

**KEEP CALM** 



AND CELEBRATE

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MA'AM!

In June, join Peter Tavy's celebrations of the Queen's 90th Birthday - see pages 6 - 7 for details **KEEP CALM** 



AND DECORATE

#### FLOWER FESTIVAL 2016

15th - 17th July

More help needed, please! See pages 8 - 9 KEEP CALM



AND FABRICATE

# VILLAGE FAYRE August 2016 COMPETITIONS ANNOUNCED

Time to start on your entries - see page 16

# What's On?

May		
Wed 11th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
	7.00pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting, Village Hall
Thurs 12th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Church
Sat 14th	2 - 4pm	Cream Teas & Plant Sale, Methodist Church
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 16th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Wed 18th	7.00pm	Normal committee meeting, followed by:
wed four	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM - All welcome
Thurs 19th	7.00pm	Defibrillator Training, Village Hall
Sat 21st	from 2.30pm	Cream Teas and Pond Walk at Edgecombe, Cudlipptown
Sat 28th	10.30am start	Beating the Bounds of the Manor of Cudlipptown (see p.9)
Mon 30th	10.50am start	Mary Tavy Spring Fayre
Tues 31st	starts 7.00pm	Circular footpath walk - meet at Village Hall (see page 15)
	starts 7.00pm	Circular rootpath wark - meet at vinage trair (see page 15)
June		
Thurs 2nd	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Church
Wed 8th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Thurs 9th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Church
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>		lay Celebrations (see pages 6 - 7 for details):
	2.00 - 4.00pm	"Fun Cricket Match", Sports Field
	4.30pm	"Street Party" in Chapel Lane
	8.00pm	Dance in the Village Hall
Wed 15th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 18th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Car Boot Sale, Harford Bridge Holiday Park field (see p.14)
	4.00pm	St Peter's Church Strawberry Tea, Harford
		Bridge Holiday Park
Sun 19th	3.00pn	Joint Family Service, Methodist Church
Mon 20th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Flower Festival Planning Meeting, St Peter's Church
July		
Wed 6th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Thurs 7th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Church
Sat 9th - Sun 17th	10 - 6pm	Art Exhibition, Village Hall (closes 4.30pm Sunday 17th)
Fri 15th - Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - 6pm	Flower Festival, St Peter's Church; refreshments in Chapel
Sun 17th	6.30pm	Songs Of Praise to end Festival, St Peter's Church
Mon 18th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Tues 19th	7.30pm	Village Fayre Planning Meeting, Village Hall
Wed 20th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
August	•	
Wed 3rd	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Mon 18th	10 - 10.30am 10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 27th	6.00pm	St Peter's Church BBQ, Harford Bridge Park
Mon 29th	from 9.00am	setting up for
1VIOII 27tii	2.00pm onwards	Peter Tavy Village Fayre
Wed 31st	2.00pm onwards 10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
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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!

# A Huge Thank You from Peter Tavy...



This issue of the Piper is the last one which will be printed by Charitable Giving, which gives us a great opportunity to thank Bill Lane and all the staff there - past and present - for the invaluable support they have given us over the last 19 years. Since 1997, they have printed the Piper at no cost to the parish, which has been a wonderfully generous donation, benefiting us all. We look back across those years of assistance, (remembering the changing and improving printing technology which they have put at the Piper's service!), when the Charitable Giving business has gone from strength to strength; and we wish them continuing success in the future.

So we're now seeking a new way to print copies of the Piper each quarter to try to make sure that the news, notices and features can still reach everyone in the Parish (whether you're a computer user or not!). If anyone has any suggestions, or knows of an economic, reliable printer for future issues, we'd be very grateful to hear your ideas.

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering Aug to early Nov.) by **Friday 15th July 2016**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, on disk or by email to: <a href="mailto:steve.ali@care4free.net">steve.ali@care4free.net</a>, it saves us a lot of typing. But please don't worry if this is not possible - we still want your hand-written entries too! Thanks!

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



# You are invited to Peter Tavy's celebrations of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday on Saturday 11th June 2016

2.00 pm - Village Cricket Match (*Peter Tavy rules!*)

4.30pm - Bring and Share "Street Party"

8.00pm - Dancing in the Village Hall

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Peter Tavy Parish Council - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Wednesday 11th May, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

#### Peter Tavy Village Hall - AGM

Wednesday 18th May, 8.00pm in the Village Hall - all welcome.

Plant Sale & Cream Teas
Saturday 14th May
from 2 - 4pm,
in the Methodist Chapel.

Cream Teas and a walk around the Pond Saturday 21st May from 2.30pm, at Edgecombe, Cudlipptown. In aid of St Peter's Church funds.

# **Parish Council News**

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Weds. IIth May, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

#### February:

A letter was received from P. Cashell, the secretary of the Peter Tavy Church Council regarding the provision of toilet facilities. The PTPC decided to support the proposal. It was also decided to support Mary Tavy Parish Council's proposal regarding a joint TAP fund venture to provide extra signage to make motorists more aware of the school field.

Correspondence was received confirming our involvement in the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £50 to Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor Lane submitted a joint venture TAP fund application for Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Brentor and Lydford for drain/ditch clearance.

Works continued at No.2 Church Cottages checking the electrics, sweeping the chimney and emptying the septic tank.

Due to the terrible weather numerous issues were reported to Highways.

Planning was approved to replace a field shelter at Lower Churchtown.

A planning application for the old garage site was rejected. An application was then received to erect a telegraph pole with antennas for mobile telecommunications at Cox Tor Farm.

