



Jubilee News

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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A bumper issue

With so much going on and with lots of news and interesting articles to bring you, this issue has been increased from 8 to 12 pages. We hope you enjoy reading it all.

Although we don't anticipate future issues being so full, it will all depend on what is happening and on what you send us.



Time to Get Growing

The allotments project seems to be progressing well - here's an update from recently formed Mary Tavy Community Allotment Gardens Association:

Thanks to the support and encouragement of many, we remain hopeful that we can have the site set up for allotments and be in and digging for the start of the spring growing season.

We have agreed with the trustees of the Recreation Ground on the terms of our leasing of a part of their site. We have chosen a local contractor to erect a field fence around the site which will be similar in appearance to the one which borders the Jubilee Walk, although it will be made rabbit proof. An application for grant funding for the fence and water supply will be going before the Parish Council at their February meeting.

One of our local farmers has very generously agreed to help us by rotovating the site. Together with the fence to keep out the rabbits, that should be all that we need to get ourselves started. We can improve the site as time progresses. It is going to be a long

haul to bring some very tired soil to the condition where it can grow the crops we want but we're keen to get started.

We have chosen the field fence not only to match what already exists nearby but because it will allow anybody to come along and look at what we are doing. Allotments are actually very sociable places and growers are always keen to stop digging for a few minutes and chat about their crops! We hope that people will come down for a chat, share experiences and knowledge and – in season – maybe go away with some spare vegetables to share with others in our community.

We will continue to work on the community growing aspects of our site and hope to bring them to completion by the end of this year. A lot will depend upon funding and probably planning applications for the community pavilion and poly tunnel. The RHS are very keen to become involved as part of their Greening Grey Britain campaign, hopefully

supporting us with advice from a regional coordinator and through a set up grant to help us provide some raised beds, tools for the community etc. As time goes on we hope that others will come on board to help us.

Some members of the village have already expressed an interest in being a part of our wider community of growers by taking on one of the raised beds which we expect to be of the order of 4 metres by 2 metres. We have yet to decide exactly how the community plots will be allocated. A lot will depend upon demand. If you think that you might be interested in using one you can express an interest by emailing us at enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com. You won't be committing yourself to anything, but it will greatly help us to get a feel of how people might want to use these plots.

We are holding a public meeting when we will be available together with some of the trustees of the Recreation Ground to answer any questions people may have.

Public Meeting
Mary Tavy Community Allotment
Gardens Association
Bar area, Coronation Hall
Thursday 8th February, 7pm

- John Bright, Secretary,
Mary Tavy Community Allotment Gardens Association
24 Great Fellingfield, 07704 634695,
enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com



School Report

We are making the most of our Sports Funding this term with lots of PE and sporting events within the curriculum.

Mr Wickett is working with each of the classes on invasion games and building up their flexibility and core strength. On Friday afternoons the whole school goes to Mount Kelly for swimming lessons. The top group are able to use the 50m pool which will really help to build their stamina as well as their technique.

Year 5 and Year 6 are working with a dance specialist called Jennie Dodd. She has created a dance programme for them based on their topic of the Ancient Greeks. Speaking to some of the children



after their first lesson, they pronounced the lesson to be "awesome", "great fun". They are working towards a performance for parents at the end of term.

This term has also seen the start of a KS1 Sports Club after school on Thursdays provided by OCRA. They will be trying a whole range of

activities and multiskills over the term. The club is already popular.

A group of Year 6s took part in the first bouldering competition at Milton Abbot's Climbing Barn. They had great fun trying to solve the different routes to get to the top of their boulder.

We also had a visit from our Guide Dog for the Blind puppy, Clover, a yellow Labrador, 5½ months old. She lives with her puppy walker at the moment. She visited each class and the children were able to ask questions about how she is trained and what she has to learn. Then everyone was allowed a cuddle which both Clover and the children enjoyed immensely.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw
Headteacher

