



# Jubilee News

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Newsletter of the  
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

No.35

Christmas & New Year 2019/20



The CHADS Presents



At Mary Tavy Coronation Hall  
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th 7.30pm  
Saturday 21st 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
December

TICKETS: Adult £6 Child £3 From  
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Enquiries - Michelle Buncle 01822 810112

## STOP PRESS & LATE REMINDERS



Mary Tavy Parish Council  
Speeding Group

**Public Meeting**

**Tues 26th Nov 7pm**

(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Methodist Church Hall

The meeting will discuss options  
for reducing the problem of  
speeding in the village.  
Input from the public welcomed.



**Knit and Natter  
Christmas Fair**  
**Sat 30th Nov 12-3**  
**Methodist Hall**  
**Proceeds to Dementia UK**



MARY TAVY  
LIVE



Vocal Trio Concert

*The Hummingbirds*

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

Tickets £9 MT PO & Stores or  
online [www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk](http://www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk)

Hot and cold food & drink from  
7pm and during the interval

## COMING SOON

Return visit of the ever  
popular jazz group with a  
new concert project

**the Neil  
Maya Quartet**

**1959:**

**The Golden Year of Jazz**

**Friday 6th March**  
**Coronation Hall**



## St. Mary's Church, Mary Tavy SIXTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

in aid of Church funds

**Thurs 12th to Sun 15th Dec**  
**11:00am - 5:00pm daily**

Teas/coffees etc. available daily to  
purchase, and there'll be a table top sale.  
Bring your family and friends along to see the  
creative decorations on the trees. We look  
forward to seeing you all.

*Richard Fielder & Sylvia Baish, Churchwardens*

## Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 Dec: Recreation  
Ground & Coronation Hall  
Trust AGM

Sat 7 Dec: Tavyside FC match  
in Recreation Ground

Thurs 12 Dec: General  
Election, Polling Station in  
Coronation Hall bar area  
(entrance from car park)

Thurs 12 Dec: MT&PT WI  
Open Meeting

Thurs 12 to Sun 15 Dec: St  
Mary's Church Christmas  
Tree Festival

Thurs 19 to Sat 21 Dec: Mary  
Tavy Panto 'Mother Goose'

Sun 22 Dec: Carol Service at  
the Methodist Church

Tues 27 Dec: Pool  
Competition at Mary Tavy Inn

Tues 31 Dec: New Years Eve  
Party at Mary Tavy Inn

Sat 11 Jan: Mary Tavy Live  
Folk Concert with  
Ninebarrow, Coronation Hall

Thurs 23 Jan: Christan Unity  
Service, St.Mary's Church

Fri 24 Jan: Village Walk  
through history. Discover the  
changes that have taken  
place, followed by lunch at  
the Mary Tavy Inn

Sat 25 Jan: Skittles & Curry  
Night at Mary Tavy Inn

## What future for the Royal Standard?

Mike Neenan, owner of the  
Royal Standard wrote a post recently  
on the Brentor, Lydford and Mary  
Tavy facebook page:

*I wanted to update residents of  
Mary Tavy and the surrounding  
villages about the plans for the Standard. As you know, Becky was  
unable to continue running Café Scrumptious and the premises have  
been closed since she left. We have been marketing it nationally since  
January, but to no avail. Unfortunately since we have owned it nobody  
has been able to make it a going concern. The building is now  
deteriorating and does not reflect well on the village.*

*We have therefore decided to attempt to obtain permission to change it  
to residential use. The plan is to remove the front and rear extensions  
to the pub, and build a bungalow for disabled use in the carpark. We  
would welcome any comments from neighbours. Regards, Mike & Jane.*



## A new look for the Parish Council website

Those who visit the Mary Tavy Parish Council website will have noticed  
some changes. The old website needed to be replaced by the end of  
October, and after seeking input from IT professionals and other parish  
councils it was decided that we would look to companies specialising in  
websites for councils and other public bodies to build our new one. We  
went through a process of evaluating bids from 5 suppliers before  
choosing our preferred one.

