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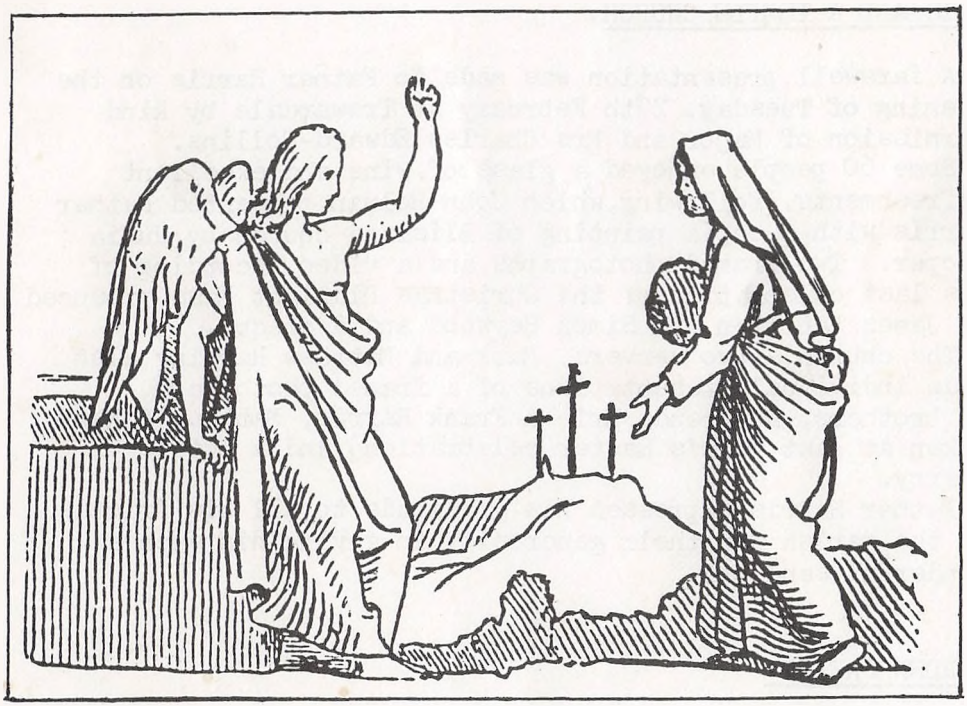

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	Mr. R. Clarkson	**Bodmin 850460**

BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD CHURCH

During the interregnum the Sunday Services will be at the usual times ie. Blisland at 9.30a.m. and St. Breward at 11.10a.m. and the services will be taken by visiting clergy. Any other services will be given out in church and put on the church notice boards.
The Sunday Club continue to meet as usual in St. Breward Village Hall at 11.00a.m.

BLISLAND & TEMPLE CHURCH

A farewell presentation was made to Father Harris on the evening of Tuesday, 27th February at Trewardale by kind permission of Major and Mrs Charles Edward-Collins.

Some 60 people enjoyed a glass of wine and excellent refreshments, following which John Holman presented Father Harris with a sepia painting of Blisland church by Julia Cooper. Two framed photographs and a video recording of his last celebration of the Christmas Midnight Mass produced by James Van Tien and Simon Heywood and a cheque.

The church's two servers, Mark and Matthew Harding also made individual presentations of a framed photograph (4 brothers, Reverends Eric & Frank Harris, Matthew & Mark taken at last year's Easter celebration) and a bottle of sherry.

Father Harris expressed his gratitude to all his friends in the parish for their generosity in giving him such a wonderful send off.

GARDEN SAFARI

Following last year's great success the church at Blisland is planning another Safari in June. For various reasons some of last year's gardens are unable to be open this time round and in any event it would be good to have some new ones. It would be particularly nice to have some gardens within walking distance of the centre of the village!
Offers please to Honor O'Donnell 850001 or Ray Lee 850993.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Services for Easter

Palm Sunday - 31st March. Would the congregation please meet at the Village Hall at 11.00a.m. for the blessing of the palms and we will then process to the church.

Good Friday - April 5th. There will be a service of hymns and Bible readings at 7.00p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday - April 7th. The service will be in church at 11.10a.m. Anyone sick or unable to attend the Eucharist at Easter may have communion brought to their home by Father Alfred Scott on Thursday of the following week. If you wish to receive this please contact one of the churchwardens.

