



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## July 2013

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC's Chelmsford Warehouse Team have asked me to circulate a thank you note to all the groups which have recently sent shoeboxes to the warehouse. Last year we sent out boxes from Chelmsford to Kyrgyzstan (7,925), Belarus (6,385) and Romania (2,718). That is over 17,000 children who received a gift because of what we all did in 2012. There will, no doubt, be tales told of the wonderful result in terms of new hope for children who had nothing - for whom all of us did our small part.

This note is also, of course, a reminder of the continuing needs of children across the world, and that in November, we shall again be hoping to ship thousands of boxes from a warehouse somewhere in Chelmsford to where they are needed - but we can only do that with your help.

*Edward Conder, Chelmsford Warehouse Manager.*

For more information on how to get involved with Margaretting's OCC please contact Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575.

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 10.00 am Holy Communion  
3.00 pm Memorial Service  
Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July – 3.00 pm Pet Blessing Service  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July – 10.00 am Holy Communion

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

It is said that a dog is a man's best friend. Many of you have dogs and other animals as pets. These pets become part of your family's life and care is taken to keep them healthy, well fed and clean. Pets can be good for children as they learn how to care for the animals as well as being kind to them. Sadly, this is not always the case and there are occasions when owners can neglect and be cruel to their pets. Remus Horse Sanctuary is dedicated to caring for horses and ponies, donkeys, goats and other animals who have been rescued after neglect and cruelty and they provide a wonderful sanctuary.

It is easy to take our pets/animals for granted. On the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00 pm there will be a Pet Blessing Service in the church. This service is to give thanks for our pets and Remus will bring two Shetland ponies into the church for the service.

You are welcome to bring your pets to this service as we celebrate them as part of God's creation. All we ask is that your dogs are kept on a lead in church and smaller animals are brought in pet carriers to keep them safe. After all we don't want any 'escapees!'. During the service there will be a short talk about the work that Remus provide.

Refreshments will be available after the service and the money from the collection will be divided between The Remus Horse Sanctuary and the church.

It will be wonderful to see you at the service. If you would like to come but don't have a pet then just bring a cuddly one!

We continue to pray for the community and in July we will be praying for:

7<sup>th</sup> July – Larmars and the Saddlery  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Orton Close  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Parsonage Lane.

*Rev'd Jean 01277 354359*

### FAMILY FUN DAY AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 13th JULY 1pm-4pm

See enclosed flyer for more details.

Entrance is just 50p for adults and free for children.

Don't forget to enter your fruit and vegetables for the Horticultural Show.

Here's hoping for a lovely sunny day.

### BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE BLACK BULL

Do you have any spare time each week to help keep the bus shelter opposite the Black Bull looking clean and tidy? If you do please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01277 353181. A small annual honorarium is being offered

### WEBSITE ADVISOR

The Margaretting Village Hall Committee have decided to update its website to make it more accessible and easier to find for potential users. We are appealing for someone to help us from the village as we would prefer to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

Contact: Michael Scott 01277 354821 or michael.john.scott@hotmail.co.uk



# MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND TRUST COMMITTEE

## SUMMARY OF THE AGM MINUTES AND REPORTS PRESENTED ON 16 MAY 2103

**Present:** Michael Scott (in the Chair), Penny Doyle (Treasurer), Lynn Cameron (Secretary), April Nixon (Booking Secretary), Harry and Sheila Blurton, Rev Jean Halliday, Susan Keeble, Angie Kelly, John Minns, June Moore, Jenny Scott, Maurice Wright and Keith Young. Nick Posthuma attended later in the meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** The income and expenditure statement for the financial year January to December 2012 and the cumulative position of the hall's worth at the end of the year on 31 December 2012 will be submitted to the Charity Commission, where it will be available to be viewed by the public via the Commission's website. The signatures are the Chair, Michael Scott, the Treasurer, Penny Doyle, and the third is the independent verifier, Mr Terry Dicken.

It was noted that the accounts had been audited although this was not technically required. The Charity Commission does not require us to have our accounts verified as our income is less than £25,000, however the committee believe it is best practice and Terry Dicken does it voluntarily so there is no cost to the hall.

