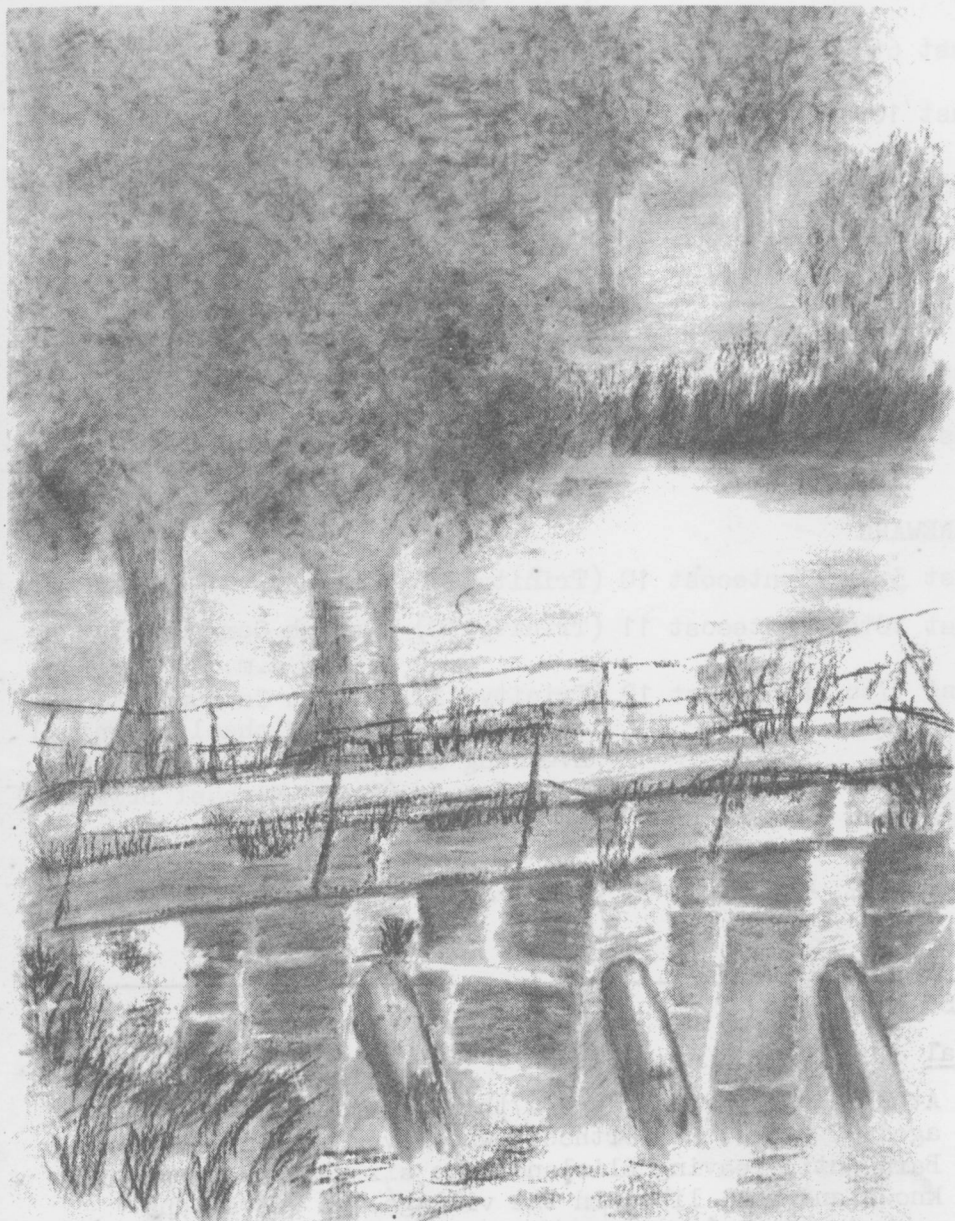


BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

August 3rd	Pentecost 10 (Trinity 9)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
August 6th	Wednesday	Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
August 10th	Pentecost 11 (Trinity 10)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
August 15th	Friday	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 17th	Pentecost 12 (Trinity 11)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m. (Rev'd B.B. Clarke) Evensong at TEMPLE 3.30 p.m. (Rev'd Michael Browning)
August 24th	Pentecost 13 (Trinity 12)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
August 31st	Pentecost 14 (Trinity 13)	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.

