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*Here comes the...*



# FAYRE



**PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE**

**Bank Holiday Monday**

**28th August 2023 | Opens at 2.00pm**

**PLEASE HELP! Find out more inside...**

**PLUS...**

**FAYRE HOUSE SIGNS COMPETITION!**

Design a Sign for your House and Display it outside - see page 8

**Plus... The 20th PETER TAVY PLOD!**

*- See page 11*

There's been a lot happening in our community since the last Piper, with Easter celebrations, the Coronation and Open Gardens to name but a few. Have we seen the last of those wonderful summer days back in June? Let's hope the good weather returns as August comes around again, bringing that great parish highlight - the Peter Tavy Fayre! Find out much more in this Piper, and we hope you can come along and get involved to help out.

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



The dates and times shown 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.

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" by **Monday 2nd October 2023**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, by email to: [steve.ali@care4free.net](mailto: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 weather failed to dampen spirits at our Coronation events in May. The bells of St. Peter's rang out on the morning of the Coronation, and the next day we gathered at the church for our “Songs of Praise” service - including

a performance from our own parish choir. Then we donned home-made crowns for our “Coronation Big Lunch” together in the Chapel, where young people of the parish received commemorative mugs from the Parish Council. The next day, (in less than favourable conditions!), many parishioners donned their waterproofs and made their way up to help clear out the Coombe pool for our “Coronation Big Help Out” project, after which a commemorative oak tree was planted up on Smeardon Down, and we returned to the Chapel to dry out over a Pasty lunch together. Thanks to everyone who was involved in a memorable weekend! *(More pics on p.23).*

The **Peter Tavy Piper** is our parish magazine, and has been produced since 1984. It is distributed free to every household in Peter Tavy, bringing information, news and events listings to parishioners. Its printing is funded by Peter Tavy Parish Council.

**The Parish Council** meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. See bus shelter noticeboard for information, or find agendas and minutes on the Council website: [www.petertavyparishcouncil.org](http://www.petertavyparishcouncil.org)



# What's On?

## IN PETER TAVY

**REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS** are shown on page 22.

### AUGUST

Tues 1st	6.00 - 7.00pm	Dancing Group, Village Hall ( <i>see page 11</i> ) <b>Continues each Tuesday.</b>
	7.30pm	Drawing of the Open Gardens "Grand Charity Raffle", Village Hall
Sun 6th	from noon	Mary Tavy Village Fayre, at the Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy
Wed 9th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
Thurs 10th	7.30pm	Village Fayre Planning Meeting, Village Hall
Sat 12th	2.30 - 4.30pm	Spring House Summer Fair ( <i>see p. 13</i> )
Fri 18th	6.30pm	Meet at Village Hall to put up Village Fayre BUNTING around the village
Sun 20th	3.30pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 21st	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall
Mon 28th	9.30am on..	Setting up for...
(Bank Holiday)	2.00pm	<b>Peter Tavy Village Fayre.</b>
	1.00pm	The 20th Peter Tavy Plod ( <i>see p.11</i> )
Weds 30th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall ( <i>see p 15</i> )

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 6th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
Thurs 7th	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Sun 17th	3.30pm	Harvest Festival Service, Chapel (joint with St Peter's)
Mon 18th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall
Sat 23rd	from 11.00am	Plymouth & District Organists Association giving an informal morning recital in St Peter's Church

### OCTOBER

Wed 4th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, bottom of Church Lane
	Evening	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church
Thurs 5th	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Sun 15th	3.30pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Mon 16th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall

### NOVEMBER

Thurs 2nd	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	
	10.00am	Communion at St Peter's Church
	c.10.45am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sun 19th	3.30pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 20th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Following on from Local Elections on the 4th of May, you now have a new Parish Council, with the new Parish Councillors all being well known in the Village.

They are:

Dave Chanter (Chairman)	Bill Lane
Jim Jeffrey (Vice-Chairman)	Amanda Barton
Edward Dodd	Ruth Myott
Ken Ball	

These Councillors all give up lots of their time without financial reward to represent you, the Parishioners. They are a very approachable group, so if you have any concerns about anything in the Parish, please speak to any of your Councillors or contact myself (the Clerk).

It has been a busy few months in the Parish calendar, with the Coronation of King Charles III being the first major event following the Elections in May. A native Oak tree was planted on Smeardon Down near to the seat and the other commemorative trees. Coronation mugs were presented to children in the Parish.

A major restoration of the Mill Pond has now been completed, and a huge thank you goes out to all the Councillors who took part in this and the clean up operation afterwards. It really is a fantastic asset to the Village and should now be enjoyed for many years to come.



*Parish councillors at work... clearing away the old play equipment*

The ongoing project of replacing old play equipment at the Playing Field is reaching its final stages. The old equipment has been taken down and the area is now ready to be made good in time for the contractors to start work building the new pieces of play equipment; once again, a tremendous effort from your Parish Councillors demolishing and clearing up. They hope that the contractors will be able to start to install the new equipment at the end of summer.

All of this has been made possible by The National Lottery Community Fund giving the project a generous grant which the

Parish Council hopes to match fund. Another grant has come from West Devon Borough Council. The new equipment will be up to modern safety standards and should be enjoyed by future generations of children.

I will end with an appeal - does anybody know the whereabouts of a missing parish Boundary Stone? The Peter Tavy Boundary Stone at Hillbridge has gone missing! It was already broken in two, but has since been moved and cannot be found anywhere near its original location. If you know where it is, could you please contact anybody on the Parish Council to let them know? It is easy to spot because it was a large granite stone in two pieces and with a large letter P carved into it.

I hope you all enjoy what is left of the summer, and that the sun might shine on the village for a good August Bank Holiday with lots of great activities planned for that day.

- Michelle, Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council

**Your Clerk can be contacted via email at [petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk) or via telephone in the evenings on 01822 811075**

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## ONE LINERS...

**A survival tip from the great comedian, the late Sean Lock:**

“Here’s an interesting fact: a shark will only attack you if you’re wet.”

**One from pun champion Tim Vine:**

“I’ve just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday.

I tell you what... I’ll never do that again!”

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# BLOOMIN’ AMAZIN’ !

**Peter Tavy Open Gardens** in aid of Cancer Research UK and the Village Hall took place on Sunday 9th July.

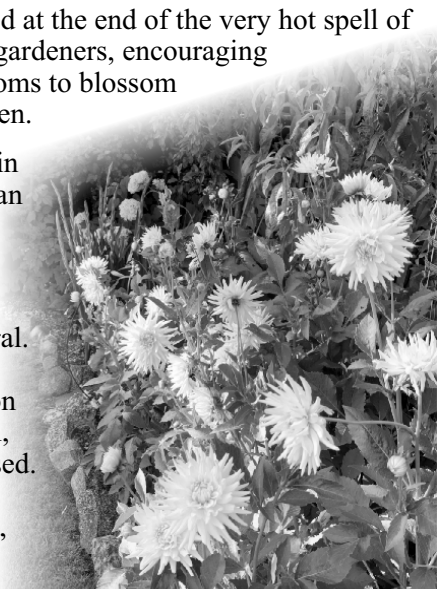
It was a little hurried in the planning and arrived at the end of the very hot spell of weather. This meant a lot of hard work for the gardeners, encouraging the wilting plants to thrive, willing the late blooms to blossom and praying for rain to help lawns return to green.

As the weekend approached, it looked set to rain for the duration of the event, but as people began to arrive the rain cleared and over 200 visitors began their tour of the gardens.

We received lovely comments on the gardens, the delicious refreshments and the day in general. We've continued to sell raffle tickets for our “Grand Charity Draw”, which will take place on Tuesday 1st August, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, after which we will know how much we've raised.

My hope is we bring in somewhere between “Wow, that's great” and “Wow, that’s massive!” Watch this space!

- Diane Newman



**See the back cover of this Piper for more pictures of our “Open Gardens”**

# PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - 28TH AUGUST 2023

*Please Join In and Help!*

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

**'Yer Tiz Again!** ...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 so far - we look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible to come along and join friends and neighbours on this annual 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 in - it's our day of real "community action", helping to keep our keep our community vibrant and strong!*



## COUNTDOWN TO THE FAYRE...

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

### Thursday 10th August - PLANNING MEETING

Come along to the **Village Hall at 7.30pm** if you can, to help make the final arrangements for the Fayre - new ideas always welcome!

### Friday 18th August - BUNTING EVENING

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

### Monday 29th August - FAYRE DAY

**9.30am** - Strong and willing volunteers needed to get things set up in the Village Hall and Chapel ... 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 11 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 willing" mentioned above!) to help tidy up and put everything away.

# Special Appeals for Help...

VILLAGE FAYRE



## Parking

Directing traffic to avoid hold-ups is one of the most vital things for a successful Fayre day. If you can help, get in touch - contacts opposite.

## Refreshments

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

We hope you may be able to donate as many sweet or savoury food items as possible for us to sell on the day.

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

- Victoria Sandwich Sponges
- Scones
- Lemon Drizzle Cake
- Tray Bakes
- Sausage Rolls
- Quiches
- Homity Pie
- Cheese Scones

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!

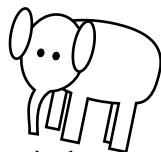
Contact: Carol Myott - 07903 247491 OR 01822 810385.

Thanks!



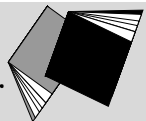
## Granny's Attic Stall

Good quality Bric-a-Brac ("brocante") is another great draw, and contributes a lot to funds raised. Please save quality bric-a-brac to donate to the Fayre. Newer items are welcome, as these always fetch a good price; larger items might also be welcome. (Sorry, no electrical appliances.) If you have something suitable, you can bring it up to the Chapel on Fayre day from 9.00am onwards. Or contact us (details opposite) in advance.



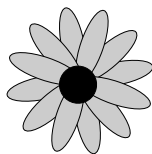
## Book Stall

...welcomes your surplus books for their stock - and any vinyl records you may have lurking around. But please **NO video cassettes, CDs or DVDs** - thanks!.



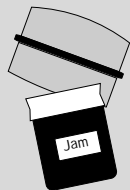
## Plants & Garden

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)...



## 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. Ideally, if you can, drop any jams and preserves to Dawn at Mill Cottages ahead of the Fayre. Please bring along any cakes on the morning of the Fayre. If you're bringing along a cake to be sold, it would be 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.

## VILLAGE FAYRE COMPETITIONS

Competitions are a traditional key element of the Fayre - an opportunity to get creative, and displays of entries provide a great attraction for visitors! The wide range of competitions provides something for everyone to try. Entry forms are enclosed with this Piper.

Competitions will be split into 4 classes:

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

### BEST DECORATED HOUSE SIGN

Design a Sign for your House - use your actual house name or number...or invent a new one! Put the sign up and display it at your gate or on your house - the best sign will win one of our coveted Village Fayre certificates. Have a try - *when will you get another opportunity to "Pimp Up Your House"!* Please put your signs up by Friday 25th August, ready for the Fayre day.



For all the following competition categories, bring your entries to the Hall on the morning of the Fayre between 10.30 & 11.30am, with your entry fee of 50p.

## CRAFT CATEGORIES

### 1. MAKE A HEAD! - make a paper maché model of a head



- any animal or human - and any size! (Open to all age classes.)

HINT: You can blow up a balloon, then stick small pieces of newspaper onto it with wallpaper paste, and build it up into the shape you want. Leave it to dry, and when the paper is really dry and hard, paint your model and then pop the balloon inside.

Scan this QR code for an online example.

### 2. Make a HOME-MADE THANK-YOU CARD (Open to all ages.)

### 3. Make a PIN CUSHION (Open to all age classes.)

### 4. NEEDLEWORK - Present a hand-stitched piece of embroidery or tapestry. (Open to all age classes.)



## ART CATEGORIES

5. **“THIS MAKES ME HAPPY”** - create a piece of art in any media, at any size. (Open to all ages.)
6. **A PET** - create a piece of art in any media, at any size. (Open to all under 11 year olds.)
7. **A SUNSET or SUNRISE** - create a piece of art in any media, at any size. (Open to 11 - 16 year olds.)
8. **A Painted Pebble of AN ANIMAL** (Open to all age classes.)

## CREATIVE WRITING CATEGORIES

### 9. POETRY -

For all those aged under 16 - write a poem on the theme of **“My School Day”**  
For everyone aged over 16, the theme is **“Country Living”**

### 10. Write a description of **A PETER TAVY EVENT**.

This could be a potential feature for a future edition of **“The Piper”**. It could be a past, present - or even future! - event in the parish. Entries can be hand-written or printed, but no more than a single side of A4 paper. (Open to all age classes.)

## FLOWER ARRANGING CATEGORIES

11. An Arrangement titled **“SUNSET”** any size. (Open to all ages.)
12. **My FAVOURITE BLOOM** - enter a single stem, and the winning bloom will be chosen by public vote. (Open to all ages.)
13. **A JUG of FLOWERS** - (Open to all aged 16 and under.)

## VEGETABLE & PRODUCE CATEGORIES

14. **3 DIFFERENT VEGETABLES on a PLATE** (Open to all ages.)
15. **Peter Tavy’s LONGEST RUNNER BEAN** (Open to all ages.)
16. **LITTLE & LARGE** One giant and one tiny vegetable from your garden. (Open to all ages.)
17. **EGGS** - Three brown eggs and three white eggs. (Open to all age classes.)
18. **A JAR OF CLEAR HONEY** (Open to all age classes.)
19. **HONEY in the COMB** (One container of cut comb - open to all age classes.)

**COOKERY CATEGORIES**

**20. A THREE-COURSE MEAL for ONE** - competitors can choose which three courses to present - cold dishes only! (Open to age 16 and over.)

**21. A DECORATED BIRTHDAY SPONGE** - the decoration to be judged - not the sponge itself! (Open to all aged 16 and under.)

