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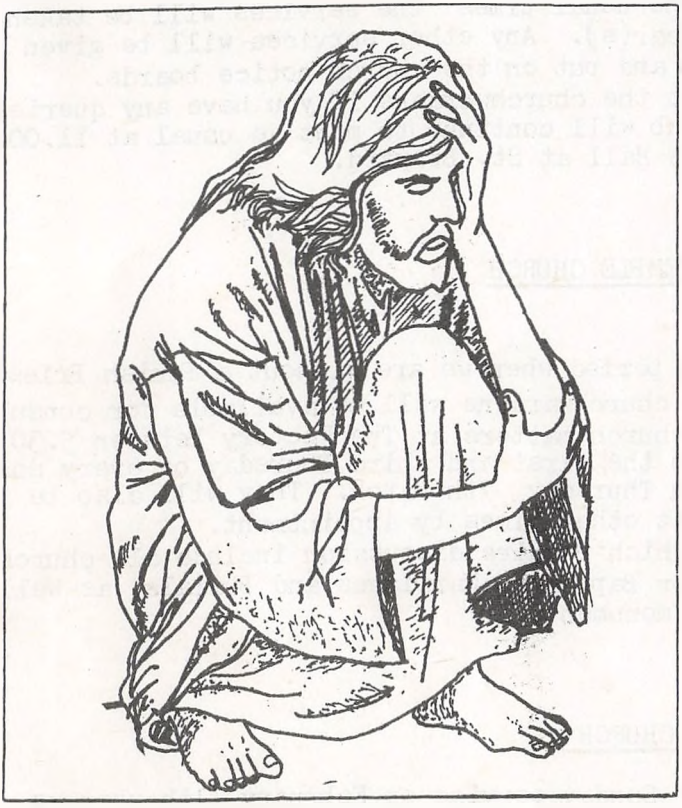

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Father Frank Harris will be leaving the parishes soon and will take his last services on February 25th.
On behalf of all his parishioners we would like to thank him for all his work while he was parish priest and to wish him well in his future endeavours.
During the interregnum the Sunday Services will continue as usual at the usual times. the services will be taken by another vicar(s). Any other services will be given out in church and put on the church notice boards.
Please contact the churchwardens if you have any queries.
The Sunday Club will continue to meet as usual at 11.00am in the Village Hall at St. Breward.

BLISLAND & TEMPLE CHURCH

During the period when we are without a Parish Priest, one of the churchwardens will be available for consultation on church matters at The Rectory between 5.30 & 7.00p.m. on the first and third Thursday of every month, starting on Thursday, 7th March. They will also be available at other times by appointment.

Matters which require discussion include all church services for Baptisms. Marriages and Burials, as well as churchyard monuments.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

At the Revel Sunday service on February 11th when we celebrated the feast of St. Branwalader the St. Breward Silver Band played both before and after the service as well as leading the hymns. A big thank you to the band and their conductor Mickey Hunt. After the service refreshments were served in the village hall - thank you to all those who helped prepare and serve the food.

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As you read this Easter will be rapidly approaching. In both the Jewish and Christian traditions this is a season of preparation.

The Passover celebrations occur over Easter weekend, as you will know. Prior to Passover all Jewish families will clean their homes with meticulous care. You can imagine the mother who says to her children "Pull out that bookcase and sweep and clean behind it". No article of furniture is left untouched, every inch of the house gets a thorough cleaning. It is not dust they are after, the goal is to get rid of every last particle of leaven in the home, every last crumb and particle of food which might contain leaven.

Passover is the Festival of Unleavened Bread, therefore all leaven is forbidden for the duration of the eight day festival. The prohibition of leaven also serves a practical hygienic purpose too. It ensures that every cupboard is thoroughly emptied of food and cleaned once a year. It is quite a good health measure.

Many churches use unleavened wafers at all communion services and thereby make a token observance of the goodness of unleavened bread every week.