ST BREWARD

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PARISH REGISTERS

Burial

At Blisland, Friday June 27th. Edwin Northcott aged 82 years. Mr Northcott who lived at Whitley Barn until leaving Blisland some six years ago, was well known and well liked in the village. He was at one time a gardener at Lavethan, when he lived at Trevissick Cottage. We extend our sympathy to his family.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

August 6th is the Feast of Our Lord's Transfiguration. That was the time when his three friends, Peter, James and John were with him climbing a mountain, when for a moment they saw him literally in a new light. His face and clothing shone and God's glory was revealed in him in a new way. (Please look up St Matthew 17 vv 1-9)

I will now put down some thoughts on this in note form:-

- 1) Moses and Elijah seemed to be there.
Brings in a good Old Testament background, Moses for the Law, Elijah for the prophets
- 2) That O.T. background authenticates our Lord's mission in the eyes of the Jewish disciples: "He must be all right in view of that."
- 3) The radiance about Christ is in keeping with the shining of the face of Moses when he had talked with God: "The skin of his face shone."
- 4) For Peter, James and John the memory of this incident would strengthen them in dark times to come. You can face anything if you have spiritual reserves.
- 5) Note the voice from the cloud. Something similar happened at our Lord's baptism. Authenticity again. It's for real (if you will pardon the expression)
- 6) The brightness passes, the visitors leave and Peter and Co are left with Jesus. Verse 8 is one of the key verses of the Bible, devotionally. They saw no man save Jesus only with themselves. That is all that really matters, in this world, for anyone.
- 7) Try it . Jesus only, with yourself. You may not see him transfigured, and if you did every time you prayed you would pray simply because you found prayer enjoyable, not because you loved God. Pray when it isn't a bit enjoyable, even if that means always.
- 8) Moses and Elijah speak of his coming death. It's glory through suffering yet again.

Those are just some of the thoughts which a few verses can bring. I expect you can think of many more points, for the Bible is a very good book, you know.

Conrad Sargisson

EDITORIAL

Surely our two parishes, separated by the De Lank and linked by the ancient clapper bridge at Bradford, illustrated on this month's cover, must have one of the most generous populations in any country district. In the course of only eight days Blisland Church Fete raised £205, St Breward £382 and the Open day for the magazine funds £215.20. What a wonderful effort!

When I thought of inviting you all to Lavethan I had hardly dared to hope that so many would trouble to come; the result surpassed my wildest dreams and I can only say a humble thank you to every one who turned out on that miserably wet Sunday (the 13th of course), to those who rescued us from chaos by taking over the kitchen and doing all that washing up, and to those who contributed in every way. It was a most happy occasion and lovely to see so many of you from both parishes.

The only tiny cloud on the horizon was the information that has come back to me that some who came in the late afternoon were told that it was all over. I am so sorry that anyone was turned away. You would have been welcome, of course, and I hope that you will forgive this unintentional rebuff and will try again next year.

RLS

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND

Recently competing at the Bugle Band Contest against five other bands, St Breward gained fourth place, with the solo cornet player, Mervyn Chipman, winning the award for the best player in the section.

On Saturday 28th June the Band held their Garden Fete which was very successful.

The Band are now busy for the summer season playing at Padstow, Looe and Port Isaac

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Notes from BLISLAND Parish Council

I am sure all will be delighted to hear that by the time they read this the Pendrift corner will have been improved. Work started on 15th July - and our thanks again to the quick action and co-operation of the NCDC Highways and Byways Dept. An additional benefit will be the resurrection of the drain which has been lost for too long. No longer will there be fishing in the river down the road to the Village after every heavy rainfall.

The matter of more street lights is still being pursued, but when it comes to the nitty gritty it is all a matter of finance. The Parish Council, whose income derives from the rates - that is you as I am sure you know - will have to bear the cost of purchase and installation and possibly, the running costs, ie electricity and repairs. Hopefully the NCDC might take over these costs, but this is by no means certain in today's financial climate, and the burden may well be on the Parish Council for years.

Our call for volunteers to cut the Village Green was met by a stony silence which is incredible considering we all enjoy the Green, even if we only look at it as we pass by. Voluntary work saves expense. When you see members of the Parish Council mowing the grass, planting trees, laying the rocks around the edge and so on, be sure they are not doing it for their own entertainment, but to save you, the rate-payers money, and out of a strong desire to keep up and improve the appearance of the our unique Green in our very special village. It is sad that our very occasional requests for assistance should meet with an almost total disregard. I do hope that future calls for your help will be more successful. The mower, although good, is heavy, especially for the not so young, and due to the bad weather growth has outstripped our efforts. An alternative machine is being sought, and this, with a little more community spirit, we hope will do the trick.

