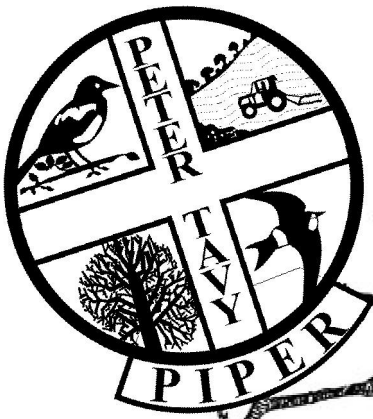


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*Now is the month of Maying,
When merry lads are playing, Fa la la.
Each with his bonny lass
Upon the greeny grass, Fa la la.*

*The Spring, clad all in gladness,
Doth laugh at Winter's sadness, Fa la la.
And to the bagpipe's sound
The nymphs tread out their ground, Fa la la.*

*Fie then! why sit we musing
Youth's sweet delight refusing? Fa la la.
Say, dainty nymphs, and speak
Shall we play Barley-break? Fa la la.*

- Thomas Morley, 1557/8 - 1602

PARISH COUNCIL - Annual Parish Meeting

Weds. 10th May 7.00pm in the Village Hall - all welcome

PETER TAVY VILLAGE HALL AGM

Weds. 17th May 8.00pm in the Village Hall

What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

May

Thurs 4th	7am - 10pm 4.30 - 6.30pm	Devon County Council Election, Village Hall "Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Sat 6th	2 - 4pm	Cream Teas & Plant Sale, Methodist Chapel
Mon 8th	7.00pm	Watercolour workshop, Village Hall
Wed 10th	10 - 10.30am 7.00pm	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane Parish Council Annual Meeting, Village Hall
Thurs 11th	12 - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sat 13th	from 2.30pm	Cream Teas and Pond Walks at Edgecombe
Mon 15th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Wed 17th	7.00pm 8.00pm	Village Hall committee meeting, followed by: Village Hall AGM - All welcome
Sun 21st	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, St Peter's Church
Tues 30th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall

June

Thurs 1st	4.30 - 6.30pm 7.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel St Peter's PCC meeting, Edgecombe
Tues 6th	7.30pm	Great Barrier Reef Talk, Village Hall. See p. 13-14
Wed 7th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Thurs 8th	7am - 10pm 12 - 1.30pm	Parliamentary Election, Village Hall Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel
Sun 18th	3.00pm	Joint Family Service, Methodist Chapel
Mon 19th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Wed 21st	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Sat 24th	5.00pm	St Peter's Church Strawberry Tea, Harford Bridge
Tues 27th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall

July

Wed 5th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Thurs 6th	4.30 - 6.30pm	"Messy Church", Methodist Chapel
Sat 15th - Sun 23rd	10 - 6pm	Art Exhibition, Village Hall
Tues 18th	7.30pm	Village Fayre Planning Meeting, Village Hall
Wed 19th	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Peter Tavy Inn
Tues 25th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall



Peter Tavy Gardening Group

meets monthly, various venues - call Claire on 810330 for details.

May has arrived and with it the promise of summer and brighter days ahead... Gardens beckon, and we have the Methodist Church Cream Teas and Plant Sale on Saturday 6th to help "kick start" your gardening. And there's an opportunity the following week, on Saturday 13th May, to enjoy another Cream Tea and see how the garden and pond is looking at Peter and Pearl Tinson's home, Edgecumbe, in CudlIPTown.

Meanwhile, it's also the "season of AGMs"! Come along to the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th May to hear about the Council's work over the year. The following week sees the Village Hall Committee's AGM - meet the committee and find out how you can help to keep this resource available for everyone in the village.

On page 5, you'll see that the Village Fayre competitions for this year have been announced - to give you a good chance to start working on your entry. There's a whole range of competitions to try out - something for everyone!

Thank you to everyone who contributes articles and information for the "Piper". We would welcome items from any new contributors, too - and photos of village events and activities, or for the cover of the "Piper". (The next edition will be in August, so any items by 14th July, please.)

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

CREAM TEAS & PLANT SALE Saturday 6th May from 2 - 4pm At Peter Tavy Methodist Church With "Bring and Buy" Stall.	CREAM TEAS & Pond Walks at Edgecumbe, CudlIPTown, on Saturday 13th May, from 2.30pm	 Messy CHURCH 4.30 - 6.30pm in the Chapel, Thursdays 4th May; 1st June; 6th July	 T! Strawberry Tea Saturday 24th June, from 5.00pm at Harford Bridge Holiday Park
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August

Wed 2nd	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane
Mon 15th	10 - 12.30pm	"Knit & Natter", Village Hall
Sat 26th	TBC	St Peter's Church BBQ, Harford Bridge Park
Mon 28th	pm & eve	Peter Tavy Village Fayre
Tues 29th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall
Wed 30th	10 - 10.30am	Mobile Library Van calls, Church Lane

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

Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" (covering August to November 2017) by **Friday 14th July 2017**. 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!

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Weds 10th May, 7.00pm
in the Village Hall

All welcome!

February

Councillor Litwinska handed in her resignation to the Council. Councillors discussed and instructed the Clerk to start the process of appointing a new Councillor. A quote from SW Highways was received for the work up at Broadmoor & Headlands. Cllr Lane submitted an application to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund scheme to subsidise the drainage work that needs to be undertaken. Planning was approved at The Old Garage site. Two of the Councillors agreed to attend the TAP fund meeting 16/3.

