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PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

Bank Holiday Monday

29th August 2022 | Opens at 2.00pm

PLEASE HELP! Find out more inside...

PLUS...

FAYRE ROYAL SCARECROWS COMPETITION!

Time to start work on your scarecrow - details on page 8 inside.

LUVVLY JUBBLY!



Looking back at four days of Platinum Jubilee
celebrations in Peter Tavy

This issue of the Piper is dedicated to a "call to arms" for the Parish to help run our great Village Fayre - for the first time in three years! But we're using our colour pages to present an album looking back at four wonderful days of Platinum Jubilee celebrations back in June - we hope they bring back some memories of a special time shared together.... and hoping for more of that at the Fayre!

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

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" by **Monday 3rd October 2022**.

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!

The 2022 Jubilee Photo Album 1



Celebrations in Peter Tavy began on Thursday 2nd June with Community Singing, led by the Peter Tavy Sing for Fun Choir. Then Parishioners gathered on Smeardon Down as our splendid Jubilee Beacon was lit, its flames visible from far and wide.



What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS are shown on the back cover.

AUGUST 2022

Tues 9th	6.50pm	Footpath Walk. Meet at Village Hall to depart 7pm prompt (see p.19)
Mon 15th	10am – 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall (see p.7)
Fri 19th	6.30pm	Putting up the Fayre bunting! Meet Village Hall
Sun 21st	3.00pm	Joint Family Service – at St Peter's Church
Wed 24th	10 – 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
Sat 27th	9am – 12 noon	Granny's Attic & Books for Fayre drop off, Methodist Chapel (see p.5)
Mon 29th	2.00pm	Peter Tavy Village Fayre. Help needed from 9am to set up
	7.00pm	Fayre quiz
Tues 30th	6.50pm	Footpath Walk. Meet at Village Hall to depart 7pm (see page 19)

SEPTEMBER

Tues 6th	7.30pm	St Peter's Church PCC meeting, Village Hall
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Village Hall committee meeting, Village Hall
Thurs 8th	noon – 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 18th	3.30pm	Harvest Festival, Methodist Church grounds. Joint service
Mon 19th	10am – 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall (see p. 7)
Wed 21st	10 – 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane

OCTOBER

Wed 5th	Evening	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church
Thurs 6th	noon – 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 16th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service – at St Peter's Church
Mon 17th	10am – 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall (see p.7)
Wed 19th	10 – 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
Sat 29th		Deanery Bellringing Day Service, St Peter's Church

NOVEMBER

Thurs 3rd	noon – 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Wed 16th	10 – 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
Sun 20th	3.30pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 21st	10am – 12.30	Knit, Craft & Natter, Village Hall (see p.7)

An up-to-date list of services and events is displayed in the Methodist Chapel notice board by the Chapel gate and St Peter's Church notice board, beside the Lych gate.

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!

For those on **Facebook**, you can get village updates by joining the **"Peter Tavy Community" Facebook group.**



PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

Bank Holiday Monday - 29th August 2022

How YOU can Join In and Help...

Contacts: David Dodd (810776) or Steve Carreck (810868)

Gird your loins once again! So, three years after our last full Village Fayre, the 2022 Return of the Fayre is approaching fast. This is our great community day when we welcome visitors - and seek to raise vital funds to be split equally between the Village Hall, St Peter's Church and Peter Tavy Methodist Church. With no "commercial" stalls, every penny raised goes to village funds.

Thanks to everyone who's been along to the planning meetings, and for all the offers of help - we look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible to come along and join friends and neighbours on this special day in our Village life. We need help for advance preparations; help during the day, and also help to tidy away after our visitors depart...

Please do come along and join us - if you haven't already been "volunteered" or asked to help, there's still plenty to get involved with.

If you've never been to the Fayre in the past, do come along and join your friends and neighbours in this special day in Village life.
- David Dodd

C O U N T D O W N to the Fayre

If you can spare some time, please do come along and help out...

Friday 19th August - BUNTING EVENING

Help to string up the flags around the centre of the Village to advertise the imminent Fayre - meet at the Hall at 6.30pm.

Monday 29th August - FAYRE DAY

9.00am - Strong and able volunteers needed to get things set up... As the morning goes on, we'll need as much assistance as possible from everyone...

1.00pm - Start of the 19th Peter Tavy Plod and fun run - see page 8 for details.

2.00pm - The Fayre opens. As many volunteers as possible needed for the stalls and games, refreshments - and everything else!

5.00pm - Once again, we need lots of volunteers (including the "strong and able" mentioned above!) to help tidy up and put everything away - before..

7.00pm - The Return of the **Post-Fayre Pasties and Quiz Evening** in the Hall - a chance to unwind after a hectic day... With refreshments, (and BYO!)

SPECIAL APPEALS for HELP....

Refreshments

The Refreshments at the Fayre are always very popular and help to generate a big proportion of the funds the Fayre raises.

We are seeking as many donations of sweet or savoury food from parishioners as possible, please.

In particular, we're hoping you may be able to prepare and donate....

- Victoria Sandwich Sponges
- Scones
- Lemon Drizzle Cake
- Sausage Rolls
- Chocolate Brownies
- Quiches
- Rocky Road
- Homity Pie

Please contact Carol in advance to let us know what you can provide for the Fayre Day. Also, we hope to find as many willing helpers as possible to help out for an hour or so during the afternoon - let us know if you can help!