Of course for Christians Lent is our preparation for Easter. Lent is a time for discipline and deepening commitment. We should spend much time in prayer, entering into earnest and sincere communication with God, so that on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we can reflect deeply on the death of Christ and then to be in truly celebratory attitude on Easter Day.

May God bless you in your preparation.

Sincerely,

Randall Barlow.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 3rd	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Pastor D. Brooks
Sunday March 17th	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow
Sunday March 31st	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 3rd	at 9.30am.	Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow Family Service
Sunday March 10th	at 11.00am.	Preacher Mr Osborne
Sunday March 17th	at 11.00am.	Preacher Mr Wickett
Sunday March 24th	at 11.00am.	Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow (SAC)
Sunday March 31st	at 11.00am.	Preacher Mrs B Thomas

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the service is to be held on Friday, 1st March at 2.30p.m. at St. Breward Methodist Church. A warm welcome to all ladies gentlemen and young people to join in the service. We hope that by changing the time the weather will be kinder to us.

Advanced Notice

On Sunday, 28th April at 7.30p.m. the PorthPyra Singers will be giving a concert in St. Breward Methodist Church. Soloist Marshall Tamblyn. Chairman Mike Collier (Mike Collier is a coastguard at Falmouth.)
Everyone is welcome.

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

Entertainment

Saturday March	2nd	Rachael
"	9th	Cuttlesharks
Friday "	15th	Warleggan YFC Disco
		Admission £1.50
Saturday "	16th	?
" "	23rd	?
" "	30th	Tim's Disco

Forthcoming Attractions

Easter Saturday, back by popular demand the New Back Beat (re-lives the Beatles). Tickets £2 each available from Joe Kay 850030 or £2.50 on the night.

Look out for May 11th when the ever popular Al Hodge will be playing at the Football Club.

Mother's Day - March 17th - 3 course lunch at £6. Please book early - ring Joe Kay on 850030 to book.

The Gateway Clubs from Bodmin and Newquay were entertained by the Social Club on January 15th with refreshments provided by the club. A good time was had by all.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH will be holding a COFFEE MORNING in the Bandroom on Saturday March 9th from 10.00 - 11.30a.m. Raffle and Bring & Buy stalls. Everyone welcome.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

As far as I can remember we have never adjourned the A.G.M. through lack of Members to take over the Offices which have become vacant for various reasons. In the days of Mr Tommy Parsons and Mr Bill Teague there were 18 non-playing Members on the Committee.

The Band has a good reputation for giving value for money and providing first class entertainment, but due to the loss of players and poor attendance, we are unable to compete in Competitions, as we should do, and concern is being expressed that we shall also have to curtail engagements.

One bright spot to report:- We are now operating a Learners Class in the Bandroom every Friday evening at 6.30p.m. There are plenty of instruments and Tuition is FREE.

With the Centenary Year looming, 3 years away, it would be a disaster if the Band did not reach that Goal, after the many years of dedication and hard work by many of our forefathers to keep the Band part of our Village Life.

In spite of all the changes in the world today, I still very much feel that the Band has a future, and if anyone feels inclined to help or give advice, we would welcome it with open arms.

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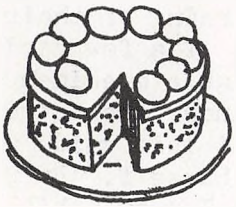
THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Lent was originally a period of rigourous preparation for Easter during which baptismal candidates fasted, prayed and looked forward with eager anticipation to their initiation into the church in the Easter liturgy, and when those who had been excommunicated would be re-admitted to the church's sacramental life after a period of penance. Fasting was practiced as a way of subduing the flesh to the spirit and it was not long before the church realised the benefit to all Christians of such a period of discipline, repentance and spiritual growth.

The forty fast days of Lent (weekdays only, Sundays being excluded) also recall the period of Our Lord's special preparation in the wilderness for the opening of His Ministry.

With the absence of flowers in church, the removal of elaborate or ornate decorations and a subdued liturgy the stark simplicity of Lenten worship provided a striking contrast with the joyful celebration of Easter.

