

MARLAND MESSENGER 2015
SPRING EDITION

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

As the days lengthen and Spring is in the air the Church year moves into Lent and the prelude to Easter, on Palm Sunday 29th March the Torridge Group of Churches have a Procession and service at 11am at Newton St Petrock followed by lunch in the hall.

On Maunday Thursday April 2nd at 7pm it is Peters Marland turn to host a bring and share 'Last Supper & Service' in the Moore-Stevens hall. The Easter Sunday Holy Communion is at 9-30am.

Please feel free to join us at any or all of these celebrations.

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

Holy Communion is at 9.30am on the first Sunday in the month and a family service at 11am on the third Sunday each month.

PARISH COUNCIL (Trish Ward Chairman)

Marland School Governor & Snow Warden	Cllr John Ley
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator	Cllr Mike Lamprey
Road & Hedges Coordinator	Cllr Jim Mann
Torrington Advisory Group Reps	Cllr Mike Lamprey & Cllr George Copp

Our next meeting will be held on the 24th March at 6.30pm.

We are nearing the end of the term of this council, this is the time when nominations are required to represent the community on the council. Anyone interested can obtain nomination forms from Andrew Peacock or direct from Torridge District Council Electoral Services (01273 428739). Nomination papers need to be handed in personally to the Riverbank offices by April 9th. Quoting a comment by a neighbouring Parish chairman “The pay is non-existent, your status in society will barely register, but the workload is usually light and the time required is about 3 hours a month (except for wind turbine applications!). It is interesting and rewarding”.

At our last meeting we agreed the precept for 2015/16 at the same amount as the previous year, this will result in a small increase in council Tax (22p on Band D) due to change in occupancy of properties and a reduction in the council tax support grant.

Litter

It has been reported that there has been an accumulation of beer cans left in some of the laybys.

I would like to thank those who have been picking them up and disposing of them. Most people are aware that it is an offence to drop litter and fines can be imposed if caught.

Grid References

Attached to the Messenger is a list of Grid references, these have been prepared by our parish clerk as extra information, should someone need to call the emergency services. There is the possibility that the Devon Air Ambulance will begin nighttime flying in the next year and these grid references identify an area within a 100m square. There is also a smartphone app that will provide your exact grid reference even in a non- phone signal area. You can download the 'where am I' app by searching 'Devon Air Ambulance' in the Apple app or the Google play store or visit: <http://bit.ly/1wX06Kw>

Annual Meeting

The Annual parish meeting, which will include the AGM of the new council will be held on Wednesday 20th May, time to be agreed.

As before, the criteria for a repairable pothole is, at least 300mm wide and 40mm deep – ring 0845 155 1004 with its location (postcode!), you do not have to report it online, as some are told.

If you have any concerns regarding the parish, please email me (ward.marland@gmail.com) or telephone 01805 601245 or Parish clerk Andrew Peacock at his new email petersmarlandpc@gmail.com or 01805 601834.

BELLRINGING

Many of you heard the bells being rung on Monday the 9th. This was a group of experienced method ringers who ring for 3 hrs on a 'continuous change method' with thousands of changes. This is a different type of ringing to our local 'call change' system. Method ringing is the main system for the rest of the country – Devon is one of the few counties who still practise the art of call changing. Anyone interested in finding out more or wants to have a go contact Graham Ward on 01805 601245.

SKITTLES

The League season has finished with our teams coming 4th and 6th.

In the front pin competition held at Meeth the youngies triumphed. Well done to them!

The oldies were not to be out done –Dave Evely had the highest score of the season in the league with a score of 80 with Roger Hounsome close behind with a score of 79.

In the pairs competition Chris Vooght and Mike Stapleton beat some strong opposition to be the winners.

Trish Ward got to the final of the singles for the second time and once again fell at the last hurdle, maybe third time lucky!

We are hosting the league at the finals night competition on Monday the 23rd when trophies will be presented.

SOCIAL GROUP

The ladies closed 2014 with their annual Christmas Party and together with their partners, enjoyed a Christmas meal at Weirmarsh Farm, when the Flower of the Month Cup was presented jointly to Sybil Budd and Chris Ley. The Competition Cup was won by Sandra Jury.

We were treated to yet another professional presentation from Howard Wills to commence 2015. This time featuring the wonders of Costa Rica with its beautiful scenery and exotic flora and fauna. February continued with a talk by Mervyn from Wessex Pantry on how his business developed and explain the production process. This was followed by a tasting of the various pies Wessex Pantry produce. The result was unanimous – excellent! In March local vet Rupert Kirkwood presented his Kayaking Adventure around the coast of North West Scotland with fantastic photos of the wildlife and scenery. An amazing experience but not for the faint-hearted.

April will be our Social Evening when we will be raising funds for our annual charity – this year being the Children's Hospice. In May, Diana Lee will be speaking on Medicinal Herbs and in June we will be visiting Tapeley Gardens at Instow. Meeting in the Tapeley car park at 1.45pm.