Contact: Carol Myott - 07903 247491 OR 01822 810385.

Thanks!



Parking

The team of volunteers directing traffic to avoid hold-ups is one of the most vital things for a successful day. Please help if you can with parking - get in touch with the contacts opposite if you can help.

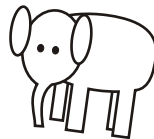


Granny's Attic Stall

Good quality Bric-a-Brac ("brocante"!) is another great draw for visitors, and contributes a lot to the funds we raise. Our "Granny's Attic Team" ask us all to save quality bric-a-brac for the Fayre.

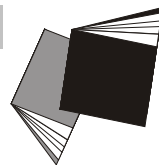
Newer items are welcome, as these always fetch a good price; larger items might also be very welcome. (*Sorry, no electrical appliances.*) If you may have something suitable, you can bring it up to the Chapel on **Saturday 27th August** between 9.00am and noon - or bring it along on Fayre day from 9.00am onwards.

Contact David Dodd (810776) if you have any questions or need to make special arrangements.



Book Stall

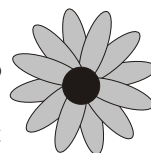
...would welcome your surplus books for their stock. With the revival of interest in vinyl records, any you may have lurking would be great additions to the stall - but please no video cassettes.



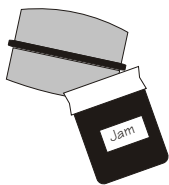
Plants & Garden

We welcome all sorts of garden-related donations: plants, (please do label them so we know what they are!); cut flowers (they sell well); garden produce (always popular!) and gardening equipment (but not plastic flower pots, please)...

Bring your donations along on the morning of the Fayre. Thanks.



More APPEALS for HELP....



Jams & Preserves and Home-made Cakes

A couple of home-baked cakes or a donation of some jars of home-made jams or preserves would be very welcome contributions and always sell well to our visitors. Please bring along your donations on the morning of the Fayre. If you're bringing along a cake to be sold, it would be very helpful if you could suggest a suitable price to be charged for it - thanks!



Tombola and Raffle Prizes

If you can donate a prize for our Grand Fayre Raffle, it would be very welcome - bring them along on Fayre morning. If you have smaller new or good quality items which could be prizes for the Tombola stall, please pass them to Ali & Dawn, at Mill Cottages, ahead of the Fayre.

PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

COMPETITIONS

The Competitions area is a key element of the Fayre - an opportunity for everyone to get creative, and the displays of entries provide a great attraction for visitors! There's still time to get to work on your entries - and the wide range of competitions provides something for everyone to try. Entry forms are enclosed with this Piper. Please bring your entries between 10.30 and 11.30am on Fayre day. Thanks!

Competitions will be split into 4 classes:

- age 5 & under
- age 11 and under
- age 16 and under
- over 16's.

CRAFTS:

1. **Make a Model Farm using Recycled Materials** - base not to exceed 2 feet / 60cm square. You may use toy tractors and toy animals as props.
2. **Paint or Draw a Picture of "A Day at the Seaside"**
3. **Make a wooden bowl** (any size!)
4. **Paint Flowers onto a Pebble** - which can be placed around Peter Tavy later.
5. **Make a Needle-Felted Christmas Decoration**
6. **An Embroidered Sampler**
7. **Knit or Crochet a Knee-Warmer or Small Blanket**
8. **Make a Piece of Jewellery** - this can be anything from an edible necklace to a silver pendant!

WRITING:

1. **"My childhood memories of Peter Tavy Parish"** (not to exceed one side of A4 paper)
2. **A Poem** on the theme of "Playing in the Park" (for *ages 16 and under*)

FLOWERS & PRODUCE:

1. A Flower Arrangement entitled "The Crown Jewels"

Split between the Adult's and Children's classes.

The arrangement can be any size (...oo-err!!)

2. A Single Beautiful Bloom from your Garden

3. A Variety of Three Home-Grown Vegetables.

4a. 6 White Eggs

4b. 6 Brown Eggs

5. A Jar of Honey

COOKERY:

1. A Trio of Desserts served on a plate / platter.

2. Children's Cookery - six uncooked home-made sweets (e.g. Peppermint Creams) (for *ages 16 and under*)

3. The Cake Competition. This year: Mrs Rattenbury's Carrot Cake.

Mrs Rattenbury's Carrot Cake

Bring along your cake on the morning of the Fayre by 11.30am, with your entry fee of 50p. *Please indicate if you are happy for your cake to be sold after the judging.*

Ingredients:

3 oz. caster sugar

3 eggs

Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon of cinnamon

1 teaspoon of vanilla essence

2 oz. chopped nuts (optional)

3oz light brown sugar

8 oz. self-raising flour

8 oz. grated carrot

3 oz. currants

7 fluid oz. Sunflower oil

For the topping:

200 grams of Philadelphia Cheese

Lemon juice or 1 tsp. vanilla essence.

400 grams icing sugar (sifted)

2 oz. chopped walnuts (optional)

Method:

Whisk eggs and sugar slowly, add oil and whisk again. Fold in currants, carrots, nuts (if desired); followed by flour, cinnamon and vanilla essence. Turn into a 2lb loaf tin.

