



MARGARETTING NEWS

February 2017

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

5th February

11.00am Parish Communion

12th February NO SERVICE

19th February

11.00am Parish Communion

26th February NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

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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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A Winter Makeover

At the beginning of December a small Planning Application notice was displayed outside the Vicarage; surely not more building! No need to worry, the application did not relate to buildings but to the trees. As you can imagine life at the Vicarage through January has been both noisy and busy as trees and bushes have had a winter makeover, all the dead wood and branches both large and small have been removed. This has completely changed the Vicarage both inside and out, now we have views across the fields and the whole house is filled with light. If you are passing do drop in and see us you would be most welcome.

The prophet Isaiah wrote these words, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land with deep darkness - on them light has shined". He was foretelling the coming of Jesus Christ the one who is the Light of the World. Perhaps all our lives need something of a winter makeover, taking away all that is not life giving just like the branches and trees and allowing the light of Jesus Christ to flood into us. May you all know the light and love of Jesus Christ for yourselves?

Every blessing Revd Celia

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QUIZ NIGHT

Margaretting Village Hall

Saturday 11th March 2017 at 7.00pm
In aid of the upkeep of the Village Hall

Fish and Chip Supper
Children welcome
Bring your own drinks

Tickets £8 each adults
£5 each child
Tables of 8

(Can be made up on the night)
Ring Sheila on 01277 840493

DIARY DATES 2017

FUN DAY MEETING - Thursday 16 February
7:30pm in The Black Bull

JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 18 February
10am – 12 noon in the village hall

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday, 11 March
7pm in the village hall

INDOOR BOOT SALE - Saturday 25 March
9.30am to 12 noon in the village hall

EASTERN ANGLES - Tuesday 25 April
'The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart'
7.30pm in the village hall.

Please ring Michael or Jennie Scott on
01277 354821 for tickets.
£10.00 adults and £5.00 16yrs and younger.

FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday 8 July
Margaretting Village Hall - 1pm to 4pm

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JANUARY MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarett Community website. A copy of the minutes is also placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. A parish councillor is on duty in the parish office on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 12 noon. 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.margarett@virgin.net

Due to the bad weather on Thursday, 12 January only four parish council members were present.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

One member of the public present. The following issues were raised.

Parsonage Lane Rail Crossing

No update available.

Penny's Lane parking problems

We agreed to ask the headteacher if there is anything the parish council could do to help the school resolve the parking problem. And to find out when she will be able to attend one of our meetings to discuss this issue.

Missing bollard in Main Road

The end bollard opposite Penny's Lane, knocked down by a large lorry making a 'U' turn, needs reinstating to prevent further vehicles from misusing this junction. We agreed to chase up previous requests made to Highways for its reinstatement.

Removal of dead cherry tree stumps in Maldon Road

We have been assured by Highways the removal of these stumps by 'grinding down' is due to take place.

Split tree in Main Road

Concerns were expressed that a large tree, with a visible split in its trunk, on Peacocks side of the road may need immediate attention. The state of this tree is to be reported to Chelmsford City Council's Tree Officer.

ISSUES CARRIED FORWARD FROM DECEMBER'S MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Pennys Lane sewage problem

Noted this matter is being resolved.

Dog Waste Noted a request for filled waste bags to be placed in the red bins not the litter bins. **See next page.**

Debris in Margarett Brook

Confirmed an email reporting and requesting removal of the debris has been sent to the Environment Agency.

Identification of village footpaths

Noted a request to include the location of the footpath in the newsletter when reporting any problems.

MARGARETTING TYE

Our adoption of the red telephone box at the Tye has been agreed by BT and Lord Petre. The paperwork setting BT's terms is ready to be signed. To date no decision has been made as to the future use of the red box.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:

£1 - BT (adoption fee)

£44 - BT (telephone/broadband)

We noted the parish council has maintained a healthy financial position throughout the year and some budgets have under spent. Under spent funds will be carried forward to the 2017/18 financial year accounts.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Two of the three quotes for cutting back the hedge separating the allotments and playing field have been received and noted. Advice as to when best to carry out this work will be sought to avoid disturbing nesting birds. Sovereign has not confirmed a start date for the safety surface repairs.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

To protect against the effects of the weathering process we agreed priority will be given this year to caring for the five bar entrance gate to the Maldon Road playing field and our wooden benches in the village. Quotes to treat the benches with wood preservatives will be invited from local contractors.

