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November Diary

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St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Mrs Coad R/S
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Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Mr B Parkman

Mon 2 **Neighbourhood Watch** 7.30pm St Breward Memorial Hall

Tue 3 **Blisland WI Outing** 7.30pm to St Neot Autumn Cooking

Wed 4 **St Breward Methodist Church** 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning
Quiz Night 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Sat 7 **MOBI** 11.15am Rylands

Sun 8 *Remembrance Sunday*
Blisland Church 9.10am Parish Eucharist:
St Breward Parish Church 10.55am Combined Service St Breward Churches

Tue 10 **St Breward WI.** 7.15pm Memorial Hall Botanical flower painting

Wed 11 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Fri 13 **Mobile Library**

Sat 14 **St Breward AFC:** 8.30pm Live Music 'Lance the Boil'

Sun 15 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Mrs Flint
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Rev Lister

Wed 18 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Fri 20 **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

Sat 21 **St Breward AFC:** 8.30pm Live Music Al Hodge
St Breward Christmas Fayre 10-11.30am The Bandroom

Sun 22 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Preacher Mr Hooper
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist

Wed 25 **Quiz Night** 8.15pm Blisland Inn

Sat 28 **Blisland Christmas Fayre** 10.30-12.30 The Mansion House, Blisland
Table Sale 10am-2pm: Memorial Hall St Breward WI
St Breward AFC: 8.30pm Jumbo's Disco

Sun 29 **Blisland Church** 9.30am Parish Eucharist
St Breward Methodist Church 11.00am Fellowship
St Breward Church 11.10am Parish Eucharist
Blisland Methodist Church 2.30pm Preacher Mr B Parkman

Mon 30 **Prize Bingo** 7.30pm St Breward AFC:

The front cover of this edition first appeared on the cover of January 1988 magazine N°93. I do not know who drew it, but for me it captured the image of Blisland that appeared recently on Westcountry TV, even though some of the places and people were from St Breward. We didn't mind helping Blisland out! DPL

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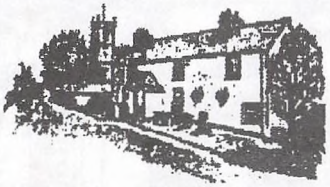

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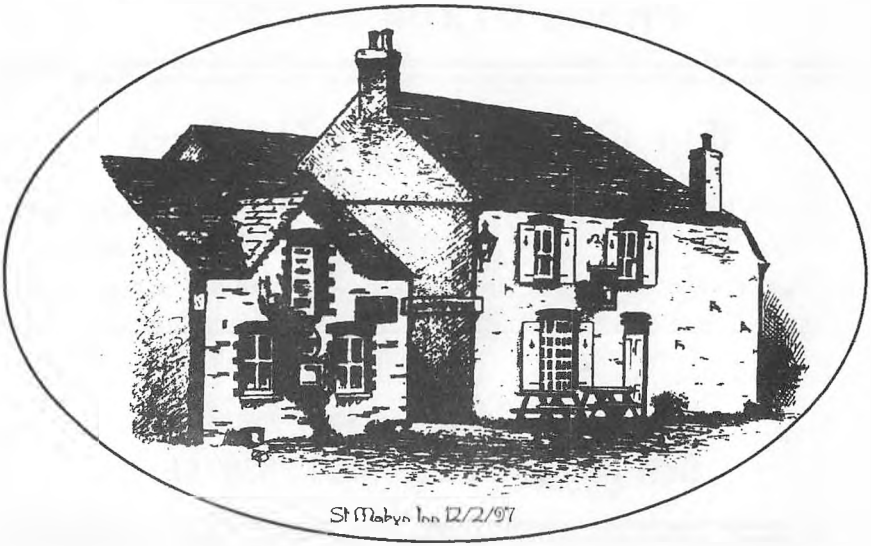

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From the Registers

Funerals

The Ashes of Mrs Lillian Harker were interred in Blisland Churchyard on Monday 5 October

The funeral of Mrs Joan Margaret Sainsbury took place on Tuesday 6 October at Glyn Valley Crematorium and was followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Breward Church

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

Holy Baptism

Adam John Whitehead was baptised at Blisland Church on Sunday 18 October

'Made member of Christ, child of the Heavenly Father,
and inheritor of the Kingdom of God'

BLISLAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

In aid of Church funds

At the MANSION HOUSE, BLISLAND

On **Saturday 29th November**

10.30 am – 12.30

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

Raffle with good prizes, cakes, pickles and chutney
Craft stalls, mystery parcels.

Come and see "Father Christmas" and his sack of presents.

St Breward Parish Church
Christmas Fayre

to be held on **Saturday November 21st**

10.00am - 11.30am in the Bandroom

Many stalls including Cakes, Gifts and White Elephant
Grand Draw to take place at 11.00am approx. Many prizes including Christmas Dinner, Whiskey and many many more.

