



# The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group Newsletter No.11

Nov/Dec/Jan 2015

Free

The Jubilee Group Newsletter is normally published every two months but this issue covers three months which will make publication dates into the future more appropriate for many village events. We will return to publishing the Newsletter every two months from February.

**Thursday 17 to  
Saturday 19 December**

Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 7pm,  
Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Coronation Hall



**The Mary Tavy Panto  
by the Mary Tavy Drama Group**

Tickets from Mary Tavy PO  
& Stores

• Michelle Buncle, 810112

## Garden openings for St. Luke's

We had some good offers from people willing to open their garden in aid of St Luke's hospice. However there weren't quite enough so we're going to try again for 2017. that just means more time to get your garden ready. However humble it might be, if you could consider opening your garden or would like to help in other ways contact The Jubilee Group or Wayne Marshall at St Lukes, 07795 603067, wmarshall@stlukes-hospice.org.uk.



*During my first Christmas in Mary Tavy I was surprised to find there was a village pantomime, I was amazed by the quality of the actual performance and staggered to discover that this was a long running village tradition.*

*I am trying to put together a display of the village pantomime over the years. If you have any information, pictures, articles, old programmes then please let me know at the Post Office & Stores.*

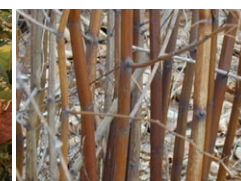
• Martin Bradford, 810422

## Japanese knotweed

We used the opportunity of our recent Litter Pick to map areas of Japanese knotweed and a volunteer, Martin, is now conducting a more in-depth survey. As it is so invasive and can push its way through concrete, the Jubilee Group with the help of

Darmoor National Park hopes to eradicate it from the village. These pictures show Japanese knotweed through the seasons. If you think you might have it in your garden or know of other places where it's growing please get in touch.

• Martin Evans, 810959, martinandpatricia@outlook.com



**St. Mary's Church**  
will be holding a second

## Christmas Tree Festival

**Thurs 3rd to  
Sun 6th Dec**

1:30pm to 7:30pm  
Teas/coffees available  
In aid of Church funds

We're looking forward  
to seeing you all there  
to enjoy the festival!

Anne Madigan &  
Sylvia Baish, Church Wardens



Following the success of last year's Christmas Tree Festival, St. Mary's Church is planning a second Festival. Many local organisations and groups will again be taking part - including the Jubilee Group. Would anyone like to help us make decorations for our tree?



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## Tor & Tavy WI

November will see us making Christmas wreaths and hopefully the skills we learn on this evening will enable us to tackle more projects at home.

We have our Christmas meal in early December and this year will see us at Taylors. It has always been a very popular evening and we usually have a "full house"!!!

We're planning future outings to include a trip to the TR2 at the Theatre Royal, Exeter underground passages and St Ives. We are not a big WI but have a varied programme and very friendly members who would welcome anyone who is interested. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Brentor Village Hall. Ring if you would like to join us.

• Trish 810115, Lucie 814840,  
Judi 614198.



## What a load of rubbish !

The Litter Pick in October was a very worthwhile event. More than 20 people collected 14 bags of rubbish. The Jubilee Group and the Parish Council

worked together on this project, for the improvement of our village environment. We'd like to say a really big thank to all the volunteers for their splendid work, as well as to Mary Tavy WI for the delicious cakes to end the afternoon, and also Dartmoor National Park Authority for the loan of the pickers.



### 5th December Village Hall Brentor Mistletoe Fair

*Crafts, entertainment, good food  
and all things festive  
Helen de Carles 810412*



*Mary Tavy & Brentor School  
Christingle Service  
Wednesday 2 December, 2pm  
Christchurch, Brentor*

*Carol Service  
Wednesday 9 December, 2pm & 6pm  
Methodist Church, Mary Tavy*

## Mary Tavy PO & Stores

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## Coal and Logs now in stock and held at last year's prices –

- House coal at £8 per bag or 4 for £28
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- Log nets are still only £3.50
- Jumbo bags of kindling still only £4.50

Martin Bradford Director and Sub-Postmaster  
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# MARY TAVY BONFIRE NIGHT

*Hedgehog guarantee:*

*No wildlife  
will be  
harmed  
in the  
making of  
the bonfire.*



## Sunday 1 November 5pm

(one week later if the weather is abysmal)

**In the Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall**

**FREE**

For the fourth year, we bring you a spectacular free Bonfire Night, full of fun, good food, games and of course a fantastic firework display.

We are able to make this event free for everyone thanks to generous sponsorship. Bonfire Night is a joint event organised by the Jubilee Group and the Trustees of the Recreation Ground.

