



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

Newsletter No.5

October 2013

It has been a long time between our previous Newsletter and this one, for which we apologise. We haven't had a lot of news to pass on, because we haven't been able to make much progress due to difficulties for one of the Trustees. This is now, thankfully, at an end.

Our biggest news at the moment is that we are working with the Trustees of the Recreation Ground to bring you another Bonfire Night, following the tremendous success and popularity of last year's event. Make sure you don't miss it.

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Mary Tavy Bonfire Night Sun 3 Nov, 5pm Recreation Ground

We bring you another Bonfire Night, organised by the Jubilee Group and the Trustees of the Recreation Ground, plus friends and supporters, for the benefit and enjoyment of Mary Tavy Village and our local area.

There will again be a Guy Fawkes competition, games and activities, hog roast and other food stalls, a beer tent - and of course a huge bonfire and a magnificent fireworks display.

Grateful thanks go to the sponsors of the event - The Pool Guy, Mary Tavy Inn & 'Mike's Your Man'.

We hope to see you there.

**MARY TAVY
BONFIRE NIGHT
2013**

Sunday 3 November
5pm 'til late
Recreation Ground
Free entry

- ★ **Guy Fawkes Competition** ★
Contact us for details about entering
- ★ **Food Stalls** ★ **Hog Roast** ★
- ★ **Cider and Beer Tent** ★
- ★ **Music** ★ **Games** ★ **Raffle** ★
- ★ **Bonfire with Guys** ★
- ★ **Fireworks** ★

Bring a torch No dogs No fireworks or sparklers please
Limited parking by the Coronation Hall
Parking for disabled inside the Recreation Ground
Generously sponsored by Mary Tavy Businesses
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**A project of The Mary Tavy Recreation Ground
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Tues 31st Dec
New Years Eve Party
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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.

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.

Trustees:

Michael Cook, Ali Fife,
Peter Jarvis, John Thacker

Newsletter Editor: Ali Fife

Jubilee Heritage Group

The Jubilee Group holds a significant and growing collection of documents and artefacts relating to the history of the village. This is due to be expanded further with items held by the erstwhile Historical Society which was wound up in the early part of this year and although some documents have been received we believe there is much more still to reach us.

All the information, once catalogues, will be made available to residents and others and we're working on plans for the best way to achieve this.



Section of a survey of 1765

How do you like to receive the Newsletter?

If you've received the Newsletter by email and would like to pick up a printed copy, or if you know someone else who'd like the Newsletter, you'll find copies at the Mary Tavy Post Office & Stores.

If you'd be happy to receive the Newsletter by email in the future and aren't yet on the list please contact mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk. Don't forget to give your postal address including postcode.

Art of Mary Tavy

The picture below is 'On the Tavy near Mary Tavy' by William Williams, 1808–1895. It is in the Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery.



The image above is a sketch of an area in or around Mary Tavy by William Turner. It is from a sketchbook of his visit to the area in 1813. It is similar to an 1842 impression with aquatint, 'Near Mary Tavy' which was owned by John Buller.

The sketchbook is in the care of the Tate Gallery and their description states:

There are men and horses or donkeys and a two-wheeled cart or trap beside one of the two bridges on the left, apparently over a tributary of the main watercourse on the right. A Tavy identification is likely, given the context of this page among adjacent views along it and the Tamar, into which it flows, and the surrounding wooded, hilly landscape north-west of Plymouth.

Do you paint?

It would be nice in future issues to include a selection of contemporary art of Mary Tavy, by Mary Tavy artists. We can photograph or scan any pictures, or you can email images to us. Please get in touch if you can offer anything.

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Our beautiful bright red phone boxes

In the previous Newsletter we mentioned that the Jubilee Group was trying to get the three old-style red BT phone boxes cleaned and painted. We've done that, they were cleaned and repaired early in the summer and painted in late summer. They should now be much more pleasant to use and enhance the look of the village. We hope they will remain in good repair for some time to come but if you find any damage please let us know.



Bus Shelters old and new

In our Newsletter in the spring we talked about proposals we had to erect a shelter at the bus stop going south on the A386 by the corner of Station Road, which had been highlighted as an action in the Community Plan in 2008.

The Parish Council told us there were plans for a new bus stop by the development at Blackdown Garage so they couldn't support a shelter by the existing bus stop. However they are now considering building a bus shelter by Station Road.

We also had plans to clean and paint the existing bus shelter further north just below the war memorial, and put proposals to the Parish Council which involved the Jubilee Group carrying out the work with labour and materials provided free. After many months the Parish Council decided to get a grant through our local Devon County Councillor and undertake the work to improve the existing bus shelter themselves. It is now looking superb.

Whilst we are sorry that the Parish Council chose not to work with the Jubilee Group of these two projects, we are delighted that through our efforts one project has been undertaken and another is on track for the future.

Trustee's Fraud Charge Dropped

Michael Cook, one of the Trustees of The Jubilee Group was, earlier this year, charged with benefits fraud. We are delighted to be able to report that this case has recently been dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service, following medical evidence which substantiates Michael's original claim for Disability Living Allowance.

