



Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

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The Community Zone Team is here!

The Parish Council are pleased to welcome the Colchester Borough Council Community Zone Team to Marks Tey Parish Hall as they office share with the Parish Clerk and Hall Bookings Manager. The Zone team works closely with individuals and community groups such as Ward Councillors and Parish Councils to improve local streets through, cleaning, litter picking, emptying litter and dog bins and street based maintenance.

The teams provide environmental education, support, advice and enforcement to encourage positive behaviour change and support local communities as part of consultation work and help coordinate and promote community events.

Marc Salmon and his team will be patrolling the parish on a regular basis and have the power to issue fines to those caught littering and allowing their dogs to foul public areas. It will be a great partnership and the Parish Council look forward to working with the Zone Team to reduce antisocial behaviour in the parish. If you have any questions for the Zone Team please contact Marc on 07795 121607 or marc.salmon@colchester.gov.uk

Report from the Police

The Parish Council is working very closely with the Police over incidents of drinking, drug taking, vandalism and littering occurring at the Playing Fields and culprits have been identified via the Parish Councils CCTV system. At the time of publication, fines have been issued for littering and a warning given under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to a youth regarding his manner of riding a motor cycle in Dobbies Lane. The police have also noted and are monitoring the movements of two cars in particular, one blue Saxo and one red Corsa and have details of the individuals involved.

It is hoped that with the arrival of the Zone Team and the increased patrolling of the Playing Field and Car Park by the PCSOs, that individuals will be discouraged from their current activities and that Parishioners will see an improvement in the state of the Playing Field and a reduction in the vandalism of the Football Club Annexe.

Salt bag scheme

The Parish has been invited to join the Essex County Council Salt Bag Partnership where parish volunteers are needed to salt the roads in Marks Tey and Little Tey that are not covered by the Highways gritting programme. The salt has been provided free of charge and volunteers will be insured under the Parish Council insurance. We need reliable local volunteers to help clear snow from the pavements and salt the roads during the winter. If you would like to get involved in your local community and want to volunteer please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 213250.

What's in a sign?

Parishioners have been asking about the Village sign and what the images refer to. The sign depicts life in Marks Tey over many years with St Andrews Church in the main panel. A greenhouse on the left features flowers grown in the village – primroses, chrysanthemums, roses and the arum lily, all grown by local nurseries and the teasel, which was grown at Bridge Farm for exclusive use in the wool industry. The LNER steam train in the foreground will remind older residents of the sound and smell from the age of steam from Marks Tey station and the Britannia series of trains thundering through the village on their way to London and Norwich. The right hand panel shows Colliers Brickworks with the 1880s brick kiln and a local brick maker making bricks by hand, a skill that has continued to the present day. The Coats of Arms at the bottom of the sign are Colchester and Essex, which is, of course, our postal address, these are used with consent from Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council.

Updates from the Parish Council...

Superfast Essex

Fast Optical Cable Broadband has arrived in Marks Tey

Many people will have noticed over the last few months BT working in the village at the junction of Coggeshall Road and Ashbury Drive. This is part of the Superfast Essex internet access improvement programme. A Parish Council report detailing what is happening, what to expect, and when, can be found on the website at <http://www.essexinfo.net/marksteyparish/superfast-broadband/>.

The Superfast Essex website, <http://www.superfastessex.org/>, gives more information, and a postcode checker to tell you what is intended for your location. The improvement in Marks Tey should give improved broadband speeds to some 68% of Marks Tey properties. The additional 'green box' at the start of Ashbury Drive is now complete and part of Marks Tey. The Parish Council has been informed that fibre optic broadband is now available to some people on the estate and along Coggeshall Road.

Individuals will need to contact their own Internet Provider or contract with another service to gain connection to the faster speed.

