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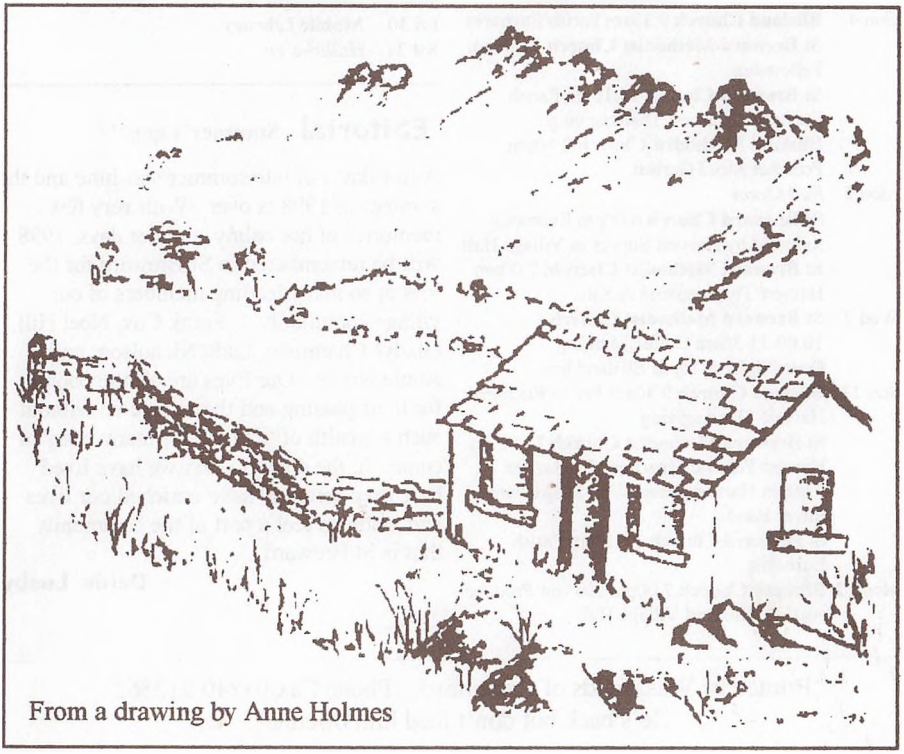

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Sun 4 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Fellowship
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist: Harvest Thanksgiving
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Mrs J Garbett

Mon 5 *Full Moon*
St Breward Church 6.00pm Evensong followed by Harvest Supper in Village Hall
St Breward Methodist Church, 7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving & Sale.

Wed 7 **St Breward Methodist Church** 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Sun 11 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist: Harvest Thanksgiving
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Harvest Festival Preacher Mrs Garbett 7.00pm Harvest Praise With St Breward Silver Band
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist

Mon 12 **Blisland Church** 7.00pm Harvest Produce auction. Blisland Village Hall

Tue 13 **St Breward WI.** 7.15pm Memorial Hall

Wed 14 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Fri 16 **Mobile Library**
St Breward AFC: 8.30pm Live Music 'LANCE THE BOIL'

Sun 18 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Miss Hague
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Mr B Parkman

Tue 20 *New Moon*
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Wed 21 *Trafalgar Day (1805)*
***Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn*

Sat 24 **St Breward AFC:** 8.30pm Live Music 'JOHNNY COWLING'

Sun 25 *End of British Summer Time*
Blisland Church 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 9.30am Preacher Mr B Parkman. Sacrament
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist

Wed 28 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Fri 30 **Mobile Library**

Sat 31 *Hallowe'en*

Editorial Summer's gone!

A few day's of late summer sunshine and the summer of 1998 is over. With very few memories of hot balmy summer days, 1998 will be remembered in St Breward for the loss of so many leading members of our village community. - Frank Cox, Noel Hill, Gladys Champion, Lady Nicholson, and Annie Nottle. Our lives are all the poorer for their passing and the village be without such a wealth of 'Elders' for many years to come. In the 4 short years we have lived here they certainly have enriched our lives and made us feel a part of the community that is St Breward.

Denis Lusby

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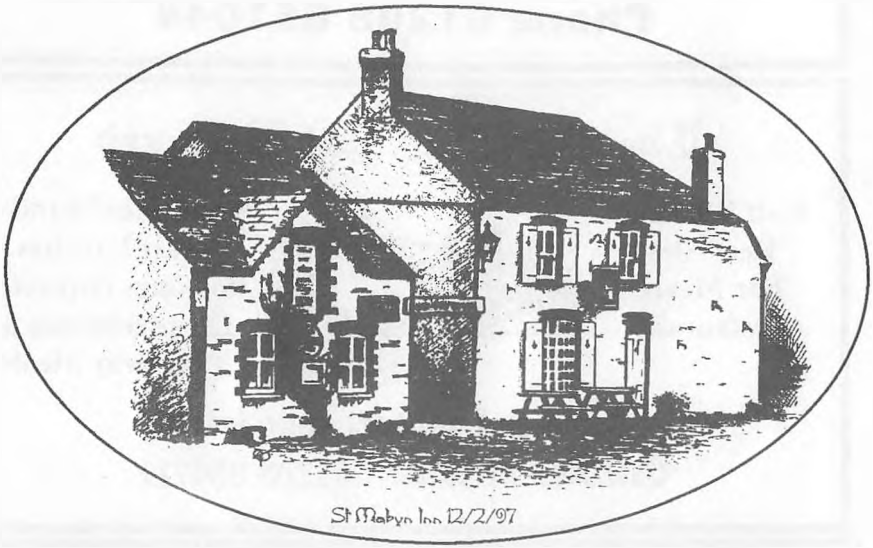

