

MARGARETTING NEWS

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday 7th December
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 14th December
NO SERVICE

Sunday 21st December
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Bishop Stephen
4.00pm Christingle, Crib and Carols

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve
11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Thursday 25th Christmas Day
NO SERVICE

Sunday 28th December
NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

9.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Crib Service
9.00pm Midnight Service

10.00am Morning Service
with Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Service
with carols

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.00pm Family Crib/Christingle Service

NO SERVICE

8.45am Holy Communion

3.00pm Carols by candlelight

Enquiries for baptisms, weddings and funerals please telephone 01277 352484 or 01277 354077

VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 5th December - 6pm to 8.30pm
Ingatstone High Street

CHARITY BINGO

Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm
Margaretting Village Hall

Bring a prize, win a prize. All welcome.
Come and enjoy a fun evening with the Bingo
Club Members in the village hall. All pro-
ceeds go to a charity chosen on the evening.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 20th December
10.00am to 12 noon

Chelmer Room, Margaretting Village Hall
Margaretting Friends invite you to come and
join them for a festive drink and mince pies.

All Welcome

Local Honey and produce available

Bric-a-brac and books

More information 01277 355575

MINCE PIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS

AT THE BLACK BULL

Christmas Eve - 3pm to 8pm

Julie, Maryann and the staff invite friends and
customers to join them for mince pies and
sausage rolls.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Saturday 13th December 10-12noon

Chelmer Room, Margaretting Village Hall

Come and make Christmas tree decorations, Christmas cards, stars,
angels, bells and more. Suitable for children up to the age of 11 yrs.
Refreshments provided. Suggested donation of £1 per child to cover
costs. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please telephone 01277 841270

CAROL SINGING

Monday 15th December - 7 pm

The Black Bull and The Red Lion

Beginning in the Black Bull at 7pm and then onto the Red Lion.

CHRISTINGLE, CRIB AND CAROLS

Sunday 21st December 4.00pm

St Margaret's Church

A Christmas Service for young and old alike followed by refreshments

CHRISTMAS EVE 'MIDNIGHT' SERVICE

Wednesday 24th December 11pm

St Margaret's Church

A traditional service and special occasion
to celebrate the birth of Christ

PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Flood Alleviation Scheme: Cllr Roy Whitehead's update on the current status of the scheme was postponed to our December meeting. We were assured more information would be available then. The Environment Agency has made an application to the court for a warrant to access private land in Margaretting - access to which is currently being denied by the landowner. A hearing is due to be held at Chelmsford Magistrates' Courts on Friday 21st November. We were advised that as this matter is in the hands of the court it is not unusual for dates to change.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

We are still waiting to receive ECC Highways' permissions for: Village Gateways; Maldon Road Lavender Bank and the Village Hall Road Traffic Sign.

VILLAGE POND

The vegetation surrounding the pond has been cut back. The Conservation Volunteers will inspect the pond on Tuesday, 24 November to advise on estimated time and costs to clear out the weed, leaves and debris. This group charges £200 per day.

VILLAGE TREES

Work on the weeping willow at The Tye, the cherry and silver birch in the Maldon Road Playing Field and the dead tree at the pond has been scheduled for Monday, 17 November.

VILLAGE BRIDLEWAYS

The removal of the bollard for Bridle Way 43 has been reported.

VILLAGE ROADS

ECC Highways will be monitoring the flooding in Main Road (opposite the Red Lion) and in Maldon Road (Nunn's Crossing) on a quarterly basis. We plan to check the information concerning Maldon Road. Highways advised us that this particular drainage problem is due to blocked gullies but there are no road gullies in this vicinity.

All the pot holes previously reported have been inspected by Highways and marked up for repair. Although identified by red markings we understand there is no timescale for the repairs.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

There were no reported incidents. We noted once again the views expressed by residents concerning the young people's request to install a skate board ramp at the far end of the field. We confirmed the residents would be consulted before any decision is made. The next step is to clarify exactly the size and style of ramp the young people have in mind.

PARISH OFFICE/ROOM

A telephone with an answering machine has been purchased and installed in the office. The office will be open on Saturdays 15th November and 20th December between 10.30am and 12 noon. A parish councillor will be present on those dates and times.

