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ALL ABOARD!

...for the Village Hall Christmas Coach Trip to Truro -**Saturday November 23rd** 

(Book by 9th Nov - Details on page 3)





A 1932 excursion from Peter Tavy on board the 14-seater "Peter Tavy Blue" Chevrolet bus, operated by Bert Cole, who built and ran Peter Tavy Garage.



see page 5

### A Packed Winter Programme COMMUNITY at the Village Hall,

starting with...



Darts & Skittles Sat. 2nd Nov 7.30pm

*Bingo Night* Sat. 9th Nov 7.30pm

...and much more! See pages 13-14 for details



An evening of in the Village Hall Saturday 30th November - see p. 13

The Christmas Season in Peter Tavy - see p.23

# What's On?

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	2019	
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Darts & Skittles Evening, Village Hall - see p13
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane - see p.21
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Fri 8th	5.00 - 9.00pm	Full Peal by Guild of Devonshire Ringers, St Peter's
Sat 9th	3.00 - 7.00pm	LAST BOOKING DAY for Coach Trip to Truro
Sut 7th	5.00pm	Quarter peal by Guild of Devonshire Ringers
	6.00pm	Centenary service for SW branch of Guild,
	*****F	St Peter's Church - see p10
	7.30pm	Bingo Night, Village Hall - see p.13
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	1	Remembrance Sunday- see p. 5
	10.00am	Communion at St Peter's Church
	c.10.45am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Whist, Village Hall
Thurs 14th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Community Tree Planting - see p9
	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Wed 20th <sup>t</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 23rd	dep.9.30am	Village Coach Trip to Truro - see p3
Sun 24th	2.30pm	"Amazing Grace", Tavistock Wharf - see. p 14-15
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Wheal Friendship mine talk, Village Hall - see p 13
Sat 30th	7.30pm	Jazz Evening, Village Hall - see p13
<b>DECEMBER</b>	2019	
Sun 1st		
	11.00am - 3pm	Christmas Craft Fair, Village Hall - see p.14
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#### JANUARY 2020

Thurs 2nd	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Whist, Village Hall
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 18th		Film Show, Village Hall
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting, Village Hall

The dates and times shown here are as we have been advised, but may be subject to change - watch out for posters and notices to make sure! Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering February to early May 2020) by Friday 10th January 2020. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, 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 welcome your hand-written entries too!

# CHRISTMAS

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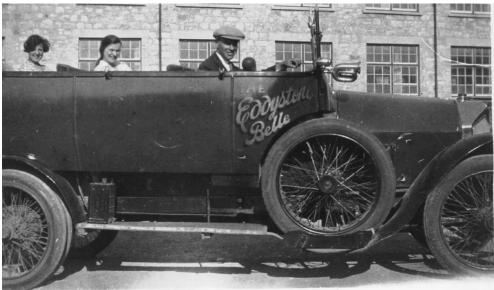
Sat. 23rd November Pick-up in Peter Tavy (9.00am) & Tavistock (9.15am)
Departs Truro to return - 5.00bm

We need to secure a minimum of 30 confirmed places to ensure the trip goes ahead - so please call ahead to BOOK BY 9th NOVEMBER.

TICKETS: Adults - £12.00

Children (under 16)- £8.00 OAP/Concs. - £10.00

Family (2+2) - £35.00 Call to book: Mary (01822 810123) or Angela (01822 810243)



The "Eddystone Belle" was a Crossley Charabanc, and the first bus operated from Peter Tavy Garage, from 1925 onwards. This year's Truro Trip might be in a more modern vehicle, with a roof...

# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

I'm pretty sure the time for writing something for the Piper comes round quicker and quicker. Well let's try and let you know just what the Council have been up to.

Coppythornes put in a planning application which was backed by the Council, only to have it refused. It sometimes seems that our thoughts are not taken into account as the National Park have strict rules regarding just how much bigger a property can get and just how much higher. It seems a shame when everyone but the Park is in favour.

We are having a survey undertaken re Church Cottages just to let us know exactly what work is required and the priorities for it. The main part of Church Cottages is listed - only the outshot being excluded from the listing. This hinders the use of UPVC windows in either cottage and don't hold your breath for the tiles being replaced by slate. From previous dealings with Dartmoor they really only like Delabole slate and they cost an arm and a leg each.

You may have noticed that the seat has reappeared at the end of Church Lane. The oak and labour were supplied by Dartmoor National Park (see - I don't always say bad things about them) and the funds were very kindly organised by Cllr Terry Pearce from his WDBC Localities Fund.

It is proposed that the seat in the bus shelter and the seat at Coombe Bridge will also be replaced; that should keep the seats usable for a fair few years yet.

The playing field is supposed to be having its maintenance work done in the very near future, the provision of the see-saw being held in abeyance for the time being. We were able to obtain a grant of £300 from the Plymouth Ladies Charity Committee for the playing field works.

The Council continues to meet every second Wednesday in the Chapel and you are welcome to come along.

I think that is about all I can think of at the moment but the minutes are available on the website and Notice Board.

- Alison Skillicorn, Clerk to Peter Tavy Parish Council Email petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 01822 810682 Website: www.petertavyparishcouncil.org

## KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER

If you've been inspired by the recent "Wandering Thread" exhibition, why not come along and join our group for a sociable morning of working and chatting together on the 3rd Monday of each month, in the VILLAGE HALL

from 10.00am - 12.30pm

Future dates are: Mondays 18th November and 16th December For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.

# Remembrance Sunday in Peter Tavy 10th November 2019

10.00am - Service in St Peter's Church c.10.45am - Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

With Goose Fayre so recently in our minds, and Remembrance Sunday approaching, (last year we marked 100 years since the end of the First World War - but 2019 has seen the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II, and the 75th anniversary of D-Day), Clare Balm sent us this poem she found...



