

Stratton Parish

NEWS

Serving the Community

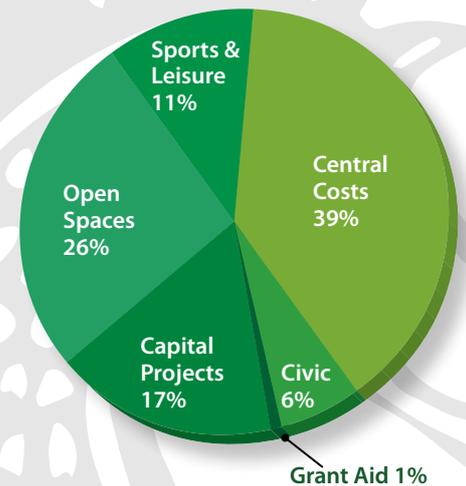


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Stratton St Margaret Parish Council Precept 2016/17

What does your precept pay for?



Stratton St Margaret Parish Council agreed its Precept demand on the Swindon Borough Council at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 16 February 2016.

The Precept is set at £897,747 based on an average of 6782.1 Band D households. The charge of £132.37 per annum represents an increase of 12% which is an additional £14.18 per annum or £1.18 per month.

Chairman of the Council Cllr Joe Tray said **“This rise of 30p per week will enable the Council to continue to serve the community, providing high level of services and facilities across the parish, which we can all take pride in. We regret the need to increase the precept however this will ensure the Council is financially sustainable to operate in the future.”**

The Parish Council serves the community of Stratton St Margaret through high levels of maintenance on all of the Parks and open spaces in the Parish including its 11 Play Parks, two Allotment sites, sports pitches and Burial Grounds. The Council is committed to investing in the future of Stratton St Margaret by leading the way to further develop assets such as Claridges pond, Meadowcroft Playing Fields and Sports Pavilion, and a number of play areas across the parish, to best suit the needs of the community.

The Council also organises the hugely popular annual Stratton Festival, Stratton Stroll, Christmas Extravaganza and Community Carol Service. Last year saw the Council's first complimentary Community Christmas Day lunch, which was well attended by over 40 people who

otherwise would have been on their own at Christmas. There has also been a new addition to the Council's events calendar this year with the introduction of an Easter Community Fete in Upper Stratton.

The Parish Council also owns the Meadowcroft Community Centre in Upper Stratton which is currently managed by Swindon Youth for Christ on a three-year lease offering youth and community facilities for the local area. Further, the Council is very proud to own and manage Grange Leisure, a thriving community leisure centre in Stratton St Margaret. This community hub on Grange Drive welcomes residents from across the parish and the wider community inviting visitors in with its modern facilities.

The Leisure Centre boasts well maintained 3G Artificial Grass Pitches, a 40-station gym, fitness suites and multi purpose sports rooms which offer venue hire for weddings, parties and conferences. The centre regularly brings the community together at senior lunches, cake bakes, rock n' roll bingo, meat draws, tribute band nights and more all held in the Coffee Shop, Grange Bar and Community Library.



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Chairman: Cllr Joe Tray

Welcome from the Chairman

The Parish Council has had a busy start to 2016 as readers will find out from this edition. It is always regrettable to announce rises in tax however in order for the Council to sustain its vast range of local services across the parish and to ensure we are financially robust for future changes in local government the precept rise, which equates to 30p per week, was unfortunately a necessary one.

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council is regarded as one of the largest in the Borough of Swindon and is very proactive in its activities. The Council works hard to be inclusive to all sectors of its community. The overall income and expenditure is approaching £2 million and its business activities will start to increase now that the Council has adopted the General Power of Competence. This power enables the Council to trade outside of the restriction of the Local Government Act 1972. In the last 12 months the Council has engaged with the Borough Council and will continue to look at ways that it can deliver joint services for the benefit of the community. The Council is also interested in the economic development of the area and will be liaising more closely with local businesses.

The Council has a number of important decisions to make about the strategic direction of the Parish. We always endeavour to ensure that our residents are kept fully informed, whether that be at consultations, special events, the website, through social media (please remember to like and follow us!), the noticeboards across the Parish and through our calendar of 60 plus meetings which take place most Tuesdays throughout the year. Please be assured that we will engage with you and will ensure your voices are heard.

