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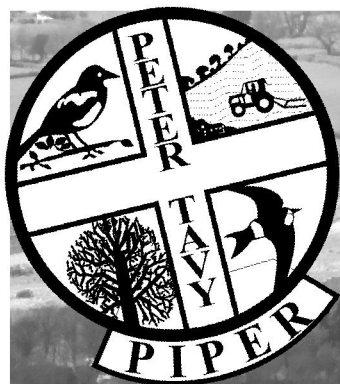


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PLANT SALE & CREAM TEAS

**Saturday 12th May
2.00 - 4.00pm
at Peter Tavy
Methodist Church**

&

CREAM TEAS & POND WALKS

**Saturday 19th May
from 2.30pm
at Edgcombe,
Cudlipptown**

In aid of St Peter's Church

**WATER
COLOUR
WORKSHOP**
Village Hall
22nd May



Re-start Tues.
29th May

PETER TAVY VILLAGE HALL AGM
Wednesday 16th May 8.00pm in the Village Hall

What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

May

Thurs 10th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Thurs 10th	7.30pm	Ascension Day service, St. Peter's Church
Sat 12th	10.00am	Spring Clean, St. Peter's Church
Sat 12th	2 - 4pm	Cream Teas & Plant Sale, Methodist Chapel
Sat 12th	2.00pm	MT & PT WI Sale, Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy
Wed 16th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Wed 16th	7.00pm	Village Hall committee meeting, followed by:
	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM - All welcome
Wed 16th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 19th	from 2.30pm	Cream Teas and Pond Walks at Edgecombe
Sun 20th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 21st	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Tues 22nd	7.00pm	Watercolour workshop, Village Hall
Tues 29th	6.50pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall
Thurs 31st	7.30pm	St Peter's PCC meeting, Edgecombe

June

Thurs 7th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Wed 13th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Thurs 14th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 17th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 18th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 23rd	5.00pm	St Peter's Church Strawberry Tea, Harford Bridge
Tues 26th	6.50pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall

July

Thurs 5th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Wed 11th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 16th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 21st - Sun 29th	10 - 6pm	Art Exhibition, Village Hall
Wed 18th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Thurs 19th	7.30pm	Village Fayre Planning Meeting, Village Hall
Tues 31st	6.50pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall

August

Wed 8th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Mon 20th	10 - 12.30pm	“Knit & Natter”, Village Hall
Sat 25th	TBC	St Peter’s Church BBQ, Harford Bridge Park
Mon 27th	pm & eve	Peter Tavy Village Fayre
Tues 28th	6.50pm	TBC - Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall

The dates and times shown here are as we have been advised, but may be subject to change - watch out for posters and notices to make sure!

*Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering August to November 2018 by **Sunday 15 July 2018**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, on disk or by email to: steve.ali@care4free.net, it saves us a lot of typing. But please don't worry if this is not possible - we still want your hand-written entries too! Thanks!*

- Steve & Ali Carreck, Compilers, (1 Mill Cottages, 810868).

We’ve had an American-influenced few weeks in Peter Tavy. Thanks to good friend of Peter Tavy, Michael Mates from the US, for his photo featured on this issue’s front cover. We’ve enjoyed a great Square Dance evening brought to us by his brother, Tony Mates (of Seattle), back in April, and on 4th May were treated to a wonderful, melodic concert by country/folk duo Hungrytown (of Vermont), who fell in love with Peter Tavy during their brief stay.

Tavistock Run Project (TRP)’s “Peter Tavy Trail Blazer” Run on Sunday 6th May was blessed with great weather, and also a success, enjoyed by all who took part.

With Spring at last under way, there’ll be a spring cleaning morning at St Peter’s church on Saturday 12th May (see below). As we look forward to Summer, there’s cream teas galore to enjoy - with the plant sale at the Chapel on 12th May, and Pond Walks (a chance to see the amazing pond Peter Tinson has created at Edgecombe) on 19th May.

Learn about watercolour painting at the workshop on 22nd May in the Village Hall (see page 14). And Jayne Medland will be re-starting the popular circular footpath walks on May 29th.

There’s plenty of other events and activities to get involved in - and also you can start planning and working on your entries for this year’s Village Fayre competitions - there’s something for everyone to have a try at! (See pages 6-7).

So, enjoy the Spring - and see you soon over a cream tea (cream/jam first debates optional...)

- Steve & Ali Carreck, Compilers



CLEANING MORNING

Saturday 12th May, 10.00, St Peter’s Church

Can you spare an hour or two to help clean the interior of our beautiful Grade 1 listed building? Comments in the Visitors’ Book show that St Peter’s Church is a highlight for many who come to the village - please come along and help us to “spruce it up” for the year ahead.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, did you notice that the Peter Tavy Parish Council part of the precept was actually a reduction of 2%? If only we'd known we'd have asked for more!

May brings the AGM which means the election of the Chairman, Vice Chair and any other posts that come to mind.

There is a new post that has been created due to the General Data Protection Regulations which come into place on 25th May. You may have received lots of emails and letters regarding this and how you want to receive data and how it is to be used. All quite complicated so I'm glad that I have been allowed to pass the position of Data Protection Officer on to Bill Lane as he has had lots of practice in this due to his other positions held.

