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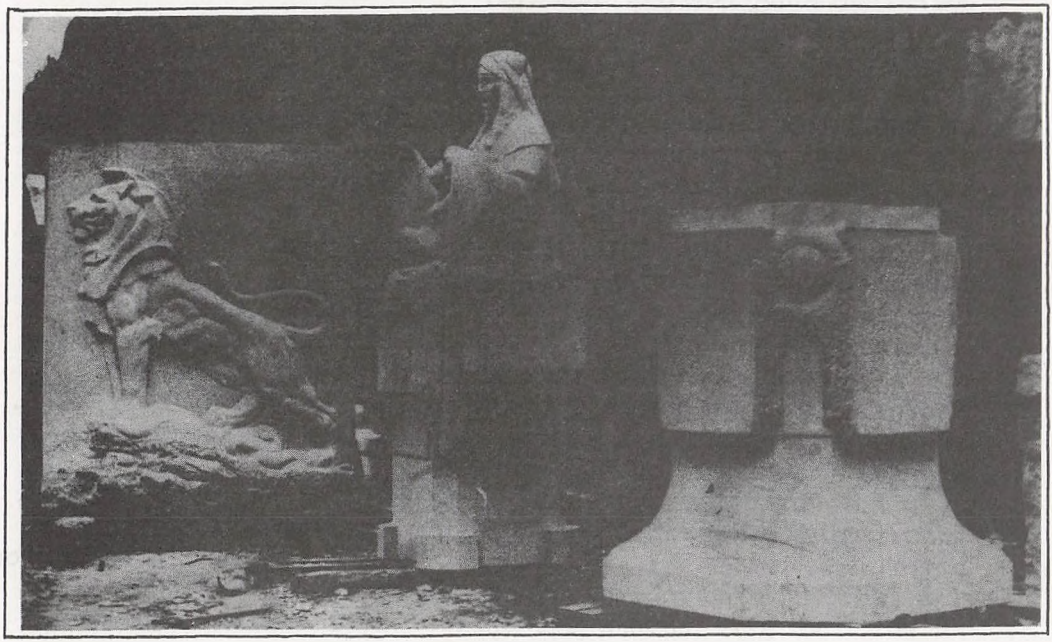

A photgraph of the sections of the monument to Nurse Edith Cavell taken at De Lank Quarry.

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Minister's Letter,

Dear Friends,

As you read this the Fourth Sunday after Easter is approaching. One of my great delights is celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ over such a prolonged space of time. I love the hymns of Easter and it is a pleasure to hear them sung for six Sundays.

Passover to Pentecost (that is, Easter to Pentecost) is the most glorious fifty days in the year.

The number fifty has special significance in the Bible. It takes the perfect number seven (seven days per week) and multiplies it by the same perfect seven (seven weeks) thus totalling forty nine days and adding one for good measure, thus fifty days.

In ancient Israel this space of fifty days stretched from the beginning of barley harvest to the completion of wheat harvest. Thus we see that as far as Hebrew farmers were concerned it was the most important time in the year. Once the wheat was harvested then they knew they had bread for another year, and we know bread is the basic staple of life. If you have bread then you can add to it and flavour it and make cakes out of it, etc. etc.

In the Christian church these fifty days mark the forty days that the resurrected Jesus ministered to his disciples before Ascension Day, and also the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun). It is the time in which we give thanks for Christ who is alive forever and who is constantly preparing his church for mission and ministry to the world. Mission and ministry are the work of the whole people of God and not just the clergy.

So in this perfect season let us give thanks to God and seek to learn to serve him better. Let us encourage our farmers and all in cattle related industries during these difficult days. Let us pray especially for those farmers who have cattle ready for market at this time.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 12th May at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd G. Lister (Superintendent Minister)

Sunday 26th May at 2.30pm. Preacher Mr B. Parkman

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 5th May at 9.30am. Preacher Rev'd Barlow F/S SAC

Sunday 12th May at 11.00am. Preacher Mr Tredrea

Sunday 19th May at 11.00am. Preacher Mr Sleep

Sunday 26th May at 11.00am. Preacher Mr Huntley

Sunday School during Services.

COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday May 1st 10.00am. to 11.30am.
Everyone welcome.

SANKEY HYMN SINGING EVENING

June 26th at 7.15p.m.
Chairman Mr Charles Keast.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - To be held on Saturday 18th May in the Bandroom. 10.00 - 11.30a.m.
Raffle Bring & Buy Cake Stall.
Everyone welcome.

