



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## January/February 2019

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

| ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH<br>MARGARETTING                    | ST. GILES'S CHURCH<br>MOUNTNESSING | ST. MARY'S CHURCH<br>BUTTSBURY   |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6th January and 3rd February<br>NO SERVICE               | 9.30am Morning Prayer              | 8:30am Holy Communion            |
| 13th January and 10th February<br>NO SERVICE             | 9.30am Holy Communion              | 11.15am Plough Sunday and Matins |
| 20th January and 17th February<br>10.00am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Prayer              | 3.30pm Evensong with Communion   |
| 27th January and 24th February<br>NO SERVICE             | 9.30am Holy Communion              | 3.30pm Evensong                  |

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services  
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick - telephone number 01277 352562

### NEW YEAR THANK YOU NOTES

#### St Margaret's Bell Ringers

A big thank you to our loyal bell ringers, Bev, Jennie, Michael, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Petra and Susan, who ring St Margaret's bells for our Sunday service, festivals and other special services year in and year out. In particular for ringing the bells on Remembrance Sunday 2018 when they were rung half muffled before 10:30am and unmuffled at 12.30pm to celebrate peace.

#### St Margaret's Church Flowers

St Margaret's PCC would like to thank Margaret Boxall and the members of the St Margaret's Flower Team for their continued support in arranging flowers for church festivals, services and special occasions. Thank you.

#### Community Carol Singing

Monday, 17th December 2018 was the sixth year running that Julie in the Black Bull and Jon in the Red Lion kindly acted as 'mine hosts'. A huge thank you is owed to both of them and to everyone who took part and gave generously to the collection for CHESS - a local based charity which gives support and shelter to the homeless in Chelmsford. Thank you Bishop Stephen for leading the carol singing.

#### Christmas Fayre

Margaretting Friends would like to thank those companies and people who donated raffle prizes and supported the 2018 Christmas Fayre.

Forest Lodge Farm Turkeys, Calcotts Farm Shop, Ray Reece Property Maintenance, Ingatestone Saddlery, The Black Bull, Kennadys, Budgens, Patrick Green, Walter Henderson, Caroline Quilter, Ann Gunn

Thank you to everyone for your generous support in 2018.

#### Charity Bingo

A big thank you to all who supported the Charity Bingo on 5th December. A sum of just over £300 was raised on the night to which was added £170 contributed by the players who attend the Bingo evenings throughout the year. A generous donation was then added which brought the total up to £500. This was divided between 'The British Heart Foundation' and RSPCA. These charities were chosen by the players during the evening.

The date of the next Bingo is Wednesday, 10th April.

#### Margaretting News

A special thank you is long overdue to Paul Beresford and the Beresfords Ingatestone office for printing the newsletter each month. Paul's generosity and Secretary/Administrator Tina's support are appreciated.

Last but not least a big thank you to all our volunteers who each month distribute the newsletter to every household in the village.

The Tye (Harry and Sheila)  
Maldon Road (Peter, Maurice, Betty, Jean, Petra and Peter)  
Orton Close (Edna and Lynn)  
Main Road (Helena, Penny, Jennie and Michael)  
Pennys Lane (Angela)  
Wantz Road and Writtle Road (John)  
The Coptfold Estate (Caroline)  
Ivy Barn Lane (Roger)  
Church Lane and London Road (Penny)  
Killigrews (Beryl), Private Road (Sarah and Andy)

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## MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarettng Community website. A copy of the signed 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.margarettng@virgin.net

**A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office  
Saturday, 19th January and Saturday, 16th February - 10:30am to 12:00noon.**

### DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present.  
**Parsonage Lane:** Complaints about the water leaks at the top of this lane and lack of action by the Water Company were noted and discussed.

### THREE MILE HILL

**Occupation of the hut:** This matter has now been deemed a planning issue. It has been referred to Chelmsford City Council's Planning Team for action.