Clubs & Local Contacts

Artful Toddlers | Every Wed during term 9.15-11.15am | Coronation Hall | Kerri 810786 kerrigham@icloud.com
Brentor & Mary Tavy Scout Group | Wednesdays | Brentor Village Hall | Simon & Tracy, 07771 562395
Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours | 860799 | bmcneighbours@gmail.com | www.bmcneighbours.org
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
Coronation Hall | Bookings: Jo Albon 810356 www.marytavycoronationhall.com
Dartmoor Gliding Society | Chris 07873483001 info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society | Karla McKechnie | 07873 587561
DNPA Ranger | Rob Taylor 01626 832093 rtaylor@dartmoor-mpa.gov.uk
Elephant's Nest Cricket Club | Thur ev & Sun aft during season | Ben Neale 07725 419417 benjineale@gmail.com
Homer Maid Open Day | Sat, monthly or so | Homer Barn | 810848
Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter | Thurs 1-3pm | Methodist Hall | Wilma Miners, 810040
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 | 08455 193812 (free from a landline) mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk
Mary Tavy Parish Clerk | Kerri Higham 810786 parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk
Mary Tavy Parish Council | meetings: 2nd Tues 7.15pm Reading Room | www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk
Mary Tavy Post Office & Stores | Martin and Tracey | 810422 | marytavypo@gmail.com
Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Richard Thorne 810535
Methodist Chapel & Hall | Tony Smith 820575
Outdoor Gym Informal Sessions | Suns 3pm & Weds 6.30pm | Recreation Ground | Jubilee Group 08455 193812
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 Cinnamon 07969 157507
Recreation Ground | George Hill 810302 | info@mtrg.org.uk | www.mtrg.org.uk | Tennis Court bookings: PO & Stores
Reading Room | Ron Quilter 810538 ronquilter@hotmail.com
Short Mat Bowls | Tues 11-1 & Wed 7-9 | Coronation Hall | Doreen Rogers 810824
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 | Sat once a month | Moorland Retreat (Chicks) | Sally Pancheri sally@sallysholidaycotages.co.uk
Tor & Tavy WI | 4th Thurs each month 7.30 | Coronation Hall | Lucie 814840, Judi 614198
The Merries | A group for single ladies meeting 2 or 3 times a year | Kath Sydenham 810649
West Devon Social Group | Programme of events | Cathy Haglington 810120 info@devonsocialgroup.com
YogaWellness | Mon 10-11.30am | Coronation Hall | Rosie Stephens 859217 yogawellnessdartmoor@gmail.com

We hope this information is accurate but can't guarantee it is completely up-to-date, and some groups take holiday breaks 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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A big step forward with tracing family history, and solving a double mystery

Following my appeal for help with my family history in the last Jubilee News, I have received five responses, which is more than I expected. One was from someone not in the area, but turned out to be a second cousin, and has cleared up a few queries I had, I am hoping for further contact. One used to know Mary Thomas, and had details of The Royal Standard licences. Another used to remember Jack Warne visiting and having a smoke and cuppa with her father.

The story of the shoe repair hut in Warne Lane has been confirmed by another person, who was also searching for information about it, having been told of its use through a neighbour.

The final help may be from the Tavistock Times, as their local news reporter should be compiling a more in-depth article soon.

All in all the newsletter and the local people have helped me a lot, considering I am asking about people and events 100 years ago, and even found a new relative.

Thank you all for your great help.

My father Reg, on the left, his sister Esme being married, grandfather Albin and grandmother Elsie, front right. This would be 1941.



• Ian Coleman,
ianvfrcoleman@aol.com



One of the people who replied to Ian to help with his search for family history was Paul Williams. Not only did Paul help Ian with some understanding of his family's history, but Ian's article also helped Paul with information relating to a part of his property, and solved a mystery. Paul wrote:

I live at one of the older properties in the village (shown on the 1843 parish map), which is at the top of Warne Lane near its junction with Brentor Road. Part of my property comprises a small stone building used for storage, adjacent to the road just outside my gate. When I first lived here I was advised by an elderly neighbour (since deceased) that he had been told by his father that my 'stone building' was the old cobblers shop which served as a repair service for miners especially, working at the nearby mines.

Ever since, over the years I have sought in vain to verify that fact, but now have it confirmed by your comment that your grandfather Albin Coleman ran such a shop at the end of Warne Lane!! I am much obliged to you for this knowledge and hope you will be pleased (if you didn't know it already), that the building he used still exists.



