



# The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group Newsletter No.9

July/August 2015

Free

**BONFIRE NIGHT**  
Sun 1 Nov

We want help with Bonfire Night - we need people who can help with preparations and people to man some of the stalls and games on the night. It's your event; please get involved. To discuss what you could do please phone or email.

Readers will notice a new feature in this issue of the Jubilee Group Newsletter, a page of editorial from the Parish Council. The page is being taken as a means of keeping the community in touch with the discussions and actions of the Council. To retain impartiality, the Parish Council has no input into editorial of the rest of the Newsletter and the Newsletter Editor has no input into the editorial on the Parish Council's page.

## Kids' Play Area now open

The Kids' Play Area in the Recreation Ground is now bright and cheerful - bright with new colourful paint and cheerful with the sounds of children playing.

After being closed for over a year following vandalism and a general need for maintenance, all the work has been done to make it safe and to make it into a really lovely place for children to play.

Volunteers from the Jubilee Group, Trustees of the Recreation Ground and many villagers - aged from around 5 to 75 - have put a lot of time and effort into cleaning, repairing, painting, raking chippings, and generally tidying up. Just to replace all the 120 shackles holding

the chains took three people a very long day and laying several tons of new safe bark chippings was a strenuous job.

So a really big thank you must go to all those who helped,

please give yourselves a huge pat on the back.

Thank you too to those who supported it financially: The Pool Guy, Travis Perkins, Tavistock Metal, Clifford Down, The Jubilee Group, Mary Tavy Parish Council, and well-wishers.



To celebrate the re-opening of the Kids' Play Area there's a Barbecue & Music celebration on Friday 3rd July. See the separate notice. We hope to see you there.



## Barbecue & Music

*to celebrate summer and the re-opening of the Kids' Play Area*

**Fri 3rd July, 7pm, in the Recreation Ground  
or in the Coronation Hall if it's not summer weather!**

**No need to book. Veg/vegan/gluten-free options. Bring your own beer. Soft drinks available.**

### The Future of History

The Jubilee Group was contacted recently by Adrian Hepworth from near Lydford Gorge, who has a lot of old photographs of Mary Tavy, mostly electronic copies. They had been scanned for the Parish website at a time when Adrian was putting that together. We now have copies of them, to add to the Jubilee Group's already quite extensive collection.

Our collection needs to be sorted, catalogued and scanned and we will then be able to make everything available on our website. All photographs and documents we hold will be housed at the County Archive for safe keeping into the future.

The photographs here are all from Adrian. Group photos were from Mary Warne whose family gave the name to Warne Lane and whose husband was responsible for the name of The Elephant's Nest. The lorry and horse photo by George Cutland.



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### Keeping in touch by email

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## Your Community Matters

**A day all about the community on Sat 19 Sept**

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is currently making plans for a special community event, bringing together local groups, clubs, organisations, services and businesses, as well as some from a little further afield that matter to the community.

We'd like to hear from organisations and businesses who would like to be involved, and we'd like to hear from individuals who could join the organising group or help on the day.



The event is an opportunity for you to find out about groups you could join, services that might be helpful to you, and things that are generally of interest.

We want to make it fun, so we hope that lots of the groups will be able to show off what they do, with opportunities for joining in - we're expecting an arts pop-up event, you can have a go at short mat bowls, do a bit of morris dancing, or be put in the stocks as part of a fascinating display from the Police archive. There will be representatives from many local organisations as well as charities which provide services to those in need. There'll even be a car boot sale. And there'll be lots of local food and drink.

We'll bring you all the details in the next issue. In the meantime do get in touch, and keep the date free – you really won't want to miss it.

**Printing service** The A3 colour laser used for this Newsletter can also be used by local organisations for flyers, posters, etc. A percentage of cost is donated to Jubilee Group funds.

## Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel & Hall 180th Anniversary

The Methodist Church is celebrating 180 years this year and is holding a **Craft Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th Sept** 10am-12pm. On the Sunday there will be services at 10.30am with local preacher Joan Jones and at 6pm with Rev Paul Smith.

