whilst there and her sight returned and also the use of her hands. Best of all she regained her peace of mind. Mrs. Parkinson is still in her wheelchair but she is hoping that one day she will be able to walk again.

Since this experience Mrs. Parkinson has taken up a hobby which is decorating eggs and making the most beautiful caskets and other objects - not exactly Faberge but very lovely and intricate and she brought many of these to show us.

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BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Where to go for the Club's 22nd birthday celebration? was a question for me to find the answer, transport and limited funds being another consideration. Walking by the Royal Oak in Blisland I had an inspiration to call and see if the new owners would be able to cater for us. I was made most welcome by Mr and Mrs Marshall and offered a lunch menu of roast beef and 3 veg or as an alternative, grilled cod, chips and peas, followed by a sweet and the essential cup of tea all at a special low price for the elderly! On May 2nd 13 members attended and the Royal Oak lounge was made available for our exclusive use. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the meal was excellent. I must compliment the new owners and wish them well on their new catering venture. It is good for the village to have such an amenity.

Tony Ham

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Blisland W.I. cont.

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Wendy Barwood.

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