



MARGARETTING NEWS

August/September 2016

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

7th August 11.00am Parish Communion

14th August NO SERVICE

21st August 11.00am Parish Communion

28th August No Service

4th September 11.00am Parish Communion

11th September NO SERVICE

18th September 11.00am Parish Communion

25th September NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

5pm Evensong with communion

5pm Evensong

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

5pm Evensong with communion

5pm Evensong

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services

For all enquiries contact Revd Celia - mobile telephone number 0784 215 1387

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - **Scratching the surface !**

Just last week I had to pop into Brentwood Hospital for a blood test. Having waited for 5 minutes or so a very kind Nurse called me in and said "just a scratch you will not feel a thing" she was of course right on both accounts.

Just a few weeks ago the results of "In" or "Out" referendum became known. Just a scratch maybe but so much lying dormant just under the surface. Surely this has highlighted the need for us as a Nation to ask the simple question who is my neighbour? Do we see the stranger or those

in need, or those who are different or do we just walk by. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the young man asking the same question who is my neighbour? The Samaritan had compassion, commitment, but there was a cost. May we also have compassion, commitment and be prepared to pay the cost. May you all know the Love and Peace of the Lord Jesus through this summer time.

Every blessing to you all. Revd Celia

THE BLACK BULL - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

'WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING'

FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER - 10AM TO NOON

EVERY POUND RAISED WILL HELP MACMILLAN FUND ITS VITAL SERVICES

Do put aside some time on the 30th September and join Julie, Marianne, Dave, Steve, neighbours and friends for a cup of coffee and cake. Funds raised for Macmillan will help make sure no one has to face cancer alone, from the moment they're diagnosed, through treatment and beyond.

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Village Projects, New phone number - '105'

CAR BOOT SALE

In aid of and at Margaretting Village Hall
Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 2016

Buyers from 10am
(Sellers from 9am)

Refreshments available

For further information 01277 355575

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JULY MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarett Community website. A parish councillor is on duty in the parish office on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 12 noon. The office telephone number is 01277 350887 This telephone is checked weekly on a Tuesday for messages. Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via email. Email address: parishcouncil.margarett@virgin.net

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Concerns raised and information shared included:

(i) Recent burglaries. Police warnings that rural villages are being targeted by criminals traveling from far away as Hampshire were discussed. Residents are advised to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activities to the Police. **See next page.**

(ii) Overgrown footpaths. A number of rights of way have become overgrown and access is proving difficult. Complaints will be forwarded to Essex County Council's Definitive Maps Officer (Laurence Page). It is the responsibility of the land owner to keep these footpaths clear for access, i.e. 'to make sure vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above'.

(iii) Anglia level crossing proposals. No further information on plans for the Parsonage Lane crossing is available.

MALDON ROAD ALLOTMENTS AND PLAYING FIELD

No reported incidents. We noted dog walkers using the field are choosing to drop their filled dog poo bags in the litter bins rather than the red bin provided at the entrance.

The number of dog poo bags being left in the litter bins has increased. The volunteer who empties the bins in the field reported that emptying the bins has now become a very unpleasant task. We agreed to remind all dog walkers to make use of the red bins. **See next page.**

VILLAGE ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Writtle Road. It was noted the number of parked cars in the road outside the village hall entrance is making it difficult for drivers leaving the hall grounds to see oncoming traffic.

Parsonage Lane. Nothing further to report on the maintenance of the green in front of Glenside Cottages.

Maldon Road. The problem associated with pavement parking continues.

Cllr Grundy agreed to contact Chelmsford City Council's Parking Enforcement Officers. The Police will be notified if a parked vehicle is deemed to be causing an obstruction.

Orton Close. A letter from a local resident in support of the young skateboarders using the car parking area was read out at the meeting.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Lavender Bank. We have received one response to our request for estimates.

Village Sign. Quotes are still being sought for a new sign.

Village Hall Road Sign: Still waiting for a response from ECC Highways to our request for a breakdown of the £2,000 estimate to provide and install a road sign at the crossroads.

Cllr Grundy will chase up our request.

Village Pond: The Conservation Volunteers will be clearing the pond of weed on Thursday 4th August.

