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Jubilee News

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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On the centenary of the ending of WW1 we are dedicating this issue to everyone in and around Mary Tavy who has been affected by wars and conflicts.

The Jubilee Group

Many readers know the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group well, having been involved in various ways in projects and activities, as well as through reading this newsletter.

However there have, recently, been some rumours spread around the parish about the Jubilee Group, and we'd like to ensure that everyone is well informed and aware of the facts.

It is being said that the Jubilee Group is not a charity, because no information appears on the Charity Commission website. A charity can only register once its turnover reaches a certain level, but being unregistered does not mean that a charity is any less of a charity, provided it is based on one of the Charity Commission model deeds. The Jubilee Group is properly constituted as a charitable trust, its constitution being based on the model trust deed GD2.

It is also being said that the Jubilee Group is breaching Charity Commission rules because it has not held an AGM. A charitable trust cannot have a formal membership and cannot therefore hold an AGM. The trustees consider all residents in Mary Tavy to be members, but that is informal.

The rumours also say that when, for a while, the number of trustees fell to just two, that was a breach of the rules, but it is legal, although admittedly not ideal, for the number of trustees to have been so low. During that period two new trustees had agreed to join, but unfortunately each became unwell and unable to continue. A third trustee joined a few months ago, and we expect the number of trustees to increase further in the near future.

Perhaps the most personally hurtful to us is the rumour that the trustees make financial gain from the Jubilee Group, which is very far from the truth. No payments have been made to any trustee at any time, and the trustees do not even make claims for travel or other out-of-pocket expenses.

It is sad that certain individuals are intentionally making vexatious remarks against an organisation whose only aim is to benefit the community.

If anyone reading this has any concerns please do feel free to contact us and ask any questions.

- John Banks, Ali Fife Cook, Michael Fife Cook
Trustees, Mary Tavy Jubilee Group



Mary Tavy Live!

Thurs 15th Nov, 7.30pm
Coronation Hall

Kit Holmes with Allan Greenwood

A fun entertaining evening to get your music taste buds tingling! Kit's trademark sultry vocals and virtuoso guitar playing have wowed audiences across the UK so you can expect an enthralling and energetic performance of "blues-driven roots with a soul sensibility".

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Dramatic Monologues with supper in the interval

Tavonians Theatre Company is taking performances of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads on tour, coming to Mary Tavy on Saturday 24th November, 7.30pm. The performance includes rehearsed readings of two of the much-loved dramatic monologues. Director of the performances, Stuart Waterworth, says "I love the language of Alan Bennett and as a fellow Yorkshireman I also feel very much at home when I read his work."

Between the monologues there will be an extended interval and members of the audience are invited to bring supper, making the performance into a social event.

Tickets £10 from the PO & Stores or online at www.tavonians.org.uk.

Talking Heads

Tavonians Theatre Company presents readings
from Alan Bennett's dramatic monologues

A Lady of Letters

A Cream Cracker Under The Settee

Meavy Fri 16th Nov

Callington Sat 17th Nov

Okehampton Fri 23rd Nov

Mary Tavy Sat 24th Nov



Performances may include a meal or have options for supper – Full details are on the website.



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www.tavonians.org.uk

Letter to Mother
or
There's a boy coming home on leave.

*Some of the characters
mentioned in the poem,
on a day out to
Widcombe Fair.*



Oh! to be in Horndon, now that summer's here,
For in that gorgeous village lies the spot that I hold dear.
It doesn't boast of palaces or burning gates of gold,
But leave me there to meditate, till the day that I grow old.

To this tiny piece of paradise I'm just longing to return.
Surely Freddie Palmer's weeds are nearly fit to burn:
And if my hens are laying in "Rougho" Stephen's yard
I'll burnish up my bond-hook, for twenty four hour guard.

We often think of "Triumphs" and three fifty "Stars of Blue"
Of greyhounds and of rabbiting, Jan Reep has got a few.
But grieving us at present is the loss of our bosom "oppo"
Brettel's left our congregation. Play safe, must be his motto.