The Mill Pond is going to require a clear out before the summer and the hardy folks' use of it. Edward Dodd will be organising this so be prepared with your wellies and shovels!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in June this year as we are trying to obtain a Guest Speaker from Devon County Council. Well, we can always try. This is your opportunity to come and find out exactly what your council has been up to and just what is planned. We will also be inviting any local groups to give an update. This will be advertised when the date has been firmed up.

You may like to know that the War Memorial has been granted Grade II listing by Historic England.

- Alison Skillicorn, Clerk to Peter Tavy Parish Council

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Dear Parishioner

I am contacting you regarding the changes to our (WDBC) recycling requirements, which now makes it necessary for you to use two recycling boxes, for extra separation of your recyclable items.

(However, we appreciate some residents live alone and may only need to use one box on alternate weeks. One week you can use your box for plastic bottles, empty aerosols, tins and cans and the next week use it to put out paper, card, glass, clothing and batteries.)

Although it might seem that extra work is being created for you, it is very important that you please follow the guidance on the paperwork and recycling box labels sent to you recently.

The reason for these changes are that we have to provide a more economical service due to a diminishing budget following Central Government Revenue

Support cuts. As you can imagine, providing a collection service to the very isolated parts of Dartmoor is much more expensive than collecting in a major town or city.

The new recycling trucks which have been operating since 16 April have greater capacity and therefore will cover more properties before they have to return to the recycling depot to be emptied, thereby saving on fuel and general running costs.

Also, the truck crews have to work to a tight time schedule and further separation of the recyclables by you the householder makes it easier for them, especially when it's pouring with rain and blowing a gale.

One issue which I know a lot of you have is why we do not take all plastics, ie food trays and food containers, instead of just plastic bottles.

The main reason for this is that a large amount of food trays/ containers are made up of a different composition and would lessen the suitability of the plastic bottles being used for new plastic bottles, as happens now.

The other plastic items can be saved up and then taken to the Crowndale recycling centre if you wish to recycle them.

A major concern that I have is the amount of food waste which is going in with the residue waste in black bags, which is very costly to our service, as we have to pay a fee for each ton of waste which goes to the Devonport Incinerator and food waste, by its very nature, is quite heavy.

We know that some 23% of black bag contents throughout West Devon is food waste, which, if recycled in the grey food caddies, would be going to the biomass plant at Holsworthy for generating electricity and saving us the best part of two hundred thousand pounds a year.

At the moment the collected food waste generates enough electricity to power 329 homes; let's try and get the figure up towards 400 by recycling your food waste.

I know some of you will say, why should I bother when I pay my council tax? Would you please remember that we collect council tax for the other agencies listed on your bill, for which we receive no direct payment. WDBC's share of your council tax bill works out at 12p in the pound, to provide services in one of the most rural areas in the country.

Should you wish to contact me to discuss your concerns about the new recycling system, I will be attending your Annual Parish Meeting and my contact details can be found on the WDBC website under "your Councillor."

Thank you for your time in reading my article and please recycle as much as you possibly can.

Kind Regards

Terry

*Cllr Terry Pearce, Borough Councillor for the Mary Tavy Ward
West Devon Borough Council*

Peter Tavy

VILLAGE FAYRE 2018

Monday 27th August

The first Planning Meeting for this year's Fayre was held on 12th April, so we're already thinking about this year's Fayre. Please help - if you haven't already been asked, please do come along and volunteer! Please contact *Steve Carreck* (1 Mill Cottages, 810868) if you can spare time to help out on the day on stalls, games, and keeping things running smoothly. Also, please save your "white elephants" for the Granny's Attic stall, books for the books stall, jams and preserves, home-made cakes - and plants and produce.

This year's Fayre will again start at 2.00pm, with strong helpers needed from 9.00am that morning to start getting some of the heavier and bulkier items (trestle tables, skittle alley, gazebos etc.) into place.

The next Fayre Planning Meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm.**

VILLAGE FAYRE COMPETITIONS

The competitions are always a key part of the Fayre. But as we all get so busy in the run-up to the day, here's advance notice of this year's categories, to give you time to get started on some of your entries. Each competition will have three age categories: Under 10's; 10 -15 and over 15 (unless otherwise stated)..

CRAFTS:

- 1 ▶ Make a **model of a sheep** (this can be any size and in any medium)
- 2 ▶ Make a **pretend fish tank out of junk** (to include 'fish etc', with or without water!)
- 3 ▶ **Knit / crochet a handmade bobble hat**

ART:

- 4 ▶ A **painting or sketch depicting Dartmoor**
- 5 ▶ A **painting pebble** (These will be non-returnable. The pebbles will be kept by the competition steward and hidden around and about the village. If you find a pebble, it is then your choice whether to keep it or to hide it in a new location locally for someone else to find, and so on.....)

POEM:

- 6 ▶ Write a **poem entitled 'Summer Holidays'**.

FACT OR FICTION:

7 A story to be written on one side of an A4 sheet, entitled *'It happened in Peter Tavy'*.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

8 (Any size arrangement) Themed on the title: **'Celebrating Summer!'**.

