



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## August/September 2013

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

**August** - We are very grateful that, after several years raising money, we can celebrate having a toilet in the church as well as a small kitchen area. This is thanks to the generosity of church members as well as people from the village community. To say 'thank you' we are having a Celebration Songs of Praise and 'official' opening of the toilet. Archdeacon David Loman has very kindly agreed to come and 'do the honours' for us.

The service will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00 pm with refreshments. There may be some people who would like to attend but are unable to get to the church. A disability bus has been booked to collect anyone from the village who cannot get to church without help. Please can you give me your name and contact num-

ber by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August so we can arrange for the driver to collect you and then return you home after the service.

**September** - The Harvest Service is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am. Any food donations will once again be given to the Brentwood Food Bank for distribution amongst local families in need. The School Harvest Service will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am. Anyone is welcome to come and join us at church. The children will each have made a small floral arrangement and these will be displayed in the church.

Benefice Harvest Supper is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. There will be a short presentation on

behalf of CHSS, the local Chelmsford Charity for the homeless. Please let me know if anyone requires tickets for the meal. And, finally on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September there is a Benefice Songs of Praise Service at 10.00 am in the church. You are welcome to come and join us. We continue to pray for the community. In August and September we will be praying for:

- 4<sup>th</sup> August Bishops Court
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Pennys Lane
- 18<sup>th</sup> August Private Road, Widford
- 1<sup>st</sup> September The Tye
- 8<sup>th</sup> September over 60's Club
- 15<sup>th</sup> September Margaretting Friends

*Revd Jean 01277 354359*

The church services for August and September are listed on the back page.

### MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY



Here's a cheer and a massive thank you to everybody who contributed to the Margaretting Family Fun Day, incorporating the Horticultural show on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. This year's event was spectacularly attended with almost 400 adults through the gate and featured an unforgettable fly-past from the RAF's Spitfire; which brought a tear to the eye of many. This year's weather was a blessing to everyone involved due to last year's catastrophic downpour, not to mention the ice cream man who had a fantastic day selling his 99s. Kids enjoyed bouncing on castles, battling each other in sumo suits and petting the animals brought along by Gemma's Farm, whilst Mums partook in a glass of Pimms, a bowl of strawberries and browsing through the many stalls showcasing local produce; including pork from Durrants Farm, homemade cakes and preserves.



It's fitting to mention the success of the Bar and BBQ coordinated by The Black Bull Pub who sold out of everything before the end of the afternoon. The men were entertained by an extensive row of classic cars, American Chevvy's and a brand new tractor!

There were energetic performances from the local primary School, Gymrox, Alexander's school of dance and the Breeze Agility Dog Show. The village hall was filled with horticultural entries, mainly of the cooking categories due to the lack of weather

needed to grow successful

vegetables this season. Congratulations are in order to all of the locals who organized the event and helped out on the day as a dazzling profit was made!

*Jordanne Wood*





# MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JULY MEETING

## DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present.

## VILLAGE SITES

**War Memorial:** We agreed to remind Moody Homes Ltd that we have yet to hear from their insurers regarding the damage caused to the posts by one of Moody Homes vans on 2nd May.

**Bus Shelters:** We have not received any response to our request published in the newsletter for bus shelter cleaning help.

**See below.**

**Village Sign:** Three sign makers have been approached. Quotations depend on which materials we choose - cast aluminium or cast polyurethane. We agreed to explore all possibilities and look at signs in neighbouring villages before making a decision.

**Lavender Bank:** Land registry checks are currently being made by Essex County Highways to confirm whether or not this bank is privately or publicly owned.

## MAIN ROAD

We agreed to report to the neighbourhood police team complaints received that cars for sale are being parked on the public highway and on the hatched lines outside the school.

We agreed also to contact Highways about the outstanding improvement works scheduled for the path on Peacocks side of the road.

## MALDON ROAD

Reports were received that the Jubilee oak on the green is in need of attention. We agreed to see if one of the neighbours would keep a watchful eye on this oak. We agreed also to report to Highways complaints received that some of the double yellow lines have faded and cars are now being parked along the 'no waiting stretch' in this road.

## PARSONAGE LANE

We agreed to remind Highways of the need to sort out the ditch flooding problem reported in February.

## ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

We received RoSPA's annual inspection report. The state of the youth shelter seats was mentioned - these will be regalanised as soon as practicable. The report also included a comment that a bird had left its droppings on the children's slide.

There have been no reported incidents since the last meeting.

## ECC HIGHWAYS

We received a notice from Highways enquiring whether we had three priority schemes for consideration for funding.

We agreed there is a clear need for the introduction of traffic calming measures in Main Road but any proposals put forward should avoid further 'urbanizing' the village.