The new website went live towards the end of October. It can be reached  
at the same address as the old site: <http://marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk>.  
The new site is fully compliant with the latest privacy (called GDPR) and  
security requirements for public bodies such as parish councils. The site  
can also be viewed properly from all platforms – personal computers,  
tablets and smart phones.

As part of the change we have provided each councillor with their own  
council-related email address so that council business and personal email  
traffic can be kept separate (see the website for the email addresses).

The website is still a work in progress. With time, the administrators (the  
parish clerk and myself) will tidy up the site, add new content, archive old  
material, etc. We will get to things as time allows but if you have ideas for  
items that could be added to, or changed on, the site please let us know  
at [parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk) or [paul.reid@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:paul.reid@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk). Alternatively, you can use the contact form  
on the website.

CLlr Paul Reid

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*'Like two halves of  
one voice'*

Ninebarrow

**Saturday 11th January**

**7.30pm**

**Coronation Hall**



Ninebarrow are an exciting and lively multi-award-winning folk duo who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.

Jon Whitley & Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles.

In a few short years, this Dorset-based duo have carved themselves a distinctive niche on the folk roots scene for their outstanding harmonies, delicate instrumentation and engaging songs. In 2017, they were nominated at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the 'Horizon' category for 'Best Emerging Artist'. Since then, the duo have continued their upwards trajectory, most recently picking up 'Best Duo' in the 2019 Folking.com awards.

Named after Nine Barrow Down in Dorset's Purbeck hills, the duo have released three critically acclaimed albums with their most recent, *The Waters and The Wild*, receiving five-star reviews in the *Morning Star* and *EDS Magazine*.

Engaging, charismatic and humorous - Ninebarrow are winning new fans wherever they go. When you see them live, you'll quickly understand why.



Villages in Action  
in association with

**Mary Tavy Live!**

A fundraising event for the village

Tickets £9, available early December from Mary Tavy PO & Stores or online [www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk](http://www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk)

Hot and cold food and drinks by Delectisimo from 7pm and during the interval.

**ENJOY THE CONCERT FREE –**

Join the front-of-house team and see the whole concert at no cost. Get in touch with the Jubilee Group.

*'Another example of how strong British folk music is at the moment.'* The Telegraph.

*'Like two halves of one voice'* Mark Radcliffe.

*'Absolutely amazing'* Mercury Music Prize nominee Kate Rusby.

*'Exquisite harmonies: apt, appealing and pitch-perfect.'* R2 Magazine.

Their latest album was described by folk luminary, Mike Harding as *'absolutely monumental'*.

A live session on BBC Radio 2's Folk Show was described by presenter Mark Radcliffe as *'Immaculate'*.

Clare Balding, after the broadcast of *Ramblings* for BBC Radio 4 in October 2019, described Jon and Jay's singing as *'So lovely!'*



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## From the Jubilee Group Heritage Collection

### Ken's mining life of adventure

This extract is taken from the Western Morning News, February 14 1987.

THE WHEAL JEWELL & MARYTAVY MINES, LIMITED.  
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*The Egyptian Phosphate Company, Limited.*

Tin miner, copper miner - and battle scarred veteran of World War I. All are part of the adventurous life of one man - Mr. Ken Easterbrook ...

The earth began yielding up its secrets to Mr. Easterbrook in 1911 when, as a boy of 14, he started work in the tin and copper mines then operating successfully in the stannary district a gunshot from his Mary Tavy home. It was a family tradition set by his father and brother.

He worked both at Wheal Jewel in Mary Tavy and the Devon United mine at Peter Tavy, now ghosts on a silent moor.

In those days, there was a labour force of about 100, many employed working underground in three eight-hour shifts.

At first the boy did surface work on the "tin floors" as they were called, picking up 12 shillings a week.

