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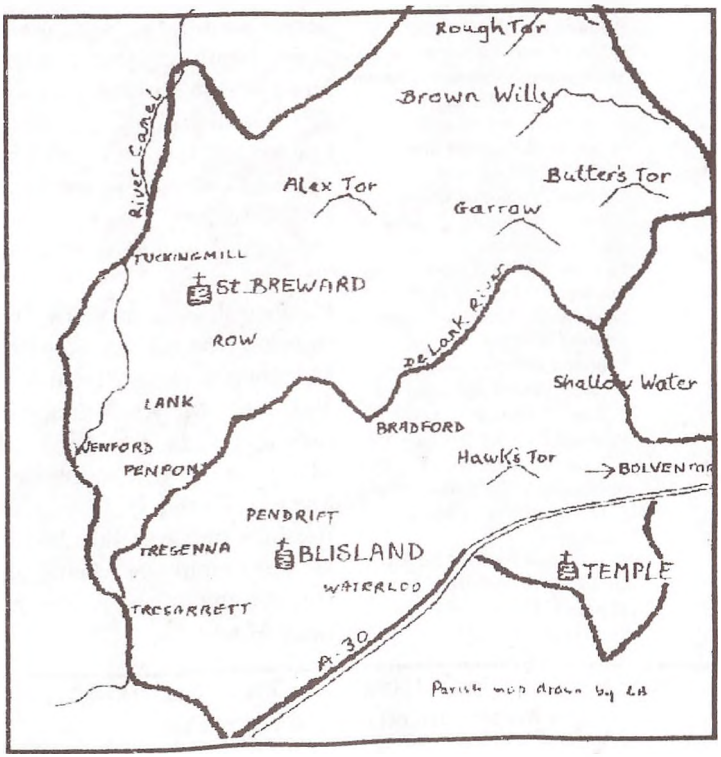

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July Diary

Tue 1	**Blisland WRVS Club**
Wed 2	**Coffee Morning** 10-11.30am St Breward Methodist Chapel
Fri 4	*Independence Day USA* **Radio Cornwall Quiz 8.00pm** The Old Inn St Breward
Sun 6	**Blisland Parish Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11am Preacher Mr Harrison 6.00pm Preacher Mr Lake **St Breward Parish Church** 11.10 Parish Eucharist **Blisland Methodist Church** 2.30pm Preacher Mr Parkman (Holy Communion)
Tues 8	**St Breward WI** 7.15pm Institute & Memorial Hall
Thu 10	**Blisland PC Meeting** 7.30pm Blisland Institute
Fri 11	**Mobile Library** Use it or lose it
Sat 12	**Church Fête St Breward** 2.30pm St Breward School
Sun 13	**Blisland Parish Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11am Preacher Mr Parkman (Sacrament) **St Breward Parish Church** 11.10 Parish Eucharist
Wed 16	**Blisland WI** 7.15pm Village Hall: Hairdressing
Sat 19	**Blisland Garden Fête** 2.00pm Trewardale
Sun 20	**Blisland Parish Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 9.30am Preacher Mr Parkman **St Breward Parish Church** 11.10 Parish Eucharist **Blisland Methodist Church** 2.30pm Preacher Rev Dawes
Fri 25	**Mobile Library** Use it or lose it
Sat 26	**St Breward Carnival** 6.00 pm
Sun 27	**Blisland Parish Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist **St Breward Methodist Church** 11am Preacher Fellowship **St Breward Parish Church** 11.10 Parish Eucharist **Temple Parish Church** 6.00pm Parish Eucharist

Bernard Rundle

Bernard, Flossie & Nigel wish to thank family and friends who visited him whilst in hospital at Treliske, for all the kind enquiries during his stay in London and for all the cards and gifts. Special thanks to Bill and Dora, and Linda and Ed.

I am now at home recovering slowly.