COFFEE MORNING - to be held in aid of church funds on Saturday April, 20th from 10.00 - 11.30a.m. in the Bandroom. Raffle and cake stall and Bring & Buy. All are welcome.

At the recent coffee morning held on 9th March the sum of £111 was raised for church funds. Thank you to all who came and helped in any way.

The Mothering Sunday Service held in St. Breward Church on March 17th was taken by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Rodney Whiteman. The service was lovely and very moving following the recent tragedy in Dunblane. The Archdeacon blessed the bunches of flowers which were then given to the Guides and Brownies and the children of the Sunday Club to take to their mothers or anyone who they knew who was sick or housebound.

On Sunday February 25th Father Frank Harris took his last service at St. Breward Church. Afterwards, in the Village Hall a buffet lunch was given for him and many guests. A presentation of a book token was made by Mr Charles Hawken from the parishioners and the children of the Sunday Club gave him an address book along with their home-made farewell cards.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday April 7th at 2.30pm. Easter Sunday
Preacher Mrs M. Wilkins

Sunday April 21st at 2.30pm. Preacher Mrs J. Wrackman

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Friday April 5th Good Friday Service at 9.45am with Reverend Barlow

Sunday April 7th Easter Day Service at 9.30am with Reverend Barlow

Sunday April 14th at 9.30am. Preacher Rev'd Lister
" " 21st at 11.00am. Preacher Mr R. Cole
" " 28th at 11.00am. Preacher Mrs Garbett

Sunday School during Morning Service

COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday April 3rd from 10.00 - 11.30am in the Chapel. Join us for a coffee and a chat.

CONCERT

On Sunday April 28th at 7.30pm. the Porth Pyra Singers will be giving a concert in the chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Woman's World Day of Prayer

The service was held in the Methodist Church on 1st March at 2.30pm. The change of time also changed the weather for the better. 32 ladies joined in fellowship together. Mrs Jill Garbett took the lead and Rev'd Joan Kirby gave the address. This year's service had been arranged by the women of Haiti. £23.20p has been sent to W.W.D. of P. funds. Next year's service will be on the first Friday in March at the Parish Church. Let me know if you would prefer 2.30pm or 7.30pm.

Nesta Teague 851303

Minister's letter

As you read this letter, Holy Week is beginning. This is the primary festival of the Christian Year. God's grace revealed at the cross and the empty tomb has poured forth full of life and light through all the world.

Thankfully Holy Week has not been subjected to all the pressures of the market place which have influenced Christmas so much.

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ has a very firm historical basis, which is recognised by virtually every major university history department around the globe. It is well known that the Roman authorities frequently used crucifixion as a method of execution, many thousands of Jewish men died in this manner. In first century Jewish thought crucifixion was the most shameful method of death imaginable, and this is precisely why the Romans used it so often. It was not enough simply to end a life, the Romans felt they had to strip their victims of every last bit of dignity.

This is what is so astonishing about the death of Jesus Christ. His death, suffered in such horrific circumstances, has become the symbol of the gateway to eternity. Miraculously, in a mysterious and spiritual manner, his death brings us into God's presence as we place our faith in him. This cannot be explained in a creedal fashion, it is a great mystery.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the centrepiece of Christian faith. I encourage all within our community to attend some of the Holy Week services which are taking place in our two village churches.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow

Muriel Waddup of St. Breward wishes to thank all who sent Birthday cards and best wishes on the occasion of the 80th birthday of her twin brother and herself.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

On 4th February three members of the Crane family were baptised at St. Breward Parish Church - Daniel Stephen, Andrew John and Christopher James.

Funeral

The death has occurred of John Raymond Gurr of Pendrift, Blisland on 15th February 1996. A funeral service was held at Millpool Methodist Church.

It was with great sadness to learn of the passing away of John Gurr aged 72 years at Treliske Hospital on February 15th.

John was a much respected member of the community. He had a career in the Civil Service which took him from Messenger Boy to Senior Management. He always loved meeting people and was ready to help and give advice particularly in regard to financial matters. He was Treasurer of Blisland Methodist Church, Covenant Secretary to the North Cornwall Methodist Circuit and previously Treasurer to Blisland Parish Church. His contribution to the community will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife Wendy and family.

