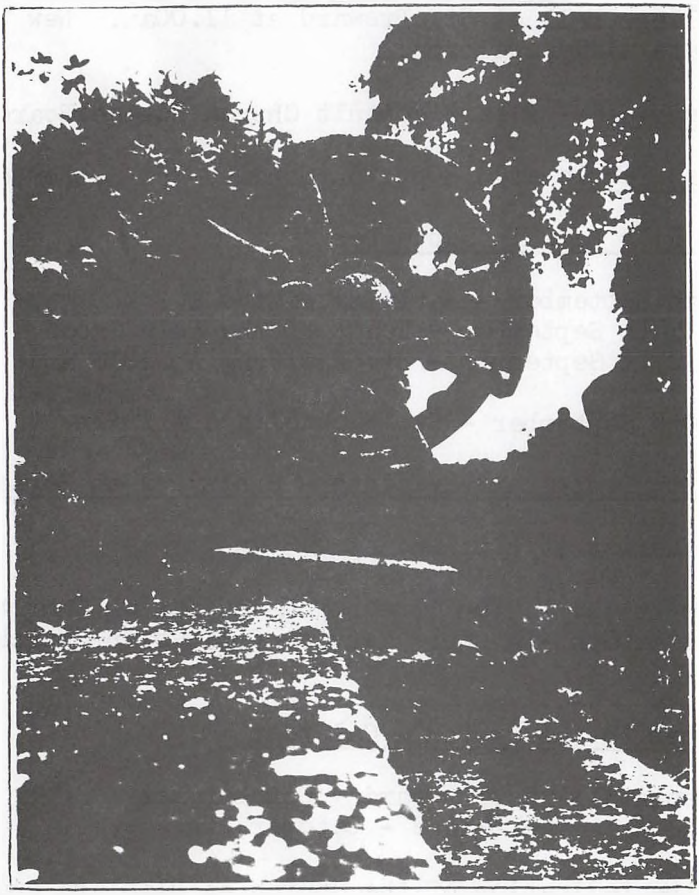
BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD



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Sunday Services for September

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

Sunday School - this will start again on September 10th in the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11.00am. New children are always welcome.

Weekday Services - Please consult Church Notice Boards

Evensong at Temple at 3.30pm. on Sunday, 3rd September.

Important Holy Days in September

Friday, 8th September - Nativity of the B.V.M.
Thursday, 14th September - Feast of the Holy Cross
Thursday, 21st September - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Friday, 29th September - St. Michael and All Angels

Feast of St. Protus and Hyacinth - Sunday, 24th September

Parish Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am

Pilgrimage to the Parish Cross from the Parish Church leaving at 3.00pm - A short service follows in Church.

Future dates in the Church's Calendar

Harvest Festival: St. Breward - October 1st
Blisland - October 8th

Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated on Sunday, 29th October.

Dear Parishioners,

In Blisland Parish Church there is a quotation of Hilaire Belloc on a stone memorial which reads thus:- 'One's native place is the shell of one's soul and one's church is the kernel of that nut'.
Such a quotation sums up well for many people their feelings for the need for social roots and identity and indeed for a spiritual understanding of their lives as they seek to give them purpose. This is certainly borne out by the comments of countless visitors who constantly visit the churches in our parishes in the course of the year.

No doubt such feelings are also shared in varying degree by some who live in both parishes of Blisland and St. Breward. However, due to that lack of momentum, the peculiar rural malaise, both village and church can lose it's sense of being an integrated entity, splinter off into small interest groups with the result that the village shell is broken and it's social life has gone. In the past institutions such as church and school no doubt contributed much to the cohesion of village life but today through lack of support they are no longer able to exert the influence they once did.

During this month of September the christian community will be celebrating at Blisland our patronal festival, that of S.S. Protus and Hyacinth. Christians will thus be celebrating the roots of their christian heritage in this village. In the light of this event, perhaps we might take the opportunity to reflect upon all aspects of village life and ask the question, how we might enable our villages to become a better community shell. The Church is certainly prepared to do it's part; perhaps others either as individuals or as representatives of other organisations who are concerned with revitalizing community life in our villages will show a similar interest. In so doing, we shall be preparing well, for celebrating the second christian millennium in five years time.

