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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12th Nov

Service in St Peter's Church at 10.00am,
followed by short
Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial, starting c.10.50am



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What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

NOVEMBER 2017

Thurs 9 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches - Note: at Village Hall
Sun 12 th	10.00am c.10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Communion at St Peter's Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Wed 15 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sun 19 th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 20 th	10 - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 22 nd	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Thurs 23 rd	7.30pm	PCC Meeting, Edgecombe
Tues 28 th	7.30pm	Whist Drive, Village Hall
Thurs 30 th to Sun 3 rd Dec	11.00am - 5.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, Mary Tavy (12.30pm start on Sunday)

DECEMBER 2017

Thurs 7 th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Thurs 14 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 17 th	3.00pm	Carol Service, Methodist Chapel
Sun 17 th	4.15pm	Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall
Mon 18 th	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 20 st	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Wed 20 th	5.00pm	Spring House Christmas Party
Sun 24 th	3.00pm	Crib Service, Methodist Chapel
Sun 24 th	11.30pm	Holy Communion, St Peter's Church
Mon 25 th	<i>Service at St Peter's Church - arrangements yet to be finalised.</i>	
Sun 31 st	3.00pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols, St Peter's Church
Sun 31 st	Eve	New Years Eve Locals' Evening, Peter Tavy Inn

JANUARY 2018

Thurs 4 th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Thurs 11 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel TBC
Mon 15 th	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 17 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Thurs 18 th	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting, Village Hall
Thurs 25 th	7.30pm	Mining History Talk, Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2018

Sat 3 rd	7.15pm	'Best of British Pop-up Restaurant' Village Hall
Thurs 8 th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Fri 9 th	7.30pm	Matt Biggs Gardening Talk, Village Hall
Thurs 15 th	7.30pm	Kilimanjaro Talk, Village Hall
Mon 19 th	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 21 st	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn

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 nights are drawing in as we move from autumn into winter, but there's plenty to do in and around Peter Tavy - you needn't just settle down to read the "Piper" by a warming fire! Even if you've never played before - or can't remember how to play! - why not give the Beginners' Whist Drive a try at the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November? Looking forward to December, you'll find information about Christmas events and activities (and a Church/Chapel Christmas card should again be coming through your letterbox later this year, confirming details of services). You can round off 2017 at the New Year's Eve Locals' Night at the Peter Tavy Inn... And the New Year brings a range of interesting talks in the Village Hall and another of the very popular "Pop-Up Restaurant" evenings - make sure you book in good time. "Compliments of the Season" to everyone - and hope to see you at some of the forthcoming events!

- 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 2018) by Sunday **14th January 2018**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, on disk or by email to: steve.ali@care4free.net, it saves us a lot of typing. But please don't worry if this is not possible - we still want your hand-written entries too!

BEGINNERS Tuesday November 28th, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall



An evening for those who have never played - or only have a vague idea about - whist. More experienced players will be on hand to teach enthusiastic novices a trick or two! The emphasis will be on having a bit of fun. £3 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits and some tuition. Raffle. Proceeds to TASS (Tavistock Area Support Services).

Children's Christmas Party Sunday 17th December, from 4.15pm in the Village Hall (following the Chapel Carol Service).

For all the children of the Parish - Carol Coles is co-ordinating the party and would be very grateful for offers of help - contact her on 820169.



BEST of

Our next Pop-Up Restaurant in the Village Hall will be on...



Saturday February 3rd, 7.15 for 7.30pm

Numbers will be limited for this popular event so please book early to save disappointment.

Dinner will be £17.50 per head.

For more details or to book (by January 24 please)

BRITISH

- phone Jayne (preferably evenings) on 01822 810277
- or
- email Elaine on elaineimac@icloud.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There is new blood on the Council - Harry White of Wedlake Farm kindly volunteered and was co-opted onto the Council.

Bill Lane is taking a well deserved Sabbatical until the New Year so Jim Jeffery will be in the chairman's "hot seat" for the time being. All enquiries, requests etc. should go through me so that I can let the Council know.

I hope that you have noticed that work has been carried out on both the playground and the bus shelter.

Funding for the coming year has been applied for from the Town and Parish (TAP) Fund for money that can be spent on maintenance of drains etc. within the parish. We are in a syndicate with Brentor, Mary Tavy, Lydford and Buckland Monachorum, each having their own allocated funding but run by Peter Tavy PC.

The minutes of the Council Meetings will now have a rundown of incomings and outgoings on both the precept account, (that being the one for the parish), and for Church Cottages, which is a separate account and used solely for the cottages. I am going on a course to find out all about 'precepts and budgets' in October, which is just in time as the Council start setting things up in November.

May I take this opportunity to ask if there is anything that you would like to see on the Parish Council website (www.petertavyparishcouncil.org)? It's for the parish as a whole and we would like it to be as useful as possible.

Planning applications - (can be viewed in detail online at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning)

0412/17 Erection of first floor extension at Oak Cottage- Pending- target date for decision 13/10/2017

0447/17 Machinery Shed at Headlands - Granted 28/9/2017

0459/17 Sheep Shed at Harragrove - Pending- target date for decision 9/11/2017

Highways - May I remind you that you can "Report a Pothole" to Devon County Council on www.devon.gov.uk/roadsnadtransport/report-a-problem They like a photo to be added, but this is not essential; the pothole should be "over 40mm deep and greater than 300mm wide" (That's 1¾ inches deep and 11¾ inches wide if, like me, you still work in old money!) You get an email back with a ref. number so you can check progress. They also want to hear about blocked drains and flooding, overgrown vegetation, broken manhole covers and parking. Not on the internet? Then you will find a map showing the parish roads and footpaths in the bus shelter, just add what you want to report and I'll ensure it is reported after each Council Meeting.