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Memories of Gladys Champion

When I came to the village I was enrolled into the Womens Institute almost before I had unpacked. The WI entry into the village carnival was being planned and I was introduced to the participants. Gladys was the most vocal member and I soon found myself being welcomed by her into a very friendly group. Her forthright manner and candid honesty commanded the respect of all that knew her.

Her teaching prowess and service to village organisations and her meticulous book-keeping is well known, but it was the fun side of Gladys that I will remember best, who will ever forget her giggle, the way her whole face lit up when she laughed. I will always remember the winter Keep fit evenings and the banter that we shared.

Her representation of a Police Sergeant in the village pantomime caused a great deal of hilarity and her repartee and skill while leading the community singing will long be remembered. Her considerable singing talent was frequently lost as she dissolved into fits of giggles at some amusing moment, even during more serious moments while she was playing the organ in the Methodist Chapel I have had to look away so as not to catch the glance from her mischievous eyes.

There are many serious memories that I have of Gladys, her work with the Simon ward Day Centre & the Memorial Hall, her concern for her parents, and her family but I prefer to remember the fun Gladys brought into my life and how could anyone forget that laugh!

Ann Hole

From the Registers

Funerals

The funeral service for the late Noel Edgar Hill of St Breward took place on Tuesday 25th August at St Breward Church followed by interment in the Churchyard

The funeral service for the late Evelyn Odell Nicholson of St Breward took place on Saturday September 5th September at St Breward Church followed by cremation at Glyn Valley Crematorium

The funeral service of the late John Albert William Black of Nanstallon took place on Friday 11th September at Glyn Valley Crematorium

The funeral service for the late Florence Annie Nottle of St Breward took place on Monday 14th September at St Breward Methodist Church followed by interment in St Breward Churchyard

Rest Eternal, grant unto them 0 Lord and let light perpetual shine on them

Church's Pages

Priest in Charge Father R David Reed The Rectory, St Breward Tel 850869
Churchwardens:

Blisland	Maj. CFT Edward-Collins	821226	St Breward	Mr DP McShee	850435
	Mrs HM Webber	850239		Mrs S Hutton	850761

Dear Friends,

We may wonder if we ever had a summer this year with such disappointing weather, yet with the evenings closing in so rapidly, we know Autumn is around the corner, with thoughts that churches and chapels will be soon having their Harvest Thanksgiving services.

Harvest Thanksgiving is perhaps one of the most widely supported occasions of the Church year after Easter, Christmas and Pentecost, especially in country districts where we are so close to the cycle of propagation, growth and the harvest of the necessities of life, physically speaking, with a subconscious memory of time past when harvest was even more precarious and more independent on weather, and so the failure of crops meant a very lean time at best until next harvest. While progress has been made in helping the technical aspects of their work, farmers and fishermen continue to be at the mercy of the weather, especially during a year like this, more than most industries, and together with economic problems they face, both should be very much in our prayers this harvesttide.

There is another Harvest that Our Lord commands us to celebrate every Sunday, and on weekdays when possible, This is the Harvest Supper when we bring ourselves as our own gifts to the altar of God, when we offer what has been given by God and what we have made of his gift; then we receive from the Altar, the Bread and Wine, the fruits of the earth and labour of human hands, transformed in God's wonderful way, into the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord, to become life and food, joy and happiness, strength and growth. Then we are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit and to live and work to his praise and glory, foreshadowing that wonderful Feast in the future of his kingdom.

Wishing you every blessing,
Father David

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

St Breward

Sun 4 Oct	Family Eucharist	10.10 am
Mon 5 Oct	Evensong followed by Harvest Supper and Auction & sale of Harvest produce and gifts in the Village Hall	6.00 pm

Blisland

Sun 11 Oct	Parish Eucharist	9.30 am
Mon 12 Oct	Auction & sale of produce and gifts in the Village Institute	7.00 pm

Sunday Services

9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	Blisland
11.10 am	Parish Eucharist	St Breward

(First Sunday of the month; Family Eucharist at Blisland AND St Breward)

NB Sunday 1 November Celebration of All Saints
Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

Weekday Services

Thurs 1 Oct		Blisland	10.00 am
Thurs 8 Oct		St Breward	10.30 am
Thurs 15 Oct		Blisland	10.00 am
Thurs 22 Oct		St Breward	10.30 am
Wed 28 Oct	St Simon and St Jude Apostles	Blisland	10.00 am
Mon 2 Nov	Commemoration of All Souls	Blisland	10.00 am
		St Breward	7.00 pm
Thurs12 Nov		St Breward	10.30 am
Thurs 19 Nov		Blisland	10.00 am

Lady Nicholson

Lady Nicholson was born in Bude but spent much of her childhood in Egypt between schooling in England. She met her husband in Egypt and then spent the war years in Surrey while he was in Norway, India and Burma for 5 years. Postings to W. Africa and Egypt as well as London followed, as her husband climbed the army ladder.

