



MARGARETTING NEWS

August 2017

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

6th August - No service	9:30am Morning Prayer	8:30am Holy Communion
13th August - No service	9:30am Parish Communion	11:15am Matins
20th August 11.15am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	3.30pm Evensong with Communion
27th August - No service	9.30am Parish Communion	3.30pm Evensong

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

PLEASE NOTE IN AUGUST THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE CHURCH SERVICE IN MARGARETTING

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH NEWS

Margaretting school, as a Church of England Primary School, has strong links with St Margaret's. In July each year the Year 6 children take part in a special service during the week they leave school. They are also presented with a leavers gift from the church. This year each Year 6 pupil received a Youth Bible as a leaving gift from the church. We would like to wish all Year 6 pupils every happiness and success in their new schools.

Since May this year members of the church support group committee and St Margaret's PCC have been following up the 2014 quinquennial list of repairs requiring attention. The most urgent of which has been a project to investigate and eliminate the cause of a large damp patch on one of the church walls. This particular project resulted in missing roof tiles being replaced, a new drain hopper installed and a section of an internal wall repaired and repainted.

Next on the 'church project' list are repairs to the plaster to the head of the Jesse window arch in the Chancel East Wall, cleaning the window (by a specialist cleaner) and lightly cleaning the pargetting. A huge thank you is due to the support group - the PCC would struggle without your help. The church support group committee is planning to hold some fund raising events in the church next year. 'Songcycle' has been booked for the evening of Saturday, 8th July 2018. Details nearer the date! 'Songcycle' is a much sought-after local group with a fantastic repertoire of well known songs.

MARGARETTING COMMUNITY CUP

This year's 'Philip Torr Margaretting Community Cup' has been awarded to Maurice and Maddy Wright who have lived and been part of this village practically their whole lives. Over the years Maurice and Maddy have been instrumental in the success of many clubs and committees, and still are today at 87 and 81 respectively.

To name a few: the parish council, village hall committee, Margaretting in Need Trust, Margaretting Horticultural Society, being flag master, running the fortnightly bingo, delivering the newsletter, supporting the church, making and selling handicrafts at the church bazaar, being a school class assistant and making costumes for the numerous plays.

Their help at village events can always be relied on. The Family Fun Day and Horticultural Show last month saw Maurice running the bottle tombola and Maddy registering the show entries in the morning, helping with the judging and the sorting out cup winners for the show opening.

Their commitment to the village and each other and their family is to be commended.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

If you would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor and what will be expected of you please get in touch with the clerk to the parish council or a member of the parish council. Contact details are on the parish office notice board at the village hall.

GET GROWING GET AN ALLOTMENT

Want to eat fresh vegetables? Want to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and regular exercise? If so, allotment gardening could be the answer.

Digging, planting and nurturing fruit and vegetables can be fun whilst also being good exercise and therapeutic. There is one allotment available to rent at £7.50 per year.

For more details please contact the clerk to Margaretting Parish Council. Telephone 01277 350887 or Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JULY MEETING

The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarettling 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.

Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via email. Email address: parishcouncil.margarettling@virgin.net

A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office on Saturday 19th August - 10:30am to 12noon.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

One member of the public present.

The issues raised and discussed were:

(i) Maldon Road - flooding

The continuing flooding problem in the vicinity of El Rita. It was noted when it rains the surface water now extends to the opposite side of the road. The parish council agreed to contact Cllr Grundy to see if he had received an update from Highways. He had agreed, at an earlier meeting, to raise this concern with Highways.

(ii) Main Road – old shell garage

The recently installed new wire fencing and entrance gates to the site. The parish council confirmed it had not received any planning notices.

MALDON ROAD ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacant allotment.

VILLAGE POND AND TREES

Volunteers are needed to help tidy up the pond. **See next page.**

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Access. The details of the request for access, via the playing field, to the land backing onto the rear of the gardens for 3 to 8 Bank End were noted and discussed. Taking into consideration safety issues and the terms of the playing field lease it was agreed the parish council could not support this request.

Swings. Correspondence between the parish council and Sovereign's customer support team regarding the unsatisfactory repairs to the safety surface to the children's swing area was discussed. It was noted Sovereign's quotation/contract did not guarantee the repairs would not uplift. However, the parish council believes the repairs did not meet the repair specification.