• Joan Jones 617763

## Micro brewery to start in Horndon

The new occupiers of Axna Farm, Jo & Paul Barton, have recently moved to the area from South Tawton and are in the process of setting up Moorstone micro brewery along with growing organic heritage fruit and veg. The beers will be hand-crafted using Dartmoor spring water, English hops and local malts. The barn conversion for the brewery is just under way and it is hoped that the first beers will be on sale in the local area sometime during the run up to Christmas.



## Self-Catering Holiday Accommodation Kirkside Barn



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## Mary Tavy Parish Council

My fellow Councillors have asked me to write a report on the work of the Parish Council for this edition of the Jubilee Group newsletter. We are very conscious of the need to communicate with our electorate and see a regular page in a well-established publication as a very cost effective way of doing this.

Although I was co-opted onto the Council in May 2015, I have served before between 1998 and 2007 as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Cemetery committee. Some parishioners may recall that during that time I established the first Council newsletter, the Mary Tavy Gazette, which ran for nearly 4 years. So here I am again, pen in hand ~ clearly older (see photo) and the cynics may say obviously none the wiser for past experience!

Since May we have been working hard to come to terms with what we have inherited from the previous Council. In both monthly meetings we have been faced with extensive agendas of routine business and issues relating to the transfer of control. While we acknowledge that the financial work of the previous Council has been successfully audited, much higher levels of precision and transparency should be implemented without delay. We are also deeply concerned that vital legal documents belonging to the Council are proving difficult to find. No doubt effective record keeping has been hampered over the last 8 years by the Council having to employ 5 different Clerks and the many resignations that have occurred from the elected body. Despite significant efforts to put our house in order matters have been further complicated by the unexpected resignation of our current Clerk, Mrs. Jo Temple. We of course thank her for her service over the last year and wish her well for the future.

Despite these complications we are pleased to report that we have fulfilled our role as a consultee group under the statutory planning process. Site visits have been conducted, deliberations held and our comments passed to the DNPA. We would respectfully remind parishioners of the wisdom of seeking advice from the Planning Department of the DNPA before making a formal application. Such an approach can save time and money and avoid disappointment.

The new Council has had to deal with the previous administration's planned purchase of farmland to provide an extension to the Parish cemetery. At the request of my colleagues I undertook an in-depth review of the purchase process used by the previous Councillors and identified a significant number of omissions. Therefore the Council has decided to suspend the projected purchase until we can be confident that all research and costings have been completed with "due diligence." Once we are in possession of all the necessary facts we will undertake public consultation before making a decision to cancel or proceed.

The issue of road safety and parking in the vicinity of our community Primary School has again given rise to great concern. In recent weeks there have been instances where the free flow of traffic from Horndon has been impossible and the police have had to intervene. Fortunately Councillor John Hill has agreed to lead the Council's response and he has identified a number of measures which could ease the problem. As effective solutions will require multi-agency co-operation no further details can be published at this time. However, rest assured you will be kept informed of our proposals and the reaction to them via our website and in this publication. Councillors see this project as urgent but in the meantime parishioners are reminded of the need to park and drive with particular caution in this part of our village.

Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found on our website [www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk) and on our noticeboard by the PO & Stores.

At the May meeting, which was the AGM, the Council made the following appointments:

Chairman and Chair of Planning: Roger Page  
Vice-Chair: Michael Fife Cook  
Chairman of the Cemetery Committee: Peter Jarvis  
Representative on DNPA and on Southern Link:  
George Hill  
Representative on Coronation Hall and website  
manager: John Hill



Councillor  
Peter Jarvis

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## Mary Tavy & Brentor Primary School Summer Fayre

Friday 17th July 6pm to 8pm

Coronation Hall

*Make sure you bring loads of change!.....pound coins would be good!*

*This event is brought to you by the  
Mary Tavy & Brentor Primary School PTA*



### MED THEATRE

#### THE WALK, A DANCE DRAMA

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST, 7.30PM

CORONATION HALL

The Walk Dance Drama is a dance, music and drama performance describing a dream journey across Dartmoor through storms, blizzards, fires, raging torrents, over tors and along cleaves, taking in quarry pools, orchards and ruined houses. It interprets Dartmoor's landscape through expressing the effect the terrain and the light and shade cast by different weather has on our innermost feelings.

