



MARLAND MESSENGER 2018 CHRISTMAS EDITION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church services:- Carol Service Saturday 22nd at 7pm. Mince pies and sherry afterwards in the hall. Christmas Day Holy Communion service at 9.30am.

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

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

Social Group:- First Tuesday evening of the month at 7.30pm. Members Xmas party 4th December. Christmas evening meal at Woodford Bridge Tuesday 11th December.

Marland Readers: - Third Tuesday of the month at members' homes. Throughout the winter months will be held at 3pm.

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

Short Mat Bowls: - Thursday at 7.30pm. Contact Chris Ley 601264.

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

We had had a very good attendance at the Centenary Remembrance Service marking the end of the First World War. Thank you to Graham Ward and his team of bell ringers for joining the National Peel in the evening.

Our thoughts now turn to Christmas with a COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE at 7pm on Saturday 22nd December in the Parish Church when we will be pleased to receive items for the Torrington Food Bank, the service will be followed by mince pies, sherry/port or coffee in the Moore-Stevens Hall afterwards.

CHRISTMAS DAY starts with Holy Communion at 9-30 am.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Best wishes Christine Ley.

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

On Remembrance Sunday the Tenor bell was tolled before the service and we were with the help of Black Torrington ringers able to ring to celebrate 100 years since Armistice Day at 5pm before going over to Black Torrington Church to help ring their bells at 7pm.

We hope we can get a team together to ring for the carol service.

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

Short Mat Bowls

There has been no short mat bowls this autumn, if you would like to make a team up please ring Chris Ley on 01805 601264.

MARLAND READERS.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, throughout the winter months will be held at 3pm. 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

The Parish Council met on Thursday 22nd November. This is the first for a while mainly due to lack of activity. There is no point in meeting merely for meeting's sake!

On the matter of County Highways, County Councillor Andrew Saywell expressed satisfaction at the installation of the Beacon Hill passing place. This has already proved its worth and is not before time. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Mr Nick Rogers for generously offering the land.

On the matter of road surfacing (and particularly potholes) Councillor Saywell stated that Devon County Council is in receipt of an extra tranche of Central Government money to improve Devon's Highways in general. After a long period of 'austerity' this is welcome indeed.

Peters Marland's First Aiders may be aware that they are overdue a refresher course. In addition there may be other volunteers who would like to join the team. Like last time we need names! Please ring me at 601331 or e-mail me at mikelamprey@tutanota.com Watch out for course dates in future Messenger editions.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy 2019 to all Marlanders!

Mike Lamprey

PETERS MARLAND SOCIAL GROUP

At our October meeting we were treated to a presentation by Simon Dell on the subject of Lundy. Simon says that he fell in love with the island at the age of nine, and that shone throughout his informative and knowledgeable talk with an abundance of beautiful slides illustrating the scenery and wildlife.

Our November meeting was a practical demonstration by a talented florist Amy Ley. Amy showed us how to create a hand-tied bouquet, punctuating her presentation with handy tips and quips. We were then shown how to decorate a Christmas wreath, with sprouts as an unusual addition. Finally we all tried our hands at making a Christmas table decoration to take home.

The next meeting on December 4th will be the members' Christmas party, please bring food to share and a present for 'Secret Santa'.

Our Christmas evening meal is at Woodford Bridge on Tuesday 11th December, 7pm for 7.30pm, if anyone needs transport please contact Trish or Marilyn.

On 8th January 2019 we will have our AGM followed by a Games Evening.

On 5th February 2019 there will be a Pudding & Sweet Evening, with a talk on Dementia.

New members are always welcome, for further information please contact Chris 601264, Trish 601245 or Marilyn 601552.

SKITTLES

At the charity evening at Meeth, our 'C' team were triumphant!

In the league we have all won some and lost some, but the evenings have all been enjoyed by the players, even when the parents in the 'C' team were beaten (trounced!) by their offspring. Watch out in the rematch!

The first half of the season ends with a Front Pin competition at the Malt Scoop Merton, where the youngies bring out their Christmas jumpers (to put off the opposition?) which will be a derby between the 'A' team (oldies!) and them! Christmas Jumpers A team?

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 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.