Although she always took on her official jobs and entertaining, with charm and friendliness, Lady Nicholson's happiest times were with her family, and dogs in Cornwall where they retired to be near the sea and moors. She was quite content in her latter years, living in St Breward with the church and village community.

Chapel's Pages

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,

Autumn is with us again. Traditionally, this is the time of harvesting and therefore of Harvest Thanksgiving. It is the culmination of planning, toil and patience that has gone before; it is also the start of a new season of ploughing and sowing for the future. This is the wonder of creation. It is the never-ending cycle of God's goodness to us all. As it is with the soil, so it is with the flesh. Our faith reminds us that the culmination of life here on earth releases us into the life, which is eternal beyond the grave. September is also the start of a new church year in Methodism. As we look back over the year that is past, we give God our grateful thanks for all He has done through us, His church, for the spiritual harvest that has been the culmination of our planning, toil and patience in His name. Now we must look forward in faith and expectancy in the year now commenced, applying ourselves again to patient toil in the name of Christ and for His glory.

Let us unite with all Christians in our parish and pray that God will grant a spiritual harvest in the field, in which we live and work.

Yours sincerely,

Brian.

St Breward Methodist Church October Diary

Sun 4th	11.00am	Fellowship
Wed 7th	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning
Sun 11th	**Harvest Festival**	
	11.00am	Mrs Garbett
	7.30pm	Harvest Praise led by Brian Parkman, with St Breward Silver Band & Soloist Peter Parsons
Sun 18th	11.00am	Miss Hague
Sun 25th	9.30am	Brian Parkman (Sacrament)

Safari Supper: This was a great success raising much needed funds for the chapel whilst enjoying good food in pleasant surroundings with good company. Thank you to all who came and joined us on the evening. It was somewhat overshadowed by the fact that someone had smashed the

window inthe front of the Chapel, so some of the much needed funds were earmarked for repairs before the evening started. (Any information re the broken windows to PC Dredge at Bodmin Police Station.)

Blisland Methodist Church October Diary

Sun 4th	2.30pm	Harvest Festival Preacher Mrs J Garbett
Mon 5th	7.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by sale of donated produce. Preacher Mrs J Rackham
Sun 18th	2.30pm	Preacher Mr B Parkman

Blisland WRVS Club

I missed the August copy deadline, so there are two club reports this month.

On Tuesday 4th August the members gathered at our home for a barbecue lunch. Joining us were two officials from the WRVS organisation, Mrs Val Macklen, Community Services Manager, and the recently appointed Clubs Organiser, Mrs Margaret Lyne. For the first time in three years, I was able to get the barbecue going without rain and managed to serve up a variety of meats and no burnt morsels! My wife prepared all the trimmings, salad etc and a variety of sweets finished off the meal. In the afternoon there was some puzzling competitions to answer on Cornish place names, eg "Irish Donkey" answer Kelly Bray. No one solved all the questions but it produced many a laugh.

On September 1st we were invited to the home of Mr and Mrs Willcocks at Tregenna. It was a warm sunny afternoon, ideal for walking around their lovely garden on a treasure hunt. Twenty one items had been distributed amongst the plants and shrubs . Despite going around and back checking, seeking to discover more, no-one actually recorded finding all twenty one. Mrs Audrey Pierce had the highest score and was awarded a prize. After all this activity we were served with a very tasty tea. A raffle produced a gift for everyone. Many thanks Isobel and Tony for a most enjoyable outing.

Tony Ham Club Organiser.

The family of the Late Gladys Champion would like to sincerely thank everyone who gave donations in lieu of flowers. The sum of £1,322 has been divided between the Macmillan Nurses and Camelford District Nurses

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Records of Cornwall

The Cornwall Association of Local Historians has launched a project to encourage Secretaries and Committees of local organisations to lodge their records with the County Record Office in Truro. Already the twentieth century is a subject for history study; the minutes, programmes, scrap-books, competitions, photographs, accounts etc of local clubs and societies are the ingredients of social history.

The bulk of old records can be a nuisance for a secretary to keep as well as a responsibility for safe-keeping; it is sensible to lodge the older records with the CRO, retaining, those of, say, the last 5 or 10 years which may be needed for frequent reference. Mrs Sally Pocock of 2 Fairmantle Street, Truro (Tel. 01872 273557) is co-ordinating this project and will be happy to give advice; or, of course, you can contact the CRO (01872 322000) direct.

Our two parishes have such a rich variety of clubs and societies; they deserve to be documented in Cornwall's social history.

Pamela Bousfield

The Blisland Fun Day

My congratulations to Wendy Harper and her band of workers in organising yet another very enjoyable and successful Fun Day on August Bank Holiday. The wide support it received and great pleasure it gave made all the hard work well worthwhile

RDR

Eating Out

Last month, in a desparate need to acquire 'Brownie Points'(BP's), I decided to surprise Christine by taking her out for a nice romantic dinner on our wedding anniversary. I had a brain wave; we could go to the St Maybn Inn; our daughter Anna has been waitressing there; she will be pleased to show off her expertease and it will save me having to phone up to book. (All these BP's! Almost like earning triple points on your ABC card, so I'm told!!)