Wendy Gurr and family would like to thank all their friends who attended John's funeral and for all the kindness, cards and messages of sympathy. Thank you too, for all the donations received in lieu of flowers. The sum of £400 was realised for the Coronary Care Unit, Treliske and the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Thank you everyone.

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Village Vandalism

As many of you will be aware the village has suffered a spate of wanton vandalism for some months.

This problem has affected, not only private property, as serious as that is, but such places as the Church, Chapel, School, Public Toilets etc. The cost of the vandalism to date has run into many hundreds of pounds and has caused a great deal of upset, especially to elderly residents.

In an effort to bring about an improvement the Parish Council decided to take a number of steps with a view to improving the situation. Last November the then Community Constable P.C. Phil Bailey, attended the parish meeting and last month Acting Insp. Mobbs attended the parish meeting having been fully acquainted in writing with the full extent of the damage previous to his visit.

Insp. Mobbs confirmed that, in addition to other measures he would be trying to start a Neighbour Watch Scheme in the village. Information regarding this should be available soon and, hopefully, both the introductory meeting and the Scheme will be well supported.

It is generally agreed that the last few weeks have seen a marked improvement in the situation and the police have been carrying out regular patrols in the village.

I have been asked to inform you that if you wish to report any incidents you should ring the following number - 0990 777444.

Let us hope that we continue to see an improvement.

R. Benham
(Clerk, St. Breward Parish Council)

At the recent concert given by Bodmin Male Voice Choir in St. Breward Church a total of £184 profit was made for church funds. The weather was kind and the church was full and the singing was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everybody who supported this event.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Whilst purple is still the liturgical colour for Passion Sunday (the fifth Sunday in Lent, or second Sunday before Easter) red is commonly used for Holy Week, the sub-season of Lent which begins on Palm Sunday (the sixth Sunday in Lent) and embraces the last 7 days before Easter.

Palm Sunday (with its traditional blessing of palm crosses) commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for his final week of teaching in the temple leading to the Last Supper, on Maundy Thursday evening, immediately before his betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Jewish beginning of the day (in the evening) unites the events of Maundy Thursday with Our Lord's early morning trial before the High Priest, subsequent condemnation by the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, and crucifixion later the same day - Good Friday.

According to ancient custom there is no celebration of the eucharist on Easter Eve when all decorative hangings are removed from church.

White or cream or gold are the colours of the Church's joyful festivals and, as such, appear on Easter Day - the Sunday of Sundays, of which every Sunday is a commemoration week by week - the first day of the week and of a new creation which extends into a season of joyful reflection on the resurrection of Jesus during Easter Week and the days beyond.

Being a spring flower the Easter Lily is a common symbol of the Resurrection.

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

'The Bodmin Moors'

(b) The traveller may hence extend his excursion to 'Hanter-Gantick' (i.e. 'Hender, aged; 'Gantic', opening), sometimes designated the Cornish Valley of Rocks, or to 'Hannon (Henon) Valley', from the sides of which rise 2 isolated crags, known as the 'Devil's Jump'. The former is situated some 5 m. down the Lank (Du or Black Lank), a stream which flows S.W. and between Roughtor and Brown Willy; the latter about 2½ m. down a tributary of the Camel, which, running in a similar direction, is to be found on the N.W. side of Roughtor. Between Devil's Jump and Roughtor there is a very good stone circle on Stannon Down.

