

MARLAND MESSENGER 2016
SPRING EDITION

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

On 24th March at 7pm the Torridge Group of Churches are holding a Maundy Thursday 'Bring & Share' Last Supper and Communion in the Moore-Stevens Hall. On Good Friday, Holy Week prayers will be at 9pm in the Church. We extend an invitation to everyone to join any of these services with us.

Easter Sunday is early this year on Sunday March 27th when we have a service of Holy Communion at 9-30am in the Church.

We are intending giving our Church a pre - Easter spring clean on the morning of Wednesday 23rd March we appeal for anyone with a brush, mop or duster and a free hour from 11am to give a hand.

Our PCC has decided not to take a stall at the Merton Motor Rally this year but hope to run a local fund raiser in the summer so watch this space.

Torridge Team Church services are always published on the noticeboard by the village green.

Any enquiries on Church matters to Rev Martin Warren tel 01409 281424 or PCC secretary Christine Ley tel 01805 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
Trish Ward	01805 601245
John Eaton	01805 601852
Becky Mills	01805 601965

Requests to all road users

There have been a number of reports regarding the excessive speeds of vehicles in the parish and one instance where inconsiderate driving led to an animal being hit. The winding nature of our local roads means that it is often impossible to see other road users until too late, especially if both are driving too fast. Please drive with caution so that we, animal and human, can all be safer. With the nesting season approaching it is worth remembering that few birds can escape a car going faster than 40 mph and there are few places in the parish where 30 mph can safely be exceeded.

Sandbags

Torridge District Council sell 'Aquasacks' (synthetic sandbags for flood defence). Details are available on 01237 428700. Alternatively conventional sandbags can be obtained from builders' merchants.

Mud on roads

With the torrential rain this winter the state of fields have been truly dreadful. Agricultural vehicles are increasing in size and access to fields often leads to dangerous quantities of mud on road surfaces. Many considerate landowners clean up afterwards and some do not. It is worth remembering that signage alone does not exonerate landowners from responsibility for traffic safety.

There are many eye wateringly large legal settlements brought against farmers/contractors for accidents of this kind. Be aware!

Sheep worrying

Unfortunately there has been a recent incident in the parish of dogs worrying sheep. Please can all dog owners be aware of their responsibilities so that any recurrence can be avoided. Livestock owners should keep a diary of any occurrences of this kind to use when making reports. Dog owners should remember that farmers have every right to shoot dogs running free amongst livestock.

Parish precept

The Parish precept (the parish share of the council tax) has been increased by £5.00 to an annual parish total of £1,130. Because of the way the amounts are calculated based on the number of council tax payers, this represents a reduction of 2p for a band D property for the year.

Parish website

This can be accessed at www.petersmarland.org.uk Contact details for Councillors are given along with details of meetings held etc. There is also a link to enable reports of potholes and obstructions to be made to Devon Highways.

The timetables for Bank Holiday bin collection and the Mobile Library are shown, you can also download a copy of the Marland Messenger.

On May 11th at 7pm there will be the Parish Council Annual meeting, the agenda details will be on the noticeboard by the green nearer the date. All welcome.

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.

SOCIAL GROUP

We closed 2015 with the members Christmas party when the Competition Cup was presented to Sandra Jury and Sybil Budd won the Flower of the Month. The following week members, together with their partners, enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at the Lymington Arms.

The New Year commenced with an evening of our 'favourite things' when members brought along a diverse and fascinating selection of items. In February Howard Wills gave yet another professional presentation on his trip to the American National Parks, taking in Brice Canyon and the Grand Canyon. Fascinating photos of amazing places!

March continued with an enthralling talk by Bob Brewer on the history of the Torrington Cavaliers. Bob kept us spellbound with anecdotes from the Cavaliers past and present together with their Charity fundraising achievements over the years.

In April we look forward to Kirsty Tizard decorating cup-cakes.

Members please note: our May meeting will now take the form of a games evening.

Helen Stapleton 01805 601776

BELLRINGING

The local ringers have been participating in the Tamar Valley Guild Winter Knockout Competition with Morwenstow, Lamerton and Bridgerule in their group. This has meant some long trips, but always an enjoyable evening with a cup of tea supplied afterwards.

On May 7th Peters Marland Church will be hosting the Annual Tamar Guild day, with a service, a tea and hopefully some pleasant ringing. Proceeds will go to the Church Funds.

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 the 'Oldies' being champions.

The 'youngies' tried hard and had some bad luck, but enjoy their night out together.

Two of the 'youngies' – Richard Mann and Jason Mills did well in the Pairs competition, just missing out on winning and had to settle for runners up medals. Well done to them.

MARLAND READERS.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Beacon Lighting – Thursday 21st April from 8pm

Weather permitting, we will light the Beacon supplied by Sibelco Clayworks in the field behind the Moore Stevens Hall.

A Bring & Share Wine and Cheese evening in the Hall, starting at 8pm will proceed the lighting of the Beacon.

Please come along for this social evening and bring some cheeses and wine, I will supply biscuits for cheese and tea/coffee.

There will be a pot for donations towards St Peter's Church funds.

Exact time of lighting the beacons has not been announced yet.