#### March

A date and time was received for the official lighting of the Queen's 90th Birthday beacon - 7.30pm, April 21st.

Work continued at No.2 Church Cottages to bring the electrics up to current standards. It was decided to advertise the cottage for rent in the Tavistock Times. Again a flurry of bad weather caused major road issues that were reported to Highways.

Planning reported that an application had been received for Langsford Barn.

It was also decided by the PTPC to support the Peter Tavy Flower Festival Committee by contributing £300.00.

#### **April:**

Councillors discussed a number of items:

- Playsafety Ltd sent the annual Play Area Inspection Report
- DNP emailed regarding an update on Superfast Broadband
- WDBC regarding council tax for No.2 Church Cottages
- Minutes from the Southern Links Meeting 17/3/16.
- Cllr Lane reported that the joint TAP fund application had been successful in obtaining £5,600.00 for Lengthsman's work.

- At Church Cottages a new tenant was selected, the septic tank was emptied and councillors made an appointment to inspect the shed in the garden.
- A few issues with highways were reported and also a fly-tipping incident just above Cudlipptown.
- The planning committee supported two planning applications. One for Langsford Barn and another for a broadband mast at Coxtor Farm. The AGM is scheduled for 11/5/16 at 6pm.

- Cassandra McDowall, Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council Parish Office: 1 Laurel Cottages, Peter Tavy PL19 9NN Tel. 01822 811091 email: petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk

### **METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**

Please note we are now on our "Summer time" services, starting at **6.30pm**, unless it is a joint family service, which starts at 3.00pm. Family Services at the chapel - joint with St Peter's - will be on 19th June and 21st August.



Our Messy Church evenings continue on the first Thursday of each month. Our April Messy Church was in the Easter holiday with a theme around *The Good Shepherd*. We all enjoyed some very imaginative crafts with a very 'sheepy' theme! 'I am the Bread of Life' was the May theme and we had lots of bread-themed crafts and activities for all to enjoy. The crafts are a great opportunity



to relax, chat and enjoy some very therapeutic activities, either first-hand or watching others! Having a meal to finish gives everyone the night off from the kitchen as well. Do come along and see for yourselves; it's for all ages and it would be great to see you!

The next Messy Church dates are 2nd June and 7th July (none in August).





Find flowers and vegetables for your garden, and enjoy delicious cream teas with friends and neighbours. Any donations of plants for sale gratefully received!



There's still two more chances to enjoy a delicious soup lunch (...and dessert... and a chance for a chat!) before we break for the summer. Come along **between 12.00 and 1.30pm** on

• Thurs 12th May

• Thurs 9th June



Celebrations and events to mark the Queen's "Official" 90th birthday will be taking place across the country on the weekend of 11th/12th June this year. Here in Peter Tavy, everyone is invited to join in when we mark the occasion with a series of events on...

# **Sat. 11th June 2016**

#### 2.00 - 4.00pm Fun Cricket Match

It's been a while since the last match was played to "Peter Tavy Rules" in the Village. Peter Tavy matches are for all ages, with those who live on one side of the main road through the parish playing against those who live on the other\*. Our rules include a soft ball, a six-ball over for everyone who wants to bat, and fun for everyone... with ice-creams and soft drinks available too!

Thanks to Sandra and Edward, the match will take place in the "Sports Field" (if you remember the Jubilee celebrations, you'll know where to head!) Please bring a chair or something to sit on - if you need transport to the field, please contact us to let us know.

\*- Not sure which side of which road? Never fear - all will be sorted on the day!

## 4.30pm onwards - "Street Party"

We'll be setting up tables and chairs and stringing the bunting along Chapel Lane (the lane past the bus stop up to the Chapel) for a **bring and share "Street Party"**. Tea and coffee and soft drinks will be available, and everyone is invited to bring along some "Finger food" to share - ideally a mix of sweet and savoury (why not pair up with a friend or neighbour and arrange for one of you to bring a savoury, the other a sweet?) Remember, we're sharing "finger food" - convenience all round and no need to wash up cutlery afterwards!

(Let's hope for a dry day, but if wet, the tea party will be in the Chapel.)

#### 8.00pm - Queen's Birthday Dance

From 8.00pm, there'll be dancing for all ages in the Village Hall with - we hope! - a disco playing music from across the Queen's nine decades.

(If you fancy it, come dressed in the fashion of one of the Queen's nine decades... which of course includes the current decade!)

There'll be tea, coffee and refreshments (pizza and nibbles!) available, or you can "Bring Your Own" drinks of choice...and dance the evening away together.

#### **Decorate your house for the day?**

We'll be putting up some flags and bunting for the Village "Street Party", but why not decorate your own house for the day, with flags and bunting, to add to the party spirit?

#### "RSVP" - Please let us know if you'll be coming along...

To let us know you'll be joining in the fun, please complete and return the enclosed form to Steve & Ali Carreck at 1 Mill Cottages or ring Sandra Dodd at Chubb Farm on 810343 by Monday 6th June.

There's no charge for any of these events, but donations towards costs will be welcome!

# A Beacon Fit for a Queen

On a rather chilly and blustery evening, parishioners climbed up Smeardon Down on April 21st to mark the Queen's "real" 90th birthday with the lighting of a beacon part of a nationwide chain. As darkness fell, Parish councillors Edward Dodd and Bill



Lane gave introductory speeches before councillor Jim Jeffery and others set the fire alight and the Parish's beacon blazed into the night.

Thanks to all who made this possible!