The main source of the hall's income is from hiring the facilities. We do not receive any funding from local or central government, and are dependent on the hiring of the facilities for our survival. In 2012, we raised nearly £19,000 in hall and meeting room hiring fees. This is slightly down on the previous year as we had a disappointing last quarter, especially December. However, this was recognised and we identified those bookers that had stopped using us. The Booking Secretary contacted them and this has resulted in subsequent bookings for 2013.

**Chairman's report:** The year was overshadowed by the death of Roy Savill which also meant we lost a very valuable member of the committee. However, on the brighter side we gained some new members. June Moore who represents the Over 60's, Reverend Jean Halliday who represents the Parochial Church Council and Andy Gillett representing the village school and he will start in June. The remaining problem for the committee is to get representatives from the sports clubs to attend and speak up for their needs. During the year our secretary resigned, but we were fortunate enough to get Lynn Cameron as a replacement. She is very professional, a fund of information and has very useful contacts.

While I am singing Lynn's praises I would like to thank a few more people. The village hall is about property management and it means that something is always going wrong or needs attention. My experience has been that people are very helpful. For example John Minns has taken on tasks of maintenance and safety checks and a whole lot more. Penny Doyle is a very able and efficient treasurer. April Nixon runs the bookings very smoothly and keeps everyone happy. Pat Jamnitzky keeps the hall and outside area very clean. Other members of the committee are always willing to offer help and support.

It is not just committee members that help because there is a whole group of people from the village who have contributed over the year. If John is not around Maurice Wright will pop up to the hall and fix things and is always coming up with helpful suggestions. Harry Blurton is always there to help sort things and give advice, for instance he organised a bunch of master keys, bought and put up the asbestos warning signs. Paul Maynard runs the 200 Club for the village. Harold Taylor arranged and paid for legal advice. Susan Keeble has been our decorating designer and Richard Jamnitzky, of course, has supported Pat and helped her clean and tidy up the hall surrounds. So thank you everyone.

The committee has a policy of making the village hall easily available at the cheapest rate possible while maintaining the hall to a high standard. We have recently redecorated the meeting room, main hall and Chelmer room. This is a result of an ongoing programme of regularly reviewing the whole facility and creating a needs list.

Finally, looking to the future we have in mind to upgrade the gentleman's toilet and the committee is aware of the importance of advertising to increase usage and is planning to improve the website to make it easier to find and make a feature of the hall's good points.

### **Any Other Business:**

**Cricket Club** - Nick Posthuma, chair of the cricket club, attended the meeting to give an update on the cricket club. He reported there were no teams for the Saturday or Sunday leagues and was therefore not sure of the future of the club. He was due to have a club meeting at the beginning of June to discuss this in more detail. Michael reported that he had received a proposal/request from another body to take on the facilities and the management of the square and pay £90-£100 per day of use.

Nick confirmed there had been no maintenance of the square in 2013. He had been told that as long as something is done to the square within the next 3 to 4 months the square would be salvageable. He also thought it possible the cricket club would have funds to continue to pay for the upkeep for the next year whether they used it or not. It was agreed Nick would inform the committee in due course of the cricket club's proposals for the future.

**Parish Room** - Maurice asked about the Parish Room which was to be attached to the village hall. This seemed to have been in planning for a while and should the village hall committee be chasing the parish council. Harry gave an update - everything was ready to go but the funding of £60,000 was not available despite applications for grants.

**Bingo** - Maurice thanked people for coming to help.

**Asbestos Report** - It was agreed a copy of the report would be made which John would hold and the original would be left at the hall.

**Microwave etc** - requests had been received for various items of equipment. These would be discussed at the next committee meeting.



## MUSIC ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON - SOLO BACH FOR THE CELLO

The classical music recital in St Margaret's on 23 June was held to raise funds for the church. Fifty five people bought tickets and apart from enjoying the music everyone in the audience during the break enjoyed a cream tea also.

