

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

Newsletter No.2

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Welcome to our second Newsletter.

A lot has been going on since the Newsletter at the end of May - we've had our Jubilee Beacon Bonfire, the Trust has been formed, new working groups have been set up, and new events have been planned. We had thought we might have a public meeting during the summer but with the Olympics and holidays we've decided to leave that until September or October.

The Jubilee Group is now a Charitable Trust

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is now formally a Charitable Trust. The Objects within the Trust document are stated as -

"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."

Fundraising

We will need funds to kickstart some of our projects, do you have the skills to help us with making applications for grants?

Or perhaps you are good at selling advertising or gaining sponsorship?

Would you like to make a donation to help some of our projects? Or would you consider a legacy to the Jubilee Group?

Next issue

We plan to have a section offering items people would like to give to a new owner. Or you could ask for something you need. Get in touch with your offers.

If you spot a news report about the Jubilee Group which you think we might otherwise have missed please pass it to our Archivist, Peter Jarvis, 810297, jarvis@tavysaintmary.freeserve.co.uk.

Would you like to be part of a growing community?

We're starting a Community Potager Garden Project.

Are you interested in growing organic vegetables, fruit and whatever else takes your fancy in a new, ornamental Community Garden? The idea behind the project is to include all interested members of the community, young, old and inbetween, and to share the work and the produce. The garden will be used as a

social area where

we also aim to undertake craft projects, one of which could be to build an earth oven for community use.

Can you help us with land, knowledge, skills, ideas or tools? Would you like to be involved in the garden? Would you like to be a part of the working group? If so, please contact the project leader Lynne Roper, 810686, lynneroper136@ btinternet.com.

Are you on email?

Thank you to all those who've already given their email address to save us having to hand deliver quite so many copies of the Newsletter. If you're happy to receive future issues electronically please email mail@mtjubileegroup. co.uk, giving your postal address. If you prefer a printed copy the email could simply act as a reminder and you could pick up a printed copy from the Post Office & Stores. Many thanks.



All the fun of the Fayre

Members of the Jubilee Group have been working alongside the Trustees of the Recreation Ground to help with arrangements for the Country Fayre on Sat 11 Aug.

Do come along to the event which will be great fun, and do buy draw tickets with the chance of winning good prizes, and at the same time support the Recreation Ground.

There's more - please turn over to the second page of this Newsletter

Best foot forward

The footpath working group is going to be doing a bit of investigation, checking existing footpaths in the parish, and seeing how footpaths connect together to make interesting walks. With that information we'll be putting together a leaflet or booklet with all the walks, which should prove to be a great asset for locals and visitors alike.

It's also hoped that information boards can be sited along some of the footpaths, giving background to the mining history or other aspects of interest, and the new history group will be involved in that part of the project.

Jubilee Walk has a huge amount of



praise and the amount it is used has exceeded all expectations. The action group will shortly be siting finger posts to mark the beginning and end of the walk and fitting heavy duty matting to protect wetter areas that have been identified through the wet summer. Recently the path was cut and strimmed and the hedge cut back as part of the on-going maintenance schedule.

The footpaths working group welcomes new members so if you'd like to get involved contact the leader of the group, John Thacker, 810912, johnthacker@mac.com.

History is not just a thing of the past

Several people involved with the Jubilee Group are very interested in the history of the area, whether it be our mining heritage, buildings, environment or people. So we're forming a History Group and we'd like to hear from anyone interested.

One of the things the group will do is gather together as much knowledge and information as we can find and preserve it as a resource for current and future generations, freely available to any person or organisation. If you have things you think might add to our collection - maps, photographs, family stories, artefacts - we'd love to borrow them, just to copy, note down or photograph, and we'll return everything to you very quickly. Or if you wish to donate anything we'll ensure it is safely stored.

The leader of the history group is Rick Beament, 810301, history@mtjubileegroup.co.uk.

Get in touch

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Mary Tavy is ablaze

Our Jubilee Beacon Bonfire event was a great success and attracted a crowd of almost 250. The spectacular bonfire was lit at exactly 10.15pm as part of a network of over 4,000 beacons on Jubilee Day, and it could be seen from at least twelve miles away. There was a superb firework display, the barbecue and other food proved very enticing and there was music both popular and patriotic which added to a great atmosphere. The event was fortunate to have a bright spell on a moonlit night, and the rain held off.

Many people commented that the beacon bonfire brought together fellow villagers who hadn't seen each other in years, and we were asked to arrange a bonfire event in November, so that's what we've done.



The Bonfire Night is being planned by the same Working Group that organised the Jubilee Beacon Bonfire in June. Plans are at an early stage so if you'd like to join the working group or help in other way please get in touch. In particular we'd like someone to help organise activities for children.

The working group leader is George Hill, 810302 or you can email mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk.