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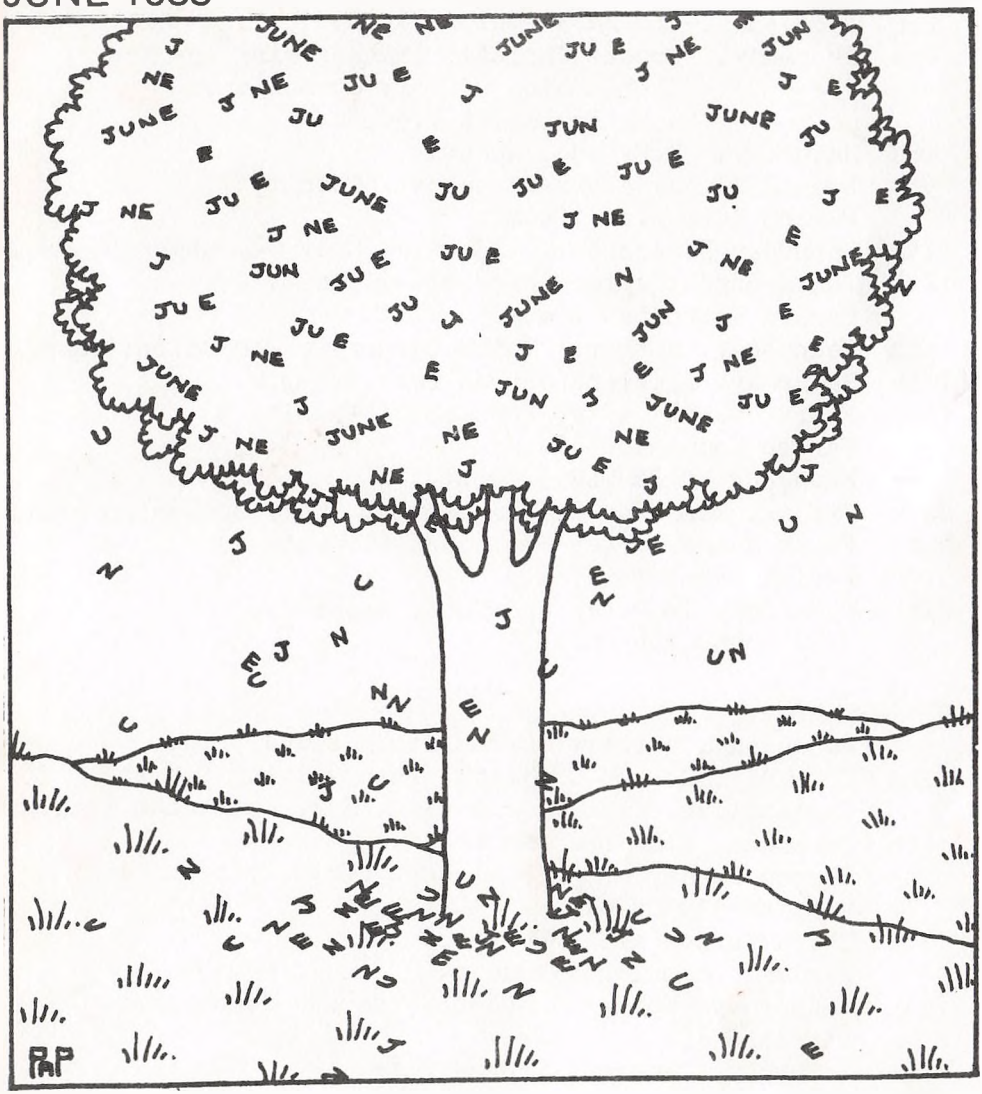

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE.

June.