Below ground, he worked with gangs of four to six. It was all piece work, paid for by "yardage" which usually worked out at about £2 a week.

After the war, in which he ended up as a sergeant, Mr. Easterbrook sought to resume his mining career and had a bit of luck when he and a friend were hired by John Taylor & Sons for a job near Khartoum in the Sudan. This time it was mining for gold. ... But within two years, the price of gold had plummeted ... and he got his marching orders.

Still another mineral was waiting for him down at a Red Sea port, where he was taken on as foreman of a phosphate mine run by an Egyptian company ... It proved to be a two year stint before economic reasons forced it to close.

Only recently Mr. Easterbrook was one of just two Dartmoor tanners to attend the 200th anniversary dinner of the last General Stannary Court, or Parliament of Devon tanners.

He spent the last 30 years of his working days farming near Okehampton.



### Christian Unity Service

Thursday 23rd January 7.30pm

During the Week of Christian Unity, 19th to 25th Jan, there will be a special service at St Mary's Parish Church. Anglican and Methodist ministers will be leading the service.

### General Election

Thursday 12th December

Mary Tavy constituency polling station is the Coronation Hall. It will be the usual entrance direct from the car park but the polling station is in the bar area rather than the main hall to avoid a clash of bookings.



## Village Walk through history

Friday 24th January, 10.30am

Mary Tavy Inn Car Park

Walk Leader Paul Williams

Enjoy a gentle walk around the village and at the same time discover some of the changes that have happened over the years since early photography recorded the landscape and buildings of the parish.

Start at the Mary Tavy Inn car park, and return there for lunch if you'd like to (booking preferable but not essential).

If you would like to lead a walk in the area please contact the Jubilee Group.



Can you see where your house would be?  
(to help with orientation, Brentor church is in the background and the reading Room just left of central),

## Dartmoor Voluntary Wardens

More than 40 volunteers attended DNPA's annual Voluntary Warden meeting recently and were thanked for their contributions.

The Voluntary Warden scheme is managed by the Ranger service and the VWs help Rangers with their duties and advise visitors to Dartmoor. They play a key role in promoting enjoyment and understanding of Dartmoor's special qualities and get involved in practical projects too.

Each Sector Ranger has a few Voluntary Wardens working with them, and in Mary Tavy John Banks works alongside our Ranger Rob Taylor.

Although they are not needing to add to the VW team at the moment they are always interested to hear from people looking to volunteer in other ways. Information available online or 01626 832093.



## Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter



Our KNCC group decided to commemorate Armistice Day this year by making hundreds of fabric poppies to adorn the bushes near the War Memorial in Mary Tavy – horses and dogs not forgotten, with blue and purple poppies – one kind husband also making a wooden cross to complete the display.

Knit and Natter began life in 2016 to share and pass on knitting and crocheting skills. We began by making tiny jackets, hats, gloves and booties for the premature baby unit in Exeter.

Having discovered many hidden craft skills among our members, we have grown and evolved into a group that has tried their hand at a diverse variety of activities from painting, printing, working with clay, sewing and making Christmas and Easter decorations and gifts to sell at our two annual craft fairs. Our Christmas event this year, with lunch, is on 30th November in the Chapel Hall, between 12 and 3 o'clock with proceeds from the event going to Dementia UK.

Numbers have grown since we started but we always have room for more. We all learn together, so don't feel you need to be 'crafty' to come along. All are welcome to join us on a Thursday afternoon (from 1 'til 3) in the Chapel Hall in Mary Tavy.



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## Brentor Garden Club

No meetings in Dec or Jan. Brentor Garden Club meets on the third Thursday most months in Brentor Village Hall. All welcome.

- Heather Webster 01822 810004

## School Report

The Autumn Term has flown by and we are already beginning to think about Christmas and the end of term.