COOKERY

9 *Under 10's only* - **Decorate 4 cup cakes**

10 *Age 10 - 15's only* - make a **Rainbow jelly in a glass**

11 *Any age* - Prepare a **home-made picnic lunch for one** (which must be presented in a container not exceeding 12" x 12" (30 x 30cm). Entries will be judged on appearance and taste).

12 *Any age* - **Mrs Rattenbury's Tea Loaf** . The recipe will be given in the August edition of The Piper.

PRODUCE

13 **Display 3 different fruit / vegetables which you have grown.**

14 **A single perfect bloom from your garden.**

AROUND AND ABOUT

15 Make and display a **'Comical Road Sign'**. But do please try to avoid it looking 'official' and causing confusion or concern that it might be genuine! So avoid using red and black paints in circles and triangles!

Some inspiration...





METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Just a quick note to remind you that, over the summer months, our regular Sunday services start at **6.30pm**. The exception to this are our **joint Family Services** which are at 3.00pm. Looking ahead, these are on 20th May at St. Peter's Church, 17th June in the Methodist Church and 15th July at St. Peter's Church - all at 3.00pm. All welcome!

(NB -No Family Service in August). - David Dodd



On the **first Thursday of each month**, join us for a warm welcome to *Messy Church* in the Chapel, between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. It's a fun, flexible time of worship, full of exciting crafts and activities, songs, stories and a delicious meal! Time to chat, to listen, to make friends and get to know your neighbours better! Everyone is welcome - although no unaccompanied children, please.

Upcoming Messy Church dates are:

Thursdays:

● **7th June**

● **5th July**



"How would you like your alphabet soup - Times Roman, Courier Bold or Comic Sans?"

SOUP LUNCHES

Don't forget Soup Lunches in the Chapel on the **second Thursday** of each month - meet friends and neighbours, enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and a dessert, between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

Lunches are on Thursdays:

● **10th May**

● **14th June**

followed by a break for July & August, restarting in the autumn on **13th September**.

PLANT SALE & CREAM TEAS



Saturday 12th May, 2 - 4pm
at Peter Tavy Methodist Church
With "Bring and Buy" Stall



The Great Debate continues...

Any donations of bedding, vegetable or garden plants would be gratefully received. Also offers of help on the day - please contact David Dodd (810776)

Angela Larcombe warns villagers to....

TAKE CARE

I knocked a pile of Pipers off the shelf recently and glancing through them, as I tried to put them back in some sort of order, I came across a piece I wrote way back in 2006 and as we are all being urged to recycle I am repeating it. It seems to be just as appropriate now as it was then.

New readers start below. Older readers can just go away and put the kettle on.

- ❗ Remove all packaging before reading this article. Remember - staples are sharp
- ❗ This article has been written in an environment that may contain nuts and seeds
- ❗ Do not dive into this article at low water. Do not jump off a moving article
- ❗ Keep this article level while reading. Falling words may be dangerous, commas and full stops can especially cause injury
- ❗ Do not wear this article near fire as it is inflammable
- ❗ Do not eat as it is indigestible
- ❗ Keep away from small children
- ❗ Do not attempt to read this article in a dim light as it may injure your eyes.
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- ❗ Do not attempt to repair this article
- ❗ If this article should leak out on to skin or clothes, wash off immediately
- ❗ Take care not to get your fingers or other parts of your body caught in any moving part of this article
- ❗ Do not read during a thunderstorm
- ❗ If this article emits smoke, do not contact the author
- ❗ Remember, reading this article may seriously damage your health

 **DON'T PANIC**

From Devon to Australia – A 19th Century Narrative

Australian author **Virginia Noonan** has contacted us about her new book, *“From Devon to Australia – A 19th Century Narrative, through the unpublished letters of the Merrifield family”*, launched at ‘Book Stop’ in Tavistock in April.

For us in Peter Tavy, the book has especial interest, as Virginia is the great-great-great granddaughter of **William Merrifield**. From 1832 - 1838, William was the teacher at the Peter Tavy National School. He and his family lived in one of the cottages at Peter Tavy Coombe and it was there that he and his wife Anne’s (née Sargent) first three children were born. After leaving Peter Tavy, William went on to teach at the national school in Tavistock for a couple of years. He subsequently was appointed the librarian at the Tavistock Subscription Library from 1841 to 1872. William is also important as a very early Devon photographer who took numerous stereographic views of Tavistock and surrounding areas - many of these photos appear in the book.

Based on the content of over 140 family letters and other archival materials, the book explores a range of historical topics, including: the effect of the industrial revolution on the agricultural labourer; the start of working classes’ education, and the resulting opportunities, and the life of a gold digger in Australia. The letters were mainly written by William Merrifield, and his second son, John, in response to letters from his eldest son, Samuel. Samuel left England for Australia in 1854 in search of adventure and to make his fortune in the Australian gold fields.

The book is available from Book Stop in Tavistock.



William and Anne Merrifield, c.1855. Local historian Tom Greeves regards this as a particularly significant photograph - one of the earliest surviving photos of “ordinary” people living in our area in the 19th century.

UNDER THE WEATHER WITH TALLULAH

I was sitting on the couch in Chung Ying's one January evening waiting for my order of foo yung and fries when I couldn't help but catch a bit of conversation between a couple of Tavi boys who happened to meet up there by chance.

