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# Jubilee News

Newsletter of the  
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

**No.31**

April & May 2019



## LOOKING AFTER OUR VILLAGE:

### Colouring Mary Tavy

**Sunday 7th April 2pm, Meet at the Coronation Hall**

Please join us to survey the areas – probably mainly along the A386 – where we will want to plant additional daffodils to brighten up our village each spring.

We'll provide maps, and you can either measure or estimate the size of areas for planting, also marking where there are existing daffodils. So just turn up, and bring a measuring tape if possible.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

### Early Summer Litter Pick

**Sunday 9th June 2.30pm**

We are making a wonderful difference to the village with regular Litter Picks, and we hope again to get a really good crowd, of all ages, turning up to help keep the village looking nice.

More details in the next issue.



- If you want to get in touch about the planting scheme or the Litter Pick contact the Jubilee Group, 08455 193812, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk



*Please wear appropriate walking shoes and it's a good idea to have a drink with you. Dogs on leads welcome. If you are interested in leading a walk please contact the Jubilee Group.*



## Village Walks

Our first Village Walk, led by Nick Butland in mid-March, had sunshine, great company, a lot of mining history, and it ended with lunch at the Mary Tavy Inn. A great way to spend a morning.

**Saturday 27th April 2pm, from Zoar**

The April walk is part of the Tin Mining Day. It is c.3 miles, see full details on page 5.

**Tuesday 14th May 10am, from Horndon**

Walk led by John Banks. Meet on the Green in the centre of Horndon. We'll descend to Clam Bridge then up to Hill Bridge and back along the leat through Creason Wood. Some short bits have difficult terrain but a lot of it is very picturesque.

## Mary Tavy Knit and Natter Easter Fair

**Saturday 13th April  
12noon - 3pm**

Join us for lunch at our Easter Fair - enjoy home-made soup & crusty bread or bacon rolls. Other refreshments will be available along with craft stalls, cakes and books for sale, a tombola and much more.



For further information contact Wilma Miners  
01822 810040

## Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy

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## Spring Sale

**Sat 11th May 2pm**

**Coronation Hall**

### Refreshments

Plants

Cakes

Books



## Annual Parish Meeting

**Provisional date: Wednesday 10th  
April 6.30pm, Coronation Hall**

The meeting represents an opportunity for parishioners to talk individually to Parish Councillors, to ask questions or put forward their concerns. Check the date, and come along any time between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. To be followed by the regular PC meeting.

## A lot is happening at the allotments

Things on the allotments have progressed quickly since the fence went up in early February. Most of us have started to get things in the ground, despite the weather and buds are showing on fruit bushes and trees. As we hoped, large numbers of passers-by want to stop and chat over the fence about our plans. Almost all of the comments have been positive and helpful. I'm even having chats with people from outside the village who have heard of us or have seen our site when driving past.



We now have almost everything we need in place. People have been incredibly generous with their time or resources. Our thanks to George Hill for doing so much to help us including turning the soil, to local businesses for providing bark chippings, muck, timber and much more. Our community shed is due to arrive very soon thanks to a grant from Devon County Council. There is still a bit of work to be done to bring water to the site but hopefully we can achieve this soon courtesy of a company from Launceston who have been working locally.

We have grant applications in for the materials we need in order to provide the small community beds and we still have two half plots available, although we may take a leaf out of another society's book and reduce those further to offer starter plots.

All we need now is some good weather!

- John Bright, Secretary, Mary Tavy Community Allotment Gardens Association  
24 Great Fellingfield, 07704 634695, enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com

## Tor Garden Plants

Hi, my name is Emma Robertson, myself and my husband Tom and our three lurchers moved to Rowden Gardens Nursery in Brentor in 2017 and made it our home.

My background has always been in horticulture, with over 15 years experience working in some great gardens like Trentham in Stoke on Trent, Knightshayes at Tiverton and most recently I was Head Gardener at Castle Drogo. I had always dreamt of running a plant nursery, so when Rowden Gardens came up for sale we jumped at the chance to take on a new adventure.

We are now ready to reopen the nursery only this time under the name of Tor Garden Plants.

