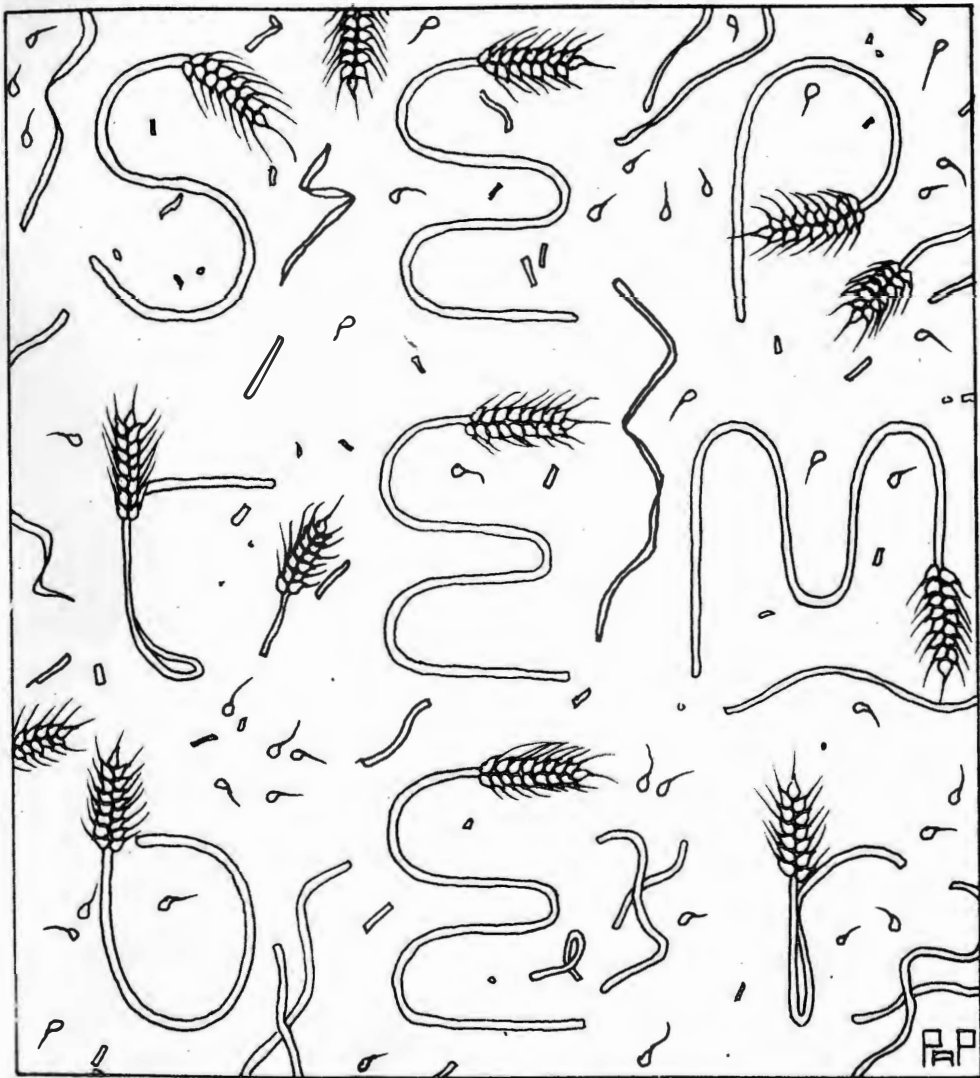




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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

SEPTEMBER.

- 3rd Saturday. S.Gregory the Great. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.
4th Sunday. TRINITY XIV Parish Eucharist 10a.m.
6th Tuesday. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.
7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union followed by tea at the Rectory. 3p.m.
11th Sunday. TRINITY XV. Parish Eucharist 10a.m.
14th Wednesday. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
18th Sunday. TRINITY XVI Parish Eucharist 10a.m.
21st Wednesday. S.Matthew. Holy Eucharist. Mothers' Union. 10a.m.
25th Sunday. TRINITY XVII. BLISLAND PATRONAL FESTIVAL. Parish Eucharist. Priest. Canon Prest. 10a.m. Procession to St Pratts Cross. 3p.m. led by St Breward Silver Band. Evensong. St Breward Silver Band. Service officiated by Parish Priest. 6.p.m.
27th Tuesday. S. Vincent de Paul. Holy Eucharist 10a.m.

