

MARGARETTING NEWS

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday, 1 December - No Service

Sunday, 8 December - No Service

Sunday, 15 December

10:00am - Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, 22 December - No Service

Christmas Eve - No service

Christmas Day

10am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 29 December ***** 3:00pm Benefice Carols by Candlelight in Buttsbury Church *****

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Morning Prayer

9:30am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Holy Communion

3:00pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

3:00pm - Christingle/Crib Service

9:00pm - Midnight Holy Communion

9:30am - Holy Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:30am - Holy Communion

11:15am - Matins

3:00pm - Christingle Service

3:00pm - Evensong with communion

No Service

8:30am - Holy Communion

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick Sherring - telephone number 01277 352563

LOST AND FOUND

A cuddly brown teddy found wet and lonely on the pavement in Main Road. Do you know a child who may be missing this teddy? Please contact me for more details. My telephone number and email are listed on the back page. *Penny Savill*



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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED 2019

Congratulations to the Black Bull for raising £1,000 for Children in Need. Huge thanks to all their customers who supported this year's fund raising evening.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

CHARITY BINGO

Margaretting Village Hall

Wednesday, 4 December - 7:30pm

Come and join us. Bring a prize. Win a prize.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Ingatstone Community Centre

Sunday, 8 December - 12 Noon to 6pm

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Margaretting Village Hall

Saturday, 14 December - 10am to 12 noon

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 15 December - 10:am

CAROL SINGING

The Black Bull and The Red Lion

Monday, 16 December 6pm

Beginning in the Black Bull and finishing in the Red Lion

Collecting for CHES - a local charity supporting single adults who are homeless in Chelmsford and Essex
Bishop Stephen will be leading the singing.

SAUSAGE ROLLS AND MINCE PIES

The Black Bull

Christmas Eve - 3pm to 8pm

Good opportunity to catch up on all the local news.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER'S MEETING

The minutes for parish council meetings, once they have been agreed and signed by the chairman, are posted on the Margarettong Community website www.essexinfo.net/margarettong.

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.margarettong@virgin.net

A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office on SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER - 10:30am to 12noon.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public were present. The problems associated with the number of vans and cars parked all day in Wantz Road were brought to the attention of the parish council.

The chairman advised residents to contact a councillor who, as a member of the Highways Panel, would be able to provide a progress report on requests made for the introduction of parking restrictions.

The location of three storage containers on the Hawthorns site in Wantz Road and the 'change of use' planning process were discussed also.

MATTERS ARISING

Memorial Bench: The Smith family is still waiting for a quotation.

Dog waste bags dispensers: A decision will be taken at the November meeting on where to locate the dispensers.

Dog fouling: The clerk confirmed she had written to the Swan Lane resident about the dog fouling reports.

Maldon Road Playing Field Trees: The clerk reported she had contacted CHP and requested a re-inspection of the trees growing along the playing field boundary with the Bank End Cottages residents.

ACCOUNTS (Expenditure in October)

£220 M D Landscapes

£48 PKF Littlejohn

£67 H Blurton

VE DAY 2020

The parish council agreed to organise an event for the Friday (8th May) of the three-day weekend to celebrate VE Day. **See below.**

VILLAGE HALL

The chairman reported further concerns about the parking in Wantz Road, especially the problems car drivers faced when leaving the village hall.

The parish council will ask the village hall chairman to advise hall users to report the problems to Highways directly.

The village hall will be closed between 6 and 17 January whilst the new heating is installed. The current caretaker is due to retire after long service.

A new camera is being installed at the entrance of the village hall. A resident has given a donation towards the new heating system.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE TASKS

Another local company has been recommended as a possible contractor. A specification will be sent to him.

VILLAGE TREES

The Clerk volunteered to clear the acorns from the footpath outside number 41 Maldon Road.

VILLAGE MAP

The chairman reported he had altered the map to include Whitesbridge.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Cllr Wallace to send the chairman details of a web designer.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following decisions was noted:

19/01351/FUL: Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road. Change of Use from residential (C3) to a house of multiple occupation.