Congratulations to Mark Prout of St Breward who ran the 'Potteries' Marathon, Stoke-on-Trent on Sunday 16th June. Mark was disappointed not to be accepted for the London Marathon this year but pleased to be accepted for the 'Potteries'. His finishing time was 4hrs 29mins 59secs. He was running for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice and Cancer Research. **Well done Mark.**

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at

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Everyone welcome Please : Support Your Local Church

Sunday Services in the Parish Churches of Blisland, St Breward & Temple

9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10am	Parish Eucharist	St Breward

Temple Last Sunday in the months of July and August

6.00pm	Family Eucharist

Weekday Services in July

Normally there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on alternate Thursdays at Blisland & St Breward at 11.00am EXCEPT during weeks when important Feast Days occur and different arrangements are made. Details are posted in the Church Porches

Thursday 3rd	St Thomas the Apostle	St Breward	11.00am
Thursday 10th		Blisland	11.00am
Thursday 17th		St Breward	11.00am
Thursday 24th	No service		
Friday 25th	St James the Apostle	Blisland	11.00am
Thursday 31st		St Breward	11.00am
Wed 6 August	Transfiguration of our Lord	Blisland	11.00am
Thur 7 August	No Service		

Church's Pages

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Churchwardens:
Blisland Maj. CFT Edward-Collins 821226 St Breward Mr DP McShee 850435
Mrs HM Webber **850239** Mrs S Hutton 850761
Please note the correct phone number for Mrs HM Webber

Dear Friends.

The summer months are invariably times of great activity in parishes up and down the country. Feverish preparation for summer fêtes and garden parties often mark the culmination of work started months earlier in working parties on cold winter afternoons, while especial attention will be focused on the weather forecast as the great day approaches. Nerve-racking as such projects are for the organisers, and while it may be considered by some a dubious policy to rely on the whim of the weather on one particular July afternoon for one's financial survival, fêtes and other money raising activities are wonderful social occasions enjoyed by the 'customers', and, I hope, looked back on with nostalgia as well as relief, by the exhausted stall-holders and other organisers.

It is my view, that social activities are a valuable part of the life of our churches after we have fulfilled our duty to Our Lord in worship. Yes, our first duty is the spiritual aspect of our lives, the Eucharist being the centre of this life, but in the Post Communion Collect, we pray, "Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory", and living a full life within our Church Community is as part of this, as being Our Lord's Body and Limbs in the wider community.

I believe that as a living Church, we all have a part to play, the young and the not-so-young, and those between! In recent weeks it has been very encouraging to witness this entire spectrum worshiping together during Joshua Holman's baptism, with the very young from Blisland Sunday School with the more senior (in age!), while in St Breward where our Family Eucharist is becoming well established, the Sunday Club members, parents and friends recently enjoyed the very successful sponsored walk along the Camel Trail, most ably 'stoked up' with food and drink organised by those who have had to 'hang up' their walking boots. It is by sharing the pleasures of life as well as being of mutual support in times of trouble and sadness that we grow in Christian love - and there is a biblical precedent for we read in Acts 2, verse 42, "They met constantly ... and to share the common life, to break bread, and to pray." May we all enjoy

our summer activities, and may they be successful in supporting the work of the Church too. See you at the Church Fêtes!

Yours sincerely, Father David

The Church Wardens

You will have noticed that in last month's magazine, there appeared changes in the list of the Church Wardens. While amending the list for the magazine, I omitted to give the Editor the following note, for which I apologise.

The Wardens are elected at the annual Vestry Meeting and make their commitment at the annual Archdeacon's Visitation Service which this year took place at Lostwithiel on May 7th. Their duties are to oversee the running of the church and churchyard, a very responsible and often time consuming role.

I would like to express my thanks, and those of the parishes to Mr Ray Lee who resigned earlier in the year on leaving the parish, to Mr David Kirby who became acting Warden, to Mr John Holman, also of Blisland and to Mr Charles Hawken, who have stood down after a considerable term of office as Warden and for their self-less service to the Church. We are also most indebted to Charles Hawken for his many years as PCC Secretary at St Breward.

Mrs Sue Hutton has kindly agreed to be re-elected as Warden at St Breward, while MR DF (Paddy) McShee of St Breward and Major Charles FT Edward Collins and Mrs Marjorie Webber of Blisland were elected as Wardens in the place of the retiring Wardens. I should like to thank the Wardens, past and present for their vital contribution to the life of the parishes and their valuable advice and guidance to me as Priest-in-Charge.

RDR

From the Registers (To 31st May 1997)

Holy Baptism

11th May Jack Samuel Blake at Blisland

25th May Joshua Charles Michael Holman at Blisland

'We welcome you into the Lord's Family'

The Parish Priest is available to celebrate the Sacrament at Blisland by appointment. Please contact him on 01208 850869

Chapel's Page

Pastoral Worker Mr Brian Parkman. 17 Trefrew Road. Camelford (01840 212736)

	Blisland	St Breward
Senior Steward	Mr ET Ham (850691)	Mr R Hoskin (851445)
Treasurer	Mrs W Gurr (850119)	Mrs J Teague (850342)

Dear friends.

