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# Jubilee News

Newsletter of the  
Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

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February & March 2020



## Village Walks



20 people turned up in late January. to enjoy a walk led by Paul Williams which was full of interest and intrigue, looking at photographs from the past and making comparisons with buildings and landscapes as they are today. There were several queries and conundrums resolved but one which wasn't, which will be the subject of an article in a future Jubilee News.

## Looking back at Mary Tavy, Saturday 14th March

Walk Leader Ron Quilter

Meet at 10am at Peter Tavy Quarry Car Park (5215 7785)

About 3.5 miles, round trip. Involves fairly steep climb initially and also up to White Tor summit, but we will take it easy.

White Tor, also known as Whittor, stands above the Tavy valley offering spectacular views, including to Mary Tavy. So this a Village Walk with a difference, not in the village but looking back at it.

Along the way, the walk will pass Stephen's Grave, hut circles, cairns and the Langstone menhir. On the summit of White Tor there are stone structures which were originally assumed to be an Iron Age hillfort, but have now been found to be Neolithic. Archaeologists have recently unearthed evidence of early Neolithic farming communities from 5,500 years ago. An excavation in 1898 revealed many flints, pottery and charcoal, but sadly those finds have been lost.

We will have a coffee stop on the Tor, so bring a drink and a snack. And there might make a pub stop afterwards.

For more information, phone Ron Quilter, 01822 810538.



Future walks are being planned, if you would like to lead a walk in the area please contact the Jubilee Group.

In early May for the celebrations for VE Day, we plan to do a walk from Mary Tavy War Memorial to Brentor War Memorial, which will be along the road so an easy walk on tarmac of just under 5 miles.

## Dates for your Diary

Fri 7 Feb: Twinning Association Quiz Night

Fri 14 Feb: Valentines' dinner, Mary Tavy Inn

Thurs 20 Feb: Brentor Garden Club 'Daffodils of Tamar Valley'

Sat 29 Feb: Leap Year Coffee Morning, Methodist Chapel

Sat 29 Feb: Belfast Busker, Mary Tavy Inn

Fri 6 Mar: Mary Tavy Live, Neil Maya Jazz Quartet

Thurs 12 Mar: Cyclo Cross (school cycling event)

Sat 14 Mar: Village Walk, Looking back at Mary Tavy

Thurs 19 Mar: Brentor Garden Club 'Guide to Bird Watching'

Sat 21 Mar: Knit & Natter, Spring Fair, Methodist Chapel

Date tba: MTPC Annual Parish Meeting

Fri 24 Apr: School PTFA Beetle Drive, Coronation Hall

date tba: Tavonians Theatre Company 'Life Stories' theatre with dinner, VE Celebration

Fri 8 May: VE Day Celebrations

Sun 9 May: VE Village Walk to Brentor

Sat 16 May: WI Spring Sale

Mon 25 May: Village Spring Fayre



MARY TAVY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## Quiz Night

Friday 7th February 7.30pm  
Coronation Hall

Tickets £6.00 (£3.00 for children),  
max 6 players per table.

To include a ploughman's supper.  
Bring your own drinks & glasses.

Tickets available from:

Val on 810519; Richard on 810535;  
Martin & Tracey at the Post Office

## Scheduled Road Closures

For cattle grid repairs –

5th to 7th Feb: Dingles Farm to  
Higher Creason, Horndon.

6th to 7th Feb: Brentor Road.

## Parish Council has agreed no change to the Precept

Following three years of reducing the Parish precept by around 2% to 2.5% each year, last year the Parish Council raised the precept substantially - by almost 23%.

We are pleased to be able to report that this year the Council has agreed there will be no increase for the financial year 2020/21. This decision was not unanimous and comes despite recommendations that the precept should be increased every year as a matter of course. The total of the Parish Precept is £16,689.

The precept is the part of your Council tax that pays for running parish services; the council tax also includes elements for district and county councils, the Police and the Fire Service.

Even when the precept remains unchanged the actual amount each household pays can vary as it is based on the number of Band D properties in the parish.