ST. BREWARD PANTOMIME - "THE GOLDEN FISH"

They've done it again - where does all the talent come from?

John Bate as the well-upholstered Old Woman set the pace with his ad lib when the keyboard wasn't plugged in for the opening sequence, then really played to the audience with his "semi-striptease" in a later scene. He was well partnered by the Old Man, Keith Turner, who surprised us all with his able rendition of "If I were a Rich Man" - what a latent talent for future use. Tammy Greenaway's soliloquys to the pretty and agile cat of Rebecca Rose set a more sombre note, and she was well matched by Jill Hollister looking lovely in the traditional tights of a principal boy.

The pseudo French accents of Madame Negligee, Ann Cameron, and her assistant Fifi, played by Katharine Stansfield, came as a strong counterpoint to the raucous tones of the Old Woman. Lindsay Hanscomb took an acting part as the wigmaker and Charlotte Goatman made a good Rubilipski - what wonderfully inventive names for lipsticks - Rylands Red, Coombe Crimson, Higher and Lower Penquite and Penpont Purple! A local flavour was added by Maura Yeo in her role as cook suggesting a Cornish pasty, and Wayne Davey made an excellent young courtier, adding a touch of the traditional in the "behind you" scene with Tammy Greenaway. After last year the appearance of Iain Cameron was eagerly anticipated and he was truly opulent in his black and red outfit with magnificent cuffs; well matched by Ruth Sampson as Hushkin in a gorgeously decorated tailcoat.

The troupe of village dancers performed in real Russian style, swaggering and stamping their boot clad feet - the tight red tunics and baggy trousers together with the red pinafore dresses and white blouses of the girls further enhancing the whole effect. A real surprise was the unusual doll dance with its miming and the lovely solo by Ashleigh Tanner.

A most effective and unusual underwater scene was made more realistic by taking place behind a sea green gauze curtain. Ann Hole had cleverly costumed sea creatures including a starfish, octopus, 2 different fishes and a seahorse which "swam" to and fro. The star of them all was the "Golden Fish" of the panto title - a difficult role in an amazing costume, performed by a welcome newcomer to the village - Julian Smith.

Add to all this the many songs and dances interspersed throughout the action, Dennis Champion in a fur hat leading the singing of new verses to "Beside the Seaside", the children from the audience playing their instruments, and an off stage hunting horn, thunder and lightning and you have a panto and a half!

Dennis Champion, as chairman of the St. Breward Institute and War Memorial Hall, then gave most heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Bouquets were presented - first to Christine Woolf for writing and directing the panto so expertly, then to Gladys Champion for the musical accompaniment, Eric Lowe for the stage lighting throughout, and two large blocks of tulip and elm wood to Bill Smith to use his talents on, Rosemary Lowe and Mavis Metters received pot plants for their nightly help with raffle, programmes and refreshments. A special thank you was given to Bill Smith's daughter who gave the rich brown stage curtain to the Hall.

Christine Woolf then gave the Russian doll to Tammy as a memento of her performance. Unfortunately Ann Hole was unable to be present on the final evening but it was agreed that the whole pantomime was brought to life by the imaginative and elaborate costumes she had made for all the cast. St. Breward is so fortunate to have such a comprehensive selection of talents to call upon.

If you did not see the panto you missed a real treat. We look forward hopefully to next year.

Anne Holmes

LOST - STOLEN - OR STRAYED.

THE BLISLAND HANDBELLS

ARE MISSING FROM THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS.

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

'The Bodmin Moors'

(c) Hannon (i.e. 'Halfway') Valley is situated about 1 m. W. of Advent (S.Tane locally), and through this the streams rising N. of Roughtor discharge their waters into the Camel. It has been invested with features of particular interest by a thunder-storm, which, falling with unusual violence in the summer of 1847, principally upon the high land W. of Roughtor, occasioned a flood in the Camel, which swept away many of the bridges, and destroyed a large amount of property on its banks. The bed of this valley was ripped open by the accumulated waters, and the stream now flows between white banks of granite and quartz, varied by the intrusion of rocks of a different character. From the sides of the lower part of the valley rise the crags which are known as the:

