

St. Peter's Church RBECU

5.00pm Saturday 24th August at Harford Bridge **Holiday Park**

Harvest in the Barn

Sun. 18th Sept.

★ 2016 ★

Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August Opens 2.00pm

The 13th Running of the ever-popular Annual

Peter Tavy Plod & Fun Run

Monday 29th August - starting 13.00 / 12.45 - see page 7

What's On?

August		
Wed 3rd	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Sun 14 th	10.30am	Benefice Confirmation service, led by
		Bishop of Plymouth, St Peter's Church
Mon 15th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Fri 19th	6.30pm	Putting up Fayre Bunting - meet at Village Hall
Wed 24th	7.30pm	Putting up the Fayre Coconut Shy in Village Hall
Sat 27th	5.00pm	St Peter's Church BBQ, Harford Bridge Park
Mon 29th	<i>from</i> 9.00am	Setting up for the Fayre
	1.00pm	Start of the Peter Tavy Plod (registration
		from 12.00 noon, fun run starts 12.30pm)
		Peter Tavy Village Fayre
th	7.00pm	Pasties and Quiz, Village Hall
Tues 30 th	7.00pm prompt	Circular footpath walk from Village Hall
Wed 31st	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
September		
Thurs 8 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
Sun 18 th	from 3.00pm	"Harvest in the Barn" (see page 11)
Mon 19th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 24th	TBC*	Village Hall Car Boot Sale
Wed 28th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Calls, Church Lane
October		
Weds 5th	7.00pm	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church, followed by
	c.8.15pm	Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
Thurs 6 th	4.30-6.30pm	Messy Church, Methodist Church
Thurs 13 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
Mon 17th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 22nd	<i>TBC</i> *	Bingo Evening, Village Hall
Wed 26th Wed 26th	10-10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting Deanery Ringing Festival Day
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Thurs 3rd	4.30-6.30pm	Messy Church, Methodist Church
Thurs 10 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup Lunch, Methodist Church
Sun 13th	TDC*	Remembrance Sunday
Sat 19th Sat 26 th	<i>TBC</i> *	Darts and Curry evening, Village Hall
Sat 26	12.00-2.00pm	Toasted Sandwich Lunches and Bring & Buy,
		Methodist Church

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! (*TBC - Date & time to be confirmed.)

Reminding all Gardeners that...Peter Tavy Gardening Group meets monthly at various venues - call Claire Nail (810330) for more details.

The Village Fayre approaches, and once again the Fayre Committee hope that as many parishioners as possible will come forward to help out - both in preparations and on the day - to raise vital funds and share the fun of the day! And it's time again for the annual "Peter Tavy Plod" (see page 7). Meanwhile, this issue looks back to some of the great events of the year so far - the Queen's Birthday celebrations and the Flower Festival. But we're also looking forward, to autumn and harvest celebrations with the Methodist Church "in the Barn" and at St Peter's, followed by the traditional harvest supper. There's plenty going on - and some new ideas; do you fancy joining a new Drama Group, with the view of putting on a show next February (see page 10)? Hoping to see you all at the Fayre, and at plenty of other events...

- Steve & Ali Carreck, Compilers,

(1 Mill Cottages, 810868, E-mail steve.ali@care4free.net)

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering November to early Jan. 2017) by **Friday 15th April 2016**. If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, on disk or by email to: steve.ali@care4free.net, it saves us a lot of typing. But please don't worry if this is not possible - we still want your hand-written entries too! Thanks!

Hurry along once more to join the FUN for ALL AGES at the unmissable, incomparable and widely-renowned...



Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August - Opens 2.00pm (Please note the earlier start time this year - 2.00 rather than 2.30pm)

PLEASE come along and lend a hand, if you can... help needed in advance and on the day - find out more inside

Friday 19th August, 6.30pm at the Hall - Help put up the Bunting Wednesday 24th August, 7.30pm at the Hall - Put up the Coconut Shy

Sat 27th August: **BARBECUE** at Harford Bridge Holiday Park, **5.00pm**, in aid of St Peter's Church

Sun 18th Sept: HARVEST in the BARN (see page 11)

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Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August -**Opens 2.00pm**

Contacts: Steve Carreck (810868); David Dodd (810776) or Peter Tinson (810314).

The time draws nigh for our annual parish extravaganza - the Village Fayre, when the community comes together to welcome visitors from far and near and raise vital funds to be split equally between the Village Hall, St Peter's and Peter Tavy Methodist Church. Every penny raised goes to our village funds, and there are no "commercial" stalls at the Fayre. It is a real effort by the whole community to make this one day of the year a major fund-raising success - and, at the same time, have a wonderful, enjoyable and rewarding day together!