Dozens of people are already committed to making it a great evening, but as always we'd like more helpers, so if you could erect marquees, serve food, run a game for children, or help in other ways please do get in touch. You'll enjoy it.

Very grateful thanks go to the sponsors -

**The Pool Guy**

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**The Mary Tavy Inn**

**C J Down Coaches**

and thanks too to the many local businesses and individuals who have donated prizes and helped in other ways.

**Could you donate a raffle prize?**

Phone us or drop something off at The Stannary or bring it along on the night.

## Fancy Dress

No prizes, but we'd love to see children and grown-ups in fancy dress.

## The Guy Competition

- ★ Open to everyone, all ages, individuals or family groups.
- ★ All materials to be flammable, no metals, no substantial plastic.
- ★ Bring your Guy to the Coronation Hall at 5pm.
- ★ To be judged by the community. Small prize for the best Guy.
- ★ Guys will be set alight on the bonfire.



## The Pumpkin Competition

No rules, just bring your carved pumpkin along at 5pm. The pumpkins will light the path down towards the bonfire. Small prize for the winner.

- |      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:00 | Guys to Hall for judging          |
|      | Bonfire lit                       |
|      | Beer tent open                    |
|      | Hog roast & other food sales open |
|      | Games & stalls open               |
| 5:30 | Sparklers Spectacular             |
| 6:00 | Announcement of winning pumpkins  |
| 6:15 | Announcement of winning guys      |
|      | Procession to the bonfire         |
| 6.45 | Raffle draw                       |
| 7.00 | Fireworks !!!                     |



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### Forthcoming Events

**7th November**  
**Help for Heroes Dinner**  
(sold out)

**28th November**  
**Bath Christmas Market**  
**Weekend Trip**

**Returning in December date**  
**to be announced**

**Sam & Glenn Musical Duo**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
**Live Music with Silverlight**  
**Free Entry**

**Join us to welcome in 2016**

**Christmas Party Menu**  
**now available**

**Last Sunday every month**  
**Monthly Quiz**

**Sunday Carvery**  
**12.30pm to 2.30pm**

**Takeaway Fish & Chips,**  
**Pizzas available**

## Garages or houses?



The planning application to develop the garage site of C J Down Coaches has been withdrawn. This doesn't, however, mean that development won't take place at some time. In the meantime it's great to see the site looking so smart.

Blackdown Garage, known to many of us as Ken Body's garage, is currently up for sale as a development site. It has already had a couple of owners since the garage closed in 2005.

It is being sold with planning permission for 21 homes, 19 on the main site (see the street view above as well as the plan below), plus a pair of semi-detached affordable rented dwellings on the land to the north known as Grace and Favour. In total it is 1.43 acres. The sale price is £550k.

It is noted in the sale particulars that the site is contaminated with mine spoil as well as a fuel tank in situ, plus Japanese knotweed.

When it sells we have arranged with the agent to take the tyres and plants, which we will site elsewhere in the village.



## Clubs & Local Contacts

This issue of the Newsletter is very full and we haven't got space to include the list of Clubs and Local Contacts. If you want to find some of the information, and if you haven't got a previous copy of the Newsletter to hand, you could either look at Issue No.10 on the Jubilee Group website or give us a call. Details are on the back page.

## Superfast at last?

The company Airband has been appointed to deliver Superfast Broadband across Dartmoor. Following preparatory surveys, they are inviting local councils and interested members of the public to a series of meetings. There will be a meeting on

**Thurs 12th November, 7pm**  
**Coronation Hall**

• 0371 641 2119 Ext 8137, Freya.  
Hall@peninsula-enterprise.co.uk

## Methodist Church & Hall

Sunday 8 November  
**Remembrance Day Service**

Saturday 21 November, 10am-12noon

**Craft Coffee Morning**

Friday 4 December, 7.30pm  
**Plymouth Police Choir**

Sunday 20 December, 6pm  
**Carol Service**

• Tony Smith, 820575 or  
Brenda Dingle, b3dingle@gmail.com



## A Message from our Dartmoor Park Ranger

I have now completed the six Forest School sessions with Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School

that are required for the FS qualification. The sessions went really well with the children taking part in a number of nature inspired activities - making wooden stars, clay woodland faces and bug and nut hunting. We even found time to make hot chocolate, toast

marshmallows and make our own bread. All good stuff.

Much of the maintenance on the Rights of Way has been completed. A lot of this work has been done with the help of the Voluntary Wardens, cutting back the vegetation and renewing some of the field furniture. Thank you chaps for your help this summer.

On the subject of Rights of Way, a section of NCN Route 27

was resurfaced recently on the Peter Tavy side of the river. This concludes a list of improvements on this track in both Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy over the last four years. Surface and drainage improvements to the tune of several thousand pounds have been invested in to improve accessibility for all users. I am more than happy to discuss further improvements should they be needed.

