

PLEASE HELP - IT'S THE VILLAGE DAY!

St. Peter's Church

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Saturday

Saturday

26th August

5.00pm

at Harford Bridge Holiday Park

PETER TAVY PLOD and FUN RUN



MONDAY 28th Aug. Starting at 13:00

(FUN RUN starts 12.45) see page 8 for details

Peter Tavy
Methodist Church
HARYEST
in the BARN
Sunday

17th September 3.00pm

see page 11 for details

What's On?

August	6.00	
Fri 18th	6.30pm	Putting up Fayre Bunting - meet at Village Hall
Sun 20th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service at St Peter's Church
Mon 21st	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit, Craft & Natter", Village Hall
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	Putting up the Fayre Coconut Shy in Village Hall
Thurs 24th	7.00pm	WWI Memorial Service, St Peter's Church (see p.10)
Sat 26th	5.00pm	St Peter's Church BBQ, Harford Bridge Park
Mon 28th	<i>from</i> 9.00am	Setting up for the Fayre
	1.00pm	Start of the Peter Tavy Plod (registration
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		Peter Tavy Village Fayre
- a oth	7.00pm	Pasties and Quiz, Village Hall
Tues 29 th	7.00pm	Circular footpath walk from Village Hall
Wed 30th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
September		
Thurs 14 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
	7.30pm	PCC meeting, Edgcumbe
Sun 17 th	from 3.00pm	"Harvest in the Barn" (see page 13)
Mon 18th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit, Craft & Natter", Village Hall
Wed 20th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Wed 27th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Calls, Church Lane
October		
Weds 4th	7.00pm	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church, followed by
	c.8.15pm	Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
Thurs 5 th	4.30-6.30pm	Messy Church, Methodist Church
Thurs 12 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
Mon 16th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit, Craft & Natter", Village Hall
Tues 17th	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee meeting
Wed 18th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Wed 25th	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Sat 28th		Deanery Bell Ringing Festival Day
November		
Thurs 2nd	4.30-6.30pm	Messy Church, Methodist Church
Thurs 9 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
Sun 12th	1.0 °P.III	Remembrance Sunday
Wed 15th	0.00	
	8.00pm	Ouiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Mon 20th	8.00pm 10 - 12.30pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn "Knit, Craft & Natter", 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!

The Village Fayre committee have been hard at work preparing for the great day - and once again hope that as many parishioners as possible will come forward and help out with everything that needs doing - see the following pages for more details. It's a wonderful day when we welcome visitors from near and far to the village to enjoy our traditional country fayre. The annual running of the "Peter Tavy Plod" (see page 8) begins the day, and the fayre opens at 2.00pm. Please do try to spare some time to help - both in advance and on the day. Looking further ahead, harvest celebrations will follow - on Sunday 17th September the Methodist Church hold their enjoyable "Harvest in the Barn", and on Wednesday 4th October the Harvest Festival service at St Peter's is followed by the Harvest Supper and Produce Auction in the Village Hall - not to be missed!

- Steve & Ali Carreck, Compilers, (1 Mill Cottages, 810868, E-mail <u>steve.ali@care4free.net</u>)

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering November to early February 2018) by Sunday 15th October 2017. 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!



 \$\Bigsir \text{Stalls} \rightarrow \text{Raffle} \rightarrow \text{Games} \rightarrow \text{Coconut Shy} \rightarrow \text{Skittles} \rightarrow \text{Tombola}

 Duck Race \rightarrow \text{Demonstrations} \rightarrow \text{Displays} \rightarrow \text{Delicious Refreshments}

 Competitions \rightarrow \text{Dartmoor Teddy Bears' Dangerous Sports Association}
 \rightarrow \text{Peter Tavy Plod} \rightarrow \text{Evening Quiz & Pasties}

PLEASE come along and lend a hand, if you can... help needed in advance and on the day - find out more inside

Friday 18th August, meet at 6.30pm at the Hall - Help needed to put up the **Bunting** around the village.

Wednesday 23rd August, 7.30pm at the Hall - Help needed to put up the Coconut Shy

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

Contact the Clerk for further information (see page 9).

PETER TAVY

Bank Holiday Monday



Contacts: David Dodd (810776); Steve Carreck (810868) or Peter Tinson (810314).

The annual parish "Big Day" is almost with us again, when our community comes together to welcome visitors from far and near - and raise vital funds to be split equally between the Village Hall, St Peter's and Peter Tavy Methodist Church. Every penny raised goes to our village funds - there are no "commercial" stalls at the Fayre. It is a real effort by the whole community to have a wonderful, enjoyable and rewarding day together, and hopefully make a major fund-raising success!

We really hope that as many people as possible will come along and be part of the Fayre... We need help to prepare in advance; to help out during the day, and also help with tidying away after everything calms down again in the late afternoon! Please do come along and join us - if you haven't already been asked to help, there's still plenty to get involved with.

If you've never been to the Fayre in the past, you're missing a very special day of Village life - you'll be very welcome, alongside your friends and neighbours!

Village Fayre COUNTDOWN...

Friday 18th August - Strictly Come BUNTING!

Come along to help string up bunting around the village to announce the Fayre - meet at the Hall at **6.30pm**.

Wednesday 23rd August - COCONUT SHY RAISING

(A traditional community activity very like a North American Barn Raising, only less so...) Join us to help put up the Coconut Shy in the Village Hall grounds at **7.30pm**.

Monday 28th August - FAYRE DAY

9.00am - Strong and able-bodied volunteers needed to start moving everything out of the shed and setting up the stalls...

As the morning goes on, we'll need as much help as possible from everyone to get ready...

- **1.00pm** Start of the 14th Peter Tavy Plod and fun run see page 8 for details.
- **2.00pm** The Fayre opens. As many volunteers as possible needed for the stalls and games, refreshments and everything else!
- **5.00pm** As the Fayre closes, once again, we need lots of volunteers *(including those "strong and able-bodies" mentioned above!)* to help tidy up and put everything away... in advance of....
- **7.00pm** The Legendary **Post-Fayre Pasties and Quiz evening** in the Hall don't worry, it's a specially shortened quiz... with refreshments available, and BYO!

29th August - Opens 2.00pm



Appeals for Donations & Help

REFRESHMENTS

Come rain or shine, the Refreshments (served in the Chapel) are always a "top earner" at the Fayre, so we seek as many donations of sweet or savoury food from parishioners as possible. Contact Torie (810264) or Sandra (810343) for more details. Your donations can be brought to the Chapel on the day of the fayre, and we would also welcome willing helpers for an hour or so to help with serving food and drinks or washing up on the day.

PARKING »→

Absolutely vital to making the day a success is smooth running parking for our visitors. Edward Dodd has again kindly offered use of one of his fields for parking - weather permitting - but we still need a team of volunteers to direct traffic through the village and avoid hold-ups! Please help if you can; contacts are listed opposite..

GRANNY'S ATTIC STALL

The bric-a-brac and second-hand furniture and items (or *brocante* these days!) stall is always popular, and makes an important contribution to the funds we raise. The "Granny's Attic Team" ask us all to save bric-a-brac for the Fayre. Newer items would be particularly welcome, as these always fetch a good price (so if you're thinking of taking something to a charity shop, or selling online, maybe you'd consider donating it to the Fayre instead?). Larger items - including furniture - might also be very welcome - call *Mary Wheddon* (810123) if you may have something suitable. Bring it along on the day, or contact us if you'd like to bring it in before then. (Please note, we cannot accept any electrical appliances.)

JAMS & PRESERVES

and

HOME-MADE CAKES

If you can donate some jars of home-made jams or preserves, or bake a couple of cakes for the Home Made Cake stall, you'd be making a very welcome contribution to the fayre! (You can take jams and preserves to Alison Carreck at 1 Mill Cottages before the Fayre, or bring jars or home-made cakes along on the the morning of the Fayre.... thank you!)

BOOK STALL

...would welcome your surplus books for their stock, but please no videocassettes.

Appeals for Donations & Help

PLANTS & GARDEN

The stall would welcome all sorts of garden-related donations - from plants, (please label them so we know what they are!); cut flowers (they sell well!) and always very popular - garden produce, to gardening equipment and pots (not plastic flowerpots, please!)... Bring your donations along on the morning of the Fayre. Thanks!

COMPETITIONS

There's still time to get to work on your competition entries - and with such a wide range of competitions to choose from, there's something for everyone to try. You'll find entry forms enclosed with this Piper. Please bring your competition entries along to the Village Hall between 10.30 and 11.30am on Fayre Day.

Each competition will have classes for the following age categories:

●1 - 5 years ●6 - 10 years

●11 - 16 years

Adults

Please submit an entry form and 50p entrance fee for each entry you make.

Creative Bunting

Make your own bunting from anything that comes to hand - "upcycle" if you wish - and use it to decorate some or all of your property. This has the added advantage of letting visitors know that there's something special happening in the parish, so please put it up a week or so before the Fayre. It will be judged on the day before the Fayre.

A Flag for Peter Tavy

Design a Flag for Peter Tavy on a piece of A4 paper. Bring your entries to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Peter Tavy Motto or Strapline

Write a motto or strapline for Peter Tavy - perhaps to accompany your flag! Think of something that sums up the parish for you in a few well-chosen words. Bring your entry to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Flower Arrangement

With three weddings in St Peter's church this year, the theme for your arrangement is "A Wedding". It can be any size, providing that the base does not exceed two foot (60cm) square. Bring it to the Village Hall on Fayre day morning.

A Knitted Toy

We look forward to meeting your creation(s) when you bring them along to the Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

A Knitted or Crocheted Blanket

We're hoping we won't be needing blankets on Village Fayre day, but please knit or crochet one to enter this competition, and bring it along to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Castle Made from Junk

Let your imagination run riot and build a model castle from junk - but the base of your creation must not exceed 2 foot (60cm) square. Bring it to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre

'Upcycled Fruit Bowl"

Make a fruit bowl from recycled materials - allow your imagination a free rein! Bring your creative masterpiece (or whatever...) to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Painting Competition

Your painting should be entitled "wildlife" - beyond that, the subject is your choice! Bring your entry along to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

The CAKE COMPETITION No Village Fayre could be complete without our annual cake competition.

This year's recipe is for....

Chocolate Brownies

Ingredients:

3 ½ oz / 100 gm Bar plain chocolate 4 oz / 100 gm Spread for baking

4 oz / 100 gm Caster sugar 1 Egg, beaten

½ teaspoon Vanilla essence 5 oz / 150 gm Plain flour

½ level teaspoon Baking powder 2 oz / 50 gm Walnuts (roughly chopped)

1 tablespoon Milk

Method:

Break chocolate into pieces and place in a bowl and stand it over pan of warm water on a gentle heat, stirring occasionally, until it has melted. Cool slightly.

Put remaining ingredients in a bowl and beat them together for a minute.

Beat in the chocolate and continue beating for a further minute or two until they have reached a soft dropping consistency.

Turn mixture into tin which has been lined with greaseproof paper (greased) or baking parchment. A traybake tin approx size 11" x 7" is ideal.

Bake in oven at 180° C / 160° Fan / Gas 4 for 25 - 30 minutes or until cake has Recipe continues overleaf 7 shrunk from sides of the tin.

COMPETITIONS

Cake Competition - Chocolate Brownies (Continued from previous page)

Leave to cool in tin for 15 minutes. Then mark into squares and leave in tin until quite cold and turn out.

Store in an airtight tin.

Please bring your entry, with your entry form and 50p entry fee, to the Village Hall between 10.30 and 11.30 am on the morning of the Fayre. Please indicate on the entry form whether you would like your brwonies returned to you after judging and display, or whether they can be sold later on the "Home-made cakes" stall.

Special Prize!

This year, there will be a special trophy awarded to the person who enters the most competitions!



On BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, AUGUST 28th

Starting at 13:00 (FUN RUN starts 12.45) Registration from 12.00

Race Entry:

Peter Tavy Plod (5 Miles): £8.00 Fun Run (1 Mile): £2.00

Trophies in numerous categories. Mementos to all finishers.

Entry form included with this Piper, or contact -Dave Chanter on davechants@me.com or 01822 810598 - or visit www.davechants.wixsite.com/tavistockrunproject

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MISSING!

Has anyone found any plastic ducks? 17 have disappeared / flown south / been kidnapped since last year's duck race at the Fayre! If you find any of them, please let Steve Carreck (810868) know.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It has been all change in the Council since April when I joined the Council by cooption. In May we had the Annual General Meeting when a new Chairman and Vice Chair were elected, Bill Lane and Jim Jeffery respectively.

May also saw the Annual Parish Meeting in which Dave Chanter, as outgoing Chairman, talked about the previous year's highlights. Harry White reported regarding the on-going possibility of a hydro scheme in the village.

The previous Clerk, Casssandra McDowell, resigned her post at the beginning of June. We thank her for her work for the Council. I am the new Clerk and so have resigned from the Council. This means that there is now a **vacancy** - anybody who wishes to be considered for this vacancy should contact the Clerk within two weeks of receipt of the Piper.

- Alison Skillicorn, Clerk to Peter Tavy Parish Council Email <u>petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk</u> Tel. 01822 810682

Visit the Parish Council website at **www.petertavyparishcouncil.org** where you will find Council Agendas and Minutes; information about other groups and bodies in the Village - and a local weather forecast!



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS



Thanks to everyone who came along to our Strawberry Tea at Harford Bridge in June (which raised a wonderful £357) - and to our Patronal Festival Service later in the month.

Coming up we have a joint family service at St Peter's on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm, and, on the following weekend, it's time for our...

BARBECUE

on Saturday 26th August at 5.00pm

at **Harford Bridge Holiday Park** (with thanks to the Williamson family) ... Come and enjoy delicious burgers and hot dogs (with home-made relish!), browse the Bring and Buy Stall, join in the great Raffle and try your hand at the games - hope to see you there.

Further ahead, as Summer draws to a close and the harvest is gathered, we'll be celebrating with our **Harvest Festival Service** in St Peter's on the evening of **Wednesday 4th October, at 7.00pm**, followed by our popular **Harvest Supper and Produce Auction** (in aid of charity) in the Village Hall at 8.15pm. Keep an eye out where to get tickets for the Supper.

World War I Memorial Service

As mentioned in previous editions of *The Piper*, as part of the nation-wide commemoration of the first world war, memorial services have been held at St. Peter's Church to remember, 100 years on, the young men from Peter Tavy Parish who lost their lives in the war.

On **Thursday 24th August** at **7pm** at St Peter's Church, there will be a special service to remember George Mudge and Fred Rice who sadly fell in August 1917. All are very welcome to attend.

George Edward Mudge

Son of Emma Mudge, of Higher Collaton Farm, Tavistock, Devon, and the late Charles Edward Mudge.

Private 285183 in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, 1st Bucks Bn. Fell in action 16th August 1917, age 20.

Remembered at the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Fred Rice

Son of the late John and Mary Jane Rice, of Wisdom House, Peter Tavy, Tavistock Private 202334 in the Gloucestershire Regiment, 2nd/4th Bn
Fell in action 27th August 1917, age 28
Remembered at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Angela Larcombe is proud that we are...

Wetter but better

The above title comes courtesy of my Australian grandson, and I suggest should be adopted immediately as Peter Tavy's slogan, before ten-year-old Alex, who is a smart lad, cottons on to the laws of copyright.

During their visit, we all came to the village soup lunch and it was when he was asked by someone if he would rather live here or in Australia that he said firmly he would rather be in Peter Tavy, "It was wetter but better".

But they all seemed to cope with the village monsoon season, and I learned a lot.

Someone once said you learn more from your grandchildren than your children and this seems to be true.

I now know, courtesy of seven year old Jess, how to survive a bushfire. This involves carrying with you a full box of matches, a canister of oxygen and a portable hose.

The theory is you squirt oxygen at the approaching flames, at the same time directing the hose to force the flames back because it makes a firebreak. Not quite sure whether she actually got this right, but it was very convincing. As was the instruction to rope up a crocodile's jaws as it is unable to force its jaws open, once shut. Don't try this at home.

What was much more difficult for me was to explain the vagaries of the British electoral system.

Jess was under the impression that it was like Strictly Come Dancing and obviously the Queen had won. She rather lost interest when I explained there were lots of MPs forming the government and they ran the country. (Other governments are available).

Alex was totally immersed in what he called 'your election drama'. Youngsters these days do not have to write two pages of What I Did in the Holidays. They give a PowerPoint presentation.

Alex found it difficult to keep up with it all; he needed to change his account every day. And I had to try explaining the Queen's role in it all.

Why, he wanted to know, couldn't the Queen just tell Teresa May she couldn't form a government? He had been looking things up and pointed out it was the Queen who had to sign all the bills that went through Parliament. "So she could just refuse to sign ones she didn't agree with?"