As every year, we're appealing for as many people as possible to come along and be part of the Fayre... preparing in advance, helping out during the day, and tidying away after everything calms down again! Please do come along and join us - if you haven't already been asked to help, there's still plenty to get involved with. If you haven't been along to the Fayre in the past, you're missing a very special day of Village life - you'll be very welcome, alongside your friends and neighbours!

Countdown to the Fayre - and beyond...

Friday 19th August - BUNTING EVENING.

Come along to *bunt like you've never bunted before* as we string up the flags around the village to announce the Fayre - meet at the Hall at **6.30pm**.

Wednesday 24th August - COCONUT SHY?

Don't be... join us to help put up the Coconut Shy in the Village Hall grounds at **7.30pm**.

Monday 29th August -

9.00am - Strong volunteers needed to start moving everything out of the shed and setting up the stalls... which will need as much help as possible from everyone as the morning goes on.

1.00pm - Start of the Peter Tavy Plod and fun run - see page 7 for details.

2.00pm - The Fayre opens - in a radical new departure this year, we're opening half an hour earlier than previously!! As many people as possible needed for the stalls and games, refreshments - and everything else!

5.00pm - As the Fayre closes, once again, as many volunteers as possible *(including those "strong volunteers" mentioned above!)* to help tidy up and put everything away... in advance of....

7.00pm - *and RELAX!...*Pasties and Quiz evening in the Hall - don't worry, it's a specially shortened quiz.. with refreshments available, and BYO!

Special Appeals for 2016..

refreshments

WANTED! Donations of Food for the Village Fayre Refreshments! Sweet or Savoury - please bring your donation to the Chapel on the Fayre day. ALSO WANTED (!) - Willing helpers - for an hour or so to assist serve, clear tables or wash up? If you can help, please contact Torie(810264) or Sandra (810343). Torie and Sandra are away in the lead-up to the Fayre, and many of the key people who usually provide substantial quantities of goodies are also away this year, so we would be very grateful for help and contributions on the day or beforehand - please call Clare Balm 810663 if you can help us.

granny's attic stall

Bric-a-brac and second-hand ("pre-owned", please...) is always popular, and makes an important contribution to the funds we raise. The "Granny's Attic Team" asks us all to save bric-a-brac and jumble for the Fayre. Newer items would be particularly welcome- they always fetch a good price. If you're thinking of taking something to a charity shop, or selling 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. Bring it along on the day, or contact us if you'd like to bring it in before then. Thanks.

Piants and garden

The stall would welcome all sorts of garden-related donations - from plants, cut flowers (they sell well!) and produce, to gardening equipment and pots... Please bring along on the morning of the Fayre.

jams & preserves ≠ Home+made cakes

Home-made produce is always a top seller, so if you can donate a few jars to the Jams and Preserves stall, or bake a couple of cakes for the Home Made Cakes, you'd be making a very welcome contribution to village funds! (If you bake a cake, it would be helpful if you could suggest a sale price when you bring it along on the morning of the Fayre.)

the Book Stall

...would welcome new books for their stock, but please **NO VHS** (or Betamax, come to think of it!) videocassettes!

Ever wanted to Drive a Steam Train?

...if so, we can't really help there - But if you've ever wanted to help run a Skittles Game at the Fayre, then this is your lucky year! Apply now! (Please...!)



Village Fayre competitions...

If you haven't had a chance to get down to your competition entries for the Fayre yet - there's still time! This year, we have a great range of competitions for everyone to have a try at - you'll find the entry forms enclosed with this Piper.

CAKE COMPETITION

No Village Fayre would be complete without the great cake competition - this year you're challenged to bake ORANGE TEA BREAD. The recipe is on the opposite page. Please bring your entry, with your entry form and 50p entry fee, to the Village Hall between 10.30 and 11.30 am on the morning of the Fayre.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We're looking to find the best photos of this year's Peter Tavy Flower Festival - bring a print of your entry to the Hall on Fayre day between 10.30 and 11.30am, together with your entry form and 50p entry fee.

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've been marking the Queen's 90th birthday this year - and following last year's ingenious "upcycled flowers" last year - we invite everyone to create a royal crown from recycled materials - and bring it to the Hall for display and judging on Fayre day between 10.30 and 11.30am, together with the entry form and 50p fee.

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 *papier maché*) 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 between 10.30 and 11.30am, with form & fee.

• "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!

The 13th Running of the ever-popular Annual

Peter Tavy Plod & Children's Fun Run

On BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, AUGUST 29th

Starting at 13:00 (FUN RUN starts 12.45)

Registration from 12.00

Race Entry:

Peter Tavy Plod 5 Miles: £7.00 Fun Run 1 Mile: £2.00 Trophies in numerous categories. Mementos to all finishers.