Oh! what an army we could form, if Horndon be in danger:
Let Sgt. Orchard call the roll, Billy Bull be Sergeant Major.
Spanny and Bonzo first class gunners would be, they'd surely have plenty of fun,
Cpl. Watty acting as their number three, Ern Stanbury as their No.1.

Air raid precautions are effectively taken, by my mother's eldest son Willie.
Freddie Southcombe informs us if gas is at large, by a glance at his fifty canaries.
Our warning is given by Alf Birches car, it makes such an unearthly rattle.
Tin hats, gas masks and screaming bombs fly, and out of the debris climbs Freddo.

You remember Brentor churchyard, Gnr. Gallehawk's fowls nouses as well.
If jerry visits us tonight, don't fret, for we'll give them hell,
For we'll grab him by the rudder, then if he fails to talk,
We'll p.. in his blinking petrol tank, and say "Walk you b... walk."

But we'll leave the fate of Horndon in the hands of our L.D.V.
Coached by Colonel Thompson in the grounds of the D. C. C.
We have no cause to worry, our knees have ceased to shake
When we think of old Bill Woolacott, who blew out his gusts by mistake.

This war of nerves has got me, my hair is turning grey.
I cannot drink and forget it on half a dollar a day.
By the time I buy my baccy, by the time I pay for soap
My pockets cease to jingle. In short, I'm <blue pencil> well broke.

But we hold a reputation - Corporal Andy and myself
To keep our bristly chins up, regardless of our wealth.
For each night we are dreaming, and if our dreams come true
We'll sit on our ass, our leave to pass, mopping beer and "Niles of Blue".

Yes, soon I am returning home on a short holiday,
And I wouldn't return to this blankety joint if only I had my way.
I'm afraid my mate is sorry, his great big heart is sore.
He thinks of me at Horndon pub, getting p....d with 'me bruver in lore'.

And now we will close our story, hoping it's not too shocking.
When it's time for you to write again I'll prepare for the darndest rollicking.
But chins up! dearest Mother, if your beer is Simmons still
I've made up my mind to leave my troubles behind, and play hell with Charlie's till.

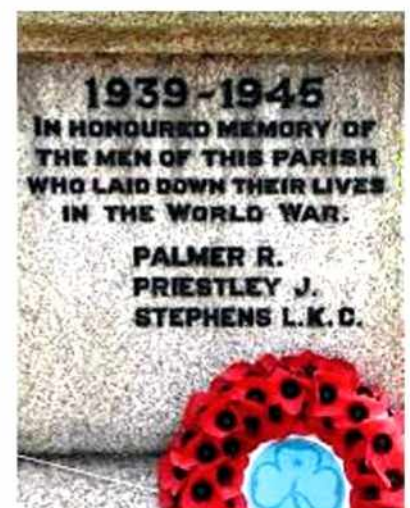


In the 3rd issue of the Jubilee Group Newsletter, six years ago, we published part of a poem written in France during WW2.

At that time we didn't know the writer's name or any of the characters mentioned, but Barbara Weeks was able to give us information about some of the people, several of them are from Lydford, many of them were in the Home Guard together, and they all frequented and played darts at the New Inn (now the Elephant's Nest).

Some of those mentioned are: Spanny is Spanny Palmer, Bonzo is Bonzo Cooke and probably Cpl Watty is Watt Cooke. Colonel Thompson lived at Blackdown House and was in charge of the Home Guard.

The poem will be of interest to some people so we decided to publish it in full as part of our memorial on the centenary of the ending of WW1.



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Methodist Chapel & Hall

Regular activities:

2nd Sunday of the month 9.30am
no meeting in November

New event: Café Church

Free breakfast, followed by
informal talk, song and chat.

Activities for children. Each
session will be slightly different
depending on who is leading it.

Monthly Monday 10.30am-noon
17th October and 19th November

Jigsaw Swap

Thursdays 1-3pm

Knit and Natter Craft & Chatter

Monthly Tuesday 10am-noon
23rd October & 27th November

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We would like to remind the community that the Jubilee Group, which created Mary Tavy Bonfire Night, is not involved in the event this year. The Jubilee Group started Bonfire Night following the huge success of the Queen's Jubilee Beacon Bonfire in 2012 and ran the event as sole organiser before inviting the Recreation Ground to become joint organisers. The Trustees of the Recreation Ground have chosen to take the event over as sole organiser this year. We hope they will continue to provide an exciting and enjoyable event for the community.