MAIN ROAD TRAFFIC

We received an email from a resident who has recently moved into the village. His email expressed concerns about the speed of traffic traveling through the village and the danger this presents for traffic negotiating the cross roads.

We agreed to forward a summary of the parish council's efforts and actions taken over the years to resolve this speeding problem. And to request any traffic calming ideas he may have.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

We agreed to see if our project to renew the village sign would fall within the remit of Essex County Council's Community Initiative Fund 2018/2019.

VILLAGE RIGHTS OF WAY

Green Lanes Bridleway No 43 (Swan Lane to Crondon House) The bollard is still missing. The damaged handrail to the brook and damaged fencing still require attention. These three problems have been reported to Essex County Council Highways.

To date no action has been taken.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following decisions were noted:

16/01930/FUL - 25 Orton Close:

Side and rear conservatory.

Planning Permission Granted

16/01812/FUL and 16/01813/LBC - 4, Whitebridge Cottages, Maldon Road:

Two storey side and single storey rear extension.

Planning Permission Granted

16/01839/FUL - Church Lane:

Change of use of agricultural land to camping and touring caravan site, car park, two toilet blocks and shower block. Construct passing places along existing track and implement landscape planting.

Planning Permission Refused

16/01888/FUL - Guestling, Maldon Road:

Retrospective application for single storey front and side extensions to outbuilding for use as an annex.

Planning Permission Granted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9 February at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The date for February's surgery is 18 February (10.30 to 12 noon). Cllr

MOBILE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICE

Wednesday, 8 February - 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the village hall foyer

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs Shirley Childs of Mountnessing who has won the Margaretting Friends Christmas Quiz. A prize of £10 has been forwarded to her.

DOG WALKERS

If you walk your dog around the Village Hall recreation field or the Maldon Road playing field please remember to keep your dog on its lead, to take a doggy poo bag with you, to pick up and dispose of the bag in the RED BINS provided at the entrances. Please do not put the filled bags in the LITTER BINS. Litter bins in the recreation and playing fields are emptied by volunteers. Removing these bags is a very unpleasant experience especially when the bags split open! Thank you.

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club's next get-together is on Saturday, 4 February at 1pm in the Vicarage, Penny's Lane. Please let Mike and Revd Celia know if you are planning to go so they know how many people to expect.
Mobile tel: 0784 215 1387

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Monday, 6 February at 7.30pm. Do you want to learn a new craft or set aside time to complete an on-going project or need help with the next steps then join us in the Chelmer Room of Margaretting Village Hall on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. All welcome. Any enquiries please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

JUMBLE SALE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 18 February - 10am to 12 noon

In aid of the upkeep of the village hall.

If you have any jumble to donate, please contact April on 01277 354557 or Michael on 01277 354821.

OVER 60S CLUB

New members are welcome. Meetings start at 2pm and are held on alternate Wednesdays in the village hall. The Wednesday dates for this month are 8 and 22 February. For more information please telephone June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

INDOOR BOOT SALE

Margaretting Village Hall

Saturday 25 March - 9.30am to 12 noon

In aid of the upkeep of the village hall.

We've all got a lot of things we want to get rid of but don't want to chance the weather so come and join us in the village hall. Sellers can set up from 8am. Tables available at £10 each inside. Book early to avoid disappointment. Pre-booking of tables only – contact Sheila on 01277 840493.

