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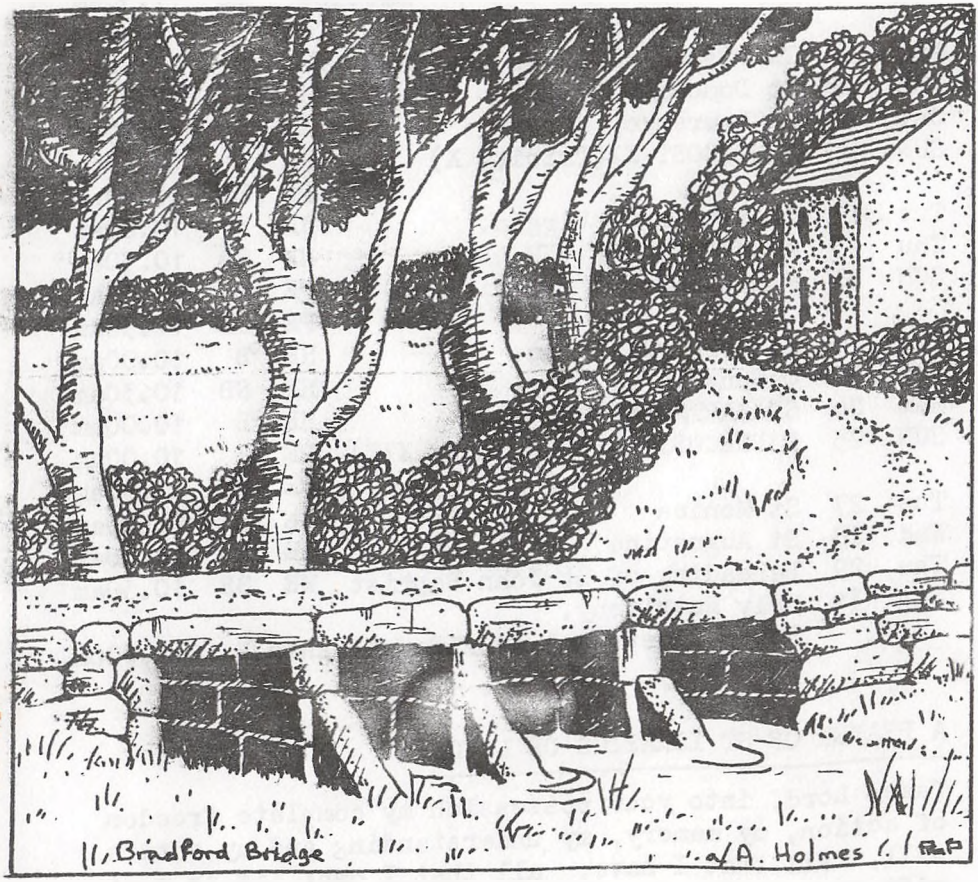

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUGUST 1985.

Thu	1	Of John Vianney,Priest.	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	3	Meeting of the Oxford Society, Blisland Rectory.			3.00pm
SUN	4	PENTECOST X (Trinity IX)	PE	B	10.00am
			Mattins	SB	11.30am
		Evensong & Holy Baptism	Temple		3.00pm
Tue	6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	8	St Domonic, Priest.	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	10	St Lawrence, Martyr	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	11	PENTECOST XI(Trinity X)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	13	Of St Clare, Virgin.	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	15	ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	18	PENTECOST XII (Trinity XI)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	20	St Bernard, Abbot.	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	22	Queenship of Mary.	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	24	ST BARTHOLOMEW	HE	B	10.00am
SUN	25	PENTECOST XIII (Trinity XII)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	27	St Monica	HE	B	10.00am
Wed	28	St Augustine	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	29	Beheading of St John Baptist	HE	SB	10.30am
Sat	31	Holy Matrimony. Peter Preston & Jennifer Kershaw		B	1.00pm

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A PRAYER OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Take, Lord, into your possession my complete freedom of action, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all that I have, all that I own: it is your gift to me, I now return it to you. It is all yours, dispose of it as you will.
Give me your love and your grace: it is all I need.

Parish Registers.