Bake in oven at 180°C (350°F; Gas Mark 4) for 1¼ to 1½ hours, or until firm to the touch.

When cold, ice as follows: Combine 200 grams of Philadelphia Cheese with 400 grams of sifted icing sugar, add few drops of lemon juice or 1 teaspoon of vanilla essence - mix until very smooth. Spread over top of cake. If wished, press 2 oz. of chopped walnuts into the topping.

KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER

Our friendly group meets on the third Monday of each month. Come along for a morning of working and chatting together, in the **VILLAGE HALL** from 10.00am - 12.30pm Future dates are:

Mondays 15th August; 19th September; 17th October; 21st November.

For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.



GREAT SCARECROW COMPETITION



It's been a few Fayres since we last held a Scarecrow Competition... but it's returning in this Jubilee year with a theme of **"Royalty Past and Present"**.

We hope that as many households as possible can create a "royal" scarecrow (current or historical) to display outside their houses.

This helps to promote the Fayre by making everyone aware that it's on its way... and there will be prestigious certificates to win for the best entries!

Please complete the enclosed slip to let us know if you are putting up a royal scarecrow at your home - or elsewhere in the Parish.

Please try to get your scarecrow standing proudly in place **by Saturday 20th August**.



We've found some examples from other villages around the country to inspire you!



PETER TAVY PLOD and FUN RUN*

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
August 29th Starting at 1.00pm

The 19th Annual Peter Tavy Plod & Fun Run takes place on Monday August 29th at 13:00 (*fun run 12:45)

The Plod is a 5-mile run starting from the Peter Tavy cross and returning via a loop on moorland tracks and trails. Entry is £8.

The Fun Run is a 1 mile multi-terrain loop costing £3 to enter.

- All profits to Charity.
- Registration/number collection is from 11:30 at Race HQ near the Village Church.
- There will be a commemorative medal to all finishers.
- Parking will be limited so car share if possible please.
- Enjoy the run and then visit the Village Fayre for a good old-fashioned day out with refreshments. *See you there!*



Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peter-tavy-plod-tickets-378319392487>

Scan this code

For any queries contact David Chanter on davechanters@me.com or 07815 318145.



Peter Tavy Combe

Patrick Cashell reports how writers of the past viewed our Combe.

(Left - the Combe in 1908)

It was at the funeral of Brenda Williams in the Chapel on 16th December 2021, when her poem, entitled “*The Coombe*” (sic) was read, that I realised just what we have on our doorstep which is part of our heritage - Peter Tavy Combe. Respected writers of Dartmoor literature described it in the past.

William Crossing wrote in his *Guide to Dartmoor* (Published 1912):

“Peter Tavy Combe is situated to the South of Smearn Down. We cross the road below Boulter's Tor, and in a corner of the common we come upon a footpath running through some enclosures. Turning right we follow it for a short distance, when we shall find ourselves on the North side of the Combe, just above Little Combe Tor. Great Combe Tor rises on the other side of this little valley, and beyond it is Cocks' Tor Hill. The tor seen between the two is locally known as Sharp Tor. Peter Tavy Combe is a charming spot, to which clings more than one story of the pixies. Peter Tavy Brook runs through it, and is crossed near the lower end of the Combe by a clam.”

The Revd. S Baring Gould in his book *A Book on Dartmoor* (1900) wrote:

“Peter Tavy Combe must on no account be neglected; it is a remarkably picturesque valley”.

Eric Hemery in *High Dartmoor* (1983) wrote: “Peter Tavy Combe is a border glen of great beauty”.

Brenda's poem encapsulates the feelings of these three authors and offers a sanctuary of peace and reflection to parishioners and visitors. How lucky we are to be able to enjoy it in times of need.

The Coombe

The Coombe is a beautiful place -
I go there for peace and solace.
It works special magic for me,
And never charges me a fee.

I played there when I was a child,
Happy and free and wild.

There's lots of bird and animals there -
They frolic and play without a care.
I sit and watch as life goes by,
Sometimes with a laugh, sometimes
with a cry.

My favourite place helps me to cope
In this mad world of work, drink and dope.
If everyone could have a place like this,
Perhaps they too could find this bliss -
The bliss of being content with life.
No more arguments with the kids and wife.
The Coombe is perhaps a state of mind -
And something I hope all can find.

- Brenda Williams

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Since the spring edition of the 'Piper', your Parish Council has been busy behind the scenes for the Jubilee celebrations, which began with the lighting of a beacon on Smeardon Down - which could be seen for many miles, with many Parishioners making the climb up the hill to be there.

There was an extra beating of the bounds on a lovely day walking across the moor and taking in the views. At the finish a new boundary stone was laid between the Peter Tavy & Mary Tavy boundary near to Hill Bridge. A Barbeque followed - special thanks go to Reuben for his excellent firepit and to the band of helpers who cooked and served up the sausages, burgers and tea. The Parish Council were glad to support two local Tavistock suppliers, Downings butchers and Ellis's Bakery. Dave French took some great photographs, and the Dodd family were instrumental to the success of this event with hard work and smiles throughout the whole day.

It's a tradition for the Parish Council to present Jubilee celebration mugs to the children of the Parish, and this again took place for the Platinum Jubilee. Some spares may be available to purchase at cost. (Let me know if you are interested).