The Parish Council organises an Annual Parish Assembly every year to give residents the opportunity to raise any questions regarding the Parish and to reflect on last year's work. This year our Assembly will be held on Tuesday 19 April at 7pm and will take place in the Stratton Suite, Grange Leisure, Grange Drive.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have a question that you would like us to address please email the Clerk to the Council: clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

Bringing the Community Together

Grange Social Club meets every month at Grange Leisure.

New members are welcome to join in. Next dates are 21 April, 19 May, 16 June and in July there will be an outing. Call Shirley Carter 823855 for more details.

Dementia Awareness group meet every Tuesday morning at Grange Leisure from 10am.

This group is open to anyone who would like conversation, take part in pool, darts and knitting. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

Should the future boundaries of Stratton St Margaret's Parish include Penhill & Gorse Hill?

Swindon Borough Council is currently conducting a review of all the current boundaries of parish and un-parished areas in Swindon. This consultation is known as a Community Governance Review and the first stage which required initial submissions the Borough, concluded on 31 March 2016. At its Extraordinary Meeting in February the Parish Council agreed that if it is the decision of the Borough Council to parish non parished areas then Stratton

Stratton St Margaret votes **NO** to taking over Street Smart Services from Swindon Borough Council

“We are willing to keep the dialogue open”

Stratton St Margaret residents were asked to vote yes or no as to whether the Parish Council should take on additional responsibilities such as grass cutting, hedge cutting, flower beds, street cleaning and litter picking which are currently the responsibility of the Borough Council, at a Parish Poll held on Thursday 11 February 2016.

The Parish Council instructed Swindon Borough Council to organise a Parish Poll to ascertain the views of its electorate regarding the transfer of Street Smart services from the Borough Council to the Parish Council. This is as a result of financial pressures on the Borough Council who are facing cuts in their subsidies from the government in the region of £80 million.

The Poll, held between 4pm – 9pm at polling stations across the Parish had a 7.8 per cent turn out with 1189 votes cast. 156 were in favour of the Parish Council taking on the responsibilities, while 1033 voted against.

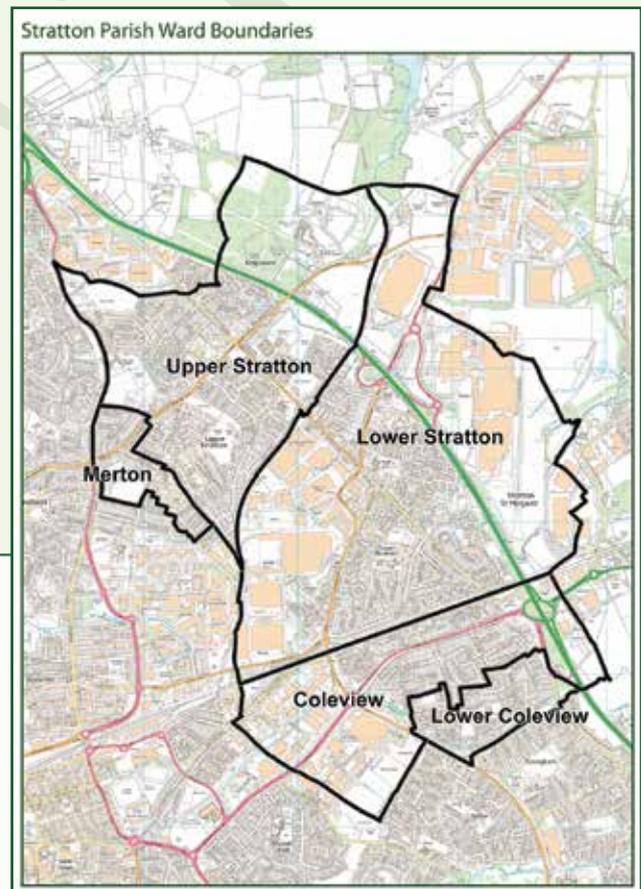
At an Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2016, Councillors supported their parishioners' views by voting unanimously against the proposal.