#### TAVISTOCK GOOSE FAIR

The day my father took me to the Fair Was just before he died of the First War. We walked the damp, dry-leaved October air. My father was twenty-seven and I was four.

The train was whistles and smoke and dirty steam.

I won myself a smudge of soot in the eye. He tricked it out as we sat by a windy stream. Farmers and gypsies were drunken-dancing by.

My dad wore his Irish cap, his riding-coat. His boots and leggings shone as bright as a star. He carried an ashling stick, stood

soldier-straight.

The touch of his hand was strong as an iron bar.

The roundabout played 'Valencia' on the Square. I heard the frightened geese in a wicker pen. Out of his mouth an Indian man blew fire. There was a smell of beer; cold taste of rain.

The cheapjacks bawled best crockery made of bone.

Solid silver spoons and cures for a cold. My father bought a guinea for half-a-crown. The guinea was a farthing painted gold.

Everyone else was tall. The sky went black. My father stood me high on a

drinking-trough.

I saw a man in chains escape from a sack. I bothered in case a gypsy carried me off.

Today, I hardly remember my father's face; Only the shine of his boot-and-legging leather

The day we walked the yellow October weather:

Only the way he strode at a soldier's pace, The way he stood like a soldier of the line; Only the feel of his iron hand on mine.

The turning of the year, and memories evoked, are similarly reflected in this, sent to us by Peter Tinson:

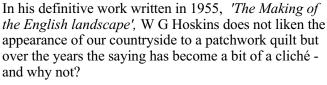
#### **FALLEN LEAVES**

Yesterday was summer, and the furthest views were lost. Myriad green leaves waiting for an early autumn frost, A hint of things to come, now that the year is growing old, Those summer shades of green, now turn to brown and gold.

Some rain, a gale, a frost, and the leaves begin to fall, The view from out the window, of tree trunks standing tall, Leaves that were upon the trees, are now but just a few, And we can see the fields beyond, that are our winter view.

Those leaves now fallen on the ground, remind us once again, Of all the fallen heroes in fields and on the main, So let us not forget as we look out through the trees, Those leaves upon a foreign field, unmoved by any breeze.





Go anywhere there is a vantage point and you'll see the view as a mosaic of fields of different shapes and sizes, growing crops at various stages, populated with stock or just let go to the ravages of time. To reproduce such a view on a bedspread with a needle and thread is as natural to a quilter as it is to an artist taking a brush and oils and doing the same on canvas.

Fields give form and order to what would otherwise be a wilderness and collectively create the terrain which reflects centuries of human endeavour and gives everyone so much pleasure to look at. They're almost taken for granted but what folks may not realise when they're gazing into the sunset is that they all have, or certainly did have, names. Firstly there are the straightforward ones ending in field, like Roadfield and Middlefield here at Nutley, and Stellfield out at Cudlipptown. Then there are the meadows such as Townsmeadow up here and the Medlands' Latchey Meadow on the way in to Peter Tavy. What may surprise some people is that some fields have been named with 'ball' as a suffix, like Radge ball. John Blowey tells me that ball is an old name for wood - and he should know because he has three of them down at Kingford. Then there are the parks such as Broadpark and Underpark and of course those ending in 'close', such as Long Close, harking back to the times of parliamentary enclosure.

Some of the prefixes in field names relate to a person, presumably a long forgotten owner, such as Bridgeman's up here or Tapson's down at Langsford, or Skinner's up on the bend past Peter Tavy church. Some names refer to crops or plants, such as Broom Field out at Nattor; Wheatlands on the way to Hill Bridge, or Godsworthy's field named just Clover.

Birds too get a nod: there's Rookery Meadow out at Willsworthy or the Dodd's Jays Field and Goose



Meadow in which the houses at Village Way were built. Some are named after events held in them, like Sports Field in the village or Gymkhana Field out at Will, or industry such as Sawpit Field and Mine Field. Soils get a mention: Blacklands is a common name for peaty fields close to the moor's edge, and the allusion to rocks and stone occurs frequently, like Stoney field here on Nutley, and Whitey which might refer to the quartz rocks in the soil known as whiteacres, not forgetting Clitters down at Langsford where the surface of the field is strewn with boulders.

Land reclaimed from wet ground often results in field names ending in moor such as Broadmoor, and grazing fields close to a river such as those down at Harford Bridge end in 'ham', e.g. Long Ham and Bridge Ham. Not all field names have remained faithful to what was on the old maps: they get corrupted in speech down the generations. Examples include Creedy Lane fields which should be Creadwell Lane fields and Kenny Park which has become Candy Park - and understandably so because the Dodds' cows always look so content there in that sweet pasture. Single names such as Homer for the field closest to the farmstead also feature, as do the mysteriously named Weatherstitch and Jose which are both fields in the parish. Shapes can sometimes give rise to names. There is one I've always known as Hellacre and often mused over the misery my predecessors must have had there trying to make hay in a wet summer. Alternatively it could have nothing to do with that because its shape is that of the letter 'L'.

The church provides a reference for field names such as 'Bove church, or Church Park and Abbots Field here on Nutley, which can claim links to Tavistock abbey. It might have been on a route which religious travellers such as palmers, who had gone to the Holy Land years ago and returned with palm branches to do good works, might have used and gained rest in the old stone building at the top corner of the field.

Finally the field name that has always touched me is one I know of in another parish called Melancholy Meadow. How it came to be called that I dare not imagine but I'm sure that were it to be developed into yet another housing estate its name would not be perpetuated!