March

Alison Skillicorn was co-opted onto the Council. It was decided to defer the election of a Vice Chairman until the AGM. The village parking issues were discussed and after receiving a letter from the Peter Tavy Village Hall it was decided due to the logistics and insurance requirements that would have to be made, parking at the Village Hall would not be possible. Unfortunately Cllr Lane's application to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement fund for the road repair at Broadmoor and Headlands was turned down. At Church Cottages the septic tank was emptied and the shed in the garden is going to have its roof replaced in the near future. Cllr Ball reported that one of the playground items was undergoing repairs and will be reinstated shortly. It was decided to use the services of Chris Guy to inspect the playground.

- Cassandra McDowall, Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council

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◀ Peter Tavy Youth Club ▶

Due to dwindling numbers of members it was decided unanimously at the recent youth club AGM that the club will be suspended for the time being as small attendance numbers made it hard to maintain.

Some funds remain with the club accounts and these will be retained by the Methodist Church for youth purposes for a small number of activities to be provided each year with approval given by the Chapel committee.

Thank you to all who have supported the young people of the club by providing their time or activities. It has been much appreciated and has enabled a varied and interesting programme of events.

- Richard Walker

PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE 2017

Following the first Planning Meeting for the Fayre on 19th April, we're already thinking about this year's Fayre, on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August. If you can help - or have new ideas for the Fayre, the next **Fayre Planning Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm**).

This year's Fayre will again start at 2.00pm, with strong helpers needed from 9.00am that morning to start getting some of the heavier and bulkier items (trestle tables, skittle alley, gazebos etc.) into place. As usual, volunteers would be welcome - please contact *David Dodd* (Beulah, 810776) if you can spare time to help out on the day on stalls, games, and keeping things running smoothly.

VILLAGE FAYRE COMPETITIONS 2017

Everyone is always very busy in the run-up to the Fayre, so, to give you time to get started on your competition entries, we're announcing them now....

- 1▶ Make some **'creative' bunting** and decorate all or some part of your property with it for the fair. (This will be judged the day before the Fayre)
- 2▶ Design a **Flag for Peter Tavy** on a piece of A4 paper - bring your entries to the Village Hall on Fayre day.
- 3▶ Write a **motto or a "strapline" for Peter Tavy**.
- 4▶ A **flower arrangement**. With at least three weddings booked at Peter Tavy church this year, we thought the theme for the arrangement should be 'A Wedding'. Any size - as long as the arrangement base does not exceed two foot square.
- 5▶ Create a **knitted toy**.
- 6▶ Create a **knitted or crocheted blanket**.
- 7▶ Make a **castle from junk** - base not to exceed two foot square.
- 8▶ Make an **"upcycled" fruit bowl** from re-cycled materials.
- 9▶ A **painting** entitled 'Wildlife'.
- 10▶ The **Cake Competition** will also be taking place - watch out for the recipe in the next Piper.

PLEASE NOTE: Each competition will have classes for the following age categories:

- 1 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 16 years
- Adults

And there is a special prize for the person who enters the most competitions!



METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

'Messy Church @ Peter Tavy Methodist Church'. continues over the next months. This is a great time for all ages together, children and adults. Time to chat,



with crafts, fun, songs & Bible Stories.

And it includes a free 2 course hot meal!

Come along and give it a try on...

Thursdays: 4th May, 1st June & 6th July. 4.30-6.30pm

Everyone is welcome - although no unaccompanied children, please. (Tea is at 5.45 if you can't make it earlier - you are more than welcome any time.)



CREAM TEAS & PLANT SALE



Saturday 6th May

from 2 - 4pm

At Peter Tavy

Methodist Church

With "Bring and Buy" Stall.

Offers of plants to sell would be gratefully received - contact David Dodd on 810776

where r = radius of the scone...

thickness of clotted cream:

thickness of jam:

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$$\frac{3r^3}{40(r-1/2)^2}$$

Rodda's guide to the perfect cream tea - researched by the University of Sheffield!



SOUP LUNCHES

Come and enjoy a Soup Lunch in the Chapel on the second Thursday of each month - a chance to meet friends and neighbours over a delicious bowl of soup and a dessert, between **12 noon and 1.30pm.**

There's two more chances before the summer break...

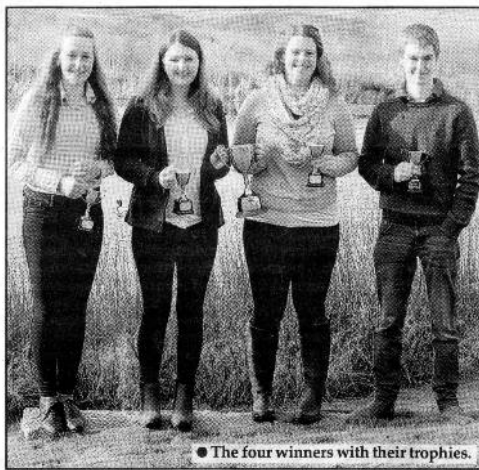
• **Thursday May 11th**

• **Thursday June 8th**

A Magnificent Achievement!

Four agriculture students from Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, fought off stiff competition to win the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) Agronomy Cup by growing the biggest yield of wheat.

Our own **Rosie Dodd** from Peter Tavy, together with Reuben Ridout from Liskeard and Holly Yelland and Lauren Hill from Okehampton, are all studying for a foundation degree in agriculture.



● The four winners with their trophies.

They beat 18 other university and college teams, and a team of NIAB TAG farmer members, to lift the cup.

NIAB TAG's national trials coordinator Ian Midgley said, "The competition challenges a team's agronomy, farm management and agricultural decision making skills. It differs to other plot competitions as teams make input decisions for a milling wheat variety on a NIAB field trials site local to their college or university, which emphasises the importance of basing recommendations on field observations and local conditions. Ian explained that the team implemented a straightforward input programme, paying particular attention to detail regarding costs, prevailing disease pressure and fungicide efficiency. The result was an incredible £257.83/ha representing a 20% increase in margin over the NIAB standard.