Mr Alfred Palmer is to be congratulated for the interesting walk he wrote up for the last issue, using Public Footpaths from St Breward to Blisland. Unfortunately the footpath from Tumrose to Pentor was extinguished in 1948 - confirmation of this can be ascertained from the definitive map and statement dated October 1st 1954, where this path is neither mentioned nor marked. The route should be from Tumrose to Cassacawn and thence along the road to the Green.

Eileen Walford

ST BREWARD SAYS 'THANK YOU' TO DR HOLDEN

Dr Holden, St Breward's doctor for the last thirty-three years, retired at the end of June. On 1st July he returned to the Village, where his former patients - children, families even octogenarians - had gathered in the Methodist Sunday School to say thank you and wish him well. Although Dr Holden came ostensibly to a Band Concert, his arrival was an unplanned cue for about three hundred patients and friends to stand and welcome the man who has served them so well and so long.

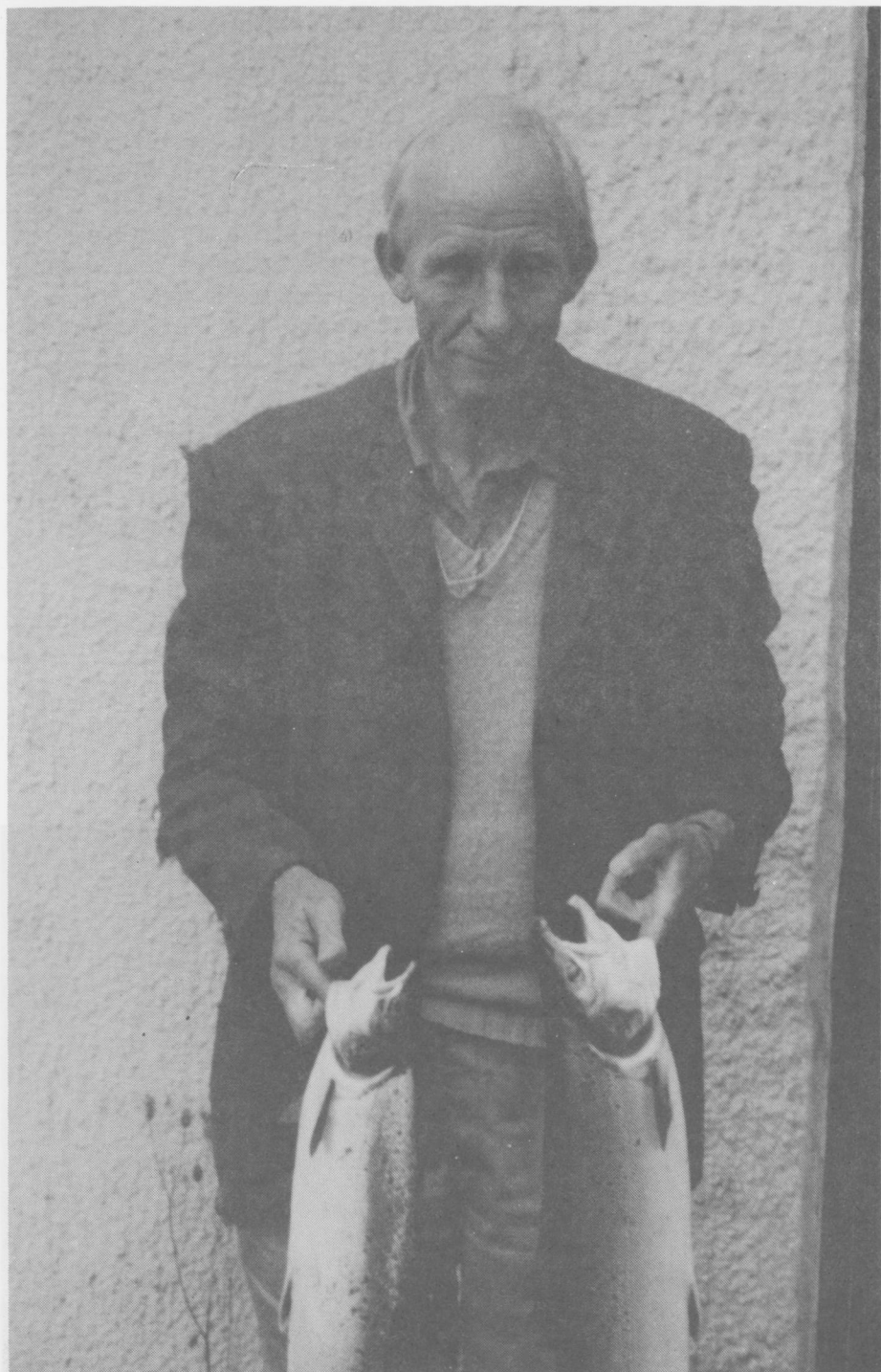
Our Silver Band started the evening's entertainment with a short selection of tunes, concluding with "The Stripper", a piece not inappropriate to the 'in depth examination' of the doctor's past, that was to follow. What this unique version of This is Your Life lacked in polish was more than compensated for by the enthusiasm and warmth of feeling that was expressed by everyone present.