## **LAMBING TIME!**

# Lambing - the view from a 3-year old:

At lambing time, it's very busy. I like lambing because I like the slimy feeling. Some are really big for me and some are easy for me to hold.

I love watering and caking up the buckets in the pens.

I like Beulahs but I LOVE Exmoors!!

Not many left to lamb now.

- Bethany Medland, age 3





This year's flower festival, with the theme of "Peter Tavy", runs from Friday 15th - Sunday 17th July. The Floral Displays in St Peter's Church will be open on..

Friday 15/7 : 10.30am - 6.00pm Saturday 16/7 : 10.30am - 6.00pm Sunday : 11.00am - 6.00pm

Meanwhile, **REFRESHMENTS** - **coffee**; **light lunches and afternoon tea** - will be served in the Methodist Chapel between 11.00am and 5.00pm each day.

The Festival concludes with a special "Songs of Praise" - style service in St Peter's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th July.

The festival raises funds which are split between St Peter's Church, the Methodist Church and the Village Hall, so the whole community benefits. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their contribution of £300 towards the costs.

# Can you help?

Help is needed in many areas, so if you can spare some time, please do contact us!

- Floral displays are already being planned by the arrangers, but more help would be very welcome please contact *Peter Tinson* (810314) if you'd like to be involved and help out with the displays.
- Volunteer **STEWARDS**, to be present while the church is open, are also needed to join a rota if you can spare an hour or two, please contact *Peter Tinson* (810314) or *Steve Carreck* (810868).

#### **※** Help with the REFRESHMENTS

The refreshments are being co-ordinated by *David and Anna Dodd*, so please contact them at Beulah or on 810776 if you can help out. The main things they need are...

- Cakes, traybakes, home-made biscuits, finger savouries, etc for morning coffee and afternoon teas.
- **Volunteers** to help on the actual days. David and Anna will put together a rota of helpers so do contact them if you would like to be involved.
- The next planning meeting for the Flower Festival is on Tuesday 28th June at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church.

#### \* Special Requests from the Flower Arrangers...

Several of the flower arrangers have some specific requests for "props" to complement their displays:

- **Jayne Medland** is looking for a couple of boat oars, if anyone has some that could be loaned for the weekend of the Festival?
- Julia Dawson is trying to find a (toy/replica!) Black Cat for her "Farming" display she hopes to find one which is either curled up as though asleep, or crouching as though lapping up milk...
- Steve and Clare Balm are creating a Festival of Remembrance display and would be keen to include stories from the current residents of the Parish. If you have a relative's story, personal artefact, picture etc that you are willing to share please get in touch. We will be starting our planning in the first week of June. Contact details Steve and Clare Balm tel. 01822 810663, email: scapbalms@msn.com. (Wisdom House, Peter Tavy).

This year, the Flower Festival will be running alongside the last weekend of the

WEST DARTMOOR ART GROUP's

# ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

in Peter Tavy Village Hall Saturday 9th July - Sunday 17th July, 10.00am - 6.00pm (4.30pm on last day)

(Light Refreshments available)



### **BEATING THE BOUNDS OF**

## THE MANOR OF CUDLIPPTOWN

Saturday 28th May, starting c. 10.30am

Accompanied by a member of the Lord of the Manor's family, a group will be Beating the Bounds of Cudlipptown Manor on Saturday 28th May.

Please call *Janet Bedford* on 810231 in advance if you would like to join the walk.



The Devonshire Association at Cudlipptown Farm, 1935

# NEW PUBLIC EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR is installed outside the Village Hall

Richard Walker has kindly offered another **training session** for those interested in learning how to use the defibrillator to save lives, at 7pm on **Thursday 19th May**, in the Village Hall. Please contact *Dawn Sherrell* (810552) for details.

# To all Peter Tavy mothers, young and old Oh for the old days....

Bill Lane has sent us this extract from Mrs. Bray's 1836 book, "A Description of the Part of Devonshire bordering on the Tamar and the Tavy...", with its glowing description of the children of the Parish.



Peter Tavy Higher Mill in the early 19th century

"Peter Tavy is amusing on account of the living groups with which it teems. Such a place it is for children, that it would alarm the admirers of Mr. Malthus's system (1766-1834), could they but see the infantine race who grow up in health, cheerfulness, and poverty, in absolute contradiction to the wisdom of that 'eminent philosopher', and render Peter Tavy one of the most joyous villages under the sun. You may see the little things of a summer afternoon, not over burthen with clothes, sometimes ragged, and with neither bonnet or cap to confine a profusion of flaxen hair; as fat and as rosy as young cupids dabbling in the water like ducks; or tumbling over the rocks and no harms done, and floating their tiny boats down the current of the stream, as careless and as happy as if a political economist had never issued an edict against their existence. Here you may find a child of seven or eight years old nursing a baby almost as big as herself, and deriving consequence from the occupation, playing the woman over the child, or calling out to some one of them by name of 'little girl', as one child is very fond of calling another, desiring her to keep out of the water, and not to dirt her pinafore in making mud pies. The elder boys are engaged with their kites, or their more active games, whilst a group of little fellows amuse themselves with piling up loose stones, and making baby walls in imitation of those of granite, called hedges, on the borders of Dartmoor. In Peter Tavy, too, may be seen the 'the spinners and the knitters in the sun;' and the very old and the very young are often seen together side by side; and girls with their pitchers filling them with water from the little channels and rivulets that abound throughout the village."