Team captain, Rosie, said "It was a very valuable learning experience for us all, especially as we all come from livestock backgrounds but we were amazed to have won, especially against some of the other universities who entered."

Head of Campus at Stoke Climsland, Rob Dunn, said "My congratulations to Rosie, Holly, Lauren and Reuben on this magnificent achievement. The NIAB Agronomy Cup is a prestigious award and to beat 18 other universities and collected is no mean feat."

Well done, Rosie!



Things you can do with WD-40...

Throughout this Piper, we're including some of the more unusual uses for which WD-40 is *allegedly* ideal...

1. Slugs attacking your favourite plant? Spraying WD-40 on your plant pots will keep them at bay.
2. Rid shower screens of water marks and smears with a rub down with WD-40.



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

Since the last edition of the Peter Tavy Piper, we have all been touched by the death of our Rector, Rev. John Higman.

It was with enormous sadness and shock that we learnt of John's untimely passing.

How very lucky we have been to enjoy his Ministry for over ten years. His vocational qualities were second to none and we were amazed at the way he managed to balance his work for the Church with his demanding job at Trading Standards. His visits to Spring House were particularly appreciated by the residents.

John was a well-known figure at community events in Peter Tavy - the Village Fayre, the Bellringers Christmas party in the Inn and, of course, at all the Church social events. He will be greatly missed. It is a sad loss to us all, and our hearts go out to Stella and her family.

- Peter Tinson and Angela Collins, Churchwardens

Following John's death, we now are reliant on other clergy, and so far, we have been able to maintain services, and hope to do so for the foreseeable future. You will be very welcome to join us at our 9.30am services of Holy Communion each Sunday. (Except for those Sundays when we share a joint **Family Service** with the Methodist Church at **3.00pm** - the next one is on **Sunday 21st May** in St. Peter's.)

At our recent AGM, our Treasurer, Bill Lane, explained that there has been a change in the way that our accounts are presented.

- Firstly, if you want to give, or leave money to the *general fund for the running of the Church*, in your will, or as a donation, it should be made out to '**St Peter's PCC**'.

- Secondly, if you want the money to go specifically for the *churchyard*, then the monies should be made out to '**St Peter's Churchyard Fund**'.

- Thirdly, if your wish is that you would like your money to go specifically for the *maintenance of the Church building*, then monies should be made out to '**The Friend's of St. Peter's**'.

This third option came into operation recently, and has been set up so that people whose interest is in the heritage and preservation of the historic Church building may direct their giving to this purpose.

If you would like to donate to this cause, it is now possible to set up a direct debit, on a monthly basis, just a small sum each month, (several have already done so), and it would be greatly appreciated. If you would consider doing so, then in the first instance, contact *Mr. Steve Balm, at Wisdom (tel.01822 810663)*, and he will be able to give you all the details.

Stella, the four Churchwardens, Treasurers and PCCs of St. Peter's and St. Mary's Churches wish to acknowledge and thank most sincerely everyone who kindly made donations in memory of Stella's beloved Husband, and our late Rector, the Reverend John Higman.

Thanks to Janet Bedford and all those who helped to make the Daffodil Coffee Morning held on 18th March at Manor Farm, Cudlipptown, such a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people there, enjoying the delicious refreshments and the opportunity to look around Janet's beautiful gardens.

Our next two events are...



CREAM TEAS & Pond Walks

**at Edgecombe, Cudlipptown,
on Saturday 13th May, from 2.30pm**

by kind invitation of Peter & Pearl Tinson.

In aid of St. Peter's Church.

*Enjoy a delicious cream tea and a chance to explore
the beautiful plants and views around Peter's pond.*

Everyone very welcome.

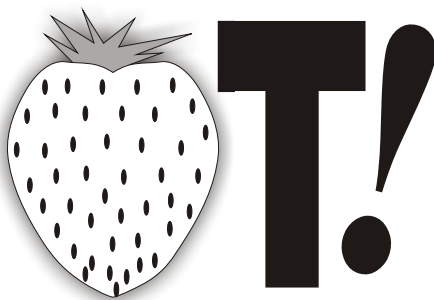
Strawberry Tea

**on Saturday 24th June,
from 5.00pm**

at Harford Bridge Holiday Park

courtesy of the Williamson family.

Everyone very welcome.



•Grand Raffle

•Games

•Bring & Buy Stall



More things to do with WD-40...

3. Spray WD-40 onto a clean cloth and wipe to remove scuff marks off skirting boards.
4. Tea stains on work tops or lino flooring are no match for WD-40: apply a squirt of oil to a clean cloth and wipe them away.

Patrick's PERAMBULATIONS

At last, Angela and I have ventured forth when the weather forecast has seemed more promising! We now know that you really cannot believe all that the experts in the field of meteorology say!

On 8th April, we decided a gentle walk from the quarry car park, up to Little White Tor, White Tor and back via Boulter's Tor and the Smeardon Down Ridge would not tax us too much. The sun was shining but, inevitably, what was to be a warm day turned out to be considerably cooled by an easterly wind. We met another good letterboxing friend and off we went into the head wind. Our first box was the one I mentioned some time ago - "Water Tap on Bridlepath towards Combe Tors" - this lane, we know as Southditch lane and the tap is on the right if you are approaching from the Combe. The box was in a hole on the outcrop at the top of Slatey Hill. On then to a "Mystery Church" - M & S in the clue with a bearing on to St. Michael, Brentor brought us to Little White Tor but required some careful inspection to find an 'ivy-clad faced rock' above which the box was hidden.

