

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margaretting Community website. A copy of the minutes is also placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. A parish councillor is on duty in the parish office on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 12 noon. 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.margaretting@virgin.net

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Four members of the public present. Two of whom, Lorraine Kerry and Michelle Barnes, had been invited to attend the meeting; they had previously expressed an interest in being considered as candidates for the parish council vacancies.

The two candidates were invited to say something about themselves. Members of the parish council were given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates and the chairman's proposal that the two candidates be co-opted onto the parish council was unanimously agreed. Contact details for Lorraine and Michelle will be posted on the parish notice board.

It was noted the parish council still has one further vacancy to fill and that a former member of the parish council has put his name forward.

The issues raised and discussed during democratic time included:

(i) Parsonage Lane Rail Crossing

The installation of notices informing the public there is no pedestrian access over the railway crossing was noted.

(ii) Margaretting School - parking

We agreed to send a summary of the parish council's efforts and actions to resolve this issue to the headteacher, Mrs Maire O'Regan. Cllr Andy Wallace agreed to be the parish council's link person with the school.

Cllr Ian Grundy reported on the City Council's school parking initiative to be launched on 27 March. The main thrust will be to encourage pupils to motivate parents, carers and school gate parkers to find a safer place to park. It is hoped this new initiative will include details of how to set up a 'walking bus' scheme in Margaretting.

(iii) Margaretting Brook

We still await a response to our request to the Environment Agency to remove the detritus from the brook.

(iv) Flood Alleviation Scheme

The date for the High Court of Justice Hearing (Court of Appeal) has been fixed for 28 and 29 June 2017.

MARGARETTING TYE

Cllr Ian Grundy volunteered to ask the City Council's legal team to check BT's terms and conditions for the adoption of the red telephone box at the Tye. Residents will be asked for ideas for the future use of the red box when the adoption has taken place.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

No reported incidents.

The safety surface for the swings has been renewed. The hedge between the allotments and the playing field is to be cut back to a height of 2m. Stephen Mayhew's Tree Surgery and Garden Maintenance Company will complete this work before the end of March.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village Sign: The parish council's decision to seek funding from Essex County Council's Community Initiative Fund (CIF) to renew the village sign by the pond was discussed. It was noted expression of interest forms will be available in March. This is the first stage in the funding process. The final stage, the actual allocation of funds, will take place in November.

VILLAGE RIGHTS OF WAY

Green Lanes Bridleway No 43 (Swan Lane to Crondon House): Still no action to repair the damage reported previously - the missing bollard, damaged handrail and fence.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:
£672 - Sovereign
(safety surface for the swings)
£474 - Village Hall Trust
(contribution towards insurance costs)
£650 - Relief in Need Trust
(balance of Queen's 90th birthday)

VILLAGE TREES

We agreed to check if the split tree opposite Elm Cottage, Main Road, reported last month, has been inspected by the City Council

351 BUS ROUTE

We agreed to continue to monitor this bus service even though there have been recent reports that the service had improved. **See next page**

FLY TIPPING

Concerns were expressed about the increased amount of fly tipping taking place in the parish and surrounding areas. We agreed to remind folk about the dedicated 'hit squad' employed by the City Council to remove fly tipping. **See next page**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was received for comment:

17/00130/FUL - Longcroft, Maldon Road: Demolition of single storey extension. Creation of drive from existing road access. Construction of low profile, semi subterranean single storey three bedroom dwelling.

In addition to the above the City Council invited our comments on an outline planning application to build 140 homes on farm land between Margaretting and Ingatestone. This application will be considered by Brentwood Borough Council as the farm land is in the borough of Brentwood.

The following decisions were noted:

16/01986/FUL - Jonette, Penny's Lane: Demolition of existing outbuilding and garage. Single storey side extension. Alterations to existing roof to create hipped roof form, new front porch. New detached garage and gym.

Planning Permission Granted

16/02031/FUL - Canterbury's Cottage, Main Road: Single storey side extension to existing garage, home office.

Planning Permission Granted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9 March at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Saturday, 18 March - 10.30 to 12 noon in the parish office.
Cllr Harry Blurton will be in attendance.

EASTER LILIES

The lilies are approximately £3 per bloom - any donation is gratefully received. If you are making a donation please advise at the time if you would like a loved ones name mentioned during the Easter Sunday service on April 16th. All monies and names should be sent to Margaret Boxall at Tarporley, Pennys Lane.

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Monday, 6th March at 7.30pm

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 join us in the Chelmer Room of Margaretting Village Hall. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Any enquiries please contact Lynn on 01277 355575

INDOOR BOOT SALE

Saturday 25th March - 9.30am to 12 noon

Margaretting Village Hall

In aid of the upkeep of the village hall. To book a table please contact Sheila on 01277 840493

OVER 60S CLUB

New members are welcome. Meetings start at 2pm and are held on alternate Wednesdays in the village hall. The Wednesday dates for this month are 8th and 22nd March. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126

LUNCH CLUB

The club meets every other month in The Vicarage, Penny's Lane. Mike and Revd Celia will be hosting the next lunch club on 1st April at 1pm. Please let Mike and Revd Celia know if you are planning to go so they know how many people to expect. Mobile telephone: 0784 215 1387

ST MARGARET'S SUPPORT GROUP

Spring Cleaning Morning - 1st April at 10am
If you have an hour or so to spare to help do come along and join us. Bring your own dusters!

