



The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group Newsletter No.7

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Welcome to this issue of our Newsletter. If you want to contact us you'll find our details on the back page. Happy reading.

An exciting week for Primary School Pupils

Most Key Stage 2 children at the primary school will be going to London in early March to take part in the *Voice in a Million* charity concert at Wembley Stadium, along with around 7,000 other children.

Whilst in London they will be visiting the Science Museum and St. Paul's Cathedral and stopping

off at Legoland on the way home.

There will be a celebration concert on 17 March at the Coronation Hall so that the children can share their singing with the parents and sponsors.

Meanwhile all those who are not going to London will be part of a really exciting African Arts Week, with lots of dancing and drumming.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Sun 1 Nov 2015

Following another successful Bonfire Night last November, we're already making arrangements for this year.

Last year we found we were a little short of helpers, and we couldn't put on all the activities we had planned. We need to get more people involved this year to make sure it's the best event it can possibly be, so whether your forté is coming up with ideas, organising other people, moving tables or providing general helping on the night, we'd love you to be a part of the team.

The Jubilee Group and the Trustees of the Recreation Ground are forming a Bonfire Night Working Group -

**Bonfire Night
Meeting of a Working Group
Tues 31 March, 7.30pm
The Royal Standard
Everyone welcome**

Come along and enjoy a special Mary Tavy event

Music & Mingle Community Supper

Saturday 21st March 7pm
Coronation Hall

A fund-raising event
organised by the Recreation
Ground to help bring new life
to the Kids' Play Area

A warming stew and bread provided
(meat or vegetarian/vegan options)
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joanna@albon-art.eclipse.co.uk

The Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Ground Trust Charity No300898



The Kid's Play Area will be open again soon

A year ago the play area in the Recreation Ground was closed following vandalism, the swings having been badly burnt. There has also been the need for quite a lot of maintenance work, but the Recreation Ground Trust didn't have sufficient funds to undertake all the work so the Play Area has remained closed.

There are now plans for all the work to be done and for the Play Area to be opened again. A request for a grant from the Parish Council was submitted in September but hasn't been decided on yet, although the Council has indicated that if any grant is given it won't be for the full amount requested.

The Jubilee Group will be making a donation towards the costs, sponsorship is being requested from local businesses, and a programme of fund-raising has been set up. The poster reproduced on the left is for a fun Community Supper which is one of the fund-raising projects being run by the Trustees of the Recreation Ground.

The Jubilee Group is setting up a crowd-funding appeal - anyone with a computer can make a pledge online, and depending on the amount pledged there are rewards. Take a look at www.crowdfunder.co.uk and search for Mary Tavy. We hope to have the appeal active within a week.

Footpaths Working Group

Get involved with some new footpath projects

There are plans for new footpath projects around Mary Tavy. These will include making maps, placing signs about history and wildlife alongside existing footpaths, and the creation of new footpaths.



The Jubilee Group will be working closely with Volunteer Ranger John Banks on these projects some of which will also involve DNPA Sector Ranger Rob Taylor, South West Water and other organisations.

These are reasonably big projects and we need to get a lot of people involved so we'd like to ask you to join the Footpaths Working Group. **Please let us know if you can help in any way with these projects**, be it with ideas, with map or signage design or with manual labour.

- John Banks, 01822 810090
cjohnbanks@hotmail.com



Dartmoor National Park

A word from our Local Ranger

*Is spring here?
Not quite by
all accounts.
On Monday
23rd February*

I hosted a training day for my counterparts in the Ranger Service. We were looking to head up over Sourton Tors to the Rattlebrook Track, onto Bleak House and a more ankle friendly return along the Granite Way. That morning saw quite a significant snow covering along the Northern fringes of the moor, so after a quick discussion we opted instead for a walk and talk around Mary Tavy, looking at some of the projects I have been involved in over the last couple of years, some exciting opportunities coming up, as well as a quick tour of the Hydro Station.