• Rob Taylor, 07711 104542  
[rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk)

## Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 19 November

### The Bramley Apple

A talk by  
Celia Steven



Thursday 10 December

### AGM and Social Evening

Brentor Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Visitors very welcome.

£2.00 on the door.

• Heather Webster 01822 810004

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## Your community really does matter

With more than 40 groups, clubs, charities, services and businesses showcasing themselves at Your Community Matters in September, it was a lively event with great atmosphere.

The sun shone all day which was a great benefit for all the outside activities - dance, first aid, pilates, den building and willow weaving, as well as many stalls and even a glider.

Abbey Garden Machinery had been due to be there but couldn't make it at the last minute so instead they kindly donated a petrol leaf blower as a draw prize. It was won by Mike Allen.

Country Lanes Garden Centre in Okehampton made a generous donation of plants and seeds, with all the takings going to the Jubilee Group.

It was free for visitors to attend and there was no charge for stalls for non-profit-making organisations, but thanks to donations and the sale of food and drink, the event covered its

costs for hall hire and publicity.

We had some great helpers on the day, and we'd like to offer our special thanks to them all.

Your Community Matters was planned as a one-off event but there have been calls for it to become a regular feature of the village calendar. Many stallholders have already asked if they can book for next time. There are lessons we can learn, in particular increasing publicity to attract more visitors. So –

Watch this space.

*"I speak for Dartmoor Gliding Society to say thanks for the opportunity to exhibit on Saturday; well done to everyone in organizing and managing the event which I and many I spoke to felt was very positive for the area. It was great to be given the opportunity to talk to so many interested people about what we do in the skyies around here. Feel free to call me on 810074 or Dartmoor Gliding on 07873483001. Michael Gadd, Dartmoor Gliding Society."*



Photographs by Hazel Butland

## Mary Tavy Twinning Association AGM

Thursday 26th November  
Coronation Hall, 7.30pm

Everyone welcome. Meeting to be followed by a glass of wine.

• Richard Thorne 810535

## Remembrance Sunday 8th November

10.50am, War Memorial:  
Act of Remembrance

11am: 2 minute silence

Followed in the Methodist Church by a service with Rev. Paul Smith



From the War Memorial:

### J/4332 Able Seaman

### Henry (Harry) Thomas Andrews

Harry was drowned, aged 24, when HMS Tipperary was sunk with the loss of 185 hands at the Battle of Jutland on 1st June 1916. His widow Kathleen lived at 4 Fairfield, Bal Lane. Jutland was the largest naval battle in the War.



## Mary Tavy Parish Council

Amendments to our Standing Orders have produced a major change to "Parishioners' Time" held prior to the start of a monthly Council meeting. Parishioners may now raise any item relevant to the business of the Parish Council. This opportunity is, for practical reasons, still limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per person and 15 minutes of discussion time in total. We are always pleased to hear of your concerns and we will deal with issues that you raise as quickly as possible. Parishioners may also bring their concerns to the attention of the Parish Clerk or directly to a Council member.

Parishioners will be pleased to hear that our new clerk, Mrs. Kerri Higham, has survived the baptism of fire of working with the 5 very disparate members of the Council!! As well as establishing a good working relationship she has scored a notable victory in successfully pursuing a claim for refund of VAT from HM Customs and Excise. This claim, which covered the period of September 2012 to August 2015, should result in a repayment of £1243. Unfortunately we were unable to reclaim a further £45 as the payments concerned occurred outside the maximum reclaim period of the previous 3 years. It is hoped that savings such as this will allow us to restrict next year's precept demand.

Investigative research into the cemetery extension proposed by the previous Council continues. We thought that definitive guidance on boundary construction had been secured from the DNPA. However, it now appears that this is only "Best Advice" and that other options may be possible. A conclusion can only be obtained through a formal Planning Application which we have always seen as a final stage only undertaken once all relevant issues have been resolved. This seems to be a case of "one step forward and two backwards." However we are delighted to have received an offer of assistance from the Principal of a parish based quantity surveying practice, Mendax Ltd. We can only hope that with their support and advice we can make greater progress with this project. A formal progress report was also considered this month in which an assessment had been made of the size of the proposed extension site. Initial capacity claims made by the previous Council have proved to be optimistic in the extreme and further negotiations with SW Water over size will have to take place. We hope to make a public presentation on this complex and expensive proposal early in the New Year.