Planning permission granted.

The following applications were received for comment:

19/01649/FUL: Canterbury's Bungalow. Alterations, two storey side extension, first floor rear extension, two storey side and rear extension.

No Objections

19/01571/FUL: Hawthorns, Wantz Road. *P C Comments*. Problems with parking and the proposed siting of containers for storage. Containers will be an eyesore in the front of site.

19/01597/FUL: Lynton Lodge, Main Road. Demolition of half existing building. Part two storey/part single side and rear. *No Objections*

19/01514/FUL: Farthings, Penny's Lane. Partial demolition, remodeling, subdivision and extension of an existing dwelling to create two detached dwellings. *No Objections*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12 December at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall.

VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS 2020

Anyone interested in joining a sub-committee to help organise a village event for Friday, 8 May 2020? Any ideas or suggestions as to what you would like to see included in an event to celebrate VE Day 75?

The parish council would love to hear from you.



Let's connect
our community
with kindness

SPREAD SOME KINDNESS AND HELP TACKLE LONELINESS

Are you interested in making a real difference in your local community without dedicating huge amounts of time?

With one in four Essex residents often or always feeling lonely, United in Kind, a new county-wide movement which aims to

tackle loneliness and social isolation, needs your support.

By taking just a few minutes out of your day to take a neighbour's bin out, chat to a stranger at a bus stop or make time to call in on someone who lives alone nearby, you can make a big difference to how connected that person feels in their community. Or if you have more time to spare, why not volunteer a couple of hours to help at one of the many community organisations, charities and groups who are already supporting Essex residents who feel lonely or isolated?

It's time to re-connect and make everyone feel part of a kinder community. To find out how you can get involved, and to see what's happening in your community, visit www.unitedinkind.org.uk. You can also share your stories of kindness and inspire others to follow your lead on social media using #UnitedInKind.

Together we can tackle loneliness with kindness. Start today!





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sixty-five people from the community attended this year's Remembrance Ceremony at the war memorial. The service and prayers were led by Revd Tim Pigrem and a two minute silence was observed. The last post and reveille was played by bugler Jonathan Steer. The names of the Margareting men inscribed on the war memorial who lost their lives in the two world wars were read out by Simon Upton.

Nicole Maynard spoke on behalf of the younger members in the community. 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'. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial by representatives of the Parish Council, CAMEO Club, Margareting Friends and St Margaret's Church. Pupils from Margareting School held their Act of Remembrance on Friday, 8 November. The pupils laid their poppy wreath at the foot of the memorial and read poems they had written.

MARGARETING ROLL OF HONOUR

This year, to commemorate the Margareting servicemen who died serving their country during the first and second world wars, twenty small wooden crosses were placed on the grass verge in front of St Margaret's church. The crosses were bought by the church support group and David Frost, a committee member, inscribed them with the names recorded on the Roll of Honour in the church vestry and brass plaque in the church chancel. When checking the names on the wooden crosses with the names on the war memorial David was surprised to discover two names - Driver William Porter (Royal Field Artillery, died 15.04.1919) and Lieutenant Richard Algar Adam (5th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment, died 13.07.1944) - were missing from Margareting's war memorial. Richard Adam, had at one time, lived in The Old Vicarage. The war service details for these two men have been verified with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The next step will be to ask the parish council to arrange for the two missing names to be added to the list of Margareting men commemorated on the war memorial.

THE CAMEO CLUB

The CAMEO Club enjoyed a spooky Hallowe'en tea kindly provided and organised by Lisa. Our CAMEO Club meetings are held on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm in the Meeting Room in the village hall. This month there is only one meeting - Wednesday 11 December.

We would love to welcome new members so please come along or telephone Rosemary on 01277 350553 or June on 01277 356126 to find out more details.

MARGARETING BOOK CLUB

Last month's book 'The Running Hare' by John Lewis-Stempel was enjoyed by all our members bar one. John Lewis-Stempel has been described as one of the greatest nature writers of his generation.