- Alison Skillicorn, Clerk to Peter Tavy Parish Council
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email petertavyipc@hotmail.co.uk

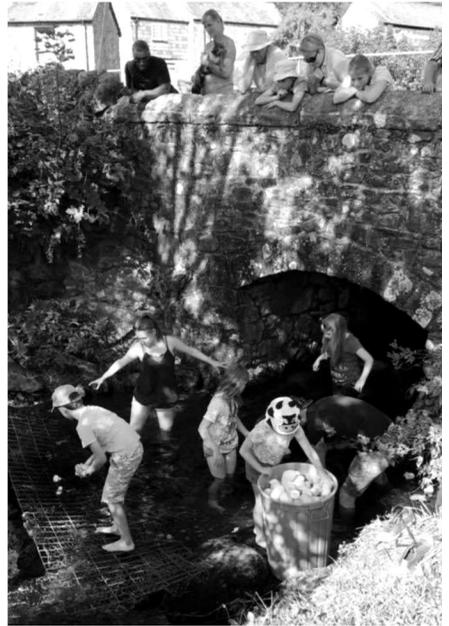


"Phew - What A Scorcher!" as a different "newspaper" might have put it...

What another amazing day! Creative bunting brightened the village; more runners in the Plod than ever; refreshments to dream of; ducks in peak physical form; raffle prizes better than any Christmas present; copious ice creams to cool the excited punters; books galore to read at leisure (*when?*); glorious cakes and jams that must count towards the "five a day" advice; tables packed full of Granny's Attic bits (some items having been seen in previous years!); therapeutic release of aggression on the skittles and coconut sky; patience and persistence building on many other games; chance to win an MG (!*in our dreams*); guest sheep being shorn - and, of course, a chance for our teddies to be 007 for a few minutes.

Many, many thanks to you all for your hard work, commitment and fun in making this a uniquely Peter Tavy event. The Fayre raised a wonderful £3,050 and the Plod (report overleaf) a fantastic £550 more.

And - here's the good news - it will all happen again next year! - *David Dodd*



Village Fayre Competition Results 2017:

CAKE COMPETITION: 1 - William Brendon; 2- Elaine Mackintosh; 3 - Emma White / Peter Tinson. **FLAG for PETER TAVY:** Age 5 & under: 1 - Bethany Medland; 2 - Clara Smith; 3 - William Brendon; Age 6- 10: 1 - Jessica Ball / Lara Dix; 2 - Jodie Medland; Age 11-16: 1 - Eva Brown; 2 - Charolotte & Hannah Walker; Age over 16: 1- Peter Tinson. **PETER TAVY MOTTO:** Age 5 & under: 1 - William Brendon; Age 11-16: 1 - Charolotte & Hannah Walker; Age over 16: 1- Elaine Mackintosh; 2 - Steve Carreck; 3 - Jayne Medland. **FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** Cup - Julia Dawson; Age 5 & under: 1 - William Brendon; Age over 16: 1- Julia Dawson; 2- Julia Dawson; 3- Sandra Dodd. **KNITTED TOY:** Age 6 - 10: Lara Dix; Age over 16: 1- Sue Thomas; 2- June Arscott. **KINTTED or CROCHETED BLANKET:** Age over 16: 1- June Arscott. **CASTLE MADE FROM JUNK:** Age 5 & under: 1 - William Brendon; 2 - Clara Smith; 3 - Bethany Medland; Age 6- 10: 1 - Jodie Medland; Age 11-16: 1 - Ty (Coppithornes); 2 - Imogen Abel; Age over 16: 1- Peter Tinson. **UPCYCLED FRUIT BOWL:** Age 5 & under: 1 - William Brendon; 2 - Bethany Medland; Age 6- 10: 1 - Jodie Medland; Age over 16: 1- Sandra Dodd; 2- Peter Tinson; 3- Elaine Mackintosh; 4 - Emma White. **WILDLIFE PAINTING COMPETITION:** Age 5 & under: 1 - William Brendon / Bethany Medland; Age 6- 10: 1 - Lara Dix; 2 - Jessica Ball; 3- Jodie Medland / Jessica Ball; Age 11-16: 1 - Joe Dix; Age over 16: 1- Jayne Medland; 2 - Emma White. **CREATIVE BUNTING:** *Sorry - can't find the results - but you all did jolly well!*

PETER TAVY PLOD and FUN RUN

A sweltering day greeted the runners for the 14th running of the Peter Tavy Plod and Fun Run.

The 1 mile Fun Run was the first event and we were honoured to have local running celebrity, Adam Holland, fresh from his recent 10 in 10 marathon exploits in Italy, to officially start the run. 51 children lined up for a challenging route around the village with local resident Euan Dix the first to arrive at the finish.

The Plod soon followed and runners faced warm temperatures as they ran through the village before climbing the tough moorland path to Stephen's Grave before descending into Cudlipptown and back to the Village via Mary Tavy Clam.

First runner home was Jordan Andrews of Tavistock Run Project in a time of 27mins 22 secs, closely followed by Adam Holland with Ben Neale taking 3rd. First under 17 and finishing in 4th place was Oliver Smart. The ladies' race was won by Rebecca Ezri with Issy Dunlop 1st under 17 female, 2nd female Pippa Tigwell and 3rd Female Katherine Ster.

Among other category winners were 1st local - Steve Watson; Male Vet 40 - Jack Frost; Male Vet 50 - Chris Puerteus; Male Vet 60 - Pete Bazley; Female Vet 40 - Sarah Robinson; Female Vet 50 - Ellie Millin and Oldest Finisher - David Salvage, aged 70.

