

PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

New appointment for Rev Martin Warren

I am sure our whole community would like to congratulate Torridge Team Leader Rev Martin Warren on his appointment as a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral. This is an honorary post that recognises and celebrates the Cathedral's link with the wider Diocese. Martin assures everyone that it will not affect his work in the local community. His induction took place at Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 16th June and we all wish him well.

Easter Service

It seems a while ago now but we had a well attended open air Easter Service starting at 6:30am on a beautiful spring morning and finishing with bacon butties, tea and coffee in the hall.

Forthcoming Church Services & Events

- ⦿ Our regular Sunday Services are Holy Communion at 9:30am on the first Sunday in the month and Family Service at 11am on the third Sunday.
- ⦿ There will be a combined team service on the 5th Sunday of the month, 30th June, at 11am in Marland Church which will incorporate a celebration of Bell Ringing.

Any enquiries on Church matters should be made to:

Rev Martin Warren (01409 281424) or PCC secretary Christine Ley (01805 601264).

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish and District Councillors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Lamprey and Gill Anstead for their work as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, over the past four years. Gill has now stepped down from the council but Mike stays on as a councillor. We also welcome Robert Beasley and Ben Kirk onto the council.

The members of the new Parish Council are: Trish Ward (Chair), John Eaton (Vice-Chair), Mike Lamprey, Jim Mann, Becky Mills, Robert Beasley and Ben Kirk. Peter Rollinson continues as Parish Clerk.

We now have two Distract Councillors: Richard Wiseman and David Hurley.

Parish Emergency Plan – YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

In accordance with many other Parish Councils in Devon, it is proposed to produce an Emergency Plan for our parish. The aim is to increase the short-term resilience of the community in the event of an extreme event (such as a major power outage or severe weather) when the emergency services will not be available within normal timescales.

However, volunteers are needed to make this happen. Firstly, we are looking for people to join a committee whose role will be to agree a plan and to put it into action should such an event occur. Volunteers are also needed from people who would be willing to offer help during such an event: this can be by providing your time, equipment or other resources.

It would be particularly useful to have representatives from different parts of the parish. So please, if you are interested, contact Trish Ward on 01805 601245 / ward.marland@gmail.com

Village notice boards and the Millennium Green bench

At the Parish Council meeting on 10th June, it was agreed to remove the old notice board outside the chapel at Stonemoor Cross which is in a very poor condition. If funding allows the notice boards near to the church and in Winswell will be replaced. The proposal is to replace them with ones made from recycled plastic which means that they will last for many years to come and require less maintenance. It was also agreed to purchase a combined picnic table and bench for the village green.

Ash dieback

Sadly, it is thought that as many as 90% of the UK's ash trees could die as a result of the disease commonly known as ash dieback. **Landowners are responsible** for the trees on their land and Devon County Council have produced **important guidance** on ash dieback and what action should be taken. This information can be found here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/ash-dieback>
Additionally, guidance on the legal aspects of tree felling can be found via this link: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/landscape/trees-and-woodland>

First Aid training

Following on from the success of the First Aid training that took place in the village hall in 2017, the Parish Council may arrange for another course for beginners. This will be subject to a sufficient number of people being interested and the approved funds being available. If you are interested in attending a course please contact Trish Ward (01805 601245) as early as possible so that the level of interest can be assessed.

For those who attended the course in 2017, it will be necessary to take a refresher course no later than May 2020 if you wish to renew your certification - more details nearer the time.

SOCIAL GROUP

We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall. New members are always welcome and for further information please contact:

Chris (01805 601264), Trish (01805 601245) or Marilyn (01805 601552).

Non-members and guests are always welcome to attend an event for a fee of £4.

The group held their charity fundraising skittles event on 5th April. A well attended and enjoyable event saw the team of Jayne Budd, Amanda and Trevor Andrews, Roger and Marilyn Hounsome and Phil Ashton triumph. A delicious buffet supper provided by Social Group members provided sustenance.

As a result of our fund raising efforts the Social Group have recently donated £530 to our charity, the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Our May meeting was a musical affair, led by John, Jane and Robert from Tor Bells, a handbell ringing group from Okehampton. Not only did we get to hear some lovely handbell music, members of the Social Group each had a bell to ring and we managed to produce some 'tuneful' music ourselves.

A wet Tuesday in June was the date for our annual outing which this year was to Arlington Court, a National Trust property north of Barnstaple. Despite the weather it was well attended and a very sociable event.

Forthcoming Social Group Events

- ☉ Sunday 7th July, 3:30 pm – *Tea On The Green*.
Come along and enjoy a social afternoon. If the weather is wet, the event will be held in the Moore-Stevens Hall.
- ☉ Tuesday 3rd September - 'The Healing Powers of Sound', Arwen Raddon. 7:30pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall.



BELLRINGING

There will be a United Service on Sunday 30th June at 11am to celebrate bell ringing in the local group of churches. There will be ringing before and after the service, with tea and biscuits afterwards.

Any one requiring more information on this or wanting to learn, please contact the Tower Captain Graham Ward (01805 601245).