Mrs Erica Geraldine Wennell died on July 13th at her home, April Cottage, St Breward, aged 81 years.
Mr & Mrs Wennell came to St Breward about 15 years ago.
The funeral service took place at Penmount Crematorium.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

In our two villages there is a Parish Church, a Public House and a Post Office. They are all places where people meet. At the Parish Church of St Protus and St Hyacinth, Blisland and at the Parish Church of St Breward 'St Branwalader) people meet to worship together (they also say their prayers, read their Bibles and make their meditations in their homes). At the Royal Oak at Blisland and at the Old Inn at St Breward people meet to enjoy a drink and, in the case of the Royal Oak at Blisland, they can enjoy a meal too. At the Post Offices at Blisland and St Breward they can meet one another when they buy stamps and get their pensions and make other purchases.

Mr & Mrs Whiteway have recently retired from looking after Blisland Post Office and General Store. They will be greatly missed not least because of the many acts of help and kindness they have performed for the villagers of Blisland in addition to their official services they have provided. We wish them a long and happy retirement at St Breward and we welcome their successors.

In addition to the Post Office at St Breward there is a General Store and a Buthcher's Shop which also provides other goods for the villagers there. The Parish Priest of bothe parishes, the Publicans and the Shopkeepers all welcome to the Churches, the Public House and the Shops all who make visits to them. We must not forget Temple which has a Church which welcomes people from both parishes in addition to the members of its small community.

There is a great sense of community in our villages. We must all get together as often as we can in all the places in which people meet.

God bless you all and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK.

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In Memorium.

Alec Hawthorn died peacefully in his sleep at home in Surrey on 2nd July,1985. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, who only last month wrote our main story while they were both here on holiday. RIP.

The seat of the Problem
or
The problem of the seats.

Temple Church, Blisland Village Hall and the Village Institute had a problem in common - all were short of seating and cash. An advertisement in the Cornish Churchman offered up to 100 chairs, it had to be a bulk buy and speedily concluded, so the Parochial Church Council put it to the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee that we buy the lot and have a grand share-out, to everyones advantage.

In record time all agreed and with equal alacrity Elaine Bray and Barbara Sharp organised transport and collected them from Truro. They delivered 40 chairs to Temple Church which will provide good and adequate seating. 10 are destined to go into the Institute whioh will remove the necessity for sitting on tables and forms at Annual Meetings, and the balance went into the Village Hall just in time to be used for the Presentation Evening of the Whiteway's . They will also be appreciated by concert goers and visitors to Group Meetings etc.

The chairs are well constructed in a pleasant light oak (?), they are comfortable and sound - and at approx £1.20 each that can't be bad.

A very beneficial joint effort - positive thinking at its best. Congratulations to all concerned.

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Blisland Church Garden Party.

The Working Party had cut the Rectory law earlier in the week but by Friday we decided that it was going to be too wet underfoot and decidedly chilly so we made tracks to the Village Hall.

The stalls were well stocked and the attendance good. We had a bumper number of lads and lassies in the Fancy Dress Parade where Brig. and Mrs Edward-Collins had a hard task to judge them. Matthew Sleep as Stevie Wonder came 1st with Robin Clark as Miss International 2nd and little Hannah Draper was a Ladybird and came 3rd.
We raised £307.92 - thanks to all our helpers and suppaters.

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

We lost our title to Indian Queen's Band at the Bugle Band Contest, but a 2nd prize in the Selection and 3rd in the Hymn Tune against 5 other bands kept us in the record books.

At Bugle for the second time Nicholas Teague went home with the Best Player award in this section.

The Band Fete - because of the very bad weather - was held indoors, all outdoor activities were cancelled as were Launceston Town Band and Mr Phillip Hunt, Secretary of the South West Brass Band Ass. However everything went off well and resulted in £325 being raised.

August Programme.

Thur	1	Port Isaac	7.45pm
Sun	4	R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Larks, Port Isaac	2.0pm
Thur	8	Port Isaac	7.45pm
Sat	10	Tintagel Carnival	7.00pm
Sun	11	Looe seafront 2.30 &	7.00pm
Wed	14	Wadebridge Carnival	7.00pm
Thur	15	Port Isaac	7.45pm
Sat	17	Bodmin Carnival	7.00pm
Thur	22	Port Isaac	7.30pm
Sun	25	Looe seafront 2.30 &	7.00pm
Thur	29	Port Isaac - Last night.	7.30pm

THANK YOU and AU REVOIR to June and Bill Whiteway.