One of the family names in Ian Coleman's search was Warne. Records show that as a surname it is likely to have derived either from Wearne, a village in Somerset, or from Mary Tavy. Warne features as a place name here, and Warne Lane is where the old cobblers shop is situated. Warne is first recorded as a place name in 1194, as Wagefen, from an Old English derivative of wagian 'to shake or quiver' + fen 'bog', 'marsh'.

Mary Tavy in the 1850s



Having come across some interesting facts about Mary Tavy in the 1850s, we've put together a few other snippets from the Jubilee Heritage Collection.

This is not a comprehensive or scholarly study of the period, just some random information, which we hope you will enjoy reading.

Mining was still a major occupation in Mary Tavy in the 1850s, but the number of residents had started to decrease and still today the population is lower than in its heyday in the mid 1840s.



From White's Devonshire Directory, 1850

"Mary Tavy, a scattered village in the Tavy valley, and on the western side of Dartmoor, 4 miles N.E. by N. of Tavistock, is mostly inhabited by miners. Its parish contains 1552 souls, and 4180 acres of land, including about 2100A. of open moorland; the village of Horndon; the high moorland district of Black Down, and other parts of Dartmoor, where there are five valuable copper, tin, and lead mines, called Wheal, and North, South, and East Wheal Friendship; and Kingscott and Bedford. . . John Buller, Esq. is lord of the manor, owner of a great part of the soil, and patron of the rectory, . . The Rev. Anthony Buller is the incumbent, and has 30A. 1R. 10P. of glebe, and a small Parsonage. . . The Church is a small antique edifice, with a tower and three bells. Mrs Carpenter and several smaller owners have estates in the parish, mostly freehold. The Bible Christians have one, and the Wesleyans have two small chapels in the parish."



"On certain Archeological Antiquities of the Forest of Dartmoor and its Border Churches" Extract from a transcript of the Exeter Dio Architectural and archaeological Society, by Edward Ashworth Architect, read on May 8th 1851.

"... a mile from Peter Tavey, in the midst of the copper mines is the village of Mary Tavey. The church of St. Mary, sheltered by spreading elms, is very picturesque. It consists of chancel, nave separated from a south aisle by three low Tudor arches very much curved; a south porch and western tower complete the edifice. ... the stem of a cross stands on a high graduated pedestal, in a conspicuous situation close to the churchyard."

Extract from M Billings 'Directory and Gazetteer of the County of Devon' 1851

"A population of 1367, a decrease since 1841 of 185. Attributed to opening of Wheal Mine in Lamerton causing many people to remove there."

"Westlyns and bible Christians have chapels here, supplied by local preachers."

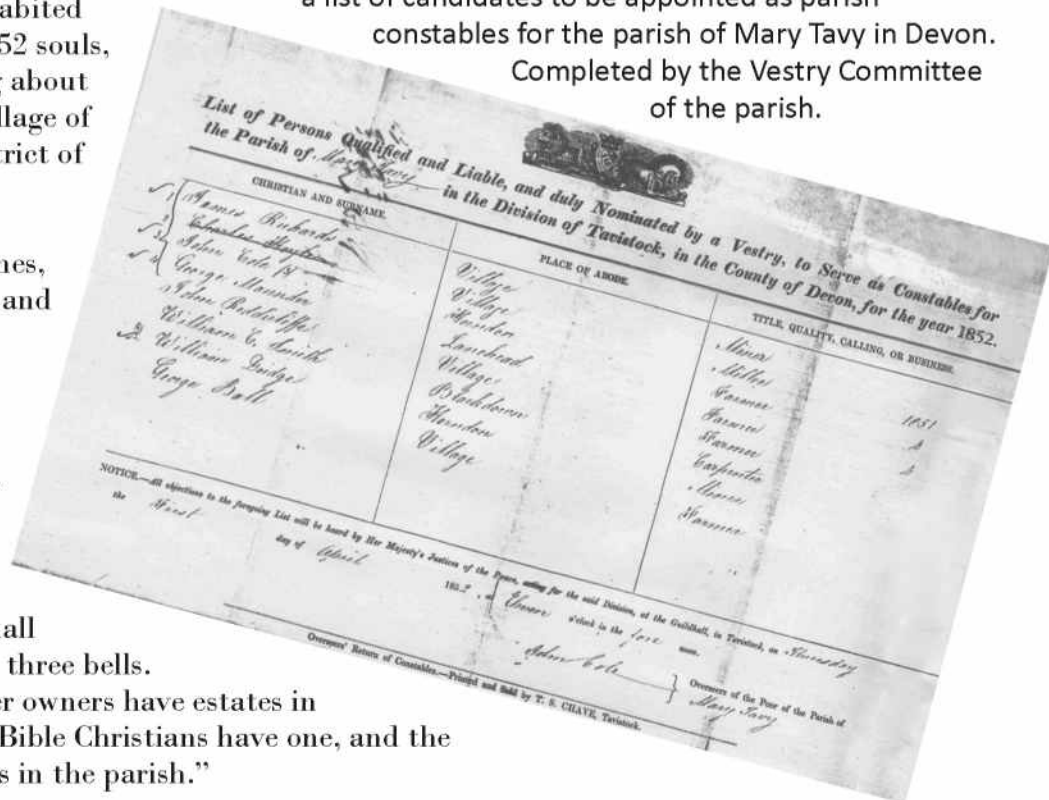
"The National School is supported by the Rector, the Wheal Friendship Company, and children's parents. Number of boys 84, girls 50. Mr J Merrifield, Master, Miss Bennett Mistress."

