



MARGARETTING NEWS

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VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

Meet at 10am outside the Black Bull. Gloves, litter picks and sacks provided.

EASTERN ANGLES

TUESDAY 9 APRIL (7.30pm)

Margaretting Village Hall

“The Long Life & Great Good Fortune of John Clare”

To book your seats please telephone Jennie or Michael Scott on 01277 354821. Tickets £8. No concessions.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS TABLE TOP SALE

**Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
Margaretting Village Hall
10.00am to 12 noon**

We've all got a lot of things we want to get rid of but don't want to chance the weather so come and join us in the village hall.

Pre-booking of tables only. Sellers can set up from 8am. Tables available for Margaretting residents at £7.50 each; all others at £10 each. Refreshments available.

The fee charged for the tables will go towards the cost of the hire of the hall and advertising the event. Pre-booking of tables only or further information – contact Lynn on 01277 355575

Raising funds for projects in Margaretting

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room in the village hall. All are invited.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

- Sunday, 7th April 10am - Parish Communion
- Sunday, 14th April 4pm - Family Service
- Sunday, 21st April 10am - Holy Communion

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

For many centuries, the bells have been rung at the church, calling people to worship. There is a unique set of four pre-Reformation bells, varying in diameter from 30” to 37 ½” and in weight from 5 ½ to 10 ½ cwts. These bear Latin inscriptions. In date order they are: 1392-1418 “A” – “Let the name of the Lord be blessed”. This could possibly be the oldest bell in Essex. 1418-1440 “Tenor G” – “For many years let John's bell resound” 1506-1522 “B” which carries a foundry shield which identifies it as made in Houndsditch. “St Margaret pray for us”.

1523-1558 Treble “C” – “St John pray for us”. At the 1931 restoration, and for the first time in 400 years, the bells were taken down, tuned and provided with entirely new fittings: re-hung a storey lower, making them safer and giving room for a fifth bell.

In 1996 the Essex Association of Change Ringers made a generous grant towards the cost in memory of one of its former member, George Eve. This was supplemented by a memorial fund which has been raised in memory of Leslie Catter-

well. He was a former church warden and Tower Captain and was responsible for re-starting bell ringing after a lengthy period of inactivity. The fifth bell was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. We are very fortunate to have a small but dedicated team of ringers who ring for morning services. They will also ring for weddings if requested and booked ahead. If anyone is interested in ringing, I am sure you will be warmly welcomed.

Foodbank: Showing Jesus through practical care. If anyone is interested in hearing more about the work the Brentwood Foodbank do and how we can support it, I invite you to a short presentation to be held at St Edmund and St Mary Parish Church, Ingatestone on Thursday 18th April at 8.00 pm. This is where we give our Harvest donations so that local people can benefit from food parcels.

We continue to pray for the community and in April we will be praying for:

- 7th April: Church Lane
- 14th April: Coptfold Hall Drive
- 21st April: The Black Bull

Rev'd Jean 01277 354359

COMIC RELIEF

Lexie Wood would like to say ‘thank you’ to everyone who contributed and supported her in raising funds this year for Comic Relief. Lexie made and decorated 190 cupcakes and sold them around the village, making £70 for Comic Relief.

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE SHOW

FAMILY FUN DAY AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 13 July - 1pm to 4pm - Margaretting Village Hall

We hope people have had a chance to start planting and growing their vegetables for the show. Don't forget to put the date in your diary.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH MEETING

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Essex Bridleways Association has been contacted for help and advice on the problems experienced on Bridleway 43. Bollards have been removed from Footpath 43 (Swan Lane). This will be reported to the Public Rights of Way Officer.

VILLAGE SITES

Lavender Bank: Still awaiting further quotations for the supply and installation of railway sleepers.

War memorial site: We accepted the cheapest quotation for pruning the war memorial's two trees. Pruning to be completed this month.

Village Pond: The plants have been cut back and the treatment to inhibit growth of the invasive pond weed will take place later this month.

