



Jubilee News

Free

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

No.34

October & November 2019



Stannary Brass Band Proms Concert

**Saturday 19th October
7.30pm, Coronation Hall**

Singing voices optional!
Tickets £5 adults, £2 under 18
from Mary Tavy PO & Stores
or Stags Estate Agent

Tavonians Theatre Company

Brontë by Polly Teale

**Saturday 9th November
7.30pm, Coronation Hall**

We're delighted to welcome Tavonians Theatre Company to Mary Tavy once again, bringing us a lovely play about the Brontës.

When the sisters' brother Branwell returned home in disgrace, plagued by his addictions, bringing turmoil to the household the young women continued to write their now famous stories, using their own lives and their shared experiences.

Polly Teale dramatically illustrates the highs of success and the lows of their losses, whilst bringing the family and their literary characters to life in a lively play, with a mixture of sadness and happiness.

Tickets £10 from Mary Tavy PO & Stores or online at Tavonians from 1st Oct.



MARY TAVY LIVE

The Hummingbirds

**Saturday 30th November 7.30pm
Coronation Hall**

The Hummingbirds are a lively vocal trio who will be bringing us songs - mostly well known and mostly from the 1940s - in their unique 'modern vintage swing' style.

Accomplished musicians and performers, Grace, Bettie & Clara, share a love for close harmonies, vintage flare, a strong belief that you don't just sing, and a desire to entertain. Their classic arrangements come with a modern twist, with cleverly perfected harmonies, and it's sure to get the feet tapping. They clearly love what they do - and it's infectious.

The Hummingbirds concert is in the series Mary Tavy Live and is a fundraising event for the village.

Tickets £9 from Mary Tavy PO & Stores or online at www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk, from late Oct.



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Theatre Company

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see the website for information

08455 196592 www.tavonians.org.uk

A beautiful and lively evocation
of the real and imagined worlds
of the Brontë family

Brontë

By Polly Teale

November:

Sat 9 th	Mary Tavy
Tue 12 th	Meavy
Fri 15 th	Callington
Sat 16 th	Upton Cross
Fri 22 nd	Tavistock
Sat 23 rd	Okehampton



ENJOY A MEAL WITH A PERFORMANCE

At both of these performances there will be delicious food and drinks by Delectisimo, from 7pm and in the interval. Make the event into a social occasion and enjoy snacks or hot dishes, savoury and sweet, as part of your evening out.



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New Recycling Scheme

WDBC will be sending out information, stickers and white bags as part of its initiative to recycle more materials.

The items will be received in late October although the new scheme won't start until December.

You can talk to WDBC officers about recycling in Tesco in Tavistock on 14th November.

Lest We Forget

Sunday 10th November

10.45am: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial:

11am: 2 minute silence

Followed by a service of remembrance in the Methodist Chapel.

Monday 11th November

11am School Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.



From the War Memorial:

Norman Stanley Fry

Petty Officer Stoker 299469, H.M.S. Falmouth, Royal Navy. Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action at the Battle of Jutland 19 August 1916, aged 32.

Born at St Dominick, Cornwall in 1884. Brother of Edward Charles Fry, of Moorside, Brentor, and also brother of, Mrs Alice M. Ball. Station Rd, Mary Tavy.

Buried at sea. Commemorated on Plymouth Naval Memorial.

School Report

It has been a busy start to the new school year and the summer holiday seems a dim, distant memory.

We welcomed a new teacher, Mrs Natalie Noblett, to the school this term. Mrs Noblett will be working in Class 2 on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope she will be very happy at our school.

We also welcomed our new Reception intake along with three children in other year groups. All seem to have settled well into life at Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School. We look forward to supporting them in their learning journey.

The beginning of a new school year means election time at Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School. Over half the children wanted to stand as candidates for the School Council and after manifestoes and voting a new committee was formed. Congratulations to the successful councillors. I look forward to working with you over the coming academic year.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw, Headteacher



Despatch Box News from the Parish Council

Mary Tavy Parish Council have been particularly pro-active and community focused recently. Two working groups, aptly known as 'speeding' and 'verges,' have been set up by keen councillors to have in-depth discussions on related issues, explore potential solutions, consider financial constraints and create proposals to present to the full council at meetings.