Among the sixteen special guest stars that submitted themselves to the ordeal of public exposure were the first St Breward baby to be born under Dr Holden's care in 1947, and one of our more extrovert resident poachers. He arrived dressed to kill, complete with gaff, spear, torch and all the other accoutrements of his profession - including two fish. Mrs Holden told me later that the fish were consumed the next day - I wonder if she poached them!

The Doctor was presented with a Music Centre and a cheque, the result of a collection made primarily throughout St Breward, but also including gifts from other patients and friends. The total sum was just under six hundred pounds.

I cannot paraphrase Dr Holden's moving speech and do it justice. Drawing parallels with the Old Testament and speaking of the band and the evening's entertainment, he said; "I seem to have escaped being roasted alive, but I think I may have felt the heat of the flames. Instead I have been given a present of quite overwhelming generosity, and one into which choice much time and thought must have gone. I want to thank all who contributed to itI shall enjoy playing it very much indeed. Thank you."

Dr Holden spoke affectionately of St Breward, its kindness, good neighbourliness and independence, and hoped that we would welcome his successor and his family as warmly as we had his family and himself. 6



For full list of names please see next page

St Breward Silver Band Today and Yesterday

The Band was founded in 1899 and has been active ever since except for intervals during the first and second World Wars. It has been maintained by subscriptions (until 1947, when electric lighting was installed, there was an additional charge of 1d per week for candles), and by public performances - fetes, carnivals, weddings etc and visits in summer months to Port Isaac, Padstow, Boscastle and other resorts; and of course many appearances are made free of charge eg. carol services and, as last year, the Old Comrades service at Roughtor. The Band also plays for the annual St Pratt's procession in Blisland.

It all began in a curious way. A band came to a function in St Breward from Millpool across the moor, and the comment was made:- "If us can't make a better noise than that I'll eat my b -- hat !" Thus a band was born in St Breward and and has flourished ever since. Today the Band strength is over thirty, of whom over a dozen are under sixteen years old. One of its features is the training and encouragement given to the young, both boys and girls.

For success any enterprise needs two things as well as hard work and enthusiasm -- good leadership and financial resources. The Band has been supremely fortunate in having Mr Micky Hunt, who exchanged his cornet for the conductor's



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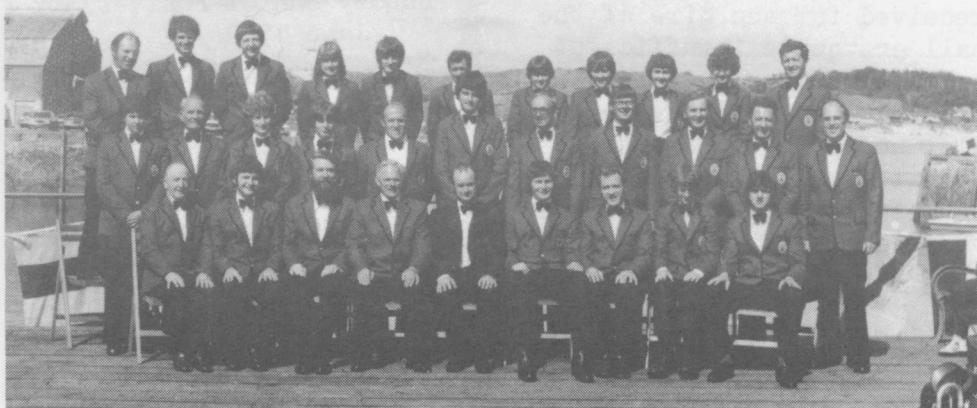
baton, and has been their guide and inspiration in recent years, both on and off the scene, for he is also their secretary. Under his leadership the Band regularly enters three or four competitions a year, and equally regularly, wins prizes in the appropriate section. This spring they won a first prize at Truro. At the same time much effort goes into raising the necessary funds to keep the Band going. It is some twenty years since the present Band room (at different times a chapel, a corn store, a bank, a dentist's surgery and a fire-station during the last war) was purchased.

Last year there was a wide programme of public performances in order to collect the £1800 required for new uniforms - and the cost of instruments and music is a constant drain on resources. Some sixty years ago a new instrument might cost £10.00; today it is more often £350, while some special instruments may now be over £1,000, and from time to time they all need to be overhauled and repaired.

This year the Band is as busy as ever, with competitions at Truro, Barnstaple, Penzance, Bugle and Paignton, as well as their usual summer performances. Even in Cornwall the village of St Breward is not very well known, and many have difficulty in finding it, but the Band ensures that at any rate the St Breward Sound is heard in the land!

Donald Bousfield

My very sincere thanks to Guy Roseveare for the benefit of his researches.



LETTERS

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Dear Madam

Blisland Village Hall Committee are again faced with the problem of undertaking essential redecoration and repairs without sufficient financial resources. Re-painting the exterior of the hall is long overdue and repairs are necessary to doors and guttering.

In order to fund this work the Committee is embarking upon a series of events as follows:

10th August - SPONSORED WALK

27th September - COFFEE

EVENING - Mrs Vause

25th October - AUTUMN BAZAAR

I am aware of the almost continuous pressure which is placed upon villagers to support the various fund raising schemes by local organisations, but the Village Hall is available for everyone and can continue to function only with your co-operation. Fees received for the hire of the hall are quite insufficient to meet the basic overheads and there is no other regular source of income. I do hope that all readers will be able to give the Committee their support.

Yours sincerely
W. Whiteway
Chairman

Dear Editor,

I note the comments in the last two issues concerning public footpaths in St Breward.

If a landowner succeeds in getting a footpath closed the land increases in value, and he therefore benefits financially. Could this be the real reason for applying to have these paths closed?

At the recent Public Inquiry in FP 13 no evidence was offered of any public money having been spent on this path. The Ramblers Association has often offered to remove overgrowth from paths free of charge, but this has not been taken up.

Alfred Palmer

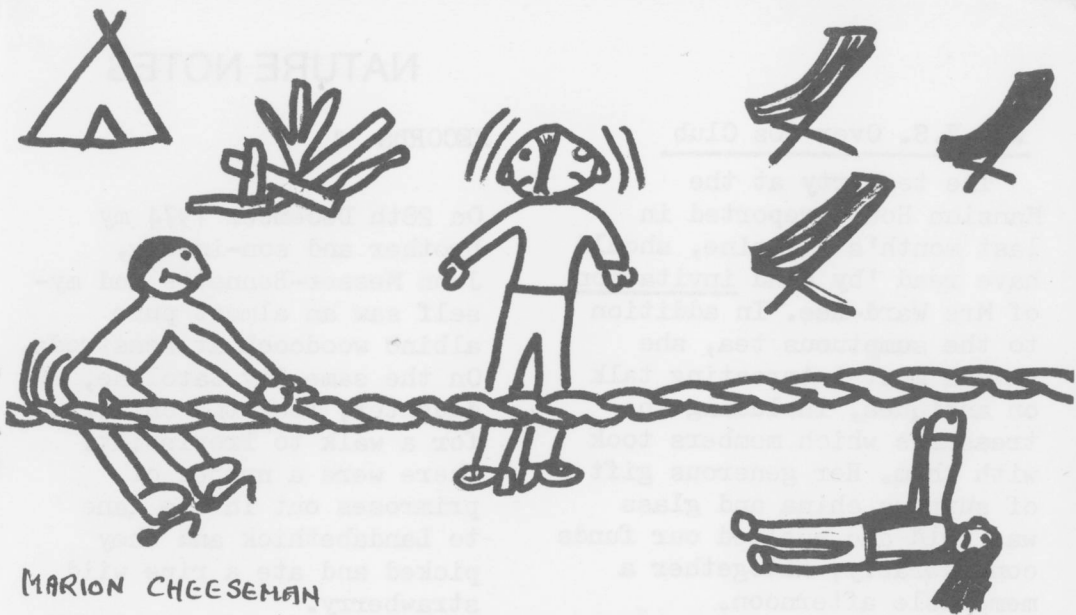
Hon: Sec The Rambler's
Association.

