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Number 127



Remembrance Sunday - 13th Nov.

9.30 am Communion at St. Peter's;

c.10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.



2016 - Centenary of the Battle of the Somme - 1916

What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

NOVEMBER 2016

Thurs 10 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 13 th	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Communion at St Peters
	c.10.50am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Wed 16 th	8.00pm	Children's party planning meeting, Village Hall
Wed 16 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 19 th	7.30pm	Curry & table games Night, Village Hall
Sun 20 th	3.00pm	Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 21 st	10 - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Tues 22 nd	7.30pm	Drama Group meeting, Village Hall
Wed 23 rd	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Thurs 24 th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting, Edgecombe

DECEMBER 2016

Thurs 1 st	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Thurs 1 st to	11.00am -	Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church,
Sun 4 th Dec	5.00pm	Mary Tavy (12.30pm start on Sunday)
Thurs 8 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 18 th	3.00pm	Carol Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 19 th	10am -12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Mon 19 th	late afternoon	Spring House Christmas Party
Wed 21 st	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Sat 24 th	3.00pm	Crib Service, Methodist Chapel
Sat 24 th	<i>Christmas Services at St Peter's Church have yet to be finalised -</i>	
Sun 25 th	<i>watch out for details later.</i>	
Sat 31 st	Eve	New Years Eve Locals' Evening, Peter Tavy Inn

JANUARY 2017

Sun 1 st	3.00pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols, St Peter's Church
Thurs 5 th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Thurs 12 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel TBC
Mon 16 th	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 18 th	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting, Village Hall
Wed 18 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn

FEBRUARY 2017

Thurs 2 nd	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Thurs 9 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Mon 20 th	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall

MARCH 2017

Fri 24th 7.30pm "Mambo Jambo" - Villages In Action Concert, 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!

Peter Tavy Gardening Group meets monthly, various venues - call 810330 for details.

Well, since the last Piper we've enjoyed another fantastically successful Village Fayre (*see page 7*) - thank you to everyone who helped to make it all go so well! And we've joined together in wonderful Harvest celebrations (*see pages 9 and 12*). But now - after some very welcome late autumn warmth - we're preparing again for the winter season. (See the appeal from Parish Councillor Torie Abel on page 6 for details of how you could help the Parish prepare for what the season may bring!). Meanwhile, there's still plenty going on in Peter Tavy!

Looking towards the end of the year, arrangements for Christmas are beginning to be put in place - watch out for more details later. And you can again round off the year with New Year's Eve "Locals' Night" at the Peter Tavy Inn, welcoming in 2017. Wishing everyone a rather early "compliments of the season"!

- Steve & Ali Carreck, Compilers,

(1 Mill Cottages, 810868, E-mail steve.ali@care4free.net)

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering February to early May 2017) by **Thursday 16th January 2017**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file 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!



CURRY EVENING



Join us in the Village Hall for a great evening of delicious curry
and a dessert... plus table games!

Saturday 19th Nov. 7.30pm



Numbers limited - admission by ticket only (£10) -

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE by Fri. 11th Nov.

Tel. Jayne - 810277 or Elaine - 810271 or Mary - 810123



Calling All Families! Can we organise a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** *for the Children of Peter Tavy?*

The tradition of a Christmas Party for all the children in the Parish, held in the Village Hall goes back at least as far as World War II. All children up to the age of 16 are invited - a chance for children and parents to get together with party games, a party tea, music and dancing - and a visit from Santa Claus...The Hall Committee is hoping to hold a party this year, but we can't manage this without the help of parents from our community. The committee can provide the "back up" - washing up, decorating the Hall, moving furniture etc; and the wider community have always helped in the past with providing food, contacting Santa etc - but the committee is, by and large, "*of a certain age*" and so we need the help and ideas of parents and families to help organize and run a party for our young people. If you could help to provide a party this year, please come along to a **Planning Meeting on Weds. 16th November at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

June - The Council conducted their annual inspection of No.1 Church Cottages and a few minor repairs were made. The Mill Pond had its annual clean June 17th. An appointment was made to have Steve Brockman from Highways come out to view the state of the roads in the village.

July - The Council decided to support The Piper and fund the cost of the printing. No.1 Church Cottages had some work done to the fireplace. Alistair Guy was contacted to do some remedial work on the playground. Steve Brockman from Highways met up with Councillors and all of the village issues were discussed and looked at.

August - The flood grant that is available for rural communities was discussed. The electrical installation report was completed at No.1 Church Cottages and deemed satisfactory. Planning was granted for Sowtontown Farm for the erection of a ground floor extension and also for Broadmoor Farm to existing accommodation to a holiday let.

September - It was decided to apply for the flood resilience grant for the village. Highways sent the gully maintenance team to sort out a few different areas in the village. Planning approval was received for Lower Mill to replace the existing windows.

- Cassandra McDowall, Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council

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Christmas in Peter Tavy

Sunday 18th December, 3,00pm
Carol Service in the Methodist Church

Saturday 24th December, 3,00pm
Crib Service in the Methodist Church

Saturday 24th December,
Christmas Eve
and / or

Sunday 25th December,
Christmas Day
Service times and dates at St Peter's Church are yet to be finalised - watch out for the Christmas card with details.

Saturday 31st December, evening
New Year's Eve Locals' Night
in the Peter Tavy Inn

Sunday 1st January, 3.00 p.m.
Service of 9 Lessons and Carols*
in St Peter's Church



** We were initially informed it was a service of 99 Lessons & Carols, but we guess that might have been an ambitious typo by Anna...!*



Highways update

from your West Devon Borough Councillor.

Dear Parishioners

A number of you will have learnt from media reports over recent months that Central Government have released what appears to be substantial amounts of money to local authorities for pothole repairs.

