



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

Newsletter No.3

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Welcome to our third Newsletter.

You will have noticed that the Newsletter has increased significantly in size. We are able to do this thanks to advertising which contributes to the cost of production. We hope you'll find the ads to be of benefit and interest, giving useful information about local services.

The Newsletter includes information on four Jubilee Group projects - Mary Tavy Bonfire Night, plans for a Community Garden, work towards a published map of footpaths and news of the History Group and the amazing resource we now have, thanks to a generous gift.

We've also included news of some other community activities, and on the back page there's a calendar of events.

Best Foot Forward

In the 2008 Mary Tavy Community Plan in the section 'Footpaths & Public Rights of Way' the second highest scoring item after 'a footpath from the Coronation Hall to the Mary Tavy Inn' was to produce a free/inexpensive map of footpaths/public rights of way.

The Footpaths Development Group of the Jubilee Group hopes to do just that.

We've acquired definitive maps of all Public Rights of Way in the area and are looking at how we can translate this into a product that could be available to all residents, businesses and visitors. Dartmoor National Park Authority

are interested in what we are proposing and we will be meeting with them in November to explore if jointly we can develop a published map which would not only be useful to us but might also be a good template for other parishes around the moor. We will be working with the History Group to ensure that important heritage information is included in the walk descriptions.



We're also interested in helping the Ranger service to improve existing routes, particularly with regard to accessibility and maybe even to develop new paths.

If you'd like to help or get involved, please contact either John Thacker 810912 or John Banks 810090.

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."

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.

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Mary Tavy Reading Room and Snooker Club

We are looking for anyone interested in playing snooker or billiards to join us in this challenging, absorbing and occasionally frustrating game! Although previous playing experience is an advantage we will offer coaching and supervision of all new players. Please contact John Banks Secretary 810090 or Ron Quilter Treasurer 810538.



MARY TAVY BONFIRE NIGHT

Sunday 4 November

5pm 'til late
Recreation Ground
Free entry

- ✱ Guy Fawkes Competition ✱
- ✱ Food Stall ✱ Hog Roast ✱
- ✱ Cider and Beer Tent ✱
- ✱ Music ✱ Games ✱ Raffle ✱
- ✱ Bonfire with Guys ✱
- ✱ Fireworks ✱

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Bonfire Night should be great fun, with lots to do for all ages. We hope everyone will be there.

We have a team of about 20 people involved in organising the event and running activities, but we could do with a few more. Would you be able to help? Please let us know if you can.

Has anyone got a marquee or strong gazebo we could use for the event? We have some but might need to provide extra shelter if it's raining.

Guy Fawkes Competition

- ★ Open to everyone, all ages, individuals or family groups.
- ★ To be judged by the community.
- ★ All guys will be set alight on the bonfire.
- ★ Small prize for the best Guy, but if you don't think yours is the best don't worry, we'd still like you to bring it.
- ★ Bring your Guy to the Coronation Hall at 5pm.
- ★ Bring a box to receive voting slips, no larger than a shoe box with your name underneath and a slot in the top about 5mm x 50mm.
- ★ All materials must be flammable, ideally just fabric and newspaper; no metal, no polystyrene, no substantial plastic.

Raffle prizes wanted please: Bonfire Night is free for everyone, but it does cost quite a lot to put on so we need to raise funds and we'll be holding a raffle. Please call us or deliver prizes to The Stannary.

Drainage on the A386

Residents will no doubt have seen the great puddle that forms on the southern carriageway of the A386 between the Recreation Ground and the Mary Tavy Inn. It's been a long standing problem which has been exacerbated by the torrential rains this year. It has not only caused a major difficulty to motorists but also to users of Jubilee Walk with run-off on the lower parts of the path and walkers getting drenched as lorries hit the ponded water spraying muddy water over the hedge.

The Parish Council has recently been building a closer relationship with the Highways officers and I'm delighted to report that this has resulted in the drainage works that many of you will have seen, which

should provide a permanent solution to the problem. As co-ordinator for the Jubilee Walk maintenance group I'd like to thank the Parish Council for initiating this and also keeping me informed. The Maintenance Group will be monitoring how this will affect the wet areas of



the path. We always knew that the footpath project was in two phases - the first phase to get the path established, the second to carry out improvements once we could tell what was needed, which is exactly what we now intend to do.

John Thacker

Photographs show the A386 before and after drainage works.

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Our Community Garden plans are blooming

Things are growing fast with our new Community Garden project; we've identified a potential piece of land and are hopefully about to start negotiations, and we've had a greenhouse and some garden tools donated. Additionally, there are people in the village with a store of experience and knowledge who will be invaluable to the project, and who are equally excited about it.

