



MARGARETTING NEWS

December 2017



BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

3rd December - No service

10th December - No service

17th December

10am - Parish Communion

24th December - No service

25th December

8:30am - Parish Communion

31st December

**10am - Benefice Service
9 Lessons and Carols**

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Morning Prayer

9:30am - Parish Communion

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3:00pm - Crib Service

9:00pm - Carol Service

9:30am - Parish Communion

No Service

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:30am - Holy Communion (BCP)

11:15am - Morning Prayer (BCP)

3:00pm - Christingle

No Service

8:30am - Holy Communion (BCP)

3:00pm - Evensong with the
Shenfield choir



Jonathan Steer
has played for us at the War Memorial every year for the past 25 years.
A big 'Thank You' to him




Remembrance Day 2017

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12 NOVEMBER
Fifty five people took part in this year's Act of Remembrance. Don Moore and Nicole Maynard represented the older and younger members in the community. Sounding 'The Last Post' and 'The Reveille' was by bugler Jonathan Steer. Revd Ron Wiffen read out the names of fourteen men who lost their lives in World War I; a high number considering the size of our village. The two-minute silence was held to remember all those who have died in wars. Wreaths were placed, side by side with the wreath from the school, by members of the parish council, St Margaret's church, Margaretting Friends and the Over 60s. Seventeen people attended an earlier service in the church. This was led by Revd Ron, a retired priest from Southend-on-Sea. His sermon, a moving and thoughtful argument for why we should continue to acknowledge the 11th November each year and hold Remembrance Sunday commemorations, was exceptional. Equally moving were our chosen hymns, especially 'I vow to thee my country'.



This year Rosemary Carter's photographs were taken at the end of the ceremony. Reminding us of past years is her Remembrance Sunday 'lest we forget' photograph taken in 2011.

Due to the scaffolding above the altar this year's poppy display and union jack in church was placed in the aisle at the entrance to the chancel.



MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 9 NOVEMBER

Please note the minutes for parish council meetings, once they have been agreed and signed by the chairman, are posted 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 16th December - 10:30am to 12noon.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Three members of the public present. Matters raised and discussed were:

Anglia Level Crossings. The public inquiry for the proposed level crossings closures scheduled for 18th October has been postponed. No date has been set for the meeting.

The flu jab. The pharmacy in Ingatestone is offering a flu jab service.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr Gary Bank, the parish councillor nominee, who lives in Jennings Place, will be co-opted onto the parish council at the January meeting.

MARGARETTING FOOTPATHS

Nothing further to report on plans to publish a map to show Margarettling's public rights of way.

EASTERN ANGLES

This theatre company will be performing in the village hall on Tuesday, 22nd May. The terms of the contract with the theatre company have been agreed. Michael and Jennie Scott have volunteered to welcome and provide refreshments for the actors. Margarettling Friends will serve tea /coffee during the interval.

MAIN ROAD

Village Sign: Margarettling's application to the Community Initiative Fund for a grant to help to pay for a new sign is to be considered this month. The Community Initiative Fund Panel will be meeting throughout November.

Village Pond: A repair to the dipping platform will be completed as soon as practicable.

Bus Shelter opposite the Red Lion:

Arrangements are in hand to replace the loose board.

Bus Shelter opposite Black Bull:

Nothing further to report on the status of the new fencing installed in the grass verge adjacent to the shelter. Photos of the fence have been sent to Essex Highways.

Bus stop opposite Church Lane: The missing bus stop sign has been reported to Essex Highways.

MALDON ROAD

Playing Field: A new safety surface for the swings has been installed by Sovereign at no extra cost to the parish council.

Allotments: There are five vacant allotments. These are completely overgrown and are causing weed problems to the occupied allotments. It was agreed to check which allotments are being worked and to trim the weeds on the vacant allotments. If no one in the village is interested in renting one of the vacant allotments the parish council will approach Ingatestone parish council and Writtle parish council to see if anyone on their allotment waiting lists would be interested in taking on an allotment in Margarettling. It was noted only two out of the seven occupied allotments are let to Margarettling residents.

Pavements: Nothing further to report on whether or not the pavements are to be repaired.

ACCOUNTS

The following expenditure was agreed.

£439 - Village grass cutting.

£63 - EALC (Local Council's Admin. Guidance Book)

£30 - Poppy Wreath

£8 - Office supplies

The precept for the financial year 2018/2019 was set at £12,420 - the same level as the previous four years.

PLANNING

The chairman reminded the meeting that any reports received about possible planning breaches should be 'evidence based'.

The following planning applications were received for comments.

17/01815/FUL: Barr House, Writtle Road. Demolition of existing building and proposed replacement dwelling house with 3 bay cart lodge.

17/01825/FUL: Whitewebs Cottage, Main Road. Brick boundary wall and wooden entrance gates.

The following decision was noted.

17/01396: Furness Farm, Copthall Drive. Change of use from office to residential dwelling.

Planning Permission Granted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 8th December at 7.30pm in the meeting room in the village hall.

DOGS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Many public rights of way in Margarettling pass over farm land including pasture land used for grazing livestock. Although legislation does not require your dog to be on a lead whilst on a public right of way, you must ensure that you have proper control of your dog at all times. Dogs are not entitled to roam away from the path and if they do, the dog owner could be guilty of committing trespass against the landowner.

It is a criminal offence for the keeper or owner of a dog to allow it to worry livestock and they are liable for any damage caused. It is advisable to ensure your dog stays close where you can see it and not let it roam so far away that it cannot hear or chooses to ignore your commands.

It is worth noting also that 'The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act' makes it a specific offence to allow a dog to be at large in a field or enclosure where there are sheep. A farmer may have a defence in any civil proceedings for killing or injuring a dog which is caught 'worrying sheep'. It is advisable, therefore, to keep your dog on its lead at all times where there are sheep grazing in fields.