Firstly, I must advise you that the highways network in Peter Tavy is not the responsibility of West Devon Borough Council, as is thought by some residents. Repairs to our parish roads fall under the umbrella of Devon County Council, whose contractor, South West Highways, carry out the maintenance on behalf of Devon Highways. Unfortunately, Devon Highways have had a reducing budget for the last fifteen years which has had a dreadful effect on rural highway maintenance, due to the lack of resources. This current financial year alone the budget for Devon Highways was reduced by some £3 million.

The repairs to the road from Langsford Road past Coppythorn to Paisleymead cost £17,000 and it took two years for the money to be allocated from the Storm Damage Fund. When it is learned that Tavistock's share of the pothole allocation is estimated at only £20,000, you can understand why our roads are in such a bad state in some areas, as the money allocated is a drop in the ocean compared to what is needed for the required repairs.

I recently spent half a day with Cllr Ken Ball of Peter Tavy Parish Council and our Regional Highways Engineer, visiting and listing the roads around Peter Tavy Parish which are in urgent need of repair. This information is then passed to the Highways Executive Committee at Devon County Council who then consider in what order the work will be carried out.

Unfortunately, our Highways Engineer does not have an allocated budget himself for rural road repairs, as used to be the case in years gone by. It appears that the decisions by the Executive Committee on where to spend money is now governed by the number of properties that a road serves, not the overall condition of the road. Therefore, please don't blame the parish councillors or the highways engineer for the bad state of the road to your house; we will keep on working together to try and get monies allocated for the work to be carried out.

Just remember that May 2017 is when the Devon County Council elections are held; this is when you can make your views and feelings known about the state of the roads in your area to whoever wishes to be supported in being elected as your County Councillor, whomever that might be.

Kind Regards

Cllr Terry Pearce

Independent Member

for the Mary Tavy Ward of West Devon Borough Council

Assistant Snowmen needed

I am now the snow warden representative on the Parish Council and winter will soon be upon us - with the prospect of heavy rain, snow, ice and flooded roads.

I wanted to remind parishioners of the availability of sand bags - these are stored behind the village hall - please help yourselves as and when they might be required, but please remember to cover the bag back over when you have what you want. Also the grey salt bags will soon appear on the roadside and grit bins will be topped up. The parish has a supply of extra road salt; if any is required please contact me.



I would love to have **some assistants** to help keep this community self-help scheme going. If anyone is interested please contact me; your responsibilities would be minimal: to keep an eye out for the arrival of the road salt, and if more is required to contact me to arrange collection... and generally make sure where possible that our roads are kept accessible. I hope that the Peter Tavy community spirit will prevail as usual and we will all rally around and help if required.

-Torie Abel

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PETER TAVY APPLE JUICE

Thank you to all of you who donated or offered their excess apples to the apple juice experiment. Not only did we have great fun climbing trees and dodging falling fruit, we are pleased to say the results are rather delicious!!!

We juiced two batches separately- one finishing with a slightly more dry taste, the other a little sweeter. We have 75cl bottles for sale at £3.00 each or £5.00 for 2 bottles. This covers cost plus a bit for profit.

The juice is pasteurised, with a 2-year shelf life, so great to have for Christmas or gifts.

We are hoping to make this a yearly project involving the children from Youth Club and ploughing the profits back into the village community. Another lovely way to enjoy our village! If you would like to buy any juice or have an interest in getting involved next year, please call me, Sarah, on 07887 876015.



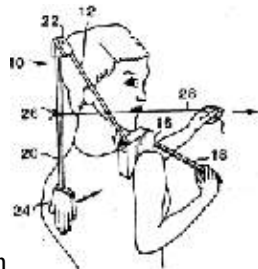
Christmas Cards In Peter Tavy

Once again, a number of us will be putting Christmas cards in the church and on the bus shelter noticeboard addressed to all our friends in Peter Tavy, sometimes sending a donation to charity, instead of giving out individual cards around the village. I will be putting a board there again this year so do join us if you wish.

- Dawn Sherrell

We should all be giving ourselves an enormous pat on the back (*tricky - see right...*) for the terrific success of this year's Village Fayre - blessed with a beautiful afternoon, over 700 visitors came along. And thanks to everyone's contributions and hard work, the Fayre raised over £3,430.

The *Peter Tavy Plod* was held just before the Fayre opened, (see report on page 11), and raised £520. So, all working together, the Parish raised just short of an amazing £4,000 on August Bank Holiday Monday... benefiting the funds of the Village Hall, Methodist Church and St Peter's Church - and also benefiting the Peter Tavy bellringers, with money raised by the Plod making a significant contribution towards a new set of bellropes for the Tower.



Village Fayre competition results:

Cake Competition: 1st - Sarah Brown; 2nd - Lesley Davis; 3rd - Shirley Gill; Highly commended - Clara and Rebecca Coles. Judge's comments: *"A very good class of cakes; most of them could have done with a few more minutes in the oven! Please display show items on plates with doyleys (if possible) and always cover with clingfilm. Well Done everyone!"*

Photography: 1st - Janna Sanders; 2nd - Andy Brown

Upcycled Crowns: 6 and under: 1st - Clara Smith; 2nd - Bethany Methland; 3rd - Violet Smith; Age 7 - 10: 1st - Tom & Eva Brown; 2nd - Jodie Medland; Over 16's: 1st - Peter Tinson

Something Made of Newspaper: Age 7 - 10: 1st - Jodie Medland; 2nd - Lara Dix; 3rd - Rebecca Coles; Over 16's: 1st - Jess Medland; 2nd - Jayne Medland

Olympic Scarecrows: Younger People category: Joint 1st - Jessica Ball / Brown family / Charlotte & Hannah Walker; Joint 2nd - Jo & Ellen Abel / Lara Dix

Not-so-young people category: Joint 1st - Janna & Mark / Dick Nicklin; Joint 2nd - Rebecca Coles / the Renshaws; Joint 3rd - Chris & Skippy Bloomer / Dave & Louisa Chanter / Mike Pidsley / the Mortimers.

