

MARLAND MESSENGER 2017
SPRING EDITION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church services:- .

First Sunday of the month at 9.30am - Holy Communion. Also Easter Sunday 16th at 11am.

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

Social Group:- First Tuesday evening of the month at 7.30pm.

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

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

Mobile Library:- Once a month (Thursday) at the church car park 10.05-10.25am.

Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally:- 30th April.

Torrington Carnival:- 4th – 6th May.

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

A Group of local Churches have come together to present ‘‘LENT at THE MOVIES’’ a series of thought provoking films at Langtree Village Hall on Tuesday evening at 7pm admission free and refreshments provided. On 04/04/17 ‘Calvary’ (after hearing a traumatic confession a Priest finds examples of Faith & Doubt, Anger & Grace).

We can report some good news, Rev Susanna Metz has had application for permanent residence in the UK granted.

There are two services of Holy Communion in April on Sunday 2nd at 9-30am and on Easter Sunday 16th at 11am.

Torrige 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.

The Marland Short Mat Bowles group have been inactive this winter because of injuries and members leaving the area, now after repaired knees and feet we would like to start playing again, however we need new players, so if you fancy a night of fun and try something new or take up a game you used to play ‘Just For Fun’ give Chris Ley a call on 01805 601264 to get more information.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council

Mike Lamprey	01805 601331	Chairman, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Gill Anstead	01805 601455	Vice Chairman
George Copp	01805 601376	
John Eaton	01805 601852	
Jim Mann	01805 601579	Roads & Hedges Representative
Becky Mills	01805 601965	
Trish Ward	01805 601245	
Andrew Peacock	01805 601834	Parish Clerk petersmarlandpc@gmail.com www.petersmarland.org.uk

Dog Fouling

There have been reports of dog mess being left in plastic bags in hedgerows in the Parish. While it is good that plastic bags are being used, please be considerate and take the bags home for proper disposal.

First Aid Training

The Council have successfully applied for funding from Torrige District Council to enable a First Aid Training Course to be run in the Moore-Stevens Hall. The date for the training will be Friday 12th May 2017, and those who expressed an interest in attending will be notified of their course place shortly. If anyone else wishes to be trained, please let Mike Lamprey know as soon as possible - his telephone number is shown above.

Defibrillator

The Council has received a number of requests asking for a defibrillator to be made available within the Parish. The Council expects to receive the next instalment of the Alscott Farm Community Benefit Fund shortly, and at their meeting on 29th March 2017, they decided that once the money had arrived, it would be used to buy a defibrillator which will be housed in a lockable cabinet on the wall of the Moore-Stevens Hall. It is intended that the necessary PIN to open the cabinet will be held centrally so that someone phoning for an ambulance will be given that information, in appropriate cases. Further details will follow.

Devon CC Mobile Library

A copy of the timetable for the visits to Peters Marland appears elsewhere in this issue. It is also available on the Parish Council web site www.petersmarland.org.uk under the 'Services' tab. The number of people using the mobile library is under constant review, and some places lost their visit at the beginning of the year. If insufficient people borrow books, then we might also lose this valuable facility. Please don't let this happen.

Pot Holes

We all feel that the Parish has more than enough pot holes. However, if we do not report them, they won't get fixed. The Devon CC Highways Department have a useful reporting page on their web site <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>. If that is too much typing there is another link on the Parish Council's own web site, again under the 'Services' tab. There are a few questions to answer helping to identify the problem site, and reports can be left anonymously if preferred.

Next Parish Council Meetings

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 19:30, and the Annual Meetings will be on Wednesday 24th May 2017 at 19:00. They are held in the Moore-Stevens Hall, and everyone is welcome to attend.

SOCIAL GROUP

We started the year with our AGM and a lively games evening afterwards. In February we had an excellent and interesting talk with slides of his latest adventures in America by Howard Wills. In March we had an interesting talk by Farmer Tom's Ice Cream with plenty of free samples to taste. Our **April** meeting is a charity skittles night on Friday 7th April at 7pm everybody welcome. In **May** we will be visiting Cross House in Little Torrington, anyone wanting a lift please contact Trish. Our outing in **June** will be to Merry Harriers, please meet at the garden centre at 12noon for lunch. On Sunday **July** 9th at 3.30pm we are proposing to have a village 'Cream tea on the green' with 'Marland Memories' in the hall compiled by Helen Stapleton, date and time to be agreed. We meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome or come for the evening and see what we get up to. Call Chris 601264, Trish 601245 or Marilyn 601552 for more information.