Brentor, Lydford & Mary Tavy Hub

The hub is a facebook website where anyone can post items of local interest. It is often used to give very helpful advice or ask questions. Recently someone asked if anyone could lend them a car child seat, and they received positive responses, and another post was a warning about an aggressive wasps nest. If you have a computer or smart phone and don't yet know the hub, do take a look.

www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/

New Table Tennis Sessions

Tues & Wed 7pm
Coronation Hall Bar

The table tennis table top which had been used to form the meeting table in the Reading Room is now at the Coronation Hall and being used by a new group, playing just for fun. Bats and balls available. £2-£3 per person depending on numbers.

• Alice Hulme, 810034



Possible Yoga group

Doug Shire is considering a yoga group in Mary Tavy and has put a message on the Brentor, Lydford & Mary Tavy Hub facebook page.

He teaches Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga in the Mysuru style, which he was taught by yogi Jai Prakash in India.

Doug can be contacted via his own facebook page.



Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir Carol Concert

Saturday 1st December
Coronation Hall





A Trip Down Memory Lane

My name is Peter Frame and I am 85 years old.

During a recent visit down 'Memory Lane' I met Ali who asked me to record my memories from when I lived in Mary Tavy during the war.

When the war started I was living in St. Budeaux, quite close to the Naval Dockyard and Saltash Bridge, both potential targets. My father was in the Royal Navy and was away at sea serving as the chief engineer in a submarine. Regrettably he was killed early in 1941 when his submarine was lost with all hands.

We had an Anderson shelter installed in our garden and my mother arranged to have bunk beds fitted along with other creature comforts. Every night we slept in the shelter which I, being six, considered an adventure. The bombing was not very heavy initially and spasmodic, but

nevertheless my mother decided that we would be safer away from the area.

Consequently we moved to Mary Tavy. My maternal grandparents lived there but did not have enough room to accommodate us.

Initially we lived in North Warne House, a large property owned by a lady called Miss Walker. The house was a wonderful place to live because there was so much to investigate and the best part was playing in the lift. It was not a large lift, holding one or two persons, and was worked by pulling on a rope. It was obviously well balanced as I had no difficulty working it. My mother commuted back to Plymouth by train daily to work but after a while decided to return to our house and leave me with my grandparents. Whilst we were still at North Warne I remember that my mother was friendly with a lady who I think was called Mrs. Palliser(?) whose house was not far from the War Memorial. She had Pekingese dogs and a 'Monkey tree' in her garden.

My grandparents were called

Frederick and Mabel Peters and lived in Laburnum Villas, opposite the then shop known as Mudge's Shop [now The Stannary]. There was no electricity in the house and it was illuminated by oil lamps and candles. Cooking was by a coal fired range. The radio/wireless was powered by a wet battery and it was my job to deliver it to the garage to be recharged. Their house was also close to the pub The Royal Standard. My grandmother had a brother, Harry Anderson, who lived in one of the houses in a small close near the pub. My grandfather used to help out in the shop and also in the pub on some evenings. He also had a large garden and I remember him showing vegetables during competitions held in the village school. As the bombing of Plymouth increased we watched the fires from my grandmother's bedroom window.

"As the bombing of Plymouth increased we watched the fires from my grandmother's bedroom window."

I attended the school but regrettably do not remember very much about it except that it

seemed to be a long walk there and back from my grandparents' house. I also attended the church where I was a server and at some services carrying the incense Thurible, or censer as it was usually known. In Peter Tavy there was a small pool, which we called a 'Leat' where we could play and attempt to swim but I think that it was quite shallow.

Attending Secondary School in Plymouth, commuting daily by train, but as the bombing had really stopped I returned to live with my mother. Visits to my grandparents were then made by bicycle, a lengthy journey that would not be allowed these days for a child alone and with the road traffic volume. The only other thing I remember about Mary Tavy is that the now Mary Tavy Inn was then called the Bullers Arms.