**22. The Annual CAKE COMPETITION** (Open to all ages)- this year a

**TEA LOAF****Ingredients:**

- 1lb (450g) mixed dried fruit, such as currants, raisins, chopped dried apricots and dried cherries
  - 10 fl oz (300ml) cold strong tea
  - 7oz (200g) dark brown sugar
- grated rind and juice of 1 small orange
  - grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
    - 1 egg, lightly beaten
    - 7oz (200g) plain flour
    - 1 tbsp baking powder
      - 1/8 tsp salt

**Method:**

1. In a bowl, mix the dried fruit with the cold tea and soak overnight.
  2. Preheat oven to 350°F / 180°C / Gas 4. Line the bottom and side of a 9 x 5 inch (23 x 13 cm) loaf tin with greaseproof paper, and grease the paper.
  3. Strain the fruit, reserving the liquid. In a bowl, combine the sugar, orange and lemon rind, and fruit.
  4. Pour the orange and lemon juice into a measuring jug; if the quantity is less than 8 fl oz. (250 ml), top up with the soaking liquid.
  5. Stir the citrus juices and lightly beaten egg into the dried fruit mixture.
  6. In another bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir into the fruit mixture until blended.
  7. Transfer to the prepared loaf tin and bake until a skewer inserted in the centre of the loaf comes out clean - about 1 1/4 hours.
- Let stand 10 minutes before unmoulding.



# PETER TAVY PLOD and FUN RUN XX

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

### August 28th Starting at 1.00pm

*Supported by the Peter Tavy Inn*

Join us for the 20th Peter Tavy Plod, a thrilling event and an unforgettable day of fun and excitement - perfect for adventure seekers and nature enthusiasts.

Embrace the great outdoors on a scenic route through the picturesque landscapes of Peter Tavy. Conquer the challenging trail, surrounded by breathtaking views and fresh country air.

Starting on Monday August 28th 2023 at 1:00pm, (fun run starts at 12:45), the event guarantees an adrenaline-fueled experience - whether you're a seasoned runner or a novice, we welcome participants of all levels.

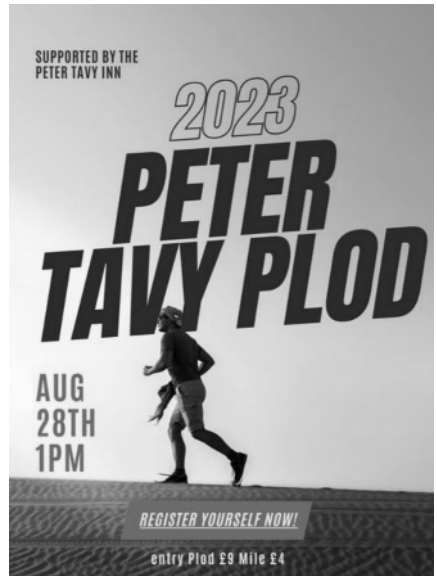
Gather your friends, family, and fellow adventurers, and after the run pop down to the Village Fayre for a good old-fashioned afternoon out - with refreshments!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to explore the beauty of Peter Tavy while pushing your limits. See you there!

Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/20th-peter-tavy-plod-tickets-669342460317>

For any queries contact David Chanter on [davechant@me.com](mailto:davechant@me.com) or 07815 318145.



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## Peter Tavy Dancing Group

Tuesday evenings have become a not-to-be-missed event in our diaries - come along and join us!

Each week, from 6pm for an hour on Tuesdays, we've been enjoying patient tuition from Tom, and we've "learnt" the basics of eight dances (four latin and four ballroom).

Our group is great fun and always challenging! Having learned the basics, we'll now be adding some technique to our repertoire...

Everyone welcome; after each session we enjoy refreshments and a time for a chat and reflection.



Tom Roskilly urges us all to

# Take Heart

This little piece is for all those people I know and don't know who have to face adversity, the sort that comes out of nowhere and demands a response to counter it and push it to one side.

Nowadays, the conventional wisdom is to exercise the power of rational thought and develop a positive mental attitude - but sometimes you need more than your brain can provide, and it's the inspiration to get your heart pumping, flex its muscles and overcome those 'slings and arrows' that is required.

For those of us souls working in farming, music from the tractor radio often provides just that, with Pirate and Heart playing our favourite songs and lightening our mood. Then of course for the younger element and sheep shearers, there's Radio 1 from a boombox which bangs out the driving beat of energy and motivation and blows away the dark clouds.

Words can give you a lift as well: an advertising slogan on a billboard '*Just Do It*', or maybe what someone quoted in a history lesson at school, such as '*I may have the body of a weak and feeble woman but I have the heart of a king*'. That was how Queen Elizabeth I rallied her troops in 1588 to go and fight the Spanish.

Then there was the legendary moment in the film *The England Manager* when Mike Bassett defiantly recited Kipling's '*If*' in front of the baying press and refused to resign.

When it comes to adversity there's no such thing as equality, particularly as far as health goes. Some get a pretty raw deal whilst others seem to skate by untouched. However you'd be very lucky indeed not to face some sort of glitch in life. Bodies are, after all, not designed to go on for ever – a bit like modern cars.

That said, there is a great comfort to be living at a time when we all have equal access to a health care service which treats you like you're the only person that matters and whose sole remit is to make you better and give you the '*heart to go on*'.

Well, there's the line of a song if ever there was one!

Celine Dion perhaps?

## **WHEAL BETSY LADIES**

Wheal Betsy Ladies group holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month; we start at 14.00 and doors are open from 13.30 to ensure a prompt start. Please come along and join us - we look forward to meeting you.

