

Sunset on the Winter Solstice

The event on 21st December, run by Roger Page, to watch the sunset on the winter solstice was a very interesting and enjoyable event, but this photograph was taken two days later as on that day there was, unfortunately, too much cloud to see the sun setting over Kit Hill from Gibbett Hill.



BUILD A BIRD BOX WORKSHOP

Sunday 17th February from 10.30am
Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy
Free if you make a bird box for public areas, £5 to make a box for your own garden

The Jubilee Group, along with Dartmoor Ranger Rob, is holding the workshop to make a variety of bird boxes, concentrating on nest boxes for birds known to be in decline.

There will be a separate event for siting the boxes around the village.

Wood and some tools will be provided but bring a small hammer and saw if you want to. We will probably do some of the work outside so dress

warmly. We may work on into the afternoon, so bring sandwiches; drinks and biscuits provided.

Mary Tavy Jubilee Group mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk 08455 193812

Tavonians Theatre Company Humble Boy

Friday 1st March, 7.30pm, Coronation Hall

Tavonians Theatre Company returns to Mary Tavy with an award-winning comedy by Charlotte Jones. She takes some inspiration from Shakespeare's Hamlet and among her other influences can be seen Alan Ayckbourn, particularly in a hugely funny lunch scene.

Many threads weave through the fabric of this play about families, astrophysics, gardening, bee keeping, and the value of words. Above all the play sets out to entertain and make you laugh as much as it wants you to think and to feel.

Humble Boy won the Critics' Circle Best New Play Award following its premiere at the National Theatre. Reviews include 'Very very funny... this is a seriously wonderful play.' Sunday Times, and 'Rich, original, intelligent, funny and touching... I can't recommend this lovely play too highly.' Daily Telegraph.

Tickets £10 from MT Post Office & Stores or The Tavonians, 08455 196592, www.tavonians.org.uk.

Snacks and drinks from 7pm and in the interval.





Competition Donation to Tavistock Food Bank

As a dog owner, I enjoy regular walks along the lanes and tracks around Mary Tavy. I have found it great fun trying to identify the sites of the photographs shown in the Jubilee News monthly competition and I was delighted to have been informed that I was the winner of the competition for both October and November. Given the time of year, I decided to donate my winnings to the Tavistock Food Bank and received guidance from the team there on the type of items being sought. Martin, from the Post Office and Stores, helped enormously by making up a box of the requested items. My thanks to the Jubilee News team for creating such a stimulating competition and to Tracey and Martin for sponsoring the prizes.

Lorraine Burrell



Let's Sing and Pance

Following the article in the previous Jubilee News, the new choir in Mary Tavy got underway in January, and there's also a new dance club, both having made a very successful start.

In good voice

We had such a positive response about a new choir and with those who came to the first session we had great fun. We have started with a variety of music which will be a fair challenge to most, but everyone progresses at their own pace. If you want to join or find out more details please contact me, Chrissie Wade, 01822 810551 or chrissiewade@outlook.com. You will be made very welcome.

Chrissie Wade ARCM

Stepping out

We moved to Devon from South Bucks last year with the aim of starting a ballroom dance club, along the lines of one that we ran very successfully in Bucks.

We would love to get as many of you as possible to join us and discover the fun and pleasure in learning to dance ballroom. We want to create a good social atmosphere so that all comers enjoy meeting people and making new friends - as well as learning to dance, having fun and keeping fit!

Those with two left feet welcome, men also especially welcome (there's always a shortage)!

Terry and Nathalie





Those of you with two left feet especially welcome Beginner classes just started

Tuesdays at Mary Tavy Coronation Hall Wednesdays at Lydford Nicholls Hall

1 hour session (7.25-8.25pm) £5 per person / £10 per couple 2 hour session (7.25-8.25pm, 8.40-9.40pm) £8 per person / £16 per couple 2nd session suitable for those with some dance experience

Tea/coffee available between sessions
Tel: 01822 820045, Mob: 07891 614491
Email: strictlysocialdanceclub@gmail.com

Extra Traffic through Mary Tavy?

Butcher Park Hill in Tavistock – the Brentor road – will be closed during development of the large site for housing on the edge of Tavistock. From Monday 11th February until Friday 17th May - or longer. The signed diversion will be via Lamerton. However many Brentor locals will probably use the route through Mary Tavy to get to Tavistock.