I have been asked to remind all parishioners who visit family graves in the Parish cemetery of the regulation which bans the use of glass containers to hold floral tributes. The contractor employed by us to maintain the cemetery has reported that he was very fortunate to have escaped serious injury when a glass container shattered during the strimming of grass around a grave. As this is a serious Health & Safety issue we are required to take immediate remedial action. Therefore it is our intention to remove glass containers from the cemetery without further notice or discussion. We of course prefer to administer the cemetery with the co-operation and support of the community and we ask you all to assist us in dealing with this difficult matter.

Councillors have also expressed concern on behalf of several parishioners over the disposal or continued retention of documents and photographs donated to the now defunct Mary Tavy Historical Society. The Society which existed between 2007 and 2013 set itself up to collect information relating to the history of our Parish for the benefit of future generations and to make the resulting archive available to the public. The level of achievement of this short-lived Society is unclear but a level of dissatisfaction appears to exist within the local community. As MTPC made significant grants to this organisation we believe we have an obligation to investigate. Therefore, any resident or past member with information about donated and unaccounted-for documents is asked to contact the Parish Clerk so that a register may be compiled. On receipt of such information all necessary measures will be taken to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion.

Local organisations should be aware that we are currently discussing new arrangements and rules regarding the award of grants and donations from Council funds. Councillors are very aware that they are obliged to take all possible measures to ensure that awards are fully justified and that recipients make full and proper use of the funds provided. Organisations which fail to use such funds within an approved time-period or for the stated purpose are likely to be required to return the money as are those which cease to operate within the community. The Council of course can offer no guarantee as to the likely scale of provision for grants and donations in the coming months. Prudence is always our watchword when dealing with public funds.

Councillor Peter Jarvis

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## Those were the days

Following on from the success of the Heritage display at the Jubilee Group event in September, Your Community Matters, we would like to invite anyone with interesting old and historic photographs, posters from local events, or information about our world famous mining heritage, to contact the Jubilee Group and lend us these items so we can scan and save them for future use and display.

We will take great care of them and return all items as soon as possible to all lenders.

Or, if you have items that you are willing to donate we will be very grateful. We will save all originals in a safe environment for future people to research. If you give an original and want a copy to keep we can do that.

Some receipts from 1972 have been lent to us and here are two items from the past. The price of fuel has come down somewhat lately but will it ever get to these levels again ?

**Down's Garage 4 x gals of Shell Economy £1.42.**

**F.S Body General Engineer 1 x 640 x 15 tyre £2.50.**

The receipt from Body's is on what was an old receipt pad - Ken's dad's initials, three columns for pre-decimalisation, and it looks like the number under the 7 in the date is a 3, so from the 1930s which matches the image of the car. Note the old telephone number, Mary Tavy 35.

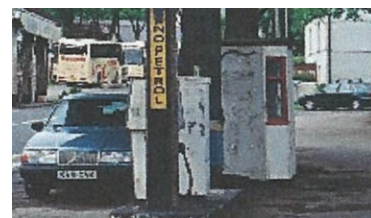


Wid Lye on a vintage motor cycle 1980

In September we received a hand-written Wheal Betsy log book from the 1830-40s which was kindly sent over from Canada. We were thrilled. However it turns out not to be our Wheal Betsy! Following the community event the book was checked in detail and the many other mines referred to in it seem to indicate a Wheal Betsy in Cornwall.

It's a great shame, but we will be trying to contact the local area referred to so that we can pass it to them, as it was passed to us.

We're still trying to get the history from the erstwhile Historical Society - we've received one very small box, but we know there is a lot more out there somewhere. If you know of its whereabouts please can you help.



Also from F.S.Body are some advertising paper bags for chocolates which were sold in the shop attached to the garage.



The Jubilee Group can supply copies of photographs, electronic or printed. Ask for our price list.





# Villages in Action

## Synergy – Flamenco Music

**Friday 6th November**  
**Peter Tavy Village Hall**

## Flats and Sharps

**Saturday 21st November**  
**Nicholls Hall, Lydford**

## The Fossil Lady of Lyme

**Wednesday 3rd February**  
**Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy**

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Synergy is a vibrant guitar and voice duo from Spain. They bring the passion and drama of Flamenco to their mixture of Latin based songs and instrumentals, combining original material with traditional music from Spain and South America.



Flats and Sharps play guitar, mandolin, banjo and double bass, grouped around a single microphone, performing their own material alongside folk, bluegrass and country standards with the odd cover of a more contemporary hit thrown in. Their luscious harmonies and sheer joy at performing has won over audiences, building a reputation as the hottest band of their style in the UK.



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

The Jubilee Group receives no funding through the Parish precept and is supported mostly by donations from local people and by grants which are sought for specific projects. Trustees: Ali Fife Cook, Michael Fife Cook, Peter Jarvis, John Thacker. Newsletter Editor: Ali Fife Cook

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