Parish Council set up an A120/A12 Working Party

A public meeting was held at Bradwell Village Hall in May this year, chaired by our MP, Priti Patel to discuss the A120 and the Gateway120 proposals for significant housing expansion between Marks Tey and Braintree. Following a report on this meeting (available on the website at <http://www.essexinfo.net/marksteyparish/>) and on the effect that both the A120 and A12 have on Marks Tey, the Parish Council agreed to form a working party to focus and continue Parish Councillors efforts to effect improvements to the long term proposals for the highways, to seek short term maintenance and safety improvements, and to share information with residents and neighbouring parishes. The Working Party is currently being formed and will report more in future Newsletters.

A useful website exists covering incidents covering our stretch of the A120 at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-Lives-Not-Time/175787659134217> but if you have issues or incidents concerning the A120 or A12 in Marks Tey please send or copy these into the Parish Council.

Parish Councillor required

Marks Tey Parish Council is looking for a new Councillor to join the team and help shape the future of the Parish. It is a challenging, interesting but ultimately rewarding role to undertake. Their main role is to influence and contribute to the resolutions of the Council and to spend the Precept to the benefit of the parish. No previous experience of local government is required and full training is provided if needed. The Parish Council would welcome applicants of all ages, gender and backgrounds in order to best represent the community.

The main responsibilities of a Councillor are to:

- Attend meetings when summoned to do so; the notice to attend a council meeting is, in law, a summons, because you have a duty to attend
- Consider, in advance of the meeting, the agenda and any related documents which were sent to you with the summons
- Take part in meetings and consider all the relevant facts and issues on matters which require a decision including the views of others expressed at the meeting
- Take part in voting and respect decisions made by the majority of those present and voting
- Ensure, with other councillors that the council is properly managed both administratively and financially
- Represent the whole electorate, not just those who voted for you
- To sign up to a Code of Conduct in line with the Nolan principles of selflessness, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership

Any person over 18 who is a citizen of the UK, EU or Commonwealth can be a Councillor if they are an elector in, work in, live in or live within 3 miles of the area of the local council, unless they are disqualified.

Are you interested or have any questions?

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 213250 or parish.clerk@marksteyparish.co.uk

Community Agents



May I introduce myself I am Peter Darlington the Community Agent covering Marks Tey

The Community Agents Service is a development of the Village Agent Project which has been running since March 2010 in Mid Essex. Its remit is to provide a free and confidential face to face signposting service aimed at people over 50 to promote health and independence, also support for carers. It is administered by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCC) the main funding coming from Essex County Council. After evaluation of the project ECC decided to roll out the service over Essex and as it would now include towns and cities the name was changed to Community Agents.

Please contact me if you want more information or you feel I can help in some way.

Peter Darlington, Community Agent, Mobile 07540 720604, Email peter.darlington@caessex.org.uk

Mobile Library Services

Essex County Council mobile libraries carry a wide range of books and other items, but if you can't find a particular title you can reserve a copy. All mobile libraries are wheelchair-accessible

Nov: 6, 20 Dec: 4, 18 Jan 15: 15, 29 Feb 15: 12, 26

The mobile library visits St Andrews School, 13.20 – 14.10 and Leyfield, 16.40 – 17.15

For more details or help please phone The Answers People on 0845 603 7628.

FoStaps (Friends of St. Andrews Primary School)

chairperson1@gmail.com

The last year of fundraising from FoStaps (Friends of St. Andrews Primary School) made £4237.78! This is an incredible achievement and has helped the school purchase a reading shack (a quiet room for reading and 1:1 tuition). It is hoped that FoStaps can support work to insulate and decorate the interior of the shack to a good standard. We could not have raised this amount without the support of the local community, parents, residents and local businesses. Thank you for your continued support. We are busy already planning various fundraising activities including a school fayre in 2015! Any parent who would like to join a list of potential helpers (maybe you have a skill, a talent or can just spare an hour of your time to help with an activity), please send your name and contact number to chairperson1@gmail.com



**Come and visit the Christmas Shopping Event on 29th November 2014
from 11-3pm at St. Andrews School, Mandeville Road.**

Fitsteps

DANCE yourself fit with the new Strictly Come Dancing workout FITSTEPS! Lose weight fast and tone up all over with the cha cha cha, salsa, jive, quickstep, tango, paso doble and lots more! This fun 45-minute workout doesn't require a partner or any previous dance experience. Come get a taste of the ballroom action! Tues 10am & Thurs 6.45pm, Marks Tey Parish Hall. Get your first class FREE by registering at www.strictlyfunfitness.com. Call Katy on 07980 382009 for more information.