Tickets: £8 adults, £5 children, £7 concessions, 01647 441356, info@medtheatre.co.uk, www.medtheatre.co.uk

## Blackdown Garage Site

### WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE OUR VILLAGE MORE ATTRACTIVE

We all know what a disgrace the forecourt of the old Blackdown Garage site has become, and there is no likelihood of development taking place soon. The Jubilee Group recently asked the Parish Council to write to the site owner – and the Jubilee Group now has permission to tidy it up, to kill weeds and to do some planting. We hoped the barriers could be moved back a little to improve their visual impact but unfortunately they are an insurance requirement.

So please help to make the centre of our village more attractive, for everyone. Come along on **Thurs 16 & Sun 19 July** from 10am, bring all sorts of tools that might be needed, plus compost and some plants (perennials/shrubs).

### Have you ever thought of popping-in?



Every Tuesday from 10.30am at the Coronation Hall there is a Pop-in session for the over 55s, either just for coffee or also for a lovely home-cooked lunch at a very reasonable cost. A minibus picks up those people who might otherwise find it difficult to attend. The sessions are a part of Tavistock Area Support Services, which was founded by Vera Jones and others and she started the Mary Tavy Pop-in in 1995, running it with other volunteers until shortly before her recent death. The group is now run by Cheryl Downham and Christine Kaczanow.



## Mary Tavy Country Fayre

Sunday 9th August  
Open 1.00pm Grand Draw 4.00pm

Recreation Ground  
& Coronation Hall

Entry £1 per car, 50p for walkers,  
children under 11 free



Hog Roast Beer Tent  
Produce & Flower Show  
(entry forms from MT PO & Stores)  
Face Painting Dog Show  
Meet the Farm Animals  
Sheep Shearing  
Vintage Tractor  
Fun Games for all the Family  
All proceeds towards the  
upkeep and enhancement of  
the Recreation Ground

## A Message from our Dartmoor Park Ranger



I sit here on a wet Sunday morning writing this prior to going out to work. Patrolling at weekends, particularly in the summer is one of our principal duties. We provide local information for visitors, perhaps suggesting where they might go for a walk or have a bite of lunch, or giving them directions to a certain special place they have heard of and are keen to check out. We are also there to advise if someone has strayed off the beaten track or are not keeping a close enough eye on their dogs when out on the common. We will have a stronger word to those who have ignored the byelaws and camping advice and are waking up bleary eyed after a party in tents, rubbish strewn everywhere alongside scorch marks from disposable barbecues, seemingly unconcerned that they are making a little corner of the National Park less attractive to the families arriving for a quiet

picnic that morning. Thankfully in this part of the National Park this scenario is rarer, but nevertheless still happens.

I had a really constructive day recently with volunteers and parents from Mary Tavy preparing an area for their Forest School. I am taking the qualification to become a Forest School provider, using Mary Tavy and Brentor as the pilot school, with a view to getting more schools involved next year, so watch this space. Other events looming onto my horizon include a Rotary Club talk in Tavistock, Safety on Dartmoor Day held this year in conjunction with Lydford Fair on the sports field and finalising a brush cutter training day for some volunteers.

As always, you can give me a ring or email if there are any issues or questions that you may have. Have a look at the website [www.dartmoor.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk) for all sorts of information relating to the Authority, its work and wider Dartmoor information.