Why does all this matter when all fields nowadays have an OS number on digitally derived maps? Well, I can only argue my case in the following way. Our son Luke, who later majored in History, came home from school one day regaling us of the tale that one of his fellow pupils had quoted Henry Ford's well-hackneyed line "all history is bunk" to Gerry Woodcock who was taking the history class. Gerry paused and then responded by saying that he preferred Winston Churchill's quote: "a nation which has no memory of its past has no future".

I'm sure that, having become a history professor at Exeter Uni - and incidentally chairman of the Dartmoor Preservation Association, old W G would have certainly concurred with that. As for the patchwork quilt idea, however, I don't think it would have fitted comfortably into his treatise, just a bit too lightweight...... a tapestry on the other hand, now that would be another matter!

## St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

On 14th September we marked Devon Historic Churches Trust Day with an "**open day**" and display at St. Peter's, showing the history of the building. All the people who came commented that they hadn't realized just how far back our church's history goes, and how the building changed over the centuries - they were fascinated by the displays.

Many took the opportunity to climb the tower steps to see our bells, some of which are around 300 years old! We were sorry not to have welcomed more people from the parish to learn about this building at the heart of the community - but we hope to see them on a future occasion. The day was rounded off with a buffet tea in the Village Hall - thanks to all involved in preparing and serving the delicious food. Everyone who visited the church enjoyed it, which was pleasing to our ears, and we raised just over £300 for the Trust.

- Peter Tinson

We welcomed a packed congregation to our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** in October. The church had been beautifully decorated with the Harvest loaf, autumnal flowers, fruit, vegetables and preserves. Afterwards, we went on to enjoy our traditional delicious Supper in the Village Hall, followed by the hilarious Auction of Produce - ably conducted, with his usual persuasive patter and good humour, by renowned local livestock auctioneer Russell Woolcock. (Our Reverend succumbed to the pressure and left for home with a newly-bought pumpkin under each arm!)

It was a very successful evening, raising a wonderful £1,065 to be split equally between our three chosen charities: Shelterbox, Sight Savers and Farming Community Network. Thanks to everyone who helped with the celebrations, decorating the church, preparing and serving the meal - and to all those who came along and enthusiastically joined in the auction.

Our Harvest service was led by Reverend Steven Martin for one last time before he left "for the far east" (of Devon) to take up his new post as Rector of Colyton with Colyford, Branscombe, Northleigh, Southleigh and Musbury. We shall all miss his enthusiasm, dedication and guidance and wish him and his family well for the future. In his farewell message, Steven said... "[St Mary and St Peter] Tavys are blessed with two wonderful churches - and by that I mean both the church buildings and the communities attached to them... There is something powerfully peaceful about simply being in both churches, which I find difficult to express in words. If you don't know what I mean, go and sit in them for a bit!"

On **Remembrance Sunday**, 10th November, we will hold our service in St Peter's at 10.00am, and then gather with other parishioners at the War Memorial by the church gate for our annual Act of Remembrance - always a special occasion. Looking further ahead, the seasons of Advent and Christmas are approaching - you'll find details of the Christmas services in both St Peter's and the Methodist Church on page 23, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

**Come and Help Plant Moor Trees** 

COMMUNITY
TREE-PLANTING
DAY

## **Sunday 17th November 2020**

Working with the organisation 'Moor Trees',

Harford Bridge Holiday Park is planning to plant over 450 native broadleaf trees in part of the regenerated wild-flower meadow next to the A386 in their 4-acre amenity meadow.

Rather than pay contractors to plant the trees, the Williamson family at Harford Bridge are kindly offering to donate the money to the parish community (it will be split in the same way as money raised by the Village Fayre) in return for volunteers from the community coming along to help plant the trees.

Weather permitting (it will be mid-November, after all!) we're planning two "shifts" on Sunday 17th November - the first from 11.00am; the second after lunch from 2.00pm. A representative from Moor Trees will give instruction on how to plant before the start, and oversee the work to help out with any problems and questions. The Harford Bridge team will be supplying hot drinks and cake...

Hopefully, as many children and young people from the parish as possible will join in - it's a great opportunity for us all to be taking positive action on the environment locally! Planting the trees will:

- · Increase wildlife and biodiversity
- Prevent soil loss and increase soil fertility
- Enhance land use
- Reduce flooding, water and air pollution
- Store carbon and help landscapes and people to adapt to climate change
- Complement the trees already planted on the other side of the A386 at this point, extending the wildlife corridor

All the trees have been grown from seed on Dartmoor by Moor Trees (www.moortrees.org)

Please come along and join us if you canto help with planning the "shifts", please call Steve Carreck on 810 868 or email steve.ali@care4free.net to let us know you'll be there!



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## The Bells, The Bells...

One Hundred Years ago this month, the southwest branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was formed here in Peter Tavy. The Guild brings together Method Ringers (a different style to our local "Call Change ringing") around the county.

To celebrate their centenary, the branch is planning to ring a "full peal" at St Peter's on Friday 8th November - that's around three continuous and unbroken hours of intense concentration for the ringing team - with no opportunity to break for a drink... or anything else!

Next day, on Saturday 9th November there is a special service at 6.00pm in St Peter's to mark this centenary, which will be led by the Bishop of Plymouth. The service will be preceded by a "Quarter Peal" (around 45 minutes duration) by another team of ringers from the SW branch of the Guild.

Listen out and see if you can spot the difference in style from the "call changes" you usually hear from Peter Tavy's own bell ringers. (There's no need to note that Peter Tavy ringers make far more mistakes than these visiting teams will!)

**Meanwhile...** Peter Tavy bellringers, joined by our Captain, Norma Nankivell, took part in the "Deanery Day" of bellringing on Saturday 26th October, when bell towers throughout the area are opened to allow visiting teams to drop in and ring their bells. Peter Tavy's team headed south in the wind, rain and mist via the bells of Whitchurch to ring at Meavy and Sheepstor. We enjoyed lunch in the Walkhampton Inn and then rang at Sampford Spiney and Lydford in the afternoon. The annual special church service for the Deanery's bellringers was held in Christ Church, Brentor, followed by the "Bellringers' Tea" at Brentor Village Hall. A "Grand Day Out" for us all.

## MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W. I. NEWS

There was no meeting in August, but we enjoyed a circular walk on Roborough Down, and some members went to a glass workshop to learn how to make glass plaques and hangers. Paula Steer of Lily Warne Wool (named after Paula's Great Grandmother) was the speaker at the September meeting. Paula is a young woman who has achieved amazing things, using the wool of Blue Leicester sheep to make brooches, hats and items for sale. The she started to make Poppy brooches for Remembrance, and was featured on Countryfile and in magazines, including Country Living, also winning rural business awards.

Our October meeting featured a wet wool felt making workshop led by Tracey Johnson. We were aiming to make felt red poppies, just right for the time of year. We all finished with a poppy of varying sizes which had to be taken home to dry. Meanwhile, the WI gardeners have had a good autumn clear up in the village garden. Our next meeting (14th November, 2.00pm) features a talk on "Cataclysmic Italy" by Peter Edwards. (Volcanoes and things.)

All visitors very welcome.

- Jill Lamerton

# Hello, Peter Tavy!

I am very excited to share with you some information about my new career. I am currently still serving with the Royal Marines, and I have just started in my resettlement phase (my last two years of a 22 year career!). Although I love being part of her Majesty's finest;) it'll soon be time for me to move on.



One thing I have always been quite passionate about is Coaching and Mentoring, and exercise and fitness. It made perfect sense to me to start up my very own Coaching and Physical Training business. I set out around 2 years ago to acquire the relevant qualifications required to be proficient enough to carry this out. Due to a lot of my clientele being *of a more mature nature*, one of the courses I did was an 'Older Adults Fitness Course' which I found fascinating (in some cases an older adult can be classed as 25 onwards!).

I launched my business in August and named it '360 FIT'. The reason I named it this is because I realise that you need your mind in the right place if your body is to follow, and vice versa.

I have been running regular (all abilities) circuit training classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings, which I am thoroughly enjoying. There is always an extremely varied age range and ability level which I find challenging and very rewarding. We always seem to have a good laugh whilst we're working out and I am delighted to see people getting fitter, stronger and more healthy.

I have lots of plans for the future so watch this space!

#### YOU EITHER CAN OR YOU CAN'T - EITHER WAY YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT!

The timings for the Training in the Peter Tavy Village Hall are as follows: There are two classes a Monday at 6:30pm-7:15pm and 7:15pm-8:00pm and the same timings on a Wednesday.

Please pre book with me to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited. You can do this via my email: 360fitdc@gmail.com or on my mobile: 07969 025315

Many thanks, and have a wonderful day, - Dave Coles @ 360 FIT

#### St. Mary's Church, Mary Tavy

## will be holding our sixth CHRISTMASTREE RESTLYAT

in aid of St. Mary's Church funds.

From Thursday 12th December to Sunday 15th December - 11.00am - 5.00pm daily

Teas / coffees etc will be available throughout the festival.

We do hope you will bring your family and friends along to see the creative decorations from the trees and look forward to seeing you there. - Richard Fielder & Sylvia Baish

Village Hall Chairman: Carol Coles, (Gatehouse Farm, 810169) Village Hall Bookings: Steve Carreck, (1 Mill Cottages, 810868)

Hello all, what a busy time we have had since the last *Piper*! The village favre was another great success and the weather was in our favour again - this was our most successful year to date, and with the Plod's help we took just over £4,400 and a great day was had by all. Thank you to everyone who came out to help on the run up and on the day; without all the helpers it wouldn't be possible.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Sandra and Edward Dodd for the use of the barn for the American Square Dance; the barn looked amazing and it really was a fun night.

The new fitness classes with Dave Coles are being well attended and alongside Anne-Marie's Pilates classes we are getting to be a fit and healthy lot. Although I have to say that all of the jumping around in the hall has highlighted some interesting floor squeaks and groans that are being looked into. I blame some of the more enthusiastic circuits members... you know who you are!

Whist drives are back up and running and we continue to host the Scottish Country Dancing Group; West Dartmoor Art Group and the Knit, Craft and Natter group.

Alongside all of this we have a busy run up to Christmas. The recent felting class was a great success, and coming up we have: the darts and skittles evening; Bingo; Christmas coach trip to Truro (numbers permitting - do please book soon if you'd like to come along); Chris Wordingham's talk on Wheal Friendship; an evening of Jazz from John Shillito and friends; our Chritsmas Craft Fayre; a Village Christmas get-together, and the kids' Christmas party.

Looking ahead to 2020 - we're planning a film show in January and another "Pop-Up Restaurant" on 1st February. We'll continue our Winter Talks programme with visits from Tracy Elliot-Reap in February, and Simon Dell in March.

So, overall, - lots of old favourites and some new activities for us all to look forward to. Hope to see you all soon! - Carol Coles



Come along and enjoy playing whist - whether you are a beginner or more experienced. We have a lot of laughs along the way, so if you would like to learn, do join us one evening. We start at 7.30pm, with a break for refreshments. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month -Forthcoming dates in the Village Hall are:

- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December

- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

# Darts & Skittles Night - with pizza!

Saturday 2nd November, 7.30pm

Entry (incl. Pizza!) adults - £5; Children over 6 - £3

For more info. call 810277 (evenings)





Saturday 9th November,

7.30pm

Refreshments available

- or BYO!



## **Village Hall Winter Talks Programme**

Tuesday 26th November, 7.30pm: WHEAL FRIENDSHIP

- an illustrated talk by Chris Wordingham on the history of the Wheal Friendship mining operation in Mary Tavy.

