



MARGARETTING NEWS

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DIARY DATES

Eastern Angles

**Tuesday, 9th April (7.30pm)
Margaretting Village Hall**

Cello Concert

**Sunday, 23rd June (afternoon)
Margaretting Church**

CHARITY BINGO

A big thank you to all those who took part in this year's Charity Evening. £240 was raised on the night which was added to the £160 collected over the year by the bingo players.

£200 was given to The Essex Air Ambulance and £200 was given to CHESS for the support of the homeless in Chelmsford.

Over the last fifteen or so years over £6,000 has been raised for various charities. Half of this has been generously given by the people who play bingo throughout the year.

Our next bingo evening will be on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm - in the Chelmer Room in the village hall.

200 CLUB

The 200 club winners for the December draw.

- £100 Mrs P Savill
- £50 Mrs R Maynard
- £30 Mr K Young
- £20 Mrs K Aurora
- £15 Mrs P Taylor
- £5 Mrs A Marks

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Thank you to all who came carol singing in December. We had a wonderful evening with the addition of a choir and musical accompaniment. The hospitality we were given from the Black Bull and the Red Lion enabled us to keep singing. Mulled wine and mince pies and other nibbles from Julie and Jon was given generously and I'm sure the singing was getting faster as the evening wore on! We were collecting for CHESS and from the two venues collected £120.00 so thank you to all who gave to this very worthwhile charity.

It was a lovely village evening and from the responses from many people who were there, I need to get a date booked in the diaries for next year.

The Travelling Crib has been in the school, both pubs and in some homes. I hope that next year more families will be willing to give a home to Mary and Joseph as we journey towards Christmas.

The toilet and kitchen should now be finished and the fact that we have these facilities will make such a difference for all who use the church. The next step is to have a plaque made thanking all who have donated money to this project. Thank you again for your gifts to make this happen at last. I wish you a very Happy New Year and I hope and pray that this year will be fruitful for you.

In January we will be praying for:

- 6th January - Pennys Lane
- 13th January - Private Rd, Widford.
- 20th January - The Tye and the Over 60's Club
- 27th January - No service

Revd Jean 01277 354359

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

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- Sunday, 6th January 10am - Parish Communion
- Sunday, 13th January 4pm - Family Service
- Sunday, 20th January 10am - Parish Communion
- Sunday, 27th January - NO SERVICE

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OIL BUYING SCHEME

All you need to do to take advantage of this scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year. To request a membership form to join the oil buying scheme contact the Rural Community Council of Essex 01376 574330 or visit the RCCE website www.essexrcc.org.uk.

The RCCE will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will contact you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres. The RCCE will negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local supplier will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery. The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and you pay the company supplying the oil direct. Annual membership fees: Domestic £20. Community Buildings £30 Business £100.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - DECEMBER MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

One member of the public present. Concern was expressed and discussed about a recent theft of a land rover in Maldon Road.

It was agreed that land rover owners need to be aware that car thieves are targeting this make of vehicle.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Reports were received from the three parish council representatives who attended the briefing session and site meeting on Monday, 3 December.

This meeting had been organised for members of Chelmsford Council's Planning Committee.

Another report was received from the parish council representative who attended a further meeting held to discuss the traffic management plans for Swan Lane should the scheme receive planning permission.

It was confirmed that the planning application will be considered by Chelmsford's Council Planning Committee on 8th January 2013.

ANNUAL PRECEPT 2013/2014

Precept agreed: £12,250

This represents a 4% increase on last year's precept. Extra resources were allocated to the bus shelter repairs and maintenance budget.

STREET LIGHTING

Clarification is to be sought as to whether the proposal to introduce part night lighting in Margarettng includes all the lights in Maldon Road.

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The exposed wires on Bridleway 43 have been reported to the Public Rights of Way Officer (Essex Highways).

POT HOLES

Concerns that Essex County Council's Highway Department's recent repairs to pot holes in the village are not up to standard are to be reported to our Ward and ECC Councillor, Ian Grundy.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

There are three vacant allotments.

No reported incidents in the recreation field except for a small amount of litter. It was noted litter is regularly picked up and binned as part of our routine inspection schedule. It was agreed not to remove the brambles growing along the garden fences surrounding the playing field.

