



MARGARETTING NEWS

February 2016

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

7th February
11.00am Parish Communion

14th February NO SERVICE

21st February
11.00am Parish Communion

28th February NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion
3:30pm Evensong

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

DIARY DATES

JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 20th February
Margaretting Village Hall - 10am to 12 noon

SUPERSTAR - Sunday, 28th February
St Margaret's Church - 4.30pm to 6.30pm

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 5th March
Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

EASTERN ANGLES - Tuesday, 12th April
Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

QUEEN'S 90TH CELEBRATION
Sunday, 12th June

Margaretting Village Hall - 3pm to 8pm

FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday, 9th July
Margaretting Village Hall - 1pm to 4pm

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Winter

At last winter has come to Margaretting with what I would call proper winter weather, blue sky, sunshine and a frost, the ground frozen hard. How long will this winter last? Just a day or two is the most likely answer, but we will wait and see.

Our little dog Storm often gets a mention and so it is to be this month. For while out walking out with him I noticed one or two things, all had been under water and mud in abundance was everywhere. On this beautiful morning the frost was so hard that it had drawn all the moisture out of the ground leaving it like rock. When all the situations of life close in on us rather like the frost all seems to get drawn out of us and all too easily our hearts become hard. At these times our lives are held in the frozen grip of winter, but spring always follows the winter season and a thaw takes place. We read in scripture the following words that I hope may bring comfort in the winter season.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you, may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ melt our frozen hearts. Spring is coming for all of us.

Every Blessing
Revd Celia

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SUPERSTAR

On the third Sunday of Lent, 28th February, from 4:30 to 6:30 in St Margaret's Church, there will be a special soirée. More than thirty pupils from Arts Roundabout, Mountnessing, will take part in a musical ensemble and dramatisation of excerpts from "Jesus Christ Superstar". There will be some audience participation. Oliver Lincoln will be at the organ. Entrance by programmes available at the door - adults £5 and children £3 (participating children £2 prepaid). Light refreshments included. All proceeds will be donated to this beautiful medieval church.

Please don't miss this delightful and colourful event!

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JANUARY MEETING

Please note full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarettng Community website

DEMOCRATIC TIME

The following issues were raised.

(i) Access path to the parish office:

The plan to place planters between the bollards along the kerb side of the path was explained. The planters will prevent wheelchair wheels slipping off the kerb and pedestrians tripping up or falling down the kerb.

In addition the fixing of a handrail to the wall side of the path will help people with visual and mobility problems to negotiate the path.

The reason for installing bollards in the actual path was explained too. The bollards prevent parked car bumpers overlapping the path.

(ii) New fencing by Ynamit: Worries that travelers might have fenced off a parcel of land in Maldon Road were discussed. It was thought the land and fence in question belonged to The Saddlery. It was agreed to check this with Ingatestone Saddlery.

(iii) Flood Alleviation Scheme: We confirmed that we are not aware of any further developments having taken place.

VILLAGE ROADS

Three Mile Hill: In light of a recent road accident along this stretch of road the Liaison Officer for the Chelmsford Highways Panel has been asked to confirm the status of the speed traffic survey (LCH142076) we requested twelve months ago.

Maldon Road (Nuns Crossing): It was agreed to contact Network Rail to ask them when they plan to carry out the work to solve the flooding problem.

Main Road: The damaged bollards to the war memorial have been replaced. The new bollards will be repainted once the weather improves.

VILLAGE TREES

The question of who planted the two oaks on the Maldon Road Green has been raised once again. It was agreed that as the green is maintained by Chelmsford City Council and the parish council did not plant the trees residents should be advised to direct any further queries regarding these two trees to Chelmsford City Council.

The ivy covering the cherry tree by the bus shelter opposite the Black Bull will be cut back this month.

