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Jubilee News

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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August & September 2018



New events and activities for the community?

Following changes to the arrangement for Bonfire Night which has been taken over by the Recreation Ground Trustees, the Jubilee Group is now thinking about new events and activities it could bring to the community.

We're going to invite Jubilee Group helpers and supporters to a meeting, probably in mid-September, for ideas to be tossed around and options explored.

It'll be an informal session, and we'll bring forward any suggestions we've receive before the meeting, so would you like to put forward some ideas for the group to discuss, or would you like to be a part of that meeting?

Please get in touch if you have any ideas or if you think you might like to be involved.

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Community Picnic

It was a beautiful sunny day for our Community Picnic in early July. Possibly it was too hot for some and families may have headed for the beach, but the dozen people who did come very much enjoyed themselves, and we plan to do another picnic - perhaps we'll make it an annual event.

Grateful thanks go to Pearl Duke for allowing us to use her wildlife field which everyone enjoyed exploring.

HIGMAN CLOSE

In the previous issue we weren't sure if the road on The Burrows was to have a separate name, but we now know it is, and that name will be Higman Close, in recognition of the contribution to the community by John Higman, the vicar of Tavy St Mary until his untimely death in early 2017.

At the time of John's death the Blackdown Garage site had just been cleared and development was about to start.



Harrington Homes invite everyone in Mary Tavy to

**THE BURROWS
OPEN EVENT
CORONATION HALL
FRIDAY 17TH AUG
DROP IN 10AM TO 6PM**

This is an opportunity to meet the developers, view some of the plans, and ask questions.

More information is given on page 2.

PLUS CAR BOOT!
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Sunday 5th August

Country Fayre

Opens 12 Noon

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100th Anniversary of the end of WW1

This year Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday both fall on Sunday 11th November, and it will be the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One.



In the next issue we'll include a number of articles in remembrance of those affected by wars in Mary Tavy. If you have a story or a photograph you'd like us to include please do get in touch.

The article below is a press release issued by Harrington Homes, and we thought you might like to read it in full -

Local Community come together to name development

The village of Mary Tavy has seen the disused Blackdown Garage site, become neglected for many years, before a local Devon based developer; Harrington Homes purchased the land in 2017.

Before works could begin there were site and ground investigations that needed to be completed, ensuring its suitability to be developed for housing. There were minor remediation works that needed to be considered, such as the new 35-meter attenuation tank, which is buried underneath the site, and will process the drainage of surface water from across the development.

As the site began to emerge from the street the local residents became curious as to what was intended for the site, what the houses would look like? What the development and street would be named?

Harrington Homes contacted the editorial team at the Jubilee News, Newsletter, seeking the residents to assist with suggesting a name for the development, a phenomenal 70 suggestions were received and forwarded to Harrington Homes to consider. The development Name 'The Burrows' received the highest number of votes in an internal vote, out of the 70 nominations.

Harrington Homes were delighted to pass the welcome news to the Jubilee News who made the announcement in the June/July edition of the newsletter.

Since then the local community have again been in touch with Harrington Homes, seeking to know the road name, although the developer initially thought they would name the road 'Blackdown Close' paying

homage to the garage, which was previously located on the site. However, this didn't receive a great deal of support locally, instead, the locals suggested 'Higman Close' paying tribute to Reverend John Higman, deceased. Reverend John Higman was a local resident in Mary Tavy, having spent his childhood within the village. He initially worked for Trading Standards, before he followed his faith and later became the Parish Priest of both St. Mary's and St. Peter's Churches. He was so well regarded, that some of the residents within the Mary Tavy Community considered it a fitting tribute to secure a legacy that will forever remain in the heart of the village.

Harrington Homes were so keen to continue with the relationships established within the village, they are thrilled to announce the road will be named 'Higman Close'.

Harrington Homes are delighted to hold an open event for those within the Mary Tavy Community, inviting them to attend Coronation Hall on Friday 17th August between; 10:00 - 18:00. This will be an opportunity to meet the developers, view some of the plans, and provide them with the opportunity to ask questions.