"4180 acres of land, 2000 acres are open moorland, and the parish contains the villages of Horndon, Lane Head and the high moorland district of Blackdown."



Parish Constables

Dated 1852, some four years before the formation of the local county police force, the image below shows a list of candidates to be appointed as parish constables for the parish of Mary Tavy in Devon. Completed by the Vestry Committee of the parish.



CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME	PLACE OF ABODE	TITLE, QUALITY, CALLING, OR BUSINESS
James Richards	Village of Horndon	Miner
Charles Hayman	Lanchard	Miller
John Telle	Village of Blackdown	Farmer
George Mowden	Horndon	Farmer
John Butcher	Horndon	Farmer
William C. Smith	Village	Carpenter
William Dodge		Weaver
George Bull		Weaver



"The population stood at 1500+ in the early 1850's and there were only 66 houses!"

The number of voters in 1857 was 25.



If you have anything relating to the history of Mary Tavy, please share it with the community.

Tavonians Theatre Company

The Thrill of Love

Friday 23rd February, 7.30pm
Coronation Hall

Tavonians Theatre Company are opening their tour in Mary Tavy before taking this production to seven other towns and villages in west Devon and east Cornwall.

The Thrill of Love is a gripping dramatisation about Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain. She meets and becomes obsessed

with the wealthy, womanising, racing driver, David Blakely. Why does their relationship end in murder? Why does she plead not guilty but offer no defence? Why does she show no remorse? Who is she trying to protect?

'Terrific' *Guardian*
'Absorbing... the writing is playful and pin-sharp' *Telegraph*
'Tense and engaging throughout... a triumph' *The Stage*

- Tickets £10 from PO & Stores, or Tavonians, 08455 196592, www.tavonians.org.uk

Mary Tavy Live!

The Neil Maya Quartet

Wed 28th Feb, 7.30pm
Coronation Hall

Under the banner of Mary Tavy Live! our second show is an evening of traditional jazz, particularly Dave Brubeck, with the Neil Maya Quartet.

The Neil Maya Quartet is one of the South West's most exciting and talented bands, playing innovative reworkings of jazz standards as well as its own compositions. Their Brubeck project has won critical acclaim throughout the South West. The quartet's music is crisp, colourful, sassy, smooth, atmospheric, intricate, cool, very imaginative and always highly entertaining!

Their last visit to Mary Tavy was January 2017 when it was a sell out so book early to avoid disappointment!

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available in the interval.

Tickets £8/£4, from PO & Stores.

- Margaret Aston 810408

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The Coast

Coronation Hall
Thursday 15th
March, 7.30pm



MED Theatre's new community play The Coast looks at the relationship of Dartmoor to the coast of the South West, and explores the issues of plastic pollution of the ocean and the low-wage economy of the holiday trade.

When Dartmoor sisters Romney and Petra go on holiday they are led into a world where nothing is quite as it seems, with wreckers, selchies and smuggling.

