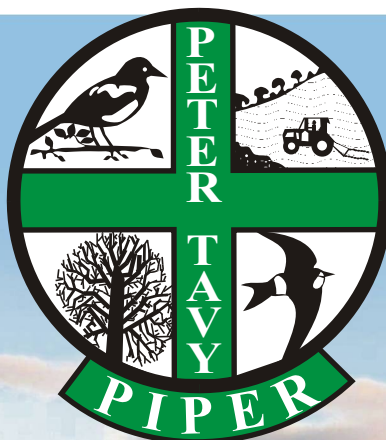


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The Platinum Jubilee in Peter Tavy -

Plans for 2nd - 5th June

- see pages 26 and 27



Events Listings for Peter Tavy inside

- News from the Parish Council, Village Hall, Methodist Church and St Peter's Church
 - 5 simple things to protect yourself & others from Covid
 - *Read about White Tor, Peter Tavy Rainfall, "Dreckly"*
- ...and much more!*

Photo: Sandra Dodd



Helping Ukraine - see page 4



Welcome to this first issue of the Piper since May 2021, when we looked back on the effect of the pandemic on Peter Tavy life in 2020. Sadly, Covid continued to disrupt lives and events throughout 2021 - so inevitably it's been a long time since the Piper's usual four issues each year, packed with news of local activities.

Around 380 years ago, an English ballad was published called "*The World Turned Upside Down*" - and that's definitely how it seems to feel again now, in 2022. Even tucked away in Peter Tavy we can feel changes all around us. But parish life here continues, and there are events and activities lined up in the coming weeks and months - don't miss pages 26 and 27 for some information about the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

As we all, hopefully, move forward from the pandemic, people will adjust at different speeds, so we should try to be kind, supportive and understanding of others. And alongside our efforts to maintain and develop our special feeling of community here in Peter Tavy, we'll also be doing what we can to help those suffering from unfolding events in the wider world.

Hoping to see you at some of the forthcoming events

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

*Please let us have any dates and events for the next "Piper" by **Monday 4th July 2022.***

If you can supply your text as a "Word" or "RTF" file, by email to:

steve.ali@care4free.net, it saves us a lot of typing. But please don't worry if this is not possible - we still welcome your hand-written entries too!

The **Peter Tavy Piper** is our parish magazine, produced since 1984. It is compiled and distributed by volunteers, free to every household in Peter Tavy, bringing news, information and local events listings. Printing is funded by Peter Tavy Parish Council.

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



What's On?

IN PETER TAVY

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS are shown on the back cover.

APRIL 2022

Weds. 6th	10.00 -10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane (<i>see p. 13</i>)
Thurs. 7th	noon -1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel (<i>p.11</i>)
Fri. 8th	7.30pm	"Fisherman's Friends" - film show, Village Hall(<i>p.15</i>)
Thurs. 14th	TBC	Opening of the "Cycle Pit Stop", Village Hall (<i>p.17</i>)
Fri 15th		Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
Sun 17th		Easter Sunday
Mon 18th		Easter Bank Holiday
Mon. 18th	10.00am - 12.30	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall (<i>see p.17</i>)
Thurs. 21st	10.30am - noon	Yew Tree Café, Methodist Church (<i>see p.11</i>)

**Check for details
of EASTER SERVICES
at Church & Chapel**

MAY

Tues. 3rd	7.00pm	St Peter's Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Village Hall - all welcome
Weds. 4th	10.00 - 10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane (<i>see p. 13</i>)
Thurs. 5th	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunches, Methodist Chapel (<i>p.11</i>)
Weds.11th	8.00pm	Village Hall Annual General Meeting (<i>Outgoing Committee members meet beforehand at 7.00pm</i>)
Sat 14th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Plant Sale & Cream Teas, Methodist Chapel (<i>p.10</i>)
Sun. 15th	TBC	"Walk and Talk" around the Parish. Watch for details.
Mon. 16th	10.00am - 12.30	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall (<i>see p.17</i>)
Thurs. 19th	10.30am - noon	Yew Tree Café, Methodist Church (<i>see p.11</i>)
Tues. 31st	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - be ready to leave from Village Hall at 7.00pm prompt (<i>see page 16</i>)

JUNE

Weds. 1st	10.00 -10.30am	Mobile Library calls, Church Lane (<i>see p. 13</i>)
Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th		PLATINUM JUBILEE LONG WEEKEND:
		Provisional plans (<i>see pages 26 & 27</i>)
Thurs. 2nd	Evening	Peter Tavy "Sing for Fun" Choir
		Lighting of Beacon, Smeardon Down
Fri. 3rd	TBC	Beating the Bounds, north of parish
		Meeting at new parish boundary stone
Sat 4th	Evening	Games and Jubilee Party at Village Hall
Sun 5th	TBC	Service of Thanks (possibly outdoors), followed by
		Lunch Party for all, with
		Performance by Peter Tavy "Sing for Fun" Choir
Tues 7th	7.00pm	Watercolour Workshop, Village Hall (<i>see p.16</i>)
Thurs.16th	10.30am - noon	Yew Tree Café, Methodist Church (<i>see p.11</i>)
Mon. 20th	10.00am - 12.30	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall (<i>see p.17</i>)
Tues 28th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - be ready to leave from Village Hall at 7.00pm prompt (<i>see page 16</i>)



Dates and times shown here are as we've been advised, but may be subject to change - watch out for notices to be sure! For those on Facebook, you can get updates from the "Peter Tavy Community" facebook group - or check the Parish Council website - see opposite.



UKRAINE Possible Ways to Help

We are all moved by the plight of Ukraine and we look for ways to help those whose lives have been devastated by the Russian invasion, and those forced to flee their homes.

There are many **Local Events and Activities** raising funds, such as the recent successful Chapel Cake Sale and St Peter's Coffee Morning here in Peter Tavy. Thank you to all who supported - and keep an eye open for more events locally.

TACT (Tavistock Area Christians Together) and Tavistock Quakers have set up a group to co-ordinate efforts in the area. For those who use Facebook, there is also an active group, "**Tavistock and Ukrainian Friends**", which both promotes local fundraising events and collections of supplies, and also provides practical support and information for those looking to welcome refugees to their homes.

Some local groups, such as "Cornwall & Devon sending love to Ukraine" are making collections of goods and items to be taken to help the refugees. The best way to find out about these is through social media (such as the Facebook group above) or community organisations. Do check, as what is required, and collection points and dates, can change.

Donating money through charities and aid organisations is an effective way to help. Cash is quickly transferred to where it is required and organisations can use it to buy what is most needed at that time and place. Here are a few to consider:

- **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** - an umbrella group for 15 leading UK aid charities (www.dec.org.uk). Donate online; or at the Post Office, or text 'SUPPORT' to 70150 (cost £10 plus standard network charge).
- **British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal**
(<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>)
- **UNHCR** (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - www.unrefugees.org.uk)
- **UNICEF** (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund - www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/)
- **#Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal** - set up by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) and funding accredited Ukrainian charities (Search for "Ukraine" on www.gofundme.com)

If money is tight, it is also possible to donate using **Reward Points, Cashback and Loyalty Points**. Check to see if it that's possible with your cards.