SKITTLES

The season ended with a finals night held here in Peters Marland and thank you to all who helped with the food etc. Peters Marland A were runners up in the competition – well done to them!

There will be an AGM for the Hatherleigh Skittles League in August when teams have to register for the forthcoming season. We are in need of some extra players as two are emigrating to South Devon. If anyone is interested to join us on Monday evenings from October to April, please contact Trish Ward (01805 601245).

MARLAND READERS

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month. As we meet at members' homes the group size is limited. Because of this constraint we are keeping to our present number for the time being but any change to this will be notified in the *Marland Messenger*.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We still have the equipment to run Short Mat Sessions but we need a few more players. If you would like to give it a try contact Chris Ley (01805 601264).

YOGA

If anyone is interested in trying Yoga, Arwen runs a beginners' class in the Moore-Stevens Hall on Wednesdays at 9:45am to 10:45am. Contact Arwen (07488 430566) or Helen (01805 601331).

Fee is £6.00 per session.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library stops at the church car park at 10:05am to 10:25am on the following Thursdays:

27th June, 25th July, 22nd August and 19th September

These timetables may be subject to change. Contact the library for more information on 0345 155 1001 or on-line <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries>.

Please be aware that numbers using this service are assessed regularly so we must all try to use the mobile library as often as we can or we could lose it!

MOBILE POST OFFICE

This stops in Shebbear on the days and times shown below and it offers a wide range of services.

Monday 9am – 11:20am; Tuesday to Friday 9:10am – 1:20am.

Changes to these times are publicised on the Shebbear Community Board Facebook site, a closed group so you might need to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178913335496303/>

MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

If you wish to hire the hall please contact the Treasurer, Howard Wills (01805 601446).

COMEDY EVENING IN SHEBBEAR

Comedian Johnny Cowling will be at Shebbear village hall on 10th August. Doors open at 7:15pm and the show starts at 8pm. There will be a bar and raffle on the night. Cost is £10 per ticket with all proceeds going towards the refurbishment of the village hall (registered charity no:300962).

Please contact Katie Kirk on 01805 601725 for tickets.

Oscar the therapy dog by Carol Wakeling

‘Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.’

George Eliot

Oscar is a three year old ‘Schnoodle’. He has such a friendly and calm nature and I knew he could have a special job as a therapy dog. I applied to Pets As Therapy (PAT), which began in 1983 with a single German Shepherd dog. It is the largest companion animal visiting service in Europe and has approximately 5,000 registered volunteers and PAT dogs and over 100 PAT cats. Oscar was assessed by the local PAT rep and passed with flying colours. It was then up to me to approach establishments where visits may be appreciated.



We regularly visit two local nursing homes. The residents love to see Oscar and derive great comfort from meeting and stroking him. He is so good and will sit patiently by a chair or lie quietly and still on a bed if that is preferred. Faces light up and it is a joy to see how much Oscar is appreciated.

We visit Shebbear Community School weekly and Oscar listens to children read. This is a great treat for the children and they enjoy interacting with Oscar and try to read with expression to get more of a reaction from him! We are shortly starting regular visits to Marland School and the boys are looking forward to planning ball games and toys for Oscar as well as reading to him each week.

Any dog or cat can become a PAT dog or a PAT cat, as long as it has been with its owner for at least six months, is over nine months of age and can pass the assessment. The volunteer pays an annual subscription of £18, but there is no cost for the establishments which benefit from PAT visits. All PAT dogs and cats have a special ID disc and an optional vest. Their owners also wear a special ID badge whilst on visits. 🐾

Can you contribute to the *Marland Messenger*?

Do you have a local event to publicise, or an anecdote or tale connected with the parish? Or maybe you would like to write a piece about a subject in which you have an interest and which may be of interest to others? If so, please contact Karen or John (01805 601852) or email k.smith01@btinternet.com.

Copy deadline is Friday 13th September 2019.

Please note that we cannot publish an article that promotes a business or anything for profit.

We would like to thank Marland School for printing the *Marland Messenger*.

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CONTACTS

Parish Council

Website: <http://www.petersmarland.org.uk/> Parish Clerk: petersmarlandpc@gmail.com

Trish Ward (Chair)	601245	Jim Mann (Roads & Hedges co-ordinator & Snow Warden)	601579
John Eaton (Vice-chair)	601852	Becky Mills	601965
Peter Rollinson (Parish Clerk)	601868	Robert Beasley	601952
Mike Lamprey (Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator)	601331	Ben Kirk	601725

Local Councillors and Member of Parliament

Richard Wiseman	Councillor, Torridge District Council	01837 810404
David Hurley	Councillor, Torridge District Council	01805 601604
Andrew Saywell	Councillor, Devon County Council	07886 446560
Geoffrey Cox	Member of Parliament for Torridge & West Devon	01822 612925

Marland School

Gareth Maclver, Head of Pastoral Care and Deputy Principal of Marland School, 01805 601324 or 07969 961416.

Devon and Cornwall Police

Melisa Baker, Community Officer: melissa.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

General: torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111 / Emergency 999 / Non-Emergency 101

First Aiders

Below are our volunteer trained first-aiders (not listed in any particular order), who have also received training in the use of our 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.

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