On 7th July we will be holding a B-B-Q on the Village Green commencing at 7.00pm. (in the hall if wet) Please supply your own drinks. Do come along and make this a village get together.

The social group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall. We are keen to welcome new members, so for more information ring

Helen Stapleton (601776), Karen Smith (601852).

MARLAND READERS.

Our book club is still going, but we have decided to meet in people's houses rather than the hall, due to the small numbers. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Helen on 601331 or Trish on 601245

COFFEE/TEA MORNING

We are continuing to hold a coffee/tea morning on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 11am – 12.30pm, in the Moore Stevens Hall. Next dates are – April 8th, May 13th and June 10th.

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. We have sent a cheque for £130 recently (some of this was donated by the Marland Readers)

For more details ring Trish on 601245.

MILLENIUM GREEN

Funding has been acquired and will be available to spend after the next parish council meeting.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the planting and spreading the bark.

MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

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

A big thank you to Mike and Mo Brown for delivering the Marland Messenger/Criers for many years, you will be seeing new faces volunteering to do these deliveries.



Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 3rd May 2015

11 am – 5 pm

See over 100 Vintage and Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Tractors and more.....

1950 OB Bedford Bus Rides	Arena Events	Cream Teas
Rolls Royce Rides	Repto Bug Man	BBQ and Bar
Craft Stalls	Art Exhibition	LiveMusic
Local Produce Stalls	Fairground Rides	
Hockings Ice Cream		



Admission: £3 Under 16's: £1 Under 5's: FREE

A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT – NOT TO BE MISSED!!

For more information regarding this fantastic event in it's 8th Year contact:
Vehicles – Tony - 01805 603400 Stalls etc – Janette – 01805 603604
e-mail: mertonrally@googlemail.com

Merton is on the A386 between Torrington and Hatherleigh

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY MESSAGING



Devon & Cornwall Police
Building safer communities together

Police Newsletter

From your Community Beat Team

PCSO 30335 Melissa Baker & PCSO 30096 SANDRA BROWN

Telephone and Courier fraud

This is a fraud that is mainly targeting the elderly and vulnerable in our communities. These scams are becoming increasingly prevalent in the Devon and Cornwall area. If you are elderly or know someone who is elderly or vulnerable, please ensure you/they know how to spot and avoid this type of fraud.

Operation Fardel is the Devon and Cornwall Police response to this crime type. If you have received a call from a fraudster that has attempted to deceive you or has indeed succeeded in deceiving you please let us know by calling 101 or contact Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

How the fraud works

The potential victim gets a phone call. The fraudster pretends to be a police officer (says they are investigating a fraud on their bank account and have made an arrest) or they might claim to be from the victim's bank (they say they are investigating fraud relating to the account).

Action to take if you get a call:

Be suspicious. **End** the call.

NEVER give your PIN, security or bank details to anyone over the phone.

Remember:

WAIT at least five minutes before attempting to make another call to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender.

Use a different phone e.g. a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. If that is not possible then phone a known friend that you will recognise to test the phone to confirm you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender.

NEVER give your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.

NEVER withdraw money and send it to anyone via a courier, taxi or by any other means.

NEVER send your bank cards to anyone via courier, taxi or by any other means.

NEITHER the police nor your bank will **EVER** ask for this information.

How can you help stop this devastating crime?

Pass it on - share this information with your relatives and friends (older generation are more vulnerable and are targeted possibly due to the belief they have more available funds).

Report any calls you believe are suspicious (the non-emergency number is 101). It may be possible to trace where the calls are originating from and build the intelligence picture to apprehend and prosecute offenders.

Your property boundaries and trimming of hedges

We often get calls from people having problems with neighbours due to issues over boundary ownership and the right to trim hedges. Below I have set out some advice if you are in a similar dispute or concerned about your boundaries and trimming.

1. It is far better to resolve these issues **without** Police involvement and often just talking to the neighbour is the best option.
2. If your neighbour is a tenant, you could contact their landlord.
3. You could use a mediation service (Northern Devon Community Mediation 0845 201 2556) if raising the issue informally doesn't work.
4. If the dispute involves a statutory nuisance (something like loud music or barking dogs), you can make a complaint to your local council.
5. Contact the Police if your neighbour is breaking the law by being violent or harassing you.
6. As a last resort you can take legal action through the courts.

Most land in England and Wales is registered with general boundaries. When a property is registered, Land Registry creates a drawing called a 'title plan'. This usually only shows the general boundaries of the property, unless the previous owners supplied exact boundary information. You can get a copy of the title plan for any registered property in England and Wales.

Working out the exact boundary

You can set the exact boundary for your land or property if you want to.

1. Get as much information as possible from your title plan, registry documents and other documentation. You may find it useful to find information about neighbouring properties from the Land Registry.
2. Agree any unclear areas with your neighbours and sign an agreement with them if possible. You can ask a surveyor or a solicitor for advice.
3. Get a surveyor to draw up a detailed plan and send this to Land Registry, with a completed Application to determine the exact line of a boundary, £90 fee and any agreements with neighbours.