Entry form included with this Piper, or contact -Dave Chanter on davechants@me.com or 01822 810598 - or visit www.petertavyplod.co.uk



For the second year we are grateful to the Peter Tavy Inn for their support, together with Francis Dix and Jennifer West for sponsoring the Fun Run. I would also like to add my thanks to the local farmers who let us cross their land and of course all the Marshals and helpers without whom we could not function.

The runs will follow a similar route to the past years following the paths and trails around the village and moorland. There are medals for all finishers and trophies in numerous categories, plus of course, the winners will have their plaque on the Kobie Dog Memorial Trophy displayed at the Peter Tavy Inn.

- Dave and Louisa Chanter

the cake competition recipe 2016

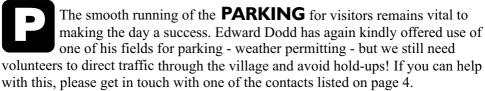
Orange Tea Bread

Ingredients:-

10oz (285g) mixed fruit 5oz (140g) light soft brown sugar Finely grated rind of one medium-size, or two small, oranges ½ pint (300 ml) hot tea 10oz (285g) self raising flour 1 egg

Method:-

- 1. Put fruit, sugar and orange rind to soak overnight in tea.
- 2. Next day, stir flour into fruit, along with beaten egg. Mix well.
- 3. Bake in 2lb size loaf tin in oven, temperature 150°c/ fan 130°c/ gas 2, for about 1½ hours or till skewer inserted into centre of cake comes out clean.



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS



August looks like it will be a busy month!

On **Sunday 14th August**, we'll be welcoming the Bishop of Plymouth to St Peter's, for a benefice service at 10.30am. Bishop Nick will be here to lead a special Confirmation service, which will be followed by refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to join us and support those to be confirmed that morning.

The following Monday - 15th August, is our sister church, St Mary's, Patronal Festival, celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a service to celebrate at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Mary Tavy.

Two weeks later, we'll be holding our annual

BARBECUE at 5.00pm

at Harford Bridge Holiday Park (with thanks to the Williamson family)

... alongside the delicious burgers and hot dogs (with home-made relish!) there'll be games, a Bring and Buy Stall and Great Raffle - hope to see you there.

A couple of days later, we'll all be busy again at the annual Village Fayre - let's hope for fine weather and another terrific day out for all!

Further ahead, when Summer draws to a close and the harvest is gathered in, we'll be celebrating with our **Harvest Festival Service** in St Peter's on the evening of **Wednesday 5th October**, followed by our popular Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Keep an eye out for details- and where to get tickets for Supper - closer to the time.

Your used Inkjet Cartridges Can Help the Friends!

Recycle4Charity will donate £1 to the Friends of St Peter's for every Inkjet Cartridge that you can send to them for recycling. Recycle4Charity provide Freepost envelopes in which you can put up to 3 inkjet cartridges and post to them. The cartridges must not have been previously recycled and they cannot accept Ink Tanks or cartridges from Tesco, PC World, Brother, Epson, Kodak or Office Depot.

Please help the Friends of St Peter's increase funds which will *only be used for the repair and maintenance of the church fabric*. There is no cost to you so just collect a Freepost envelope from the church or leave your cartridges in the bin inside the side gate at Lower Churchtown. Thank you - *Bill Lane, Treasurer*.

FULLAGETHALLTNEWS

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

Our first *Village Hall Car Boot Sale* on June 18th went very well. 15 cars arrived with items to sell, and there was a steady stream of buyers. Comments from those who came along were very positive, and suggested that the more often such events are held, the more people are likely to come along. £90 was raised for Hall funds, with requests for another Sale soon. Thanks to Robert, Ken and Claire G. for their hard work assisting with parking, and special thanks to the Williamson family for allowing us to hold the event in the Harford Bridge Holiday Park field. Holding the Sale on the same Saturday as St Peter's Church Strawberry Tea at Harford Bridge seemed to have worked well, with many visitors crossing to enjoy a tea after visiting the Sale.

The *Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations* in the Village were a day to remember with the cricket match in the Dodd's field; a delicious tea in the Chapel, and a wonderful social evening and dance in the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success, and particularly to David and Nathan Dodd for their efforts to make the evening event so enjoyable, with a slide show of royal celebrations in the parish, music from each decade of the Queen's life, and wonderful video clips of performers from each decade and about the Queen's life - all rounded off with an impressive "virtual firework display"!

The Series of *Circular Footpath Works* has started well, enjoyed by all the walkers - but it would still be great to see more people coming along! So far, we have enjoyed exploring and discovering more about the area on three walks - leaving the Village Hall by

the last Tuesday of every month.

The next walk will be on the evening of **Tuesday 30th August** - meet at the Village Hall by **7.00pm** to set off and discover more of Peter Tavy Parish and the surrounding area.