Hanter-Gantick is also 1 m. S. of the church-town of St. Breward, or Simon Ward, as it is commonly called. It is a deep romantic valley, desolated by rocks of granite, which, shaped by the elements into cubes, cover the slopes and lie heaped together by hundreds on the adjacent heights. It is the scene befitting the genius of a Salvator, and one of the most extraordinary of its kind in the country. The declivity of the higher part of the valley is abrupt, and here the stream thunders through the obstruction in a series of cascades. A descent to its banks will repay the labour, although a ladder is almost required in the passage from stone to stone, and a thick growth of brake offers additional impediments. The finest coup-d'oeil is obtained from the hillside which fronts this portion of the valley. Hence the entire scene is displayed, and its rugged effect well contrasted by the azure tints of Brown Willy which rises in the distance. A few years ago Hanter-Gantick was as solitary as it is wild, but it is now the site of a granite-works. Between it and Wenford Bridge is the hamlet of Lank ('Lank', a young place; the adjoining river is 'Du Lank', Black Lank, probably in reference to the colour of the water in such a deep wild ravine); and on Lank Down the Lank Rocks, 2 carns of granite, which are called by the country people 'the King's and Queen's Houses'. The Church of St. Breward has Norman portions (N. aisle, font, and perhaps part of nave and tower?). There are some carved bench-ends. The church was originally built by the Peverells soon after the Conquest. Of St. Breward nothing is known. The name Simonsward is perhaps a relic of the Saxon Sigmund (see Devon, Rte.I), whose name is found in similar wild districts. Simonsward may have been the 'mark' or boundary of some early Saxon settlement.

to be continued.....

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday, 11th April, 1996 at 7.30pm. in th Village Institute.
Matters to be discussed include - To consider placing Street Lighting on Blisland Village Green.

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

Our Under 5's Playgroup is available to all toilet trained children between the ages of $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 years old. You can bring your younger children along for only £1.00 per session as long as you stay in attendance with them, and of course you are welcome to help!
Playgroup is held on Monday and Thursday mornings, 9.30 - 11.45am and costs £1.75 per session. Your child's first visit is free.
For more information please contact either Karen Moerel (Playgroup leader) on 851244 or Yvonne Matthews (Treasurer) on 850091. Please note that Yvonne is also a Registered Child Minder and has vacancies if you wish to discuss this with her.

BLISLAND AEROBICS CLASS

We have recently organised an AEROBICS class that is held on alternate Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - 8.30pm. The aerobics instructor 'Sarah' is fully qualified and holds her classes in Blisland Village Hall. The class costs £1.75 per session, and if you are in your teens, then you only pay £1.00. The aerobic day for each week is advertised in Blisland Post Office Stores, and on the notice board outside the village hall. Alternatively, if you wish to attend but do not know which day, then please telephone Karen on 851244. Sarah asks that you bring your own towel for the floor exercises, and your own drink (if you think you'll need it!). We hope to see you there.

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

Entertainment

Saturday April 6th -	Easter Saturday The New Back Beat This group sing songs by the Beatles and are back by popular demand. Tickets £2 beforehand from Joe Kay on 850030 or £2.50 on the night.
Friday April 12th	Young Farmers Disco, Admission £1.50
Saturday April 13th	Pageant
Saturday April 20th	Jumbo's Disco
Saturday April 27th	Tosh - Rock 'n' Roll Circus

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

A Prize Bingo is to be held on Wednesday, 10th April, 1996 at St. Breward Football Club starting at 7.30pm. All monies raised will be used to buy safety equipment for the Playgroup.

Playgroup is open to all toilet trained children between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 years old. It is held at St. Breward Village Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 9.15am and 12 noon. The cost is £1.75 per session. For more information please contact Beverley McNary (Secretary) 850069, Dawn Sleep (Treasurer) 850447 or Tina Walsh (Playgroup Leader) 850682.

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ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during February raised the following amounts:- Arthritis £55; School £60; Guides £50; Liberals £43; Institute £52.

A Bumper Bingo & Raffle took place at the St. Breward Football Social Club. Special thanks go out to everyone who gave prizes for both efforts, also everyone who helped and to the Social Club Committee.

The event was organised by Mr and Mrs Babb with their family and friends. £457 was raised which was presented to Mrs Trevail the manageress of the Blantyre Centre at St. Blazey.

Thanks to all, Nora Babb.

I have been asked to publicise the following Press Release in our magazine in support of the Cornwall County Association For The Blind.

GARDEN PARTY - TREWITHEN, GRAMPOUND, NR TRURO - WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 1996

Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal has agreed to attend a Garden Party for Blind and partially sighted people to be held at Trewithen near Truro, on Wednesday, 5th June.
Organised by the Cornwall County Association for the Blind, the afternoon programme will include musical entertainment and a Cornish cream tea!
A competition for poetry and handicrafts will be another feature of the event. Entries for this must be submitted by 30th April so that an exhibition can be staged and the result announced at the Garden Party.
Entry will be by programme (to include the cream tea) costing £2.50 for blind and partially sighted people and their same amount for their sighted guide. Further details from The Cornwall County Association for the Blind, The Sight Centre, Newham Road, Truro TR1 2DP or telephone 01872 261110.

