



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## January 2016

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

3rd January  
11.00am Parish Communion

10th January NO SERVICE

17th January  
11.00am Parish Communion

24th January NO SERVICE

31st January NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Evening Communion

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9.30am BENEFICE SERVICE  
6.00pm Evening Communion

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Plough Sunday Service

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

3:30pm Evensong

NO SERVICE

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

### DIARY DATES

**JUMBLE SALE - Saturday, 20th February**  
Margaretting Village Hall - 10am to 12 noon

**SUPERSTAR - Sunday, 28th February**  
St Margaret's Church - 4.30pm to 6.30pm

**QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

**QUEEN'S 90TH CELEBRATION**  
**Sunday, 12th June**  
Margaretting Village Hall - 3pm

**FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday, 9th July**  
Margaretting Village Hall - 1pm to 4pm

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Left over Turkey !

How many ways can we think of to use up that left over turkey and it seemed like a good idea at the time to buy such a big bird !! or was it. Then there are all those tins of mince pies, well they may be gone by the end of January. I am sure that these things strike a festive cord for all of us but they are things of the past and as we enter the New Year our thoughts turn to things new. Not perhaps just left over turkey to consider then but do we I wonder go in to 2016 weighed down by a mountain of stuff from the past.

We are reminded in Scripture that Jesus came so that we may have life in all its fullness and invites us all to leave the stuff of the past with him for he alone makes all things new.

May you all have a very peaceful New Year.

Blessings

Revd Celia

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### SUPERSTAR

This is a special event taking place on Sunday 28th February from 4.30 to 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church. Pupils from Arts Roundabout Mountnessing will perform in a musical ensemble, and enact excerpts from "Jesus Christ Superstar" as we look forward to Easter time.

BOOK the date now, and watch for further information in our February Newsletter.

# MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - DECEMBER MEETING

**SHOPPER BUS:** The cost of the weekly 'Community Transport' from Margarettong to Tesco and Asda, is currently covered by ECC (Essex County Council). The ECC funding for this service is being withdrawn in April 2016. The parish council has been advised if villagers want to continue using the service they will have to become members of 'Community Transport', which is £12.50 a year, and phone to book the transport individually as well. The bus will take fourteen passengers and the journey will cost £4 each way. Other options to keep this service running are being explored by the parish council. These include contacting Age Concern, Age UK and local taxis to find out what services they can offer.

## **351 BUS ROUTE**

This service continues to present problems. **See next page.**

## **ACCOUNTS**

Expenditure agreed this month:  
£474 - Clerk's wages and expenses  
£475 - St Margaret's PCC (churchyard maintenance)

## **ANNUAL PRECEPT 2016/2017**

The precept for next year will be £12,422. No increase on last year.

## **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Nothing to report.

## **VILLAGE ROADS, PAVEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

**Litter Control:** In recognition of their unstinting help in keeping the village tidy it was agreed to present E Wood and E Baldock with a box of chocolates each. The presentation is to take place at the Bingo Charity evening.

**See next page.**

**Orton Close:** CHP has agreed to repair the tarmac by the garages, white line the area and put in some drainage. This will take place before the end of the financial year.

## **ALLOTMENTS AND PLAY AREA**

There are still two vacant allotments available for rent. There were no reported incidents for the play area.

## **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES**

A member of the parish council will be on duty in the office once a month on a Saturday from 10.30 to 12 noon. The date for this month's surgery is 16th January and Cllr Blurton will be in attendance.

## **VILLAGE POND AND TREES**

The two replacement oaks have now been planted on land adjacent to one of our public rights of way and will be cared for by the land owner.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following decision was received and noted:

*15/01381/FUL* - Bar House, Writtle Road: Demolition of existing dwelling and out buildings. Construction of new dwelling and cart lodge.  
Planning Permission Refused

## MARGARETTING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

When you're out walking you'll sometimes come across a broken stile or overgrown hedge obstructing a footpath. Or occasionally you might be blocked from walking on access land. By reporting these types of problems you'll be helping out the next walker that comes along. To report such problems please contact Essex County Council Highways. Telephone: 03456 037 631 or [www.essexhighways.org](http://www.essexhighways.org)

It's the responsibility of Essex County Council Highways to make sure paths and access land are open and easy for walkers to use and to keep them free from obstruction. The Highways authorities have a general duty "to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment" of paths in their area. They are legally responsible for maintaining the surface of the path, including bridges, and keeping it free of overgrowth. They have the power to require owners to cut back overhanging growth from the side of a path. For more information visit [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Please see reports for 2 November to 3 December 2015

**17:30 02/11/2015 – 08:00 03/11/2015:** Mill Road, Stock Window broken on a vehicle parked in the road.

**20:00 03/11/2015 – 08:00 04/11/2015:** Stock Road, Stock Entry gained to outbuilding by jemmying off lock, bicycle stolen.

**05:00 – 18:15 11/11/2015:** Wantz Road, Margarettong - Rear window smashed on a vehicle, items stolen from within.

**14:00 15/11/2015 – 07:30 16/11/2015:** Stock Road, Stock Entry gained to premises by removing panel, items stolen from within.

**08:00 18/11/2015 – 08:00 19/11/2015:** Main Road, Margarettong - Entry gained to premises by removing gate post and stealing a item from an insecure outbuilding.

**16:00 - 19:15 20/11/2015:** Stock Road, Stock Entry gained to secure outbuilding by smashing gates, items stolen from within.

**20:00 22/11/2015 – 08:00 23/11/2015:** Maldon Road, Margarettong - Outbuilding entered by cutting padlocks, nothing known to be stolen.