### SWAN LANE

Local residents' concerns about the increase of traffic since the lane has been designated a 'quiet lane' were noted as were the complaints about the damage to the road caused by the heavy vehicles using this lane.

### WANTZ ROAD

It was agreed not to install a dog waste (red) bin at the cross roads with Main Road and Wantz Road. Advice from Chelmsford City Council confirmed it is acceptable for dog walkers to place their dog waste bags in the existing waste bins at the cross roads. These bins are emptied regularly by the City Council's refuse collection team. A notice to this effect will be placed by these bins. Dog walkers are to be reminded not to place dog waste bags in the rubbish bins in the playing fields as these are not emptied by the City Council's refuse team.

### MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

No reported incidents. Reports of a tent being pitched at the far end of the allotments have been thoroughly investigated. The table and chairs together with a piece of sheeting used for a make do tent have been removed.

### VILLAGE HALL

Income from the hire of the hall is proving to be higher than anticipated. The Christmas Fayre 2018 was a success even though numbers attending were down.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

It was agreed to go ahead and place an order (£1,000) for a defibrillator. P&P Motors and the Black Bull have confirmed they would have no objections to a defibrillator being housed on their premises. To date BT has not responded to the parish council as to whether a defibrillator could be installed in the red telephone box by the pond.

### PARSONAGE LANE

A request made by a local resident that Highway rights be removed from part of this lane was received for comments from Essex Highways. It was noted concerns have already arisen regarding this request due to the lack of pedestrian refuge.

### OVER 60S CLUB

A request for a grant towards the running costs of the club was discussed. It was noted the club provides a much needed and appreciated social activity for the older members of the community and that the club is pursuing all practicable help to prevent it from closing. After discussion it was unanimously agreed the parish council would help towards the cost of the hire of the meeting room for the club for the forthcoming year.

### DOORSTEP SELLING

The parish council is to contact Trading Standards to see what evidence is required to obtain a cold calling free area status for the village.

### VILLAGE POND

Ideas put forward by the residents who attended the village pond meeting were noted. These included:

- Draw up an annual maintenance programme
- Employ a Conservation Pond Group to clear the debris from the pond
- Decrease the size of the pond
- Remove the pond dipping platform
- Dredge the pond (last done in 2004)
- Construct a path round the pond to allow ease of access to keep it clear of debris.
- Cut back the tall trees surrounding the pond to allow more light.

It was agreed to contact Chelmsford City Council's Parks Department to see what advice and help they are able to offer.

### MARGARETTING RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

The parish council unanimously agreed to nominate Patrick Wreathall as a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Tony Smith.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The term office for the current membership ends in May 2019. It was noted at least one member will be standing

down. **See next page for election info.**

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

No new volunteers have come forward. It was agreed to put a reminder in the newsletter. **See next page.**

### ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:  
£600 - Churchyard maintenance  
£500 - Clerk's salary/expenses  
£100 - Charity donation in memory of Tony Smith  
£77 - Broadband (village hall)  
£50 - Playing field rent  
£50 - Chairman's honorarium  
£25 - Poppy wreath

### 2019/2020 PRECEPT

This was set at £12,420. It was noted this is the fourth year running the precept has not been increased. It was noted also that the parish council will be carrying forward adequate reserves (general and earmarked) for unforeseen and emergency expenditure and planned projects.

### PLANNING

Planning enforcement notices on various sites in the parish were discussed and noted. Concerns were expressed about the lack of follow up action to ensure the notices are complied with.

The following applications were received for comment:

18/01888/CLOPUD - 1, Green Cottages, Ivy Barn Lane: Proposed detached garage.

18/01939/FUL - Land south of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane: Proposed stable block with associated hardstanding.

18/01976/FUL - Canford House, Wantz Road: Demolition of part existing dwelling, construction of single/double storey extensions, internal reconfiguration, new roof with loft conversion and dormers, replacement window, material change to elevations, new garage, alterations to front drive and new entrance gates.