### St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

Over the Easter season, we have enjoyed seeing everyone at the services at St Peter's and at those shared with our Methodist friends. Now, as we lead up towards Pentecost, we are responding to the call to a week of prayer from the Archbishops of York and Canterbury - "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done".

In Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy, we will be participating through a series of short 15-minute evening services of Complines at 7.30pm on each day between Ascension Day and Pentecost. These will be held either in St Peter's or St Mary's on the following pattern:

- In **St. Mary's**, Mary Tavy, on Friday 6th May; Sunday 8th May; Tuesday 10th May; Thursday 12th May and Saturday 14th May
- In **St Peter's**, Peter Tavy, on Saturday 7th May; Monday 9th May; Wednesday 11th May and Friday 13th May

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall on April 9th, the PCC (Parochial Church Council) was formally re-elected and Peter Tinson and Angela Collins kindy agreed to continue in their roles as Churchwardens.

Thanks to Janet Bedford for organising another of her wonderful Daffodil Coffee Mornings in aid of church funds back in March. It was a great opportunity to enjoy some delicious home-made biscuits and cakes, and explore the beautiful and fascinating garden at Manor Farm.

Everyone is invited back to Cudlipptown again on **Saturday 21st May**, when Peter and Pearl Tinson will be hosting...

Cream Teas and a walk around the Pond Saturday 21st May from 2.30pm, at Edgecombe, Cudlipptown.

in aid of St Peter's church



# Strawberry Tea

**SATURDAY 20th JUNE from 4.00pm.** 

At Harford Bridge Holiday Park, by kind invitation of the Williamson family

Come and join us for Strawberries & Cream and light refreshments.

all proceeds to St Peter's Church funds

This year, you can browse around the Village Hall Car Boot Sale in the Harford Bridge field across the road (2.00-4.00pm), and then pop over to the Holiday Park for your Tea!

# The Friends of St Peter's

...raising funds for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of the church building, have been active over the past months. Thanks to Peter Tinson for an entertaining Quiz Night in the Village Hall back in February, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone who came along.



On your marks... Egg rollers ready...

Steve and Clare Balm organised a great Easter Egg Rolling contest on behalf of the Friends. After the 9.30am service on Easter Sunday, contestants of all ages gathered in the lane outside the church,



Champion egg roller and decorator Pippa Sale with her winning egg and chocolate prize.

ready to launch their decorated eggs and see which would roll the furthest. Great fun (and chocolate eggs) were had by all!

# Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

After months of suffering from cough and cold, the first walk that Angela and I took was a gentle stroll up to White Tor via Cudlipptown and Green Lane on 12th March. This gave us a chance to check the two boxes we sited last August. Happily, both were, and are, in good condition. Our other objective was to find a letterbox "Miners' Dry Mary Tavy". I have yet to find out if this building still stands and also to discover what was its use at, I assume, the copper mine of Wheal Friendship. (If any reader can help with this, please get in touch). Perhaps there was a "Dry" in Devon United Mines on the Peter Tavy side of the river?

Midway through April I cajoled Angela into another restorative walk to Great Mis Tor from Four Winds. The sun actually shone, but any heat that it imparted was quickly and viciously negated by a strong north easterly wind. We pressed on up the track until we were just below Little Mis Tor, where I had three boxes on my clue sheet to visit. We were in the lee of the tor, which gave us a bit of shelter whilst we stamped up. Then to Great Mis "the dominant peer of Walkham Country" as it has been described. We successfully found the next box, with a bearing off Mis Tor Man, which is a standing stone on the SE corner of the main pile.

By now we were back to being buffeted by the wind and we needed to drop down towards the River Walkham for another box and the chance to shelter whilst we

had lunch. Not fancying the stiff climb back up, we contoured round to the NW to within sight of the Range Poles and the military huts. The latter seemed a long way round, almost to the NE corner of GMT, but with bearings on these features we had to brave the wind again to find the boxes. Angela was actually blown backwards by a strong gust as she was lowering herself to sit on a convenient rock! One of the three boxes near to hand was "Granny's Nightcap"; I took care of the bearings and Angela found the well-hidden site, and we found ourselves the 1st Visitors! Just reward for our efforts and a spur to help us back to the car.

The following Wednesday, a good friend suggested that we join forces to cover a Walk in aid of the PDSA (12 boxes), together with 8 others on the way. In the village all seemed calm and there was a hint of sun, but at the Pump House near Yellowmead Farm, the East wind was near gale force and my, was it cold! We struggled up to Swell Tor, were tossed about going west to Kings Tor, Little Kings Tor and Hucken Tor before lunch, and then faced the wind full on along the old railway track back to Foggintor. I think that was the hardest and most tiring walk I have ever had on the Moor.

Having been unable to complete our planned walk out to Greenaball the previous Saturday, the weather was far better on the 23rd. So it was back up the track to Great Mis and northwards to Greenaball Gert. "Ball" indicates a rounded hill and "Gert" a deep, opencast working driven by miners to expose the tin-lode. As we walked down to the stream that runs through it, we recalled our "Greatest Walk" round the Bounds of the Forest, the line of which goes over Greenaball, down to the Walkham and up Dead Lake to Whitaburrow. Those doing a longer walk than we, were groups of young people practising for The Ten Tors. They impressed us by their courage as they carried rucksacks with kit for camping out.

We met a friend, who is also a letterboxer, at the site of the other box, sited on the edge of a large reed bed. We left him to enjoy his lunch in peace and he generously let us stamp in as 2nd visitors. Back to Great Mis to have lunch high on the tor before visiting four more sites, one of which brought us to Church Rock - the subject of a Dartmoor Legend, which I will look into in the next edition of *The Piper*:

- Patrick Cashell.

