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Development at Blackdown Garage Site is due to start very soon



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The Jubilee Group has found out that the Blackdown Garage site (Ken Body's) sold recently and the new owners are due to start clearing the site in October.

The new owner is the Future Construction Company, based in Ashburton.

They have promised to keep us informed and are still formulating their thoughts, but expect for the most part to stick with the current plans, which are for 19 open market houses and 2 affordable dwellings.

The plans are available on the DNPA Planning website, nos 0853/07 & 0586/12.

Sat 8 Oct 10am & Sun 9 Oct 2.30pm Plants on the move

We greatly enhanced the centre of the village more than a year ago when we tidied the Blackdown Garage site and planted flowers and small shrubs in large tyres. We had a lot of people involved and some fantastic donations of plants, compost, and the tyres. The difference we made was spectacular.

As work towards the development of the site is about to start we need to take all that away. But we don't want to lose it, so we will move everything the short distance to the Recreation Ground.

Please come and help. If possible bring gloves and a few gardening tools and we'll need spades, tubs and wheelbarrows.

On the Saturday we'll meet at the garage site; on the Sunday we will possibly have everything already in the Recreation Ground, so expect to meet there. Our progress will, of course, depend on the number of people who turn up to help, and on the weather.



Several people – some who live here, some visitors and some who just pass through – have said that they've noticed how much cleaner and tidier the village has been looking recently. Some of this is due to maintenance work carried out on behalf of the Parish Council, some due to litter picking by the Jubilee Group and by individuals, and perhaps some is due to people taking pride in where they live.

The new development will inevitably be a bit of a mess for a while but we hope the end result will be an enhancement to our village.

The Royal Standard

Before each issue of the Newsletter we check with the agents for the Royal Standard. They tell us they have had quite a good number of viewings, some expressions of interest, but no offers. So for the time being it remains closed.

Shakespeare in the Garden a brilliant performance

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day" was a very apt quote for the Shakespeare performance in the garden of Wheal Friendship on a lovely summer afternoon and evening. The Nimble Jugglers gave us an inspiring selection of some of Shakespeare's best known speeches and sonnets, ingeniously woven together.

We very much hope they will return to Mary Tavy next year.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November

10.50am at the War Memorial: Act of Remembrance

11am: 2 minute silence

Followed by a service of remembrance in the Methodist Church

St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival Thurs 1st to Sun 4th Dec

Full details will be in the next issue of the Newsletter

Would you like to help the Jubilee Group decorate a tree?

A Report from our Primary School

We begin the school year with 84 children on roll. Our new Reception children settled in guickly and are now very much part of our school. They are being taught in a very small class of 13 children. We have also welcomed several new families to our school and continue to attract children not only from Mary Tavy and Brentor but also Peter Tavy, Lydford, Tavistock and even further away. Our new teacher in Class 1, Miss Vallance, has quickly become part of our very close-knit team and has transformed her classroom with her Teaching Assistant.

Our clubs are up and running with drama, sports, cross country, art, singing, Fun at the Field, and scooter clubs being very well attended. We are already preparing to participate in a variety of sporting events and the children receive regular sports coaching.

We are keen to be involved with the local community and by the *From the War Memorial:* Private in the 1st Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry **Joseph Eggett**

Killed in action 27 September 1918, Aged 29. Husband of Lucy Eggett, Cranmere Villa, Mary Tavy. A Miner by trade. Buried in Anneux British Cemetery, France.

Rainbows 😗 Brownies

The new girlguiding groups will not be starting in September, but should start in the new year. You can register your interest now.

• Kerri Higham, 810786, kerrihigham@icloud.com

time you read this article we should have held another successful Macmillan Coffee morning.

On Wednesday 5th October, Bags2School will be collecting clothes, shoes, bags, soft toys and jewellery at 9am and the school raises funds from this collection. Do feel welcome to donate any of these items - just pop them in a bin liner and bring to the school.

Our Harvest Festival is

planned for Tuesday 11th October at 2pm at St. Mary's in Mary Tavy. On Friday 11th November we plan to hold our own little Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in Mary Tavy at about 10.45am and

members of the community are warmly invited to join us. Our Carol Service is planned for Wednesday 14th December at Brentor Church at 2pm and 6pm.

We are using our field for outdoor learning and constantly look at ways to enhance the teaching and learning environments. Our Reception children now go on



Help with money and debt advice in rural areas

A new service, the Transitions Project, has been set up for Torridge and West Devon, offering money and debt advice in your own home, at no cost.

Funded by the Big Lottery, advisers can help those in rural areas unable to use other services, perhaps due to poor health or transport difficulties.

The help includes advice on welfare benefits, housing, fuel poverty, budgeting and form filling.