For more information, contact Di Broughton on [peterguybroughton@hotmail.com](mailto:peterguybroughton@hotmail.com) / tel. 01822 820671, or call Elaine on 07446 992990.



## St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

In April, we were pleased to welcome everyone to our services over the Easter season. In early May, we held our Annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall and reviewed the past year at St Peter's. Angela Collins and Janet Bedford again kindly volunteered to serve as Churchwardens for the year ahead, and the

officers and members of the PCC also remain unchanged for 2023/4 - thanks to everyone - especially to our Treasurer, Bill Lane, and to Anya Yeatman for all her work on improving the appearance and functioning of our ancient church building. Thanks also to everyone who came along on a warm day in June for the annual "Clean and Tidy" the Church and churchyard day - it really did make a great improvement and made St Peter's look its best for the weddings we hosted later on.

Our Church Strawberry Tea on 10th June raised £409 for Church funds, so thanks to all who prepared and served the delicious refreshments then, and to those who came along to share an afternoon with friends and neighbours.

Looking ahead, we remain uncertain of how our position will develop within the Deanery of Tavistock now that the new vicar, Revd. Matt Godfrey, has been appointed. In the meantime, thanks to the work of Peter Tinson in finding clerical support, we hope to maintain regular Sunday morning Communion services at 9.30am. The third Sunday of each month continues as a family service, held jointly with Peter Tavy Methodist Church. Our next joint service will be on Sunday August 20th at 3.30pm in St Peter's, and we hope you can join us then.

### **PLYMOUTH & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION** - "Pulling out all the stops" at St Peter's?

On **Saturday September 23rd from 11.00am**, the Association will be calling in at St Peter's as part of their annual "organ crawl". They'll be playing and giving an informal organ recital - everyone is welcome to drop in and enjoy listening during the morning.



We're hoping that later on that day, in the evening, there will also be another ensemble giving a concert in St Peter's. Arrangements are yet to be finalised, so watch out for details!

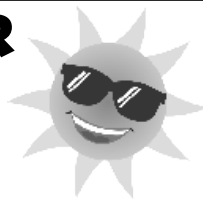
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## **SPRING HOUSE SUMMER FAIR**

**Saturday 12th August 2.30 - 4.30pm**

You're welcome to drop in and join us for refreshments - and to try your luck on our games!

*Donations of prizes for our Raffle would be gratefully received.*



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## **ONE LINER...**

"I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust."

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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

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

The last Village Hall **Whist Drive** evening was held in June, and we plan to restart again in the autumn - watch for details.

The **Haldon Quartet** returned to the Hall in June to give us a well-attended and very enjoyable evening of Mozart, James Macmillan and Fanny Mendelssohn. It was fascinating to be able to watch the professional musicians' skilled playing so closely, and to hear some background details behind each piece of music. We hope we may be able to arrange further concerts in the Hall in the months ahead.

The **Open Gardens** on Sunday 9th July was blessed with good weather despite the forecasts and was very well attended with 208 garden passes sold. We are so grateful to those who welcomed the visitors into their gardens and especially to Diane and Paul Newman for taking on the organization. Plenty of the visitors also enjoyed the refreshments in the village hall - thanks to all involved in preparing and donating the food, and serving there too.

Ticket sales for the **Grand Charity Draw** are selling well with the draw to be made on Tuesday 1st August at the Hall. There's a wide range of great prizes to be won, and we are very grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who donated these.

The **Pit Stop** has been doing good business - especially ice creams and cold drinks in the hot weather to cyclists, walkers and locals! Stop by if you're feeling in need of cold refreshment over the summer.



## Discover Foraging!

In September, we're hoping to host a Foraging Course for all those who would like to know more about what to look out for and how to identify the freshest tasting wild food to be found in our local part of Dartmoor. After an introduction, there will be a walk to find different edible plants and mushrooms, with warnings about the poisonous ones to avoid! The course will round off with a wild food lunch, including things found along the walk. Places will be limited - watch out for more details soon.

Finally, a quick reminder that the Village Fayre will soon be upon us - we hope you'll be able to join in with the community to raise the funds which will help the Hall (and St Peter's church, and the Methodist Chapel) in the year ahead.

- Susie Pitt



This year's last monthly footpath walk will take place on Wednesday August 30th. No booking is necessary, just meet at the Village Hall and be ready to start walking by 7.00 pm. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing. We prefer not to take dogs with us.

