



MARGARETTING NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2024

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

MARCH

3rd - NO SERVICE
10th - NO SERVICE
17th - 11:15am Holy Communion
24th - NO SERVICE

EASTER DAY

31st - 11:15am Holy Communion

APRIL

7th - NO SERVICE
14th - NO SERVICE
21st - 11:15am Holy Communion
28th - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Family Service
9:30am - **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Holy Communion

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9:30am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Holy Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion
NO SERVICE
3:30pm Evensong
NO SERVICE

8:45 - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE
NO SERVICE
6:00pm Rogation Service
NO SERVICE

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services
For all enquiries contact Tim Lee - telephone number 01277 216583

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Diary Date - Saturday, 1st June 7pm - 'Jazzy Boys'

Jazz Concert hosted by the Supporters Group

Details to be published nearer the date.

Supporters Group - Please consider joining our support network and, by so doing, help contribute to the maintenance of this beautiful church and churchyard. You will be playing your part in the continuing history of this special place and helping to keep the building of St Margaret's safe for future generations to own and enjoy. Membership is £10 per year. Application forms from Penny 01277 356182, Michael 01277 354821 or David 01245 466401

This is Riley, one of Margaretting's younger litter pickers, who with his family goes litter picking in the village every week.

Margaretting is a lovely village and now that Chelmsford Council has disbanded its Highway Ranger Service more litter pickers (young and old) are needed to keep our pavements clear of brambles and litter. **See next page.**



MARGARETTING RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

Registered Charity No. 212117

Margaretting Relief in Need continues to donate to local establishments, organisations and charities.

Through the Essex Community Foundation we have recently donated £796 to North Avenue Youth Centre in Chelmsford. This is a youth centre working with young people at risk of criminal behaviour.

In November 2023 we made a donation of £1,500 to Sanctus, a charity for homeless people in Chelmsford. Sanctus is an established registered charity providing food and support services to an increasing number of homeless and vulnerable people, most presenting with complex needs. Their underlying objective is to prevent homelessness by helping vulnerable individuals to take positive steps for their future.

Earlier last year we donated £1,000 to Margaretting Primary School to buy books to help the children with their reading. This year we are looking at contributing to the maintenance of the village hall and making a donation towards the costs of the Fun Day.

Due to a lack of interest, the Community Trust Bus will cease to operate as of 23rd February 2024. We thank Nick Price for his dedication to the shoppers over the years, particularly during the pandemic.

Whilst the above examples are all donations directly made to establishments, organisations and charities we are open to receive approaches from individuals or families who are struggling to meet their day to day financial commitments. In the past we have made grants to students to cover their travel expenses to and from college.

So, if you feel that you or anyone you know could benefit from some financial support or should you require any further information regarding the Trust please contact:

Christine Deacon (Clerk) Mobile: 07766 224197

Email: christinedeacon50@hotmail.com

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons - 21st March and 11th April - 9:40 to 10:10am in the lay-by in Maldon Road opposite the playing field.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Items discussed at meetings are reported in this newsletter. Once the minutes have been agreed and signed by the parish council chairman a copy of the signed minutes is placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. The minutes can also be viewed on the parish council page of 'Margaretting.com' (Margaretting's community website). Should you wish to contact the clerk, or one of your parish councillors, their contact details are listed on the notice board outside the parish office. You can also contact the parish council via email parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications received in January/February

23/02027/FUL - 1 Brookside Cottage, Main Road
Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with part duo pitched roof and part flat roof. New roof dormers.

24/00016/FUL - Furness Farm, Coptfold Hall Drive
Proposal: To install a portable unit 10m long, 2.8m wide, 2.74m high on a concrete foundation for the butchery and processing of wild game meat. This will comply with all food and hygiene regulations. No change of use. This is a stand alone unit within the curtilage of the farm yard.