I want to say a very big thank you for your generous support in giving footwear and blankets following my appeal for the deprived people of Moldova - Eastern Europe. The response has been tremendous. We need to close the appeal at the end of July to give time for the transporting of the goods to the Exeter base of Christ Church Aid. We have been able to give out of the abundance that God has given to us. That has given us joy, I know. Jesus said. "It is better to give than to receive." In fact, part of His teaching to the disciples during the Sermon on the Mount was instruction on giving to the needy. The world becomes a better place for us all when we share the resources we have. So, thank you again, and may you know God's blessing as you continue to give of yourself to Him in worship, service and praise. Jesus gave himself for us so that we might live life to the full.

Yours sincerely, Brian

A Positive Approach to GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

N°3 *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.* Or; you shall not misuse the name of God. This commandment is so relevant to our society today. Too many use the name of God and of Jesus Christ with flippancy and disdain. Jesus once remarked: "It is not what goes into a person that profanes him, but rather what comes out of him". The language of our streets and work-place reflect the mind of our society today. It is not a good picture. Keeping this commandment is a positive way to discipline our speech and thought.
N°4 *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, 6 days you shall labour and do all your work.* Today's society is reaping the results of ignoring this command of our Creator. All of God's laws are for the benefit of mankind and to ignore them leads to problems in life. Nervous exhaustion, mental stress and marriage breakdown are but a few of the illnesses caused through overwork. There is common-sense in the EC recommendation of a 48 hour working week. Unfortunately Britain still places riches before health and happiness. God's law is a positive approach to truly successful living.

Blisland Methodist Church Services

Sun 6th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr Brian Parkman (Holy Communion)
Sun 20th	2.30pm	Preacher Rev Dr Stephen Dawes MA, Chairman of Cornwall District.

St Breward Methodist Church Services

Wed 2nd	10-11.30am	COFFEE MORNING
Sun 6th	SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY	
	11.00am	Preacher Mr R Harrison
	6.00pm	Preacher Mr M Lake
Sun 13th	11.00am	Preacher Mr B Parkman (Sacrament)
Sun 20th	9.30am	Preacher Mr B Parkman
Sun 27th	11.00am	Fellowship

Blisland Garden Fete

At Trewardale

on

Saturday 19th July

2.00pm

Activities include:

Pony Rides, Children's Sports, Raffle,
St John's Ambulance First Aid Demo's
Archery - "have a go"
Fly Casting
A variety of stalls - plant sales etc
Refreshments
(Regular shuttle car service from village)

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Old Inn News: As you will probably have heard on the radio, we have been challenged to a pub quiz by a team of 4 Radio Cornwall presenters on Friday July 4th (Independence Day USA), beginning at 8pm.

The quiz will be recorded and the BBC team members will be Lawrence Reed, Nick Serpell, Scott Peacock and Andy Breare. Paul Wills will be the question master. The Old Inn team has yet to be announced (Barney claims that he's a member of Mensa but the Old Inn are demanding that he goes off for a brain scan!) Come along and support your local team.

St Breward Church News: At the recent Coffee Morning held on June 14th over £93 was raised for church funds with more donations still coming in. Thank you to everybody who helped and attended. There will NOT be a Coffee Morning in July. Please support the Church Fete on July 12th. The next Coffee Morning will be held in the Bandroom on Saturday 16th August from 10 till 11.30am to which everyone is most welcome.

Sponsored Walk. The sponsored walk held in aid of the St Breward Church Tower Roof Appeal was a great success. 24 walkers assembled at Wenford Dries on a very hot day to walk a circular route along the Camel Trail to Helland bridge and back through the Forestry Trail. There is still money to be collected but over £300 has been raised so far. A big thank you to everyone who took part especially all the children, Alexandra & Penelope Bell, Debbie Cornelius, Ben Dingle & Rebecca Colman who were sponsored for over £80 each; Toni, Stephanie and Kayleigh Walby - Kayleigh raising the magnificent sum of £118. A big thank you to everyone and especially those who made and served the wonderful and much appreciated refreshments half way round.