On the evening of July 11th the Blisland Village Hall was full of villagers on the occasion of a presentation to Mr & Mrs William Whiteway. June and Bill are retiring from the Blisland Post Office and General Stores after a decade of service to the community. Bill has been Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and Chairman to the Parish Council during this period.

Mrs Sofka Skipwith presented June with a bouquet of flowers and Bill with a pewter mug, and jointly a cheque and cash - the balance of a very handsome collection. She thanked them for their many kindnesses and help to their customers, over and above their official duties and we are delighted that they are only retiring across the parish boundary.

NATURE TITBITS.

Last year I moaned about the loss of my vegetables through an infestation of pigeons and rabbits, and did nothing about it. This year they've moved in again and eaten me out of beans and peas, even my flowers have been nibbled away. The only thing in their favour has been the fact that they've kept the ground elder down and trimmed the lawn!! I did have a visit from a gentleman with his dogs and ferret and in no time he flushed out one bunny from my wood pile and another from the shed at the end of the garden. Within 24 hours their relations had popped in to take over their patch!!

Enough was enough. I contacted the Min. of Ag. Fish & Food and received a booklet on bunnies and a list of Rabbit Operators. In due course I hope to contact all my neighbours to see if we can't have a grand clearance of the area, otherwise it's going to be an expensive business to net our garden and no guarantee that they'll keep away, or we may just as well give up trying to grow our own produce.

Leaflet 534 was quite interesting reading so may I quote a little from it.

" Rabbits have again become a major pest of British agriculture after a respite of more than 25 years following the first outbreak of myxomatosis in the early 1950s. Serious losses to crops, as a result of rabbit damage, are being reported more frequently. Over the country as a whole, rabbit numbers are at about 20% of their pre-myxomatosis levels but much larger numbers can occur locally..... increases since 1975 are still small over much of Wales and the south-west, which were the most heavily infested parts of Britain before the arrival of myxomatosis. The steady increase has resulted mainly from the reduced effect of the disease which now kills fewer rabbits, initially because of the spread of less virulent strains and, more recently, the development of inheritable resistance in the rabbit.

The European rabbit is not native to Britain but was introduced to this country by the Normans in the 12th century. Rabbits were preserved in enclosed warrens

by the lords of the manor as a valued source of fresh meat and fur. Poaching was severely punished. Inevitably some rabbits escaped, but they did not spread widely at first as the habitat was not ideal and predators were numerous. Changes in the countryside since the middle of the 18th century resulted in more favourable conditions and, as interest in game increased, more predators were killed by gamekeepers. Rabbits increased steadily in numbers from the middle of the 19th c. and since the 1920s they have been the major vertebrate pest of agriculture.

The breeding season lasts from late January to July or August, although sporadic breeding occurs throughout the year. Maximum productivity can exceed 30 young/doe/year. An adult will produce 4-6 litters a year. About 90% of young rabbits will die from a variety of causes before the end of the year.

Rabbits feed primarily on grassland or cereals, but they will take a wide range of other crops. They prefer to feed close to the harbourage but may move several hundred yards if necessary. Cereals, permanent pasture, leys, roots and brassicas may all be damaged by rabbit grazing. Market garden crops, orchards, tree nurseries and woodland can also suffer severe damage.
On autumn- sown crops the area grazed by rabbits usually increases progressively during the winter when plant growth is slow and then recedes again as the crop grows away in the spring. Relatively few rabbits can keep a large area of fields bare over the winter. This poor growth is often ascribed to other causes but careful inspection will show when the real problem is rabbit grazing.

The effect of rabbit grazing on pasture is less easily recognised than on cereals. Grazing of new sown grassland may result in poor establishment or complete failure. Overwinter grazing of established grassland delays spring growth so reducing the early bite which is often needed at this time of year.

Rabbit damage to forestry and orchards can be serious. They prevent natural regeneration by eating seedlings, distort growth by damaging leading shoots and kill or seriously check tree growth by stripping bark. " SMV.