Planning Decisions received in January/February

23/01879/FUL - Margaretting Hall, Church Lane.
Proposal: Construction of a detached agricultural worker's dwelling with linked cart lodge & store. Associated parking and amenity areas. **Granted planning permission**

23/01844/FUL - The Oaks, Wantz Road
Proposal: Change of use from a stable to a residential dwelling falling within class C3. Alterations to driveway and parking area. **Application refused**

23/01734/FUL - Hawthorns, Wantz Road
Proposal: Demolition of existing residential dwelling, commercial buildings and storage areas and construction of four detached dwellings. **Application refused**

23/01602/FUL - Highfields, Writtle Road
Proposal: Demolition of existing single garage. Erection of a single storey annexe. **Application refused**

THE LONE RANGER

A recent RSPCA report states that hundreds of animals die every year because of roadside litter. They can become trapped in bottles and cans or die from eating discarded food and wrappings. So, litter pickers of Margaretting, keep up the good work and give our wildlife a chance.

A lot of litter disappears into the brambles alongside the footpaths as do the snowdrops and daffodils fighting for survival underneath. Thanks must go to Jim who has cleared footpaths singlehandedly, most notably the path alongside the A12 slip road at the top of Pennys Lane which had almost disappeared under mud and fallen leaves. Is he to be the Lone Ranger now that Chelmsford Council has disbanded its own Highway Rangers or can we back up his good work? Brambles are taking over the pavements, are hanging from the trees to catch the unwary, snagging clothes and faces.

The pond is looking so much better now that a few people have come together to keep it clear, can we do the same for our pavements so - tall or small - we can have safe passage. This is a lovely village, we can keep it that way. Anyone free to join in a little light pruning at the A12 slip road, Pennys Lane, Sunday 3rd March around 10.30am, weather permitting?

Marion Alan

MARGARETTING POND GROUP

If anyone has time to lend a hand at one of our pond maintenance sessions which take place at 9:30am on the last Sunday of each month please contact Tom Davey on the Margaretting Village Pond WhatsApp 0737 537 3804

January/February meetings

Democratic Time - The following matters and concerns brought to the attention of councillors were discussed: Residents were thankful to Highways who had been prompt in clearing the brook near the Red Lion; Red Lion contents clearance; Village Design Statement not being adhered to; Eastfield Farm gates and siting of mobile home; website links for reporting breach of planning concerns and overgrown vegetation on pavements. **See below.**

Village Roads - Increased traffic flow and increased litter.

Spring Clean - Date to be decided at March meeting

Main Road - Quotes to fell copper beech tree/plant a hornbeam tree by the pond. Vegetation encroaching on the footpath to the school and from the bus shelter opposite the Black Bull to Eagle Place to be reported.

Maldon Road - Pot hole as you turn in Maldon Road to be re-reported. No motorised vehicles to be allowed into the playing field without being checked first.

Margaretting Tye - Confirmation that the Telephone Box repair is on Royal Mail's 'to do' list

Writtle Road - Confirmation that the bollards outside Barr House did not require planning permission.

Wantz Road - Parked vehicles. Broken drain marked up.

Village Hall - Committee has reverted to holding monthly meetings; Committee has agreed flowers are not to be left on the memorial benches; Electric and PAT testing to be carried out this year. Bookings are increasing; Fund raising ideas; Donations received from two local organisations to go towards repairs to the roof/ceiling in the meeting room.

Accounts: The following expenditure was agreed: Village Hall £655 (contribution to hall insurance premium) C. Kochan £500 (wages and expenses)

Communicate UK £213 (fire alarm maintenance)

Village Hall £133 (electricity charges for office)

Next meeting dates: Thursdays, 14 March and 11 April

LINKS FOR REPORTING OVERGROWN VEGETATION AND BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL

www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/trees-hedges-and-weeds
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-enforcement/

COACH OUTINGS

Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society

Saturday 22 June 2024 - RHS Garden Wisley

Cost is £27 per head, includes coach, driver's tip, and free entrance to Wisley. Leaving The Bell at 09.00, with pick-ups at The Leas and Mountnessing Plough. Departing Wisley at 16.30.