We will predominantly be a mail order nursery but we are happy to open the garden by appointment and I am hoping to have a garden open day in June when the irises will be in full flower, giving us a chance to meet everyone.

**To celebrate our first year we would like to offer readers of Jubilee News 10% off their first order, please quote Jubilee 10 when ordering online.**





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Monday 27th May 12pm - 4pm  
**MARY TAVY VILLAGE**

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## Spring is bursting out

Yes, spring is in the air – but this article is about another sort of spring, that is also bursting out. For some time residents have been concerned about gushing water in Bal Lane. Some of it is rain water finding its easiest course and coming out near the corner with Warren Road, and water has recently been coming up through the road a little further up Bal Lane. DCC Highways and SWW have carried out investigations into this latest problem and believe it is a natural spring which has found a weak point and is pushing through the road. DCC Highways plan to redirect the spring water into the sewerage system and expect work to take place this summer.

## Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 18th April  
"Experiences at Chelsea Flower Show" John and Galen Carter

Thursday, 16th May  
"Plants Behaving Badly"  
Ken Thompson

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

Heather Webster, 01822 810004



## COMPETITION

This issue is so full you'll see there is no space for the competition on the back page. We hope to run it again in the next issue. Congratulations to the winner of the competition in issue 30, Lorraine Burrell.

*Answers to the previous Competition:*

1. Chapel Lane, gateway to Rod's Lane.
2. Warne Lane, gateway to field, with sign.
3. Bal Lane, new field gate.
4. Gateway to field used for composting scheme.
5. Gateway to garden area of The Elephant's Nest.
6. Gateway at the side of the Mary Tavy Inn.



The play area in the Recreation Ground has again fallen into disrepair, but plans are being made for new play equipment and for the whole area to be improved. Grants are currently being sought. Keep in touch with progress on the Play Mary Tavy facebook page.

One of the changes will be that the wood chippings will be removed and the area will be grassed. Watch out for details of a temporary closure, when anyone can help themselves to the chippings, in return for a donation through the PO & Stores.



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## Mary Tavy Inn

9th to 14th April

Greek Food Week

24th to 27th May

Beer, Cider & Sausage  
Festival

25th May

Live Music

30th Nov

Christmas Shopping Trip  
Blenheim Palace and  
Swindon Outlet

More dates to be added  
keep your eyes open!

checkout our new website  
[www.marytavyinn.co.uk](http://www.marytavyinn.co.uk)  
or call for details  
01822 810326

## Penny's Picks from the draft minutes of the Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Elections – nomination packs are now available for those of you who would like to stand for the parish council – do you wish to make a difference? Represent your community? Then put your name forward – you have until 4.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> April to get your nomination into West Devon Borough Council. Packs direct from the Borough Council or email your Clerk.

Knotweed – the very invasive weed. A newspaper article was circulated to councillors - it has to be dealt with very carefully to stop the spread.

Various statutory documents were approved by Council and are now on the website. Nearly the end of the Council year, 31<sup>st</sup> March, so final accounts will be available for publication very soon.

Locum Clerk, Penny Clapham,  
[parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk)  
01647-253066

## Bags of Help for Compassionate Neighbours

The latest selection of good causes being offered a grant from Tesco Bags of Help scheme includes the Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours. So when shopping in Tesco between now and the end of April make sure to put your blue token to good use and help this great cause.

## Singing in Harmony

Continuing from previous news of the new choir in Mary Tavy, we are moving upwards and onwards and are now known as 'Harmony'. We consist of a mixture of experience, but one thing we all have in common is positivity. A friendly, welcoming group, with vacancies, which is free.

If you want to join or find out more details please contact me,  
01822 810551 or  
[chrissiewade@outlook.com](mailto:chrissiewade@outlook.com).

Chrissie Wade ARCM

## School Report

Friday 15th March, as you know, was Red Nose Day. The School Council decided that they would like the school to support this cause and help people less fortunate than themselves. They decided that they would like to sell noses and dress in red 'mufti' for the day. Thanks to the support of the pupils, parents and staff, all 80 red noses were sold and £152.71 profit was raised for Red Nose Day.

