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Water Gala at St Mawes

Introductory Remarks

The Parish of St. Just-in-Roseland, Cornwall, consists of two villages, St. Mawes (800 inhabitants) and St. Just (250 inhabitants). Its attraction for visitors lies in the magnificent views of Falmouth Bay and Harbour, and the excellent facilities for sailing, boating and fishing, the glorious walks and the fact that it is such a good centre for visits by motor car, cycle or water to the innumerable beauty spots which surround the two villages. It is a favourite resort for artists, many of whom live here.

In winter, the climatic advantages of the South Coast of Cornwall are well-known. Many doctors recommend it to those who suffer from bronchitis and kindred complaints. St. Mawes and St. Just are somewhat difficult, or rather expensive, to reach for those who travel by train. The train service from London to Truro is an excellent one, but, having arrived at St. Austell or Truro, the quickest and best way to get to the villages is by taxi, which costs approximately twenty-five shillings. The alternative is to change into the Falmouth train, at Truro, and then to travel across to St. Mawes by the steam ferry, which takes about twenty minutes over the journey.

Unfortunately, the ferry is a considerable distance from Falmouth Station, and has no regular connection with the Railway, although there is a very frequent service in summer time.

Apart from a weekly cinema and dances, our recreations are out-of-door ones, the chief events being the Annual Regatta and Carnival and the Water Gala and Carnival, both of which are held at St. Mawes. For the former, yachts and sailing craft of all sorts emerge from the numerous creeks and villages which surround Falmouth Bay and Harbour, to join those of visitors and residents who have their moorings in the home waters. The latter consists chiefly of Swimming, Diving and Sculling events for young people, but comedy is not forgotten, and Water Gala Day is a day of many laughs. Falmouth Regatta Week is held at the end of August.

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St. Mawes

HISTORICAL NOTE

The SAINT. St. Maudeus, like many other Cornish saints, came from Wales to Cornwall, probably in the 5th or early 6th century A.D. It is not known how long he stayed, but it was long enough for him to give his name to the place where he settled. Later, he went on to Brittany, where he is known as S. Maudez. There he founded a monastery on the Modez, at the entrance to the Bay of S. Brieuc, and its ruins are still to be seen there. S. Mawes Day is November 18th.

THE WELL. St. Mawes Well, on the left as you mount the hill from the Quay to Newton, and opposite the shop of Mr. J. D. Johnstone, was traditionally believed, in old days, to be a sovereign cure for worms and similar diseases. After long neglect, it was repaired, with a stone arch and carved oak doors, by Mrs. Pollard, and re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro in 1939.

THE CASTLE. Henry VIII. built the castles of Pendennis and St. Mawes in 1542, to protect the entrance to Falmouth Harbour, "the town of St. Mawes having been twice fyled and the country thereabouts foraged by the French in the tyme of King Henry VIII." In the Civil War, the Governor (Major Hannibal Bonython) surrendered the castle to Fairfax, the Parliamentary General, a few days after the surrender of the Cornish army.

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under Sir Ralph Hopton, at Tressilian Bridge. This Hannibal Bonython had previously got into bad odour with the King, and was accused of embezzling the soldiers' pay, smuggling tobacco and being disaffected to the King's cause.

The Parliament used the castle as a prison. A well-known Cornish loyalist, Jonathan Rashleigh, of Menabilly, near Fowey, was kept there from February, 1650, to May, 1651, and in his subsequent claim for damages he writes: "I was being kept a prisoner in St. Mawes Castle cost me £100."

Among later governors of the castle were Hugh Boscawen, afterwards Lord Falmouth (1698), and Adjutant-General Scipio Durore (1740-1745), who died of wounds at Fontenoy, and his brother, Lieut.-General Alexander Durore (1745-1746), who died at Toulouse. A memorial to these two brothers is in Westminster Abbey. The office of Governor was abolished in 1849.

THE BOROUGH. In 1562, Queen Elizabeth granted to St. Mawes and several other Cornish towns the right to elect two Members of Parliament. They were to be elected by the freeholders and freemen of the borough, who varied, at different times, from twenty to forty in number. St. Mawes ceased to be a separate constituency with the passing of the great Reform Bill of 1832. Many well-known Cornish names appear among the Members returned to Parliament—Onslow, Arundell of Trerice, Godolphin, Killigrew, Spry and Boscawen, while the Tredenbams, originally a Probus family, provided an almost continuous series of M.P.s from 1658 to 1710, when the family became extinct. One of the last pair of members was Sir Edward Sugden, who afterwards became Lord Chancellor, and took the title of Lord St. Leonards. It was he who said of the brilliant and versatile Brougham, who succeeded him on the woolsack: "If only the new Lord Chancellor knew a little law, he would know a little of everything."