After lunch, we visited two sites on the south side of White Tor before leaving John and successfully tackling the two other boxes on our way from Boulter's Tor over Smeardon. The combination of wind and sun had actually burnt our faces and arms but it had been a tough 4 miles after four months of inaction.

Last Saturday, 29th April, we met similar weather conditions on a Walk in aid of PDSA (12 boxes) and 5 other sites on a route from the Pump House up to and around Great Mis Tor. We saw very few people, and they were quite far away. The Walk stamps were all of a similar pattern and were easy to find with GPS readings. The others were very well hidden and required quite a lot of clambering over heavy clutter particularly on the SW slopes of the Tor. This tested our knees and, at one stage, our resolve to find the sites as we were chilled to the bone by the wind from the SE. We must have covered nearly 5 miles but quickly cheered up with the end in sight and 17 stamps to our credit.

- Patrick Cashell.



KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER

Our small and very friendly group meets in the Village Hall, usually on the third Monday morning of the month, from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

We sit in a large circle, knitting, spinning, doing crochet or quilting etc. Many of us then go on for a light lunch together at the Peter Tavy Inn. Why not come along and join us?!

Forthcoming dates are

Mon. 15th May Mon. 19th June July - Date TBC

For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.

Harford Bridge ... YOUR Nearest Shop?

Harford Bridge Park

Dartmoor Holidays by the River Tavy

Harford Bridge Park's shop is now stocking more grocery lines than ever before, including West Country foodstuffs: we stock Plymouth tea, Cornish honey and Lifton made 'Hogs Bottom' jams and chutneys. We have a range of store cupboard goods, hot and cold drinks, ice creams, snacks and confectionary. Unfortunately, we don't stock alcohol, cigarettes or newspapers.

The 'Riverside Diner' is back for 2017 on Friday & Saturday from 5pm - 8pm and Saturday morning from 8:30 - 1pm, offering a wide variety of take away foods, in our newly made south facing courtyard area with views of the park and Dartmoor.

Hot take-away food including pizzas, 'Chunk of Devon' pasties and sausage rolls can be pre-ordered, every Sunday to Thursday evening from 5pm - 7pm (last orders by 6:30pm). All are freshly baked in the Park's kitchen. Chilled takeaway food is also available.

Our ever popular morning goods - **croissants, pain au chocolat and baguettes**, both brown and white - are also available on a pre-order basis every morning, seven days a week for collection from 8:30am, March to mid-November.

Call us on 01822 810349 for all orders or call in to Park Reception.

- Paul Williamson



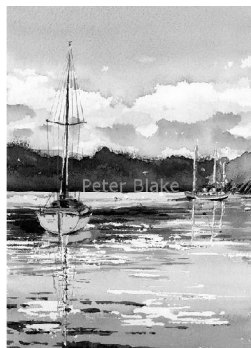
WEST DARTMOOR ART GROUP'S ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

In Peter Tavy Village Hall
Saturday 15th July - Sunday 23rd July,
10.00am - 6.00pm
(4.30pm on last day)

Light Refreshments available

Every year, visitors are invited to vote for their favourite painting in the exhibition - last year the winner was Peter Blake's painting "Helford Moorings" (right).

In 2016, the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group each received £300, the proceeds from the raffle at the exhibition.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Chairman: Jayne Medland, (Radge Farm, 810277)

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

Peter Tavy Village Hall - AGM

Wednesday 17th May, at 8.00pm,

(current committee members, please remember the meeting at 7.00pm, prior to the AGM).

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

Firstly, I would like welcome *Carol Coles* who was co-opted onto the hall committee in February. Carol was soon kindly making bunting, lasagne and biscotti for our 'Italian Job' pop-up restaurant! Thanks to great teamwork we had an extremely successful Italian night with more than sixty diners. After dinner, the concentration was intense as teams were challenged to build the tallest structure out of a limited amount of dried spaghetti and marshmallows!

Many thanks to Patrick Cashell and his helpers for putting together a very entertaining Dartmoor Evening on March 4th (see page 23 for more).

This year's Darts & Skittles night was dominated by the Ball family. Richard won the skittles, Lizzie was runner up to Steve Mortimer in the darts and young Jessica won a medal for the children's skittles.

Unfortunately, the recent bingo evening was poorly attended. Thanks to my sister, Ruth Jenkins, for calling. Thanks also to Nanny's little helpers, Jodie and Bethany Medland, who somehow managed to sell enough soft drinks, lollipops, draw tickets and bingo cards to raise a surprising £68!

On April 26th, Dr Peter Issacson kindly gave a most informative talk on Devonian Geology. The event was well attended, with the hall committee providing refreshments, and raised £278 for our funds - see page 20.

Looking forward to this year's Peter Tavy Fayre I know that August seems a long way off, but you may like to make an early start on your entries for this year's competitions - see page 5 for details.

See you soon!

- Jayne Medland

Coming up:

A reminder to everyone who booked a place on the **Watercolour workshop**

for beginners - on Monday 8th May
With Celia Olsson - from 7.00 - 9.00pm in the village hall. (£10 per person, all materials provided.) Call Jayne on 01822 810277 for info.



Last summer a varied group of villagers and friends met on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm to walk the local footpaths.

These proved to be really enjoyable evenings. Jayne Medland will organise more walks for this summer starting on **Tuesday 30th May**.

Please be ready to leave **Peter Tavy Village Hall car park by 7pm**.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

We find it easier not to take dogs on these walks as we cross fields of cattle, go over many stiles and have been known to stop in a pub for a little light refreshment on occasions.

All fit and able walkers are welcome - walks vary from about 4 to 6 miles.

No need to book but please note if the weather is too bad (e.g. thick fog or “raining cats & dogs”) the walk will be cancelled.