BOOK CLUB

Ken Follett's novel 'The Key to Rebecca' received a good review. This WWII spy story set in Egypt with multiple characters, multiple plots and mix of romance and adventure was enjoyed by everyone. Using our 5 star rating system we awarded it 4 stars. This month we are reading 'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbraith. For more information about the Book Club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 January

It was very disappointing that only the core members of the Family Fun Day Committee attended the meeting. We sincerely hoped that the Family Fun Day and the Horticultural Show was important enough to our Village to encourage at least one new member willing to help us keep it going. As we said in the January News, we would love to keep the Horticultural show going but unfortunately unless we have more members we will have to review this as there is

only so much we can do on the day with limited members. If you would like more information regarding how much of your time would be required and you would like to join us, please either see Julie in The Black Bull pub or come to our next committee meeting on Thursday 16 February at 7:30pm in The Black Bull. Depending on attendance / interest shown the Committee will be forced to make a decision at the February meeting. Thank you.

Georgina Saddington

CCTV AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to report, due to a very generous donation, a full CCTV system is being installed at the village hall and will be fully operational from the beginning of February.

The system will be checked regularly for security purposes and any unauthorised users of the village hall or the grounds will be reported accordingly.

Village Hall Committee

MARGARETTING FLOWER TEAM

Many many thanks to everybody that helped arrange the Christmas flowers in St Margaret's church. It made the church look very festive. Because I was away after the Christmas period I would also like to give a special thanks to the ladies who took down the decorations and re-arranged the flowers that were still beautiful.

Margaret Boxall

SUPPORTERS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Committee members have been busy in the churchyard. The compost area has been tidied and brambles removed. We now have a sign reminding people to take home their non-compostable materials. A new compost bin, in keeping with the surroundings, is being made and will be installed soon.

GILL BROWN

Last year, through this newsletter, Jack Sharp asked if anyone knew if a Gill Brown still lived in the village. Gill was a college friend of Jack's wife in the 1960s and her father was Head of Education in Essex in those days. Having received no response Jack asked if we could try one more time. Mr and Mrs Sharp would dearly like to make contact with Gill. Mr and Mrs Sharp's telephone number is 01453-882774 with answering machine.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

January's talk 'The History of Galleywood Race Course' prompted a lot of interest and discussion. On Monday, 20 February we look forward to a demonstration on 'Simple Flower Arrangements'.

Margaretting Friends meet once a month on the third Monday at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. For further information please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575.



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on February 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall
Crafters 6th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome
Margaretting Friends 20th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome

Tuesdays

Art Class - 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room (Not on the 14th)
Yoga – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall (Not on the 14th)
Fit 4 Action – 10th 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall (Not on the 14th)
Barnraisers – 7th and 21st - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room
Combat Academy – 7th and 21st – 7-9pm – Main Hall - self defence

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 8th and 22nd – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall
Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall
French class – 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room
Village Hall Committee – 1st – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Jazz Band practice – 15th - 7pm - Chelmer Room
Aerobics – 15th – 7-8pm – Main Hall

Thursdays

Art Class – (Not on 17th) - 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall
Parish Council meeting – 9th – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Fridays

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

Saturdays

Jumble Sale & Village Coffee Morning – 18th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Parish Council Surgery – 18th – 10.30am – 12 noon - Parish Office
Hindu Dharma Society - 25th – 3pm – Main Hall

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 12th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

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

FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES

Food waste

Every Tuesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Tuesday 7th and 21st February

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 14th and 28th February

MARGARETTING TYE

Food waste

Every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesday 8th and 22nd February

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 1st and 15th February

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the Parish Office on Saturday, 18th February
10:30am - 12 noon

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a

Village Coffee Morning

Saturday, 18th February

10.00am to 12 noon

in the Chelmer Room

at the Village Hall

includes Jumble Sale

Local Honey and produce available

Bric a Brac and books, Remus Charity Stall

All welcome

More information 01277 355575

EASTERN ANGLES

Tuesday 25 April 7.30pm in the village hall
'The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart'

This show is unlike any other Eastern Angles Spring Tour to date, an immersive experience placing the audience in the heart of a bar with the story unfolding around them through folk music and performance.

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 2nd and 16th February
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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