MARGARETTING TYE GREEN

It was reported a bollard at the entrance to Van Dyke was removed when the house was being demolished. It has not been reinstalled.

MARGARETTING BROOK

The chairman reported the meeting with the Environment Agency on 14th June had proved useful.

The E.A. representatives had provided answers to the main questions raised.

Clearing the debris: The E.A. is not responsible for clearing the debris from Margarettling Brook. Keeping the brook clear of debris is the responsibility of the landowners with land adjoining or with the brook running through it. In some villages volunteers carry out this work. Details of the landowner's legal responsibilities can be found in an E.A. booklet 'Living on the Edge'. The parish council has a copy.

Main Road flood risk. The E.A. will investigate re-establishing the flood alerts. The Red Lion and the houses opposite are located within the local floodplain and as such should receive free flood warning alerts. The E.A. does not provide sandbags. Although the City Council provides emergency aid to householders in the event of flooding it does not provide sandbags.

Flood Alleviation Scheme. The E.A. representatives were unaware of the E.A. and City Council's Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The idea of recruiting volunteers to keep Margarettling Brook clear was discussed. Once the vegetation growing along the edges of the brook had died down the parish council will undertake a survey to identify the spots in the brook that need clearing.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Two of the three requested quotes have been received for the war memorial bollards and notice board work.

ACCOUNTS

There has been no recorded expenditure since the last meeting.

Expenditure to date totals £4,259.

Income to date totals £6,766 (£6,211 precept; £500 Maztec grant and £55 allotment rents).

VILLAGE SIGN

The existing sign is beyond repair.

The parish council has applied for a grant from the Community Initiatives Fund to replace the sign with a 'like for like' sign.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

There has been one response to the request for volunteers with medical expertise.

VILLAGE ROADS, PAVEMENTS, GRASS VERGES, BRIDLEWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

A public road closure notice. Road works scheduled to take place within the next eighteen months in the High Street, Ingatestone. The road closure will be from the junction of The Furongs to the Maldon Road crossroads. The notice takes effect 1 August 2017 and gives alternative routes. A copy of the notice is on the notice board.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning decision was noted:

17/00679/FUL: Mole Hill Cottage, Margarettling Tye. First floor side extension and a single storey rear extension. Front porch roof to be lowered to make room for window along front elevation.

Planning permission granted

Two planning applications were received for comment at the planning meeting held on 3rd July.

17/00911/FUL: Peacock's Cottage, Main Road. Single storey side extension. Five roof lights to ground floor pitched roof.

17/00912/LBC: Peacock's Cottage, Main Road. Single storey side extension. Alterations to windows and doors to existing dwelling and five roof lights to ground floor pitched roof. Addition of window to rear elevation. Alterations to roof tiles to ground floor pitched roof. Internal alterations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14th September at 7:30pm.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

Stand-in cleaner required for Margarettling village hall.

When Richard, our caretaker, goes on holiday he is required to find someone to do his job. If you are interested please contact Richard on 01277 352034 to see what is involved.

Michael Scott, Chairman

MOBILE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICE

Margarettling Village Hall Foyer
Wednesday, 9th August
2:00pm to 3:00pm

MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

What a lovely day was had by so many with beautiful sunny weather for our 71st annual show.

The children from our village school opened the show with their lovely maypole dancing. Later they were able to meet an exotic collection of animals at the petting zoo ran by Zoo4you. They got their faces painted, bounced in the castle, and played various games before getting a balloon model and watching the much loved Punch and Judy who returned after the success of last year.



Not every village show has a fly past by such icons as the Spitfire and Hurricane, however, we did and they flew over three times with many tears of pride and applause from all. The planes flew from RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire on their way to Kent making time for us along the way.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Last month's book 'The Paying Guests' by Sarah Waters received a good review although some thought it too long (500 pages) and too detailed. The novel, set in the 1920s, is a story about a genteel south London household of two women who are forced to take in lodgers and how the routines of the house are shaken up in unexpected ways. Lots of twists, turns and surprises. On our 1 to 5 star scoring system we gave it 4 stars. This month we are reading 'The Lake House' by Kate Morton. For more information about the book club call Penny on 01277 356182.

MARGARETTING OVER 60S CLUB

New members always welcome. We meet in the village hall on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm. The meeting dates in August are the 9th and 23rd. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

Inside the hall we had a marvellous display of over 200 horticultural, household and children's art entries which was wonderful to see and keeps this side of the show alive. The Sunny Steel Band were bright and uplifting and complemented the sunshine, adding an international element to a traditional British village show.