From distant sky the sun peeps through
To lone woodpigeon's cry
The night has gone, new day is born
While mist in valleys lie

The fields outspread like patchwork quilts
Gives panoramic view
The colours on their palette mixed
This early morn with dew

While cattle stretch their stiffened limbs
with an expectant air.
Small creatures rouse from slumbers deep
The joys of day to share

Much nearer still the spiders weave
Their lace across the lawn
Adorning Nature as she waits
To greet the coming dawn

The cows leaving this rural scene
To early milking go
Excited dogs bark their delight
And lusty roosters crow

The fading moon drifts from the sky
Dimmed by the rising sun
Small birds rejoice with morning sun
The New Day has begun

Gwen Masters

This lady was a character, and would mind her own business and tell everybody else to do the same.

I understand she had been a teacher in a Dame's school, long before my time. Rotund was the word to describe her; with a circumference to equal her height and a face to match, usually smiling.

She lived in a cottage below us, she had a little poultry house in the corner of her garden, and she would bring her collection of eggs in an enamel pie dish to the Regrator, who on his weekly visits, parked his van on the triangular piece of land between the cluster of cottages.

She would arrive with beaming face, to announce that she had the best type of 'fowl' in the district - only five hens and "I had seven eggs today", or something similar

Of course we all knew that the farmer's Leghorn hens flew over the hedge, from the farmyard, into her hen-house. He didn't mind losing a few to her, she bought her milk and butter from him. Her cottage was very old and small, with earth floor and open rafters in the one bedroom, where you could see the underside of the roofing slates. She always wore black clothes, with a waist apron of some coarse material, this she removed when going out, and put on her beaded cape and black straw hat spiked with a long black-knobbed pin.

Her sparse gray hair could only provide a walnut-sized bun at the back of her head; and she always stomped about in men's boots. I suppose she needed some anchor for her size.

When visiting this old lady, to go into the one downstairs room was like entering a cave, low beamed ceiling, earth floor, the interior made darker by the numerous plants on the window sill. There was a huge open fireplace on one wall and the open staircase on the opposite side, but draught was no problem here. Hanging from a beam about a yard from the fire was a large patchwork quilt, and it was behind this that she sat, pulling her skirt above her knees; the expression she used to me was - "Here I sit and griddle", and by the large pieces of wood that sent sparks flying she was pretty close to roasting herself!

Over the fire hung an iron kettle and a small iron boiler, in which she coo.ed her meals, largely consisting of boiled meat and vegetables. The meat, most

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often a piece of fat bacon or pig's cheek. She told me she would eat only the vegetables and gravy the first day when it was hot, and save the meat to eat cold on following days. She had no oven but could fry food in a pan on a brandis, which stood over the fire.

I was honoured to be allowed to cut her toe-nails, something she couldn't possibly do for herself. Being very independent she used to say, "I don't want just anybody interfering with me." Occasionally she would have her family to visit and I think she ended her days with them, as I lost touch when I worked away from Home. But remembering the brown stains running down her face put me off snuff-taking for life.

Gwen Masters

Are You Looking For A Challenge? We Found One, In Bodmin!

After attending the 'Taster Sessions' for Bodmin Community College's Access Course we decided 'That looks good, let's give it a go'. From a selection of sociology, psychology, political studies and social history, we picked sociology and political studies. I know what you're going to say, not politics, it's boring. Well that's exactly what I said before the 'Taster Session'. Now we're both at the University of Plymouth, studying that very subject. It's not what you think it is, so don't say no 'till you've had a go.

The idea is that the course prepares you for university, but if you don't have ambitions to go that far, you can still do it 'just for fun', and gain a lot from the experience. It's excellent for confidence building. A 'student friendly' course, with students from a wide range of backgrounds. The course philosophy is: Anyone can do it, they just have to have the resolve to have a go. No previous qualifications are needed, just the determination to want to learn something new and the motivation to keep going . At the end of the course you have the equivalent of 2 'A' levels and GCSE maths and a nice certificate which says so - quite handy when job-hunting.

The really great thing about this course, is that it's an adult only course which means 'no spotty's or nappies'. There are creche facilities available and the course is free if you're on benefits. There is access for wheelchairs. The staff are friendly and approachable. With regular one-to-one tutorials given. Lots of encouragement and helpful advice are provided by Lilli, tel. 01579 320796 and Paulette, tel. 01579 346137, both course tutors and the team. So go on have a go, you can't fail, only grow from the experience, we did!

