

# The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group Newsletter No.8

May 2015

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#### **Footpaths Working Group**

The Jubilee Group's Footpaths Working Group has lots of ideas and plans but needs additional people to get involved with various projects. Please let us know if you can help in **any way**, be it with ideas, with map or signage design or with manual labour. There is so much we want to do.

John Banks, 01822 810090 cjohnbanks@hotmail.com



Photograph of a footpath near Hill Bridge by Kate Ashbrook, Open Spaces campaigner and President of the Ramblers Association. She owns common land close to Horndon Clam and this is her favourite walk.

#### **MARY TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE**

**Bank Holiday Monday** 25th May 12-4pm In the Coronation Hall & Recreation Ground

Dog Show Car Boot **BBO** Beer Tent Food Arts Crafts Plants **Photo Competition** (adult and child) Prize Draw Tombola

To be opened by local author Lilian Harry

#### Iree planting in the Regreation Ground









Despite horizontal rain and strong gusting winds, a dedicated group spent a Sunday morning at the end of March planting hundreds of trees in the Recreation Ground.

The young trees, all native species, were offered to the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group by Dartmoor National Park, and the Recreation Ground seemed the obvious public space which could benefit from them. In addition to its existing wooded areas and large open spaces, the Recreation Ground now has new small woodland areas and hedging with oak, field maple, grey willow, silver birch, wild cherry and rowan.

Dartmoor Park Ranger Rob Taylor was one of the planting team along with two DNPA voluntary wardens and members of the Jubilee Group.

The Ranger is keen to work with local conservation and heritage groups and is setting up a small team of interested people who can help with a variety of projects between Peter Tavv and Sourton. Anyone interested in being a part of that group can contact the DNPA Ranger Rob Taylor on 07711 104542.



#### ON THE ROADS

You will probably have seen that bits of the A386 through Mary Tavy were surface patched recently. This was a temporary measure with a full tar and chippings coating due this year. However due to budget cuts that has now been postponed to next year. Also as part of the cuts, white lines at the edge of roads are not being repainted, even if there is a safety issue.

There is nothing we can do about the cuts, but there is something we can do to improve aspects of safety and help improve the village.

We can join the

#### ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

DCC will provide training, materials and insurance so that we can carry out work, such as cleaning signs and keeping verges clear.

Through the Jubilee Group, is there anyone who would like to take on the role of Road Warden to co-ordinate the scheme?

#### **Tor & Tavy WI**

At the May meeting we will have a former John Lewis Manager as our speaker. June will see a visit from Quicks Cheeses and table origami will be our July meeting.

Our book group is thriving and the theatre group will be at the Theatre Royal in May. We have visits to Eastcott Vinery and the Royal Citadel in June.

 Trish 840115 / Lucie 810840 / Judi 614198

#### **Keeping in touch by email**

If you'd like us to let you know about events and activities that take place between issues of the Newsletter, just let us have your name and email address (we promise it won't be used for any other purpose).

We can also send the Newsletter by email if you'd like to receive it that way (please give us your postal address including postcode).

• mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

#### **Brentor Garden Club**

Thurs 21 May **Flower Arranging**A talk by Vivienne Thompson

Thurs 18 June

## "Hairy Hands, Devils and Black Dogs"

A talk by Paul Rendell

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

- Rona Baker, 01822 820308
- Sue Stephens 01822 860374

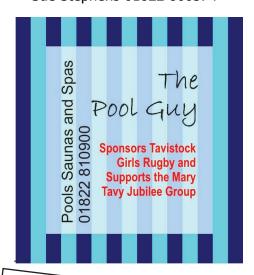


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# A bright coat of paint and a bright future for the Kids' Play Area

A group of nine volunteers turned out recently to help with painting the equipment in the Kids' Play Area. There's still a bit of painting to be done plus some other maintenance, but it's well on its way to being completed, and it is looking really bright and colourful.

The new swing has been made by Tavistock Metal and is about to be delivered and fixed in place and a new coating of chippings is about to be laid.

This work has been made possible thanks to fundraising which has included

the very successful Music & Mingle Community Supper, generous private donations and sponsorship from Tavistock Metal and Travis Perkins. The Parish Council has given a substantial grant.