All the different organisations in the Parish really went to great lengths to put something on each day of the long bank holiday, with young & old included and everybody made welcome. There were events all around the village; everybody who took part helped make it a great atmosphere and a memorable occasion.

Back to more serious business with the Highways around the Parish continuing to be an ongoing problem for the Parish Council, with Devon County Highways being difficult to contact and their budget constraints limiting works that can be done.

It is that time of the year when the Mill Pond needs to be summer ready. Our Chairman has been spotted once again clearing overgrown areas and making the area of the Coombe more accessible for everybody to enjoy.

The Playing Field project has got off to a great start with new swings now in place and a new see-saw which can take up to four children at a time. It is great to see this fabulous asset to our village open and being enjoyed. Special thanks need to go to Ken Ball and Peter Randall for their efforts with this project.

We welcome a new Councillor to the Parish Council - Ruth Myott has joined us. A lot of you will know Ruth already, and she will undoubtedly be a valuable addition to the Parish Council.

What a glorious summer we are having in Peter Tavy so far; the dry weather has been great for our visitors and for the farmers making hay. The recent spell of rain has been welcomed by all our keen gardeners - my runner beans certainly looked brighter for the rain! Best wishes for a lovely summer.

- Michelle, Clerk to the Parish Council.
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Website: www.petertavyparishcouncil.org





St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Vestry Meeting back in May, Angela Collins and Janet Bedford kindly agreed to stand again as Churchwardens for St Peter's and were duly elected. We looked back over a busy year, which had included our petition seeking to ensure a safe future for our parish church - thank you to all those who signed that last year.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to share and enjoy our Strawberry Tea, which raised almost £450 for St Peter's funds. Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments; perusing the bring and buy stall; trying their luck in our raffle, and trying their skills on some of Peter Tinson's ingenious games.



Church Strawberry Tea in the Village Hall

Looking forward, we hope to have our harvest festival celebration at St Peter's on Wednesday 5th October - watch out for more details nearer the time.

Work on the Church tower is scheduled to begin on Monday 5th September, and after that the church bells will fall silent for several weeks, *(a cause for sorrow or rejoicing, depending on your point of view / proximity to the belltower...)*, when phase one of the remedial work begins inside the lower part of the tower.

We'd like to wish our long-serving (33 years!) former Churchwarden, Peter Tinson and his wife Pearl all the best as they move into their new home in Tavistock. We are pleased to know it's not farewell, as we will be seeing them both back amongst the community at church and at local events in future.

Tavistock Deanery Bellringing Day:

Every year, the bellringers from the churches of the Tavistock Deanery have a day of bellringing, when each tower is opened for the day and ringers from each church can tour around the district, visiting other churches to ring their bells throughout the day.

The Deanery Ringing Day ends with a special service in one host church, who afterwards provide a special tea to all their fellow ringers from throughout the area.

This year Deanery Day falls on Saturday October 29th, and we at St Peter's, Peter Tavy will be hosting the festival service and tea. *We'd be very grateful to hear from anyone who might be able to help us with the tea on that afternoon, preparing sandwiches, baking a cake etc. If you can help us, please let Steve Carreck or one of the ringers know nearer the date. Thank you!*



A Pen & Ink Affair

Tom Roskillly

After having not written anything much, apart from my diary, for nearly two years I thought it would be a bit difficult to come up with anything worth consideration by the Piper.

However, I remembered that Edna O'Brien, the celebrated Irish novelist, didn't write anything for a whole decade in her career. That wasn't to do with a global pandemic though, it was more to do with her early books being a bit edgy for the times and

they tried to ban them and even burnt them in public. Nevertheless she was still given the Irish Golden Pen award, which just goes to show that there's no such thing as bad publicity in the Arts world.

Actually my first pen - a Burnham Junior - was a sort of golden pen because it had 5 carets in the nib, which was a big deal when you're seven. I remember it quite well but recall that it did result in regular blottings of my copybook, filling it was quite an art. It was all pen and ink back then, and everyone had to learn to use a nib. In the desks of the time there were ink wells to dip the school pens into, and it could of course all prove to be a bit messy. No doubt the old wooden floor down the village school got well stained even under the watchful eye of Miss Hoskins - perish the thought that such might happen today in the newly refurbished village hall!

The introduction of the Platignum cartridge pen in 1965 was a great step forward for school work, no more bottles of Quink to have spilling around in your satchel, all a lot better. A bit like grease cartridges for lubing farm machinery. Later on, I had a Sheaffer (American) from Wilcocks in West street, it was a beauty. My current pen is a Lamy (German), and is everything it's cracked up to be, and was kindly given to me by my accountant friend and fellow pen enthusiast whose preference was for a vintage Osmiroid.

The most memorable pen I have used was on the sad occasion of going up to the Kilworthy council offices to register the death of my father. The Registrar produced a pen from his jacket pocket - nothing special to look at, but was so perfect to write a signature with, so 'suent', and in green ink which he explained would never fade.

Given that biros are so commonplace these days, you wouldn't think people still get a bit precious about their own pens. This was born out one day some years ago when I went into a local solicitor's office to sign a document. On handing me his Parker he said 'do mind the nib', fearing that his banana-fingered client would exert ball point pressure and harm his beloved.