SHOPPER BUS

Members of the community have queried the reliability and cost of the Community Transport scheme (Essex County Council's recommended option for replacing the current free shopper bus when it ends in April). It was agreed, whilst exploring other options, we should write to the Essex Council's Passenger Transport Accessibility Planning Officer to make known residents' and our concerns and to ask that the decision to end the current arrangements for the shopper bus be revised.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Nothing to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

Chelmsford's Local Highways Panel will consider our request for village gateways on Wednesday, 23 March.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:
£240 - Conservation Volunteers
£50 - Chairman's expenses
£29 - Miscellaneous expenses
£11 - Office Stationery

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following decision was noted:
15/01784/FUL - Tindal House, Maldon Road: Conversion of garage, new roof over front porch and dormer window in front roof slope.
Planning Permission Granted

The following application was received for comment:

16/00025/FUL - 4, Brookside Cottages, Main Road: Demolition of existing conservatory and sun lounge and construction of single storey and rear extension.

The following investigation report was noted:

Three Mile Hill - unauthorised occupancy: There is no evidence that anyone is living on the woodland area between A414 and A12 at Street Record Three Mile Hill Inter-section 4.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The date for February's surgery is 20th February (10.30 to 12 noon). Cllr Quilter will be in attendance.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Please see reports for 6 December to 11 January.

17:00 06/12/2015 – 07:30 07/12/2015

Ingatestone Road, StockDoor forced to garage, lawnmower stolen

09:00 – 23:59 07/12/2015

Myln Meadow, Stock. Damage to vehicle by scratching panels with implement – unknown whether occurred in Stock or elsewhere

16:30 – 22:45 10/12/2015

Orton Close, Margarettng. Items stolen from within a vehicle – entry by means unknown.

20:00 13/12/2015 – 10:55 15/12/2015

Mill Road, Stock. Passenger window smashed and windscreen cracked to vehicle by means unknown

22:30 14/12/2015 – 04:40 15/12/2015

Fosters Close, Stock. Christmas decorations stolen from outside house.

16:00 01/01/2016 – 18:00 02/01/2016

Brookmans Road, Stock. Tools stolen from rear of van by means unknown.

21:55 – 22:00 08/01/2016

Mill Road, Stock. Front door to premises forced – nothing believed to be removed

12:50 – 15:00 11/01/2016

Pennys Lane, Margarettng. Vehicle broken into by smashing front offside window, item stolen from within vehicle

If you witness any suspicious activities day or night, please report it as soon as possible.

Jemma Carr, PCSO 71018

South Woodham Ferrers, Neighbourhood Policing Team
Telephone 101 - extension 421001
jemma.carr@essex.pnn.police.uk

SOUP AND STUDY LENT COURSE

Wednesday nights through Lent starting on Wednesday, 17 February 7pm to 8pm in The Vicarage, Penny's Lane looking at the Lord's Prayer. For more details please ring Revd Celia on 0784 215 1387. All are welcome.

MARGARETTING LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club is on Saturday, 20 February at 1pm in The Vicarage, Pennys Lane. Do come along if you live alone and would welcome an opportunity to eat a good meal in company with other people. Please telephone 0784 215 1387 to give Revd Celia and Mike an idea of numbers to cater for.

BOOK CLUB

Everyone enjoyed looking at Joanna Lumley's collection of photos in her autobiography 'Absolutely'. Not everyone enjoyed Judy Finnigan's novel 'I do not Sleep' - we gave it 2.5 stars and thought it a light holiday read. One member described it as a 'fluffy' novel! We liked the setting for the story and her descriptions of the places in Cornwall which we had visited and recognised. We meet again on 22 February to review 'Mr Pip' by Lloyd Jones. Next on our reading list is a Stephen Fry autobiography. For more information telephone Penny on 01277 356182.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

On Sunday, 28 February, in St Margaret's church at 4.30pm, pupils from Arts Roundabout will be performing 'Superstar' - excerpts from 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. Please come along to this performance. Your support is needed!