My recent visit to the area was much enjoyed by my partner and I but when I made her climb up to the Brentor Church she was beginning to have second thoughts!



Winter Litter Pick

Sun 18th Nov, 2.30pm

Meet at the Coronation Hall and return to the Coronation Hall for tea and cakes

We did an excellent spring clean in April, but nevertheless the village could do with a spruce-up once all the vegetation has died down and we can see what debris has been left after the summer.

We hope we'll get a good crowd of you helping again. It's suitable for all ages. We'll form into small groups and go in different directions. We have all the equipment needed, but do bring gloves and wear strong shoes.

Filled bags will be collected en route, so you won't have to carry anything heavy, and because WDBC didn't pick up the bags last time as arranged, we'll take all the rubbish away from the Coronation Hall.

Teas will be provided by the Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI.

- Mary Tavy Jubilee Group, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk 08455 193812



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School Report

We have lots of new faces at the school this term, in Reception, in Class 2 and 3 and in the staffroom. Mrs Becky Hillier joins us in the school office and Miss Nina Gray joins Mrs Kere Ascot with Year 5 and 6. We hope all the new children, parents and staff enjoy their time at Mary Tavy and Brentor and wish them a warm welcome.

We also have a new Breakfast Club which started this term. Parents are able to drop their children off from 7.45am. Children can have a breakfast of cereal and toast with

juice or milk and a chance to play with their friends.

Summer may seem like a long distant memory, but it's good to be back!

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw,
Headteacher



Make some noise!

The School has just started an informal monthly community choir, a singing group for families, friends and members of the community. A lovely opportunity to find your voice and make some noise! It is every 3rd Friday of the month during term time, 2-3pm.



News from the School PTFA

At the recent AGM of the School PTFA the following were elected –

Chairperson: Mrs Kerri Higham

Secretary: Mrs Rachel Day

Treasurer: Mrs Dionne Elliott

The PTFA made an amazing £3,547.30 profit in 2017/18.

They are organising a Film Night on in mid October and a Halloween party in early November.

Mary Tavy and Brentor School



Would you like to be a school governor?

The governing board of the school are looking for a number of additional Governors to support the school on its journey, committing to one evening each half term, an afternoon meeting or a school visit per half term, plus attendance at occasional events.

You will be involved in key decisions about how our school is run, working closely with the Senior Leadership Team. While you don't need to have specialist knowledge, you will require good organisational skills, work well with other people and want to give something special back to the future community.

- Clerk to governors
07515 635890, clerk@marytavyandbrentor.devon.sch.uk

TO ALL USERS OF THE MARY TAVY VICTORY MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

We are pleased that Lamerton Football Club are using the top pitch and the changing rooms for their league matches.

We know that sometimes there are concerns over usage of the recreation ground. If you have any such concerns or problems with ANY users of the field, please do NOT take matters into your hands, but contact a member of the Recreation Ground Trust or the Coronation Hall Committee.

Damage has been done in the past to equipment. Causing deliberate damage to someone else's property is a criminal offence. Please bear that in mind.

As is leaving dog mess or litter anywhere on the Recreation Ground. No one should have to clear up after another person or their dog. Our thanks to the vast majority of dog walkers who do pick up and special thanks to those who clear up after other people's leavings, of whatever kind. Regretfully, if people do not remove their own dog's mess, as required by law, dog walking may revert to being limited to the wood.

Please remember that the footballers and other users pay towards the upkeep of the Recreation Ground and benefit local businesses. We all lose if people become reluctant to use our excellent facilities because of the actions of other inconsiderate people.

Thanks for reading this and please pass the message on.

The Trustees

Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground Trust
September 2018



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Planning issues

At the August Parish Council meeting, the Chair of Planning, Michael Fife Cook was removed from his position following a supposed discovery by John Hill of misrepresentation. DNPA Planning have apologised to Michael – not to the parish as the Chair of the PC reported – for their internal communication difficulties which led to the misunderstanding.

With no Chair of Planning on the Parish Council, at the time of writing one planning application has been missed. In such circumstances planning decisions are made by DNPA with no local input from the Parish Council.

