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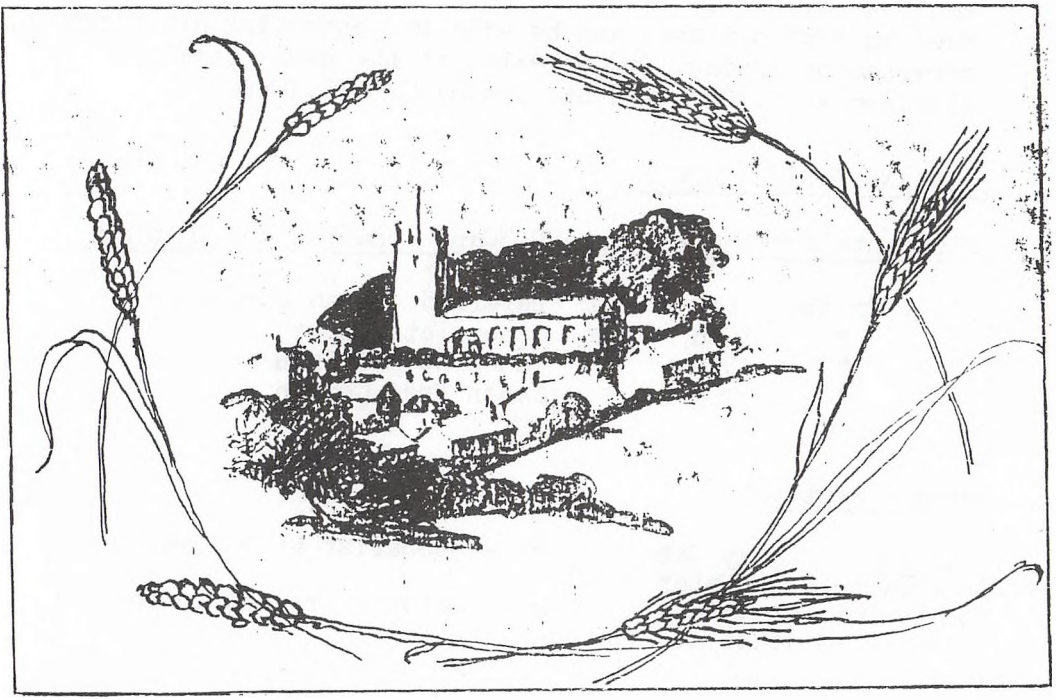

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THE REVEREND DAVID REED

The Licensing of the Reverend David Reed to the joint Benefice of Blisland and St. Breward by Bishop Graham, the Suffragan Bishop of St. Germans and the Installation by the Archdeacon of Bodmin will take place on Thursday, 31st October, 1996 at the Parish Church of St. Protus and St. Hyacinth Blisland at 7.00p.m.

We look forward to extending a very warm welcome to David Reed in both parishes and he will be conducting his first services on Sunday, 3rd November at the usual times - Blisland at 9.30am. and St. Breward at 11.10am.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH

Celebrants for the Blisland 9.30am Eucharist for October

Sunday October	6th	Reverend Conrad Sargisson
" "	13th	Canon Peter Boyd
" "	20th	Canon Noel Godwin
" "	27th	Canon Noel Godwin

Harvest Festival

Blisland - Sunday October 13th - Eucharist at 9.30am. Celebrant Canon Peter Boyd.
Monday October 14th - Auction of Harvest Produce in the Village Institute at 7.00p.m.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Harvest Festival

St. Breward - Sunday October 6th - Eucharist at 11.10am. Celebrant Reverend Conrad Sargisson.
Monday October 7th - There will be a short Service in the Church at 6.00p.m. followed by a Harvest Supper and an Auction of Produce and gifts in the Village Hall.

The Parish of Saint Breward - Diocese of Truro

NOTICE

The Churchwardens who are responsible for the general upkeep of the churchyard are concerned with the increasing number of glass containers placed on graves.
Whilst we realise that relatives do wish to place flowers on their loved one's graves, may we respectfully draw to your attention the regulations laid down by the Chancellor of the Diocese:

'Except where the design of a headstone includes an integral receptacle, plants or cut flowers may be placed in a removable container sunk flush with the grave.
No artificial flowers are allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths, which must be removed after a period of not more than two months'.

Would those responsible for placing or arranging flowers on graves, please, note and comply with the above instructions.
Also may we add that these containers do impede the use of mechanical cutters and have been the cause of injury to the workmen attempting to keep the Churchyard in a tidy state.