The footpath walkers at Horndon Bridge on Tuesday 26th July

The Hall Committee are planning to organise some more events through the autumn, and hope to arrange the following activities (dates are provisional at the moment - watch out for posters and the next Piper for more details and confirmation!)

possibly Saturday 24th September: A second Car Boot Sale

probably Saturday 22nd October:



perhaps Saturday 19th November: "Darts and Curry" evening

I am also hoping that it may be possible to organise some more "**Try It Out**" evenings, like those we had a while ago, during the winter months. If we can find instructors, topics which might be covered are flower arranging; ballroom and / or line dancing, and stretching classes - watch this space!

Finally, we'd like to have some evenings of illustrated talks on topics of interest - like local history and wildlife - in the Hall, so all the committee are on the hunt for possible speakers!

- Jayne Medland

"To be or Not to be?"

Jayne Medland is hoping to start up a...

Drama Group

... for all ages, (it would be particularly great to have some younger members!), to meet together during the months between the end of November and February, with the view of putting on a show of some sort - maybe a One Act Play, or an evening of sketches - at the Village Hall in February.

If you'd like to get involved, either on stage or back-stage, please give Jayne a call on 810277.

Villages In Action

Our next Villages in Action Show will be on Friday 24th March next year - another concert to look forward to - more details in the November "Piper".

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

So, as we enjoy the Summer holidays, we're also looking forward to September, when the joint family service will be....

"Harvest in the Barn"

hosted by Edward and Sandra Dodd.

This will be on **Sunday September 18th**, and the celebration will include:

3.00 - 4.00pm : Crafts

4.00 - 4.30pm: Tidy Up and Drinks

4.30 - 5.15pm: Harvest Celebration

5.15pm: "Pasty and Pudd" Harvest Supper.

We hope to see you there! And it will be wheelchair access friendly!



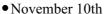
•September 8th

Messy Church re-starts in October on the first Thursday of each month, from 4.30 - 6.30 pm. Forthcoming dates are:

- Thursday 6th October
- Thursday 3rd November
- Thursday 1st December

Also making a welcome return after the Summer break will be our popular Soup Lunches. On the second Thursday of each month there's a chance to meet friends and neighbours over a delicious bowl of soup and a dessert, between 12.00 noon and 1.30pm. Upcoming dates will be the Thursdays...





• December 8th

Looking further ahead, make another date for your diary on

Saturday 26th November, 12.00noon - 2.00pm:

•October 13th

Toasted Sandwich Lunches with Bring and Buy Sale

Calling all gardeners!

Just a quick reminder that the Peter Tavy Gardening Group meets monthly at a variety of venues.

For further details please contact Claire Nail 01822 810330.





PETER FLOWER FESTIVAL Flower Factival - themed on Flower Factival - the Fl



"Fantastic and Artistic!" "Lovely flowers, lovely company" "An excess of talent!"



"Brilliant - succour for the eyes" "Unexpectedly beautiful!" "Given much pleasure" "Beautiful creative ideas"

received by everyone who came along, and their praise is reflected in comments from the Visitors' Book which we show here...

Numbers visiting were a bit down on previous years (there were many other events taking place around the area that weekend, including Tavistock Carnival!). But, when all the money was counted, the weekend raised a fantastic £1.500 - £500 each for St Peter's Church, Peter Tavy Methodist Church and the Village Hall.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard for the Festival: the flowers, the refreshments, the displays and the music - names too numerous to mention! - but especial thanks to Peter Tinson for his lead, Julia Dawson for co-ordinating the flowers - and to David and Anna Dodd for organising the wonderful refreshments!

"What a wonderful display. Well done." "So much hard work has certainly paid off!"

"Wonderful inspired arrangements"



"I think this is the best it's ever been - what a lovely show."

"Love the Poppy display - but shouldn't have favourites as they are all lovely!" "Very imaginative displays, beautiful flowers, great - thank you"



"Great ethert every body you workt so had cant wat to see the water welle working good ideas! Thank you" "Lovely displays, beautiful music. Thank you."



"Just a beautiful show and done with such talent "A beautiful and imaginative reflection of village life"





"My Dad was in the Trenches. This is the best exhibition I've ever seen."





Peter Tavy Youth Club



We've been enjoying a mixture of activities this summer term in dry, sunny weather on each occasion. Cycling along the Granite Way to Okehampton was followed by fish 'n' chips. Orienteering on Plasterdown, with kite flying and hide and seek, was followed by a BBQ. Our most recent activity saw nine youngsters paddling on the River Tamar from Calstock to Cotehele for an ice cream.

That's it now till the Autumn term, when youth club members will return to Whiteworks for an overnight stay with activities including caving and an evening walk. Other plans for next term include: abseiling and a treasure hunt.