Class of its own winner - Peter Tavy Inn!

This issue see the very welcome return of one of our favourite contributors, Angela Larcombe, who, after her flood-enforced stay away, tells us that

BREAKFAST WAS TOAST!

I'm easily pleased when it comes to breakfast: coffee, half a grapefruit and a slice of granary toast, often eaten standing up, watching the visitors to the bird table. But while I was on an enforced stay away from home, breakfast became quite interesting.

The residential home I was in after the Peter Tavy Flood was renowned for its food; excellent and rather too much of it and too often...

I suppose I should have heeded the warning signs when I had to wait for the next visit from the fruit and veg man before I could have a grapefruit - no one else had grapefruit.

Unlike most of the other residents I was able to get myself up and had an arrangement with the staff that someone popped in with a coffee when they heard me about and then brought in breakfast as and when the call bells gave them a break.

The grapefruit eventually arrived. Cut vertically. (No chefs around until later in the morning). It is not easy to eat a vertically cut grapefruit, especially when given a dessert spoon.

And it was depressing knowing I would have the other half the next day. I suggested to one of the chefs that she should put up a diagram of how to cut a grapefruit on the notice board, but she just dissolved into giggles. My daughter-in-law came to the rescue with a grapefruit knife and spoon which I carefully kept in my room.

But surely toast should not be a problem? I didn't even try for granary bread. White or brown sliced supermarket bread, and even that depended on what was left in the fridge.

And then there was the language problem. English has many strange idioms we use without thinking. Asking for "*just one round of toast*" resulted in a sweet, anxious-to-please, girl returning to apologise for being unable to find a round loaf but she had cut the corners off the available one, and would that do?

Toast was made downstairs in the corridor - so was either limp and cold or rock hard and cold. Even the birds gave it a miss.

But there was a pleasing uncertainty to breakfast. What would it be like today? When would it turn up? Would it turn up at all?

My arrangement rather fell apart when the usual staff were replaced by agency girls. Or in one instance by a young man, speaking impeccable public school English. Turned out he didn't know how to cut a grapefruit either.

It was very tempting to ask for a full English breakfast.

But I know when I'm beaten.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



Many thanks to all who joined us in Edward & Sandra's Barn for our "Harvest in the Barn" in September. It was also a pleasure to welcome friends from Tavistock Methodist Church (TMC). Imaginative Olympic-themed activities were enjoyed by all. The service was led by Rev. Pam Stranks followed by a Pasty & Pud Tea. After costs, £200 was raised to go to "The Harvest Home Orphanage - Mind the Gap Africa".



Photos: Anna Dodd

On Sunday 23rd October we were able to welcome Jenny Hensman (right in photo below) to our service. She spoke of her work with "Mind the Gap" and the continuing challenging issues that they have to deal with on a day to day basis in Zimbabwe. There are many more vulnerable children than places available. Having to choose who to take is truly heart breaking.

They have now moved onto a 30 acre derelict farm. The aim is to build 12 'forever homes' within the farm - they have just finished the first. Unfortunately, each one costs £70 000!



(Continues overleaf)

They keep 1,000 chickens, supplying eggs for themselves and for other orphanages in the area, selling the rest to raise money for feed, etc.

This next thought may be way off the mark, but we were all moved and inspired by what Jenny had to say.

What do you think, Peter Tavy Community? Might we be able to support Jenny & her work? Could we raise the funds for one of the 'Forever Homes'...? Quite a challenge for 2017!

Their web site is www.harvestfamilyvillage.com - find out more about their work.



Messy Church continues on the first Thursday of the month, 4.30 - 6.30pm. It's a fun, flexible time of worship for all who come along; 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. (Tea is at 5.45 if you can't make it earlier - you are more than welcome any time.)

It was decided at the last Messy Church that for Christmas we would collect and give to **Shekinah**, a Devon-based charity that provides opportunities for people in recovery. This may include recovery from homelessness, drug and alcohol issues, offending behaviours or mental ill health.



Shekinah have a range of projects across a number of locations and provide a safe place for people to develop their skills, regain their self worth and go on to live independent and fulfilling lives.

We are collecting (part of Shekinah's wish list!).....

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| • Men's belts | • Instant coffee |
| • Ladies' cotton knickers (size 12 and smaller) | • Sugar |
| • Men's jersey boxers | • Biscuits |
| • Disposable razors | • Black biros |
| • Shampoos | • Sleeping bags |
| • Moisturiser | • Tracksuit bottoms |

If you would like to donate any of the above, please either bring along to Messy Church in December or contact Sandra Dodd 01822 810343.

Thank you - *Messy Family*

Upcoming Messy Church dates are Thursdays...

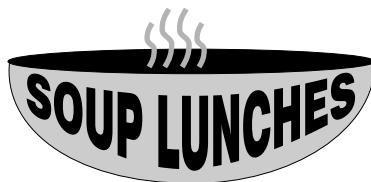
- December 1st • January 5th; • February 2nd.

Do pop in and see what it's all about!

You'll find details of our Christmas services elsewhere in the "Piper", and watch our for more details as the celebrations draw closer. Meanwhile, on **Sunday 20th November** we'll be holding a **Family Service** at 3.00 pm, led by our new Minister, the Rev. P. Griffin.
- Sandra and Anna Dodd

SORRY! No toasted sandwich lunch and Bring & Buy Sale in November!