With a healthy number of visitors coming through the gate, it was no wonder that the refreshments, bar and BBQ were very busy. It was also lovely to see people lingering long after the events had taken place. The tug of war was great fun and a real spectacle again this year. Our local fireman made up one team with others selected at random from the young at heart and the even younger generation. Our Scruffy Dog show caused many deliberations for our judge as there were by far the largest number of entrants we have ever had of all shapes and sizes of wagginess, which was absolutely wonderful. The police dog showed everyone how to behave and tried not to be too distracted by the attentions of the girly dogs.

We also had more classic cars on show than before with a healthy variety ranging from Morris Minor to Ferrari. A huge thank you to the owners who brought their stunning cars to share with us.

A massive thank you to everyone who attended as a visitor, stall holder or helper, you all helped to make our show a success and the fun day that it has become.

Great to see new faces helping before, during and after, both young and older! If you would like to play a part in organising future events and join our friendly team. Then please do get in touch. Our Facebook page is 'Margaretting Family Fun Day'.

Lorna Cannon, Fun Day Planning Team

VILLAGE POND WORKING PARTY

Can you spare some time from 10am onwards on Saturday, 5th August? Volunteers are needed to help tidy around the pond and clear some of the weed.

SOUL AT THE CHURCH

By popular request Margaretting's very own Tim Boem will be playing a selection of his Soul and Disco vinyl collection in St Margaret's church on the evening of Saturday, 9th September - 6:00 to 10:00pm. £5 entry on the door. Under 16s free. The money raised will go towards the maintenance of the churchyard and repairs to the church building.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

This year's summer 'garden party' was held last month at the village hall. Everyone who came along enjoyed a lovely warm relaxed atmosphere. It was a delightful bring and share evening. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the food and drinks. Margaretting Friends meet every third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. For more information call Lynn on 01277 355575.

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Do you want to learn a new craft or set aside time to complete an ongoing project? Or need help with the next steps? Then join us in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on Monday, 7th August at 7:30pm. For more information call Lynn on 01277 355575.





Margaretting Village Hall

What's on in August 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall
Crafters 7th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome
Car Boot Sale – 28th (Bank Holiday) – playing field. Sellers - 8.30am;
Buyers 9.30am

Tuesdays

Barnraisers – 8th & 22nd - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 9th and 23rd – 2- 4pm - Main Hall
Bingo – 2nd, 16th and 30th - 7.30pm - Main Hall
Karate – 9th and 23rd - 8pm – Main Hall
Jazz Band practice – 16th - 7pm Chelmer Room
Archery meeting – 2nd – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room

Thursdays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Main Hall
Quilters Guild – 25th - 10am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Saturdays

Village Coffee Morning – 19th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 6th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

**For further details or queries for private functions
please contact the Booking Secretary on 07794 187741**

BOOKINGS CLERK VACANCY

Bookings Clerk needed for Margaretting Village Hall Committee.
A new clerk living in Margaretting is required for this paid position to
take bookings for events at Margaretting Village Hall.
Would be required to attend monthly meetings. If you would like to
know more about the role please contact April on 01277 354557

AUGUST RECYCLING DATES

Food waste - Every Tuesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Tuesday 8th and 22nd August
**Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons**
Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th August

MARGARETTING TYE

Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Wednesday 9th and 23rd August
**Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons**
Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th August

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Village Coffee Morning

Saturday, 19th August - 10.00am to 12 noon
in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall
Local Honey and produce available
Bric a Brac and Books
Remus Charity Stall

VILLAGE HALL BOOT SALE

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August

Buyers from 9.30am until 12 noon
Sellers from 8.30am
To book a pitch, please contact Sheila on
01277 840493

INSPIRE YOURSELF

Do you want to get fit?
But don't like the gym?
Want to feel good about yourself
and have fun while you're doing it?
In relaxed, local and friendly surroundings?
Come on, come down to
Margaretting Village Hall
Every Friday from
7pm-8pm @ £5 per session
All levels of fitness welcome
Free taster session 1st September
and then each week after
Feel inspired & ready to take on the world!
For more details contact
Gary on 07860 735671

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 3rd, 17th and 31st August
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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