VILLAGE SITES

Bus Shelters: Our request for a larger shelter outside the Black Bull has been noted by Chelmsford Council. Concerns were expressed again as to whether the pavement is wide enough to accommodate a larger shelter.

Lavender Bank: Tulip bulbs have been planted in the bank. It was agreed railway sleepers would be the best option to keep the soil from falling onto the pavement. Estimated cost for the sleepers is £280. There will be additional labour costs to install them.

Garden opposite school - The railings around the garden are to be renovated. An offer from a local resident to carry out the required work for the cost of the materials only was accepted.

Diamond Jubilee Bench - This bench is now in situ at the village hall. A plaque to indicate the bench commemorates the jubilee has been ordered.

ACCOUNTS

The expenditure agreed this month was: £1,111
£56 (village bulbs)
£455 (clerk's wages and expenses)
£75 (bus shelter cleaning)
£50 (chairman's expenses)
£475 (parish church grass cutting)

PLANNING

The following decisions were noted:

12/01474/FUL - Berwyn, Maldon Road:

Part single, part two storey rear and side extensions including dormer windows to front, side and rear.

Grant Planning Permission

12/01471/FUL - Great Tressells, Margarettng Tye: Retrospective Application for two storey rear extension and two single storey side extensions.

Grant 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

APP/W1525/A/12/2177930 - The Oaks, Wantz Road: Retrospective application to retain building and its use as an office.

Appeal dismissed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10 January at 7.30pm in the meeting room in the village hall.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Do you have all your recycling receptacles? Are your receptacles damaged and in need of replacing?
Did you know you can order your new items on line?

The following website address will take you to the relevant page for Chelmsford City Council.

<http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste-requests-and-enquiries>

Don't forget to recycle your food waste in your food bin. Chelmsford's food waste goes to a plant where the food is broken down into biogas which generates electricity and is fed back to the national grid. It also produces a fantastic bio fertiliser for farmers.

Chelmsford City Council has also created an exciting new facebook page, do take a look:

www.facebook.com/recycle4chelmsford. Please 'Like' this page in order to find out some great ideas on recycling and re-use, as well as being kept up to date on their services.

BROOMFIELD PREMATURE BABY UNIT

I can't believe it has been a whole year since our ladies took up the challenge to knit hats for our Premature Baby Unit at Broomfield Hospital. Not only have they knitted a colourful array of hats, but intricate little matinee jackets, matching mitts and booties and some fabulous blankets.

In 2011 I delivered; 237 hats, 18 blankets, 5 cardigans and 17 sets of booties followed by another 451 hats, 119 blankets, 31 cardigans and 10 sets of booties delivered at Easter.

This Christmas we have 456 hats, 114 blankets, 35 cardigans, 31 sets of mitts and booties.

Broomfield Hospital was amazed to see the fantastic, response from the ladies of Mid-Essex to last year's appeal and wish to pass on their thanks to all the knitters for their continued hard work and support.

"We are always very grateful for all the time and skill that goes into making these items, and I can assure everybody who took part that they will all be put to very good use.

No-one plans for a premature baby, so parents are very appreciative to the ladies for knitting these welcome gifts. Please pass on our sincerest thanks to the groups who have made this possible."

The groups involved are:

Margaretting Friends
Hatfield Peverel Neighbours
Highwood Ladies
Galleywood Heart and Sole Walkers
Galleywood Knit and Natter
Galleywood Village Market
Galleywood W.I.
Mayland Ladies
Stock W.I. and Stock Over 60's
Thetford Court
Writtle Darby and Joan
Writtle Link Club
Writtle URC church and Writtle W.I.

There is a continued need for the little hats and blankets, so if you would like a pattern to take part in knitting more items, or are able to supply any 3/4ply or double knitting wool please contact me, Brenda Smith, Village Agent on 07540 720612.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Many thanks are due to Sheila for organising our Christmas get together at The Black Bull and to Julie and Mary Ann for making our evening such a delightful occasion. Our meal was excellent and the company superb!

This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 21st January in the Chelmer Room at the usual time of 7.30pm.