Remembrance



Friday 9th November

School Remembrance Service at the memorial

Sunday 11th November

10.50am:

at the War Memorial:
Act of Remembrance

11am:

2 minute silence

Followed by a service of remembrance in the Methodist Chapel, followed by refreshments.

From the War Memorial:

William Berriball

Private 345545, 16th (Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry and Royal North Devon Hussars) Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.

Died 6 November 1918.
Aged 33. Son of the late Thomas Hughes and Emma Jane Berriball. Buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.



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Allotments progress

Work is due to start – or may already have started – on the fencing around the area to become the allotments in the Recreation Ground.



There had been delays due, in part, to queries raised by two councillors relating to the process and due diligence used by the Parish Council. There had been a motion passed at one meeting but no minutes were agreed for that meeting; then, when a slightly different motion was put forward in July and agreed, there had been no item on the agenda about spending money, as required by the Local Government Act. At their September meeting John Bright (Parish Councillor and also Secretary of the Allotment Association) put forward a motion, which was carried, stating that the decision at the July meeting had been lawful. The two councillors, who have both declared they support the concept of allotments, remain concerned about the process.

Dartmoor Life in The First World War



The end of the War will be commemorated from 4 October until 25 November 2018 by a refreshed display in the National Park Visitor Centre, Princetown. Some local history groups will be putting up displays for individual weeks during the period.



MARY TAVY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

AGM

**Monday 19th November
Coronation Hall**



THERE BUT NOT THERE



The Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground was purchased by public subscription as a memorial to those who lost their lives in World War II. In recognition of its founding as a memorial open space for the village, as well as in recognition of the centenary of the end of WW1, the Recreation Ground trustees will be erecting a 'Tommy' or 'silent soldier', a life size silhouette outline of a WW1 soldier. It is part of a nationwide installation for the fallen.

The Trustees are hoping for donations and to achieve crowdfunding towards the cost.

- Jo Albon, on behalf of the Trustees, 810356, joanna@albon-art.eclipse.co.uk

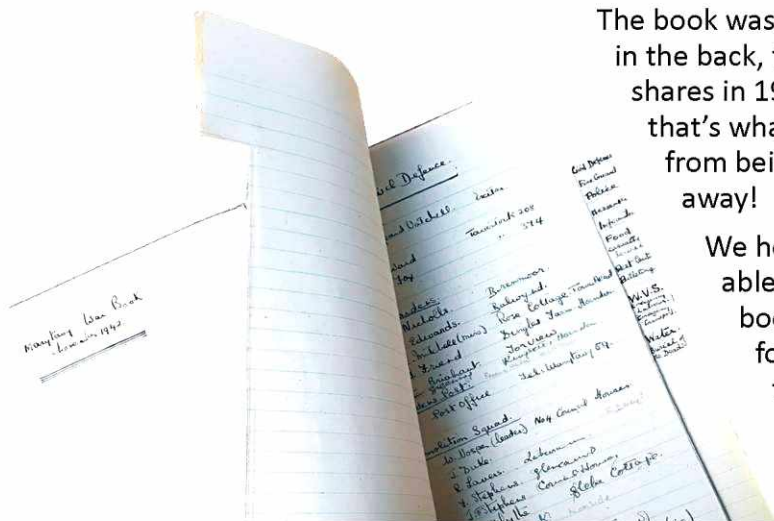


Mary Tavy War Book November 1942

In its Heritage Collection the Jubilee Group has a hand-written War Book, a lined notebook with cutouts to make tabs as an index of subjects such as Fire Guard, Food, and Emergency Transport.

It starts, Part I, with 'Outline of Problem', 1. Main role locality will play in invasion; 2. Possible form of attack by enemy; 3. Military Plan; 4. Resources.

The following pages outline the resources available, such as 'stirrup pump at Brook Cottage', 'Food Officer at The Stores', 'no stretchers provided but one improvised', 'blankets stored at Methodist Chapel'; 'wells at Homer Farm and Moorside'.



The book was also used, in the back, for recording shares in 1978, perhaps that's what stopped it from being thrown away!

We hope to be able to put this book on display for the public to be able to view.