BLISLAND W.I. - February 1996

Mrs E. Walford opened the February meeting at 2.15pm in the village hall. Business matters were dealt with first. A Coffee Morning is to be held on 16th March in aid of the Meningitis Trust. There will be plenty of refreshments plus a cake stall. A summer outing to Rosemore in June was discussed but this will be decided at a later date.

Getting to grips on litter - once again the time has come for some of our members to don apron and gloves and with black bags to go round the lanes and roads around the village green. This will take place on Monday, 15th April at 2.00p.m.

There is to be an outing to Forde Abbey and Gardens, Chard on Friday, 17th May. The cost will be £7.50. The gardens surround a 12th century Cistercian Monastery and extend to over 30 acres.

Our speaker for the month was our well known village resident Mr J. Thomas. He gave a talk about 'My Career with the Forestry Commission'. He told some wonderful tales about his work among the most beautiful forests from the Border country, Yorkshire, many other parts of the country and of course Cornwall. He said that even looking at the woodlands below the A30 close to home gave him a lot of satisfaction to see his hard work, growing and thriving.

Our meeting came to a close without the usual refreshments as most of our members were to meet in the evening for the dinner of the year.

Our next W.I. meeting will be at the village hall on April 17th at 7.15p.m.

J. George

"For the second time in 3 years I wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their help, kindness and best wishes after my second unfortunate wrist break. Thank you members of the Wednesday Coffee Club, the Church and the children of the Sunday Club who wrote and coloured their own hand made get well cards. I hope to be home in St. Breward at the end of March".

Grace Masters

ST. BREWARD W.I. - January 1996

Seventeen members welcomed Mrs Dorothy Grundon and her friend from St. Wenn to our Annual Meeting in the Memorial Hall. Mrs Grundon had already visited our institute twice before she was made a VCO so we were pleased to have a return visit by her and she took the final vote about changing our winter meeting back to evenings. From April these will commence at 7.15pm throughout the year in the Memorial Hall, but the March meeting has already been booked for 2.15pm when Mrs Goldsworthy, a former County Chairman, will talk about "The Denman Experience" and the competition will be:- how many words can be made from "The Denman Experience"! These must contain three letters or more. The Camelford Disabled Group have asked us to postpone making tea etc from March to April, but as we are already very busy then it was decided to suggest a date in the autumn.

This year St. Teath will be our link delegate to the IGM so more about that at a later date. A query arose about the standard charge for visitors to meetings and after discussion it was decided to ask the committee to decide this - we do not want to discourage any prospective members!

The main business of the evening was to elect our committee and officers for 1996, or should I say re-elect them, as no alterations were made for the officers who are president - Mrs C . Woolf; treasurer - Mrs G Daws, secretary - Mrs M. Shelley. Mrs P. Metters and Mrs P. Powell have joined the committee. Mrs Grundon was amazed to hear our treasurer say how much our W.I. had raised at the Garden Day for charity, and at the moment our own funds are quite healthy. Mrs Shelley gave a very carefully detailed secretary's report of our activities last year which showed just how much we had done and enjoyed throughout the year. Then Mrs Woolf gave her president's address commenting on the Fairy Institute play which will be revived for the St. Austell light entertainment evening, and remarking on the changes made to our meetings and the move back to the Memorial Hall.

The Flower Vase was awarded to Mrs R. Lowe. with Mrs J. Sainsbury and Mrs R. Cousins second and third; Mrs Lowe also won the Competition Cup, with Mrs J. Greenaway and Mrs Shelley second and third; the new writing award went to Mrs R. Cousins, second Mrs P. Bousfield and third Mrs R. Lowe.

Votes of thanks were given to all the officers and the committee, and to Mrs Grundon, who said what a pleasure it had been to revisit our institute with its pleasant, welcoming atmosphere.

We now hope to welcome all those prospective members who have been unable to attend the afternoon meetings for various reasons - you will be made very welcome and make more friends in the village.

Anne Holmes

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