The Revd Brian A. Anderson
Rural Dean.

Parish Registers

Funeral

Mr Tommy Coombes of Bodmin, formerly of East Rose, died recently aged 80. His funeral took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Saturday, 7th September.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 6th at 2.30pm.	Harvest Festival & Thanks-giving Service Preacher Mr G Brown
Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm.	Short Service followed by Sale of Donated Produce Preacher Mr B Parkman
Sunday October 20th at 2.30pm.	Preacher Mr D Burd

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 6th at 9.30am.	F/S & SAC Preacher Mr B Parkman
Sunday October 13th at 11.00am. " " " 6.00pm	Preacher Mr B Parkman " Rev'd Lister Harvest Festival
Monday October 14th at 7.00pm.	Preacher Mr A Martin Supper and Sale
Sunday October 20th	Preacher Mr Hoskin
Sunday October 27th	Preacher Mr Coad R/S

Sunday School during Morning Service.

COFFEE MORNING - on Wednesday October 2nd. 10.00 - 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Join us for coffee and a chat.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING - to be held in the Bandroom at St. Breward on Saturday 19th October 10.00 - 11.30a.m.
Stalls, Raffle and Refreshments. In aid of Church funds.
Everybody is welcome.

Minister's Letter,

Harvest time has come once more, and we will be giving our thanks to God for the abundant harvest from the land that He has given us.
Harvest Festivals are great oppotunities to share in worship-thanksgiving-fun and fellowship.
They also remind us that autumn is here, which of course is the prelude to winter. Our winters are relatively mild here in Cornwall. There are those in other parts of the world who are not so fortunate. They have not had a bumper harvest and the winters are severe.
This situation is particularly so in Southern Serbia (formerly Yugoslavia) where they still suffer from the sanctions of war. Life for them is still very hard.
The Christian gospel reminds us that true worship of God is not only vertical; that is up to God, but horizontal; reaching out to those in need.
John the Baptist, when preaching repentance to the people said; "the person with two coats should share with those who have none". (John 3 v 11). Easier said than done, we might be tempted to say; but all things are possible with God.
You and I have the opportunity through Childrens Aid Direct to proclaim God's love to those people of Serbia. Here's how. Please bring to the Methodist Church, or deliver to Nesta Teague, any good clothing for mothers and babies during October. I will personally arrange for it's collection and delivery to Childrens Aid Direct, who in turn will deliver it to Kosovo-Serbia. God has provided so much for us. now we have an opportunity to be the hands of God to the needy.
We shall have joy as we share God's love with others.

Yours sincerely,

Brian. (Methodist Pastor)

On behalf of the readers I would like to welcome Brian Parkman as the new Methodist Pastor for the North Cornwall Circuit and thank him for continuing the tradition to write a letter in this magazine each month.

Catherine McShee

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

We should like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the following organisations who came so readily to help with the Flower Festival and made it such a wonderful success. The displays were all beautiful; it just goes to show what talented ladies live in the area. Those taking part were, Parish Council, Football Club, Brownies Guides Scouts & Cubs, Playgroup, Woman's Institute, Simon Ward & Red Cross Club, Silver Band, Simon Ward Carers, Parish Church, Institute & War Memorial Hall, Chapel & Sunday School. The chapel ladies were busy over the 3 days serving Lunches, Cream Teas etc. and the ladies in the 'SHOP' were also very busy. A big thank you to Ann & Barry, Caroline, Charlotte & Rachel. But most of all Thank You to you all for coming and supporting the St. Breward Methodist Church in such a wonderful way and raising £991 for Church funds.

MERMAID APPEAL

The Bingo held on Friday, 6th September raised £166.30. Gladys Champion would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes and money, to those who helped in various ways on the evening and to the supplier of the amplifying system which was fixed to enable both rooms at the Institute and War Memorial Hall to be used.
Lastly thank you to everyone who attended the Bingo helping to raise the above amount.

BLISLAND CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING FUND COMMITTEE

The committee would like to thank everyone who gave and helped and attended our FUN DAY on 26th August and made it such a great success. The sum of £1351.73p was raised for the churchyard fund. Thank you all once again.

W. Harper

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during August raised the following amounts:- Kidney Unit £48; Buffs £40; Liberals £57; Institute £36.

After another year of many events including Whistdrives held in the Institute, also four evenings of darts held at the football Social Club and Prize Bingos at the Clease Hall Camelford, a cheque for £1,300 was presented by Raymond Shaddock of BBC Radio Cornwall to Br. John Barnes of the Treliske Renal Unit. Mr Dingle thanked everyone present at the final effort and to everyone who had helped throughout the year to raise this amount in memory of their late son Robert.