Call 810868 to book.





Tuesday 4th Feburary 2020, 7.30pm: TRACEY-ELLIOT REEP

Renowned Dartmoor and international author and photographer Tracey-Elliot Reep is well-known for her entertaining and inspirational talks.

# Tuesday 17th March 2020, 7.30pm LYDFORD & THE STANNARY LAWS

Simon Dell presents the story of the tin mining laws and the life of the Dartmoor tinners.



Saturday 30th November - an evening of



PLACES LIMITED - BOOK EARLY!

Tickets: £15 (£14 concessions/OAP) - to include a Pasty Supper.

Tea/coffee available - or BYO!

from
JOHN SHILLITO &
HIS RIVIERA RAMBLERS

"Music to put a song in your heart, rhythm in your feet and a smile on your face!"

To BOOK call Donna on 01822 615944 OR Steve on 01822 810868



In December, we're also hoping to organise a...

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

...no details yet - watch out for posters and on the Facebook page!



## We don't want to Harp on About It....

... But the sell-out evening with harpist Lily Neill in October was a huge success. During the first half of the show, Lily told us about the history and development of the harp and illustrated this with some lovely pieces of music. In the second half Lily entertained us with more of her amazing playing - even ragtime on a harp! - and some of her own contemporary compositions. It was a superb show, tremendously enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who helped on the evening and with hosting Lily.



## **METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**

After the Summer, life gets back to normal and so soup recipe books and messy craft web sites are now in constant use. We are so encouraged to have around 30 to **Messy Church** on the first Thursday of each month and we have had record numbers attending Soup Lunches on the second Thursday.



The **Square Dance in the Barn** in September was - like the **Harvest in the Barn** the next day - a memor able occasion. Thanks to Edward and Sandra for use of the barn and to all who helped tidy and decorate it. The American Square Dance was lead by Tony Mates of Seattle, USA, whose ancestors came from Peter Tavy. The band said they had never experienced such an authentic setting before!



Thanks to all who helped and attended the Harvest in the Barn. After the fun of milking a model cow, making butter and changing the duvet cover - plus many other activities, a time of worship, thanksgiving and learning followed. Thanks to Paul, Chris, Steve and Tracy for their lead. True to any Methodist occasions, it was followed by food in



the form of pasties and a beautiful dessert. Now the barn has returned to its real use and state where dancing shoes would be most inappropriate. - David Dodd

## Please note Chapel Services have moved to winter time of 3pm. Upcoming Diary dates include:

November 7th - Thursday - **Messy Church**, Chapel 4.30 - 6.30pm November 14th - Thursday -**Soup Lunches**, Chapel 12.00 - 1.30pm

November 17th - Sunday - Family Service, Chapel 3pm

December 5th - Thursday - Messy Church, Chapel 4.30 - 6.30pm

December 12th - Thursday - Soup Lunches, Chapel 12.00 - 1.30pm

December 15th - Sunday - Joint Service - Chapel 3pm

#### For Christmas Services & Events - see page 22

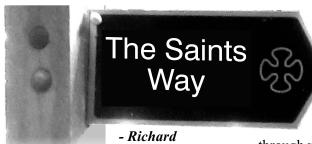
January 2nd - Thursday - **Messy Church**, Chapel 4.30 - 6.30pm January 9th - Thursday - **Soup Lunches**, Chapel 12.00 - 1.30pm

January 19th - Sunday - Joint Service at St Peter's 3pm



Tavistock Methodist Circuit invites you to a special screening of "Amazing Grace" - the film of Aretha Franklin's 1972 gospel concert on Sunday 24th November 2019 at 2:30 pm at the Wharf, Tavistock. The concert recording became the best-selling live gospel album of all time. Reviewers have called the film "Extraordinary", "transcendent", "spine-tingling", and Rolling Stone magazine said: "It will make you feel as if you've seen the face of God".

Tickets are £6 and are available from the Wharf box office or Tavistock Methodist Church Office, Chapel Street, Tavistock, 01822 611049



Nicklin

The Saints' Way route crosses mid-Cornwall from coast to coast, a journey of just under 30 miles. From the harbour town of Padstow in the north to the southern port of Fowey, it follows public footpaths and quiet country lanes, through woodlands, moors and villages.

Parts of the trail date from the Bronze Age and in earlier times it was a route for drovers from Ireland and Wales to avoid the treacherous waters around Lands End, and was possibly used by Christian missionaries and pilgrims en route to Rome and Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Today, the route connects a number of religious sites, including shrines, standing stones, chapels and churches.

We pitched our Eriba caravan just outside Padstow and set off from the lych gate of St Petroc's Church, Padstow, to walk to Fowey over two days (4/5 September).

Blessed with good weather, we travelled south towards Little Petherick and crossed a number of small creeks before arriving at Mellingey. From here we passed a number of farms before reaching St Breock Beacon, the highest point of the journey at 700 feet, and the Bronze Age Longstone, with spectacular views back to the Camel Estuary and Bodmin Moor to the east. The Way drops down from the Longstone to cross the Ruthern River before a short uphill to Withiel and onto Lanivet. We stopped for the night at St Benet's Abbey hotel in Lanlivet and enjoyed both fish and chips in the village and slated our thirst at the Inn!

After an early and very enjoyable breakfast, we set off south to Helman Tor. Atop the Tor are the tumbled remains of a 6000 year old Neolithic enclosure and well

worth a slight detour. We then followed the granite-hedged ridgeway to Menawink Cross and onto Milltown. From Milltown we followed a lane running parallel to the River Fowey and stopped briefly at Golant village before arriving at the Church of St Fimbarrus, Fowey, and stayed the night at the Harbour Inn.