Don't miss out! To find out more, contact Richard Walker (810939).

KNIT, CRAFT AND NATE meets on the third Monday morning of each month

If you enjoy knitting - or any form of crafting which you can do while enjoying a chat with friends and a cuppa - then come along for a sociable morning of working and chatting together, in the

in the VILLAGE HALL from 10.00am - 12.30pm Come along and join us!

Future dates are:

● Mon. 15th Aug

● Mon 19th Sept

Mon 17th Oct

For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.

MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W. I. NEWS

For some years, our institute has represented Peter Tavy in name only, so it is very good to welcome a new member from there, Elaine Mackintosh - we have already roped her in to take part in our Okehampton Show competition!

Our July meeting was our members' meeting, when we all shake ourselves up a bit by doing things differently and cajoling one of our members to be the speaker.

We started with the business. The outing to Hestercombe had been very much enjoyed. Ultimately, there were more people from outside the W.I., which made us feel that next year we should call it a village outing, arranged by the W.I.

We always like to share the job of arranging speakers, not that it is arduous in any way, but it is good to reflect the different interests that people have. Margaret Hobbs and Janet Clare are going to the speakers' day at Longdown, which may lead to them doing the programme for 2018.

Plans for the Okehampton Show are in hand, with a meeting coming up to finalise our exhibition.

Our unpredictable weather meant that the planned walk was cancelled and then, of course, it didn't rain! We hope for a casual walk in August with a more strenuous one in September. Book club will meet at Anne Little's house.

Our long serving treasurer of 20 years, Margaret Hobbs, and our secretary, Anne Madigan, 14 years, have completed a hand-over to Jane Williams and Di Broughton respectively. Margaret and Anne were thanked for their excellent dedicated service to the W.I. and were each given a bouquet of flowers. Pat Linley's birthday falls in August when we don't have a meeting; she opted to have her birthday flowers early. We wish her a very happy birthday!

After tea, Denise Pearcey showed us some of her beautiful quilts. Denise does machine quilting, which is quicker than hand sewing but, even so, we were filled with admiration at the amount of work she had put in. How, we wonder, does she find time for all the other things she does?! I particularly liked a quilt with a cat theme and embroidered (hand done) cartoon panels; my favourite was 'my cat is an angel but she thinks she is God! Denise had prepared a quick craft session for us making fabric brooches, which was simple and great fun. There is never any excuse to be bored!

There is no meeting in August. We meet again on September 8th at 2.00pm in Mary Tavy Coronation Hall. The speaker will be Michael Watkins, talking about Ties and Silk Scarves. We are always pleased to have visitors who want to dip in and see if perhaps they would like to join us.

Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

My letterboxing jaunts continued, spasmodically, through May and June since the weather and other interests demanded first consideration. Setting off from behind the Cherrybrook Hotel, Angela and I headed west towards Wistman's Wood, stopping off to find a box of a series called "Moor Makers Marks". The object, with the name Walter Gregory of Crawley on it, is a concrete container of curious shape and, I suspect, may be a feed or lick holder for cattle or sheep.

Wistman's Wood, well-known for its stunted oaks trees, has also been the home of squirrels, rabbits, foxes and martens. All of these have been recorded by Dartmoor authors, notable among them the Revd. Samuel Rowe, whose book, A Perambulation of Dartmoor, is a veritable mine of information. We collected stamps with a marten, a squirrel, rabbits and a song thrush (Dartmoor dialect: Drish or Drishel) as subjects of our search in the area between the Wood and Longaford Tor. From there we walked back along the ridge passing Littaford Tor and Little Bee Tor.

We cannot claim that every walk is as successful and enjoyable as this one and I have written in my book of stamps "A day to forget" on our next one. The route lay from Postbridge to Lade Hill via Hartland Tor, the Sheepfold and the Beehive

Celebrating the Queen's 90th

On Saturday 11th June, the Parish held a day of celebrations to mark Her Majesty's 90th Birthday. A little bit of rain did little to dampen the enthusiasm, even though we eventually had to agree that "rain had stopped play" at the cricket match.!



A rapt crowd at the "Peter Tavy Rules" cricket match...



The "Street Party" moved indoors to the Chapel and was enjoyed by all

Hut. I had typed out ten clues for boxes bordering on the East Dart River. We found the first three sites empty, the next three impossible to reach because of the spread of gorse; we had lunch looking at another empty site and decided to call it a day. In order not to go home empty-handed, we tried one last clue for another Moor Makers Marks 'Foster Transformers Ltd, London' in a site, again surrounded by gorse bushes, but happily the box was there!