• Rose Hunter 01823 461099 rose.hunter@wisermoney.org.uk

weekly walks and are learning to appreciate the beautiful area in which we live.

We are delighted with our new school meal provider, Zest Kitchen, and meals are high quality, delicious and prepared using locally sourced food.

We are always proud to show people around our happy, familyorientated school and Taster Days can be easily arranged. Do call the school on 810384 for further details.

Nicky Pratten, Headteacher







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Forthcoming Events

Sat 8th Oct Live Music - Silverlight Sat 12th Nov Help for Heroes Dinner Sat 26th Nov Ladies Christmas Trip Sat 3rd Dec Live Music - Rock n Roll Outlaws Mon 26th Dec **Boxing Day Quiz** Tues 27 December Annual Pool Competition 31st Dec

New Year's Eve Party with live music

Bookings now being taken for Christmas Parties, lunch or evening. Please call in or telephone for a brochure.

Quiz, last Sunday every month, Sunday Carvery, Takeaway Fish & Chips, Pizzas.



from 5pm Recreation Ground & Coronation Hall FREE ENTRY Sponsors: The Pool Guy, Mary Tavy Inn, C J Down

It's Bonfire time again and we're planning another great event, with lots to see and do, a blazing bonfire, spectacular fireworks, plus great food and a bar. Bonfire Night is run by the village for the village, it's your event.

- * Carved pumpkin competition
- * Come in Halloween fancy dress
- * NEW Glow-in-the-dark face painting
- * Lots of great glow and light products
- * Hog roast, chips with dips and other superb food
- * Beer tent as well as soft drinks

Bonfire Night is also a good opportunity to celebrate Halloween, so we hope many children and adults will come in fancy dress, perhaps dressed as a ghoul or a witch, or come dressed in any fancy dress you like, it all helps to create a great atmosphere.

A line of carved pumpkins, all alowing from the inside

with candles, helps to light

the pathway, and we've had

some absoluely superb carved

we have even more this year.

Get carving, bring as many as

you like, and there will be prizes

for those judged to be the best

or the most quirky. Just bring

pumpkins each year - let's hope

We'll have extra lighting this year, lots of fairy lights and a UV liaht.

Something else new this year will be glow-in-the-dark face painting.

your pumpkins along at the start

We've decided not to hold a quy

happen again, perhaps next year,

so keep thinking of all your great

competition this year - it will

of the event.

ideas for guys.

We need helpers

Could you help with stewarding, running games, serving food or drinks, collecting donations? Please get in touch, we need you.

abysmal Bonfire Night will be one week later

If the weather is

Mary Tavy Parish Council

The Parish Council received numerous complaints concerning the 9-week closure of Brentor Road due to the partial collapse of the cattle grid at Blackdown. The repairs were finally carried out in late August to the great relief of regular users of this route. This prolonged closure was repeatedly raised with DCC Highways by our Clerk, Mrs. Higham. For those who believe that the response to this road closure was inadequate we suggest that you register your complaint on the DCC website www.new.devon. gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem or with your County Councillor for this area Mr. Kevin Ball at kevin.ball@devon.gov.uk.

While Councillors are pleased to note the many repairs and improvements taking place to local properties I have been asked to remind parishioners that some works may require planning consent. Therefore, we firmly recommend that anyone contemplating such work takes advantage of the Planning Advice Service provided by the DNPA Authority. Such advice is provided free of charge to householders "where development is within the curtilage of a dwelling." Particular restrictions apply to Conservation Areas which includes work to trees and hedges. It is essential for homeowners to have the necessary consents properly recorded as failure to do so can create difficulties when a property has to be sold. Full information can be found on the DNPA website www.dartmoor. gov.uk. Parishioners who follow local events in both the national and local press will be aware that a major restoration project to a listed building in the parish recently attracted considerable publicity when the DNPA chose to take enforcement action. The resulting criminal prosecution was unsuccessful largely due to inadequate control and response on the part of the Planning Authority. However, the experience must have been very unpleasant for the property owners concerned. This was an exceptional case and the vast majority of applications proceed to a satisfactory conclusion.

Councillors believe it is necessary to remind parishioners that as a country community, we have entered the permissible tree and hedge trimming period of the year. This permissible period is interpreted under current legislation such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Hedgerow Act 1997 as being outside the period 1st March–31st August. We hope that landowners and property owners alike are making every effort to arrange for appropriate contractors to carry out such work but remind you that you must be aware of Conservation Area restrictions and trees carrying a Tree Preservation Order. A most important exception to any restrictions is where a tree or hedgerow "overhangs a highway, road or footpath over which there is a public or private right of way and the overhanging tree or hedgerow obstructs the passage or is a danger to vehicles, pedestrians or horse riders." Failure by a landowner or householder to clear such obstructions, which includes the view required by drivers or the obstruction of light from a public lamp, can result in intervention by the local authority. The bill for the cost of such work will, of course, be sent directly to the landowner / householder concerned. We have identified several areas in the Parish where such safety work is required and we urge all parishioners to ensure that they are complying with the law. Councillors are resigned to the attitude of some parishioners who are resentful of our warnings in what they seem to see as a strictly private matter. However, you can't say that you haven't been warned.....