This was a great day of running and the organisers thank all the runners and supporters for turning out in the heat, the marshals as there would be no race without them, and the Peter Tavy Inn for their generous sponsorship.

See you all next year !

- Dave & Louisa Chanter

Angela Larcombe advises us -

DON'T BANK ON IT...

You know that sinking feeling you get when you suddenly become aware you have done something very silly?

There I was on the Tuesday Ring and Ride bus from the village.

Without my purse.

I knew just where it was - on my trolley in the kitchen where I had been looking out change for the fare. Cards, cash, all still in the house and I was halfway to Tavistock for my only chance in the week to go shopping. I even had the list in my pocket.

Fellow passengers started murmuring about a whipround. I thanked them but said airily I could just go into the bank and write a counter cheque.

The young clerk looked at me pityingly. "It's years since we issued counter cheques." I said as it was years since I started my account with them - they should be able to sort out something...

'You must have something with your account number on it, your cheque book perhaps?'

If I had that there wouldn't really be that much of a problem. Well, perhaps a slight one... I was momentarily diverted by the thought of offering someone in the market a cheque for £1.30 for half a dozen eggs.

We established that I didn't have my account number and had foolishly omitted to memorize it.

Luckily I had, however, memorized my name, address and date of birth. Good, we were getting somewhere.

"There will be some security questions", she said, peering at the screen.

My father's middle name and my mother's maiden name were fortunately lurking at the back of my rapidly tiring brain. The bus would be returning in another hour and a half.

"What was the name of your first pet?"

Now I was only three when my parents rashly entrusted me with naming the newly acquired kitten. I said 'Sambo'. Not only now politically incorrect, but inaccurate. I just liked the name, and the cat was mostly white, with black paws and ears.

Had I owned up to this? Or had I settled for the hamsters, Holly and Christmas, given to me by my godmother when I was 10? They caused no end of family friction as they needed constant warmth or they hibernated.

So my father had to build a cage to be kept in the dining room, much to my mother's disapproval. She said it wasn't hygienic and the shelf my father put on the wall wasn't straight...

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To be on the safe side I provided all three names.

Did I have more than one account with them? Shouldn't they know?

But at last I was allowed to gain access to my money. Not much and it was all hedged about with strictures.

The incident and the cash involved would be entered on my record. So if it turned out I had actually called that cat Tiddles, I could expect a visit from MI5. And if I dropped dead between the bank and the supermarket (which was becoming increasingly likely) they could grab that measly amount back.

I did wonder momentarily if I should write down my bank account number and keep it with me, but sanity prevailed...

St. Mary's Church, Mary Tavy - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
will be holding our fourth
in aid of St. Mary's Church funds.
From Thursday 30th November to Saturday 2nd December -
11.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 3rd December, 12.15pm - 5.00pm
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.

Advice from Western Power Distribution

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A POWER CUT

- 1 Check you have an old style phone available that plugs straight into the wall. It will work in a power cut - digital or cordless ones may not.
- 2 Keep a battery charger handy so that you can recharge your smart phone (with 3G and 4G connectivity or devices with SIM cards) and follow updates on social media and our online power cut map.
- 3 Keep our telephone number handy or save it on your mobile phone (105 or 0800 6783 105) so that you can report a power cut or call for information and advice.
- 4 Have a torch ready (it's best not to use candles or paraffin lights).
- 5 Protect sensitive electrical equipment such as computers with a surge protector plug.
- 6 Keep a wind-up / battery / solar radio ready so you can listen to local radio updates.
- 7 If you have a mains operated stairlift, check to see if there is a manual release handle that can be used to safely return it to ground level if it stops working.

POWER CUT? CALL 105

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Many a theological scholar has been researching the Biblical basis for sheep racing and have failed - but it happened at Peter Tavy's "Harvest in the Barn".



The sheep, flowers, fruit, veg, food and company of others reminded us that we live in an amazing world and we should take time out to be thankful. Many thanks to all who helped in making this a fun but meaningful time. - *David Dodd*



Please remember that at this time of year, our regular Sunday service time changes to 3.00pm. Looking ahead to December, we will be celebrating Christmas with our **Carol Service on Sunday 17th at 3pm**, and **Crib Service on Sunday 24th at 3pm**. We hope you will be able to join us! (NB - There is no service at the Methodist Church on Sunday 31st December, when we will be joining with St Peter's Church for a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols.)



'Messy Church @ Peter Tavy Methodist Church'

is starting up again soon - come along and give it a try on...

Thursdays: 7th December and 4th January 2018, 4.30-6.30pm

Everyone is welcome - although no unaccompanied children, please. (Tea is at 5.45.)



Soup Lunches continue in the Chapel on the second Thursday of each month, between 12.00 noon and 1.30pm.

Upcoming dates are **Thursdays...**

- **November 9th** (NB - in the VILLAGE HALL!)
- **December 14th**
- **January 11th**



St. PETER'S CHURCH NEWS

The Bellingrings rang a welcome to over 50 people who attended our Harvest Service, led by the Ven. John Reed. With Barry Hodge at the organ, the familiar and much-loved harvest hymns were sung with gusto. The Church was beautifully decorated with flower arrangements, fruit and vegetables.

The Harvest Loaf, with attendant mouse, and black grapes lay upon the Altar. It emerged that it had taken six 'bakers' two hours to make the very attractive loaf!

Following the Service everyone repaired to the Village Hall for a magnificent supper of ham, turkey, salad, bread rolls and relishes, washed down with cider.

Russell Woolcock conducted an entertaining auction of the produce, chutneys, preserves and two enormous pumpkins, which raised, together with the collection, over £800 for our three chosen charities: Sightsavers, Shelterbox and The Farming Community Network.