The Bicton - Marin Exchange.

Thursday, March 21st, 1985. 3.30am and the streets of Exeter are deserted and deadly quiet - all but for cars bringing Bictonian Agric's from all over England to Devon's County Hall.
Why you may ask?
The Bicton - Marin County, California exchange, of course!

3.45am - all were on board the Leyland coach as she hastily took us through the misty suburbs of Exeter, after waving to Aunty Jeanne (Mrs Jeanne Masters) and family, to the wide open space of the M5. Stopping at one Granada Service Station on the way to London, to eat a traditional English breakfast - Kellogs Corn Flakes. Then after a pint of Gold Top, on the coach again bound for Heathrow.

Customs were little problem as we left the coke on the coach. Then down the escalator to the British Airways flight departure lounge, where the City of Winchester was awaiting us, all in the new British livery with the crest on the tail fin of this massive Boeing 747.

Once on board we felt most at home, especially with those hostesses. The 13 hour journey didn't seem all that long as it was just one big party all the time. Then touch down in sunny San Francisco and off with the rain coats. Customs were little problem as PAN AM were on strike and the airport open only to B.A. traffic. The Marin County officials met us at the airport and took us to the Education Dept. in San Rafael.

After a cup of tea we were introduced to our host, T.T. (a fellow Bictonian) and myself were placed with Bob & Sue. "Gee man, they were quite!" Then after a short drive to their house in a popular American car - a Toyota - then to bed because by this time we were shattered "and Man I mean shattered." After a casual start to the exchange of relaxing around the pool in temperatures in the late 70's & 80's in March, and having barbeques here, there and everywhere we had to get settled down to do some work.

So off to U.C. Davis (University of California) an agricultural college on the edge of the Cintra Valley

some 200 miles east of San Francisco. Known as Bike City USA on some 35,000 acres of prime agricultural land producing the best in the world.

After studying there for a period T.T. and I had to get back to San Rafael to have a swim because the temperature was 84' and that was in the shade, so we caught a Greyhound which was a basic one, because the exchange rate was biting into our pockets. (I'd rather travel Webber's for style) and home to San Rafael for a barbeque around the pool and we met Karen, now she was nice but we couldn't stay, it was off to a High School out in rural California at Tomelis where Drake was supposed to have landed and discovered the West Coast of the U.S.A. (We Brits get everywhere!)

The High School was in a vast open area where tribal indians had hunted 80 years prior. Stocking rates for the farmers of our parishes were 1 cow to 70 acres. British Agriculture we can be proud of, lads lets keep it up.

We visited a small Primary School of 26 pupils where the teacher and children, mainly of Mexican and Negro origin, made us most welcome with tea and sandwiches. Yes, it was a Mother 's Pride Loaf, which made a pleasant change from barbeque.

Two of our fellow students were staying with the McCall not far from Bodega Bay, a small fishing village like Port Isaac but with a different trade - marijuana, 30 tonnes were seized by the U.S. Coastguard when we were there. It hit the news on all 40 channels of I.T.U. and it was believed to be destined for down-town Las Vegas.

The McCall with the Irish background showed us around the ranch of 3500 acres with 300 Holstein dairy cows. The next day we got our fir st chance to ride in a big traditional american car, a Buick by General Motors. The Americans believe in getting up as we English go to bed at 3am. to start the big push south all of 510 miles in one day to see one of the world's biggest commercial dairy herd of 3300 milking cows being milked in 4 plants running 23 hours a day. This factory was owned by a Spanish settler and run by an ex-student from an

agricultural college in Scotland.

Then back up Highway 103 to San Rafael after stopping at a drive-in Mac Donalds Take-away for a burger and fries.

The second week-end was approaching fast so what could we do? The family decided to go skiing 350 miles up in the Sierras in Indian country at Lake Tahoe. T.T. & I decided - What the heck! we're going too! After an instruction by a lecturer who was an Austrian we mastered the art of staying upright on skis - by staying still. But after two days on the incline we got to grips with the skis, probably not as good as Franz Klammer but quite good considering we were from the West Country and not from Snowdon.

