



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

Newsletter No.6

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We're delighted to be bringing you another Newsletter, after rather a long gap. The Jubilee Group hasn't been able to be very active over the past year, but we are now getting back into action and we have lots of plans for the future.

We hope to see you at Bonfire Night, which this year is going to be even bigger and better, with more activities, particularly, for children. See the feature in the centre spread of this Newsletter for all the informaton.

Christmas Tree Festival

The church is, for the first time, holding a Christmas Tree Festival, which will be a little like the hugely popular event held each year in Tavistock.

The Jubilee Group will be donating a tree for the Festival, and we do already have ideas about how we'd like to decorate it. But we would like some help please with making the decorations and putting it all together. Can you help?

- 0845 5193 812
- mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk



St. Mary's Church

will be holding their first

Christmas Tree Festival

in aid of Church funds

**Thursday 4th to
Sunday 7th December**

during which teas/coffees
will be available.

Our very sincere thanks, on
behalf of the PCC, go to all
who have kindly agreed to
donate and decorate
a tree.

We look forward to
seeing you all there.

Anne Madigan & Sylvia Baish
Church Wardens

Villages in Action

Jimmy Livingstone Fri 21st November, 7.30pm Coronation Hall

A blend of folk, rock and blues, Jimmy's music comes with a splash of Americana and a sliver of soul. He sings and plays piano and guitar and is also known as an entertaining storyteller between songs.

Tickets: £7.50 adult / £4 child / £5.50 senior /
£20 family (2+2)
• 810092



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New owners at The Royal Standard

Larry Mac and his daughters have taken over the Royal Standard. A friendly welcome is ensured to all customers old and new, alongside freshly prepared pub grub and local ales and ciders at affordable prices. A dad himself, Larry intends to make families welcome and has already set aside an area with books, colouring-in and toys.

Come and warm yourself before the Standard's open fire or enjoy a game of darts or pool. There is BT Sport and lots of live events planned.

The Royal Standard will be running the bar on Bonfire Night.

Community Garden

After a lot of chasing and waiting, we're coming to the realisation that we will possibly never get to the top of the list of priorities for DCC legal department – who are busy turning schools into academies. If they are not able to create the contract we will not be able to take possession of the land beside the school playing field.

But we're not giving up on the concept of a community garden which we think is really important, so we will search for another site. Let us know if you are aware of anything suitable.

Lynne Roper
• 810686
• bubble1361@gmail.com





Lydford Farm Shop

Martyn & Laura Smale, of Mary Tavy, are celebrating 6 months of opening Lydford Farm Shop. The idea for the shop started as an outlet for the meat raised on their farm but has developed into a wonderful range of local and quality foods. Everything is sourced as close to home as possible to maintain the freshest produce with the lowest carbon footprint whilst supporting the local economy. There's honey harvested on Dartmoor, eggs laid down the road, and meat grazed on the fields around us.

Freshly picked fruit and vegetables, speciality pickles and chutneys, and a wide range of local cheeses will keep your cupboards full whilst the Cornish chocolate, traditional fudge, and handmade ice cream provide tasty treats.

The smell of freshly baked bread and fresh hot coffee in the morning, and pasties cooking in the oven, is hard to resist so do go and check them out.

Advertising in the Newsletter

The Newsletter is distributed to around 400 homes, with a few a little further afield. Rates start at just £10 with discounts available. All ads are in full colour. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised.

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 us. Don't forget to give your postal address including postcode. • mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk



Local foods on your doorstep. Come and visit our smart modern shop on the A386 by the turning to Lydford.

We have fresh fruits and vegetables, our own meat and many other high quality products harvested, baked and manufactured locally.

Also coffees, icecreams, plants and newspapers.

01822 820737



Art in Mary Tavy

In the previous issue we showed you paintings of Mary Tavy by artists of the past including William Turner. We asked you to send us images of your own art.

In this issue we're featuring the work of

Tina Burton

Tina's main art form is quilling - an ancient technique using rolled strips of paper formed into shapes and used to make designs or to decorate items.

• <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quilling>

If anyone would like to learn this craft they can email Tina on
• katerina44@hotmail.co.uk.



Tina also loves to make felt cakes, and she's a novelist. She's recently finished her second novel, *The Love Shack*, set around a dating agency. Her first novel, *Chapters of Life*, is doing well. She has short stories in four different anthologies.

All her books can be seen on amazon.co.uk, search for Tina K. Burton.

You can also follow Tina and her adventures with a rehomed two-year-old greyhound on her blog.
• <http://tinakburtons.blogspot.co.uk>.