Chairman of the Council, Cllr Joe Tray said **“I do not think the Council can ignore 90 per cent of residents who had voted against the idea... the Parish Council should not be blindfolded to the future. I vote to ‘oppose to say thank you, but no thank you at the moment.’ We are willing to keep the dialogue open and see if one day maybe there is something we can take on. I think we could do a better job, but we are not there yet.”**

St Margaret Parish Council would wish to enter into discussions and consultation regarding a strategic view to widening its boundaries. The Parish Council would consider the possibility of including the electoral wards of Penhill and Gorse Hill to continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government. It is felt that the Parish Council has the democratic and administrative expertise and knowledge which would benefit these communities.

The next stage in review is for the Borough Council to consider the submissions and to draft recommendations which will be published and available to all in July. For more details about the review please visit the consultations page on our website www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk.

The Councillors backed his proposal and voted unanimously against taking on the proposed devolved services. The Parish Council agreed to keep an open dialogue with the Borough Council and will over the next 12 months take into consideration possible increases in precept through engagement in the community governance consultation and possible income through lobbying for a share of the business rates.



New faces...

Cllr Tim Page Coleview Ward



How long have you lived in the Parish?

I have lived in the Stratton Parish for more than 40 years. My two children and grandchildren who live in the UK also live in the Parish.

What is your occupation and how can this help with being a Councillor?

In the past I have served as a co-opted Councillor. I enjoyed this opportunity and, now, as an elected Councillor I hope to use the experience I gained to make a positive contribution to maintain and improve the facilities and services we all value so much as Parish residents.

On a personal note I am semi retired and trying to lead a physically active life, and will shortly be buying a sports motor bike at an age when I should know better. The one gadget I cannot live without is my Micro Dab Radio which keeps me amused on long walks.

Your favourite tipple?

When I have a drink I find a strong rum and ginger beer hits the spot!

Cllr Matthew Davis Coleview Ward

How long have you lived in the Parish?

I'm a newcomer to Stratton St Margaret, I moved in at the beginning of 2016.

What is your occupation and how can this help with being a Councillor?

I work in Project Management for Historic England (HE), formerly known as English Heritage, the public body that champions and protects England's historic places. I joined in 2012 and have worked on some really interesting projects such as the development of the new Visitors Centre at Stonehenge. It is always paramount in our minds at HE that we are spending public money and there are strict guidelines to be followed. I can bring this same mind-set to my role as Councillor, problem solving, and ensuring that the best value for money services can be obtained for all residents.

Why did you want to be a Parish Councillor and have you been one before?

This is the first time I have held public office, and I'm looking forward to a steep learning curve. I became a Councillor because I want to get involved in the community at a very local level.

What impact you are going to have on the Parish?

A positive one I hope! My first impression has been that Stratton St Margaret is an area that has a distinct identity, one very much separate to Swindon. If we become complacent we risk becoming a homogenous suburb of Swindon, which would be a huge shame; it has a history entirely of its own, and one much older than that of Swindon. It's going to be really important to maintain and develop this identity over the coming years for the benefit of all, especially in light of further developments to the east of the A419.

Your favourite tipple?

I'm very fond of good Cognac, Courvoisier or Rémy Martin!



Johanna Edwards Hospitality and Events Officer



It has been a pleasure meeting the Stratton St Margaret and Grange Leisure team over the last two months. I have worked in event and venue management for over 9 years; previously managing a team of event executives to deliver first-rate events in the medical industry and also managing events at Harrogate International Centre ranging from banqueting to large scale exhibitions with over 40,000 delegates.

I will be working alongside colleagues to develop the Hospitality and Events area of the business which includes the day-to-day running of the Leisure Centre's operations. There are lots of exciting events coming up, such as community events celebrating The Queen's 90th Birthday, the spectacular Stratton Festival and an Oktoberfest to name just a few.

Our wedding packages are having a make-over, and we are aiming to launch these in style with a wedding fare in 2017. We hope to see you there!

Please like our Facebook pages to keep up-to-date with all the happenings here at Grange Leisure and across the Stratton parish.