ACCOUNTS

We agreed the following expenditure:
£439 - Grass cutting (MDL)
£408 - Insurance (village hall)
£45 - Telephone
£26 - Electricity (village hall)
£25 - Wifi booster

We noted the following income:
£500 - MAZTEC (V Festival grant)

PLANNING

The following applications were received for comment:

14/01800/FUL - Land north west of Little Tresells Farm, The Tye: Installation of a power supply kiosk to be used to power the strategic flood protection scheme approved under planning permission 12/01320/FUL

14/01808/FUL - Land south of Entrance Lodge, Writtle Road: New vehicular access.

14/01694/FUL - The Maples, Maldon Road: Single storey rear extension.

14/01520/FUL - Whitewebs Cottage, Main Road: Retrospective application for a two storey extension.

14/01709/FUL - Ging House, Wantz Road: Construction of single storey side extension to accommodate a domestic swimming pool and gym.

14/01746/COUPA - Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane: Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the conversion of one agricultural building to one residential dwelling house

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th December 2014 at 7.30

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE
TELEPHONE 01277 350887
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PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY
SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER
10.30-12 NOON
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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
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SUPPORTERS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who came along to the public meeting on Tuesday, 11th November and helped set up 'Supporters of St Margaret's Church'.

I think all those who were at the meeting would agree it was a well attended and very encouraging meeting. A Constitution for 'Supporters of St Margaret's Church' was agreed and an executive committee formed.

It was agreed also that anyone of any faith (or none) can become a member of Supporters of St Margaret's Church on payment of an annual membership fee of £10.

Membership forms will be circulated with the newsletter in the New Year once a bank account for the group has been opened. Do get involved. Your support is vital.

The purpose and aim of Supporters of St Margaret's Church will be to raise funds in order to contribute financial or other help to keep the building of St Margaret's safe for future generations to own and enjoy.

All contributions will go directly towards the maintenance of this beautiful church and its churchyard and will not be spent on activities of worship.

Lots of fundraising ideas and events were put forward at the meeting. The following are some of those mentioned - art displays, concerts, wine tasting, safari supper, silent auction, interesting talks and controversial talks.

If in the meantime you want to get in touch please e-mail Penny Savill at penny.savill@virgin.net or telephone 01277 356182.
Penny Savill

CHILDREN IN NEED

For the twelfth year running the Black Bull has once again proved how generous its customers and friends are. This year the amount raised was £1,100. Included in this sum was £325 from the sale of Phyllis Wilson's home made jams and preserves. Julie, Maryann and the staff of the Black Bull would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and helped this year to raise money for the Children in Need charity.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

There is no meeting in December but we are looking forward to enjoying a festive evening meal together on Wednesday 3rd December in the Black Bull.

Our next regular meeting is on Monday 19th January 2015. Members of the Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance have been invited to give a talk on the running and the aims of their association.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Very many thanks to all those who helped and supported the shoe box appeal this year in what ever way they could. Our 140 boxes left Christ Church Stock on the morning of November 5th. They were the first to be collected from Chelmsford for this year's campaign and are on their way to Zambia. - oh and please keep knitting hats, gloves and scarves for 2015.

Lynn Cameron

OVER 60s CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th December in the village hall as usual from 2pm to 4pm. New members are very welcome. The programme for the afternoon includes 'Carols and Mince Pies'. For more information please telephone June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Saturday 22nd November by buying gifts, books, cakes, tombola, raffle tickets and afternoon tea and coffee.

VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

Very many thanks for all the donations and support for the Jumble Sale. We raised around £250 which will go towards the refurbishment of the gents' toilets.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

December's chosen book is 'The Ghost', a political thriller by Robert Harris.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Sixty people attended this year's wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 9th November. The service and prayers were led by Revd Pam Pennell. Jake, Thalia and Camille Adams representing the younger generation in the village and Don Moore representing the older generation gave the responses. Don Moore closed the ceremony with those moving and well known words 'When you go home, tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today'.

The names of the Margarettling men who lost their lives in the two world wars were read out by Revd Pam and a two minute silence was observed. Wreaths and a posy were laid at the foot of the war memorial by representatives of the Over 60s Club, Margarettling

Friends and St Margaret's Church on behalf of the community. The last post and reveille was played by bugler Jonathan Steer. This was Jonathan's 24th year in attendance at Margarettling's Remembrance Ceremony.

