



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## April and May 2018

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

**Sunday 1st April**  
**10.00am Easter Sunday Service**

Sunday 8th April  
NO SERVICE

**Sunday 15th April**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**

Sunday 22nd April  
NO SERVICE

**Sunday 29th April**

Sunday, 6th May  
NO SERVICE

Sunday 13th May  
NO SERVICE

**Sunday 20th May**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**

Sunday 27th May  
NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Easter Sunday Service

9.30am Morning Prayer

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**9.30am Benefice Service in St Giles for all three churches**

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

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#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.15am Easter Sunday Service

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

3.30pm Evensong

8.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Rogation procession

3.30pm Evensong with Song Cycle

3.30pm Evensong

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services  
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick - telephone number 01277 352562

### AN EASTER POEM BY STEVE TURNER

Have you ever wondered why shops often feature nativity scenes in the lead-up to Christmas, but not crucifixion scenes at Easter? Poet Steve Turner has thought about this, and here's what he had to say.

Christmas is really  
for the children.  
Especially for children  
who like animals, stables,  
stars and babies wrapped  
in swaddling clothes.  
Then there are wise men,  
kings in fine robes,  
humble shepherds and a  
hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really  
for the children  
unless accompanied by  
a cream filled egg.  
It has whips, blood, nails,  
a spear and allegations  
of body snatching.  
It involves politics, God  
and the sins of the world.  
It is not good for people  
of a nervous disposition.

They would do better to  
think on rabbits, chickens  
and the first snowdrop  
of spring.

Or they'd do better to  
wait for a re-run of  
Christmas without asking  
too many questions about  
what Jesus did when he grew up  
or whether there's any connection.

### VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN Saturday, 14th April at 10:30am.

Want to keep Margaretting looking clean and attractive? Then join the village spring clean on Saturday, 14th April outside the Black Bull at 10.30am. Litter picks, gloves and litter sacks provided.

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

**Saturday, 28th April**  
Volunteers needed to join our working party on Saturday, 28th April from 10.00am onwards. If you can spare some time please come along and help. If you have saws, hedge trimmers and secateurs bring them too.

### EASTERN ANGLES 'Guesthouse'

Tuesday 22nd May at 7:30pm  
in the village hall  
To book tickets - £10 each

**Please ring Jennie Scott on 01277 354821**

'Guesthouse', a new play written by Essex playwright Nicola Werenowska, asks what's it like when the town you were proud to grow up in becomes impoverished? What does it take to keep going? And what does it take to face the truth?

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## MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 8th FEBRUARY and 8th MARCH

Please note the minutes for parish council meetings, once they have been agreed and signed by the chairman, are posted on the Margarettng Community website. A copy of the minutes is also placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. The office telephone number is 01277 350887. This telephone is checked weekly on a Tuesday for messages. The parish council email address is: parishcouncil.margarettng@virgin.net

### DEMOCRATIC TIME

Several matters were raised including: Footpath 21 and the train whistle board.

Residents questioned why the train drivers are sounding their train whistles during the hours of darkness. The parish council explained this is due to the engineering works taking place along that stretch of track at night.

Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane: Concerns were expressed that the public footpath is no longer accessible. Hedges have been removed and an additional gate has been installed to this site.

The parish council confirmed the land owner has been instructed to remove the newly installed entrance gates and fencing to the land, remove all hardcore laid at the site, close up the newly created access onto the highway and reinstate the hedge/trees that were removed. The parish council also confirmed the footpath closure had been reported to Essex Highways.

Increased Aerial Activity: It was reported that there seemed to be an increase in the number of light aircraft flying over Margarettng.

Parsonage Lane: The ownership of the track from under the railway bridge to the culvert is still unclear. It is thought the track may belong to the Environment Agency

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

A vacancy has arisen for a councillor on the parish council due to the resignation of Cllr Barnes.

### MALDON ROAD

Salt bin: Installing a salt bin at the crossroads with Main Road is on hold.

Tractors: Concerns about the speed of tractors using this road were raised.

Residents are advised to record licence plate numbers and to contact the Police.

Flooding: The flooding in the vicinity of El Rita is being monitored. There has been insufficient rain to take a good photograph to show the extent of the problem

### MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Dogs: Plans to install a dog poo bag dispenser at the entrance to the playing field is on hold.

Hedge: The perimeter hedge will be cut back before the end of March.

Roundabout Safety Surface: It was agreed, where the safety surface has shrunk back from the edge, to fill in the gaps with top soil.

Entrance Gates: Cllr Paoli-Burke has volunteered to re-stain the gates.

Allotments: All the vacant allotments except one have been rented.

### ORTON CLOSE

The faulty street light by the bungalows at the top of the close has been reported to Highways.

The complaint relating to a car being parked in front of one of the garages in Orton Close is to be forwarded to Chelmer Housing.

### MAIN ROAD

It was agreed to look into having the plum/cherry tree by the pond trimmed back. In the summer the fruit falling onto the pavement attracts wasps and the fruit is difficult to avoid stepping on when walking along the pavement.

### VILLAGE SIGN

The old sign will be removed and used as a mould for the new sign.