Yours sincerely,

Father Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Sunday 3rd at 2.30pm Church Fellowship

Sunday September 17th at 2.30pm Preacher Mr Osborne

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday	September	3rd	at 9.30am	Rev'd Barlow - Family Service
"	"	"	6.00pm	Mrs Beare
Sunday	September	10th	at 11.00am	Miss Hague
"	"	"	6.00pm	Mr Huntley
Sunday	September	17th	at 11.00am	Mr Wickett
"	"	"	6.00pm	Rev'd Barlow S
Sunday	September	24th	at 11.00am	Mr Jukes
"	"	"	6.00pm	Mr Penna

HARVEST FESTIVAL is on October 8th and 9th.

Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

Antony John Nelder and Amanda Claire Davies were married in Blisland Parish Church on Saturday, 6th August. We wish them well in their new life together.

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

Death

Mrs Olive Jones died on 30th June. A funeral service took place at Glyn Valley Crematorium on 6th July followed later on 14th July by interment in the churchyard at St. Breward Parish Church.

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

ST. BREWARD NEWS

The weekly Whist Drives held in July raised the following amounts: St. Breward School £54.50; Treliske S.C.B.U. £66.50; Brookside Surgery £100; Institute £57.

A Bingo Evening at the Football Social Club raised £200 for the Derriford Hospital Renal Unit on behalf of Abbie & Molly Prout. Thanks to Mrs Nora Babb and helpers who so successfully helped the family with this event.

A Coffee Morning with stalls held by the local W.I. raised £248.00 for the Mermaid Appeal, also thanks to Basil Sleep for selling raffle tickets around the village. Mrs Gladys Champion is the local co-ordinator.

A Barbeque Evening was held at Barn Park with the sum of £336 being raised for the Mermaid Appeal. Thanks to Cliff & Joy Cheeseman and helpers from their smallholding group.

Events for September

COFFEE MORNING with Bring& Buy, Raffles etc. to be held in the Institute on Saturday 9th September, 10.00 - 11.30am In aid of Brookside Surgery for equipment.

FUND RAISING DAY on Thursday, 14th September at The Clease Hall, Camelford. 1.30 - 4.00pm. Many stalls and Raffles and Refreshments. Also at 7.30pm. BUMPER BINGO AND RAFFLE. In aid of Treliske Renal Unit.

Madge Dingle

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND - Engagements for September

Tuesday September	5th	St. Columb Church 8.00pm.
Thursday "	7th	Port Isaac 7.30pm.
Sunday "	17th	Padstow 2.30pm. & 7.00pm.

BLISLAND SCHOOL

The pupils of Blisland school visited a reproduction of Christopher Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, at Charlestown. Here are some discoveries that Martin Greenaway made on the trip:

A rosary is a praying necklace that sailors used at sea.
They had an ampolleta (sand glass) which the cabin boy turned over every half hour so that they could know what time it was. This was used as a clock. They had spare ones in case one broke.
The captain was the only one to have a bed. It had a curtain around it for privacy because sailors were always coming in to look at the maps.
On the candle there was religious writing.
There were lots of rats on board.
They had a pair of compasses that were used for navigation.
They had maps but the maps were very inaccurate.
A crossstaff was held up to the sun to measure longtitude.
It was not very accurate.

LEARNING TOGETHER AT BLISLAND SCHOOL

You and your pre schooler are invited to come to Blisland School on Friday, 8th September from 1.00pm - 3.00pm for our free TOY and BOOK LIBRARY.
Each month you may borrow a pack of mixed activities to share at home.
We plan a CAKE and BRING and BUY stall at each meeting.
Meetings to be held on the first Friday of each month during term time.
Please come and join in the fun!
Contact Telephone No. 01208 850565.

I have had another letter from Ginger Reed formerly of St. Breward and who now lives in South Africa. He writes that several months ago the parish magazine had a picture of the village shop taken at the early part of this century and that he was very familiar with the shop over 70 years ago. He sends me a copy of a poem by Patience Strong which he says struck a chord in his memory and may be of interest to readers:

THE LITTLE SHOP

"Everybody loves the little shop where you can buy -
Onions, stockings, cheese and stamps, a loaf, a comb a pie;
A shop run by a family, a cosy sort of place,
Where you can find a welcome, and a smiling face".