ST BREWARD.

- 1st Thursday. Holy Eucharist. 10.30a.m.
4th Sunday. TRINITY XIV. Mattins 11.30a.m.
7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union at Blisland followed by Tea at the Rectory 3p.m.
8th Thursday. Nativity of Our Lady. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.
11th Sunday. TRINITY XV. Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.
15th Thursday. Our Lady of Sorrows. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.
18th Sunday. TRINITY XVI. Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.
22nd Thursday. Holy Eucharist. 10.30a.m.
25th Sunday. TRINITY XVII. Parish Eucharist 11.30a.m.
29th Thursday. St Michael & All Angels. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

My first letter to you as your Parish Priest has to do with gratitude with which friendships begin and just as Jesus called His disciples His friends so He calls us His friends and we must call one another friends.

To all those involved in my Licensing as your Parish Priest - Churchwardens, Servers & Bellringers, those who prepared an excellent repast at the Reception, members of the congregation and visiting friends, may I express my gratitude. To all those who have welcomed me to their homes, their places of work, (Harold the Village Smithy for example) and their shops, may I also express my gratitude.

Our two villages are lovely places set in splendid scenery and they have ancient and beautiful churches. They are friendly places and just as there is an atmosphere of sanctity and peace in our churches so there is a sense of belonging to a community wherever one goes - villages, hamlets and even remote places. All of us should be grateful for having our feet set in a large room in the loveliest part of Cornwall.

Gradually we shall get to know one another, to worship and work together to the greater glory of God and for the unity and extension of His Church. We have a rich inheritance and we must build up on the foundations which have been laid over many centuries. We have strong links with the past (from pre-historic times through Celtic, Norman and Medieval to modern times) and we must as a Christian community add a chain which we hope that future generations will look back upon with gratitude too.

God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism, St Breward 7th August.

David William Gerald Toms.

Holy Matrimony, St Breward July 30th.

Jeremy Peter Cooper & Nicola McLeod.

Burial at Blisland, August 12th.

Timothy Mark Whitfield.

Writing an obituary is never easy. After I had heard of Tim Whitfields tragic and untimely death I walked the woods above Tresarrett for a long time, trying to feel the reason for it. One so young and so full of life, I'm no genius so didn't come up with an answer, unless it is to make us all aware of our blessings, and if nothing else come to savour the time we have with our own children and grandchildren.

Tim was a member of the Blisland Youth Club, before motor cycles, motor cars and girls became more attractive past-times. Then, as ever, he was a cheeky, lively young perisher and the bane of my life. He never changed!! That was Tim, wherever he went and who-ever knew him he was always the same.

His parents and family must have been comforted at his funeral by the measure of his popularity which could be seen by the number of young folk, girls and boys, who attended, and by the number of floral tributes.

The flowers were taken into the church after the service and took many hours to arrange - hours which were a labour of love and a further tribute to him.

He will be sadly missed by family, friends and his employers. I hope that the following quote will be of some consolation:-

"Death is nothing at all, ... I have only slipped away into the next room... I am I and you are you... whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone; wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever a

Au revoir Tim.

Best wishes also to Charlie Neal who hasn't been too well lately.

Thanks to the generosity of ECLP who provided the material and Webber Bros. who transported it from Blisland to Temple, both the church paths, which had been partially destroyed, have now been repaired. The work was carried out by the Probation Service. As a result, very little expence has fallen upon the Congregation who are very grateful for the help they have received.

Sept 4th & 11th Mrs N.James. 18th Mrs Miller.
25th St Pratts, all help. Oct 2nd Mrs Webber & Mrs Dowrick
9th Harvest Festival, all help. 16th & 23rd Mrs Masters.
30th Oct & Nov 6th Mr Thomas. 13th & 20th Mrs Walford.
Nov 27th Advent Sunday - no flowers until Dec 24th,
Christmas Eve, all help.

ST BREWARD METHODIST CHAPEL

ADVANCED NOTICE.

LOVENTY MALE VOICE CHOIR
will be giving a Concert in
St Breward Methodist Chapel
on October 8th at 7.30p.m.

Book this date.

NOVEMBER 5th.

Bonfire + Firework display +
Barbecue. at ST BREWARD.
Starts 6.30 p.m.

All welcome.

Disco to follow at 9p.m.
Book this date.

WANTED by Editor.