David Boase

Senior Parks and Open Spaces Officer

I am the new Senior Parks and Open Spaces Officer for Stratton St Margaret Parish Council. This is a new role for the council, and an exciting one for me, to say the least! I am responsible for the management of the Open Space Services across the Parish, including grounds maintenance, cemeteries and allotments, play parks, recreation grounds, sports pitches, watercourses and all of the green space in-between.

My task is to help keep Stratton's best loved places safe and clean, whilst providing a high standard of service for the community, a place for wildlife to thrive, and of course a place that we can all be proud of.

I don't work alone in this aim. My colleagues specialise in aspects of each area, whether it's growing beautiful roses in our cemeteries, or the smooth operation of our cemeteries and allotments, to ensure that the Council constantly strives to achieve the highest standards.

A steadily growing core of volunteers now support what we do too. Getting to the places that we can't, providing unrivalled local knowledge, and championing local causes.

There's still a lot of work to do, and there will always be room to improve, but I am proud of the opportunity I have been given, and excited at what the future holds for Stratton St Margaret Parish.

If you would like to volunteer to keep Stratton looking lovely, please contact me at openspaces@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk or visit our website and download the volunteer form located on our Clean for the Queen news page.

Stratton St Margaret moving ahead with its Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is a new type of plan. It is a plan made by the community for the community and has legal weight. It presents an opportunity for our community to have a say over our future, allowing us to set out local planning policies and strategies for the next 10 to 15 years. The plan will give residents of Stratton St Margaret Parish a strong influence over land use and when, where and what type of development can take place.

The Plan covers all aspects of the community and will be split into the categories listed below. Each category will be led by the following Officers who will bring their knowledge and areas of interest and expertise to the writing of a sound Plan which reflects the residents' views. It is important to remember that the Plan, once adopted, becomes a legal statutory reference document in Planning legislation, unlike a Parish Plan. It is therefore drawn-up to be in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan.

Green Spaces/Play Areas

David Boase, Senior Parks and Open Spaces Officer

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Administration/Project Planning

Jodie Smart – Administration Assistant

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To assist with the co-ordination of the Neighbourhood Plan the Council has commissioned David Potter, Dip TP MRTPI; Director of Development Planning Advisory Services Ltd.

As the former Director of Planning and Transport at Swindon, David has a strong local government and planning background. He has successfully managed every

aspect of the statutory planning process working for both rural Counties and urban Boroughs. More recently David has helped produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Lechlade where he is a Town Councillor as well as providing support for other town and parish councils within a contract with the Vale of White Horse. David has been engaged to do the 'technical' side, actually write the policies and get the Plan to the point of submission to Swindon Borough Council.

The Council is looking for volunteers to help complete this Neighbourhood Plan, please contact Jodie if interested. Updates will be regularly posted on the Neighbourhood Planning section of the website and Facebook page.



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Beacon Lighting Ceremony

21 April 2016 – 6.30pm

Join over 200 local communities on 21 April 2016 as the residents of Stratton St Margaret light a Beacon to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

As part of a huge coordinated celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday, Beacons will be lit across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and of course... Stratton St Margaret will be right there too!

The event will take place at Grange Leisure Recreation Grounds, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY from 6.30pm with the lighting ceremony at 7.30pm. BBQ and refreshments will be on sale throughout the event.

For more details please contact Johanna Edwards on events@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk or call 01793 823761.

Queen's Birthday Tea Party

14 May 2016 – 1pm

The Parish Council is organising a very special tea party to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday.

A community picnic will take place on the grounds of Grange Leisure on Saturday 14 May. There will be VIP invites for anyone in the Parish who is also celebrating their 90th birthday this year. Everyone is welcome, please bring a picnic and rug. Refreshments will also be on sale.

VIP INVITES

Do you know anyone very special who is turning 90 this year?

Please contact emilyharris@grangeleisure.co.uk for more details of our VIP invites to this very special event!