Thank you to everyone who supported this most enjoyable evening.

- *Patrick Cashell*

Since the last Piper, St. Peter's church enjoyed hosting some wonderful local weddings - congratulations to all the couples!

On Thursday 24th August we continued our series of services marking the hundredth anniversary of the deaths of Peter Tavy men who fell in action during the first world war. George Edward Mudge, who fell on 16th August, and Fred Rice, who fell on 27th August, were remembered in a short and moving service. On **Sunday November 12th** we will be marking **Remembrance Sunday**, with a service in church at 10.00am, followed by an Act of Remembrance at the parish war memorial in the churchyard at about 10.50am.

As the *Piper* goes to press, we know that we will have a Communion Service at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and our service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 3.00pm on Sunday 31st December. Arrangements for our Christmas Day service are yet to be finalised - watch our for details.

Christmas will soon be upon us. The celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. It is a strange coincidence that Joseph and Mary, who at that time lived in Nazareth, were forced by the authorities to go to Bethlehem to register for taxation purposes! There is no way that Emperor Augustus would have been aware of Isaiah's prophesy of a Messiah 800 years before, or that Micah prophesied 200 years later that the birth would be in Bethlehem. And yet the Emperor decreed that everyone should go to the village of their birth, and poor Mary had to suffer the journey of several days to Bethlehem. This *coincidence* is like winning the lottery two weeks running; what are the odds on that happening? No, I think there was another hand at work here. - *Peter Tinson*



TALLULAH'S TALES

When we got Tallulah, we put her in the field by the lane with a couple of cows and calves, and Jack the young Galloway bull. Having come from a livery yard and used to the more 'horsey' life, we didn't know how she would adapt; but she was fine and really bonded with Jack, grazing close by him and often lying down in close company with him.

But then later on, Jack had to go off on manoeuvres with some heifers, and she wasn't quite so content and took to chasing the cows around and getting worked up when she heard other horses around. So, on advice from people who know about such things, we looked for a companion for her.

Of course compatibility was the key to a good outcome and that's how we ended up with Little Wen.

What a sight she was back in the winter, a little black Dartmoor filly with a shaggy coat and a feisty attitude.

Well, that was then and now some months later, after a worming dose and constant scoffing, she's fit to grace the front page of any pony magazine. The pair of them are a comical sight out in the field, but it has certainly worked and they have a real relationship. Not always luvvy duvvy mind. They do bite each other when there's a tiff at the trough, but thankfully no hooves are involved and it's soon forgotten.

And also there was the time when the pair of them escaped out of the gate which I had left open whilst putting hay in the round feeder with the tractor and loader. First of all they hung around in the 'mewie' by the road and then when I went over to catch her, both of them then turned and hightailed it to Sowtontown. Thankfully, the folks up there got them into a paddock and we were able to lead Tallulah back, snorting and blowing with Little Wen trotting along - sometimes behind and sometimes in front 'til they were safely home.

We're now just a bit more mindful of their escape tactics because what happens is one emboldens the other. Between them they've somehow worked out a method to open the wooden double doors at the end of the yard by nuzzling the latch and pulling on a piece of rope.

For sure you've got to be ready for the unexpected.....tales of the unexpected even!

- Tom Roskilly



Christmas Cards In Peter Tavy

Once again, a number of us will be putting Christmas cards in the church and the bus stop 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 that others can join us if they wish.

- Dawn Sherrell

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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

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

We have had plenty of bookings through our the summer with both new and regular users.

In August we took some of our wonderful '**made in Peter Tavy Parish**' traybakes along to the Tavistock Farmers' Market in Bedford Square. On the first Saturday we offered more than 20 different flavours and types of tray bakes and flapjacks on our stall. At our next farmers' market we had repeat customers and a very brisk trade. Our takings over the two Saturdays were an astounding £916.50p. Thanks to the generosity of our bakers, Carol Myott, Elaine Mackintosh, Carol Coles, Claire Nail, Diane Newman, Barbara Mortimer and myself - there were no expenses.

Our August **Footpath Walk** saw 5 children and 10 adults having an enjoyable walk from Zoar to Hillbridge then following the leat to Hordon Clam before having a bowl of chips at the Elephant's Nest!

We are in the process of applying for planning permission to replace our old wooden storage shed with a new wooden shed! Wish us luck!

At a recent meeting we started to plan an exciting winter programme of events, the first of which will be the long-awaited **Whist Drive**. This will be a special night aimed at those who have never played - or only have a bit of an idea as to how to play whist. We are relying on more experienced players to come along and patiently bear with us and teach us enthusiastic novices a trick or two! The emphasis will be on having a bit of fun. The evening will take the format of a conventional whist drive....hopefully! This will be on **Tuesday, November 28th** starting at 7.30p.m. All welcome - let's try and resurrect this Peter Tavy tradition!

The **Children's Christmas Party** is back this year. Carol Coles has kindly offered (hmmm...) to co-ordinate it! All offers of help in any way will be gratefully received (contact Carol on 820169). The party will be on **Sunday, December 17th** in the afternoon. More details to follow for children within the parish.

We have some interesting **speakers** coming along in January and February 2018 - see opposit page for details.

Our popular **pop-up restaurant** will be popping up again on **February 3rd 2018**. Tickets can be purchased before Christmas if you wish to give someone a novel gift! (01822 810277 for more info.)

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and yourselves for supporting the hall so well in the last twelve months and groan, groan ...*well, it is nearly here.....* wish you all a very merry Christmas!!

- Jayne Medland

COMING UP AT THE VILLAGE HALL...



Whist Drive

Tuesday November 28th, 7.30 pm

£3 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits and some tuition for complete beginners! Raffle.