1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union 3.p.m.
2nd Thursday. Corpus Christi: Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. Sung Eucharist 7.30p.m.
4th Saturday. S.Petroc, Abbot.
5th Second Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 1) Parish Communion 10a.m.
11th Saturday S.Barnabas, Apostle. Holy Communion 8.30a.m.
12th Third Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 2) Parish Communion 10a.m.
15th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.10a.m.
18th Saturday. Blisland Church Fete 2.30p.m.
19th Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 3) Parish Communion 10a.m.
– Evensong at TEMPLE 3.30p.m.
24th Friday. Birth of S.John Baptist. Holy Communion 9a.m.
26th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 4) Parish Communion 10a.m.
29th Wednesday SS Peter and Paul, Apostles. Holy Communion 9a.m.

ST BREWARD.

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2nd Thursday. Corpus Christi: Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion 10.30a.m.
4th Saturday. S.Petroc, Abbot.
5th Second Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 1) Mattins 11.30a.m.
12th Third Sunday after Pentecost. Parish Communion 11.30a.m.
15th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at Blisland 10a.m.
18th Saturday (Blisland Church Fete)
18th Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Parish Communion 11.30a.m. Evensong at TEMPLE 3.30p.m.
26th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Parish Communion 11.30a.m.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

July 3 Sunday S.Thomas, Apostle.
(The Rector's last Sunday at Blisland.)

July 3rd Sunday S.Thomas, Apostle.
N.B. Parish Communion 11.30a.m.
(The Vicar's last Sunday at St Breward.)

Readers of our May number will have divined that an announcement was imminent, and more or less as we published it came: that the Bishop of Truro has appointed me Vicar of Mylor with Flushing and that the Bishop has also appointed Prebendary Edwin Stark, the present incumbent there, to be my successor.

He is a good and lovely priest of wide experience. In 1981 Bishop Graham conferred upon him a singular honour in appointing him to the Prebend of Marnays in the Prebendal Church of Saint Endellion. I will leave him to tell you more about that.

There are four Prebendaries, one of whom is Rector, and it will be good for him to be near St Endellion so that he can occupy his stall on some of the great occasions which happen there.

What will you call your new priest? "Prebendary" is used like "Canon" as a title. At this point I will stick my own neck out, too. It always seems to me that to address the priest as "Rector" or "Vicar" when talking to him is a bit like the way in which my maiden great-aunts used to address a man working on a job in the house - "Plumber, would you like a cup of tea?" or "Are you still there, Painter?". As a boy I thought this a bit insulting, denying the poor man his identity under his job. Now, if we can put first things first, and think of the priest as the father of the local church family, feeding them with the sacrements, caring for them and understanding them, then that ought to be expressed WITH and awareness of his identity as a man, So, "Father Edwin" or "Father Conrad" does the trick exactly. It acknowledges him as a priest (and there is no point at all in having priests around if that awareness is not present) and it is also friendly towards him

personally in using his Christian name. Where this habit catches on, I have always found that things are absolutely right between the people and their priest. Here, it also gets you out of the difficulty of remembering which handle to use for him while he is busy being Rector one side of the De Lank and Vicar the other. Prebendary is also a bit of a mouthful.

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I have a conscience about a cake. Let me explain.

The Church Fete season is upon us.

The Church of England's income in 1980, the latest year for which figures are published, was 180.7 million pounds, which looks a lot until you work out how far it has to stretch. Of that total, Church Fetes, Gift Days, and special money raising events brought in 25.5 million pounds. Their yield has increased by thirtyseven per cent over two years, but their proportion of total income continues to fall as direct, planned giving increases.

I don't want to confuse everyone with a welter of statistics, but to my feeble mathematics the proportion of "Fete income" to total income in both parishes looks remarkably similar to the national figure.

Our fetes, autumn fairs, coffee mornings and evenings are still the items most heavily relied upon by our devoted Church Treasurers in their budgets. To me that looks like dicey economics with which to saddle our Parochial Church Councils. A wet day or a robust gale could wreck a year's economy, although I know the sheer goodness and generosity of parishioners would not see us stuck. So then, if this is the chance-y way in which we want to run the finances, how important it is that in the Fetes at Blisland on 18th June and at St Breward on 9th July we GO TO IT with all our might. At St Breward I can't be there as cheer-leader as Sunday, 3rd July will have been my last appearance.