On the subject of Mary Tavy Hydro our Ranger Ralph club met there last week to learn all about the way the moor provides energy for the local population. They learnt about the Mine leat, how important a good head of water is when converting water to electricity, and they even made their own Pelton Wheels and tested them in the leat. All rounded off with their first barbecue of the year,

courtesy of DNPA resident chef for the afternoon, me! Thanks go to Karl and his team at the power station, and Lydford Farm Shop for the excellent sausages. Our Ranger Ralph club is run by DNPA Education Service and facilitated by the Ranger Service. Please look at our website for more details.

I have a plan in mind to try and recruit a small team of like-minded individuals to volunteer to help in a series of tasks over the coming year. I have some tasks in mind; they all involve working outside, will be quite varied in nature and will cover the parishes along the northern Dartmoor boundary between Peter Tavy and Sourton. I will be working with the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group and Voluntary Wardens as a core group of people supporting.

So for those who may be interested in taking part please bear the opportunity in mind if you fancy a bit of fresh air, a great view and a good night's sleep at the end of the day. Details of the first task will be available soon, so keep a look out on the local notice boards.

- Rob Taylor, DNPA Sector Ranger, 07711 104542
rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk

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Contact details are on the back
page.

Villages in Action

Circus Spectakular

Sat 25 Apr, 3pm
Coronation Hall

From the lands to the East where
the Mountain is King and the
Forest is Queen they come... Cirkus
Spectakular! Led by the mysterious
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• www.villagesinaction.co.uk/Events

Clubs & Local Contacts

Brentor Garden Club | Monthly on a Thurs 7.30 | Brentor Village Hall | Sue Stephens 860374

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 | 810384 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 810302

Reading Room | Ron Quilter 810538 ronquilter@hotmail.com

Short Mat Bowls | Tues mornings | Coronation Hall

Snooker Club | Reading Room | John Banks 810090 or Ron Quilter 810538 ronquilter@hotmail.com

Tavy St.Mary Church | Churchwarden: Sylvia Baish 810541

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

Tor & Tavy WI | 4th 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.*

Brilliant Christmas Tree Festival

The first Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's Church was a great success.

The church looked magnificent, adorned by about a dozen glowing trees. Each of the Mary Tavy businesses and organisations came up with unique decorating schemes - they were not only clever ideas but beautifully created.

The Jubilee Group Tree was decorated with images of the village past and present, topped with a model of Wheal Betsy.

The organisers were delighted with the response from the organisations and also from the public; many who came said they were visiting the church for the first time, and they were very pleased they had done so.



£475.33p was raised for church funds. It is hoped there will be a Christmas Tree Festival again next year.

The Christingle Service which took place during the Festival raised £68.01 for the Children's Society.

Printing service

The A3 colour laser 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.

Brentor Garden Club



Thurs 19 March

**A talk and
slideshow
by the Barn
Owl Trust**

Thurs 16 April

**A Plant Lovers Tour of
New Zealand**

A talk by Howard Mills

Thurs 21 May

Flower Arranging

A talk by Vivienne Thompson

All 7.30pm, Brentor Village Hall,
£2 on the door. Visitors welcome.

- Rona Baker, 01822 820308
- Sue Stephens 01822 860374

Royal Standard ♦ Mary Tavy



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Larry, Kat & Elle welcome you to the Royal Standard this spring.

Blow off the winter cobwebs with these great events:

**Saturday 7 March, 9pm
Live Music with The Quantum Leap
(Pub Rock from Peter Tavy!)**

**Friday 20 March, 8pm
Live Music with Nik!**

**Sunday 29 March, 1.30pm
Live Music with Kesseni
(Book a table for Sunday Lunch
and enjoy live acoustic music)**

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Ten Years Ago

The photograph shows The Mary Tavy Colts Football Club in 2005. Photograph by Alastair Grindey, Coach. Originally produced in the Mary Tavy Gazette.

Back row left to right:
Jonathan Grindey, Monty Burchfield, Jack Redford, Louis Diaz, Jordan Russell, Sally Grice, Peter Bennett, Hamish Kings-Welton, Reuben Grice, Coz Russell.



Front row left to right:
Laura Aspen, Oscar Whiteford, Jack Woodhouse, Lee Wood, Molly Redford, Shaun Brown, Frankie Heaton-Pike, Ben Pearce, Sam Hortopp.