Soup Lunches continue in the Chapel on the second Thursday of each month - a chance to meet friends and neighbours over a delicious bowl of soup and a dessert, between 12.00 noon and 1.30pm.



Upcoming dates will be the Thursdays..

- November 10th
 - December 8th
 - January 12th
 - February 9th
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◀ Peter Tavy Youth Club ▶

After our summer break, eight members met at Whitchurch Quarry for some abseiling with Tavistock & District Outdoor Education Forum volunteers. It was the first outing for new member Rebecca and she obviously enjoyed it as she came back to join in the scavenger hunt evening at the chapel in October.

Planning is underway for the overnight stay at Whiteworks in November, where activities will include caving, orienteering and a bonfire night-themed evening. We then make our way towards the festive season with Christmas activities in the chapel and a trip to Trethorne for bowling and an end of year meal.

Don't miss out! To find out more, contact *Richard Walker* (810939).

Plodding On!

OVER 70 runners turned out for the 13th running of the annual Peter Tavy Plod and children's fun run - an important fixture on the village's fayre day on Bank Holiday Monday.

In glorious weather, the Plod started at the church before heading through the village and climbing to its high point at Stephen's Grave and Peter Tavy Great Common, then descending through Cudlipptown and returning to the church.

The overall winner of the Plod (for the 5th time!) was Jim Cole in a time of 27.46, with Jay Horton second in 30.23 and Matthew Head third in 30.30. The first woman home was Maddie Horton, who finished fourth overall in a time of 30.32. Steve Watson was the first local man home in 32.35, ninth overall.

The Junior Fun Run was something of a local family affair, with Joe Dix (in a time of 7.26) leading home his brother, Euan. Luke Mervyn was third.



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

The bells rang out to summon parishioners to Church on the evening of Wednesday 5th October to celebrate the Harvest. The Rector welcomed the congregation of 46 and, for his first visit to the parish, the Very Reverend Dr. Christopher Hardwick, Vicar of St Eustachius' Church, Tavistock, preached the Sermon. Encouraged to sing with heart and voice, we raised the roof with the well-known hymns for Harvest. Flowers adorned the windows, vegetables and fruits lay sparkling on the floor, and, apparently, three harvest mice found their way in to test the quality of the produce!

The Service over, we carried the produce through the night to the Village Hall. There to sit down to a supper of ham and turkey salad, followed by apple crumble and clotted cream - a veritable feast. Cider had loosened tongues and tea or coffee soothed the nerves before the auction of the produce was held under the expert gavel-wielder, Russell Woolcock. Bidding was as swift as Russell's tongue, and lot after lot was distributed around the room. Pumpkins came in for their usual side-splitting comments, trays of fruit and vegetables were metaphorically gobbled up, home-made jams, chutney and marmalades swiftly found homes and picked onions by the jar went to the connoisseurs of such delicacies.



The auction, of course, was, with the Church collection, a way to raise funds for our chosen Charities. The total sum of £810 was split equally between Sightsavers, Shelterbox and The Farming Community Network.

The Rector brought the evening to an end with profuse thanks to all who had worked so hard to decorate the Church and the Hall, to those who had donated such a cornucopia of produce and, finally to Russell for his encouragement for us all to support the three Charities so generously.

- Patrick Cashell

On **Remembrance Sunday**, 13th November, there's a 9.30am Communion Service at St Peter's, followed by a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at c.10.50am. The following Sunday (20th) we share a Joint Family Service at the Methodist Church at 3.00pm. Details of Christmas services will follow in the Christmas card delivered to all houses; and on Sunday 1st January join us for our **Service of 9 Lessons and Carols** at 3.00pm in St Peter's.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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

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

Summer has passed all too quickly once again. At the Village Hall, we have all had a good time - the weather has treated us all kindly.

I would like to thank everyone who gave up so much time and effort to ensure that the Fayre was once again a success.

We held our second *Car Boot Sale*, by kind permission of the Williamson family, at Harford Bridge on September 24th, raising £100 for the Hall. However, we feel that, as we get a huge number of buyers, we may have to make a small entry charge to them next time to make it worth our while. Many thanks to Elaine, Angela, Carol, Anna, Meagan Jenkins, Patrick and Steve for their help with refreshments and traffic control!

Right: Angela Collins assessing a desperate and heartfelt plea for a cup of tea from one visitor to the Car Boot Sale...



Photo: Anna Dodd



Our monthly *footpath walks* have been most enjoyable, with every walker managing to tread at least one path new to them. Our August walk started at Harford Bridge. Twelve of us

headed across the fields and then crossed the main road though Burntown, Grendon, Burnford and South Warne. We then went along the Jubilee path to the Mary Tavy Inn before going down past the church and walking by torchlight on the path across Hole Farm back to Harford Bridge (a distance of 5 miles, give or take a little each way, depending on whose gadget you were

reading!). We cancelled the September walk due to lack of daylight hours but may have an afternoon walk one weekend before Christmas, if weather and time permit.

On October 22nd, we had a *Bingo Night*, raising £153.60 for Hall funds. Many thanks to my husband, James, for standing in as 'Bingo caller'.



Guest caller James Medland saves the day at the recent Village Hall Bingo Night.

Our next event in the Village Hall is the

CURRY NIGHT On November 19th

Tickets are selling well - please remember we need numbers plus curry choices no later than 10th November (very mild for those who don't like any heat, or a proper curry for those who do like it! A curry for coeliacs will also be available). Tickets are available from Jayne on 810277, Elaine on 810271 or Mary on 810123.



The first **Drama Group** get together will be in the Hall at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday November 22nd**. Try not to fall asleep in front of the telly this winter - come and have a laugh for a couple of hours. Challenge yourself with something new or reawaken some old talent for treading the boards. The main aim is to have some fun and to try to produce a one-act play or some sketches to perform in February.

