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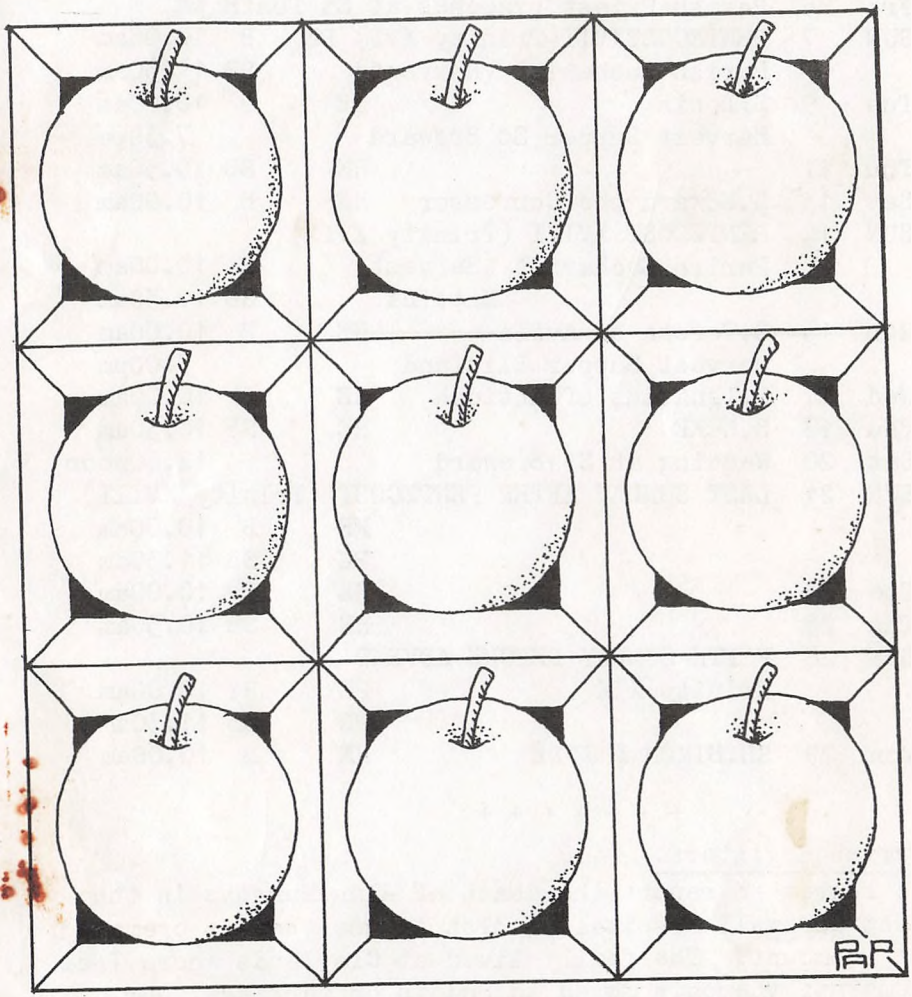

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The Rectory, Blisland. Bodmin 850249

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	Mr G Masters	Bodmin 850311
St Breward	Mr C Greenaway	Bodmin 850433
	Mrs S Hutton	Bodmin 850761

KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1984.

Mon	1	Parish Priest preaches at Cardinham pm			
Tue	2	Guardian Angels	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	4	S.Francis of Assisi	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri	5	Parish Priest preaches at St Teath pm			
SUN	7	PENTECOSTXVII(Trinity XVI)	PE	B	10.00am
		Parish Eucharist (Harvest)		SB	11.30am
Tue	9	S.Denis	HE	B	10.00am
		Harvest Supper St Breward			7.30pm
Thu	11		HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	13	S.Edward the Confessor	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	14	PENTECOST XVIII (Trinity XVII)			
		Parish Eucharist (Harvest)		B	10.00am
		Mattins		SB	11.30am
Mon	15	S.Teresa of Avila	HE	B	10.00am
		Harvest Supper Blisland			7.00pm
Wed	17	S.Ignatius of Antioch	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	18	S.LUKE	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	20	Wedding at St Breward			12.00noon
SUN	21	LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Trinity XVIII)			
			PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	23		HE	B	10.00am
Thu	25		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	28	FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT			
		Trinity XIX	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Mon	29	SS.SIMON & JUDE	HE	B	10.00am

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Parish Registers.