Over a leisurly apperteif, we chose from a varied menu and were shown to a table in a quiet corner of the restaurant as requested - I needed to balance BP's with 'street cred' and wanted a low profile.

We both chose fish as starters and my seafood platter was excellent as was Christine's smoked fish in a creamy sauce. I could have eaten the lot! My rib-eye steak was cooked to perfection (my preference for rare usually ends up as nearer medium).I didn't get a chance to try Christine's chicken in a stilton sauce as she scoffed the lot.

After a superb meal, with apéritifs, sparkling wine, the lights down low (oh, mega-BP's), Anna's waitressing

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was first class but I was getting fed up with someone in the corner who kept staring at us. I asked Anna to tell him to stop staring or else, only to be told that it was Admiral Lord Nelson and he had been standing there for many a year. To finish all the kitchen staff came out with a candle-lit cake and serenaded us. Bang went my street cred but it was amazing to see Mark Newton (Noddy) wearing pink Marigold gloves and a pinny. The chef looked very fetching in her shorts but I couldn't work out why she had smeared chocolate sauce on her legs! (was this how she attracted Noddy to do the washing up?)

Although not the cheapest place to eat locally, the varied menu of freshly cooked, prime ingredients puts the St Maybn Inn food above the instant 'pub grub' which seems to be the norm these days.

100 years of St Breward in photographs

I am proposing to have a **Millennium Exhibition** of photographs of St Breward covering the last hundred years. The exhibition will be staged in the Institute & Memorial Hall in the summer of 1999. I would like to form a committee to organise this event and of course we need photographs of St Breward or of anything appertaining to the village or its people over the last century. Ideal photographs will be those where the people in them can be identified, or ones with a story attached. We will probably use copies for the displays so originals can be returned quickly to their owners. Of course all photographs will be handled with great care.

If you would like to help in any way please contact me on 850260.

The Official Secrets Act

Running a village shop means that you are soon privy to lots of confidential information. A village shop-keeper's cardinal rule is that information comes in but doesn't go out, otherwise you would soon have no customers.

For example in the summer someone came into the shop on a **very very** hot day and bought ice-lollies to take down to the workers in the hay field. What a nice thing to do, I thought. The next day one of the workers came in complaining that she turned up with 3 ice-lollies for 7 people which caused lots of problems, as you can imagine.

Don't worry **Kerry**, your secret is safe with me; only you and I know that you actually bought 8 ice-lollies and whatever happened to the other 5 is entirely your business and no one elses.

Or there there's the chap from **Moorland View** who quietly eats a pasty before he gets home. Your secret is safe with me as well. Just keep buying our pasties!

BYGONE DUTIES OF A PARLOUR MAID

(This article was originally published in Minver Link Magazine and I am pleased to be able to include it here. Ed)

I was destined to leave school at St Breward in 1936 aged fourteen to go into domestic service and, in readiness, my mother had bought from Lawrence's drapery shop in Bodmin a full set of uniform. For morning duties it had to be a pink dress and large white apron, with a bib top, which reached the bottom of the dress. The material of the dress might have been drill. I'm not sure. With these went a white mobcap, stiff and detachable celluloid cuffs for the dress, black low-heeled shoes and black stockings. For afternoon work, which was more attuned to Parlour Maid duties, it had to be a black dress, shoes and stockings and tiny waist apron in white with a lacy or fancy edge trimming. The cap was really a front band in tiara shape that matched the apron.

It was arranged that I would leave school when the Christmas holiday began. However, Captain and Mrs. Vereker decided I was needed sooner and two weeks before Christmas, when I had gone home for my dinner, my mother told me that she had received a telegram saying that Cpt. Vereker was coming for me that evening. So I never went back to school again. It seemed like an adventure at the time - to be old enough to leave school and earn money. It was a comforting thought that my sister was already working for these people.

Little did I know of the hard work it was just to earn 6 shillings (30p) per week out of which I had to pay my mother a half for all the uniforms. We were up at 7am and went to bed at about 10.30pm. We were on call all day. Our free time was one half day a week after all jobs were done and every alternate Sunday; then we cycled seven miles to our home at St. Breward. We were not given time off together - one of us had to be on duty.

In those days the manor was a huge formidable place. All the downstairs rooms had slate floors which were polished, not too often, with a liquid mixture of beeswax, turpentine and Reckitts Blue. This had to be put on whilst liquid with a huge, clumsy block with a long handle, called a Buffer. After applying, a felt pad was added and that gave the shine. It had to be heaved to and fro like a pendulum. The dining room, and maybe the back passage, was oak panelled.

Huge latticed windows were everywhere.

The cooking was done by my sister and that was on a gas stove. The gas was a mystery to us as huge machinery was housed in a shed and some huge, iron, round plates were wound up on a pulley. As the gas was being used these weights gradually lowered. When they reached the bottom we had no power and if Cpt. Vereker was not available one of us would have to wind as well as we could manage. It was an awfully hard thing to do - like cranking a car, but much, much heavier.