Our Group meets on the third Monday morning of

each month

CRAFT AND NATTED

If you enjoy knitting - or any form of crafting which you can do while enjoying a chat with friends and a cuppa then come along to join us in the VILLAGE HALL

from 10.00am - 12.30pm. Future meeting dates are:

Monday 16th May; Monday 20th June; Monday 18th July, Monday 15th August

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# FILLAGETHALLINEWS

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

## Peter Tavy Village Hall - AGM

Wednesday 18th May, at 8.00pm, (current committee members, please remember the meeting at 7.30pm, prior to the AGM).

An opportunity for everyone to come along to share ideas about the Village Hall, how to make the best use of it, and improvements you'd like to see. Meet the committee and find out about the volunteers who keep the Hall running. While you won't be forced to join the committee, new members are very welcome!

Our Bingo night back in March was another great success, and enjoyed by everyone who came along on a rather chilly evening! Thanks to everyone who helped organise, and especially to Ruth for once again being our wonderful "caller".

We've got some new and exciting events lined up for the weeks ahead, including a Car Boot Sale at Harford Bridge Holiday Park field, and a series of regular evening footpath walks - come along and join us exploring and discovering our local area and enjoying the (hopefully) warmer evenings.

Please do also come along to our AGM (see above) on Wednesday 18th May - if you'd like to join our committee and help to keep the Village Hall functioning as a venue for so many different events in our community, you'd be very welcome. Or you could just drop in to find out more about how the Village Hall works, or contribute ideas for other activities and events which could take place here.



# **Saturday June 18th**

in Harford Bridge Holiday Park field from 2.00 - 4.00pm

Gates will open to vendors at 12.30pm Car Boots - £6; Vans / large vehicles - £10 (Vendors - please pay on entering field)

In aid of Peter Tavy Village Hall Funds.

After the Sale, why not wander across the road into the Holiday Park to enjoy a delicious Strawberry Tea (in aid of St Peter's Church funds).

### Come and join us on a series of informative Circular Footpath informative Circular Footpath Walks.

Explore and discover more about our local area, following the miners', quarrymen's and postmen's paths.

- Meet us at the Village Hall car park, ready to start walking by 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month (May until October)
- Walks will take approximately 2 hours
- No need to book just turn up (obviously suitable attired!)
- Preferably no dogs, due to many stiles and crossing fields of livestock

### First walk Tuesday May 24th.

If joining us for a walk, donations in aid of Peter Tavy Village Hall funds would be much appreciated - but not essential.

For further information, contact Jayne on 810277. Postman A.J. (Bert) Jago outside the postman's



hut at Cudlipptown Green in 1901

## **Villages In Action**

Another fantastic evening of Villages in Action entertainment back in March, this time with the lovely *Jim Causley*, folk singer and raconteur extraordinaire! As expected, I was inundated with requests for tickets again (people came from as far afield as Exeter and Truro!) and I had to turn many away before the show and I can see why. Jim gave us a fantastic show. He has a wonderful voice and, like his relative, the poet, Charles Causley, a great way with words. As one member of the audience said afterwards, it was lovely to hear such a lot of Devon-focussed material.

People were very generous as always with raffle prizes and refreshments and, along with our percentage of the ticket sales, a fantastic £226 was raised for the Hall. Many thanks to all involved with helping.

Our next VIA programme will start in the Autumn so we will let you know what's coming next in the August Piper.

Again, thank you to VIA and to our loyal band of helpers and supporters for this highly enjoyable way of making money to keep our Hall going. -Dawn Sherrell

# **Peter Tavy Village Fayre 2016**

Late August may seem a long way off... but the first Planning Meeting for the Fayre has already been held (date for your diaries - the next **Fayre Planning Meeting** will be on **Tuesday July 19th at 7.30pm**).

This year's Fayre will start at 2.00pm (a departure from previous years' start time of 2.30pm) on Monday 29th August. Strong helpers are needed from 9.00am that morning, to start getting some of the heavier and bulkier items (trestle tables, skittle alley, gazebos etc.) into place around the Village Hall and Chapel grounds. Volunteers would be welcome - if you haven't already been asked to help, please contact *Steve Carreck* (1 Mill Cottages, 810868) if you can spare time to help out on the day on stalls, games, and keeping things running smoothly.

#### Village Fayre competitions...

Everyone is always very busy in the run-up to the Fayre, so, to give all parishioners a good amount of time to get to work on their Competition entries for 2016, we're announcing them a bit earlier than previous years...

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Win a certificate for one of the best photos of this year's Peter Tavy Flower Festival - get ready with your cameras in July and take a snap of the floral displays and other activities over that weekend! Bring your entry to the Hall on Fayre day.

#### OLYMPIC SCARECROWS

In this Olympic Year, we're hoping that as many households as possible can create a scarecrow olympic athlete (event of your choice) 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!

#### UPCYCLED CROWNS

As we mark the Queen's 90th birthday - and following the success of the ingenious "upcycled flowers" which sprouted around the parish last year - we invite everyone to create a royal crown from recycled materials - and bring it to the Hall to display on Fayre day.

#### MAKE SOMETHING FROM NEWSPAPER

It doesn't matter what you make - a statue, a model, clothing, anything... - the only rules are that it must be made entirely from newspaper, (or paper mache) and that it can be no larger than 3 feet high. Bring your creation to the Village Hall on Fayre Day for display and judging.