Help will also be needed off-stage; costumes, scenery, make-up and prompting.

What About a WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP?



*Watercolour by Celia Olsson
(wish this could be in colour!!)*

We're also considering holding a Watercolour Workshop with local artist Celia Olsson. This would be in January, and could be an evening or a half day, depending on interest. It's a great opportunity for artists to learn some new techniques, or for beginners who'd like to try out painting in watercolour. We need to know if there's sufficient interest in the Parish to go ahead with booking a workshop event, so if you would like to come along, please call Jayne Medland on 810277 **by November 25th** to register your interest.

Looking further ahead, Chris Wordingham from the Peter Tavy Inn has offered to give a talk on **19th century tin mining in the Peter Tavy area** one evening in March. What this space for further details!

- Jayne Medland, Village Hall Chairman

KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER



Our small and very friendly group meets on the **third Monday morning of each month from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Village Hall**. We sit in a large circle, knitting, spinning, doing crochet or quilting etc. Many of us then go on for a light lunch together at the Peter Tavy Inn. Why not come along and join us whenever you wish - just £2.00 per session.

Forthcoming dates are Mondays

•21st Nov. •19th Dec. •16th Jan. •20th Feb.

For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.

Villages In Action

Our next show will be on **Friday 24th March**, featuring

Mambo Jambo,

an acoustic roots duo who "will take you on an exciting and joyous musical journey, bringing together sounds from world, roots, folk and jazz, plus their own compositions. They can happily transport listeners on a musical tour around many of the



world's musical hotspots with a repertoire that draws in a wide range of styles that might include Bluegrass, Latin and Caribbean New Orleans, Balkan and more.

Blending all these influences, they create an upbeat rhythmic and rootsy sound all of their own - uniquely diverse as well as highly enjoyable." Sounds good, huh?

Between them, Frankie and Pete play 10 different instruments! Frankie plays sax, clarinet, flute, guitar and percussion and Pete's on guitar, banjo, ukulele, tres (traditional Cuban guitar), accordion and suitcase (!!). And, of course, they both do vocals.

Reviews include: "An upbeat, feel-good concert" (Live and Local); "A fabulous musical treat" (Creative Arts East) and "Musical sunshine from a multi-talented and multi-instrumental duo." (Leeds Gig Guide).

Sadly, Villages in Action lost its Arts Council funding this year, hence fewer shows and therefore more demand for those that are on. Our last two VIA shows have been sell-outs, so do book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment!

Mambo Jambo Friday 24th March 2017 7.30pm Village Hall

Tickets from Dawn on 810552 or Mary on 810123

Adult: £8 Child: £4 Family (2 adults, 2 children): £22 Concession: £7

As usual, there will be teas and coffees during the interval.

Details of other not too far away shows can be found on the V in A website
www.villagesinaction.co.uk

🌲 St. Mary's Church, Mary Tavy -
🌲 will be holding our third

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

🌲 in aid of St. Mary's Church funds

🌲 **Open from Thursday 1st to Sunday 3rd December, 2016, inclusive -**

🌲 **11.00am - 5.00pm, Thurs. - Sat. and 12.30pm - 5.00pm Sunday.**

🌲 Teas / coffees etc will be available daily throughout the festival.

🌲 *We do hope you will bring your family and friends along.*

🌲 *We're looking forward to seeing you all there.*

Donna's Deliberations

*We were initially concerned not to have heard anything from our regular contributor **Donna Baker**, but all was explained when the the following arrived by email, from her two miniature schnauzers...*

It's A Dogs' Life...

Apparently our mum is too busy, or tired, or hungover, or something, to write anything this month, so as we've managed to get into the room where she keeps the computer, we thought we'd lend a paw.

It's been quite a good summer. We've been to some good places and had some good times. Last week, we walked all round the Goosey Fair - we like the food stalls best as people often drop chips or scraps of meat on the ground, and we'd like to say here and now that, despite what a lot of folk say, there are NOT too many food stalls. In our opinion, there aren't enough. Most of the space is taken up by dull, inedible things like clothes and household goods. Who wants those?

Mind you, there were some really fascinating little furry creatures buzzing about on a tray by one stall - we could have watched them for hours. Mum said they were mechanical toys and we couldn't have one because we would rip it to pieces in no time. She still doesn't seem to get that that's the whole fun of a new toy, although goodness knows we've tried to prove it often enough.

We were allowed to go to the Peter Tavy Fayre too, this year. We sat under the table where Mum was helping to sell jams and smiled at people when they bought a jar. We would have liked to go and see the teddy bears doing Olympics - one of us does Dog Agility and could have won a Gold Medal, easy-peasy. We'd also like to have helped with the Duck Race. I bet they'd go a lot faster with us to encourage them. Not that they look worth catching - why don't the humans get some proper ducks? They could buy them at Goosey Fair the year before and fatten them up and the winner could actually have a duck to take home. How about that for an idea?

We don't actually live in Peter Tavy but we come to the village quite a lot, especially on Monday evenings when we come to help ring the bells. We aren't allowed to pull the ropes but we sit by a pew with our leads on a cassock hook and listen, and sometimes we sing along. After that we go to the pub where we have a chew and listen to what passes for conversation amongst the bell ringers.

One of the important humans, who also doesn't live in Peter Tavy but apparently knows everyone here, had a ninetieth birthday this year and there was a big party in the village, with a cricket match and a tea and then a dance in the evening. We didn't go to that even though we can dance very well, and we didn't even get a bit of cake but we wish the lady well, especially as we understand she has dogs of her own - corgis, someone said. I bet they got cake.