"Here one hears enquiries over Mrs Jones's toe.
How's old Mr Smith today and when's the Flower Show?
Don't forget tomorrow's meeting at the Rectory.
The human harmless gossip of a small community.....
At the counter friends and neighbours greet throughout the year.
The little shops of England! May they never disappear".

Mr Reed has also sent me a picture of a cross taken in Blisland churchyard which appears to have been made in 1903 so it is more famous for its design than its antiquity. He also encloses a copy of a letter from the Cornish Magazine of 1961 arguing the correct design of an "official" cornish cross to which the one in Blisland churchyard conforms. A cornish cross should have a double Stafford knot on the left arm with no sinkage below the wheel or circle of the cross, which has a cusp to correspond with those on the adjacent limbs. Verification of this can be obtained by consulting Langdon's 'Book of Cornish Crosses' and by examining the old cross which is in St. Columb old churchyard.

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

Well time has gone on again a few more years. We have all got that so much older. One of the postman has reached retiring age which means me being relief postman took over his round. It was more or less the same round in the mornings as I did before. There was another round in the afternoons delivering mail around the village and collecting letters from two post boxes at Metherin and Tresarrett. Six miles in the afternoon and fifteen miles in the mornings. Still using the post cycle. It was big and heavy, always reminded me of a cart horse. That is what I used to call it as a matter of fact.

George our eldest had finished his schooling at Camborne Tech and passed out and got a good job with Smiths at Cheltenham. He lodged at his Uncle and Aunt's who lived nearby. George used to come home very often weekends and I well remember once he cycled from Cheltenham to Mount Villas, over 300 miles during the night. That was his hobby in them days cycling.

Iris was coming up to her teens by now and was going to Bodmin as by then they all had to leave Waterloo school when they reached eleven years of age. Ivor had started and was going to Waterloo school. I used to do the same thing with him as I did for Iris, I would pick Ivor up and take him so far as the village on the front of the post cycle. It was a nice thought at the time and still is that our children went to the same school as Lillian and myself.

After a while I decided I had done enough cycling on the post round. We were allowed to have our own motor transport if we wished. We had to pay for our own upkeep of it though. So I decided to have a moped as there was too many stops and starting for a car. After a while I found that the moped was not powerful enough for the very steep hills in my round and I had to push it up some hills so I changed it over for a small Honda motor bike, which was just the job as it went up every hill. With the post round and farming I had a full day, starting at 5.45am and I would be milking my cows between 8 - 9 pm. evenings, the last job.

I always enjoyed the post though as it meant meeting people every day. Many a time I would help a farmer out with a cow calving or moving cattle and so on during my round.

One thing I didn't like was some peoples dogs. I well remember one house I did not dare to put my hand through the letter box, I would have lost my fingers if I did. Another morning a dog sprang over a wall on to my back, good job I had my cape on as it was raining. Two other places their dogs used to follow me across two fields out to the road and would bite me if I didn't keep an eye on them. But then it is the same throughout the county dogs for some reason don't like postmen.

to be continued.....

Deaths

The death occurred on 25th June of Mrs Gwen Pethick, formerly of St. Breward, aged 81 years at Oxford. Gwen lived all her early life at Limehead until after the death of her husband Harry who was tragically killed at Hantergantick Quarry in 1954.

Peter Vercoe. who with his wife Peggy, lived at Higher Lank, St. Breward for many years, and earlier at Whiteheads on the moor died in Marlborough, Wiltshire on Saturday, 12th August, three days after his eightieth birthday.

On Sunday, August 13th two fire crews from Bodmin using beaters and hoses successfully brought blazing gorse under control between Tor Down Quarry and Mill Lane.
On Tuesday. August 15th fire crews were again called out to put out fires on the heathland near Tor Down Quarry.
On Wednesday. August 16th a more serious fire occurred from the foot of the De Lank River spreading up to South Penquite and on towards Jubilee Rock. Fire crews took all night to bring the fire under control and were still in attendance the next morning.

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

On July 28th the Robert Dingle Memorial Darts Annual Competition in aid of Treliske Renal Unit held the finals and a total of approximately £265 was raised. The trophies were presented by Ray Shaddick of Radio Cornwall to:-
Ladies - Winner Nicola Dingle. Runner-up Helen Davey.
Mens - Winner Phil Roberts. Runner-up Peter Cox.
Mixed Doubles - Winners Phil Roberts & Madge Dingle.
Runners-up Micky Harris & Barbara Marshall.