Pens have certainly come a long way from the days of the quill and the requisite penknife to trim it - but when you consider the new touchy-wipey technology and

signing on a screen for a delivery with your finger nail, you do wonder whether we have advanced at all from the days of just 'making your mark' on paper!

Getting back to Edna though, I don't know what pen she's got but at 92 I hope she's continuing her long-running affair with it, and still giving her readers something to think about.

As for me I also hope that no-one in Peter Tavy is moved to burn their copy of the Piper on account of what I've written. If pressed I'd have to feign a memory lapse of the dictum regularly issued by Mr D S Charleston, the renowned Geography master at Tavistock Comprehensive school in the 60s:

“Think before you ink.”

WHEAL BETSY LADIES

Following the closure of the Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI in March, a new group - Wheal Betsy Ladies - has been formed. We still meet in Mary Tavy Coronation Hall, at the same time - **2.00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.**

New members are very welcome! For more information about the new group, contact Di Broughton on peterguybroughton@hotmail.com / tel. 01822 820671, or call Elaine on 07446 992990.

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Here in Peter Tavy, **Sarah Brown** is opening her studio at Shula, (down the lane beyond the Peter Tavy Inn) during this time on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

It's a great chance to see some of Sarah's beautiful *Essjay Textile Art* and chat with her about her work. She describes Essjay... “Immersed in the enchanting land-



scapes and people of Dartmoor, inspiration is taken from the smallest nuances of local life to the vast and breath-taking panorama of the high moor. A fusion of free motion machine embroidery and raw edge appliqué using upcycled fabrics and fine Italian thread capture Essjay's fecund imagination and original sketches into quirky textile art.”

Visit the Open Studios Website to find other venues and locations in our area.



METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

On the 17th July at our Joint Service with St Peter's, we said goodbye to Rev Steve Emery-Wright and his wife Lorraine as he retires to Latchley, Cornwall.



Farewell to Steve and Lorraine (front row above)

Steve arrived into the Tavistock Methodist Church Circuit in August 2018, from working in South Korea. He says that every time he changed posts he moved continents - having worked in the USA, Singapore, New Zealand, and in-between returning to St Agnes and Launceston.

Lorraine was born in Plymouth, hence the attraction to the South West. They have been amazing supporters of the Chapel and joined in with Village Events. We thank them so much for their support and love over these four years and wish them a very happy retirement.

In September we will be welcoming our new Minister, Rev Chris Brown, who is moving here from the less exotic Bridgewater Circuit.

At the same service, we gladly welcomed Clare and Alison into membership - and Candy and Mark who have transferred Membership.

A date for your diaries - we'll be celebrating our **Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 18th September at 3.30pm** in the Chapel grounds, when we'll be joined by our friends from St Peter's.



Bible Study

Meets **Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm at the Methodist Chapel**. Our small and friendly group will start meeting regularly again in September. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Soup and desert lunches

First Thursday of the month, 12-1.30pm at the Chapel.

The money raised goes to support two sponsored Children and their families. Enjoy delicious soups and desserts, and spend time chatting with neighbours & friends - old & new.

Forthcoming dates are Thursdays **8th September, 6th October and 3rd November.**



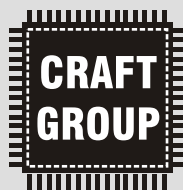
Craft Group

Meets Fridays 2pm - 4pm at the Methodist Chapel.

All sorts of crafts undertaken with enthusiasm and laughter!

The group is great medicine! Enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a craft.

Make and extend friendships, learn a new craft or build on one you already work on... Everyone is very welcome!



Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS



Patrick Cashell offers us the chance to enjoy some perambulations of our own...

With considerable regret, I am afraid, physically, my Dartmoor walking days are over, but I'd like to offer readers some of the Walks which Angela and I enjoyed over the years. There are, of course, a great many books available to walkers on Dartmoor and I do not intend to suggest that my routes are the best.

From whatever source you select your walk, do not forget to wear, or carry with you, suitable, comfortable clothes, preferably waterproof, and good strong boots. Prepare your route in advance on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL28 and carry with you a whistle, a compass and, if possible, a GPS, first aid kit, food and water/energising drink.

Walk 1. From the Fox & Hounds PH, Lydford. (SX 5253 8669).

If you start early, park at the end of the lane at Nodden Gate (SX 5300 8631); through the gate join the clear track NW passing below the western flank of Great Nodden and above the King Wall.

At Points, (SX 5465 8875), where trucks on the east part of the Tramway changed on to the north-west track, continue east, passing over Lydda Bridge, leaving Gren Tor on your left and Great Links Tor on your right. Soon after the cutting, look for a path, right, which leads to Higher Dunnagoat Tor, Lower Dunnagoat Tor and the Peat Cutters' track from Bleak House - which you join going west.

Look out for a Lydford (L) Boundary Stone, below which, on your left, is Dick's Well (SX 5512 8605). Continue west on the track, noting Arms Tor on your right, until you reach the River Lyd, before taking a path north along its bank as far as the end of a wall, where there is a ford and track uphill back to Nodden Gate.

I hope you enjoyed this walk! Drive back down the track to The Fox & Hounds for a pint - Cheers!

- Patrick Cashell.

Donna's Deliberations

With a tear in her eye, Donna Baker marks the end of an era...