For the previous issue of Jubilee News the Editor, Ali Fife Cook, asked Harmony Choir if they had a logo which could be used to accompany their article. The answer from Chrissie Wade the Musical Director was no, but it would be a good idea to have one.

So as Ali enjoys all things to do with design and artwork she put together something as a suggestion for them. The response was "we love it". So Harmony Choir now has a logo created from treble clefs in rainbow colours, which they will proudly be displaying on a banner at their forthcoming concerts.

Chrissie Wade 810551  
chrissiewade@outlook.com

## Jubilee Group Projects and Activities

At this time last year we organised a Bird Box Making Workshop, which was successful and great fun, and we said we would do something similar this year. Perhaps of even more benefit to local wildlife are hedgehog houses, so that's what we plan for the next workshop, which will be in autumn at the appropriate time before hedgehog hibernation.

It was also a year ago when we undertook a survey in preparation for planting daffodil bulbs along verges, particularly down the A386. However we received almost no support or interest from the community so the project did not proceed any further. The Parish Council are considering 'wilding' some verges and perhaps we can work with them to ensure beautiful flowers abound in our village.

And talking of our verges, we are planning another Litter Pick which will be in late spring.

We hope to continue our series of Village Walks which are popular and get people together and out in our interesting and lovely surroundings. We do, however, need people to come forward to offer to lead a walk.

Since the Jubilee Group took over responsibility for Mary Tavy Live! a year ago we have held three performances with another coming up in March. These are proving very successful. The main purpose of Mary Tavy Live! is to bring enjoyable performances to the local community but at the same time, if the events are successful we can raise funds which go towards village projects.

We have other projects in mind, or in the planning stages, including a village garden trail and a collaborative event for Heritage Open Days.

The biggest project for the Jubilee Group is undoubtedly production of Jubilee News.

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## Mary Tavy Inn

**Special Valentines Menu  
Friday 14th February**

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Crispy Seafood Medley with homemade Tartar Sauce  
Curried Parsnip Soup

Partridge Breasts wrapped in Pancetta on a bed of Dauphinois Potatoes & Fresh Vegetables  
Lime & Coriander Baked Salmon with Salad & New Potatoes  
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**The Belfast Busker  
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# Mary Tavy Live!

Since the previous issue of Jubilee news we have had two concerts in the Mary Tavy Live! series, and we're delighted that the Neil Maya Quartet is coming to Mary Tavy again, their third visit, bringing us a new concert of great jazz.

## The Hummingbirds

The concert with the Hummingbirds at the end of November was a wonderful evening, jammed full with beautiful harmonies and songs that made the feet tap. Thanks to a large audience plus the raffle and catering the concert raised an amazing £160 to go towards projects in the village.

## Ninebarrow

The concert with folk duo Ninebarrow in January was completely packed, and everyone absolutely loved it. Jon and Jay entertainingly played their several instruments and sang with great enthusiasm. Thanks once again to the raffle and catering the concert raised £120 for village projects.

Mary Tavy Live!, which is a part of the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group, aims to bring you many performances, not just concerts but dance and theatre. Some but not all Mary Tavy Live! events are part of the Villages in Action scheme which helps to bring performances to villages across Devon.

**From the Mary Tavy Live! fund the Jubilee Group is giving a grant towards the cost of a projector for the Coronation Hall.**

### ENJOY PERFORMANCES FREE

Join the front-of-house team and see the whole event at no cost. Get in touch with the Jubilee Group if you are interested in being involved.

Friday 6 March, 7.30pm  
Coronation Hall

## the Neil Maya Quartet

# 1959

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## Clubs & Local Contacts R to Z The full list is always available on the Jubilee Group website

Recreation Ground: Tennis Court bookings, PO & Stores

Reading Room: Paul Williams 810001 [williamstormist@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:williamstormist@tiscali.co.uk)

Short Mat Bowls: Tues 11-1 & Wed 7-9, Coronation Hall, Doreen Rogers 810824

Snooker Club: Reading Room, John Banks 810940 or Ron Quilter 810538, [ronquilter@hotmail.com](mailto:ronquilter@hotmail.com)

Table Tennis: Tues & Wed 7pm: Coronation Hall bar area, Alice Hulme 810034

Tavy St. Mary Church: Churchwarden, Sylvia Baish 810541

Tor & Tavy WI: 4th Thurs each month 7.30pm, Coronation Hall, [torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk](mailto:torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk) or 01822 820563

*Snooker Club in the Reading Room*



## Tracey Elliot-Reep

**Tues 4th Feb 7.30pm**  
**Peter Tavy Village Hall**

An adventurous Dartmoor and international author presents a talk illustrated with stunning photography and film about her amazing horse-riding adventures around the world.