Bus Shelters: The shelter opposite the Red Lion will be painted this summer. A working party of volunteers will sweep and clean the other shelters.

Red Telephone Boxes: The box at the Tye has been purchased for £1 under BT's 'adopt a kiosk' scheme. It will be reused as a book exchange booth. The red box by the pond will be given a general clean this summer.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

We received and approved the final accounts for the June celebration. As the sponsorship and donations exceeded expectations it was agreed to ask the sponsors if they would support a parish council proposal to donate the surplus funds to the Margarett Relief in Need Trust.

FLOODING

The recent flooding by the Red Lion and lack of any warning from the Environment Agency (EA) was discussed. It was agreed to contact the EA to report and discuss residents' concerns which included:

Difficulties in getting hold of sandbags to lay in the doorways.

Margarett Brook not being cleared for several years and this being thought a contributory factor to the flooding.

HYLANDS HOUSE FIREWORKS

Complaints about the noise from late night fireworks being let off on week nights will be reported to Chelmsford City Council.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

It was agreed to consult on the list of village projects currently on hold and to ask the community if there are any other projects they would wish to see considered. **See next page.**

ACCOUNTS - 2016/2107

Expenditure agreed this month:

Bookers (paper towels)	£13
Currys (computer leads)	£10
Homebase (padlock)	£15
Queen's 90th (Punch & Judy)	£175
Queen's 90th (magician)	£200
RCCE subscriptions	£66

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received for comment:

16/00954/FUL - Ivy Hill Hotel - Site at The Studio. Proposed demolition of existing barn and reconstruction to form staff accommodation including conversion of adjacent existing office into staff accommodation.

16/00945/FUL - Coptfold Hall Farm, Writtle Road: Change of use from B1/B8 (office, storage and distribution) to a mix of B1/B8 and Sui Generis (all other uses).

16/00638/FUL - 6 Bank End, Maldon Road: (amended plans) to front porch, two storey front, side and rear addition with two first floor windows.

The following planning decisions were noted:

16/00799/FUL - The Willows, Private Road: Raising of roof to create first floor, rear dormer and balcony.

Planning permission granted

16/00769/FUL - Furze Lodge, Writtle Road: Alterations and extension to existing garage.

Planning permission granted

16/00655/FUL - Barr House, Writtle Road: Demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of two storey detached dwelling with detached garage. Planning permission granted

16/00829/FUL - 4, Whitesbridge Cottages, Maldon Road: Two storey side and rear extension.

Planning permission refused

16/00701/FUL - Beech Lorne, Wantz Road: Single and two storey side extension. Planning permission granted

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Margaretting Friends invite you to a village coffee morning on Saturday, 20th August and Saturday, 17th September at the village hall - in the Chelmer Room - 10.00am to 12 noon. Local Honey and other produce available. Remus Charity Stall. Bric a Brac and books. All are welcome.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

The Friends meet every third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall.

On Monday 15th August we welcome Jodie Phelps to our meeting. Jodie will be demonstrating and showing us how to make door wreaths. Later in the month, on Tuesday 23rd August, we are booked into the Black Bull for a summer meal.

In September, on Monday 19th, we have a talk by Tracy Mackness from Giggly Pigs. Tracy is an Essex bad girl turned good. She is now the owner of the successful 'Farm to Fork' Giggly Pig Company with its distinctive pink and black vans, and its slogan 'No fat or crap in our sausages'! All are welcome. For more information contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

We meet in the Chelmer Room on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Bring along a project and enjoy company whilst you do the work; or do you need help with say knitting or crocheting? Maybe another member will be able to help you; or are you interested in another craft we may be able to find a speaker for? The dates for our next two meetings are Monday 1st August and Monday 5th September. All are welcome.

OVER 60S CLUB

We are small friendly group of men and women who meet in the village hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. Our afternoon activities are led by members of our committee. In addition we put aside certain dates throughout the year for special get togethers and lunches - in July we enjoyed a summer garden party and in August we look forward to a ploughman's lunch. In August we meet on Wednesday the 3rd (Don's quiz), 17th (Phyllis's ploughmans) and 31st (Rosemary's choice). In September we meet on Wednesday the 14th (games afternoon) and 28th (a Rosemary's choice afternoon).

