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The 100th issue compiled at Mill Cottages!

Village Fayre COMPETITIONS

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PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

Bank Holiday Monday 25th August from 2.00pm



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and help out!
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A Hundred - All Out!

We've just realised that, assuming we got the numbering right over the last 28 years (and taking in to account gaps for Covid and in recent years), this is the 100th issue of the "Piper" that we've compiled and sent off "out" around the parish! Back in 1997, we responded an appeal for "help" with The Piper from the then-Piper-supremo (and Village shop and Post Office keeper) Alan Sankey. A few days later, he appeared on our doorstep to present us with a box of all the past issues, and pass on the "Piper baton" to us! In May 1997 we completed our first issue, number 49...



That's probably not the best incentive for you all, but we would like to ask if anyone would like to help out with future issues?!



Meanwhile, here we are again, looking forward to our great annual **August Bank Holiday Monday Village Fayre**.

This is a major fund-raiser for the village so please do come along and join your friends and neighbours from the Parish in preparations and on the day. The 22nd annual "Peter Tavy Plod" (see page 9) begins the day, and the Fayre opens at 2.00pm.

Looking ahead, there's plenty more happening in the parish, including harvest thanksgiving celebrations in the Chapel and St Peter's, as we move into autumn.

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



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

For those on **Facebook**, you can get village updates by joining the "**Peter Tavy Community**" Facebook group.

Please let us have any news, dates and events for the next "Piper" by early November.

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!

Thanks to Amanda Barton, Ali Carreck, Anna Dodd, Elaine Mackintosh and David Preece for photos featured in this edition of the "Piper".

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

The Parish Council meets in the Chapel (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 page 22.

AUGUST

Tues 5th	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall (see p.13)
Thurs 7th	7.30pm	Village Fayre Planning Meeting, Methodist Chapel
Sat 9th	2.30 - 4.30pm	Spring House Summer Fair, all welcome (see p.17)
Sat 9th to	10.00am to	West Devon Art Group Exhibition, open daily in the
Sat 16th	5.00pm	Village Hall (see p. 11)
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Meet at Village Hall to put up Village Fayre BUNTING and the coconut shy
Sun 17th	3.30pm	Joint Service with the Methodists, at St Peter's Church
Mon 18th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall (see p.14)
Sat 23rd	9am - 1pm	Chapel open for "Granny's Attic" donations for Fayre
Sun 24th	8.00pm	Set up refreshments and competition tables for the Village Fayre (meet at the Hall)
Mon 25th	9.00am on...	Setting up for...
(Bank	12.45 & 1.00pm	The 22nd Peter Tavy Plod & Fun Run (see p.9) and
Holiday)	2.00pm	PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE
Sun 31st	10.30am	St Peter's church - Joint Benefice Service at St Andrew's, Bere Ferrers

SEPTEMBER

Tues 2nd	7.00pm	Footpath Walk - meet at Village Hall (see p.13)
Thurs 4th	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Tues 9th	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee meeting
Mon 15th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall
Sat 20th	11.00 - 3.00pm	Harvest of Crafts & Skills, Methodist Chapel (see p.16)
Sun 21st	noon - 3.00pm	Harvest of Crafts & Skills, Methodist Chapel
Sun 21st	3.30pm	United Harvest Service, Methodist Chapel
Sun 28th	6.30pm	Favourite Hymns Evening, Methodist Chapel

OCTOBER

Wed 1st	Evening	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church (provisional)
Thurs 2nd	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Whist re-starts for autumn, Peter Tavy Village Hall
Sun 19th	3.30pm	Joint Service with the Methodists, at St Peter's Church
Mon 20th	10 - 12.30pm	Knit, Craft and Natter, Village Hall
Sun 26th	3.30pm	Favourite Hymns Evening, Methodist Chapel
Fri 31st to	10 - 4.00pm	"Nature's Fabric" - exhibition by Peter Tavy Guild of
Sun 2nd Nov		Spinners, Weavers & Dyers, Mary Tavy Coronation Hall

NOVEMBER

Tues 4th	7.30pm	Whist, Peter Tavy Village Hall
Thurs 6th	noon - 1.30pm	Soup & Dessert Lunch in the Methodist Chapel
Sun 9 th	morning	Remembrance Sunday commemoration, St Peter's

Come & Share the Fun at

PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE

Bank Holiday Monday
25th August Opens at 2.00pm

Contacts: David Dodd (810776); Steve Carreck (810868); or Janett Reed
(janett.reed@yahoo.com).

This is our great community day, coming together with friends and neighbours to welcome hundreds of visitors; and to raise vital funds which are split equally between the Village Hall, St Peter's and Peter Tavy Methodist Church. With no "commercial" stalls, every penny raised goes to village funds. (Last year the day raised over £5,500!)



Tension mounts as crowds gather on the bridge to watch the end of last year's Village Fayre Duck Race!

Thanks to everyone who's been along to the planning meetings, and for all the offers of help so far. We look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible to come along and help with advance preparations, during the day, and also afterwards to tidy away once the visitors have left.

Please do come along and join us - if you haven't already been "volunteered" or asked to help, there's still plenty to get involved with.

If you've never been to the Fayre in the past, do come along to join your friends and neighbours, and help out with this special day in Village life - which helps to keep our keep our community vibrant and strong!

COUNTDOWN to the FAYRE...

Saturday 16th August - Come BUNTING! Come along to help string up bunting around the village to announce the Fayre - and help to set up the Coconut Shy - meet at the Hall at **6.30pm**.

Saturday 23rd August - 9.00am - 1.00pm: Methodist Chapel open for donations for Granny's Attic (see p. 6).

Sunday 24th August - Preparations for Refreshments and the Competitions Join us to take tables up to the Chapel and set them up; and help lay out the staging in the Village Hall for the Competition displays - **8.00pm**.

Monday 25th August - FAYRE DAY

9.00am - Strong and willing volunteers needed to start moving everything out of the shed and setting up the stalls...