BOOK CLUB

The majority of the club enjoyed last month's book 'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbraith (aka J.K. Rowling). It was awarded 4 stars out of 5. This month we are reading 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Hawkins. For more information about the Book Club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

QUIZ NIGHT

Margaretting Village Hall

Saturday 11th March 2017 at 7.00pm

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 Sheila on 01277 840493

FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 8 JULY

Don't forget to save this date in your diary. Our Facebook page 'Margaretting Family Fun Day' is updated as and when this year's attractions are booked. Also, if anyone would like to join the planning team or have any suggestions for stalls or entertainment do pop into the Black Bull and let Julie know.

351 BUS ROUTE

If you are experiencing problems with late running buses and buses being cancelled on this route please let Cllr Teresa Paoli-Burke, your parish council transport representative know.

Contact details. Email: teresapaoliburke@btinternet.com
Mobile telephone: 0790 364 2086 (after 3pm each day)

FLY TIPPING

To report flying tipping - telephone 01245 606800 and ask for Environmental Services. Alternatively, post a report on line via Chelmsford City Council's website: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment/report-a-street-problem/report-fly-tipping. Details required are:

- your name, address and contact details
- information about where the problem is located
- any further information that you think is relevant
- photos or evidence of the problem, if you have it

If you see someone fly-tipping, you should note:

- a description of the person
- the registration number and a description of the vehicle

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and attendance at the Jumble Sale on 18th February. The final figure has not been established yet but we raised in excess of £250.

Our next fund raising activity, in support of the village hall, will be the indoor boot sale (in the village hall) on Saturday, 25th March.

Earlier in the month, on Monday 20th March, we will be holding our AGM. All are welcome. Looking ahead to April please note the change of date for our regular monthly coffee morning. To avoid the Easter weekend this will take place on Saturday, 24th April in the Chelmer Room. For further information contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Chelmsford's Front Garden Competition is back, and this year it includes more types of garden than ever before! The City Council are opening it up to gardens of all types and sizes, with prizes in three categories:

- Best Kept Front Garden
- Best Planter or Hanging Basket
- Most Sustainable Front Garden

If you're proud of your delightful daffodils, colourful crocuses or blooming borders, then enter for the chance to win a £50 voucher to spend at Abercorn Plant and Garden Centre!

Entry is free: all you need to do

is submit up to four photos of your garden or planter, online or by post, and tell judges about its best features.

Entries must reach us by Friday 26 May. Finalists will be invited to a presentation evening in July, where the winners of the First, Second and Third Place prizes will be announced.

For more information, please call the Council's Neighbourhood Improvement & Community Engagement (NICE) Team on 01245 615800 or visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/frontgardencompetition



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on March 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall
Crafters 6th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome
Margaretting Friends AGM 20th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – All welcome

Tuesdays

Art Class - 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room
Yoga – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall
Fit 4 Action – 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall
Barnraisers – 7th and 21st - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room
Combat Academy – 7th and 21st – 7-9pm – Main Hall – Self-defence

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 8th and 22nd – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall
Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall
French class – 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room
Karate – 8pm – Main Hall
Village Hall Committee – 1st – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Archery Club – 1st - 7.30pm – Chelmer Room
Jazz Band practice – 15th - 7pm Chelmer Room
Aerobics – 15th – 7-8pm – Main Hall

Thursdays

Art Class – 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall
Parish Council Meeting – 9th – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Main Hall

Saturdays

Quiz Night – 11th - 7 for 7.30pm Main Hall
Village Coffee Morning – 18th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Parish Council Surgery – 18th – 10.30am – 12 noon - Parish Office
Audio Visual Meeting – 18th – 9am – Main Hall
Indoor Boot Sale - 25th – 9.30 – 12 noon All rooms

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 12th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

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

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 2nd, 16th and 30th March
at 2.15-2.30pm 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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MARCH RECYCLING DATES

Food waste

Every Tuesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Tuesday 7th and 21st March

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 14th and 28th March

MARGARETTING TYE

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Every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesday 8th and 22nd March

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 1st, 15th and 29th March

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a

Village Coffee Morning

Saturday, 18th March

10.00am to 12 noon

in the Chelmer Room

at the Village Hall

Local Honey and produce available

Bric a Brac and books, Remus Charity Stall

All welcome

THE NICE SPRING

RIVER CLEAN UP

Saturday 4th March

Meet in Baddow Road car park CM2 7PJ at 9am, event finishes at 1pm. Free parking for volunteers. All equipment provided. Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Free refreshments in the Sea Cadet Headquarters mid morning. Anyone under the age of 14 years needs to be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact NICE Officer on 01245 615800.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the

Parish Office on Saturday, 18th March

10:30am - 12 noon