For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What Operation Christmas Child boils down to is a gift, given by you to a child in need. You pack it in a shoe box and Samaritan's Purse International Relief sends it. Operation Christmas Child works by taking your gift filled shoebox - packed, wrapped and taken to a local drop off point - and hand delivering it to a child in need. **Lynn Cameron is the co-ordinator for the shoeboxes from Margaretting.**

Every year Operation Christmas Child is made possible through the amazing support of thousands of children and adults in the UK and Ireland. Your continued support for this initiative will bring joy into the lives of children in some of the toughest parts of the world.

CALLING ALL DOG WALKERS

If you walk your dog around the Village Hall recreation field or the Maldon Road playing field please remember to keep your dog on its lead, to take a doggy poo bag with you and to pick up after your dog. Please put the bag in the red bins provided at the entrances. Please, please do not put doggy poo bags in the litter bins. Remember these are village public spaces and the litter bins are emptied by village volunteers. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Just a reminder there is still a vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested in being co-opted onto the parish council and would like some more information please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to the Parish Council. Telephone: 01277 350887 or e-mail: parish-council.margaretting@virgin.net. Alternatively go along to the next meeting and see at first hand the parish council at work.

PARISH COUNCIL DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 8th September at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the village hall. There is no meeting in August.

ESSEX POLICE - HELP BEAT THE BURGLAR

Is your home as safe as it can be? There are simple steps you can take to ensure it is. Don't give thieves a chance!

Tips to beat burglary:

- Fit 5 lever mortice locks on external doors
- For all other doors and windows, fit secure locks and take extra care when locking up.
- Make your property look occupied at all times - use automatic light timers.
- Consider installing an alarm - homes with alarms rarely get burgled.
- Consider installing external lighting.
- When leaving the property remove keys from locks and place out of sight.

New trend alert:

Burglars break into properties to steal car keys - to deter this follow the same safety precautions as above and in addition consider the following:

- Avoid leaving car keys near a door or window where they can be seen.
- Lock your car in a garage or behind a locked gate if possible.
- Consider purchasing a tracker device for your vehicle.

For further security advice, contact Essex Police on 01245 491491

EMERGENCY: 999

NON EMERGENCY: 101

WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.essex.police.uk

MARGARETTING RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

Financial support for local students in further education

If your family lives in the Margaretting area and has a low income, the Trust might be able to help with a modest contribution towards travel or other costs. Please write to the Clerk, Elizabeth Smith, at 3 Maldon Road, Margaretting CM4 9JG, briefly explaining your circumstances and the suggested contribution, and the Trustees will give consideration to your request.

FAMILY FUN DAY AND VILLAGE SHOW



Five of the show's organisers taking a well earned break. All dressed 1940s vintage style for the occasion with home front inspired bandana updos, polka dots, blouses, overalls and dungarees. Needless to say this year's fun day and village show once again lived up to its well earned reputation. With its fantastic variety of stalls, excellent entertainment and high standard of show entries it turned out to be the best year yet. The fly past prompted a lot of oohs and ahhs, the Punch and Judy show, tug of war and scruffy dog competitions were a lot of fun. The Blue Falcons' gymnastic displays were superb as was the country dancing performed by the pupils of Margaretting school. A member of the school staff is to be congratulated for stepping in at the last moment to give an impressive solo performance and first class rendition of 1940s songs. Margaretting Friends came up trumps in the Chelmer room serving cups of tea and home made cakes. Out on the field we were spoilt for choice with a wide range of refreshments to choose from - the glasses of cool Pimms and other beverages on offer were popular choices and went down a treat! It is estimated that over 350 people supported this year's event which was the 70th anniversary of our village show.

CREAM TEA AT THE VICARAGE

A big thank you is owed to Revd Celia and Mike for hosting the cream tea afternoon last month and to the folk who baked the delicious cakes and scones, made the sandwiches and poured out all those cups of tea. The afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

In the Parish Office at the village hall.

Saturday, 20th August (10.30 to 12 noon).

Cllr Teresa Paoli-Burke will be in attendance.

Saturday, 17th September (10:30 to 12 noon).

Cllr Lynn Edwards will be in attendance.