Percy & Madge Dingle

PRIZE BINGO & RAFFLE

on Friday 18th October

In the Bandroom at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome. In aid of Treliske Special Baby Care Unit

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MEMORIES OF PENVORDA COTTAGES - by Edna G. Ternouth

On December 14th 1920, I was born at 10 Penvorda Cottages, and was the only child of Emma and John Rich Rowe.

The two rows of 6 substantially built houses (1899-1900) were specifically built for employees of the De Lank Granite Quarries and their families. Messrs T.W. Ward Ltd., Sheffield were the owners at that time and I can remember the manager, Mr Milner and his family, before Mr J.W. Coggin took over.

The rent charged to the tenants of the cottages was 4 shillings and one penny (about 20p!) per week!

I know there are a few people living in St. Breward, Blisland, St. Tudy and St. Mabyn who will remember some of the families I am going to mention, as I reminisce!

In No. 1, Mr & Mrs Maguire lived, with their three daughters Kathleen, Phyllis and Valerie. Kathleen passed away some years ago, but Phyllis lives in Bodmin with her son Adrian Morrison. Valerie lives at Penzance.

No. 2 Mr & Mrs Moore lived, before Mr & Mrs William Carne and daughter Lillian.

No. 3 The Methven family including children Will, Winnie, Gladys, Frank, Reg and Hedley, whose son David has been employed at De Lank since he left school and who has been manager for several years. David's mother Margaret and his sister Jean Teague live across the road from Penvorda at Rostalec.

Mr & Mrs Tom Winn lived in No. 4 with sons Bill, Fred, who was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident, Walter who died of meningitis, and Herbert (Tubby) who has survived them all and lives in Exeter. Roger, Bill's son and Mr & Mrs Tom Winn's grandson, still lives at No. 4!

In No. 5 were Mr & Mrs Dicky Moore, followed, I think by Mr & Mrs Harold Martyn with sons Eric and Max.

Mrs May was the tenant in No. 6 and when I was small I was reprimanded severely for picking her red tulips which used to flower each year! My mother often reminded me of the misdeed!

Mr & Mrs Henry Hawken, Mary and Margaret lived in No. 7. Mary sadly died, but two of her sons Derek and Kenny still live in the village as does her sister Margaret (Willetts).

Next door to them - No. 8 dwelled Mr & Mrs Alfie Colman and their family - Albert, Olive, Edwin, Mildred, Violet and Freddie - as a matter of interest Madge, the grand daughter of the Coleman's now lives in No. 11 and great grand sons live in No. 7 and 12!

A Mr & Mrs Crossman and son Richard lived next door to us at No. 9 and then the Morrisons followed by Mr & Mrs Charles May and Graham, their son. After them Mr & Mrs Metters with sons John and Ernie.

The Reed family lived for many years at No. 11 - Mr & Mrs Bruce Reed, Kenneth who passed away quite young, Gerald, who contributes to your magazine quite often from his home in South Africa, Austin (Port Elizabeth S.A.), Mavis and Beryl - who live at St. Austell and Rock respectively. All very staunch friends of mine. At one time I can remember Mr & Mrs Jack Hearn, a Bodmin family, living in No. 11, with children Jack, Roy and Marina.

I can remember Mr & Mrs Bill Clarke and Katie who married my uncle Joe Rowe living at No. 12. There was also Charlie and Maggie in that family who later came to live with their families at Penvorda - Maggie and Jim (Cully) of No. 1 with Charlie and his wife plus son Graham at No. 2. When the Clarks moved from No. 12 Mr & Mrs Stone arrived from Northumberland! with their son Jim - later when they moved into the village Mr & Mrs Kelly Knight and daughter Olive settled.

My elder son Trevor was born at No. 10 on October 20th 1941 and daughter Daphne on August 16th 1947. Adrian, the youngest was born at 14 Rylands Terrace on 8th October 1952. It was a terribly sad time when my mother passed away at only 57 years of age, in February 1941 - I did my best, at 20 years of age to look after my Dad and two evacuees. One big blessing, my mother saw me happily married to Gordon on July 20th 1940!

Gordon served with the 5th Battallion D.C.L.I. for six years (1939-45). Thankfully and amazingly he survived the Normandy landings and the ensuing battles!

When he was demobbed we were able to take over the tenancy of No. 10, as my dad remarried and went to live at 'Craigleith' with Pearl.