The 'speeding' working group intend to enhance road safety for the benefit of all within the community and the 'verges'

working group ultimately aim to make the best use of public funds by re-structuring the Parish Council's grass, verge and cemetery maintenance programs.

The Parish Council wish to promote openness and community engagement with its parishioners. It is wonderful when parishioners attend our meetings and get in contact by email. In the spirit of promoting a sense of openness, I feel that it would only be fair to warn you that there *may* be a rise in Council Tax for the

financial year 2020-21. This would be due to West Devon Borough Council's intended withdrawal of the annual Council Tax Support Grant (a vital source of our funds) from 2020 onwards. Please be assured that the Parish Council intend to do all it possibly can to avoid passing this cut in funding on to parishioners.

Should you wish to contact me (I'd be delighted) my telephone number is 01822 616047 and my email is parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk.

Katherine Anness, Clerk



Mary Tavy Inn

30th Nov

**Christmas
Shopping Trip**

**Blenheim Palace and
Swindon Outlet**

More dates to be added
keep your eyes open!

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lunch and Sunday
carvery**

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A plea about dog mess in the Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground is a wonderful facility in the heart of the village but we, like so many other local facilities, have the perennial problem of dog mess. The majority of the field users who exercise their dogs are responsible and remove the mess – several bins are provided on the site – but unfortunately it's not all users!

Our aim is BIN IT but unless we see a reduction in the volume of mess, particularly on the football pitch, then we will be forced to revert to the old rules of dogs only allowed in the woods or be forced to make the decision to ban dogs!

Where offenders can be identified their details will be forwarded to West Devon Borough Council who have the authority to impose substantial fines.

Mary Tavy Coronation
Hall & Recreation
Ground Trustees



Help from Waitrose for local charity

Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours are delighted to have been presented with a cheque by Waitrose Okehampton branch, as part of their Community Matters customer token scheme.

BMCN, which helps support people across West Devon who are suffering from a life-limiting illness or approaching the end of life, has taken more than 50 referrals since its launch just over two years ago.

Mark Alderson, BMCN's Care Co-ordinator, commented: "We are most grateful for this generous donation, which will help us to continue to offer support to these individuals in our community".





MARY TAVY

THE ANNUAL **FREE** COMMUNITY

BONFIRE NIGHT

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

FROM 5PM

AT THE RECREATION GROUND

FIREWORKS - HOG ROAST - SPARKLER ENCLOSURE - PUMPKIN COMPETITION
LICENCED OUTDOOR BAR - GLOW PRODUCT SHOP - REFRESHMENTS - MUSIC

FOLLOW US ON  MARY TAVY EVENTS

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Tavyside Football Club

The football team which uses the Recreation Ground for its fixtures was the Lamerton Football Club but has recently changed its name to Tavyside. You can follow them on their facebook page, @fctavyside.



Parish Council meetings

The monthly Parish Council meetings had been changed to a Wednesday to suit the locum clerk. Recently councillors opted to revert to the original meeting day, the second Tuesday each month. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings and each meeting starts at 7pm with a session of up to 15 minutes during which parishioners can put forward ideas or make their views known on matters concerning the Parish Council.

Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel and Hall

contacts: Pauline Emmot 610079, Graham Shillabeer 615409

We are sorry to announce the death of Tony Smith, so long a familiar figure at the chapel. We gave thanks for him at a service on August 9th. We shall miss him: his strong voice, his considerable correspondence, his love of sharing cake. His ashes remain beside the chapel steps where he so often stood to welcome people and flowers will grow in his memory.

REGULAR EVENTS DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:

Weekly Ecumenical Bible Study and Prayer Group Monday or Tuesday each week 7.30pm. Contact Janet 810166.