Now comes my problem in the conscience. I arrive at a stall, say, to buy a cake. It's £1. I have thrust down within me all attempts to get the biggest bargain, for this money is going to the Church. It's a perfectly legitimate and fair sale, I'm satisfied about that, and that the cake is good for food, pleasant to the eyes and even possibly to be desired to make one wise (Genesis 3.6) in that it might stir me to make efforts to improve my

cooking. But am I justified, in the course of my giving to the Church, in getting something back by way of such a splendid by-product of my generosity? Ah, says a funny voice, Don't forget they wouldn't have had so much jam on the other stall if you hadn't given them some, and there's a tremendous amount of goodwill in this extraordinary process by which goods travel around the village, via the fete, from one household to another for the Church to benefit from the journey. Also, says another funny voice, some people actually like fetes and find them fun, and this is a great social occasion for the village centred round the Church Family. Also, they Church Commissionares do say we got 25.5 million pounds in 1980.

But I still have an uneasy feeling about giving and wanting to get that cake back. It is priced £1. How would it be if I gave £2? Or should I stick to shove-ha'penny. With an aim like mine there's not much fear of getting anything back, there.

No, I've got it. How about a fat donation?

Conrad Sargisson.

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PARISH REGISTERS.

The death occurred suddenly at his home in Folkestone of Albert John Bunt aged 69.

Albert spent most of his life in St Breward, working at Tor Down and Hantergantick Quarries, and E.C.L.P. at Wenford before he left in the mid '60s.

His daughter Nina Sleep still lives in St Breward. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all his family.

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Mr Algernon Kent and his wife Margaret, of Down Coombe, Darrynane, both died within days of each other, and were cremated at Penmount. R.I.P.

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Quote from Alastair Sim's widow. "If you have been fortunate enough to spend 50 years of your life with your favourite person, a little thing like death cannot separate you."

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BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

At the Annual Meeting on Thursday 12th May Mr W.M.Rowe was elected Chairman of the Parish Council.
Mrs E.J.Walford is the Vice-Chairman. Also on the Council are Mrs W.Harper. Messrs D.Green, R.Parnell, D.Pearson. P.Pengelly. T.Runnalls. M.Trevarthen & K.Webber.
Mrs Walford retired through ill health from the post of Chairman but was persuaded to accept the Vice Chairmanship. She has given the Parish 4 years excellent service and for that we extend our hearty thanks.

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The St Breward Parish Council now comprises of Chairman, Mrs D.M.Hannaford. V.Chairman Mrs V.Edwards who is also the representative for Age Concern Committee.Mervyn Marshall is the Village Hall rep. and Welfare Vehicle rep. Mickey Hunt is a School Govenor and Press rep. Mrs Millward is on the Road Safety Committee. Also Miss I.Burrows, Mrs E. Collings,Mr C.Greenaway, Morley Tremaine and Mr R. Hoskin.
Now that we have a Press rep. we hope to have regular reports on their projects,

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

St Breward Silver Band FETE on Saturday 25th June at 2.30p.m. to be opened by Mr M.C.Jose, Manager of Dairy Crest, Davidstow. Music will be provided by Launceston Town Band.

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The St Breward Silver Band start the season at Padstow Harbour front on Sunday 29th May with an afternoon and evening concert.
Mr Hunt urgently requires more collectors, if you feel inclined to help the band please contact Mr Hunt on 850356.

Shaun Hunt competed at the Bugle Musical Festival and obtained 2nd place in the 11 & under class out of 8 competitors. He came in joint 6th position in the 15 & under class out of 16 competitors in the Brass section.

The Band entered the Entertainments Concert at the Cornwall Coliseum and were placed 2nd out of the four bands who played a 20 minute programme.