The hot water system was by combustion stove and woe betides us if it clinkered and went out overnight. When the water wasn't hot Cpt. Vereker would shout from the top of the stairs all manner of language. Being Irish he had a quick temper.

Mrs. Dulcie Vereker was a moody person. What was right today could be wrong to- morrow. They had five children three of whom were away at college when I went there. They came home for the holidays, which meant a lot more work. The boys were no trouble but the younger daughter, who was youngest of all, had made up her mind we were inferior beings. She was the least likeable. When the three had gone back to college we usually had an old woman from the village and her granddaughter visit the manor. It was usual for her to bring with her a basket with some swede turnips in. When we answered the door her usual greeting was `Ere's zum turmuts fer ya.' Knowing the procedure we would then call Mrs. Vereker who would bring a bundle of children's clothes for her to take home - hence the turnips! My work in the mornings was all the cleaning jobs. For cleaning silver we used Goddard's Plate Powder. The baths and sinks were cleaned with either Vim or a paste called Gumption. I can well remember having to polish the stairs from top to bottom quite often, especially if there was to be a Bridge Party. This was a monthly event at the manor as four ladies played weekly at each other's houses. Now and again they held a large Bridge Party in the drawing room. When the weekly ones met at the manor Cpt. Vereker would go out shooting. He was especially good at shooting woodcock, which apparently are hard to shoot on account of their darting flight.

To be continued next month

Threshing Days after Harvest

My earliest recollection of a cornfield was when my father helped his farmer friends and we, as children, often went with him and were initiated into the practical side of farming, and the love of it was born.

In those days, 80 odd years ago, the corn was still cut with scythes and then bundles gathered up with a sickle. This implement had no cutting edge but was made of heavy iron-like wire formed into the shape of a question mark. Strands of straw were then twisted into a rope and used to bind these sheaves, which were then stooked around the field to ripen before being brought into the mowhay.

The invention of the Binder, that machine – cutting the corn, gathering and tying the sheaves, then ejecting them in rows across the field, in one operation, was as revolutionary then as was the Combine Harvester in later years. This machine was unknown in our early corn growing years; then it was the Threshing machine, a steam driven engine – a great noisy contraption that came lumbering and grunting up the yard. A welcome sight of the weather was good.

Farming success depends largely on the weather, rain or shine, and farmers are often accused of complaining about it, but it is a great factor in their lives.

Pressing a button did not work on this engine; you had to "get up steam." One year we had the two men in charge to sleep overnight so as to make an early start. It was a long day ahead, and the engine took quite a while to get ready. A huge amount of water was used and the only time our water supply failed was after a long day's threshing. It was usually at the end of the year, and shorter daylight hours made time more precious.

Another year we had two land girls overnight. I felt sorry for them working side-by-side with men for a whole day; it was not easy work. Our first harvest was a bumper one; Ley ground invariably produced large crops. The straw rick was higher than the barn, incredible though it now seems, and the "douse" was everywhere. This was the outer husk of the grain and not much good for anything. The dogs had the time of their lives catching the rats as they were driven out of the corn stack.

Threshing days were a headache, both for food and weather. It was the busiest day of the year when we needed most help and plenty of food.

The threshing machine had to be fed with sheaves, the grain would flow from the chutes at the back of the machine, and into sacks, these had to be carried into the barn. The bundles of straw coming from the machine

had to be built into a Rick and the douse had to be kept clear of the machine – the worst place to be! All these jobs needed one, two or three men; talk of perpetual motion!

The hum of the machine, the chatter and laughter of the men, the screaming of the children as they played in the douse. Their clothes getting full of sharp husks, and the barking of the dogs, were sounds only silenced at meal times.

If, as sometimes happened, it came to rain, everything came to a standstill, and we did not know how long it would be before things got going again.

This was when the worry over rations began, sometimes it rained for days, the men would be gone home and the first lot of food prepared had to be used up, and fresh made when the weather cleared. We did not enjoy the convenience of a deep freeze then. Yes, it was a headache, and we breathed a sigh of relief when the machine was being driven from the yard, the threshing over!

When we viewed the straw rick, providing bedding for the winter, then the heaps of grain slipping and sliding over the barn floor, what a feeling of satisfaction! Thankfully the biggest day of the year was finally over.

Gwen Masters – Looking back.

Lee & Gill

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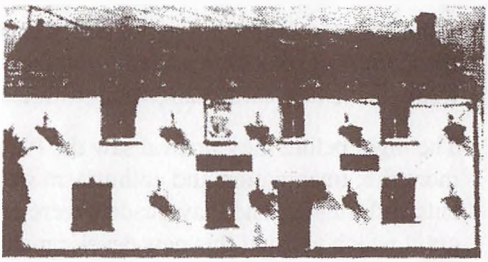

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ST BREWARD CARNIVAL 1998

Saturday 18th July 1998

This year the Carnival was preceded by a 'Carnival Week'. Some of the Village Organisations staged a variety of events.

At the beginning of the week, the Football Club held a Horse Racing evening. What fun!! Although the overall attendance was poor, those there made the most of a wonderful idea. Chris Greenaway went home poorer, but not penniless!!

This event was followed by a Songs of Praise, held in the Chapel, in conjunction with the Band. How good to hear our own Band play! Another successful event.