THE TEDDY BEARS' FAREWELL...

"Well!" Mother Bear exclaimed, putting down the latest edition of the *Piper*. "So the Summer Fayre is going to happen again! Isn't that lovely news?"

"It is for all the people who come from Far and Wide to enjoy it, I suppose," Father Bear remarked, reaching for the honey. "I just hope they won't be too disappointed when they find that the Dartmoor Teddy Bears' Dangerous Sports Association won't be here. That's the only reason a lot of them came to Peter Tavy at all, you know."

"Oh, I don't think so," Mother Bear protested, scraping burnt toast in the kitchen sink. "There are so many other attractions to enjoy - the Bric-a-Brac Stall, the Plants, the Books, the Jams and Chutneys... all those wonderful games... the Coconut Shy, the Tombola, the competition results, and so much more. And don't forget the teas. I'm sure lots of people come just for the teas alone."

"I'm sure they do, but the Teddy Bears have always been a big attraction. Think of all the amazing things we've done over the years." Father Bear's eyes took on a misty, nostalgic look. "Remember how it all started, with bungee jumping from the top of the church tower? I never thought you'd do that, in your best pinafore and all, but you did. And then there was the wing-walking and barn-storming, being fired into space in a sputnik... the time the Dalek came... the ski-jumping... That amazing aeroplane - oh, and I'll never forget that wonderful pirate ship and Baby Bear having to walk the plank."

"Nor will I," Mother Bear said tartly. "No mother wants to see her child blind-folded and having to take a long walk off a short plank into nothing! In fact, if you ask me, some of those things we were expected to do went too far and it's no bad thing that the whole Association is being wound up."

"You can't say that! Why would so many bears have come, year after year, to pay good money, if they didn't enjoy it? And they all got a certificate, remember. Why, some have come every year since we first started and have their whole bedrooms papered with their certificates. They're going to be really disappointed."

"If they've been coming all that time, they're too old now for such goings-on," Mother Bear declared, pouring more cocoa. Then she put her paw over Father Bear's and smiled at him across the table. "Don't be sad, my dear. All good things have to come to an end. And it's best they do now, when we all have good memories, than by trying to keep them going when they've really had their time. And who knows - maybe one day in the future, when you and I are old and grizzly, the Association may revive and new bears come, with new ideas. Perhaps even our own Baby Bear might be a part of it. You can never be sure what will happen in the future."

“That's true. You're very wise sometimes. And it's time we retired and did a bit of travelling. We could visit some of our relatives - the Polars have been asking us to go and see them for years, and they say it's getting warmer there around the Arctic Circle now. And I'd rather like to do a bit of salmon fishing in Alaska. There's no end of exciting things we could do.”

“And when we've done all that, we could retire to some quiet, bear-friendly spot like Bearslake, or Teddington,” Mother Bear agreed. “And by then, Baby Bear could be married and we might even have some little grandbears to dandle on our knees. We can tell them all about Peter Tavy and the wonderful times we had here.”

They looked at each other fondly for a moment, thinking of all the happy memories they shared of Summer Fayres in the past, and then Father Bear said, “Where is Baby Bear now, anyway? Since he grew up and went into the entertainment business we hardly see him.”

“Well, you know he had to go to Buckingham Palace to direct that little play that Paddington did with the Queen, and it seems he's been very busy sorting out all the offers that have come in for her from film and TV producers. Apparently they think she has a future in comedy... But he did say he'd pop in soon and - why, isn't that the sound of his car outside now?” She jumped up and went to the cottage door and returned a moment later, followed by a very handsome young bear who nobody could call a Baby any more.

“Here he is!” she cried. “And look who he's brought with him!”

Father Bear turned and his big yellow ears almost fell off in surprise. “Why!” he exclaimed. “Isn't this the person we've been searching for all these years? The one who broke your mother's chair and said my bed was too hard and ate all the porridge? Isn't this....”

“Yes!” Young Bear said, his face wreathed in smiles. “It's Goldilocks herself - the little blonde girl. I've found her at last. And we've got the most wonderful news for you.”

He paused and as Goldilocks came forward to stand beside him he put his furry arm round her waist and said, “She told me that all she ever wanted was a teddy bear of her own. So we're getting married. Isn't that marvellous!”

“It is,” Mother Bear said, her eyes filling with happy tears. “Why - it's just like the ending of a fairytale!”

- Donna Baker

Peter Tavy CALENDAR 2023

By popular demand I will be producing a Peter Tavy Calendar again this year with all proceeds split between the Village Hall, St Peters Church and the Methodist Chapel, and would once again like to ask for everyone's input...so you know the drill...photos please!

Please email any of your best and favourite snaps to me at:

petertavypictures@outlook.com

- anytime between now and September-ish. I will aim to have it ready for sale by October time...

Thanks everyone! - Abi Ball

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Chair: Janett Reed, (janett.reed@yahoo.com)

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

Following our AGM in May, we are pleased to welcome Janett Reed as our new Chairman. Many thanks go to Jayne Medland for her enthusiasm and work as Chairman in the previous year.



A "special guest" opening the Hall at the Platinum Jubilee party,

The Hall is looking very good after the various improvements, providing a lovely bright space for events and celebrations, alongside our regular bookings. The Jubilee was a chance to show off all that has been done, with the Hall looking great for the Platinum Party... so much so that a very special lady came to perform the opening duties!