The UK Government has launched the "**Homes for Ukraine**" appeal. Their website says this "*will enable individuals, charities, community groups and businesses to volunteer accommodation and provide a route to safety for Ukrainians, and their immediate family members, forced to escape their homeland.*" Find out more at: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

NB: *It's a sad reflection on the times, but we should point out the warning to carefully check the validity of charities and appeals before donating, to ensure your money is safe and being used effectively.*

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

It has certainly been another busy year for the Parish Council since the last edition of 'The Peter Tavy Piper'.

With the ongoing pandemic and new variants of Covid emerging, the monthly meetings once again were held over Zoom. This presented some challenges, and once we were able to hold face to face meetings in the Chapel, (albeit socially distanced), the month-to-month business of the Parish Council became much easier.

During the year, behind the scenes, your Parish Council have been working hard to deal with several Highways issues. The Parish Lengthsman had been out on the roads around the entire Parish keeping ditches and drains clear ready for the onset of winter.

Looking after the Millpond depends on a band of volunteers within the Parish Council who cleared debris and got the Pond summer-ready. Our very own Chairman has been spotted clearing overgrown areas and making the area of the Coombe more accessible for everybody to enjoy. This work is ongoing and every effort is being made to make the Coombe even more accessible in the future.

Beating the Bounds is a seven yearly event which took place last year, and was a welcome relief from the pandemic. Patrick Cashell was our go-to expert with all of his archive material to look back on. It certainly brought young and old together for the day. With lots of fresh air and with the weather being kind to us, the walk seemed to be enjoyed by everybody who took part. The tea afterwards was a great way to catch up with people we had not seen for what seemed like ages.

Both of the Church Cottages required maintenance and this was started in earnest and is an ongoing project into this year. These Cottages really are a valuable asset to the Village.

The Parish Council lent support to the petition to try to keep our Church from any future threat of closure. Bill Lane and all involved did an incredible job co-ordinating the petition.

There are several projects planned for this coming year with the Playing Field now taking a priority. Dangerous equipment is being replaced and must be opened back up to the public as soon as it can.

Plans to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee are underway, and the long weekend in June should be one to remember (*see pages 26 and 27 for more*).

Following a long-standing Councillor stepping down from the Parish Council (after many years of service) there is a Vacant Seat. If you would like to join your Parish Council please do come forward. You really would be doing something valuable for your community.

We have a lot to be thankful for living in beautiful Peter Tavy, and have much to look forward to in the year ahead.

Best Wishes,

- Michelle, Clerk to the Parish Council.
Email: petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 811075

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF VACANCY

**There is one vacancy for a
Councillor on Peter Tavy Parish
Council.**

If you would like to join the Peter Tavy Parish Council, please forward your details to The Clerk to Peter Tavy Parish Council - Mrs. Michelle Widdows at
petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk
or tel: 01822 811075

If more than one person expresses an interest the Parish Council will take a vote on the person to co-opt.

Dated: 6th March 2022

CHURCH COTTAGES

**Number 2 Church Cottages will
become available for rent in the
near future.**

Priority will be given to applicants with ties to the Village.

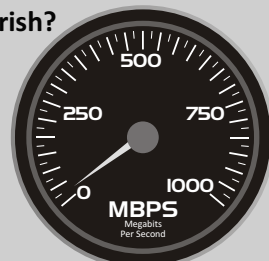
If you would like to register your interest before applications open then please contact:-

The Clerk to the Peter Tavy Parish Council - Mrs. Michelle Widdows at
petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk or
tel: 01822 811075

Improving BROADBAND SPEEDS in Peter Tavy Parish

Are you struggling with poor broadband speeds in the parish?

There is currently an initiative being run by West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) to try to get faster broadband to people who suffer dismally low speeds or even lack internet access altogether! It appears that anyone with a download speed of less than 30Mbps can register their interest in getting faster broadband.



In the first instance it is necessary to collect the details of people in the parish who currently have download speeds of less than 30Mbps and would like that to be improved. This means collecting in excess of 10 properties registered, then this gets submitted to WDBC. We have 12 names on record already, but we need to update this list to make sure we register all those that have an interest in this initiative and identify clusters of premises that might then justify upgrades. It is a good idea to try to form a small group of people to move this along, ideally with one person to volunteer as a "champion" to get things rolling.

You can find more information in these links:

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/.../Broadband-Champions-Step...>

<https://westdevon.gov.uk/article/8266/Community-Broadband>

If you think you have a case and a need for better broadband, and/or if you might be able to be a Community Broadband Champion, please contact the Parish Council clerk in the first instance, at: PeterTavyPC@hotmail.co.uk

Please don't worry if you have registered before, as we need to refresh this list and get things underway.

The Parish Council is taking steps to repair and replace some of the playground equipment.

Following a recent inspection, we have been advised that the basket and toddler swing frames should be renewed due to frame rot. The climbing frame nearest to the road is also approaching the end of its useful life but will be brought back into a serviceable condition for the short term.

The PLAYGROUND



Photo: Peter Randall

Removing the old equipment prior to renewal

Subject to available funding, it is hoped that further pieces of equipment could be added in the coming years, and we would love to have feedback and ideas, especially from local children, as to what might be added. Have you used pieces of equipment in other playgrounds that might be suitable for Peter Tavy? Please do get in touch either via the Parish Council email or direct to my mobile number.

The intention is that the playground will be open in time for the summer holidays.

Peter Randall, Peter Tavy Parish Council

Email: PeterTavyPC@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 07802 588765

RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTIONS



Dear Peter Tavy Residents

Following a number of occasions during the past year when some of you have experienced a non-collection of your recycling items from the Blue/Green Boxes and black bag residue waste, please could I ask you to register your missed collection on the WDBC website (www.westdevon.gov.uk).

There is a special box within the “Waste and Recycling” banner on the website which allows you to record your missed collection - and this record gives your Borough Council the information which it might not have, should the contractor, FCC, not advise the Borough Council of staff shortages/sickness - which very often lead to these missed collections.

Despite it being a very difficult situation during the last two years, we have endeavoured to provide the high quality service which you expect and as your Borough Councillor I sincerely apologise that has not happened some weeks.

Unfortunately, Agency staff are not always available to fulfil the vacant role when sickness occurs at very short notice, especially when the HGV drivers are involved.

Yours sincerely

Terry (Cllr Terry Pearce)

Lead Member for Communities and Independent Member for the Mary Tavy Ward
West Devon Borough Council.

Tel: 01822 810648



COVID - 5 Simple Things to protect us all

*A message from Steve Brown,
Director of Public Health Devon*

Coronavirus is still with us – cases continue to rise across all age groups in Devon, and hospitals are again under intense pressure. But numbers of people falling seriously ill, or worse dying as a result of coronavirus, are far lower than in the first year of the pandemic, thanks to the vaccination programme.