"How are you getting on with that house down Crownhill?" one asked.

"Oh, not bad, but you know it's been so wet we've had to stay inside gutting and renovating."

"Tell me about it," the other replied. "I've been really handicapped - I haven't been able to have a round up on the moor for ages."

From this I concluded that it wasn't just farmers who were fed up with all the rainy days, it was everyone.

Tallulah? Well, like all the other sentients on the farm, she hasn't liked it either and has always been waiting at the gate come 5 o'clock to get back in the yard and in the dry. Most mornings though, she has still wanted to go out even though the gateway has been like a paddy field with most of the field waterlogged.

Earlier on in the winter she got this condition on the back of one of her hooves, called mud fever. Hardly surprising I said when Tim the farrier pointed out the little sores the size of an old penny, what with her having to walk through all the sodden earth.

"Of course, it's got nothing much to do with that," Tim explained.

Typical, I thought, because nothing is quite what it seems with horses, even their ailments. Sweet itch for example; all that irritation surely can't be that sweet can it? And then there's Freeze up when you're out for a pleasant hack. What's going on there?

Call me old fashioned, but I reckon all the clipping that people do has to be a bit iffy. I mean you'd have to have a twitch behind your back and a bucket full of pony nuts to even attempt it with her, so we don't bother and she grows her own winter coat to combat the driving daily showers. On the occasions we have rugged her she's managed to trash it by evening, especially if Henry's been around with the hounds. In the summer though it's a different matter because of those dratted flies that torment her so.

Come to think of it, flies aren't exactly welcome in take-aways either, but you can shut them out.

That wasn't the case years ago when the door to the same shop in West Street where I was sitting was always open to customers queueing for their hog's pudding at the legendary pork butcher, Sammy Friend. Queues would be right down the pavement of West Street on a Friday morning.

I wonder what they all talked about.

- Tom Roskilly

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Chairman: Jayne Medland, (Radge Farm, 810277)

Village Hall Bookings: Steve Carreck, (1 Mill Cottages, 810868)

Peter Tavy Village Hall - AGM

Wednesday 16th May, at 8.00pm,

A great opportunity for everyone to come along to share ideas about the Village Hall, how to make the best use of it, and improvements you'd like to see. Meet the committee and find out about the volunteers who keep the Hall running. You won't be forced to join the committee, but new members are very welcome!

(current committee members, please remember the meeting at 7.00pm, prior to the AGM).

Well, the only good thing about the awful weather that keeps getting thrown at us, is the fact that it makes us really appreciate the rare good days, dry hours or even a "let up" in the rain for a few minutes! Fortunately, the new shed is now up. A more accessible and dry storage space. Grateful thanks to the demolition team of David Dodd, Steve Mortimer, Steve & Clare Balm, Steve & Ali Carreck, Dawn Sherrell, Vaughan Nail, Elaine & Robert Macintosh, James and myself. We managed to empty the old shed, but that must have sapped our strength because try as we might, we couldn't pull the old shed apart. Enter Edward Dodd with his sledge hammer (aka his JCB digger!!). Job done in minutes. Thanks Edward!



Shed demolition team...

Unsuccessful technique



More efficient method...



Four very interesting talks were given during February to April. Speakers kindly donated their proceeds to MIND, Dartmoor Search & Rescue Group and the village hall funds. All four events were well supported. The village hall committee wish to extend our thanks to Matthew Biggs, Steve & Clare Balm, Dave Chanter, Keith Thomas, Lucy French, (see below), Josephine Collingwood and Simon Dell for giving up their time and effort to educate and entertain us! Simon's talk rounded off our winter programme of speakers - new ideas or volunteers for future talks welcome.



Matthew Biggs assumed the identities of "two great plant hunters"

Our Whist Drives have become a regular event. Success!! We plan to stop at the end of April and start up again on Tuesday 11th September. Thanks go Peter Tinson for his expertise and also to all of you who have come along and given it a go.

Regrettably, I was unable to attend, but the recent American Square Dance kindly organised by Tony Mates, from Seattle, was a great success. Tony's ancestors lived at Higher Godsworthy and it was this that prompted him to play for a square dance in the hall for old times sake. Tony most generously donated the proceeds to village hall funds. We are very grateful to him, and his band of musicians, for this and for re-awakening a traditional event in the village.



Yee-ha! A great evening Square Dancing with Tony Mates and band.

Many thanks for all your support for our talk on Kilimanjaro from Steve, Keith, Clare, Dave and Lucy. We raised £365.00 for MIND.

Clare and Steve Balm, Keith Thomas, Dave Chanter and Maggie French (for Lucy!) - speakers at the Kilimanjaro evening.





For two summers now, I have been encouraging people to join me on evening footpath walks on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the summer. Sounds like folks want to do this again; I'm up for it, so we will start them on Tuesday 29th May, meeting at hall by 6.50pm. All able walkers welcome. Length of walks vary from 2 to 6 miles. Remember suitable clothing and footwear, preferably no dogs (stiles, cattle in fields and occasionally we get children coming along who can feel intimidated by large dogs bounding around them!) Cancelled if very wet or very foggy.