Additional sponsorship from The Pool Guy will go towards improvements to the tennis courts, including line marking for a variety of games.

Special thanks:

The Pool Guy
Travis Perkins
Tavistock Metal
Clifford Down
The Jubilee Group
Mary Tavy Parish Council
Local well-wishers

An Open Letter to The Jubilee Group from the Trustees of the Recreation Ground

The Parish Council has awarded a grant for new swings for the play area in the Recreation Ground.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jubilee Group for publishing, in the previous Newsletter, some of what had taken place at a Parish Council meeting. We believe that without the general public knowing what had been said, the grant for the new set of swings may not have been given, as the decision was almost a complete u turn on the discussions at previous meetings.

Once again a big thank you.

John Roy Hill for The Trustees, Recreation Ground





#### Afternoon Tea

Watch out for more information about an Afternoon Tea in aid of the School, organised by one of the Mums, on Friday 22 May, 2pm-4pm. The Tea is open to the community and tickets will be sold in advance.





from the world favourite musicals with the Coronation Hall amateur Dramatic Society and special guests from the Plymouth MultiStarz, directed by Michelle Buncle.

Tickets £4 (£3) from Mary Tavy PO & Stores

For more information contact Michelle Buncle 810112

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#### **Double Victory in the Mary Tavy Snooker Club** Competitions

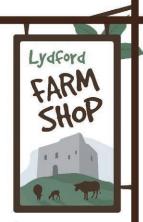


The final of the Snooker Competition was played on 9th April between Adam Fielder, Plymouth market trader

and Martyn Smale, Mary Tavy farmer. The final of the Billiards Competition was played on 21st April between Dave Luxton, Manager of the Fox & Hounds Hotel and Martyn Smale.

Martyn Smale won both finals and was presented with both cups.

Congratulations Martyn.



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#### **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 Pop-In | Every Tues 10.30-2 | Coronation Hall | Cheryl 810177 or Christine 810627

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

**Recreation Ground** | George Hill 810302 | Tennis Court bookings: PO & Stores

**Reading Room** | Ron Quilter 810538 ronquilter@hotmail. com

**Short Mat Bowls** | Tues mornings | Coronation Hall | Jo Albon 810356 (Summer break 26 May - 1 Sept)

**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

West Devon Social Group | programme of events | Cathy Haglington 810120 info@devonsocialgroup.com

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.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Just over 30 residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting in mid-April, along with representatives from Devon & Cornwall Police, Dartmoor National Park Authority and Devon County Council.

PCSO Dave Chapple talked about crimes and incidents in Mary Tavy over the past year which, at 20, were not considered to be at a high level. These included 6 road traffic collisions, 2 arsons, burglaries and other incidents. He reported that the Speedwatch scheme was still going ahead with some volunteers waiting to be trained.

DNPA Ranger Rob Taylor talked about the challenges of reduced funding for the maintenance of rights of way. He also talked about collaborative working with local community groups, including the Jubilee Group, on conservation projects.

Devon Councillor Kevin Ball talked about the cuts being made to services due to the reduced funding from central government. He mentioned that Devon has the largest road network in the UK but receives a comparately low level of funding and that, consequently, there was a £700m backlog of work.

The Chair of the Parish Council, Anita Prosser, said that it had been a very challenging 4 years and much harder than when she first became a Councillor 16 years ago. She thanked the current Councillors, she thanked the current Clerk, Jo Temple, and other recent temporary Clerks, and she thanked everyone for coming.

There were questions from the floor to each of the quests and also to the Parish Council. These included a question about the lack of a Parish Council Newsletter, which the PC said it hadn't been possible to continue as there was no-one who would take it on. Several people wanted to know why there was no financial report and Councillors said that they were not allowed to produce the report until June after the audit.

**Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground Trust** 

Music & Barbecue Community Gathering

Fri 3rd July, 7pm

**Coronation Hall & Recreation Ground** 

More details in the next issue or from Jo Albon, 810356

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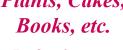
In our Local Food area, we now have Dartmoor Honey, Hogsbottom Preserves, Blakes Cakes, local beers, ciders and flapjacks.