Past schemes submitted by the parish council included pedestrian refuge islands for Main Road; a shared space scheme for the crossroads (Maldon Road, Main Road and Wantz Road) and a mini roundabout at the crossroads. The concept of a shared use scheme was not considered. Reasons given were "Against Policy. On Priority Network - not appropriate. Not sufficient pedestrian flows to make a shared space scheme operate safely." We were also advised that the existing 40mph speed limit and road layout at the crossroads prevents the installation of a mini roundabout.

A request will therefore be submitted for a reduction in the speed limit for our village roads.

**See next page for background and further information.**

## ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:  
£484 (village grass cutting)  
£123 (Broadband)  
£89 (RoSPA)  
£55 (RCCE)

## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Applications for funding are currently being drawn up for: ECC's Community Initiative Fund; Essex Environment Trust; Thomas Amos Charity. We are also exploring the practicality of taking out a Public Works Loan.

## PLANNING

(i) The following applications were received for comment:

*13/05578/CAT* - Canford House, Wantz Road: Oak - southern boundary with Ponders. Reduce top height by 2m, cutting to suitable growing points;

Oak - centre of garden - crown reduce by 1.5-2m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points.

*13/05120/TPO* - Coppers, Pennys Lane: Oak - within driveway - reduce upper canopy by 3m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points; reduce lower canopy by 1m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points.

(ii) The following decisions were noted:

*13/00593/FUL* - 1, Ivy Cottage, Main Road: Retrospective application for an outbuilding.

Grant Planning Permission

*13/00698/CLOPUD* - Canterbury's Cottage, Main Road: Proposed double garage with home office building within cartilage of existing private dwelling.

Refused Planning Permission

*13/00480/FUL* - Tollgate Farm, Main Road: Single storey extension to provide annexe with 2 dormer windows and new roof over existing garage.

Refused Planning Permission

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12th September at 7.30pm  
There is no meeting in August.

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## BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE BLACK BULL

Do you have any spare time each month to help keep the bus shelter opposite the Black Bull looking clean and tidy? If you do please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. A small annual honorarium is being offered.  
Telephone: 01277 353181 or e-mail: [parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net](mailto:parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net)

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the parish council due to the resignation of Mrs Wendy Cant. Subject to no one calling an election during the period of the vacancy notice, the parish council will be free to advertise to co-opt to fill the vacancy. If you are interested in being co-opted onto the parish council please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Telephone: 1277 353181 or E-mail: [parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net](mailto:parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net)



# VILLAGE ROAD SPEED RESTRICTIONS/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

In 1998 the Margaretting Community Appraisal Report based on the results of a questionnaire (delivered to all households in the village in November 1997) included a paragraph on the advantages and disadvantages of living in Margaretting. It stated 'high on the list of disadvantages was the noise from the A12 and the railway, together with speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking. The Parish Council have been pursuing the problems of speeding and appropriate traffic calming measures with the Borough Council for some years and it is to be hoped that measures to reduce the speed limit in the village to 30mph with additional warning signs will be introduced in the near future.'

Over the sixteen years since the 1997 questionnaire was conducted there have been reports, campaigns and petitions requesting various measures to curb speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking in the village. The result of which has been the introduction of a number of initiatives: no waiting areas in Maldon Road (2005); two vehicle activation signs (2009/10); and two pedestrian refuge islands (2010/12) in Main Road. Some of these initiatives have not been welcomed by everyone in the community.

For example, in 2004 a number of residents in Maldon Road voiced their concerns about the parish council's request for the introduction of no waiting areas in Maldon Road and Main Road. They circulated a flier entitled 'Are you fed up with having Maldon Road used as a rat run?' Alternative suggestions put forward in the flier included the installation of traffic lights, speed bumps and the widening of Maldon Road by reducing the grassed areas.

In 2005 the Over 60s Club sent a petition to the Highways Cabinet Member (Rodney Bass) asking for his support in getting the speed limit reduced in Main Road. A similar request for his support was made by the parish council in 2005 and again in 2006. It was around this time also that residents in Writtle Road were involved in their long and unsuccessful campaign to have the speed limit reduced in Writtle Road.

In 2010 Highways carried out a county wide review of the speed limits for all A & B roads. The official result of which is still awaited. However, an e-mail recently received from Highways states '**The speed limit on this road (Main Road)**

**would have been checked during the recent Speed Limit Review, as were all A and B roads. I believe that the speed limit was deemed appropriate for the road.'**

If this is correct this is disappointing news especially considering central government's view that '**Fear of traffic can affect people's quality of life in villages and it is self-evident that villages should have comparable speed limits to similar roads in urban areas. It is therefore government policy that a 30 mph speed limit should be the norm in villages.'**

The parish council would welcome your comments as to whether or not you support the parish council's proposal to Highways that a reduction in the speed limit in the village to 30mph should be considered as a priority scheme for Margaretting. It should be noted that the Village Design Statement adopted in 2007 states '**The Highway Authority when proposing any traffic control measures at the crossroads should aim to avoid urbanizing influences such as traffic lights, pedestrian islands and bollards.'**

*Margaretting Parish Council*

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## BOOK CLUB

'The hundred-year-old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared' by Jonas Jonasson received good reviews. We liked Jonasson's easy style of writing and his hilarious accounts of the main character's ridiculous past adventures. It is a thoroughly enjoyable good feel book. A fun, tongue in cheek, easy to read novel. We meet again on 11th September to discuss Tracy Chevalier's 'The lady and the unicorn' and S.J. Watson's 'Before I go to sleep'.

## MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union meets again on 9th September when there will be a talk on 'Every day matters' by Dorothy Wells (Diocesan MU Speaker). For more information about meetings please ring Mrs Diana Bandy on 353178.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

The dates of our next two meetings are Monday, 19th August and 16th September. Both meetings are craft based. In August it will be a card making evening. We will be making cards to be sold at the Margaretting Church Christmas Bazaar in November. In September it will be a knit and natter evening - our annual chat including making items for the bazaar.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 27th September from 10.00am onwards in the Black Bull. Make time for what really matters. Come along and support this event.

## MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

As the school year begins we welcome the new reception class to our school and wish the best of luck for the future to all our Year 6 children that have left to start their time at secondary school. This term sees the school celebrating harvest festival, the Christmas bazaar and other exciting trips with more details to follow

## OVER 60S CLUB

On Wednesday, 7th August at the kind invitation of Mrs Peggy Leach we have our summer garden party which will include sandwiches and cakes, strawberries and cream and a bring and buy of home grown produce. Regular fortnightly meetings start again on Wednesday, 21st August. This will be a quiz and games afternoon. The dates for our September meetings are Wednesday, 4th and 18th. New members are always welcome. For more information please telephone Don or June Moore on 356126.



**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES  
AUGUST**

Sunday, 4th August - 10.00 am Holy Communion  
 Sunday, 11th August - 3.00 pm Celebration Songs of Praise  
 Sunday, 18th August - 10.00 am Holy Communion

**SEPTEMBER**

Sunday, 1st September - 10.00 am Holy Communion  
 Sunday, 8th September - 4.00 pm Family Service  
 Sunday, 15th September - 10.00 am Harvest Service Holy Communion  
 Sunday, 29th September - 10.00 am Benefice Songs of Praise

**DIARY DATES**

Sunday, 11th August - 3pm  
 Songs of Praise in the village church  
 Friday, 27th September - 10am onwards  
 Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Black Bull  
 Saturday, 28th September - 7pm  
 Benefice Harvest Supper in the village hall.  
 Saturday, 23rd November  
 Christmas Bazaar in the village hall

**VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER  
WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

**Monday** Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7-8pm (Main Hall)  
 Margaretting Friends August 19th 7.30pm (Chelmer Room)  
 Margaretting Friends September 16th 7.30pm (Chelmer Room)

**Tuesdays** Stitch & Chat August 6th & 20th 9.30-12 noon (Chelmer Room)  
 Stitch & Chat September 3rd & 17th 9.30-12 noon (Chelmer Room)  
 M/S Society August 27th 7pm (Main Hall)  
 M/S Society September 10th, 17th and 24th 7pm (Main Hall)  
 Art Class September 17th & 24th 2-4pm (Chelmer Room)

**Wednesday** Archery Club September 4th 7.30pm (Chelmer Room)  
 Bingo August 14th & 28th 7.30pm (Main Hall)  
 Bingo September 11th & 25th 7.30pm (Main Hall)  
 Dance to Fitness September 11th, 18th & 25th 9.30-10.30am (Main Hall)  
 Over 60s Club August 21st 2-4pm (Main Hall)  
 Over 60s Club September 4th and 18th 2-4pm (Main Hall)

**Thursday** Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7.30-8.30pm (Main Hall)  
 Village Hall Committee Meeting September 5th 7.00pm (Meeting Room)  
 Parish Council Meeting September 12th 7.30pm (Meeting Room)  
 Essex Handicraft September 26th 7.00pm (Meeting Room)

**Friday** Stitch and Chat 9.30-12noon (Main Hall)

**Saturday** Hindu Society August 31st 5pm in the Main Hall  
 Pirouette School of Dance September 14th 8.30am-1.30pm (Main Hall)  
 Harvest Supper September 28th 7.00pm in the Main Hall

**Sunday** Loose Threads Patchwork August 18th 9.30am-6pm (Main Hall)  
 Loose Threads Patchwork September 15th 9.30am-6pm (Main Hall)

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

**AUGUST AND  
SEPTEMBER  
COLLECTIONS**

**Black bin and food waste**  
 Every Tuesday

**Green box and card sack**  
**August**  
 Tuesdays 13th and 27th  
**September**  
 Tuesdays 10th and 24th

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
**August**  
 Tuesday 6th and 20th  
**September**  
 Tuesdays 3rd and 17th

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**August**  
 Wednesdays 7th and 21st  
**September**  
 Wednesdays 4th and 18th

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, August 8th and 22nd and September 5th and 19th 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.

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