

The house was found to be full of smoke which made operations difficult, but the helpers managed to remove the contents of the rooms immediately adjoining the scullery, and the bedroom and bathroom above, where the fire was most intense.

The outbreak is believed to have been due to a beam catching fire in the chimney of the scullery grate, in which there had been a fire in the morning. The farm employees managed also to stay the progress of the flames with buckets of water, until the arrival of Barnstaple Fire Brigade, under Captain F Parker.

The brigade experienced some trouble in getting to the seat of the outbreak, but when they reached it they some extinguished the fire. Constable Salter was among those who did valuable work.

May 1935.

The Church of St Peters was crowded for the Jubilee Service at Tawstock which was taken by the Rev A B S Wrey and the Rev A O D Fell. The next of the programme the centre of the attraction was the children's sports, which caused much merriment, and these were under the direction of the head teachers (North and South), Mrs Maude and Miss Jewel.

A real Devonshire tea was provided and greatly enjoyed by over 500 people, was presided over by Mrs Nash with her usual success, and assisted by a splendid band of helpers.

The adult sports took place at 6.30pm arranged by Mr G Lovering. Great interest was shown in this item of the programme which lasted until nearly dark.

Then followed a divergence to the school room for the dance, which was carried out by Messrs W Tolley, W Chugg and G Rodd. A fine display of fireworks was provided for the entertainment of the children, and a free buffet was open to all until a late hour. The Rector was delighted, to see his parishioners so happy again, and complemented the various committees on the work they had carried out. 142 mugs were distributed to each child under 14 years, also medals and brooches by Sir Bouchier Wrey, merry peels were rung on the bells during the day. Mr A J Nash kindly loaned the field for the sports. President the Rev ABS Wrey secretary Miss Shapland, Hon. Treasurer Mr Rodd.

May 1936.

There was a serious fire at Mew Farm, Tawstock on Tuesday May 26th resulting in the destruction of the farm property, and injury to two fireman. The farm in the occupation of Mr William Henry Pearse, and some shortage of water made the work of the Barnstaple Rural Fire Brigade under Captain F Parker rather difficult.

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