



MARGARETTING NEWS

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 20th May (7.30pm)
Margaretting Village Hall
Eastern Angles Spring Tour 2014
'Palm Wine and Stout'

Eastern Angles has postponed its performance of 'Chicken' - the previously advertised play. This is due to the playwright, when starting work with the producer, realising that more writing was needed. 'Palm Wine and Stout', which has received excellent reviews, will be performed in its stead. 'Palm Wine and Stout' written by acclaimed poet, composer and playwright Segun Lee French is a moving and magical story full of family secrets. It is a tale of pride and tenderness, money and mourning that is warm, sharp, funny and refreshingly challenging.

CAROL SINGING

BLACK BULL & RED LION

Fifty people from the village met in the Black Bull to support the carol singing led by Bishop Stephen on the evening of Monday, 16th December. This was the second year running carol singers had been invited into the Black Bull and Red Lion and many thanks are due to both pubs for their warm welcome and hospitality. All agreed with Bishop Stephen's comments that this carol singing evening could now be regarded as a village tradition.

A total of £203.38 was collected during the evening for the Chelmsford CHESS - Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme. If you would like to find out more about this charity and how it supports the homeless in Chelmsford please telephone 01245 281104 or visit www.chelmsfordchess.org

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

- Sunday, 5th January 10am - Parish Communion
- Sunday, 12th January - NO SERVICE
- Sunday, 19th January 10am - Parish Communion
- Sunday, 26th January - NO SERVICE

SUPERFAST BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Should you wish to comment on the following information the parish council would be pleased to hear from you. Contact: Michael Scott michael.john.scott@hotmail.co.uk

In August last year ECC signed a contract with BT to deliver superfast broadband infrastructure (fibre) and better broadband uplift (cabling and other solutions, providing minimum 2Mbps up to 24Mbps) across Greater Essex. This project - the BDUK Project - uses public subsidy to complement and accelerate the offering by commercial operators to improve broadband availability in the county. The network infrastructure created under the project will be accessible for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to sell on to consumers.

It is worth noting that the project's objectives are to ensure that a minimum of 2Mbps download speed is available across Essex, and that the fibre network - providing superfast speeds - is extended as much as possible within the available funding.

The initial modelling shows that Margaretting is currently under the better broadband access (2-24Mbps) part of the Superfast Essex Programme. This means there are cur-

rently no plans to extend the fibre network to that area as part of the BDUK project. This information is only indicative at this stage and the implementation areas are still subject to change based on several factors including a) demand survey results, b) the Highways programme and c) the outcomes of the project's detailed surveys, design and planning of the network with the full network build.

It is also important to note that the BDUK project is only one part of the Superfast Essex programme. The delivery of the project has already commenced with surveys and planning, with network build in 2014 through to 2016. Alongside this ECC is seeking additional funding and other ways, including opportunities using alternative technologies, to expand the coverage of superfast broadband for those areas that are within the better broadband uplift (2-24Mbps) part of the programme to ensure the best coverage for all residents across the county.

With this in mind, please keep an eye on the information site, www.superfastessex.org

REPORTING FLY TIPPING PROBLEMS

To report a problem relating to fly-tipping please contact Chelmsford City Council by:

- phoning **01245 606606** and providing as much detail about the problem as possible, e.g., location, type of litter, size of fly tip etc.
- sending an online **Streetscene Report Form** via www.chelmsford.gov.uk choose option '**Planning and Environment**' then choose '**Environmental Crime**' and then '**Fly Tipping**'
- writing to Environmental Services, Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1JE

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - DECEMBER MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

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

Maldon Road: Residents' concerns about the poor road drainage in the vicinity of Nunn's Crossing were once again discussed. We confirmed Network Rail's contractor had inspected the area at the end of November and two quotes following this inspection had been approved by Network Rail. One quote is to check the existing drain for blockages and the second quote is to run a new drainage channel beneath the road. The work is being scheduled for early January. Network Rail will advise once confirmed.

Flood Alleviation Scheme: We were asked if the parish council had been informed of the outcome of the judicial review. We confirmed we had not been notified formally but were given to understand the review had taken place in the High Court and that the legal argument was given on Wednesday 4th December with a judgement made on Friday 6th December. The claim against the decision made by Chelmsford City Council in February to grant planning permission had been dismissed on all grounds with costs awarded against the claimants.

We agreed to contact the Environment Agency to find out if the postponed drop in exhibition is to be rescheduled and when we can expect an update on the project.

Footpath 21/Whistle Board: We confirmed Network Rail would be seeking to close this footpath. Since the meeting we have received a legal notice stating a temporary notice is being sought. **See next page.**

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The damage caused by the electricity company to the fence on Bridleway 21 has been repaired. It was reported that footpath 32 is to be diverted.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

No reported incidents since the last meeting. Requests from local residents for two trees in the playing field to be reduced in height were noted.

