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Jubilee News

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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... and the name is ...

We received a phenomenal response to the request for names for the development at the Blackdown Garage site. Dozens of you sent in a total of around 70 suggestions, and the developers were delighted with the thought and care everyone had taken, and they carefully considered the names put forward. Harrington Homes has selected one of the names suggested by the community –

THE BURROWS

It wasn't a competition, but nevertheless we'd like to say congratulations to the three people who made that suggestion, one of whom has very close connections to the former garage.

The Burrows has long existed as an informal name for the area around the site.

We're not sure if there will be a separate name for the road, but we'll keep you informed.

Jessica Davis of Harrington Homes has also told us:

I am sure readers and those locally will have noticed the level of work being undertaken on site, currently there is a large attenuation tank being installed on the site, this is to help alleviate the flow of excess surface water that would be collected over the site. We are anticipating to launch the site around mid-September, however, we will of course keep you updated as we progress.

On the day of the WI Spring Sale, when there was also a garden in the village open for charity, it was found that the developer had put banners on the fencing making it impossible to see up the road from the Coronation Hall lane. Unsure what else could be done, the Police were called and they advised that the banners be taken down, which was duly done for the sake of safety. The Jubilee Group contacted Harrington Homes to let them know what had happened and, more importantly, why. They then rearranged the fencing so that the banners could be placed further back to avoid further problems with visibility.



Friday 22nd &
Saturday 23rd June, 6pm,
Coronation Hall

Whitty Kids

Children from Whitchurch Primary School
are putting on a summer performance

Tuesday 17th July, 1pm &
Thursday 19th July, 6pm, Coronation Hall

Musical Performance

by Mary Tavy & Brentor
Primary School KS2

Clubs & Local Contacts

This issue hasn't got space for the list of Clubs and Local Contacts. You'll find the full list in the previous issue, and it is available on the Jubilee Group website, www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk.

Community Picnic

Sunday 8th July 12noon, off Warne Lane, Mary Tavy

Come along to a simple summer community picnic. Bring your own food, drink and something to sit on, and spend a couple of hours or more in the company of friends old and new. We'll be gathering in a field belonging to Pearl Duke, on Warne Lane, just down from Fellingfield.

The field has been left in recent years to become a

woodland and an area for wildlife. We hope many will walk there to avoid having a lot of cars, but parking should be possible on the roadsides for those who need it, and the area is relatively flat so is suitable for people of all abilities.

You could bring games for people to join in with, or an instrument to play.
It's your event, so enjoy it.



Mary Tavy Country Fayre

Recreation Ground
& Coronation Hall

Sunday 5th August
from noon



Kids' Play Area

The large climbing frame, with slides, net, rings and lots of other features which was in the kids' play area in the Recreation Ground has been taken down.

Much of the wood had become rotten. It was painted three years ago when the Jubilee Group arranged a session to get the play area up to standard and open again after it had been closed for a year. But since then the frame had become so rotten that it was dangerous.

The Trustees of the Recreation Ground are considering what to put in to replace it.

Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI

The good weather has seen the WI ladies busy in their gardens and the WI garden opposite the War Memorial which is looking very pretty.

Our own gardens produced plenty of plants for our annual Spring Sale which went well although not so well attended as usual probably, we thought, due to other events being brought forward to avoid the Royal Wedding. We hope that the remaining plants will sell at the Village Fayre.

Some of us hope to visit the Flower Festival at Crediton Church which is always spectacular. Meetings, which always welcome possible new members, are on second Thursdays at 2pm in the Coronation Hall.

• Barbara Weeks, 810697

Personal Advertisement by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

This is an advertisement by Roger Page in a personal capacity and not acting as a member of the Parish Council.

In the previous note on the Parish Council proceedings, you will recall that there was disagreement on the Council related to allotments, payments to a councillor and information flow to you, the parishioners, who pay the council tax to obtain your local services.

Whilst the road to agreement on these topics has not been easy, I believe we have now solved or are now on course to secure agreement.