Proceeds to TASS (Tavistock Area Support Services) at the Anchorage Centre.



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday December 17th, 4.15 pm (*following the Carol Service in the Chapel*)

For all the children of the Parish - all offers of help would be very gratefully received - contact Carol on 820169.



Local Tin Mining

Wednesday January 25th, 7.30pm

A talk by Chris Wordingham (of the Peter Tavy Inn).

Admission £4, with light refreshments available.



The "Best of British" - a Pop-Up Restuarant

Saturday February 3rd, 7.15 for 7.30pm

Numbers will be limited for this popular event so please book early to save disappointment. Dinner will be £17.50 per head.

For more details or to book (by January 24th please) phone Jayne (preferably evenings) on 01822 810277 or email Elaine on elaineimac@icloud.com



A Gardening Evening with Matt Biggs

Friday February 9th, 7.30pm

Gardener, writer and presenter on Radio 4's "Gardeners' Question Time", Matthew Biggs, comes to Peter Tavy Village Hall.

Watch out for more details nearer the date!



An Expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro

Thursday February 15th, 7.30pm

Steve Balm presents an evening talk about his trip to Kilimanjaro with Clare.

Admission £5, with all proceeds to the charity MIND.



HungryTown

Friday May 4th, 7.30pm

Concert from american accoustic folk duo - *more details in next Piper.*

Also in the area... Mary Tavy Live present the **NEIL MAYA JAZZ QUARTET** Wednesday 28th February in Mary Tavy Coronation Hall.

Bill Lane remembers...

"When I was young..."

In 1940, when I was 9, I lived in a very small village in Herefordshire about 3 miles from Ross-on-Wye surrounded by very large apple orchards. We had a medium-sized house with 4 bedrooms and about 2 acres of land.

The Second World War did not really start to become very serious until 1940 but then the reality struck home and the topic of the day was "Dig for Victory" and "Make do and Mend". Food rationing started in January. Some typical examples of 1 week's ration for an adult are:

- Butter 2oz (57grams. A pat of butter today is 250grams - over 4 weeks' ration),
- Bacon 4oz, • Cooking fat 2oz, • Cheese 2oz, • Sugar 8oz, • Tea 2oz,
- Meat 1 shilling and 2 pence (6p today although £3.50 equivalent value today)
- and 1 Egg.

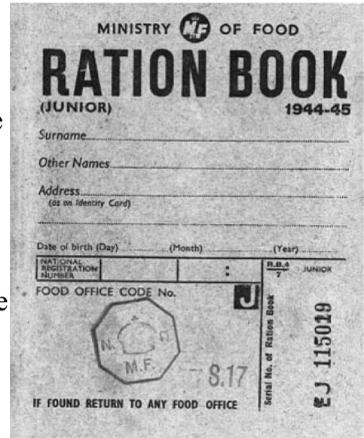
Petrol was also rationed and clothing rationing came later with the issue of Clothing Coupons, which were surrendered when you made a purchase.

My mother was widowed at a very early age and was always very resourceful. There were available various opportunities living in the country to improve one's lot. Immediately, part of the orchard was converted into another vegetable garden where 4 or 5 bee hives were installed (quite dangerous when digging for victory). The grass tennis court was turned into an enlarged chicken run and pig pen and 10 or 12 geese roamed all over the place. In the woodshed we kept a number of rabbits in cages - although I was never quite sure why we also kept the ferret there as well!

If you kept bees, you had an additional sugar ration during the winter to feed them. The secret was to leave them enough honey to keep them going through the winter and to use the rather low grade sugar for making jam and cooking.

We kept a pig or two but never became very friendly with them as we knew that in due course they would be slaughtered. We received a small amount of pig meal from the Government but had to give up our bacon ration. There were no markets so "a man from the Ministry" arrived in a van and the pig was killed by him with a humane killer on site. It was then quickly bled and placed on a bed of straw and set alight to burn off all the bristles. The next step was for it to be scrubbed down with water, a metal scourer and hard brush to get rid of the remaining bristles. The pig was then divided snout to tail and half went off in the van and we were left to knead salt and pepper into various parts before they were hung up to cure.

We were totally self-sufficient for vegetables and sold our surplus to the green-grocer in Ross, using some of our very sparse petrol ration to get there.



I have only dealt so far with food, but “Make do and Mend” also played an important part in our life. If one's shirt collar became frayed one took it off and, having turned it over, sowed it back again. When this second addition became frayed one cut off the shirt tail and made a new collar, replacing the shirt tail with any old rag available. To my dismay my younger brother became very proficient at darning socks by the time he was 8.

There were many other ways of supplementing our rations. If you gave the Ministry of Agriculture a Grey Squirrel's tail, they would give you 6 pence (2½p) and two cartridges. The carcass made a good addition to a stew. We lived by the River Wye. Each spring I would look for Moorhen's nests. I would wait until 2 eggs had been laid and I would then take the first to be laid. I could probably take up to 6 eggs per nest, but one had to be a little careful to get the right ones. Although small these eggs were good for cakes.

In those days we had no mobile phones, no TV, one BBC radio program, no NHS, no games consuls, power cuts and many other shortages - but we were always busy, generally happy and occupied. I sometimes wonder when some politician says that it is time to ease austerity whether they really know what they are talking about!

PETER TAVY INN

Now that Summer's over, our **Opening Hours** return to...

Monday to Friday - 12 noon - 3.00pm and 6.00pm - 11.00pm;

Saturday & Sunday - 12 noon - 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:

Wednesdays

- 15th November
- 17th January 2018
- 21st February 2018

NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCALS' NIGHT

We are going to hold another Locals' Night on New Year's Eve - so come to the Inn and see in the new year with your neighbours and friends! Food served as usual between 6.30 and 9.00pm. One course £9.25 or two courses £12.50.