As we enter a new time, without restrictions, it's up to each of us to make the right decisions to keep ourselves - and those around us - safe. Steve Brown suspects that, because restrictions have lifted, people may now be uncertain now of what to do if they have symptoms of an infectious illness, or they test positive for coronavirus. So here are **five things** that he is encouraging people to do - common sense measures that will protect yourself and others around you:

1. If you have symptoms of coronavirus, or any infectious illness, or have tested positive for COVID-19, **stay at home** if you can, for five days or until your symptoms have gone- avoid seeing others until you're better. If you have symptoms, it is vital to take action to prevent further spread to your colleagues and loved ones.
2. Unless you are exempt, please **continue to wear face coverings** when in indoor public spaces with people you don't live with. **Let fresh air in** when meeting others indoors.
3. Still **test**, especially before visiting older or vulnerable people, or before going to your GP, or to visit someone in hospital.
4. **Keep up with your vaccinations**, because they're proven to help protect you and others from becoming ill.
5. **Wash your hands regularly**

WHEAL BETSY LADIES

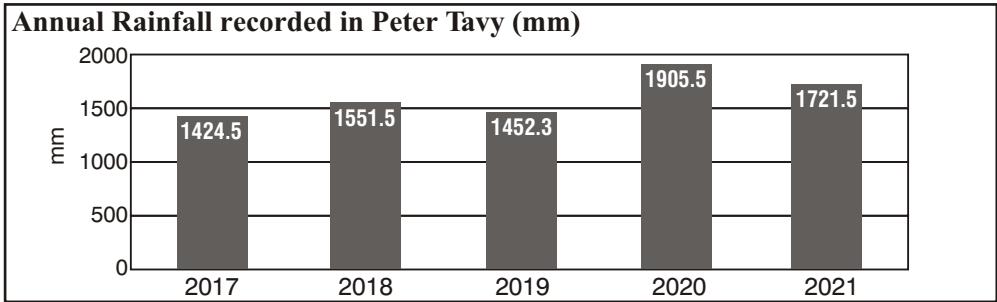
Following the closure of the Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy WI in March, a new group - Wheal Betsy Ladies - has been formed. We still meet in Mary Tavy Coronation Hall, at the same time - **14.30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month**. New members are very welcome!

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

“...the Rain, it Raineth Every Day...”

Well.... not quite - but it sometimes seems like that here in Peter Tavy!

Nina Seez reports on 5 years of Peter Tavy's Annual rainfall statistics...



We have been recording rainfall for many years, using a simple rainwater gauge we put in the garden. It helps explain what happens in the garden to plants, ornamental as well as fruit and vegetables. For us it provides more information than "it seems like it hasn't rained for ages" or "I thought it was wet".

It also enables us to compare years - how very wet 2020 was in comparison to 2017 and 2019 for example. It can be surprising how many days of each month there is some rainfall, be it one or two millimetres or as much as eighty millimetres - in 2017 we recorded rainfall on 129 days, whereas in 2020 there was rainfall on 184 days of the year (see table below).

Reviewing the details I have stored I found a surprising bit of information: according to the nearest met office weather station statistics, the average rainfall per year between 1981 and 2010 was 1053.3mm which is a good deal less than what we have recorded in each of the past five years!

NUMBER OF DAYS rainfall per month, recorded in Peter Tavy												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	7	8	12	5	12	11	11	14	16	9	11	13
2018	19	11	14	12	8	6	8	13	9	9	17	19
2019	11	8	16	10	5	13	9	14	12	18	21	17
2020	20	24	16	5	3	15	10	15	7	25	18	26
2021	21	16	11	6	22	12	16	17	7	18	12	20

Seven Times and Out

Bill Lane has set us this conundrum... as “a little exercise in maths for those who have forgotten how to multiply”.

Multiply 142857 by two and look at what you get. How has the number changed?

- Repeat multiplying 142857 by three, and then four, and then five, and then six.
- What happens when you multiply by seven?

To avoid taking up too much of your time, Bill attached the answer - see page 24.



METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Have you ever wondered why you often find yew trees in Churchyards? On a quick Google search there appears to be no clear conclusion - but many suggestions. The tradition goes back to pre-Christian times when yew trees were planted near Pagan temples. Some suggest it is because of their character of being evergreen and surviving for hundreds of years in poor conditions as solitary trees. Their use in longbows is also mentioned, and because of their highly-poisonous leaves, they keep sheep and cattle away from the graveyards.

Whatever the reason, the Yew tree at the Chapel has been the focus of many occasions. It has been a reflective place where people have been able to sit, and have attached written prayers to the tree. Shaded by its branches, we were able to sing with great gusto our hymns of Thanksgiving at the Harvest, when we all were introduced to the first "Milk Chocolate Tree." Later, with temperatures 15° lower, we sang the carols and heard the Christmas story again. A time to reflect away from preparations, and remember Christ has brought hope into a world that so much needs it now.

I am sure if the yew trees could talk and recall all the memories, there would be times of great happiness, sadness and some very humorous times. We would love to hear of any stories you have. And now we look forward: the Yew tree will still be where people can meet together to share in caring for each other, and bring thanks to our Heavenly Father. As the weather improves, you may wish to sit under its branches, reflect and perhaps add a prayer.

- David Dodd

Thanks to everyone who baked and came along to our Cake Sale and Bring & Buy on 18th March - together we raised £600 to help the Sacele Centre in Romania, which is caring for Ukrainian refugees - mainly women and children.

Note: Regular Sunday service time changes from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on 24th April.



PLANT SALE & CREAM TEAS

Saturday 14th May, 2- 4pm
at Peter Tavy Methodist Church
With "Bring and Buy" Stall



Offers of plants or help on the day much appreciated - contact David (810776)



Peter Tavy 'Sing for Fun' Choir

We're meeting **Fridays at mid-day in the Methodist hall.**

It's an opportunity to come together and sing in a relaxed space, while practising songs with the Jubilee in mind!

A chance to hear the choir at the Jubilee celebrations!

WANTED: if you play piano / keyboard, and would like to be part of the group, please introduce yourself - you

would be made most welcome! ***It's not too late to join in; everyone welcome.***

Soup and desert lunches

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

The money raised goes to support two sponsored children and their families. Come and enjoy delicious soups and deserts, and a chance to chat with neighbours and friends - old and new.



Yew Tree Café



Isolation through COVID has affected all of us to varying degrees.

Meeting with other villagers over coffee in a safe environment will, we hope, help people reconnect. The Café is open on the **third Thursday of the month, 10.30 to noon at the Chapel.**

We hope you can visit even if you don't feel you know many others - you will be made very welcome. We will show some different pictures each time related to the Village.

Minnows

Our parents and under-5s group meets **Tuesdays at 10.30am -12** in the Methodist hall. Numbers are low at present, as a few parents have returned to work recently. It's a great opportunity to talk while the children play, supporting each other in a safe environment.



Messy Church

...has now restarted and will happen during School Holidays. Look out for the next date.

Craft Group

Meets **Fridays 2pm - 4pm at the Methodist Hall.**
All sorts of crafts undertaken with enthusiasm and laughter!
The group is great medicine - supportive and constructive.
Everyone is welcome to come along.