Ellen Byrne & Vicky Metters.

I received a letter from Mr Olver Harris from Launceston in which he writes

"I discovered the enclosed at Launceston Library and thought it may be of interest. My family lived at Abbey Farm for many years.

Having lived at Blisland as a boy, I have always kept in touch and hold dear to many happy memories."

Extract from Trigg Major Magazine, August 1929

On Wednesday July 3rd. a gathering of friends was held at Temple on the occasion of the opening of the Church Coal-store Building.

The proceedings began with a Public Tea which was held out of doors. When this was finished, a move was made to the Churchyard, where an address was given by the Vicar to the people who stood near the new building, in which he referred to the origin of Temple Church and to the interest which attached to the new coal-store as many stones of the old Church were built into its walls.

He then handed a key to Mrs Rashleigh who unlocked the door and declared the new building open.

In the evening, a very enjoyable concert was given in Mr Harris's barn by Mr Burton and his party from Bodmin.

Our best thanks are due to all who helped to make the effort a success, whether as entertainers, or at the tea tables, or providing a place for the tea and concert. We also wish to thank all who by gifts of money, or by supplying or hauling materials, or by workmanship, or in other ways, have made it possible to erect a building worthy of the Church.

Feet of Clay Winner July 1997

This month's award goes to St Breward Mini-bus Secretary Ann Hole who, at a recent committee meeting, repeatedly harangued a fellow committee member, by asking "How could you **LOSE** the bus key. The following week she took the bus to Truro and (You've guessed it) **LOST THE KEY!!!**

A close runner up was your editor who whilst serving a Scottish holiday-maker in the shop on Friday 13th, took off his new reading glasses, only to have the **EMMIT** walk off with his very expensive new glasses. Consequently any copy for the next issue of this magazine will need to be in large print to avoid spelling errors.

(As I am sole judge of this award I had no hesitation in awarding it to Ann Hole Ed)

This award has been sponsored by Murrell Engineering

St Breward Carnival Committee 1997

We would like to express our gratitude to all those involved on our Fun Day on Saturday 8th June. We were delighted that so many contributed in making this day a success, and to hear so many reports of enjoyment.

Our Carnival Queen and Attendants were chosen by Mr & Mrs Oldham from Coombe Mill.
Carnival Queen 1997: **Kylie Sleep**
Carnival Queen Attendants 1997: **Kelly Bunt and Stephanie Walby**

Mount won the six-a-side Football Tournament - but all the teams demonstrated serious footballing skills. Watch out Gazza!!

The winner of the Guess the Weight of the Cake Competition was Mr Yates, correctly guessing 2lb 6oz.

Elizabeth Stansfield won the marble game - achieving 96 marbles in one minute

Raffle Prize Winners:	1st	Mr David Kay (Chicken Dinner)
	2nd	Mrs Doreen Kay (Bottle of wine}
	3rd	Mrs Liz Hillson (Jigsaw)
	4th	UNCLAIMED (Pink ticket N°346)

Thank you for supporting this day and we look forward to seeing you all in our Carnival.

St Breward Carnival Committee 1997

St Breward Carnival 1997 will be held on Saturday 26th July
Starting at Limehead
Floats will be permitted this year BUT all vehicles must be

- Roadworthy
- Taxed
- MOT'ed
- Insured

Please Support your Carnival

Ethel Hawken aged 104 Years

The death has occurred at Penybryn of Mrs Ethel Hawkens at the remarkable age of 104 years.

Ethel was born in Truro. the second of three sisters whose mother died at an early age. consequently the girls were brought up by their grandparents in a truly Christian home. their grandfather being a well respected local preacher in the Truro circuit.

On leaving school Ethel went to live at Abbotsbury in Dorset. in a doctor's household. caring for a little girl. Felicia. of whom she often spoke. At holiday time Ethel visited her Aunt Emily Hawken who lived at Oxpring Cottage (near Kennel Cottage) in Lank Road.

One can imagine Ethel arriving at Bodmin General Railway Station with her belongings in a wicker basket. and making her way to the White Hart Inn to join Mr Best and his wagonette to be brought to St Breward.

On one such visit she met and finally married Arthur Hawken in 1919. he was the 5th son of the late Mr Charles Hawken of the St Breward Stores & Post Office. Her son Charles and wife Josephine still live in the village. their daughter Valerie and her two daughters. Catherine and Elizabeth made Ethel a Great-grandmother.

