

## Mary Tavy Parish Council

Early November is always a busy time for our Parish. Once again the Trustees of the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group and Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground held a very successful Bonfire Night Celebration on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. The attraction of a large traditional bonfire was complemented by the availability of a wide range of eagerly sought after food and beverages together with a spectacular fireworks display to round off the evening. Attendance by both parishioners and others from outside the community was better than ever and this level of success is of course due to a great deal of hard work on the part of organisers and all those who volunteered to assist them. All profits are of course used to fund the activities of the Jubilee Group and to maintain our large Recreation Ground. I am certain all parishioners will wish to join me in a sincere vote of thanks to all concerned.

We were of course fortunate to have good weather for the 6<sup>th</sup> and we were equally fortunate to experience very kind and gentle weather on Remembrance Sunday on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month. This year I had the privilege of laying the wreath on the war memorial on behalf of all parishioners and I was deeply impressed by the attendance of over 100 parishioners at this ceremony. The carefully timed proceedings, led by the Rector of Mary Tavy, the Reverend John Higman, were greatly enhanced by the stopping and silencing of traffic on the A386. This duty was carried out by P.C. Chris Higham, a local resident (for those who hadn't guessed, he is the husband of Kerri Higham, our Parish Clerk) who volunteered his services despite being on leave. Once again on behalf of the parish, sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the smooth running of this important event.

On a more practical note early November has also seen a further attempt by BT to remove 2 of our 3 red public telephone boxes from within our village on the grounds of lack of use. MTPC has of course made a strong case for their retention as we believe that their continued presence in a fully operational condition strongly underpins the important Emergency Plan created for this community. Emergency lines of communication are particularly vital in rural Britain where mobile phone coverage is less than certain. Our carefully argued case for retention should be sufficient under the guidelines published by Ofcom for such matters. However, we are now waiting to hear how the case put forward for the entire National Park will be accepted by BT.

Councillor Peter Jarvis ~ Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council