



Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

April 2019

Welcome to the Parish Council Spring Newsletter.

Is the Parish Council meeting the needs of Marks Tey residents?

We are trying to change the way the Parish Council operates to make it more efficient and get more helpers involved in what we do. We already have a large group of volunteers that help with the many community events, the Litter Picks, and people who help to deliver these Newsletters to you. More people are also coming to our Council meetings to tell us what they think. Thank you to all of the existing volunteers and if you would like to get involved with your community please get in touch by contacting either myself or the Parish Clerk.

Our Young at Heart Group and Community Picnics are going strong and our Community Library was launched on the 9th March. As last year's Fete was a resounding success we have booked again for this year on Saturday 10th August. There are numerous activities at the Parish Hall to entertain you or keep you fit. The Halls are available to hire for private functions as well as group activities.

The Neighbourhood Planning group are striving to finalise the plan for Marks Tey Parish so that this can have a bearing on the evolving Local Plan. This is a difficult and frustrating task but it is important for Marks Tey Parish that someone does this and that we have a Plan. You will all be advised when there is a draft Plan which you will be asked to vote upon. You can check progress on the Parish Council website.

There is a Colchester Borough Council election on 2nd May and with the uncertain state of the Local Plan and its potentially dramatic effect on Marks Tey Parish, plus the delicate political balance at the Borough Council, this election and the way you vote in it could have dramatic effects on our community. The Parish Council will again be hosting a hustings/public meeting for you to question prospective candidates.

2020 is an election year for the Parish Council. It has always been my hope that we would have a contested election (more people wanting to become a Parish Cllr than places) giving you all an electoral choice in the direction of the Parish Council, but for this we need people prepared to stand.

We have had one new Cllr, Robin Rust, join us in February and we welcome him.

Allan Walker – Chairman Marks Tey Parish Council



It seems very sad we have to write regarding dog fouling within Marks Tey. There are a small minority of dog walkers who do not clear up after their pet. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Please dispose of bags in a dog or litter bin, or take it home to dispose of in your household bin. Not disposing of a 'poo' bag correctly is also a dog fouling & littering offence.

There is no excuse to leave it!

Community Picnics

The Community Picnics have been a huge success in the school holidays. The bouncy castle enables the children to let off steam before settling down at the craft table. February half term was pompom crafts and in the Easter holiday we did egg decoupage and painting. The children are always very creative!

The next Picnic is on Wednesday 29th May, we will have another craft planned...come and join us and find out what it is!



We were thrilled to be nominated for a "best local family service" award for our community picnics. We would like to thank anyone who nominated or voted for us, it's nice to be appreciated!

Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart group are exactly that.....and full of fun and energy. We have a core group of about thirty-five members. We have had some great guest speakers, some easy, and some not so easy quizzes, monthly raffle and a game of bingo to finish off... not to mention lovely cakes to go with tea and coffee and most importantly time to chat.

The April meeting coincided with a Library meeting so there was a chance to take out a book to read too.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th May at 2pm, come and join us, if you need a lift contact Mo on 01206 672612



Community Litter Pick



Since our first Litter Pick in October 2016, the Spring and Autumn Community Litter Picks have now become successfully established in Marks Tey.

On March 17th forty people and a puppy met at the village hall at 10am. We collected numerous bags of rubbish, a freezer and various car body parts! We then met back at the hall and enjoyed soup and bacon rolls. We were once again supported by the Zone Wardens, who provided equipment and disposed of the rubbish.

It is a great community service that improves our environment. Thanks to everyone who supported this, and thank you to the many residents who pick up litter on a daily basis.

The next Litter pick will be on Saturday 12th October 10am at the Parish Hall

Wine Tasting

Following the success of last year's wine tasting we are thrilled to announce that Alison Gore (a local resident) has kindly agreed to host another session in order to help raise funds and I'm sure a few glasses and smiles.