I was 28 when we left Penvorda and moved to Moss House, Blisland where we lived quite happily for 3½ years - but a longing for St. Breward drew us back and we spent 3 years at 14 Rylands Terrace. However No. 10 Penvorda became vacant and would you believe it? We spent another 3 years in the 'old house'!

All this time our aim was to get Gordon away from the stone-cutting - away from the stone dust, the inhalation of it causing the lungs to suffer.

Our prayers were answered when the opportunity came for us to go to St. Austell in 1960 to be caretakers of the Zion Methodist Church. Gordon was fortunate to get an out of door job with a building firm and a new life began for us all.

I could write a lot more about Penvorda and my happy childhood with super playmates; walking to school together and De Lank Chapel and Sunday School, but it would fill more than one magazine!

Trevor wants to continue the story anyway; of his memories as a young lad and of other neighbours who came to live at Penvorda Cottages - as a follow up to what I have written.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Green is the liturgical colour for the whole 6 month period of June to November and represents the growth and luxuriance in nature which is characteristic of the season in northern climes. Green, the ordinary colour of nature speaks of God's provision for our needs - so green is used by the Church for ordinary, non-festival days and can been seen in the priests vestments.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

Isobel and Tony Willcocks invite you to

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on Wednesday 2nd.October

for a sale of Christmas Cards etc., in aid of THE HOME FARM TRUST. (Permanent homes for the mentally handicapped).

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

Entertainment

Saturday	5th October	Jailhouse
"	12th "	Tim's Disco
"	19th "	Pageant
"	26th "	Bertie Basset Sound (new band)
"	2nd November	Disco (Guy Fawkes Night) Bonfire, Hot Dogs etc.

BONFIRE NIGHT - Saturday 2nd November. Guys Competition. Make your own guys. Judging in the club house at 5.45pm. Disco and Hot Dogs etc for sale. Admission for Disco £1 Adults 50p Children. No charge for the Bonfire.

On August 30th a charity evening was held in the club house in aid of the Air Ambulance and Mount Edgecumbe Hospice. The evening got off to the sound of a Duo 'Little Bit of Luck', who entertained the crowd with some lovely country & western singing plus music from the 60's. In the interval the raffle took place. The Summer Meat Draw was won by Joe Kay and Chris Greenaway who won half a lamb each, James Gallagher won half a pig and a full rump steak was won by Vic Reynolds. After the break 'Local Boy' Trevor Trenouth took the floor, with gags about his old school friend Garnet Sleep (alias Faggot) plus a few other old school friends. He had the audience in stitches. He also sang songs from the shows, finishing his performance with 'Phantom of the Opera'. Everyone throughly enjoyed the evening and at the end of the night a profit of £450 was made for the charities.

On September 1st the club entertained Aston Villa Old Stars. The match kicked off at 3.00pm. A large crowd watched the game. Roger Sleep officiated and Tony Burt and Steve Paul were linesmen. The score at the end of the match was 2-2. A Match Ball donated by Aston Villa and autographed by all the players was auctioned for £40, this being the highest bid from Jamie Beasley (St. Tudy). A buffet was laid on

for all the players and Aston Villa departed at 8.00pm. They were presented with a centenary plate and everyone agreed it had been a memorable day. Thanks to John Bate who organised the event, videos will be on sale of the event at a cost of £6 - contact D. Kay on Bodmin 850030 if you would like to order one.

HIPPIE WALK

The Hippie Walk raised approximately £200. I would like to thank everyone who took part and to all the sponsors who gave so generously.

Doreen Kay

Ruth Lumley-Smith

Our older readers will have been sad to hear of the death of Ruth-Lumley Smith who died peacefully near Wantage on September 8th. It was she who initiated this magazine in 1980, when she was living with her family at Lavethan, Blisland and decided that she wished to make some extra contribution to the life of the community which she and her husband had enjoyed together.

The first number appeared in April 1980 (price 10p). In her opening editorial, Ruth wrote:- "It is our hope that the magazine will serve everyone in this wide-spread area, regardless of their place of worship".

Thanks to her publishing expertise and her vigorous personality, the new magazine prospered under her editorship. After some two years Ruth Handed over to Stella Vause and since 1987 our editor has been Catherine McShee. There are now over 400 subscribers in the two parishes, the cost is now only 20p and not a month has been missed in 197 issues! What a good job the editors have done! And we can be particularly grateful to Ruth Lumley-Smith, whose inspiration got it all going.

Our special sympathy goes to her family; Ruth was a lovely, very able and vibrant person.

