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Jubilee News

Newsletter of the
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

No.32

June & July 2019

Mary Tavy Country Fayre

Recreation Ground
& Coronation Hall
Sunday 4th August
from noon



Mary Tavy Tin Mining Community Day "A huge success"

The Coronation Hall was packed, with standing room only for some, when around 120 people came to hear all about tinworking, mining and miners in Mary Tavy on 27th April.

The day, organised by Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group and the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group, started with two talks and included exhibitions, book sales and a walk around mining heritage sites with about 60 people (see

report on page 3), and ended with tea. As well as many Mary Tavy villagers there were visitors from far and wide, some travelling for up to two hours to be here for the event.

Both the talks were fascinating and showed just what is beneath our feet, and in some cases beneath our homes! The Jubilee Group will be reproducing some of the many interesting and intriguing stories, facts and

images in future issues of Jubilee News.

Chris Wordingham, who gave a talk on Wheal Friendship, is landlord of the Peter Tavy Inn and he has a great interest in our mining heritage. We hope to involve him in future events about mining in this area.

The representatives of the Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group hailed the day a huge success.

Early Summer Litter Pick

Sunday 9th June 2.30pm

Meet and finish in the Coronation Hall (door from the car park)

You might think the village looks quite clean at the moment, but when we did the survey for daffodil planting we saw lots of rubbish in the gullies and under hedges. We picked some up then but as we didn't even have gloves much of it was left.

Please come along and help keep Mary Tavy clean and tidy. Suitable for all ages. Bring gloves; pickers and bags provided.

Tea and cakes provided by the Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI.

● Jubilee Group, 08455 193812, mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk



An evening of song & dance

Saturday 15th June 7.30pm,
Coronation Hall

The Folk Section of the Camping and Caravanning Club are using the Recreation Ground for a few nights in June, and we will be delighted to welcome the local community to their evening of singing, dancing and entertainment. Bring along your dancing shoes and any instruments or just come and watch and enjoy.

All welcome.
£2 per head.



Don't forget to give your support to a grant application for a projector for the Coronation Hall

You have until 17th June to visit the site and cast your ten votes. Go to

www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund, select View Projects, and search for Mary Tavy.

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Personal Advertisement by Roger Page (The Pool Guy)

The new council has been sworn in with four new councillors and three from the previous council.

It is specified in the Standing Orders (Rules for running the Council) that the first meeting should follow a set agenda. This gives an opportunity to review previous arrangements, to inform the new councillors and to make any changes. This also gives the new councillors a detailed view of the scope of the parish council and where their experience can benefit the workings of the council.

The locum clerk decided that

this set agenda was unnecessary and distributed one, which did not include the prescribed items. This deviation from the procedure can lead to inexperienced councillors making unwise decisions, which could prove costly later in both time and money.

The first duty of the new council (also specified in the rules) is to elect a new Chair. This is traditionally carried out by the outgoing Chair, who sadly did not turn up for the hand-over. Tony Williams, a new councillor, was voted in as Chair. I was then voted in as Vice-Chair.

The second item on the agenda

was co-option of new councillors. The council position was offered to Anita Prosser, a very experienced councillor. I'm sure Anita will excel in her role and I wish her all the best.

Cllr Williams in his first council meeting, worked well within the limitations of the agenda. He delegated a team to produce an advertisement for a new permanent Clerk. This group seem very positive and I'm sure will act decisively to set a process in motion to get a clerk at the earliest possible time.

Overall, I feel very positive for the Council under Cllr Williams' Chairmanship.

Roger

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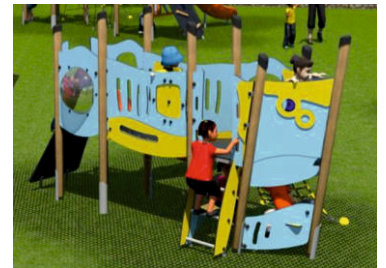
Play! Mary Tavy

As we reported in the previous issue, The Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground & Coronation Hall Committee, along with other volunteers, are hoping to raise enough money so that the village can have an exciting range of new equipment in the play area. They are keen that it should be long-lasting, hard wearing, educational, stimulating and fun but most of all accessible to all.