Mary Tavy Drama Group

Rehearsals are underway for this year's Panto, *Dick Whittington*, and it's all going well. Oh no it isn't! - Oh yes it is! There are still opportunities for a few others to join the cast, especially the chorus, or to help in other ways.

The drama group meets regularly on Mondays and Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Coronation Hall.

Their most recent production was the WWI event and they've put on other musical evenings. There is a Cabaret Evening planned for early

Mary Tavy Panto
Dick Whittington
Thurs 18 to Sat 20 Dec
7.30pm + Sat matinee 2.30pm
Tickets from
Mary Tavy PO & Stores

next year and there will also be a production in the summer and plans are being worked out for that.

Michelle took over running the panto group 3 years ago after there had been nothing for two



Rehearsal for the panto in 1968

years, despite Mary Tavy having a long history of pantomimes. Michelle has been a lifelong performer and just loves to be involved in all sorts of productions.

• Michelle Buncle 810112

Clubs & Local Contacts

Badminton Club | 01822 810454

Brentor Garden Club | Monthly on a Thurs 7.30 | Brentor Village Hall | Heather Webster 810004

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: Lorraine Beeley 810170

DNPA Ranger | Rob Taylor 01626 832093 rtaylor@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk

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

Homer Maid Open Day | Sat, monthly or so | Homer Barn | 810848

Mary Tavy & Brentor School | 810422 admin@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk

Mary Tavy Drama Group | Michelle Buncle 810112

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

Mary Tavy Commoners' Association | Julie Tucker | julie@bearwoodfarm.co.uk

Mary Tavy Jubilee Group | 0845 5193 812 (free from a landline) mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Mary Tavy Parish Council | Council meetings: 2nd Tuesday 7.15 | Reading Rooms | Clerk: 859362

Mary Tavy Post Office & Stores | Martin and Tracey 810422

Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Richard Thorne 810535

Methodist Chapel & Hall | Joan Jones 617763

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

Pilates | Every Thurs 9.30-10.30 and 10.30-11.30, £5 | Coronation Hall | Sally Cinnamond 07969 157507

Recreation Ground | George Hill 810320

Reading Room | 810454

Short Mat Bowls | Tues mornings | Coronation Hall

Snooker Club | Reading Room | John Banks 810090

Tavy St.Mary Church | Churchwarden: Sylvia Baish 810541

Tavy Youth Group | Saturday once a month | Moorland Retreat (Chicks), Brentor

Tor & Tavy WI | Last Thurs each month 7.30 | Brentor Village Hall | Lucie Williamson 810840

Villages in Action | 810092

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.

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Brentor and the First World War

A 'Brentor Living Archive' Exhibition

Sat 8th Nov 11am to 5pm

Sun 9th Nov 11.30am to 4pm

Brentor Village Hall

Explore displays & slideshows:

Village Life pre-1914

Brentor's response to the war

Experiences of those who went to war

Browse the on-line archive and record your own family memories and artefacts:

House & family history

War time experiences in WW1 & WW2

Mike Whitfield, 810209,
mikewhit@btinternet.com

We would love to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved, whether you want to put out tables, serve food or run a game for children.

MARY TAVY BONFIRE NIGHT

Sun 2 Nov, 5pm

(one week later if the weather is abysmal)

In the Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall

We bring you another Bonfire Night, organised by the Jubilee Group and Trustees of the Recreation Ground.

Bonfire Night is a free event, run by the village for the village, with lots of local people helping to make it a huge success.

As well as the Guy Fawkes competition, this year the carved pumpkins - which have given a huge amount of pleasure in previous years - will also attract prizes for the best. Also this year we're asking children to come in fancy dress if possible.

We're going to have many more games and activities for the young and not-so-young, there'll be more variety of food on offer as well as the every-popular hog roast. The bar in the Coronation Hall will be run by the Royal Standard.

The bonfire itself will already be alight when everyone comes so there will be no hanging around in the cold, and the fireworks display will, of course, be magnificent.

Royal Standard Mary Tavy



Traditional village pub and restaurant

**Home cooked food
Local ales and fine wine**

**Friday 31st Oct
Halloween Party**

Live music, food and fancy dress.
All ages welcome.

**Saturday 29th Nov
Country 'n Western Night**
Live music with Glenn Murphy

Christmas Party Bookings
Being Taken

Carols by the fire
date tbc

**Larry Mac and his girls
hope to see you soon**

www.royalstandardmarytavy.co.uk
01822 810011

Remember, remember,
if it rains heavily on the day,
Bonfire Night will be a week later

The Pumpkin Competition

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

Kid's Fancy Dress Competition

No rules, but it would be nice if costumes were appropriate for Halloween or bonfire night. Everyone, even adults, can come in fancy dress, but there will only be prizes for the kids.