Tickets £8/£5.

- 01647 441356, www.medtheatre.co.uk



Duo Villanesca

Guitar and Flute

Brentor Village Hall
Saturday 10th Feb, 8pm

Peter Joe (PJ) Bennett, who grew up in Brentor, and AnaEstefania

Rodriguez Morán return to Brentor and will be playing solos and duets from the classical and contemporary repertoire.

Tickets £8, wine and soft drinks, doors open 7.30pm

- 01822 810083

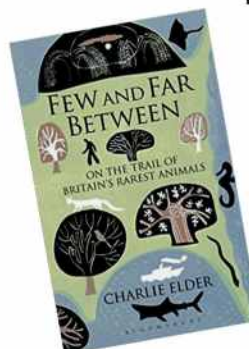
Brentor Garden Club

Meetings in Brentor Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month. Visitors very welcome. £2.00 on the door.

Thursday 15 February
Adventures on the Trail of Britain's Rarest Animals
Charlie Elder

Thursday 15 March
Around the World in 60 Plants
Peter Lindley

- Heather Webster 810004



Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy Women's Institute

We are making a very practical start to 2018 with a talk on money matters with a great deal of useful information about Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney and those things which you tend to put to one side. Next month the talk is on decluttering and, my goodness, how I need that!

The backdrop of our second prize winning entry at last year's Okehampton Show, a large photo of the sun setting in a beautiful orange sky is now framed and will be displayed in the Coronation Hall when the decorating is completed. We have John Kaczanow to thank for the photo and framing it in the nice wooden frame found in a charity shop by Janet Clare.

Visitors and new members always welcome, second Thursdays at 2pm in the Coronation Hall.

- Barbara Weeks, 810697

Gritting icy roads

Devon Highways only grit main roads, which in Mary Tavy means just the A386. The Parish Council has spent £1,160 on a gritter which can be used on other roads within the parish.

There was discussion in the January meeting about possibly seeking a grant towards the cost but it was agreed the gritter should be purchased quickly, and it was delivered in mid-January so is now ready to be used.

Reading Rooms Upgrade

The Trustees of the Reading Rooms are planning to refurbish both the inside and outside of the building. The meeting room will be decorated and improved, with new kitchen area, the electrics will be boxed in and new carpet fitted. The hallway and toilet will also be upgraded.

This should make it a much more pleasant place for meetings, and encourage future bookings.

Mery Corbon = Méry-Bissières-en-Auge

Mary Tavy has been twinned with Mary Corbon since 1982 – but no longer, sort of.

Méry-Corbon, a commune (administrative division) in the Calvados department in Normandy, was merged into the new commune Méry-Bissières-en-Auge on 1st January 2017.

There are hopes that the signs on entering Mary Tavy can be changed to reflect the new name, but Devon Highways has confirmed they will not be funding new signs as there is no danger to traffic.

Here are a few images of Méry-Bissières-en-Auge.



MARY TAVY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Quiz Night

Friday 16th February 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall

Only £5 per quizzer,
£3 for children

Maximum of 6 quizzers per table.

Ticket price includes a ploughman's supper.
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Mary Tavy Commoners Association

AGM

Mon 19th Feb 7.30pm
Brentor Village Hall

Secretary:
Julie Tucker 810276

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commences on Wednesday 24th
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Methodist Chapel & Hall

Wed 7th March 2pm

Angela Banfield

Talking about her life in the market
with Elliru Designs clothing, and
with her guitar

Regular activities:

Jigsaw Swap

3rd Mon of month,
10.30-11.30am, refreshments

Sensory Team

4th Tues of month, 10am-12noon

Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter

Thurs, 1pm-3pm
Wilma Miners, 810040

Sunday Service

10.30am, followed by coffee

Hall available for bookings, only
£10 per hour

- Ring Pauline 610079 or
email janetixxa@gmail.com

Donations made from Bonfire Night profits

Bonfire Night is organised by the
Jubilee Group and the Recreation
Ground as a community event,
purely for the enjoyment and
pleasure it provides. However
when the weather is good and a
large crowd turns up, the catering,
the bar and other activities can
generate a good income.

Thanks to generous sponsors the
basic costs of putting on Bonfire
Night are already covered.