The plan had been for delivery vehicles to and from the site to use a route through Mary Tavy, on the A386 and along Station Road. The Jubilee Group and many individuals objected to this, but we haven't been able to find out whether those plans have changed.



Friday 22nd February 7.30 pm Coronation Hall

Only £6 per quizzer, £3 for children Maximum of 6 quizzers per table.

Ticket price includes a ploughman's supper.
Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets available from: Richard Thorne (810535); Val Bond (810519); Martin & Tracey at the Post Office

The walkway that appeared then disappeared again

When Harrington Homes held their open day last summer people who visited learnt that a walkway between The Burrows and the lane leading to the Coronation Hall was part of the plans. This hadn't been on the original planning permission but had been put in as part of the later landscape proposals and supported by DNPA, to provide safety for the new residents going to and from the hall or Recreation Ground. Whilst some in the village very much favoured the walkway, some, including those on the committee for the Coronation Hall, objected; it was felt that this would lead to their car park being used inappropriately. The walkway has now been withdrawn from the plans.

Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 21st February
'Tavistock Abbey' A talk by Simon Dell

Thursday 21st March 'Burrator Wildlife' A talk by Paul Rendell

Meetings in Brentor Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Non-members very welcome, £2 on the door.

Heather Webster, 01822 810004





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FEBRUARY

Wed 6th 2pm Moorland Outreach

Speaker Michael Crocker, farmer and churchwarden from Lydford.

Thurs 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 1-3pm Knit and Natter (if coming for the first time ring Wilma 810040 as it's possible the day might be changed).

Sun 10th 9-30am Café Church

Free breakfast informal singing and discussion in the hall.

Thurs 21st 4.30-6.30pm Messy Church

Adults and teenagers welcome. Children, please bring an adult. Story, songs, craft activities, a cooked meal (Donations if wished towards the cost).

Mon 25th 10.30am-12noon Jigsaw Swap

Tues 26th 10am-12noon Devon Sensory Team for those with sight or hearing difficulties.

MARCH

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Speaker Rev Peggy Salmon

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STOLEN

Friday 1st February 7.30pm Coronation Hall

The Devil's Violin Company weave us into magical webs which are profound, beautiful



and complex. Storyteller Daniel Morden, cellist Sarah Moody and violinist Oliver Wilson-Dickson, lead us into the forest, telling stories within stories, sometimes scary, sometimes sad, or sweet, or funny. 'Stolen' is the tale of the search for a missing princess, and it unfolds with a string of words, a daub of colour, harmonious chords, and with echoes of mystery and revelation – all of it simply beautiful and enchanting.

Tickets £9 from www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk, 08455 193812, Mary Tavy PO & Stores.

Free warm fruit punch on arrival.

Snacks and drinks from 7pm and in the interval.



Clubs & Local Contacts A to E The full list is available on the website

Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours | 860799 www.bmcneighbours.org
Brentor Garden Club | Monthly on 3rd Thurs 7.30 Brentor Village Hall | Heather Webster 810004
Charity Quiz Night | Last Sun each month Mary Tavy Inn | Garry & Kim 810326
Coronation Hall | Bookings: Diana McDowell 01822 810709 coronationhallmarytavy@hotmail.com
Dartmoor Gliding Society | Chris 07873483001 info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society | Karla McKechnie 07873 587561
Devon Sensory Team | Last Tuesday of the month 10-12 | Methodist Hall
DNPA Ranger | Rob Taylor 01626 832093 rtaylor@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk
Elephant's Nest Cricket Club | Thur ev & Sun aft during season | Ben Neale 07725 419417
benjineale@gmail.com



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Colouring Mary Tavy

Sunday 7th April 2pmMeet at the Coronation Hall

To progress our plans to plant daffodils around the village the next step is to look at possible planting areas and calculate the total square meters, in order to work out the quantity of bulbs we'll need. Once we know the quantity and therefore the cost we can put in a grant application. We anticipate planting in late autumn.

Please join the surveying team on 7th April; no skills needed.