Jigsaw Swap Mondays 10.30am-12noon. Oct 21 and Nov18. An amazing quantity of Jigsaws! Contact Pauline 610079.

Devon Sensory Team for those with sight or hearing difficulties. Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Oct 22, Nov 25.

Knit and Natter Thursdays 1pm -3pm. Drop in for a cuppa and see the poppies and Christmas decorations. Contact Wilma 810040.

Café Church Sunday 9.30am, Oct 13. Informal discussion and a capella singing but breakfast first, bacon butties, cereal, toast, croissants, and of course, tea and coffee.

Remembrance Sunday Nov 10. We gather by 10.45am at the War Memorial for a service to remember the war dead and continue at the chapel across the road.



Is it a tardis?

Or a sign that there are likely to be long waits for a bus, or West Devon's response to the fiasco over public toilets? No, this blight on our village is a facility for Collard Construction workers on an undisclosed project and is likely to remain for many weeks, or even months. The Jubilee Group is in touch with the company and is checking with authorities to see if it has or needs permission to be there, with the hope it can be moved.

Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 17th October
'Devon's Coast to Coast Walk',
Simon Dell

Thursday 21st November
'The Garden at Andrew's Corner',
Robin Hill

Brentor Garden Club meets on the third Thursday most months in Brentor Village Hall. All welcome.

● Heather Webster 01822 810004



Andrew's Corner, Belstone

Local Plan Consultation

The local plan guides future development in the National Park and is the starting point for making decisions on planning applications. A lot has changed since the current local plan was adopted and DNPA is now going through the process of reviewing it.

The draft Plan has been published and there is a period of public consultation which runs through to 1st November. You can view and comment on the Plan at libraries, Parish Councils and visitor centres across Dartmoor or by visiting <https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-review>.

Time Well Spent

A network for women who run their own business in rural areas has been set up. The aim of the Walk & Talk Network is to offer opportunities to promote their business, their health and well being and for collaboration and support. Meetings are in Sourton Village Hall on the third Friday of every month.

Chris Heron, 01837 214667
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Dates for your diary

Sat 5 Oct
Coronation Hall Quiz Night

Sun 6 Oct
Parish Church Harvest Service and Supper

Wed 8 Oct
Parish Council meeting

Thur 17 Oct
Brentor Garden Club

Sat 19 Oct
Stannary Brass Band concert

Fri 25 to Sun 27 Oct
Exhibition: Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

Sun 3 Nov
Bonfire Night

Sat 9 Nov
Tavonians Theatre Company presents Brontë

Sun 10 Nov
Remembrance Sunday

Mon 11 Nov
School Remembrance Service

Tues 12 Nov
Parish Council meeting

Mon 18 Nov
Twinning Association AGM

Thur 21 Nov
Brentor Garden Club

Sat 30 Nov
Mary Tavy Live
The Hummingbirds vocal trio

Sat 30 Nov
Mary Tavy Inn shopping trip

Wed 11 Dec
Public Meeting about speeding and road safety in the village

Thurs 19 to Sat 21 Dec
Mary Tavy Pantomime

Dartmoor Junior Rangers helping to clear pond vegetation at the Power Station



The young people in these pictures are Junior Rangers undertaking some practical conservation work at Mary Tavy Hydroelectric Power Station recently, with local Dartmoor Ranger Rob Taylor.

There has been an increase in unwanted vegetation over the last couple of years in and around the pond area and the group were tasked with clearing some of it. Rob tells us that *"Any excuse to get some waders on, all six really enjoyed themselves clearing the majority of Bogbean to allow the water lily to grow unimpeded, and reducing some of the grass encroachment, as well as clearing around the small island."*



Once they had finished the task, they made three bird boxes to be put up around the area, and were treated to a tour of the Power Station in the afternoon by Site Manager Karl Jones.