Sphagnum moss, a life saver



During WW1 Sphagnum moss from Dartmoor played a vital role in the war effort. Being absorbent and containing the natural antiseptic iodine it was ideal as a wound dressing. Moss was raked from bogs, put in baskets to be transported to a depot, including the Reading Room in Mary Tavy.

In charge in Mary Tavy was Mrs Groser. To be able to transport the baskets from locations on the moor, she went to Port Isaac to buy a donkey and cart. When she stayed overnight at Davidstow on her return journey the landlord gave her a free room and feed for the donkey in recognition of the great contribution she was making.

The moss was initially stored in sheds belonging to Mr Collins, then taken to the Reading Room to be dried, cleaned and bagged; part of a project which provided over a million bags of sphagnum moss for the war effort every month.



Coronation Hall Extraordinary General Meeting

We reported in the previous issue that there was an expectation that the Recreation Ground Trustees would invoke a clause which enables them to take back the land on which the Coronation Hall is built. The two trusts would then become a single charity, but possibly still with two committees.

This will be discussed at the meeting –

**EGM of the Coronation Hall
Monday 1st October 7.30pm**

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Forthcoming Events

24th Nov
Annual Ladies Christmas Shopping Trip

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Seniors Lunch every Thursday 12.00 til 2.00pm

Sunday Lunch Carvery 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Quiz, last Sunday every month, 8.30pm

Harvest Festival

Sunday 30th September

Methodist Chapel.

Harvest Service To be followed by lunch with gifts for Food Bank

Sunday 7th October

Harvest Service 11am

Church of Tavy St. Mary

Harvest Supper 6.30pm

Coronation Hall, tickets £6.

To be followed by the traditional auction of produce for charities

Wednesday 10th October

Harvest Festival 2pm

Mary Tavy & Brentor Primary School



Hedges

In Mary Tavy there are many properties with hedges alongside roads and pavements. Autumn is the ideal time to get hedges cut.



Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 18th October
"Historic Hand Tools"
A talk by Steve John

Thursday 15th November
Holly wreath making
demonstration by Judith Coles
of Wild at Heart Country Flowers

Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm,
Brentor Village Hall
£2 on the door. Visitors very welcome
● Heather Webster 810004

Stannary Brass Band 2018 Proms Concert

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm
Coronation Hall

Music, flag-waving and singing along to
patriotic favourites.

Tickets £5, under 18s £2, from
Mary Tavy PO & Stores or Stags Estate Agents.
Refreshments available.



Advertisement feature

Personal Advertisement by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

You may think – following the debacle with the gravestone inscriptions and the allotments – that the Parish Council would think a little more carefully about looking after the parish coffers (your money) but it seems as though they think their actions are acceptable.

The due diligence needed for the gift of money (a grant) to a third party, still has not been completed even though the West Devon Borough Council lawyer stated that it was a reasonable way of ensuring the proper use of public money.

There is now a 'situation' with the Clerk, who has the role of Financial Responsible Officer and Proper Officer and advises on the legalities of Council decisions. When our long-term Clerk Kerri Higham decided to leave for personal reasons, a locum Clerk, Shane Honey, was recruited; I have no knowledge of the three other candidates or whether they were interviewed or whether they were suitable.

Three councillors voted themselves onto a Personnel Committee to manage the employment of the Clerk, the opportunity was not extended to myself and Cllr Fife Cook. The proceedings of this Personnel Committee have been almost entirely kept secret from the rest of the Parish Council. After just two months Shane Honey suddenly resigned, sending a letter to the Personnel Committee. The full contents of this letter have also been kept secret from other Councillors.

Within one week, with no advertising of the position and no information to the other Councillors, the Personnel Committee employed a new Locum Clerk, Penny Clapham. She is based

near Exeter so will claim time and travel of 35 miles each way for every visit to Mary Tavy.

Penny Clapham came to the August Parish Council Meeting and stated that she would not do the finances of the Council (her role as Clerk includes Financial Responsible Officer for the Parish), nor would she submit timesheets for her work.

Penny Clapham produced draft minutes and as you would expect from a new Clerk, they were incomplete and contained inaccuracies. I emailed several changes needed to the minutes, in an attempt to help her through this difficult period. Her one line reply was "Currently I am not minded to alter my minutes at all. They are factually correct"; a surprising reply from a new locum Clerk.