Orlando Jopling, cellist, was a joy to listen to as well as watch. Although he had a very unassuming stage presence the whole of his performance displayed a passionate style. The afternoon performance was something rather special - a beautiful sound in an equally beautiful church.

Orlando gave a superb recital of solo Bach for the cello. He chose the first three suites to play: cello suite no 1 in G Major; cello suite no 2 in D Minor and cello suite in C Major. At the beginning of the concert he explained how each of the suites has its own personality and spoke briefly about each one. At the end of the concert he was asked and kindly agreed to an 'encore' choosing Suite No 4 in E Flat Major. Many thanks are due to Jennie and Michael Scott for organising this event. Special thanks to Revered Jean, Maddy and Maurice Wright for the cream teas.

## VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN JULY WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7-8pm in the Main Hall  
Margaretting Friends 15th 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room
- Tuesdays** Art Class 2nd and 9th 2-4pm in the Chelmer Room  
Stitch & Chat 9th and 23rd 9.30-12.00 noon in the Chelmer Room  
M/S Society 30th 7pm in the Main Hall
- Wednesdays** Archery Club 3rd 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room  
Dance to Fitness 3rd and 10th 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall  
Bingo 3rd, 17th and 31st 7.30pm in the Main Hall  
Over 60s Club 10th and 24th 2-4pm in the Main Hall
- Thursdays** Pilates 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the Main Hall  
Art Class 4th and 11th 9.30-1pm in the Chelmer Room  
Village Hall Committee Meeting 4th 7pm in the Meeting Room  
Parish Council Meeting 11th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room
- Fridays** Stitch and Chat 9.30-12noon in the Main Hall
- Saturdays** Horticultural Show 13th 1-4pm in all the rooms
- Sundays** Loose Threads Patchwork 14th 9.30am-6pm in the Main Hall

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

## JUNE COLLECTIONS

**Black bin and food waste**  
Every Tuesday

**Green box and card sack**  
Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th

**Brown bin, paper sack and  
bagged plastics & cartons**  
Tuesday 9th and 16th

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Every Wednesday

**Green box and card sack**  
Wednesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st

**Brown bin, paper sack and  
bagged plastics & cartons**  
Wednesdays 10th and 17th

## DIARY DATES

- Saturday, 6th July  
Coach outing to Kew
- Sunday, 7th July  
3pm Memorial Service  
St Margaret's Church
- Saturday, 13th July  
Family Fun Day at the  
village hall (1pm-4pm)
- Sunday, 14th July  
3pm Pet Blessing Service  
St Margaret's Church
- Wednesday, 11th Sept.  
Coach outing to Anglesey  
Abbey, Garden and Mill  
(National Trust) Dahlia  
Festival
- Saturday, 23rd November  
Christmas Bazaar in the  
village hall

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 11th and 25th July  
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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# Margaretting Village Family Fun Day

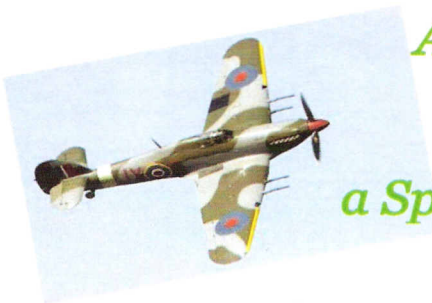
Incorporating the Horticultural Show

Saturday 13th July 2013  
1:00-4:00 pm

At Margaretting Village Hall,  
Wantz Road, Margaretting  
Entrance 50p for adults – children free



The Main attractions include:



A Special fly past by  
The RAF  
including  
a Spitfire and a Hurricane



**Alexander's**  
School of Dance & Theatre

A local fun and friendly dance school



A fun and educational mobile farm



**Breeze Dog Agility Show**

A display by fun loving and enthusiastic dogs



A local and very popular acrobatic gymnastics club

With Country Dancing by local school children, Farmers Market stalls including local Pork producer Durrants Farm, Homemade Jewellery, Arts and Crafts, Bouncy Castle, Refreshments, Pet Dog Show, traditional fun and games and much, much more...

Please come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon full of entertainment