### VILLAGE GATEWAYS PROJECT

The gateways will be installed the week beginning 26th March. One in Main Road and one in Wantz Road.

### BRIDLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Bridleway No 44 (Swan Lane to Crondon Hall Green). The post has been reinstated and the old fencing removed.

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Paoli-Burke is looking into the feasibility of drawing up and publishing a detailed map showing all the public footpaths and bridleways in the parish. It was noted some years back the parish council published details of four local walks.

**See next page**

### ACCOUNTS

Authority was given for payment of £513 - Contribution towards village hall insurance premium.

£192 - Fire alarm system maintenance.

£475 - Clerk's wages and expenses.

£15 - Office stationery.

### PLANNING

Received for comment:

*18/00075/FUL - Land south of Farthings, Pennys Lane.* Construction of a detached bungalow.

*18/00381/FUL - Umtali, Maldon Road.* Replacement garage.

*18/0071/FUL - Ivy Hill Hotel, Writtle Road.* Proposed extension to previously approved kitchen training centre.

*17/00921/FUL - Park Lodge Bungalow, Writtle Road.* Amendment to previous application.

The following decisions were noted

*17/02079/FUL: The Briars, Pennys Lane.* Replacement of existing bungalow and detached garage with new bungalow and outbuildings/garage.

### Granted Planning Permission

*17/02192/FUL - Dunedin, Maldon Road.* Single storey front porch and detached outbuilding.

### Granted Planning Permission

*17/01778/FUL - Telephone Exchange, Three Mile Hill.* Change of use of vacant telephone exchange building to a storage centre (Class B8).

### Refused Planning Permission

Since the meeting the following application has been received for comment.

*18/00359/FUL - Land at the side of Longcroft, Maldon Road.*

Erection of a dwelling. (Permission has been granted previously for a house and garage - Application No. 15/01049/FUL.)

### VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Saturday, 14th April.

### PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 8th May.

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## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - TUESDAY, 8TH MAY 2018

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on Thursday, 8th May at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to share your views and observations about the village. It provides an opportunity for the parish council to present its annual report and accounts.

## MARGARETTING TYE

A big thank you from the parish council to the new owners of The White Hart for painting the red telephone box.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

The AGM held last month saw the existing committee members re-elected en bloc. Many thanks are owed to the committee and to all the members of 'The Friends' for their continued support for village projects and for organising fund raising events in aid of the village hall. The Friends' coffee mornings on the third Saturday of each month are proving very popular and appreciated.

Margaretting Friends' meetings are held in the Chelmer Room on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

## MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Do you want to learn a new craft or need help with an on-going project? Then come and join us in the village hall's Chelmer Room. We will be there stitching, sewing and knitting on Monday, 9th April and 14th May at 7.30pm. All enquiries or for more information about Margaretting Crafters and Margaretting Friends please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Last month we read Joanna Trollop's 'Sense and Sensibility'. Our books for April and May are 'I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings' by Maya Angelou and 'Nut Shell' by Ian McEwan. Margaretting Book Club meets once a month. Members take turns in hosting these meetings. For more information please telephone Penny on 01277 356182.

## OVER 60S CLUB

Meetings start at 2pm and are held on alternate Wednesdays in the village hall meeting room. In April we will be meeting on the 4th and 18th. In May we meet on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. New members are welcome. For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

## VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Rescheduled to Saturday, 23rd June at 7.00pm

In aid of the upkeep of the village hall.

Fish and Chip Supper. Children welcome. Bring your own drinks.

Tables of 8. (Can be made up on the night.)

Tickets from Stella on 01277 356986

£8 each adult. £5 each child.

## FAMILY FUN DAY & HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 14th July

Don't forget to save this date in your diary. Our Facebook page 'Margaretting Family Fun Day' is updated as and when this year's attractions are booked.

If you would like to join the planning team or have any ideas for stalls or entertainment pop into the

Black Bull and let Julie know. Also, a reminder that the 'Grow a Potato' challenge is now on. If any 16 year old and under would like to take part, then please collect your bucket and potato from Lorna Cannon at Margaretting School. *Fun Day Planning Team*

## CHELMSFORD ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

23 JUNE to 1 JULY

A small Chelmsford based not for profit group, who have come together to promote the Arts and Culture in Chelmsford and the surrounding area, is busy organising the first Chelmsford Arts and Cultural Festival. It is hoped that this grassroots run festival will path the way for future bigger festivals.

The Festival will open with a Parade, and there will be dance and music events, walks and talks, workshops, a local art competition and exhibition, and the dragon boat race.

## VILLAGE HALL BINGO

Bingo starts on Wednesday, 11th April in the village hall - 7.30pm for an 8 pm start. We meet fortnightly until Christmas. If you have never been to Bingo before and would like to give it a try you will be made most welcome. For more information please telephone Maurice on 01277 352126

## PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN

Pre-wedding party - Friday 18th May Margaretting Primary C of E School will be hosting a pre-wedding party in the school playground on 18th May at 11am. Come along and join the community in this celebration. To book your seats please phone the school on 01277 352114.

## MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

Wanted – Handyman to help out with odd jobs around the village hall as and when needed, i.e. changing lightbulbs etc. If you would be able to help, please contact the Chairman, Michael Scott on 01277 354821 or Secretary, Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575.

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Wanted double knitting wool for this year's shoe box hats and mittens. If you have any spare wool please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

## WELCOME PACK

New to Margaretting? Have you received a Welcome Pack? For a copy of the welcome pack please contact the Parish Council office. Telephone 01277 350887.

## VILLAGE WALKS

Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks are available free of charge from the parish council.

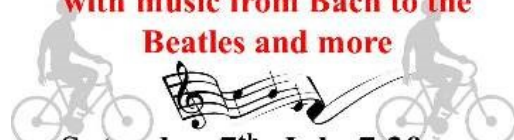
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MARGARETTING PARISH CHURCH ESSEX

Present

**SongCycle**

*The all singing all cycling male voice quartet*

**An evening of light entertainment  
with music from Bach to the  
Beatles and more**



**Saturday 7th July 7.30pm**

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, CM4 0ED

**Tickets £10 (Incl. Interval refreshments)  
From Michael Scott – 01277 354821 or at the door**



**SongCycle** are: *The all singing all cycling male voice quartet*  
Brian Lynn Richard Baker Nick Rayner Sam Adams



## Margaretting Village Hall

### What's on April and May 2018

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

#### Mondays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall  
Dog Training 5 – 10pm - Main Hall  
Home-schooling Group April 9th and 23rd - 12:30–2:30pm – Main Hall  
Margaretting Crafters April 9th & May 14th - 7:30 pm - Chelmer Room  
Margaretting Friends April 16th & May 21st - 7pm - Chelmer Room

#### Tuesdays

Art Class 10am–12pm and 2pm–4pm - Chelmer Room  
Yoga 1.30pm–3.00pm – Main Hall  
Fit 4 Action 9.15–10.15am – Main Hall  
Barnraisers April 3rd & 17th and May 1st & 15th – Meeting Room  
Parish Assembly May 8th - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room  
Eastern Angles 'Guesthouse' May 22nd - 7.30pm

#### Wednesdays

Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30 - Main Hall  
French Class 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room  
Over 60's Club 2-4pm April 4th & 18th and May 2nd, 16th and 30th  
Bingo April 11th & 25th and May 9th & 23rd - 7.30 - Main Hall  
Village Hall AGM – May 16th – 7:30 – Chelmer Room

#### Thursdays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall  
Art Class 10am – 12pm - Chelmer Room  
Flower arranging 11.30am – 1.30pm – Main Hall  
Hot Pod Yoga 6pm -8pm – Main Hall  
Parish Council 7.30pm April 12th and May 10th - Meeting Room

#### Fridays

Barnraisers 9:30 – 12:30 – Main Hall  
Keep Fit Class 7pm – 8pm – Main Hall  
Quilters Guild Coffee Morning 10-12noon April 13th – Meeting Room

#### Saturdays

Margaretting Friends Coffee Morning 10-12 noon April 21st & May 19th  
Pirouette School of Dance – 9am – 1:30 – Main Hall

#### Sundays

Ingatestone Elim Church – 9am – 1pm - Main Hall  
Loose Threads - April 8th and May 13th – 9:30am-6pm – Main Hall

**For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on  
07794 187741 or [margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com)**

### APRIL AND MAY RECYCLING

**Food waste** - Every Tuesday  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
Tuesday 3rd and 17th April  
Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th May  
**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
Tuesday 10th and 24th April  
Tuesday 8th and 22nd May

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Wednesday 4th and 18th April  
Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th May  
**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
Wednesday 11th and 25th April  
Wednesday 9th and 23rd May

#### PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

**Parish Council Office**  
**Margaretting Village Hall**  
Wednesday, 4th April  
6pm - 7:30pm  
Saturday, 19th May  
10:30am - 12 noon

#### MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to their  
Village Coffee Morning on  
**Saturday 21st April**  
**Saturday 19th May**  
10.00am to 12 noon  
At the Village Hall in the Chelmer Room  
Local Honey and produce available  
Bric-a-Brac, books, Remus Charity Stall  
All welcome

#### MOBLE CUSTOMER SERVICES

**Margaretting Village Hall**  
**Wednesday 30th May - 2 to 3pm**

- Get help with benefits and Council Tax
- Report environmental problems
- Free replacement recycling sacks and dog waste bags
- Discuss local issues

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**MOBILE LIBRARY** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. 5th and 19th April and 3rd, 17th and 31st May at 2.15-2.30pm in Maldon Road in the lay-by opposite the playing field.

**TRUST BUS** Margaretting to Ingatestone, Friday mornings leaving the Pond, Main Road at 9.55am, Orton Close at 10.00am and returning from Ingatestone at approximately 11.00am.  
The Trust bus will run to Tesco on Fridays at 11.15am from Orton Close and returning from Tesco at 1pm.

**Please note, the Trust bus is for anyone who needs it, not just for pensioners.  
Because of insurance terms, passengers must be 'members' and are required to supply their name and address to the driver. Membership is free to passengers.**

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