We regret to report the death of Alan Burrows in the East Cornwall Hospital on 31st August,

The family lived at Claylands where Inez remains, the boys moved to Bodmin on marriage. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

The marriage between David Malcom Hill and Madeline Yeo at Camelford Registry Office on 8th September.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

From all over the world people come to visit our three churches. At Blisland alone, between Easter and the end of August, we have had some 1,200 visitors. Some have family connections with Blisland, some have obviously read what the late Sir John Betjeman wrote about Blisland Church but, from the comments made in the Visitors Book, a great many have been influenced by the atmosphere of the Church. "A place of timelessness and peace" wrote a visitor from Australia. "All churches shouls be like this" wrote a visitor from Kent. "I love the big statue of Mary & Jesus" wrote a visitor from Bristol. "A moving experience at an important time - thank you "wrote a visitor from Essex. "The most beautiful place on God's earth" wrote a visitor from Falmouth.

The holiday/tourist season is almost over but our three churches are open all the year. Parishioners, I know, attend services in our three churches and, such is the sense of community, that they are filled to capacity for funerals. There are some parishioners who pay visits to our three churches to say their prayers and I hope that more and more people will do so. The House of God is our spiritual home. It is where the Family of God meets. It is where an individual can come to pray in peace and quietness.

We learn to pray when we are little children but we should be taught to pray by our parents. I hope that all parents in our parishes teach their children to pray. It is not unknown for this task to be undertaken by one's mother. It was so in my own case. Every evening my mother would not only tuck me up in bed but, first of all, teach me to say my prayers. In those days, it was a great treat to be taken to a photographer but even this exciting event was used to remind me about saying one's prayers. The photographer used to cover himself with a huge black cloth (I found this mystifying and not a little terrifying) so that he could focus his camera lens more accurately. At the same time he managed to wave a stick from which dangled a bit of string at the end of which was an

artificial bird. This was not in the least terrifying He would say "Whatch the dicky bird" and as one did so click would go the camera and the photograph would be taken. All this was used to teach me to say my prayers for three things were necessary when one had one's photograph taken and when one said one's prayers. Keep still, be natural (don't make faces) and look this way. Gradually I got the message.

Parents also have a duty to bring their children to church or, at least, if this is not always possible to send them to church. Very soon we hope to start a Children's Church at Blisland. They will meet in the Village Institute at 10am on Sundays for instruction and expression work and join the congregation half way through the service so that they can join in part of the worship. From time to time they will perform a tableau in church enacting an account of something which happened in the life of Our Lord or in the life of the Church. We can all learn a lot from children. In next month's parish paper I hope to be able to give you full details of all the arrangements for a Children's Church.

God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

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Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation.

In answer to queries received after last month's article on The Fox Club, I made enquiries and have received leaflets from the C.T.N.C.

Jill Sutcliffe, Dairy Cottage, Trelissick, Feock, Truro. 0872 862202 is the lady to contact.

The copy of the junior magazine'Pawprint' I found very interesting with informative articles, well written and illustrated. It also contained a couple of quizzes and letters from young members.

There is a diary of events all over the county for family outings. I think the youngsters could encourage adult membership and a membership fee would also make an excellent birthday present.