DNPA run three Ranger clubs for children, the Ranger Ralph Club, Junior Rangers and Youth Rangers. Each of the groups has an age range, the idea being that children start as Ranger Ralpers and progress through Junior and Youth Rangers as they get older. Through this they become more involved with practical tasks, there is a greater emphasis on

learning National Park values, ethos etc, their depth of learning grows as they become older and more experienced, and they have the opportunities after a few years to achieve additional accreditations such as the John Muir Award and the National Outdoor Learning Award.

- For enquiries about the Junior Ranger scheme contact Orlando Rutter, orutter@dartmoor.gov.uk, 01626 831076
- DNPA Ranger Rob Taylor, rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk



PARISH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

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Personal Advertisement by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

Most Councillors have now been on training courses and the results are showing a much more considered approach to the parish business. The new Clerk, Katherine Anness, is bringing a new realism to the proceedings, meaning that the atmosphere in the council meetings is much improved. This is all very positive for parishioners.

The Council has highlighted two particular areas for attention, the speeding through the village and the maintenance of the village verges and signs. One of the ways to make a better analysis of the actions required is to set up working groups or subcommittees. The interim results of these working groups will be discussed in public meetings to obtain parishioners' comments and allow you to contribute to improving the environment of the village. It is clear that in order

to obtain the benefits you would like, you must be prepared to take an interest, to be proactive and to work alongside the Council to effect the changes. So please ensure that you attend the meetings on these active topics and be prepared to take on certain tasks within the village.

The Council has also recognised that other voluntary organisations are experiencing financial difficulties. These organisations, such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau, provide a vital service to our community and so deserve the Council's support.

There are still many areas to work on, but I have welcomed the steps taken in the last two months as being positive, and I look forward to further Council initiatives.

Roger

Speeding and Road Safety

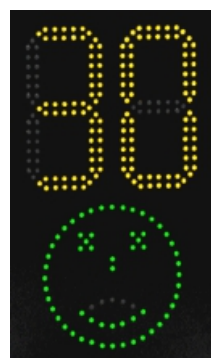
At their August meeting the Parish Council set up a Working Group to look into issues concerning speeding and road safety, and this group has now met twice and has various ideas in mind which it is currently following through.

It is proposed there will be new speed detection signs which will capture data which can be forwarded to the Police. They are also seeking to introduce a 'village identity' by use of gateways, into which investigations are continuing.

Another of the schemes being considered is the revitalisation of the Mary Tavy Community

Speedwatch scheme, which had been active but which ultimately failed due to insufficient willing volunteers. Through a recent message on the Brentor, Lydford and Mary Tavy facebook hub several new volunteers have already put their names forward. If you would like to add your name to the list to help with this important task, please give your name and contact details to Michael Fife Cook, michael@stannary.co.uk, 810897. Volunteers will be fully trained and work as a team to monitor speeds and issue warnings which can be followed up by the Police. You can find out more about Community Speedwatch on www.communityspeedwatch.org.

Photograph
from Dartmoor
Speedwatch



COMPETITION

We have no space to include our competition in this issue, and there was no winner to announce for the previous competition. We know many people enjoy the competitions so we hope to have one in the next issue.

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Public Meeting:

The Working Group would welcome input from parishioners. To this end, the Parish Council will be holding a public meeting, please make a note in your diary now, there'll be more details in the next Jubilee News -

**Speeding and Road Safety Public Meeting
Methodist Hall Wednesday 11th December 7pm**

Moor Medieval

A fascinating book, 'Moor Medieval – exploring Dartmoor in the Middle Ages' has recently been published. The book has come about through the efforts of members of the Moor Medieval study group, a group of extremely enthusiastic and dedicated local people with a wide range of interests including archaeology, surveying, lidar, documentary research and Latin transcription.

The Moor Medieval project is run by Dartmoor National Park Authority as part of the Moor than meets the Eye scheme. Copies of the book cost £15 + p&p and can be purchased through emma@moorthanmeetstheeye.org.



Village Walks

Joining with the Dartmoor Walking Festival for our August walk was a great experience, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Our walk in September was in beautiful sunshine, with nine walkers and five dogs enjoying great scenery, plus a special visit to Wortha Mill for a personal tour as well as lunch at the drop-in café in Brentor. A very worthwhile way to spend a few hours. Thank you Ray & Margaret.