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'

November is a month of the saints when we are drawn to remember the lives of the Saints and those of our kith and kin who have gone before us. The month opens with All Saints and All Souls being commemorated on the first two days respectively, and on the last day of the month we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland, while early in the month, on Sunday the 8th we will be commemorating Remembrance Day, the special occasion to pay tribute to the Fallen in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. Further more, during the month, there are days when St Catherine (of special devotion to us, being the Patronal Saint of Temple), St Martins of Tours, St Hilda of Whitby, St Margaret of Scotland, while in Wales, St Cybi, St Illtud, and St Dyfrig are remembered. In Ireland, St Columbanus is especially venerated.

In the Old Testament, there were no 'saints' as such, but by the time of Our blessed Lord, the Jews had adopted the practice of venerating their prophets and heroes, and early in the history of the Christian Church, Christians adopted the custom of venerating their own martyrs and heroes. As the years passed, men and women who were not necessarily martyrs but regarded for their devotion and sanctity, were remembered as saints; in this way we commemorate many of our Cornish saints,

All Souls Day give us the opportunity to offer our prayer and thanks to God for the lives of the countless numbers who have gone before us, and who are now at rest in the love of God, perhaps family and friends whose memory we cherish. As Christians, we have the consolation of our Lord's Ministry in which he reveals something of the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven, for example, when he compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast, a joyful gathering of people who enjoy being together. When we worship, and especially when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are given a glimpse into this other world of closeness to God. We are drawn into the warmth of the great wedding feast of heaven and are supported by the continuing prayers of the saints as we go back from our worship to our daily lives.

Wishing you every Blessing,
Father David

Sunday Services

St Breward	Parish Eucharist	11.10am
Blisland	Parish Eucharist	9.30 am

(In both Churches on the First Sunday in each month, Family Eucharist when children and their parents are especially invited to be with us)

Arrangements for Remembrance Day, Sunday 8 November

Blisland 9.10am St Breward 10.55am

Weekday Services for November

Mon 2	Commemoration of All Souls	Blisland	10. 00 am
		St Breward	10. 30 am
Thur 12		St Breward	7.00pm
Thur 19		Blisland	10.00 am
Wed 25	St Catherine	TEMPLE	10. 30 am
Thur 3 Dec	St Xavier, Missionary, Apostle to the Indies	St Breward	10. 30am
Thur 10 Dec		Blisland	10.00 am

The Common Worship Lectionary

From Advent Sunday, The Common Worship Lectionary is being introduced in both parishes, the calendar from which collects and readings will be taken for our Sunday Eucharists; worshippers will note that in most instances, there will be continuity from Sunday to Sunday so that over a period of time, regular worshipper's will progress through a particular Old Testament book for the first reading, Epistle or other New Testament book except the Gospels for the second and a Gospel for the third.

It will be noticed that there has been a revision in the designation of the Sundays which include the return of Sundays 'after Trinity' instead of the 'after Pentecost' sequence that we have used since the introduction of the ASB Lectionary. (I think this will please a lot of you!)

The new Lectionary covers a cycle of three years instead of the two with which we have become accustomed with the ASB Lectionary. At Advent 1998, the Church as a whole is commencing Year 'A', and this I feel is a logical place for us to start using the new lectionary. Readers may be interested to know that the Common Worship Lectionary which is now being used ecumenically in Anglican Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches with slight variations, was first approved by the Church of England this year, and is already being used widely in this diocese and elsewhere. There will be no change in the form of the Eucharist other than the Post Communion sentence being slightly longer.

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,

How times have changed. Once Cornwall was a part of Great Britain, now we are a part of England in the European Community. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer. No doubt we each have our views on that. Another change that should cause Christians concern is the unhealthy emphasis of Halloween. Once, this was a Christian celebration of all that was good and loving in the saints of God who lived before us. Hallowed Evening.

Otherwise known as; All Saints Evening. It was a date to remember the Christian witness of the saints of God. But not any more.

Now, some shops "cash in" on this festival that is now used to honour and celebrate the evil and darkness of the witches of both now and before. Children are encouraged to dress up to depict evil characters in the name of "fun." Let's stop and ask the question; What impression is Halloween having on these young minds? What are we teaching them by this act? Jesus warns us not to lead children into confusion and sin, with some very strong words recorded in Matthew 18 v 6. We need to consider His words and example more deeply for the sake of our children and for our own eternal destiny. May God help you and me to be good examples to our future generation.

Yours very sincerely,
Brian.