#### CAKE COMPETITION

No Village Fayre would be complete without the great cake competition - and the recipe for this year will be available closer to the Fayre date.

#### • "BEST IN SHOW"

Alongside the sought-after certificates for prize winners, we're planning to award one "best in show" prize from amongst all the entries for the various competitions!

#### an appeal from "granny's attic"...

The "Granny's Attic" bric-a-brac and second-hand ("pre-owned", please...) Stall at the Village Fayre is always very popular, and makes an important contribution to the funds we raise for the Village Hall, Church and Chapel on that day. But in recent years, donations of items to sell on the stall to sell have been reducing, so the "Granny's Attic Team" are putting out a request to parishioners, asking us all to save bric-a-brac and jumble for the Fayre. Some newer items would be particularly welcome, as these can always fetch a good price (so if you're thinking of taking something to a charity shop, or trying to sell it online, maybe you'd consider donating it to the Fayre instead?). Larger items - including furniture - might also be very welcome - call Mary Wheddon (810123) if you may have something suitable.

# ■ Peter Tavy Youth Club ■

What a short Spring Term this year for the Youth Club with Easter being so early, however a few evenings were squeezed in. Activities in the chapel have included our Indian Cooking evening, Mothering Sunday themed crafts, Easter egg hunt and an evening of climbing at the Marjons indoor climbing wall.

Summer Term activities will include an evening cycle ride to Princetown, BBQ, kayaking, rounders and games at the chapel. For details contact 810939.

- Hazel Walker



Peter Tavy Youth Club at the Marjons Climbing Wall

### **LAMBING TIME!**

#### Lambing at Week, 2016

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Cheviots, Beulahs, Exmoors, Scotties and Mules There's always one that lambs each day

Alive or dead, alive is better and dead is sad Lots to lamb, lots to catch, it hurts our legs but we keep going

800 sheep for me to lamb.

If you're lambing too, have a good time.



- Jodie Medland, age 8

### **Donna's Deliberations**

I went to the pictures this evening. Well, I tried to. And so did some of my friends from Peter Tavy. I saw them outside, being turned away, just as I was - not because we had been banned on previous occasions, but because just too many people wanted to see that particular film in that particular cinema. That evening.

The film was Lady In A Van, (which I missed when it came to Tavistock), and the cinema was the Yelverton Community Cinema in St Paul's church hall. Yes, a local cinema in a church hall, but you won't find the flickering, rather wobbly projection on a cracked old screen, with regular breakdowns, that you might think those words imply. Not at all.

The Yelverton Community Cinema is a slick, professional enterprise, run by YelverCare, which looks after people in the area in various ways, from fetching prescriptions to taking them to hospital appointments. Films, from much loved classics like Brief Encounter to the latest Oscar winners, are shown monthly on a big screen which everyone can see, wherever they sit.

You can go early and take your own food and drink for a pre-film supper, or you can partake of the fresh coffee, tea and home-made biscuits being sold by the volunteers. (Did I mention that it is all voluntary?) You're almost bound to see someone you know there, and it's all very pleasant and friendly. They've got a website - Google it and see what's on.

It reminds me - a bit, but not much, to be honest - of the cinemas I used to go to as a child. We had two in our town, the Forum which was rather grand and had brass rails on its banisters and wide stairs for those who could afford to go up there, and the Criterion, usually known as the Cri, which was a bit of a fleapit and I don't think even had an upstairs. If you saw the seats in daylight you probably wouldn't want to sit in them, but since even their artificial light was pretty dim we never did. Not that we'd have cared much, as we threw any sweet papers we had (not many, since sweets were rationed and those with wrappers were heavier so we seldom bought those) and our apple cores on the floor under the seats.

Have you ever sat next to a child eating an apple in the cinema, by the way? It's as bad as rustling a bag of crisps. Worse, when a maggot (or half a maggot) is found in the apple. (Nostalgia alert: You used to be able to get apples with maggots in then.)

So where was I? Oh yes, old cinemas. Sometimes we did get turned away, either because as on this evening at Yelverton too many people wanted to see the film, or because it was an A film and we were too young to go in unaccompanied. It was quite common then to see children, mostly boys, hanging about until a likely looking adult approached and asking if he would take them in. And that's something that definitely wouldn't happen today. Can you imagine it? Children aren't allowed to go off on their own any more, and any adult with a grain of sense would steer very clear indeed.

The Yelverton Cinema does cater for kids, though, with a good old-fashioned Saturday morning cinema. We had those, too. I went once and hated it - it was more like a contained riot. I'm sure it's better managed at Yelverton.

When I was old enough to start thinking about romance, the usual first date was to go to the pictures. My first boyfriend would suggest we meet inside and we'd arrange which row we'd sit in (we never got as far as making it to the back row) and keep a seat free for the other. It's a good tip if you don't want to pay for your girl, but don't think you're going to be allowed to walk her home afterwards. Girls these days aren't as naïve as I was.

The boy probably didn't even pay his own admission. The fire exits led handily out through the toilets and the system was to get a pal to go in (possibly, but not necessarily, legally) and then let you in that way. They obviously didn't 'alarm' them in those days. (I just love those notices, don't you? 'This Door Is Alarmed,' they announce solemnly and I always wonder what it is that frightens them so much.)

But sometimes, we did get turned away. Just like tonight at Yelverton, we would queue for some popular film (Ben Hur, perhaps, or one of the 'Road' films starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour) and after half an hour or more of patient waiting, be told there were no more seats and we might as well go home. Which, somewhat dejectedly, we did.