Our **Village Hall Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 16th May** at **8.00pm** in the hall. All welcome!!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my three year stint as Chairman of the Peter Tavy Village Hall Committee, but I genuinely feel that any committee benefits by changing officers at least every couple of years. I wish the village hall all the very best for the future and would like to thank the committee members and villagers for supporting me in the role of chairman.

Wishing you all a lovely spring and summer.

- Jayne Medland

Thanks again to Jayne for three years of outstanding Chairmanship!

COMING UP AT THE VILLAGE HALL...

VILLAGE HALL AGM Weds. 16th May in the Hall at 8.00pm - all welcome!

Watercolour workshop for beginners,
with **Celia Olsson. Tuesday 22nd May, 7.00pm.**
Peter Tavy Village Hall. £10 - all materials provided.
Places limited - please call Jayne on 01822 810277 to book.



Footpath Walks

Tuesday 29th May, Tuesday 26th June, Tuesday 31st July
meet at Peter Tavy Village Hall by 6.50pm (See above for more info)



KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER

Join our small and friendly group which meets on the
third Monday morning of each month, 10.00am to
12.30pm in the Village Hall.

More information from Ruth Boswell on 810687.

Forthcoming dates are:

Mon. 21st May Mon. 18th June

Mon. 16th July Mon. 20th August

MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W.I. NEWS

As inevitably happens at least once a year, our February speaker was unable to come. Members were sorry not to have their cluttering problems solved; however Janet Clare resourcefully produced some tips from the internet about de-cluttering and filled the gap in the afternoon. People were asked to bring an item of memorabilia from home that might have an interesting story to tell. A most varied selection of things were produced.

A team of four greatly enjoyed a quiz evening organised by Tor & Tavy W.I. As it was Burns Night, we were also given a mini Haggis and a small tot of whisky!

In April, Nicole and Scarlett from South West Equine Protection gave a general presentation about their work, which told us that this charity was founded twenty years ago by Maureen Rolls, and is now based in Yelverton, at present housing 38 rescued ponies. These animals can come from anywhere in Devon and Cornwall, from the moors to private ownership, or just abandoned. Sadly road casualties are still a common occurrence on the moor, leaving ponies either dead, injured or orphaned. Where possible S.W.E.P. rescue these ponies, have them treated and, in some cases, foster them out. Scarlett told us one amusing story of when someone took on a foal and wondered why it was growing so huge, only to find it was a Shire horse! Happily they still continued to look after it.

A good lot of people, including some husbands, enjoyed the trip out to Strawberry Fields for the Institute's Birthday lunch - fortunately one of the rare dry days in March.

Three members had a good evening with High Moorland W.I. up at Princetown for the annual Group meeting. The Speaker was the ever popular Simon Dell, talking about Women in the police force at the time of the Suffragettes 'The Fair Arm of the Law'. Visitors had been asked to wear something green and purple. Di Broughton had found four Votes for Women sashes on the internet!

Most recently the W.I. were asked to provide tea and cake for the village community Litter Pick in Mary Tavy. Judging by the enormous number of filled sacks at the end, this was a successful event, but also a sad reflection on the total disregard some people still have for our environment.

The W.I. Spring Sale is on May 12th in the Coronation Hall and May 10th is the Annual Meeting when the Resolution on Mental Health matters will also be discussed. An added attraction will be Speaker Susan Devenish, giving hints on Hair Care.

Jill Lamerton

WI SPRING SALE

Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Teas, Raffle, Plants

Saturday 12th May, 2.00pm
Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to Janet Bedford and all those who made the Daffodil Coffee morning at Manor Farm, Cudlipptown another great success. We enjoyed delicious refreshments and spending time chatting together, raising funds for St Peter's.

It was lovely to welcome everyone to church for our services throughout the Easter season, too. The service in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Private George Maddock, who fell in action in the First World War on 20th April 1918, was a moving and poignant time.

Looking forward, we will have an **Ascension Day** service on **Thursday 10th May** at 7.30pm, and on **Sunday 20th May**, we hope you can join us at our **joint Family Service** with Peter Tavy Methodist Church at 3.00pm. We're also hoping to have a service on **St Peter's day - Friday 29th June**, at 12.00 noon, to mark our patronal festival.

Other dates for your diary include the "Cream Teas and Pond Walks" at Edgecombe on Saturday 19th May; the Church Strawberry Tea at Harford Bridge on Saturday 23rd June, and our annual Barbecue, again at Harford Bridge, on Saturday 25th August.

Before then, we hope as many as possible will join us for our...



SATURDAY 12TH MAY -
meet at the Church at **10.00AM**

Please do come along and help to give our ancient parish church building a clean-up for the year ahead! If you can spare an hour or two, pop up to join us – if you can bring cleaning materials (bucket, cloth, cleaning fluid, window cleaners etc) that would be very helpful. The visitors' book

in the church shows how much those coming to Peter Tavy appreciate finding an open and welcoming, well-kept church – all help to keep our beautiful old church that way is much appreciated!