Blisland Methodist Church
Services for November

1st 2.30pm Preacher Mr B Parkman
15th 2.30pm Preacher Superintendant Minister Rev. AG Lister
29th 2.30pm Preacher Mr B Parkman

On behalf of the Methodist Church, I express our thanks for the support given to us for our Harvest Festival & Thanksgiving services held on Oct 4 & 5th. A special thank you to Mr Tony Willcocks who, with great wit and alacrity, auctioned our donated produce. To see so many people attend both services was uplifting.

Tony Ham
Church Steward

St Breward Methodist Church
November Diary

1st	11.00am	Mrs Coad R/S
4th	10 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning
8th	11.00am	United Service Parish Church
15th	11am	Mrs Flint R/S
22nd	11am	Mr Hooper
29th	11am	Fellowship

Advanced Notice

December

16th	Christmas Coffee Morning Hot mince pies and cream	
18th	7pm	Carols by Candlelight
27th	2.30pm	Village Carol service

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came to the Harvest Festival Services. 11am, the children came with their gifts. 7.30pm Harvest Praise with the band leading the singing. The chapel was full for the service. On Monday Mr Philp was the preacher. The service was followed by supper and sale. Once again Raymond was our auctioneer, ably assisted by Caroline and Margaret. Many thanks to them for all their efforts. Approx £282 was raised for Chapel funds.

Nesta Teague

Blisland WRVS Club

For the final meeting of our summer programme we all gathered at the Blisland Inn on the 6th of October for lunch. Three guests who had entertained the club earlier in the year were invited to join us.

Blisland Inn, a well known hostelry for its good food and extensive selection, ensured we all had a most enjoyable meal. It was much appreciated that the lounge fire was lit for the first time so we could be cosy and warm. Nice to be made a fuss of. We recommence our activities next April.

Tony Ham
Club Secretary

St Breward Methodist Church
Sunday December 13th at 9.30am
"Teddy Bear's Christmas Picnic"
Everyone welcome
Please bring your teddy Bear or any soft toy
Children & Adults
Tea and Coffee will be served

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The Coffee Morning held in aid of St Breward Church on 19th September made a profit of £96.48 and the Coffee Morning on the 17th October made a profit of £116. Thank you to everyone who supported these two events.

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Blisland Area Poppy Appeal 1998

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November, and the house to house collection will have started on Monday 26th October. As usual the collectors will be Mr & Mrs Pierce.

Last year's collection raised £247 and it is hoped that this year's collection will do as well as last year.

BAJ & AK Pierce

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St Breward Parish Church Harvest Festival

On Sunday 4th October the church held its Harvest Festival at which the children of the choir presented their harvest gifts. On Monday 5th October a short service in the church was followed by a delicious Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. The auction of the produce and gifts then took place, ably conducted by John Overton who managed to keep a noisy back row of bidders in check!

This auction raised £121.75 of which £50 has been sent to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution which is the only national charity assisting retired, disabled and other disadvantaged farming families. The rest of the money went for church funds.

A big thank you to everybody who supported the church in the giving and buying of goods and also to the ladies who prepared the supper. A most enjoyable evening which also raised money for a good cause.

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Youth Facilities

A Community Meeting
has been arranged
on Monday November 9th 1998
at 7.30pm
at The Red Cross Room
ALL WELCOME

Police Youth Liaison Officer PC Olver and Launceston & Camelford Senior Youth Officer Neil Batey will attend in order to advise on the options available and explore the possibility of providing some form of Youth facilities for the 12-18 age group in St Breward.

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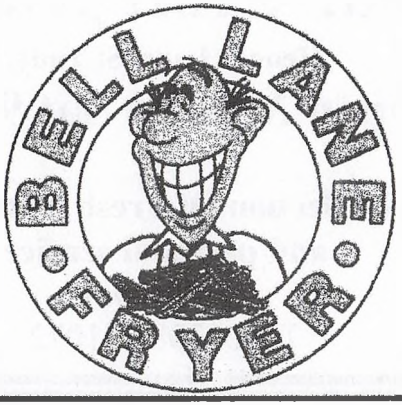
Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped open and close the church this summer. It was much appreciated by the Parish and visitors. The contributions in the box from the visitors, was very welcome for church funds.

Thanks again

Sue Hutton.



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My thanks to every one who contributed to the decoration of both, Blisland and St Breward Parish Churches, and who came to our Harvest Thanksgiving Services, Harvest Suppers and Sales of produce; your support was greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting you at our Christmas Fairs at St Breward and Blisland on Saturdays 21st and 28th November respectively when you will be able to solve your Christmas shopping problems; so come with brimming full wallets and purses!

Father David

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Congratulations to Dai & Caroline Wills on their recent Silver Wedding Anniversary. Joe says "tis a wonder they've gone along this far, t' maid don't feed im proper". Apparently Dai has been known to rush into the kitchen when Caroline's back is turned and having just consumed a large succulent roast dinner - made himself a door-stepper of a cheese sandwich, and scoffed the lot.