Firstly, the request for payment to a councillor was paid and unfortunately together with the other problems resulted in the resignation of the councillor. His valuable opinions are a loss to the Council.

Secondly, information flow to you via a page in the Jubilee News was cancelled by mutual consent, leaving the parish notice board as the main source of Council information. However there is always news from Council meetings reported in the Jubilee News and I am using this space to ensure you have a good understanding of what is going on.

Thirdly, much time and effort has been expended in trying to find a solution to the problems discussed in the last Newsletter related to fulfilling the desire for allotments, along with a request for a large grant which is above the limit we are legally able to give. I believe we are now on the way to finding a solution which fulfils this, and at a reasonable cost to the parish.

A working party has been formed so that allotments can be created on land owned by the Parish but which will be managed by the Allotment Association. Several potential consequences have still to be resolved, such as planning regulations and the effect on Bonfire Night, and the cost to the Parish needs to be reduced. Compromises may be necessary, but I am confident that I will be able to report agreement by the time the next newsletter is produced.

Lack of a Parish Clerk has disrupted the proper recording of the proceedings of the Parish Council, but with the appointment of Shane Honey as a temporary clerk, a much improved meeting organisation has already been achieved. Interviews for a permanent Clerk are being organised.

Cllr Roger Page

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Bursting into bloom

As the allotments project nears realisation it seems an appropriate time to outline what we as an Association hope to achieve, as well as address some of the concerns that have apparently been raised.

Work on the Recreation Ground site to make the ground ready has started. We have 11 plots allocated, and hope to have a couple more available. There will also be an area for smaller community raised beds and a community polytunnel.

We have agreed with the trustees to have one communal shed rather than small individual ones, but it will not have a toilet block, neither do we intend to hold cooking lessons in it. There will be no additional cost to the village as the Parish Council has allocated existing funds to establish the site. The community shed and polytunnel will be funded by grants from elsewhere.

We want the site to become an asset for the village. We also expect it to become very productive over time. We're looking at ways of sharing excess produce with others, particularly those most in need. Talks are ongoing, but if anyone has any suggestion or if you're interested in an allotment or a community plot, please get in touch.

- John Bright, 07704634695, enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com



Dartmoor Historic Building Restoration Grants

The Historic Building Restoration Grant is being piloted in Dartmoor as well as four other National Parks with £2 million of funding available.

The aim of the scheme is to help save iconic historic farm buildings in National Parks. Owners can apply for a grant offering 80% towards the cost of restoration, which can include replacing the roof, weatherproofing the exterior, or other restoration works so that the building can be used again for farming. The grant is also supported by an implementation plan so that applicants can work with National Park advisors on developing a management plan, which is 100% funded.



While most of the historic farm buildings date from the 19th century, Dartmoor has one of the highest concentrations of 17th century and earlier farmstead buildings in England.

For more information visit the DNPA website, www.dartmoor.gov.uk, and search for Historic Building Restoration Grant.

New Jubilee Group Trustee

In early April John Banks became a Trustee of Mary Tavy Jubilee Group. John and his wife Tamsin have been residents of Mary Tavy for 11 years. As a keen walker, John has a particular interest in our local footpaths, and he is a Dartmoor National Park Voluntary Warden. He will be a great asset to the small group of Trustees responsible for the Jubilee Group, which we anticipate will grow still a little more in the coming months.

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The Pool Guy

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Tavy Jubilee Group

Reading Rooms Upgrade

We reported in the previous issue that the Reading Rooms was to be refurbished and upgraded.

The Jubilee Group has offered a donation of £500 to the Reading Rooms, specifically for tables. Currently there is just one large table (actually a table tennis table) in the meeting room, but if it is to become more appropriate as a space for a variety of activities, smaller tables which can give a flexible arrangement will be important.

The Jubilee Group has also offered to help with providing items from the heritage collection to provide interest around the walls.