Refreshment Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent - so called because the Gospel for the day is the account of the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6. 1-14) - brings a welcome relaxation of the Lenten discipline when rose pink (the colour of joy) may be substituted for the penetential purple of Lent. Also known as Mothering Sunday it was the custom in some parts of England for live-in servants to visit their mothers with gifts of cake or flowers, Simnel Cake being particularly associated with this time. It was also the practice to visit the Cathedral or Mother Church when the reference to "Jerusalem... mother of us all" (Galations 4:26) would be heard in the words of the Epistle for the day.



Excerpt from Murray's Hand-Book of Devon & Cornwall 1865:

'The Bodmin Moors'

Considerable portions of this district, and especially the valleys, have of late years been enclosed and brought under the plough; yet much remains to interest those who are fond of wild scenery. For many miles the waste stretches forth its tinted hills in one expanded scene of sterility, whilst in various directions rise solitary 'carns' which, heaped with granite, show apparently all that the moor possesses of value. A mineral treasure is, however, extracted from the valleys which, during the course of ages, have been silted up by disintegrated granite, throughout which is disseminated a considerable quantity of tin. The traveller will find every 'bottom' as the Cornish term their valleys, furrowed by stream-works, most of which have long since been abandoned: few are now in activity.....

From the Jamaica Inn the tourist may conveniently visit the hills of Brown Willy and Roughtor; the romantic valleys of Hanter-Gantick and Hannon (Henon); and Dozmare Pool, among the wild hills to the S.

(a) The two Cornish mountains, 'Brown Willy' - a corruption of 'Bron', a breast; 'Wella', a beacon (Cornish: Bron, though literally a breast, is used to signify a hill so shaped; Bronwelli, a look-out hill) and 'Roughtor', of the respective heights of 1368 and 1296 ft., are situated about 3 m N of the Inn. An excursion to their summits offers a rich treat to those fond of such adventures; but a pocket compass should be taken, as these elevated moors are frequently enveloped in mists, which give no warning of their approach, and limit the view to a circle of a few yards. Deep bogs, of which there is a formidable specimen N.W. of Roughtor, may be entered under such circumstances, from which the traveller without this guide will find a difficulty in extricating himself. Brown Willy, separated from the Jamaica Inn by a hill called 'Tober' or 'Two Barrows' (alt. 1122 ft.), is a ridge lying a few points E. of N. and W. of S., parallel with

Roughtor, and marked by 4 distinct hummocks. In comparison of the two mountains, Brown Willy may be designated as the more beautiful, Roughtor the more imposing, the latter being literally covered by a monster meeting of rocks. Immediately under Brown Willy, to the S.W., a bottom is occupied by a large stream-work, called Brown Willy, in which the traveller may witness the operation of streaming for tin. The crest of the ridge is roughened by masses of granite, which, fashioned in squarer forms than those on Roughtor, give an appearance of less regularity to the outline. The summit, crowned by a pile of stones, commands a view extending into Somerset, and to the remotest parts of Devon and Cornwall. The superb height of Roughtor rises close at hand, and on the solitary waste which stretches northwards from Roughtor and Brown Willy, in the direction of Davidstow Moor, are the works of the Roughtor Copper Mine an adventurous, but unprofitable, concern belonging to the shareholders of that great Devonshire mine, the Devon Consols. Under the east side of the hill lies a small pool of water, called Fowey Well, as the source of the river Fowey, and S.W. the rocky eminence of Carrah, 1060 ft. above the level of the sea. Below Garrah ($\frac{1}{2}$ m S.W. of it) is the lonely little entrenchment known as 'Arthur's Hall'. The granite of the Bodmin range is well characterised by that of Brown Willy, which is composed of white chrystalline felspar, grey quartz, and two kinds of mica, one of which is white and transparent, the other opaque and of a dark garnet colour. The black mineral schorl is occasionally disseminated through the mass in minute chrystalline grains. A valley, now partly cultivated, separates this mountain from Roughtor, which should certainly be ascended for a nearer view of the enormous carns of granite, which, covering it on all sides, give a ruggedness to its outline even when viewed at a distance of 30 m. They consist of some of the largest blocks in Cornwall, lodged one upon another in very curious and critical positions, and at the summit weathered into spheroidal masses, which