Michael Cook has written this statement for the Newsletter:

In May last year (the week Jubilee Walk was opened and when I announced I would be standing as a Borough Councillor) I was anonymously reported to the Department for Work and Pensions as making false claims regarding my disability. In my opinion this – plus other statements given to the DWP during their investigations – was a wilful and malicious attempt by a near-neighbour and by two parish councillors to destroy my reputation and put a stop to my work on the parish council and also the activities of the Jubilee Group.

During this debacle I did find it necessary

to step down as a Parish Councillor in order to spend the time needed to clear my name, and the activities of the Jubilee Group were seriously curtailed.

But now that those statements have now been shown to be false and the Crown Prosecution Service have taken the rare step of dismissing the charge, we are at least able to start moving forward with the Jubilee Group once again.

I will be making a formal complaint to WDBC and others regarding the behaviour of the two councillors in the hope that something can be done to stop other innocent people suffering – I know I'm not the first to have false allegations made against me, but I hope I will be the last.

On a more positive note, there are a great number of honest and decent people in this parish, many of whom have come forward to make statements, show their support and to think of us during these very difficult times, and I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to them all. Their support gives meaning to the saying "for evil to triumph, all it takes is for good people to do nothing." On this occasion evil has not triumphed.

Michael Cook

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New owners at The Royal Standard

We'd like to offer a welcome to Julie, Dom and Stanley (puppy), who took over the Royal Standard in September. Their aim is to provide affordable, high quality, locally sourced food and drink and a friendly "nothing is too much trouble" attitude. They will be holding regular events, including several activities in aid of charity.



The Royal Standard

**Traditional village
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Thurs 31st Oct
Halloween Party
fancy dress comp & karaoke

Friday 15th Nov
Children in Need
with orangutan wheelbarrow
Charity fish'n'chip supper

Sunday 24th Nov
Live Trad Jazz
and meat raffle

Friday 29th Nov
Rock'n'roll Outlaws

Friday 13th Dec
Trefoil - Irish Folk

Sunday 22nd Dec
Live Trad Jazz
and Christmas prize draw

**Julie and Dom
hope to see you soon**

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News from the Recreation Ground

Changing Rooms

For the improvements to the changing rooms a contractor has been selected by open tender and a decision is awaited from BIFFA with respect to project funding. The work will prevent water ingress from part of the roof, the installation of a new urinal and other cosmetic improvements.

The changing rooms were used regularly in the last Football season and with the Princetown team again choosing the Rec Ground as their home pitch for matches it will continue to get well used this winter.

Play Park

At a recent working day, the trustees and friends of the field, gave the play park a bit of a make over. The weather held up and we were able to paint all the furniture, strim the grass and also prepare an area for a new shelter which has been purchased.

The next phase will be to lay a concrete base and then erect the shelter, which we hope to get in place before the winter sets in. It will be a place for mums and dads to be out of the wind while the children use the play park.



Country Fayre

This year's Country Fayre raised over a £1,000 for the Recreation Ground funds which are used to maintain and improve this facility.

Dog Fouling

All users of the Recreation Ground are reminded that it is an offence not to pick up after your dog. Our regular dog walkers are very conscious of this and even pick up after other less community-minded individuals. New weather-proof signs have been put in place and it is hoped that this will have the effect of reminding all users of the field of their responsibilities as dog owners. Your co-operation in helping us to keep this area clear of dog mess is appreciated.



Tennis

Over the summer both the Tennis nets were left in place as it had been noticed that there were quite a few informal users of the facilities. On Thursday nights a small but keen number of people turned up regularly to play and the weather was kind to us for most of the summer. Next year we will again advertise a least one night where people who would like to play or just try it out can come along and meet other players. This will probably be on a Wednesday night, starting May/June. Through the Active Villages scheme we were able to obtain some funding and will have spare racquets and balls available for anyone who would like to try out the sport.

Trustees

The Recreation Ground is managed on behalf of the Parish by a group of Trustees. If you would like to help in the maintenance and development of this facility please contact the Chair of the Trustees, George Hill, 810302.

Walking The Jubilee Walk

The Jubilee Walk, has been well used this spring and summer. The reading on the counter for the nine months from June to February was 2,834. With a monthly average of about 314 it is estimated that in the first year the footpath would have been accessed 3,500+ times. An excellent result which clearly demonstrates its value to the community. To obtain more accurate information, including the time of day it is most used, Dartmoor National Park will be keeping the counter in place until November.

The footpath suffered with the excessive rain at the end of the last year and parts of it became extremely muddy. To rectify this we have put down stone chippings in some of the worst affected areas and this has dramatically improved the drainage and the grass is recovering well. We will continue to monitor and improve the drainage.

Routine maintenance has continued through the year, the path is regularly mowed and strimmed and the hedge cut back.



Memorial Seat

A small memorial seat has been built on the Jubilee Walk in memory of Marilyn Petherick. The seat was made by Dave Anderson, her uncle, on behalf of the family. The seat is sited at a point where there are wonderful views of the moors she loved.

The seat provides an ideal stopping point for walkers doing the 'round village' circuit, to rest and take in one of the best views in the parish.