We're planning another "Walk and Talk" - similar to last year's tour of local farms, past and present - on **Sunday 15th May** this year. Watch out for further details!

Peter Tavy Calendar 2022

Thanks to **Abi Ball** for all her hard work in creating this year's wonderful Peter Tavy calendar. Once again, the calendar sold out, and has raised very welcome funds for the Village Hall, Methodist Church and St Peter's Church. Thanks to Abi, to all this year's photographers, and to everyone who bought copies.

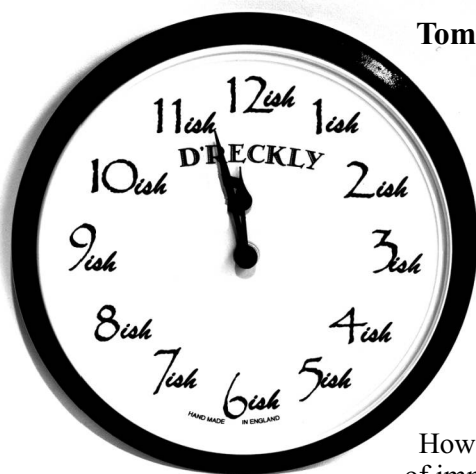


Tom Roskilly *ponders the meaning of ~~time~~...*

Dreckly

Now there's a word to conjure with.

It's one I was brought up with - along with others like viddy, visgee, larrup and frape - and have never really stopped to consider its meaning. After all, it means different things to different people, especially according to circumstances.



However you define it, there's never any feeling of immediacy contained within it. One academic

has described it as “a bit like *manyana* but not quite so urgent”! That's amusing, but a little uncharitable, because with *manyana* there's a great deal of uncertainty implied; but that's not the case with dreckly, because you know something will take place - the question is when.

It's really at home down here in West Devon and Cornwall, although it might have got up a bit further by now I suppose as words do get about, though not as far as Oxford if their dictionary is anything to go by. In that respect I can only think it has Celtic roots. Some new arrivals from up country can be forgiven for thinking that it is a corruption of ‘directly’. Oh dear, they will be sadly mistaken if dealing with a local craftsman or artisan. Of course it doesn't really fit into this modern world, when goods and services can appear almost at the click of a button. Take those things you've ordered off the internet, for example; they're here next day, virtually on the hour. Somehow I don't think that DPD would be quite as successful if people thought it stood for ‘Delivering Parcels Dreckly’!

Not everything these days occurs with such dispatch however as those unfortunates who ended up in A&E in pre-Corona days discovered when they found out what ‘patient’ really meant. It doesn't end there either, as anyone who has dealings with the legal profession will testify to; but that's nothing new because the pedestrian manner in which such practitioners go about their work was well accepted years ago. The respected legal firm of ‘Slow and Bideawhile’ made regular appearances in Anthony Trollope's stories of life in 19th century Barsetshire!

Some years ago and not quite so tolerant, I protested to a local Cornishman that he was two hours late in coming to collect my waste plastic. He passed it off by telling me that I should consider myself lucky since his mother had to wait nine months for him!

Humour will invariably disarm even the most indignant of parties but it's no laughing matter not to have your phone call answered in the local farm store when you've been there and witnessed the staff testing each other's nerves to see who

answers after 20 rings. And then there are the Government Gateways to go through on the phone, press this, press that, listen to irrelevant newspeak and finally be told “you’re number umpteen” in the queue. Even that isn’t as bad as listening to some classical riff played endlessly when trying to get through to virtually any large organisation.

Getting back to dreckly though, I’d like to think that it does have a certain honesty about it. If it does reside in Celtic genes then maybe it’s just as well to allow for it, rather like here at Nutley, where clocks have been traditionally set 10 minutes fast to compensate for the inbuilt “I’ve just got to...” factor. It could be that we’re descended from a tribe of Drecklies who were just a little late in showing up to help Queen Boudicca send the Romans back across the Channel - and have paid for it ever since.

Anyway, we are where we are, and as I write this there’s been a cow praking up and down the shippen with her tail out. I can only assume she’ll calve dreckly and allow me to finally mooch off to bed. Then in my reverie I’ll be able to ponder as to the course of history had Asterix been around to give guidance to those old Brits on matters such as tactical warfare. The problem is that I don’t suppose it was any more likely they would have listened to a foreigner on that subject than Brits of today heed external warnings on issues of microbial warfare. At best it only gets acted upon after ‘due consideration’..... *dreckly* even.

(Tom sent us this piece in May 2020, and I'm sure he will appreciate how we have acted “dreckly” to publish and get it into print!)

YOUR Mobile Library

Now in a NEW VAN!

The Mobile library calls in Peter Tavy on one Wednesday each month, for a 30 minute stop. It’s free to join and return dates are flexible, so there’s no need to worry if you miss a month. There’s a good selection of children’s books, along with fiction, non-fiction, large-print and talking books. Come and meet Heidi, our mobile librarian, and take a look around the new van.



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

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

- Wednesday 6th April
- Wednesday 4th May
- Wednesday 1st June
- Wednesday 29th June
- Wednesday 27th July

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Chair: Jayne Medland, (Radge, 07825 397824)

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

2021 in Your Village Hall

Chair Jayne Medland reports...

Despite the Covid pandemic we were able to hold our AGM in May 2021. Many thanks are due to the retiring chair Carol Beavis for all the hard work she put in during her term of office.

As you'll know, we have been having a busy time, revamping the Hall. We were fortunate enough to have received a large grant from Greater Dartmoor LEAF (Local Enterprise Action Fund), supplemented by support from West Devon Borough Council and Peter Tavy Parish Council. This has enabled us to replace the rotten floor in the main Hall with a sprung beech floor, with new drainage under and around the Hall; new skirting boards; double-glazed windows and fire-resistant curtains. The Hall and kitchen have been stripped back and redecorated.

Our sincere thanks to Carol Myott for motivating us to push the project forward, and working so hard to successfully apply for the grant. Thanks too to Clare Balm (as a Village Hall Trustee) for her efforts and for bravely signing up to take responsibility for the grant application. Our deep appreciation also goes to Peter Randall - a.k.a. Our Project Manager - for tirelessly overseeing the works. Barbara Mortimer has been working hard to keep the invoices paid and our accounts in order, while Susie Pitts has also had her work cut out throughout, not least hanging curtains, holding ladders and keeping the unused Hall well aired. Talking of curtains, thanks too to Sue Randall for help with the curtains, ironing the long new drapes.

Since Covid hit, we have still managed to hold some events at the Hall. Our "Take-away Wood-fired Pizza night" in May proved popular, and we sold 77 pizzas to hungry parishioners, The Auction of Promises in June raised a whopping £2,468 for Hall funds. Many thanks - both to those who generously gave promises, and equally to those who bid for them. I think both events could be repeated in the future as they were very well-received.