The Guy Competition

- ★ Open to everyone, all ages, individuals or family groups.
- ★ To be judged by the community.
- ★ 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 - the more the merrier.
- ★ Bring your Guy to the Coronation Hall at 5pm.
- ★ All materials must be flammable, ideally just fabric and newspaper; no metal, no polystyrene, no substantial plastic.

Could you donate a raffle prize, to help towards the costs of Bonfire Night so that we can always keep it as a free event?
Phone 0845 5193 812 or drop something off at The Stannary.

Very grateful thanks go to the sponsors -

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(Tavistock)

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(Okehampton)

We're also grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who have donated prizes and helped in other ways.



Will there be floods and snow?

There has in recent years been flooding in Mary Tavy, mostly excessive rain water coming off the moors onto the roads, and sometimes into people's houses.

The Parish Council is carrying out leat inspections to ensure rain water is channelled appropriately, so we may avoid future floods. But it's definitely worth being prepared –

Empty sandbags, 10 per household, can be collected from WDBC offices, and sand bought from a builders merchant. For emergencies the Parish Council holds filled sandbags.

• Parish Clerk, Jo Temple, 859362

West Devon Borough Council was involved with offering Government assistance and grants for the floods

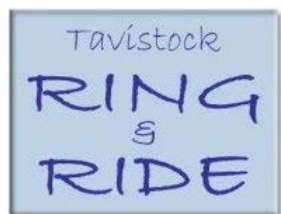
last winter, and a similar programme of help may be available if there is general flooding again this winter.

• 01822 813600, www.westdevon.gov.uk/floodreport

We are fortunate to have our main roads gritted but there have been news stories stating that local councils, groups or individuals may have to do more of their own gritting this winter. Some parishes are prepared with portable grit spreaders. Mary Tavy Parish Council holds a store of rock salt but currently has no equipment.

For more information contact the Parish Snow Warden or Emergency Officer.

• Parish Clerk, Jo Temple, 859362



If you are rurally isolated, elderly, disabled or temporarily disabled you'll find the Ring and Ride bus service an excellent way to get out and about. It provides a door-to-door service with friendly helpful drivers, and because it's a charity the fares are very reasonable.

They have a regular bus run Monday to Friday which covers Tavistock and surrounding areas, with buses currently scheduled for Mary Tavy on Mondays and Tuesdays. The return fare is £2.30.

If you have any questions just give them a ring and they will do all they can to help. The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.00pm

Ring and Ride is supported by DCC, WDBC, Tavistock Town Council and the local parishes.

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• www.tdltp.co.uk



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Brentor Mistletoe Fair Saturday 6 December

An exciting range of crafts, entertainment, good food and a fantastic raffle.

• Pat Blower 810600

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Events at Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel & Hall

Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 9th November
10.50am.



Meet at the War Memorial, followed by a service in the Methodist Chapel at 11.05am, led by Rev John Higman. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service, where there will be some information on local people from World War 1.

Local Craft Market & Coffee Morning
Saturday 29th November
10.30am - 12.30pm.

It's a good time to buy Christmas presents and support local people who make the items. Phone Tony Smith on 820575 to book a table for which there is no charge, but a donation can be given to the Chapel.

A Christmas Celebration
Sunday 21st December 6pm.

With contributions from local organisations. Coffee and mince pies after the service.

• Joan Jones 617763

Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School

Carol Service

*Wednesday 10 December
Christchurch Brentor, 2pm & 6pm*


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Forthcoming Events

25th October
Live Music - Rock N Roll Outlaws

15th November
Help 4 Heroes Dinner

Places still available

29th November
B'ham Christmas Market Trip

29th November
Curry & Pint Night £7.50

13th December
Live Music – Stone Vulture

24th December
Christmas Draw

26th December
Boxing Day Quiz

27th December
Pool Competition

31st December
Live Music One 4 the Road
Last Sunday every month
Monthly Quiz



A Letter from the Recreation Ground

Dear Villagers,

The Trustees of the Mary Tavy Recreation Ground had a difficult decision to make recently regarding a huge limb of the beech tree which was overhanging the changing rooms. The law on trees in a Conservation Area states that a dead, dying or dangerous tree can be taken down without prior approval, and we felt the limb did cause a serious danger. We had builders due to work on the roof, we regularly have 22 people using the changing room, and we felt we had no alternative but to remove the limb. It was found that the 4.5 ton limb was rotten, but we were nevertheless rapped over the knuckles by the planning authority. Public safety is our main responsibility, and we feel we took the appropriate action to protect the users of the changing rooms.