If you want to know more please contact the Jubilee Group, 08455 193812, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk



Village Walks

One of several new ideas for activities which the Jubilee Group could help arrange for the community is monthly guided walks around the parish. These walks will not be formal, just someone who enjoys walking meeting up with others, perhaps pointing out some of the mining heritage, or talking about the flora or fauna, or simply enjoying a stroll which might end up with a drink or lunch at one of the pubs. They won't be on any particular day or time so that they can appeal to a varied group of people.

If you might be interested in leading a walk please let us know, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk, 08455 193812.

Tuesday 19th March, 10am to lunchtime A guided walk with Nick Butland

Starting and finishing in the Coronation Hall Car Park, looking at some of the industrial past of the village, with the option of lunch.

This walk will tie in with a further look at our mining heritage as part of the Mining Day in April (see separate article). We hope some of the walkers will want to stay for lunch at the Mary Tavy Inn, and if you'd like to join us please contact them to book, saying you are part of the walk. Please wear appropriate walking shoes and bring a drink for a short break half way round.

Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI

2019 is quite a momentous year for us – in March we celebrate our 70th birthday! How much has changed around us since those ladies in 1949 decided that they would start a Women's Institute. In spite of all the changes the WI still holds to its original tradition of providing friendship and educational entertainment within the village and more widely a way in which women can work to improve conditions and campaign for care of the environment.

We will also be hosting the annual meeting of our group of institutes – the Four Rivers Group – which is a great opportunity to meet with members of other institutes and have a good social occasion. Around

these events we shall have our normal meetings with a very interesting range of speakers and maybe some workshops; some of the members are off on a bead making day soon and there are other events in the pipeline. New members are always most welcome, just come along at 2pm on second Thursdays in the Coronation Hall.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Val Bugden Causey. Val masterminded a joint West Devon and East Cornwall centenary of the WI celebration and was speaker at many institutes both sides of the Tamar. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm and sense of humour.

Barbara Weeks 810697

Parish Council financial decisions

For the past three years the Parish Council decreased the precept – the part of the Council tax that pays for running parish services – by around 2% to 2.5% each year, whilst also matching the precept income to budgeted spending. However, at their January meeting the Parish Council agreed to set the precept at £16,689 for 2019/20, which when compared to £13,581 for 2018/19 is an increase of more than £3,000, almost 23%.

Also at their January meeting the PC decided to change the bank accounts for the PC, moving from TSB bank to Unity Trust Bank, at a fee of £18 per quarter. At the same time the cemetery accounts will be combined into the parish current and savings accounts.

At the February meeting the council will be considering the charges for cemetery services including burials.

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Mary Tavy Tin Mining A Community Day

Saturday 27th April 10am-5pm Coronation Hall

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group has invited the Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group to present this special day all about mining in Mary Tavy.

Tinworking, Mining and Miners in Mary Tavy

Open to all, this day will explore the rich legacy of copper, lead and tin mining in the Mary Tavy parish area. Two talks, a walk, exhibitions, bookstalls and afternoon tea will provide excellent stimulation for discovery and discussion.

The event will be free of charge but donations will be requested for morning tea and coffee, and afternoon tea will be available at £4.50 per head.

To assist with arrangements it is helpful to know numbers, so please could you email to let us know if you would like to be a part of this day, secretary@dtrg.org.uk.



Programme

10:00 DTRG: 'The Tinworks and Tin Mines of Mary Tavy'

Coffee, exhibitions, bookstalls, etc.

11:45 Chris Wordingham: 'The Mine and Miners of Wheal Friendship'

12:45 Lunch (own arrangements), exhibitions, bookstalls, etc.

14:00 Starting at Zoar, a circular walk to look at Wheal Jewell, Hilltown Consols and medieval tinworks and mill near Creason led by the DTRG. Meet at Zoar access land (SX 523 807), A chance to look at little-known tinworks including a 19th century wheel house, a mine tramway and a medieval mill. The walk (totalling about 5 km/3 miles) is over moorland, fields and footpaths and may require climbing over a few field gates, Likely to be some wet areas, warm, waterproof clothing and suitable sturdy footwear is essential.

16:15 Tea in Coronation Hall £4.50 per head, exhibitions, bookstalls etc.

17:00 Finish





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Local Elections

Elections for West Devon Borough Council and Mary Tavy Parish Council take place on Thursday 2nd May. If you are considering standing for either council you will need to submit a nomination form by 3rd April. Prospective candidates for the Borough Council are invited to an Open Evening on 25th Feb at Kilworthy Park. Contact West Devon Borough Council for forms or other information.