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

We are calling for volunteers to meet us every month to help keep the Parish clean and tidy. Our next litter picks will take place from 3pm – 5pm:

- 29 April: Meet where Fuller Close meets Wilkins Close – SN2 7TF
- 6 May: Meet where Fuller Close meets Wilkins Close – SN2 7TF
- 3 June: Meet at the Millennium Garden (Merton Avenue entrance to the park)
- 1 July: Meet at the Millennium Garden (Merton Avenue entrance to the park)
- 5 August: Meeting at the field on Watermead – SN3 4WE
- 2 September: Meeting at the field on Watermead – SN3 4WE

To register your interest as a volunteer please contact David Boase at openspaces@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk for more information please call 01793 823761.



For more info: www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk
or call 01793 823761



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FREE ENTRY



Bringing the community together

16 & 17 JULY 2016

Saturday: Midday - 10.30pm
Sunday: Midday - 5pm

Grange Leisure, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, SN3 4JY

SATURDAY'S LINE UP INCLUDES:

LIVE MUSIC
SWINDON SAMBA BAND

DOG SHOW
in association with **Drove Vets**



CRAFT FAYRE
BUBBLE FOOTBALL
TUG OF WAR
BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL
FUN FAIR

Subject to changes

COMMUNITY STALLS
CHILDRENS' ENTERTAINMENT
VINTAGE TEA TENT
VINTAGE CARS

SUNDAY'S LINE UP INCLUDES:

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
VARIETY OF LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Subject to changes



GET INVOLVED

The Parish Council is looking for football teams, tug of war teams, musicians, community groups, volunteers, sponsors and more...

If you are interested in participating in our Festival then we want to hear from you!

EMAIL

deputy.clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk
or call 01793 823761



SMALL CHARGES MAY APPLY TO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY



Stratton St Margaret Parish Council

For more info: www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk
or call 01793 823761



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Sports for all

The Grange Gym has gone from strength to strength, proving to be more popular than ever. We have a fantastic following and despite our growing popularity, we are still able to maintain a personal and community atmosphere.

At the heart of our Gym and Fitness sessions we have the Young at Heart sessions held Monday to Friday where anyone from 55+ can come along and train in the gym at a concessionary rate from £3.00 or take part in mixed ability badminton.

If you are looking to get active and to be social then come along to our Walking Club, a low intensity group, ideal for those wanting to exercise. Grange Leisure also works closely with Swindon Borough Council, in the hugely successful Steps to Health GP Referral Program. With the highest success rate in Swindon, the scheme has proven to improve the lives of clients suffering from a range of injuries, illness and obesity. If you need that extra bit of help, come in for more information, or ask for a referral from your GP.

Our launch of the Les Mills™ fitness classes has proven to be highly popular. In addition to Body Attack™ and Body Balance™, we now offer Grit Cardio™, Grit Pylo™ and Grit Strength™ to our expanding list of classes. The Grit range is a mix of high intensity sessions crammed into just 30 minutes. Their aim is to rapidly build strength, increase lean muscle and work all of the major muscle groups. In just 30 minutes you burn fat, improve speed and cardio vascular fitness!

At Grange Leisure we are also pleased to work with a wide range of clients from all abilities from the beginner, those going through rehabilitation following an injury to professional athletes. We have had the pleasure and honour of training professional boxing champion Kelvin Young, and professional mixed martial arts champions, Alex Brunnen and Phil Wells.

If you would have a specific goal in mind and or simply would benefit from a little help to achieve your results then come in and ask about our Personal Training service at £30 per hour.

Grange Leisure is dedicated to helping others, whether that be for weight loss, increase muscle mass, rehabilitation or just general fitness.



We always encourage our customers to get involved, so please ask us for more details of our next fundraiser which is to trek up Ben Nevis. More details of this exhilarating challenge will be announced soon!



ZUMBATHON RAISES OVER £900 FOR CHARITY

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council held a Zumbathon on Sunday 13 March in aid of Prospect Hospice. The fundraising fitness party attracted 88 people and raised a very impressive £963.35 on the day. Fundraisers from the charity who attended the event said ***"a big thank you and well done to [all the participants] for this brilliant amount"***. ***"The event was so well organised and everyone seemed to really enjoy it."***



Prospect
Hospice
Registered Charity No. 200093

Grange Leisure is pleased to announce that following a recent meeting with Netball England the Leisure Centre will soon be offering Back to Netball, Walking Netball and High Five Netball.