This is not intended as a sales event, but an informative day for residents. There is no booking required, as it is designed to be a drop-in event running through-out the day. Harrington Homes said; "We look forward to meeting members of the community in which we are developing."

The Burrows will have a launch event later in the year, those interested in learning more are able to contact Harrington Homes by email: info@harrington-homes.co.uk or by visiting the website: www.harrington-homes.co.uk.

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Might the Coronation Hall and Recreation Ground Trusts become one?

The land on which the Coronation Hall was built in the 1960s belongs to the Recreation Ground Trust (the MTVMRGT) and has been leased to the Hall on a long lease. In December 2016 the lease came up for renewal and it transpired that despite attempts to find a simple way to deal with the legal process it would cost thousands of pounds. So the Recreation Ground Trustees are proposing to invoke a clause which enables them to take back the land.

The plan is for the two trusts to become a single charity, but still with two committees, at least for now. This will be discussed further at an EGM of the Coronation Hall Trustees.

Rolling Along

At the Village Fayre in late May many were keen to look at the Robey steam roller which was on display, perhaps none more so that Chris Bell, an engineer, and his wife Linda. Chris realised that he really needed the services of a steam roller for his driveway which had become bumpy. He asked if they might help - and they agreed, going to Chris & Linda's property after the Fayre. Pictured is the Robey roller entering their drive opposite the war memorial with the WI garden to the side.



Picture by James Bird

The football field is once again in regular use

Anyone who has walked in the Recreation Ground recently cannot fail to have noticed that the football pitch has been tidied up, the grass cut, the goal posts painted, and extra seating added; and some will have seen or heard football matches taking place. Lamerton Community Football Club have made arrangements to use the pitch on a regular basis, and it's hoped it will be a long-term arrangement.



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Regular activities:

Monthly Wednesday Meeting

No meeting in August

September 5th 2pm

Speaker Major Pam Smith

of the Salvation Army:

Come Sing with Us!

Monthly Monday Jigsaw Swap

No meeting in August

September 17th 10-30am-12noon

Weekly Thursdays Knit and Natter

No meetings in August

Next meeting September 6th 1-3pm

Monthly Tuesday visit of

Devon Sensory Team

August 28th & September 25th

Ecumenical Prayer and Bible Study

Monday or Tuesday evenings

7-30-9pm, Ring Janet 810166

for details

Hall available for bookings, only

£10 per hour

- Ring Pauline 610079 or email janetixxa@gmail.com

Mary Tavy Live!

Next event
Folk Music Concert
Thurs 15th Nov

Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI

It was very good to have John Roy Hill as our July speaker. In these restless times it is rare to find someone with their roots going back so far in their local area.

The garden has been looking good in spite of no rain. What a change from the day of the litter pick!

The ladies have suggested that I might gently remind dog walkers that while we have a dog warden we do not have a poo bag fairy to collect items hung on trees or just left around. The litter pickers were not there to pick up after dogs!

Meetings, which always welcome possible new members, are on second Thursdays at 2pm in the Coronation Hall.

- Barbara Weeks 810697

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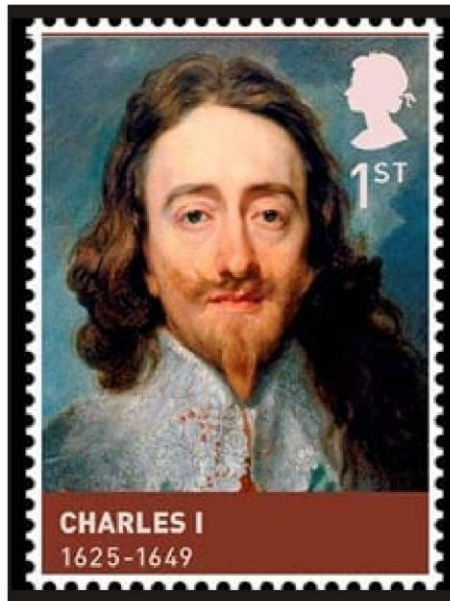
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THE KING WAY

In parts of Mary Tavy there remain sections of what is believed to be a 13th century track some of which later became a 17th century postal route, the King Way. The name comes from the route between London and Plymouth along which the King's Mail was taken. The King being Charles I.