Peter Tavy Village Hall - A World-Leading Hub of Excellence?

Now, although we have no *current* plans to turn Peter Tavy Village Hall into an internationally-recognised centre for talks from eminent experts in their fields of work and study.... after the visit from Professor Isaacson of the University of Idaho last month (*see page 20*), the Hall is very excited to be welcoming Dr. Piers Larcombe from the University of Western Australia to talk about the Great Barrier Reef in June.

Yes, Piers is Angela's son... and, while he is on his next visit to England, has very kindly offered to give us an illustrated presentation about the Reef and his work on it. Piers tell us...

"I was born at Dennithorne Farm, near Moortown, too long ago to contemplate, and attended Mary Tavy and Tavistock Schools, focusing far more closely on schoolyard football and basketball than academic work. Eventually learning to enjoy hard work, I am now a Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Geoscientist with more than 25 years' experience, with expertise in the geology and oceanography of coastal and marine environments. I gained this experience initially in UK and through Australian university-based scientific research, especially on the Great Barrier Reef shelf, where work included pioneering studies of muddy coral reefs, mangrove systems, and sediment movement along the coastline and on the seabed.

"I have worked in research, for business and government, in Australia and the UK. Work has included providing strategic, environmental and technical advice to support engineering design for proposed new coastal power stations in the UK, and technical advice on processes influencing water quality and sediment transport on the continental shelves of Australia, particularly in relation to the design of offshore oil and gas platforms and pipelines."



The Great Barrier Reef

Sediments, dynamics and Seabed Habitats

An illustrated talk by

Dr Piers Larcombe

(RPS MetOcean & University of Western Australia)

Tuesday 6th June

7.30pm

in Peter Tavy Village Hall

Piers drilling on a reef

There is worldwide concern about the condition of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and the effects of human activity on it. Much attention focusses on the impact on the GBR of nutrients and sediments from the land; dredging around port facilities and the impact of dredged sediments on marine habitats.

This talk looks at the importance of shelf sediment transport and the delicate nature of the GBR's habitats. It examines the role of cyclones on the Reef's sediments and habitats, looking at how intense cyclones have led to changes in coastal and marine habitats at least every few decades. So the habitats on the inner coastal shelf have evolved in a state of constant environmental change and are consequently naturally highly variable over time.



A small coral surrounded by mud!

Piers will also be telling us something about his work on the Reef, and explaining how a local Devon boy ended up a geoscientist at the University of Western Australia.

Following his talk, Piers will also be welcoming your questions - "I'll stay for ever to answer those", he has bravely told us...

Admission to the talk will be £4 - please book in advance -
call Steve Carreck on 01822 810868.

Refreshments will be available before and after the talk.

Villages In Action

At the end of March we had our very last Villages in Action show - but what a way to end! The wonderful duo of Frankie and Pete, or **Mambo Jambo**, brought a wave of joy to all who attended the show, with their gorgeous music, amazing musicianship, and their warm personalities and rapport with the audience. They took us through such a wide range of music styles from all over the world - and with so many instruments! There was something for everyone and the Hall was absolutely buzzing. And Frankie and Pete obviously enjoyed Peter Tavy, too, as we received this lovely email just the other day:

Hi Dawn,

I've just added you to our emailing list; and thought that it'd be a good excuse to write and say just how much we LOVED being in Peter Tavy, and meeting you and Alison and Steve; and seeing the village and playing in the hall of course! We had a super time with you; a real treat; plus the lambs! And the gathering at the pub!

And hanging out at yours was lovely.....

We hope to see you again! And we'll be thinking of the teddies and ducks on the August Bank Holiday!

Sadly, this was our last concert through Villages in Action (VIA). We started back in 1991, initially with 4 performances and 2 workshops a year! The scheme has been such a big part of Hall life for the last 26 years - and we have been so blessed to have welcomed such a range and quality of performance in our small Hall, and to have met and made lasting friendships with some wonderful artists. (And along the way we have raised a few thousand pounds for the Village Hall!)

We are very grateful to the VIA staff and trustees, and to our funders, especially West Devon Borough Council, and our great supporter, Councillor Terry Pearce. But also, I'd like to thank our loyal band of helpers over the years (Angela, Steve & Ali, Mary & Martin, Patrick, Janna, Sue Way, Jill & Jerry, Phil & Barbie Culverhouse, Pete & Anne Barnes...) who put such a lot into the scheme - promoting, accommodating and feeding performers, setting up / clearing up the Hall, the raffles, the refreshments, etc, etc, etc!. Our prize supporter is Angela, who came with me to our first VIA launch in 1991 and has helped with every single event since! (I was away for 4 years in Thailand so only 22 years for me! Gosh, I feel old...)

Of course, we also have to thank our wonderful audiences. We have built up a very loyal following over the years and we are very hopeful that we may be able to continue bringing professional performances / film to the Hall in some way or other in the future - watch this space!

- Dawn Sherrell



Yet more things to do with WD-40...

5. WD-40 can be used to remove chewing gum from shoes and carpets
6. Stop your ironing board squeaking with a squirt of WD-40 on moving hinges and parts. *(That one sounds a bit blindingly obvious to me!)*

The Final Curtain.

On the evening of Friday 24th March, a full house was treated to a brilliant, musical performance by *Mambo Jambo* thanks to Villages in Action. This, sadly, was to be the final event of professional entertainment, offered by this organisation, funded by the Arts Council, County and District Councils, and brought to villages throughout Devon. Peter Tavy has been privileged to enjoy concerts and workshops since March 1991 at a fraction of the costs of attending such events in the theatres of the main cities. Any profit made has swelled the coffers of the Village Hall, enabling the committee to run the Hall, improve its facilities, maintain it and ensure its future.