Charity Lunch in support of Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours

Friday 1st March, Bedford Hotel, Tavistock

With Distinguished Guest The Rt Hon Geoffrey Cox QC MP

Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours is a local charity which supports individuals in our communities who are suffering from a life-limiting condition and/or are approaching the end of life. We are all volunteers, and receive no funding from the public purse.

As Chairman and Co-ordinator of BMCN, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all who feel able to support us at this event. Bookings may be made via the following link: https://www.bedford-hotel.co.uk/charity-lunch-01mar19

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Mark Alderson, BMCN Committee Chair

Jubilee News content

Some members of the Parish Council take issue with the advertisement by Roger Page, a fellow Parish Councillor, reporting on Parish Council meetings. However as I attend almost every Parish Council meeting as an observer I have been able to verify the accuracy of his statements and I have therefore been happy to accept his advertisement for publication. We know that many in the community find Roger's piece very informative and enjoy reading it.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, wrote recently in his Report to accompany the Minutes that much of the content of Jubilee News is put together by Michael Fife Cook, who is also a Parish Councillor, and a friend of Roger Page. Michael and I may be husband and wife, but as Editor I alone am responsible for the content of the newsletter and Michael, along with fellow Trustee John Banks, only see the copy for checking just before it is due to go to print. Michael's sole responsibility is folding the printed pages ready for distribution.

Jubilee News will continue its aim to be a non-partisan voice for the community and we would like to see a mending of the splits within the parish resulting from the running down of local organisations by certain individuals, which impacts negatively on some people's wish to be involved in community activities.

Ali Fife Cook, Editor, Jubilee News

Coronation Hall Regular Activities

Tuesday mornings:

10.30am Over 55s Drop-In; 11am Short Mat Bowls

Tuesday evenings:

7pm Table Tennis; 7.25pm & 8.40pm Social Dancing

Wednesday evenings:

7pm Short Mat Bowls; 7pm Table Tennis

Thursday mornings: 10am Pilates

"A Vital Community Resource"

The Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall, which are coming together under a single trust, are working on a leaflet for residents, providing information on the facilities. It will be available on the Coronation Hall website, www.coronationhall.com and elsewhere.

School Report

The children at school have really benefited from the efforts of the PTFA recently. At the end of the Autumn Term the whole school went to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to see an adaptation of David Walliams' book, Awful Auntie. It was a fantastic performance, using inventive scenery and puppets and the actors were superb. The children agreed wholeheartedly that it was brilliant. The coaches for the trip were paid for by the PTFA, making the trip much more affordable.

This term started with another amazing drama experience for the whole school, when the PTFA paid for Rainbow Theatre to perform Snow White and the Seven Dwarves at Coronation Hall. As there were only four actors, the group needed the help of many of Class 3 to support them in their performance.

The PTFA have also recently donated £500 for new decodable reading books for Class 1. Parents have already started commenting on how much the children are enjoying reading their new books at home.

We have also been very lucky, thanks to the hard work of Mrs Day, to have been awarded a £2000 grant to improve and develop our Forest School area in the school field. We are really looking forward to spending the money and making the Forest School an even better place to learn and enjoy the outdoors.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw Headteacher







www.mansbridgebalment.co.uk

Mary Tavy Community Composting Scheme

New residents of Mary Tavy may not be aware that the village has a community composting scheme. It is managed voluntarily by the Tavistock Green Umbrella Group (TGUG) and is supported by West Devon



Borough Council. It is located in a field just to the north of the power station and to the west of St. Raphael, marked by a notice on the gate into the field which also contains two polytunnels.

The scheme is intended only for hedge trimmings, and we ask people to keep their own soft garden waste and kitchen waste and recycle it themselves. Inside the gate is one large bay waiting to receive your hedge trimmings, and below it are two other bays which are full and 'working'.

The scheme is as much a traffic reduction scheme as a recycling scheme. Before its existence many would fill cars and trailers with their hedge trimmings and drive five miles to the Crowndale site and five miles back; from Crowndale the waste was taken to Plymouth. Why waste so much petrol when you can wheel your barrow down to the village scheme?