In particular the King Way can be seen in parts of Blackdown. You can, if you look carefully, see the King Way alongside the A386 north of the village, appearing as a deep trench between the road and the fence. In other places it is less visible and unless you live in or visit certain properties you are unlikely to be aware of its existence, although on satellite images a line of trees clearly marks the route. When the Conservation Area was created in 2011 properties around the Royal Standard, including Standard Court and Laburnum Villas, were included in the Conservation Area because the King Way runs behind the properties.

From Blackdown the track used by the King's Messengers went west of the village, along parts of Warne Lane, dropping down into the valley at Wringworthy, meeting the road now known as Old Exeter Road in Tavistock. The turnpike road on the west of the river between Mary Tavy and Tavistock later provided better access for the ore from the mines to reach the newly cut canal to Morwellham, completed in 1822.



King Charles I and the postal service come together again in this 2010 stamp

In 'Walking Dartmoor's Ancient Tracks: A guide to 28 routes', Eric Hemery writes:

'In an attempt to account for the name-origin of the track, we must rely on both documented history and tradition concerning 'the King's Posts'. Although a regular postal service between the smaller towns of West Devon and east Cornwall was not inaugurated until 1722, a petition of 1630 addressed to King Charles I, concerning 'the King's Posts', specified the need to provide posthorses 'on the Western Stages of His Majesty's Posts'... This resulted in a proclamation dated 31 July 1635 about arrangements subsequently undertaken for post-

boys riding the 'Plymouth Road' - that is, the route from Exeter south of the Moor... It was not until 1720, however, that a regular mounted postboy service was established between Okehampton (then on the London-Launceston postal routes) and Tavistock. In the meantime, the King's Messengers had carried official posts on horseback between the two towns.'

In his 'Guide to Dartmoor', William Crossing writes:

'26.-The King Way. The old road from Tavistock to Okehampton, which was in use previous to 1817, ... crossed the Walla Brook a short distance below Indiscombe, thence running on by Wilminstone, to which place it may still be followed. Beyond this it crossed the Burn near Wringworthy Farmhouse, and ascended the hill on the opposite side, and from this point onward to the Lyd followed practically the same line as that taken by the existing highway. But a track belonging to a time much earlier than that of this old road also ran this way, and that the latter was formed upon it, at least as far as the Lyd, or a little beyond, is more than probable. Further, however, the old road did not follow it, but was carried along the verge of the moor instead of across a part of it as the track was. This is known in the locality, that is to say, from Mary Tavy to Sourton, as the King Way, and though much of it is now obliterated, I have been able by careful examination to trace it from the village of Black Down to Higher Bowden, near Meldon, a distance of between eight and nine miles.'

New Parish Clerk resigns

It was not long ago that we reported that the post of Clerk to the Parish Council was being advertised following Kerri Higham's resignation. We understand there were four applications and the person in the role of Locum Clerk for the interim period, Shane Honey, was the successful candidate. However, having only just taken on the role she has resigned. No further information is currently known.

Moor Compassionate Neighbours needed

Only a year after Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours was set up they are very much in need of more volunteers to cope with great demand and an extended geographical area. The next training day is due to take place in mid-October, so applications are now being actively sought.

For information visit the website or phone for a chat.



Working in partnership with St Luke's Hospice.

- BMCN Co-ordinator, Mark Alderson; 01822 860799; www.bmcneighbours.org

Recreation Ground Trustees

At their AGM the Trustees of the Recreation Ground elected John Roy Hill as Chair and Jo Albon as Secretary and Treasurer. Other Trustees are John Bright, Cheryl Downham, Kerri Higham, George Hill and Calum Veale.