Back in August we hosted a Dogs' Breakfast on the moor near our house. We had a big red gazebo and tables, and Mum cooked Hot Dogs (we were a bit alarmed

about this but they turned out to be just sausages in rolls) and bacon rolls, and made tea and coffee, and all our doggy friends brought their humans along. We provided gravy bones and bowls of water too, and had great fun. We collected money for the Cinnamon Trust, to help dogs who are looking for new humans. We're hoping it will happen again next year.

Don't you think it's nice to do things like this, where all our friends (and the strangers who are really just friends we haven't met yet) get together and enjoy special occasions? Really, any time we spend with our friends is a special occasion - it doesn't have to be a Fayre or a birthday, although those are jolly nice. Just being with each other is pretty special, in our opinion. We wag our tails like mad - well, one of us does, the other hasn't got a tail for some reason but tries anyway - and jump up and down and sometimes we just bark for the sheer happiness of seeing our friends. Humans don't have tails either and they don't jump up and down or bark, but they smile and laugh and talk a lot - my, how those humans can talk! - and always seem happier afterwards. And that, in our doggy opinion, is really what it's all about and what makes a village, and the village of Peter Tavy in particular, so very special.

We've just heard the sound of footsteps which means she's coming this way! Better finish this quickly, send it off to Alison Carreck, and flop down on the floor so that we can look as if we've been asleep for hours. Don't tell her about this, will you? - but if we get the chance we might do it again.

See you then!

🐾 - Tavy and Toby. 🐾

PETER TAVY INN

Opening Hours

Over the winter, our opening hours are:

Monday - Friday: 12 noon till 3.00 pm

(food served 12.00 noon - 2.00pm),

and 6.30pm till 11.00pm

(food served 6.30pm - 9.00pm).

Saturday and Sunday: 12 noon till 11.00pm (10.30pm Sundays)

(food served 12 noon - 2.00pm and 6.30pm - 9.00pm).

Over Christmas, opening times are:

Christmas Eve (Sat. 24th December): 12 noon - 3.00pm, CLOSED in evening

Christmas Day (Sun. 25th December): CLOSED ALL DAY

Boxing Day (Mon 26th December): 12 noon - 3.00pm, CLOSED in the evening.

Date for your diary: **NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCALS' EVENING** with a special price menu on Saturday 31st December.

QUIZ NIGHTS The popular quiz nights start at 8.00pm, and there's 20% off food prices at the Inn for quiz participants on the evening. 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 November**

● **Weds. 18th January 2017**



Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS



I have written, in the past, about how letterboxing has helped me to know more and more about the Moor, quite often by following up a subject after visiting a particular feature or area. A case in point was to find The Money Pit - the subject of a set of boxes under the heading “*Never been kist*”.

On the OS maps a Kistvaen is marked Cist and often with a Cairn. It is a fairly small burial chamber, originally covered with soil and surrounded by a retaining circle of upright stones. Because the moor folk of many centuries ago buried their dead with trinkets, precious metals or something valuable belonging to the deceased, they were known as Money Pits. Archaeologists and historians have examined these kists - the latest one being on White Horse Hill - and removed any artefacts for safe keeping in museums, whilst others, despoilers, hoped to find their fortune.

The Money Pit, which I visited, lies on the west side of the road which leads to Babeny, below Yar Tor. The interior measurement of the circle is 10 feet 3 inches. One end and one side stone of the kistvaen remain, and the cover stone lies on one side in the circle.

A folk tale is associated with The Money Pit, which Ken Williams tells in an article in the Dartmoor Magazine Autumn 2001, page 14:

“Once there was a local farmer who had a generous nature and a warm outgoing personality. He was well loved and popular in the neighbourhood on account of his sunny disposition. It happened that he had a dream in which he was shown golden guineas and great treasure concealed under the soil of the ancient grave. As soon as he could, and quite contrary to his nature, he set out with a spade to see if he could discover material riches buried in the tomb. His labours were in vain. He was disappointed, as so many others, engaged on similar missions, had been before him; the acid soil had long removed any trace of human remains or of any valuable artefact which may have been placed alongside. His efforts however did result in one curious find, a small heart shaped flint. This he pocketed and duly took back to the farmhouse.

“Immediately he had a total change of character. He grew churlish and irritable and was constantly falling out with family and friends. His bright easy going ways were a thing of the past. Nothing could change his misanthropy; sourness and a dour nature had become permanent traits.

“One day a child of the family came across the flint which had rested for a year or so at the back of the dresser. It was adopted as a plaything for a day or two and then the youngster lost interest, as children do, and the bauble was dropped and left on the moor. Instantly our farmer friend reverted to his former geniality,

becoming again lighthearted and carefree. He rapidly patched up his quarrels, made peace with his wife and lived simply and happily into contented old age. The heart of stone had once more become the heart of gold.

"This Dartmoor story is ultimately derived from the Bible: 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also' (Luke ch.12 v.34). The flint, a prehistoric arrow head, not an unexpected find from a kistvaen, cleverly represented a human heart turned, by greed, to stone and the consequences of its possession reinforced the taboo associated with grave robbery in the quest for material fortune".

I still have more to learn as I walk the moor.

- Patrick Cashell.

MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W. I. NEWS

That well known, very prolific local author and photographer, Robert Hesketh, was welcomed as the Speaker for our October meeting. Robert's subject of *Devon Ghosts* was chosen on this occasion.