My first experience of such a social, informal and delightful evening was on November 15th 1997, when *The Old Rope String Band* had the audience rolling in the aisles, rocking with laughter and demanding more from quite the most entertaining and accomplished group of musicians, jugglers and acrobats I had ever seen. Theirs was, indeed, a hard act to follow, yet over the years the standard of entertainment has been of the highest level.

The arrival of “the Menu” for the next year's bookings was eagerly awaited, choices were made, depending on what facilities the Hall could offer, the set charges and when the acts would be available. Several of the performers were re-booked and it was clear that they enjoyed coming to Peter Tavy as much as we liked coming to their shows.

Since before the first event, Dawn Sherrell has done the donkey work of organising this entertainment for us - booking the acts, arranging their overnight accommodation, preparing meals, selling tickets, and enlisting volunteers to set up a stage and to set out the chairs. On behalf of the Village and the Parish, may I propose a heartfelt vote of thanks to her and to all those who have helped bring such splendid entertainment to Peter Tavy.

It is, I am told, just possible that we might be able to link in with the Cornwall equivalent of bringing itinerant entertainers to Devon and we wish Dawn every success in her negotiations.

- *Patrick Cashell.*

Even more things to do with WD-40...

7. Squirrels pinching your nuts? A squirt of WD-40 on your bird table stand will help stop them stealing food left out for feathered friends.
 8. Give piano keys a clean up with a squirt of WD-40 and a clean cloth.
 9. If your favourite 12in has a light scratch, a quick wipe with WD-40 will help stop your record skipping.
 10. Caught with a stuck-fast zip? A squirt of WD-40 will help get you out of a jam.
- ... and apparently... A bus driver in Asia used WD-40 to remove a python coiled round the undercarriage of his bus!



MARY TAVY & PETER TAVY W.I. NEWS

For the April meeting, Julia Fox brought along some of her wonderful collection of period costumes from the Totnes Museum. This time she covered the Edwardian era when more colour and decoration were coming in after the austere Victorian clothes, both with underwear and top garments. Dresses were tighter with the help of some very severe looking stays. Some women went to extreme lengths to achieve that wasp waist by having their lower ribs removed! The skirts had a flounce at the back, which required a bustle, both for effect and to keep your skirt from trailing on the ground. Padding was also used in the bust area to give women that Pouter Pigeon look

It was fashionable to have your skirts rustling as you walked along and, if you couldn't afford the expensive taffeta, the girls used to line their skirts with tissue paper to give the same effect.

Julia had two examples of beautifully hand-sewn handbags, brought in out of necessity, as there was no room for pockets in the tight dresses. One garment that the museum hasn't been able to find is an example of red flannel underwear, so if anyone can oblige, Julia would be most grateful!

As Christine Kaczanow said in her vote of thanks, it must have taken women an awfully long time to get dressed!

The President and Secretary reported on a very constructive meeting with other Four Rivers Group representatives, and were very pleased that it was decided that the usual Group meeting for all members would take place this year. A decision would have to be made as to whether we would enter the Okehampton Show this year.

The next meeting on May 11th will be the Annual one, when Heather Harvey, a W.I. Advisor will be present to go through the Resolutions and help with any problems or issues the W.I. may have.

Two days later, on the 13th May, the **Spring Sale** takes place in the Coronation Hall at 2.00pm. Always lots of plants for sale.

- Jill Lamerton

WI SPRING SALE

Saturday 13th May, 2.00pm
at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy

Cakes, Raffle, Plants etc

We look forward to seeing you there!

Donna's Deliberations

I've been doing a bit of decluttering.

Well, it is Spring, after all, and we're meant to do that, aren't we? People on *Flog It!* are doing it all the time, and selling their clutter for enormous sums. You see them, jumping up and down with excitement as the auction bidders lose all sense and outbid each other wildly, more because they want to win than because they actually want the item. One man's clutter is another man's treasure, or so they say. (Or should I say "person's"? I don't want to be accused of sexism.)

Unfortunately, my clutter is clutter in anyone's book, so I don't think it's ever going to get chosen to go to auction on *Flog It!* Instead, I save it for the Granny's Attic stall at the Peter Tavy Summer Fayre. (And that replacement hip joint that turned up one year wasn't mine, by the way. I couldn't afford to give away items like that, not with the NHS the way it is these days. You never know when it might come in useful.)

But it's not knowing whether things might come in useful that causes this mountain of clutter. And it doesn't even work. I can't be the only person who has ever gone out and bought something, only to find that I had one all the time, deep in the caverns beneath the clutter mountain. You really might as well throw them away to start with. Or try to make a little money, via ebay. I did try that, a few years ago, selling my skis and a rather nice jacket, but I found I was buying more than I sold so the clutter mountain grew rather than diminished.

There are various free ways of getting rid of stuff too - for example Freecycle, which I've never quite got to grips with, or Facebook. Offers get 'shared' or passed around and before you know it there is a queue at your door, wanting to to relieve you of that old bicycle (ideal as a garden ornament, covered in hanging baskets) or marble fireplace you really cannot be bothered to haul to the tip (sorry - "recycling centre"). But even these don't always help. I offered a four drawer filing cabinet that became empty during my decluttering, and haven't had a single taker. (It's still here at the time of writing, if anyone wants it...?)

The main problem with my current clutter is that it comprises mostly old documents, such as tax accounts and bank statements. Yes, I know there are people about who would just love to get their hands on my bank statements with all the information they could glean from them, but that brings me to another problem. You are supposed to shred these things. Apparently there really are people who roam landfill sites searching for names, addresses and sort code numbers. Or so I am told. I think that's the old-fashioned way. It's more likely now that they are sitting at home, warm and dry, searching on their computers for accounts they can hack electronically, and quietly empty. So does it still matter if I simply dump my bank statements, dating back about twenty years, into a black bag? Well, apparently it does so, until I am told differently, I have to keep on shredding.