Village Trees: The Jubilee Oak will be planted on the Maldon Road Green.

Grass Verges: There have been several complaints about dog owners allowing their dogs to mess on the grass verges. **See next page.**

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

We did not receive a grant from the V Festival. There was a misreading of our application and the village hall's application resulting in the authorisation of one cheque only. Agreed to seek funding advice from the RCCE and the Public Works Loan Board.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

Two new water troughs are to be installed in the allotments. The hedge between the allotments and the recreation field will be cut back later in the year. Concerns were expressed about the Leylandii trees touching the overhead electricity wires in the playing field. We agreed to remind Chelmer Housing Partnership that these particular trees are their responsibility. There has been no reported incidents in the recreation field or play area since the last meeting. The need for the young people to help fund raise for a skate board ramp was discussed. It was suggested the young people may like to put something in the newsletter asking for support and fund raising ideas.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Chelmsford City Council's Planning Committee has given planning permission for the scheme subject to a number of conditions. The Environment Agency is to keep the local community informed of progress as the scheme develops. **See below.**

Parish councillors who attended the planning meeting on 26 February reported on the outcome of the meeting. They said due to the poor quality of the PA system the officer presenting the report could not be heard clearly and it was equally difficult to hear comments and questions posed by the committee.

2013 BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We agreed to enter Margarettin in this year's competition.

CITY COUNCIL'S HIT SQUAD

We have asked for the grass and weeds growing over the footpaths in Main Road to be cut back.

ACCOUNTS

The end of year accounts predicted a final expenditure figure of £21,854 for the financial year 2012/2013.

The expenditure agreed this month was £474 (Clerk's salary and expenses).

PLANNING

(i) The following were received for comment:

13/00223/FUL - Durrants Farm, Maldon Road: Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement with new stables and associated store building.

13/01583/FUL - Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road: First floor rear extension to existing residential property to form two additional bedrooms.

13/00171/FUL - Haslemere, Maldon Road: Single storey rear extension.

(ii) The following decisions were noted:

13/00126/FUL - Ging House, Wantz Road. Construction of integral garage; single storey rear extension; oak framed car shelter with tiled roof.

Grant Planning Permission

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th April at 7.30pm.

CHELMSFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME STAGE A WORKS: MARGARETTING FLOOD STORAGE AREA

The following are extracts from the latest fact sheet published by the Environment Agency.

What Progress has been made? On 26 February 2013 planning permission for the construction of the flood storage area was granted, subject to the approval of a number of conditions. These conditions cover issues such as traffic management, landscaping, the methods adopted to manage archaeology and the removal of a redundant section of a war time pipeline.

What is happening now? We have been working closely with Margarettin Parish Council to develop a traffic management plan for Swan Lane. We are also discussing the possibility of replacing the walk boards at Whites Bridge. At Galleywood we have been discussing with the parish council a footpath to link the Common, the Stables Nursery and the Heritage Centre to the village.

To help manage archaeology we need to carry out a geophysical survey. Archaeology geophysical survey uses non-intrusive and non-destructive techniques to determine the presence or absence of anomalies likely to be caused by archaeological features, structures or deposits, as far as reasonably possible, within a specified area or site on land, in the inter-tidal zone or underwater. Geophysical survey determines the presence of anomalies of archaeological potential through measurement of one or more physical properties of the subsurface. The archaeological geophysical survey starts on 18 March and should last for one week.

How can you get involved or get in touch? To ensure that you know how the project is progressing we will produce further fact sheets, keep the website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/fas up-to-date and keep your parish council informed. We will also hold a public exhibition in May to further explain our proposals and provide you with an opportunity to meet the key people who will be working on the construction stage of the project.

Ian Dodson - Project Manager. Telephone: 01733 464316 E-mail: ian.dodson@environment-agency.gov.uk

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT - MARCH 2013

More good news – June Moore has agreed to represent the Over 60's on the committee and Andy Gillett, headmaster, has agreed to represent the village school.