This beautifully detailed book is his personal account of how he transformed a moribund field, his passion for this field and how he farmed in the traditional way to encourage wildlife and flora that once flourished on farmland. He writes about the changing seasons and habits of wildlife; in particular the hares that make their home in his field. We gave the book a rating of 3.5 stars out of 5 stars.

This month we are reading 'Big Little Lies' by Liane Moriarty.

MARGARETING FRIENDS

Would like to thank the following for their donations and raffle prizes for our Autumn Craft and Shopping event held in October.

Budgens, Forest Lodge Turkeys
 Ingatestone Saddlery, Kennadys
 Margareting Friends, Patricia Greer
 The Black Bull and The Red Lion

Thank you also to everyone who came along to the Chelmer Room for coffee on Saturday, 9 November and supported The Royal British Legion. We are pleased to let you know we will be sending a cheque for £128 to The Royal British Legion. Also, a further collection was made on behalf of The Royal British Legion at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Margareting Friends' meetings are held in the Chelmer Room on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm. We support and raise funds for local projects in the village. Our speakers in 2019 ranged from making Easter crafts and flower arranging demos to interesting and amusing anecdotal talks. Come and join us. All are welcome.

There is no meeting this month. On Monday 2 December, we will be celebrating with an early Christmas meal in Bartellas.

MARGARETING CRAFTERS

No meetings in December or in January. Our next meeting will be in February 2020.

**For more information about
 Margareting Friends and Margareting Crafters
 please ring Lynn on 01277 355575**

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note in 2020 Margareting Friends are moving the village coffee mornings to the 2nd Saturday of the month rather than the 3rd Saturday. Because the hall will be closed in January, to allow for the fitting of the new heating system, the first one in 2020 will be Saturday, 8 February 2020.



HIGH PRAISE INDEED FOR ST MARGARET'S SUPPORT GROUP IN QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION REPORT

The architect in his covering letter writes:

"I very much enjoyed my day at Margaretting last month, and was really pleased - and massively impressed - to see how much good repair work and re-generated maintenance has been achieved at and around the church since 2014. It is a model of local voluntary organisation, good decision making and prolonged hard work!

I now attach my document, and would be grateful if you could forward it to others who may want to see it within the community."

If anyone would like to receive a copy of the architect's report please email penny.savill@btinternet.com

WELCOME PACK

New to Margaretting? Have you received a Welcome Pack? For a copy of the Margaretting Welcome Pack please contact the Parish Council office. Telephone 01277 350887.

MARGARETTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last half term the Year 5/6 class at Margaretting Primary School welcomed the local community to their Harvest Festival service. The service was well attended by students, staff, parents, the local community and Reverend Matt, who had supported the children in their rehearsals leading up to the event.

The church was decorated with the children's art work and they sang a range of Harvest songs and hymns, such as the 'Harvest Samba.' The children gave an important message to us all, reminding us that it is important to help others in need. We collected food for the Chelmsford Foodbank at the service.

Please be aware that we do collect food for the Chelmsford Foodbank all year round so you are always welcome to drop food to the school office and then the Foodbank can collect it from us.

We are looking forward to all of the Christmas events that are coming up in December such as singing at Westminster Cathedral, our Key Stage 1 Nativity performance and our Christingle service at the end of term. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very 'Merry Christmas' from all of the staff and pupils!

*Melissa Bryan, Deputy Headteacher
Margaretting C of E Primary School*

CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP AGM 2019

The following is a transcript of this year's annual report presented by Michael Scott, Chairman of St Margaret's Church Support Group. Please note if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the support group or would like more information please contact Penny Savill (Secretary). Contact details are on the back page. Annual subscriptions of £10 per member are collected in February of each year.

"As we are a group covering the maintenance of the church building and surrounding churchyard my report inevitably contains a list of tasks carried out and those planned for the future. I would like to cover the work we have done in the churchyard and then on the building followed by events in the church.