strikingly illustrate the decomposition of granite, and exhibit on their upper surfaces a ntework of those irregular cavities called 'rock basins'. On the summit of the hill (which is in the parish of Simonward) are traces of a chapel dedicated to St. Michael (licensed Nov. 1535). No hill in Devon or Cornwall can be matched for magnificence with Roughtor, which ought surely to be preserved from the Quarryman, as the grand feature of the county. The red lichen 'lecanora Perella' is found in the caverns and crevices, and collected for the purpose of a dye. In the barren valley, under the N.W. side of the hill, are a number of those circular enclosures, or hut-circles, so common on Dartmoor; and near the bank of the stream a monument of unhewn granite, which strikes the attention from the loneliness of the surrounding hills. It bears an inscription and marks the scene of a sanguinary murder. Upon a low eminence, immediately W. of Roughtor, lies a 'logan stone', about 4 ft. in thickness, 15' in length and 12' in breadth. The upper surface is flat, and the ponderous mass is easily moved by a push, or by the weight of a person stepping on it. So perfect is the balance, that the oscillation continues for some seconds after the stone has been set in motion. Accident seems to have had the greatest share in producing these effects, as the block has been evidently curtailed at its eastern extremity by the operation of 'pooling'.

to be continued.....

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during January raised the following amounts:- Treliske Kidney Unit £60; Scouts £47; Warlegan Ward £210; Institute £57.50.

The Carnival Committee held their Annual Meeting for 1996 when the following officers were elected:- President Mr Rodney Hall; Vice President Mr Noel Hill; Chairman Mr Iain Cameron; Secretary Mr Brian Mitchell; Treasurer Mrs Maureen Hill.
The Carnival for 1996 will take place on Saturday, 20th July at 6.p.m.

St. Breward Village Pantomime will take place in the Memorial Hall on the following dates:- Evening performances on March 21st, 22nd, 23rd with a matinee performance on 23rd and again on March 28th, 29th and 30th. Seats can be booked through Mrs Ann Hole on 851251. Tickets cost £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. This year the pantomome is "The Golden Fish and is a Russian Folk Tale.

A FAREWELL TO FATHER HARRIS

I would like to thank you for all your help you have given to me and my two sons over the last six years.
This includes the confirmation of Mark and Matthew and taking them out with you in the summer on trips which they enjoyed very much.
Both myself, Mark and Matthew wish you well in your next stage of life.

May God be with you always
Josie, Mark and Matthew.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH are holding a COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday 6th March from 10.00 - 11.30a.m.

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is open to all toilet trained children between 2½ and 5 years old. It is held at St. Breward Village Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 9.15a.m. and 12 noon. The cost is £1.75 per session.

For further information please contact either Beverley McNary (secretary) on Bodmin 850069, Dawn Sleep (treasurer) on Bodmin 850447 or Tina Walsh (playgroup leader) on Bodmin 850682.

John and Millie Sherratt would like to thank everyone who gave donations, prizes, bought raffle tickets or attended the Whist Drive held on 18th January. A profit of £210.00 was handed to Warleggan Ward at St. Lawrence's Hospital Bodmin. which will be used for the benefit of the patients. We couldn't have done it without the help of you all and we are truly grateful for your support.

I felt that I must write and say how delighted I was to see the unsightly scrub on the triangle of land in front of Rylands had been cut down and rubbish cleared.

I think it could be further improved and become an attractive feature of the village if the ground was levelled, re-seeded and perhaps a few trees planted.

Many thanks to all those who were responsible for this vast improvement and long may it continue.