Housing in Brentor

The need for affordable homes in Brentor was identified a few years ago and originally 9 possible sites were identified, and a shortlist drawn up. The Parish Council put the War Memorial site at the top of their list of preferred sites. When an application was made for 12 affordable homes on a site at Hammer Park, a hold was put on consideration of other sites.

In January DNPA Development & Planning Committee refused the application for outline planning permission for the Hammer Park scheme.

In mid-February DNPA Planning Officers and representatives from West Devon Borough

Council, Devon Communities Together and Brentor Parish Council held a special meeting to consider the way forward. At that meeting other possible sites within Brentor were reconsidered. However as DNPA had asked them not to progress their applications none were able to deliver development within a short time frame and therefore DNPA planning officers are now working with the Hammer Park site owner and his agent to develop a scheme which is more likely to gain approval.

The village is very much divided on this issue, with many local residents believing the Hammer Park site is not appropriate for the scheme because of access, in terms of it not being close to the centre of the village, the narrowness of the lane leading to the site and the destruction of an ancient hedge.

Stephen Belli, Director of Planning at DNPA wrote in a letter to Brentor Parish Council after the recent meeting "It was my understanding from the meeting that, following a good discussion, there was no overall dissent from the community for me to take forward further pre-application discussions with the owner of the Hammer Park site, such that a new planning application could be submitted as soon as possible for 10 units of affordable housing."

Devon National Park Authority
Potential housing sites at North Brentor



The nine potential sites. Hammer Park is top right.

Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel & Hall 180th Anniversary

Thurs 16 April 10am–4pm
Coach trip to Buckfast Abbey

Fri 8 May 7.30pm
Concert with the Plymouth and Area Police Choir

Sat 20 June 2pm–4pm
Cream Teas on the lawn if possible

5 & 6 Sept
Anniversary Celebration Weekend including buffet tea

1st Wed each month 2pm
Fellowship Meeting with guest speakers

4th Wed each month
to coincide with visit of the library van
Tea, coffee, jigsaw swap, chat

• Joan Jones 617763



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The Mary Tavy Snooker Club

The Snooker Club is situated in the Reading Rooms in Bal Lane, which has a full sized snooker table, which was installed in 1910, when the building was constructed for use as a library and for recreational purposes.

The table is well maintained, the baize and cushions are replaced every few years.

We welcome new members, young and old, so whether you are a newcomer to the village, have never played snooker or billiards before, or



just enjoyed the spectacle on television, and want to give it a try, or just wish to sharpen up old skills and re-introduce yourself to the green baize, do come and join this small but friendly group in the heart of the village.



We have a competition every year for both billiards and for snooker, which runs from January through to April, for which all members are invited to participate.

Annual subscription is £15.00, and the table fee is £2.50 per session. Senior citizens annual subscription is £10.00, and table fee £2.00 per session.

For more information, contact either:

- John Banks, 01822 810090, cjohnbanks@gmail.com, or
- Ron Quilter, 01822 810538, ronquilter@hotmail.com



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Mary Tavy Annual Parish Meeting

Thurs 16 April
time tba

Coronation Hall

The Annual Parish meeting is an opportunity for parishioners to hear reports from the Parish Council and other bodies, to ask questions and to hear from prospective councillors.

District and Local Council Elections

As well as the general election, Thurs 7 May is the date of district and local elections. Elections here will be for one councillor for the Mary Tavy Ward on West Devon Borough Council, and nine councillors for Mary Tavy Parish Council.

Mary Tavy now has only five councillors, five councillors having resigned during the current four year term with one co-option during that time. Whilst the council is legally able to operate with such a small contingent, it is certainly far from ideal.

A number of local people have indicated they might consider standing for the council and have asked if there could be a meeting so that they can chat with other potential candidates.

There will be an informal get-together for potential candidates for Mary Tavy Parish Council:

Wed 18 March, 7.30pm
The Reading Room

There will be no agenda and no leader of the meeting, it is just an opportunity to meet up.