01822 810868



## 'Owdyado Theatre Twisted Tales Vol 2

**Sun 8th March 7.30pm**  
**Brentor Village Hall**

A trilogy of tales of the darkly unexpected.

01822 811097

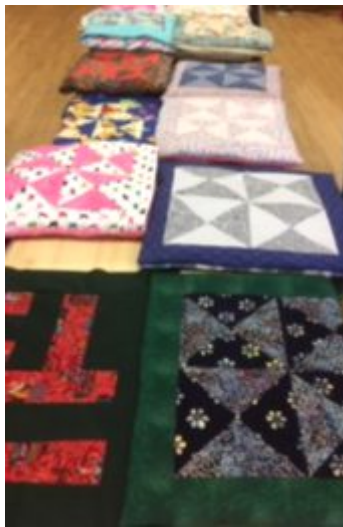


## Lydford and the Stannary Laws

**Tues 17th March 7.30pm**  
**Peter Tavy Village Hall**

A talk by Simon Dell

## Tor & Tavy WI



Each year our WI sets aside a sum of £250 to be awarded as a bursary to a member or members for use in learning or developing a skill of their choice. In December last, a group of 12 members were granted some of that money to undertake a quilting day under the guidance of Rosalind Wiggins from Lamerton. Rosalind is an expert Quilter and under her instruction we each made a Quillow, a cushion cover with blanket attached which, when folded and placed in the cover, made a pillow. Many of the ladies were beginners and were suitably pleased with their efforts which were completed, as promised by Ros, in one day.

Following hot on the heels of that day was our Christmas Craft evening led by our President when we returned to the use of Fimo modelling paste to make some very simple but effective decorations of snowmen and wreaths. These were baked in the oven while we held our business portion of the meeting and were ready to take home at the end.

We have a Cookery demonstration and Quiz night in the next two months and visitors and new members would be very welcome. 4th Thursday of each month in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm.

- Linda Hanson (Sec), [torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk](mailto:torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk) or 01822 820563

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## Brentor Garden Club

Thursday 20 February  
Historic Daffodils of the  
Tamar Valley  
A talk by Dr Francis Howard



● Heather Webster 01822 810004

Thursday 19 March  
Everyday Guide to Bird  
Watching  
A talk by Charlie Elder



Meetings in Brentor Village Hall at  
2.30 pm, visitors very welcome, £3.

**Please note the new afternoon  
time of 2.30pm.**

## The Hall and Field

The trustees of the Coronation Hall and the Recreation Ground which is also often referred to as the Field, are thinking about their name. The name of the trust is the Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground Trust, and although cumbersome that can remain the same but they are considering various titles for everyday use that bring the hall and the field together; suggestions are welcome.

**Air Ambulance Landing Site:** The Devon Air Ambulance landed in the Recreation Ground on New Year's Eve, for specialist officers to attend the scene of an accident at Grenofen.

**Measured Mile:** Runners can now test their speed or running distance against a measured mile around the Recreation Ground.

**Tavistock Area Schools Cyclo Cross Competition:** Takes place on the field on Thursday 12th March.



Picture by James Bird

## Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI

As we prepare to enjoy and celebrate the first year of a new decade, the first thing to note is that our Spring Sale – mainly plants but cakes, books, raffle etc as well – will be on Saturday, 16th May starting at 2pm.