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 16th January. We will be discussing Barbara Taylor Bradford's 'The Ravenscar Dynasty' and it will be interesting to hear what members have to say about this book. If you enjoy discussing books and would like to join the Margaretting Book Club please telephone Penny on 356182.

JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste

Every Tuesday except first two weeks.

These collections will be on

Thursday 3rd and Wednesday 9th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 9th and

Tuesday 22nd

Green box and card sack

Thursday 3rd and

Tuesdays 15th and 29th

Margaretting Tye

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday except first two weeks

These collections will be on

Friday 4th and Thursday 10th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 10th and Wednesday 23rd

Green box and card sack

Friday 4th and

Wednesdays 16th and 30th

OVER 60S CLUB

Wednesday 12th December saw us gathered around the piano in the village hall singing Christmas carols and songs. 'Vicar Jean' led the singing and Clare (St Margaret's church organist) played the piano. Rev Jean entertained us with some funny health and safety statements which had been given to some of the carols. The afternoon was made even more enjoyable for everyone by mince pies, Christmas cake, mulled wine, a secret santa and other festive treats.

Our first meeting in the New Year which is on Wednesday 9th starts with a bring and buy sale. Always a good opportunity to recycle any duplicated or not needed Christmas presents! On Wednesday 23rd we look forward to our New Year's lunch.

MOTHERS UNION

Last month our members enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch at the Black Bull. This month will see a change of venue for our monthly meetings. We will now be holding our meetings in the Chelmer Room in village hall on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm - 4pm.

MU membership is £18 per annum (plus £1.20p per meeting towards the cost of the Chelmer Room rent). Our programme of events for the year is currently being printed and details will be published in the newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the MU or you would like more information about our annual programme of events please contact Jill Needs on 01277 627078

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The VDS is a record of Margaretting village and its country setting as seen through the eyes of those living in the village in 2004/5. It sets out guidelines affirmed by these residents as to how the history and character of the village should be respected in any development or change.

Every household in Margaretting should have a copy.

A sticker on the front page reads 'in the event that you vacate the property to which this VDS is delivered, please ensure that the document is passed to the new occupier'. If you do not have a copy please contact Michael Scott on 354821 or michael_john_scott@hotmail.com

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** **Pilates** 14th 9.30-10.30am and 7.00-8.00pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Pilates 21st and 28th 9.30-10.30am and 7.00-8.00pm in the **Main Hall**
Margaretting Friends 21st 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 8th and 22nd 9.30-12.00 noon in the **Meeting Room**
Art Class 15th, 22nd and 29th 2-6pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Wednesdays** **Over 60s Club** 9th 2-4pm in the **Meeting Room**
Over 60s Club 23rd 12.30-4pm in the **Main Hall**
Bingo 16th 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Bingo 30th 7.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Dance to Fitness 23rd and 30th 9.30-10.30am in the **Main Hall**
- Thursdays** **Village Hall Committee Meeting** 3rd 7.30pm in the **Meeting Room**
Parish Council Meeting 10th 7.30pm in the **Meeting Room**
Pilates 10th and 17th 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Pilates 24th and 31st 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Mothers Union 17th 2-4pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Essex Handicraft 31st 7pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 11th and 18th 9.30-12noon in the **Meeting Room**
Stitch and Chat 25th 9.30-12noon in the **Main Hall**
- Saturdays** **Pilates** 26th 9.30 - 11am in the **Main Hall**
- Sundays** **Loose Threads Patchwork** 27th 9.30am-6pm in the **Main Hall**

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The parish council has been informed that PCSO Kay Fleming is no longer working for the Police Service. Kay has served Margaretting well over the past few years and it is sad to have to say 'good bye'. She will be missed.

To date Margaretting Parish Council has not been given any information about Kay's replacement.

Any concerns or incidents in Margaretting should still be reported to:
Maldon & South Woodham Neighbourhood Policing Team. 101 Ext. 421500

SURVIVING WINTER

If you struggle to cope during spells of severely cold weather there is help available to stay warm and well this winter. Don't be caught out in the cold.

Do contact Brenda Smith, your village agent, who can help you receive the essentials to see you through the worst of the winter.

Brenda can be contacted on telephone number 07540 720612.

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 10th and 24th 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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