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1st Marks Tey and Copford Scout Group

1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group impressively took 13 young people aged 10-13 to this years Essex International Jamboree held in Roxwell, Chelmsford. Hosting more than 8000 scouts and guides from around the world, it was an honour to be a part of it. This years theme was world rivers with 11 different sub camps. Our home for the 7 nights was in the Amazon River. With a traditional opening ceremony, 8 areas full of activities and a spectacular closing ceremony, with 7 jam packed days in between - we built memories and friendships to last forever

One Marks Tey Scout (Zack, Age 11) said "Best Camp Ever! Life changing! Thank you to all volunteers that made it happen." Our Cubs have also managed to get away on a 2 night activity filled weekend to Thorrington Scout Camp with 14 of our Cubs aged 8-10 years old. Our activities included air rifle shooting, sling shots, pedal karts plus much more. We also hosted our traditional camp fire with singing and dancing.

We currently have a few spaces within the cub section to welcome girls and boys ages 8-10. The Beavers are also planning a night away in September to the district '*Sausage Sizzle*' for an action packed adventure. We can't wait to hear how they get on!

We as a group are also very sad to say goodbye to our GLV – Liz Welch who has been with the group for some years now but has decided to focus her time on other endeavours. We wish her all the best!

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kindest regards,

Emily Rooney Akela / Cub Leader - 1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group Tel: 07748 840949

Proud to be preparing young people in Scouts with #SkillsForLife

If you would like to know more about getting involved or wish to place your child on our waiting list (it is never too early to sign up),

please contact - 1stmarksteyandcopford@gmail.com.





If you think your daughter or granddaughter, would like to be a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger please register your interest as early as possible at:

https://www.girl.org.uk/ information-for-parents/registeryour-daughter

or contact the unit directly to register as a Rainbow, please email:

1stteyrainbow@gmail.com Alison Groves(Goldbow)





These afternoons, held on the second Wednesday of each month from 2pm to 4pm at the Parish Hall, continue to be popular among the senior members of the community. There is a quiz, games, bingo and, of course, tea and homemade cake. In August we did 'one minute challenges'.

Come and join us at the next one on 11th September. All welcome.



For more information contact Trish on 07815 125261

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Ian Scott-Thompson writes...

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a good and relaxing break during August, 'time out' from the regular run of activities. Perhaps time with children and family? I like to stay in Marks Tey during August and just enjoy the local area at its relaxed best. But then, my children have now grown up and left home, so it's easier for me to make that choice!

In September, everything restarts for the autumn as we look towards Christmas and the New Year. I love autumn, with the trees turning shades of red and gold, a bit less heat in the sun and a bit more chill and damp in the air and nature stocking up supplies for the winter.

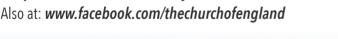
Maybe you're starting a new phase of life, whether it's a new school, a new job or even retirement beckoning, as it is for me! It's a good time to re-evaluate what's important to you, what you want in life and what you should be putting your energies into. May I invite you to consider coming back into a relationship with God? You are always welcome to St Andrew's Church, our beautiful old building set in the lovely green churchyard down Church Lane.

It's always open for you and especially at 11am on Sunday mornings when we gather for an hour for worship. Services are listed here, including our Harvest Festival.

If you prefer online, there are apps like Lectio 365, Pray As You Go, or www.churchofengland.org, but getting to know Jesus is much easier in company with others, so may I invite you to come and join us?

With best wishes,

"Pray Your Part" is at: cofe.io/PrayYourPart



This year we are having a Halloween Disco instead of the October half term Community Picnic. Fancy Dress Disco Saturday, 26th October, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. With music and games. All the family welcome. £5 a ticket - more information to follow.

Worship at St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Marks Tey

You are very welcome to join us on a Sunday morning and afterwards to stay for a drink and refreshments.

Services

1st September, 11am Morning Worship 8th September, 11am Morning Worship 15th September, Communion 22nd September, 11am Harvest Festival

29th **September**, 11am combined service at St Andrews **6**th **October**, 11am Morning Worship

The Church is always open so if you would like a time of quiet reflection or just to look around, do drop in.

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Baptisms, weddings and funerals for your family can take place in St Andrew's Church. You don't need to be a regular Sunday worshipper. We are your church, please ask and we'll do our best for you!