**17:30 24/11/2015 – 08:00 25/11/2015:** Stock Road, Stock-Entry gained to a secure container on a building site by forcing the doors open – building machinery stolen.

**18:21 25/11/2015:** Mill Road, Stock Robbery from a premises – nothing known to be stolen.

**22:40 – 22:42 03/12/2015:** Herewood Mount, Stock-Christmas decorations stolen from outside property.

If you witness any suspicious activities day or night, please report it as soon as possible.

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## A SURPRISE PRESENTATION



Mrs Eva Woods and Mrs Edna Baldock were completely taken by surprise when Mrs Lynn Edwards, chairman of the parish council, presented them with a Christmas box of chocolates at the Charity Bingo evening. The presentation acknowledged the effort these two ladies regularly make in helping to keep our beautiful village free from litter. Year in and year out Eva and Edna have faithfully taken black sacks and litter pickers with them on their village walks. It is hard to estimate, yet alone imagine, how many black sacks they have filled over the years with cartons, bottles, cans and other discarded items thrown out of passing motorists' car windows.

## OVER 60S CLUB

Everyone at the Over 60s agreed December's meeting with the pupils of Margaretting school was a great success. The pupil's recital of Christmas songs and traditional carols was a joy to listen to and a good start to the festive season. This month we have a 'bring and buy' and games afternoon planned for Wednesday 6th. Our New Year's lunch is on Wednesday 20th. For more information contact Don or June on 356126

## CHARITY BINGO 2015

A big thank you to everyone who supported so generously the regular bingo players on Wednesday, 16th December. The village hall was full. Sixty plus people played bingo that evening with quite a few of them playing for the first time! The charity chosen was the Essex Air Ambulance who received £473.20. £328.20 was raised on the evening to which was added a further £145 which had been donated by the regular bingo players throughout the year. Bingo restarts in April 2016.

## MARGARETTING LUNCH CLUB

A well deserved thank you is owed to 'mine hosts', Revd Celia and Mike, for a relaxing pre Christmas lunch gathering on Saturday, 12th December. Eleven of us sat down to enjoy a splendid meal cooked by Mike. As a gesture of our appreciation we each gave a donation to Water Aid - a charity which is very close to Revd Celia and Mike's heart. The lunch club was started last year by Revd Celia for folk in the community who live alone. Do come along to the next lunch club if you live alone and would welcome an opportunity to eat a good meal in company with other people. The aim is to meet in The Vicarage every other month and to have a meal together. The next lunch will be in February. Further details to appear in the newsletter.

## BOOK CLUB

We meet once a month, usually on a weekday afternoon, taking turns to host the meetings and to choose the books. On 5th January we will be reviewing our latest two books - Joanna Lumley's autobiography 'Absolutely' and Judy Finnigan's 'I Do Not Sleep'. For more information telephone Penny on 356182.

## 351 BUS ROUTE

Passengers are once again experiencing problems with late running buses and buses being cancelled on this route. Should you experience such problems do let Cllr Lynn Edwards your parish council transport representative know. Cllr Edwards' address is: 7, Bank End, Maldon Road, CM4 9JH.

## JUMBLE SALE

Margaretting Village Hall  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
10am - 12noon

To raise funds for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in the village. If you have any jumble to donate, please contact April on 354557

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends meet once a month on the third Monday at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. On Monday, 18th January, we have invited a representative of Safer Places to come and talk about the domestic abuse support services provided by this organisation. Safer Places is an independent charity which provides a comprehensive range of services to adults and children affected by domestic and sexual abuse. All are welcome. For further information telephone Lynn on 355575.

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The committee is still working on your ideas for concerts and other events to be held in the church. "Superstar" a musical ensemble on Sunday 28th February at 4.30pm will be our first event! Do come along to see and support this performance. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

# VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

## What's on in January

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

### Mondays

Pilates- starting back on 11/1/16

9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall

Yoga 8.15 – 9.15pm Main Hall

Margaretting Friends – 18<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – All welcome

### Tuesdays

Art Class – 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room

Yoga – starting back 12/1/16

1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall

Barnraisers – 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Combat Academy – 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm – Main Hall

### Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall

Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall

Bingo – starts back in April

French Class – 10am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Aerobics – 18<sup>th</sup> – 7-8pm – Chelmer Room

### Thursdays

Art Class – 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall – starting back on 14/1/16

Parish Council meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Jazz Band practice – 21<sup>st</sup> – 7pm - Chelmer Room

### Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12 noon – Main Hall

### Saturdays

Village Coffee Morning – 16<sup>th</sup> - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room

Parish Council Surgery – 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – 12 noon - Parish Office

### Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 17<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

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

### **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

A councillor will be in attendance in the Parish Office  
Saturday, 16th January - 10:30am - 12 noon

### **PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

**TELEPHONE 01277 350887**

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 7th and 21st January  
at 3.15-2.30pm 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

## JANUARY RECYCLING DATES

### **Black bins and food waste**

Thursday 7th and Wednesday 13th January

Tuesdays 19th and 26th January

### **Green box and card sack**

Wednesday 13th and Tuesday 26th January

### **Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

Thursday 7th and Tuesday 19th January

## MARGARETTING TYE

### **Black bins and food waste**

Friday 8th, Thursday 14th January

Wednesdays 20th and 27th January

### **Green box and card sack**

Thursday 14th January and Wednesday 27th

### **Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

Friday 8th and Wednesday 20th January

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

If anyone has any books they could donate to  
the village hall for fund raising - Please ring  
Lynn on 355575.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a

Village Coffee Morning

To be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

of each month commencing on

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

10.00am to 12 noon

At the Village Hall in the Chelmer Room

Local Honey and produce available  
Bric a Brac, books, Remus Charity Stall  
All welcome.

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