It has been pointed out to us that an increasing number of new parishioners will not appreciate that, as well as the granite memorial beside the A386, Mary Tavy Recreation Ground is also a "living" war memorial. It is more properly known as the Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground (and most certainly not the Coronation Field) and was created through local subscriptions in 1946. Today it is a registered charity and its Board of Trustees still closely follows the original principle that it should "be used in perpetuity for the maintenance and improvement of the physical well-being of persons resident in the said parish of Mary Tavy by the provision of facilities for physical training and recreation "Sadly, it has been brought to our attention that dog fouling remains a major problem on this war memorial despite the provision of bins, warning signs and enforcement measures. We consider such irresponsible and anti-social behaviour to be totally disrespectful to the memory of those whose service and sacrifice during World War II it was designed to commemorate.

You will have noted elsewhere in this newsletter that the redundant garage site opposite the Post Office has recently changed hands. Parishioners are assured that as soon as further information becomes available it will be fully presented to the local community.

Councillor Peter Jarvis Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council



New YogaWellness sessions in Mary Tavy

Reared on the plains of Sussex, I fell in love with the tors, valleys and running water of Dartmoor in 1983. Marrying a local lad has given me a deep appreciation of the Tavy Valley in all its seasons and the effortless effort in which it finds perpetual balance.



Yoga arrived in my life about the same time; but it wasn't until 2003 that my practice really developed, when I experienced a class that was primarily breath focused. I learnt I could restrain the 'mad box of monkeys' living in my head and find a balance that translates into life off the mat.

• Rosie Stephens, 01822 859217, 07925 127926 yogawellnessdartmoor@gmailcom



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VILLAGES IN ACTION

Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm, Coronation Hall Cosgrave & Banks

Cosgrave & Banks are an exciting folk/acoustic duo based in Devon. Mike Cosgrave and Steve Banks are talented and exciting multi-instrumentalists, using accordion, guitar, whistle, fiddle, hardanger fiddle, vocals and guitar. Their programme is a smorgasbord of beautiful music, traditional and contemporary, from Britain and Europe.

Tickets: Adults £7.50, Concessions £6.50, Children £4, Family £20; available from Margaret 810408, Doreen 810824 or Mary Tavy Post Office and Stores. Bring your own food and drink if you want, light refreshments will be available.

Wednesday 9th November, 7.30pm, Nicholls Hall, Lydford Morgan & West 'Parlour Tricks'

Time travelling magic duo Morgan & West present a brand new show chock full of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic. The dashing chaps offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, served with wit, charm and great panache.

Tickets: 820589

Saturday 19th November, 8pm, Village Hall, Brentor Told By An Idiot 'Heads Will Roll'



Heads Will Roll is a darkly comic fable about failure and folly from acclaimed theatre company Told by an Idiot. Two strands weave through the piece: the doomed search for the mythical city of El Dorado, where rivers supposedly ran with gold; and the equally ludicrous folly of the BBC soap opera 'El Dorado'. Tickets: Dom 810425







• http://villagesinaction.co.uk

Methodist Chapel & Hall

Autumn Concert

Saturday 8 Oct 7.30pm featuring Clarinuts, Rosemary Turner and Mary MazurPark

Collection of harvest gifts for the food bank Saturday 15 Oct 10–11am

Harvest Festival Sunday 16 Oct, Service 10.30am, lunch in the Hall 12noon, All welcome

Autumn Coffee Morning & Craft Market

Saturday 29 Oct 10.30am

Artful Toddlers Wednesdays in term time, 9.15am–11.15am

NEW Community Cafe

Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm Thursdays, 10am–12noon Refreshment, Opportunity, Education. Wifi available.

NEW Knit & Natter

Thursdays, 1pm–3pm

• Tony Smith, 820575

For longer than any of us can remember Mary Tavy Methodist Church has stood at the heart of the village. It has known times of great growth and some of significant decline, but always sought to offer compassion, support and encouragement in this community.

With that same desire at its heart it has recently embarked on significant new ventures. Each Wednesday morning during term time a group for Mums and Toddlers meet. And now it has started a Community Café with internet access each Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning, and a Knit and Natter group each Thursday afternoon. So if you want to call in for a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit and a chat, or if the internet is a mystery you want to solve, the Community Café is for you. Or if you want to Knit and Natter, or learn to do either (!) it's Thursday afternoon for you. You're more than welcome, and it's free!