It was World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.



However, at school we had a whole Book Week. Starting with a visit from author of the 'Landy' books, Veronica Lamond; including dressing as our favourite book characters on World Book Day and finishing with a Parent Story Session on Friday afternoon. The parents and grandparents brought their favourite children's books to read to

groups of children. It was a lovely afternoon, sharing a love of reading.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw, Headteacher

## Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI Celebrating our 70th Birthday

It is 70 years since some energetic ladies in the village decided to start a WI and we have just celebrated that achievement with a party! In a rare departure from our DIY ethos we asked Diana McDowell to provide the tea - which she did beautifully and it was lovely to be able to just sit back and enjoy. The speaker, Alison Haslem, had us well amused and informed with her tales of being a London tour guide but best of all was meeting our guests from other WIs and old friends who are no longer members. Vice President, Bev Ross, provided a quiz not too challenging and President, Jill Lamerton, was a busy hostess. Jill and fellow member Christine

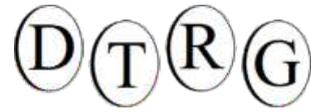


Kaczanow, were presented with a rose bush each for having served for 40 and 39 years respectively.

Our 70th birthday will always be a very happy memory and now onwards to the Spring Sale on 11th May (ad on the front page of this issue of Jubilee News)

and the meeting of our Four Rivers Group which we are hosting in June. We are always more than happy to welcome new members and while for some people an evening Institute is more convenient there are those who prefer an afternoon outing – come and see us on the 2nd Thursdays at 2pm in the Coronation Hall.

Barbara Weeks (committee member)



## 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](mailto:secretary@dtrg.org.uk).

### Programme

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

Coffee, exhibitions, bookstalls, etc.

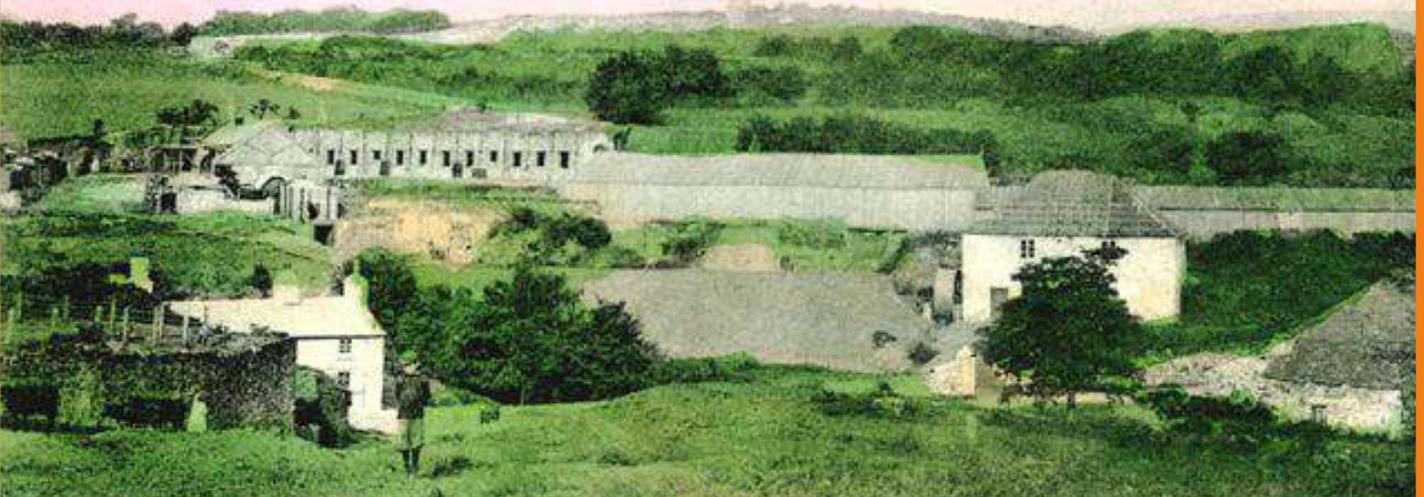
11:45 Chris Wordingham: 'The Mine and Miners of Wheal Friendship'

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

Nomination forms for candidates to stand for West Devon Borough Council or for Mary Tavy Parish Council are now available.