D.G.B.

BLISLAND W.I.

On the 21st August most of our members met at the Trelawney Garden Centre for our annual lunch party at Squire's Restaurant. We were offered a wide choice of menu and the meal was enjoyed by all.

May I remind you that the meeting on the 16th October will be 'Antiques at the Mansion House' by kind invitation of Mrs Ward-Lee and will commence at 2.15p.m.

As we had no meeting in August I thought you might like to be reminded of the poem 'the River Fowey' which was written by Mrs Patsy Brewer and won the first prize in the Blakley competition. Our thanks to Patsy for her assistance.

THE RIVER FOWEY - by Patsy Brewer

When I rise on the moor near Brown Willy, though a gentle voice bids me stay,
The gypsy in me yearns to wander, on this beautiful morning in May.
It is ever the way with a river, this urge to break free and run,
To jump every pebble and boulder, splashing rainbows against the sun.
See me dance all the way to Golitha, where I polka and waltz through the dell
Caressed, by falling May blossom, bordered by drifts of bluebell.
It is dark by Draynes Bridge, some say haunted! Can you hear King Doniert cry?
He drowned in my deep swirling waters. Does his spirit return to sigh?
Sun warms the stones of Treverbyn where once Cornishmen mined for tin.
Now, happily, I glide along, the verdant, valley of Glynn.
It is on to Lanhydrock and Respryn beneath an azure sky,
Swallows dipping in joy through my eddies, butterflies floating on high.
The trout in sun dappled water, take their ease in the noonday heat.
A dragonfly, hitching a ride, sails on a leaf to the leat.

Proud Lostwithiel beckons me forward. A Stannary Town I am told,
This bridge I am gurgling under is a good seven hundred years old.
But beware the prison, 'tis gruesome, where many an innocent hung,
Remember, to murmur a prayer for their Souls when you hear the death bell rung.
Restormel above me is mighty, a fortress for Dukes and great Kings.
Rush on, rush on water gypsy, you care nothing for such temporal things.
Soft now, we near St. Winnow, a hushed and a holy place.
Peaceful once more my spirit, subdued now my restless pace.
Here is Lerryn, where Lucifer dug a ditch, that went all the way to Looe.
My fancy steers me to Golant, Couch's Mill and Boconnoc too.
So leaving the wind to the willows, I come to Castle Dore,
Here King Mark took to wife fair Iseult and she...but 'tis all folklore...
Legends thread through the history of Cornwall as I run through her red earth.
A procession of mythical beings, now lost, in the mists of their birth.
The tide is pulling me closer, ever closer to where I belong.
At Fowey the grey sea is calling and I cannot resist her song.
Goodbye Gribben Head, sweet Polruan, for this is the end of me.
Farewell my beloved Cornwall, your child has gone to sea.....

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BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

On Tuesday 3rd September the members were all invited for the afternoon to the home of the club's treasurer, Mrs Audrey Pierce. We were welcomed with a refreshing glass of wine and while we sipped, we discussed our arrangements for the next and final meeting for the year.
The competition, a set of twenty questions with three possible alternative answers carrying marks from three for correct, two and one for the alternatives caused some head scratchings and much laughter - the top marks and prize went to my wife and Miss Pat Nelder. I shared the booby prize with Mrs Rosa Billing.
A very tasty savoury tea followed together with a choice of various sweets. Many thanks to Audrey and husband Brian for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Tony Ham

The organisers of the Blisland Sheep Dog Trials held at Lanxon on Saturday, 24th August, Mr John Carter of Delabole and Mr and Mrs Burns of Blisland, decided that all the monies raised would be donated to Blisland Village Hall. As treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee I had great pleasure in presenting the prizes of shields, cups and rosettes to the winners of the various events. In return I was delighted to receive a sum of money for the hall which amounted to £114.25p. Many thanks to the organisers for your generous support. A novel feature introduced this year was a pet dog show organised by Mrs Tina Mellow, secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. This produced entries from far and near, some big dogs and small ones. Various classes were available and a chance for the owners to show off the capabilities of their pets. It was Blisland's 'Crufts Show'.
Judging was done by police dog handler P.C. Keen who had quite a difficult task in selecting the winners but on completion rosettes were awarded. I hope this will become a regular feature at the Annual Sheep Dog Trials.

Tony Ham

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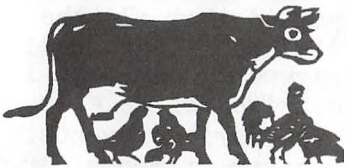

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