A part of any profit made goes
towards new safety and other
equipment for the following years,
plus a sum goes into a fund to
offset losses that could be made, if
the weather is against us. Any
remaining profits have in the past
then been divided between the
Jubilee Group and the Recreation
Ground to help with other
community activities in the village.

Because Bonfire Night 2017 was a
huge success, the organisers have
decided to make two donations
from the profits –

£100 has been given to the
Coronation Hall (who in the past
two years have provided the Hall
without charge for the event), and
£75 to St Luke's Hospice in the
name of Annita Bales who had
helped with Bonfire Night and
other Jubilee Group activities and
was very well cared for at St Luke's
Hospice in her final days.

Can Bonfire Night and the Allotments co-exist happily?

With plans for Allotments to be
created in the bottom corner of
the Recreation Ground, there have
been some discussions about
problems that could be caused,
with flames and sparks potentially
close not just to areas of growing
but to any sheds or polytunnels.
Fortunately, we understand that
the Allotments Association
recognises that Bonfire Night is
important to the community and
that they might need to make
repairs if there is any damage
resulting from Bonfire Night.

Next issue of Jubilee News

The copydate for editorial and advertising for the Apr/May issue is 20th March. It can often fill up very fast so please aim to send items as far in advance as possible.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Mary Tavy Annual Parish Meeting, 17th April 6.30pm, Coronation Hall

3rd Precept reduction

For the third year in a row the Parish Council has reduced the precept - the amount which parishioners pay as part of their Council Tax bill towards the work of the Parish. The reduction is anticipated to be in the region of 2.5% for a band D property.

Personal Advertisement by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

This newsletter space has been temporarily vacated by the Parish Council, giving me the opportunity to air my personal views.

The present Parish Councillors have been in place for almost 3 years. During that time there have been many successes and a few items still in progress to be resolved. The development of the Ken Body site has been progressed and we can all see the on-going building works. The hard work of the gardening contractor has improved the state of the verges and made the cemetery beautiful. The legacy £50,000 burden of the cemetery has been removed and the parish emergency warden has been called out on numerous occasions. The Air Ambulance night landing site is in operation and we had fun Beating of the Bounds. All this was achieved at the same time as reducing the parish tax each year.

I may say that as a Councillor I am proud of these achievements, but there still remain some knotty problems to be resolved.

One of these is the question of communication with parishioners, which is a legal obligation for the Parish Council. We have four ways: the web site, the parish notice board, the Blackdown News and normally the Jubilee News. At the January meeting of the Parish Council, it was decided on grounds of cost, that the summary of the proceedings in the Jubilee News should be stopped for one edition to see what the parishioners' reaction would be. I thus have the opportunity to write to you in a personal capacity to clarify the position.

I was against this cancellation on the basis that the Newsletter is delivered free to almost all households in the Parish and gives an easily digested resume of the proceedings. The other methods that were outlined, either cost money, deal with all the bureaucracy of parish minutes or need a computer to find the details. The cost per year of informing with the Newsletter is less than 2% of the parish assets.

If you think that parish communication using web site, parish notice board and Blackdown News is sufficient, please email: parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk.

Many of you will be aware of the difficulties being experienced with the rules which govern the burials in Mary Tavy cemetery. It is like a family argument, with both sides expressing animated views, but not coming to a general consensus. An interim solution was proposed to change the cemetery burial rules to make them clearer, but this could not be agreed amongst the Councillors as each side wished to interpret them in line with their previous views. Typical of families! A vote was taken and the decision was for the rules to be interpreted as previously, which neither satisfied the rest of the councillors nor the parishioners who wanted a specific inscription on a loved one's gravestone.

The reason for the decision lies in the original burial contract which has, like insurance policies, some small print (which nobody ever reads), giving the Cemetery committee absolute right of discretion as to the wording of the gravestone inscription.

A new source of Mary Tavy information is Next Door on-line. This gives local people the opportunity to communicate on any topic. Recently there has been a lady looking for cleaning work, information on a dog that was running loose on the A386 and a cat that was missing – almost anything! If you are interested in joining please email angelawright101@gmail.com, who will send you an invite to connect.

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 17th April 2018 at 6.30 in the Coronation Hall, when you can meet all the Councillors and ask questions on all parish matters.