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Arthur Colman has had to cancel all his bookings for his new career as Cornwall's Evil Knieval. His bike won't go since he last flew over the handlebars

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At one time or another we have all peered into our garden shed and stared at the cobweb covered mound of old junk which we have been saving as one day it might come in useful. Please spare a thought for Joe Kay who backalong, had a clearout, slinging everything including that plastic cup-like thing . . . "I wonder what its for?"

The next week he wanted to cut his grass but on trying to fill his mower with fuel couldn't find the 2-stroke measure! Never mind, he thought as he heaved in some oil along with the petrol ready for Doreen to mow the lawn.

Doreen was well into mowing when the machine made a sound like a scritchin cat and stopped. Just then George Babb who was passing, thinking that the Air 'amblance' had just landed, peered over the wall. "Maid thas's sounded awful wisht, let me take a gake at'un". It wasn't long before George had found the problem "Tell im that another minute and this would 've been a no-stroke mower!"

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Returning from a birthday meal, Dave & Madelaine Hill were being driven home when someone eructed. Dave in desperate need of fresh air scrabbled around for the window winder before realising that a 2-door car doesn't have opening rear windows. I am pleased to report that Dave has fully recovered from his ordeal, and he isn't letting Madelaine eat any more sprouts!

Blisland Toddler Group

Blisland Village Hall ~ Every Thursday morning
9.45am - 11.30am
All ages from 0 - 5 very welcome - £1.50 per family

Our Autumn term began on September 10th ~ first morning back after summer holidays and the children were full of energy!

Bring your child/children along for a fun morning ~ with a toddler activity time and a 'circle time' for juice, snack and a singalong!!

Just come along or for more information call Karen on 851244

The Allen Valley Singers

We had no Brahms, but we did have two pieces of Liszt beautifully performed on the piano by Steve Tyrrell. One of our newer members, Vicky Thwaites from Camelford sang "A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square" and St. Tudy's own nightingale, Zoe Hodges, thrilled us with her solo "At the End of the Day." Maureen Murray from St. Breward gave us "Sunny" and a trio made up of Carole Lee, Lorraine Rooke and Jennifer Tarring gave us their own version of "Fever" and a comedy rendition of "And Then He Kissed Me!" With so many women dominating our 1998 Annual Concert in Wadebridge Town Hall on the 26 September, the deep velvet voice and humour of Jon Cleave of "Fisherman's Friends" added to the enjoyment and success of the evening.

October began with a different kind of success when the choir's quiz teams, The Naturals and Sharps & Flats, won first and second prizes at a quiz night in Camelford's Conservative Club. This is our third quiz success and we are proving to be a force to be reckoned with! During the month the choir will have sung at Milton Abbot (Devon) on the 3rd; Charlestown in aid of Restormel Mentally Handicapped on the 19th and Altarnun in St. Nonna's Church on the 31st

On Friday 13th November we will be holding a Bingo Evening in Clease Hall Camelford and on Saturday 14th there will be a Coffee Morning in The Clink (St. Tudy) from 10 - 11.30am. We always try to introduce one surprise at our fundraising events, but it will be no surprise to you to find cakes, Bring 'n' Buy and a Raffle. Our warm welcome and friendly atmosphere will also come as no surprise so, whether you live near or far, please join us. Who knows what surprises we might have in store!

Advance notice: Christmas Concert in Lanteglos Church on Saturday 19 December with special guest appearance by Leo Tarring.

Jennifer Tarring (01208) 841329

St Breward Under Fives

The committee of St Breward Under Fives would like to say a huge thank you to those people who put so much effort into the opening of the new play area, in particular:

Tony & Jaquie Champion for helping with the planning form and the erecting of the shed, Mark Harris for erecting the fence, John Overton for completing the planning maps, Jonathon Taylor for liasing with the council, and Philip Ralph for the planning maps and liasing with the council.

We would also like to thank Mrs Crowle for blowing up the balloons, Mrs Joey Greenaway for lending us the bunting, Peter Levers for taking photographs, Heather & Rose Harper for opening our new play area on our Open Day and Father David for letting us takeover the hall on the afternoon of the Sunday Club and for everyone who helped make our Open Day such a success.

We received a tremendous amount of help last term from various people they include:

Teresa Bunt for covering the rota, Dawn Sleep for the cushions and wall paper, Loraine Mead for donating some toys, Mona Brown for the empty cartons and packets for the shop and collage, Rosevears of Bugle for donating a carpet, Christine & Denis Lusby for their support, Mrs King for the tables and Donna Nancarrow for painting the Dolls House.

It is also appreciated for all the help the Mums give throughout each term.