I thought I'd write some more about the ideas behind the Community Garden and outline what we're hoping to achieve. Nothing has been finalised, this is a *Community* project, and as such there is plenty of scope for the incorporation of ideas from anyone who might be interested in participating, whether in a big, or small, or occasional way!

Firstly, we'd like our garden to be ornamental *and* productive, so we're looking at a potager model rather than a traditional allotment. We will share the work and share the produce.

We're hoping to have wide participation in the garden. Everybody will be welcomed whatever their age, capabilities, experience or skills. It will also be a social space for people to sit and chat, drink tea, or make pizza in our earth oven when we've built it. We'd like to undertake a range of garden projects and already have a range of ideas including living willow fences, arbours, herb banks, garden furniture, seed sharing, and trial growing of unusual plants and vegetables. So our ethos will be organic in both the gardening and the social senses.

To give you an idea of what's possible in the

future with this type of project, here's a link to Todmorden's 'Incredible Edible' website. I love the ideas of growing vegetables in small, spare plots of land around the village, and the Todmorden 'Egg Trail'. www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk.

If you're interested in helping in any way at all, please get in touch with me on 810686 or lynnroper136@btinternet.com.

Lynne Roper



Above are ideas of what our community garden and clay oven could look like.



A Public Meeting of the History Group

to look through and sort images and documents

**Mary Tavy Chapel Hall
Thurs 22 Nov, 7.30pm**

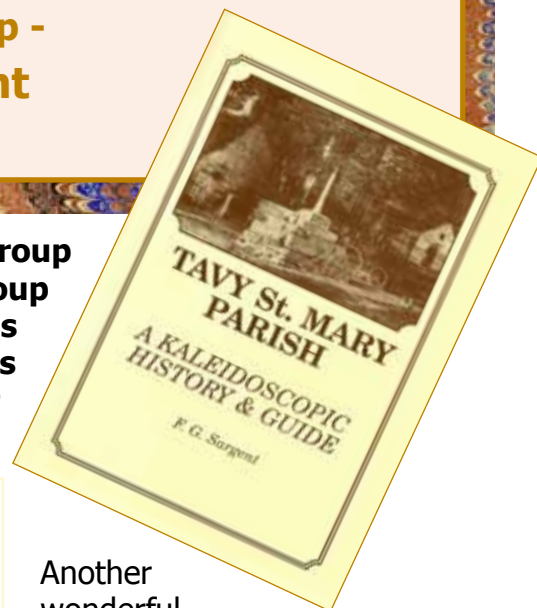
Please bring any photographs or documents you have which we may want to scan for our records, or any items you would like to donate.

**An amazing collection of images and documents has been donated to the Jubilee Group -
The Gerry Sargent Collection**

The newly formed History Group of the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group has received a very generous donation of historical images and documents from former resident Gerry Sargent.

Gerry Sargent, from a fifth generation Mary Tavy family, collected information on local and mining history and wrote a book on the history of the parish. He's given the Jubilee Group his complete collection, including copyright of his book which we'll be able to update and re-publish. The book will bring history to a new generation and raise funds for the Jubilee Group.

One of the very special items in the collection is a catalogue of the Buller's Sale in 1891 when much of the parish was sold by auction in 99 lots. The 50 page book has large fold-out maps, and at the time Mr James jotted down the selling prices of many of the lots of property and land. The catalogue is bound in a beautiful marbled paper cover.



Another wonderful item is the Mary Tavy War Book, a hand-written record of emergency war planning and resources.

Included in the mining history are original photographs which we think may not previously have been published.

We need to sort all the material and this would be a good opportunity for everyone interested in the parish and its history to join us and help. We're holding a public meeting, see the notice to the left.

If you want to get in touch please contact the History Group leader, Rick Beament, 810301, history@mtjubileegroup.co.uk.

For Remembrance day - in honour of all members of the armed forces from Mary Tavy Parish - this is part of a poem written in France during WW2. We don't know the writer's name, do you know who it is, or recognise the other names?

Letter to Mother

Oh! to be in Horndon, now that summer's here,
For in that gorgeous village lies the spot that I hold dear.
It doesn't boast of palaces or burning gates of gold,
But leave me there to meditate, 'til the day that I grow old.



Oh! What an army we could form, if Horndon be in danger,
Let Sgt Orchard call the roll, Billy Bull be Sergeant Major.
Spanny and Bonzo first class gunners would be, they'd surely have plenty of fun,
Cpl Watty acting as their No.3, Ern Stanbury as their No.1.

Air raid precautions are effectively taken, by my mother's eldest son Willie.
Freddie Southcombe informs us if gas is at large, by a glance at his fifty canaries.
Our warning is given by Alf Birche's car, it makes such an unearthly rattle.
Tin hats, gas masks and screaming bombs fly, and out of the debris climbs Freddo.