These additions to the Centre will offer another dimension to the coaching sessions and sports development that we currently offer. Look out for updates on our website and on social media (you have to Like or Follow us first!) or give Dan Martin a ring on 825525 or by email danmartin@grangeleisure.co.uk.

A walking football session running every Monday lunchtime has given Parkinson's sufferers in Swindon a chance to take part in sport on a regular basis. These sessions have become so successful they now attract up to 15 participants every week, who also bring along a team of supporters to cheer them on from the side lines! The session has made a huge difference in terms of the participants' mobility and as their confidence grows, so does their skill, with some fantastic football being played and some cracking goals being scored!

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council is currently undertaking a consultation on the future of Meadowcroft Playing Fields and Sports Pavilion. The consultation, which commenced in January is investigating the potential to improve the facilities at Meadowcroft to increase participation across the site and make it a community asset for all.

The first phase of community consultation took place to capture local ideas for the site and help develop proposals. With input from local schools, the general public, sports governing bodies and current user groups, the second phase of consultation has now been published.

The Council is in conversations with Swindon Borough Council and would encourage more input from its residents.



Stratton Stroll

23 July 2016
FREE ENTRY

Raising funds for our Chairman's Charity

Join in the infamous Stratton Stroll taking in live music, great company and great beer as you go! We've got some fantastic bands lined up to play already. Stroll from pub to pub from midday until late. The route is:

- Kingsdown 12pm – 4pm
- Crown 1pm – 5pm
- New Inn 2pm – 6pm
- Grange Bar 3pm – 10pm
- Wheatsheaf 4pm – 8pm
- Rat Trap 7pm – 11pm

Sponsor the Stroll

We are looking for a sponsor to help fund our Stroll. Would you like to see your business name across the Parish and noticed by thousands of Strollers?

Get in touch with us at deputy.clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk or call **01793 823761**.



GRANGE BAR

WHAT'S ON



t: 01793 825525 www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

Grange Bar is open to all every day from midday until late. Drop into our bar and enjoy a relaxed and friendly environment for all the family to enjoy. We offer a wide range of entertainment including quizzes, open mic nights and discos.

APRIL 2016

TUESDAY 5 APRIL

Open Mic night
Featured act – 8pm

THURSDAY 7 – SATURDAY 9 APRIL

Grand National
Sweepstake competitions
Burger & Pint specials available

SATURDAY 9 APRIL

Quiz night starts – 8pm
£2.00 per player

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

St George's Day Special
Bombardier only £2.50 per pint
Beef & Ale Pie & chips £6.95

Quiz Night starts – 8pm

£2.00 per player

THURSDAY 28 APRIL

Rock and Roll Bingo – 8pm

FRIDAY 29 APRIL

Race Night and Disco – 7.30pm

JULY 2016

FRIDAY 1 – SUNDAY 3 JULY

Euro Quarter Finals

TUESDAY 5 JULY

Open Mic Night
Featured act – 8pm

WEDNESDAY 6 & THURSDAY 7 JULY

Euro Semi Finals

SUNDAY 10 JULY

Euro Final

SATURDAY 16 & SUNDAY 17 JULY

Stratton Festival
Real ale and cider festival
£3.00 per pint on real ales

SATURDAY 23 JULY

Stratton Stroll
Live music from 3pm – 10pm

THURSDAY 28 JULY

Rock and Roll Bingo – 8pm

MAY 2016

TUESDAY 3 MAY

Open Mic night
Featured act – 8pm

SUNDAY 8 MAY

Quiz night starts – 8pm
£2.00 per player

SATURDAY 14 MAY

Queen's Birthday Tea Party and
Community Picnic, BBQ outside – 1pm

THURSDAY 19 MAY

Start of the first Cricket Test
England v Sri Lanka will be shown on
the big screen

THURSDAY 26 MAY

Rock and Roll Bingo – 8pm

FRIDAY 27 MAY

Start of the second Cricket Test
England v Sri Lanka will be shown on
the big screen

SATURDAY 29 MAY

Quiz night starts – 8pm
£2.00 per player

JUNE 2016

MONDAY 6 JUNE

Start of the ODI series Cricket will be
shown on the big screen

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

Open Mic night
Featured act – 8pm

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

Start of the third Cricket Test
England v Sri Lanka will be shown
on the big screen