We meet each Tuesday and Friday and the fees for attending St Breward Under Fives per session are:

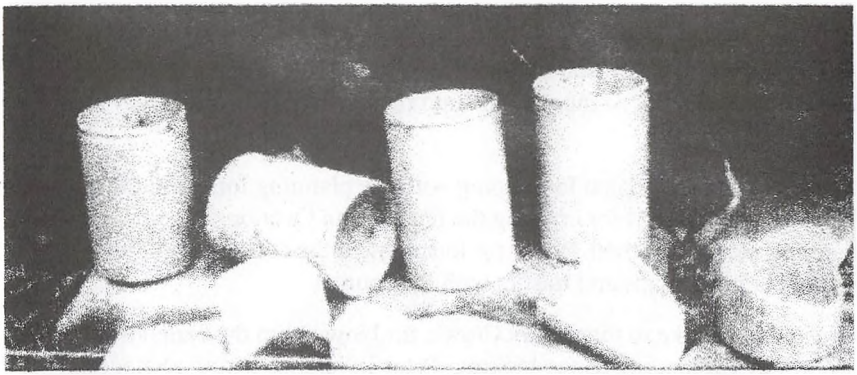
1 year and under - 50p

Up to 2½ years - £1.25

2½ years and over - £2.00

For more information please contract Sue Levers on 851232.

Sue, Caroline, Hayley and Julie.



1850's Find

An article in a recent issue of our Parish Magazine relating to ancient pottery found at Coombe has prompted me to submit this account of a recent find at Limbhead.

It was when the garden hedge at Edgehill was being refaced with granite that we made our find. During preparation of the old hedge much to our surprise, five stoneware vessels just fell out onto the stones, four were intact and the other cracked. To satisfy our curiosity, I sent a photograph of the jars to the Royal Cornwall Museum.

Carl Thorpe reported, after examination, that it appeared we had two varieties of the same vessel, salt glazed stoneware jars, dating from the 19th Century, circa 1850. These were most likely made in Bristol or Staffordshire, and used for preserving. The preserve could have been gelatine and the jar sealed with a waxed cloth, tied securely over the mouth of the jar, utilising the groove around the neck. The hole in the base would aid removal of the contents.

Various other items including coloured bottles also came to light.

We have all found small shards of china and earthenware when digging our gardens, we have to remember in days gone by people had to dispose of broken crocks the best way they could, usually by burying, no doubt the jars were disposed of in a similar way,.

There was no refuse collection as we know now and the used bottles, cans etc were first collected by horse and cart and taken to an enclosure at "Mine", after the first war. The last person I remember to provide this Service was the late Mr Lloyd Hoskin.

Charles Hawken

One of our magazines far flung readers Ginger Reed, writing from the East coast of South Africa, noticing that Temple seldom gets a mention has sent me some extracts from the book "Cornwall" of the series THE KING'S ENGLAND edited by Arthur Mee. First printed in 1937, reprinted in 1939 and 1943 and this edition printed in 1947.

'TEMPLE

It has a neat little church in a green hollow of the moors and, though nothing but a cluster of houses, it chrishes its memory of the days of the Knight Templars. They founded a Norman church of which a few stones and the bowl of the font are here to this day. In one of the windows of the new church, all charming, a knight is riding his horse to the crusades. Another window has a charming figure of Luke, and another has St. Catherine.

In an aisle is St Francis with the birds, and the words of Coleridge:

He prayeth best, who leveth best
Both man and bird and beast."

Lee & Gill

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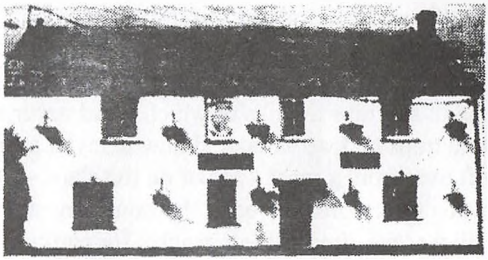

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Bygone Duties of a Parlour Maid Part 2

Last month we read how Beryl left St Breward School in 1936 at the tender age of 14 to begin work as a parlour maid with the Verekers in St Tudy

Cpt. Vereker's father, the old major, came to stay for long periods. He was quite a character - very deaf - and spent most of his time with his collection of butterflies from all over the world. He had them in presentation chests. He was also fond of betting on racehorses and would often make his way with great difficulty to the phone. We would hear him talking to himself as he walked with a stick saying "Oh yes and that's that. Oh yes and that's that" repeating it all the while. He only came out of his room for meals so not a lot of cleaning could be done in that room until he left the manor: then it was a hard task! On one occasion I well remember he left on a Friday which was officially the day the kitchen had to be given a good clean. This particular day we thought it was usual for the Major's room to be cleaned as soon as he left. We put most of the time to the Major's room while Cpt. and Mrs Vereker were away. How wrong we were! Mrs Vereker was not in a good mood and we were told off for notdoing the kitchen. Finally I exploded and asked her if she thought we didn't do anything while she was away! The following day, when we were cleaning the kitchen on her orders, she was too effusive in her praise to me so I gave her an icy look and she took herself off out of the kitchen!