The target is £50,000 and they have so far raised £10,000, which is a great start. In the meantime the ground is being prepared so that everything will be ready. You can keep in touch with progress on the Play Mary Tavy facebook page.

All villagers are invited to a fund raising Cream Tea. You'll be able to see the plans for the new play area and ask questions.

If you'd like to become involved with the fund raising or contribute towards the Cream Tea please contact Jo Bright on wacyjo@gmail.com or Bev Ross on bevross70@gmail.com.



**CREAM TEA
AFTERNOON
SATURDAY 29TH JUNE
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PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE NEW
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The full list is available on the website

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 | Kayleigh Walker 07736 687663
20mtca18@gmail.com

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

Village Walks

In April our walk, as part of the Mining Heritage Day, explored shafts, leats, tram-ways and many other mining features which even some locals hadn't seen before. It was an extremely windy day but fortunately for the huge group of 60 or so walkers it stayed dry, and the tea following the walk was greatly appreciated.



Please wear appropriate walking shoes and it's a good idea to have a drink with you. On most walks dogs on leads are welcome.



Our May walk, planned by John Banks and led by Ron Quilter, was on a beautiful sunny day. We walked along the Tavy to Hill Bridge then back to Horndon via the leat through Creason Wood, stopping to look at wildlife and identify the many wild flowers; there was one we couldn't name, later found to be sanicle, *sanicula europaea*.

Future Walks –

Saturday 22nd June Mid Summer Walk & Community Picnic

Led by Roger Page

Meet at 11.30am just beyond the cattle grid on Brentor Road.

We'll walk around across and around Gibbet Hill and return to our cars to pick up our picnics and enjoy the view to the south. This is planned as a comparatively short and easy walk, for the whole family, and anyone not wanting to walk can join us just for the picnic at about 12.45pm.



Thursday 25th July An evening walk with Tavistock Ramblers

Led by Paul & Judy Brookes

Meet at 7pm in the Coronation Hall car park.

We will walk along lanes to Peter Tavy, Harford Bridge, West Devon Way, and after calling in to the Mary Tavy Inn we'll come back through the Recreation Ground along Jubilee Walk. Bring a torch. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. We have been invited to join with Tavistock Ramblers on this walk and anyone wanting to consider joining them can see their very full and active programme of walks on their website, www.tavistockramblers.org.uk. So that numbers are known please call Paul or Judy on 01822 820597, 07969 592779.



Would you like to lead one of our monthly walks? Just get in touch with the Jubilee Group.

Saturday 31st August ADVANCE NOTICE

A walk as part of Dartmoor Walking Festival

Meet at 2pm at Lane End Car Park for a walk to Tavy Cleave. Skill level moderate, distance 4 miles, dogs not permitted, cost £5 donation to Devon Air Ambulance. Guided by Richard Ware, booking needed for this event, to rware1@icloud.com.



Dartmoor Walking Festival has 47 walks between 24th Aug and 1st Sept. For more information visit <https://moorlandguides.co.uk/about-the-festival/>



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Devastating fire severely damages two houses

In the early hours of 23rd April Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service received calls about a fire in Warren Road. The incident commander confirmed a shed was well alight and fire had spread to the roof of a pair of semi detached houses. Firefighters from seven stations fought through the night to save



the two houses. The roofs and first floor of both properties were severely damaged by the fire and by water.

Fortunately there were no injuries.

We would like to express our sorrow and offer best wishes to the families who have been devastated by this serious fire.



Methodist Chapel & Hall

ANNUAL EVENT:

Cream Tea

**Saturday July 13, 2-30-4pm,
on the lawn and in the Hall.**

REGULAR EVENTS IN JUNE & JULY:

There will be no Monthly Fellowship meetings in June or July

Weekly prayer and Bible Study

Mondays/Tuesdays: June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Charlotte Cottage. Contact Janet 810166.

Knit and Natter

Thursdays: June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25; 12noon -3pm. Contact Wilma 810040.

Jigsaw Swap

Mondays: June 17; July 27; 10am-12noon. Contact Pauline 610079.

Messy Church

Thursdays: June 20; July 18; 4.30-6pm. Ends with free supper. For all ages.

Devon Sensory Team

for those with sight or hearing difficulties. Tuesdays: June 25; July 23; 10am-12noon.

Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy WI

I hope people are enjoying the pretty WI garden at the top of Bal Lane, all credit to Jill Lamerton who master-plans the display and cajoles the other WI ladies to work with her. In spite of cold nights and lack of rain it is looking good.

We were definitely garden-based in May as we also concentrated our efforts on producing plants for our Spring Sale. We were delighted with the afternoon as books and bric-a-brac, cakes and tea also proved very popular. A good and sociable afternoon which everyone enjoyed.

Next on our list in this busy year is the Group Meeting, Sarah Chester is our guest speaker well known in gardening circles although on this occasion her talk will extend beyond veg and flowers.

And we are very pleased that Bev Ross has agreed to be President but retired President, Jill, will remain on the committee.

We will of course be encouraging the litter pickers on 9th June with tea and cake!

- Barbara Weeks (committee member)



Photo: Ali Fife Cook, I saw the WI ladies gardening so stopped to take a picture of them hard at work.

Brentor Garden Club

**Thursday 20th June 7.30pm,
Organic Marketing , a talk by Martin Godfrey**
Brentor Village Hall, non-members welcome, £2 on the door

Thursday 18th July, Garden Visit

Forthcoming meetings: Sept, 'Autumn Colour Alan French; Oct, 'Devon's Coast to Coast Walk' Simon Dell; Nov, 'The Garden at Andrew's Corner, Robin Hill.

- Heather Webster 01822 810004



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New Parish Council

There being fewer than nine people nominated for the places on Mary Tavy Parish Council, the seven candidates were elected uncontested. Those people are: Jane Dunn, Michael Fife Cook, George Hill, Roger Page, Paul Reid, Tony Williams, Angela Wright.

At their first meeting, the Parish Council co-opted Anita Prosser. There remains one place available on the Parish Council which could be filled by co-option at a later time.

Also at their first meeting in early May, which is the Annual Council Meeting, the Council elected Tony Williams as Chair and Roger Page as Vice-Chair. It was decided not to have committees for cemetery, finance, personnel or planning, although one councillor will be selected at the next meeting to be responsible for the cemetery and burials and a group was selected to look into employment of a new Clerk.



Parish Clerk

The role of Clerk to the Parish Council is being advertised. It is 30 to 35 hours per week.

Full details of the role will be on the parish website: www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk

Penny's Picks from the draft minutes of the Council meeting 8th May 2019

Unfortunately two of our councillors decided to call this meeting 'illegal'. The meeting was not illegal and there is a report attached to the draft minutes available on the website for anyone interested to read.

There is still one vacancy for a councillor – would someone please step forward as co-option can take place at the next meeting. This would save advertising – Council has a duty to have a full complement of councillors in place. Contact Penny (locum clerk) on 01647 253066 to express your interest.

Council agreed the annual governance and finance statement and the appropriate forms have been sent to the external auditor, along with an exemption certificate for the parish council. The final accounts year end 31st March 2019 have also been published. Somewhat easier to understand than those published the previous year.

Council is moving forward and it will be good to see some plans put in place for the next 4 years.

Your current clerk is available on parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk

School Report

At school this term, we have been extending our outside learning sessions. We have such a fabulous school field and Class 1 have been enjoying outside learning with their Wednesday Welly Walks since September. This term Class 2 and Class 3 have also built in weekly outdoor learning sessions.

We started the term with a whole school morning at the school field to celebrate Earth Day. The children completed a range of tasks based on this year's theme of endangered species. The children worked in House groups, with the older children supporting the younger children. The children made wild seed bombs and bug hotels, created endangered animals out of clay and natural materials and went on a natural colour scavenger hunt after listening to a story.

It is lovely to see the children enjoying the beautiful countryside of Devon that we are so lucky to live in, and learning at the same time.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw,
Headteacher



School Concert
Thursday 18th July
2pm and 6pm
Coronation Hall

Remembering Gerry Sargent

Gerry's name won't be known to some who live in the village now, but he was prominent in Mary Tavy until he moved away over 15 years ago, and his family had been here for five generations. Gerry died in April this year, at the age of 80.

Gerry had been Married twice whilst living in Mary Tavy and his second wife Margaret will be remembered by many. In 2010 he married Trudie, having met online through Second Life.

He had written a small book about Mary Tavy and its history in 1992 and had collected many images and writings as part of his great interest in the village.