ST. MAWES CHURCH. St. Mawes is, and has apparently, always been, part of the parish of St. Just-in-Roseland. The Rector

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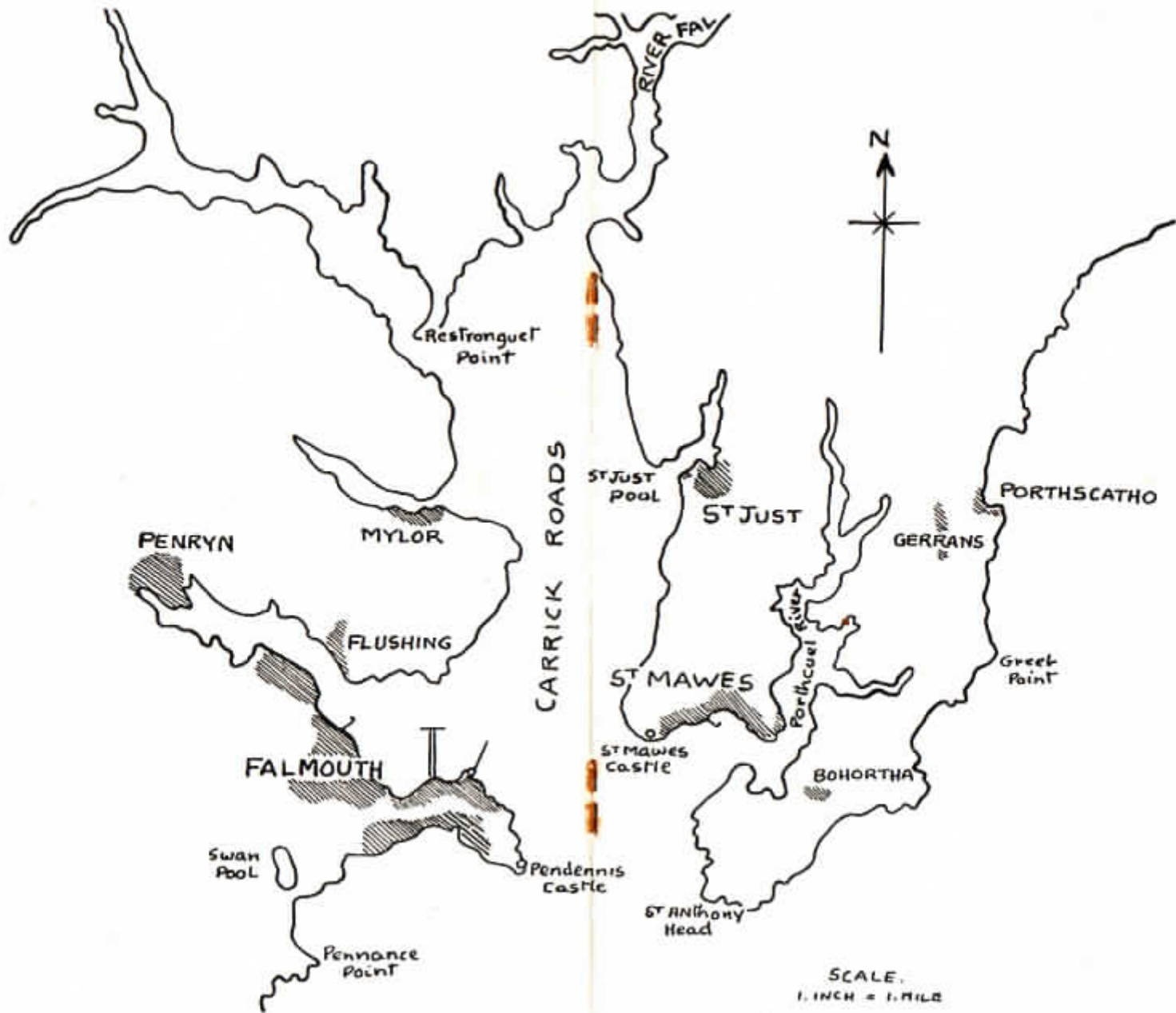
of St. Just, as early as 1381, is recorded as licensed to celebrate "in the chapel of St. Mawes," which was probably, at that time, close beside the saint's well. In 1505, Bishop Oldham granted a "licence to parishioners of St. Just to hear divine service in the chapel of St. Maudetus before going to sea." In the time of Elizabeth and James I., the Rectors seem to have discontinued services at St. Mawes, and in 1621 the inhabitants petitioned Parliament for their renewal, pleading, among other reasons, the distance (2 miles) to St. Just Church. The petition came to nothing, and in 1700 the South Chancel Aisle at St. Just was set aside for the seating of the Mayor and Burgesses of St. Mawes.

In 1807, the Marquess of Buckingham, who was Lord of the Manor, gave a site and found the money for a new building. This was finished in 1812, but never consecrated, owing to the opposition of the Rector of St. Just (Dr. Rodd). His successor, however, in 1837, asked that it might be licensed as a chapel of ease. In 1884, it was pulled down, and the present church erected on the same site.

ST. JUST CHURCH. The Parish Church at St. Just - in - Roseland was founded in about 550 A.D., and was served, for 400 years, by Celtic clergy, until Roseland was taken from the Celtic Church by the Saxon Bishops of Cornwall, Crediton and Exeter. In 1261 the Church was consecrated by Walter, Bishop of Exeter, and has been served by a succession of over 40 Rectors, of whose names a complete list may be found in the Church. Of the Churehyard, Mr. H. V. Morton, in his book, "In Search of England," writes: "I would like to know if there is, in the whole of England, a churchyard more beautiful than this."