What a difference a year makes

As we put the newsletter together at this time last year we were coping with horrendous rains and some quite severe flooding.

Floods can occur at any time of year and can be worse when the ground is very dry.

The Jubilee Group holds a trailer of flood defence equipment, which proved very useful last year, and it can be borrowed by members of the community.

Hydroelectric Power Station Heritage Open Day Thurs 13th Sept, 10am to 4pm

Take a close-up look at the eighty six year old plant and speak with the team, to find out more about how Mary Tavy produces electricity.

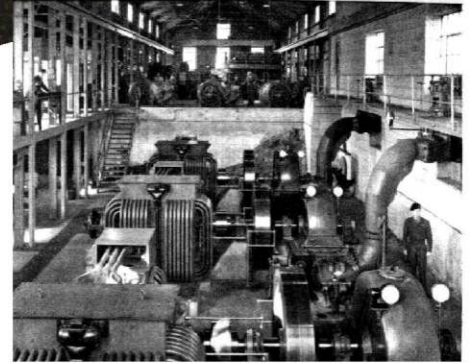
At one time it was England's largest hydro-electric power station, but is now considered comparatively small.

Electricity installers the Christy brothers spotted the potential of using declining mining industry assets for hydro-electric generation. They bought the water rights from the Wheal Jewell and Mary Tavy Mining Company and in 1932 the West Devon Mining and Power Company was incorporated as a subsidiary of West Devon Electricity Supply Company Ltd.

Demand for electricity grew, and in 1936 the company built a second hydro scheme on the site.

Number One Water Plant takes water from the River Tavy at Hill Bridge. The water is collected in Wheal Bennetts Reservoir.

Number Two Water Plant takes water from Tavy Cleave, running along a 200-year-old leat to Wheal Jewell Reservoir.



A recent view of the power station, and inside the turbine hall in 1936.

Stay for as little or as long as you like. Coffees and teas provided, picnics welcome! Sensible footwear required (no sandals).

It's free but please book on www.eventbrite.co.uk, search for Mary Tavy; or if you can't do it online phone 01392 443020.



Brentor Garden Club

No meeting in August

Thurs 20th Sept

'Bowden Down' A talk by Barry Albrighton

Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm
Brentor Village Hall, £2 on the door
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- Heather Webster 810004



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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.

I am again writing this article as a concerned parishioner of Mary Tavy, to highlight some of the questionable spending of your Parish taxes. Recently, the Parish Council has approved over £4000 of parish (your) money on a project to create allotments for a small number of parishioners.

Please understand that I am very much in favour of growing your own fruit and vegetables and of the social aspects of allotments. However, expenditure of this magnitude for a small number of parishioners should be carefully considered, so called 'due diligence', to ensure that the best solution is found.

The plan is to convert the lower part of the Recreation Ground into allotments and for the Parish to pay for fencing, weedkiller and lime as well as a water supply. Is it right for you to pay for the chemicals to make this ground fertile?

The motion which was approved by councillors was put by a councillor who is also Secretary of the Allotment Association, and it would not have been approved without the votes of two councillors, who are Trustees of the Recreation Ground. All three thus benefitting from the deal.

The Parish Council normally asks any organisation requesting money to contribute half from their own resources, however, the Allotment Association has raised no money at all for the project.

Is this the best location for allotments? No alternatives were considered, as an agreement between land trustees and the Allotment Association had already been signed. Many problems were not considered relevant by councillors as they refused to attend two meetings on the subject to consider 'due diligence'. Some of the problems include:

1. Mine spoil heaps on the edge of the Recreation Ground could possibly contain heavy metals and arsenic. Was this used to level the playing fields? If so is the land contaminated? The Recreation Ground Trustees explained that the soil had been tested, but refused to give the report to the Parish Council.
2. Many allotments become an eyesore with broken sheds and poly-tunnels and become a nuisance with bonfires on a regular basis. Do we want this in the centre of Mary Tavy?
3. Due to its position, the allotment area may cause difficulties for the very successful Bonfire Night celebrations held on the field.