We will hold a raffle on New Year's Eve for the Tavistock Muscular Dystrophy Group. If anyone would like to donate a prize you will be most welcome.

Christmas Opening Hours	Lunchtime	Evening
Christmas Eve	Open as usual	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
Boxing Day	Open as usual	Closed
New Year's Eve	Open as usual	Locals' Night 6.00pm 'til late

Donna's Deliberations

So here we are in autumn. *Season of mellow mists and fruitfulness*, as Keats informed us. (See how well-read I am?) It's a nice poem, full of references to ripe apples, hazel nuts, full-grown lambs, hedge crickets, redbreasts whistling from garden-crofts and swallows twittering as they gather in the skies. And you just know, from reading those three verses, that he's going to stroll home across the fields, swishing his stick at blackberry-laden bushes and pausing to pick a few to make a pie or crumble, or maybe some jam, lingering to watch the deepening early sunset (and my goodness, aren't they getting early now!) and finally stamping his boots off at the kitchen door to be greeted by the rich scent of a casserole that's been gently simmering in the oven all afternoon. He may not have written about it but, from what he has written, you know it.

But what about the spiders?

It's all very well to be poetic and romantic about autumn but we know, all we arachnophobes, that September and October don't bring just mists and mellow fruitfulness and robins singing about cider and hazel nuts. It isn't all harvest festivals and Goose Fair. It's spiders. *Big spiders.*

I've had five so far this year. That's worse than last year's count of three but nothing like the thirteen - yes, thirteen, and I tell you what, it's a miracle I managed to preserve my sanity, such as it is - that I encountered in my home the year before that. Mind you, I know why that was. The side panel had come away slightly from my bath and in my slatternly way I hadn't bothered to do anything about it, giving the eight-legged enemy - who had, all unbeknownst, set up a colony within the space - the chance to get out into the bathroom. (They'd got in because, when the bath was renewed some seven years earlier, the old waste pipe had been left exposed, giving them a nice dry little tunnel to enter by. And had they taken advantage of it!)

Once I realised (at about spider number ten, I think) what was happening I called the plumber who had originally installed the bath. The man who came told me that he thought he had been given the job because he hated spiders (plumbers' humour) and sure enough, he had no sooner removed the panel than he was outside the bathroom, rubbing his shoulder which he'd banged on the way out, and telling me there were hundreds of them in there, some as big as his hand. Well, that was an exaggeration. Fifty or sixty, perhaps, but not *hundreds*. And not as big as his hand, although some certainly looked, from the brief glance I gave them, as big as mine.

Between us we vacuumed them out (I operated the plug and switch at a safe distance down the passageway) and I produced a roll of fibreglass insulation that I'd acquired, to stuff down the disused waste pipe and fill the space around the bath. (This is something I wonder more people don't do, by the way. Not just to discourage spiders, but to keep the bathwater hot for longer and save energy.

Remember it next time you install a bath, or even replace a panel.) The brave plumber pushed it into all the corners, fixed the panel securely, squirted silicone

stuff all round and recovered with a cup of tea.

So hopefully, I won't get that problem any more. But I still get my annual half dozen, roughly, and like the rest of us sensitive souls, I'd like to know how to repel this invasion. Yes, I've tried conkers, but round here the conkers don't come until after the spiders have started. And I don't see the point of putting them inside windows - it's outside they need to be positioned, so that the spiders are repelled before they get in. I even got some horse chestnut flavoured spray once, but the smell was so strong it repelled me as well. As for keeping the house so clean they never get one foothold, let alone eight, don't make me laugh. Every house has more nooks and crannies than you can possibly clean every day. You'd have to move bookcases - and books - chests of drawers, wardrobes.... well, it's just not feasible, is it?

And don't tell me spiders are useful and we probably depend on them for our own survival. I know all that, despite having observed a spider I once allowed to live in my garage window and who took about a fortnight to eat one single fly, which I didn't think very impressive. Anyway, I am happy to let them live - as long as it's outside. I would always prefer to remove one gently in my spider-catcher and take it back to the great outdoors where it came from (usually several houses along the road so that it doesn't come back to mine). If I kill or maim one, it is by accident and I am sorry. And as I've said, I do let them live in my garage. One at a time, mind, and only where I can see and keep tabs on them. There's to be no more of this setting up of colonies.

The fear of spiders is a very common one. Not all that many people will actually pick them up on their bare hands. My dogs don't like them (understandably in Tavy's case, as she was bitten twice as a puppy) and I suspect that, like the fear of snakes, it is a part of our primitive instinct for self-preservation. Some of these creatures are venomous. Some can kill. Best not to take chances.

Maybe I could ask those brave Dartmoor Teddy Bears to do a bit of big game hunting at next year's Summer Fayre. That should clear them out!

- Donna Baker

The GREAT TREASURE HUNT

A whole mix of ages enjoyed exploring the village on the Village Hall's Treasure Hunt in October. Lots of things to spot and look out for - it's amazing what you pass by, normally without noticing!

If you missed it on the day, copies of the Clues Sheet are available from the Peter Tavy Inn and Harford Bridge Holiday Park for £2. They have an answer sheet so you can check afterwards how many you got right - and should you manage 100%, you get your £2 back!



Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

A silhouette illustration of a person walking two dogs. The person is in the center, walking towards the right. Two dogs are on either side of the person, also walking towards the right. The background is a light grey gradient.

Since the last edition of *The Piper*, I rather ashamedly report that I have recorded just six trips to the Moor, and have visited 20 letterboxes - there have, of course, been extenuating circumstances! Bad weather, a brief holiday, knee problems and other commitments, which inevitably take up time and energy. My offering this time will be rather briefer than usual.