Roger Page

Devon Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is a free service provided by the Royal Voluntary Service on behalf of Libraries Unlimited, responsible for library service provision in Devon.

The RVS is keen to expand coverage to Mary Tavy, and if you, or someone you know would be interested in receiving books or volunteering to deliver books they'd like to hear from you.



Books are delivered by volunteers in a variety of formats for those who can no longer get to the library due to health, mobility or caring responsibilities. This can be on a temporary or permanent basis and books are chosen to suit the reader, or can be ordered online at no charge. Books can be kept longer than a normal loan period without incurring any fines.

- The RVS, 01209 705159
cornwalldevonhub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
- or,
- Tavistock Library, 01822 612218

Noticeable by its absence?

On the opposite page you'll have seen that the advertising feature usually written by Peter Jarvis on behalf of the Parish Council has instead been taken by another Councillor, Roger Page, as a private advertisement.

The Parish Council has decided to review how it communicates with parishioners and if you read the Parish Council minutes on their noticeboard or website, you'll have seen there have been long debates on the subject of the page in Jubilee News.

At the January meeting councillors voted by a majority to miss their page from this issue – and see if anyone notices.

The Parish Council believed the lack of the usual page would in itself provide them with some feedback but we have decided to write this editorial to make readers aware that their opinion is actually being sought.

All local authorities must communicate with their constituents as laid out in a transparency code, and it was for this reason the Parish Council decided, two and a half years ago, to take a page in the Jubilee Group Newsletter. It also submits a page for the Blackdown News published by the parochial church council.

Options given to councillors by the Clerk for their consideration include producing their own newsletter, publishing a single page for distribution to the shop and pubs, putting a notice on the community noticeboard, relying on the minutes and website, and/or continuing their advertisement in the Jubilee News which could remain as a whole page or be reduced in size.

If you have an opinion on whether or not you want there to be a page from the Parish Council in Jubilee News please could you inform either the Clerk to the Parish Council or the Jubilee Group.

- Kerry Higham, Clerk to the Parish Council, 810786, parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk
- Ali Fife Cook, Editor, Jubilee News, 08455 193812, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Coffee Morning in aid of



Wed 28th Feb, 10am Coronation Hall

For the fourth year, Mary, Sandra & Mark are organising a coffee morning in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

Last year they raised an astonishing £1,500, and they hope to see lots of people there this year to give further support to St Luke's, who were so very kind and supportive when Mary's husband, Douglas, was being treated for cancer, "they became friends to all of us, helping not only my husband but the whole family. They are wonderful people offering an amazing service."

Please go along on 28th Feb, to give your support.

- St Luke's Fundraising Team, 01752 964427, www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/coffee

The Mary Tavy Inn

www.themarytavyinn.co.uk

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Forthcoming Events



Sat 3rd March
Belfast Busker

6th - 10th
March

Spanish Food Week

Sat 14th April
Help 4 Heroes

25th - 28th May
**Beer, Sausage
& Mash Festival**



**Quiz, last Sunday
every month, 8.30pm**

**Sunday Carvery,
12.30-2.30pm**

OAPs' Lunch every Thursday

Mary Tavy Cemetery

There have been discussions in recent Parish Council meetings about several aspects of the cemetery. Here is a summary.

Follow up on the Petitions:

In October two petitions concerning the Cemetery were handed to Mary Tavy Parish Council. In Parishioners' Time prior to the October meeting, the Council commented on the mainly online petition started by Mrs Lupo, which had c.300 signatures, stating that "the content of the petition was so offensive, containing language not suitable for public consumption it would not be taken into consideration".

The Petition with c.200 signatures of people within Mary Tavy, presented by Mrs Duke, was discussed during the full meeting.

The Petition had three requests:

1. That the rule regarding wording of gravestones be relaxed to allow up to 36 words of the family's choosing.
2. To allow a photograph on the headstone of the deceased if that is what the family would like.
3. More flexibility regarding flowers and pots.

There was a lengthy discussion – which can be read in full in the Minutes on the PC's website – and a decision was taken to hold a meeting of the Cemetery Committee to conduct a review of the Regulations.