"Well, no, not really" I said, rather weakly. You try coming up with a good reason.

Both children came with me when I voted. Jess was fascinated by the ballot box and an official told her how it was sealed and the votes counted. Alex meanwhile was explaining how much better it was in Australia because voting was compulsory...

Luckily the whole visit was not taken up with the election.

Piers gave a talk in the hall on the Great Barrier Reef and the children and I had a table at the front so they could occupy themselves. It was right outside the refreshment room and plates of scones, sausage rolls and sandwiches kept appearing until Jess admitted she was 'quite sconed out.'

They had heard the coral reef talk before but this time they were highly amused to see pictures of Dad as a baby in the bath and with his brothers in school photos, that he included as comic relief!

We did have time to do other things. And the children were a great help in lots of ways. They did various jobs and Piers undertook most of the cooking, (or we went down the pub!)

Last thing on Saturday night, with Piers and the kids due to depart the next morning, Jess confided: "I have changed the perpetual calendar in the kitchen for you already, so you will know tomorrow it's Sunday..."

- Angela Larcombe

Broadband in Peter Tavy

The BT broadband cabinet serving Peter Tavy has recently been upgraded so that the majority of the village should be able to receive reasonable speeds.

If anyone is still having difficulties could they please send me the following details and I will pass this on to my contact at Connecting Devon and Somerset.

Please let me have your name, post code and landline number - tel. 01822 810630 or email blane@churchtownpetertavy.co.uk - Bill Lane

"ALL CHANGE!"

Plymouth Citybus has decided not to continue its No. 46 Okehampton to Tavistock bus service (which stops on the main A386 road, by Harford Bridge Park – "Peter Tavy Cross" on the timetable). Fortunately Dartline will be

operating a very similar timetable, although with no through buses to Plymouth. There are generally 9 buses Monday to Saturday to Tavistock / Okehampton

The Dartline service – **No. 118** – will start on 4th September. Details **www.dartline-coaches.co.uk** / tel. 01392 872900 - or from TravelDevon.

Please note that the *No.95* **Friday Bus** to/from the Village Centre has been renumbered to Number **122**. (No change to service times - see back cover.)

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

So, as we enjoy the Summer holidays, we're also looking forward to September, when the joint family service will be....

"Harvest in the Barn"

hosted by Edward and Sandra Dodd.

This joint family service will be at **3.00pm** on **Sunday September 17th**, and the celebration will include activities, fun for all and a harvest supper. We hope to see you there! And it will be wheelchair access friendly.



Messy Church re-starts in October on the first Thursday of each month, from 4.30 - 6.30 pm. Forthcoming dates are:

- Thursday 5th October
- Thursday 2nd November
- Thursday 7th December

Also making a welcome return after the Summer break will be our popular Soup Lunches. On the second Thursday of each month there's 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...

• September 14th

• October 12th

• November 9th



Minnows

The end of the summer term for Minnows saw a sad farewell to *Jenna Bolt* who has kindly been at the helm for the last 2 years. Her enthusiasm and ideas have been greatly appreciated by all and we wish her every success in her new ventures.

Janna Sanders has very kindly offered to take up the reigns but due to other commitments would like to start with the First and Third Fridays of each month.

Peter Tavy GARDENING GROUP

Anyone with an interest in gardening or visiting gardens is most welcome.

Membership £10 per year.

Contact Claire on 01822 810330

or email: clairelouisenail@gmail.com



FULLAGETHALLINEWS

Village Hall Chairman: Jayne Medland, (Radge Farm, 810277) Village Hall Bookings: Steve Carreck, (1 Mill Cottages, 810868)

Our 're-furbed' Village Hall is proving popular, with new bookings from a variety of first-time users.

Dr *Piers Larcombe* gave a very interesting and entertaining illustrated talk in the Hall on the Great Barrier Reef back in June, kindly donating all the takings to the hall funds, for which we are very grateful. Following this,and the popular talk by Professor Isaacson back in April, it has been suggested that we could have a winter programme of illustrated talks on a wide range of subjects. We plan to organise these for the last Tuesday night of each month, starting in November (wait for the November Piper for more details).

The *beginners' watercolour class* with artist Celia Olssen was great fun. The village now has 12 more budding artists. For those who missed this class, or who may wish to come again, another class will be arranged later in the year. Please call Jayne (810277) if interested.

As you've probably noticed, our wooden storage shed is on its way out. To replace it is going to be rather costly! We would be very grateful for plenty of support for our Autumn/Winter fund-raising activities, especially from those user groups who make use of the shed's storage facilities.

We are planning a **Treasure Hunt** around the village, followed by a cream tea or BBQ (depending on the weather) for the autumn half-term break. Posters and flyers will advertise this event nearer the time.

Peter Tavy was once re-known for its great **Whist Drives**. We would like to make a tentative step towards starting them up again. Our first Whist Drive will be, well....... different!!! There will probably be more complete beginners than serious players, thought hopefully a good mix of both will soon get us all playing like pros! This will be sometime before Christmas. Again, keep an eye out for posters and flyers.

CIRCULAR FOOTPATH WALKS

May saw 17 of us walking through Centuries to Paisley Mead, Coxtor, Sharpitor, Harragrove, then back down across the fields, enjoying a spectacular sunset on a fine evening.

June was less kind. On a damp evening, we kept to the valley bottom crossing Mary Tavy Clam, following the road towards Horndon, before cutting across the fields to the old mine house and following the path down into Mary Tavy churchyard. We re-crossed the Clam, took at brief look at the mine

workings, and fortuitously arrived at the pub just as it began to rain in earnest!