The interior decorating has now been finished and everything looks very smart. We have accepted a quote to update the electrics to make the hall a safer place.

There was a slide show presentation to show how the hall has been used over the years. The indications are that the hall has been used more over the last year, but we are slightly down on income. This was to be expected as we reduced the cost of hiring for people living in the village. We will watch this trend, but we are hoping income will pick up. We have also been spending more than our income to get the hall looking smart, safe and

tidy, but we have £20,000 in reserve.

We also realised that the Chelmer room was not being used as much and decided to focus on getting more specific free advertising by improving our website and stressing the value of it as a meeting room. This will be discussed at our next full meeting. We are struggling to keep the 200 Club going.

We have organised the AGM which will be held in the Chelmer room on the 16th May at 7.30. We are inviting hall users to come and comment. As it is the most boring event of the year we have decided to have a little glass of wine and nibbles as compensation.

The committee will have a short meeting afterwards to appoint the officials. Do not forget you are all stakeholders in the village hall complex and we are managing it for you, so let us know what you think.

Michael Scott - 01277 354821

MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

This year is passing quickly as we enter the Summer Term with our sports day to look forward to, the village family fun day and our summer play. Last month was great fun and very busy. We enjoyed dressing up as various book characters for 'World Book Day'. Class 2 had a fabulous visit to the British Museum to see Egyptian artefacts in line with their topic. All those mummies were a great hit. Class 3 enjoyed their second visit to Hylands House for their art studies. Five sports students from Writtle College came to run an afternoon of various sports activities with Class 2 and 3. A lot of fun was had by all. More fun for the whole school doing 'something funny for money' for Red Nose Day as we all dressed up in our pyjamas. Finally Class 1 experienced a morning at Chelmsford Museum looking at various toys, some very old and precious and others they were allowed to play with. Will this term be as busy?

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our AGM saw the re-election of Rosemary Carter as our president for one further year. The secretary's annual report prompted a discussion on our various projects and money raised for charitable organizations. We gave donations to: The Stroke Association; Essex Search and Rescue; Children with Cancer; Orangutan Foundation; Help for Heroes, The Rainbow Trust and Margaretting's Jubilee Celebrations. In addition Margaretting Friends supported the Black Bull's Macmillan Coffee Morning, the village hall's Charity Bingo evenings, assisted with the catering for St Margaret's Church Open Weekend as well as providing teas and cakes for the Bazaar and Village Fun Day. We also joined Reverend Jean and Bishop Stephen carol singing in the village to raise funds for CHESS, planted bulbs in the lavender bank in Maldon Road and continued to look after the woodland garden in Orton Close.

BOOK CLUB

Kathryn Stockett's 'The Help' received a good review from our readers. The novel, set in Jackson Mississippi in 1962, reflects the experiences of black women employed as home helps by white families. It is a real page turner, beautifully written with believable characters. This month's chosen book for discussion is the 'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel.

DOG FOULING

When walking a dog you should be aware it is illegal to leave your dog's mess lying around in a public area. This includes all publicly accessible land. If a dog is in your care for any length of time, it is your responsibility to clean up its mess. Being unaware of the defecation or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces, is not a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces. There are no excuses! Always take dog bags with you and if used deposit them in the red bins or take the bags home and place them in your black bin. Do not throw your dog bags at the side of the road or in the trees. Please remember apart from the legal consequences of dog fouling there are health implications and the danger of people being injured by slipping on dog faeces.

APRIL COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste

Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th

Green box and card sack

Tuesdays 9th and 23rd

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesdays 3rd and 17th

Green box and card sack

Wednesdays 10th and 24th

MOTHERS UNION

Meetings are held in the Chelmer Room in village hall on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm - 4pm.

For more information contact Jill Needs on 01277 627078.