The Band will not be in any contests now until Nov. as they will be busy with their Summer Programme.

TEMPLE CHURCH

It is proposed to hold a Festival of Flowers at Temple Church on Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st August,1983.

Anybody who would be willing to help decorate the church or would supply flowers will be most welcome.

Donations too would be greatly appreciated for the extra flowers needed.

Mrs Walford at Tor has willingly agreed to act as Treasurer.

The normal monthly Evensong will take place at 3.30p.m. on the Sunday, but the church will be open to visitors both on Saturday & Sunday from 10.30a.m. until 8p.m.
For further information ask Mrs Elaine Bray. Cardinham 401.
Donations to Mrs Walford and please mark them as donations Temple Flower Fund.

Thankyou.

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NATURE TITBITS

It is usually said that there are only two types of snake in Britain.
There used to be some found at Temple, and in quarries, called a Fuzz Adder (Furze Adder?) which was red.
Has anyone seen one lately? And what were they?

SMV

St Breward Cubs & Scouts.

Recently the 1st St Breward Scout Group had an unexpected gift. Mr Peter Lingard of Penrose who has just left the district, presented the lads with two lightweight hike tents and a Kayak canoe made of fibre glass.
The Scouts are now looking forward to the summer programme of more adventure activities, although much training has to be done before the full benefit of the equipment can be reaped. Other items such as life-jackets, paddles and groundsheets must be acquired.

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Tony and Isobel Willcocks would like to thank every one that helped, who came, and who gave donations, to make this such a good day - in spite of the weather. A grand total of £409.46p was raised.

Thankyou.

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Blisland Church Flower Rota
May 29th & June 5th
Mrs Romero & Mrs Bamford.
June 12th & 19th
Mrs Richards & Mrs Webber
June 26th & July 3rd
Mrs Masters.
July 10th & 17th
Mrs & Miss Moon.
July 24th & 31st
Mrs Dowrick & Mrs M.Webber.

OLVER.C.G.HARRIS.

Olver Harris called over recently and reminisced about his family and times past in Blisland.

His Father, James, was born and later farmed at Abbey Farm, Temple, and is buried at Temple along with his parents and their family. Mother was Maud Hammer, one of three sisters. She died when Olver was very young and he came to live with his Grandfather Hammer at Merrymeeting, later his

Father married sister Phyllis, who still looks after Olver as he never married. The third sister Ivy, married Herbert Webber.

Grandfather Hammer had come from Pentewan and his wife from Polgooth, they had gone to South Africa like so many Cornish people at the turn of the century, but he caught a fever and they returned to farm at Merrymeeting. The sisters were born there, their father later retired to live at Vancot (Morwenna) in Tregenna.

Granfer Hammer was a strong Liberal in Isaac Foots' day, and the then Mrs Edward-Collins'(Grandmother to Brigadier) respect for him was such that she would insist on signing his nomination papers for the Council. Although their politics differed they had a great respect for each other. Charles Hammer stood against Capt. Morshead but the Greenaway family always backed him so he was confidant of a block vote. They were the parents Ned, Gladys, Ethel and six others. Farmer Truscott of Penrose was another great supporter.

Having lived at Merrymeeting Olver knew Tresarrett well. Joe Davy and his wife lived at Tresarrett Warf - before Preston Smith's time. Then there was Mr & Mrs Caddy who had a shop at Strulands. George Hooper had the blacksmiths shop below Merrymeeting &the Keat boys lived at the Mill.

Olver attended Blisland school under Mr Hawken, who went to Lostwithiel in 1939. Henry Sturtridge then became Headmaster, and a very fine man he was too. He was in the R.N.V.R. He met Admiral Collins in Gibralter, but died later in the Aegean Sea. He wanted so much for Blisland after the war but didn't live to achieve it.

Mrs Charles Harris, an aunt, ran the Temple School before it closed, she transferred to Blisland and later married Mr Chapman and retired, whereupon Miss Tucker went in to teach as her replacement. Raymond Harris, a cousin, also became the schoolmaster.