Flattish plastic containers
like Jiff cleaner - with a
shoulder like shape. Also
tops only from spray contain-
ers. To be made into fund
raisers for the Mag.

Thanks. Ed.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

After a very successful and
hectic season of fetes and
carnivals the Band has now
returned to a newly decorated
Band Room for winter rehearsals
the first concert will be at
St Mabyn Parish Church in aid
of the Golden Circle.
The Band will also be making
their annual visit to Blisland
for St Pratts Procession and
evensong on Sept 25th at 3p.m.
and 6p.m. respectively.

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CAT Bike Hike.

At a reception held at the
Westbury Hotel, Bodmin on
7th Aug. attended by the
Mayor & Mayoress of Bodmin,
a cheque for £1500 was pre-
sented to Dr Robin Sellwood,
Consultant Radiologist of
Truro. A further sum of £124
has already been sent direct
to the Scanner Appeal fund
and there are a few sponsor
forms still to be collected.

Grateful thanks to all
who helped and donated,
especially to the 72 riders
who did the run and raised
the cash.

At a recent meeting in
London Dr Sellwood was told
by a person who did not know
of his interests, that when
it comes to raising money
for charitable causes
Cornwall is the tops.

Thank you, one and all.

EVACUEES 1939- 1945.

Will anyone in Blisland, or
readers of the magazine, who
have the names and addresses
of evacuees please notify me
- Editor - An ex-evacuee
wishes to contact as many
others as possible. She will
be coming here in late
September and asks for your
co-operation.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month (except August) and a report of the business discussed will appear by courtesy of the Parish Magazine.

Our Community Policeman was a welcome visitor to the July meeting and his advice on various subjects, including traffic speed at Ryland (following several complaints) was very helpful.

Tenders have been advertised to re-new all the wire fence around the play area at Ryland, and at Penvorda where the Council spent money recently to level the play area, it has been decided to part this off to stop it being used as a rubbish dump or car park. Repeated requests to the Divisional Surveyor to have the sign posts at Loskeyle cross roads re-erected, but it seems that someone, somewhere, wants the granite post replaced but the County Council doesn't know how to fix the wood arms on top of it. It has now been decided that a metal sign is to be erected - in the near(?) future.

Emergency ~~phone number for~~ Dr Newman 91-213209.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Please make a note that Tuesday 27th September at 7.30p.m. is the day, date and time of the Village Hall A.G.M.

I do hope you will all turn out in full force & show interest in the way the Hall is administered.

We desperately need support on the Management Committee so if you could spare a little of your time five or six evenings a year it would be appreciated.

I shall be retiring this year as Chairman having served three years, it's time I made way for younger blood.

We Harper is organising a disco for St Pratts Monday (Sept 26th) at 8p.m. The money will go towards the funds & help pay for the redecoration of the kitchen, and we must also have some new card tables - my ears ring with complaints over our present stock!!

Look forward to seeing you on the 27th Sept.

E.J.W.

BLISLAND NEARLY 300 YEARS AGO.

The complete map of Blisland drawn around 1702, part of which was shown in the first issue of the magazine reveals some interesting differences between Blisland of today and Blisland of nearly 300 years ago.

The green is shown with trees planted on it. The green was leased for 20 years by Obediah Reynolds of the Mansion House (then called the Farmers House) and in 1702 an avenue of sycamore trees is shown leading to Carblake with the words "Sycamore trees planted by Francicis Reynolds". Could Francis, son of Obediah, obviously a tree lover, have been responsible for the trees first planted on the green?.

St Pratts cross and well are shown. The site of the school house today was the hopyard. The mill along the Ham was called Blisland Manor Mill. The hopyard and Mill would have provided ale for Blisland, orchards would have provided cider, the usual drinks before coffee and tea were introduced into the country.

Two crosses were marked that are no longer here. The top of the road leading to Cassacawn from Waterloo has a cross drawn on it, the road leading from Blisland to Cassacawn has the words "Lane leading to Cassacawn Cross". Another cross was placed at the crossroads leading to Pendrift. The road leading from the village past Pentor has the words on it "Way to Crosse gate". The name of Waterloo does not appear on the map. (Battle of Waterloo 1815, so too early to be commemorated).

Most of the land between the bridge and the green is marked 'Parsonage Ground'. Sir John Molesworth lived at the old house at Trewint, the road to it from the bridge called 'Trewint Lane'.