Ethel and Arthur lived for many years at Rose Cottage. Lower Lank and were regular worshippers at De Lank Chapel. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 1979.

During the latter part of the war Ethel and her husband lovingly cared for two evacuees. Maureen and Kathleen Cooney. 10 and 8 years respectively. who came with a contingent of children from London. The gratitude of these two girls. now grown up and married has been shown by their regular contact with Ethel each year.

Just think. Ethel had witnessed the advent of all the things we take for granted. such as. the telephone. electricity. wireless. motor car. air travel. television. water services. toilet amenities and many other inventions.

After enjoying an active life and at the age of 92 years she went into Penybryn Nursing Home at Wadebridge. Fully alert at all times and regularly reading the monthly Parish Magazine. she passed away in her chair after having her tea.

A tranquil ending for a gracious and well loved lady.

A Pot of Gold

It is always said that there is a pot of gold where the rainbow touches the ground. Of course as the storm cloud passes over the ground the pot of gold must move. From a naturalists point of view this is certainly the case. On my travels around the country, I have found all sorts of interesting things; often in quite unexpected places. Of course it is only unexpected because being an Emmitt I do not know enough about that particular area, and so would not be able to predict what I could find.

Some of most interesting discoveries have often been in the most ordinary places. I remember finding freshwater crayfish in a very ordinary looking stream in a limestone area in Lincolnshire. I had only found it because I was forced to pass it on a regular basis. Likewise water voles in Shropshire. Here I used to walk out to some waste ground beside a housing estate. Ponds had been created by accident, and one evening I noticed the duckweed that covered the pond in one being lifted up a bit and there was a pair of eyes looking at me. I kept quite still and suddenly realised that there were other smaller pairs also looking at me. I studied coot territories for a number of years on a long 5 acre lake in Surrey. It was fascinating to notice how precise the boundaries were; I could virtually 'see' the fences they had put up across the lake. I have found a shingle beach on Mull that was made up of tiny shells rather than pebbles. I saw a shoal of about 50 bass-like fish hunting their way along a Skye shore line, and although they were about 100 metres off shore, I could see them because they were leaping out of the water like dolphins. In a Buckinghamshire garden I have enjoyed watching hedgehogs fighting in the spring and ants in many nests on the patio all releasing their new flying offspring on the same hot humid day in the summer.

None of these things are earth shattering, but by continually studying a particular habitat, which may at first glance appear dull, with further acquaintance suddenly becomes a very different place. Most of these discoveries will have already been noted somewhere, but to you a new discovery has been made, and that indeed can seem like a pot of gold. Very often the discovery has been made because I have been bored, and wish to fill my time at little cost. So what unexpected things can you find? As you make your way along the road on your way to work or school what changes can you see in the hedgerows and banks? Perhaps you can not get about very well and sit outside in the sun from time to time. What creatures and plants are living under your feet? This is a good time of the year as Mother Nature races on to complete her required set of tasks before the onset of winter.

Should I inspire any one to find something of interest, tell the Editor and these could be included at a later date. If you are a child, do give him your age.

A. N. Emmitt

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Correction

Gareth Bunt has pointed out an error in last month's magazine. He claims that he's the Avian Expert and that Ivan Crowle is an Aparian Expert! When asked what he meant, he went off muttering "He's the one with bees in his bonnet"!!!

Uproar in Village shop

St Breward PCC member Margaret Willetts caused uproar recently when she attempted to sell Church raffle tickets in St Breward Stores. Shop owner Christine Lusby asked her not to sell tickets in the shop as she had 20 books of her own to sell. An uneasy truce is currently in operation

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Not only did the Royal Cornwall Show have a devastating affect on the weather, it caused one very busy St Breward farmer's wife to hurriedly drop off her daughter for **SUNDAY School**. As she dashed back to the farm thinking, "Phew I just got her there in time", she met her husband who said he was taking his tractor in for repairs. "Will someone be there?" she asked. Her mystified husband replied, "Of course someone will be there, they're open all day on a SATURDAY!!!!!"

For Sale

12 rolls of lovely wallpaper. Excess to requirement. Any offers! Contact Dai at the Football Club

One evening recently a group of regulars were propping up the Football Club bar. Dai was much quieter than usual so someone asked him what was the matter. He said, "I'm worried about Joe. He phoned me in a terrible state, apparently he's lost one of his balls and nobody knows how it happened or where it's too."