The Personnel Committee has since agreed her remuneration, such that the cost to the Parish will be twice that of Kerri Higham. They have also agreed with Penny Clapham not to recruit a permanent Clerk, probably until the elections next May.

One of the important functions of the Parish Council is to look at planning applications. Cllr Fife Cook has worked on this duty for many years and has given a good service. At the Council Meeting in August, the Council voted to remove him from the office of Chair, based on information which has since been partially withdrawn. The Parish Council Chairman has also threatened to oust me as Chair of Finance but this has not yet been actioned.

Interesting times at the Parish Council.

Roger Page

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHADS presents the Mary Tavy Pantomime

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Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI

After what seemed an extremely long summer break when individual groups of members got together but we didn't have a full meeting, it is nice to be looking forward to our autumn programme and on into winter. I will not yet mention the capital C in December!

Our September meeting was really good not only because we were all able to catch up on each other's news but also because it was a creative meeting, making beads! Several people had read the programme as bread making; should have gone to SpecSavers! But beads it was and with Jo Hunter's guidance we made key rings.



Barbara's key ring

October 11th it is baking cakes! Feel tempted? Come along, you might decide to join and we would love that.

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

- Barbara Weeks 810697

Wild Woman Swimming

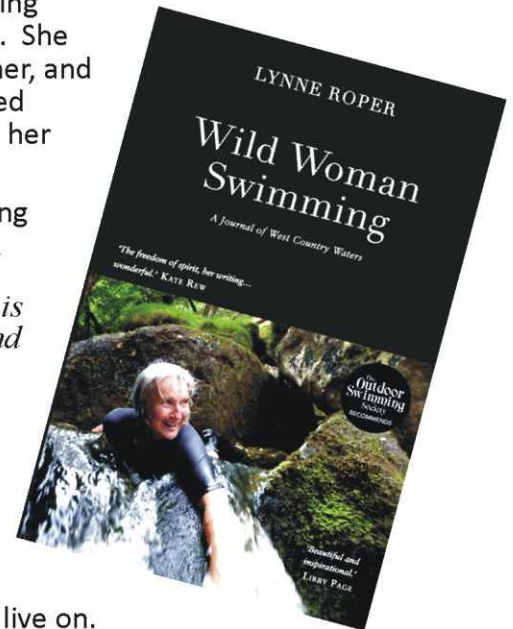
Lynne Roper – a paramedic who lived in Mary Tavy and who died of a brain tumour two years ago at just 55 – has had her journals published posthumously. For five years before she became too unwell she had written a blog detailing wonderful places where she had been swimming, always with her faithful dog, Honey.

Shortly before her death she got in touch with and later met a fellow blogger and swimming enthusiast, Tanya Shadrick. She entrusted her writings to her, and Tanya has faithfully followed Lynne's dying wish to have her journals published.

Lynne said of wild swimming *"It's a spiritual experience, sliding through wild water. Worries dissolve, my mind is liberated; thoughts flow and glide and play like dolphins. My soul swims wild."*

Lynne had been about to become a Trustee of the Jubilee Group when she became unwell.

It's great to see her legacy live on.



The Burrows

nearing completion

The Open Event which Harrington Homes held in the Coronation Hall in August was well attended, with approximately 80 villagers. It was very helpful being able to see a 3D plan of the site and groundplans for the houses. The development company felt the event was a real success and the overwhelming message was that the development was a welcome addition to the village, replacing the former deteriorated garage site.

They received comments hoping the new residents of The Burrows would integrate into village life and participate in the locally run events held in the Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall, with new members of the community bringing fresh ideas and benefitting the community as a whole.

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Pupils of Mary Tavy School pictured in 1942, as 'Mary Tavy Salvage Soldiers'.

The 'soldiers' formed part of a national scheme when salvage became compulsory in 1940. According to government figures, less than 1,000 tons of scrap paper was salvaged each week before the war, in 1942 (the year of our photograph), it rose to a peak of 433,405 tons.

Reading Room upgrade and mini museum plans

The meeting room at the Reading Room has recently been completely transformed, with new kitchen facilities, new carpet and blinds and everything freshly painted.