Twenty years? Who needs to keep these things twenty years anyway? Six years is all we are required to by law, with another year tacked on at the beginning (by me, anyway) to make sure any information required is still there. And when I started this, sorting all my papers out from categories in the filing cabinet into yearly file boxes, which are much easier to see and keep track of, I found that I had documents going back a mere sixteen years, to the turn of the century. (My mother used to use that phrase, but she was referring to the year 1900.)

There was fairly good reason for this. I moved to where I now live in 2008 and had evidently cleared out all my papers at that time, keeping only those I needed in that year - say, from 2000-2001 onwards. And I should have simply discarded them, year by year, as they passed their ITII (Income Tax Inspector's Interest) Date. But my filing methods made this laborious and inefficient, plus a lot of things happened around then which left me with little time, so it didn't get done. The clutter mountain had begun and was soon to reach volcanic proportions.

They are now awaiting shredding. I've done a lot, mind, and would have done more, but the shredder doesn't seem to enjoy its job. It refuses to do more than two pages at a time, only one if it's thick paper, and goes on strike for twenty minutes every half hour. It also has a malicious habit of folding paper if you aren't very careful, and then whining that it's too thick and jamming up. You can try the reverse switch but that makes it worse and many are the times when I have had to resort to a knife or skewer to get the jammed shreds out (always switch off the machine before attempting this, by the way).

I've done about half now. The rest, I am sorely tempted to just dump in black bags. And the worst of it is, when I went up into the roof last week, as you do when wondering if there's anything useful up there, I found MORE boxes, full of MORE statements etc, going back to 1997 - the ones I thought I had sorted out when I moved. Well, so I did - I just didn't get as far as shredding them, did I...



Once this is all done, I shall start on the garage and garden shed which I know are full of useful items, from old plates to a coffee maker (which was a free gift and has never been used) and numerous tins of paint.

Look out for them at the Peter Tavy Summer Fayre. But I'm not donating my bank statements.

- Donna Baker



An Entertaining Evening of Geology

The talk by Professor Peter Isaacson of the University of Idaho on 26th April in the Hall proved to be a fascinating and entertaining evening. "The Prof" gave a presentation about the Devonian period and answered questions from the audience - several were inspired to plan trips to the Lizard Peninsula where, he told us, rocks from the earth's deep mantle layer can be found.

Professor Isaacson also enjoyed the evening himself, and has subsequently emailed us to say, *"I was delighted to give the presentation... The talk's audience was very receptive... Perhaps I shall see you all again. You are in a marvellous part of the planet."*

Thanks are due to Michael Mates for organising the talk, and to Professor Isaacson for sharing his time and expertise - the evening raised a fantastic £278 for the Hall.

PETER TAVY INN

We are now open all day from noon until 11.00pm (10.30pm on Sundays).

Food is served - as usual - from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm and from 6.30 to 9.00pm.



QUIZ NIGHTS

Start at 8.00pm, and there's 20% off food prices at the Inn for quiz participants on the evening.

Entry fees are £ 2 per person and are split 50% to the winning team, 25% to the runner up, and 25% to a local charity.

Forthcoming quiz night dates (no Quiz nights in May nor August) are...

- **Weds. 21st June**
- **Weds. 19th July**
- **Weds. 20th September**



A Moor Otter at the Inn!

As part of this year's "Moor Otters" public arts initiative - supporting Dartmoor National Park - one of the 100 unique pieces of art will be on display in the garden of the Peter Tavy Inn from the end of May until September.

Come along and visit "Fernley" the otter while he's here!

The initiative will see otter sculptures hand-painted or decorated by a range of artists and then adorning public spaces in and around the National Park.

At the end of the project, the sculptures are to be auctioned off to raise funds for the continuing conservation of the landscape for current and future generations to enjoy.



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

We have had a busy time since October last year and it is always good to look back on what we have done and to see if we can improve our programme for the coming year. We have moved our meetings to Mary Tavy Coronation Hall but they are still on the 4th thursday of the month.

Alison Gribble took us through Caribbean Cookery in October. She has many more different types of cookery in her repertoire and we will look forward to meeting her again. Our secretary, Lucie Williamson, can turn her hand to any form of craft and is always willing to try new ideas. For our Christmas-themed November meeting we made snowmen decorations out of socks and odds and ends. Thanks to Lucie - we await with baited breath her spring craft evening! The Bedford Hotel was the venue for our Christmas meal on 1st December and the Tavistock Room was looking stunning with its decorations. The service was very good and we were so pleased with the whole evening that we have already booked for Christmas 2017!

The festive season over, it was time for our annual quiz evening to which we invited other local WIs. We entertained about 50 people in January and John and Trish, our quizmasters, kept us on our toes with interesting and controversial questions. A delicious buffet was served half way through and there was so much food that “doggie bags” were handed out to people on their way home. We all enjoy this evening and it will certainly be happening again in 2018.

In February, due to our speaker’s prior commitments, we had our Easter Bonnet competition a month early. Lucie once again took the evening and gave us a “style” of bonnet that looked like a “kiss me quick hat”, however with all the flowers and tissue paper we had brought and the materials that Lucie provided, the competition got going. We had a vote on the wonderful creations at the end - the winner was Corrie Grice. Congratulations to her and thanks to Lucie.

In March we were visited by eminent gynaecologist Peter Brinsden, who has spent over 30 years at the Bourne Hall IVF clinic; worked with Patrick Steptoe, and was involved with the Louise Brown “test tube baby” work over 40 years ago. His captivating talk touched on stem cell techniques and surrogate mothers, but also the negative comments from around the world and the ethical questions raised. It was a fascinating evening and prompted many questions.