The refurbishment of the changing rooms – including some internal works, painting and a completely new roof – has been made possible thanks to a generous community grant from Biffa. It will give us peace of mind, knowing that the changing rooms are dry and safe, and it won't be necessary to close them in wet weather!

We have completed the new shelter in the play area, so people now have somewhere to rest or to go when the heavens open.



We are currently fundraising so that we can replace the swings that were fire damaged by vandalism. Keeping the Recreation Ground in good order is expensive, with insurance costing £700 a year, plus the costs of grass cutting and other maintenance.

We are very lucky that people with vision and a concern for the future decided, in 1946, to buy the field for the parish. It is certainly one of the main assets of the community, yet villagers may not realise that the Recreation Ground receives no general funding from public funds. It is unfortunate that this year the Mary Tavy Parish Council voted to refuse our application for a small grant.

The Trustees would like to thank the very many other volunteers and members of the public who give us their support in a variety of ways, including attending the events we organise to raise funds to help maintain this valued facility.

George Hill

Chair, The Mary Tavy Victory
Memorial Recreation Ground

Our red phone boxes



Last year the Jubilee Group arranged to get the three old-style red phone boxes repaired, cleaned and painted. We've arranged for them to be cleaned again, which should have happened by the time this Newsletter is out. BT are very helpful, so please just let us know if you find any damage so that we can arrange to keep them in good order.

Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 20 November "Garden Moths"

A talk by Barry Henwood

Thursday 11 December AGM and Social Evening

Brentor Village Hall, 7.30pm

Visitors very welcome

£2 on the door

- Heather Webster, 01822 810004

Mary Tavy PO & Stores

Newsagents, off licence and General Stores

Get ready for the winter; wood, kindling, coal and anthracite now in stock –

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- Once again, save even more by purchasing 4 bags for £40

Martin Bradford, Director and Sub-Postmaster

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Welcome to the Post Office and Stores

Martin and Tracey had their first date in Mary Tavy at The Stannary Restaurant. Twenty two years later they set foot in the Mary Tavy Post Office and Stores and in the twelve months since that viewing of the business and house they have resigned from their teaching posts, sold their house, moved in to a rented house, and bought the business/home.

Martin moved down to Mary Tavy while Tracey stayed in South Gloucestershire whilst Rosie and Jack studied for and sat GCSE and A Level exams before the family was finally re-united all together in their new home and business.

It was only after opening the business that they discovered that they'd returned to the place where they'd had their magical first date, all that time ago.

We asked them for some background, and why they wanted to run a shop –

"After teaching and working in schools for 20 years, we both felt a little 'stale.' Schools and teaching had changed tremendously, and we both wanted new challenges. A career change also provided us with an opportunity to re-locate to Devon, so we spent the summer/autumn of 2013 investigating and looking at businesses. We were delighted to find a business in a village on Dartmoor.

After working for so long in schools, which are highly regulated, we thought we would be prepared for the red tape and bureaucracy. How little did we know! Yes, we would like to sell wine and beer. OK, so we need to apply for a Premises Licence. Ahh, so we need a Personal Licence before we can apply for a Premises Licence. Ooooooh, so we need to do a course and get a qualification so we apply for a Personal Licence and then apply for a Premises Licence. I see, and we also need to apply to the Post Office to run the Post Office in the shop we are buying!

Other aspects of the planning were more fun, we particularly enjoyed designing the logo and shirts/uniform.

We are proud to be the owners of your local shop, and will strive to keep its independence and character. We would like to thank our customers, old and new, for the lovely warm welcome that everyone has afforded us.

We have been busy re-newing shelving and chiller cabinets, and purchasing a big new glass fronted freezer. This has meant that we have been able to significantly increase the range of goods that we stock. However we are always looking for customer suggestions for additional ideas.

As we settle in we would love to sell more locally produced produce - meat, vegetables, cheese etc.

We are talking to the Post Office about updating the Post Office counter. Hopefully, we will be able to remove the current 'fortress' and replace it with an open-plan counter. This will also mean that the Post Office would be open the same hours as the shop.

Many thanks for your continued support."

Martin and Tracey

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:

Ali Fife Cook, Michael Fife Cook, Peter Jarvis, John Thacker. Newsletter Editor: Ali Fife Cook

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

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