BOOKS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to the lady who responded to my request in the last newsletter. I am sorry I did not get back to your message on my answerphone but unfortunately you did not leave me a name or telephone number to get back to you and someone else called me before I was able to pick up the details from 1471. If you would care to call again and leave me the details, we would still be pleased to receive your donation. These donations are more important than ever at the moment as we have a major repair to carry out to the hot water system in the ladies loos and are trying for grants to help with the cost.

Lynn Cameron

BOOK CLUB

We enjoyed reading 'The Twilight Hour' by Nicci Gerrard and 'The Mermaid's Chair' by Sue Monk Kidd. However, we were disappointed with the secret revealed in Nicci Gerrard's novel and we thought Sue Monk Kidd's novel wasn't as convincing as her previous bestseller 'The Secret Life of Bees'. We gave 'The Twilight Hour' 3½ stars and 'The Mermaid's Chair' 2½ stars.

We are currently reading Khaled Hosseini's novel 'And the Mountains Echoed' and Stephen Fry's second autobiography 'The Fry Chronicles'. The next book on our reading list is 'A god in ruins' by Kate Atkinson.

For more information about the Book Club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

BBQ AT THE VICARAGE

This will take place on Saturday, 3rd September at the Vicarage at 1pm. All are invited. Please could people ring Revd Celia on 0784 215 1387 if they would like to come along. This will give an idea of actual numbers to cater for.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's bazaar is on Saturday, 19th November in the village hall. If you would like to set up a craft stall or are willing and able to help out at the bazaar please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

FIDELIO SINGERS CONCERT

Last month's concert in St Margaret's church was a huge success - a feast of vocal excellence! The audience loved the Fidelio Singers' performance and their choice of known and not so well known songs. The choir is to make a welcome return to the church in December for a carol concert. This will be a special event not to be missed.

Date and time to appear in the next newsletter.

HOW TO REPORT INCIDENTS OR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE

Listed below are some helpful tips that may assist you when calling Essex Police.

What number do I use to call Essex Police?

If someone is committing a crime at the time call **999**.

The Non Emergency number is **101**

If you are victim of crime try to touch as little as possible until the police arrive.

What information will help the Police?

A description of the suspect(s)

Male/Female, Ethnicity

Clothing (any patterns or logos)

Age, Height, Build, Hair colour/style

Was the suspect holding anything, goods/backpack?

Tattoos, glasses, beard

Give any directions that the suspect is heading towards.

Do not worry if you do not have answers to all the above, just try to remember as much as you can.

Keep pen and pad to hand if it helps you.

Vehicle information

Try to make note of the following

Index number

Make

Model Number

Was the vehicle sign written?

Direction of travel.

DAYS WHEN FLAGS ARE FLOWN IN MARGARETTING AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

The Union Jack or Union Flag is flown on:

The Queen's birthday - April 21st

The Queen's official birthday - beginning of June

Village Fun Day and Horticultural Show Day - 2nd Saturday in July

Prince Charles birthday - November 14th

Remembrance Day - November 11th

A villager's 100th birthday - do let the flag master (Maurice Wright) know if there are any 100th birthdays

The following days all have their own flags:

St David's Day - March 1st

St Patrick's Day - March 17th

St George's Day - April 23rd

St Andrew's Day - November 30th

MOBILE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICE

Village Hall Foyer - 2pm to 3pm

Wednesdays, 31st August and 14th September

The service is free and offers help and advice on a range of enquiries including:

- advice on how to seek help with housing benefit or Council Tax
- reporting environmental problems
- FREE replacement recycling sacks and dog waste bags
- providing information on leisure and local issues and much more

What can you do to help reduce incidents of crime?

Be extra observant. The only people who really know the area in which you live are those who live there.

The Police may not note a suspicious person within your road, but you probably would.

Have you noticed anyone hanging around the area?

These persons may be on foot, on a bike or in a vehicle.

Have you noticed a tool or a piece of equipment that has been discarded?

This may have been used to commit a crime.

Have you noticed anything in an odd location and thought it strange? Then report it **101**

Did you hear something?

Perhaps you may have heard a noise during the evening or at night. Have a look out your window. If you note someone or a vehicle acting suspiciously then please call Essex Police straight away. Do not think that you are wasting Police time.