We arranged a Competitions and Produce stall in the Hall in lieu of the annual August Bank Holiday Village Fayre, which had been cancelled due to the uncertainty of lockdowns at the time. There were wonderful entries from right across the parish. Claire Nail and Pippin Steggles kindly judged the competitions for us. Once again, Jessica Ball won the cup for winning the most points overall - well done to a very talented young lady!

Following the re-opening of the Hall, we have two regular new bookings: Pilates classes with Ann-Marie Streets on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm, and Circuit Fitness Training with Dave Chanter on Monday evenings at 6.00pm. We've also hosted several private parties - those hiring the hall, party-goers and caterers alike, have all praised our new fresh look in the clean and cosy Hall.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Weds. 11th May in the Hall at 8.00pm - all welcome!

(Current committee members please note - AGM is preceded by a meeting of the outgoing committee at 7.00pm).

For this year's AGM, we really need the community's support. Due to various health and personal issues, we have more scope for "new blood" on our Committee.

Being a committee member is not as scary as it sounds! There are only four meetings on average each year. It would be great to see some new faces - with new ideas - for this great community asset.

During recent years, we have formed sub-committees to organise events and projects (usually discussed over a drink at the pub!) - so you can join one of these if it's of particular interest.

Just come along to the AGM to find out more - with absolutely no obligation to join the committee if you don't want to!

Please do bear in mind - "No Committee - No Village Hall" - so come along - please give it a go!

Coming to the "Big Screen" at the Village Hall



Friday 8th April, 7.30pm

OK... We tried to screen this film back in March 2020, but the pandemic rudely interrupted. So now, at last, do join us for our first film night in the Village Hall. To book your seat call Steve on 810868 (£5/person) - with refreshments available!



Watercolour workshop

with Celia Olsson.

Tuesday 7th June, 7.00pm.

In the Village Hall.

Cost £18 per head, for two hours' tuition.

All materials provided - plus tea / coffee and biscuits.

Places limited - please book quickly - call Jayne on 07825 397824.

RE-STARTING SOON! LAST TUESDAY of EACH MONTH....



We managed to complete four footpath walks during 2021, walking to Horndon, Axna, Collaton and Grendon.

I hope to start this year's monthly Footpath Walks on

TUESDAY 31st MAY.

No booking is necessary, just meet at the Village Hall and **be ready to start walking by 7.00 pm.** Please wear suitable footwear and clothing. We prefer not to take dogs with us if possible.

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



Lambing & Bird Nesting Season

1st March - 31st July

Report uncontrolled dogs to
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Officer -
07873 587561 - or Police on 101

By Law you must control your dog so it does not scare, worry or disturb farm animals or wildlife. Farmers are entitled to shoot a dog that worries or harms their animals.



**Keep
Dogs on
Leads**

www.dartmoor.gov.uk

KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER



Our friendly group meets on the third Monday of each month.

Come along for a sociable morning of working and chatting together, in the **VILLAGE HALL** from **10.00am - 12.30pm**
Future dates are: **Mondays 16th May; 20th June; 18th July**

For more information, contact Ruth Boswell on 810687.

For a couple of years the Village Hall Committee has been toying with the idea of setting up a “Pit Stop” for passing locals, cyclists & walkers. Initially we wondered about locating this in the BT phone box, but that is still in use.

We noticed that a West Devon Borough Council grant was available, and successfully applied for it. Subsequently, we are using the grant to buy a shed from Bowrish Sawmills, a picnic table, fridge, freezer, a cycle rack, cycle repair kit & foot pump. An electric socket will also be provided for charging of E-bikes etc.



The plan is to stock fresh fruit, snacks, ice-creams, cold drinks etc. for those wanting to quickly buy a snack whilst on the move. Payment for goods will be either by cash, via an honesty box, or by card using the credit card machine.

The outside Gents’ toilets at the Hall will become “Unisex”, and left accessible while the “Pit Stop” is open. An Information Board will be installed to advertise local facilities such as the Peter Tavy Inn and local accommodation, and to promote hall, chapel and church events.

Abi has designed signage and a logo for the “Pit Stop”. Posters will be distributed at various cycle shops and stops. A Facebook page is also to be set up, showing potential visitors where the Pit Stop is located, our opening hours etc. The Pit Stop will be managed by volunteers on a rota basis.

We are aiming to open on Thursday 14th April 2022. Initially it is planned to open Thursday-Sunday from 09.30-18.00

However please note that the Pit Stop will be closed when there are pre-booked events on at the Hall, and also when the Chapel is running the Yew Tree Café and Soup Lunch events etc. Our Facebook page will be kept updated so please check that we are open.

Do come along and have a look for yourself!

- Elaine

Just over 29 years ago, on April 1st 1993, our very own *Angela Larcombe* brought Peter Tavy into the headlines of the *Tavistock Times* with this chilling story...

On the trail of the beast

Exclusive by **Angela Larcombe**

A BLACK beast seen ripping open a carcass on moorland above the River Walkham is being linked with the discovery of animal remains and a lair on the high moor near Peter Tavy.

On Tuesday, moorland walker John Douglas saw what he first thought was a black dog tearing at a dead sheep but as he got nearer he knew there was something strange about it.

'The hairs on my neck rose - I had never seen anything like this creature before.'

He clambered down the rough ground towards the animal, taking off his rucksack as he went.

'I was desperate to get my camera out, I felt this was going to be a very important, unique picture.'

As he got within camera range the animal raised its head and Mr Douglas said he 'recoiled' from its glowing yellow-eyed stare.

'For a split second our eyes met and I felt it was evil.'

It bounded off into the rocks as he approached but not before Mr Douglas managed to get one picture.

'The head was cat-like and the creature was about the size of a border collie.'

Mr Douglas searched around and found just one pawprint in damp ground

nearby.

'I had no close-up lens so I protected it with a couple of stones and marked the spot.'

Later in the day he returned with *Times* photographer James Bird and in an overhang of rocks they found a collection of bones and the remains of a calf.

Mr Douglas insisted on the location of the lair being kept secret until it had been investigated by zoologists.

'I don't want to alarm farmers, nor do I want trigger-happy Royal Marines going out on a shooting party.'

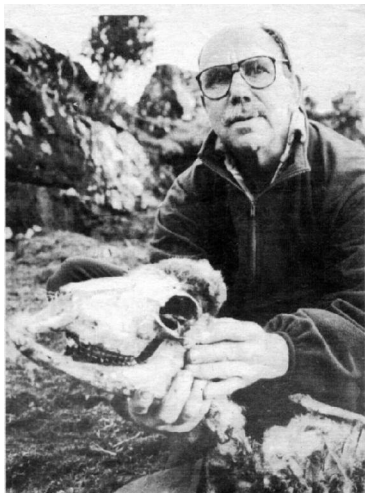
'There's no evidence that this beast is actually killing anything at all, but I have to admit I wouldn't like to meet it again.'

Today, Murdo Mackenzie, the Scottish biologist who has documented 'black beast' sightings from all over the country was due to visit the site.

'I am very excited,' he told the *Times*.

'The photograph is the best I have seen so far and may help us identify this creature at last.'