The Chapel played host to the Brownies and Guides the next evening. An opportunity for old Brownies and Guides to share stories, view pictures and sing a few songs. This event helped to celebrate 25 years of Guiding in St Breward.

The School staged the next event, with a Pasty and Punch evening. This also featured a Comical Football match for the school children, and again, although attendance was poor, the evening saw profits of both money and fun.

The Vicar held a Bar-B-Q on Wednesday 15 July - lots of food, a wonderful host and a variety of games. Unfortunately, the weather did not resemble summer - but the efforts were far from gloomy (How many hot dogs did Denis Lusby have?.....)

Thursday was 'Whist Drive' night!! The Whist Drive attendees have supported the Carnival Committee all year, and their efforts continued during Carnival week. Some new card sharks demonstrated their potential.....!!

The night before the Carnival saw the Playgroup open their new play area. Lots more fun, imagination and enthusiasm were exhibited by the children, their parents and friends. The Play Leaders were encouraged by the National Lottery grant which assisted this new development, and the Carnival Committee wish them every success for the future.

The whole week assisted the Village to prepare for the Carnival, the eleventh since its revival in 1988. The weather was glorious and a wide range of entries added colour and fun to the whole day.

The combined efforts of Carnival Week and the Carnival saw a financial profit of £1350. A real success.

The Carnival Committee want to extend thanks to everyone who assisted this years' events.

The Carnival committee want to express their sincere sympathy to Nancy Hill, Linda and all the family. Noel was a wonderful Vice-President to the Carnival and his support, encouragement and humour will be missed.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE AGM
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 1998
8:15 PM
VILLAGE HALL, ST BREWARD

EVERYONE WELCOME

A Farewell to Summer Visitors

By Mrs. P. J. Bousfield

Summer's come and summer's gone,
All the season's harvest done.
Farewell swallows, farewell all
Our visitors who came to call
Or stayed a while.

We bathed, we sailed, we walked the moors,
We shared with them the rugged tors,
Familiar things seen through their eyes,
The golden furze, the mackerel skies,
The granite stile.

We heard anew the buzzard's cry,
The waves' deep roar, the west wind's sigh
We saw afresh the distant views,
The churches with their ancient pews,
And echoing aisle.

The holidays are over now
And autumn's come; the sun is low.
This is the evening of the year.
The lanes are quiet; winter's near
With frosty smile.

When the summer season ends
Then there's time: for local friends;
Village life in copious ways
Fills the busy, shorter days
In winter style.

St Breward Neighbourhood Watch

Sincere **apologies** to Kevin Foster for an error printed in the July Community News regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Leaflet which was delivered throughout St. Breward and was actually provided and sponsored by ***Moorgoods*** and not Heli-Aid as I mistakenly typed. The leaflet has proved invaluable, enabling us to fill all but 8 of the 27 vacancies for Co-Ordinators/Deputy Co-Ordinators. The following areas are still vacant if anyone is willing to take one on, or alternatively if you already have an area and feel you could take on another please contact Ellen Byrne on 01208 851568. Thanks.

7) Shallowbridge, Treswallock, and Mellon Farm.
9) Pendavey & Hamatethy
10) Tucking Mill, Fellover & Lamphill.
11) Sewerage Works, Coombe Mill & Penrose Burden
12) Holywell, Chapel & Tordown Quarry
17) Claylands
19) Keybridge, Camel Trail & Pooleys Bridge
23) Rylands Cottage, School & Hill Farm

Cornwall Highways Dept have agreed to the placing of 7 of the signs we requested and these will be positioned on existing road signs as soon as possible.

1) St Tudy sign by Syd Kearsleys Farm at Penpont
2) Claylands sign at Wenford Bridge
3) Penrose Burden sign
4) Weak Bridge sign at Gam Bridge
5) Right camber sign coming down hill from Stannon
6) Back of Crossroads sign at Collan's Cross
7)Cattlegrid sign opposite football club

Thanks to the Parish Council and all who have made donations and paid their membership fee, it is your generous contributions which have made this possible.

The next meeting of the ***Neighbourhood Watch*** will take place on ***Friday October 2nd*** 1998, this change is to facilitate attendance by PC Wonnacott, hope you can all make the next meeting which will be at ***7.30pm at the Red Cross Hall.***

Ellen Byrne

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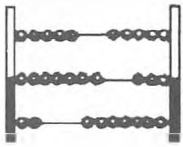

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A WALK IN THE COUNTRY

Pleasant though the scenery is around Temple, Blisland and St. Breward, there are times when a change is as good as a rest.

One of the most restful sites I know of is St. Nectan's Kieve which nestles alongside the banks of the River Trevillitt just above Rocky Valley in Trevethy. There are numerous routes to it. Here I describe one of the more direct ones.

Rocky Valley lies on the Tintagel to Boscastle Road. There is a large lay by opposite the well signed entrance to Rocky Valley, where it is possible to park. About ten yards on the Tintagel side of the lay by is a narrow tarmaced road that rises as it bends to the left. Halgabron is about half a mile along this road, and marks the point where 'sensible' shoes are needed. Beware the first sign post showing a public foot path to the right - it's not the one you want! A few tens of yards beyond it is a sign indicating a public foot path to the left. Follow that over a field and through a rusting gate into woodland. The route meanders downwards along a path that can be muddy. At length you'll come to a bridge crossing the River Trevillitt. St. Nectan's Glen is sign posted on the far bank. The steep winding climb is eased somewhat by great slabs of slate serving as steps. When you reach the top you'll find a gate on the right leading into a tea garden, and refreshments might be welcome by then.