18/01643/FUL - River Mead, Private Road: Retrospective application to retain hardstanding.

### DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 January at 7:30pm  
Thursday, 14 February at 7:30pm

## Anthony ('Tony') Richard Smith

The following is a transcript of the Address given by Canon John Brown on the occasion of the Service of Thanksgiving for Tony Smith at St. Margaret's Church, Margaretting, on Thursday 13 December, 2018.

Tony's body had lain in St. John the Evangelist and St. Erconwald Roman Catholic Church, Ingatestone overnight on Wednesday 12 December. On the Thursday morning a short service was held in the church for the immediate family followed by interment in Margaretting churchyard.

### Reading: Mark 4 verses 1-9. The Parable of the Sower.

'Who'd be a sower? Who'd be a farmer? - vulnerable to the uncertainties of the elements and the markets, able to irrigate but unable to protect against the intensity and duration of the heat of the sun, pleading for rain but unable to control amounts or timings, subject to policies of this and other governments; as a livestock farmer totally committed to the welfare of the animals, working all hours during lambing and calving, every animal a vital investment. And of course the work of the farmer is very public - all can see whether the furrows are straight, whether the sowing has been consistent across the fields, the effect on the crops of winds and storms, and the long hours spent alone in the combines during harvest time. Who'd be a farmer? Thank God Tony and others have heard the call - yes, I think of it as a vocation! Without the service and commitment of farmers none of us would have our daily bread - we are so dependent on their labours! Thank God for Tony! Thank God there are others willing to pick up the torch he has laid down and to carry on!

But I want to direct your attention to another reference to seeds in the Scriptures. In his gospel St. John records that on one occasion some Greeks, so predominantly focussed on the identity of the human physique and intellect, approached one of Jesus's disciples with the request: "We want to see Jesus." Jesus must have overheard for he replied: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains a single grain: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit." In its original context the reference of course is to the interpretation of Jesus's own impending death as paradoxically giving life to all. I suggest however that we can quite legitimately take Jesus's words to highlight the paradox which engulfs all of us: while we are alive the totality of who and what we are, our identity, is enclosed within our physical bodies. It is only when we die, when

the essential you and the essential me is released from our physical frames that we are free to offer to others all that has contributed to our uniqueness. Whether of course they choose to avail themselves of what we have and always will have to offer, is up to them, but at least we have realised our calling: in death as much as in life, to offer our lives to others. The uniqueness of Tony is now free from the physical frame which enclosed him: he offers his uniqueness to us.

I just want to take this message a tiny bit further. Last Saturday I spent half an hour or so with my older son and his wife as they sat either side of the bed on which my daughter-in-law's mother June lay dying. She had been dying for a few weeks, and no one could tell for how much longer the process would go on. As she lay there seemingly sleeping but sometimes wincing - the painkillers weren't always totally effective - I thought: 'just over 80 years ago June had not been conceived and therefore not been born; 80 or so years later her physical existence was about to come to an end. In those intervening 80 years she had been present to who knows how many people - as a child, a teenager, a lover, a wife, a parent, a grandparent, a friend, a neighbour, a hairdresser, for that was her profession.' People ask the question: 'Why am I here?' I suggest that is the wrong question! We should be asking: 'For whom am I here?' as throughout our physical existence intentionally, unintentionally, we make an impact on others.

Tony spent 50 years on Margaretting's Parish Council; he contributed to the Village Hall Committee, to endless sporting organisations and other activities in this village; he rubbed shoulders with many of you individually and collectively which is why you are here today. In part like all of us he lived for himself; but in part, and regrettably not always expressed by all of us, he lived for others. 'For whom are you here?'

Tony, thank you! May you rest in peace and rise in glory!