Did you recognise them?

The photograph on page 9 was taken near Delank Methodist Church at the Sunday School Anniversary
June 1908

Front Row: A.L. Spargo,
I. Rowe, W. J. Hawken,
W. Carne and W. Gill

Back Row: J. Toms, H. May,
J.R. Rowe, C. May, O. Gill,
H. Hill, D. Broadfoot and
J. Oliver



MARION CHEESEMAN

St Breward/Blisland Camp

I wonder who put a frog in the girl's washing water? And I wonder who swapped round the labels on their satchels? These and many more escapades were undertaken by the boys at the St Breward and Blisland Sunday club camp.

It was a bright sunny afternoon when we arrived at the camping ground. We unpacked and then the boys walked up on the moor to collect wood for the camp fire, then the girls went on the moor while the boys made the fire. Before dinner we had a tug of war 6 boys and 6 girls. The boys say they won and the girls say they did - the argument is still going on!

Dinner was a scrumptious affair even though the girls prepared it. Afterwards we had a sing-song with the Vicar

At bedtime a certain Sunday School teacher from Blisland decided to sleep out under the stars, and got soaked by a torrent of rain (it was Friday 13th!) In the morning all our tents were saturated. We got dressed and went into Wall-House for breakfast. This was an ordeal in itself. The boys were supposed to cook for everyone, but only one girl risked being poisoned. After breakfast we did some exercises to loosen us up, but we couldn't go up Hawks Tor because of the rain. In the afternoon we went to Blisland School Fete, and from there we dispersed with our saturated belongings. The camp was enjoyed by all - and our thanks to Mrs Bamford, Liz and the Vicar for eating up all the carrots!

Neil Cheeseman

NATURE NOTES

W.R.V.S. Over 60s Club

The teaparty at the Mansion House reported in last month's magazine, should have read 'by kind invitation of Mrs Ward-Lee.' In addition to the sumptuous tea, she gave a most interesting talk on antiques, including the treasures which members took with them. Her generous gift of surplus china and glass was sold and swelled our funds considerably; altogether a memorable afternoon.

Our Outing to Exmoor included a visit to Dunster Castle and village where the sun actually shone! Some members found the long journey rather exhausting, but the scenery was much enjoyed.

July 1st included a visit from Mrs Ford, our area organizer, who gave an interesting flower arranging demonstration, depicting the four seasons. These 'masterpieces' were then given by Mrs Ford as prizes in the competition and raffle.

We are having an afternoon mystery trip on July 15th, and if there is enough support we hope to arrange an afternoon's outing to Falmouth on August 19th. We shall leave the village at 12.30 p.m. and extend a cordial invitation to anyone who is interested in joining us.

G. M. Masters

RECORDS 1

On 28th December 1974 my brother and son-in-law, John Messer-Bennetts and myself saw an almost pure albino woodcock at Penstroda. On the same day Caroline, my daughter, took the children for a walk to Trevissick. There were a number of primroses out in the lane to Landabethick and they picked and ate a ripe wild strawberry.

C. T. Edward-Collins

RECORDS 11

If winter comes, can Spring be far behind ?

We have picked primroses in the garden at Lavethan in every month of the year except four, those from July to October inclusive. Has anyone seen primroses in flower in the missing months?

RLS

For Your Diary

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th

Joint Youth Service at St Breward Church with the St Olaf's Singers. The Service will be followed by a picnic. Everyone welcome

ST BREWARD RECHABITES

Temperance Knowledge Exam 1980

The following awards were presented:

Janet Mary Prout 7yrs 98%

HONOURS

Robin John Teague 10yrs 92%

HONOURS

National Painting Competition
District Awards

(ages 5-7)

2nd prize Janet Mary Prout

3rd prize Mark Richard Prout
(age 10yrs)

Consolation Robin John Teague
(age 11&12)

1st prize Ian McLeod

(age 13&14)

1st prize Nicholas Peter Teague
Provincial Awards

(5 & under)

2nd prize Matthew Teague

(9-11yrs)

1st prize Leza Lewis

National Awards

(9-11yrs)

1st prize Barry McLeod

The Annual Rechabite Rally was held at Newquay on July 12th. After tea the children were presented with their awards.