Like millions of other conversations that occur when groups of men gather around a bar, all the whys and wherefores of Joe's trouble were discussed, the possible locations of Joe's lost ball were considered and discarded. Questions were asked; Had they called the doctor? Had they phoned the police? Was it catching? How was the family taking it? Such was their concern, the Big Match on Sky was being totally ignored.

Christopher Greenaway, unused to the quiet and seeing the serious looking group told them to cheer up or their long faces would turn the beer, so they told him about Joe. "I don't know what all the fuss is about," he laughed. "His ball has been rattling about in the back of my Landrover for the last 2 weeks." Dai was disgusted. "What's it doing there?" "Oh, I found it in the middle of the football pitch, so I slung it in the Landrover and forgot all about it."

Reports coming in say that Joe has made a full recovery now that his set of skittle balls is complete. ☹☹☹☹☹

Blisland WI postponed their June meeting to avoid a clash with the concert given by the Carlyon Singers. A report of the concert follows below and a report of the WI June meeting will appear in our August issue.

The lovely balmy summer evening that we had hoped for on Wednesday June 18th didn't materialise - but this did not deter forty people who came to listen to the **Carlyon Singers in Concert at Blisland Church**, under their conductor Paul Drayton.

The programme included a variety of songs and madrigals interspersed with readings taken from the late 13th century through to the 19th/20th century. Paul Drayton introduced each song from the programme and gave us a short but amusing history of each.

The readings were given by members of the Carlyon Singers and included the famous speech from ***Henry V*** before the battle of Agincourt - this seemed very appropriate as we had just listened to the Agincourt Song - and a delightful poem by Charles Causley called ***St Protus & St Hyacinth, Blisland.***

The singing was unaccompanied, apart from the last song - ***Greater love hath no man,*** by John Ireland, when the singers were accompanied by Paul Drayton at the organ. This was a truly lovely rendition and everyone left the church feeling uplifted, having enjoyed as usual a wonderful concert.

The evening was still to be completed as we all made our way across the village green to the Mansion House to supper. The generous hospitality of Mike and I Ward-Lee is, I am sure, by now becoming a legend - with it seems ever open house to many charities - especially the church. As we entered the house delicious aromas wafted through our senses making our mouths water, especially the singers, who I was told were ravenous!! Most not having eaten since much earlier in the day. There was a choice between hot or cold dishes with accompanying salads and lovely new potatoes followed by a delicious assortment of puddings and ending with coffee.

This has been, we all agreed, a lovely evening. A vote of thanks was given by the Rev David Reed and Mrs Ward-Lee was presented with a flower arrangement.

A Coffee Morning held at the Mansion House raised £78.26 for this Parish magazine. Thank you to all those who organised and helped and also to those who supported the event. (The cakes were Scrumptious, but I only looked at them, honestly. DL)

St Breward WI 10th June 1997

Tonight we all enjoyed cups of tea courtesy of a tea supplier called Miles - Mrs Lusby is now stocking this brand at the shop which shows that advertising pays! Mrs Ann Hole gave her feelings about the recent Triennial Meeting in Birmingham, saying that it is a moving experience which makes you feel part of a countrywide community. Mrs Alice Brown had the honour of playing the grand piano for the meeting, it was good to see North Cornwall represented in this manner. St Breward WI are going to write to our MP and Council about the regulation to increase the weight of lorries, particularly with regard to the necessity and the expense of strengthening local bridges. Mrs M Wilkie gave a very detailed report about the Spring Council Meeting at Hendra recently. The 1998 Calendars are available as ordered, and the diaries will be on hand after the Autumn Council Meeting, so there is still time to order one of those. Nominations were taken for a new Group Convener, and Mrs Anne Holmes was given a vote of thanks for her 4 years as St Petroc's Convener.