We learnt that the County has no shortage of ghosts. Pubs seem to be the particular haunts of these apparitions. The Three Crowns at Chagford has more than its fair share. Mary Whiddon was murdered by her first love there. Royalist officer Sir Sydney Godolphin died of his wounds in the pub's porch, and former Mayor William Whiddon is reputed to sit in an armchair by the fire. Other pubs include the Oxenham Arms at Sought Zeal, which has several friendly spirits, and the Old Inn at Widecombe, where objects move in mysterious ways. We heard the familiar stories of the Hairy Hands at the road bridge towards Postbridge, and of Lady Margaret Howard, who was burnt as a Witch on Gibbet Hill, having got through four husbands! Two particularly sad stories were the ones of Kitty Jay, who killed herself on the edge of the moor, and a jealous sister who walled up her sibling in a room at Chambercombe Manor, Ifracombe, and left her to die. Robert had numerous other stories and we hope that nobody had any bad dreams that night!

Four members had a choice of two guided walks around Okehampton in September, organised by Devon W.I. Trish chose to go on the town one, led by Paul Rendell, while the other three went with Tom Soper on a circular one through Simmons Park up the Okement to cross the river at Charlotte's Bridge, and return past the alms houses. A very entertaining morning in good weather.

The visit from Bude W.I. in September was a great success, and we showed the Cornish that Devon can also make a really good tea!

Members were reminded that, instead of sending each other Christmas cards, they put what they would have spent in the charity box, the recipient of which would be decided at the next meeting.

Our taste buds should be ticked on November 10th, when Pat Mallett will be tempting us with ideas for Christmas cooking. For details about joining the W.I. please contact Barbara Weeks, Tel. 01822 810697

Email: barbarafweeks@googlemail.com

- Jill Lamerton



An UPDATE

We are nearing the end of the feasibility study on the possibility of hydropower in the village. The feasibility report should be delivered before Christmas. As part of this process our consultants Hydromatch have made pre-application enquiries to the Environment Agency (EA), and the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).

If, once this study is completed, the village decides to go ahead to the next stage, we need to know what issues to address in the planning application and licenses for water abstraction and flood defence.

We had a site visit from both the EA and the DNPA on separate days. The EA officers discussed flooding, ecology and fish migration and how the scheme must not impact these negatively. The scheme diverts some water higher up the brook and runs it down a pipe to the village. This means there is a 'depleted stretch' where there is slightly less water. It is important that the reduced flow does not affect the ecology of this part, so the EA checked the Coombe to see how much we can take while leaving it unaffected. Regarding fish migration, it was thought unlikely that sea trout or salmon would make it past the biggest waterfall in the Coombe, so the fish pass on the hydropower weir should only need to accommodate brown trout, although they may decide we need a salmon pass.

The DNPA officers were interested in any parts of the proposal that might affect archaeology, landscape (including historic buildings), ecology, trees and the character of the local environment. There was discussion about making sure the Colly Brook didn't lose its 'babbling brook' character because the hydro was taking some water. The EA license covers this as the scheme won't take any water when levels are low and will only take a portion of any volume above the minimum flow, which has to be present at all times.

Regarding the buried pipe from the weir to the village, the DNP discussed how the pipe trench shouldn't damage trees and how any stone walls the pipe passed under had to be reinstated in the same style. The turbine shed, the only visible part of the scheme (to villagers and the public), would be sited across the brook from the chapel. This should be constructed according to the appearance of the most local buildings, *i.e.*, wood cladding and a single pitch corrugated iron roof would suffice. Noise from the turbine was discussed and Hydromatch confirmed that noise cancellation was already a part of the design. Other issues mentioned concerned construction work and ensuring animals are protected from harm during construction. A method statement is required to address these issues.

The consultants, Hydromatch, will now consider all of these issues, together with a number of construction issues that were raised by a local contractor (Cann Brothers), who were invited to be present at the DNPA site visit. They will then complete their assessment of the feasibility of the scheme. The conclusions of the report will then be made widely available to the community, and together, we will

be able to decide whether to proceed with the scheme, now or, if the current conditions are unfavourable, at some point in the future.

For further information please visit the website petertavyhydro.org.uk or speak to any member of the committee: Peter Smith, Harry White, Colin and Torie Abel, Vaughan Nail, Tony Pope or Keith Thomas. Alternatively, questions, including any specific questions that individuals may have for the consultants, can be e-mailed to info@petertavyhydro.org.uk

- PTCH Committee, October 2016.



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

Since our last update we have had three meetings and look forward to the next four and our planned trips. Our new committee is working well and are very enthusiastic - they have arranged the "jobs" between them and come up with some good ideas.

Retired policeman Simon Dell visited us in July - he has some wonderful stories to tell from history and from his own memories. He brought to life four local incidents - 3 murders and 1 suicide - using photographs, facts and props. He kept us all spell-bound all evening; in fact we have never had such a quiet evening - until Simon had finished talking and he was inundated with questions. We all agreed that he was one of the most interesting speakers we have had and he took us right into the plot with his way of recounting facts such a clear and precise voice, making this a very memorable evening. A vote of thanks was given by Anita Prosser.

We hoped for good weather in August when Judy Brookes, one of our members, arranged a walk around Lydford. We all know you cannot rely on the English weather and the evening was damp and misty. Not to be downhearted, 19 ladies set off. Judy had some interesting facts to tell on the way, and the walk finished at the pub. A good evening, thanks Judy, and one to repeat, hopefully in kinder weather.

Mark Hoare came to speak in September with a very interesting and emotional talk about Parkinsons "Disease". Mark told us it is not a disease but a very debilitating illness. He spoke from his own experiences: he first noticed the signs at the age of 40 and he is now in his early 50's; a very moving experience for us. We were under a lot of misconceptions, but after listening to Mark, each of us now know a lot more about the symptoms and treatment. His own experience is remarkable and very passionately told and a talk by him can be recommended. Very good evening.