Also just being upgraded are the tables and chairs, with of value of c.£750, donated by the Jubilee Group. The original table and chairs were due to stay, but the Jubilee Group offered the donation as it was felt the single large table, actually a table tennis table on trestles, didn't give the flexibility that was needed if the room was to be used by other groups. The new tables and chairs will be in place in early October.

The Trustees of the Reading Room and the Trustees of the Jubilee Group will shortly be getting together to make plans for a mini museum, with images and artefacts adorning the walls and possibly a display cabinet.

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Mary Tavy Commoners' Association | (currently no contact details)

Mary Tavy Jubilee Group | 08455 193812 mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Mary Tavy Parish Clerk | parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk

Mary Tavy Parish Council | meetings: 2nd Wed 7pm Reading Rooms | www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk

Mary Tavy PO & Stores | Martin and Tracey | 810422 marytavypo@gmail.com

Mary Tavy Twinning Association | Richard Thorne 810535

Methodist Chapel & Hall | Pauline 610079 or email janetixxa@gmail.com

Jubilee ideas meeting

In the previous issue we reported that the Jubilee Group was planning a meeting, to thrash through some ideas for future events and activities. We'd hoped to hold the meeting in mid-September but it will now be at the beginning of October. If you're interested in being involved or have any ideas please contact us.

● 08455 193812
mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk

Parish Council meetings

A new Locum Clerk, Penny Clapham, took on the role in August and at the September Parish Council meeting it was agreed that a permanent position of Clerk would not be advertised at this time. Penny has other commitments on the Tuesday when the Parish Council meetings are generally held, so into the foreseeable future meetings will instead be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and will start at 7pm.

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Eventually it was agreed that the memorial would take the form of an obelisk. The sum of £192/19s/11d was raised by public subscription – from villagers and even from Mary Tavy miners in a gold mine in India. The Rector refused to dedicate the memorial and it fell to the Methodist Minister to do the honours.

The photographs above, and several others in this issue, are from the Heritage Collection of the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group. Many of the images we hold are digital copies only and have been given by a number of groups, organisations and individuals. If you have any images relating to any period of Mary Tavy history please consider making a digital image, or allowing us to, so that our heritage is preserved and can be made available to anyone who is interested.



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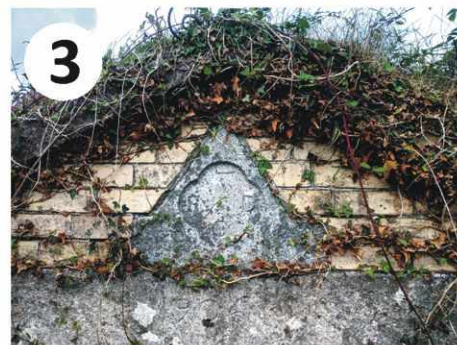
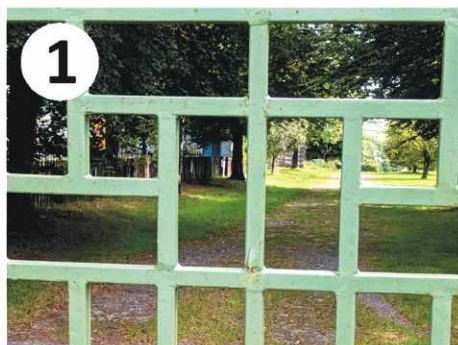
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Entries must be in by 10th November. Answers can be a written description, or the places marked on a sketch map, or you could take your own photographs, or whatever is the easiest way for you to make sure we understand your answer. Don't worry if you 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 those who entered the competition in the previous issue. Our congratulations to the winner, Lorraine Burrell.

The answers to the Competition in issue 27 are:

- 1. Station Road, from the corner with Warne Lane;*
- 2. Railings on Bal Lane, on the right going down from the war memorial;*
- 3. The cattle grid on Brentor Road;*
- 4. Wall on the corner of the A386 and Chapel Lane;*
- 5. The outside of the changing rooms in the Recreation Ground;*
- 6. The entrance to Kent House, opposite the bottom of Bullers Hill as you turn towards the Church.*

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.

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