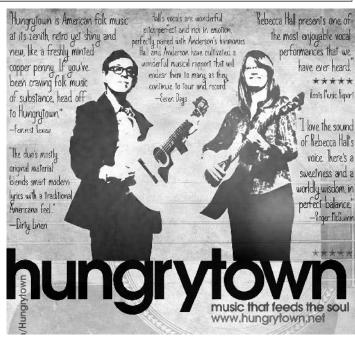
The weather for the July walk was perfect. We walked up the Coombe onto the Lower Godsworthy road, then up to Stephen's Grave, across to Broadmoor Farm, then to Twist, Southditch, and back to the village.

It you are a fit walker and wish to join us, our next walk will be on Tuesday August 29th, leaving the Hall at 7pm prompt (preferably no dogs, please).

- Jayne Medland

Villages In Action - What Next?

As you read in the last Piper, Villages in Action, as we know it, has had to fold after. for us in Peter Tavy, 26 years of wonderful concerts and workshops. We have to 'go it alone' from now on, without the support, and subsidies, of the VIA network. Luckily, I have been contacted by an American group who are coming to the UK on tour next year to see if we would be interested in their performing in Peter Tavy. They are called



Hungrytown, and are an 'Americana' acoustic folk duo from Vermont, and we have booked them for Friday May 4th 2018. So do put this in your diaries and spread the word among your friends. We will need to provide food and accommodation, as we did with Villages in Action, so any help would be gratefully received.

Some hopeful news is that I have been contacted by the Chair of the Villages in Action trustees who has indicated that there may still be some way of continuing with supporting villages in certain boroughs, one of which is West Devon. Angela and I have been invited to another Carn to Cove (the Cornwall rural touring scheme) meeting in September where the details of this new proposal will be outlined. All a bit hazy at the moment but hopefully all will become clear then!

Fingers crossed!

- Dawn Sherrell



Looking for a

Based in Peter Tavy,
Olivia Banks can help!
Contact her on 07714 951817

Donna's Deliberations

"We need to talk about Baby Bear..."

"So what are the Teddy Bears doing this year at the Peter Tavy Fayre?" Mother Bear enquired, looking up from her knitting as Father Bear came in. She was making a new jersey for Baby Bear to wear at the Fayre, since his old one had been badly torn the year before.

"They always say it is perfectly safe and no bear will be harmed," she added disapprovingly, choosing another colour to add to the pattern, "but they don't mention the damage done to their clothes. Why, that Paddington Bear, who doesn't even live in Peter Tavy, left marmalade all over the duffle coat he borrowed the year before last. It's still sticky." She remembered her original question. "Well, what are they doing? I hope it's not too dangerous."

"Of course it's dangerous," Father Bear said impatiently. "It's the Annual General Meeting of the Dartmoor Teddy Bears' *Dangerous* Sports Association. It has to be dangerous. And you know I can't tell you what they'll be doing. It's always a secret until the day."

"But you're Chairbear of the Association! If you don't know - "

"I do know. I just can't tell you. But I can promise you this - it's going to be one of the most spectacular, exciting and thrilling displays the Bears have ever attempted. Bears will come from far and wide to attend -"

"They always do," his wife sniffed, picking out a bright turquoise strand of wool to go beside a pea green. "I'm not sure where Far and Wide are, but it doesn't matter what event we have in Peter Tavy, people always come from Far and Wide. If you ask me, it's time they held their own Summer Fayre and quizzes and Fun Runs and so on. They don't seem to have any ideas of their own. I'm glad we don't live in such a dull place."

"There's certainly always something going on here," he agreed, sitting down in his chair to take off his boots. He paused, remembering, as he so often did, the day when the three of them had gone for a walk before Brexit and returned to find his and his wife's chairs broken, their porridge half eaten (and poor Baby Bear's completely finished up) and that pretty little blonde girl curled up fast asleep in Baby Bear's bed. She'd tried out his bed too, he remembered, and what a job he'd had to explain that!

To this day, he didn't think Mother Bear believed that he'd never seen the blonde before, but for himself he was more worried about the effect on their only child. There had been a strange, distant look in Baby Bear's eyes since that day and he'd taken to wandering about the village, peering into people's gardens and sometimes even into their windows and offering his services as a painter and decorator, specialising in bedrooms.

"Where's Baby now?" he asked, suddenly realising that there was no sign of their son and heir. "Surely it's past his bedtime."

Mother Bear laid down her knitting and six stitches immediately fell off the needle. "I don't know, I'm sure. We really need to talk about Baby Bear, dear. I'm worried about him."

Father Bear felt uneasy. He'd been feeling uneasy for some time now, suspecting that he would soon be expected to have That Talk with their little cub. He knew, from when his own father had had it with him, how embarrassing and awkward this talk could be for the parent. They never seemed to realise that by the time a cub reached the age of being Talked To, it probably knew all about the subject anyway and could even tell them a thing or two.

"He's probably gone down to the woods," he said feebly. "I heard there was a picnic going on and every bear that ever was -"

"And that's just why we need to talk about him!" his wife interrupted. "You and I know only too well what goes on at those picnics. Hide and seek - climbing - swinging from the branches. You've got to speak to him about it all, and you've got to do it tonight." She paused. "And I've also heard talk of that blonde girl being seen around the village again, and you know what THAT means!"

Father Bear brightened up, then caught his wife's eye and hastily straightened his face. "Oh dear," he said weakly. "Well, in that case, perhaps...." He thought wistfully of the days when he himself had been a growing cub. Days and days of adventures with Rupert and his pals, or listening to Paddington's stories of deepest Peru, the fun they had had knocking on old Grizzly's front door and running away, and - yes, even then - tales of pretty blondes who might be glimpsed around the village. Happy days, he thought, and determined to allow his own cub just a little longer to enjoy the fun of being young.