Just like this evening, when quite a big crowd came trailing out, some carrying baskets containing their suppers, to go home and watch Dad's Army on TV. And, as I said goodbye to my Peter Tavy friends, I remarked that I might as well spend the evening writing my column for the Piper, even though I had no idea what to write about.

So I did. - Donna Baker

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## TOR AND TAVY W.I.

We have had three meetings since our last report in early January and our last meeting at the Brentor Village Hall was on April 28th when we welcomed Mike Stevens to our meeting to talk about Garden Plants. From May we shall be moving our

monthly meetings to Mary Tavy Coronation Hall, we shall still be meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30 and hope that being in Mary Tavy will be easier for people to join us and there is plenty of parking and a new kitchen so we are really looking forward to our move.

Our programme for the next 12 months is now complete and our May meeting will be our General Meeting with elections for committee posts to be held and a look back at our year just gone and a look forward to the new year 2016-2017. In June we will have Stewart from Quickes Cheeses visiting us with a talk and hopefully some tasty nibbles, July sees Simon Dell taking us into 3 murders and 1 suicide on Dartmoor and on a lighter note, we are planning a Summer Supper Ramble for August. Mark Hoare has kindly agreed to give a talk on Parkinsons in September and we shall be Caribbean Cooking in October with Alison Gribble who is very much in demand for her cookery evenings. Do come and join us and see what is planned for the future by picking up a brochure.

The New year of 2016 kicked off for us with our annual quiz night hosted by our Chairman, Trish Wall, and her husband John. It was decided this year to invite some guests and we were joined by members from Whitchurch St Andrews, Gulworthy, Bere Ferrers and Mary Tavy. We were so pleased with the attendance and had a full hall with 10 tables of 4 people per team. As usual, it was a most enjoyable evening with some very taxing questions including a picture round. The winners were a team from Whitchurch with a guest member for Tor and Tavy. We had a raffle and refreshments but were not expecting so many people and will have to double up on food next year!!!! Our thanks to Trish and John for a very enjoyable evening and to our guests who we hope will join us next year for another brain teasing evening.

In February we were entertained by Janet, a local lady from Tavistock, who came to teach us line dancing. Only a couple of us had tried this before and therefore there was plenty of laughter, wrong steps and some members even invented their own version of line dancing to the great amusement of us all; thanks for the improvisation Jane!!!! Maybe we will be better at this when we have a larger hall in which to practise.

On the Sunday morning of the week that we were expecting Tom Sobey, a Dartmoor Guide, to come and talk to us on the National Trust on Dartmoor, I had a phone call from him to tell me he had slipped a disc and was flat on his back and therefore unable to leave the house. Tom, we wish you a speedy recovery. Slight

panic, then, on a visit to the plant sale at the Pannier Market that morning, the Tavistock Bee society stall was spotted and they were asked if anyone could fill a gap at the last minute. After talking to Greg Smith and telling him of our plight he agreed to come out to Brentor on Thursday night with Bee hive, honey, brochures and a most entertaining and lively talk. Greg certainly knows how to hold an audience and there were numerous questions from the members and some funny anecdotes from our speaker. It was rather a long evening for Greg as we kept him talking for a lot longer that he had anticipated but it was such a good evening ending in an invitation to their meeting at Tavistock Parish Rooms on April 5th to discuss what plants we should all be planting in our garden to attract these most interesting and much needed insects. We learnt about the full yearly cycle of the bee inside and outside the hive and tasted some delicious local honey. Thanks to Greg for stepping into the breach at the last moment.

Well, by the time we talk again we shall be at Mary Tavy and pleased to welcome any new members on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. The EU referendum is to be held on 23rd June and The Coronation Hall is to be used as a voting station, we will therefore meet the week before on 16th June for our evening with Quickes Cheeses. Contact any of the following, Trish 810115, Lucie 810840, Judi 614198 for more information.

# Beware of the Scam!

You may have seen Stephen Fryer's letter in the Tavistock Times about the current computer scam. This prompted *Donna Baker* to break into verse...

They say "There's a fault on your router, And we need to access your computer. And you've paid too much money, Which just isn't funny, So we need all your bank details too."

"You're not being rash,
We'll pay back your cash,
And carry out all the repairs.
Just give us your PIN.
It isn't a sin.
Remember that he wins, who dares."

Look at your bank statement.
You'll see what your mate meant
When he told you that this was a scam.
Your money has vanished
And won't be replenished.
You've been caught - and you're now in a jam.

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

The role of most zoos these days is Education, Conservation and Recording. 'Living Coasts', the subject of the May speaker, Mark Hancock, is no exception. Mark is an Education Officer at the venue, especially instructing school groups, the conservationists of the future. The Living Coasts Zoo is under the umbrella of the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust, which includes Paignton and Newquay Zoos, and several nature reserves. The site at Torquay was once the Lido and then a night club but, after these attractions folded, the zoo took over the empty building, with its stunning ready-made backdrop of sea and rocky shore.

All the animals have a marine connection. A thriving breeding colony of African and Macaroni penguins live on a very realistic sandy beach, and fur seals enjoy pools which have fresh sea water pumped in every day. Birds are constantly flying overhead (*keep a look out for direct hits!*), and you hardly notice the very high netting that keeps them in. Waders, such as Avocets, Red Shanks and LBJs (*little brown jobs*) nest and feed on a created estuary habitat. On the floor below are the aquarium tanks holding many fish and a remarkably intelligent Octopus. Viewing windows enable you to see how graceful the animals look swimming underwater, when often the look so cumbersome on land.