As the morning goes on, we'll need as much help as possible from everyone to get ready...

12.45 / 1.00pm - Start of the 22nd Peter Tavy Plod and fun run - *see details page 9*.

2.00pm - The Fayre opens. As many volunteers as possible needed for the stalls and games, refreshments, traffic and parking - and everything else!

5.00pm - As the Fayre closes, once again, we need lots of volunteers (*including the "strong and willing" mentioned above!*) to help tidy up and put everything away.

If you're coming to enjoy to the Fayre... Please remember to bring old-fashioned cash... Sorry, we can't take card or phone payments.

SPECIAL APPEALS for HELP

Parking Controlling the traffic as visitors arrive, and directing them to the parking field, is absolutely vital to making the day a success. We need a good team of volunteers to direct traffic through the village and avoid hold-ups! Please help if you can; contacts are listed opposite.

Refreshments - LOTS of help needed here!

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

We would very much welcome donations of sweet and savoury food - Lemon Drizzle Cake; Quiches; Sausage rolls; Chocolate cake, and Coffee cake etc .

Your donations can be brought to the Chapel on morning of the fayre.

If anyone is able to offer an hour or more in the kitchen from 11.30am onwards, that would be very much appreciated. It is a fun - but busy! - environment with a lot of differing roles to be filled from washing up to serving; table clearing to plating up - and everything in between.... and all with a SMILE!!

If you have never had the experience of a refreshment stint at the Village Fayre - now is your time! Please help with a donation of food, or come and help...or both!

- Sandra

Granny's Attic Stall

Bric-a-brac and second hand items **in good condition** are another great draw for visitors, and contribute a lot to the funds we raise. The "Granny's Attic Team" ask us all to save bric-a-brac for the Fayre - newer items always fetch a good price. ***(Please don't donate anything you wouldn't consider buying yourself!)*** The Chapel will be open to receive your donations between 9.00am and 1.00pm on the Saturday morning before the Fayre (**Saturday 23rd August**), or bring them along on the morning of the Fayre. ***(Sorry, we can't accept electrical appliances.)***



The Plants & Garden and Granny's Attic stalls drew the crowds at the 2024 Fayre.

Plants and Garden

We welcome all sorts of garden-related donations: plants, (please label them so we know what they are!); cut flowers (they sell well); garden produce (always popular!) and gardening equipment and pots (but not plastic flower pots, please)... Bring your donations along on the morning of the Fayre. Thanks.

Raffle and Tombola Prizes

If you can donate a prize for our Grand Raffle, it would be very welcome - please bring it along as we set up on the morning of the fayre, or contact one of us in advance (*see contacts on page 4*). If you have smaller new or good quality items which would make prizes on the ever-popular Tombola Stall, please pass them to Ali or Dawn at Mill Cottages in advance of the fayre.

The Book Stall

The purveyors of "Device-Free Real Reading Matter" would welcome your surplus books for their stock. With the revival of interest in vinyl records, any you may have lurking in the attic would be great additions to the stall - but ***please NO videocassettes, Cds or DVDs.***

Jams & Preserves and Home-Made Cakes

A couple of home-baked cakes or a donation of some jars of home-made jams or preserves would be very welcome contributions to the fayre. (You can take jams and preserves to Dawn Sherrell at 3 Mill Cottages before the Fayre, or bring jars and home-made cakes along on the morning of the Fayre. Thanks) *If you're donating a cake to be sold, it would be great if you could suggest a suitable price for it.*

COMPETITIONS



A key element of the Fayre - competitions are an opportunity for everyone to get creative - and the displays of entries provide a great attraction for visitors! There's still time to get to work on your entries - and the range of competition classes provides something for everyone to try.

All classes are OPEN unless age is specified on the schedule below; but if there are many young people's entries on the day, classes will be split into these age categories as necessary:

- 16 and Over •Under 16 •11 and Under •5 and Under

Entry forms are enclosed with this Piper.

Please submit an entry form and entrance fee (20p for under 16's; 50p for 16 & over) for each of the competitions you are entering. It is essential that your age group is written on your entry form for each class. Thanks!

There is a Perpetual Trophy awarded to the person gaining the most points on the day. (Points are allocated as follows:

1st = 4 points; 2nd = 3 points; 3rd = 2 points;

Highly Commended = 1 point)



*Jessica Ball - winner of
the Perpetual Trophy at the
2024 Fayre. Congratulations Jess!*

**Entries must be brought to the Hall by 11.00am (at the latest!)
on the morning of the Fayre.**

Competition Schedules 2025

CRAFTS

1. A miniature model of any Peter Tavy Parish scene
2. An item made out of wood
3. A hand-knitted or crochet item
4. A hand-embroidered item or a piece of tapestry
5. A Dream Catcher (any size)
6. Metalwork - a pedestal for flower arrangements (to be donated or loaned for village use)
7. A sign advertising "ICE CREAM" for the Fayre or Pit Stop

ART

1. St Peter's Church, Peter Tavy (any aspect, size or medium)
2. A Collage (any size)
3. A Painted Pebble (to be hidden around the village after the fayre)

CREATIVE WRITING

1. "Oh, what a day that was!" (one A4 side of fiction or non-fiction, hand-written or typed)
2. A poem entitled "My Happy Place"
3. A Story! (Age: Under 16)
4. Design a Word Search using 30 words relating to Peter Tavy Parish

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FLOWER ARRANGING

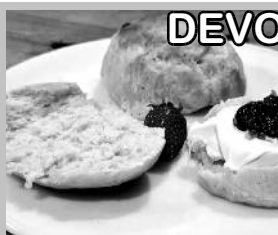
1. An arrangement in a toy (Age: Under 16 years)
2. An arrangement, (any size) - title "Bright and Beautiful"
3. My Favourite Bloom (to be judged by the public)

PRODUCE

1. 4 Eggs (*to be displayed on a saucer, plus supply an extra saucer for judge to crack one open on to*)
2. 3 different Home Grown Vegetables
3. Most Unusual Vegetable
4. 1 Jar of Clear Honey
5. 1 Jar of Set Honey
6. 1 Piece of Honey in the Comb

COOKERY

1. A Buddha Bowl (*Google it! Basically it's a vegetarian or vegan meal served in a single bowl, typically featuring a variety of colourful, healthy ingredients arranged artfully rather than mixed together.*)
2. 2 small Sausage Plaits *You can use boughten (shop-bought) pastry and sausages if you want!* (Age: 5 and Under).
3. 2 Layered Rainbow Salad Pots (small jam jars will do) - (Age: 7 - 11 years old)
4. A Decorated Sponge
5. **Set Recipe - 4 Devonshire Splits** (*see below*)



DEVONSHIRE SPLITS (or "Tuffs" to some...)