There had to be some way of distracting his wife, so that she would forget about That Talk, and let Father Bear off the embarrassment and Baby Bear a little longer to be free.

There was only one way and he decided to take it.

"Put your knitting down, my dear, and listen to me." He drew his chair closer to hers and leaned forward. "Now, promise you won't let this go any further, and I'll tell you just what the Bears will be doing at the Summer Fayre this year....."

Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

As is so often the case, Angela and I are committed to re-visiting parts of the Moor to which we have recently been. Thus it was that we returned to Venford to retrace our steps down to the wooded banks of the Dart. This time it was the weather that nearly caused us to return empty-handed. A typical Dartmoor, micro climate downpour gave us a right soaking but we soldiered on and were rewarded with two new stamps.

In early June, all seemed set fair for another walk to Doe Tor from High Down. I planned the route to take in four sites before lunch, and another six over on Rattlebrook Hill for our afternoon stroll. Then, as we successfully found our last box on the east side of Doe Tor, in rolled the mist, which quickly developed into heavy rain! We miserably squelched our way back to the Lyd and the car.

Taking advantage of a forecast of dry, but windy, weather, a handful of clues beckoned me to Roos Tor on 26th June. There was a brand new box within a few feet of a weather gauge! Well I had no idea that there was a gauge on or near the tor, so this was a 'must find'! Eureka - good compass bearings and site description resulted in me being number one in the visitors' book! By the way, the subject is no longer there! As usual, I gave myself too much to do, and suggested to Angela that we finish my list the following Saturday. The wind blew, but the sun shone, and we checked in at five boxes. One of which was for "Dartmoor Place Names, past and present" we learnt that Roos Tor was once called "Rulestorre". I had read of "Rolls Tor" and "Roose Tor" as being alternatives, but Rulestorre was new to both of us. I suspect it all depends on how it sounds in the vernacular, spoken by local Dartmoor dwellers. Two other boxes in a set of 'Dartmoor Calling' (pictures of telephone boxes with the telephone number) may be collectors' items, if and when the boxes in Mary Tavy are removed.

8th July - we embarked on a good walk to cover part of a series entitled 'Bag A Box around Bagga Tor'. I divided it into two sections, one being east of the Tor and out to Lynch Tor, the other, predominately north and west of Baggator Brook. Ten boxes and four others was pretty hard work as we went east and back. The rest on Standon Hill, we shall tackle in the near future.

I have been up and down to Great Mis Tor recently and was interested to find two boxes with intriguing titles: "Moses Bawden's Grave" and "Gate Post". The latter depicted a 'Slotted Gatepost' I had seen one at Teignhead Farm this is a granite post having several 'L' slots one above the other and set opposite to a post having vertical slots. This arrangement was for a gateway closed by poles, one end being placed in the vertical slot and the other dropped into the inverted 'L' slot. "Moses

Bawden" took me some research to find. He was a Tavistock man, a miner with capital, enterprise and energy, who was responsible for the mine workings at Whiteworks and Birch Tor, Vitifer, Golden Dagger in the Warren House Inn area. Whether or not he was involved in the mine at Merrivale, I cannot corroborate, but the clue indicated that he was buried near the Tavistock-Princetown road just helow Church Rock

However, having turned to Hansford Worth's "Dartmoor", I found the following: "...The man apparently intended taking in a few acres of ground, and possibly proposed the area of the pound as the first of his fields. But there is no evidence that he did more than build the cottage and fence the garden. Much more recently the obliging readiness of a local inhabitant has added to the ruin a charm of tradition. There stands a squared, roughly worked slab, 3'4" in height, 2' 5 1/2" broad and 10" thick. It formed the chimney breast. This stone attracted the attention of a passer-by, and he asked a roadman who was working near whether he knew anything of it. To which the roadman at once replied that it was **Moses Bawden's grave.** He received an acknowledgement for his help, and the stranger made a note. Somewhere this potential tradition awaits publication. It may be well to record that my friend, the late Mr. Moses Bawden, well known in the mining world, and sometime member of the Devonshire Association, does not lie buried at or near Merrivale."

Myths, legends, traditions, all these are an integral part of Dartmoor, believe them - Patrick Cashell or not as you will.

Harford Bridge ... **YOUR Nearest Shop?**



Dartmoor Holidays by the River Tavy

A quick reminder that Harford Bridge Park's shop is now stocking more grocery lines than ever before. We a have range of store cupboard goods, hot and cold drinks, ice creams, snacks and confectionary. Unfortunately, we don't stock alcohol, cigarettes or newspapers. The 'Riverside Diner' is here on Friday & Saturday from 5pm - 8pm and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 1pm, offering a wide variety of take away foods. Hot take-away food including pizzas, pasties and sausage rolls can be pre-ordered, every Sunday to Thursday evening from 5pm -7pm (last orders by 6:30pm). Chilled takeaway food also available. Ever popular morning goods - croissants, pain au chocolat and baguettes, both brown and white - 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.

- Paul Williamson

MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY WI. NEWS

AGMS are not usually the most popular meetings, so it was good to welcome most of our members in May. Our W.I. advisor, along with a lady training to become an advisor, also attended and kindly listened to our feedback on the problems for small rural institutes. Resolutions were voted on and the new committee was formed. Jill Lamerton was voted in as President, taking on from retiring Barbara Weeks who was thanked for her years in office.

The Book Club continues to be popular. Our Spring Sale went well with the W.I. specialties - cakes and plants - being snapped up! In spite of the chilly spring, there were plenty of plants of all sorts.

The Prime Minister obviously didn't know that our W.I. was to meet on 8th June, so we held our meeting that day at the Methodist Hall, rather than the Coronation Hall. Our speaker was local lady Anita Prosser.