Hopefully this early announcement will mean that we avoid clashing with other similar events! It is hard to think of anything to do with the Great Outdoors in our present weather but it is worth remembering that growing things is very important to us and our planet. I am sure we all remember those science lessons – "Photosynthesis is the way that plants make their nutrients from carbon dioxide and water in the presence of sunlight and chlorophyll". I had to write it 100 times once so it's never forgotten! Our first talk this year was on Climate Change and how to combat it so it is well in our minds that what we grow will take carbon dioxide and release oxygen in the process. It would be good if our village was keen to be green! We are probably well on the way!

We are having other interests as well starting with the Life of a Tudor Lady in February, as always 2pm in the Coronation Hall on 2nd Thursday.

● Barbara Weeks, Committee Member, 01822 810697



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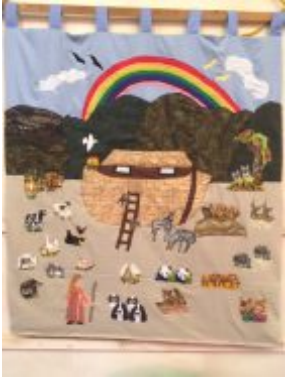
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# Mary Tavy Methodist Chapel and Hall

contacts: Pauline Emmot 610079, Graham Shillabeer 615409



When you next visit the Methodist Chapel Hall you will be able to admire the wonderful wall hangings which were made by members of Tavistock Sewing Group, led by Mrs Joan Gosling. They were donated to Princetown Methodist Chapel which has since closed. An ecumenical group now meets in the community hall.

## Regular activities:

**Jigsaw Swap**, monthly on Mondays, 17 Feb, 23 Mar, 10am-12noon, in Chapel Hall, chat, tea and coffee, 01822 810079.

**Ecumenical Prayer Group**, weekly on Mondays or Tuesdays (Tues 4 Feb & 3 Mar, otherwise Mondays), 7.30pm, at Charlotte Cottage, 01822 810166.

**Devon Sensory Group**, monthly on Tuesdays, 25 Feb, 24 Mar, 10am-12noon, meeting of for those with hearing or sight loss.

**Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter**, weekly on Thursdays 12-3pm, in Chapel Hall, NEW contact, Sue 01822 810197.

**Messy Church**, monthly on Thursdays, 20 Feb, 19 Mar, 4.30pm, tea, coffee, soft drinks, songs, story, craft activities, ending with a cooked meal.

**Breakfast at Cafe Church**, monthly on Sundays, 9 Feb, 8 Mar, 9.30am.



*Early images of the Methodist Chapel from the Jubilee Group Heritage Collection*

**Methodist Chapel & Hall  
Leap Year  
Coffee Morning  
Saturday 29th February  
10.30am-12noon  
Tea, coffee, cakes raffle,  
bring and buy.**

**Mary Tavy Knit and Natter  
Spring Fair**  
Saturday 21st March 12.00 - 2.00  
Methodist Chapel

Join us for lunch at our Spring Fair. Enjoy home-made soup & crusty bread (or bacon rolls). Other refreshments will be available along with a Craft stall, cakes and books for sale and, of course, a raffle!



## Can you help?

The Knit & Natter ladies need the following -

- any red, purple or blue fabric (for poppy making)
- any red, purple or blue wool
- black buttons (for poppy centres)

Our display outside the Methodist Chapel was much admired last November. To get 'bigger and better' this year, we will have a poppy-making table at events in Coronation Hall and hope villagers will make a poppy for our village display for Remembrance Day next November.

If you can help please contact us on 811019 or 810297.



The Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter group's Christmas Fair raised a super £292 with a donation going to Dementia UK. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us by helping on the day or coming along to enjoy lunch and buy some Christmas goodies.

## School Report

Our Singing Club entered the BBC Radio Devon's choir competition, Star For Christmas, for the first time this year and we were very excited to be chosen as finalists. On Wednesday 18th December the Singing Club travelled to the Riviera Centre in Torquay to perform in the live final, which was broadcast over Christmas. The winners were chosen by a combination of votes from judges on the night and half the votes coming from the general public. The children sang in front of over a thousand people, their biggest audience yet. They were very nervous but they gave a fabulous performance. We didn't win the trophy on the night but they made us all extremely proud with their behaviour and their singing. It was a fabulous experience and one, I'm sure, the children will remember for a very long time. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

The PTFA have decided to run a 100 club. Each number is £1 a month or £12 for the whole year. If we are able to sell all the numbers there will be a first prize of £25, a second of £15 and a third of £10. Winning numbers will be drawn at the end of each month. The PTFA provides much needed additional funding to support the school and parents; including funding coaches for educational trips, books, ICT equipment and visits from artists.