We are able to give away the compost and are keen for users of the scheme to benefit in this way. Members of the TGUG process the waste once a year, filling around 200 bags each October or November and turning the pits. If you decide to make use of the scheme, we ask that you contact me so that we can arrange to be there when you deliver.

Finally, the volunteers of the TGUG believe strongly that residents of Mary Tavy who use the scheme should be aware that those who provide their considerable energy and time to process the compost do so voluntarily. If any Mary Tavy residents would like to offer their volunteer help for this annual expenditure of human energy, please contact me – your efforts will be very much appreciated.

Martin Mowforth, 01822 617504



Mary Tavy Inn

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- Sunday Carvery 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- Monthly Quiz on last Sunday of the month.
- Annual Beer, Cider & Sausage Festival Last Bank Holiday in May.

More events throughout the year. Please see details in the pub, on the website www.marytavyinn.co.uk or call for details 01822 810326

Personal Advertisment by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

This is an advertisement by Roger Page in a personal capacity and not acting as a member of the Parish Council.

The New Year is the time to review the previous year's successes and notable events. Turbulent times at the beginning of the year continued throughout 2018.

The Parish Council became divided into two parties: originally over the proposed inscription on a gravestone. Inflexibility by the Council on whether the words met the criteria outlined in the Cemetery rules, led to petitions being presented to the Council and an article in the Tavistock Times. Eventually, a compromise was agreed.

One month later the Council was presented with an

allotment deal arranged between the Trustees of the Recreation Ground and the Allotment Association. The two groups, who were represented on the Council by three individuals, demanded that the Parish Council paid for a bespoke fence and then voted that the maintenance costs of this fence should also be borne by the Council.

This created a major rift, as no security on the destination of the money could be obtained.

In the midst of this, the Council Clerk resigned for personal reasons, closely followed by a locum Clerk for unknown reasons. A second locum clerk was installed with no advertisement or interview and with an ongoing cost double that of a permanent clerk. Her position has been confirmed until the elections in May 2019.

In the meantime two vital subcommittees (planning and finance) have been abolished. These areas are no longer scrutinised in order to spend wisely and to work meticulously for the Parish in planning matters.

On the positive side, a gritter was purchased in February to keep the roads open during the Beast from the East in March.

New Council Elections are scheduled for May, and it is essential that we have some new Councillors to bring forward new useful initiatives for Mary Tavy. You have the right to determine what happens to some of your taxes. We would like your help to give Mary Tavy a great community spirit and give help to those who need it.

Happy New Year!

Roger

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The competition in the previous issue attracted a lot of interest and a good number of entries – people were intrigued to see the images from the past and yet recognise the properties.

Congratulations to the winner of the competition in issue 29, lan Stevenson.

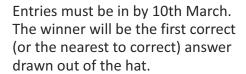
Answers to the previous Competition:

- 1. Church Cottage (then separate cottages) near the church;
- 2. The Elephants Nest (then the New Inn);
- 3. The Post Office;
- 4. Methodist Chapel;
- 5. The Mary Tavy Inn (then Elliot Hotel, later Buller's Arms);
- 6. Croftner on the corner of Bal Lane with the A386.









Answers can be a written description, your own photographs, or whatever is the easiest way for you to make sure we understand your answer. Don't worry if you don't know them all, you might still know more than other people do.

Entries can be emailed to competition@mtjubileegroup.co.uk or marked 'Jubilee News Competition' and handed in at the PO & Stores. Please make sure we have your name and phone number or email address.

Good luck!





Copydate for the next issue is the 20th of the preceding month, at the very latest, but please remember Jubilee News can fill up fast so the sooner you can get information to us the better.

Jubilee News is a project of The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group. It is producted every two months to bring news of events, activities, heritage and general interest to the residents of the parish. It is able to be free to residents as the printing costs are covered by advertising.

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is a Charitable Trust, created in 2012 and based on the Charity Commission model constitution GD2. The Objects of the Trust are -

"The advancement of community development, environmental improvement and heritage, through projects undertaken by and for the residents of the parish of Mary Tavy in the county of Devon."

Trustees: John Banks, Ali Fife Cook, Michael Fife Cook Jubilee News Editor: Ali Fife Cook

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Visit our website to find out more about the Jubilee Group and how you could be involved