Having left school Olver became apprenticed to George Tucker, Builder and Undertaker.the dual profession in those days in country areas. George Tucker

was a perfectionist and trained the boy well. They would do all the funerals in the village, sometimes finishing a coffin by candle-light. They would travel to their work on push-bikes until at a later date a car was obtained.

In those days there were'walking'funerals that would require up to four sets of bearers, the more revered you were, the farther they would carry you. There were also wheeled biers. The last local funeral using one was in 1966 from Tregenna.

Olver remembers the Beechtree outside these cottages very well as he put a slatted seat aound it, under the ever watchful eye of Mr Tucker!!

Blisland had a good cricket team in pre-war days, captained by Mr Hawken they were winners in a local league. Only three or four players came from Blisland, the rest from St Breward. R.Nankivell was wicket keeper - he died later in the Palestine Police. Frank Harris(another cousin) was opening bat. They played league matches away but had a pitch up Trewint Hill. Play on the Village Green was hazardous as the ball ricocheted off the trees! Olver, being the youngest was 12th man, but always managed to get in the team. Later he went on the strength as a regular and finished up batting 2nd.P.C.Scantlebury & Pip Rawle also played.

Stan and Dick Webber drove the bus to their fixtures and on the return journey it was a custom to stop for a supper of fish & chips for 4d, plus a 2d Vimto, completed the feast.

He remembered too the local shops and craftmen. Mrs Rich and Mrs Lange had the shop by the Green in those days and they stocked everything, if it wasn't seen it would be produced from somewhere, it was a leisurely place to shop and you never had to be in a hurry. Phone calls were made from the Post Office, Mrs Pearce would get the number then hand over the Phone.

Tom Manaton, apart from being the local road sweeper - and a very good job he made of that too, drains cleared and hedges trimmed - also cut the mens hair. He also repaired boots and shoes in his workshop (now the Price kitchen.). Austin Axworthy in Beechtree Cottage also

made and repaired boots and shoes in a shed that only got removed a few years ago.

Mr Hedley Rich was Parish Clerk and a fund of local knowledge. A reporter was interested in Jubilee Rock and Mr Rich told him that an inscribed plate removed from it was in safe keeping - but it doesn't appear to have come to light recently.

During the Jubilee Celebrations of 1935 a cross country race was held. It was won by Roy Nankivell; it wasn't run entirely to AAA rules, Charley Runnalls put grit down the back of Tommy Roese' shoe as he prepared to start, so Tommy had to stop and empty it out before continuing - all good clean fun!

Olver served in the L.D.V. at the beginning of the war alongside his chums, Charley Runnalls and Wilfie Masters. He had some very funny tales to tell of their exploits, 'Dads Army' must have been based on them.

He had served 4 years of his apprenticeship then was called up He joined the Warwicks. then later the REME. He went to N.Africa, Algiers and Cassinno, which was razed. When he returned home Mr Tucker had died so he went to work for Turner & Hillery. The family moved to Polyphant in 1947, Mr Harris died in 1953. Olver moved to Launceston in 1966 and specialised in funerals only.

Since 1970 he has served on Launceston Town Council and just recently elected to North Cornwall District Council. In 1974 he became Mayor of Launceston with Mother ably assisting as Mayoress. Being Mayor is quite a priviledge as they are the Senior Mayors of the County, having a standard bearer as well as two mace bearers. The photo was taken while he was mayor of the 'Royal & Loyal Borough of Dunheved(Launceston).At any function outside their district they follow behind the host Mayor.

Olver has never had a holiday but has recently taken early retirement, handing over to a younger man. Not that he will idle. He is V.President of Launceston Town Band. V.Pres. of Launceston F.C.&Hon. Sec. to the Lions Club. Along with his Town Council and District Council duties he is also Deputy Mayor.