Headstone wording to be Reconsidered

The Parish Council had rejected the wording Pearl Duke wanted on the headstone for her husband, Ray, suggesting alternative wording which Mrs Duke was not happy to accept. The Council agreed at their January meeting that the wording would be reconsidered in the February meeting, based on the new Regulations.



Changes to the Regulations:

The Regulations governing burials in the Cemetery have been reviewed and a new version was approved by the Parish Council at their meeting in January.

The main changes include:

- ♦ Separate flower containers are permitted provided they do not exceed the width of the headstone base and remain within 12 inches or metric equivalent from the headstone;
- ♦ The dressing of graves is not permitted. This includes scarves, ribbons, toys, ornaments, tinsel etc. Any such items found on a grave will be removed and disposed of without delay.
- ♦ Headstones may contain a motif significant to the deceased;
- ♦ An inscription may contain a limited factual statement about the deceased.

The changes should be read alongside the fuller explanations in the 'Mary Tavy Parish Council Charges & Regulations' document, which should be available on the Parish Council website or can be requested from the Burial Clerk, who is also the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Thefts of floral tributes:

Whilst the Parish Council does remove tributes and other items which don't meet specifications in the Regulations (which include items which can cause problems for health and safety) many tributes have been moved or taken away by person or persons unknown. In particular there was a spate of thefts of wreaths and other floral tributes before Christmas. This is very sad for those affected. The thefts were notified to the Police.

New fence:

For a great many years it has been recognised that the fence between the older cemetery and the current burial ground has been in a poor state of repair. There were proposals for having something other than a post and wire fence, possibly having no fence or simple granite markers, but the requirement of the diocese is that it must be a fence and any deviation from the current design would need special permission.

Built by the maintenance person for the Parish, Craig Gardiner, the new fence has now almost been completed.

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Soggy old posters!

We've been asked by a local resident to put in a plea to event organisers, please, to take down posters after events. Posters around the village are great for keeping the community aware of activities, but we want our community not only to be an active one but also a tidy one without soggy old posters, and we want the information to be relevant and up-to-date.



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Progress at the Blackdown Garage Site

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The Jubilee Group has been in regular contact with the developer of the old garage site. The most recent news is that a new company, Harrington Homes, has been formed to handle the later stages of development and sales of the properties.

A number of questions have been raised by local residents, so we put those, and some others, to the developer.

Q: How is progress going?

A: Progress is going very well, albeit with the inclement weather. Ground works are well underway and we are very hopeful that our Show Homes will be open in the early summer. The development will be built in phases however, the whole site is due to be fully completed by early 2019.

Q: There have been questions in the village about whether or not the contaminated soil has been cleared or otherwise made safe, could you let me know what has been done?

A: We have undertaken remediation works on the site and some of the contaminants have been removed, there is also some that is ongoing. We have discovered that since our initial survey, levels of contamination post excavation are lower than originally anticipated.

Q: Is there a name for the new development and for any of the



roads is they are separately named?;

A: We as yet haven't reached a point of releasing the development name, however, as soon as we know we will inform you.

Q: Is part of what you are doing going to include making a pavement on the other side of the A386?

A: There are some significant highways improvements being undertaken, hopefully in late spring this year. This will include a pavement to both sides

of the road and a parking bay. Plus all new entrance works for the main site.

On a side note; Harrington Homes is a local company, based in Ivybridge. We support our local trades men and women, who are local to each development and ensure wherever possible we keep our business local thus supporting the local economy. This is an area we feel particularly strongly about and will set us apart from the large conglomerate firms within the industry.

IT'S COMPETITION TIME

This is a new feature in Jubilee News and will probably be included in each issue.

All you have to do is identify the photographs, all of them taken recently and of places and things you can see easily from the roads or public places within the parish.

The winner will be the first fully correct (or if none are fully correct the most accurate) answer drawn out of the hat at the Post Office & Stores.

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Answers can either be a written description or the places marked on a sketch map, or you could even take your own photographs, or whatever is the easiest way for you to make sure we understand your answer. Don't worry if you don't know them all, you might still know more than other people do. Entries can be emailed to competition@mtjubileegroup.co.uk, or put in an envelope marked 'Jubilee News Competition' and handed in at the PO & Stores. Entries must be in by 10th March.

Good luck!



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."

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