WDBC are holding an information meeting for potential West Devon councillors on Mon 9 Mar, 6.30pm.

The nomination process opens on Thurs 26 March and closes at 4pm on Thurs 9 April.

Those who have been nominated are invited to address the Mary Tavy Annual Parish Meeting on Thurs 16 April.



The map shows the Mary Tavy Ward, which includes Brentor and Peter Tavy, the area for which the WDBC councillor is responsible.

A Letter from the Recreation Ground

Dear Villagers,

The Recreation Ground Trustees have a busy year ahead.

We applied for a grant from the Mary Tavy Parish Council to build a new set of swings to replace the wooden fire-damaged swings, and for other necessary improvements. Only one Councillor has been in favour of the full amount of the grant requested and one Councillor said he felt that older people in the parish wouldn't be happy that their precept was being spent on the young, but it is still hoped that a part of the funding might be received. The Trustees are making every effort to find other forms of financial support. The young people of the

parish deserve a decent, well-maintained play area.

The first part of the fund raising is our Community Supper on 21 March at 7pm at the Coronation Hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Biffa, who kindly helped us to refurbish the changing room, have inspected the work done and were very pleased with the improvement.

The Trustees have offered to help the Coronation Hall resurface the ground around the parking and entrance area. The Coronation Hall and Recreation Ground



are two important charities in the parish and greatly benefit the community. Without them Mary Tavy would not be the same. We must all do all we can for the whole parish to enjoy.

Dartmoor National Park are giving us young trees to fill in any gaps and enhance the area and we are very grateful to the volunteers who are brightening the area with plants.

Our Country Fayre is on Sunday 9th August. We are able to organise the event OK, but we do need some extra help to make it run even better.

For your diary, Bonfire Night, run with the Jubilee Group, is on 1st November.

Please come to these events to support your Recreation Ground.

George Hill, Chair,
The Mary Tavy Victory
Memorial Recreation Ground

The Mary Tavy Inn

www.themarytavyinn.co.uk

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Forthcoming Events

4th April
Live Music
featuring Silverlight

April (date to be confirmed)
Help 4 Heroes Dinner

22nd to 25th May
8th Annual Beer Festival

23rd May
Live Music

11th July
Live Music
featuring Stone Vulture

28th November
Bath Christmas Market
Weekend Trip

Last Sunday every month
Monthly Quiz

Tor & Tavy WI

A change of date for March and a special meeting in April

We started the New Year with a quiz organised by John Wall, husband of our President, Trish. Members were welcomed, along with a visitor from New Zealand, to a very entertaining evening.

We meet in Brentor Village Hall on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7.30pm – except March this year as the hall is used all week for the local amateur dramatics so we will be meeting on the 18th.

We have many interesting evenings in the pipeline for the next year to include Reiki, origami, a talk by Quicks cheeses, walks on Dartmoor, theatre trips, vineyard trips and many more activities.

Tor & Tavy WI are part of a wider group of WIs, The Four Rivers

Group, and this year we're hosting the annual meeting – on 30th April we are inviting 15 members from each of the other WIs in the group to Brentor Church (not the "one up the hill") to listen and sing along to Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir, and we'll then make our way to the Village Hall to a supper



prepared by our WI at which there will be a raffle and a chance to buy some items at a stall to be run by next year's hosts.

We would welcome anyone to come along for a taster evening.

- Trish, 01822 840115
- Lucie, 01822 810840

The Brentorians present
**The Scramblings at
 Spriggly Torch**

by Richard Coleman

A comic mystery play set in 1943. British Intelligence have got hold of plans for a new enemy fighter plane but a traitor is suspected of trying to retrieve them.

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 Brentor Village Hall

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Proposed development on Downs Garage site

A planning application for a residential development at Downs Garage was submitted to DNPA Planning Department in January. It is for 18 dwellings, plus garages and associated works, reference 0038/15.

Plans were available to view before the February Parish Council meeting and they are available to view online at <http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/planning/pl-devcontrol/pl-planning-application/search-planning-applications>

Tick the box near the bottom then search for application 0038/15. The period for consultation has now closed. The target date for a decision is 24 April.



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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