This photograph was taken in 2010 on the day of his marriage to Trudie.

Trudie will shortly be moving to Germany to be near her two sons.

Before he moved away he had been a good friend of Michael Cook & Ali Fife when they ran the computer company Qwerty in Tavistock. They had lost touch until Gerry and Trudie turned up out of the blue a few years ago and the friendship was renewed. Gerry gave most of his collection of history items to them for safe keeping by the Jubilee Group, and some further items were passed over after his death. These items form the core of the Jubilee Group's Heritage Collection.

Michael Fife Cook gave a eulogy at Gerry's funeral, remembering an extraordinary, talented and deeply interesting man.

"Ring out ye bells above"

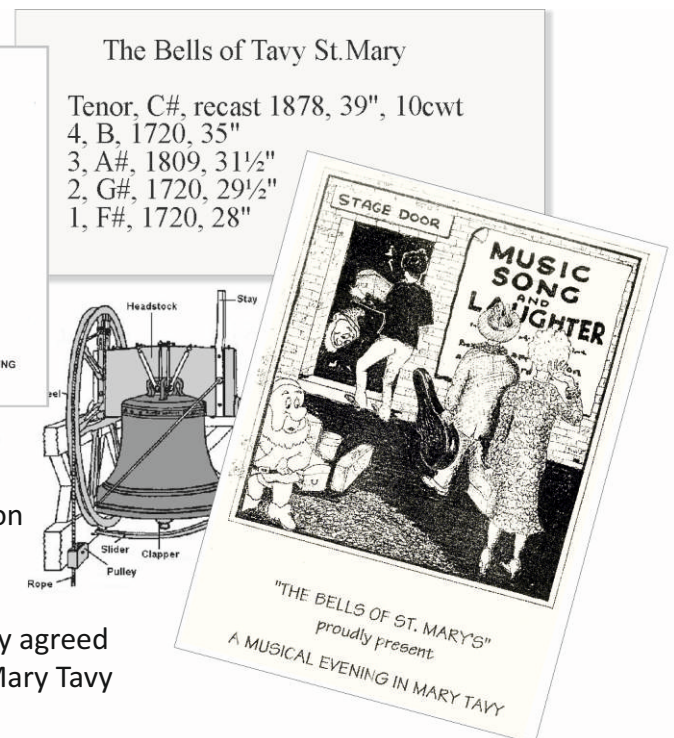
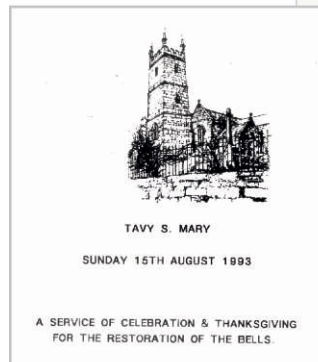
Gerry Sargent was one of the people who successfully campaigned and raised money, back in the early 1990s, to get repairs done to the church tower so that the bells could be rung again, after being silent for sixty years.

Although an atheist Gerry was a supporter of the church and he was Honorary Secretary of the Tavy St. Mary Bells Restoration Committee.

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Bells was held on Sunday 15th August 1993.

The Restoration Committee continued to meet to deal with outstanding matters until February 1994, at which time they agreed that a remaining sum of money should be donated to the Mary Tavy Handbell Ringers.

In the Jubilee Group Heritage Collection is a programme for A Musical Evening in Mary Tavy by "The Bells of St. Mary's", which was a fundraising event for the bells, and it included almost 20 performances, with the Handbell Ringers, solo musicians, songs, poems, readings, and evidently a lot of fun. Unfortunately no date is recorded although many in the village will no doubt have great memories of it.



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A LETTER TO JUBILEE NEWS

At the Parish Council Meeting following the Annual Parish Meeting I took a small amount of Parishioners' time to thank the outgoing members who were not standing again, for their efforts whilst on the Council. I would like to do so again via the Jubilee News. Those members have given of their time for the past four years and more. I mentioned that they had received undeserved, numerous, vitriolic comments from one particular council member via private advertisement in the newsletter. The new Parish Council will have met by the time of this publication and it is to be hoped that should they decide further publication of their deliberations is required, other than by the website or parish noticeboard, then this is done in a fair and decent manner. Items dealt with by the PC are presented, debated and voted upon and it is neither fair or becoming for those matters to be reported upon in any other way than already exists. Representations can of course be made by corresponding with the PC or by attending to speak at meetings during Parishioners Time. Council members and presumably parishioners have the option of consulting the Monitoring Adviser if they feel that the democratic process is not being adhered to.