Ann Cameron

BLISLAND W.I. - January 17th 1996

The January meeting was well attended and the get together began at 2.15p.m with Mrs E. Walford in the chair. There were a few apologies of members unable to attend but we had two visitors who came along hoping they might join us as members.

The Spring Group Meeting is to be held on May 22nd at 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall, St. Breward. The competitions will be:- Cookery - Four pieces of Shortbread. Floral Art - Flowers and Foliage from your Garden 12" maximum which includes the container. Handicraft - A Greeting Card - Summer which when folded is 7" by 5".

On March 16th the Blisland members of the W.I. have been asked to hold another coffee morning in aid of Meningitis. This is to be from 10.00a.m. until 12.30p.m. and we hope that some of our friends in the village will come along and support us.

Also with February coming on the scene. plans were made at the meeting for our annual dinner this year to be held at the Royal Oak at Lostwithiel.

Our speaker who was introduced by our president, was somebody everyone knew. Mrs E. Dickinson, on the subject of Arthritis and Arthritis Care a leading national voluntary organisation. Our speaker said that if we have arthritis one is not alone as it is the most common cause of physical disability in the United Kingdom. A new magazine has come onto the market, with sound advice and the wonderful Arthritis Care groups and Arthritis Care visitors meet the needs of people with arthritis.

Arthritis Care receives very little government funding and is entirely dependent on donations to be spent on services to members, maintaining the organisation and providing facilities for people with arthritis. Other services provided include grants for equipment, specialist holiday centres and self-catering units and a national home-visiting service which is a link for people and it is essential for meetings to be organised locally. Again the speaker was most interesting and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs Dicinson.

Following excellent refreshments the meeting came to an end. Our next meeting will be on March 20th at 2.15p.m.

J. George

ST. BREWARD W.I. - January 1996

Sixteen members arrived in the community bus for our annual New Year luncheon at Trelawney, where our private room was beautifully set out with posy vases all along the table. We made our varied choices from the counter and enjoyed eating these to the accompaniment of much chatter. Occasions like this make you realise just how many friends are made among other W.I. members, especially if you are a newcomer to the area without family or ready-made friends to rely on - to me it seems the best way to get to know others on a first name basis, and can lead to becoming involved with other activities.

Next year's programme is already in hand but ideas are always welcomed for new ideas and interesting speakers as we need about nine a year. The problem arose again as to whether to alter the afternoon meetings in the winter back to evening, and even after a ballot it was quite evenly divided, so more about this in next month's report.

I would like to include the dates for the pantomime which is of course not a W.I. production although many of those involved are also W.I. members; six nights this year in the Memorial Hall - March 21, 22, 23, & 28, 29, 30.

Looking well ahead there will be another Mermaid Appeal Whist Drive on May 2nd so please support this as successfully as the last one which raised £90!

Three more members were nominated for the existing committee and this will be voted on among other offices at the Annual Meeting at 2pm. on February 13th (not 6th as in last month's letter). There are no competitions at that meeting and refreshments will be provided by the committee the annual subscription of £12.50p is due then also.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Before commencing our activities for the afternoon on Tuesday, 6th February, it was necessary to discuss the declining attendance at our monthly meetings. As most of the members were over 70 years of age, some were becoming a little frail and with the weather often cold and wet during the winter, it was understandable some did not want to go far from the comfort of their homes. At our next A.G.M. we will need to consider a proposal as to whether we continue to meet throughout the year or curtail our meetings to a period between April and October.

Tony Ham

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Dear readers,
Over the last few months I have been receiving fewer and fewer articles to publish in the magazine. A year ago I struggled to fit in all the copy now I find I am often several pages short. Please use the magazine to publish events and to put in articles about events meetings etc. that have occurred. Don't forget the magazine is read by several hundred people each month. I would also like to hear from anybody with stories of their life - don't think people won't be interested - many readers say how much they enjoy reading of life in the past, especially of anyone who lives locally. Also any pictures for the front cover would be greatly appreciated.

Catherine McShee

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