The Hele family owned Cassacawn house where Cassacawn farm now stands and the land between Cassacawn and Blisland was held by Mr William Spry. Mr Spry lived behind the mansion house where Newton House now stands. He also owned land at the corner of the road leading to Pendrift called in the map 'Mr Sprys Mowyard'. Another owner of land was Mr Oben, he owned land on the opposite side of the road near Mr Sprys Mowyard facing the green. He also owned the Hopyard.

Sir John Maclean in 'Trigg Minor' states that on April 17th 1702 Obadiah Reynolds son Francis sold a hopgarden at Church bridge to John Oben of Pelynt and fields near the green. Soon after he sold the Farmers House to John Treise of Lavethan.

A conduit is shown leading from Cassacawn to Mr Spry's house marked 'conduit for Mr Spry'. This water supply was still in use until a few years ago (when water was piped to Blisland) providing the water supply to Newton House.

Tregenna Road is called Lanxon Lane. Two houses are drawn at the beginning of the road. Could these have been the manor house, the present home of Mr Price, a house of some antiquity, and the old cottage that used to stand there until a few years ago which had a stone circular staircase and a fireplace stretching across the width of the room?.

It would be interesting if people whose families have lived in Blisland for generations would add more to our knowledge of what Blisland was like before the coming of electricity and water supplies, and the changes that have taken place. If these records are not made they will soon be lost forever.

Coming forward 150 years we find that Kelly's directories are a wonderful source of information for those interested in village life many years ago. This is the picture it gives of Blisland and its inhabitants. The population in 1871 was 611. The Rector was the Rev. Francis Pye B.A. of Queens College, Cambridge. The curate in charge, the Rev. Jonathan Parkyn B.A. of St Johns College, Cambridge. Lady Molesworth owned the manorial rights. The principal land owners were Captain William Morsehead of Lavethan, the Rev Charles Matthew Edward Collins of Trewardale and Mr Hayward.

Most of the inhabitants in Blisland and its neighbourhood were farmers but many trades people worked to make the village a self-supporting community. There were two blacksmiths, George Hooper of Merrymeeting and Jonathan Eade, a butcher Richard Best, two boot and shoemakers, John Axworthy who was also the postmaster, and Arthur Rich of Waterloo. Matthew Rich of Waterloo was a tailor. There

were two carpenters, Henry Whale and John Brown, both of Waterloo. John Bunt was a mason. Thomas Keat was the miller at Lavethan Mill and William Coppin was the veterinary surgeon.

The school at Waterloo was not built until 1871. The National School was in the institute on the Green when Christopher McLean was the master. He was also the insurance agent for the "Whittington Life Insurance Co."

There were two inns. John Williams was the landlord of the 'Blisland Inn', the old inn before the Royal Oak was built. Poundsconce on the A30, now the home of Mr Denzil Roose, was the 'London Inn', the landlord William Varcoe. Thomas Olver Rich was the shopkeeper as well as being a farmer.

Apart from agricultural work there was plenty of work in Blisland in the Clay Works. These had been opened in 1860 at Durfold and at Carwen in 1871 by Frank Parkyn. His company was known as the Central Cornwall China Clay Works. The captain was John Truscott of Cassacawn.

People really were self-supporting in those days with tradesmen in the village to satisfy all their needs. Each cottage had its pig in its pighouse with its granite pig trough. Indoors would be a large bath made of slabs of slate in which pork was salted down for the winter. The women made their own bread and buns, while pasties were filled with vegetables from the garden, not only potatoes, shallots and onions, but leaks and turnips, often served with home-made cream.

People worked hard in those days but it was a happy satisfying life that persisted into the present century, until the motor car, electricity and television brought the outside world to Blisland and the days of isolation and self-sufficiency came to an end.

I can still remember when I first came to Blisland the mummers who came round singing carols at Christmas with blackened faces, and the children pinning long paper tails to people on April Fool's Day.

There must be many customs that have died out within living memory and many events in Blisland that deserve to be remembered, fetes on the Rectory lawn, concerts, carnivals, Sunday School outings. Accounts of these would be welcomed by our Editress, to be recorded in the magazine and not forgotten.

R.C.

FOOLS CORNER.

I have been very thankful to have the support of willing helpers for the past couple of months, I really did throw them in at the deep end - but we all survived!!

Walking was about all I could do - mind you, my speed was down to dead slow, and using a thumb stick as well. However I'm still on my feet and trying to walk off the flab.