Devil's Jump: That on the left bank, when seen from beneath, resembles a tower about 50 ft. in height. In the bed of the stream, immediately below this rock, lies a block of chrystalline stone, about 24 ft. in length, by 8 in breadth, which, abutting up on a deep and clear pool, would seem to have been expressly placed there to serve the purposes of the bather. At the extremity of this valley a solitary tree will be seen standing amid ruins occasioned by the flood. It is connected with an alarming adventure which befel a farmer residing in the neighbourhood. On the day of the storm he was making his way to Camelford, and about to cross the stream by a foot-bridge, when a sudden increase in the volume of the torrent rendered the passage impracticable, and at the same time, by occasioning an overflow of some low ground in his rear, cut off his retreat. Two trees presented the only means of escape. He hastily climbed upon one, but, thinking this the weaker of the two - and it was afterwards carried away - he removed into the other, which fortunately resisted the fury of the inundation.

Nothing in Cornwall exceeds in beauty the walk, though rather a rough one, between the Devil's Jump and Wenford Bridge. It is a great treat for a Botanist, a Fisherman or an Artist, who will meet with asphodels, bog pimpernels, sundew, sphagnums, ferns of many sorts with trout and peal, and some very pretty scenery.

From Wenford Bridge there is a railway passing by Bodmin to Wadebridge; but passengers are only conveyed between the two last named places.

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An Evening Walk 60 Years Ago

It was in the latter half of the thirties that my friend Lydia Teague and I were accustomed to take an evening walk every Tuesday. Her husband Herbert was a member of the St. Breward Band and Tuesday was the practice night. So Lydia and I regularly set off from her home at Sunnyside next to the memorial hall. We would walk down the hill passing the home at Trevor of the late Eddie Greenaway who with his father George had a workshop next to the house. General repairs to any household object, and minor repairs to mechanical ware and carpentry were carried out. Eddie kept his accounts in a small red notebook and only he could decipher them! He often drove his motor bike and with me in the side-car would take me to Bodmin Road station. Fare 2/6 (13p). He had a petrol pump on the premises and petrol was then 1/3d (6½p) a gallon. A few words with Eddie and the purchase of a bag of potato crisps (novelty then) at 2d and we were on our way.

We passed the former smithy on the left and on turning the corner came to the former carpenter's shop on the right by The Nook, the granite building is now owned by Mr. Finnemore.

Mr Stephen Hawken and his son Joe (whose widow now over 90 still lives at Lower Lank) were both craftsmen. Many a time in the lay-by which existed there before the road was built up the men would be making a wheel for a farm cart or a coffin for a late resident.

Lydia and I would proceed along the Lank Road on to which only the granite built cottages were so situated as to face the south, getting the maximum sunshine into the homes. Kennel Cottage was so named because the North Cornwall hunt bought it for one of the huntsmen.

Continuing down the road we passed the small shop run by the Co-op situated back in a now empty and derelict plot it was later inhabited by the Darch family.

There was very little traffic on the roads, you could still buy a Morris 8 for £120 which was quite a lot in those days as an average worker's pay was about £300.

At the crossroads we turned left and walked up Penvorda lane. The only two houses on the left were Sea View occupied by Mr Buckingham and Penvorda House where Mr & Mrs Jenkinson and their five children lived.

The Row of Cottages on the right were built for the workers at De Lank Quarries owned by T.W. Ward. Sometimes we took the pathway on the left which led across Tacker's Platt to join Mount Pleasant but usually we climbed to the top of the hill by the reservoir. One evening in autumn as it was getting dark we were transfixed by the sight of brightly coloured flickering lights across the sky towards the North. We just stood in wonder. It was the only time we had seen the Aurora Borealis.

Walking down towards Higher Penquite we passed the farm owned by the Hawken Family of St. Breward Stores who reared and killed their own cattle for their butcher's shop. No BSE in those days.

A row of six cottages, back and back then, stood on the left and opposite was open land where people hung out their washing. There were no other houses until we came to Mount Pleasant where another six cottages back to back stood. Some of the inhabitants were Mr & Mrs Tom Parsons, Mr Winn and Mr & Mrs Glanville. Opposite lived Mrs Spargo and her sister Miss B. Hill who was a dressmaker.

The local policeman lived at Chapel Terrace and we often had a word with him when he was on his beat.

Entering the square at Row we sometimes paused and listened to the band. That square granite building used to be referred to as M.M.M. - music, money and medicine. A Barclays Bank agent called there once a week and Dr. Bailey from St. Tudy held his surgery there.

