



MARLAND MESSENGER 2016 CHRISTMAS EDITION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church services:- Carol Service Saturday 17th at 7pm. With mince pies afterwards in the hall.

First Sunday of the month at 9.30am - Holy Communion.

Third Sunday of the month at 11am – Family Service.

Social Group:- First Tuesday evening of the month at 7.30pm. Members Xmas party 6th December. Christmas evening meal at Weir Marsh Thursday 16th December.

Marland Readers: - Third Tuesday of the month at members' homes.

Coffee Mornings: - Next coffee morning will be in the New Year on 12th April 2017. 11am – 12.30pm

Skittles: - Anyone wishing to join the team please contact Mike Stapleton 601776.

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

St Peters Church Peters Marland invites all residents new and longstanding to Our Carol Service on Saturday December 17th at 7pm in the Church, we shall again this year accept gifts suitable to donate to the Torrington Food Bank.

After the service everybody is welcome to join us in the Moore Stevens Hall across the road for mince pies with clotted cream and a glass of sherry or port. Our usual Christmas morning communion service is at 9-30am led by Rev Martin Warren.

Services in the New Year are a 9-30am Communion service on the first Sunday and a Family service at 11am on the third Sunday each month, see the notice boards.

Anyone with sharp eyesight may have noticed the hand rail we have installed up the Church path, we hope it will help visitors to feel safer when the cobble path gets slippery.

We wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.
Christine Ley.

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

BELLRINGING

Due to the lack of local ringers, practice nights have stopped. Ringers have been able, with help from other towers to fulfil requirements for weddings and funerals in the local area. It is more difficult on Sunday's because of commitments to other churches.

There is a practice night held at Torrington church on Wednesday's at 7.30pm (Contact Clive Ward 07712 078885).

Anyone interested in finding out more or wants to have a go contact the Team Captain - Graham Ward on 01805 601245.

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

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 23rd November. Of particular interest to parishioners is the matter of first aid courses for those willing and able to have a qualification to provide help where and when needed. We are to liaise with Buckland Brewer Parish Council to make a joint application under the Town and Parish (TAP) Fund for £344 to subsidise the course which will be held here in Peters Marland in the Moore-Stevens Hall. The date and time to be announced. The course will include resuscitation and will provide the basis for the Council to reconsider the possible acquisition of a defibrillator in due course. Anyone interested in applying is invited to contact me, the Chairman, on 601331 or mikelamprey@gmail.com.

PETERS MARLAND SOCIAL GROUP

We had a lovely evening with Sandra Huxtable showing us how to create Xmas door wreaths from foliage and Christmas decorations which she made look lovely and encouraging us all to have a go for ourselves.

Our December meeting is our Members Xmas Party, please bring food to share and a present for 'Secret Santa'.

Our Christmas evening meal is at Weir Marsh on Thursday 15th December, if anyone needs transport please contact Trish Ward or Marilyn Hounsome.

We start 2017 with the AGM and a games night afterward. February's meeting is a film slide show with Howard talking about his travels. The March meeting is with Farmer Tom's Ice Cream, should be interesting!.April is our charity night with skittles.

New members are always welcome or just come along as a visitor. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall.

SKITTLES

Our 'Youngies' were successful at the Charity night held at the Malt Scoop. Merton winning the final and keeping a Peters Marland name on the shield! At the local derby between the 2 teams the 'oldies' were triumphant but I'm sure at the return match in the New Year the 'youngies' will seek revenge. Both teams have had varying success in the rest of their games. The first half of the season ends with a Front Pin competition.

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder that our next coffee morning will be in the New Year, on 12th April 2017. .

MOORE-STEVENS HALL

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

We would like to thank all the people who have contributed to the Marland Messenger over the past year.

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

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