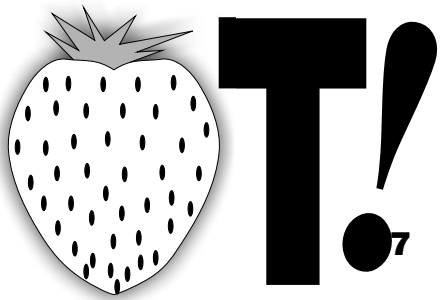
CREAM TEAS & Pond Walks

at Edgecombe, Cudlipptown, on **Saturday 19th May, from 2.30pm** by kind invitation of Peter & Pearl Tinson. In aid of St. Peter's Church.
Everyone very welcome.



St. Peter's Church, Peter Tavy

Strawberry Tea



on Saturday 23rd June,

from 5.00pm

at Harford Bridge Holiday Park

courtesy of the Williamson family.

Everyone very welcome.

Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

Continuing my 'reflections' of memorable *walks into the unknown*, I have chosen Ducks' Pool as an iconic landmark on the South Moor, to which Angela and I have been on several occasions and in very different weather conditions. Our first visit was on 23rd June 2001, just after the lifting of the ban of walking on the Moor, imposed to prevent the spread of the dreaded Foot & Mouth disease. It was a beautiful summer's day and we set out from Peat Cot, past Nuns Cross Farm, up Crane Hill to Plym Head, then almost due south to our objective.

Crossing, Hemery and other authors record that tin miners drained the pool, once the haunt of many wild fowl known generally by moor men as 'ducks'. There is much evidence of mining and workings all along Black Lane Brook and Wollake on the eastern side of the pool. We ate our picnic alongside the large boulder on which is mounted a bronze plaque as a memorial to William Crossing, author of the unique *Guide to Dartmoor*, published in 1909, originally in serial form in The Western Morning News. The Plaque reads: "*In Memory of William Crossing author of many inspiring books on Dartmoor, whose Guide is a source of invaluable information to all lovers of the Moor. Died 3rd Sep 1928 aged 80*".

This is also the site of the second oldest of all the Dartmoor letterboxes which, of course, was on our list of sites to visit! We collected 20 stamps that day, most of which had 'ducks' as their theme. It had been a wonderful day and we vowed to return another time. We had met five other letterboxing enthusiasts and seen just three other people all day, and, although tired, were buoyed by the experience of a twelve mile walk to and in such a beautiful and remote part of Dartmoor.

- Patrick Cashell

Donna's Deliberations

Spring is here at last! Or so it seems for, as I write, we have had two or three really mild days, with one or two actually verging on warm, and the forecasters say we're going to have a proper hot spell next week. I hope it continues for a bit longer than that, because I am off on holiday next Friday and would rather like some dry, sunny days, if nobody minds. I don't think anyone will.

Where am I going? Well, nowhere all that exciting - I'm not going to climb Kilimanjaro like those intrepid souls who entertained us with tales of their endurance back in the winter. Wasn't that an interesting evening, by the way? I came away with an impression of real determination, hardihood and adventure, not to mention the horrors of altitude sickness, which sounds in itself a very good reason for staying at lower levels. And with so many such explorers going just from Peter Tavy - why, if only they had got together and organised themselves instead of buzzing off independently, they could have made a real village outing of it, like the dear old trips we used to have to Truro for Christmas shopping. I'm sure Down's would have supplied a comfortable coach, and most of us could dig out an extra jumper for the cold nights.

Another place I'm not going to visit next Friday is China. Did you come to the enthralling evening with Radio 4 and Gardeners' World personality Matt Biggs, giving what we later dubbed a 'performance talk' on two of the great Plant Hunters of Victorian times? Matt didn't just talk about Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson and George Forrest, he became them for the entire evening, recounting their adventures with Tibetan warrior lamas intent on decapitation, and crawling to escape with a broken leg while facing starvation, while we who might have been expecting to be treated to a slide show of pretty flowers sat open-mouthed, thinking that perhaps Kilimanjaro might be the softer option after all. I am sure many of us went home and looked at our camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons with new respect, realising that without these brave men, who had none of our modern, high-tech clothing or equipment to help them, our gardens would be more barren places.

Disappointingly, I missed Chris's talk on local mining, which would no doubt have had me delving deeply below the cottage I used to live in at Horndon, and the talk on local geology which would have reminded me of the young French student who stayed with us one summer years ago. He wanted nothing more than to be taken to every mining and archaeological site for miles around, culminating in an afternoon in a quarry at St Austell where the workers willingly entertained him, returning him to me several hours later clutching a bag full of amethyst quartz. I wonder what Health and Safety would have had to say about that now! I don't think he even had a hard hat. (I do remember that he was very fond of my bread pudding and took a large slab of it home with him in a suitcase already full of rock samples, which added to its considerable weight.)

I am looking forward to Simon Dell's talk next week on the Dartmoor 'Conchies'. I did some research on Second World War conscientious objectors for a book some years ago, and came across lots of references to how appallingly they were treated. I anticipate coming away from the evening sobered but, as always, with a deepened knowledge.

What a programme of culture we have had in Peter Tavy this winter! Proof once again that village life, thought by so many to be dull and quiet, can be just as lively and informative as in any town or city. And talking of lively, let's not forget the Square Dance, with Tony Mates, a real American caller, who was fulfilling one of his own dreams in the village that was home to his forebears. What a great evening that was. Not much sitting about there, as we do-si-doed our opposites, swung our corners and promenaded our partners around the hall. Whose legs ached all next day, I wonder?