An afternoon stroll from the small car park by the Beckamoor Brook started well enough as I climbed up the Steeple Tors - Little, Middle and Great - to collect three stamps. However, with a fourth site in view from Great Steeple Tor, dark clouds, brought in by a strong South Westerly wind, suddenly unleashed driving rain against which I had to struggle back to the car. I was soaked to the skin, cold and was glad to get home.

July promised rather better weather, and I walked from Lawns Corner up to Roos Tor and along the ridge above Wedlake to visit a couple of boxes. I was delighted to be the first visitor to the site of a stamp entitled "Medieval Dartmoor - Goosey Fair", with a picture of a lady clutching a goose under her arm. This became a talking point with Angela who rightly said that the annual event in Tavistock is "Goose Fair". However, if we are singing along on our way, 'tis to Goosey Fair we go! Fair enough?

Mid-August saw us starting out from Lane End to visit sites above Nat Tor and up to Ger Tor. We met a couple who showed interest in what we were doing - I with my sighting compass to my eye, Angela poking her walking pole under likely rocks. Whilst he suggested that he had heard of letterboxing, his wife seemed to be incredulous that such a hobby could encourage us to scour the Moor for hidden boxes! As I have written before some people would say "letterboxing spoils a good walk". I don't think they will take up the hobby!

But they don't know what they are missing - we made a 'chance find' of a box which was sited in 2007 - a really lovely stamp, entitled "Could this be true?" -- Pixies- Dartmoor Legend. It is in perfect condition and, therefore worth collecting. The picture shows a Pixie, spade in hand and a bag marked GOLD, about to dig a hole in which to bury his treasure. I contacted the owner, who lives in the West Midlands, and he e-mailed me back to say how delighted he was that the box is still safe and sound, and he explained that it was part of walk and suggested that at least five other boxes in the series might still be on site. We shall continue our search when time and weather permit!

After our trip to North Wales, I completed another walk around the Steeples (aka Staple Tors) and found that fourth box, which I had had to leave when the weather

had turned foul. At the end of September, we climbed up to White Tor in a gale force wind and were pleased to find two recently sited boxes. One was called "Reflections" - it had this anonymous rhyme as a stamp:

*"I know the Moors
I know the Tors
I know the Western Skies
I know the Song
of the Rising Lark
And where the Buzzard flies".*

That's why I continue to walk the Moor.

- Patrick Cashell

Dim the lights, lock the doors, check under the bed, and enjoy a seasonal ghost story...

The Legend of the Hairy Hands

The road from Postbridge to Two Bridges passes through some of the remotest and eeriest stretches of the moor. It was here that a spate of mysterious deaths occurred, the first in 1921, when a doctor from the nearby prison suddenly swerved on his motorbike and was killed instantly, just past the small bridge that crosses the East Dart river. Strange reports followed: motorcyclists complaining about being struck and a farmer who nearly crashed his tractor after being attacked by "some kind of wild clawing beast".

A later account by a young army officer really got people talking. Lost during a training exercise in sudden thick fog, he was relieved to find the road to Postbridge. But when he arrived at the small bridge at the bottom of the hill, he sensed an icy chill and the sudden urge to run. Then he felt a pair of huge, powerful hands around his neck, crushing his windpipe. Struggling, he fell from the bridge into the freezing water and only then, in the dark torrent, did the giant hands relent.

The most frightening account came from a couple of newly-weds touring Dartmoor on a caravan holiday in the 1920s. When their car broke down, the husband decided to follow the road to Princetown by torchlight, and told his wife to stay in the car and lock the door - under no circumstances should she open it. They had parked just before the small stone bridge. Wrapped up under blankets, she was waiting for her husband's return when she heard a heavy thump on the roof of the car. Frantically fumbling for a torch, she shone it towards the side window where she saw a terrifying sight: a pair of huge hairy hands were clawing at the glass. She had the presence of mind to draw a cross on the inside of the misty window, and the hairy hands retreated and vanished into the night. Her husband found her three hours later, huddled and tearful in the footwell, and unable to speak coherently. All she could do was point to the huge handprints on the outside of the frosty window.

So that's the tale of Dartmoor's 'Hairy Hands' - make of it what you will. But if you find yourself on the road between Postbridge and Two Bridges late at night, you might want to think twice before crossing the river!

MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W. I. NEWS

Following a summer break, there was a good attendance at our September meeting. Our speakers were former volunteers on '*Africa Mercy Ship*'. This amazing vessel is a floating hospital all kitted up with everything one would expect in a first class medical centre, staffed by doctors and nurses who take timeout from their normal work to volunteer their expertise to provide free treatment to the poorest people in Africa. Some of the staff, who are funded by churches around the world, remain for years with their families living on board.

One of the Speakers was a former Theatre Nurse from Derriford and the other an Engineer who was responsible for, among other things, fitting a new generator when the old one gave out leaving the theatre staff working by candlelight! We found the enthusiasm of this couple truly inspirational and the work motivated by love touched our hearts.

In October, members were transported by Janet Cowland into the world of Peter Carl Fabergé. Pictures were projected by Janet's husband of those famous and fabulous Easter eggs. Fabergé was born in 1846 and came to the notice of Tsar Alexander III of Russia in 1882, who commissioned him to create an egg as a gift for his wife Maria every Easter. Each egg always contained a surprise in the middle and the first one had a gold chicken within its gold shell. They became more and more exotic and intricate with exquisite little models inside. When the Tsar died in 1894; his son, Tsar Nicholas II, carried on with the tradition, having married Princess Alix, grand-daughter to Queen Victoria.