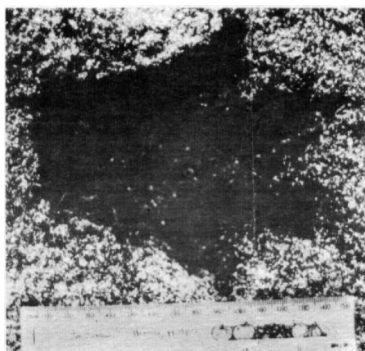
Stubby rough black hairs, a plaster cast of the pawprint and some grass 'tainted with a strange smell' will go to the Natural History Museum for scientists to examine.



Walker John Douglas displays some of the grisly remains found on the moor



The beast disappears...



...leaving only a pawprint

What happened next? See page 21 for the follow-up to this mystery...



St. PETER's CHURCH NEWS

It was great to see so many of you in St Peter's over Christmas, when we were so fortunate to be able to hold both a Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service and a Service on Christmas Morning. Although Peter Tinson stood down after 33 years of faithful service as Churchwarden in May 2021, we are fortunate that he has kindly continued

with the task of finding clergy to lead our services. "Thank you" doesn't seem enough - we are so grateful to Peter for all he has done for the church; and also to Patrick Cashell, who stood down after 22 years of dedication as our Parochial Church Council (PCC) Secretary. Angela Collins continues to serve as Churchwarden, and Janet Bedford kindly stepped forward to act as second Churchwarden.

Thanks also to everyone who prepared for, served at, and came along to, the Coffee Morning (and afternoon teas!) at Manor Farm House in CudlIPTown on Saturday 26th March (by kind invitation of Janet Bedford). We enjoyed delicious refreshments and the chance to explore the wonderful garden, admiring the daffodils - and together raised over £410 (to be split between St Peter's church and helping Ukrainian refugees).

In these worrying times, it's often useful to find a quiet and welcoming space to spend a few moments in peace, reflecting on the world's - and our own - problems. Don't forget that the church is now again open every day until around 4.00pm, and you are welcome to drop in, take a seat and enjoy the beautiful, calm surroundings of one of the most ancient buildings in the parish. So

- on those days when it's too wet to sit under the beautiful spreading Chapel Yew Tree - you're very welcome to come in and enjoy this tranquil haven.

Some of you may have heard that we have been looking at how we might solve the problem of our very wet church tower. The plan now is for preliminary exploratory work to try and identify why and how so much water is getting in. Subsequently, we will have to address how this is to be solved - watch out for more information!

Finally, a reminder that our **Annual Parochial Meeting takes place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**, and you would be very welcome to join us to hear more about what has been happening over the year at St Peter's Church.



6,000 Years on White Tor?

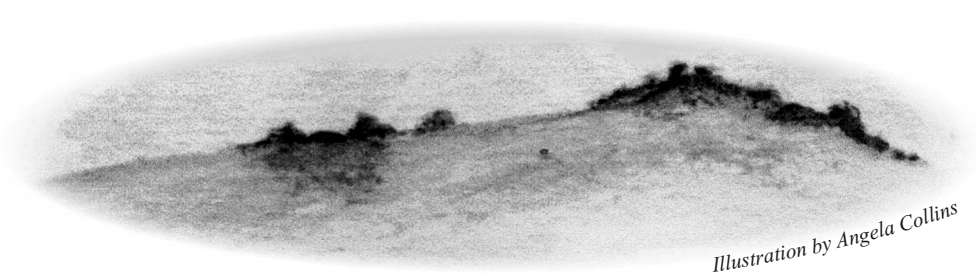


Illustration by Angela Collins

Steve Markham tells us of some recent research

You may have noticed last summer some strange activity on White Tor; not the military, but archaeologists from Leicester University, under guidance and permission from the Dartmoor National Park. They have been digging trenches and undertaking detailed surveys of the land surface. They were looking for evidence, or more accurately, conclusive evidence, that human activity on White Tor dates back to the Neolithic period, 5,000 to 6,000 years ago (3,000BC to 4,000BC); a time when the land in Britain was first farmed.

White Tor is surrounded by two big circles of small stones enclosing the natural outcrops. These small stones were placed by people, and form what we know today as a 'Tor Enclosure'; it is a phenomenon unique to the South West of Britain. There are currently 14 Tor Enclosures documented in South West Britain: most are in Cornwall - and a couple of the Cornwall Tor Enclosures have been excavated and have been dated to the Neolithic period. The Tor Enclosures in Devon have never been dated, so - with funding from the Society of Antiquaries - three sites in Devon have been excavated: Dewerstone, one on private land, and White Tor. Any findings should be reported some time this year; evidence confirming the use of White Tor by humans in the Neolithic period could be flint tools - flint is not found on Dartmoor, so would have been brought here by humans.

White Tor has many layers of human activity from the Neolithic right up to the present day; perhaps most significantly the Great Western Reeve; built 1500 years later than the Neolithic Tor Enclosure, so around 3500 years ago (1500BC). A reeve is a land division, now just low banks of turf and rocks, that once formed large fields that would have been many kilometres square. Within most of these reeve "fields" are settlements - the remains of round houses - there are many that are near White Tor. The Great Western Reeve that starts on White Tor, extends for about 10 kilometres, ending up at Sharpitor, near Burrator reservoir.

Much of the information in this article came from the BBC Radio 4: "Open Country" programme, broadcast on 6 January 2022 - it is available online to listen to again for the rest of the year (www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00132v7).

One week after Angela Larcombe's scoop in the *Tavistock Times* of April 1st 1993, (see page 18), the newspaper followed up the story...

Did you guess?

JOLLY JAPERS... Times photographer James Bird and Peter Tavy villager John Douglas needed little persuasion to provide the 'evidence' to accompany reporter Angela Larcombe's April Fool Beast of Dartmoor story last week. James' in-laws are still crossly plucking gorse from their bearskin rug and John's garage yet retains the lingering smell of the bones and carcasses he collected for the pictures...



If PUNS make you cringe... Best skip this bit!!

- I've started telling everyone about the health benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.
- We've been trying to organize a Peter Tavy Hide-and-Seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- A Military Officer walked into the Peter Tavy Inn and ordered everyone around.
- In a 1980's "Toys 'R' Us" shop, where would you have found the Arnold Schwarzenegger 'Terminator' action figures? - Aisle B, back.
- Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can help prevent florist friars.
- When a patient insisted on closing up her own incision, her surgeon just replied "Suture self".
- What do you call a pig with laryngitis? - Disgruntled.



CIRCUIT *fitness* TRAINING

Every Monday Evening

6.00pm Peter Tavy Village Hall

Find out more from Dave Chanter on 07815 318145



One Thousand Years Later...

Peter Tinson looks at the long history of St Peter's Church...

In the later years of their occupation of Britain, the Romans granted land to other peoples such as the Angles and Saxons. They arrived in increasing numbers after the Romans abandoned Britain. The original Britons were driven to the extremities, and in areas like ours we find Anglo-Saxon settlement names, such as Willsworthy, Wapsworthy, Godsworthy and Cudlipptown.