Passing Glenview on the left, then owned by Mr & Mrs Polkinghorne and daughters and run as a fancy and newsagents shop and also lived in by Nurse Crahart who was the district nurse. Opposite to Glenview was a hat shop run by Miss Nora Polkinghorne.

Open fields on the right allowed a panoramic view across the valley and in the distance the lights of Wadebridge. In the valley below Mr Forster who lived at Coombe kept his hunting horses.

Finally we came full circle back to the Memorial hall. It was then the Reading Room, aptly named, the Western Morning News was delivered there daily and one could go in at any time of the day. The Lower Room was built on as a memorial room after the First World War, and in it was an excellent billiards table used nightly.

The late Mr Walter Masters and Charles Hancock were an enthusiastic pair. Thinking back over the years I recall only two people who have lived in their original homes for over sixty years. Mrs Phyllis Teague of Louvain and Mrs Mabel Hooper of Hillcrest.

Grace Masters

CREAM TEAS AT TRESARRETT MANOR - SUNDAY JUNE 2nd 1-5pm.

St. Mabyn Playgroup invite you all to a family afternoon out for Cream Teas in peaceful surroundings. There will be a raffle and plant stall, with face painting and ice-creams for the children. (Parking will be available).

Why not travel the Camel Trail from Dunmere (Borough Arms) to Poley's Bridge stopping off for refreshments at Tresarrett on the way! Cream Teas will be served priced £1.50. Tickets for your Cream Teas can be purchased in advance - which will enable you to be entered in our lucky Hamper Draw (value £25).

Tickets will be available from Sharon Bradford St. Mabyn 841745, or Kay Mason on 851255. (if wet this event will be held in St. Mabyn Village Hall).

All proceeds from the day will directly benefit the children of St. Mabyn Playgroup. Hope to see you there!

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during March raised the following amounts:- Treliske Kidney Unit £58; Arthritis £48; Buffs £30; East Cornwall Hospital £60.

A Prize Bingo with Raffles held at the Clease Hall, Camelford, raised the grand sum of £436 in aid of the Renal Unit at Treliske Hospital. This is one of a series of events held each year by Percy and Madge Dingle and friends, in memory of their son Robert.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

EASTERTIDE includes the whole period of fifty days beginning with Easter Day and ending at Pentecost - commemorating both the Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

After Easter Day come the great Forty Days (Acts 1:3), when Jesus appeared frequently to the disciples and others - in the Upper Room (John 20: 19-29); on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35); by the Lakeside (John 21: 1-14) - teaching and preparing them before He withdrew his bodily presence on ASCENSION DAY which, being forty days after Easter, always falls on a Thursday.

White, Cream or Gold are the liturgical colours for this joyful season whilst ivy, because of its lasting greeness serves as a symbol of immortality and eternal life.

FATHERS DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION
On Sunday June 16th
Fun Day starts at 12 noon
at the Village Hall, St. Breward
Fun & Games for all the Family
including Races, Treasure Hunt, Tug-of-War
& Barbecue
Short Family Celebration Service
in the Church at 3.00p.m.

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

Entertainment

Saturday 4th May	Mike Porterfield
Saturday 11th May	Big Al Hodge Tickets £2 beforehand from Joe Kay. £2.50 on the night.
Sunday 12th May	Ten Tor Walk ends at Football Club - food available,
Saturday 25th May	Tim's Disco

THE MEMORIAL TO NURSE EDITH CAVELL

Edith Louisa Cavell was born in Norfolk, on December 4th 1865. She was trained at the London Hospital and later became matron in a Medical Institute in Brussels, Belgium. During the occupation of Belgium by the Germans in the 1914 - 1918 war she harboured wounded and refugee soldiers, and aided their escape from the Germans into Holland.

She was betrayed by a renegade and arrested by the Germans as a spy.

She was tried by a court martial on October 7th. 1915, and despite neutral mediation she was shot five days afterwards. Her remains now repose in Norwich Cathedral; A memorial statue stands in St. Martin's Lane, London.

The statue was quarried and carved in St. Breward from De Lank granite. The photgraph of the memorial was sent to us by Ginger Reed - once of St. Breward - who now resides in South Africa. The photograph is the one which appears on the front cover of this month's magazine. It is the opinion of Mr Reed that the monument was sculptured and erected between 1920 and 1922.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE
invites you to a
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ST. BREWARD W.I. - March 1996

Two visitors were welcomed to the last of our afternoon meetings in the Memorial Hall, all future meetings will begin at 7.15p.m. winter and summer alike.