Printing service

The A3 colour laser printer used for this Newsletter can also be used by local organisations for flyers, posters and the like. A percentage of cost will be donated to Jubilee Group funds.

Prices are based on large runs and we aren't able to offer single copies. Please ask for a quote for printing.

Advertising in the Newsletter

The Newsletter is distributed to around 400 homes in the parish of Mary Tavy, with a few a little further afield. Distribution is by hand delivery and email. The Newsletter is also available on the Jubilee Group website.

Example advertising rates:

Single box	twelfth page	65mm H	x	60mm W	£10.00
Double box	wide format	65mm H	x	125mm W	£19.00
Quarter page	3 boxes wide	65mm H	x	190mm W	£28.00
Half page	2 high x 3 wide	134mm H	x	190mm W	£50.00

Six ads for the price of five. All ads in colour. Not subject to VAT. Spaces are limited so early booking advised.

Future projects for the Jubilee Group?

We've been very busy with our current projects but other ideas have been put forward and we hope to be able to develop some of them soon.

Those ideas include a produce market and a moorland wildlife area with pond.

We are keen to hear from anyone who has an idea for a project to enhance the parish. We may not be able to take all proposals forward, some may not be feasible, some may not be able to attract necessary grants, we may not have the people or the expertise needed, but we will always listen to and carefully consider all ideas. The projects we are currently working on all started with ideas being put forward by parishioners.

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Community Speed Watch Scheme is underway

Mary Tavy has recently been re-started.

Six volunteers are now going through the vetting process to become Police Volunteers. Once successfully through this process, they'll be given training in the use of the speed gun and will be able to monitor

speed at approved locations in the village. PCSO Chapple will be the local Police Support Manager and one member of the team will take on the responsibility of co-ordinator.

The process of vetting and setting up the team takes a little time so it's unlikely residents will see the team in action much before the new year, but it will be happening.

There's evidence that the presence of a Community Speed Watch team does have an impact on traffic behaviour and it's hoped the regular presence of the volunteers will help improve road safety.

If you think you might want to get involved, please register your interest with Elaine Hartley, Devon & Cornwall Speed Watch Co-ordinator, 01752 751311, elaine.hartley@devonandcornwall.pnn.uk.



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Calendar

Painting on Glass Tor & Tavy WI | Thurs 25 Oct 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Nicky Deane-Simmons 810930

Mary Tavy Bonfire Night | Sun 4 Nov 5pm | Recreation Ground | Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

Brentor Firework Night | Mon 5 Nov 6.30pm | Brentor Playing Field | Kath Warren 810024

‘David Copperfield’ (ViA) bring food & drinks | Fri 9 Nov 7.30pm | Coronation Hall | Jenny Roe 810092

Wildlife of Devon Brentor Garden Club | Thurs 15 Nov 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Rona Baker 820308

History Group Meeting | Thurs 22 Nov 7.30pm | Mary Tavy Chapel Hall | Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

‘Frankland & Sons’ (ViA) | Thurs 29 Nov 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Rick Blower 810600

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies | Sat 8 Dec 10am-2pm | Homer Barn | Alison 810848

Mistletoe Fair | Sat 8 Dec 10am | Brentor Village Hall | Pat Blower 810600

Boxing Day Quiz | Wed 26 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn | Garry & Kim 810326

Pool Competition | Thurs 27 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn | Garry & Kim 810326

New Year’s Eve Party | Mon 31 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn | Garry & Kim 810326

ViA = Villages in Action, for more information visit www.villagesinaction.co.uk

Regular Events, Groups and Clubs:

Brentor Garden Club | Monthly on a Thurs 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Rona Baker 820308

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

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

Elephant’s Nest Cricket Club | Thurs even & Sun aft during season | Elephant’s Nest Inn | Ben Neale 810225

Over 55s Drop In | Every Tues 10.30am-2pm | Coronation Hall | Vera Jones 810543

Mary Tavy & Brentor Under 5s | Term time Mon-Wed various sessions | Coronation Hall | 07514 024728

Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI | 2nd Thurs each month 2pm | Coronation Hall | Barbara Weeks 810697

Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Richard Thorne 810535

Mary Tavy Commoners’ Association | George Swayne via email george@lowercreason.co.uk

Snooker Club | Reading Room | John Banks 810090

Tor & Tavy WI | Last Thurs each month 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Nicky Deane-Simmons 810930

Whist Drive | Mon fortnightly | Coronation Hall | Anita Prosser 810432

We hope this information is accurate but can't guarantee it is completely up-to-date, so please make contact with each group before going along. Please inform us of any changes or additions you know about.

Would you like to get involved? / Would you like to advertise? / Have you got ideas for projects?

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