At the end of May, we went up to the Warren House Inn to walk out to Hurston Stone Row, Bush Down and West Vitifer Mine. The latter was interesting for it was the site of some of the earliest tin-mining activity in the valley of the Bovey. Remains of the buildings, buddles and the launder bank remain on the valley floor. The mine was worked intermittently from 1850 to 1875. We found five boxes on my list but were disappointed to fail on another, having crossed some unpleasant boggy ground in our search for it. We had lunch overlooking Hurston 'Castle', which is really a small tor, the rocks of which resemble walls and ramparts. The Double Stone Row on Hurston Ridge is a popular feature - 49 pairs of stones of various shapes and sizes with a large blocking stone at the southerly end and the remains of a cairn beneath which was a grave.

In the last edition of the Piper I asked if anyone could help me with the "Miners' Dry Mary Tavy". Dr. Tom Greeves came to my aid and assured me the building still stands and is beside a path which leads north out of St. Mary's Churchyard. It once had a hot water pipe through its length and rails over which the miners would spread their working clothes to dry after their shift underground at Wheal Friendship Mine.

- Patrick Cashell.

Birthday in Peter Tavy











... while the party at Spring House was even attended by (a life-size cardboard cutout of) the Queen herself!

Donna's Deliberations

A Timely Tale...

"Well, it's nearly August Bank Holiday," Father Bear said, putting his spoon back into his empty porridge bowl and wiping his chin, "and we all know what that means, don't we? By the way," he added, turning to his wife, "my porridge was too hot again this morning, my dear."

"Was it really?" Mother Bear asked. "I would have said it was a little on the cold side, myself. Still, you managed to eat it without waiting for it to cool down." She turned to their young son, still busy spooning his porridge into his mouth. "And how was yours, Edward?"

"It was *juuust* right, Mummy," he answered, as he always did. Frankly, he hated porridge and would be glad when he was old enough to leave home and never have to eat the horrible stuff again. Perhaps then he would also meet that beautiful blonde he'd found in his bed once when they had all abandoned their porridge and gone for a walk. Edward had never forgotten the sight of her, curled up asleep under his very own duvet, and he would have liked the chance to get to know her better, but as soon as she had woken and seen them all staring at her, she had screamed, leaped out of the bed and through the window and run away, never to be seen again.

Mind you, it wasn't really surprising that she'd been so frightened, when he remembered the look on Mother Bear's face. Father Bear had been pretty scared too, and had started to bluster and stammer that he'd never seen the blonde before and had no idea how she'd got into the cottage or why she should have tried all their chairs and beds. But Mother Bear had been cross for a long time after that and Father Bear had spent many cold, lonely evenings in his shed, mending all the broken furniture, while Edward and his mother stayed indoors watching Bear Grylls on television.

But that was all long ago and the blonde had never come back. And Father Bear was still talking about August Bank Holiday.

"Why, of course!" Mother Bear exclaimed. "It's the AGM of the Dartmoor Teddy Bears' Dangerous Sports Association, at the Peter Tavy Fayre. And you're this year's Chairman."

"Exactly. And that means I have to be there."

Edward dropped his spoon. "But you promised we could go to the Olympics in Rio! We'll never get back in time! Does this mean we can't go?" He began to cry, and Mother put her furry arms around him.

"There, there, dear. Of course we can go. Can't we, Father?" she added, turning to Father Bear, and she had just the same look on her face as she had when she had seen the blonde in Edward's bed. "After all, you never break a promise, do you? DO you...?"

"Not if I can help it, my dear, but I can't see how we can do it in the time." He looked anxious. "I really do have to be in Peter Tavy. And be honest, Edward - wouldn't you rather be at the Fayre than in a hot country miles away from home, where we don't know anyone? All our friends are here."

"I wanted to go to Rio," Edward said sulkily. "And I promised Paddington I'd go and see his auntie and take her Angela Collins' recipe for marmalade. She lives quite near there."

"She lives in Peru. It's nowhere near Rio." Father Bear was getting annoyed now. "Anyway, I can't possibly let the Dartmoor Teddy Bears down, nor the Peter Tavy Fayre. It's the most important date in our calendar and we've never missed it yet, in all the years the AGM has been held there."

Edward began to cry again but Mother Bear had (as mothers so often do, even if they are not bears) had an idea.

"Has anything been decided yet about what the bears will be doing this year?" she asked.

Father Bear shook his head. "I don't think so. They've done so many different things - wing walking, going up in rockets, being shot over castle ramparts, ski jumping - you name it, they've done it. It's getting really hard to find something new for them to do each year."

"Then why not have their own Olympic event in Peter Tavy?" she cried. "Wouldn't that be wonderful? We needn't travel all that way and you know it would be every bit as good as the real thing. Why, even little Edward could take part - couldn't you, Teddy? You'd be good at bear knuckle boxing."

