

MARLAND MESSENGER 2015
SUMMER EDITION

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

St Peters Church Peters Marland had the Parochial Church Council AGM on 21st April. The secretary, Chris Ley, presented the 2014 annual report where she thanked Rev Martin Warren and his team for taking Services and those gentlemen and ladies who put flowers in Church regularly.

We all agreed to carry on doing the same jobs, it was also agreed to continue with Holy Communion at 9.30am on the first Sunday in the month and Family Service on the third Sunday at 11am.

We took a stall again this year at The Merton Vintage Rally on 3rd May, thank you to all who provided items for sale and those who helped on the Stall on the day, we raised over £150 and all unsold items went to the Hospice shop in Torrington.

Dates for your diary:- Harvest Festival is on Sunday 4th October at 11.30am followed by a 'bring and share' lunch, the Quiz night is 28th November.

Best wishes everybody. Chris Ley - secretary.

To contact anyone regarding the church and its services – ring Rev. Martin Warren 01409 281424 or Church Secretary Christine Ley 601264.

PARISH COUNCIL

Mike Lamprey 01805 601331 - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & Torrington Area Advisory Group Representative

Gill Anstead 01805 601455 - Vice Chairman

Andrew Peacock 01805 601834 - Parish Clerk

George Copp 01805 601376 - Torrington Area Advisory Group Representative

Jim Mann 01805 601579 - Roads & Hedges

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If you have any concerns regarding the parish, please e-mail Mike Lamprey at mikelamprey@gmail.com, telephone 01805 601331 or Parish Clerk Andrew Peacock at his new email petersmarlandpc@gmail.com or 01805 601834.

BELLRINGING

Practises continue on most Thursday evenings – novice ringers are improving, please bear with them ringing '3 Blind Mice' as their skills build towards ringing around in a full peel! Some of our ringers had the once in a lifetime chance to ring the bells at Exeter Cathedral on June 14th. It was an experience in itself, to get to the bell tower. Entering by 142 steps above the large window on the west end, we traversed the full length above the longest Gothic stone vaulted ceiling in a Cathedral in the world! What a privilege to see the architecture behind the scenes. Thanks to the Cathedral ringers for allowing this to happen. Anyone interested in finding out more or wants to have a go contact Graham Ward on 01805 601245.

SOCIAL GROUP

In May we were treated to a fascinating talk by Diana Lee on Medicinal Herbs. Diana's talk was accompanied by slides of numerous herbs, when she explained their uses. Also herb gardens, many and various including some from India.

June took us to Tapeley Park where members enjoyed an afternoon strolling around the gardens. The weather was kind to us and our stroll was followed by an excellent cream tea! We do not meet in August but on 1st September Derek Stratton will present 'Devon Images'. Meanwhile on Tuesday 7th July @ 7pm we are holding a BBQ on the Village Green (in the hall if wet). Burgers £2.00, sausages £1.50 are on the menu followed by a selection of desserts. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Do come along and make this a village get-together. Any profits will be donated to N.D. Children's Hospice.

Helen Stapleton – Chairman

Tel: 01805 601776.

MARLAND READERS.

Our next meeting is at Joan's on July 21st, where we will discuss the 'Sunday Times' number one bestseller – The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton.

We recently read 'The long journey home' by Judith Tebbett – a recollection of her time in captivity after being taken hostage by Somali pirates in 2012, it was a very thought provoking book and provided much topic for discussion.

Anyone interested in joining us please contact Helen on 601331 or Trish on 601245

COFFEE/TEA MORNING – Macmillan Nurses

We are having a summer break, with the next one being held on the 9th September and then every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 11am – 12.30pm.

Come along for a cuppa and chat, men are welcome and all we ask is a donation.

Profits will be donated to the Macmillan Nurses.

For more details ring Trish on 601245

SKITTLES

There will be an AGM in August, more details from Trish Ward or Mike Stapleton nearer the time.

The Hatherleigh League season will start in October, any new teams or players contact Trish on 601245 or Mike on 601776.

MILLENIUM GREEN

Thanks to the volunteers who keep the green tidy and the Marland School maintenance staff for running over it with their mower.

MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

If you wish to hire the Hall please contact Howard Wills (Treasurer) 601446

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY MESSAGING



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A HUGE thank you to all those who supported us by helping with the Vintage Rally at the beginning of May. This year we have raised an astounding £8,000 for local causes in Merton, Petrockstowe & Petersmarland – another record for the Rally (last year it was just over £6,000) and it is due in no small part to the help and support we have received from members of the community – you know who you are.

Thank you to all those who helped set up on the Saturday, to those who marshalled cars, parked cars, let us use their land to park cars in, manned the gate, made hundreds of bacon rolls, manned the kitchen and the tea tent, cooked in the kitchen, washed up, manned the bar, sold raffle tickets or bus and Rolls Royce ride tickets, made cakes and turned up and enjoyed the day and then helped pack away in the evening – we are very grateful to you all. Without you and all the exhibitors and stallholders we simply wouldn't have an event.

It is now time for clubs/groups within our local community to submit their applications to be considered for a share of the monies raised.

Janette Newell, For Merton Moncks Committee

Goodbyeee Goodbyeee!

After 12 years as elected member on Torridge District Council for the Clinton Ward (Petrockstowe, Merton, Little Torrington and Taddipport, Buckland Filliegh, Huish and Peters Marland). I decided not to stand so as to give more time to my business. Having been honoured to be Leader of TDC for the past 2 years. As your elected councillor I have seen a lot of changes. The last council made some significant decisions on how the future of Torridge will work, these briefly include, rationalisation of buildings to have one (instead of 3) walking contact points at River Bank House, more IT enabled information and payment etc, modernising the way TDC works for officers and members, locality working with Towns and Parishes, a customer first approach - in general trying to do more with less. Budgets are starting to be crushed but Torridge has a path set for the new council to navigate as it sees best. TDC was rated as poor when I joined 12 years ago - but as a team, members since then have worked and have improved the council into one that is seen as good by many other authorities.

So I take my leave of you and thank you for the many debates and discussions we have often had individually and in meetings across the area and at numerous Parish Council meetings. What I especially value and consider needs protecting so much is its very strong sense of community and friendship that I think is special to this area. I have had a life changing experience over those 12 years and sincerely thank you for that opportunity.

I can truthfully say that I leave you and Torridge with a 'Wiseman' to take over our Ward.
Philip Collins

If anyone has information/news they would like included in the Marland Messenger contact Marilyn Hounsome. hounsome.marland@uwclub.net. Tel 01805 601552.