First of all I would like to mention the work Penny has done to update the listing of the graves and sorting the registration and recognition of the war graves. A Gallipoli marker has been installed on a first world war grave by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The churchyard plan is still in a process of development. So far we have mapped the water drainage and underground pipework and designated the front area for extra attention with a new rose bed designed and planted by David. What we have changed is the reduction in the size of the flower meadows, this is because of the visual effect and the difficulties we have experienced in converting areas with very strong growing grasses into flower meadows. We consulted a local resident who kindly came and gave advice. We were made to realise there was far more work involved than expected. We learnt that the grass had to be removed as it was not allowing the flower seeds to grow.

To do this it would either be very hard laborious work or a turfing machine. We have not been successful so far in finding a machine to do the work and we are not up to removing two inches of turf over such a large area. So we have decided to try removing small areas of grass and, as suggested by another gardening expert, a compromise might be spraying off the strong grasses. So more to report on this in the future.

We have continued spraying the brambles and dominant weeds. In addition we tried to tidy up the old gravestones by removing weeds and ivy.

The South and East facing hedges have been trimmed and will need a bit of time to get into shape. We had hoped to cut both sides of the East hedge, but this has not been possible and there is some uncertainty over how the Laurel will be managed. We had cut it down to allow the light to come into the newly cleaned Jesse window.

We are still having to remove plastic from the compost heap and unauthorised materials.

The beetle bank is getting established and it is our intention to have areas that are 'wild' so strong grass and nettles can grow for butterflies and song birds.

We still have to sort the main drive to resolve the damage done to the grass by turning vehicles.

The main progress with the building is having had the guttering repaired and the cracks in the gully filled. Thanks to Bev for keeping the gully swept.

Internally we had to renew the water heater in the kitchen area and repair a leak in the toilet that has saturated the wall. The sound system has been overhauled. David continues to catch the mice. Penny has organised a cleaning day in the church.

The quinquennial inspection is to be carried out on Wednesday, 23 October and no doubt there will be further work to attend to.

Fund raising and events I feel is perhaps our weak point. We did have a very successful event with The Song Cycle, but other ideas and suggestion were not developed. David does have a little side line in doing a guided tour for visiting groups.

I have probably missed something, so apologies for that. Finally a big thank you for our supporters."

Michael Scott

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall will be closed 6th -17th January to allow for the new heating system to be fitted. The village hall committee has applied for a grant towards the cost of £11,500 for the new heating system. We hope to hear if our grant application has been successful by the end of December. If we are successful in obtaining a grant we will be looking to fund raise to pay for decorating the hall. Anyone interested in joining a small committee would be very welcome.

Lynn Cameron, Village Hall Secretary

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. There are allotments available to rent in Maldon Road from Margarettng Parish Council. For more details please contact the parish council. Telephone: 01277 350887 or email: parishcouncil.margarettng@virgin.net

MARGARETTING VILLAGE WALKS

Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks are available free of charge from the parish council.

HYLANDS ESTATE OPEN DAY CHRISTMAS FARMERS' AND CRAFTS MARKET

Sunday 8 December @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hylands House opens its doors FREE OF CHARGE to reveal the secrets behind its history with an exhibition displayed in the library. Browse at your own leisure or enjoy a free guided tour at 11am or 2pm of Hylands House led by our knowledgeable team – this month's exhibition is 'World War I and the Men of the Estate'! Last entry at 3pm. In addition, the Hylands Farmers' & Crafts Market will have many stalls located outside Hylands House and within the Grand Pavilion. Purchase Christmas handmade goods and tasty treats plus Father Christmas will be making an appearance and live festive music will add to the atmosphere.

DIARY DATES 2020

Margarettng Village Hall

Saturday, 7 March - Quiz Night

Wednesday, 8 April - Bingo restarts

Tuesday, 12 May - Eastern Angles

Friday, 8 May - VE Day celebrations

St Margaret's Church

Saturday, 11 July - Song Cycle

Saturday, 5 September - Strawberry Blonde

Get help applying for Universal Credit

Our Help to Claim service can support you in the early stages of your Universal Credit claim, from the application, through to your first payment.

Help to Claim is a dedicated service from Citizens Advice. It's free, independent and confidential. Our trained advisers can help with things like how to gather evidence for your application or how to prepare for your work coach appointment.