With thanks to Marjorie (Midge) Alford for this recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 lb (450g) strong white flour
- 1½ level teaspoons salt
- 3 oz (85g) butter or margarine
- ½ oz (15g) dried yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Approx. ½ pint (285ml) warm milk

Method:

1. Rub in the flour, salt and butter / margarine.
2. Add the yeast and sugar to the mix. Then the milk, and mix to a firm dough
4. Turn out on to a floured surface and knead well.
5. Place in a warm place and allow to rise for about an hour or until the dough has doubled in size.
7. Turn out the dough on to a floured surface and divide in to roll size pieces and shape in to a ball. Space well apart on a large greased baking sheet. Cover loosely and leave to rise again for around 20 minutes.
8. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 210°C for 10 minutes until risen and pale golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.



Taking place on the day of the Village Fayre, the race is now in its 22nd year and has become a part of the running calendar.

Organised by Dave Chanter, the run starts and finishes in Peter Tavy. The 5-mile route of the "Plod" follows moorland paths and bridleways, offering stunning views while passing interesting landmarks.

22nd PETER TAVY PLOD & Peter Tavy Mile

Monday 25th Aug. 12.45pm / 1.00pm

Starting at 12.45pm, just before the Plod, the junior "Peter Tavy Mile" fun run also covers a multi-terrain course.

There are medals for all finishers, with prize-giving taking place at the Peter Tavy Inn, who have supported the race since its inception.

Parking - please follow stewards' instructions.

Entry fees are £2.00 for the junior "Peter Tavy Mile", starting at 12.45pm; and £10 for the 5-mile "Peter Tavy Plod", starting at 1.00pm.

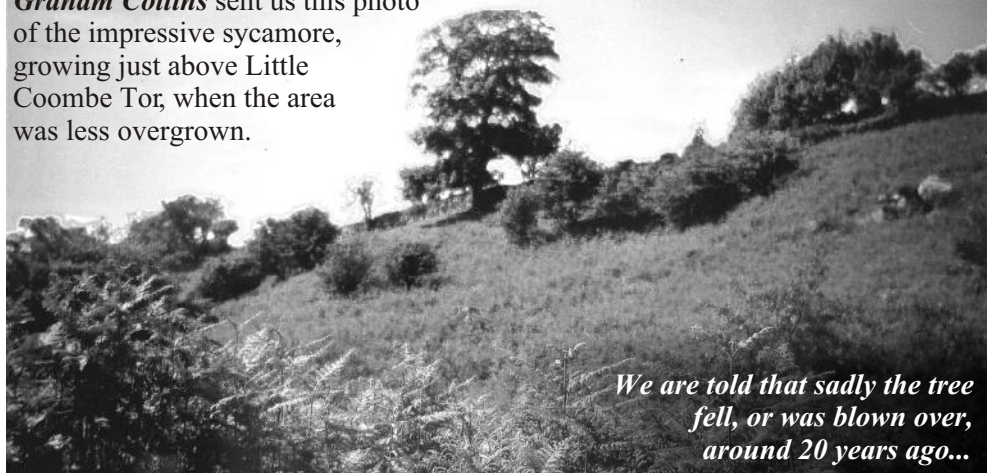
Questions? - Contact Dave Chanter - davechant@me.com

tel. 01822 810598 / 07815318145

Register at : <https://www.eventrac.co.uk/e/peter-tavy-plod-12898>

Peter Tavy's Sycamore Gap?

Graham Collins sent us this photo of the impressive sycamore, growing just above Little Coombe Tor, when the area was less overgrown.



*We are told that sadly the tree
fell, or was blown over,
around 20 years ago...*

NATURES FABRIC

An exhibition by **Peter Tavy Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.**
Mary Tavy Coronation Hall, 31st October to 2nd November, 10am - 4pm

Peter Tinson has penned this topically-themed poem for us...

A Grand Day Out

We woke up in the morning - 'twas a day to have some fun,
And when we looked up to the moor, we couldn't see the sun.
The rolling mist was down, and you could hear the old men say,
"God Bless you all my hearties, 'tis a typical Dartmoor day."

Today's something special, 'tis the day of the annual fayre,
And all our friends and neighbours will be gathered in the square.
Each to his task - he knows the one, the one he did last year,
So soon the chapel and the hall are cluttered up with gear.

A lady has her finger stuck in a pot of raspberry jam,
Another's kept quite busy too, she's slicing up the ham.
For when the crowds come pouring in, there won't be any time
To butter the bread, slice the meat... or drink their gin and lime!

'Neath the ga-ze-bo, outside the wooden shed,
Ice cream sellers and their gang shout enough to wake the dead:
"The ice cream's in the freezer, we have kept it there all day,
So, roll up now and have a scoop, before it melts away".

Now Granny's Attic has a lot of this and that, and t'other,
And some they'll have a job to sell as they will soon discover.
The crowds have come and rummaged through, left a ghastly mess,
What they'll do with all that's left is really anyone's guess.

The skittles they are standing, like good soldiers in the field,
Await the shot that scatters them, their fate is surely sealed.
Now as the ball just rolls along, it causes us a riddle,
How on earth could it miss? It's gone right through the middle!