Fine weather shone on four members when they went on a County organised walk up the Bovey valley from Parke, the DNP HQ. We enjoyed a lovely lunch outside at Ullacombe Farm on the way home, back across the moor.

Four ladies went to Westpoint on September 26th for 'Autumn Showcase', which replaced the normal W.I. Autumn Council meeting. An excellent morning of Speakers, all W.I. members doing inspiring things.

Book Club is to meet at Mary Tavy's new Café Scrumptious, which will be a pleasant change. A sewing morning is planned to start making decorations for the W.I. tree at the Mary Tavy Christmas Tree Festival.

The next meeting on November 9th sees a return visit of Muffin the Mule and other puppets, operated by Will McNally, the son of the late Ann Hogarth, who came to us before. Visitors will be particularly welcome.

- Barbara Weeks and Jill Lamerton

Some Seasonal Trivia...

- ★ The poinsettia is native to Mexico and was cultivated by the Aztecs, who called the plant Cuetlaxochitl ("flower which wilts" - *sounds right to me!!*). For the Aztecs, the plant's brilliant red color symbolized purity, and they often used it medicinally to reduce fever.
- ★ Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.

Bellringers Head to the Northern Limits

of Tavistock Deanery



Tower Captain Norman Nankivell (centre) joined the Peter Tavy bellringers and friends on our annual "Deanery Day" ringing tour on Saturday 28th October. We rang at Stowford (above), Thrushelton, Broadwoodwidge, Lewtrenchard, Kelly and Bradstone bell towers, enjoyed lunch at the "Fox & Grapes" in Lifton, and ended the day at the bellringers' church service and tea in Milton Abbot.

KNIT, CRAFT & NATTER



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. 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 Mondays:
• November 20th • December 18th • January 15th
• February 19th

More Seasonal Trivia...

- ★ St. Nikolas of Myra - thought to be the origin of "Santa Claus" - was born in Patara (in modern-day Turkey) and lived during the fourth century. He is the patron saint of banking, pawnbroking, pirating, butchery, sailing, thievery, orphans, royalty, and New York City(!)
- ★ (*Donna - you may not want to read this one...*) In Poland, spiders or spider webs are common Christmas tree decorations because, according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus.

CHRISTMAS in PETER TAVY

Sunday 17th December, 3.00pm

Carol Service in the Methodist Chapel

Sunday 17th December, 4.15pm onwards

Children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall (*see page 13*)

Sunday 24th December, 3.00pm

Crib Service in the Methodist Chapel

Sunday 24th December, 11.30pm

Christmas Eve Communion in St Peter's Church

Monday 25th December, 9.30am

Christmas Day Service in St Peter's Church - to be confirmed.

Sunday 31st December, 3.00 p.m. - **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**
in St Peter's Church

Sunday 31st December, 6.00pm onwards -

New Year's Eve Locals' Night at the Peter Tavy Inn

*These dates and times are as we have been currently advised;
please look out for the Church and Chapel Christmas card for final details.*

Even More Seasonal Trivia...

- ★ Japanese people traditionally eat at Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner, thanks to a successful marketing campaign 40 years ago. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance.
- ★ For a Christmas to be *officially* classified as “white” a single snow flake needs to be observed falling in the 24 hours of 25th December on the rooftop of the Met Office HQ in London. The chances of a White Christmas are just 1 in 10 for England and Wales, and 1 in 6 for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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Patrick's Competition

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

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There were two completely correct answers to my first *Who? When? Where?* competition - from Marion Saunders and Julie & Paul Hooper. Well done!

Drawn out of the Compiler's hat, the Winners of the Prize are Julie & Paul - Congratulations.

The answers were:

- | | |
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| 1. Karla McKecknie. | 2. 11th - 13th August 2017. |
| 3. Ducks Pool. | 4. Lady Howard. |
| 5. 1951. | 6. Cut Hill. |
| 7. Benjamin Gayer. | 8. 1960. |
| 9. Warren House Inn. | 10. The early Tinnens. |

So now here comes....

Who? When? Where? No. 2.

1. Who is the Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council?
2. When did the 12 Jurors walk the Bounds of the Forest of Dartmoor?
3. Where is the Church where the clock face has MY DEAR MOTHER instead of numbers?
4. Who is said to haunt the tower which is between the Bedford Hotel and the Vicarage?
5. When do Letterboxers meet twice a year?
6. Where is "The Devil's Kitchen"?
7. Who has his grave beside the Langcombe Brook?
8. When did the first 10 Tors Expedition Challenge take place?
9. Where in Peter Tavy Parish is a County Bridge?
10. Who first led visitors to Cranmere Pool in 1854?

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 **Friday 5th January 2018**

- 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 couple of months are:

Wed 22nd Nov;

Wed 20th Dec;



The van carries a range of books for adults, teenagers and young children, including Large Print titles. 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

THE WEEK

in **PETER TAVY**

regular events

SUNDAY

9.30am (Check in Church porch for details of dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church

2.45pm Junior Church, Methodist Church
(term-time) (Torie 810264 or Sandra 810343)

3.00pm Service, Methodist Church

MONDAY

10-12am (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall

7.30pm Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10.00 - (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the

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 - was
No. 95, now **No. 122** - Oakley's Coaches
(*Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15
from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)

8.00 - Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -

10.00pm (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)

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

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

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

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

Useful Phone Numbers

If you can add others to this list,
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Steve Carreck 01822 810868

Peter Tavy Chapel

The Dodd Family 01822 810343

01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson 01822 810314

Angela Collins 01822 810243

Local West Devon Councillor

Terry Pearce 01822 810648

Local Devon County Councillor

Philip Sanders 01822 612265

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0871 200 22 33

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Devon County Council 0345 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

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Power failure 105 or 0800 6783 105

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