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* A Sponsored Bike Hike *
* in aid of CATS the body *
* scanner is being held on *
* July 26th 1983. *
* Starting from the Lorry *
* Park in Bodmin to *
* Jamaica Inn. *
* If you would like to *
* enter, or help in any way *
* contact Marion Slyfield *
* (nee VAUSE) Bodmin 3124 *
* Meet 9a.m. Start9.30a.m. *

This Bike Hike is being very properly organised. Marion first contacted the Police for their advice. Also the St John Ambulance Brigade will be in attendance. Local C.B. enthusiasts have agreed to monitor the riders along the course, so every safety precaution is being taken.

Already there have been applications from as far as Launceston, St Cleer and Wadebridge, apart from the locals in Bodmin.

I did suggest that start points could havebeen in Blisland and St Breward but the amount of support needed was too much to organise from Bodmin. Help is coming from other organisations to aid the riders safety and equipment will be lent.

This Appeal is for equipment essential to all of us. To be bought by, and used in Cornwall.
Please support them. SMV

MAGAZINE FUNDS.

I would like to thank all the people who so kindly supported my Coffee Morning on April 14th in aid of the Parish Magazine Funds. With donations the final total was £40 - it all helps to fill the kitty. I hope to hold another event in the Autumn, this time in the evening when I hope more of you will be able to attend.

E.J.Walford. Treasurer.

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH.

The Coffee evening held at De Lank Farm, home of Mr & Mrs J.K.Hollister,raised the grand sum of £201.

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St Breward W.I. raised £67 at their Bring and Buy Coffee Morning held in the Bandroom on April 30th. Thanks are due to all concerned who helped make this a success.
Raffle winners 403 D.Bridge. 344 A.Goodman. 316 K.Brown. 348 G.Distin. 432 J.Vanderplar
The proceeds will go to the East Cornwall Hospital Exten. Fund.

Anne Holmes.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

BLISLAND.

The first meeting of our new year started in fine fettle with Mrs Pratt giving a well-informed and interesting talk on Antique Jewellery. Each piece that was shown to us had a story attached to it, and we could have listened to her for hours. The competition 'My most interesting piece of jewellery' was won by Stella Vause, and the tea hostesses were Mrs Miller and Mrs Vause.

The Spring Group Meeting which was held in Blisland was a great success, it was ably Chaired by Mrs Gwen Masters. Mrs Hewitt was the Group Convenor and Mrs Bashford our VCO. Mrs Smythe gave a talk accompanied with slides on the Isles of Orkney, which held everyones attention it was so fascinating. This was followed by a break for refreshments which came up to Blislands first class standards. The entertainment was provided by St Teath W.I. and the sketch was most amusing. They really are a very talented lot of players.

On June 15th we are having a talk on 'Embroidery is Fun' Why not come along and see what it's all about, you would be very welcome.

E.J.W.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL held its annual meeting on April 11th. Brig. T.C.Edward-Collins and Mr G.Masters continue as Churchwardens. Lt.Col.D.FarquarsonRoberts remains as Treasurer to the P.C.C.

Other members are Mrs M.Hill Mrs D.Miller. Mrs S.Vause. Mrs Geof. Masters, Dr & Mrs Turner.Mrs Edward-Collins Miss Clarabut.

Mr B.Moon is our Deanery Synod representative & Mrs R.Rickard, organist.

No Secretary elected at this meeting.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

DANCE AND BARBEQUE.

JULY 2nd 7.30p.m. till midnight.

£1 for Barbeque

50p Dance.

In aid of Hall Funds.

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ST BREWARD COFFEE SHOP

open in the Sunday School on THURSDAYS from 10a.m. -11.30.

Come and join us for a coffee, meet old friends and have a chat.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

Nineteen members were present on April 19th when the President, Mrs A.Holmes, welcomed Mr Gordon Faddy who is already well known to members who visited Churchtown Farm Field Studies Centre last summer. After initial problems with the projector, he gave a talk about his travels to Morocco complete with wheelchair, describing in his own forthright and humerous manner the problems of climbing mountains and living among the villagers in spartan surroundings.