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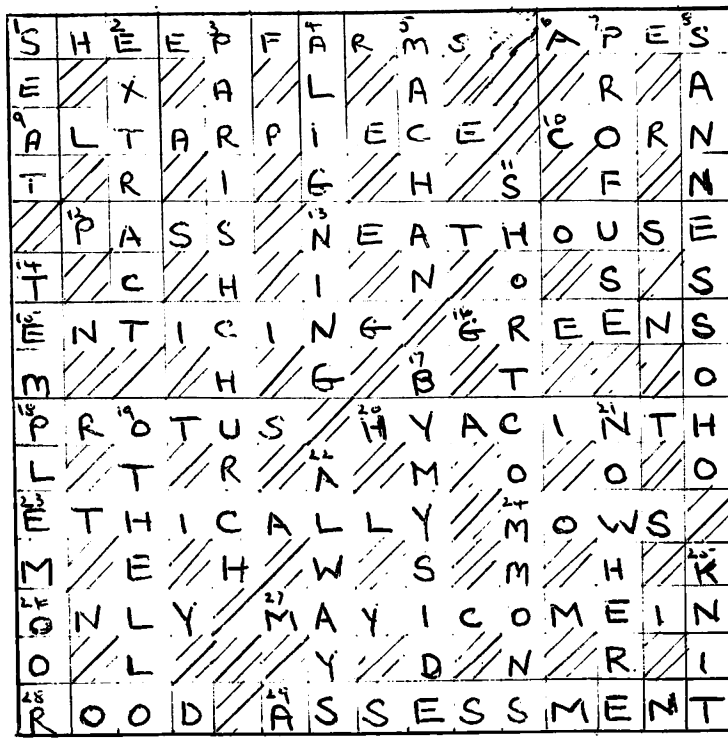

Above is the completed crossword. The results will be announced next month.

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL.

The Deeds of the Bus Shelter land at Claylands are now deposited in the Bank.

Signs at the Penvorda-Lank road junction have been erected and are satisfactory.

The Community Bus is now operational.

It has been agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Council will plant a tree to support the National Tree Planting Week on the 17th November.

The Clerk was instructed to publish a letter in the 'Press' to the effect that while the Council supported the planning application for developement at "Penny Pot" in no way were they in favour of a 'septic tank' under any circumstances.

MH.

LANXON SHEEPDOG TRIAL.

This trial was held on the 19th August, by kind permission of Mr C.Rush, who also supplied the sheep.

The financial result from the trial was £71.50, which was donated to Blisland Parish Church.

The ram roast, which took place on the village green, after the trial, raised £100. This sum was donated to the Cancer Research Fund (Mr Butler, Narclays Bank, Bodmin) by Mrs M.Rush. The ram had been supplied free by Mr C.Rush, and contributed to the success of the evening.

Many thanks are extended to Brigadier C.T.Edward-Collins for being present during the trial, and for kindly presenting the trophies.

The trial results are as follows:-

NOVICE CLASS:

1st prize. DR D.C.Bulstrode's Challenge Cup.
Mr L.Rendell of Stoke Climsland with his dog "Trim".
2nd. Mr L.Burns of Blisland with "Bess"
3rd Mr W.Oliver of Newlyn with "Drift"

MALTESE CLASS

1st prize Miss Maxine Down's Challenge Cup.
Mr B.Bond of Bude with "Gyp".
2nd Mr T.Cox of Tavistock with "Glen"
3rd Mr N.Dalgarno of Tregony with "Bess"

DRIVING CLASS

1st prize Mr C.Rush's Lanxon Challenge Cup.
Mr H.Thomas of Par with "Penpell Bess"(1982 English National Champion)
2nd Mr T.Cox of Tavistock with "Roy"
3rd Mr W.Hartley of Grampound Road with "Jill"

Many thanks to the trial Judge, Mr H.Clemence, President of the Cornwall Sheepdog Society, and to Mrs Clemence, who acted as timekeeper.

The weather was kindly, and there were some excellent runs, notably Mr L.Rendell, in the Novice, with "Trim". Although "Trim" lost a few points on thelift, he mastered the sheep on the fetch, and finished with a good pen.

Mr Bond, in the Maltese Class, with "Gyp" had a

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terrific run and took first prize.

Mr Harry Thomas was "Expected" to take first in the Driving Class, and this he did with "Penpell Bess" the 1982 English National Sheepdog Champion, who starred in the series "One Man and His Dog" in 1983.

The success of the trial hinged in persons not seen by the spectators, and they deserve a special thanks, sheep stewards Mr C.Rush, Mr M.Rowe, Mr K.Greenaway, whose proficient handling of the sheep contributed to the smooth running of the trial.

The raffle, which consisted of nine prizes, was a great success. The first prize, a decorated cake depicting a sheepdog trial, was won by Mr Harris of Blisland.

A very interesting display of wool spinning was demonstrated by Mrs Angela Udy of Withiel, and commanded a steady stream of spectators. Angela also had on display a selection of items spun and knitted by herself.