We travelled by the families 3rd car - a VW camper - back to San Rafael late on the Sunday evening. European and Japanese cars are fast becoming more popular in America at the expense of the big gas guzzlers that Ford and G.M. produce, but Austin Rover - who are they? Jaguar of Coventry are really taking a higher proportion of the market at the expense of B.M.W., Mercedes and Porche.

The following Monday we took transit into San Francisco itself via the Golden Gate Bridge, visiting Fisherman's Wharf, China Town and Lombard Street.

The 1906 San Andreas fault earthquake destroyed the city, the residents believ it will happen again within the next ten years but this time on a greater scale than ever before. Due to the movement of the earth lithosphere it is interesting to know that in some 500,000,000 years time San Francisco or at least half of it will be alongside half of down town Los Angeles.

We concluded the exchange by chartering a yacht for a days sailing in the Bay area, sailing around Alcatraz Island, under Golden Gate and Oaklands 13 mile Bay Bridge and into the Pacific.

We left after a three week stay in this beautiful part of the world with a greater understanding of American and indeed the world agricultural situation at this present time, and with the knowledge of America's problem today is our problem tomorrow.

I do hope this is not the case for British agriculture.

Ashley Masters.

ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP

If you are nearly 3 years old or over and enjoy painting, dressing up, splashing around in water, making sandcastles, going on outings and would like to make new friends, then Come along to ST BREWARD PLAYGROUP.

We hold sessions every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during school terms in St Breward Village Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am - for information , call in or contact Karen Nankivell on Bodmin 850871.

THANKS.

St Breward Playgroup would like to thank everyone who attended our various functions throughout Playgroup Week.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and the money raised during the week will be spent on new equipment and a trip for the children.

RUBBISH APPEAL

Would you please start saving your rubbish in readiness for our Annual Bonfire in November. Thank you.

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ST BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the Football Club'd Annual General Meeting all the officers were re-elected. Mr Christopher Greenaway i the Chairman, Mrs Doreen Kay, Secretary and Mr Garnet Sleep, Treasurer. Mr David Kay, Entertainments Secretary.

The Club has a healthy balance of £1,825 after spending a fair sum on the commencement of the Club House.

The Football Club are holding a six-a-side football tournament at Brake Park on Sunday 4th August. k.o. 2pm. Affiliated Clubs only.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

Almost all the members were present at the June meeting and the President welcomed Mrs Taylor of Buzzards Brake and the wife of Dr Taylor whom I expect many of you have already met in his surgery.

A letter of thenks from Mrs Sue Oliver, the CFWI Chairman was read out to the four members who served teas at the Royal Cornwall Show, and another thankyou was received from the Playgroup for our support at their Open Day.

Mrs I Donald gave her report as delegate to the AGM which sounded a very busy two days, and commented on the results of the voting there.

The enjoyable afternoon's practioe at indoor bowling resulted in being able to enter three teams of three players for the competition later on. Contrary to my expectations another nine volunteered to play in the rounders day at St Austell. Mrs P Bousfield has promised that her walk to visit historical sites of local interest will not be too exhausting!

As a result of recent events it had been decided to have Research into Cot Deaths as our charity of the year and this will be supported by a disco at the Village Hall on August 31st - please keep this date free, as even just to call in for a short time will help swell the funds for this urgent cause.

Our summer outing will definitely be a trip up to Wadebridge on the Jubilee Queen on Sat Aug 3rd but the choice of a venue for our tea has not yet been settled. Since the meeting Mrs Martin, the Padstow President who showed us her slate engravings, told me of the flower festival at St Petrocs, Padstow, and a possibility of having a tea there (sanwiches and/or cream teas) so this will be discussed at the July meeting.

Our speaker was Mr Tapley from Helstone Nurseries on the Camelford Road: he brought a large selection of plants suitable for our exposed gardens, many of which we bought afterwards, and told us a great many tales about his dealings with the 'Upper Classes' when he was a head gardener.

Mrs J Teague again did very well in the competitions, winning both the Flower of the Month and the Arrangement in a saucer. No meeting in August so do try the outing instead.. Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND.

Mrs M Webber took the Meeting in June, when 11 members attended and our visitor, Mrs Bishop. A letter from our County Chairman was read, thanking us for our help in the refreshments tent at Royal Cornwall Show.