A really enjoyable two day, coast to coast walk through Cornwall. Along the way there are many detours such as to St Bryvyth's Well and Lostwithiel which, depending on the pace of travellers, could extend the route into a 3 day trek!

We had planned to walk back up to Lanivet on the third day but due to heavy rain returned by bus to Padstow. This was the day I was due to receive my bus pass however, it was waiting for me at home in Peter Tavy!



# Tavistock, Whitchurch & District Nursing Fund

Set up as a charity in 1954, this Fund has a small income to make grants to people living in the parishes of Tavistock, Whitchurch, Brentor, Lamerton, Mary Tavy, **Peter Tavy** and Gulworthy.

These grants can be towards:

- Supply of special food and medicines, medical comforts, extra bedding, fuel and medical and surgical appliances
  - Provision of domestic help
- Grants to enable people to obtain the above or to defray the expenses of convalescence, including the cost of obtaining domestic help during that time.
- Relief of suffering, disability or infirmity among sick people resident in the area by such means as the Trustees of the Fund think fit

If you know anyone who could use a small sum towards their costs as above, then please tell us. We don't need confidential financial or medical information - just your recommendation that they need a grant and what it is to be for. Last year we made grants of £35 to 16 people and £150 to two others. In the past we have funded items like a special cushion, a small refrigerator and a coagulation test machine, and we have helped with wheelchair repairs.

For more information, contact the secretary of the trust, John Olver, on 01822 612743 or e-mail johnolver2132@gmail.com

## PETER TAVY INN

01822 810348

**Quiz Nights** Forthcoming dates are:

- Wed 20th November 2019
- Wed 15th January 2020
- Wed 19th February 2020
- Wed 18th March 2020

Quiz starts at 8pm. 20% off food prices for quiz participants eating on the night.

See our Christmas Menus on our website - or call in for details.

www.petertavyinn.co.uk

### **New Year's Eve Locals' Night**

We are going to hold another Locals' Night on *New Year's Eve* - so come to the Peter Tavy Inn and see in the new year with your neighbours and friends! Food served as usual between 6.30 and 9.00pm. One course - £10.00; 2 courses - £14.00 We will hold a raffle on the evening for the Tavistock Muscular Dystrophy Group. Donations of prizes would be most welcome.

### **Christmas Opening Hours**

•	Lunchtime	Evening
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Open as usual	Closed
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Closed	Closed
<b>Boxing Day</b>	Open as usual	Closed
New Year's Eve	Open as usual	Locals' Night - 6.30pm till late

# A Memorable Winter...

- Peter Tinson recalls the Winter of 1962/3...

A few years ago I wrote a potted history of my life right up until the point where I married Pearl, but I didn't go on to write about our life on the farm, and at a recent coffee morning, we got talking about weather, and snow in particular. Steve thought I ought to record my memories, particularly of the 62/63 winter.

Our first year of farming started on April 22nd 1961, back from our honeymoon. We needed a steady income, cash flow was our problem. So we bought 5 or 6 cows. I say we... in actual fact Pearl's father bought a couple of South Devons, and I three Friesians, so Pearl and I started hand milking twice a day. Of course we were teased that the Friesians were diluting the rich South Devon milk - well, maybe it was! And that was the routine for the next 4 years, even when she was expecting Pauline! We had bought a few more cows by then, but it was not until she was expecting Pamela that we were able to splash out and buy a milking machine. Until we bought the milking machine we used to hang a car seat on the loft ladder with Pauline in it, as we couldn't leave her alone in the house!

Because we did not have a lot of livestock, we let several fields of grass for a few years until we had enough cattle and sheep to use the land ourselves, and we got £3 or £4 an acre for it. In the 1990's I had my hip problem and we sold our cattle and let surplus fields again, which was making £140+... that's in a matter of 30 years!

But it was the winter of 62/63 that was so memorable, not for the best reasons either. The snow started on New Year's Eve, and when we woke up the next morning, we realized the scale of the problem. The snow at some point had partially thawed, and quickly froze again.

Now, there was about 7 feet deep of snow in the road between Peter Tavy and right out to Wapsworthy and beyond. The fields had about 2 feet all over and, yes, we had some bullocks out in two of them. When I got to them they were by the hedge and had gone round and round treading the snow down, so that all I could see was their heads looking out over the snow, and they wouldn't come to me. So I went and got a wad of hay, and walked up to them. I held it out to one of them and he was hungry, and as I backed away he followed me in the track that I had made, and the rest followed. The frozen snow was so deep that they followed me over the gate - yes - *over* the gate - into the road. We were able to put them in a field where there was water, and feed them their hay.

The other group of bullocks were in a field up by Broadmoor so myself, and Janet Bedford's brother John, carried a bale each up there to them, as it was getting late. It took us an hour to get up there. At one point we had to cross a gully, and the snow was at least 15 feet deep, yet frozen so hard, we had no problem crossing. Next day, we managed to get them out of that field, and bring them down to a field again with water, and so could feed them.

Because the snow in the road had frozen, it took the council 9 days to dig their way from Peter Tavy to Cudlipptown, and we had to carry empty churns from the village after about the third day. Up 'til then, we were storing the milk in every conceivable container. When the milk lorry eventually got through to us, none of it was wasted, and it all passed the usual tests for cleanliness etc.

Perhaps our biggest problem was water, as it comes from a spring, and where the pipe crosses the stream, the pipe is close to the surface, and of course it froze. This happened on December 31st, and it didn't thaw until March 5th! So we had the extra job of bringing water from the stream up to the yard, for the pigs and chickens. Another problem was that the chickens would drink the water as it was put in, but in a few hours it was frozen again, and we had to break the ice to put fresh water in their drinkers.