Although our plan is to have a walk once a month we have not managed to arrange walks for October or November, but there are future walks in the planning stages. If you would be willing to lead a walk please contact the Jubilee Group.



MARY TAVY TWINNING ASSOCIATION AGM

Monday 18th November 7.30pm
Coronation Hall Meeting Room

All welcome, please come along to the meeting and join us for a drink afterwards

Peter Tavy Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

Guild Exhibition
Including work by Bobbie Cox

25th to 27th October
10am-4pm, Peter Tavy Village
Hall and Chapel



Play Mary Tavy Cream Tea

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at our cream tea on 14th September, whether baking before the event or helping on the day and to all those who came and joined us for the afternoon. The weather was kind to us and we raised the magnificent sum of

£374.30

which will go towards our new playground.



Coronation Hall Quiz Night

Sat 5th October 7.30pm

Teams max 6 people. £6 per person, includes cottage pie or lasagne (vegetarian/vegan options), bring your own drinks. Tickets from the PO & Stores.

Verges and Maintenance

The Verges and Maintenance Working Group of the Parish Council is considering what areas around the village need to be included in a regular maintenance schedule which will form part of a new three year contract.

The council would like to know what parishioners think are important areas in the village for grass cutting, how they feel about the concept of 'wilding' of verges, and their views on grass cutting and maintenance in the cemetery.

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th October. The open session at 7pm is an opportunity for parishioners to put forward their views.



We discussed wilding in the previous issue of Jubilee News, Remember that you can get DCC's document 'Life on the Verge in Devon' from www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/managing-verges-for-wildlife.



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Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy Women's Institute

We are having a good year in our WI, the weather certainly helped with the annual walk and the tidying of the WI garden. We have welcomed several new members, always a pleasure.

Our birthday meeting and the Group Meeting were very enjoyable, our hard work paid off! We have had very good speakers - all credit to our programme organisers, and we look forward to an equally good programme next year. There have been several good workshops, nice to learn new skills. If you think you might like to join us our meetings continue as usual at 2pm on 2nd Thursdays in the Coronation Hall visitors are very welcome.

- Barbara Weeks (committee member)

Our Telephone Boxes

Every few years, BT has been putting forward proposals to remove or take out of service some or all of the three telephone kiosks in Mary Tavy. There has been a recent consultation which lists two of our three phone kiosks for possible removal, the one at Horndon and the one near the War Memorial.

The phone kiosk near the Church is a listed building, a K2 kiosk designed by Giles Gilbert Scott in the 1920s; although listed it is nevertheless possible the telephone could be removed from the kiosk, but it is not mentioned on the BT consultation list.



The Scone Box, a lovely little cake shop at EwORTHY near Germansweek.

In the past the Parish Council, the Jubilee Group and others have objected to the proposals to remove any of the kiosks. However with improved mobile phone coverage, at their September meeting the Parish Council resolved that they were happy for the two kiosks to be removed.

It is possible for either or both of those kiosks to be put to other use by 'adopting' a kiosk, which can only be done by a local council or a charity. The Jubilee Group could consider adopting a kiosk if there is an individual or group who would like to use it as something like

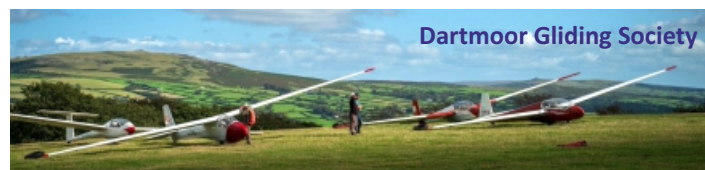
a bookswap, a plant shop, or there are dozens of other possibilities. Google 'adopt a kiosk' for ideas.

Clubs & Local Contacts | A to D

The full list is available on the website

Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours | 860799
bmcneighbours@gmail.com | 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

Please inform us of any changes or additions you know about.

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 produced 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."

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