### DAILY NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

The person who used to deliver the daily national newspapers in the village is no longer offering this service. McColl's in Ingatestone may be able to offer a newspaper delivery service to Margaretting. To speak to someone about a newspaper delivery service to Margaretting telephone: 01277 355805

### GREAT BADDOW FLOWER CLUB

Our club has booked Margaretting Village Hall for a Workshop Day on Saturday 6th April. The National Association (of flower arranging) is providing a tutor in order to promote Flower Arranging and publicity for its associated clubs in each area.

We hope that flower arrangers and 'would be's' from the locality will attend and benefit from this day. Further information will appear in the March newsletter.

**WANTED** - Is there a young person within the parish who is working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award who needs the community service element? Margaretting Friends are looking for someone who could help promote things within the Parish on Social Media. If you could do this and want to discuss this further, please contact Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575

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\* **LOST AND FOUND** \*  
\* Two sets of keys found in December last \*  
\* year close by to the Copthall Cottages in \*  
\* Writtle Road. If you think these may be \*  
\* your keys please telephone 07938 390494 \*  
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## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Melissa Harrison's novel 'At Hawthorn Time' received a mixed review from our members. The story takes place in the English countryside during springtime; April turning into May. It begins with the ending to the story; the reader is witness to a road accident - 'two cars lie wrecked and ravished'. The novel revolves around a retired middle class North London couple, Jack a wandering itinerant and a local lad from a troubled family. All searching for a meaning and purpose in their lives. The characters are rather strange but believable. It is a beautiful written novel with the individual lives of the main characters carefully interwoven into the story. We agreed a star rating of 3 out of 5. January's book is 'The Crow Trap' by Ann Cleeves (the first in the Vera Stanhope series). February's book is 'Life After Life' by Kate Atkinson. For more information about the Book Club please telephone Penny on 01277 356182.

## OVER 60S CLUB

It is with great sadness we learned of the death last month of Betty Lyons. Our thoughts are with Joe her husband. Betty and Joe lived in Main Road all their married lives. Betty was a regular member of the Over 60s until her arthritis prevented her from going out. She was a nice, happy and very kind person. She will be missed by all her friends in the Over 60s. Betty's funeral is on Friday, 18 January at 2pm in the North Chapel, Chelmsford crematorium.

New members are always made welcome at the Over 60s. Meetings start at 2pm and are held on alternate Wednesdays in the meeting room at the village hall. The dates for the next two months are 9th and 23rd January and 6th and 20th February. For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING EVENTS

In February we are holding another Jumble sale to raise much needed funds. Please support the village hall to maintain the service it provides to the community by donating jumble and coming on the day (Saturday, 16 February) and booking a table for our quiz night in March (Saturday, 2 March). Don't forget the village hall foyer has a selection of second hand books on display for sale. The foyer also has a battery recycling box.

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

### Christmas Day Service

Revd Tim Pigrem, who led our Christmas morning service, instead of delivering a sermon, read the following poem written by British poet Ursula Askham Fanthorpe (1929-2009) - a poet renowned for her wordplay and dark wit.

### A poem for reflection and conversation?

#### The Wicked Fairy at the Manger My gift for the child:

No wife, kids, home;  
No money sense. Unemployable.  
Friends, yes. But the wrong sort -  
The workshy, women, wimps,  
Petty infringers of the Law,  
Persons  
With notifiable diseases,  
Poll tax collectors, tarts;  
The bottom rung.  
His end?  
I think we'll make it  
Public, prolonged painful,  
Right, said the baby. That was roughly  
What we had in mind.

## JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 16th February

10am - 12 noon in the village hall

If you have any jumble to donate, please contact

Lynn Cameron 01277 355575

or

Michael Scott on 01277 354821

## MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

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 come and join us in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Our meetings for the next two months are:

7th January, 4th February.

All enquiries or for more information about Margarettling Crafters please contact Lynn on 01277 355575

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at Margarettling Village Hall

Our next two meetings are:

21st January - 'charity of the year' update

18th February - speaker to be confirmed

Come and join us. All are welcome.