Percy Dingle then presented Mr Shaddick with a basket of fruit and compere Roger Sleep with a beef dinner, and thanked everyone who had taken part or helped in any way.

The following day, July 29th, saw the club's Summer Extravaganza, starting the day with breakfast served from 8.00am. which was met with a huge response. A Car Boot Sale commenced at 10.00am followed by a football match between the Ladies and Schoolboys, which the latter won 6 - 5. The choosing of the Football Queen took place at 2.00pm. with judges Jock and Doreen Foster. Cheryl Sleep was elected Queen with Debbie Cornelius and Katie Hollister runners-up. The judges were presented with a bottle of wine by Claire Kay. At 3.00pm the St. Breward 1st XI played Kilkhampton and won 7 - 2, and this was followed by the Summer Draw which caused a lot of interest. Prizes were won by Porky Greenaway (Rump Steak), Betty Bate (half a pig), Paul Wadey and Doreen Kay (half a lamb), Madeline Hill and Joe Kay (chicken), Rodney & Sandra Crisell (whole brisket) the last couple being down on holiday from Southampton.

The photo competition was won by Freda Davey and family who got 46 out of 51 correct. Well done to them and thanks to Betty Bate who gave the prize.

To finish off a lovely day a group called Back Beat relived the Beatles, and were so well liked that many asked when they would be returning. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success

Joe & Doreen Kay

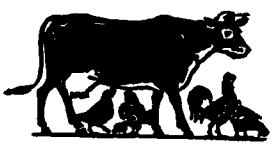
On July 30th the social club were hosts to the Multiple Sclerosis Society organised by Arthur and Maureen Chipman. Sixty meals were provided and everyone said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the club was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the chairman of the society.

Entertainment

Saturday 2nd September	Live music
" 9th "	Mike Porterfield - good entertainer
" 16th "	Beggar - new duo
" 23rd "	Final Frontier - local band
" 30th "	Toby Matthews - we had him once, you said you liked him, so he's back!

NORTH CORNWALL BANGER CLUB presents BANGER RACING at Penhale Farm, St. Tudy on Sunday 24th September. In aid of Blisland C.P. School and the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Adults £3, OAPs & Children £1.50. Racing starts at 12.30pm. Gate opens at 10.00am for Car Boot Sale, Refreshments and Bar. Car Boot stalls available £3 per car, contact Eileen Pengelly Tel No. 01208 850828 for details.

THOMAS'S DAIRY



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The family of the late William Edward (Eddy) Newton would like to thank all concerned for their kindness shown and cards received during their time of sorrow, A special thank you to the bearers at the funeral and to everyone who attended the funeral and gave donations in lieu of flowers to the Mount Edgecumbe Hospice - the sum of £476.50 was collected - thank you to Peter Nottle for collecting the donations.

Also thank you to The Old Inn Mens Darts Team who raised £135.00 with a tournament amongst themselves, The St. Breward Liberals who raised £73.50 with a Whist Drive and the St. Breward AFC & Social Club who raised £32.00 with a raffle. The total sum of £717.00 has now been presented to The Mount Edgecumbe Hospice.

The Josie Newton Memorial Darts Tournament

This year's Tournament was held at The Old Inn with kind permission from Mr & Mrs Iain Cameron, on Friday 16th June, 1995. The event was won by Neil Morrish and Fiona Cameron defeating Martin Kay and Diane Dingle in the final. The Highest Mens Score was won by Roger Sleep who scored 180 and The Highest Ladies Score was won by Carol Griffin who scored 126.

A big thank you to Michael Harris for running the event. Also to Iain and Anne Cameron for the refreshments provided and to Paul Heywood and George Reddicliffe for providing the medals. Also thank you to everyone who came and supported the cause, especially those who provided raffle prizes and generous donations on the night. The sum of £325.00 was raised and has now been presented to The Mount Edgecumbe Hospice.

The family of the late Mrs Olive Jones wish to thank everyone for cards and Messages of Sympathy received upon the death of their mother.

Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral service and to Father Harris for conducting the service. Special thanks to Drs Richardson and Garrod and staff at the surgery at St. Breward.