On November 24th we shall be preparing some Christmas crafts with Lucie, followed on December 1st by our Christmas meal at the Bedford Hotel. The New Year will be kick started, as usual, by quiz masters Trish and John Wall who give us a great evening. This year we are extending an invitation to 4 other WI's to include a "bite of supper", raffle and a fun evening. A visit to the Theatre Royal backstage has been arranged and a trip to see the garland at Cothele. There will be visits to the Wharf cinema and lunch time talks in the future.

Please contact Judi 614198 or Lucie 810840 for any information on our WI. We look forward to hearing from some of you.



Dartmoor's Local Plan

We are taking the first step in reviewing Dartmoor's local plan, which is the basis for decisions on planning applications in the National Park. This first consultation is an opportunity to offer your views on how future development on Dartmoor should be guided. The local plan covers issues such as; house extensions, design, the environment, listed buildings, housing, business, farming, tourism, quarrying, and development land. Please visit our web site (<http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/planning/pl-forwardplanning/local-plan-review>) to find our consultation paper, where you will see a number of 'Talking Points' to comment on. You can also join us on **Twitter @DartmoorPlan** or **facebook/DartmoorPlan**, or come to one of our consultation events, which include: 2nd Nov - Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (4pm - 8pm); 10th Nov. - Endecott House, Chagford (4.30pm - 8pm); 14th Nov - Princetown Church (4pm - 8pm); 16th Nov - Moretonhampstead Community Club (4pm - 8pm)

The closing date for comments is **16th December 2016**. If you have any questions about the consultation or local plan review, or would like to discuss the issues, please contact us: Dan Janota, Forward Planning Manager, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Tel. 01626 831066; email: forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk

RINGING AROUND THE DEANERY

The annual Tavistock Deanery Ringing Festival was held on Saturday 29th October. It's a day for bellringers to get together, and teams from around the Deanery can visit each others' church towers and ring the bells there (two visiting teams dropped in to Peter Tavy on the day.) Peter Tavy ringers rang at five towers - starting and ending the day at Bere Ferrers, which this year hosted the special bell ringers' church service and a splendid tea. We were very happy that our Tower Captain, Norman Nankivell, joined us on our tour. We'd also all like to thank Donna Baker for her hard work in organising "Deanery Day" (the fifth of these great events that she has co-ordinated).



Peter Tavy bellringers on tour - *left to right*: Dick Nicklin; Alan Sparks; Steve Carr; Donna Baker (with Tavy and Toby!); Norman Nankivell; Steve Carreck; Ali Carreck; Angela Collins. Pictured outside Bere Ferrers tower.

Patrick's Competition

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

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Michael Mates (8) and Julie & Paul Hooper (7) entered my Heads & Tails challenge in The Peter Tavy Piper No. 126. Well done! The prize, however, remains in the rack.

The answers were:

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| 1. Cosdon. | 6. Gobbet. |
| 2. Rowden. | 7. Watervale. |
| 3. Cowflop. | 8. Shavercombe. |
| 4. Deadman's. | 9. Horseshoe. |
| 5. Sourton. | 10. Amicombe. |

Based on the same connections: Head + Tail = Feature, I hope you all have a go at another 10 Dartmoor names.

Heads and Tails (2)

1. Smudge + Put on = Down
2. Plant seed + 2,240 lbs = Town
3. Marry + Reddish colouring = Farm House
4. Lip of cup + Small mountain = Tor
5. Musical instrument + University teacher = Bridge
6. Small road + Finish = Car Park
7. Reynard + Cavities = Mine
8. Coarse file + Round juicy fruit = Garden
9. Neutral colour + Hand cart = Burial site
10. Under (French) + Boys = Wood.

Good Luck!

Have Fun!

Have a Go!

Send me your Entry!

Answers on a postcard, by e-mail or on a scrap of paper to me at Brook Cottage.
(gpwcashell@btinternet.com) by **Thurs. 9th January 2017.** - Patrick Cashell

Fall Back... Spring Forward....

If you get confused by the hour changing between BST and GMT in winter and summer, spare a thought for the confusion faced by our Georgian forebears! In 1752, to align the English calendar (up to then we'd used the "Julian" calendar) with the rest of Europe, the Government - without even holding a referendum! - decided to adopt the "Gregorian" calendar. This was running 11 days ahead of the Julian version, so Wednesday 2nd September 1752 ended up being followed by Thursday 14th September 1752... Some claim this resulted in riots calling for the return of the stolen "eleven days". That's probably a myth, but there were obvious concerns about tax and other payments!

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 Abel 810264 or Sandra Dodd 810343)

3.00pm Service, Methodist Church

MONDAY

10-12.30am (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, VHall

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

10.30am bottom of Church Lane

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 - **No. 95*** (Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15 from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)

7.00 - (Alternate Fridays) Youth Club

9.00pm Contact: Richard 810939

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 - see notice board in Bus Shelter for information.

***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 (Plymouth CityBus Service No. 46 - contact Tel. 01752 662271).

For all public transport information Contact Traveline SW (0871 200 22 33). Please report any problems with the No.95 bus to Devon Bus on 01392 382800.

Useful Phone Numbers

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

Peter Tavy Parish Council - Clerk

Cassandra McDowall 01822 811091

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

Kevin Ball 07870 377879

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy

01822 618028

Highways Emergencies

(Devon County Council) 01392 383329

Highways Local Services

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773

Devon County Council 0845 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

SWEB

Customer Service 08457 650650

Power failure 0800 6783 105

South West Water Helpline 0800 1691144

Environment Agency emergencies

0800 80 70 60

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Tavistock Library 01822 612218

book renewals 0845 155 1001

Citizen's Advice Bureau 03444 111 444

West Devon Voluntary Services

Freephone 0300 660 0357

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

(non-urgent -24 hours) **New No.** 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Domestic Violence Helpline 01837 55228

Trading Standards 03454 040506

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650