The plant stall sitting in the shade, beneath the old fir tree,
Has flowers there you must beware, because they're given free:
They look so pretty sitting there, of their beauty you'll not tire,
But wait until you get them home, and find they spread like fire!

The runners now are coming back from running round the moor,
The crowds are waiting eagerly, and now they start to roar.
The first man home is now in sight, he really must be fit,
While those who clap and cheer him in are happy just to sit.

Good folks of Peter Tavy - and all those from far and wide,
Why, bless you all for coming, we hope you enjoyed the ride.
And if you smiled, and had some fun, and it didn't rain -
Then we'll see you all next August, and do it once again.

REPORT from Your PARISH COUNCIL

With several house sales nearing completion, the Peter Tavy Parish Council want to express their best wishes and good luck for the future to all residents who will soon be moving away from the Parish. Many of you have contributed greatly to Parish life over the years.

A huge thank you goes out to all the Parishioners who - as part of the parish's VE Day 80th Anniversary commemorative events - turned up and helped clean out the Mill Pond ready for another summer season. The Mill Pond is a beautiful asset to the village and is enjoyed by many people and their four-legged friends over the summer months.

The Playing Field continues to be enjoyed by the younger generation and now has a new picnic table and benches to be used by anybody who visits the facility.

In preparation for the winter there will be community road salt available at Genesta corner for icy roads at that end of the Village. This will compliment the salt bags and salt bins already sited around the Parish.

PART TIME VACANCY

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL are looking for a CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

- working from home
- will be expected to attend evening meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, plus others when required
- 30 hours per month
- scale of earnings £13.26-£14.36 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications

Please email CV or any questions, addressed to the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. D. Chanter, at petertavypc@hotmail.co.uk

West Dartmoor Art Group

EXHIBITION

In Peter Tavy Village Hall



Sat 9th to Sat 16th August 10am - 5pm

•Café •Raffle in aid of Devon Air Ambulance & Dartmoor Rescue

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Chair: Janett Reed,

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

I'd like to start by thanking the Village Hall Committee members for all their help over the past year. Without their support and help, our events, talks, whist nights, pop ups, Pub Night, summer fair - and the running of the Pit Stop - could not happen. Our Hall spring cleans inside and out also brought people together to give their time too. And thanks too to Jayne for guiding the summer evening walks. I hope everyone in the Parish recognise the hard work that goes on in the background to keep the Village Hall going.

Earlier this year we've hosted and enjoyed: a fascinating talk from Dr Sharon Gedye on "Transhumance on Dartmoor"; the very successful "Village Bistro" Pop up restaurant; talks featuring both penguins and polar bears and a fun Quiz night.

The Village Hall plays a vital part in keeping this village alive.

Thanks are especially due to Carol, Elaine, Susie, Clare and Jayne for their organisational skills to make the major events possible; but also to everyone who works behind counters and provides the food, cakes and drinks. Also to Mark for his hard work on maintenance jobs; to Pauline for all her cakes; to Steve for organising bookings; to Chris to agreeing to become one of our Trustees, and to Elaine for her persistence in sorting out our bank account and hard work as our Treasurer.



The Pit Stop has gained momentum over the last year. People are now hearing about it and enjoying the facilities, and undoubtedly it helps towards the growing costs of running the Village Hall. Susie deserves thanks for a lot of the opening and closing.

The Pit Stop will be open daily through the summer holidays, providing refreshments, snacks and a place for visitors to sit before you take off on the rest of your journey. There's also a tool kit for bikes. We can accept card payments as well as cash, and there are toilet facilities.

But it's not just for those passing through - remember that if the weather is hot there are ice creams to cool you down (or hot drinks to warm you up!) Right here in the middle of the village.

Unfortunately we are no longer doing fresh loaf cakes once a month as sadly a few had gone missing without payment.

- Janett Reed, Chairman

Looking ahead to later this year, the Village Hall has plans for a **Bingo Night**; a **Car Treasure Hunt**, and possibly an **Auction of Promises**.

Our regular **Whist Evenings** at 7.30pm will return on the first Tuesday of each month, starting in October, and we've been pondering setting up a **Backgammon Evening** too - would you be interested to join in?

Keep in touch with 'What's On' at the Village Hall!

We realise that not everyone within the Parish uses Facebook (other social media are available!), or passes through the centre of the village past our posters, which are the two places for most of our advertising of events.

So, as an alternative, we would like to set up a “**Village Hall Contact Details Database**”, and keep your contact details on file so that we can keep in touch directly - and provide information about all the events and activities in Peter Tavy Village Hall.

If you'd like us to keep you posted on all the fun at the Hall in future, please complete the form included with this “Piper” and return it to one of the Hall Committee, as detailed on the form.

- Elaine



Our monthly summer footpath walks are still proving to be popular, exercising both our legs and our vocal chords (not just mine I might add!).

It is becoming quite a social event.



So far, this year's walks have been to:-

1. Centuries, Coxtor, Beccamoore Coombe, Sharpitor and back down through the Coombe.
2. The Coombe to Higher then Lower Godsworthy, Wedlake, Stephen's Grave, Smeardon Down, then back down to Higher Mill and finishing the evening in the Peter Tavy Inn!
3. By car to South Brentor, then walking down to Black Down, across to Brentor village and then across the fields back to South Brentor.

If you'd like to join us, our August walk will be on **Tuesday 5th August**. We will be meeting at Peter Tavy Village Hall just before **7.00pm**, ready to leave promptly at 7.00pm. All fit and able folks welcome to join us; please wear weather-appropriate gear. Preferably no dogs for safety reasons.

Thanks to all those who have joined me on these walks so far, - *Jayne Medland*

Looking for a Venue for Your...

PARTY? Special Event?
Group Meeting? **Club?**

...or any other gathering...

Look No Further!

YOUR Village Hall is available for private hire...

So, if you need space for your event (over 60 square meters - plus a large, well-equipped kitchen; toilets; enclosed grassy area outside and car-park!) why not consider the Village Hall? Refurbished in 2021, it's equipped with tables and chairs; staging; a data projector and large roll-down screen - and broadband wifi. Parish residents get a special booking rate, and it's available every day (unless someone else has booked first!).