OVER 60S CLUB

Dennis and Steve, the local postmen, visited the club last month. They gave a very interesting talk and slide show about their trip to Kosovo when they took a lorry, as part of a convoy, to distribute aid to the poorest villages and schools of this war torn country. Later on in the month we welcomed two entertainers who had not been to the club before.

Our meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm in the village hall. If you would care to join us we'd love to see you. Please feel free to just drop in.

MUSIC ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON

Orlando Jopling will be visiting St Margaret's church on 23rd June at 3.00pm to give a recital of solo Bach for the cello to help raise funds for the church. We plan to have cream teas - all for £15 per ticket. For tickets or for more information please contact Jennie and Michael Scott on 01227 354821 or Revd Jean on 01277 354359 or e-mail jscott.scott@googlemail.com

BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

Chelmsford City Council is searching for Chelmsford's Best Kept Garden. If you love your garden, why not enter the competition. There are some exciting prizes and entry is free. Closing date for entries is Monday 3rd June 2013. Pick up a competition pack from the City Council's Customer Service Centre in Duke Street or telephone the NEAT Officer on 01245 606377 or download competition details and an entry form from: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/neat

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN APRIL WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am, 10.45-11.45am & 7.00-8.00pm in the Main Hall
(Easter Monday 9.30-10.30 only)
Margaretting Friends 15th 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 2nd, 16th and 30th 9.30-12.00 noon in the Meeting Room
Art Class 16th, 23rd and 30th 2-4pm in the Chelmer Room
Eastern Angles Play 9th 7.30pm in the Main Hall
M/S Society (Getting to Grips) 23rd and 30th 7pm in the Main Hall
- Wednesdays** **Over 60s Club** 3rd and 17th 2-4pm in the Main Hall
Bingo 10th and 24th 7.30pm in the Main Hall
Dance to Fitness 17th and 24th 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall
- Thursdays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the Main Hall
Parish Council Meeting 11th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room
Art Class 18th and 25th 9.30-1pm in the Chelmer Room
Mothers Union 18th 2-4pm in the Chelmer Room
Essex Handicraft (Quilling) 25th 7pm in the Chelmer Room
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 9.30-12noon in the Main Hall
- Saturdays** **Pirouette School of Dance** 13th 8.30am-1.30pm in the Main Hall
Pilates 6th and 20th 9.30am-11am in the Main Hall
Audio Visual (Photography Event) 27th 9am-5pm in the Main Hall
- Sundays** **Loose Threads Patchwork** 21st 9.30am-6pm in the Main Hall

*For further details or queries for private functions please contact
April Nixon on 07794 187741*

MOBILE LIBRARY: Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 11th and 25th March at 3.20-3.35pm in Maldon Road in the lay-by opposite the playing field.

SHOPPER BUS: Margaretting to Asda Supermarket, Chelmer Village - Tuesday mornings.
Margaretting to Tesco Supermarket, Wood Street - Thursday mornings.
Leaving Orton Close at 11.00am, Maldon Road at 11.02am, Main Road at 11.04am.

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 11.15am.

SECRET DEALERS

This popular antiques programme is back for a new series on ITV1 and it is looking for people in Essex with a passion for collecting to take part. If you are interested in taking part call 01179 707674 or e-mail: secretdealers@rdftv.com
You could have some of your possessions expertly valued with the opportunity of selling them commission free to one of their dealers.

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DIARY DATES

- Saturday, 6th April
Village Spring Clean
- Tuesday, 9th April
Eastern Angles Play
- Monday, 6th May
Table Top Sale
- Saturday, 11th May
Coach outing Wisley
- Thursday, 16th May
Village Hall AGM
- Sunday, 23rd June
Bach Cello Recital
- Saturday, 6th July
Coach outing to Kew
- Saturday, 13th July
Family Fun Day
- Wednesday, 11th Sept.
Coach outing to Anglesey
- Saturday, 23rd November
Christmas Bazaar

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