We support local projects in the village. Our speakers in 2018 ranged from Flower Arranging Demos to making Christmas Crackers from Charity Talks to Knit and Natter. For more information telephone 01277 355575

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 2nd March 2019 at 7.00pm  
at Margarettling Village Hall

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 Stella on 01277 356986

## DIARY DATES 2019

Saturday, 16 February - Village Hall Jumble Sale

Saturday, 2 March - Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday, 6 April - Flower Arrangers Workshop  
Margarettling Village Hall

Saturday, 6 July - Song Cycle St Margaret's Church



## Margaretting Village Hall

# What's on January & February 2019

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

### Mondays

Pilates: 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall

Story Explorers: 14 January - 12 noon – 3pm – Main Hall

Chelmsford & Margaretting Dog Training Group: 5pm–10pm – Main Hall

Crafters: 7 January and 4 February – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room

Margaretting Friends: 21 January and 18 February – 7.30pm – Chelmer

### Tuesdays

Art Class: Re-starts 8 January - 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room

\* No class on 19 February.

Fit 4 Action: Re-starts 8 January - 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall

Yoga: Re-starts 8 January – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall

\* No class on 19 February

Barnraisers : 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room

### Wednesdays

Over 60's Club: 9 & 23 January, 6 & 20 February - 2- 4pm - Meeting Room

Chelmsford City Council Mobile Customer Services : 9 January - 2-3pm

Dance to Fitness : Re-starts 9 January - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall

French class: Re-starts 9 January - 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room

\*No class 20 and 27 February

Jazz band: 9 January and 13 February – 7.30pm – 7.30pm Chelmer Room

Aerobics: 16 January and 20 February - 7-8pm – Main Hall

### Thursdays

Art Class: 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room. No class 21 February.

Pilates: 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall

Parish Council: 10 January and 14 February- 7.30pm – Meeting Room

Flower Arranging: Re-starts 10 & 24 January-11.30am–1.30pm–Main Hall

### Fridays

Quilters Guild Coffee Morning: 4 January and 1 February - Meeting Room

Barnraisers: Re-starts 4 January - 9.30am – 12.30pm

### Saturdays

Multi Sports: Re-starts 5 January-10 -11am–Main Hall

\* No Sports on 22 & 29 January and 16 February

Village Coffee Morning: 19 January and 16 February - 10am – 12 noon

Parish Council Surgery: 19 January and 16 February - 10:30 – 12 noon

### Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork: 13 January and 10 February - 9.30am – 6pm

**For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:**

**07794 187741 or [margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com)**

## JANUARY and FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES

### Food waste

Every Tuesday

**Black bin, green box and card sack**

Wednesday 9th and Tuesday 22nd January

Tuesday 5th and 19th February

**Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

Tuesday 15th and 29th January

Tuesday 12th and 26th February

## MARGARETTING TYE

### Food waste

Every Wednesday

**Black bin, green box and card sack**

Thursday 10th & Wednesday 23rd January

Wednesday 6th and 20th February

**Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

Wednesday 16th and 30th January

Wednesday 13th and 27th February

## PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the

Parish Office 10:30am - 12 noon

Saturday, 19th January

Saturday, 16h February

Copies of the parish council's minutes can be viewed on the parish website:

[essexinfo.net/margaretting](http://essexinfo.net/margaretting). A copy of the most recent meeting can be found on the

parish office notice board. The office telephone number is 01277 350887. This

phone number is checked weekly.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to their

Village Coffee Mornings

Saturday, 19th Jan and 16th Feb

10.00am to 12 noon

At the Village Hall in the Chelmer Room

Local Honey and produce available

Bric-a-Brac and books

Remus Charity Stall

All welcome

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Every three weeks on Thursday mornings, 10th and 31st January and 21st February at 9:40-10:10am 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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