For an idea of availability, check out the hall calendar at

<http://www.petertavyparishcouncil.org/local-groups/village-hall-calendar/>

CONTACT Steve (810868); Janett (janett.reed@yahoo.com)

or Elaine (07446 992990) for more information.

P.S. - It's recently been proving very popular for Children's Parties!



KNIT, CRAFT AND NATTER

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

Come along for a morning of working and chatting together, in the VILLAGE HALL from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

We're an easy-going group and new people are always welcome to join us - come as little or as often as you like!

Future dates are: Mondays 18th August; 15th September; 20th October and 17th November

More information from Ruth Boswell on 810687.



Thanks to Mark Woodhouse, we learnt some very useful tips on maintenance of petrol motor garden implements at the April meeting - very helpful and timely! In June, Joe Pitt provided a fascinating talk, with practical demonstrations and volunteer participation, (with variable success!), on the art of wood turning. Viewing Joe's created pieces and a drink in the garden to follow, it all made for a very pleasant evening.

At other monthly meetings we have been talking some DIY jobs in the village. Please look out for the Autumn programme on Facebook or on the notice board.

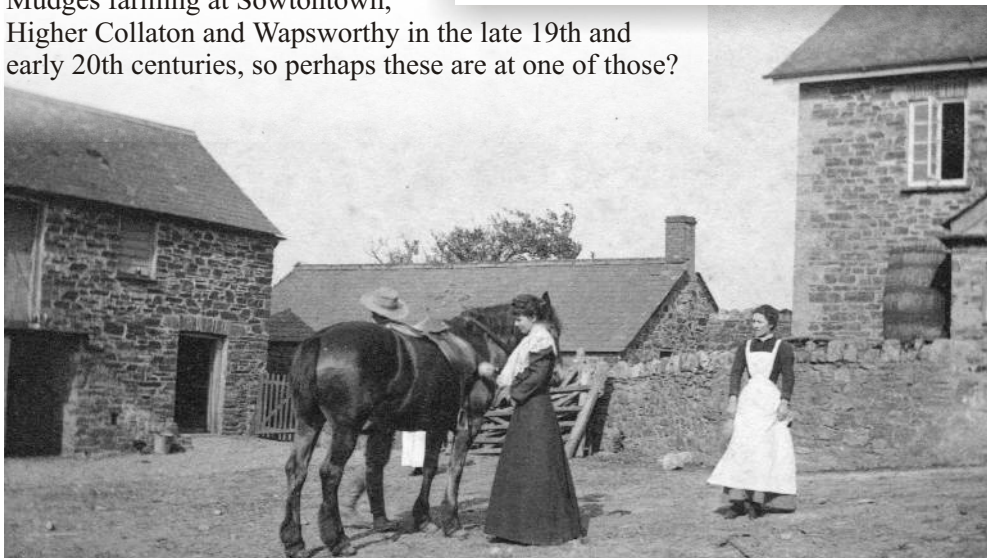
Men's Sheds is open to any men of the village. Please come and join us with the activities, having a chat and a laugh at the same time. - David Dodd



Where's This to, Then?

Can you help to identify these Peter Tavy locations?

Chris Wordingham recently acquired these old photos, and we wonder if anyone recognises exactly where they were taken? The image above has "*CudlIPTown?*" written on the back. The other two seem to be at the same place (and horse!), and the photo on the right has "*To Mr Mudge. With best Christmas wishes. Annie C. Cumming(?)*" written on the reverse. Chris notes that the Census shows Mudges farming at Sowtontown, Higher Collaton and Wapsworthy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, so perhaps these are at one of those?



(While you ponder, don't forget that old photos sometimes got printed the wrong way round...)



METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

We are very thankful to all who turned up for our **Plant Sale**, bought many plants and enjoyed a Cream Tea. The weather was very much in our favour and attendance appeared to be the best ever. We took just over £2,200 resulting in a profit of around £ 1,400. We hope your plants have survived and are in full bloom!

Our monthly **Soup Lunches and Desserts** continue to be very popular, with record attendance in June. There are always many positive comments on the food, but just as important is the conversations and laughter that happens together. The profits made support Joseph in Kenya through *Compassion UK* and it was recently decided that surplus funds should be sent to *Hope in Action (FAST) Romania*.

As a result, the recent visiting team - Graham, Prim, Anna and David - took a £500 donation from the Chapel to support Alina and her team working with the Roma children and families. We were incredibly blessed to also take a large personal donation from our congregation plus some smaller amounts totalling a further £695. Alina was overwhelmed by the monetary gift and, having visited the Chapel and Circuit in 2023, wanted to thank all who so generously had given.

Following a conversation about our Soup Lunches, our Romanian friends are surprised their favourite soup has yet to appear on the menu - Tripe Soup! Graciously we have tasted it in Romania and although it wasn't as bad as anticipated, we don't think it will be so popular in the UK.

The money taken out to Romania will be used to replace the floor in the Tarlungeni Mission House which has suffered water damage over the years.

HARVEST

A “**Harvest of crafts and skill**” weekend on **20th and 21st September** will include a display of items made by local people in the Chapel. It will be open on Saturday 20th September 11am-3pm, and on Sunday 21st noon - 3pm. Light Lunches and refreshments will be available. Our **United Harvest Service** will follow on Sunday 21st September at 3.30pm, led by Revd. John Haley.

FAVOURITE HYMNS

In September we hope to trial a monthly **Favourite Hymn Evening** which will take place every fourth Sunday of the month at 6.30pm in the Chapel, in place of our regular service. It is open to all who enjoy singing or listening to the rich words of our hymns and songs new and old. If you have a favourite hymn, please let David know in advance (01822 810776 or davidbeulah@outlook.com.) An hour of singing will be followed by tea and cakes.

Our regular Sunday services are at 6.30pm moving to 3.30pm in November.