Corrie Grice

As Editor of Jubilee News I welcome comments from readers and I accept that the remarks made by Roger Page will upset some people, yet I receive many messages strongly in favour of his advertisement and very few from people who do not like it. I need to be sure that statements made in Jubilee News are truthful, and I have been able to confirm facts written by Roger Page as I have personally been at most Parish Council meetings. Ali Fife Cook, Editor

Future live performances in Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Live presents performances through the Villages in Action scheme as well as other music and theatre events. We would like to get together a small group of people who are interested in live events and helping to organise and promote

them. There were some people at the event in February who were interested in joining the group but unfortunately we have misplaced the paper their contact details were written on! So we'd love to hear from those people and anyone else interested in being

involved. In the meantime we are in contact with Villages in Action for events this autumn. There are some great shows on offer and we just have to wait to find out what has been arranged.

So watch this space.

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

The hard work is paying off

Things with the allotments continue to progress nicely. All of the plots have now been taken up and we even have a waiting list. The hard work in turning bare grassland into productive allotments is paying off. Not only is the site starting to look amazing but the health benefits of the site – both physical and mental – are starting to show. The social life of the site is building with more and more members of the community stopping by to chat, to see what has changed or just to watch us digging.

We're using a variety of preparation and planting methods: some of us are digging the ground to add manure and compost in the 'normal' way; some are following the 'no dig' method and others are combining the two.



Simply in terms of produce ready to eat, the no dig method is currently well ahead, although the traditionalists are catching up fast. Do feel free to come and have a look at what we're doing. We plan to have a few of us around on 27th May as part of the Fayre.

Thanks to all those who have brought "offerings" to help us. From compost, chicken manure and bark chips to seedlings and even fully grown fruit bushes.

John Bright

Secretary, MTCAGA,
enquiries.mtcaga@gmail.com

The animals win

We previously announced that Lorraine Burrell was the winner of the competition in issue 30, and she has won some previous competitions. You will have seen in a message in Jubilee News two issues ago that Lorraine had donated her winnings to the Tavistock Food Bank.

This time she has chosen to give her prize to the Margaret Green Rescue Centre for dogs and cats.



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COMPETITION

We apologise to those who are keen on looking for the clues in our competition, but again the amount of news has meant there is no available space in this issue.

Summer Buses and Trains

During the summer there is Sunday bus service, which links to trains from Okehampton Station. Citybus 279 is between Gunnislake and Okehampton and buses that link to the trains are at 10:44, 14:34 & 17:09.

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Poison pen letter referring to two Jubilee Group Trustees

It is sad, not just for us but for the village, that someone in our community felt it appropriate to send a poison pen letter.

It was sent to my husband, Michael, who is a Trustee of the Jubilee Group as well as a Parish Councillor. And it refers also to me.

We know many in this community will be angry at the inappropriate and cowardly way of communicating through an anonymous letter. We hope too that many will disagree with the sentiments expressed.

Whilst there is nothing they can do at this stage, the matter has been reported to the Police, along with an indication of the person we believe to have sent the letter.

If your election results do not tell you how little people in Mary Tavy want you in the village you really are not very bright. Maybe your arrogant and boring letters all the time in the Tavistock Times showed people how awful you and your partner are. Get the message that neither of you are wanted here and move on some where that you can start to cause trouble again. Go soon and our village will be a better and happier place.

A Mary Tavy resident that had a very good laugh with others about your results and mis spelt name

We have lived in Mary Tavy for over 30 years and needless to say we are not about to leave the village, and Jubilee News will continue.

Ali Fife Cook, Editor, Jubilee News

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.

Jubilee News is a project of The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group. It is produced every two months to bring news of events, activities, heritage and general interest to the residents of the parish.

It is able to be free to residents as the printing costs are covered by advertising.

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is a Charitable Trust, created in 2012 and based on the Charity Commission model constitution GD2. 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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