For £1.50 (60 pence for children) you'll get an informative leaflet about The hermitage (now a cottage, formerly a monk's cell) and access to St. Nectan's Kieve. There are more steps to negotiate, but when you arrive at the site you've come to see, I think you'll agree it's been worth it.

A waterfall tumbles sixty feet from its slate course onto slate that has been worn into a bowl. And it tumbles through a water carved hole in an upright slab of slate into a pool of water that laps the shores at your feet. It is beautiful. But, for me, it is not so much the visual beauty of the place that takes me back there. The reason I return to St. Nectan's Kieve is for its tranquillity - something that words cannot convey. So get out there and experience it for yourself. You can retrace your steps back or look at a map and find n alternative route.

Happy strolling!

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"Cousin Jacks"

We all know of the closure of the South Crofty tin mine, which brings to a close centuries of Cornish mining history. Sadly all we have to remind us is the numerous spoil heaps and ruined engine houses that are a feature of the landscape in West Cornwall.

Times have always been difficult in this industry. My Great-Grandfather, William Thomas who had mined at Porthtowan, (his family had worked for generations in the mines they knew so well, Wheal Towan, Wheal Charlotte and Wheal Lushington) because of poor conditions and low pay in the depressed 1830's, elected to go to Cuba prospecting. The journey by sailing boat, took many weeks, and after finding no success, returned to Cornwall three years later, having contracted Yellow Fever during that time. He was to marry later and his three sons, William, Stephen and John, with mining in their bones, joined him in the mines.

They were soon to follow others to America; the thought of striking it rich in the gold fields spurred them on. First to go was William, who foraged in the coalfields of Pennsylvania with his cousins Cyrus Penrose, Stephen and John were to follow, their fares paid by their brother. Stephen spent many years prospecting in Colorado, living in rough Cabins and often faced starvation working in high altitudes. The men would work in extremely hot conditions down the mine and return to freezing conditions on the surface.

It was in Grass Valley that the Thomas's musical talents were recognised. In 1875 Stephen formed the Thomas Silver Cornet Band, providing music for carols and hymns at Christmas time, many from his own collection of tunes he had transcribed and preserved in a book written in 1865 when at Porthtowan. These men must have been well known and welcomed in these isolated villages of wooden shacks.

Stephen was a highly respected miner and his knowledge of mother lode, management of cash and a tough gang of men, made him a very successful Superintendent of the bleak Sierra Buttes mine. Situated 9,000ft up in the mountains, he soon turned it into profit-making for the owners. This was at the time when the Americans were trying to get rid of the Cousin Jacks "because these groups know too much".

Stephen's daughter Mabel, read History at California University and when Librarian at Oaklands, she was able to log her fathers historic journeys.

It was in 1875 that John formed the Grass Valley Brass Band. This is still in existence today I learned, following the twinning of Bodmin and Grass Valley

some 12 months ago. The local mayor had paid a visit to Bodmin.

It was in 1898 that Stephen, having by now retired, in poor health, when news broke of the Yukon Gold find. He was immediately struck by gold fever and joined a party sailing from San Francisco to Alaska. The trip was ill-fated from the start. The boat had set off in late season and was soon ice bound. After spending three weeks in an open boat, illness was prevalent, and catching pneumonia, he was lucky to reach home again. He died some three years later of silicosis.

The family still resides in Oakland and we usually correspond at Christmas time.

I am indebted to my father, Arthur, for relating to me over the years some of these stories, he had a remarkable memory and was always very interested in local and family history.

In our Churchyard here at St Breward, is a very fine slate memorial placed on the grave of Elizabeth Thomas, bearing also the name of William Thomas who died at Porthtowan in 1878.

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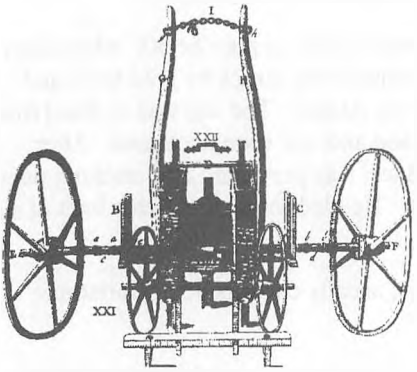

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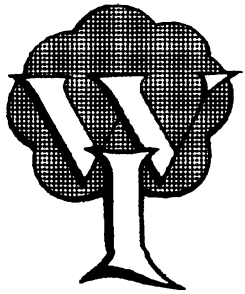

It was nice to meet up with friends again after our summer break. Twelve members gathered for the first meeting of the Autumn under the chairmanship of our President, Mrs Wendy Gurr. A warm welcome was given to Mrs Joyce George who has renewed her membership after a long break.

Our Annual Show in July raised £150 and although a different format, was very successful. Our thanks to Ann and Brian Bulbeck who produced some wonderful papier-mache pots to sell.