March 5th... hooray it thawed at last. Yes, but the ice had cracked the pipe and we had beautiful fountains going up in the air. Fortunately Pearl's father got the plumber out in double quick time and he replaced about 7 or 8 feet of the 4in. cast iron pipe, and - bliss, oh bliss - we had water in the taps, (and, just in case you forgot, Pauline was born about 6 weeks later!)

After the digger had passed Cudlipptown, it was another three weeks before he got out to the end of the lane.

The chap in Broadmoor at the time had pigs. Now, the council cleared the road up to his gate, but of course he still could not get out. The army ended up taking pig food to them in a helicopter. The council could have opened the gate and carried on for another 70 yards, but then 'jobsworth' couldn't possibly enter private property! What the cost of sending the helicopter was I have no idea - but certainly a lot more than digging through 70 yards of snow!



# Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

Trapped in my cottage since the beginning of June, I found time did not fly by as it used to a decade ago. The television, newspapers and a fair number of books provided a framework for a daily routine and, to a certain extent, staved off the inevitable boredom associated with lack of exercise.

As readers of my Perambulations will appreciate, I had vowed to explore Dartmoor by regular, quite often daily, expeditions into the unknown. Through the harmless pastime of letterboxing I had the opportunity of map-reading, compass-following and background reading to bring the 'unknown' into reality and find my way to features and antiquities.

So, then, where did I go in the summer of 2009? Sometimes alone but, more than often at weekends, with Angela, who also was keen to visit places she had heard people talk about but had not had the opportunity to find. Weather permitting, an early a start as possible to drive to the chosen area for our walk was essential. A full day's expedition often found us back in Peter Tavy in dimpsey. June 1st 2009 was no exception and we left the car up near South Hessary Tor, which features in the Perambulation of the Forest of Dartmoor by knights in 1240.

At this time, I was planning to lead a Peter Tavy party over the same route and I was keen to familiarise myself with it. Happily, letterboxing friends had put out a walk which visited each of the 'stations', checked by the knights, so we could collect the stamps as we walked. "Ysfother" (South Hessary Tor) with its 'Cobra' boundary marker, "Crucem Sywardi" (Nun's Cross) were on the route and recorded amongst six other boxes that day. A couple of days later, I went back to the River Swincombe, an adjacent area: Sunshine Valley and Fox Tor.

My records show that the North Moor, easily defined as anywhere north of the B3357 Tavistock - Moretonhampstead road, encouraged me to visit Brat Tor (Widgery Cross), the River Lyd and Rattlebrook Hill on 4th June. A fortnight later I set out from Holming Beam, heading north to Cowsic Head via Spriddle Lake and Maiden Hill. Returning on the east bank of the river, I paused to examine the Beardown Man - an ancient menhir which is 11 ft 4 ins high and, viewed from the south, has a face of 3 ft 3 ins wide but, viewed from the north-east, is only about 1 ft thick. It's worth a look if you take a walk that way and Devil's Tor is close by. 18th June, I covered ground within the parish particularly Coffin Wood, Corpse Lane, Lynch Tor, Black Lane North and Western Red Lake. 23rd June, back to the south moor from Peat Cot (Princetown), up to "Elysburghe", "Grymsgrove" and "Redelakesfote" on the 1240 Perambulation, Erme Pits, Ducks Pool, Black Lane South, Green Hill and Fox Tor - that was a pretty strenuous walk!

The month ended with another south moor expedition from Cumston Tor, but I will leave it there - I feel quite exhausted just remembering what I could do when I was nearly 74 years old!

- Patrick Cashell



After serving on mobile libraries for 25 years, our former librarian, Steve Palmer, has retired. New to the round is Heidi Baumback-McCoy (above right) who looks forward to welcoming readers old and new to the mobile library. Dartmouth farmer's daughter Heidi lives in Ivybridge with her husband and two daughters.

The library is FREE to join and use and you can borrow up to 12 books at a time - brilliant for avid readers. The mobile library carries a huge variety, including larger print books, audio books and a great selection of books for children.

The mobile library comes to Peter Tavy - at the bottom of Church Lane - once every four weeks, on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 - 10.30am. Heidi will be delighted to welcome you, especially if you have not previously thought to use the service. The next dates are Wednesdays November 6th and December 4th.

Libraries in Devon are run by Libraries Unlimited, a charity responsible for all the libraries and mobile libraries in Devon & Torbay. For 24/7 renewals, reservations and more information visit www.devonlibraries.org.uk/ or ring 0345 155 1001.

You can also follow Devon Mobile Libraries on Facebook: facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries and Twitter: @devonmobilelibs

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Everything is farther away now than it used to be. It is twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill, I've noticed. I have given up running for the bus - it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me they are making steps steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspaper and the telephone books? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud - everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them. The material in dresses is getting so skimpy - especially around the waist and hips.

Even people are changing. They are much younger that they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older that I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she had aged so much that she didn't recognise me. I got to think about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so I glanced at my reflection and - would you believe - they don't make good mirrors like they used to do.

- W.L.

# Ompetition WIN ASTAR PRIZE Patricks

With so much going on in the parish and village in summer, I really shouldn't be surprised that I received only one entry for Another Dartmoor Quiz; and, of course, lots of people went away on their well-earned holiday. Javne Medland was the brave entrant. She scored 9/10, only slipping up on No. 7 - Daw's Newtake. The answers were:

1) Moute. 2) Grant. 3) Childe.

4) Fice.

5) Keble Martin.

6) Fuge. 7) Daw.

8) Nigel Hunter. 9) Katherine. 10) Grim.

So, now try yet another Dartmoor Quiz...

