

## PETERS MARLAND CHURCH

### Harvest Festival

As we enter the Autumn season our thoughts turn to harvest and how summer has provided for the winter ahead. Once again we hold our HARVEST FESTIVAL in Peters Marland Church on SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 11:30am to be followed by a BRING & SHARE LUNCH in the Moore-Stevens Hall; everyone is welcome to join us. We will be decorating the Church on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 11am onward if you wish to help.



### 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. Please check the notice board on the Village Green for other services.
- Harvest Festival: see above for details.

Any enquiries on Church matters should be made to:

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Forthcoming Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in The Moore-Stevens Hall.

### Devon Air Ambulance

The main item on the agenda will be the provision of a night time landing area for the Devon Air Ambulance. Many thanks to Marland School Governors for allowing this to be positioned on their site.

### Parish Emergency Plan

We will also be discussing the next steps for our Emergency Plan for the parish; many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help either in an emergency or with the planning.

### Torrington 100 Project

Bridget Cordory from the Torrington 100 Project (see item below) will be attending the meeting. She wants to discuss issues which may have an impact on the village such as transport, loneliness or lack of facilities for young people.

### 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>

## 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.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July was our *Tea On The Green* event. The weather was hot and sunny and over 40 people from across the parish came. People were able to take their tea and cake(s!) over to the village green

and socialise in the sunshine. We raised £86.50 for our group charity. Thank you to all who joined in to make this a successful afternoon.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September Arwen Raddon, who many know from her Yoga sessions, came to talk about 'The Healing Powers of Sound'. It was an informative and relaxing evening as Arwen demonstrated the wonderful sounds that her Tibetan bowls produce.

### **Forthcoming Social Group Events**

- 🕒 Tuesday 1st October, 7:30pm in the Moore-Stevens Hall. A friendly **QUIZ** with cheese and wine. Partners, friends and guests are welcome, a visitor's fee of £4.00 applies. **RSVP** to Karen on 601852 by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September please.
- 🕒 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Janet Few will be speaking on 17<sup>th</sup> Century food.
- 🕒 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Members' Christmas Party.
- 🕒 THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December, Members' Christmas Meal. (Please note the date has changed from that shown in the programme).

### **BELLRINGING**

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

### **SKITTLES**

The league season begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October with our Charity Knockout competition at Meeth. The Peters Marland teams are having a practise night on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm, please come along if you are interested in being a reserve or just fancy having a go for fun.

For more information 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:

**19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

These timetables may be subject to change. Contact the library for more information on 0345 155 1001 or on-line at: <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 village square on the days and times shown below and it offers a wide range of services.

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

Changes to these times can be found on line at:

<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you/post-office/shebbear-mobile-service-ex21-5ru>

## THE TORRINGTON 100 PROJECT

### *What is it?*

The two Torrington GP Health Centres, Torridge Voluntary Services (TTVS), the Care Forum and The Plough are working together on a pilot to connect people with things they would like to do but for some reason cannot manage. The problem could be transport, nothing local enough that appeals or being low and de-motivated. The pilot is part of a new group called Torrington 100 – the 100 being the one hundred square miles and 16 villages around Torrington served by the two GP practices.

Two local people, Bridget Cordory and Cathy Richards, have just started work as Community Developers for the project and are visiting all 16 villages and Great Torrington to look at what's going on already and what people would like to be happening. They want to know what's stopping people from getting involved too.

Torrington 100 will be using the 2<sup>nd</sup> October (see below) to launch the project and they want to listen to your views. They are looking for people to help act as a local focal point: so if you are interested you can volunteer to be a contact for your village.

### *What's on offer?*



What have you got planned for the darker winter days? Ever thought of trying out watercolour painting, photography or printing but not wanted to pay for a course without knowing what to expect? How about some dance or movement classes or even hula-hooping! Art, craft, photography, music making, knitting and more are all going to be available for you to try out for **FREE**.



### *Launch event taster day: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 11am to 4pm*

A day full of **FREE** workshops for you to try out at **The Plough Arts Centre**, Great Torrington.

There will be music-making, art, drama, film, craft and even hula hooping on offer plus tea and coffee if you simply want to be social.

Drop in at any time, workshops start at 11am, 12:30pm and 2pm.

Call The Plough Box Office on **01805 624624** to register your interest and book a (free) place.

There will be a range of new courses planned for January to March - so if you like what you try you can sign up, but there's no obligation.

You'll also be able to hear about the Torrington 100 project, which will be supporting Great Torrington and the 16 villages in the 100 square miles around the town.

### *Problems getting there?*

If you want to come but have transport problems let us know when you book and we will see if there are car sharing possibilities.



## The First Farmers in Peters Marland

Farming originated in the middle east and first arrived in the British Isles during the Neolithic Period (4000 to 2200 BC). It probably extended across the country through a combination of immigration and the spread of ideas from mainland Europe.

There is evidence of these first farmers (and other earlier and later settlers) in and around Peters Marland. Flints from the Neolithic and Mesolithic (10,000 to 4000 BC) have been unearthed locally. A number of Neolithic polished stone axe heads have also been found in and around the parish. Although there are no positively identified prehistoric burial mounds in Peters Marland, there are some in adjacent parishes. It is therefore most probable that originally there would have been more burial mounds as well as the settlements to go with them. Unfortunately these sites have been lost.

The early farmers would not have relied solely on farming but would also have been expert hunters and gatherers. It was these people who first started to clear the land of trees. They grew an ancient form of wheat, kept cattle, sheep and pigs, made the first pottery in Britain and fashioned tools and artefacts out of bone, antler and flint. Stone axe heads and flint would have been imported into this area from other locations where they were mined or quarried. There was a flint mining area at Beer in South Devon.

Even though the landscape has changed somewhat over the last few thousand years, it is good to know that there is still some continuity and that people have lived and farmed here for millenia.

So next time you are digging in your garden or field, look out for that piece of flint or pottery: it may just connect you with the person who dropped it thousands of years ago.



## MOORE-STEPHENS HALL

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

### **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](mailto:k.smith01@btinternet.com)

**Copy deadline is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

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