Other activities included a film at the Wharf, the Gulworthy WI Spring party and a visit to Plymouth Synagogue for a talk - one of the most interesting visits that we have had. A walking group has formed, led by 2 of our members who work for the Dartmoor National Park visitor centres.

Some future evenings include Sunday lunch at a restaurant in the Teign Valley, a cream tea with Alpacas and their babies, which should be fun, and talks on the Magic Circle, Women's Health, Glass Blowing and Short Mat Bowls.

If this has tempted any of you to join our WI please contact Judi on 614198, Lucie on 810840 or just turn up for a taster evening - you will be made most welcome.

Patrick's Competition

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

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I was delighted to present *Michael Mates* with his prize for his skill in working out the answers to my **Heads & Tails (2)** at the recent Talk on Devonian Geology. He and *Julie & Paul Hooper* tried the third of this series but neither scored full marks!

The answers were:

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| 1. Coalmoor Head | 6. Plum Pudding Hill |
| 2. Hensroost Bridge | 7. Ruddy Cleave Water |
| 3. Horseshoe Bend | 8. Shipley Tor |
| 4. Kingford Farm | 9. Middleworth Plantation |
| 5. Marchant's Cross | 10. Hangman's Pit |

Based on the same connections, Head + Tail = Feature, (e.g. Clue: "Suspend+Male's = Pit"; Answer: "Hangman's Pit"), here's the last!

Heads and Tails (4)

1. Arbour + Male's = Nose
2. County + Harbour = Leat
3. Tall + Dwelling = Waste
4. Fish + Handcart = Pool
5. Animal's + Optic = Stone
6. Dartmoor River + Top of Body = Farm
7. Tree + 'inter' = Tor
8. Male sheep + Musical Instrument = Down
9. Monarch + Badger's burrow = Farm
10. Bracken + 'deserving' = Reservoir.

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 Friday 7th July 2017. *- Patrick Cashell.*



YOUR mobile Library - please support it!

The Mobile library calls in Peter Tavy on one Wednesday each month with a 30 minute stop. It is free to join and return dates are flexible, so there's no need to worry if you miss a month.

There is a good selection of children's books, along with fiction, non-fiction, large-print and talking books. DVDs are also available to borrow.

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

Wednesday 10th May
Wednesday 7th June
Wednesday 5th July
Wednesday 2nd & 30th August

*If you have any queries,
please contact 0345 155 1001
info@librariesunlimited.org.uk
www.devonlibraries.org.uk*

Looking back on another great...

DARTMOOR EVENING



As newcomers to Peter Tavy, we went along to the Dartmoor Evening to see what goes on here. The hall was full and it proved to be an excellent evening's entertainment.

We really enjoyed the music; lyrical songs and great guitar playing from Tony Rose and excellent singing from Bill Murray - great little squeezebox and at times totally unaccompanied voice, impressive! We enjoyed Rosemary Turner's operatic voice and Betty and Jayne's recitations; we enjoyed Donna Baker's compèring and thoroughly enjoyed Steve Potter and Mike Bramich's music and songs.

"The Peter Tavy Apprentice" was enjoyably amusing with "Lord Caster" striding up the middle of the hall to climb onto the stage, but how was he to reach his seat behind the tables? The tables parted, like the parting of the waters, hilarious!

The Apprentice take-off was admirable and no doubt would have been even more amusing if we had known the local characters and places referred to. The poor teams failed miserably at the tasks Lord Caster set them, and he fired them all and they left the stage. They then reappeared to file out down the centre of the hall with their overnight bags in tow - a lovely touch to end an amusing sketch.

We thought the evening went without a hitch - a tribute to all the organisers. Thank you!

- Nina and Mark, Southernwood.

The ninth Peter Tavy Dartmoor Evening raised £401, which was split between Village Hall funds, and the ovarian cancer charities "Ovacome" and "Target Ovarian Cancer".

Thanks to all the performers; to those who prepared and served the delicious pasty and scone supper, and - of course - to Patrick Cashell for organising the evening.

As there's an otter coming to the Inn (*page 20*), it's a splendid opportunity to present these photos of an otter doing Benedict Cumberbatch impersonations...



...Isn't the internet a wonderful thing?!

THE WEEK

in **PETER TAVY**

regular events

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 810264 or Sandra 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)

8.00 - Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -

10.00pm (Patrick Cashell 810918 for details)

NB: The Parish Council meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month

- see notice board in Bus Shelter for information.

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

For all public transport information contact Traveline SW (0871 200 22 33).

Please report any problems with the No.95 bus to Devon Bus on 01392 382800.

Useful Phone Numbers

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

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Cassandra McDowall 01822 810337

Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings

Steve Carreck 01822 810868

Peter Tavy Chapel

The Dodd Family 01822 810343

01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Peter Tinson 01822 810314

Angela Collins 01822 810243

Local West Devon Councillor

Terry Pearce 01822 810648

Local Devon County Councillor

TBC 0345 155 1015

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy

01822 618028

Highways Emergencies

(Devon County Council) 01392 383329

Highways Local Services

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773

Devon County Council 0345 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

SWEB

Customer Service 08457 650650

Power failure 0800 6783 105

South West Water Helpline 0800 1691144

Environment Agency emergencies

0800 80 70 60

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Tavistock Library 01822 612218

book renewals 0345 155 1001

Citizen's Advice Bureau 03444 111 444

West Devon Voluntary Services

Freephone 0300 660 0357

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Domestic Violence Helpline 01837 55228

Trading Standards 03454 040506

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650