The proper procedure for reaching this ill-considered decision was not followed, including a potentially unlawful decision-making process.

You have the right to have your say in whether you wish £10 per household of your money being spent on a project which may be considered negative for the Parish, at the next Parish meeting on August 7th in the Reading Room at 7.15 p.m.

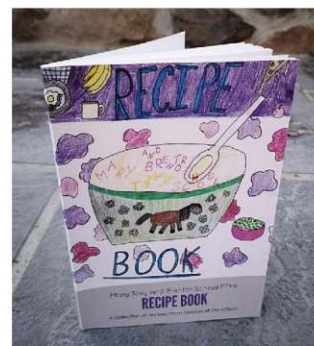
Cllr Roger Page

Yummy Yummy Yummy

Mary Tavy School PTFA community have put together a fabulous recipe book with over 25 wonderful family recipes - some of which are (or were) family secrets.

It is being sold for £5 with 50p being donated to the Devon Air Ambulance in memory of one of the school parents, Lizzie Locke, who passed away in February and who was a huge supporter and active member of the PTFA.

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School Report

After a very hot and busy summer term, pupils and staff are looking forward to the holiday and hoping the sunshine stays for a little longer.

Year 6 joined Lew Trenchard CE Primary's Year 6 for a residential at Heatree Activity Centre. They enjoyed a range of different activities across the week including problem solving challenges in the woods; kayaking on the lakes; hiking on the moors; swinging through the trees and crawling through the mud. Our children were a credit to themselves and their school, showing kindness and support to their team mates and meeting each challenge with a 'can do'



attitude. They were also complimented on their politeness and good manners by the centre's staff. It was a pleasure to take them and something I'm sure they will remember for a long time.

The year has ended on a high point, with Years 2 to 6 putting on a smash hit performance of *Mystery at Magpie Manor*. For those of you who were able to see the play, I am sure you will agree that the children were spectacular, with Blot and Scribble shining as a comedy duo, and everyone showing their Charleston swivel. The proceeds from the donations given will be used for a special art day to commemorate Remembrance Day 2018 and the centenary of the end of World War One.

Staff will be back to school on Monday 3rd September and pupils return on Wednesday 5th September. In the meantime, we hope everyone has a restful and rejuvenating summer holiday.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw,
Headteacher



Picture by James Bird

Superb Fundraising

At their Afternoon Tea Party the School raised an amazing £537.09 for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. At the cheque presentation Air Ambulance volunteer Tony Cannon gave an illustrated talk on the amazing service that the Air Ambulance provides.

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*Sunday Lunch Carvery
12.30pm to 2.30pm*

*Quiz, last Sunday
every month, 8.30pm*

Clubs & Local Contacts A to K [The full list is available on the Jubilee Group website](#)

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 3rd 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: Diana McDowell 01822 810709 coronationhallmarytavy@hotmail.com
Dartmoor Gliding Society | Chris 07873483001 info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society | Karla McKechnie 07873 587561
Devon Sensory Team | Last Tuesday of the month 10-12 | Methodist Hall
DNPA Ranger | Rob Taylor 01626 832093 rtaylor@dartmoor-npa.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

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.

COMPETITION

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This is now our fourth competition, it's the same as previously, 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.

Entries must be in by 10th September. 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 competition. Our congratulations once again go to Michelle Turner.

The answers to the Competition in issue 26 are:

1. Part of the outdoor gym equipment in the Recreation Ground;
2. Gate at the back of the Methodist Chapel by Friendship Court;
3. The letter box on Bullers Hill;
4. Post, chain and paving around the War Memorial;
5. View towards Brentor over a field gate on Horndon Road;
6. Canopy over the doorway of The Mary Tavy Inn.



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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