Martin Bradford Director and Sub-Postmaster 01822 810422

Mary Tavy WI

# Spring Sale Sat 9 May 2pm Coronation Hall

Plants, Cakes,



Refreshments available



# **Bus Stop tidied up** by members of the public

In early March two Mary Tavy residents - annoyed that the bus stop opposite the end of Station Road had been in an untidy state for a long time - decided to do something about it.

Kath Sydenham and Phylis Credicott went along armed with tools and rubbish bags and cleared away a lot of intruding plantlife, dead branches and general rubbish.

This is an excellent show of community spirit and we applaud Kath and Phylis for the excellent job they have done. We hope others will follow their example.



### JUBILEE WALK

#### 3 Years On ~ Still Going Strong!

As most of our readers will know, because of dangers faced by many people walking along the A386, an Action Group was formed in 2012 to create a safe alternative.

A local campaign generated £3,600 from local businesses, private donations, and the DNPA Sustainability fund. The Dartmoor National Park Authority also supported the project with legal advice and practical help. No funding for the project came from the parish precept - only those who wished to support the project put money or help into it.

Thanks to support from land owners and hard work by the Action Group and many other people, the Jubilee Walk, a Permissive Path, was created. It was opened only 4 months later, and this year it celebrates its 3rd Anniversary.

The DNPA installed a foot plate counter so that we could measure its usage to prove to the sceptics that this was a valuable project that would benefit Mary Tavy. The latest results show that in the 18 months from June 2012 to Jan 2014 there were 6,501 counts. Taking an average and discounting major events, the usage has settled at around 300 a month, which - if we project that figure to May 2015 means that in its first three years the footpath has been used approximately 10,700 times! A fantastic result which fully vindicates the expenditure and effort to create it.

Jubilee Walk is used by a wide variety of people for all sorts of purposes; it truly is a community facility. The Action Group would like to say that this is YOUR footpath. A few of us try to keep it mowed and strimmed and the hedges cut when we can, but we are a small force. If you use it and find that something needs doing don't be afraid of fixing it! No-one is going to tell you off, because we all 'own it'. That was the spirit that got it there in the first place and that is the spirit it needs to sustain it in the days to come.

Notwithstanding the above, we need to let you know that we are aware, despite work last year, that it does get very muddy over the winter months. So after a recent Action Group Meeting and with the blessing of the land owner, together with the support of our local Dartmoor National Parks Ranger, we are going to be laying stone chippings to improve the drainage and durability of the surface. So be warned there may be days when we will be working on the footpath and you may be delayed in your journey .... It's in the best interest of the footpath and us all.

Cheers and good walking!

#### John Thacker

For the Mary Tavy Footpath Action Group

**Land owners:** Garry & Kim Lee of the Mary Tavy Inn, Martyn & Laura Smale owners of the farmland, and the Recreation Ground Trustees.

The Action Group and helpers: Jock Easton, Julia Easton, Ali Fife Cook, Michael Fife Cook, Paul Green, Eileen Hall, Kevin Hilborn, David Hill, George Hill, Garry Lee, Kim Lee, Sue Maas, Martyn Smale, John Thacker



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#### The development on Downs Garage site

On 2 March the Parish Council responded to Dartmoor National Park Planning department, saying that they supported the development in principle. However because of some concerns it recommended "the applicant be requested to withdraw the application until such time as all outstanding issues have been considered and addressed".

The main area of concern from the Council as well as from some members of the public was that properties of 2.5 stories were inappropriate for a rural settlement. Also, the Council asked for clarification regarding affordable housing as the development did not include any. Other concerns were also detailed.

A decision was due just as this Newsletter went to print. To see a notice of any decision along with the document from the Parish Council, letters from local people, plus other documents and plans, go to <a href="http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/planning/pl-devcontrol/pl-planning-application/search-planning-applications">http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/planning/pl-devcontrol/pl-planning-application/search-planning-applications</a>

Tick the box near the bottom then search for application 0038/15. (You will need to scroll the list of documents as well as the page to be able to see everything).

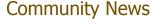


#### Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel & Hall 180th Anniversary

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 coinside with visit of the library van

• Joan Jones 617763

Tea, coffee, jigsaw swap, chat





The new community notice board, with the heading Community News, is now finished and in full use, on the outside wall of the PO & Stores. The notice board - which is soley for community and charity events and information - was made free of charge by Colin Grice, with the cost of materials met by a grant from the Parish Council.