There will be a showcase of whites and reds to try, all served in a friendly atmosphere. A few nibbles to compliment the wine will be served but we advise eating before you come.

Spaces are limited. To purchase your tickets, contact Mo on 07928 810404



Community Library

The Marks Tey Community Library was launched on 9th March and what a great turn-out we had. We were well stocked with books so everyone had a good selection to choose from. Our Rector, Ian Scott-Thompson, stepped in to officially launch the library.

We had a great selection of cakes, baked by volunteers and refreshments for all. We had a children's area and story teller.

Our book range covers children's, young adults and for the adult's crime; thriller; autobiography; modern; historical fiction; large print and much more as well as shelves and shelves of non-fiction books.

We had great feedback from everyone who said how brilliant it was and what a great community venture for Marks Tey. A great big thank you to all the volunteers who turned out to help with the library and refreshments and especially to all the men who helped us get out, and put away, the bookcases and the books back into the cupboards. If you would like to join our happy band of volunteers please contact Yvonne Norman on 07709 064599. The library is for the community run by the community so we can only open it with your help.

The Library is in the small Hall at the Parish Hall on;
First Saturday of the month 10am to 12.30pm
Third Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm
Come along, borrow a book and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake!

Recycling boxes and clear plastic recycling bags are also available for collection at the Community Library.



Marks Tey Summer Fete - Saturday August 10th

If anyone would like to be involved in volunteering for this year's Summer Fete, either in the planning and preparation or on the day, you would be warmly welcomed to join our friendly group – please ring Kate Evans on 01206 210767

Good news!

We hope it will not be long before Marks Tey can boast that it has a Defibrillator!

Since the last newsletter, representatives from the Parish Council and local business Penny Meadow Life Skills Limited have met with The Community Heartbeat Trust ("CHT"), who is the UK's leading community Defibrillator Company. They help manage over 4,500 Community projects.

We have identified the model that we would like to acquire. It will cost approximately £2,200 and CHT will manage and service the Defibrillator on our behalf, for which there is an annual charge.

There are collecting tins around the village where donations towards ongoing maintenance costs will be gratefully received.

We are also delighted to announce that our local pharmacy has agreed that the Defibrillator can be installed on the outside wall of the shop. Many thanks Jose.

Finally, a plea for an electrician. Once we have acquired the Defibrillator it will need to be installed. It will cost us £200 if we use CHT (monies which we will have to raise). If a local electrician would be happy to install this on our behalf, please contact the team on 01206 213250 or email parish.clerk@marksteyparish.org.uk Thank you to everyone who has supported this fantastic project so far.

Save the dates

- Community Library 4th & 15th May, 1st & 19th June, 6th & 17th July
- Wine Tasting - 17th May 8pm
- Community Picnics – 29th May and 31st July, 12-3pm
- Young at Heart - 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 2-4pm
- Summer Fete - 10th August
- Litter Pick - 12th October 10am



All at the Parish Hall

John Kenneth Clarke



Marks Tey Parish Council would like to pass on their condolences to the family of local business man John Kenneth Clarke who passed away on 18th January 2019 aged 73.

John moved to Colchester from Bedfordshire 40 years ago with his wife Brenda and children to start his own business, Trident Motors in Military Road, later moving to Eight Ash Green and then finally settling into Marks Tey Motor Works 30 years ago. His funeral at St Andrew's Church in Marks Tey was attended by more than 150 people. Trident Tyre & Vehicle Services continues to be run by his son Kenny.

Parish Office Opening Times

Visitors are welcome to call at the Marks Tey Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to view documents and ask questions. Please make an appointment so that we can have the necessary documents available.

Recycling you can collect green boxes, food caddies, clear plastic recycling bags or gardening sacks, (gardening sacks are now free of charge but you will need a voucher from CBC) on **Thursdays only** between **10am and 1 pm** but **it is always advisable to call first on 01206 213250 to ensure that stock is available.**

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