Work is currently underway, with wiring being tidied, walls painted, and a new carpet will be laid. Trees have been taken down at the front of the building and the outside is to be given a facelift.

The funds for the Jubilee Group's donation come from profits made on Bonfire Nights over the past five years. From the most recent Bonfire Night the Jubilee Group has also given donations to the Coronation Hall and St. Luke's Hospice.



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Saturday 2nd June

Annual Cream Tea

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Regular activities:

Wednesday 6th June 2pm

Speaker

The Venerable John Reed

Wednesday 4th July 2pm

Speaker

to be arranged

Mondays 18th June and 16th July

Jigsaw Swap

Refreshments and friendly chat

Tuesdays 26th June and 24th July

10am-12noon: visit of Devon

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An apology

As Editor of Jubilee News I've been asked by a parishioner to make an apology for a misleading statement in the previous issue. In the article 'Reporting on news from the Parish Council' I referred to a statement made by Councillor John Hill and to having heard it first hand.

During the process of reducing many articles to fit the space available, the reference to a previous article two issues earlier did then imply that I'd heard the statement about editorial control at the October meeting, which I had not attended. In fact the statement made then had been reported to me but it was at the November meeting that I heard it first hand. I apologize for that error.

- Ali Fife Cook, Editor, Jubilee News

Our Terms of Reference

The Jubilee Group is writing a Terms of Reference document, which expands on the wording within the Trust document (the wording can be seen on the back page of this newsletter).

Once completed it will help to guide the planning of events and activities.

There is one type of activity we are particularly keen to see increase, and that is conservation. We are discussing with the DNP Ranger how we might help.

We are also getting back on track with plans for footpath maps, signage and guides.

Would you like to get involved in these projects?

- mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Do you have any connections with the Mallett family?

The Mallett (also spelt as Malet or Mallet) family are seeking to trace their family line in and around Tavistock, and have set up a DNA study to establish whether branches of the family are biologically related.

There is known to be one current Mary Tavy resident who is a descendant from the South Tawton Mallet family and in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries there were several Mallet generations in Mary Tavy.

They are seeking a male member of a Mallett family to take part and provide a DNA sample.

- www.mallettfamilyhistory.org/tng/dna-bgrnd.php#purp



It seems likely this photograph was taken in Mary Tavy, possibly Blackdown, can anyone recognise the location? Photograph courtesy of Nick Mayne.

John Isaac Mallett
1846 – 1928

John Isaac Mallett was born in Tavistock, then is shown on the census from 1871 as living in Mary Tavy, the same year he married Priscilla James. They lived at Wortha Mill, Blackdown, Palmers Corner, and he died at Moorside. His occupation is shown as labourer, miner, and a worker for GWR including as a platelayer.

The photograph shows John Isaac Mallett with his wife and family – Standing, L to R: Bessie, John Isaac, and Marion. Seated, L to R: Mary Emma, Priscilla, and Jacob Henry William.

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An evening of singing and simple ceilidh dancing

Saturday 9th June 7.30pm, Coronation Hall

Following a suggestion from the Jubilee Group, the Folk Section of the Camping and Caravanning Club, who are using the Recreation Ground for a few nights, invite villagers to join them for their evening social event.

Light refreshments provided, all very welcome.



Parish Council AGM

At their Annual General Meeting on 22nd May (which followed the Annual Parish Meeting), the Parish Council elected the following officers and representatives:

Chair, John Roy Hill / Vice-Chair, Peter Jarvis / Chair of Finance Committee, Roger Page / Chair of Planning Committee, Michael Fife Cook / Chair of Cemetery Committee, Peter Jarvis / Emergency Officer & Snow Warden, John Roy Hill / Webmaster, John Roy Hill / Southern Parishes Link, George Hill and John Bright / DNPA, George Hill / Coronation Hall Representative, John Bright

Shane Honey, a Locum Clerk, is currently assisting the Council and interviews are due to take place soon for someone to fill the vacancy on a permanent basis.