Call us for free: 0800 144 8 444

Visit us: www.chelmsfordcab.org/universal-credit.

You can also learn more in general about Universal Credit by visiting our [YouTube channel](#). Just go to YouTube and search for Citizens Advice Chelmsford, where you will find many useful playlists on various topics including Universal Credit.

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY COACH OUTINGS 2020

Leonardslee Lakes and Garden, West Sussex

Saturday 16 May 2020

Cost: £38 for members; £43 non-members

Coach, entrance, 90 minute guided tour and driver's tip

Great Comp Garden 'Summer Show'

Saturday 8 August 2020

Provisional cost: £28 for members; £33 non-members

Coach, entrance and driver's tip

RHS Wisley, 'Taste of Autumn'

Saturday 17 October 2020

Cost: £21 for members; £26 non-members

Coach, entrance and driver's tip

More information on all the outings will be on the Society's website, www.ifhs.org.uk, in the New Year.

To book or for more details

Please contact Ann Monk either by telephone on 01277 352856 or by email: annimonk@talk21.com.

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL MOBLE CUSTOMER SERVICES Margarettng Village Hall Wednesday 11th December - 2 to 3pm We can help you to

- ◇ Recycle more and we can provide you with replacement sacks
- ◇ Find out how to get help with housing benefit or council tax
- ◇ Report issues in your area
- ◇ Find out about tourism and leisure activities

No appointment necessary



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on in December 2019

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Chelmsford and Margaretting Dog Training Group – 5pm – 10pm – Main Hall – 23rd last one this year

Tuesdays

Art Class – 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room 3rd and 10th
Barnraisers – 10th - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room
Fit 4 Action – 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall
Yoga - 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall – 3rd and 10th
Essex Beekeepers Association – 7pm – Main Hall – 17th
Chelmsford and Margaretting Dog Training Group – 6pm – 8pm – Main Hall – 10th

Wednesdays

Aerobics – 7-8pm – Main Hall 16th
Charity Bingo – 4th – 7.30pm - Main Hall - last one until 2020
Dance to Fitness – 4th - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall – last one until 2020
French class –10am – 4th and 11th - 12noon – Meeting Room
Keyboard class – 10am – 12 noon & 1-3pm – Chelmer Room
Cameo – 11th - 2-4pm - Meeting Room
Chelmsford City Council Mobile Customer Services – 11th - 2-3pm

Thursdays

Art Class -10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room 5th and 12th
GENERAL ELECTION POLLING STATION – 7am – 10pm – Meeting Room – 12th
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am – Main Hall
Margaretting Parish Council - 12th - 7.30pm – Chelmer Room
Flower Arranging – 11.30am – 1.30pm – Main Hall

Fridays

Barnraisers – Main Hall – 6th and 13th - 9.30am – 12.30pm
Region 8 Quilters Guild Coffee Morning – 6th, - Meeting Room – 10am – 12 noon

Saturdays

Multi Sports – 10 -11am – Main Hall – not 28th
Village Coffee Morning – 14th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Margaretting Parish Surgery 14th – 10am – 12 noon – Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 8^h - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:
01277 355575 or 07794 187741

DECEMBER RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Wednesdays 4th and 18th December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesdays 11th and 27th December

Thursday collections

Food waste - Every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Thursdays 5th and 19th December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Thursdays 12th and 28th December

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

For more information about special collections or to arrange a collection
Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU
Opening Times - 9am to 4pm
Monday, Wednesday to Sunday
Closed Tuesdays

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Ingatestone Community Centre
Sunday, 8 December - 12 noon to 6pm

MOBILE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICE

Village Hall Foyer
Wednesday, 11 December - 2pm to 3pm
A free service offering help and advice on a range of enquiries plus FREE replacement recycling sacks and dog waste bags

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Village Hall - Chelmer Room
Coffee Morning - 10am to 12 noon
Saturday, 14 December
All Welcome
More information 01277 355575

MOBILE LIBRARY Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons. 5th December - 9:40am to 10:10am in the lay-by in Maldon Road 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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