Radio Cornwall's "Village Voice" did a grand job on Blisland with Harold Rich, Mrs Chadburn, James Gibson, Mr Burns and Brig. Edward-Collins all doing us proud, and our new Parish Priest introducing interesting points around the church.

First the Flood and then the County Council - have you ever had the feeling that you can't win? I was convalescing when the flood entered the cottage, my daughter waded in and removed the carpets to dry out in the greenhouse, and they were ready by the time I came home. My mail was floating and becoming ungummed - luckily Col. Andrews letter just floated and was legible. I was luckier than many who had to be baled out.

While we were still drying out the Council decided to tar and stone the roads. They started bright and early but by 9a.m. the sun had risen and the bitumen was running - all over the place..nobody was free from the mess, the animals were getting their paws tarred and stoned, and tar up to their hocks. It was trailed in everywhere. I for one went berserk.. a quick 'phone call to Bodmin brought a speedy response and a lorry load of sand.

I learnt one other thing..lard slapped on to paws and well rubbed in,works wonders!!

I came across an election envelope the other day with that horrible M/s. Having filled in the registration form with Mrs, the least they can do is address you thus.

SMV.

Quotable Quote.

Do more than exist, live,	Do more than hear, listen.
Do more than touch, feel.	Do more than listen -
Do more than look, observe.	understand.
Do more than read, absorb.	John.H.Rhodes.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

The Red Cross Hall seemed crowded with members in pretty summer dresses all full of high spirits when the Pres. Mrs A. Holmes welcomed two newcomers to St Breward, Mrs Joysey and Mrs Shoem th, also Marion Cheeseman. Mrs Jackson Gamlen had been to the St Breward Methodist Church Flower Festival meeting and help was requested to serve refreshments in August.

As the entertainment for Camelford Disabled is in Sept arrangements had to be made for the collection of the refreshments required and helpers to serve it.

Volunteers were also required to help with Mrs Bousfield's competition at the County Fair at Wadebridge Show Ground on Oct 1st.

In spite of Mrs Cheeseman's work we were unable to proceed with her suggested resolution banning the sale of "perfumed" erasers or pens.

It is hoped that several members will submit entries to the 1984 Arts and Crafts Exhibition as there are 15 separate classes covering a wide field, the details are held by Mrs Holmes for those interested.

The unusual (these days) subject of hat making proved a winner when demonstrated by Mrs Buchanan, who is probably well known to many from the Wadebridge W.I. Markets. A master of her craft she also gave many hints on choosing hats, but the real treat for most members was being able to try on the lovely selection she had brought; it was just like the January Sales! Mrs B. Hoskin was the winner for the best hat trimming, and Mrs J. Teague won the flower of the month competition.

The next meeting is Sept 20th.

Please make a note of the date for the Camelford Disabled refrshments - Sept 7th.

Ann Holmes.

BLISLAND.

What super weather we had for our Produce Show this year & even though it was a two edged sword as lack of water certainly made a difference to the Vegetable Section entries, the Judges of all the exhibits remarked on the high standards maintained throughout the show. Mrs Rickard

& Miss Greenaway entered some exceptionally good kidney potatoes & won a 1st prize. Miss Stewart secured first prize with her beautiful rose and also won the special prize in the flower section for that entry.

It was very pleasing to see so many new names amongst the entries & several won prizes. All the children did awfully well a lot of thought and effort went into their vegetable animals, the miniature gardens, the arrangements of wild flowers & of course their outstanding cooking. Judith Hill, Fiona Webber & Gillian Harper sweeping the board with their expertise in the latter section. I think the childrens classes give me the most pleasure, the children are so enthusiastic & it is delightful to see them rewarded for their painstaking efforts. Unfortunately there have to be losers, but there is always another year & next time I'm sure their efforts will be up to the standards required.

It was nice to see Dr Barron again & he and his wife quickly renewed their acquaintance with many friends from the village.

The W.I. Produce Show is one of the few remaining annual events left in the village & I would be very sad to see it die so please, next year give it your full support both by entering and attending- make it a real Blisland get-together.

At our Monthly Meeting Mrs Pryor, one of the W.I. County Cookery judges gave some very useful hints & tips on how to show your cookery at its best when entering competitions. Mrs Richards won the monthly competition for her four sausage rolls which were delicious & the very welcome cup of tea and cakes were supplied by Miss Runnalls & Mrs Richards.