• Rev Paul Smith, 820575, dpcsmith@btinternet.com

Lynne Roper

Mary Tavy resident Lynne Roper died in August of a brain tumour, aged just 55. She was an active member of the community and an important part of the Jubilee Group having helped with many events, and she was the person who was working towards a community garden for Mary Tavy, until she became too ill to take it forward. We very much miss her and her great zest for life.

Brentor Garden Club

We meet in Brentor Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month for talks by visiting speakers on gardening or related subjects. Visitors very welcome. $\pounds 2.00$ on the door.

Thurs 20 Oct John Mann, Alpine Plants

Thurs 17 Nov Tim Payne, Brilliant Bee

• Sue Stephens 860374



Meetings on the 2nd Thursday, 2pm, Coronation Hall.

Thurs 13 Oct Robert Hesketh, Devon Ghosts

• Barbara Weeks 810697

Tor & Tavy WI

Tor and Tavy WI are now happily settled into the Coronation Hall.

On September 22nd, we have a talk on Parkinsons disease by Mark Hoare from Tavistock.

October 27th is time to tickle our taste buds as we have a Caribbean cookery evening.

November 24th is the start of Christmas Crafts, followed in December by our Christmas meal.

We also have a couple of trips/ outings planned so please get in touch if you would like to join us.

• Trish 810115, Lucie 814840, Judi 614198

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Outdoor Gym Fitness Sessions

First session Sunday 16 October, 3pm

An initial Fitness Session using the Outdoor Gym equipment in the Recreation Ground has been planned for Sunday 16th October at 3pm.

If that session proves popular we'll arrange further sessions, possibly very soon after that, and ongoing into future months.

Whilst anyone can use the equipment at any time, to gain the most from sessions on your own it will be extremely helpful to attend one or more Fitness Sessions, with a professional, fully qualified and experienced trainer. Our trainer will be Jamie Turpin. His philosopy is that whether your goal is fat loss, muscle gain, just to feel healthy, or simply to enjoy a bit of exercise, learning the whys and hows will help you understand the requirements of exercise and nutrition.



During an 8 year career in the Royal Marines Jamie Turpin represented the Navy in taekwondo and skiing, winning several medals.

Jamie now runs Claymore Strength and Conditioning in Tavistock, offering his skills and knowledge through personal training, boot camps, sessions aimed at mums who have recently had children, plus other individual and group activities. Don't worry how fit or unfit you are, everyone can gain something from these sessions. One of the gym items is specifically intended for wheelchair users. The Outdoor Gym equipment is intended for adults but is suitable for anyone in their teens or upwards in age.

Bookings need to be made in advance. If the weather is poor the session will be postponed to a later date. If you'd like to book sessions but can't make it on 16th October please let us know. Remember to wear layers, it may be cold in October, but you'll soon warm up!



The Jubilee Group is susidising this session to ensure it is easily affordable for everyone.

• www.claymorestrength.com

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Mary Tavy Play Day

Mary Tavy Play Day in early August was a very great success with more than 50 children plus at least that number of adults, and with lots of fun, laughter and running around. Everyone enjoyed an amazing and exciting range of activities from art to football, from giant snakes & ladders to playing on the new outdoor gym equipment.

As it was so much appreciated by children and adults alike, we'll be doing it again, on the 1st Wednesday each August -National Play Day.

Thanks go to the three groups involved - Artful Toddlers, the Jubilee Group and the Recreation Ground. To make the event even bigger and better we'll need help. If you'd like to be a part of this great venture please get in touch.

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Clubs & Local Contacts

 Artful Toddlers
 Every Wed during term 9.15-11.15am
 Methodist Hall
 Kerri 810786 kerrihigham@icloud.com

 Brentor Garden Club
 Monthly on a Thurs 7.30
 Brentor Village Hall
 Sue Stephens 860374

 Charity Quiz Night
 Last Sun each month
 Mary Tavy Inn
 Garry & Kim 810326

 Colts Football Club
 Sept-May Sat 10-11.30am
 Recreation Ground
 Tim or Helen McShane 810284

 Coronation Hall
 Bookings:
 Jo Albon 810356
 www.marytavycoronationhall.com

 Dartmoor Clivestock Protection Society
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 DNPA Ranger
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 Elephant's Nest Cricket Club
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 Homer Maid Open Day
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We hope this information is accurate but can't guarantee it is completely up-to-date, so please make contact with each group or event before going along. Please inform us of any changes or additions you know about.



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is a Charitable Trust. 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."

There is no formal membership of the Jubilee Group - if you live in Mary Tavy you are a member.

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