Did you over hear something?

Perhaps you may have over heard someone talking about a burglary or crime and can share the information with us.

UK POWER NETWORKS '105'

On September 6th a new national phone number "105" will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

"105" is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Customers will be able to call "105" no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.

More information on this new national phone number will be available after 6th September.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

For a number of years the parish council has had several projects on hold.

The list of projects includes:

- New village sign (by the pond)
- Village hall road sign (for the crossroads)
- Railway sleepers for the lavender bank
- Village Gateways

More recently two new projects have been considered and added to the list:

- Notice board (Maldon Road playing field)
- Railings for the play area

In July the parish council discussed applying for grants to fund the costs of some of these projects. However, members of the parish council agreed the community should be consulted first and asked for their comments and suggestions for other projects to be included.

If you have any comments or suggestions please let a member of the parish council know.



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on in August and September

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm (Main Hall) Not 29th August Bank Holiday

Yoga - 8.15 – 9.15pm (Main Hall)

Crafters - 1st August & 5th September – 7.30pm (Chelmer Room)

Margaretting Friends - 15th August & 19th September – 7.30pm (Chelmer Room)

BOOT SALE in aid of Village Hall - Bank Holiday 29th August - 10am

Tuesdays

No Art or Yoga Class in August

Yoga starts 13th September – 1.30pm-3pm (Main Hall)

Art starts 13th September – 10am-12noon and 2-4pm (Chelmer Room)

Barnraisers - 2nd & 16th August - 9.30am – 12.30pm (Meeting Room)

Barnraisers - 5th & 19th September - 9.30am – 12.30pm (Meeting Room)

Combat Academy - 2nd & 16th August - 7-9pm (Main Hall)

Combat Academy - 13th & 27th September - 7-9pm (Main Hall)

Wednesdays

No Dance to Fitness or French class in August. September dates to be confirmed

Over 60's Club - 3rd, 17th & 31st August – 2 - 4pm (Main Hall)

Over 60s Club - 14th & 28th September – 2 - 4pm (Main Hall)

Bingo – 10th & 24th August, 7th & 21st September - 7.30pm (Main Hall)

Dance to Fitness - 9.30-10.30am (Main Hall)

Archery meeting - 7th September - 7.30 (Meeting Room)

Thursdays

No Art Class in August. Art classes start 15th September 10am-12noon (Chelmer Room)

Pilates 9.30–10.30am (Main Hall)

Hot Pod Yoga 6pm-7.30pm (Main Hall)

Parish Council - 8th September - 7.30pm (Meeting Room)

Jazz Band practice - 15th September - 7pm (Chelmer Room)

Fridays

Barnraisers 9.30am – 12.30pm (Main Hall)

Saturdays

Village Coffee Mornings - 20th August and 17th September- 10am– 12 noon

Parish Council Surgery - 20th August & 17th September - 10.30-12 noon (Parish Office)

Pilates - 6th & 20th August & 3rd & 17th September - 9.30-11am (Main Hall)

Cricket - 6th & 13th August and 3rd September - 12 noon

Pirouette School of Dance - 10th September - 8.30am-1.30pm (Main Hall)

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork - 7th August & 4th September - 9.30am-6pm (Main Hall)

**For further details or queries for private functions
contact April Nixon (Booking Secretary) on 07794 187741**

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER RECYCLING

DATES

Black bins and food waste

Tuesdays

Green box and card sack

9th & 23rd August

6th & 20th September

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

2nd, 16th & 30th August

13th & 27th September

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste

Wednesdays

Green box and card sack

August 10th & 24th

September 7th & 21st

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

3rd, 17th and 31st August

14th & 28th September

DIARY DATES

CAR BOOT SALE

Margaretting Village Hall

Bank Holiday Monday

29th August - 10am

MACMILLAN COFFEE

MORNING

The Black Bull

Friday, 30th September

10am to 12noon

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Margaretting Village Hall

Saturday, 19th November

1pm to 4pm

FIDELIO SINGERS

CAROL CONCERT

St Margaret's church

Date and time in December

to be confirmed

MOBILE LIBRARY

Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons.

4th and 18th August and 1st, 15th and 29th September

at 2.15-2.30pm in the Maldon Road 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.

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