In September - third Wednesday at 7.30p.m. Mrs Irwin from Bodmin is going to talk on and show slides of the National Trust in Cornwall, and the competition is an arrangement of Autumn Flowers. So I look forward to seeing you all. Having seen new names on entries & prize cards at our Produce Show it would be so nice to put faces to them and see them at our W.I. Meeting!

Eileen Walford.

Lost property. one white ladies cardigan left behind in kitchen of Village Hall. Owner can collect from Miss M.Rove, Manor Close.

DO YOU KNOW?

Does anyone know the history of the two inscribed stones over the water-shoot at Pendrift? The lower one has "1814" clearly carved on it. Above it is a separate stone with "1777" incised on it. Can anyone explain the significance of this or say whether the stones were cut to be placed there or perhaps brought there from some different location in more recent times?

PAMELA BOUSFIELD.

NATURE TITBITS.

Nothing in the postbag this month, I think everyone is recovering from their trip with Col. Andrews, it seems to have been a popular article.

Michelle and Mark arrived with a coconut from a fete, we cracked it open, the kids didn't go much on the milk and a little of the fruit went a long way, and was left behind - my visiting bluetits, great tits and sundry birds have been having a feast, and when they've finished cleaning it out it will make a nice holder for my fat and the other gunge I save for them.

SMV

W.R.V.S. OVER SIXTIES CLUB:

Our meeting on July 19th was held at Delphi where we all enjoyed a picnic in ideal weather. A Treasure Hunt was again organised and after searching for various objects for about an hour, we learnt there were no oak trees in the immediate vicinity and no one seemed inclined to walk as far as Sandy Way! Two visitors called while we were there and we were very pleased to see them, one was lucky enough to get a cup of tea & the other a raffle ticket. This picnic will surely be an annual event.

On Aug 3rd (Wed) we went to Newquay, being joined by a good number of St Breward friends. The heat wave seemed to have been over, but we had a return of the sun that day & it was glorious at Newquay.

Everyone appreciated the new precinct & thought it a great improvement. Although the beach looked as if a giant packet of confetti had been strewn around we found the hundreds of holiday makers all enjoying themselves & being very considerate.

Walks to the headland and shopping were variously enjoyed, and as one voice, we all said "A lovely Day".

G.M. Masters.

GARDEN PARTY AT CREED.

Our club was honoured when I received an invitation to represent us at a Garden Party given by the High Sheriff, Miss Elizabeth Johnstone, at Creed on July 29th.

It was a lovely day - much too hot for our hostess to be wearing her official cloak and hat, which she did in great style.

Transport was provided & I was very pleased to have Mrs Betty Champion from St Breward for company as we knew none of the 300 invited.

The High Sheriff welcomed us & hoped we would all make the effort to speak to at least one other visitor, and said that all 300 had been individually invited.

It took quite a while to go around the garden meeting different people as there were so many organisations represented - Red Cross- St John- Meals on Wheels - Home Help - Nurses - Age Concern - W.R.V.S. among the many.

We were all given name tabs & description to wear, mine being W.R.V.S. with my name. It was like a huge game of "I Spy" which we all thoroughl enjoyed.

A large marquee on the lawn provided welcome shade for the tea, but we could have done with some more chairs!

The quality, quantity and variety of the tea was outstanding; seeing the red & green sashes confirmed my suspicion that Miss Johnstone had called on the W.I. & talking to helpers from St Just-in-Roseland, as an ardent W.I. member, I couldn't miss the opportunity to congratulate them. The house was open and we were free to wander around and it was unexpectedly found that the top floor opened on to the upper garden, from where the band played throughout the afternoon.

Altogether it was a lovely social occasion and I'm sure, as the High Sheriff moved freely among us, she enjoyed seeing how much we all enjoyed being at her home, and we all joined in as she was warmly thanked by one of the guests. Gwen Masters.

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Blisland Over 60's
will be holding an Open
Meeting on 20th September
at 2.30p.m.

Entertainment from St Cleer.
Harvest Home Stall.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL.
D I S C O
St Pratts Monday 26th Sept.
8p.m.

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Aug 29th. Depart Blisland 9.30a.m.
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tours. Bed, breakfast & evening meal. £135.

Blackpool. 4 days, October 7-10th. See the illuminat-
ions and have a tour of the Lake District. £68.

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