BELLRINGING – Graham Ward 01805 601245

Due to the lack of local ringers, practise 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 practise night held at Torrington church on Wednesday's at 7.30pm (Contact Clive Ward 07712 078885).

SKITTLES

The season has now finished, trophies were given out on Finals night hosted by our Peters Marland teams. An enjoyable evening culminated in the 'Youngies' winning the Graham Heaman Shield, beating the 'Oldies' by 3 pins in the semi-final! Many thanks to all who helped with providing food and helping on the night.

In the league standings both teams had equal points! On countback the 'Oldies' were awarded 4th - due to knocking down more skittles during the whole season.

At the Front Pin competition in December the 'Oldies' triumphed in the final.

The Social Group are organising a Charity Skittles evening on Friday April 7th at 7pm. Cost is £3 per person to include a buffet supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided, please bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish. We have several teams entered but if you would be interested in playing, please contact Trish Ward (01805 601245)

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library stops at the church car park on Thursdays April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 13th, Aug 10th, Sept 7th, Oct 5th and Nov 2nd, 30th at 10.05am – 10.25. Numbers are assessed regularly so we all must try to use it as often as we can or we could lose it permanently.

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

Our next coffee morning will be on Wed 12th April 2017 in the Moore-Stevens hall at 11am to 12.30pm.

MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

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

MARLAND SCHOOL

Gareth MacIver, Head of Pastoral Care and Deputy Principal of Marland School.
01805 601324 / 07969961416

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY MESSAGING



Devon & Cornwall Police
Building safer communities together

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torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Torrington Station
Path field
TORRINGTON
EX38 7BX

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111
Emergency 999
Non-Emergency 101

Devon and Cornwall Police aims to serve the communities of Devon and Cornwall and help inspire greater confidence in the Police. For more information please visit our website at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk



10th Merton Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 30th April 2017

11 am – 5 pm

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

Bideford Youth Pipe Band
Rolls Royce Rides
Art Exhibition
Fairground Rides
Local Produce Stalls
Arena Events

North Devon Gundog Display
1950 OB Bedford Bus Rides **Arena Events**
BBQ and Bar **Craft Stalls**
Really Wild Learning **Dartmoor Falconry**
Ferret Racing **Hockings Ice Cream**
Band Dutch Organ **Wonderstruck Science**
Live Music **Cream Teas**



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 10th Year contact:

Vehicles – Tony - 01805 603400

Stalls etc – Janette – 01805 603604

e-mail: mertonrally@googlemail.com

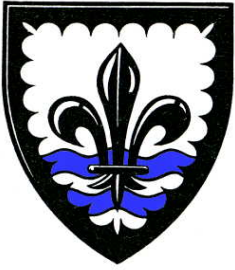
We are looking for volunteers to help us raise money for local good causes in Merton, Petrockstowe & Petersmarland by giving us a hand on the day.

If you feel you are able to give us an hour or two of your time (or 6 if you like!!) on the day to help us man the kitchen, wash up, sell raffle tickets, marshall cars, help with car parking, man the entrance gate, sell bus ride tickets, etc. or help pack away after 5pm, please fill in the form below and hand in to Taw & Torridge Coaches in Merton or pop through my door at Woodside, Merton (at the bottom of the hill before you get to the Sawmills) as I am putting a rota together.

Without local help we simply couldn't put the event on and so we are very grateful to those who are willing to volunteer. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Name & Phone No.	Car Park	Marshall	Gate Duty	Cooking Food	Serving Food	Preparing Food (not cooking)	Washing up	Sell Raffle Tickets	Sell Bus Tickets	Set up/ Take down	Bake Cake(s)

Janette Newell, For Merton Moncks Committee – Tel:603604



Great Torrington Mayfair & Carnival Committee

Great Torrington Mayfair-The Square

Thursday 4th May 2017

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 6th May 2017

Why not have some fun and enter!

Entry forms are available from Xanadu-South Street Torrington, The Town Council Website & The Great Torrington Mayfair & Carnival Committee Facebook Page

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

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