This month we will be praying for all who live and work in

Motts Lane, Church Lane inc. The Rectory, Station Road inc. Old Rectory Court and The Laurels and North Lane

For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on:

prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

HIRING OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

There will be an opportunity to hire the Church hall at St Andrew's, during the week either morning or afternoon each day, from September. So ideal for any groups who meet regularly or perhaps a Toddler Group who is looking to either start up or looking for new premises. There is an outside area too which can be used. The size of the hall is 24ft x 35ft.9ins or 7.3m x 10.9m but the height is only 7ft 6ins with a maximum of 16ft or 2.2m x 4.8m. There is also another small hall which is 18ft 10ins x 10ft 8ins or 5.75m x 3.5m

There is the use of the kitchen which has plenty of crockery and cutlery together with oven, hob and microwave. There are toilets and there is also one for the disabled. There is easy parking and easy access close to the hall for anyone in a wheelchair. There's plenty of additional car parking close by. It is also good venue for seminars and meetings as we have plenty of tables and chairs for about 70 people.

If you are interested in hiring the hall on a regular basis then please contact Andrew Waters on 07774 709989.



AT COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ ON 5TH OCTOBER

PARISH HALL MARKS TEY 10:00am to 12:30pm

Save the date and please come along to support us and help us raise as much money as we can for this terrific cause. Last year we raised nearly $\pounds 250$ so we would like to raise more than that and we can with your help.

If you would like to bake us a cake or cup cakes to sell that would be wonderful. Either bring them on the morning or else contact Yvonne on 07709064599 or Mo on 07928810404.

There will be the usual library and café, so you can choose to borrow a great book or two whilst having a cuppa and cake and help us raise a lot of money.

Community Library and Café

Next one is Saturday 7th September

Dates for the rest of 2024 are 7th September, 5th October with our Macmillan Coffee Morning, 2nd November, 7th December

Please keep a note of the dates for your diaries
In the large hall at the Parish Hall Marks Tey 10am to 12:30pm.

Come down to the Parish Hall to see what it is all about. Borrow a great book, have a coffee/tea, cake and chat. It is a good place to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while and have a chat over a drink and cake.

The café will have all the usual lovely homemade cakes. We can always do with more though if you are baking. Natalie Wardrop will also be there with her Utility Warehouse stand. Have a word with her as she can possibly help you to save on your monthly bills for your gas and electricity, broadband, mobile and boiler insurance. A few people in Marks Tey have done this already and can confirm they are saving as well as saving even more with a cash-back card. *Worth a chat*.

We always have a lot of jigsaws to buy at £2 if you like doing them.

Come and have a look at the wonderful selection of books we have for you to borrow. We have over 2000 books, fiction and non-fiction across all genres and a very big children's section for all ages, with a craft table for them too.

If you have a favourite author, then we may have more books of theirs in our stock than we can put out on the bookcases so please ask.

There isn't any fee to join and you can borrow up to 4 books at a time, per person, for a month and renew them 3 times if you haven't quite finished reading them.

Come down and see what it is all about at our Community Library and Café on 7th September and enjoy a cuppa and a cake and chat with friends whilst browsing all our books.

Look forward to seeing you Yvonne 07709064599







Church Tower Appeal

Thanks to a grant consultant our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund titled Stories and Spires was successful. An updated price has been obtained and fortunately we are in a position to cover the cost increase. The start date of November/December is later than we would have liked but has been accepted. In order to satisfy the criteria of the Heritage Fund several other criteria had to be met including environmental, heritage and community engagement. So this autumn the scout group will be supplied with pots and acorns for their members to rear oak saplings which will be planted out in a year or two's time. Other groups and individuals are welcome to join in. New energy efficient LED lighting will be installed inside and outside the Church and Hall. Besides energy saving measures on the heating.



Funded assistance from a digital archivist to advise, guide and train a team on the recording of material on the history of the village and church and how this information can best be accessible to current and future generations. Part of this will be the recording of stories about Marks Tey especially over 50 years ago, perhaps those passed by your parents or old neighbours. We will welcome borrowing any photographs of events, school groups, scenes, documents to add to the story. Details on a series of events and exhibitions in later newsletters.

If you can help in any way please contact me on copford43@gmail.com and/or 07774 709989

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