If ten or more people put themselves forward for the Parish Council there will be an election for the nine seats, if nine or fewer stand those people will be elected unopposed. If there is an election, you don't have to vote for nine, just for as many as you like up to that number. Election day is 2nd May.

The Brentorians present

## "The Capers at Cricketers' Copse"

by Richard Coleman

A comic mystery packed with intrigue and double crossing

Brentor Village Hall

Thurs 4th to Sat 6th

April 7.30pm

Tickets £5 from

Helen de Carles 01822 810412

### A Letter to Jubilee News

To Whom It May concern:

There is an increasing amount of dog mess being left on the recreation ground, car park, footpaths and roads around the village. How can you not see your dog relieving itself even when on a lead?

If you walk a dog it is YOUR responsibility to clean up after it, both legally and socially. Do you like tyres, paws or shoes taking faeces onto your property? Maybe you don't mind, but most of us do.

Please don't think it's ok to leave your dog's mess. IT ISN'T.

Joanna Albon

### Dogs are welcome, but not on the football pitch please

Due to frequent incidents of dog fouling, the Trustees of the Recreation Ground have decided to ban dogs from the football pitch.

### Clubs & Local Contacts

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The full list is available on the website

Homer Maid Open Day | Sat, monthly or so Homer Barn | 810848

Knit & Natter | Thurs 1-3pm  
Methodist Hall | Wilma Miners  
810040

Mary Tavy & Brentor School | 810384  
admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk

Mary Tavy Community Allotment  
Garden Association | John Bright  
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enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com

### More about Jubilee News content

In the public section at the start of the February Parish Council meeting, parishioner Rick Beament made a case for greater transparency of decisions taken at PC meetings and said that information should be made available through publications such as Jubilee News.

I added to the discussion with a statement that I have regularly and frequently requested information from the PC, but that despite such requests nothing has been received

in the past year or two and it is therefore only by attending meetings that I have been able to report on any of the discussions and decisions that have taken place.

Following that discussion the current Clerk to the PC agreed to send me information for future issues. We welcome this, and any such articles received will be published whenever possible. The first such article, entitled 'Penny's Picks' appears in this issue.

Ali Fife Cook, Editor, Jubilee News



### Tor & Tavy WI

Ladies, maybe you are working, have child minding duties or grandchildren duties during the daytime or would just prefer to attend an evening event?

Tor and Tavy WI meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall. We have a

variety of speakers and events throughout the year and you would be made very welcome. This year, which runs from April to April, we have had talks from Street Pastors, Simon Dell on The Conchies, a Christmas Dinner and Quiz Night to name a few. A walking group is run by one of our members, distances to suit all. Outside events have also been undertaken, including fused glass workshop, a trip to Stannary Brewery and a look around the vast incinerator plant in Plymouth.

The next meeting in April is our AGM after which the new programme commences on 23rd May with a Dementia Awareness speaker. Visitors very welcome. The photograph below is of the local WI Quiz Night in January. held in the Coronation Hall.

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## **BUILD A BIRD BOX WORKSHOP**

The Workshop held in February was a thoroughly enjoyable and very worthwhile event, with lots of bird boxes made, some for blue tits, some for robins or sparrows. Dartmoor National Park Ranger Rob, along with the organisers from the Jubilee Group, helped everyone to construct some lovely boxes, some of which are being placed in open areas around the village and some of which will be in gardens.

Due to the great success of the event, plans are now being made for a repeat next year, possibly also including bat boxes or hedgehog houses.



## **Recycling and Refuse Collections**

For the following dates collections will be one day later than usual: Friday 19th April; weeks commencing 22nd April, 6th May, 27th May. WDCC are offering a 'Blooming Great Deal' on relaunch of the Garden Waste Club, giving existing customers a spring gift.