ANNUAL PRECEPT 2014/2015

A precept of £12,421 was agreed. This represents a 0% increase on last year's precept.

ACCOUNTS

The expenditure agreed this month was:
£50 (village bulbs)
£474 (clerk's wages and expenses)
£50 (chairman's honorarium)
£475 (parish church grass cutting)

VILLAGE SITES

Bus Shelters: We are waiting to hear when the new shelter outside the Red Lion is to be installed. The vegetation surrounding the shelter opposite the Black Bull has been cut back. The bus sign on the shelter outside the Black Bull has been made safe.

Lavender Bank: We are still waiting to hear if Highways will give us permission to install an edging to this bank.

Garden opposite school: Nothing further to report.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Whites Bridge Walk Boards: Nothing further to report. It is assumed that now the planning decision for the flood alleviation scheme has been upheld we can expect to hear how best to take forward the Whites Bridge walk board project.

Village Sign: It was confirmed the mould for the existing sign is still available and that HSigns (our preferred contractor) could use it to build a new sign.

Parish Council Office: We have been awarded £20,000 from the Community Initiative Fund. The Department of Communities and Local Government has approved our application for a public works loan of £20,000. This means the building work to provide an office at the village hall can start in 2014.

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

We discussed BT's broadband charges for the village hall and the village hall committee's request that the hall's annual contribution towards these charges be discontinued. As none of the hall's current hirers require or use broadband we agreed to waive the hall's charges. Any future charges will be agreed with the village hall committee as and when the hirers require broadband access.

We also discussed a recent request for advice and help in speeding up the delivery of a superfast infrastructure fibre network to the village. This request has been forwarded to Essex County Council. Since the December meeting we have received ECC's response to this request. **See front page.**

351 BUS ROUTE

Further complaints about the Margareting bus stops not being included in the Chelmsford zone have been received. These complaints are to be discussed with Essex County Council's Transport Liaison Officer and First Bus.

SPEED LIMITS - VILLAGE ROADS

Writtle Parish Council has requested our support in getting the speed limit lowered to 40mph along the Writtle Road. We agreed to invite representatives from Writtle Parish Council to our January meeting to discuss this request further.

It was noted we had recently requested a reduction in the speed limit for Wantz Road and that we had previously supported a petition signed by Margareting residents to lower the speed limit in Writtle Road.

PLANNING

The following decisions were noted:
13/01042/FUL - Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock: Construct Access Track.
Refused Planning Permission

13/01346/FUL - Whites Place Farm, Main Road: Demolish existing agricultural storage buildings and replace with storage and stable building.
Refused Planning Permission

12/01274/FUL - Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock: Amendment to permission ref 11/01597/FUL
Erect two sheep rearing barns with Shepherds Hut and extend access track.
Refused Planning Permission

The following applications were received for comments:

13/01042/FUL - Fristling Hall, Swan Lane - Appeal Ref: App/W1525/A/13/2207997: Construct Access Track.

13/01710/FUL - Bullfinches, Writtle Road: Change of use of agricultural buildings and construction of horse walker to be used in connection with a new equestrian training business. Retrospective application for change of use of land to provide manège to be used in connection with equestrian training business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9 January at 7.30pm in the meeting room in the village hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

16/11/2013 – 01/12/2013

Delay due to victim being on holiday.

Orton Close, Margaretting

Front UPVC door forced and entry gained. Items stolen from within.

24/11/2013 – 28/11/2013

The Tye, Margaretting

Entry gained to insecure outbuilding. Items stolen from within.

Peter Street, Stock

Entry gained to secure shed by cutting padlock. Horse riding equipment stolen.

Orton Close, Margaretting

Entry gained to property by forcing a rear window. Money stolen.

Ingatestone Road, Stock

Padlock removed from outbuildings. Ivor Williams trailer stolen

Back Lane, Stock

Property entered by means unknown, keys to a BMW stolen and vehicle subsequently stolen.

04/12/2013 – 11/12/2013

School Road, Downham

Entry gained to rear garden by cutting fencing and then cutting padlock on shed – garden equipment stolen from within.

Brock Hill, Runwell

Entry gained to premises by forcing side door. Nothing reported as stolen

Marigold Lane, Stock

Rear garden entered by cutting through chain link fence, two sheds entered by cutting padlocks. Garden equipment stolen.

School Road, Downham

Entry gained to garden by cutting fence and forcing wooden fence, entry gained to sheds by removing padlock. Garden equipment stolen.

15/12/2013 – 16/12/2013

Downham Road, Downham

Christmas decorations stolen from outside the front of the property.

20/12/2013 - 21/12/2013

Wantz Road, Margaretting

A parked work van had its side window and windscreen smashed. Nothing is reported as having been stolen.