Saturday 12 October 2024 - Great Comp Gardens

Bulbs 'N' Things Autumn Fair

Cost is £35 per head, includes coach, driver's tip, and entrance to Great Comp. Leaving The Bell at 09.30, with pick-ups at The Leas and Mountnessing Plough.

Departing Great Comp at 16.00.

Payment for outings is either by cheque made payable to IFHS or cash. The Society does not have the facility for card payments. For more information or to make a booking please contact Ann Monk. Email: annmonk@gmail.com
Telephone: 01277 352869

MARGARETTING CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

National Children's Mental Health Week
Pupils wearing something that makes them happy



Year 5 'Pupil Mental Health First Aiders'
The children attended six hours of training over three sessions and completed the course in time to lead activities for the National Children's Mental Health Week in school from Monday 5th February.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the school holidays and to start our new topics. EYFS are learning about Fairy Tales in their unit 'Once Upon a Fairy Tale', Year 1/2 are learning about 'Myself and Other Animals' and have enjoyed looking at how they have grown from a baby, Year 3/4 are learning about the 'Ancient Egyptians' and Year 5/6 are studying 'Ancient Greeks' and are very much looking forward to their planned 'Greek Day'.

This half term, we have celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Week.' All week children participated in different activities to support them in feeling good about themselves. We began the week with 'Wear something that makes you happy'. The children loved being involved in this and we saw a variety of football kits, pyjamas and cartoon tops. It was wonderful to see what makes the children so happy. We also took part in a 'Walk and Talk' session in which the children had the opportunity to pair up with a partner and talk to them whilst taking a stroll past the woodlands. This helped us to talk about our feelings. We also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year in February. Thank you to the Anglo European School, who came to complete workshops with the Year 5/6 class. The children made beautiful paper dragons!

This term, we are also continuing with our community projects. Our younger children are supporting people in the community and have already been working hard on some cards they wish to deliver. The Key Stage 2 children are working on the environment by promoting our commitment to single use plastics and recycling. The children will be launching their very own Eco-Friendly shop on Friday 1st March, at 12pm, everyone is welcome to join us. Remember to bring your very own plastic, refillable bottles!

Some of our Key Stage 2 children are also working on trying to make a difference globally. If you are reading this and have an event or an initiative that our children could get involved in, then please do call the school on 01277 352114 or email: admin@margaretting.essex.sch.uk for the attention of the Head of School.

*Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Headteacher) and
Mrs Sarah Kirk (Head of School)*

CAMEO CLUB

Due to dwindling numbers we have decided to stop our lunch time gatherings. Instead we will meet up for an afternoon cuppa. The Blackmore Tea Rooms was February's choice of venue. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please contact Rosemary on 01277 350553.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We rated 'The Mountain Between Us', a romance disaster novel, by Charles Martin a 4 stars read. It is a survival story of two strangers stranded in the wilderness after a plane crash. We enjoyed reading the book but thought the trials and tribulations of the two strangers somewhat unbelievable.

'The History of Bees' by Maja Lunde, is a thought-provoking story which follows three generations of beekeepers from the past (UK), present (USA) and future (China) against the backdrop of an urgent, global crisis. We rated this book 4 stars.

If you would like to know more about the book club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

VILLAGE WALKS

Available free from the parish council. Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks. Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com

Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête

Saturday 6th July 2024 – 1-5pm

Monthly gardening checklist: Finish pruning roses early in the month and plant new roses, remove developing seedheads on daffodils and other spring bulbs but leave the leaves to die back. Plant summer flowering bulbs. Feed rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and pieris, with an ericaceous fertiliser. Tidy up newly emerging weeds and mulch borders generously with garden compost.