Thanks are also extended to the gate stewards, Mrs C.Gerken and Mrs P.Anderson of Bodmin, who also sold raffle tickets, "Lyn" of Newton for helping, and Mr & Mrs Shipley of Bodmin for coping with the ice cream sales. Gratefull thanks also to Mr Tunnicliffe of Lanxon who kindly supplied the electricity for the ice cream freezer free of charge. L.B.

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ST BREWARD SCOUTS.

On Monday 10th September the 1st St Breward Scouts embarked on the Community Bus and went to Wadebridge where they were the guests of the 1st Wadebridge Sea Scouts. They were taken up-river in four 16' pulling boats fitted with outboard engines. They went up on the high tide, passed by the playing fields and up under the two bridges, observing the wild life en route. They returned at speed with the tide to the Sea Cadets H.Q. where they tucked into a regular Scouts supper of 'Bangers'.

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BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. WEDNESDAY 3rd OCT

Meeting starts at 7.30pm. Please attend and support your Village Hall.

More Snippetts from' The West Britain.'

Summer Pastures on Bodmin Moor. 21st February,1812.

Farms and summer pastures to be let.

Lot 4. Hawkes Tor, Kerkees, Druglets and Scrible in the Parish of Blisland - all enclosed and contiguous to each other, containing upwards of 800 acres of the best summer pastures for cattle and sheep in Cornwall, constantly supplied with large streams of fresh water to which cattle always have access. A considerable sum has latley been laid out in clearing the leats, draining and fencing these pastures which will be completed in the ensuing summer. There is a dwelling house for a herd on these premises.

Lot 5. Botreaux Tor, otherwise Butter Tor in the Parish of Simonsward (St Breward), lately fallen into hand- containing about 500 acres of enclosed pasture land which has usually been let out for pasturing stock in summer and through which a large stream of water constantly flows.

On April 14th 1815 a similar notice was printed, it also stated that 'the summering of cattle at 6shillings (30p) per head, horses and colts double the price of cattle. The cattle will be received and returned to the owners at the times and places following.. Poundscawse on Wednesday May 15th - returned September 20th- proper herdsmen have been appointed.'

How history repeats itself- note the date.

June 21st 1888.

Continental Farmers and the English markets.

If anyone will take the trouble to obtain and peruse the various consular reports to the Foreign Office, they will obtain an idea of what the Continental farmers, peasant farmers chiefly, are doing to meet the requirements of the English markets. England takes the greater part of the vegetable crops in Northern France the report of Acting-Consul Baillon of Brest tells us that the seaside districts of Cotes du Nord, Finistere and Merbihan - covering 8000 square miles or about one sixth the area of England - besides what is taken for home consumption- produce upwards of a million tons of cauliflowers,

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15,000 tons of artichokes, 500 tons of cherries, 36½ million gallons of cider, 1036 tons of honey and many other products.
We need not be told the prices at which these products sell when retailed in England, but sufficient to say they are such that deter the home farmer from entering in competition when he comes to count the cost of production, commission, transit etc. that he must necessarily incur. The soil of England may not be so suitable as that of France for production, but there is something radically wrong when we are depending on France to this extent for our common necessaries.

To Be Let. February 1st 1856.

For a term of 21 years from Christmas 1855, all those granite quarries situate in the parish of St Breward. The following quarries now in working are TORR DOWN, TRESWALLOCK DOWN, ROUGHTOR, HIGHER AND LOWER BROWN WILLY. There is also a right to search for and work granite on any part of the moors or commons within the Manor of Hamatethy. For further particulars apply to Messrs Rodd, Darke and Cornish or to Mr Thomas Bishop, land agents Tintagel.

Granite Masons- April 10th 1884.

Fifty granite masons wanted at the Eddystone Quarries, De Lank, near Bodmin, piecework at good prices in convenient sheds with overhead travellers. Also several sett makers are wanted. Apply to the foreman at the works. (It would have been interesting to know what was considered a good piece rate.)

Hiring for Harvest- July 31st 1863.

At the Bodmin market on Saturday there was a large attendance of farmers from the parishes of St Minver, Endellion, St Kew, Egloshayle, St Mabyn, St Tudy and other parishes, it being the time for engaging harvest men of whom there was a good supply.
Wages were 15 shillings (75p) to 18 shillings (90p) per month and board and lodgings, the engagement to start from August 3rd.