He was then asked to show the slides about the work at the Centre with handicapped people of all ages, and astonished us all by the way they responded to the physical demands made on them.

After our usual first class refreshments, provided this month by Mesdames Cragg, Bridge and Skinner, more details were sorted out for the April 30th Coffee Morning, then on to deciding on the speaker and entertainment for our own Group Meeting in October. About 12 members hope to go to the Group Meeting at Blisland on May 12th, and three expect to attend the day school at Probus on'Using & Preserving Dried Flowers' on My 17th. Mrs J.Brown will be our delegate to the A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall. Mrs A.Holmes will attend the Spring Council Meeting in Truro. A donation of £5 will be sent to the C.F.W.I. for the Royal Cornwall Show in lieu of gifts.

Mrs J.Brown won the competition for a foreign souvenir and the flower of the month winner was Mrs Jackson Gamlen. After a long evening of business and an interesting speaker we finally closed at 10.15p.m!!

June 21st speaker. Mr M.T.Faircleugh 'The Bodmin-Wadebridge Line. Competition - Unusual stone.

Anne Holmes.

18th June, Blisland
Parish Church Fete.
Rectory Garden if fine,
o therwise Village Hall

Sat 9th July.
St Breward Church Fete.
To be opened by the
High Sheriff of Cornwall
Miss Elizabeth Johnstone

W.R.V.S. OVER 60's Club.

On April 19th an arranged visit to the potteries of Mr Cardew at Wenford Bridge revealed an astonishing number of stages to convert natural materials to the objects of beauty which we were finally shown.
Mr Cardew was very explicate in showing all aspects of this craft and telling meanwhile the history of the old buildings.
This was a worthwhile visit and very much enjoyed; many members buying a piece of Wenford Pottery before leaving to enjoy a cup of tea with Mrs Masters at Tregenna.
May 3rd was the occasion of our10th Birthday, when members and friends enjoyed an evening's outing touring Mid-Cornwall. We were able to see how fortunate we are in this area to enjoy the earliest signs of Spring, compared with Nature further down the country whose trees are not yet showing their greenery.
We admired the pretty village of St Agnes on our way back to Newquay, where we stopped and in groups, sought the type of meal we best liked, before continuing our journey home. Thanks to Mr Webber we all enjoyed our mystery outing immensely in fine weather

Our next outing will be to Truro and Falmouth on June 22nd, why not join us and share our enjoyment? !

G.M.Masters.

The Front Cover !

I was with the Rector when Paul delivered his offering of the month. We had a quick look at it - my face must have looked a bit odd, for Paul said 'The heading is on the back'.
"The June Drop" still did not ring a bell until both explained the fall of the little surplus fruit from the trees in June.
Then the penny dropped!!

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Wild Flower Puzzle.
How many did you find?
There were 12. Dog Rose, Poppy, Ladys Smock, Dwale, Valerian, Teasel, Ragwort, Daffodil, Orchis, Bluebell, Harebell and Campion.

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WANTED. Photo of the old school at Temple.
The new owner is very interested in Old Temple.
Please contact Mrs Tania Arthur, Old School House, Temple.

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WEBBERS TRAVEL 1983.

Llandudno, Wales. 8 days, June 4th-11th, to include three day tours, three evenings of entertainment, with full-board. £115.

Great Yarmouth. 8 days, June 11th-18th, to include three day tours. Full board. £98.

Bournemouth.8 days, June 25th-July 2nd. Three day tours. Boscombe hotel that includes bed, breakfast and evening meal. £96.

Scotland. 8days, July 9th-17th. Staying at Edinburgh University with three day tours. Full board with packed lunches on the tour days. £165.

Shanklin, Isle of Wight.8days Sept.10th-17th. Three day tours. Bed, breakfast & evening meal. £135.

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

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