

## Mary Tavy Parish Council

As most parishioners will have noted from recent press coverage the Mary Tavy Community Night Landing Site for use by the helicopters of the Devon Air Ambulance Service is now a reality. Having cleared the DNPA planning process in mid-September your Parish Council, together with the Trustees of the Victory Memorial Recreation Ground, moved quickly to formally request the Devon Air Ambulance Trust to undertake the necessary installation work. Following a formal site meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October the ground works and the installation procedures were completed within the day on 17<sup>th</sup> October and the site was pronounced fit for use. Formal use will begin on 6<sup>th</sup> November to allow for the Bonfire Night celebrations. For those parishioners who still hold reservations about the cost of this project it should be noted that the total cost was around £6000 with most of the funding being covered by a grant from the Town & Parish Fund administered by WDBC and the installation cost covered by DAAT using Government funding derived from fines levied on the major banks in recent years. Running costs will be carried by MTPC but are largely restricted to the necessary insurance premiums as the l.e.d. lights have a long operational life and their low electricity consumption is further limited by only being used in a declared emergency.

We are also pleased to report that our negotiations with WDBC over improved maintenance to footpaths in the churchyard are bearing fruit. A much-improved drainage system is now in place beside the access path leading from the churchyard gate to the church porch. We now await surface improvements to this path and the one leading to the parish cemetery once it has been established that rainwater runoff is being dealt with effectively. Tree work is also scheduled to stabilised important graves and to allow for the installation of our new boundary fence.

Parishioners are reminded that the annual Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Parish War Memorial. A wreath will be laid by the Chairman of the Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners to be followed by other organisations and individuals wishing to place their tokens of remembrance. Those wishing to take part are asked to assemble at 10.30 a.m. with the open-air service commencing at 10.40.a.m. which will be conducted by Reverend Paul Smith, the Methodist Minister. Following the 2 minutes' silence at 11 a.m. a non-denominational service will be held in the Methodist Chapel. Once the solemn part of the proceedings has been completed refreshments will be served in the Methodist Hall.

Councillor Peter Jarvis, Vice-Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council