Our entry for the Royal Cornwall Show was on display and those members who had produced the items were thanked for their efforts. We are hoping that a visit to Mr Eric Baker's garden at Lerryn, followed by a cream tea provided by Lerryn WI can be arranged for Tuesday 5th August. This will be finalised at the July meeting. This is a 1½ acre garden with many interesting facets and should make a lovely outing given reasonable weather

Sister Voyce of the Rheumatology Unit at City Hospital, gave a very good talk about osteoporosis, keeping the information well within our understanding, speaking about its effects and possible ways of avoiding it altogether. It can be caused by smoking too much, anorexia, too <u>much</u> exercise ie gymnastics, or even being bedridden or in a plaster cast for a long time! It affects 1 in 3 women so we should all take care to improve our diet and take reasonable exercise. An unusual fact is that there is more calcium in semi, or fully skimmed milk. Several members asked searching questions which Sister Voyce helped to solve

The Competition for an object made out of bone (very appropriate in this case) was won by Mrs P Bousfield, and Mrs P Metters continued her luck in winning the flower competition with her basket of summer flowers. The next meeting will be on August 8th, when John Henty will talk about Mabel Lucie Atwill.

Anne Holme

Blisland WRVS Club

For the second monthly gathering of the Club on Tuesday June 3rd. we were all invited to the home of our treasurer. Mrs Audry Pierce. We were welcomed with a glass of sherry by husband Brian before embarking on a Turkey & Ham Salad with all the trimmings. followed by a choice of sweets. We all thoroughly enjoyed the meal. In the afternoon we had a competition. based on a video of Cornwall. I got it right and won a prize. Everybody left with a gift from the raffle. Many thanks Audry and Brian.

Tony Ham

Blisland Village Green The National Association of Local Councils has confirmed the Parish Council as registered owner of the Village Green with specific statutory powers under the Open Spaces Act 1906. This empowers the council to maintain, manage. regulate and control the village green and therefore the Parish Council can provide for the monies needed for its upkeep etc.

Mike Ward-Lee

Mark Prout would like to thank all those who sponsored him on his recent marathon run.(See page 2). He is pleased to announce that he has raised approximately £350 for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice and Cancer Research.

Words of Wisdom

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Editorial Another issue hits the news stands and once again it is another mammoth 20 pages of news and views with the odd bit of humour thrown in. By now regular readers will have realised that I love poking gentle fun at some members of our parishes. So far most of it stems from St Breward, so come on you Blislanders and Templars what about the humorous happenings in your two parishes. Please share them with us.

The magazine has a serious side which is very important. The news of village events, sermons from Church and Chapel, concerts, WI reports etc all help to cement together the ties that give villages a strong sense of identity and community spirit. Knowing what goes on in your village is not nosiness but is part of belonging - an essential ingredient of rural living. A village cannot afford to have too much big city isolation. We all need to help each other and to support as many village events as possible.

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St Breward AFC & Social Club Secretary's Report This year's Football Dance was held at the Carpenters Arms, Polzeath on June 6th. Ninety people attended and the evening was a great success. Trophies were awarded as follows

- **Player of the Year** 1st Daniel Parsons 2nd Neil Morrish
- **Players Player** 1st Danial Parsons 2nd Peter Scawn
- **Highest Goal Scorers** 1st Rob Davey 2nd Steve Bickle
- **Sportsman Trophies** Phil Spearc and Greg Thomas

Flowers were presented to the President's wife, Mrs Haywood. Gifts were also presented to Doreen Kay, Dinah Davey and Yvonne Davey from the first and second teams in appreciation for their sterling work in the kitchen, providing teas etcetera. First and Second team managers, John Bate and Steve Kay were also presented with gifts from their teams. The Ten Tors walkers received a medal each. These were Heidi Davey, Wayne Davey, Robbie Davey and, last but not least, Carole Griffin.

Club Chairman, Mr Chris Greenaway made a speech thanking everyone for their hard work throughout the season. Vice-chairman, Mr Joe Kay then thanked Chris for all that he does for the club throughout the year.

The 1997/98 Season begins on August 16th. This year the First Team has a new manager, Mr Dave Hodge who lives at Liskeard. Watch the notice board for friendlies! Don't forget, **ASTON VILLA OLD STARS** will be down on August Bank Holiday weekend.

Entertainment for July

4th Robert Dingle Memorial Darts Tournament (Ladies)
5th Little Miss Dynamite?? (New to club)
11th Robert Dingle Memorial Darts Tournament (Mens)
12th Jumbo's Disco Dance the night away to the funkiest music around.
18th Robert Dingle Memorial Darts Tournament (Mixed Pairs)
19th Live Music
25th Robert Dingle Memorial Darts Tournament FINALS NIGHT
26th **CARNIVAL DISCO** Tims Disco with the Art Colman's Formation Dance Team

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Editor's Note: This information has been sent by Mr David Kay and any comments or queries should be referred to him.

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