Mrs Barbara Earnshaw, Headteacher



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is inviting tenders for  
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29 February 12noon. Details on  
[www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Speeding & Road Safety

In late November the Parish Council held a public meeting which was attended by about 40 people. The meeting was told that a Working Group of Councillors had been set up with the following aims -

- To improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians;
- To improve safety for vehicular traffic joining the A386;
- To reduce noise and environmental pollution.

Background information was given and a number of potential projects were highlighted and discussed with further suggestions being made by people at the meeting. There is a full report on the meeting on the Parish Council website under the News & Events tab.

At the meeting there was reference to a report from DCC Highways. They had put up a data recorder in the village recently, by the coach parking area, which showed that there was a maximum of 140 cars per hour and that at the 85th percentile all traffic was travelling below 35mph. Their conclusion was therefore that there was no need for any change to current arrangements and signage.

This finding seems to be at odds with the impression most members of the community have about traffic and speeding so the PC is aiming to get further data on which to base any decisions.

**Speedwatch:** Twenty volunteers have put their names forward to join Speedwatch. Application forms have been sent out and training will start soon, although there is still time for others to join the team.



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## Regular Events at the Coronation Hall

### Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowls  
10am – 1pm  
Over 55s Drop In  
10.30am – 1pm  
Ballroom Dancing \*  
7pm – 9.30pm  
Table Tennis  
7pm – 8pm

### Wednesdays

Short Mat Bowls  
7pm – 9pm  
Table Tennis  
7pm – 8pm

### Thursdays

Pilates  
9.30am – 12pm  
Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI  
2nd Thurs each month  
2pm – 4pm  
Tor & Tavy WI  
4th Thurs each month  
7pm – 10pm

\* There will be no ballroom dancing Tues 11th Feb

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## Despatch Box News from the Parish Council

Happy New Year to you all. It's hard to believe that I have been Clerk to the Parish Council for six months now, time has flown by! I'd like to extend my gratitude to all councillors, who have offered me their valuable support, guidance and patience during this time. Thank you, I couldn't have done it without you all. I am still enjoying my role. My favourite aspect of clerking is the bookkeeping/accounting, which is something that I never could have imagined I'd enjoy, it's funny the path life takes you down sometimes!

To summarise the main outcomes from recent meetings: I'm delighted to be able to report that the budget has been approved and there will be no rise in precept for 2020-21; Councillors on a verges working group have finalised and published a new contract for grass cutting and maintenance, there are some areas that won't be cut or maintained in the future (for further details, see the maintenance contract on the home page of our website and/or appendix one, October 2019 minutes); Our Emergency Warden, John Roy Hill, has received a further ton of salt to add to last year's reserve which should be sufficient in case of ice or snow; Mary Tavy Twinning Association have graciously returned our grant donation as there will no longer be changes to road signs.

Best Wishes, Katherine

Katherine Anness, Clerk to Mary Tavy Parish Council, 01822 616047  
parishclerk@marytavyparishcouncil.co.uk,

## Jumelée avec Mery-Corbon

We reported in a previous edition of Jubilee News that due to changes in the administrative district, Mery-Corbon – our twinned village in Normandy, France – was to become Méry-Bissières-en-Auge and we were going to have new village signs here to reflect that change. However, for two reasons that is now not going to happen. Becky Masters, Chairman of Mary Tavy Twinning Association told us that “Although the postal address system reflects the administrative name change, the signage into and out of Mery-Corbon remains the same and we gather is likely to do so for the foreseeable future. We were also given to understand from Devon County that there would have been additional complications and costs in obtaining copyright for use of the signage logo, so all in all, it was a good idea but on this occasion not achievable, perhaps in the future it might be.”



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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