Mrs Donald gave her report on the AGM trip. The resolutions regarding help for drug addicts, acid rain, world food and NFWI mandate were all carried but 'death grant' motion was lost.

Our speaker was Mr B.J.Hawken from St Teath who gave a very informative talk on 'Growing for Showing' but concentrated on the 'Showing' aspect. He gave us an insight to the tricks of the trade with humour, and the psychology aspect was an education. His longer than usual session was refreshing and interesting. I have a feeling that future exhibits will come under closer scrutiny than previously known... We look forward to his comments after the Produce Show where he will be judging.

We held it as an open meeting and we were delighted to have eight visitors come along for the Speaker.

Miss Runnalls won the raffle; Mrs Gurr won the competition of a table decoration and our tea hostesses were Mrs Horton and Mrs Sharp. SMV

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL future events.

Dance/Disco and Bar-B- Que

Saturday 14th SEPTEMBER 7.30pm.

Admission 60p.

OCEAN STAR DISCO

A Series of Whist Drives to be held commencing Friday 20th SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church was filled to capacity for the Anniversary on Sunday 16th June.

Mr R Hoskin of St Breward took the service and by popular request sang two solos. Entertainment was given by local children of various ages, consisting of solo renditions on piano and flute, recitations & solos and songs by all the children. Congratulations to Mrs Billing and helpers for a splendid performance, after which they were invited to tea at Mrs Billing's.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation to Mrs Billing by the Rev. Young, of the Methodist New Hymn & Psalm Book, on behalf of members ' friends, in appreciation of many years dedication as organist and steward. Mrs Billing was taken by surprise but her pleasure in the gift was evident.

Thanks to all the friends who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable. GM.

On Monday 8th July, Mrs Billing held a Coffee Evening in aid of Chapel funds, but I think the popular drink was a cup of tea! It was a very sociable affair, the Bring and Buy Stall and Plant Stall were well supported.

It was a beautiful summer's evening and it was a pleasure to be able to wander around or sit out in the garden.

Our thanks to Mrs Billing for giving us the opportunity to come. The sum of £87 was raised. SMV

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* D I S C O St Breward Village Hall *

* SATURDAY 31st AUGUST *

* W.I. Charity Night - Proceeds to aid *

* 'Research into cot deaths ' *

* Please support this worthy cause.. *

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

June 18th was a very successful afternoon with a good number present.

We enjoyed an hour's entertainment of songs and recitations by the 'Lively Five' from Bodmin, who encouraged everybody to join in. We shall certainly look forward to having another visit from them in the future.

After tea we had a generous amount of goods to auction which swelled our funds considerably. A signed get-well card was sent to Mrs Abbott, who unfortunately couldn't attend through illness.

The competition, 1 rose, elicited only 2 entries, as roses seem to be affected by the late summer. The prize was won by Mrs Collins. Miss Rowe received our usual good wishes and we are glad to report she is progressing satisfactorily.

The outing to Liskeard and Cremyll on Thursday 20th returning by the coast road with a fish & chip supper at Bodmin, was thoroughly enjoyed, with St Breward members again joining us. Thanks to Mrs Pierce for organising a raffle to help defray the cost of the coach.

July 2nd. was a social afternoon with a short Beetle Drive, the winner being Mrs Vause. Mrs Collins won the competition 'arrangement of 5 flowers'.

It was agreed to have our annual picnic at Delphi on Aug 6th. Hope everyone will come and keep their fingers crossed for fine weather.

We are planning an outing to Perranporth on Aug 15th leaving Webber's Garage at 10.30am. Come and help fill the coach!

Gwen Masters.

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= NORTH CORNWALL HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB =

= COUNTRY FIELD SPORTS DAY =

= at Pencarrow, by kind permission =

= of Colonel & Mrs J.A.Molesworth-St Aubyn =

= Sunday 11th August commencing 11a.m. =

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ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVES' HORSE SHOW

Gymkhana at 'Palmers' by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Robin Clarkson.

SATURDAY AUGUST 17th.

Details from :- Miss V.R.Cholmeley, Deaconstow, St Breward, Bodmin.
(s.a.e. please.)

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