- Rob Taylor, DNPA Sector Ranger, 07711 104542 [rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:rtaylor@dartmoor.gov.uk)

## The Mary Tavy Inn

[www.themarytavyinn.co.uk](http://www.themarytavyinn.co.uk)  
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### Forthcoming Events

**11th July**  
**Live Music**  
**featuring Stone Vulture**

**19th September**  
**Live Music**  
**Sam & Glenn**

**7th November**  
**Help for Heroes Dinner**  
**(sold out)**

**28th November**  
**Bath Christmas Market**  
**Weekend Trip**

**Last Sunday every month**  
**Monthly Quiz**

**Sunday Carvery**  
**12.30pm to 2.30pm**

**Open all day Saturday &**  
**Sunday until September**

*Some of the volunteers from the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group as well as parents and Park Wardens working on the Forest School, and taking a well deserved rest.*



*If you'd like to be kept informed by email about future opportunities like this please email the Jubilee Group.*



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## Caravans & motorhomes visit Mary Tavy

The Camping and Caravanning Club recently returned for a short visit to the Recreation Ground to enjoy many of our excellent local facilities. As well as arranged walks on the Moor they held a ceilidh in the Coronation Hall.



## ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

The request in the previous Newsletter for someone to come forward as Road Warden didn't get any responses at all, but we won't let that stop us. Ali Fife Cook of the Jubilee Group is going to be the Road Warden and has been officially nominated by the Parish Council. She is currently awaiting training with DCC Highways before being able to start on the list of things that need doing.

Volunteers will be needed to work alongside Ali, to help clean road signs, cut verges and undertake other tasks to keep the roadsides in the village in good order. Please do get in touch if you think you can help. It won't be onerous, it'll be a great contribution to the community, and it could even be fun.

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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 [coronationhallmarytavy@hotmail.com](mailto:coronationhallmarytavy@hotmail.com)  
**Dartmoor Gliding Society** | Chris 07873483001 [info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk](mailto:info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk)  
**DNPA Ranger** | Rob Taylor 01626 832093 [rtaylor@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:julie@bearwoodfarm.co.uk)  
**Mary Tavy Jubilee Group** | 0845 5193 812 (free from a landline) [mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk](mailto:mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk)  
**Mary Tavy Parish Council** | Council meetings: 2nd Tuesday 7.15 | Reading Rooms  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*



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Closing date: 5pm Friday 10 July.

**Royal Standard**  
**Mary Tavy**



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8pm, Saturday 25 July

**Gentlemen's Night**

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*The Social Group with Mary Tavy at its heart*

Hello. My name is Cathy Haglington (nee Body). I suspect I'm known to many of you. Back in the 1930s it was my grandparents who established Body's Garage, Post Office and Shop in Mary Tavy. In the 1960s I was the little girl in the village shop which was run by my Mum Christine, while my Uncle Ken ran the garage. After college, I worked for many years for TSB Bank in Tavistock.

1999 found me separated and at a bit of a loose end. My friends were not always available when I fancied going out. It was answering an advert for people looking for friends that changed my life. I telephoned the organiser, Andrew Haglington, who was living in Tavistock. Hitting it off instantly, I was soon helping Andrew organise the 'group of friends', and developing the concept, and in 2003 we set up the organisation as a family-run local business. Devon Social Group was soon joined by Cornwall Social Group, spreading across the South West as The Social Group, with the whole thing being run from here in Mary Tavy where Andrew and I live. After my divorce Andrew

asked me to marry him in the middle of us running a Group Holiday to Las Vegas and Utah, and in less than a week we arranged a fabulous wedding - complete with a helicopter ride!

2015 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great idea which Andrew had come up with. Over the years, the two of us have arranged all sorts of things. Some of you might have seen us out with the 'group of friends' at local pubs and restaurants, and we've also had plenty of parties and live music nights, plus things like murder mysteries, as well as offering all kinds of outdoor activities plus some amazing group holidays all around the world. This is a great way to enjoy a terrific social life, and above all, have fun!

- Cathy & Andrew, 01822 810120,  
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(until end of August 2015)



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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