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month in the Reading Rooms. Parishioners' time 7.15pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Change of arrangements for Bonfire Night

Yes it is a little early in the year to be talking about Bonfire Night, but we need to make the community aware of a change that will be taking place this year.

Bonfire Night started as a Jubilee Group concept following the Jubilee Beacon Bonfire and it has grown into a very successful village event, not only helping to bring the village together but also to raise the profile of Mary Tavy.

Thanks to generous sponsors, large numbers of people kindly giving time and expertise to run Bonfire Night, plus the support of everyone who has come along to enjoy the event, Bonfire Night has raised funds each year even though it is free to attend. The success of Bonfire Night has meant that funds have been able to go towards other village projects.

Initially the Jubilee Group ran Bonfire Night alone but a few years ago we invited the Recreation Ground to become joint organisers. This year the Recreation Ground Trustees have decided, unilaterally, to take over Bonfire Night as its own project.

It is the Jubilee Group's philosophy to get projects started that can then be run independently, and it frees up the Jubilee Group Trustees and helpers to set up other village events and projects which we have had to put on the back boiler due to a shortage of time and energy.

We hope the Recreation Ground Trustees invest the large amounts of time and effort needed each year to make sure that this successful free village event goes from strength to strength.

We hope too that we might be able to count on the help and support of many in the community for new Jubilee Group projects, and if you have any proposals or ideas to put forward for new events please do let us know.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a really big thank you to John Thacker and his team for the wonderful firework display each year. John has decided, having left Mary Tavy four years ago, that the time has come to move on to other things, and possibly take a long winter holiday.

No shortage of rubbish

On a slightly wet Sunday in April, eighteen intrepid members of the community turned out for the Litter Pick, organised by the Jubilee Group. They filled more than 20 bags. Amongst the general rubbish there were many 'used' dog poo bags, cans, lots of coffee cups with lids, several hub caps and a huge section of the front of a car.

We'd like to say thank you to the Coronation Hall for providing the kitchen and meeting room without charge, and at the same time we'd like to apologise to them that the arrangement we'd made with WDBC hadn't been followed through by them, and the rubbish remained outside the hall for longer than it should have done. Thanks too go to the Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI who provided tea and excellent cakes at the end of the afternoon's efforts. The Jubilee Group made a donation to the WI, and some of that money will be used to enhance the planting area on the corner of the A386 and Bal Lane.

The Jubilee Group has purchased equipment, and some pickers have been donated, so we are well set up to undertake more frequent litter picks in the future, and keep our village clear of rubbish.



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Forthcoming Events

21st July
Pub closed for family wedding

24th Nov
Annual Ladies Christmas
Shopping Trip
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Seniors Lunch
every Thursday
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Sunday Lunch Carvery
12.30pm to 2.30pm

Quiz, last Sunday
every month, 8.30pm

Colouring Mary Tavy

The Jubilee Group is working on a scheme to bring a lot of colour into Mary Tavy, particularly in the springtime.

We would like to plant a host of golden daffodils, and other bulbs, along many of the verges on the A386. This will be a joy to the senses, both for local residents and the many people who simply pass through the village.

We hope we'll be able to get a grant for the bulbs, we'll need agreement from Devon Highways, and importantly we'll need the involvement of the community. We'd like to hear from anyone interested in helping organise the project, and when the time comes for planting we'll need many of you out with your dibbers or trowels.

Please get in touch if this is something you think you'd like to help with.



All Out Performance

Friday 6th July, Coronation Hall

All Out Performing Arts is holding its Summer School, which will end with a performance to the public.

The Summer School brings young people together to work with professional performing arts writers and practitioners, and take to the stage acting, singing and dancing in original music theatre shows.

Keeping in contact

New legislation affects the way that every organisation and business keeps and uses data about individuals.

We've emailed all those who've been receiving Jubilee News by email, as even though everyone on the list has specifically asked to have the newsletter by email, new consent now needs to be given. Unfortunately anyone who hadn't replied by 25th May will no longer be on our list, but it's very easy to ask to be included again.