The elder daughter, Joy, married Charles ("Mouse") St Aubyn a when she was due to have a baby she came home to the manor. The baby was a girl named Gay Carol (or Caroline) weighing eight pounds. At the back of the house from the kitchen were a scullery and a large room called the Dairy. It had shelves of slate all the way round. Mice were prevalent in there and my sister and I had to set traps the like of which I had never seen before. They were three-hole traps and we wondered how many at a time we would catch. Any food left over from a meal was put on the slabs - which leads me to the fact that our meals were never served at the same time as the family's. Should there be a lot left over we often got into trouble for eating it as they would have had it for the next day or later. So we couldn't win! It really was "Upstairs, Downstairs" life, but with only two indoor staff.

Quite often, when the boy from the village delivered the milk from his farm, he would pull the strings of my apron just as I was about to go from the kitchen down the steps to the dining room with a tray of food, part of a parlour maid's duty was waiting at table. After a family visit to Wadebridge cinema Captain Vereker always had a bowl of bread and milk. The bread was put in the milk and, on his orders, it had to be brought to boil three times to be done correctly.

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The bottom half of the kitchen walls on one side was lined with tin. One day I was teaching my sister to do the "Pallais Glide" (a dance). Being longer legged than me, she lifted her foot high and scratched one the panels. I can't remember if anything was said by the family.

The Verekers grew polyanthus, anemones, mimosa (in a greenhouse) and pittosporum. These were boxed in a packing shed and sent off to Covent Garden. People from the village were paid to help pick in the height of the season as they had only one regular gardener - Frank Prout from St Tudy. There were various sheds on the high ground at the back where our shared bicycle was kept. A much used tennis court was also in the grounds. About 1938 my sister left and a girl from St Tudy named Pearl Harper came, and I took my sister's job. Later on the girl who worked for Mrs Radcliffe in the cottage left to get married to a boy from Trelill. She was Marjorie Smith from Kent: the boy was Sidney Keat, and they are both still living in Delabole. Pearl Harper is at St Tudy and married to Jack Sleeman.

At the start of the Second World War the Captain and all the Vereker children left home. I was then asked if I would work in the cottage. This was much easier, and less work. Later, another girl went in my place to the manor. She was Gwen Pooley (now Pluess) from St Teath, and the two of us began friendships with two St Teath boys. One night my boyfriend was seeing me to the back door whilst his pal waited by the pond. My boyfriend crept onto the grass after leaving me, to be as quiet as possible when he was suddenly hit on the back of the head. Knowing the Captain's temper Frank thought he had been lying in wait. When he and his pal went back to investigate they realised that it was an upturned rake which Frank had stepped on and the handle struck the blow! That joke has been the funniest memory of those days.

Another funny memory was when Sheelagh was wanting to be included in an important party for grown-ups. She had snatched a large tray of cocktail sausages from me, slipped on the polished slates and they all went flying.

Whilst my sister was there, we were both asked to go to a North Cornwall Hunt Ball in Bodmin to serve the food. For this the Verekers bought us new afternoon aprons, caps and cuffs in a very pretty red, white and black check. We never had anything so pretty. We enjoyed the event, too.

These memories have been with me ever since I left school. I hope they will be of interest to readers.

Beryl Williams (nee Read)

Thank you to Mavis Metters who brought this article to my attention. Ed

TEATIME TREATS

As November is the time for bonfires and fireworks, here is a satisfying cake to serve at the festivities.

PARKIN
This quantity makes two 9" round cakes.
Grease and line 2 x 9" cake tins.

Ingredients
8oz Medium Oatmeal
8oz SR flour
8oz Brown sugar
3 level teaspoons ground ginger
10oz Golden syrup
2oz Black treacle
8oz margarine or butter
2 medium sized eggs
1/4pt milk.

Method
Mix together oatmeal, flour, sugar and ginger. Warm syrup, treacle and butter until liquid. Beat eggs, add milk and melted ingredients to dry ingredients. Mix well. Bake at 350degrees F, or 18 degrees C or gas mark 4, for one hour. Cool in tins before turning out.

This cake will freeze well.

Cara Way

♦♦♦

I received a letter from Mr & Mrs Stevens of Blisland who wrote that their youngest grand-daughter, then aged 13, wrote a prize-winning poem about the armistice. Ed

IF A POPPY COULD SPEAK

If a poppy could speak, what would she say?
Would she talk of the night?
Would she talk of the Day?