So that's it for the winter. I know I've missed out quite a few regulars, and I hope I will be forgiven for that, but this series of village hall events has been rather special. Why, we've almost risked our lives - we've been up Kilimanjaro, we've narrowly escaped death while plant collecting in China, we've been down the mines under our very feet and, by the time you read this, will have shivered, suffered and half starved for our principles in a damp, icy Princetown prison cell. My holiday next week will be very tame by comparison.

Oh, I didn't mention where I am going, did I? Well, it's the New Forest, only a few hours' drive from here. Probably quite safe, taking everything into consideration. But they have wild ponies there, so I've heard, so I'll need to be careful. And you never know, I may give a talk about my adventures, in the village hall next winter. With slides.

You have been warned.

WEST DARTMOOR ART GROUP'S

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



**In Peter Tavy Village Hall - Saturday 20th July - Sunday 29th July,
10.00am - 6.00pm (4.30pm on last day) *Light Refreshments available***



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

We started our autumn/winter programme with a “whine”!!! A social evening was arranged to chat over the summer happenings and was called “Last of the summer whine”. It was a very enjoyable evening and each member had to bring a cut flower which were made into a bouquet for the raffle winner. Many topics were covered including recent visits to an alpaca farm (timed to see the delightful baby alpacas) and the glass centre at Launceston. Some members took the adult alpacas for a walk, and reported that they have such different personalities. We were treated to a cream tea during our visit and had such a good time that it will probably be repeated at some stage.

A few of our members visited the glass centre at Launceston, and had a very interesting time - we will make sure it is booked on a date when more of our ladies can attend in the future.

Carrying on from this visit, we welcomed Graham Reed from Bere Alston, who treated us to a great evening of glass blowing. Graham used to make glass items for scientific uses and in his retirement has carried on his love of glass blowing as a hobby. He makes any number of items and will take orders for presents, many of our ladies bought vases and small glass animals and Graham gave us a potted history of glass blowing. He received many orders for Christmas and is certainly a very talented man who gave us a very enjoyable evening.

With Christmas in mind one of our members, Lucie, provided sheets of red and white paper, glue and scissors and rulers to make snowflakes. They were very effective once assembled and designed to hang from indoor xmas trees, or elsewhere as decorations - particularly pretty with small lights inside them.

Our December meeting is replaced with our annual Christmas meal, and as last year we descended on The Bedford Hotel in the Tavistock Room; we had all pre-booked our preferences and had a very enjoyable evening in superb surroundings.

Our WI, along with 5 others, is a member of The Four Rivers Group of local WI's. Each branch entertains the others over the Christmas period and it seems to have become a tradition for Tor and Tavy to have an annual quiz in January. This year our meeting fell on Burns night and to honour the occasion all our ladies wore something tartan and we were treated to the addressing of the haggis by member's husband John. We presented our ladies and 23 visiting ladies with a haggis ball and tot of whisky, after which we had a most enjoyable quiz and buffet supper supplied by the ladies of Tor and Tavy. Such hard work for our quiz masters, but it made for a very competitive evening and one which, I am sure, will be repeated next year. Many thanks to John and his very able assistant, Trish, for her scoring.

Short mat bowls is a sport played at The Coronation Hall in Mary Tavy, our meeting place, so we thought what than an evening learning to play. One of our members and her husband were “instructors” for the evening and it certainly was



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Dartmoor Holidays by the River Tavy

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New for 2018: We have teamed up with *Ellis Bakery*, Tavistock, to stock their delicious breads and cakes. If you would like to order your favourite bread, rolls or cakes through us, please phone us with your order, together with payment and we will arrange for the bread to be here the following day, no deliveries on Sundays though. As you may remember, we don't stock alcohol, cigarettes or newspapers.

The 'Riverside Diner' is back for 2018 on Friday & Saturday from 5pm - 8pm and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 1pm, offering a wide variety of take away foods, from his pitch at the edge of our courtyard area.

Phone orders for *cheese or pepperoni pizzas*, all are freshly baked in the Park's kitchen.

Chilled takeaway food is also available.

Our ever popular **morning goods - croissants, pain au chocolat and baguettes**, both brown and white and **gluten free Seeded rolls** - are also available on a pre-order, basis every morning, seven days a week for collection from 8:30am, March to mid-November.

Call us on 01822 810349 for all orders or call in to Park Reception and Shop.

► more difficult than we at first thought. Soft shoes had to be worn and you need a good eye and a gentle hand!! It was a good evening and I am sure that everyone that attended would like the evening repeated to try their new skills.

We have just finalised our programme for the next 12 months and the topics will include: "Living in China"; Truffle making; Walking around Britain with a dog; a Brewery visit and Street Pastors - to name just a few. We are visiting St Ives in April and have now started to meet the second friday in the month for regular coffee mornings - some evenings at WI are so busy that it is good to have some social gathering away from the hall, to enable members to chat!

We meet at The Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30 and you are most welcome to come and join us. Ring Judi (614198) or Trish (615532) for more info, or just turn up and our ladies will be glad to see you.

