

A Very Happy New Year to You All !

WHAT'S ON AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ?

Tuesday 5th: The **Parish Council** will be meeting at 7.30 pm in The Memorial Hall meeting room and you are cordially invited to attend to raise any concerns or issues you may have

Tuesdays, 5th & 19th. Doctors Surgery will be held between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm. To book an appointment contact Rye Medical Centre on 01797 223333

Wednesday 13th. Flower Arranging Class Peasmarsh Memorial Hall at 10 am - Theme is Making Bases

Friday 15th Film Club. start 7.30pm. Film is Little Miss Sunshine (Members only admitted) - Contact Hilary on 01797 230205 for details of how to join.

Sunday 17th Attic and Collectors Fair in aid of The Memorial Hall from 10 am to 2 pm - contact Trevor on 01797 230568 to book a table or for more information.

Sunday 17th BALBAO start 3.15pm

A beginners introduction - for more information contact katy.mcgrory@gmail.com

Regular weekly activities

Brownies and Guides

Monday 11^{th,} 18th and 25th at 6.30 pm

Sing4Fun

Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 2 pm

Mothers and Toddlers

Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 9.30 am

Zumba

Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 7.30 pm

Hall bookings

For all bookings and enquiries please contactTina Swann on 01797 226792 between 6 and 8 pm or

email <u>bookings.peasmarshmh@btconnect.com</u> or ring 01797 230511 (24 hour answer machine) to leave a message

Crackling Phones - Update

At his meeting with BT our MP was informed that BT and broadband services are to be investigated by a senior Openreach Operations manager and a full survey of the cable network serving the village will be carried out to find the root cause of the problem.

As yet we have not been given a date as to when this survey will commence, how long it will take and most importantly how it will be resolved - So please do continue to report any problems by contacting David on 01797 230205

The PCC would like to thank all those in both Peasmarsh and Beckley who delivered Parish Magazines to all the homes in both villages at the beginning of December. It was a mammoth task at a very busy time and we are very grateful for your help. Over a thousand magazines were delivered and many people expressed their appreciation. We do hope that local groups and organisations will send their news for publication in the magazine in the future (either to one of the clergy, or one of the churchwardens) as there is not room for this sort of thing in the PP.

British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Tony and Fay Curd would like to say a big thank you to all those volunteers who stepped in at the beginning of November, very often at very short notice, to help with the sale of poppies at Jempsons'. We were all glad that Tony was able to be there himself on some days, but without the generous help of many "Peasmarshians" we would never have reached the splendid total of over £2,300.00 It was quite remarkable that nobody who was asked to help said, "No !" Thank you, everyone.

Perhaps this is a good time to be saying some more "Thank you's" as there doesn't seem to be a lot of news this month.

- A new Parish Council was elected last May. Thank you to David Pankhurst and his team for putting their names forward for election and taking the responsibility for "running" the village and dealing with the daily demands and complaints that often go with the job.
- Since the opening of the re-furbished Memorial Hall over 2 years ago the work involved in its smooth running must be at least 3 times what it was with the old hall. Thanks are due to the Hall Committee, and particularly to its officers who are sometimes expected to be available 24/7 (when the alarm goes off in the middle of the night).
- To the ladies who run the Guide Company and the Brownie Pack
- And to those who run the Mother and Toddlers' Group.
- This PP came through your letterbox, (except in a couple of cases where it is emailed or posted). I don't think we have missed a month since June 2011, and most of our deliverers are the same ones who volunteered when we started. Thank you to all of you, and to those who have taken the places of the few who have had to retire due to ill health or a move. It is these volunteers who make the free delivery possible.
- Nearly 100 of you came to the lovely Carol Service before Christmas. Did you notice the
 polished chairs, the flower arrangements, the polished brass, the rows of fresh candles
 on all the windowsills and the vacuumed floor ? How many people knew that the rafters
 had been dusted with a specially constructed (very long-handled) broom ? While
 adding thanks to this team, please bear in mind that this task is a heavy one for 3 old
 ladies and one old man ! You don't have to be a member of the regular congregation to
 help to keep the church clean and beautiful !
- There are a number of other volunteers we also need to thank those who give their time and effort to deliver or collect in our village for national or local charities, or help to get those without transport to hospital appointments. In days of austerity many charities and support groups are depending even more heavily on the public. Thank you for all that you do.

A New Year's Resolution ?

If you have a lttle time to spare and are not already a volunteer, perhaps you could consider putting your name forward ?