**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. Contact Jayne on 07825 397824 for updates.



## CIRCUIT *fitness* TRAINING

Every Monday Evening

6.00pm Peter Tavy Village Hall

*Find out more from Dave Chanter on 07815 318145*



## 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 21st August; 18th September; 16th October; 20th November.**

*For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.*

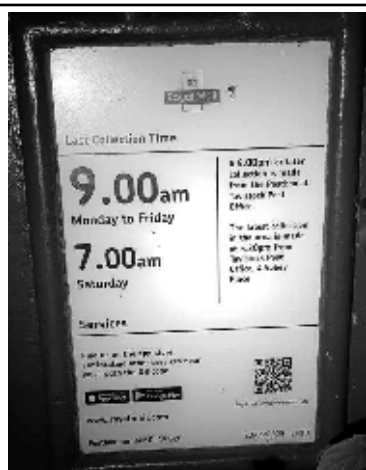


## Don't Miss the Post!

A quick reminder to everyone who uses the post box in the village (next to the bus shelter by the Village Hall)... The collection times have changed to **9.00am Monday - Friday,** and **7.00am Saturday.**

(Latest collection in the area is now 5.30pm from Tavistock Post Office.)

*We were thinking of a headline based around "Snail Mail" here, which would have been very appropriate as, a couple of years back, a proliferation of snails in our village post box used to happily munch away on the letters and cards posted there before they were collected!*



# METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



Hi! Can you remember back in May when the sun shone and we gathered after Rogation Open Gardens for an open air service lead by Rev Paul Smith? Many thanks to those who opened their gardens that afternoon - and to David and Fiona for the warm welcome at Harewood where the beautiful tea was enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, make a date in your diaries for our **Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 17th September at 3.30pm**. This will be a joint family service with St Peter's church - watch out for details.



## Soup and desert lunches

Soup lunches take a break in August, but will return as usual in September - each **First Thursday of the month, 12 noon till 1.30pm at the Chapel**.

If you haven't been before - or not been for a while - we would love to see you. The locally made soups and desserts are amazing and it is such a good time to sit and talk with others. Forthcoming dates are **Thursdays 7th September, 5th Oct. and 2nd Nov.**



The Group meets on **Fridays 2pm - 4pm at the Methodist Chapel**.

We undertake all sorts of crafts together - with enthusiasm and laughter!

The group is great medicine - enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a craft.

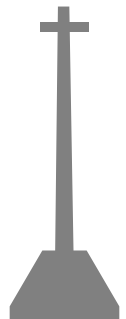
Make and extend friendships, learn a new craft or build on one you already work on Everyone is very welcome!



## POPPY MAKING

The Craft Group would like to invite everyone in the parish to make some poppies to be put on netting for a cascade on Remembrance Sunday. Poppies are being made by sewing, knitting, crochet and plastic! Please ask us if you would like to learn a new skill - or come along on Fridays at 2pm in Chapel hall.

Completed poppies can be dropped to Sandra or brought to Craft group meetings. Thank you.







## TOR AND TAVY W.I.

A full programme and some new "sub groups" have, we hope, been the reason for an increase in our membership - but there is room for more to join us! The WI group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy, 7.30pm and prospective new members are welcome.

We have a First Aid session in August covering CPR and defibrillators - booking would be needed for this (*don't forget we have a defibrillator here in Peter Tavy, outside the Village Hall, and it would be great if more people were familiar with this equipment!* - eds.), followed by Wildlife Photography; a Halloween Walk (led by Simon Dell), and Hand Bell Ringing to round off the Autumn.

Our new groups have taken off and we now have a Craft Group, Book Chat and Dishy Diners all meeting at monthly or two monthly intervals. Upcoming trips include a Tamar Bridge Tour, a weekend visit to Highgrove and a Vineyard tour.

Do feel free to join us for a taster or email [torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk](mailto:torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk) for further information.

Elaine Mackintosh in Cudlipptown is also a contact. - Corrie Grice

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## Talking dog for sale

A man spotted a sign outside a house that read "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walked in.

"So, what have you done with your life?" he asked the dog.

"I've led a very full life," said the dog. "When I was younger, I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country helping with bomb disposal in Iraq. Nowadays, I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The man was very impressed and asked the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner replied, "Because he's a complete liar! He never did any of that!"

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## It's All Happening in Princetown!

*Sandra has sent us details of the* **PRINCETOWN ARTS FESTIVAL 2023:**

**Friday 18th - Sunday 20th August: Art Exhibition** - a fantastic 3-day multi-venue display of mixed media artwork from throughout Dartmoor. With poetry reading in the library and musical entertainment from Raise the Roof, A Capella, The Elderberries, Shanty Singers and Norfolk and Good (local folk duo)

**Friday 18th August - Cream Tea Dance** with live music from the Fine Whines Vintage Jazz Band and a Contemporary Dance performance by Jonny Hibbs. 4pm at the Two Bridges Hotel. (Tickets from Eventbrite)

**Sunday 20th August - Loveny Male Voice Choir** (from St Neot in Cornwall) - 4pm in St Michael's Church, Princetown (Tickets £5 from Eventbrite)

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (“AI”) put to the ultimate test!

With all the discussions and worries about the growth of AI, the Piper compilers thought it would be interesting to put one of the “ChatBots” to the ultimate test - writing for the *Piper*. Below are the genuine responses from AI.

We asked the ChatBot to “**write a village magazine article about sheep**”.

It replied - “Certainly! Here's an article about sheep you might find interesting:

### “**Sheep in Our Village: A Look at These Essential Animals**

“Nestled in the heart of our village are some of the most essential animals found in our community - sheep. Whether you are a newcomer to village life or have lived here all your life, you have likely encountered the gentle creatures grazing in lush, green pastures.

“Sheep are an important part of our community's history and continue to play a vital role in our local economy. Their wool, meat, and milk are in high demand and help sustain our way of life.

“As you walk or drive past the fields where these creatures graze, you might see them lazily munching on grass or hear the soft sound of their bleating. But did you know that there are many different breeds of sheep? The most common breeds in our area include the Suffolk, Dorset, and Hampshire.

“Sheep are also fascinating creatures. Did you know that they have excellent memories? They can recognize up to 50 different faces and will remember them for years. Sheep also have a strong sense of community and often gather in groups for protection and comfort.

“Our village is home to some talented shepherds who take care of these beautiful animals.”

That seemed a pretty impressive first attempt - but some of the piece made us realise we'd not been specific enough in our question. So we then asked the ChatBot to “**write a review of a church village tea party in Devon**”.

It replied: “As an AI language model, I don't have personal experiences and feelings. However, I can provide you with a sample review of a church village tea party in Devon.

“The church village tea party in Devon was a delightful experience. The event was held in a charming village hall, decorated with bunting and flowers, which created a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The tea and cakes served were delicious and plentiful, with a wide variety of flavors.”

A good effort, we thought - the ChatBot just needs to be taught to spell words properly, (*not the American way!*); to be told that scones with jam and cream would definitely be served, and that all articles like this should end with “thank you to all those who prepared and served the teas, and to everyone who came along”.

Then we can all retire and hand over writing the whole of the *Piper* to AI!

*Peter Tinson reveals the secrets of slipping into...*

## Retirement

I thought that retirement meant a much easier life,  
Whoever said that did not know my wife.

The list of the things she would like me to do,  
Gets longer, not shorter - and here are a few:

If it's dry, there's the garden, the weeds are quite rife,  
There's dandelions, daisies and even loosestrife;

If it's wet, there are plenty of jobs here indoors,  
Do this and do that, and even wash floors.

So if you are thinking of early retirement,  
Think on - now you know what will be the requirement!!

*Peter assures us that he has had permission to send this to us!*

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## Our MOBILE LIBRARY ....*Farewell?*

Sadly, the future of our wonderful Mobile library service looks bleak. In early July, Devon County Council's cabinet voted to end the service across the county. The move has been challenged by opposition councillors, and no final decision will be made until 11th October 2024.

Let's hope this isn't the end of yet another valuable county council service for people in small rural communities like ours!

So you've still got a last chance to visit the Mobile to see what you have been missing and meet our great mobile librarian Heidi - when it calls between 10.00 - 10.30 am at the bottom of Church Lane on

● **Weds 9th August**    ● **Weds 6th September**    ● **Weds 4th October**

*If you have any queries, please contact 0345 155 1001 or email [info@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:info@librariesunlimited.org.uk)*



## Mary Tavy VILLAGE FAYRE

**Sunday 6th August, opens 12 noon.**

**At Mary Tavy Recreation Ground and Coronation Hall**

Featuring The Death-Defying Diving Ducks; Merry-Go-Round;  
Dog Show; Craft Stalls; Car Boot; Vintage Tractors; Farm Animals;  
Food & Bar; Cream Teas; Produce & Flower Show; Raffle.

*Produce & Flower Show entry forms from Mary Tavy Post Office and Stores  
For Stall Pitches call 01822 811019*

Dick Nicklin shares

# THE CAMINO EXPERIENCE

The **Camino de Santiago** is a network of historical pilgrimage routes throughout Europe that lead to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, the traditional burial place of St James, the Apostle. The Spanish word *camino* can be translated as trail, path, road or even journey, but 'way' is considered a more accurate translation. In September last year Lin and I took a ferry to Santander and then walked along the northern coast of Spain to Santiago, part of the *Camino del Norte*, covering 489 kms over four weeks. This was our third pilgrimage: the first a short week from Sarria to Santiago (117 kms) in 2018, followed by a two week, coastal walk from Porto to Santiago (280 kms) in 2019.

Rather than a remote wilderness trek, the Camino weaves through villages, towns and even large cities, with many cafes along the way. The pace is your own, as is the amount you carry! The routes are well-trodden enough that you can be practically guaranteed walking companions in any season other than winter! Since the Camino routes were used for religious pilgrimage, any walker is generally considered a pilgrim (*Pellegrino/Pellegrini*) even if walking more for sport than spirituality.

