



MARGARETTING NEWS

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 20th May (7.30pm)

**Margaretting Village Hall
Eastern Angles Spring Tour 2014
'PalmWine and Stout'**

Saturday, 12th July (1pm - 4pm)

**Margaretting Village Hall
Family Fun Day and
Horticultural Show**

Margaretting Relief in Need Trust Financial support for local Students in further education

When the Educational Maintenance Allowance was cut in 2010 the Trust helped a local student in further education with his travel costs for the two years of his course. The student has now completed his course and is in employment.

If your family has a relatively low income and you would benefit from assistance, the Trust might be able to help with a modest contribution towards travel or other costs. Please write to the Clerk to the Trust: Elizabeth Smith, 3 Maldon Road, Margaretting CM4 9JG, briefly explaining your circumstances and the Trustees will give consideration to your request.

200 Club

It's that time of year again to collect the subscription for the 200 Club.

Subscription forms were circulated with last month's newsletter. If you have mislaid your form please contact:

Mr Paul Maynard, Folly Cottage, Main Road, Margaretting, CM4 9JB.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, 2nd February 10am - Parish Communion

Sunday, 9th February - NO SERVICE

Sunday, 16th February 10am - Parish Communion

Sunday, 23rd February - NO SERVICE

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

The benefice of Margaretting, Mountnessing and Buttsbury is now in what's called an 'interregnum'. The three churches in the benefice have started the process of looking for a new priest and it is hoped this interregnum will not last as long as the last one. The church wardens for the three churches are currently putting together a combined profile for the benefice and are trying to get the best person they can. They are involving members of their congregations by asking for views on the priorities the new priest should focus on, for example, better communications, better relationships within the community etc.

An interregnum is a difficult time for a church, but the life of the church does not stop. At St Margaret's Church, services will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10am. These services will be led by a number of visiting

clergy, including Canon John Brown, whom many of you will know. St Margaret's now has a very small congregation, but you will always receive a warm welcome if you would like to join us on a Sunday.

St Giles, Mountnessing and St Mary's, Buttsbury, also offer a range of church services every month and details of their services can be found on their individual websites.

Finally, during this period all enquiries for weddings, baptisms and funerals should be made to the church warden. If parishioners are ill or in hospital, please let the church know, as in the absence of our own priest, someone can still be appointed to visit and offer pastoral support.

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JOHN CURRIE 1934 - 2014

The village community was sad to learn of the death last month of John Currie. Following a private family funeral on Friday 17th January, family members and friends joined together for a service of thanksgiving in St Margaret's church. The church that John loved and had faithfully served for many years as its church warden. A packed church heard of John's many achievements, talents and interests - past and present. A keen and tireless conservationist, angler, hockey player and a great supporter of the Riding for the Disabled being just a few of his many interests.

It was evident by the large number of people in the church that John had a wide circle of friends and was a truly respected member of the Margaretting community. John played an active role in the village. He was a long serving member of the parish council and acted as its chairman for many years. On Remembrance Sunday it was John we all looked to at The War Memorial to read aloud the list of names of those Margaretting folk who had lost their lives in two world wars.

His presence and support for village events will be sorely missed.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JANUARY MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Four members of the public were present. Matters raised included:

Flood Alleviation Scheme: Brook Farm had been notified that tree clearance work would be starting soon. We were asked if the parish council had been informed whether or not an appeal had been registered against the decision reached at the judicial review in December.

We confirmed that we had not been informed either way but had been advised that the Environment Agency did have plans to reschedule the postponed drop in exhibition. We agreed there were still a number of unanswered questions and concerns about the scheme.

Footpath 21/Whistle Board: We confirmed the closure notice for this footpath is due to come into effect on 10th January 2014.

Writtle Road: The speed of traffic using this road together with its poor state of repair which presents a danger to cyclists, motorist and pedestrians alike was discussed. Cllr Grundy agreed to report this matter to Essex-County Highways.

REDUCED SPEED LIMITS FOR WANTZ ROAD, WRITTLE ROAD AND MARGARETTING ROAD

Writtle PC has submitted a priority traffic scheme to Chelmsford City's Local Highway Panel for the introduction of a reduced speed limit for the roads linking Writtle and Margaretting. This proposal was discussed with Cllr P. Sullivan, Writtle parish councillor, who attended the meeting to seek our views and support for the proposal. After noting we had previously supported a petition in 2004, signed by Margaretting residents, to lower the speed limit in Writtle Road and that we had also submitted a priority scheme which included a reduction in the speed limit in Wantz Road to 30mph it was agreed to reaffirm our support for Writtle PC's proposal.