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Euro 2016 starts
Burger & Pint special available
throughout the tournament

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

Wimbledon begins
Strawberries and cream on the menu
throughout the tournament

THURSDAY 30 JUNE

Euro Quarter Finals

THURSDAY 30 JUNE

Rock and Roll Bingo – 8pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

LUNCH TIME SPECIALS

Every Tuesday and Thursday only £4.50 per person for a two course lunch. Alternatives available from £4.75 Serving times 12.30 – 2pm.

WEDNESDAY Burger and pint £6.95

THURSDAY Home made curry and a pint £6.50

FRIDAY Home made beer battered fish, chips and mushy peas £4.95

MEAT DRAW Every Friday, winners are drawn at 10.15pm. Lots of prizes including Big Breakfast and Sunday Roast.

BREAKFASTS Served every Saturday from 9.30am and Sunday from 10am until 12pm mid day

SUNDAY TOTE Charity supporting an annual senior citizen's outing. Available from the Bar. Prize money on average £90.00 per week. Draw takes place at 10pm. Tickets only £1 each 8pm start.

Enjoy a relaxing drink at Grange Bar – *cheapest prices in the parish*

Fosters £3.05
Guest ales £3.00
Guinness £3.10

Double Gin & Tonic £4.65
Double Vodka & Coke £4.00
Double Rum & Coke £4.00

Wine by the glass £2.85
Wine by the bottle £12.00

Council Meetings

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council is committed to making local government open and accessible. All of our meetings are open to the public and press and are held in the Stratton Suite, Grange Leisure, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, SN3 4JY.

Before every meeting the Agenda can be viewed on noticeboards throughout the Parish and on our website. All minutes are uploaded on the website. Here is the current calendar until the end of May 2016.

Date	Council/Committee	Start
April 2016		
5 April	Open Spaces	7pm
12 April	Planning & Highways	7pm
19 April	Annual Parish Assembly	7pm
26 April	Property Management	7pm
May 2016		
10 May	Annual Meeting	7pm
17 May	Planning & Highways	7pm
24 May	Finance & General Purpose	7pm
31 May	Planning & Highways	7pm

Annual Parish Assembly

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 in the Stratton Suite, Grange Leisure, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, SN3 4JY.

The event will commence at 7pm with refreshments to follow. All residents in the parish are encouraged to come along and find out what the Council achieved in the last 12 months. We also would like questions from residents to address on the night. Please email questions to the Clerk at clerk@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk.

GRANTS

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council supports local groups through its grants scheme. Organisations will be considered for a grant aid where they meet certain criteria. Please call 823761 and ask Sandra Kelly for a Grant Pack or visit our website and click on the Finance page to download a form and either post or send via email to finance@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk. Grants are considered twice a year in June and October.

Recent recipients have included Uplands Education Trust, Stratton Advice Centre and Swindon District Parkinsons Group.

Councillor Vacancies

Lower Coleview and Coleview

We currently have vacancies for Parish Councillors to be Co-opted onto the Parish Council:

Lower Coleview & Coleview

Applicants should write to the Clerk to the Council, outlining skills, experience and why they would make a good Councillor. Please include your name, address and contact details and how long you have lived in the parish.

Email info@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk
Post to Stratton St Margaret Parish Council,
Grange Leisure, Grange Drive, Stratton
St Margaret, Swindon, SN3 4JY

For further details, visit
www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk/vacancies

Grange Bar and Hospitality Venue

The centre of your community

sky SPORTS

BT Sport

Enjoy regular live music, live TV sport, entertainment, great food and much more. We also have a number of individual venue spaces to suit every occasion. We take care of everything so you can sit back, relax and enjoy any occasion, safe in the knowledge everything will be looked after.

- Sky Sports and BT Sport • Darts • Pool • Open Mic Nights • Quiz and Bingo • Discos • Parties
- Wedding Receptions • Christenings • Funerals • Conferences • Award Ceremonies • Shows • Events

Visit www.strattonstmargaret.gov.uk



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