Sailing

As will be seen from the map on page 12, St. Mawes Harbour and Creek are situated on the East side of Falmouth Harbour. Deep water, absence of strong tides and beautiful scenery combine to make



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The rise and fall of tide is 17 feet at Springs and 13½ feet at Neaps, and it is, therefore, an easy matter to beach a boat for scrubbing. In spite of the big rise and fall, the tidal stream does not normally exceed 1½ knots at Springs, and will be hardly noticed (except, of course, when racing) by those who are used to the strong tides of the Solent or Mersey.

There is a flourishing Sailing Club at St. Mawes, which visitors are cordially invited to join, and intending members can obtain all information regarding the Club by writing to the Honorary Secretary. The Club provides racing twice a week during the season for several classes, including the Falmouth Sunbeams, St. Mawes One Design Class, 12 ft. National Dinghies and Handicap Classes.

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SOME RAMBLES FROM ST. MAWES

The walks now described all start from St. Mawes, because that is the place of arrival of those who come by the steam ferry from Falmouth. A one inch ordnance survey map is recommended.

There are two points which it might be as well to make at this stage (a) PORTHCUEL on the map is PERCUIL on some signposts. (b) Will you please leave all gates open or shut, as you find them?

SHORT WALKS

No. 1. A walk which no one should miss is to the Parish Church at St. Just. It is situated in a beautiful valley on the banks of St. Just Creek. Should you

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start from the Quay at St. Mawes, you take the narrow street opposite and keep on up the hill until you come to the main road. You pass the water tower on your left and keep on until you find a notice saying: "Foot-path to St. Just Church." After a short 10 minutes' walk, you come to a farm, and see the old lych gate on the church in front of you. After viewing the church and churchyard, you will probably wish to explore St. Just Creek, and perhaps have tea. You can return by the way you came, but it is very advisable to keep to the main road all the way, so as to pass St. Mawes Castle, and get the magnificent view of the Bay and Harbour.

NOTE.—Allow at least 2 hours for this distance, about 3½ miles.

No. 2. If you have very little time to spare, it will well repay you to make a small part of walk No. 1 by cutting across from the road which leads from the Quay to the main St. Mawes road by a track, bearing to the left past the St. Mawes School; this anyone will be able to show you. Turn left on reaching the coast road and thus return to your starting point by way of the Castle.

Distance about 1½ miles.

THREE VISITS TO ST. ANTHONY

No. 1. Cross to St. Anthony by water from St. Mawes. After landing at St. Anthony, you follow the road and reach the entrance to the churchyard of the old St. Anthony Church, with its interesting entrance porch (Dogstooth Norman). Continue up the hill for a short way and turn right along the military road to the Lighthouse, which is often open to visitors in the afternoon. Below the Lighthouse is a favourite bathing beach, called Molunan, which some bathers approach by boat. Return the way you came.

Distance about 2 miles.

No. 2. Cross as before and follow the main road up the hill, passing a house on the left. Look carefully to your right for a small entrance or stile in the second field, after passing a turning. Thence a short path leads to another path to Porthbeor Beach. A

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No. 3. Start as in No. 2, and pass the Porthbeor stile and a small road on the left, and after going about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the steamer you see Porth Farm on your left and a gate opposite, with a road across a little field to Towan Beach. Continue to the north end of this beach, where you will find a field path, once used by coastguards, along the edge of the rocky cliff, when, three miles from the steamer, you suddenly find yourself in the village of Portscatho. Half a mile further on is a fine bathing beach. From there one returns by Tregassa cross-roads to Gerrans, past the old church. From here it is $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to Porthueul Ferry, where you can either cross by ferry or wait for the steamer.

You will have covered about 6 miles.

NOTE.—There are several places at Portscatho and Gerrans where meals may be obtained, but pasties or sandwiches are recommended for the St. Anthony walks Nos. 1 and 2.

A walk to Portscatho and back, by way of Percuil Ferry, makes a very pleasant afternoon's outing.

LONGER WALKS OR CYCLE RIDES

No. 1. To Pendower Beach via St. Just village and Trewithian. Pendower Beach is about 6 miles from St. Mawes.

No. 2. The Ferries Walk. This is a walk for the energetic walker, and was carried out by the bigger boys of a patrol of Boy Scouts from London, which was in camp in the district in 1946. Route: St. Mawes, St. Just, King Harry Ferry, Feock, Restronguet Ferry, Mylor Bridge, Mylor, Flushing Ferry, Falmouth, thence by steamer to St. Mawes. There are interesting views of shipping anchored in the Carrick Road.

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Mean month's Temp., November	47.5	45.2	46.1	43.8	43.5
December	45.0	42.3	42.6	40.9	41.1
January	43.8	40.7	40.7	39.9	40.1
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