Mark generated a lot of questions after his visually entertaining talk, delivered via Power Point. Thanking him, Barbara said she would certainly put the venue on her wish list.

The weather forecast looked promising for the next W.I. walk not the planned Meldon bluebells, as the flowers had been held back by the cold weather, However, an alternative has been arranged, and the bluebells will now be visited in May.

Jane Williams and DI Broughton went to a very informative W.I. Speakers' Audition Day. They came back with some promising names for next year's programme.

The May meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> is the Annual and Resolutions meeting when there is a choice of two subjects on which to debate and vote. It is hoped more volunteers will come forward for jobs!

We hope to see you all at our W.I. Spring Sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at the Coronation Hall.

-Jill Lamerton

#### Tom's London Marathon thanks...

Just a quick line about my marathon efforts - I completed the race in 5.31.51, a bit slower than I hoped but still not too bad. I've raised over £1,300 for Pulmonary Hypertension Association UK, an amount I am extremely pleased with. I've had wonderful support from everyone in the village, as per usual, and their kind words and donations helped drive me on to the end! So thank you to everyone who supported me. Time for a beer and some chips in this lovely spring sunshine! -Tom French

# Palrick's Competition Oh deart Where have all the extense to

Oh dear! Where have all the entrants to my prize-winning competitions gone? Are the challenges too hard, too obscure, or is it because none of you has time to research them, write down the answers and submit an entry? I was very disappointed not to receive a single entry for **Dartmoor Tors Part 4.** Here are the answers:

- 1. Yes Tor
- 2. Pil Tor
- 3. Legis Tor
- 4. East Tor
- 5. Trowlesworthy Tor
- 6. Fur Tor
- 7. Claret Tor
- 8. Scarey Tor
- 9. Devil's Tor
- 10. Maiden Tor.

Nothing venture, nothing gain, try this issue's

#### Dartmoor Pot Pourri:

- 1. What is "Granny's Nightcap"? other than a drink before bed or something Granny wore!
- 2. In which village did William Crossing live?
- 3. Connect the number of days in a year with Dartmoor.
- 4. Which well-known Dartmoor character died this year?
- 5. In which year did the Knights beat the Bounds of the Forest of Dartmoor?
- 6. What was the name of the original Pub; now The Elephant's Nest?
- 7. What 'Way' passes through the Parish of Peter Tavy?
- 8. What name was given to the Tinners on Dartmoor?
- 9. Into which river does the River Walkham flow?
- 10. Name the closest Tor to Limsboro Cairn.

Good Luck! Have Fun! Have a Go! Send me your entry!

Patrick Cashell, Brook Cottage, (email gpwcashell@btinternet.com)

by: Friday 8th July

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SUNDAY

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

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

**6.30pm** Service, Methodist Church

#### MONDAY

10-12am (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall 7.30pm Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

10.00 - (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the 10.30am bottom of Church Lane Mornings Art Group, Village Hall

#### THURSDAY

2.00pm (2nd Thursday each month) Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI. Usually Mary Tavy Coronation Hall. (Barbara Weeks 810697)

**7.30pm** (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI, Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Trish - 810115)

#### FRIDAY

10.00am "Minnows" (Parent/toddler group) in Chapel.

10.45am Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy -

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

7.00 -(Alternate Fridays) Youth Club

**9.00pm** *Contact: Richard* 810939

8.00 -Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -**10.00pm** (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)

NB: The Parish Council meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month - see notice board in Bus Shelter for information.

\*Bus Notes: Don't forget that about 8 buses a day stop at the junction on the main A386 road near Harford Bridge Holiday Park (Plymouth CityBus Service No. 46 - contact Tel. 01752 662271).

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

#### **Useful Phone Numbers**

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

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01822 811091 Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings

Steve Carreck 01822 810868

**Peter Tavy Chapel** 

The Dodd Family 01822 810343 01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson 01822 810314 Angela Collins 01822 810243

**Local West Devon Councillor** 

Terry Pearce 01822 810648

**Local Devon County Councillor** 

Kevin Ball 07870 377879

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

**National Rail Enquiries** 03457 48 49 50

Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy

01822 618028

Highways Emergencies

(Devon County Council) 01392 383329

**Highways Local Services** 

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773 **Devon County Council** 0845 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

**SWEB** 

Customer Service 08457 650650 Power failure 0800 6783 105

South West Water Helpline 0800 1691144

**Environment Agency emergencies** 

0800 80 70 60 **Floodline** 0345 988 1188 **Tavistock Library** 01822 612218 book renewals 0845 155 1001 Citizen's Advice Bureau 03444 111 444

**West Devon Voluntary Services** 

Freephone 0300 660 0357

**Devon & Cornwall Constabulary** 

(non-urgent -24 hours) New No. 101 Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Domestic Violence Helpline 01837 55228 Trading Standards 03454 040506 0800 9177 650

Alcoholics Anonymous



Celebrations and events to mark the Queen's "Official" 90th birthday will be taking place across the country on the weekend of 11th/12th June this year. Here in Peter Tavy, everyone is invited to join in when we mark the occasion with a series of events on...

# **Sat. 11th June 2016**

- 2.00 4.00pm: Fun "Cricket" Match (Peter Tavy Rules!)
- 4.30pm: Bring & Share "Street Party" in Chapel Lane
- 8.00pm onwards: Disco/Dance in the Village Hall

See pages 6-7 of the Piper for details

There's no charge for any of these events, but donations towards costs will be welcome!

# Please let us know if you'll be coming along...

Number of adults | children aged up to 12 | 13-16