**20th
GREAT
YEAR**

This edition marks the 20th Year of Patrick's great competitions. The first appeared in the May 1998 "Piper". So a huge "Thank you" to him for all that hard work compiling questions for our enjoyment - including for those who try to answer, but are not brave enough to send them in! And for generously supplying prizes!

Patrick's **Competition**

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

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Down to just one entry for "*Who? When? & Where?*" No. 3 and that from Julie & Paul, who scored 6/10. Well done, but the bottle remains on the shelf! These were the answers I was looking for:

1. Jayne Medland is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
2. Beating the Bounds of Peter Tavy will next take place in 2021.
3. The Lich Way crosses the PT boundary at Wittaburrow.
4. William Widgery erected the cross on Brai Tor.
5. The "Great Storm" was in 1638.
6. Mrs Bray Wash-Hand Basin is on Over Tor.
7. A Black Dog & a Mire feature in The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
8. The 1st Dartmoor Magazine was published in Winter 1985
9. The Tavy & the Walkham confluence is at Double Waters.
10. Sir Francis Drake made the leat to bring water to Plymouth.

Who? What? Where? No.4 *all relates to Peter Tavy Parish (PT)*

1. Who is the current Chairman of the PT Parish Council?
2. When will the PT Village Fayre take place this year?
3. Where does the Yoledon Brook pass under the PT - Bagga Tor road?
4. Who was the last Rector to live in the Rectory (The Glebe)?
5. When was the PT garage demolished?
6. Where is the site for the celebratory Beacon?
7. Who was the last Head of the PT C of E Primary School?
8. When must you not walk from Lane End to Ger Tor?
9. Where was the Wheal Ann Tin Mine?
10. Who was buried at the crossroads below Whit Tor?

Good Luck! Have Fun! Have a Go! Send an Entry!

Answers on a postcard, on a scrap of paper to me at Brook Cottage or by e-mail:
gpwcashell@btinternet.com by 1st July 2018.



YOUR mobile Library - please support it!

The Mobile library calls in Peter Tavy on one Wednesday each month with a 30 minute stop.

It is free to join and return dates are flexible, so there's no need to worry if you miss a month. There is a good selection of children's books, along with fiction, non-fiction, large-print and talking books. DVDs are also available to borrow.

**Forthcoming visits
are at 10.00 - 10.30am
at the bottom of
Church Lane on...**

**Wednesday 16th May
Wednesday 13th June
Wednesday 11th July
Wednesday 8th August**

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PETER TAVY INN

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Monday - Saturday: 12 noon till 11.00 pm
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Entry fees for the quiz are split 50% to the winning team, 25% to the runner up, and 25% to a local charity. Forthcoming quiz night dates are...

- **Weds. 16th May**
- **Weds. 18th July**
- **Weds. 19th September**
- **(No quiz in June or August)**

Mary Tavy Village Fayre

Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May - 12 noon - 4.00pm

In Mary Tavy Coronation Hall and Field

**Grand Draw, Hog Roast, Beer Tent, Refreshments, Dog Show, Live Music,
Stalls, Games, Car Boot Sale.**

If you would like to have a stall, contact Jo Albon on 01822 810356

**In the interests of balance, other coffee brands are commercially available (but not so popular in Italy, apparently...)*

THE WEEK

in **PETER TAVY**

regular events

SUNDAY

- 9.30am** (Check in Church porch for details of dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church
- 2.45pm** Junior Church, Methodist Church (term-time) (Torie 810264 or Sandra 810343)
- 6.30pm** Service, Methodist Church

MONDAY

- 10-12am** (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall
- 7.30pm** Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church

TUESDAY

- c.10.45am** Ring and Ride Bus to Tavistock* (returns from Tavistock c.12.45am). Older & disabled passengers - book on 01822 618028

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 -** (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the bottom of Church Lane
- 10.30am** Mornings Art Group, Village Hall

THURSDAY

- 2.00pm** (2nd Thursday each month) Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI. Usually Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Barbara Weeks 810697)
- 7.30pm** (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI, Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Trish - 810115)

FRIDAY

- 10.00am** "Minnows" (Parent/toddler group) in Chapel.
- 10.45am** Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - was No. 95, now **No. 122** - Oakley's Coaches (*Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15 from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)
- 8.00 -** Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -
- 10.00pm** (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)

NB: The Parish Council meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month

***Bus Notes:** Don't forget that about 8 buses a day stop at the junction on the main A386 road near Harford Bridge Holiday Park (See page12 for details of changed service).

For all public transport information contact Traveline SW (0871 200 22 33).

Please report any problems with the No.122 bus to Devon Bus on 01392 382800.

Useful Phone Numbers

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Alison Skillicorn 01822 810682

Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings

Steve Carreck 01822 810868

Peter Tavy Chapel

The Dodd Family 01822 810343

01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson 01822 810314

Angela Collins 01822 810243

Local West Devon Councillor

Terry Pearce 01822 810648

Local Devon County Councillor

Philip Sanders 01822 612265

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

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01822 618028

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(Devon County Council) 01392 383329

Highways Local Services

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773

Devon County Council 0345 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

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South West Water Helpline 0800 1691144

Environment Agency emergencies

0800 80 70 60

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Tavistock Library 01822 612218

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If you can add others to this list, please let us know for the next "Piper".