



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## August 2015

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday, 2nd August  
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 9th August  
NO SERVICE

Sunday, 16th August  
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 23rd August  
NO SERVICE

Sunday, 30th August  
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#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Evening Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

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9.30am Benefice Service

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

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NO SERVICE

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

### GEORGE WHITE 1920-2015



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of George White. George was a very kind and gentle person, a big supporter of village life and events. He was held in high regard by all who came into contact with him. Every year on Remembrance Sunday when we gathered around the war memorial George, a veteran of the 2nd world war, would be asked to recite those well known words 'When you go home, tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today'. On this occasion he would wear his Burma Star, India Star and two service medals.

### Thought for the day

#### High and Dry

The Jolly Sailor Pub at Maldon has wonderful views over the Blackwater River just the place for a quiet summer evening drink. That is just where I found myself last week and looking at the view in front of me I realised that something was missing. Where had all the water gone? The tide was out and an abundance of mud was to be seen everywhere. So many boats high and dry just sitting on the mud waiting for the tide to come back in. In many ways this could be a picture of life the tide seems to have gone out with all the busyness, problems and rush of life leaving us high and dry. What is needed is for the tide to come back in and re float us. Our Lord Jesus Christ came to give us life in all its fullness His love is like the river that comes in and re floats us. This river of love sustains us through all that life may throw at us and keeps us afloat.

Every Blessing

*Revd Celia*

Art, Craft and Flower Festival at St.Giles Church, Mountnessing  
Saturday, 29th August to Monday, 31st August 2015  
For more details please contact Rita on 01277 352237

George joined the RAF at the age of 18 years. He was stationed in Scotland before going overseas to India, Burma and Singapore. As a Leading Aircraftman one of his many war time duties included cooking breakfast for the pilots! In his later years George was regarded as Margaretting's sage on all things 'allotments' and 'growing your own'. The younger allotment holders always turned to him for advice. George's record for the numbers of cups and prizes won at the horticultural shows is legendary. Over the years he won 24 cups - winning the Magness Cup 6 times. Our condolences go out to his wife Lilly, his sons and their families. George and Lilly were married for 66 years. Together they enjoyed supporting and taking part in village events. As founder members of the Over 60s Club they were actively involved in its success. George will be sorely missed by all his friends and family. We will all miss his presence in the village.

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## MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY 2015

2015's Margarettling Family Fun Day was a massive success just like last year. On the 11th of July over 350 adults joined in with all the fun along with their children. This year's Family Fun Day was the second year to be advertised online as well as large posters dotted around Margarettling village and posters in all bus stops. The field had a variety of stalls such as face painting, cupcakes, BBQ, Bar, jewellery, accessories and much more. There were also many activities to watch throughout the day for example tug of war, holding snakes, dog show, a dance performance and May pole dancing by the local primary school.



Not forgetting classic cars and a spectacular flypast from a Spitfire and a Hurri-Bomber. Both airplanes flew over three times and came very low just for our entertainment.



The whole day was organised by very helpful and energetic volunteers from the village. A big thanks to The Black Bull Pub for organising the Bar. We had great weather this year being 27° for most of the day. Another thing that heated up this year was the hall for horticultural entries, we had more than last year and many cups were given away. We hope that viewing everything on the day encouraged many more people to get growing and cooking ready for next year. The judges are already looking forward to it!

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the day and everyone who came bright and early to make the day such a big success.

Here's to next year!

*Lexie Wood*

## BOOK CLUB

We gave last month's book 'Far from the Madding Crowd' by Thomas Hardy 4 stars! This month we are reading another Victorian novel, George Eliot's 'Silas Marner'. Next month's choice is 'The Invention of Wings' by Sue Monk Kidd. If you would like to know more about the book club please contact Penny on 356182.

## MARGARETTING LUNCH CLUB

Saturday, 12 September

A new venture for Margarettling which is being planned by Revd Celia. The lunch club will be for people in the community who live alone and would welcome an opportunity to have a lunch time meal with others. The first meeting of the lunch club will be held at 1pm on Saturday, 12 September in The Vicarage, Penny's Lane. Please telephone Revd Celia on 0784 215 1387 to let her know you are coming so she has some idea about numbers.

## OVER 60S CLUB

Thanks are due to Peggy for hosting our July garden party. A sudden downpour on the day meant having to move the party indoors. The wet weather didn't stop us enjoying ourselves and the cream tea plus Peggy's hospitality were appreciated by all. This month on Wednesday, 5th August we look forward to our ploughman's lunch - it will be a 1.30pm start for this meeting. On 19th August Brian Billins will be giving his talk on 'East End Police'. Club meetings take place fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon in the village hall from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. For more information contact Don or June on 356126



## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

If you are interested in being co-opted onto the parish council please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01277 350887.

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