The pupils from Margarettling School held their Act of Remembrance on Tuesday, 11th November. The pupils read poems they had written in school and a two minute silence was observed. The oldest and the youngest pupil at the school laid the wreath on behalf of the school community.



SCHOOL NEWS

As this Autumn term reaches the end of the year we can look back on a very busy term.

In October we had a lovely day dressing up as Victorians for the school's 150th anniversary. There were various activities throughout the school which included the Apothecary where the children learnt how to make a soothing cough syrup. In the Victorian classroom they learnt how to write on the Victorian tablet, a slate one with chalk and found how it was not as easy to write on as paper. It was wonderful to have so many visitors from our school's past come back to visit us on this day too. Hearing some of their school time stories fascinated the children and staff alike.

Remembrance Day came with the children researching the war and writing beautiful poems in remembrance. Some are still on show at Hylands House along with their hand sewn poppies. Class 3 also went to the theatre to watch Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful'. On the 11th we all walked to the War Memorial in the Village to respect the fallen with the reading of poems and holding the two minutes silence. The honour of laying the wreath of poppies from the school was traditionally the eldest and youngest pupils, Alfie Young and Ellyn Rickwood respectively.

Now December is here and on the 3rd we have our Christmas Bazaar with fun and games and Christmas crafts made by the children for sale. The following week will be the Nativity play performed by Class 1 and Reception which is always a very sweet show to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Finally this term the whole school will be travelling to Southend to watch Peter Pan in pantomime. Oh yes we will!!!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a jolly Happy New Year.

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Mondays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall

Tuesdays

Art Class - Chelmer Room – 2nd and 9th - 10am -12 noon and 2-4pm

Stitch and Chat – 9th - 9.30am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Wednesdays

Bingo – 3rd and 17th – Main Hall 7.30pm

Over 60's Club – 10th – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall

Chelmsford Council Mobile Information Service - 10th 2-3pm - Hall Foyer

Dance to Fitness – Main Hall 3rd and 10th - 9.30-10.30am

French Class – 3rd and 10th - Meeting Room 10am-12 noon

Thursdays

Art Classes – Chelmer Room - 4th - 10am – 12 noon

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall – 4th and 11th - 7.30 – 8.30pm Main Hall

Parish Council meeting – 11th – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12 noon – 5th and 12th -Main Hall

Saturdays

Children's Christmas Crafts - 13th Chelmer Room 10am – noon

Village Coffee Morning – 20th Chelmer Room 10am – 12 noon – All Welcome

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 14th – 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

*For further details or queries for private functions please contact
the booking secretary April Nixon on 07794 187741*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

19:30 21/10/2014 - Swan Lane, Stock

Entry gained to insecure outbuilding, horse tack stolen

17:00 31/10/2014 – 07:45 05/11/2014 - Common Road, Stock

Lead stolen from roof of property under construction

12:00 01/11/2014 – 07:00 03/11/2014 - Main Road, Margaretting

Construction vehicle stolen from site – since been recovered

14:55 – 15:20 06/11/2014 - Brookmans Road, Stock

Entry gained to dwelling by smashing rear patio doors – items stolen from within

Jemma Carr PCSO 71018. Telephone 101 - extension 421001

Email - jemma.carr@essex.pnn.police.uk

South Woodham Ferrers Neighbourhood Policing Team

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. This month there is only one scheduled visit - 11th December at 14.15 - 14.30 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 11.00, Maldon Road at 11.02, Main Road at 11.04.

TRUST BUS Margaretting to Ingatestone, Friday mornings
leaving the Pond, Main Road at 9.55, Orton Close at 10.00
and returning from Ingatestone at 11.15



Saturday 13th December, 10.00 am to 12 noon
at The Chelmer Room, Village Hall, Margaretting

Activities include making Christmas decorations, creating Christmas cards and more
We look forward to seeing you there!

Suggested donation of £1 per child
Refreshments provided
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Further information: Rev. Pam Ferrers 01277 841270

DECEMBER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste
Every Tuesday

**Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons**
Tuesday 9th and 23rd

Green box and card sack
Tuesdays 2nd and 16th

Margaretting Tye

Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

**Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons**
Wednesdays 10th and 24th

Green box and card sack
Wednesday 3rd and 17th

STREET MEETS PCSO Carr will
be in the Parish Council Office on
Saturday 20th December 12noon to 1pm

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