



MARLAND MESSENGER 2017 CHRISTMAS EDITION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church services:- Carol Service Saturday 16th at 7pm. Mince pies and sherry afterwards in the hall. Christmas Day service at 9.30am.

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.

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

Short Mat Bowls: - Thursday at 7.30pm.

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

Our Yuletide season starts this year with a Carol service on Saturday 16th December at 7pm in the Church when any gifts of dry/tinned food we receive will be passed on to the Torrington Food Bank. After the service everyone is invited to the Moore Stevens Hall for mince pies and sherry.

On Christmas Day there is a service of Holy Communion at 9-30am, may we wish you all health and happiness over this festive season.

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

BELLRINGING – Graham Ward 01805 601245

Due to the lack of local ringers, practice nights are held at Torrington Church on Wednesday's at 7.30pm (contact Clive Ward 07712 078885) Ringers are able, with help from other towers fulfil requirements for weddings and funerals in the local area. It is more difficult on Sunday's because of commitments to other churches.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Mike Lamprey Chairman 01805 601331 - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & Torrington Area Advisory Group Representative or mikelamprey@tutanota.com.

Gill Anstead 01805 601455 - Vice Chairman

Peter Rollinson 01805 601868 - Parish Clerk

George Copp 01805 601376 - Torrington Area Advisory Group Rep

Jim Mann 01805 601579 - Roads & Hedges

Trish Ward 01805 601245

John Eaton 01805 601852

Becky Mills 01805 601965

Peter Rollinson has taken over as our new Clerk. We all wish him the very best in this increasingly demanding role and we the Councillors will endeavour to give him all the support he needs.

There is to be a new, much-needed passing place established at a strategic position between Broomhill Farm and Beacon Hill corner. Drivers in the parish (and those passing through), who find reversing 100 yards with or without a trailer in tow, a pain, will certainly welcome this facility. All being well, the work will be done in August 2018, when Marland School is closed for the summer break.

Parish Hall

It is intended to install a projector and screen in the hall. Not only will this be available for lectures, meetings and presentations but also for movies. If anyone is keen, willing and able to run a movie club, say on a monthly or quarterly basis, please contact Mike Lamprey on 601331.

PETERS MARLAND SOCIAL GROUP

On our November meeting Carol Wakeling gave us a very interesting talk and slide show of her time teaching English in the UAE, Carol also brought some interesting books and artefacts for us to see. The 5th of December 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 Tuesday 12th December, if anyone needs transport please contact Trish Ward or Marilyn Hounsome.

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.

Short Mat Bowls

Peters Marland Short mat Bowling group is meeting again on Thursday nights at 7-30pm in the Moore Stevens Hall, if you would like to join us or just have a go why not come along. Any Questions ring Chris Ley on 01805 601264.

First Aid & Defibrillator

As you may know, a number of people in the parish have volunteered to be first-aiders and have attended a course covering basic first aid and use of the defibrillator, which is situated outside the village hall.

Please note that first-aiders are not a substitute for the emergency services or your GP. In certain circumstances however, if available, they may be able to assist until the emergency services arrive. In an emergency you should still dial 999 (from a mobile 999 or 112). For a non-emergency medical query you should dial 111.

Our volunteer first-aiders, in no particular order, and their contact numbers are given below:

Karen Smith	01805 601852
Mike Lamprey	01805 601331
Helen Bailes	01805 601331
Trish Ward	01805 601245
John Anstead	01805 601455
Sue Beasley	01805 601952 / 07496 873822
Mary Piper	07707 383414
Becky Mills	01805 601965
Jason Mills	01805 601965 / 07736 074719
Jane Ashton	01409 281882 / 07500 341091

SKITTLES

The Hatherleigh League season started with a Charity night at Meeth on October 9th where we raised £172 for the John Dennis memorial fund. John was a founder member of Meeth Skittle team who sadly lost his battle with cancer earlier this year.

We have **3** teams competing this year! It has been suggested that we are the 'Oldies, Youngies and the Midis'!(I don't mind because I've moved into the Midis)

The Youngies beat the Midis by 4 pins in a high scoring close match. The Oldies will be taking on the Youngies on Monday 27th, with the Oldies challenging the Midis the Week after!

The front pin competition ends the 1st half of the season, this is going to be held at the Malt Scoop Merton this year on December 18th. The 2nd half begins on January 8th,

Due to the success of the Social Group Charity Skittles evening, it is planned to hold another one in April 2018.

MOORE-STEVENS HALL

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



Recently some of the Merton Monck Committee were able to see a demonstration of the new Air Ambulance Night Time Landing Light that is up and running on the Playing Field at The Clinton Hall.

Once again on behalf of the community we would like to thank all the user groups that gave their time on the Vintage and Classic Vehicle Rally Day and then voted to give the monies to this fantastic cause that is already up and running.

Here's hoping it will not be needed on a regular basis, but we all have the reassurance the Devon Air Ambulance can now land 24 hours for our local community.

Well done to everyone who enabled this to happen.

We would like to thank all the people who have contributed and delivered 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.