We were back in our normal venue in July meeting, after the election - now passed but the media are not letting us forget it! Our speaker was Anne Brooks, who advised us how to grow old gracefully (or disgracefully!). Anne, a born and raised Devonian, asked who in her audience was as local as her. Surprisingly, only one lady present was able to claim that honour - it would have been very different some years ago, but our membership reflects how cosmopolitan our villages are becoming.

We were also asked how many of us had done anything considered disgraceful at our age; people were a bit cagey about admitting their possible indiscretions, but one did admit to driving a red sports car; as this was one of our younger members, we were not too shocked at that confession! The previously 'picked from a hat' volunteer, Bev Ross, then took her seat for a facial make-over. Anne very carefully cleansed and applied make-up achieving a very natural look. Bev was pleased with the result, except the lipstick, which came as a bit of a surprise as she normally never wears lipstick! There was an amusing incident when Bev said 'ough' as some mascara caught the corner of her eye. Bev's mother, also a member, said, 'Is the nasty lady hurting you, darling?' which caused much laughter! Anne was thanked for a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment.

Names were taken for the W.I. walk at Bovey Tracey, the Autumn Event at West Point and the Christmas shopping trip to Cardiff. We were all pleased to note that our serious complaint to County Office, that the very west of Devon was feeling abandoned, had been noted with West Point being much more easily accessible than the other recent venues for county events, and Tavistock once again back on the 'pick-up' list for outings.

Our entry for the Okehampton Show is coming along nicely. The Group Meeting at Whitchurch had been thoroughly enjoyed by the nine ladies who attended. The Fashion Show had prompted several people to up-date their wardrobes and the simple strawberries and cream refreshments were, they felt, absolutely ideal. Thanks, Whitchurch!

Our next meeting is on 14th September at 2pm. The speaker is Kay Rouse and the subject 'Mercy Ships'. There will, weather permitting, be a walk in August - contact Jill Lamerton, President, for details.

- Barbara Weeks

ALL ABOUT TALULLAH

Someone once told me that a farm without a horse was a farm without a soul, and I suppose that was something to do with how Talullah came up from St Agnes to live on Nutley.

For some time I had been missing having a horse close by to ride out now and then, so Janet and I braved the Temple roadworks to bring her up to Dartmoor. Some might say it was a little crazy to buy a 16-hand retired racehorse just to hack around on when I hadn't even ridden at all for a few years, but she seemed to take to me and had no problem with being led up into the livestock trailer, and even less of a problem with traffic, so why not?

I was well used to riding ponies and cobs when I was younger to herd sheep and cattle, but trikes and quads came in and a way of life went out. Still you can't stop progress, particularly in farming, but seeing how lots of other people get their 'kicks' just going off for a ride I thought there'd be no harm in becoming a dude farmer for a bit of the week. Besides what did Winston Churchill say about an hour in the saddle being time never wasted?

To explore our hinterland again on horseback is so good for the spirit and there's always something to see or someone to have a word with on the way. Mind you I've got to put up with her old 'crams' - like on occasion freezing up for no apparent reason, and we've had to learn about calming diets and summer rugs. Even so, there surely can't be anything better than a gentle trot along a moorland track, gazing over to Brent Tor on a Sunday morning in May.

Come to think of it though, a flat out gallop up the back road out from Tavistock could have it by a nose. But then, that's for another day when other souls are out of the way and it's all about Talullah!

- Tom Roskilly

You are warmly invited to the biennial

Exhibition of work by members of Peter Tavy Guildof Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th October,

10am till 4pm at Mary Tavy Coronation Hall *Entry is free and there will be refreshments and a raffle.*

In 2015 we made the difficult decision to move our meetings to a larger hall due to the increase in membership numbers. In order to maintain links with 'home' some of our members formed a 'Knit, Craft and Natter' group in Peter Tavy, (see page 22), and we hope to be represented at Peter Tavy Village fayre as usual.

As well as our Saturday meetings, usually held on the first Saturday of the month, we have a weaving group which meets once a month on a Wednesday or Friday.

At our exhibition we hope to have some weaving and spinning demonstrations, with a chance to 'have a go'. We look forward to seeing you there.....

KNIT, CRAFT & NATTER



New members welcome!

Our friendly group is open to all, and meets on the third Monday morning of each month. If you enjoy knitting or any form of crafting which you can do while enjoying a chat with friends and a cuppa - then come along and join us. It's a great opportunity to get together and share ideas, and see work that others are making. We would warmly welcome new members from the parish. Why not come along to one of our sessions, meet us and try it out?

Forthcoming meetings are in the **Village Hall, from 10.00am to 12.30pm** on the following Mondays:

• August 21st

• September 18th

• October 16th

• November 20th

• December 18th

PETER TAVY INN



Summer opening all day from noon until 11.00pm (10.30pm on Sundays. Food is served - as usual - from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm and from 6.30 to 9.00pm.

QUIZ NIGHTS

Start at 8.00pm, with 20% off food prices for quiz participants on the evening. Entry fees are £ 2 per person and are split 50% to the winning team, 25% to the runner up, and 25% to a local charity. Forthcoming quiz night dates (no Quiz in August):

Wednesdays:

•20th September •18th October •15th November

Come and Meet Fernley!