27/12/2013 - 28/12/2013

Birch Lane, Stock

Entry gained to property via side gate, and forcing a window open. Clothing and cash stolen.

24/12/2013 - 28/12/2013

The Tye, Margaretting

Agricultural trailer stolen from a gateway to a field.

We have also received a number of calls regarding Broomwood Lane in Stock/Ramsden Heath and suspicious behaviour in this area.

Jemma Carr, PCSO 71018

Telephone 101 - extension 421500

jemma.carr@essex.pnn.police.uk

FOOTPATH 21

The Closure Order which will be published in the local newspaper will come into effect on 10 January 2014 and may continue in force for 6 months, or until the works are finished, whichever is the earlier. The effect the order will be to temporarily close that length of Footpath 21 from its junction with Maldon Road to the A12, its entire length (a distance of approximately 541 metres). The closure of this footpath is required for the safety of the public due to the steep embankment approaches and to allow sufficient time for a solution to be created to make it safe.

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday, 24th January when we will be discussing Victoria Hislop's 'The Thread' and Penny Vincenzi's 'The Decision'.

Our last two books were given mixed reviews. Julie Andrews's auto biography 'Home - A Memoir of My Early Years' did not turn out to be as interesting as we had hoped. Also, we thought her account of events in Britain during the 2nd world war were in places somewhat incorrect.

On the other hand Jan Goodwin's book 'Price of Honour - Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World' prompted a lively and heated discussion on the restrictions placed on women in the Islamic world. This book doesn't pull any punches. It contains some horrific stories about the ways in which Muslim women are abused and oppressed by their men folk.

If you enjoy discussing books and would like to join the Margaretting Book Club please telephone Penny on 01277 356182.

CHARITY BINGO 2013

A big thank you to all who came and made the evening of Wednesday, 18th December such a success. £270.40 was raised on the evening to which was added £150 which had been donated by the Bingo Players throughout the year. The two charities chosen on the evening were the RNLI and NSPCC. Each have received £210.20.

Bingo will restart on Wednesday, 9th April 2014.

MOTHERS UNION

There is no meeting in January. Instead we will be enjoying our annual trip to the pantomime at Chelmsford. If you are interested in joining the MU or you would like more information about our annual programme of events please contact Diana Bandy on 01277 353178

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Many thanks are due to Sheila and Margaret for organising our Christmas get together at The Black Bull. The meal was excellent and we loved the secret santa! This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 20th January in the Chelmer Room at the usual time of 7.30pm.

OVER 60S CLUB

Our carols and mince pies afternoon on Wednesday 11th December was made even more special when the children from Margaretting school came along and joined in the singing. The club's first meeting in the New Year which is on Wednesday 8th will start with a bring and buy sale. Always a good opportunity to recycle any duplicated or not needed Christmas presents. On Wednesday 22nd we look forward to our New Year's lunch with entertainment organised by Rod and Roger.

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am and 7.00-8.00pm **in the Main Hall**
Margaretting Friends 20th 7.30pm **in the Chelmer Room**
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 7th and 21st 9.30-12.00 noon **in the Meeting Room**
- Wednesdays** **Over 60s Club** 8th 2-4pm **in the Main Hall**
Over 60s Club 22nd 12.30-4pm **in the Main Hall**
Archery Club 8th 8pm **in the Chelmer Room**
- Thursdays** **Village Hall Meeting** 2nd 7.30pm **in the Meeting Room**
Parish Council Meeting 9th 7.30pm **in the Meeting Room**
Pilates 9th, 16th and 23rd 7.30-8.30pm **in the Main Hall**
Essex Handicraft 30th 7pm **in the Chelmer Room**
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 9.30-12noon **in the Main Hall**
- Saturdays**
- Sundays** **Loose Threads Patchwork** 12th 9.30am-6pm **in the Main Hall**

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

How well do you know Your VILLAGE HALL?

Have you thought to use it for a family event or celebration? Do you know that people living in the village enjoy concessionary rates? **See enclosed flyer.**

200 Club

Winners of the December draw are:

£100 Mrs P Doyle

£50 Mr I Marks

£30 Mr Peters

£20 Mrs P Norrington

£15 Mrs P Taylor

£5 Mr B Murray

Also, it's that time of year again to collect the subscription for the 200 Club. **See enclosed flyer.**

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Saturday 23rd November 2103. The total amount raised for church funds was £972.

JANUARY RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste

Every Tuesday except first two weeks

These collections will be on

Thursday 2nd and Wednesday 8th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 8th and Tuesday 21st

Green box and card sack

Thursday 2nd, Tuesdays 14th and 28th

Margaretting Tye

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday except first two weeks

These collections will be on

Friday 3rd and Thursday 9th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 9th and Wednesday 22nd

Green box and card sack

Friday 3rd, Wednesdays 15th and 29th

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 9th and 23rd January 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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