It is strange that Cudlipptown has a name derived from two brothers (Coudlipp), who built two longhouses, probably three to four hundred years ago, one in the late Mr. Rowse's farm, and one in the farmyard at Edgecombe, neither of which were given names - though there was a tenement opposite to Mr. Rowse's farm, called 'Kinsman'. This must be tied in with the Coudlipp brothers as, strangely, Sir Hugh Cudlipp - who owned the Daily Mirror paper - has the middle name Kinsman. Several people have tried to establish the location of the Saxon manor at Cudlipptown; in fact Bill Ames dug trenches to try and locate it in the fields at Burnshall, when he lived there. We think we know roughly where it was, but there is no proof, though there is a field close-by known as Villa Meadow.

When the house we live in was built in 1888, they named it *Edgecombe*. Why, we don't know, and it is often spelt wrongly with a 'u', which was a family name in the Tavistock area. So what was this area called - for the manor would surely have had the suffix, 'worthy', meaning a fortified dwelling? We do have Manor House, which may have been the dwelling of serfs at that time - who knows?

During the second half of the Roman occupation, it is certain that Christian teachings would have arrived in the South East of Britain, and gradually spread out over the country. We know that there were travelling preachers, and there are known 'Preacher' rocks. There is one in the top of the field known as 'Butterberries', which is just north of White Tor.

The preachers would have told the stories from books we now know as the Gospels, which were considered the eye-witness accounts of those who had been there at the time - or history books if you like. They were Matthew, Mark and John. Luke was later converted, and being a doctor, he was well educated and also wrote down his account of Christ's life.

It may be that the people living in our area listened and believed. So as time went on they built what you can only describe as a 'barn' to meet in - probably they liked to be in the warm in wintertime, we'll never know! It would beat standing round the 'preacher rock' just below White Tor with an east wind blowing!

And so Peter Tavy's church building was founded just after the Norman Conquest (c1070).

Over the centuries, as the population grew around the quarries - and later the mines - in the district, the church building was enlarged. The building originally had the

shape of a cross; later the north aisle, the tower and the porch were added. This means that in just under 50 years from now, there will have been a church standing in Peter Tavy for *a thousand years*.

'So what?' you may say. Well, we see that there are many people in the parish who believe in Christ, for they celebrate Christmas each year in their own homes. They may have had their children baptised in the church, or have been married there, and almost certainly most will be buried in the churchyard, or their ashes interred there. So we say, 'why not come and join us?'

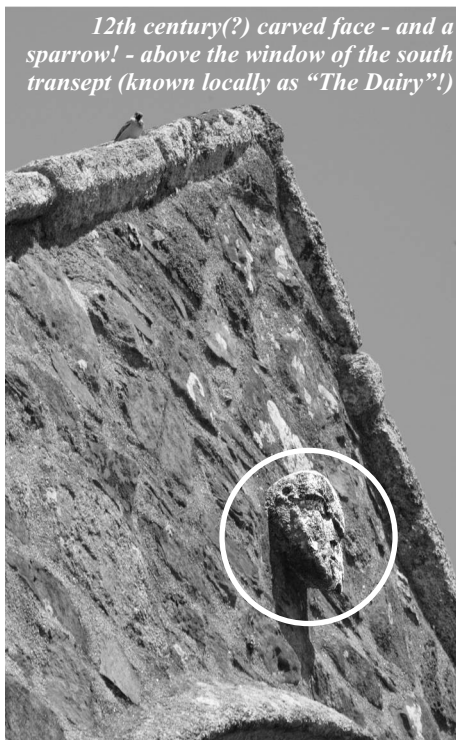
With the age of our present congregation, the future looks bleak for our church; our ancient building, and it may even be forced to close.

The 'Church' as we know it, is the people, not the building - that is where we meet.

As he broke bread at the last supper, Christ said 'this is my body'. By that he meant, that we, as we join together, are the body of Christ here on earth, to carry on his work: looking after our neighbours - whatever colour or clan. Remember, love conquers all; hate has no place in life. Hate is an evil, and only causes strife.

If you would like to see our church survive, and not see its demise, then please take a step, a first step on a journey that will ensure we still have this building, which is our joint heritage, open for everyone within this parish.

Amen.



TOR AND TAVY W.I.

Tor and Tavy WI are back, running meetings as normal, and have a programme ready for the next year.

We meet on the **4th Thursday of each month** in the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy and visitors or prospective new members are

very welcome. Our programme for the next few months is: April - farms for City Children (followed by our AGM), May - Upcycling furniture.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and a raffle at each evening.

For further details, please email: torandtavy@devonwi.org.uk

Many thanks

- Corrie Grice

VILLAGE FAYRE COMPETITIONS

As we go to press, we don't yet know whether our **August Bank Holiday Village Fayre** will be going ahead as usual this year... But many of you will remember that, although - due to covid - we did not hold the Fayre last year, we did continue with the Competitions in the Village Hall on the August Bank Holiday Monday. And this, at least, we plan to do again.



The Village Fayre in 2019 - for those readers new to the Parish, in pre-Covid times our popular Fayre was a "whole community" fund-raising effort, and attracted lots of visitors from near and far.

So, during the next few months you may like to make a start on your competition entries for 2022 - and - of course - we'll also be having contests for the **Best Veg and Flowers** - so do get gardening once the frosts have passed!

Competitions will be split into 4 classes: age 5 & under; age 11 and under; age 16 and under; over 16's.

CRAFTS:

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

WRITING:

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

Seven Times and Out - answer to Bill's conundrum on page 9

142857 multiplied by 2 = 285714
142857 multiplied by 3 = 428571
142857 multiplied by 4 = 571428
142857 multiplied by 5 = 714285
142857 multiplied by 6 = 857142
142857 multiplied by 7 = 999999 (!!)

Patrick's

Competition

WIN A STAR PRIZE!

renew

I set this competition back in the May 2021 issue of the Piper, but had no entries then... So I thought I might offer you another chance at this challenge...

"Dartmoor's Fauna"

Supply the name of the animal which completes the feature.

For example:

Clue: 3 letter nocturnal_mammal heads worthy corner

Answer: **Bat**worthy Corner.

1. 7 letter burrowers at home.
2. 5 letter bird has high ground.
3. 6 letter young cattle front stream for tor.
4. 6 letter bird calls at hard place.
5. 7 letter chatterboxes own tor.
6. 3 letter insect buzzes round tor.
7. 4 letter deer has ground for tor
8. 5 letter familiar cat at tor.
9. 6 letter insect owns castle.
10. 5 letter crows have hill.



Photo: David Dodd

Please send your answers to gpwcashell@btinternet.com by **9th July 2022**

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

- Patrick Cashell.



PETER TAVY INN

Our current opening hours are:

Weekdays - 12noon to 3pm and 6.00pm to 11.00pm

Weekends - 12noon to 11.00pm (10.30pm Sunday)

From Saturday 9 April we will be moving to our Summer opening hours:

Open daily 12noon to 11pm (10.30pm on Sunday)

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

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

Scan here to reach
the Inn's website





2nd - 5th June 2022

Like other communities across the country, Peter Tavy hopes to join in with celebrations of the Queen's Platinum (70th!) Jubilee. Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June will be Bank Holidays, to create an extra-long Bank Holiday weekend.