FOOLS CORNER.

It is not my intention to use the Parish Magazine as a forum for controversy, but since many of you will have read a local weekly regarding Blisland's problems and also the report from the Department of the Environment regarding St Breward it might be a good idea to have a look at the legal situation regarding common land.

All Common Land is owned, and where the owner cannot be traced ownership is vested in a Local Authority. Indeed, the definition of a Right of Common is the right of the Rights Holder to take the natural product of another man's soil. Generally speaking, however, ownership is irrevelant when considering the rights of Commoners.

It is illegal to erect on Common Land any building, fence, or do any other thing, which prevents or impedes the Commoners from exercising their Rights, without the consent of the Secretary of State. In granting or witholding his consent the Secretary of State will hear objections to any proposals, and make his ruling accordingly. But, mark this, the Secretary of State will almost invariably withold his consent except in a case of national importance, and even then will require compensation for the Commoners.

Broadly speaking the COmmons Registration Act - 1965 required the County Council to open, and maintain a Register of Common Land, of Ownership, and of Rights Holders, whose rights had to be quantified.

There were two periods of registration each of which was immediately followed by a two year period during which objections to any registration could be made. Objections to registrations were subject to a hearing by a Commons Commissioner, who would adjudicate and make a ruling, which, however, could be followed by an appeal.

A registration to which there had been no objection became final at the end of the period during which an objection could have been made, and, moreover, became final as from the date of registration.

The fact that registrations were required under the act in no way implies that the land had not been Common before registration, though land which had never been

Common before registration, though land which had never been Common could well be so registered.
The above is all the law with which we need be concerned and couched in basic english.
The piece of land in dispute in Blisland, about half an acre, was registered by the Blisland Commoners Association in 1967 when registration first began and no objection was raised then or subsequently, and the registration therefore became final as from the date of registration and was therefore Common.

A t some time in 1968 the land was fenced by a local resident thereby preventing the Commoners from exercising their rights, despite efforts to negotiate with him he proved obdurate, and it was reluctantly decided to commence legal proceedings to compel him to remove all the fences and rubbish that he had put on the land.

In the course of the court hearing it was proved to the satisfaction of the Court that:- The land was Common. That up to and including 1967 there had been no fences, nor any other obstacle to prevent access to or passage through the land, and that that had been so within living memory, and probably from time immemorial.

The legal proceedings taken was not to regain a half acre of grazing but to establish that Common Land, an ancient part of our heritage is sacrosanct.

Let it be further said that, of all the Local Authorities, other governmental and non-governmental bodies, who profess to have the protection of Common Land at heart, it was only the Blisland Commoners who saw fit to act. For that the general public, and our parishioners in particular, should be grateful. It is to be hoped that the outcome of this action will serve as a warning to any who might be tempted to inclose Common Land.

Blisland Parish Council has spent much time and effort in keeping illegal dumping at bay on common land, and with the backing of the Law.

The situation in St Breward arose when the N.C.D.C. applied for permission to build 18 council houses on Common Land at Silver Springs.

The Department of the Environment wrote "The application has been duly considered... and the conclusion reached is that the proposed works will not be of any benefit to the local inhabitants in the context of the enjoyment of the Common as an open space, that the works will prevent public access for that purpose, mar the visual amenity of the area, and adversely affect the exercise of commoners grazing rights.
Accordingly the Secretary of State considers it expedient to refuse consent to the works proposed."

My St Breward correspondent wished to thank all the protesters against the N.C.D.C.'s proposal to build on Common Land. They did an excellent job attending meetings, writing letters and signing petitions so that the Common should be handed down intact to future generations.

Two parishes with different problems but with the single purpose of keeping common land Common.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Band have now returned to the Bandroom after having another super summer season.

Mr Hunt regrets the loss of two young players, Rachel Robinson and Simon Nute, who are leaving to further their education and careers. He has been able to promote four members from the Junior Class.