## **Personal Advertisement 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.*

We are fast approaching the time when you, the Mary Tavy parishioners must decide who will be your elected representatives on the Parish Council. Several of the present councillors have informed a meeting on 24th February that they will not be standing for the next council. I think that this is good news for the parish, although it will be difficult to reverse some of the mistakes carried through by the present council.

Two of the easiest mistakes will be to reinstate proper scrutiny of the planning applications and proper financial control of the parish finances by reinstating the Planning and

Finance sub-committees, both of which were abolished to enable individual schemes to be passed.

Another which will help to reduce costs will be to employ a permanent Clerk to the Council, who can deliver improved advice to the council at a cost of £8 per hour less than that of the current locum clerk and who will hopefully not need travel expenses from near Exeter for each visit.

Many of you will have noted that a large section of the Recreation Ground has been fenced off for the benefit of 10 allotment holders, whilst excluding the 1550 parishioners with no allotment. This unfair decision was taken by 4 councillors including the 3 members of the Recreation Ground Trust and one also the Secretary of the Allotment Association. The Parish Council paid for the fence and for

chemicals and fertiliser for the allotments

Those same councillors have voted to set a budget for Parish Council Tax for 2019/20 with an increase of 23% cost to you to cover these mistakes and to continue in the same vein. We desperately need Mary Tavy electors of all ages and sexes to stand as Parish Councillors to stop the sort of practices carried out by the present council. No experience is required and training will be given.

Please, those who love Mary Tavy and would like to stop the nonsensical decisions being taken and who view the Parish from an individual perspective, apply urgently. (The final date for nomination, to be received at Council Offices, is 3rd April.)

Let's take back control of our Parish!

Roger

## School Cyclo Cross Championships

Over 100 youngsters had a day of very muddy fun on their bikes at Mary Tavy Recreation Ground recently, in the West Devon Inter Primary School Cyclo Cross Championships. It was something of a challenge to avoid the football pitch and to stage the races around the perimeter and the area between the pitch and the allotments. And the afternoon session took place in conditions which could best be described as Monsoon like!

There was a strong showing from Mary Tavy and Brentor School, which finished 2nd, with local boy and girl, Freddie Day and Evie Palmer finishing 1st and 3rd in the fastest race of the day.

Well done to everyone.



## Methodist Chapel & Hall

### APRIL

**Wed 3rd April 2pm**

#### **Moorland Outreach: Talk**

Dr Peter Fox and Joy Fox give a talk with slides of their travels.

**Sat 13th April 12 - 3pm**

#### **Easter Fair**

See separate notice on the front page of this newsletter.

**Sunday 14th April**

#### **Cafe Church**

Breakfast at 9-30am in the Hall, discussion and thought for the day.

**Mon 15th April 10 - 11.30am Jigsaw Swap**

**Thurs 18th April 4.30-6.30pm**

#### **Messy Easter**

Meal at 6pm if you can't get there earlier.



**Tues 23rd April 10am-12noon**

#### **Devon Sensory Team**

for sight or hearing difficulties.

**Every Thursday 12-3pm**

#### **Knit and Natter**

Pop in at any time to see the inventive and imaginative craft work.

### MAY

**Wed 1st May 2pm**

#### **Moorland Outreach: Talk**

Ali Mansfield will trill us with a talk on her work as an Outreach worker.

**Sun 12th May 9-30am**

#### **Café Church**

**Thurs 16th May 4.30-6.30pm**

#### **Messy Church**

**Mon 20th May 10 - 11.30am Jigsaw Swap**

**Tues 28th May 10am-12noon**

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## Give your support to a grant application for a projector for the Coronation Hall

The trustees of the Coronation Hall have submitted a grant application for a projector and audio system so that it will be able to show national events, host a film club, provide moving scenery for shows . . . and the list goes on. The trustees believe it will be a real community asset generating community togetherness.

The application is to the Calor Rural Community Fund and successful applicants will be those who receive votes from the public via the website. So, between 2nd May and 17th June please visit the site and cast your ten votes. Go to [www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund](http://www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund), select View Projects, and search for Mary Tavy.

Only organisations which receive high levels of public votes will be shortlisted for judging by an independent panel. So your votes are crucial to the project.

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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.

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*“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.”*

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