# **Elections - local, district and national**

On 7 May there will be elections for a Councillor to represent the Mary Tavy Ward on West Devon Borough Council and for the Member of Parliament for Torridge and West Devon. There will not be an election for the Parish Council as only four people were nominated and they are therefore elected unopposed.

The new Council will consist of one person new to the Parish Council and three who have served on the Council in the past. None of the five who were on the Council leading up to this election put themselves forward for nomination.

We understand the new Councillors intend to co-opt additional members to bring the number nearer to the capacity of nine Councillors.

We asked each of the new Mary Tavy Parish Councillors to say a few words by way of introduction.



#### **Michael Fife Cook**

I have always believed that a person should be valued by their honesty, integrity, and what they have done for others, I feel honoured to be given the opportunity to work for my community again. So come to the Parish Council meetings and tell us what you want, and we will try and achieve what we can together. I believe in having a transparent Parish Council, working for the parishioners. We have, I think, a good group of fellow Councillors whose hearts are in the right place, so you can't ask for a better start.



#### **George Hill**

I was born here at Kingsett. Over the years I have seen some really good things happen in this parish and, I have to say, some really dreadful things. Some of the worst things to happen have involved some of the outgoing Parish Councillors. It should be obvious that telling the truth at all times is vital. For us new Councillors it should be an easy act to follow. Never be afraid to pass your own opinion to us, we are here to serve you, to help parishioners whenever possible.



#### **John Roy Hill**

I was born in Mary Tavy and I work and live here with my family; my daughter attends the parish's great school as I did. I've worked for international companies inside and outside the UK in various positions, the last being as licensee for a large family centre. During that time I was on the committee of Town Safe CCTV working alongside the police, and Chairman of Tamworth & District Tourism Association. I decided I wanted to come back to live and work at the family farm. After helping Tamworth to get on the map I'm here to help my home village.



#### Roger Page

Many of you may know me as The Pool Guy. I am a professional engineer and will endeavour to bring a 'can do' approach to my work on the Parish Council. There is a lot we need to do: the awful state of the buildings either side of the A386; more use for the Recreation Ground, Coronation Hall and improvement of the facilities; better facilities for our youth; more events that people want; more jobs in the village; and much more. This can be achieved by high integrity actions and transparency in the decision making process.

West Devon Borough Council Mary Tavy Ward:
Michael Fife Cook (Independent) / Terence Pearce (Independent)

**UK General Election** Torridge & West Devon: Geoffrey Cox (Conservative) / Paula Dolphin (Liberal Democrat) / Derek Sargent (UKIP) / Catherine Simmons (Green Party) / Michael Sparling (Labour)



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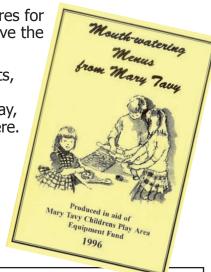
#### Mouth-watering Menus from Mary Tavy

In 1996, as part of a fund-raising project for the Play Area, a Mary Tavy recipe book was produced. Although many of the limited edition of 1,000 copies were sold at the time the remainder have been stored away. Now they are in circulation again.

You can get copies from the PO & Stores for £2, with all funds being used to improve the kids' play area.

There are about 150 recipes of all sorts, all from Mary Tavy residents, some of the names still being very familiar today, some from those who are no longer here.

In this issue we've decided to give you a great recipe - which goes to show that sometimes the impossible is possible. We've added metric measures for anyone not familiar with ounces and the like.



#### **IMPOSSIBLE PIE**

4 eggs

4 oz (113g) white sugar 1 pint (568ml) milk

1 tsp vanilla essence

4 oz (113g) coconut

4 oz (113g) flour

2 oz (57g) margarine

½ tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

Place all the ingredients in a blender at one time and blend until mixed together. Pour into a buttered 10 inch pie dish. Bake at 180°C for 1 hour. When done, crust will be on the bottom, custard in the middle and a yummy coconut topping. Try half quantities if full amounts are too much for you!!

Corrie Grice

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."

There is no formal membership of the Jubilee Group - if you live in Mary Tavy you are a member.

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

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