ACCOUNTS

The expenditure agreed this month was:
£407 - contribution towards village hall insurance premium.
£133 - BT broadband

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

No further information is available about the proposed diversion of footpath 32. The applicant for diverting this path is Network Rail who has proposed in order to avoid crossing the line at Parsonage Lane, the public use an alternative route using the tract that runs underneath the line further to the north.

VILLAGE SITES

Bus Shelters: We agreed to purchase and install a litter bin for the new bus shelter outside the Red Lion.

Although the vegetation surrounding the shelter opposite the Black Bull has been cut back there is still a need for further clearance work as the two ornamental cherry trees remain hidden. We agreed to contact the Ranger Team to see if they could do this additional clearance.

Pond and Trees: The vegetation surrounding the pond has been cut back and cleared away. We agreed to buy some shingle for the path in front of the pond.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village Hall Road Sign: A drawing of the road sign to show the location of the village hall has been sent to Active Signs.

Village Sign: We are waiting for confirmation as to the exact location of the mould for the existing sign. Once located we will be able to find out if HSigns can use it to build a new sign.

Parish Council Office: The PWLB has agreed our request for a loan of £20,000 towards the building costs. We noted the village hall committee had concerns about the new office which included disruption to the regular hirers whilst the building works were taking place and how any increased running costs would be apportioned between the hall and the parish council.

As some of the current committee members may not be aware of prior discussions about the new office we agreed a parish councillor would attend the next village hall committee meeting to answer the committee's questions.

351 BUS ROUTE

Starting in February the 351 bus will depart from Chelmsford five minutes earlier. We agreed to obtain a copy of the new timetable. The date when the Margaretting zone was changed is to be investigated.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

No reported incidents since the last meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

It was confirmed that there is a vacancy on the parish council.

ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

The European Commission is reviewing existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemption in the public interest. ACRE has put together a briefing note on the consultation and two taxation options put forward by the European Commission - full taxation and a refund system. We have been asked to comment on these two options. We agreed to ask for more information about the consultation before responding.

PLANNING

The following applications were received for comments:

13/01851/FUL - 2, Wantfield Cottages, Wantz Road: Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension.

The following decisions were noted:

Planning Appeal Reference:
APP/W1525/X/12/2/218944

Wells Farm, Ivy Barn Lane: Detached garage and cart lodge.

Appeal Dismissed

13/01535/FUL - Ruskin Cottage, Private Road: Construction of a conservatory to the rear of the property.

Grant Planning Permission

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following matters were raised:

Village Envelope: A local resident has asked how the existing boundary for the village envelope might be extended. Resident advised to contact Chelmsford City Council Planning Department for information and advice.

Main Road Roundabout: A shed and tent has been erected on the verge dividing the slip road from the A12 and Main Road. This has been reported to Highways who have made a site visit.

Maldon Road: The curb for the pavement in front of Nos 1a and 1b is broken and is in urgent need of repair. This has been reported to Highways.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 13 February at 7.30pm in the meeting room in the village hall.

BOOK CLUB

Last month we read Victoria Hislop's 'The Thread' and Penny Vincenzi's 'The Decision'. Two very different novels - including their size and length! Penny Vincenzi's novel 'The Decision', a very thick book with 877 pages with small print, is set in the swinging 60s. Whereas, 'The Thread', a historical novel that spans nearly 100 years, is half that size. Our chosen books for February are: Terry Pratchett's 'The colour of magic' and James Bowen's 'A street cat named Bob'.

Margaretting Book Club meetings are held once a month; usually on a Friday afternoon. For more information please contact Penny Savill on 01277 356182.

MOTHERS UNION

Meetings are held in St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing 2.30 to 4.00 on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 20th February. If you would like more information about our annual programme of events please contact Diana Bandy on 01277 353178.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. In January we invited David De'ath, a member of the Basket Makers Association, to give a talk about basketry, a demonstration of the craft which allowed time for us to show off our creative skills using Willow. Our next meeting is on Monday, 17th February and is being advertised as a 'Fun Evening'.

FEBRUARY RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste
Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesdays 4th and 18th

Green box and card sack
Tuesdays 11th and 25th

Margaretting Tye

Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesdays 5th and 19th

Green box and card sack
Wednesdays 12th and 26th

OVER 60S CLUB

The club's New Year dinner and after dinner entertainment on Wednesday, 22nd January were a huge success. As usual Julie and Mary Ann from the Black Bull produced a first class meal. This month on Wednesday, 5th February we are being entertained by Jean Sparrow. On Wednesday, 19th February we look forward to taking part in one of Don's famous quizzes.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Margaretting School Choir with children from classes 2 and 3 are looking forward to singing on the 31st of January during a spectacular evening at the O2 Arena in London. This annual event called Young Voices is the largest school choir organised in the world. There are currently over fourteen capacity concerts a year in the UK and Ireland's leading Arenas. Each year over 2,500 schools, 90,000 children 6,000 teachers and 120,000 family and friends come together to enjoy music and celebrate singing. The children have been practising for months and their hard work has certainly paid off.