"I don't think they allow -" Father began, but Edward wasn't listening. He was thinking about all the pretty girls who lived in Peter Tavy, and wondering if the blonde might be amongst them this year. He'd heard rumours that she'd been seen in the pub and even down at the village hall, at the dance they'd held for the Queen's birthday.

"Let's stay in Peter Tavy," he said. "Who wants to go to silly old Rio, when we've got the Summer Fayre to go to?"

And, with that, he picked up his spoon and scraped up the last of his porridge.

- Donna Baker

The Mobile Library Service van calls every 4 weeks. The van stops at the bottom of Church Lane on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 - 10.30 am and dates for the next few months are:



Weds 3rd & 31st Aug; Wed 28th Sept; Wed 26th Oct

The van carries a range of books for adults, teenagers and young children, including Large Print titles. It is free to join - just bring along details confirming your address. For more details ring 0845 155 1001 or visit www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Target Ovarian Cancer

A big "Thank you" to everyone who came along to support the event on 30th April, and to those who very kindly made a donation. Target Ovarian Cancer were delighted to receive a cheque for £300.

Thank you all so much, Jill Rudd



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

Our last meeting at Brentor Village Hall was in April when we had a talk by Mike Stephens. We have been fortunate to have him to speak to us before about Growing Herbs for your Kitchen but this time it was Summer Colours for Gardens; this is always

a fascinating subject and it tied in rather well with the talk we had back in March by the Tavistock Bee Group. Colours and types of flowers are very important to our gardens if we want to attract bees and also to make them pleasing to the eye. We are lucky here in the South West with our warmer weather making it easier and earlier to grow these sorts of flowers for our gardens.

Mary Tavy Coronation Hall has been our new venue since May, and it was fitting that our Annual Meeting was the first meeting here. It was attended by members and Ros Crooks, an adviser from the Devon Federation who attends these meetings to see if they are conducted as they should be without any problems. Our new committee was elected to include some new faces who are keen to see that the future of our WI will be interesting and varied and with the election of a new President we shall go into our new year with plenty of new ideas. A social evening was held after all our business had been conducted.

Stewart Dowell from Quickes Cheeses in Newton St Cyres near Exeter was our June speaker. He interspersed his talk with humour, personal anecdotes and, of course, all the history of Quickes. Stewart invited questions from members and there was so much interest that we kept him supplied with tea and cake whilst he spoke. Naturally, there was the inevitable tasting session and many of us bought packs of cheese we had tasted.

Late July will see us with Simon Dell and his tales of 3 Murders and 1 Suicide on Dartmoor. We shall report on this in the next issue.

Hopefully we shall have some decent weather in August as we are out of the hall and walking around Lydford and stopping at The Castle for supper afterwards.

Our programme for the next couple of months after that will include Caribbean Cookery and a talk on Parkinsons Disease. These evenings will be interspersed with trips to various places, hopefully to include Plymouth Synagogue and backstage Theatre Royal.

Please contact Trish 810115, Lucie 810840 or Judi 614198 for more information or to join our WI.

An UPDATE

Following the 28th January community meeting where nearly 50 residents met together in Peter Tavy Village Hall to discuss the consultants' findings from the Phase 1
Scoping Study, the consultants' work was paused to allow for some of the emerging issues to be addressed. In particular, some of the land owners along the most direct

pipeline route between the proposed intake and outfall sites were not supportive of the scheme, or of allowing the pipeline over their land holding.

Subsequently, the PTCH working group met and, after discussion of the options, agreed to instruct the consultants to recommence the study based on an alternate (longer) pipeline route that avoided those particular land holdings.

Work to date has included full survey of that route, and system sizing design based on the hydrology and topography. This confirms the technical feasibility of a worthwhile hydropower system which would generate sufficient electricity to meet the average needs of over 80 UK households.

The consultants are now preparing preliminary applications to the Environment Agency (EA) and planning authority (Dartmoor National Park) to obtain their initial review of the conditions that would be placed on a formal application, if it were to be made. These are necessary steps to identify any further work needed (such as more detailed environmental appraisals) which may affect the scheme design.

With EA and DNPA preliminary advice the consultants will be able to carry out the financial modelling and risk assessments including; revenue streams, operating costs, interest and payback of share capital, and worthwhile surpluses for community benefits. Then and only then will they be able to judge the viability of the project, and in particular, whether the scheme could be viable as a community project. It is expected that the consultants will reach this stage and report to the PTCH Working Group by mid-November 2016.

All of the project study information, including recommendations as to whether the scheme has any potential at all, will then be available for review and discussion. The PTCH Working Group will ensure that the report will be widely shared and a public meeting will be held at which the consultants will present the report. In the light of that report, the community will be asked to make any further decisions as to the future of the project.