You can apply to have the agreement added to the title for your property and your neighbour's. Fill in Form AP1 and send it to Land Registry with a copy of the boundary agreement and the appropriate fee.

Neighbour disputes about boundaries

If you haven't sent a signed agreement from your neighbours with your application, Land Registry will contact them to check they're happy with your plan.

Land Registry will refer the dispute to the independent Land Registration division if you and your neighbour can't agree on the boundaries. The Land Registration division will make a decision on what should happen - you may have to go to a hearing.

Fence boundaries

There's no law about who owns the boundaries around your property, eg which side of the fence, walls or hedges you're responsible for.

Check your deeds to find out if there are any boundary agreements. If nothing's been agreed you can set up an agreement with your neighbours.

Trimming Hedges

Theoretically, you should not trim your neighbour's hedge for fear of doing criminal damage to their property. However, your neighbour's hedge has no entitlement to occupy the air space above your land. This would appear to give you the right to alleviate the nuisance caused by the encroachment of your neighbour's hedge onto your land, allowing you to trim back its branches to the point at which they each cross the boundary. Before doing this however, I would advise speaking to your neighbour and advising them of the problem and they might be happy to trim the hedge for you or give you the go ahead to trim it to an agreed point and this will hopefully avoid any complaints from your neighbour.

General practice, if you have trimmed your side of the hedge, is to dispose of the trimming yourself but as they are the property of the neighbour please check with them first.

With regard to the height of the hedge, again this is something you could discuss with your neighbour but as it is your neighbour's hedge they are entitled to decide to what height it grows. You may therefore trim your side only; you may not reduce the height of the hedge.

Email: melissa.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or
torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Torrington Station

Pathfield

TORRINGTON

EX38 7BX

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Emergency 999

Non Emergency 101

If anyone has information/news they would like included in the Marland Messenger contact

Marilyn Hounsome. hounsome.marland@uwclub.net. Tel 01805 601552.

House	E (Easting)	N (Northing)
Allerbeare	SS 487	129
Alscott Farm	SS 461	114
April Cottage	SS 488	126
Ash House	SS 493	131
Barlands	SS 477	133
Belgrave	SS 477	134
Brendon	SS 491	142
Broomhill Cottage	SS 479	132
Broomhill Farm	SS 479	133
Buda Farm	SS 478	124
Chudleigh Cottage	SS 475	126
Church	SS 478	134
Church Close	SS 477	135
Churchlands	SS 492	131
1 Church Park	SS 477	134
2 Church Park	SS 477	134
Cloverdale	SS 493	131
Coombe Farm	SS 475	133
Eastwood Cottage	SS 488	124
Eastwood Farm	SS 487	125
East Yarde Farmhouse	SS 491	143
Greenfields	SS 479	133
Fernwood	SS 479	133
Higher Cottage	SS 493	131
Higher Stone	SS 478	116
Higher Winscott	SS 497	128
Hillcrest	SS 476	124
Hill View	SS 491	141
Kingsford	SS 474	129
Kingsford Cottage	SS 474	129
Langstone	SS 478	134
Little Acorns	SS 493	131
Little Lambert	SS 474	141
Little Wood Cottage	SS 487	123
Lower Lodge	SS 498	123
Lower Stone	SS 478	117
Marland Lodge	SS 478	134
Marland School	SS 478	134
Marland Week	SS 465	125
Marland Week Bungalow	SS 467	125
Mill House	SS 491	129
Moore-Stevens Hall	SS 478	134
Mulberry Barn	SS 493	131
North Woolaton Farm	SS 474	128
Old Post Office	SS 493	132
Old School House	SS 478	134
Otties	SS 477	133
Outwood Cottage	SS 486	130
Post House	SS 493	131
Putford Bungalow	SS 464	113

House	E (Easting)	N (Northing)
Rose Cottage	SS 477	132
South View	SS 487	123
South Woolaton Farm	SS 475	128
Stonemoor Chapel	SS 475	122
Summerhaze	SS 478	133
Swillaton Cottage	SS 475	124
Thatton Farm	SS 474	138
The Cottage, Woollaton	SS 475	127
The Mooey	SS 460	114
The Paddock	SS 478	134
The Old Forge, Woollaton	SS 475	127
Thisson	SS 475	126
Twigbeare	SS 478	123
Violet Cottage, Week Barton	SS 464	124
Week Barton	SS 464	124
West Winswell Cottage	SS 492	131
Winscott Barton	SS 499	129
Winscott Lawn	SS 495	126
Winscott Lodge	SS 496	128
Winswell Farm House	SS 493	131
1 Winswell Water	SS 492	129
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9 Winswell Water	SS 492	130
Woodside	SS 486	130
Woollaton Cottage	SS 475	126
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Yarde Villa	SS 491	144
Yarde Café	SS 491	144