A full programme of events is posted in the notice board outside the Chapel.



Soup Lunches

Our delicious soup and dessert lunches start up again on **Thursday 4th September**, and continue on the first Thursday of each month, between 12 noon and 1.30pm.



Our craft group meets on Fridays, 2.00 - 4.00pm.
Everyone is welcome to drop in for crafting and/or a cuppa and a chat.



SAVE YOUR PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS for BLOOD BIKES!!



Saving your plastic
milk bottle tops can help raise money for
Cornwall & Devon Blood Bikes!

The volunteer riders and driver of the Blood Bikes service
transport blood and essential supplies to hospitals and
other NHS establishments across the South West.

Further details : www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling

Take your bottle tops to the Recycling collection bin,
round the corner near the door to Peter Tavy Methodist Church.

WHEAL BETSY LADIES

The Wheal Betsy Ladies group, based at the Coronation Hall in Mary Tavy, has proven very successful; and at the present time we are fully subscribed and therefore unable to accept any new members.

However you are welcome to come along to one of our "open" meetings. The next one will be on 11th September 2025 -

"Billy Matthews & Friends" - the cost will be £5.00 per person

which includes coffee / tea and cake. In addition you are welcome to come to two of our other monthly meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of the month. The cost of each of these would be £3.00 per person. We look forward to meeting you.

**For more information, contact Di Broughton on
peterguybroughton@hotmail.com or tel. 01822 820671**

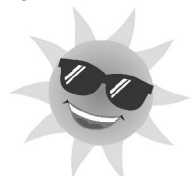


SPRING HOUSE SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 9th August 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Drop in and join us at Spring House Care Home - for refreshments
- and to try your luck on our games!

*Donations of prizes for our Raffle, or bottles for the
Tombola, would be gratefully received. Many Thanks.*





St. PETER'S CHURCH NEWS

After several years of being without a Parish Priest, we are delighted to announce some exciting news from the Parish Church - which is that we now have two!

On 1st July 2025, Peter Tavy formally became part of a new Benefice (i.e. a group of connected parishes), called the "Benefice of Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston, Brent Tor, Gulworthy, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy, Tavistock and Whitchurch" – which is a bit of a mouthful, so the working name is simply the Tavistock Area Mission Community.

Mission Communities are the Diocese of Exeter's chosen way of approaching mission and ministry. They are not a legal unit within Church of England structures. Instead, their purpose is to group parishes together, such that they form a critical mass that can offer the life of the Church of England in all its fullness in a particular place.

So, Peter Tavy remains a Parish in its own right but, importantly, this new ecclesiastical structure (the Benefice) is also what's called a 'Team Ministry', which means that we now have two stipendiary clergy, Rev'd Matt Godfrey, as Team Rector, and Rev'd Nick Law, as Team Vicar. Alongside them, we have three Assistant Curates, Rev'd Hazel Butland, Rev'd Judith Blowey and Rev'd Karen Sharland. Moreover, this core team continues to be supported by a wider team of clergy and lay ministers, many of whom have been helping to cover services at St Peter's over the last 18 months and who will be familiar faces.

What does all this mean in practice? Well, it marks the start of a new chapter in the life of the Church in our Parish. It also signals a new, collaborative way of working, in which parishes work together to share the good news of God's transforming love across the area. Rev'ds Matt and Nick both believe that being part of something bigger, and the opportunities for pooling resources and sharing skills, will generate energy and momentum. An example might be how we can develop our ministry with children, families and young people – as we seek to do what the Archdeacon of Plymouth challenged us to do at last year's Visitation, notably to "grow the Church younger".

No decisions have yet been made about how we're going to do this, but we are determined to forge ahead. Hence, last week lots of people from the seven PCCs, (Parochial Church Councils), along with some of the ministers, met to start talking and praying about what this might look like in practice. One thing that was decided upon was to set up a steering group to take this forward.

One new thing we'd like to try is worshipping together on a (fairly) regular basis. The first such opportunity for us to do this will be on Sunday, 31st August, when the only service across the Benefice will be a joint service at 10.30am at St Andrew's, Bere Ferrers. The idea is that this will rotate around the churches of our Mission Community.

To celebrate the launch of the Tavistock Area Mission Community, there will be joint service at St Eustachius's Church, Tavistock, on All Saints' Sunday (2nd

November) at 10am, at which the Archdeacon of Plymouth will preach. This will be followed by refreshments and, hopefully, a photo of everyone to mark this exciting, historic occasion.

- The Rev'd Matthew Godfrey, Team Rector, Tavistock Area Mission Community
Contact: The Vicarage, 5A Plymouth Road, TAVISTOCK, Devon, PL19 8AU
Tel: 07341 665510 Email: vicar@tavistockparishchurch.org.uk

Witnessing to the Good News of Jesus in the Parishes of Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston, Brent Tor, Gulworthy, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy, Tavistock and Whitchurch

Coffee Morning

We're very grateful to Janet Bedford for once again hosting a successful Coffee Morning back in March, and to all those who came along to enjoy time with friends and neighbours over coffee and delicious cakes and biscuits. We raised over £230!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

At our APCM in May, two long-standing members of the PCC stood down. Bill Lane had served as our Treasurer for almost 25 years; while Peter Tinson, (former churchwarden for 33 years), had been a member for over 55 years. The records we still hold here (older ones are at the Records Office!) date back to 1971, and show Peter as an active member then! Both Bill & Peter received our warm thanks.

Angela Collins and Janet Bedford offered to continue as our churchwardens, and Angela thanked all the volunteers who work so hard keeping the church open; flower arranging; cleaning and on general maintenance tasks. Thanks too to Anya Yeatman for her work overseeing more major maintenance and repairs.

Church & Churchyard "Clean and Tidy" Morning

Thanks to all who came along on 31st May (and popped in before or after then!) to "spruce up" St Peter's, inside and out! It was great to see our ancient church building cleaned and refreshed, and the churchyard looking so much tidier.