Dick & Lin at  
"the end of the road"



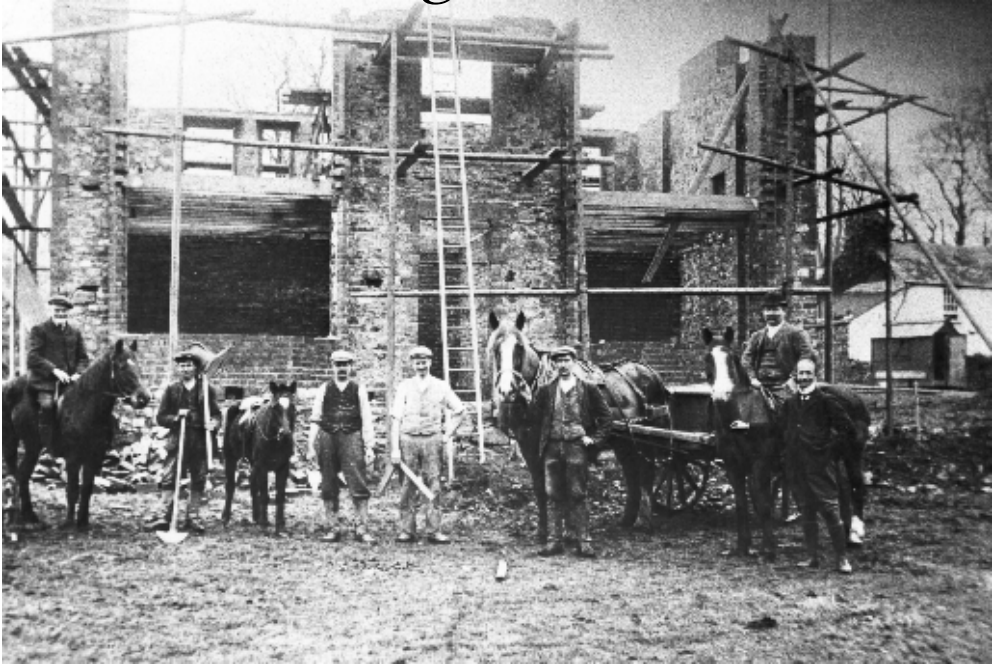
In May this year we travelled to Italy and walked from Lucca to Rome (404 kms), a part of the *Via Francigena* which traces the footsteps of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sigeric who, while returning from Rome in 990, recorded his route and overnight stops. In contrast to Spain there were few pilgrims on the route and major towns are positioned on high ground which proved challenging after a long, gruelling day of walking. Tuscany was awash with vineyards and beautiful countryside while the volcanic tufa stone ridges and basins of Lazio were full of hazelnut orchards. The route ends in Saint Peter's Square, Rome (left).

This year we will return to Spain in September to complete the *Camino Ingles* from Ferrol to Santiago (some 117 kms). This was traditionally the route taken by pilgrims from Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland - hence the name "*English Way*". We then plan to extend the walk from Santiago to Finisterre and Muxia along the wild Costa da Morte of Galicia with the promise of lovely ocean views, mysterious shaded forests touched by Celtic and pagan roots of the region, and the lighthouse at "the end of the world"!

Our pilgrimage adventures started after watching '*The Way*', a film starring Martin Sheen, directed, produced and written by his son, Emilio Estevez.

- *Buon Camino*

# Do You Recognise this House?



*Bill Lane* sent us this wonderful photo of his house, Lower Churchtown, under construction in 1906. Mr Doidge, the builder, is on the horse on the left, with his sons standing beside him; on the horse on the right is Mr Holman, the owner of the house, with the curate of St Peter's church beside him.



## PETER TAVY INN

**Opening Hours:** Over the summer we will be open all day from noon for drinks. Come along and enjoy a refreshing pint or a nice cup of coffee in our beer garden (or, as a number of the locals call it, our "Orchard"!)

**Food** is served daily from 12noon to 2pm and from 6.30pm to 9.00pm

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 [petertavyinn.co.uk](http://petertavyinn.co.uk) *Scan here* ▶



## A Random act of kindness

People don't usually compliment me on my driving, so I was very pleased this morning when I saw a note on my car that said, "Parking fine."  
That was very nice of them!

# THE WEEK

## REGULAR EVENTS in Peter Tavy

### SUNDAY

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

**3.30pm** 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** Bellingring 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

**6.00-7.00pm** Peter Tavy Dance Group, Village Hall (see p.11)

### 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

### 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 (see p.17)

### FRIDAY

**10.45am** Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - No. 122\* [www.oakleyscoaches.co.uk](http://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.16)

*\*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

Robert Oxborough 01822 810955

### 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".*

# Coronation Celebrations in Peter Tavy



Photos by Dave French



# Open Gardens 2023



Our very successful **Peter Tavy Open Gardens** event, on 9th July, saw over 200 visitors enjoy a chance to explore 10 varied gardens and refreshments in the Village Hall. Find out more on p.5

*Photos by Ali Carreck, Dave Martin, Vaughn Nail, Janett Reed, Nina Seez, Michelle Widdows*