Our plans are at an early stage, but beginning to take shape. Here's an outline of what's in the pipeline so far - watch out for more details as June draws closer.

Thursday 2nd June



Peter Tavy's Diamond Jubilee Beacon on Smeardon Down in 2012

Nationally - The Queen's Birthday Parade ("Trooping the Colour") will be held in full for the first time since the pandemic. Later, over 1,500 Jubilee Beacons will be lit across the UK - and in the capital cities of the Commonwealth.

In Peter Tavy - We plan to light our **BEACON ON SMEARDON DOWN** in the evening.

Earlier on, the **Peter Tavy "Sing for Fun" choir** will give a **SHORT CONCERT** of popular songs.

Friday 3rd June

Nationally - A Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Reign will be held in St Paul's Cathedral in London.

In Peter Tavy - We hope (depending on the weather!) to complete our **"BEATING OF THE BOUNDS"**, and beat those parts of the bounds that we missed last year, as a result of covid restrictions. So our plan is to have two walk options, both starting in the Willsworthy range area - with a lift provided to the start. One pre-booked group would walk to the east, led by Steve Markham, up to Hare and Sharp Tors, across the Tavy, around to Lynch Tor, and back down to Hill Bridge. Meanwhile, a lower altitude walk - walking to the west, will be led by Edward Dodd, going towards Blackdown, and down to Hill Bridge.

We are at the initial stages of commissioning a **NEW BOUNDARY STONE** to mark the Platinum Jubilee, to be located on the Peter Tavy/Mary Tavy parish boundary, near Hill Bridge. We don't have precise details yet, but the hope is for both beating the bounds groups to meet at the new stone at the end of their walks.

Saturday 4th June

Nationally - The Derby will be run at Epsom Downs in the presence of the Queen. In the evening, there is a “Platinum Party at the Palace”, with the BBC broadcasting a special live concert from Buckingham Palace.

In Peter Tavy - The Village Hall committee are hoping to organise an evening **PARTY AND DANCE FOR ALL AGES** in the evening - hopefully including party games earlier in the evening, followed by dancing, with a bar and buffet.

We hope that this evening will also showcase the refurbished Village Hall, with the renovations completed; new floor, windows and curtains, and hopefully also the store-room (in the former back kitchen), toilets and redecorated foyer.

If anyone has any suggestions for a small band or a couple of musicians we may be able to book for the evening, please contact Jayne on 07825 397824.

Sunday 5th June

Nationally - People across the Country are invited to join together for ‘The Big Jubilee Lunch’, and street parties.

In Peter Tavy - We’re planning to hold a short **SERVICE OF THANKS** for all ages, followed by a **LUNCH PARTY FOR ALL**, (...bring your own lunch!) The **Peter Tavy “Sing for fun” Choir** will be performing!

Some of you - hopefully - will remember that the parish planted four chestnut trees on Smeardon to mark the Queen’s Golden Jubilee. Only one has stood the test of time - but in the next month or so (whilst still tree-planting season), in the same area, there will be a couple of new **ENGLISH ELM TREES - 3 year old seedlings, planted to commemorate this Platinum Jubilee.**

A few of you may still have the “official Peter Tavy” Queen’s Silver Jubilee souvenir mugs, dating from 1977 - or maybe mugs from the Golden and Diamond Jubilees... So for 2022, the parish is planning to gift a **PLATINUM JUBILEE SOUVENIR MUG** to all the children of the Parish.



Presentation of Souvenir Mugs and Bibles to the young people of the Parish after the Diamond Jubilee meal together in 2012.



THE WEEK

REGULAR EVENTS in Peter Tavy

SUNDAY

- 9.30am** (Check Church gate / door for details of dates) Holy Communion - St Peter's Church
- 3.30pm** Service, Methodist Church
(From 24th April, service time changes to 6.30pm)

MONDAY

- 10-12am** (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall
- 6.00pm** Circuit Fitness Training, Village Hall (details from Dave Chanter 07815 318145)
- 7.30pm** Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church

TUESDAY

- c.10.45am** Ring and Ride Bus to Tavistock*
(returns from Tavistock c.12.45am).
Older & disabled passengers -
book on 07939 093232
- 10.30 - Noon** Minnows Group, Methodist Church (p11)

WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 - 10.30am** (monthly) Mobile Library calls at the bottom of Church Lane (dates - see p.13)
- Mornings** West Dartmoor Art Group, Village Hall

THURSDAY

- 2.30pm** (2nd Thursday each month) Wheal Betsy Ladies - Usually Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (see p.20)
- 7.30pm** Pilates, Village Hall
(Details - amjstreets@hotmail.co.uk)
- 7.30pm** (4th Thursday in month) Tor & Tavy WI, Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (see p.23)

FRIDAY

- 10.45am** Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy - No. 122*
www.oakleyscoaches.co.uk - 01752 729866
(Departs: Village Hall, returns at 13.15
from opposite Bedford Hotel in Tavistock)
- 12.00 noon** Peter Tavy "Sing for Fun Choir",
Methodist Church (see p.10)
- 2.00 - 4.00pm** Craft Group, Methodist Church (p.11)
- 8.00 - 10.00pm** Scottish Country Dancing, Village Hall -
(Currently suspended - watch for details)

**Bus Notes: Don't forget that about 9 buses a day stop at the junction on the main A386 road near Harford Bridge Holiday Park. For all public transport information contact Traveline SW (0871 200 22 33).*

Useful Phone Numbers

Peter Tavy Parish Council - Clerk	
Mrs Michelle Widdows	01822 811075
Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings	
Steve Carreck	01822 810868
Peter Tavy Chapel	
The Dodd Family	01822 810343
	01822 810776
St Peter's Church	
Ch.wardens - Angela Collins	01822 810243
Janet Bedford	01822 810231
Local West Devon Councillor	
Terry Pearce	01822 810648
Local Devon County Councillor	
Philip Sanders	01822 612265
Traveline (public transport info.)	
	0871 200 22 33
National Rail Enquiries	03457 48 4950
Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy	
	07939 093232
Highways Emergencies	
(Devon County Council)	0345 155 1004
Highways Local Services	
(Okehampton area)	01837 52773
Devon County Council	0345 155 1015
West Devon Borough Council	
	01822 813600
Western Power Distribution	
General contacts	0800 096 3080
Power failure	105 or 0800 6783 105
South West Water Helpline	
	0344 346 2020
Environment Agency emergencies	
	0800 80 70 60
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Tavistock Library	01822 612218
Citizen's Advice Bureau	0808 27 87 999
West Devon Community & Voluntary Services	
	01837 738133
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	
(non-urgent -24 hours) New No.	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
West Devon Women's Aid	01837 55228
Trading Standards	01392 382159
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177 650
<i>If you can add others to this list, please let us know for the next "Piper".</i>	