Strawberry Tea

After a "false start", we finally held our Strawberry Tea on the afternoon of Saturday 12th July.

Thanks are due to those who prepared and served the range of delicious food - including,

of course, strawberries and cream! And also thanks to everyone who joined us in the Village Hall to enjoy the event, and help to raise the wonderful total of £432!



Looking Ahead...

Details of our services each month are posted in the church noticeboard by the lych gate and in the church porch. Watch out, too for details of other future events - including our **Harvest Thanksgiving** (*provisionally Wed 1st October*) - on posters and the Parish Facebook page. **Remembrance Sunday** this year is 9th November, when it is planned to hold our annual short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at about 10.50am after our church service that morning.

Tom Roskilly takes a moment to consider

Shooting the Breeze

There was a country song playing on the tractor radio the other day, and I caught a line which contained the words '*shooting the breeze*'.

Such an abstract idea intrigued me, and on looking it up I discovered it meant just having idle conversation of no consequence - and was coined by American troops in the First World War. Well, frankly, that chimed with me considerably for I reckon it sums up a big part of the stuff of life.

To justify it in this digital age, when the message reigns supreme, can only be done on human terms. It's part of the face-to-face contact that people crave - and why the "working from home" era, so rooted in Lock-down, cannot really be any good for the lives of 'working people'.

Of course, being a farmer I suppose you could say that I work from home - but in the nature of Dartmoor livestock farming on anything but ring-fenced holdings, there are usually opportunities to come across someone and have a few words. It's not like years ago though, when you could stop and put the world to rights with your neighbour out of the Land Rover window. Try that now and white van man would get very upset! Many conversations in the rural community are not always light in content, but froth is absolutely essential to act as a medium for heavier news to filter in.

Not being a regular shopper, I miss out on the chance of seeing a familiar face in the aisle or at the checkout, and when people say 'get out more', it's not vacuous advice. Still, my wife's account of who she might have come across does provide grist for the mill, and whilst it's not exactly gleaned from 'in town' any more, any recounted conversation is always welcome. That said, going to market has to be the best place for a farmer to join his regiment of the human army. There's nothing like it for sharing news, having a joke, meeting up with the market chaplain and yes, shooting the breeze with someone you only half know and can't quite remember their name, but in whose company you're more than happy.

Lately the importance of these age old interactions has been increasingly rediscovered across a broad swathe of society. There are Knit and Natter groups, Men in Sheds, telephone helplines, and community networks to mention but a few, all of which can only do good.

There are those who would deride pointless chitchat as gassing and wasting time, but I think it's they who miss the point. For the soldiers of all nationalities who went to fight and fall *In Flanders Fields* all those years ago, they would have known only too well its true value, when "*short days ago they still lived, felt dawn and saw the sunset glow*".





Peter Tavy Bellringers

We rang the bells on 8th May to join in the nationwide ringing to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE-Day, the first day church bells could be heard again after World War II had begun (*see left*.)

We're very grateful to Joe Pitt for "bringing us



guidance" - he used his wood-turning skills to make a new set of rope guides for us (*see right*). If you don't know what a rope guide is, why not come up and join us to find out, on one of our Monday practice evenings from 7.30pm - you'd be very welcome... and you could even take the chance to begin "learning the ropes" and become a ringer too?

Dartmoor Dance School

Ballroom and Latin American dance groups

Starting on Tuesday 2nd September and then weekly on Tuesdays - :

- Princetown Community Centre, 6 - 7pm improvers level 2
- Yelverton Memorial Hall, 7:30 – 8:30pm improvers level 1, 8:30 – 9:30pm total beginners

Starting on Wednesday 3rd September and then weekly on Wednesdays -

- Tavistock Town Hall, 6 – 7pm improvers level 3, 7 – 8pm total beginners

A very warm welcome for everyone; partners not necessary and two left feet no problem! It's fun learning a new skill, good for wellness and mind agility, and for making new friends.

Keep up to date - follow Dartmoor Dance School on Facebook or visit the website at <https://www.dartmoordance.co.uk/> →



PETER TAVY INN

Summer Opening Hours

We open daily from 12noon until 11pm (10.30pm Sunday) for drinks including coffee.

Food served Daily 12noon until 2pm and 6.30pm until 9pm

To book a table call 01822 810348.

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

Scan here →



Colin Sargent Greeting Cards

We have a good selection of Colin's card for sale in the pub. The cards include mixture of local wildlife and local scenery and are blank for your own message.

THE WEEK

REGULAR EVENTS in Peter Tavy

SUNDAY

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

6.30pm Service, Methodist Church (fourth Sunday each month is "Favourite Hymns Evening")
Note: 3.30pm from November

MONDAY

10-12am (3rd Mon of month) - Knit & Natter, V Hall

7.00pm Pilates, Village Hall (details from Anne Marie)

7.30pm Bellringing practice, St Peter's Church

TUESDAY

c.10.30am Ring and Ride Bus to Tavistock* (returns from Tavistock c.12.15pm).
Older & disabled passengers - please book the day before on 07939 093232

WEDNESDAY

Mornings West Dartmoor Art Group, Village Hall

THURSDAY

12.00 - 1.30pm - 1st Thursday each month from September - Soup Lunches, Chapel

2.00pm (2nd Thursday each month) Wheal Betsy Ladies - Mary Tavy Coronation Hall (Di Broughton 820671) - see p.17

FRIDAY

10.45am Bus to Tavistock from Peter Tavy- No.122*
www.oakleyscoaches.co.uk -01752 729866
(Departs: Village Hall, returns at 1.15pm)



*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 ("Peter Tavy Cross" on timetables / searches).

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

Please report any problems with the No.122 bus to Devon Bus on 01392 382800.

Www.traveldevon.info/bus/timetables/

Useful Phone Numbers

Peter Tavy Parish Council - Clerk

New Tel No. TBC - see Parish Notice Board

Peter Tavy Village Hall bookings

Steve Carreck 01822 810868

Peter Tavy Chapel

The Dodd Family 01822 810343

01822 810776

St Peter's Church

Ch.wardens - Angela Collins 01822 810243

Janet Bedford 01822 810231

Local West Devon Councillor

Robert Oxborough 01822 810955

Local Devon County Councillor

Michael Fife Cook 01822 810897

Traveline (public transport info.)