Also a special thanks to all those who gave donations to the Arthritis which amounted to £112 and a big thank you to Mrs Hollister for receiving the donations.

BLISLAND W.I. - July Meeting

The meeting began round about 7.15pm in the village hall. A few familiar faces were missing at this meeting with some members on holiday. The institute's president Mrs Eileen Walford welcomed the members with the usual preliminaries.

The matters discussed included bringing to the members notice the bursaries for 1996 for Denman College. Also there were Arts and Crafts Days coming along in September and October. There is a Best Foot Forward Coastal Walk on 16th September with an opportunity to take along a camera for taking pictures for the Calendar Competition, 'Cornish Coves'. The final arrangements were made for the W.I. Produce Show to be held in the Village Hall on 26th July.

The speaker for the month of July was Miss Rosa Fry who gave a very interesting talk about her work as an archaeologist in The Yemen, studying the ancient arts and antiquities and meeting delightful people. The slides told so much of the country and countryside. The Yemen is bounded by the Red Sea and El Alchaf, part of the Great Arabian Desert. For centuries the people carried spices and aromatic gums over the desert to the Mediterranean, and then by sea to countries beyond. We could all have gone on listening to her speaking for a long time as it was so interesting. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Fry. Following this, tea was served and the meeting came to a close.

Our next meeting will be on September 20th - there is no meeting in August as it is always a busy time for members with holidays etc.

Meetings are held at the village hall every third Wednesday in the month and start at 7.15pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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ST. BREWARD W.I. - July Meeting

Once again the reports of the monthly meeting will not be seen in the magazine until after the following meeting has been held, due to our dates being altered to the second Tuesday in the month. In July the problem of disposing of the W.I. long bench arose and after much discussion it went to a member after sealed bids were received.

The Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall raised £243 for the Mermaid Appeal with an excellent raffle and several stalls. The atmosphere in the hall was so friendly with groups of people sitting and chatting around the tables; Mrs Champion can be proud of the results as our local fund raiser.

Our reprsentative, Mrs Mabson, to the IGM at Blackpool sent a detailed written report of the proceedings there, one decision being that no newly formed institute need pay fees to N.F.W.I. in their first year.

Each member was given a copy of the questionnaire about carrying identity cards and as it is very long it was suggested that the completed forms be handed in to the Post Office by August 15th. Questions arose about the Group meeting competitions - the baby's coat is to be the V neck style, size one for a 3-5lb baby and without the cable pattern, and the size and shape of the cake for which the flower decoration is to be made will be clarified in September.

The Davidstow Creamery visit will be past as you read this, but A Have a Go Day at Withiel on October 9th for various handicrafts should be interesting, and there is a 'Wildlife on the Map' day at Allett on October 14th for those participating in the Allsop Cup.

Discord was evident about our entry for the Royal Cornwall Show. the judges' comments were not felt to be fair in some instances.

The monthly competition for a wartime recipe was won by Mrs P. Bousfield and the flower by Mrs R. Lowe and Mrs R. Cousens came first in the literary competition.

Our speaker was Mrs Gwen Masters of Blisland who talked about her wartime memories, making some of our members quite envious of the cream, jam, eggs and tea available compared with those existing on light rations in cities.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On the 2nd August it was our pleasure as an annual event to entertain the club to lunch. What a difference in the weather to last year when it rained nearly all afternoon. This time it was so hot in the sunshine and with the heat from the barbecue I felt I was being cooked! Anyway I managed to get the chicken, sausages and beefburgers served with no burnt offerings! and with a salad my wife prepared we presented a tasty lunch. A competition was set finding a saying or an expression from various letters and numbers; for instance what does 7 C of R represent. Its easy when you know, 7 colours of the rainbow! 20 questions were set, no pairs completed all, but the winners with the highest score were the partnership of Miss Mildred Rowe and Mrs Audrey Pierce.

Tony Ham

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Copy for October issue in by 10th September please. Thank you to Mr Ginger Reed who sent the picture on the front cover of a stone cross to be found in Blisland churchyard.

ST. BREWARD W.I. cont.

Sadly our September speaker, Mr Ken Phillips has died, so Mr David Attwell will talk about our North Cornwall Heritage Coast; see you there in the autumn.

Anne Holmes

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