Tap dancing

Learn to Tap Dance with the Tiptree Tappers. Learn a new skill, have fun and make new friends. Join our friendly classes at Marks Tey Village Hall. We welcome all those interested in learning with classes to suit ages and abilities. Go on give it a try, we know you will love it.

Mondays: 17:00 - Juveniles ages 4-7 and 17:30 - Juniors ages 8-12

Thursdays: 18:00 - 18:45 Seniors ages 12-17, 19:00 - 20:00 Majors and 20:00 - 21:00 Adults

All enquiries: Helen Dey 07712255579 (helend_89@hotmail.com) or Lauri Almond 07850477317 (laurialmond@aol.com) Or just drop in and see us!

Colchester Jazz Club

Colchester Jazz Club is pleased to use Marks Tey Parish Hall for their Traditional Jazz evenings which take place every Sunday from 7.45pm to 10.30pm. The Club has been established since 1956. All are welcome to listen and dance to a variety of traditional and New Orleans jazz bands with approximately 40 difference bands playing over the year.

See our website: www.colchesterjazzclub.co.uk

Nigel Fitch (Chairman)	Marks Tey Radio, 40 London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1BE	210285
Malcolm Bailey	47 Godmans Lane, Marks Tey, CO6 1NE	212341
Danny Cooper	The Gatehouse, 1 Francis Court, Marks Tey, CO6 1FR	212050
Martin Cowan	Poplar Nurseries, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1HR	210374
Ron Ettridge	8 Badgers Green, Marks Tey, CO6 1XH	213097
Dave Johnson	2 Brickwork Cottages, Church Lane, Marks Tey, CO6 1LN	211652
Rachael Moore (Vice Chair and Staffing Committee Chair)	36 North Lane, Marks Tey, CO6 1EG	210025
Jim O'Neill	2 Francis Court, Marks Tey, CO6 1FR	210105
Allan Walker	71 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1LS	211424
Dave Wrenn	23a Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1LL	212320

Office Staff

Abi Howe	Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	213250
Gill Sargeant	Hall Bookings Manager	213250

Address: Marks Tey Parish Office, Parish Hall, Old London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1EJ
Email: Parish.clerk@marksteyparish.org.uk Bookings@marksteyparish.org.uk

Parish Council meeting dates 2015 – all meetings are at 7.30pm

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend

Annual Assembly
Annual Parish Meeting

To be confirmed
To be confirmed

Full Council

Monday 5th January 2015
 Monday 2nd February
 Monday 2nd March
 Monday 13th April
 Monday 11th May
 Monday 1st June
 Monday 6th July
 Monday 3rd August
 Monday 7th September
 Monday 5th October
 Monday 2nd November
 Monday 7th December

Planning and General Committee

Monday 19th January
 Monday 16th February
 Monday 16th March
 Monday 27th April
 Tuesday 26th May
 Monday 15th June
 Monday 20th July
 No meeting
 Monday 21st September
 Monday 19th October
 Monday 16th November
 Monday 21st December

What does the Parish Council do?

Parish Councils are the closest level of democratic government to the community they represent. They are statutory bodies and subject to statutory requirements; they only have the powers or functions vested in them by Acts of Parliament. Parish Councils raise their money from the local community through the Council Precept and this is used to improve facilities and services for the community. Marks Tey Parish Council is responsible for Bus shelters, Litter and Dog Bins, Public Seats, Public Rights of Way, Owned Parks, Playgrounds, Public Toilets, and the Village Sign within the Parish.

**Would you like to hire one of the Parish Halls or Playing Field for a family event, society gathering or business meeting? Please contact Gill at the Parish Office.
 Competitive rates and flexible booking arrangements available**