For information, Community renewable energy scheme share offers are normally offered at between 4% and 6% interest with share capital payback phased over years 3 to 20. In recent years these share offers have been taken up quickly due to the relatively low risk compared to other financial offerings with comparable interest rates. The financial modelling and associated risk assessments will determine whether such returns are viable for this scheme.



A word from your local National Park Ranger.....

The Annual Ten Tors event passed relatively smoothly back in May, with great weather and excellent visibility. As one team leader put it to me drily over the weekend, "If they can't find their way around this weekend, they shouldn't be here"! And so it proved, a lower drop out percentage than previous years, with only three needing brief hospital visits to tend to minor injuries - this turned out to be a more memorable event for all the right reasons thankfully. Whilst visiting the various



check points and safety control points over the two days, there was a definite feeling of enjoyment and achievement as the weekend unfolded, especially on the final leg of the walk, where I spoke to a lot of teams on the Rattlebrook track heading towards their final check point at Prewley. Not only were they positive and looking forward to the pasty awaiting them, but many were able to stop, sit down and enjoy the view for a time remarking to me "Oh, it's nice isn't it?"! Yes it is, come back again.

Later in the month I was working with the Plymouth Ramblers, repairing a couple of paths and putting some cross drains into the paths around Peter Tavy Combe. This is the second such task day with them and the numbers doubled to ten participants. They seemed to go away having enjoyed themselves, and seem pretty convinced they can get more to come along. This is good news, as we are looking to involve more user groups over the coming months in helping us maintain the routes they would normally use, trying to garner more interest and support in the long term management of Rights of Way generally.

The swaling (controlled burning of the moor) came and went for this year. Mary Tavy commons seemed to be the only commons locally that needed to do any this year as part of their longer term agreement, Whitchurch on the western edge and Throwleigh/Gidleigh up in the North East being the next closest to this area. Thankfully, wildfire incidences seem to be very low so far.

Also, the Lambing and Bird nesting signs were put up in the Spring, asking those walking their dogs to keep them on a lead when out walking on the commons. This is especially important through areas of longer, thicker vegetation to reduce the risk of disturbance to ground nesting birds. As well, be mindful of doing this when around stock, especially younger lambs which have been turned out with their mothers back onto the common. It's worth noting that the occasional stories of dog attacks on sheep are unfortunately all too true, as is the farmers' right to shoot dogs that worry or injure their animals, and although this part of the Moor may be less in the public eye when it comes to the reporting of these incidences, the seriousness and manner of which this sometimes happens is as prevalent here as it is anywhere. The signs are there for a reason! - Rob Taylor

Patrick's Competition That's better! After the discounting to 2

That's better! After the disappointment of no entrants to my competition in Edition 124 of the Peter Tavy Piper, four of the faithful few sent their answers to Dartmoor Pot Pourri.

Julie & Paul Hooper and Steve Carr scored 9/10 and Chris Blumer and Graham Heard both scored 7/10. Well done to you all but no 'winner', so the very drinkable bottle of vin rouge remains in my cellar!

The answers were:

- 1. Flower Aquilegia vulgaris.
- 2. Mary Tavy, Brentor or South Brent.
- 3. Dartmoor is 365 sq miles.
- 4. Tony Beard.
- 5. 1240.

- 6. The New Inn.
- 7. Lych Way.
- 8. The Old Men of the Moor.
- 9. River Tavy.
- 10. Lynch Tor.

This time I offer you... Heads & Tails

I have selected 10 names which have two syllables, which, when put together, form a Dartmoor feature. For example:

Male Red Deer + Ground = Tor.

By working out the "Head" clue, you find *Hart*; then the "Tail" clue, you find *Land*; join them together, you have the Tor - which is *Hartland*.

- 1. Lettuce + University academic = Hill
- 2. Scull + refuge = Tor
- 3. Bovine + failure = Flower
- 4. Deceased + male's = Bottom
- 5. Bitter + weight = Village

- 6. Spittle + wager = Mine
- 7. Adam's ale + short valley = Enclosure
- 8. Razor + valley = Tor
- 9. Equine + footwear = Bend
- 10. French pal + valley = Water

Good Luck!

Have Fun! Have a Go!

Send me your Entry!

Answers on a postcard, by e-mail or on a scrap of paper to me at Brook Cottage. (gpwcashell@btinternet.com) by Sat. 1st October 2016. - Patrick Cashell

PETER TAVY INN

Opening Hours

Just a quick reminder that throughout the Summer we are open all day for drinks from 12 noon till 11.00 pm (10.30pm on



Sundays). Food is served 12.00 noon - 2.00pm, and 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

in PETER TAVY

regular events

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

Useful Phone Numbers

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.

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Freephone 0300 660 0357

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