If a poppy could think, what would she think of?
Would she think of the war?
Would she think of the dove?

If a poppy could be reminded of those who have died?
Would she think of their courage?
Or of the cross by her side?

The poppy does speak, to those who know,
That without peace and courage,
She's sure not to grow!

Emily Kapff
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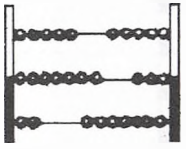

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Roughtor Pilgrimage

The 43rd Wessex Association held a pilgrimage to Roughtor on September 13th.

The day's events included a service conducted by our Vicar, Father David; a Parade & March Past in Camelford led by St Breward Silver Band, the salute being taken at the Methodist Church Steps. The ceremonies continued on the summit of Roughtor at the 43rd 's plaque with the laying of the wreath, The Last Post was sounded followed by 2 minutes Silence, 'The Oration', Reville and a blessing. The band ended by giving a concert in Roughtor car park.

Christopher Greenaway ferried those who needed a lift to the summit on his tractor & trailer. (His Father Cyril was wounded on Hill 112 in Normandy.)

It was on Saturday 4th September 1954 that the plaque on the summit of Roughtor, was unveiled by General Ivor Thomas who commanded the Division in the North West Europe Campaign. On that day, Sir Richard Onslow Bt of Hengar Manor, St Tudy, who had been the second in command of the 5th Bn. DCLI, which formed part of the 43rd Div., handed over the deeds of Roughtor to the National Trust, as a memorial to the men of the Wessex Country who lost their lives in the cause of freedom.

The next time you are on Roughtor spare a thought for those who went through the horrors of war so that following generations had the chance of peace and democracy. It is so easy to forget.

My thanks to Barbara Tyson for this information, who in her guise as a St John's Ambulance 'angel of mercy' was unable to get a lift on Christopher's tractor! When she got to the top she found that the only person who needed attention was herself! DL

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St. Breward Ten Years On!

At a recent WI meeting the following list of changes that have taken place in St Breward during the last ten years was put forward.

Patrick Metter's garage and the butcher's shop closed
Tor Down quarry no longer a working quarry
More cottages being bought as Second Homes

On the plus side -

The new workshops by the Bandroom
The council bungalows in Chryryn Drive
More new bungalows near the school and in Penvorder Lane
The closing of the Red Cross Centre and its refurbishment as a well used Memorial Hall and Day Centre including weekly fundraising whistdrives
A new second surgery where a shop used to be
The re-roofing of the Church tower and a new rectory consecrated for our new non-stipendiary vicar
The very active AFC Social Club giving entertainment in the village itself
The primary school has been enlarged and computers installed!
The Heli Aid helicopter based at Kevin Foster's Moorgoods on the moor

Last but not least the local shop rescued from near closure and recently refitted to provide an essential service to our village. Probably most of you could add to this list and I'm sure that Denis would welcome more comments. As a footnote to the above the three main improvements we would like to see are greater police presence, improvements to the roads and "no footway" signs at the entrances to the village.

A Holmes

Editorial

Another bumper edition of your community magazine. Four more pages at no extra cost, although our treasurer is muttering about the extra printing costs! Please tell our advertisers that you saw their advert in the magazine. Keep sending in your articles, jokes etc.

I don't often sound off, but on attending my first Neighbourhood Watch meeting in St Breward, I was upset to hear derogoratory remarks and allegations made about St Breward AFC especially regarding underage drinking.

A village and its organisations are always under pressure and their very survival often hangs by a thread. Incorrect remarks which are often being repeated at

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third hand can add to an organisations problems. We should be defending our village concerns not picking holes in them. They are the lifeblood of our villages so support them; be prepared to stand up for them.

As a parent of 3 teenagers and as a licencee, I know the problems of the sale of alcohol to minors. I also know of the problems caused by hearsay remarks which are passed on to the police. If you have any concerns about a village organisation, speak to them first and get your facts right before involving outsiders.

I have full confidence in the management of St Breward AFC and I am full of admiration for all the good they do for the village and local charities. I sometimes regret that it is not a rugby club, but then it's not a perfect world!

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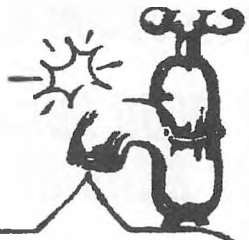

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Blisland WI October Meeting

Our President, Mrs Wendy Gurr brought the WI photographs which had been specially arranged in the Church for St Pratts and had displayed them on the stage. Thank you Wendy. Looking at these reminded me that we do have many friends and an enjoyable social life by belonging to the WI. One of our next outings will be to St Neot on 3rd November at 7.30pm, when the subject will be 'Autumn Cooking'.