As part of this year's "Moor Otters" public arts initiative, supporting Dartmoor National Park, one of the 100 unique pieces of art - Fernley the Otter - is on display in the garden of the Peter

Tavy Inn from the end of May until September. *Just down the road at Harford Bridge Holiday Park you can find another - "Mo (Murmuration Otter)" awaits visitors there!*

-Are you - or do you know - A MALLETT?-

The Mallett (*also spelled as Malet or Mallet*) family are seeking to trace their family line in Tavistock, and have set up a DNA study to establish whether branches of the family are biologically related. They are seeking a male member of a Mallett family from the Tavistock area to take part and provide a DNA sample. Find out more about this at:

www.mallettfamilyhistory.org/tng/dna-bgrnd.php#purp

Patrick's Competition WINASIAR PRIZER

My 4th *Heads and Tails* challenge attracted five entrants: Michael Mates, John & Louise Blowey and Angela Collins scored full marks; Graham & Catherine Heard 9, and Julie & Paul Hooper 8. Well done everybody.

The winners, drawn out of the hat, were *John & Louise Blowey*. The answers:

- 1. Bowerman's Nose.
 3. High House Waste.
 - 5. Bullseye Stone.
 - 7. Ashbury Tor.
 - 9. Kingsett Farm.

- 2. Devonport Leat.
- 4. Raybarrow Pool.
- 6. Teignhead Farm.
- 8. Ramshorn Down.
- 10. Fernworthy Reservoir.

This time I offer you... Who? When? Where?

- 1. Who is the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Officer?
- 2. When is the Dartmoor Folk Festival?
- 3. Where is the Memorial Plaque to William Crossing?
- 4. Who is said to drive a coach & horses along the King's Way at night?
- 5. When did Dartmoor become a National Park?
- 6. Where can you walk through the North West Passage?
- 7. Who was condemned to spend his life emptying Cranmere Pool with a sieve?
- 8. When was the first Ten Tors Expedition held?
- 9. Where is there a fire that never goes out?
- 10. Who were known as The Old Men of the Moor?

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 Sunday 1st October. - Patrick Cashell

The Mobile Library Service van calls every 4 weeks. The van stops at the bottom of Church Lane on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 - 10.30 am and dates for the next few months are:

Weds 2nd & 30th Aug; Wed 27th Sept; Wed 25th Oct

The van carries a range of books for adults, teenagers and young children, including Large Print titles, and can order in any particular titles you're seeking. It is free to join - just bring along details confirming your address. For more details ring 0845 155 1001 or visit www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

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in PETER TAVY regular events	If you can add others to	
SUNDAY	please let us know for the	next "Piper".
9.30am (Check in Church porch for details of	Peter Tavy Parish Council	- Clerk
dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church		01822 810682
2.45pm Junior Church, Methodist Church	Peter Tavy Village Hall boo	okings
(term-time) (Torie 810264 or Sandra 810343)		01822 810868
6.30pm Service, Methodist Church	Peter Tavy Chapel	
MONDAY	The Dodd Family	01822 810343
10-12am (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall		01822 810776
7.30pm Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church	St Peter's Church	
TUESDAY	Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson	
c.10.45am Ring and Ride Bus to Tavistock*		01822 810243
(returns from Tavistock c.12.45am).	Local West Devon Counci	
Older & disabled passengers -	Terry Pearce	01822 810648
book on 01822 618028	Local Devon County Cour	
WEDNESDAY	Philip Sanders	01822 612265
10.00 - (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the	Traveline (public transpor	•
10.30am bottom of Church Lane		0871 200 22 33 03457 48 49 50
Mornings Art Group, Village Hall	Ring & Ride bus for Peter	
THURSDAY	King & Kide bus for Peter	01822 618028
2.00pm (2nd Thursday each month) Mary Tavy &	Highways Emergencies	01022 010020
Peter Tavy WI. Usually Mary Tavy	(Devon County Council)	01392 383329
Coronation Hall (Barbara Weeks 810697)	Highways Local Services	01002 000020
7.30pm (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI,	(Okehampton area)	01837 52773
Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (<i>Trish</i> - 810115)	··········	0345 155 1015
FRIDAY	West Devon Borough Cou	
10.00am "Minnows" (Parent/toddler group) in	J	01822 813600
Chapel.	SWEB	
10.45am Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - was	Customer Service	08457 650650
No. 95, now No. 122 - Oakley's Coaches	Power failure	0800 6783 105
(*Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15	South West Water Helpline	
from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)	Environment Agency eme	_
8.00 - Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -		0800 80 70 60
10.00pm (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)	Floodline	0345 988 1188
	Tavistock Library	01822 612218
NB: The Parish Council meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month		0345 155 1001
on the second wednesday of each month	Citizen's Advice Bureau	03444 111 444
*Bus Notes: Don't forget that about 8 buses a day stop	West Devon Voluntary Ser	
at the junction on the main A386 road near Harford	Devon & Cornwall Consta	0300 660 0357
Bridge Holiday Park (See page 12 for details of		•
changed service).	(non-urgent -24 hours) New Crimestoppers	0800 555111
For all public transport information contact	Domestic Violence Helplin	
Traveline SW (0871 200 22 33). Please report any problems with the No.122 bus to	Trading Standards	03454 040506
Devon Bus on 01392 382800.	Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177 650
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GE FAVES CAKE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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Please bring your competition entry to the Hall on the day of the Fayre between 10.30 and 11.30am. Please complete this slip, leave it with your entry and pay your 50p entry fee to the steward. Thanks.

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Your telephone number:					

NEED MORE ENTRY FORMS? Don't panic! Just write the same information as requested on a sheet of paper for each of your entries, and leave that with your 50p and competition entry. Thank- you... And good luck if you're working towards this year's "Special Trophy" prize for the most entries!

PETER TAVY PLOD and FUN RUN 20 ENTRY FORM

PETER TAVY PLOD - 5 MILES **FUN RUN - 1 MILE**

> Entry fee: 5 Miles: £8.00 Fun Run: £2.00

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Name:	
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Please send completed forms along with a cheque, made out to D.J. Chanter, to: Colley Cottage, Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9NN Numbers will be ready for collection on the day.





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