Remember to follow the country side code - Respect-Protect-Enjoy

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

16th December 2017

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

All Welcome

February's coffee morning includes a jumble sale.

More information 01277 355575

VILLAGE HALL CHARITY BINGO

Margaretting Village Hall

Wednesday, 6th December

7.30pm for 8:00pm start

Choose a charity on the night

Bring a prize or two

You never know you might be a winner!

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Margaretting Crafters' meetings are held in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Re-start 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends meet every third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Re-start 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm

VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING

Wanted books, in good condition for the village hall foyer book stall. Fiction or non fiction. In particular books for children and books of interest to men.

For more information please call Lynn on 01277 355575

MARGARETTING OVER 60S

This month's meeting is on Wednesday, 13th December. The children of the local school have been invited to join us for an afternoon of carol singing. We meet in the village hall on alternative Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. New members are welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH NOTICES

Revd Patrick Sherring is currently convalescing following a recent operation on his foot. He will be back taking church services in the new year. For all enquiries with regard to baptisms and weddings please contact Mrs Rene Horner. Telephone number 01277 353555.

MALDON ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Interested in growing your own and thinking about becoming an allotmentee? The parish council currently has five allotments not being worked and is keen to let them to Margaretting residents. These allotments have been lovingly and painstakingly cared for in previous years so the soil is good. The rent is only £7.50 a year. For more information please contact the parish council office, telephone 01277 350887. If no one in the village is interested the parish council plans to rent the allotments to Ingatestone and Writtle residents.

THANK YOU

SHOE BOXES Very many thanks to those who supported the shoe box appeal this year. We have sent 117 completed boxes off this year. Thank you to all the knitters of gloves and hats so that every box had hat and gloves; thank you to Margaretting Friends who donated 100 tubes of toothpaste!! Please bear in mind, collecting has already started for next year.
Lynn Cameron

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thank you Margaretting Friends. This year's event was a great success. Every room in the village hall was decorated and in use. The Chelmer Room proved to be a popular destination with tea, coffee and cakes being served throughout by Margaretting Friends. Visitors commented on the mix of stalls and the high quality of the hand made crafts on sale. A big thank you is definitely owed to members of Margaretting Friends for their superb organisation. Another big thank you is owed also to everyone who popped in and gave their support by buying raffle tickets and gifts.

ST MARGARET'S As usual Maddy's craft stall was a joy with its colourful selection, creativity and high standard of crafts for sale. Maddy raised over £300 for the church this year. Thank you Maddy.

Thank you to everyone who donated bottles for the church tombola and bought tickets. The tombola raised £192 for church funds. The tombola attracted a lot of attention and as the afternoon progressed it was fun, as well as interesting, to work out the odds for picking a winning ticket.

Thank you also to everyone who baked cakes and donated tins of chocolates for the church cake stall. St Margaret's cake stall this year raised £163 for church funds. Two visitors told me they had travelled miles for the sole purpose of buying one of Eva Wood's to-die-for Christmas cakes. They had bought one last year and were determined not to miss this year's Christmas Fayre. Thank you Eva, your Christmas cakes were outstanding.
Penny Savill

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

REMEMBER if you plan to walk your dog in the Maldon Road playing field

NEVER leave the house without a plentiful supply of dogs bags to clear up mess.

ALWAYS clean up after your dog and deposit the bags in the red bin provided at the entrance to the field.

THE SAFETY of the children using the playing field is paramount.

Worm eggs in the dog faeces can cause health problems.



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on in December 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall
Dog Training – 5 – 10pm – Main Hall
Margaretting Friends Committee meeting – 11th - 5pm – Meeting room

Tuesdays

Art Class – 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm - Chelmer Room – 5th Only
Yoga - 1:30pm – 3:00pm – Main Hall – 5th and 12th Only
Fit 4 Action - 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall
Barnraisers – 12th - 9:30 – 12:30 – Meeting Room

Wednesdays

Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall – 6th Dec Only
French class – 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room
Over 60's Club – 13th – 2- 4pm – Meeting Room
Karate – 1st and 13th – 7pm - Main Hall
Bingo – 6th - 7.30pm – Main Hall

Thursdays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Art Class – 10am – 12pm - Chelmer Room – 7th Only
Flower arranging – 11.30am – 1.30pm – Main Hall – 7th & 14th Only
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9:30 – 12:30 – Main Hall (11 – 2 on 15th)
Keep Fit Class – 7pm – 8pm – Main Hall
Quilters Guild – 10 – 12pm – Meeting Room – 8th

Saturdays

Margaretting Friends Coffee Morning – 16th – 10am – 12pm
Parish Council Surgery - 16th - 10:30 - 12 noon - Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 3rd - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

DECEMBER RECYCLING DATES

Food waste - Every Tuesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Tuesday 12th and 27th December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Tuesday 5th and 19th December

MARGARETTING TYE

Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Wednesday 13th and 28th December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesday 6th and 20th December

CHARITY BINGO

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MOBILE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Margaretting Village Hall
Wednesday, 13th December
2pm to 3pm

DIARY DATES

Monday, 18th December
Carol singing beginning in the Black Bull at 6:30pm and then onto the Red Lion.
Saturday, 17th February
Jumble Sale in the village hall.
Saturday, 3rd March
Quiz Night in the village hall
Tuesday, 22nd May - 7.30pm
Eastern Angles in the village hall
Saturday, 2nd June - 2pm to 4pm
Art Demonstration in St Margaret's
Saturday, 7th July - 7.00pm
'Song Cycle' concert in St Margaret's

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 7th and 21st December 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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