For more details ring Trish on 601245

Village BBQ in conjunction with the Social Group – Sunday 12th June from 1pm

On Sunday, 12th June a lunchtime BBQ will be held on the Village Green (in the hall if wet). This is a village event being held to celebrate the Queen's Official Birthday. Please bring along savour/salad accompaniment or dessert. Any profits will go to the Social Group Charities of St Peter's Church and FIG (support for Families In Grief).

More details will sent with a separate flier in the May edition of the Torrington Crier.

Many thanks to Margaret and George Copp for the many years of producing and delivering the Marland Messenger and Criers in the past. If there is anyone who would like to help deliver in the Yarde area please let me know. Tel Marilyn 601552

COFFEE/TEA MORNING – Macmillan Nurses

£55 has been sent to Macmillan Nurses for the coffee mornings held last year.

It was decided in January not to hold the coffee mornings so often, in the hope that more people could come and join us.

There is no date planned for April because of the Beacon lighting evening (see separate item).

In May we are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 11th 11am -12.30pm

For more details ring Trish on 601245

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.

MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

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

MARLAND SCHOOL

Marland School is pleased to announce that new residential accommodation may be built for the students. A purpose designed and built block comprising of 26 bedrooms may be built adjacent to the new sports hall. This will allow the separation of the school and residential provision, a refurbishment of the existing bedrooms to provide a further 19 single bedrooms and lounges and other facilities would be the second phase of this project. The project is in its early stage and designs and plans have been drawn up, it has not yet gone to formal planning but a pre-planning enquiry has gone to Torridge District Council and the plans have also gone to Peters Marland Parish Council. A key design element is to make sure the building is appropriate to the setting; with choice of materials location, orientation etc. This is to minimise any impact on the landscape, neighbours and environment in general.

If you have any questions regarding the above then please do not hesitate to contact

Gareth MacIver, Head of Pastoral Care and Deputy Principal of Marland School.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY MESSAGING



Devon & Cornwall Police
Building safer communities together

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torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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Path field
TORRINGTON
EX38 7BX

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111
Emergency 999
Non-Emergency 101

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Joyce Dowson

Sadly Joyce passed away at the end of January. She was born in Peters Marland, her parents being Harold and Olive Hutchings. Joyce grew up at Winscott Lodge where she continued to live with her husband Maurice and their three children: William, Rosemary and Margaret.

Together with her mother Olive, Joyce was a long time member of the Womens Institute when it was formed after WW2 until its closure in the 1960's. She joined again when the WI was reformed in Peters Marland in the 1970's.

Joyce remained at Wincott Lodge well into retirement. Her last visit to Peters Marland was at the 'Marland Memories' Exhibition in August 2014 when she was in her early 90's.

Joyce could always be found helping out at village events and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Great Torrington Mayfair Rehearsal & Crowning of Torrington Carnival Queen

The Square

Wednesday 4th May 2016

Events will start at 6:00pm with Great Torrington Bluecoat Primary School rehearsing Maypole Dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. This will be followed by a performance from STREETZ Dance Crew and then the Crowning of Torrington's Carnival Queen.

Rowlands Fair will also be in attendance at Barley Grove Car Park with a Civic Opening of the Fair happening at 5:30pm.

Great Torrington Mayfair

The Square

Thursday 5th May 2016

Events start around 9:00am with a morning service and continue throughout the day. There will be Floral Dancing and Country Dancing during the morning, the crowning of the May Queen around 12 noon and the Cavaliers Entertaining during the afternoon plus much more entertainment for all throughout the day.

Rowlands Fair will also be in attendance at Barley Grove Car Park.

Great Torrington Carnival

Saturday 7th May 2016

Why not have some fun and enter!

Entry forms are available from Xanadu-South Street Torrington

PLEASE NOTE:

All vehicles **MUST** carry the appropriate insurance

NO INTOXICATING DRINKS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE FLOATS OR BY WALKING ENTRIES THAT TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION

Would all road users please note that various roads and streets in Torrington will be closed for a short time between 6:00pm and 8:00pm whilst the Carnival is proceeding through the town.

Please bear with us but do expect some delay if your journey takes you through Torrington at this time.

PLEASE DO NOT THROW COINS AT THE FLOATS

Natasha Batty- Secretary

Great Torrington Mayfair & Carnival Committee

Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally

Final preparations are well underway for this years' event this Sunday 1st May 2016. Last year over 1000 people came to the day and we hope the same this year as we have even more going on throughout the day, to name but a few Captain Coconut, Wonderstruck Science Show, Art Exhibition, Craft and local produce Stalls,

Rolls Royce and 1950's Bus Ride, Refreshments, Hockings Ice Cream, Bar and lots more.....we have musical entertainment going on throughout the day.

Merton is on the A386 between Torrington and Okehampton. We have plenty of free parking and we look forward to welcoming you all on the day.

£3 adults; £1 child; under 5's FREE. 11 am – 5 pm.



Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 1st May 2016

11 am – 5 pm

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

1950 OB Bedford Bus Rides

Rolls Royce Rides

Art Exhibition

Fairground Rides

Science Show

Arena Events

BBQ and Bar

Pork Rolls

Live Music

Local Produce Stalls

Cream Teas

Craft Stalls

Captain Coconut

Hockings Ice Cream

Face Painting

Hatherleigh Ukuele Bashers North Devon Gundog Display



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 9th 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

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