Twice over the past few years we've sent out an email to everyone in Mary Tavy whose

email address we could find. One of those messages was about the closure of the A386 and the other about the likelihood of heavy lorries going through the village to a development site in Tavistock.

If anyone would like to receive those very occasional emails about matters that are urgent and of major importance to Mary Tavy, please email us and ask to be included on the list.

Another requirement of the General Data Protection Regulations is that there should be a Data Protection Policy. This has been prepared and will be made available on the website soon.

● mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

School Report

I can't believe it is already the final term of my first year at Mary Tavy and Brentor Primary School! In fact, by the time you read this it may be the final half-term.

The Year 6s have had their end of Key Stage Statutory Assessments (SATS). They have worked hard and really tried their best so we wish them well with the results which will be out in July.

To take their minds off the tests, the children have been thinking about the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, due to take place tomorrow as I write this. Year 5 and 6 made a lovely display with a life-size bride and groom and festive bunting. They also did some research on the couple's families and created a family tree of information. In Class 2 the children thought about the outfits and cake and created designs they thought the Prince and his bride might like. Class 1 made wedding cards with messages inside for Prince Harry and Meghan. We wish them a long and happy life together.

In late April Year 1 and Year 2 went to Blackdown Nursing Home to visit the residents. They played games, made puzzles, drew pictures and generally had a lovely time with the residents. Next month the Singing Club will be visiting the residents to sing some songs for them. Apparently their favourite songs are by Elvis!

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw, Headteacher

Swapping classroom for kitchen

The current contract for school meals at the Primary School is coming to an end in the summer. From the autumn term the catering will be done by Mrs Alison Stacey, with Mrs Hutchinson continuing to cook in the kitchen alongside her. Although Mrs Stacey is very excited about her new venture, she is sad to be stepping down as a teacher. Ms Nina Gray will be taking on her role with Class 3 in September.

Fri 13th July 3pm
Coronation Hall
Mary Tavy & Brentor
Primary School
Summer Fair



It's a Winter Dragon

We mentioned in the previous issue that there was a competition at the Primary School to name the salt gritter recently purchased by the Parish Council. John Roy Hill who is the emergency officer for the Parish Council took the gritter to the School to announce the winning name, Winter Dragon, and present the winner with a big chocolate Easter egg.



Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 21 June
"Medicine in the Garden"
Dr. Francis Howard

no meeting July or August

Meetings in Brentor Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month.

Visitors very welcome.
£2.00 on the door.

● Heather Webster
810004

Getting the message

In issue 22 we gave you news of a mast being erected in Horndon which would give improved Vodafone and O2 signal, but that it might take 6 to 12 months to become active. We've heard from many people who have most certainly noticed the difference with Vodafone, and our O2 signal has gone from zero even in the garden to a full strength signal even inside the house with thick granite walls. If you need a mobile signal in Mary Tavy Vodafone and O2 are now options worth considering.



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Entries must be in by 10th July. Answers can be a written description, or the places marked on a sketch map, or you could 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 marked 'Jubilee News Competition' and handed in at the PO & Stores. Please make sure we have your name and a phone number or email address.

Good luck!

Well done to everyone who entered the second competition. Picture 2, the planter by the church gate, proved elusive to some. There was in fact only one completely correct answer, and our congratulations go to Michelle Turner.

The answers to the Competition in issue 25 were:

1. From Brentor Road looking towards Moorland Hall;
2. Planter beside the gate to the Church;
3. The garden area of The Royal Standard now Café Scrumptious;
4. The tree on the corner of Warne Lane and Great Fellingfield;
5. Fenced off corner of C.J.Down Coaches, from the A386;
6. Roof of the old chapel in Horndon.



Copydate for the next issue is the 20th of the preceding month, at the very latest, but please remember Jubilee News can fill up fast so the sooner you can get information to us the better.

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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