Our speaker was Major C Edward Collins and his subject was "My year as High Sheriff" A High Sheriff is a Crown appointment and the oldest judiciary in the country. He now reads results at elections and looks after the judges when they attend court. This is usually 3 or 4 times a year. In Cornwall the appointment is made by the Duke of Cornwall, not HM Queen Elizabeth. The sheriff represented law and order before the introduction of the constabulary. It would have been his responsibility to oversee burning at the stake and executions. He would also read the Riot Act at times of civil disorder.

Eight previous members of the Edward Collins family have held the office the first being John Collins in 1395. Regalia is worn or alternatively Service uniform.

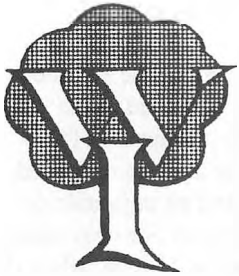
He was thanked by Mrs W Barwood for a most entertaining and informative talk.

AKP

Competitions

Flowers: 1) Mrs A Pierce 2) Miss J Runnalls 3) Mrs W Barwood

Memorabilia 1) Mrs G Masters 2) Mrs J George 3) Mrs A Pierce
4) Mrs W Barwood



St. Breward WI October meeting

The members stood once again for a minute's silence in memory of one of our valued officers - Mrs. Joan Sainsbury who had become very active in village affairs during the years she lived here; the W.I. has sent £25 to Arthritis Research in her memory.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held by Mrs. Pat Dibb raised £181, which is a very good result, thanks to all who supported her. Mrs. P. Bousfield will be our delegate to the Autumn Council Meeting in the Hall for Cornwall on October 21st, with Mrs. M. Willetts probably as a visitor. The book was passed around to sign if you wish to go to the Aquarium and Christmas shopping in Plymouth on November 17th by the bus at 10am; the cost is £9.10 including coffee at the Aquarium, or £4.50 only if you wish to go shopping only. More imminent is the Four-Corner Day at Camelford Clease Hall where you can at last find out what a Chinese Dumpling and a Dragon Boat are!

A quick decision was made to hold a "Table Sale" in the Memorial Hall on November 28th, Saturday, from 10am to 2pm so anyone wishing to book a table for £3 please apply to Mrs. Mavis Metters as soon as possible. Our president reported that the play is still performing at various venues, and several photographs were handed around. Following the questionnaire regarding improvements in the village during the last ten years, more facts were produced. (See page)

Our speaker was Mr. Tony Blackman, a former headmaster (complete with a cane so we all were on our best behaviour!) who showed a lot of very good slides about " Cutting Turves on the Moor." His obvious interest and vast knowledge in the subject easily conveyed itself to us, especially as some of our members knew from their childhood several of the older people he had talked to in the course of his research. There are actually 952 of the "donut" shaped rings on the moor connected with the turf cutting! The slides of the constructing of a drying rick that was then thatched and completed with two "belts" of turves were especially interesting. All this was interspersed with lively anecdotes about the various families he met and how generous they all were with their knowledge, photographs etc.

Next month our speaker will be Jill Coombs on Botanical Flower Painting on November 10th, with flower embroidery for the competition and a garden flower arrangement. This month Mrs. J. Greenaway won the photo competition, and Mrs. M. Wilton produced the best "foliage in a jar."
A quick P.S. to the talk - a man would cut 2,000 turves for 2/6 (12½p to our younger generation) and there used to be iceworks at Dozmary Pool roofed with turf - that meant very cold winters!

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Secretary's Report On October 21st, 50 members of Wadebridge Gateway Club came to Brake Parc for a Skittles Evening. Refreshments were provided by the club and a good time was had by all.

1st Team Fixtures for November

Date	Opponents	Venue
7th	Bude	Away
14th	Cornwall Senior Cup	
21st	Saltash	Away
28th	Bodmin	Away
5th Dec	Nanpean	Away

2nd Team fixtures for November

Opponents	Venue
St Anne's Chapel	Away
Lanivet	Away
Tideford	Home
Godolphin	Home

November Entertainment

Sat 7th	No Live Music	
Sat 14th	?	
Sat 21st	Al Hodge	Tickets £2 prior or £3 on the door.
Sat 28th	Jumbo's Disco	Admission £2

This poem is about the disappearance of a small doll. She was made of hessian and dried flowers and held a besom. Her two separate raffia bags contained dried blooms. Hessian Lady, (as she was known) belonged to Mrs Pat Watson of Tregenna, Blisland. The two have been together for years, and doll stood on a bedroom windowsill. One day when the window was open she appears to have been blown outside, or was she? She has never been found.

Hessian Lady

Hessian lady has flown away
leaving her bags behind.
Swept out with her besom
through a window of freedom,
to find the love of her life.

Hessian lady left no message
when the wind called her away.
She took no money,
just went in a hurry;
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J. M. Hodges 1998.

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