We have lots of exciting activities planned, including a visit from Rainbow Theatre to perform Cinderella, a craft morning, Christmas market, carol service and Christmas lunch. The juniors are also off to Exeter to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform and they are particularly excited as last year had to be cancelled because of the snow. Hopefully the white stuff will stay away this time.

The School Council decided that they would like us to take part in Children in Need again this year. They chose a pyjama mufti day and everyone came in their cosy pyjamas and onesies. We raised £72.15 so thank you to everyone for their kind donations.



Castle Drogo was the venue for the first cross country race of the year. It was very cold, wet and snowy but our teams did really well with the boys' team bringing silver medals home.

We are really looking forward to some drier weather next term so we can get out in our field and enjoy the countryside. Fingers crossed!

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw,  
Headteacher

Mary Tavy is fortunate to have two WI groups - the Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI which meets in the daytime, and the Tor & Tavy WI which meets in the evenings, giving everyone a chance to be involved. For this issue we have a report from both groups.

## Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI

Nearly the end of another year and, certainly for our WI, it has been a good year.



*Nine WI ladies enjoyed a glass workshop with Angie at The Granary Glass Studio.*

We were a bit worried that the General Election would halt our Christmas meeting which is so special with the Primary School choir coming to entertain us with their singing, but all is well as the polling station will use the bar area. We make this an open meeting so if anyone would like to come along on the 12th at 1.30pm to enjoy the singing and have a cup of tea and a mince pie they will be most welcome. (Maybe cast your vote at the same time!)

Next year's programme is organised and includes something for all interests! – history, flower school demonstration, talk by an author of crime novels, cookery, Jurassic Coast, women in control, Shepherding Year, history of the church at Rame Head and for December a sing-a-long. Details from me or any committee member.

- Barbara Weeks, 01822 810697

## Tor & Tavy WI

Our reports often concentrate on what we have been doing, so this one is to let you know what is coming up! New members and visitors are welcome to any of the meetings which take place on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm.

This time of year tends to follow a set pattern and November was, as usual, a Christmas Craft evening when we made some delicate decorations. Our Christmas Dinner at the Mary Tavy Inn is in the middle of December.

The New Year starts with two food related evenings, one of which will be a cookery demonstration by the Chef son of one of our members. Our traditional Quiz Night will be in March when we host other WIs in our Four Rivers Group.



Our photograph shows us enjoying a recent Who Dun It evening.

- Linda Hanson (Sec),  
torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk or  
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*Elephant's Nest Cricket Club*



*Short Mat Bowls in the Coronation Hall*

Elephant's Nest Cricket Club | Thur ev & Sun aft during season | Ben Neale, 07725 419417, benjineale@gmail.com  
 Harmony Choir | weekly rehearsals | Chrissie Wade, 810551, chrissiewade@outlook.com  
 Homer Maid Open Day | Sat, monthly or so Homer Barn | 810848  
 Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter | 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, 07704 634695, enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com  
 Mary Tavy Drama Group | Michelle Buncle, 810112  
 Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI | 2nd Thurs each month 2pm Coronation Hall | Barbara Weeks, 810697  
 Mary Tavy Commoners' Association | Kayleigh Walker, 07736 687663, 20mtca18@gmail.com  
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 Mary Tavy Parish Clerk | parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk  
 Mary Tavy Parish Council | meetings: usually 2nd Tues 7pm Reading Room | www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk  
 Mary Tavy Post Office & Stores | Martin and Tracey, 810422, marytavypo@gmail.com, www.marytavypostoffice.co.uk  
 Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Secretary: Val Bond, 810519, valbond2@btinternet.com  
 Methodist Chapel & Hall | Pauline, 610079, or email janetixxa@gmail.com  
 Over 55s Pop-In | Every Tues 10.30-2 Coronation Hall | Cheryl, 810177 or Christine, 810627  
 Pilates | Every Thurs 9.30-10.30 and 10.30-11.30 Coronation Hall | Sally Cinnamond, 07969 157507  
 Recreation Ground | Tennis Court bookings: PO & Stores  
 Reading Room | Paul Williams, 810001, williamstormist@tiscali.co.uk  
 Short Mat Bowls | Tues 11-1 & Wed 7-9 Coronation Hall | Doreen Rogers, 810824  
 Snooker Club | Reading Room | John Banks, 810940 or Ron Quilter, 810538, ronquilter@hotmail.com

### Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground & Coronation Hall Trust

#### Annual General Meeting

will be held in the Coronation Hall  
on **Monday 2nd December**  
at **7.30 p.m.**

Come along and chat with the  
Trustees and enjoy mince pies  
and a hot drink.



### Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel and Hall

contacts: Pauline Emmot 610079, Graham Shillabeer 615409

#### December

**Mondays or Tuesdays**, but Not 23rd or 24th. **Ecumenical Bible Study**, 01822 810166.

**Wednesday 11th** 2pm and 6pm **School Christmas performances.**

**Monday 16th** 10am, **Jigsaw swap**, chat and refreshments.

**Sunday 8th** 9-30am **Breakfast at Cafe Church.**

**Thursday 19th** 4-30pm, **Messy Church** for all.

**Thursday 5th** (Not on 12th, 19th, 26th) 1-3pm, **Knit & Natter.**

**Devon Sensory Team**, no session this month.



**Sunday 22nd December 6pm**

**CAROL SERVICE**

**mince pies, tea, coffee**



#### January

**Mondays or Tuesdays** 7.30pm, **Bible Study**, 01822 810166.

**Monday 20th** 10am, **Jigsaw Swap.**

**Tuesday 28th** 10am 12pm **Devon Sensory Team.**

**Thursday 9th onwards** each Thurs 1-3pm, **Knit & Natter.**

**Thursday 16th** 4.30pm, **Messy Church.**



## Mary Tavy Inn

**27th Dec**  
**Annual Pool Competition**  
starts 8pm

**New Years Eve**  
**Retro Free Play Juke Box**  
Time to Party & Welcome 2020  
open 6pm 'til late

**25th Jan**  
**Skittles & Curry Night**

**29th Feb 9pm**  
**Belfast Busker**

Sunday Carvery 12.30-2.30pm  
Monthly Quiz last Sunday of  
the month, 8.30pm start  
OAP's Lunch every Thursday.

**www.marytavyinn.co.uk**  
or call for details  
**01822 810326**

## Harmony Choir

**THANK YOU!** In the past few weeks we have been very fortunate to be in a position to acquire a new transportable, digital Roland piano, which is absolutely fantastic. So can I please say a very big thank you to Mary Tavy Parish Council for their kind support and the backing of my choir, without them this would not have been possible.

As always I would like to add how proud I am of my singers, and in 10 months since we started, each has grown so much in confidence.

At the moment we are very busy rehearsing and looking forward to our next concert, by invitation, to be held at the Abbeyfield, in Tavistock.

So if you are interested and would like to start something new in 2020, have fun, meet new friends and can make a weekly commitment, then please call me on 01822 810551 for further details.

We have an exciting new year ahead of us, with a new programme of songs.

You are very welcome to come and join us.

Chrissie Wade (Musical Director).



## Despatch Box News from the Parish Council

I would like to apologise if my article in the last edition of the Jubilee News (re: the withdrawal of the Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) from Town and Parish Councils for the 2020/21 financial year) implied a degree of blame aimed at West Devon Borough Council. The CTSG was a temporary measure introduced five years ago to assist Town and Parish Councils following changes to Council Tax Benefit, which changed the calculations for parish precepts. WDBC has supported Town and Parish Councils by continuing to provide CTSG for longer than most other Devon District Councils. The amount that Mary Tavy PC will lose in CTSG next year will be £622, 3% of our annual total.

I would also like to apologise unreservedly if I have, unintentionally, caused any worry amongst residents.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes, Katherine  
Clerk to Mary Tavy Parish Council

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."*

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

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