### "In the Parish"

- 1. Who uses Standon Farm?
- 2. Give another name for Wester Red Lake
- 3. Where was there a Chapel-of-rest?
- 4. Name the Menhir North-East of White Tor.
- 5. What was Whit Tor once called?
- 6. Why was Peas Corner so named?
- 7. Between which two Tors is Hey Tor Cairn?
- 8. Who sited granite posts around Roos Tor?
- 9. Where can you see bound stone PTG 1?
- 10. Which Tor has also been called Rolls Tor?

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

Answers to me at Brook Cottage or by e-mail: gpwcashell@btinternet.com by Monday 6th January 2020. - Patrick Cashell.

### TOR AND TAVY W.I.

Our advertised trip to the Ambrosia Factory has come and gone and we have all enjoyed our samples of Rice Pudding. During the tour we had the chance to give our opinion on possible changes to the original recipes. Most of us were devoted to the originals so saw no need for change. Thankfully the producers are working on cutting down on their plastic use.

Our most recent speaker was from *Devon Freewheelers*, a group of bikers who for 10 years have been transporting medical items for the NHS including blood, tissue, donor breast milk and sometimes transplant organs. A hugely interesting evening.

Coming up during the winter months we have a taste test evening; a Quilting workshop and Christmas craft, and we will be making items for our tree at the Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival.

We meet in the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of each month and new members would be most welcome.

Contact: torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk

- Corrie Grice

# Christmas 2019 in Peter Tavy

Saturday 23rd November, **Christmas Shopping Coach Trip to Tru ro** *Book by 9th November with Mary (810123) or Angela (810243)* 

Sunday 1st December, 11.00am - 3.00pm **Christmas Craft Fair**, Village Hall - *see p. 14 for details* 

Saturday 14th December, 7.00pm "Pre Christmas Get-Together" Village Hall - see p.14 for details

Village Hall Children's Christmas Party - watch out for details!

Carol Singing around the Village - watch for details!

Sunday 22nd December, **Carol Service**, 3.00pm, Methodist Church

Tuesday 24th December, 2.30pm - Nativity in the Chapel / Around the Village (depending on the weather - watch for notices)

Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm - **Midnight Communion Service**, St Peter's Church

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am **Christmas Day Service**, St Peter's Church

Sunday 29th December, 3.00pm - **Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**, St Peter's Church

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, *from* 6.30pm **New Year's Eve Locals' Evening** Peter Tavy Inn - *see p.* 19

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



THE WEEK	Useful Phone	<u> Vumbers</u>
in PETER TAVY regular events	Peter Tavy Parish Council	- Clerk
SUNDAY		01822 810682
<b>9.30am</b> (Check in Church porch for details of	Peter Tavy Village Hall boo	okings
dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church	Steve Carreck	01822 810868
<b>2.45pm</b> Junior Church, Methodist Church	Peter Tavy Chapel	
(term-time) (Torie 810264 or Sandra 810343)	The Dodd Family	01822 810343
<b>3.00pm</b> Service, Methodist Church		01822 810776
MONDAY	St Peter's Church	
<b>10-12am</b> (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall	Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson	
6.30pm / 7.15pm - Circuit Training, Village Hall - call	Angela Collins	01822 810243
Dave Coles on 07969 025315 to book	<b>Local West Devon Counci</b>	llor
<b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church	Terry Pearce	01822 810648
TUESDAY	<b>Local Devon County Cour</b>	ncillor
c.10.45am Ring and Ride Bus to Tavistock*	Philip Sanders	01822 612265
(returns from Tavistock c.12.45am).	Traveline (public transpor	
Older & disabled passengers -	(	0871 200 22 33
book on 01822 618028	National Rail Enquiries	0345748 4950
WEDNESDAY	Ring & Ride bus for Peter	Tavy
<b>10.00</b> - (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the		01822 618028
10.30am bottom of Church Lane	Highways Emergencies	
Mornings West Dartmoor Art Group, Village Hall	(Devon County Council)	01392 383329
6.30pm / 7.15pm - Circuit Training, Village Hall - call	<b>Highways Local Services</b>	
Dave Coles on 07969 025315 to book	(Okehampton area)	01837 52773
THURSDAY	Devon County Council	0345 155 1015
<b>2.00pm</b> (2nd Thursday each month) Mary Tavy &	West Devon Borough Cou	ncil
Peter Tavy WI. Usually Mary Tavy		01822 813600
Coronation Hall (Barbara Weeks 810697)	Western Power Distribution	
<b>7.30pm</b> Pilates, Village Hall (Anne-Marie 810500)	General contacts	0800 096 3080
<b>7.30pm</b> (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI,	Power failure 105 or	0800 6783 105
Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Trish - 810115)	South West Water Helpline	0800 1691144
FRIDAY	<b>Environment Agency eme</b>	rgencies
10.00am "Minnows" (Parent/toddler group) in		0800 80 70 60
Chapel.	Floodline	0345 988 1188
<b>10.45am</b> Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - was	Tavistock Library	01822 612218
No. 95, now No. 122 - Oakley's Coaches	book renewals	0345 155 1001
(*Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15	Citizen's Advice Bureau	03444 111 444
from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)	West Devon Voluntary Ser	rvices
8.00 - Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -	Freephone	0300 660 0357
<b>10.00pm</b> (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)	<b>Devon &amp; Cornwall Consta</b>	bulary
NB: The Parish Council meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm	(non-urgent -24 hours) New	No. 101
on the second Wednesday of each month	Crimestoppers	0800 555111
- see notice board in Bus Shelter for information.	Domestic Violence Helplin	<b>e</b> 01837 55228
*Bus Notes: Don't forget that about 8 buses a day stop at the	Trading Standards	03454 040506
junction on the main A386 road near Harford Bridge Holiday	Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177 650
Park. For all public transport information contact Traveline	If you can add others to	
SW (0871 200 22 33). Please report any problems with the	please let us know for the	
No.122 bus to Devon Bus on 01392 382800.		
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