In the old back kitchen area (now the store room), we have installed new cupboards and a new sink and water heater. LED lighting and new heating are due to be put in place during August, and we are now looking to install Wifi for the Hall.



The Pit Stop is now fully open, offering cold drinks, flapjacks, cakes, crisps, ice-cream tubs and lollies for sale, plus repair and re-charging facilities for e-bikes. We take cash and credit cards. Thanks go the team of volunteers who open and close up, and keep everything stocked up. It will be open every day through the school summer holidays from 9.30am to 6.30pm.



Our first Film Night went well and is something we hope to repeat, and the newly decorated hall was the perfect venue for the Art Group's annual exhibition. Regular activities continue, including the Knit & Natter group and Fitness training. Pilates starts up again in September, and in the meantime there are footpath walks to enjoy. And of course, the Bank Holiday brings the Village Fayre - see you all then!

On our May walk, we went up through the Coombe towards Lower Godsworthy, then Smeardon Down to Twist, down to Cudlipptown, through the fields to the Peter Tavy Clam. A lovely dry evening, enjoyed by all. However the June walk was a complete disaster - rained all afternoon and evening - we stayed home in the dry! The July walk, again on a glorious evening, found us heading up to Higher Godsworthy, Wedlake, Stephens' Grave (well almost, I always misjudge coming up over from Wedlake!), Smeardon Down and a visit to the Coombe.



As we missed the June walk, we will have 2 walks in August **August 9th & 30th**. Everyone's welcome on our Walks. No booking necessary - meet just before 7pm at the Village Hall - so get your boots on!!

- Jayne Medland

Please wear suitable footwear and clothing. We prefer not to take dogs with us if possible.

WARNING: The going can get a bit rough under foot, so the walks are only suitable for fairly active folk! Walks are weather-dependant and will be cancelled if the weather is too bad at 6.00pm on the day of the walk.



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

Tor and Tavy WI continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy at 7.30pm. The programme for the second half of the year continues with a talk by a London Blue Badge Guide in August and an Apple Cookery demo in September. October will see us Morris Dancing. New members are welcome and we offer the opportunity to try us for three months free before deciding if you wish to join. More details from torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk or Secretary Linda Hanson on 820563.

- Corrie Grice

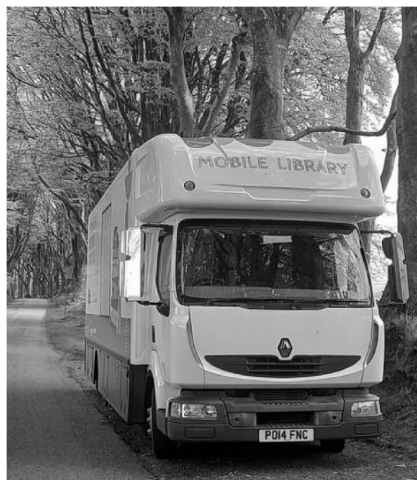
YOUR Mobile Library

The Mobile library calls on one Wednesday each month, for a 30 minute stop. It's free to join and return dates are flexible - no need to worry if you miss a month. There's a good selection of fiction, non-fiction, large-print, children's books, and talking books. Come and meet Heidi, our friendly and helpful mobile librarian.

If you have any queries, please contact 0345 155 1001 or email info@librariesunlimited.org.uk

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

Weds. 24th August	Weds. 21st Sept.
Weds. 19th October	Weds. 16th Nov.



Peter Tinson has penned this topically-themed poem for us...

A Grand Day Out

We woke up in the morning - 'twas a day to have some fun,
And when we looked up to the moor, we couldn't see the sun.
The rolling mist was down, and you could hear the old men say,
"God Bless you all my hearties, 'tis a typical Dartmoor day."

Today's something special, 'tis the day of the annual fayre,
And all our friends and neighbours will be gathered in the square.
Each to his task - he knows the one, the one he did last year,
So soon the chapel and the hall are cluttered up with gear.

A lady has her finger stuck in a pot of raspberry jam,
Another's kept quite busy too, she's slicing up the ham.
For when the crowds come pouring in, there won't be any time
To butter the bread, slice the meat... or drink their gin and lime!

'Neath the ga-ze-bo, outside the wooden shed,
Ice cream sellers and their gang shout enough to wake the dead:
"The ice cream's in the freezer, we have kept it there all day,
So, roll up now and have a scoop, before it melts away".

Now Granny's Attic has a lot of this and that, and t'other,
And some they'll have a job to sell as they will soon discover.
The crowds have come and rummaged through, left a ghastly mess,
What they'll do with all that's left is really anyone's guess.

The skittles they are standing, like good soldiers in the field,
Await the shot that scatters them, their fate is surely sealed.
Now as the ball just rolls along, it causes us a riddle,
How on earth could it miss? It's gone right through the middle!

The plant stall sitting in the shade, beneath the old fir tree,
Has flowers there you must beware, because they're given free:
They look so pretty sitting there, of their beauty you'll not tire,
But wait until you get them home, and find they spread like fire!

The runners now are coming back from running round the moor,
The crowds are waiting eagerly, and now they start to roar.
The first man home is now in sight, he really must be fit,
While those who clap and cheer him in are happy just to sit.