Around & About

The Jubilee Group has been looking at options for producing a local map of the area showing all the footpaths and a number of selected local walks. Quite by chance, and quite recently, a small company based in Cornwall called Yellow Publications has produced a series of maps using

Ordnance Survey maps. This is the same company that produce the very useful little Yellow Tide Tables. The Around & About maps are pocket-size guides on a water resistant paper and are ideal for short



walks in the local area. There are two maps in the series which cover our area - 'Lydford, Mary Tavy & North Brentor' and 'Tavistock & Peter Tavy'. The Mary Tavy maps are available at the village Post Office and the Peter Tavy maps at the Whitchurch Post Office. More information is available at www.yellowpublications.co.uk.

Community Garden Update

As you'll know from previous issues of the Newsletter, we identified a piece of land suitable for a Community Garden. This is the land at the end of Warren Road which is owned by Devon County Council and is earmarked for building a new school, a project which is on long-term hold.

We've spoken to the school head who is interested in our garden, particularly as a community project in which our local children can be involved along with other members of the community. Devon County Council have accordingly agreed that we can use the land for a peppercorn rent until it's required by the school.

Unfortunately, we have been waiting since the early spring for the legal agreements to be forthcoming. I've chased this up and discovered that we are at the bottom of the list with the Council's legal department because their priority is other work they are undertaking.

Obviously this is extremely disappointing since the land is unused, and likely to remain unused for many years. We are currently attempting to use our 'people power' to hurry the project along. In the meantime, should anyone know of any other suitable land that might be available, please let us know.

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Tor & Tavy WI

At September's open evening to celebrate the 100th birthday of Brentor Village Hall our president welcomed members and guests, unusually for us including some men! We had a great talk by Derek Gow, a well known Naturalist and Conservationist. If you'd like to join us for our next meeting (sorry no men this time!) Come along to Brentor Village Hall on the last Thursday each month. Info from Nicky on 810930 or Trish on 01409 221871.



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House Repairs? Masonry?
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Renovations? Building Work? Ground-works?

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Help 4 Heroes

The H4H Families Day at The Mary Tavy Inn in May was a great success and raised £200. The winner of the balloon race was Sam Palmer.



Speedwatch Update

Although it has taken a long time, 8 volunteers have now come forward and are being trained on the use of the camera, so Speedwatch should be starting in the New Year.

Can you help with Brentor Living Archive's
WW1 Project

Contact Philip Whitcomb, philip.whitcomb@btinternet.com

Calendar

Halloween party with charity fancy dress competition | 31 Oct | Royal Standard Inn
Orangutan Wheelbarrow | Sat 2 Nov | Mary Tavy Inn
Brentor Community Trust Open Afternoon | Sat 2 Nov 2.00pm | Brentor Village Hall | Mike Whitfield 810209
Mary Tavy Bonfire Night | Sun 3 Nov 5pm | Recreation Ground
Brentor Firework Evening | Sun 3 Nov 6.30pm | Playing Field | Dom Carmell 810425
Mary Tavy & Brentor Community Primary School Open Day | Thurs 7 Nov | Nicky Pratten
Brentor Community Trust Open Day | Sat 9 Nov 11am | Brentor Village Hall | Mike Whitfield, 810209
Children in Need Charity Event | Fri 15 Nov | Royal Standard Inn
Quiz Night | Fri 15 Nov 8.00pm | Brentor Village Hall | Colin Dawes 811079
Open Mic Night | Wed 20 Nov | Mary Tavy Inn
Brentor Mini Panto 'Cinderella' and Other Acts | Sat 23 Nov | Judy Baxter 810375 or Anne Clark 810035
Live Trad Jazz | Sun 24 Nov | Royal Standard Inn
Brentor Garden Club AGM & Social Evening | Thurs 12 Dec 7.30pm | Brentor Village Hall | Heather Webster 810004
Live Trad Jazz | Sun 22 Dec | Royal Standard Inn
Boxing Night Quiz | Thurs 26 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn
Pool Competition | Fri 27 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn
New Years Eve Party | Tues 31 Dec | Mary Tavy Inn

Regular Events, Groups and Clubs:

Brentor Garden Club | Monthly on a Thurs 7.30 | 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 10-11.30am | 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 10.30-2 | Coronation Hall | Vera Jones 810543
Mary Tavy & Brentor Under 5s | Term time: Mon, Wed, Fri | Coronation Hall | 07514 024728
Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI | 2nd Thurs each month 2pm | Coronation Hall | Barbara Weeks 810697
Mary Tavy Parish Council | Council meetings, open to parishioners | 2nd Tuesday 7.15 | Reading Rooms
Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Richard Thorne 810535
Mary Tavy Commoners' Association | Julie Tucker | julie@bearwoodfarm.co.uk
Pilates | Every Thurs 9.30-10.30 and 10.30-11.30, £5 | Coronation Hall | Sally Cinnamon 07969 157507
Short Mat Bowls | Tues mornings | Coronation Hall
Snooker Club | Reading Room | John Banks 810090
Tor & Tavy WI | Last Thurs each month 7.30 | 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.

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