Mrs Sheila Goldsworthy, a former County Chairman, showed us a video of life at Denman College, produced by one of the members attending a course there. It took about 25 minutes and covered the history of the college, and the social side available to those on a course there. 160,000 W.I. members have been to Denman since its opening in 1948, having been bought for £16,000 in 1945, and a further £1,000,000 was raised in the 1980's to save the building etc. for the future. The intake is 74 students at a time totalling 6,000 so far including several who are able to make use of the disabled en suite room kindly furnished with a £5000 donation from John Lewis.

A group of members have volunteered to clean specific areas on the village during National Spring Clean Week from April 12th to 21st, so hopefully St. Breward will present a tidier appearance by the time you read this.

Our bowls team came sixth in the competition, and there is a scrabble competition to come later.

The book was passed round for booking to go to the Edwardian Fanfare at Port Eliot on July 9th and numbers taken for a visit to the Tamar Otter Sanctuary on May 29th, also for ordering calendars and diaries for 1997. Copies of the competitions for the St. Petroc Group Meeting at St. Breward in May were distributed. This month's flower was produced by Mrs R. Lowe. Mrs A. Hole was first in the writing competition and also produced the most words from 'The Denman Experience' - 928 to be exact!

In May we have a discussion of the resolutions for the IGM in June at Cardiff and a play reading by Mrs P. Bousfield but no competitions that month.

Anne Holmes

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

will be on

SATURDAY 27th JULY 1996

Secretary: Mr B. Mitchell 01208 851037

BLISLAND W.I. - March 20th

The meeting was opened at 2.15p.m. by Mrs Walford in the Village Hall. It was our A.G.M. but before dealing with the reports etc. the results of the Coffee Morning for The Meningitis Trust was given, £67 plus £20 for the raffle. Mrs Makin and Mrs Donnelly confirmed their intention of attending the Agenda Conference on April 10th and the results of the Internal Competitions were read:

Flowers (1) Mrs King
(2) Mrs Aspinall
(3) Miss Runnalls

General (1) Mrs Barwood
(2) Mrs Pierce
(3) Mrs Masters

We then proceeded with the business of the day, the A.G.M. Mrs Barwood gave a very concise report of our year's activities reminding us all of the things we had shared. Mrs King gave us a detailed report on our finances which are continuing to look good.

In her summary, Mrs Walford our President verified our year's activities stating it had been a very successful year with excellent speakers and good outings. Thanking her committee and all members for making it so, she was pleased we had enrolled new members and stressed the importance of the W.I. movement in the community, which not only makes friends, gives social events and keeps us in touch with many issues.

We were reminded of our 50th Anniversary of the W.I. in Blisland when we hope to celebrate with a Special Event; meantime we hope to visit the Tamar Otter Sanctuary in May and Rosemoor in June.

Mrs Aspinall spoke from the floor thanking the committee for their work throughout the year.

The residing committee were re-elected:-
Mrs Walford-President; Mrs Barwood-Secretary; Mrs King-Treasurer. Mrs Gurr, Miss Runnalls and Mrs Masters on the committee.

Our business being concluded we continued with a slide show on 'Bolivia' given by Mrs Barwood and Mrs Masters read her poem on 'The Races', delicious refreshments were served and our meeting closed at 5.00pm. We meet here again in the Village Hall on May 15th at 7.15p.m. when we will be given a talk on a 'Clean Sweep' by Mrs Metters and her son.

B. Donnelly

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On Tuesday 12th February the club members were delighted to accept an invitation to lunch at the home of Mrs Betty Donnelly. We had a most enjoyable meal and appreciated very much the great effort Betty had put into it. Competition suggested by Miss Pat Nelder, the number of peas in a jar, was won by Mrs Yvonne Scott.

At the A.G.M. held on Tuesday 2nd April the main item on the agenda after receiving the secretary's and treasurer's reports was the future of the club now that the membership was down to thirteen. Members were balloted with three possible options:

(1) To continue as at present with a meeting every month throughout the year.
(2) Make the October meeting the final one for the year and restart in April.
(3) Close the club.

By a majority of 10 the option to close through the winter was agreed and accepted.

A small mini-market for club funds was held after the A.G.M. The competition 'A pair of Earings' which had to be judged by myself I found most difficult for there were some very attractive pieces. After much deliberation the pair submitted by Mrs Gwen Masters was declared the winner.

Tony Ham

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