Recycle Your WEEE

Chelmsford City Council now collects small WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) on the kerbside collection service. Just place all small WEEE items in a plastic carrier bag with your green box by 7am on your collection day. Larger items such as televisions, desktop computers, vacuum cleaners and large hi-fi can be collected by the Council for a charge. Alternatively, you can take your large appliances to your local Recycling Centre for Household Waste.

Items that can be recycled using your green box are:

- Small kitchen appliances (kettles, toasters, irons etc)
- Hair dryers, hair straighteners & clippers
- Clocks, watches, calculators & torches
- Remote controls, mobile phones, cameras & chargers
- Radios, mini hi-fis, & CD & MP3 players
- Small electronic toys e.g. remote control cars
- Power tools, smoke detectors & thermostats

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

03/01/2014 - 09/01/2014

Mill Road, Stock - Entry gained by breaking rear conservatory - believed no items taken

School Road, Downham - Wheelie Bin Stolen

Park Lane, Ramsden Heath - Entry forced to rear of property by the back door. Damage to door but no entry gained.

Church Lane, Margaretting - Damage to cables in BT box.

Swan Lane, Stock - Entry gained by smashing patio doors. Items stolen.

Tiplers Bridge, Ramsden Heath - Entry gained by forcing front door, keys stolen and Ford Fiesta stolen.

Recreation Walk, Ramsden Heath - Entry gained by forcing front door, keys stolen, vehicle stolen. Vehicle has now been recovered.

Jennings Place, Margaretting - Vehicle has been keyed.

13/01/2014

Swan Lane, Stock - Land Rover Defender stolen. Vehicle has since been recovered

Main Road, Margaretting - Entry gained by forcing rear door. Items stolen

Maldon Road, Margaretting - Attempted theft of three Land Rovers.

17/01/2014

Maldon Road, Margaretting - Motor bike stolen from location as victim helped someone out of a flood.

Jemma Carr, PCSO 71018.

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VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Mondays	Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7.00-8.00pm in the Main Hall Margaretting Friends 17th 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room
Tuesdays	Stitch & Chat 4th and 18th 9.30-12.00 noon in the Meeting Room Art Class 4th, 11th and 25th 2.00-4.30pm in the Chelmer Room
Wednesdays	Over 60s Club 5th and 19th 2-4pm in the Main Hall Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall French Class 10.00-12noon in the Meeting Room
Thursdays	Art Class 6th, 13th and 27th 9.30-12noon in the Chelmer Room Essex Handicraft 7th 7.00pm in the Chelmer Room Village Hall Meeting 6th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room Parish Council Meeting 13th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7.30-8.30pm in the Main Hall
Fridays	Stitch and Chat 9.30-12noon in the Main Hall
Saturdays	
Sundays	Loose Threads Patchwork 16th 9.30am-6pm in the Main Hall Archery Club AGM 2nd 10.00-4.00pm in the Main Hall

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

TO REPORT FLY TIPPING

Telephone 01245 606800
Ask for Environmental Services

PLASTIC SACKS

Additional bags can be picked up from Julie Jones.
Telephone 01277 354504

FOOD WASTE BAGS

Additional bags are available from Penny Savill.
Telephone 01277 356182

DOG WASTE BAGS

These bags are available from Keith Young.
Telephone 01277 354516

Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society - Outings 2014

ALL TICKETS TO BE PAID FOR UPON BOOKING

RHS Gardens Wisley - Saturday, 14 June 2014

Coach & entrance:

£16 IFHS member/£19 non-member

Hampton Court Flower Show (or Palace)

Thursday, 10 July 2014

Cost for coach only:

£17.00 IFHS member/£20.00 non-member

(Does not include cost of entrance)

Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire

'Apple Festival' Weekend - Saturday, 11 October 2014

Cost for coach and entrance :

£22 IFHS member/£25 non-member.

In the case of RHS members who are also IFHS members the cost will be £17 and for RHS members who are not members of the IFHS Society the cost will be £20. This discount only applies to Member 1 in the case of a joint membership.

For further information or to book please contact Ann Monk on 01277 352869. Details of all outings can be found on the Society's website www.ifhs.org.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 6th and 20th February
at 3.20-3.35pm 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 11.00am, Maldon Road at 11.02am, Main Road at 11.04am.

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 11.15am

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