During a recent visit to Port Isaac the Band were filmed by Thames T.V. which will be shown sometime in the New Year on the programme "Wish you were Here"

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RESEARCH INTO MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDES

I would like to thank everyone who so kindly supported my fund raising Coffee Evening for the above Cause by either attending or their generous donations. The total amount raised was £50.00. As soon as I receive the receipt I will display it in the Post Office. Eileen Walford.

ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP BONFIRE NIGHT.

On SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd St Breward Playgroup are once again going to celebrate GUY FAWKES NIGHT with a BONFIRE, FIREWORKS, BAR-B-Q and DISCO in the Village Hall.by TARGET.

Family tickets £1.00 each PER FAMILY.

Tickets Available at ST BREWARD P.O.

WILL ANYONE WITH RUBBISH THEY WANT TAKEN AWAY CONTACT Bodmin 850871

ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVES ANNUAL HORSE SHOW.

The annual horse show, gymkhana and exemption dog show was held in August for the seventh year in succession, on a new site at Palmers by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Robin Clarkson.

Entries in the horse classes were slightly lower than in previous years, probably due to the very hard ground. Several trade stands were in attendance and Mrs Cragg ran a successful produce stall.

The Shallowbridge Cup for the open jumping class was won for the second year by Miss Sarah Stevens of Camelford riding the St Breward bred Tavli.

Local winners were Julie Skinner riding Albert, Catherine Griffin riding Frosty, Sally Millward riding Mr Magic and Carol Griffin riding Babycham.

The North Cornwall Foxhounds paraded during the afternoon by kind permission of the Joint Masters, Mrs G.May and Mr G.Ferkin.

V.R.C.

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Miss P.Bailey, Butts Park, St Tudy has DRIED and CUT FLOWERS for sale, also some plants, wallflowers etc.

MORE STONE CIRCLES.

In issue No 3 (June 1980) I wrote about the well known stone circles in our parishes. The issue No 19 of the 'Cornish Archaelogy' included a very interesting article by Mr John Barnatt on Lesser Known Stone Circles in Cornwall. He mentions two more sites in the St Breward parish. First, there seems to be fragmentary remains of two circles on King Arthur's Down (map ref 135755), about a quarter of a mile from the Leaze circle. Secondly, near Lowden Hill (132795) the Ordnance Survey Archaeological Division located in 1973 the remains of a large circle, about 45m in diameter about half a mile south-east of the Stannon circle. "It is easily recognised from its one remaining large upright". So if you want a good excuse for a walk.....

D.G.Bousfield.

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If you think you are beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost certain you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellows will -
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to rise
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the one who Thinks he can.

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BLISLAND METHODIST CHAPEL.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 7th OCTOBER 2.30pm

Preacher Mr R.A.Hooper.

Service & Harvest Supper on 8th October & sale of Produce conducted by Rev.J.Young at 7pm.

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

Our visit to Hamatethy garden, with permission from Mrs Hall, had to be postponed until Sept 4th owing to heavy thundershowers. However our visit on the new date was very much enjoyed by the good number who braved the infrequent showers & we did see the sun occasionally. Mrs Hall kindly showed us around & explained the improvements to the house and it is an altogether lovely spot, which we hope to visit again next year.

We were lucky indeed with our outing to Perranporth on Aug 28th by changing the day to Tuesday, this again being the best weather of the week. We were joined by friends from Helland and Bodmin & we all had a very happy day. There was no shortage of seats, they seemed to be placed everywhere & we were able to bask in the sunshine in comfort.

We joined some people who had come to live in Perranporth & while we were with them about ½ doz. couples stopped to talk & it transpired that they had all come from the London area, excepting one Scottish couple and were living in a new housing estate for retired people.

They seemed to be one friendly community and I said I thought the 'emmetts' had taken over & we were the foreigners!! They were all very jolly & we were introduced each time as "real Cornish people". After we got talking the wife confessed that when she realised we were Cornish she was afraid to say anything, or admit to being strangers to the area, as she had been told that most Cornish people were unfriendly, but now found this was not the case & they thoroughly enjoyed living here, & of course they had had a glorious summer to welcome them here; we enjoyed our meeting with them.

Our Harvest meeting arrangements were made for the 18th September when we hope to welcome the ladies from St Cleer who love singing!!

The competition for the prettiest shell was won by Mrs Vause.

Gwen Masters.

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