St Breward also won the Challenge Cup for the most points gained during the year.

Congratulations to them all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

At our Anniversary on July 6th the preacher was Mr Wesley Blake of Port Isaac. In the afternoon the Sunday School children gave a Demonstration Service 'Making a Home'

On Wednesday July 9th the anniversary tea was held in the Sunday School. The children repeated their Demonstration Service, and the Coleman Cup for Sunday School Attendance was presented jointly to Janet and Mark Prout and Robin and Matthew Teague, all with equal attendance.

Nesta Teague

Hon Sec. Methodist Church
St Breward.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

A coffee morning and Bring and Buy stall held at Mrs Billing's on Monday 7th June, was well attended.

The sum of £60.75 was raised for Chapel funds. We would like to thank all the kind friends who supported us.

SERVICE

At Blisland Chapel at 2.30 p.m.
every Sunday

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND

The demonstration of Patchwork Quilting by Mrs Wright was most interesting and instructive. Both members and visitors appreciated her easy introduction to this fascinating craft. We hope that the visitors were sufficiently intrigued to come along to our July meeting, when Mrs Chadder will introduce us to the art of making Fabric pictures.

Our grateful thanks to Isobel Willcocks for raiding her deep-freeze to supply us with delicious food for the tea break, when it looked as if we were going to have to go hungry due to unforeseen circumstances.

Next month (July), in addition to the Fabric Pictures we are looking forward to our first lesson in Macramé from Judy Ivis - so all female relations can look forward to plant pot holders and the like for Christmas and other anniversaries !

Arrangements for the Produce Show are well under way, and we hope to have a Bumper bundle of entries. Remember the date - July 30th

Schedules available from any member or at the Post Office, and entry is open to all.

We do not have a full meeting in August, so look forward to meeting again in September - hopefully with some new members, when Mrs Harvey will be giving a talk on Social work in St Lawrence's Hospital

Eileen Walford

ST BREWARD

Mr O'Shea, from Bodmin, gave a talk about pottery and demonstrated the throwing of pots on a portable electric wheel. Members were fascinated to see first a jug and then a bowl taking shape. Mrs J. Andrew bravely tried her hand at throwing (literally) the clay, with guidance from the expert.

The competition for a pottery vase was won by Mrs P. Luke and the flower of the month by Mrs Gill, with a salmon pink double geranium so beautiful that Mr O'Shea not only awarded it first prize but also requested and was given a cutting of it for propagation.

P. Bousfield

Butts Cottage

I wonder how many people passing Butts Cottage realise they are passing a very historic site in Blisland - the site of the old archery butts on the flat ground lying below the cottage and Newton House. Here, in the Middle Ages until the invention of gun powder changed the method of warfare - men between the ages of fifteen and sixty were forced by law to practise archery with the longbow every Sunday and on Feast days and Holy days (these are the origin of our holidays) for on week days they worked hard from dawn till dusk.

On Sundays, after church, the churchwarden had to supervise the archery practice and arrange for competitions, not only among the men of the village, but with neighbouring villages. Even quite young boys could use small bows, and no doubt they longed for the day when they would be allowed to use the full size bow, which might be five or six feet long.

The best bows were made of yew, and most churchyards have a yew tree in them, but other woods were also used - hazel, ash or elm. The bowstring was drawn back to the ear, and a skilled longbowman could shoot accurately at distances up to 300 yards. The arrows were a yard long with feathers from the geese and ducks that fed on the village green. They had sharp tips of steel - capable of penetrating an oak door four inches thick, or the armour of a knight on horse back. Besides his bow an archer carried a short sword and dagger to use when his supply of arrows was exhausted.

Never was the village blacksmith more important. They made the arrow heads, the swords and daggers, the helmets and breastplates worn in battle; the tanner too was kept busy making leather jerkins and scabbards, besides the harness for the horses. Every village needed its own craftsmen.

It must have been a busy time in the village when the men were called upon to follow their lord to war, which of course they were compelled to do at that time. The constant practice at the butts had made English bowmen the finest in Europe, from the time of Robin Hood and his merry men in the eleventh century, until the Hundred Years War fought in France in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

So next time you pass Butts Cottage think of those Sundays centuries ago, when all the people turned out to practise and to watch - when archery took the place of football today.

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