This year's fête is taking on a colourful and tuneful theme. We have performances by the Majorettes, Eastern Roses Dancers and Twisted Bliss Bubble Performer. There are the old favourites of our dog show, children's races, with good food and refreshments, exhibits and various craft stalls too. We are always very grateful for all the support our small village has given to our fête over the years and we look forward to seeing you again this year. To contact us, please email margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com *Lorna Cannon*

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

For further information about this group, its activities and fund raising projects please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575

MARGARETTING ALLOTMENTS

Whole or half allotments available for rent from the parish council. Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com



MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's on March 2024

Aerobics - 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 20th
 Barnraisers - 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
 Cats Protection Easter Event - 10am - 3pm - Saturday 23rd
 Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7.30pm Main Hall & Meeting Room–Tuesday 19th
 Remote Control Car Racing - 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 1st, 29th
 Coffee Morning - 10am – 12 noon Main Hall - Saturday 9th
 Dance to Fitness - 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
 Dog Training - 5pm - Main Hall -Monday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Tuesday 5th
 Essex Budgerigars - 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 6th
 Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 3rd
 Flower Arranging - 11am-1pm Chelmer Room - Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 Loose Threads - 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall – Sunday 17th
 Village Hall Committee meeting - 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 6th
 Simply Power Pilates - 7-8pm – Main Hall – Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 Variety Band practice - 7.30pm Main Hall – Wednesday 13th

What's on April 2024

Aerobics - 6-7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 17th
 Barnraisers 9.30am - 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
 Remote Control Car Racing - 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 5th
 Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm Main Hall - Tuesday 16th
 Coffee Morning - 10am – 12 noon Main Hall - Saturday 13th
 Dance to Fitness - 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 16th, 23rd, 30th
 Wednesday 17th, 24th
 Dog Training - 5pm Main Hall-Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th-Tuesday 2nd
 Essex Budgerigars - 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 3rd
 Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 7th
 Flower Arranging - 11am – 1pm Chelmer Room – Thursday 18th, 25th
 Loose Threads - 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall – Sunday 14th
 Village Hall Committee meeting - 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 2nd
 Rock and Roll Club - Main Hall - 7.30pm - Friday 26th
 Simply Power Pilates - 7-8pm Main Hall – Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
 Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm Main Hall - Wednesday 10th

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:
07794 187741 or margarettingvhbookings@gmail.com

Life Drawing Classes Writtle Village Hall

Held on alternate Friday mornings during term time.
 If you are interested in joining a life drawing class,
 please contact Susan Keeble for further details.
 Email: susankeeble2@gmail.com Tel: 01277 353973
 website: www.susankeeble-artist.com

Ingatstone Circle Dance

Ingatstone Parish Room, Stock Lane
 4th Monday of month 2:30pm – 4:30pm
 New members welcome

Contact: Janet Shedel Telephone: 01277 352213
 Email: bryanshedel@googlemail.com

Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club - Mountnessing Village Hall

Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th Tuesday) Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm)

Entry at the door is £5 for members, £7 for guests (cash please) includes interval refreshments

Our club is known as the "Listening Club". Members and visitors are invited to enjoy being entertained musically, whether they can play or just like to listen, probably only 25 per cent of our members/visitors own or play an instrument. All our concerts are 'live' and played usually by artistes who are on the national entertainment circuit, also in the top echelons of their profession. Each concert is different. With different artistes, usually with a two year gap between us re-booking, with their own personal style, presentation and wide musical repertoire, plus their own organ/piano/keyboard and associated equipment, which put together, make each concert unique.

26th March - Pete Shaw 23rd April - Claire Greig

Further details from www.bokc-news.co.uk

MARCH AND APRIL RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
 6th, 20th March. 3rd, 17th April
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
 13th, 27th March 10th, 24th April

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
 7th, 21st March. 4th, 18th April
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
 14th, 28th March. 11th 25th April

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Telephone 01245 615800

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Village Coffee Mornings

Come and enjoy a cuppa, cake and chatter with neighbours and friends.

Saturday 9th March

including a table top sale

and Saturday 13th April

10am–12 noon

All Welcome

Notice of the Village Hall AGM To be held in the Chelmer Room at Margaretting Village Hall

on

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7:30pm

All Welcome

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