Several members had a pleasant afternoon touring Eric Baker's garden in Lerryn at the beginning of August and afterwards partook of tea in Lerryn WI hall.

The advance notice of the Primestock Show was discussed and we are hoping that some of our members will come up with some bright ideas.

St Pratts Festival – we are setting up a photographic display in the church showing highlights of Blisland WI over the last fifty years. Mrs Betty Donnelly has undertaken the task of sewing a small part of the St Petroc Group tapestry. Many thanks go to her for representing our WI.

Three of us are attending a day at St Michael's Mount on Friday 25th September. This should be a most interesting visit.

Our speaker this month was Mrs Janet Toft who delighted us with a talk on Aromatherapy. Mrs Toft is a Beauty Specialist and also specialises in massage and Aromatherapy. Healing herbs have been used over the centuries before modern medicine for helping cure ills. Aromatherapy is now very popular and helps to relieve some of the stresses of the day. Mrs Toft brought several samples of her special creams for us to buy and also gave a hand and arm massage to several members. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs O'Donnell.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 21st October at the winter time of 2.15pm.

Honor O'Donnell

St. Breward W.I. September meeting

The seventeen members stood for a minute's silence in memory of Mrs. Gladys Champion who was a valued member of the Institute and the community in general.

A NFWI survey regarding village services across the country was read out which covers items like transport, shops, schools etc and asked what changes have been made in our own area during the last ten years. It was quite surprising just how much had altered in this time when we really started thinking about it! (*A report on these changes would be interesting Ed*) A delegate was sought for the Autumn Council Meeting on October 21st to be held this time in the Hall for Cornwall, quite a change from Hendra Tourist Park. The £10 for Pennies for Friendship will be handed over then.

Camelford W.I. are holding a Four Corner Day on October 26th in the Clease Hall, the subjects will be Australian cross stitch, blackwork embroidery, Christmas crafts, Chinese dumplings/dragon boats, all for a fee of £2.50

Mrs. Pat Dibb will hold the fundraising for the Cornish branch of the Macmillan Nursing Service at her house "Trevor" almost opposite the Memorial Hall, from 10am to 12 o'clock on Friday, October 2nd. Items for sale will be welcomed on the day; this is open to all not just the WI.

Forthcoming outings include Ottery St. Juliot Hall on Oct 5th to hear new speakers who are applying to put on the list; a day at Torquay and Kent's Cavern on Oct 14th (£9 inclusive); a possible coach outing to Plymouth and the Aquarium in mid November; our Christmas shopping trip to Exeter on November 30th (cost £7) and the Cornwall Childrens' Hospital Joey Appeal coffee morning to be held in the Mayor's parlour, Truro, on October 17th **Bring your handmade soft toys with you**. If you can still find time between these, there are still vacancies at Denman College! It is hoped that if sufficient interest is shown, a group may enter an exhibit in the Wadebridge Prime stock Show - the title being **"The Eclipse"**. Then, if you still have spare time, you may wish to be nominated for the NFWI by November 30th!

Mrs J Greenaway won first place for the booties, and Mrs P Dibb had the best flower.

Jason Metters demonstrated relaxation massage on his friend, Emma, accompanying it all the time by a commentary as to why and what he was doing. This was his first time demonstrating and he gave a very interesting and detailed "performance": he should have a good future in this line.

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Secretary's Report The **First Eleven** are still doing very well. Winning 2-0 over Nanpean in the preliminary round of the League Cup. They then lost 1-0 at home to Bodmin. This was followed by a 1-1 draw at Wadebridge and a very good win against Callington - beating them 4-2. The **Second Team** hasn't had such a good start, but I am sure they will get better results as the season progresses.

1st Team Fixtures for October

Date	Opponents	Venue
3rd	Camelford	Away
10th	Nanpean	Home
17th	St Austell	Away
24th	Liskeard	Home
31st Nov	NONE	

2nd Team fixtures for October

Opponents	Venue
Fowey	Away
Nanstallon	Away
Landrake	Home
Polperro Reserves	Away
St Stephen's	Home

Please note the Reserves will be home to Landrake on 17th if they beat Nanstallon on the 10th October in the Knock Out Cup.

October Entertainment

Sat 3rd Midnight Hour New Group
Sat 10th No Live Music
Sat 17th Lance the Boil Terrific New Young Group
Sat 24th Don't miss the funny, the versatile **JohNny Cowling**
Back by **VERY** popular demand (Joe likes him!)

Social Club: On Sept 10th, 70 members of Bodmin Gateway Club came to the club to enjoy a skittles and pool evening. Medals were presented to the winner by Joe Kay and refreshments were provided by the club.

Congratulations to Denis and Christine on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Sept 8th (Well, Denis was spotted buying a Sympathy card for Christine on this date. Is he really that bad Christine?! - Don't answer that!!)

From all at the Football Club.

I could'nt believe this excerpt from the Sun newspaper. Where exactly did Joe & Dai go for their holidays. We asked the Albanian Embassy to comment but were told that they would get back to us Dzrekley. We're still waiting!

SUN

TWO scruffy men suspected of being illegal Albanian immigrants turned out to be Cornish tourists with strong accents in Much Wenlock, Shrops.

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