Good folks of Peter Tavy - and all those from far and wide,
Why, bless you all for coming, we hope you enjoyed the ride.
And if you smiled, and had some fun, and it didn't rain -
Then we'll see you all next August, and do it once again.

Patrick's

Competition

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

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I wonder if you had a go at "Dartmoor's Fauna", which I set twice over a year ago? **Julie and Paul** were the only entrants with a score of 5/10 - well done!

The answers I was seeking were:

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| 1. Badger's Holt. | 5. Rabbits Tor. | 9. Hornets Castle. |
| 2. Crane Hill. | 6. Bee Tor. | 10. Cocks Hill. |
| 3. Calves Lake Tor. | 7. Hartland Tor. | |
| 4. Cuckoo Rock. | 8. Kitty Tor. | |

Here are another ten clues for...

animals and their homes on the Moor...

1. The site of a film about a boy and his bird. (3, 3)
2. A female fox lives here. (5, 3)
3. The craggy heights for mature lambs. (6, 3)
4. Riders cross rivers here. (5, 4)
5. You might find your breakfast egg laid here. (3, 3)
6. A leveret has its home beside its mother. (6, 4, 3)
7. Beware! Striped beast lives in soggy ground! (6, 5)
8. Just the spot for a young cat's "jam session"! (3, 5)
9. An ideal water feature for a young frog's swim. (7, 4)
10. This semi-aquatic mammal dives in here. (5, 4)

Please send your answers to gpcwshell@btinternet.com by 3rd October 2022

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

By our calculation, this is the 30th challenge Patrick has set in his Competition Corner in the Piper - we thank him for all the pleasure (and frustration!) his fascinating questions have brought us all over the years!



PETER TAVY INN

Don't forget that - staff availability permitting - we are now operating our Summer Opening Hours:

Open daily from 12noon until 11pm
(10.30pm Sundays) for drinks.

Food is served from 12 noon until 2pm and
from 6.30pm until 9pm.

To book a table call 01822 810348.

To find out more about our menus, and for more information about the inn, please visit our website at petertavynn.co.uk

Scan here to
reach the website



THE WEEK

REGULAR EVENTS in Peter Tavy

SUNDAY

9.30am (Check Church gate / door for details of dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church

6.30pm Service, Methodist Church

MONDAY

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

6.00pm Circuit Fitness Training, Village Hall (details from Dave Chanter 07815 318145)

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 07939 093232

10.30 - Noon Minnows Group, Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY

10.00 - 10.30am (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the bottom of Church Lane (dates - see p.19)

Mornings West Dartmoor Art Group, Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.00pm Bible Study Group, Methodist Chapel

(see p.14)

THURSDAY

2.00pm (2nd Thursday each month) Wheal Betsy Ladies - Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Di Broughton 820671)

7.30pm Pilates, Village Hall (Details - amjstreets@hotmail.co.uk)

7.30pm (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI, Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Linda - 820563)

FRIDAY

10.45am Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - No. 122* www.oakleyscoaches.co.uk -01752 729866 (Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15 from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)

2.00 - 4.00pm Craft Group, Methodist Church (p.15)

***Bus Notes:** Don't forget that about 9 buses a day stop at the junction on the main A386 road near Harford Bridge Holiday Park. 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

Peter Tavy Parish Council - Clerk

Mrs Michelle Widdows 01822 811075

Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings

Steve Carreck 01822 810868

Peter Tavy Chapel

The Dodd Family 01822 810343

01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Angela Collins 01822 810243

Janet Bedford 01822 810231

Local West Devon Councillor

Terry Pearce 01822 810648

Local Devon County Councillor

Philip Sanders 01822 612265

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy

07939 093232

Highways Emergencies

(Devon County Council) 0345 155 1004

Highways Local Services

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773

Devon County Council 0345 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

Western Power Distribution

General contacts 0800 096 3080

Power failure 105 or 0800 6783 105

South West Water Helpline 0344 346 2020

Environment Agency emergencies

0800 80 70 60

Floodline

0345 988 1188

Tavistock Library

01822 612218

book renewals

0345 155 1001

Citizen's Advice Bureau 0808 27 87 999

West Devon Community & Voluntary Services

01837 738133

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

West Devon Women's Aid 01837 55228

Trading Standards 01392 382159

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650

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

The 2022 Jubilee Photo Album 2



On Friday 3rd June two groups beat the northern part of the Parish bounds. One intrepid group trekked the eastern route across the open moor and rivers. The second group followed the western route, with both groups joining at Hill Bridge...



...where we enjoyed a magnificent barbecue by the river Tavy, courtesy of the Parish Council...



...after which we crossed the river to witness the installation of a new Boundary Stone...



..before being transported in style back to the village!

The 2022 Jubilee Photo Album 3



Saturday 4th June brought a Jubilee Party in the beautifully-decorated Village Hall.



On Sunday 5th June the bells rang out to call us to a special Jubilee service in St Peter's church, including handbell ringing and the Peter Tavy Sing for Fun Choir. Then we headed down to the Methodist Chapel to join in a Bring & Share lunch...



...which included the presentation of commemorative mugs from the Parish Council to all the young people of the Parish.

*With thanks for photographic contributions from: Abi Ball;
Ali Carreck; Anna Dodd; Dave French and Joe Pitt.*