0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

Ring & Ride bus for Peter Tavy

07939 093232

Highways Emergencies

(Devon County Council) 0345 155 1004

Highways Local Services

(Okehampton area) 01837 52773

Devon County Council 0345 155 1015

West Devon Borough Council

01822 813600

Western Power Distribution

General contacts 0800 096 3080

Power failure 105 or 0800 6783 105

South West Water Helpline 0344 346 2020

Environment Agency emergencies

0800 80 70 60

Floodline 0345 988 1188

Tavistock Library 01822 612218

Farm Community Network 03000 111 999

Citizen's Advice Bureau 0808 27 87 999

West Devon Community & Voluntary

Services 01837 738133

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

(non-urgent -24 hours) 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Devon Domestic Abuse 0808 281 6161

Trading Standards 0808 223 1133

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650

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



Looking back on the day in Peter Tavy...

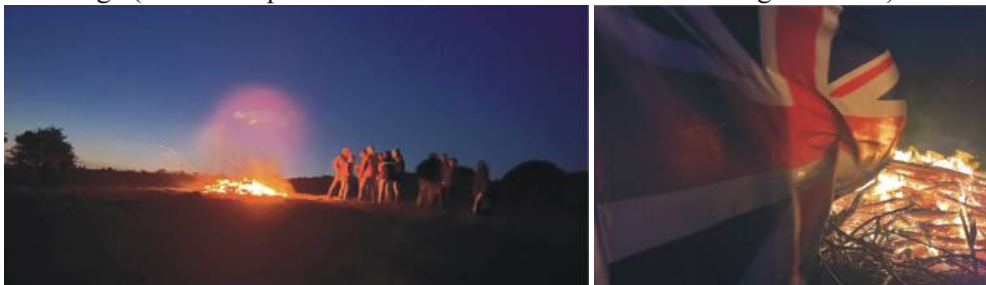
Enthusiastic volunteers of all ages converged on the Coombe Pool to clear it out and prepare it for the Summer - Thanks all!



Then we gathered in the Chapel grounds to share a community barbecue, to sing some wartime songs together, and to listen to memories of VE Day in 1945.



The bells of St Peter's church rang out as part of the nationwide ring at 6.30pm (*see page 21*); and in the evening a commemorative beacon was lit on a hill overlooking the village (but not atop Smeardon on this occasion due to the high fire risk).



PETER TAVY VILLAGE FAYRE 2025

Bank Holiday Monday
25th August Opens at 2.00pm

Fun for all at our traditional Village Fayre

Come and join your friends and neighbours and help out at the Fayre! See pages 4 - 9 for details



• Games • Stalls • RAFFLE • Entertainment
• Delicious Refreshments

Admission:
£1 adults
50p under-16s

FREE Parking - follow signs
and stewards' directions

Sorry - we don't have facilities for card & phone payments -
Please bring old-fashioned cash. Thanks.



SET RECIPE COMPETITION: ENTRY FORM 4 DEVONSHIRE SPLITS ("Tuffs")

Please complete this slip, leave hidden underneath your plate of four Devonshire Splits ("Tuffs") at the Hall **by 11.00am latest** on the morning of the Fayre, for judging. Pay your entry fee (20p for under 16's; 50p for 16 and Over) to the steward. *Thanks.*

Your name:

Your telephone number:

Please tick one box:

I give my permission for my Devonshire Splits to be sold after judging ☐

OR

Please do not sell my Devonshire Splits - I will collect them after the Fayre ☐

Your age: 5 & under ☐ 11 & under ☐ Under 16 ☐ 16 & Over ☐



COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name of Competition Category you are entering:

Please bring your competition entry to the Hall on the day of the Fayre **by 11.00am**. Please complete this slip, leave it with your entry and pay your entry fee (20p for under 16's; 50p for 16 and Over) to the steward. *Thank you.*

Your name:

Your telephone number:

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Your name:

Your telephone number:

Your age: 5 & under ☐ 11 & under ☐ Under 16 ☐ 16 & Over ☐

NEED MORE ENTRY FORMS? Don't panic! Just write the same information as requested on a sheet of paper for each of your entries, and leave that with your entry fee and competition entry. *Thank you.*

Keep in touch with 'WHAT'S ON' at the Village Hall!

Join the

Peter Tavy Village Hall Contacts Database

We realise that not everyone in the Parish uses Facebook (or other social media), or sees our posters in the village centre.

So, as an alternative to help you keep in touch, we'd like to keep your contact details on file. Then we can keep you up to date with information about events and activities relating to Peter Tavy Village Hall.

If this is something that would be useful to you, please complete the form below:-

Your name: **Date:**

Your address:

..... **Postcode:**

Email address:

Telephone number:

Under the existing regulations for Data Protection we need to know how you would like to be contacted, please tick below your preferred contact option(s):

Email ☐

Telephone ☐

Signed: **Dated:**

Once you have completed all of the questions on the form, please return a copy of it via email or using one of the methods detailed below.

We will not disclose your details to anyone without your permission, other than if required to do so by law.

If we do not receive your instructions we will be unable to contact you about forthcoming events and activities.

If at any time you would like your details to be removed from the database, please contact us in writing, either by email (treasurer.ptvh@gmail.com) or through the post. We will then send you an acknowledgement, and no further contact will be made.

By signing this form you are confirming that you consent to Peter Tavy Village Hall holding your contact details, and also confirm that you are happy to receive communications from us.

How to Return Your Form

- ▶ Email a copy to:- treasurer.ptvh@gmail.com
- ▶ **Or** you can drop the form back, by putting it into the "Cash" letter box inside the Village Hall PitStop
- ▶ **Or** you can hand your form to any of the Village Hall committee members.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07446 992990

Thank you