CAROL SINGING IN THE BLACK BULL & RED LION

A big big thank you to the Black Bull and the Red Lion for their hospitality and mince pies. Thank you also to the carol singers and visiting choir and to everyone who put money in the collection bag. A total of £217.88 was collected for CHESS (the Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme). If you would like to find out more about CHESS visit www.chelmsfordchess.org

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

On Monday, 15 February our keynote speaker will be talking about Essex Smugglers. All are welcome. We will be hearing stories relating to the early days, but in the main the south of our county, during the 18th and early 19th centuries. Margaretting Friends meet once a month on the third Monday at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. For further information telephone Lynn on 01277 355575.

JUMBLE SALE

Margaretting Village Hall
Saturday, 20 February 10am to 12noon
To raise funds for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations to be held in the village.
If you have any jumble to donate, please contact April on 01277 354557.

EASTER LILIES

There will be an Easter Sunday service at St Margaret's church as usual - it would be lovely to see a big congregation! We would very much like to have the traditional Lily Pedestal and therefore I am appealing once again for donations, to be able to arrange them in memory of loved ones. The lilies are approximately £3 per bloom - any donation is gratefully received. If you are making a donation and would like a loved ones name mentioned during the service please advise at the time. All monies and names should be sent to Margaret Boxall at Tarporley, Pennys Lane, or telephone me on 01277 354844 as soon as possible. Thank you again for your support. *Margaret Boxall*

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lorraine Hall, a newcomer to Margaretting, who has won the Christmas WWW Quiz. There were only 4 points between the highest and lowest scores! A cheque for £10 has been presented. Margaretting Friends would like to thank everyone who bought a quiz sheet

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks (Church walk, Margaretting Tye walk, Fristling Hall walk and Writtle Deer walk) are available free of charge from the parish council. Please contact Cllr Peter Slade on 01277 350745.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 5 March at 7.00pm
Margaretting Village Hall
In aid of the refurbishment of the ladies toilets. Tickets £8 each adult. £5 each child. Tables of 8. Can be made up on the night. Fish and Chip Supper. Children welcome. Bring your own drinks. For further information or to book your table telephone Stella on 01277 356986

QUEEN'S 90TH CELEBRATIONS 2016

Margaretting Village Hall
Sunday, 12 June 3pm to 8pm
Plans for the afternoon are coming along nicely. There will definitely be something for everyone - afternoon tea, a hog roast plus lots of entertainment. The hog roast, a singer and the music have been booked. A magician, balloon magic, Punch and Judy and other ideas for entertainment are being checked for availability and cost. Fund raising ideas to help towards the costs of our village celebration are currently being discussed. There is to be a village scarecrow competition to mark the occasion - a challenge to everyone to make a scarecrow for their front garden. The theme is 'kings and queens through the ages'. So, please do 'watch this space'
If you would like to get involved with planning the celebrations come along to the next planning meeting on Tuesday, 1 March at 7:30pm in the meeting room in the village hall.

OVER 60S CLUB

Last month club members, together with friends and neighbours, celebrated the New Year with an excellent meal from the 'Black Bull'. This month, Wednesday, 3 and 17 February, we have our regular club afternoons of chat and a cuppa, quiz, Bingo and games. Do join us if you can. For more information contact Don or June on 01277 356126.

BOOKS

If anyone has any books they could donate to the village hall for fund raising - please ring Lynn on 01277 355575.

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

What's on in February

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

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

Yoga 8.15 – 9.15pm Main Hall

Margaretting Friends – 15th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – Essex Smugglers
- All welcome

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Art Class – 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room

(No Art class 16th – Half term)

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Hot Yoga – New class – Starts 18th every Thursday 6pm – 9pm – Main Hall

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Saturdays

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

Parish Council Surgery – 20th – 10am – 12 noon - Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 21st - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

Countess Owners Association – 28th – 8am – 6pm – Main Hall

**For further details or queries for private functions
contact April Nixon (Booking Secretary) on 07794 187741**

FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste

Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack

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Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 2nd and 16th February

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PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the

Parish Office Saturday, 20th February

10:30am - 12 noon

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

If you are interested in becoming a parish

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Clerk to the Parish Council on 01277

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