



MARGARETTING NEWS

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MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY

A great afternoon out for all the family. This year the Family Fun Day, incorporating the Horticultural Show, will be held on Saturday, 13th July - 1pm to 4pm. The organisers have already booked an exciting Dog Agility display, Dancing from the West End Musicals and Gymrox, a local gymnastic troupe. Support your village show. Put the date in your diary now and come along on the day with friends and family.

EASTER LILIES

This year Easter Sunday is a little earlier (31st March) and as has been the tradition we would like to collect donations for the purchase of Arum Lilies, which will be arranged in the church in memory of loved ones. If you would like to give names of loved ones at the time of a donation, Reverend Jean will read them out during the service.

The cost of each lily is approximately £3. We appreciate this level of cost may be a little high for some people so would ask for donations to a general fund. We can then order blooms according to the amount collected. May we remind you the blooms need to be ordered at least two weeks before Easter so please, if you would like to donate, send your donation to Margaret Boxall, Tarporley, Pennys Lane, Margaretting, CM4 0HA or you can telephone 01277 354844 as soon as possible. Thank you.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY, 6 APRIL - Volunteers needed to help litter pick - **meet at 10am outside the Black Bull.**

Gloves, litter picks and sacks provided.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

- ◻ Sunday, 3rd March 10am - Parish Communion
- ◻ Sunday, 10th March 4pm - Family Service for Mothering Sunday
Children will be making flower posies during the service
- ◻ Sunday, 17th March 10am - Holy Communion
- ◻ Sunday, 24th March 10am - Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
- ◻ Sunday, 31st March 11am - Holy Communion for Easter
There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

During Lent this year the Benefice has a Lent group using the book 'The Nail' written by Bishop Stephen with assistance from some of his friends. The book is split into chapters, each one focusing on someone who was involved in some way at the time of Jesus' arrest and then His crucifixion. Each chapter has a narrative written from the character's perspective, for example, Peter, the disciple who denied knowing Jesus, Caiaphas – the High Priest and a Roman Centurion – the only character in the book with no name. Week by week we have a discussion on each chapter, finding thoughts that hadn't occurred to us before.

At the beginning we agreed we had all heard the Easter story so many times, how could we find anything new or different. At the time of going to print, we still have several weeks to finish the book. What is very clear already, however, is we are now looking at the whole story differently. To

be able to take each character referred to and then bring the issue, for example denial, to our life now, has enabled us to identify ourselves with those key people involved in Jesus last days before His glorious resurrection as well as recognising where we have made assumptions or we realise as Bishop Stephen states 'where we have got is wrong'.

This Easter will be approached with fresh eyes and hearts with an even more joyful celebration when we reach the Easter celebration. I hope you have a joyful Easter. We continue to pray for the community and in March we will be praying for:

- 3rd March – Flower ladies
 - 10th March – Groups using the village hall
 - 17th March – Horticultural Society
 - 24th March – Parish Council
 - 31st March – Margaretting School pupils and staff
- Revd Jean 01277 354359

EASTERN ANGLES

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

"The Long Life & Great Good Fortune of John Clare"

Eastern Angles tell the story of a man who believes he is the 'peasant poet' John Clare. The psychiatrist tries to fathom the reasons behind her patient's delusion but her partner is fixated on his own version of the legend. In their research for the truth the characters reveal some startling stories.

John Clare is remembered for his life more than his poetry - labourer, womaniser, walker visionary, lunatic. In Tony Ramsay's play, a new history emerges.

To book your seats please telephone Jennie or Michael Scott on 01277 354821. Tickets £8. No concessions.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

No matters were brought to the attention of the parish council. In response to a question asked last month about the allocation of CHP properties in the village it was confirmed that parish councils have no influence in the allocations of social housing save where they are consulted on new builds on rural exception sites.

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

There has been no response from Highways with regard to the problems experienced by riders using Bridleway 43. Cllr Grundy is to be informed about this lack of response.

MALDON ROAD POT HOLES

Network Rail's contractors are due to vacate the Nun's crossing site on 31 March. Repairs to the pot holes will be undertaken in April.

VILLAGE SITES

Lavender Bank: Two quotations have been received for the supply and installation of railway sleepers. A further two are expected.

War memorial site: Estimates are needed for pruning the war memorial's two ornamental weeping willow leafed pear trees. Checks will be made to confirm the contractors are on the Chelmsford Council's approved list.

Grass Verges - The Tye: Extensive damage to the green and verges in Swan Lane has been caused by Police cars. It was agreed to inform Highways.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 6 April at 10am.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Nothing further to report.

WHITES BRIDGE WALK BOARDS

Nothing further to report.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

Nothing further to report.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

One of the two vacant allotments has been let. The remaining allotment is to be offered to residents on the Ingatestone & Fryerning parish council's waiting list. RCCE is offering support to establish or expand orchards with public access. The parish council agreed to follow up this offer with the view to expanding the existing orchard area in the allotments.

The play area inspections continue to be carried out regularly. There were no reported incidents in the recreation field since the last meeting save a broken bottle left on the grass near the roundabout.

It was reported that some of the young people in the village are still keen to see a skate board ramp installed in the playing field. The parish council agreed to pursue funding opportunities and to remind the young people that funding organisations would expect them to fund raise towards the costs.

ACCOUNTS

The expenditure agreed this month was: £50 (Annual rent for Maldon Road playing field) and £387 (parish council's contribution towards village hall insurance costs).

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The planning meeting has now been scheduled for 26 February at 7pm at Christchurch, 64 New London Road, Chelmsford.

The parish council agreed not to participate in the limited time reserved for public questions as it had nothing further to add to objections already submitted. The parish council is to request Cllr Grundy to voice an objection and reinforce the fact to members of the planning committee and to those in attendance that Margarettng Parish Council does not support the scheme.

PLANNING

(i) The following were received for comment:

13/00096/FUL & 13/00097/LBC Red Lion Public House. Single storey side extension to provide additional restaurant space and the creation of a disabled W.C.

13/00126/FUL - Ging House, Wantz Road. Construction of integral garage; single storey rear extension; oak framed car shelter with tiled roof.

(ii) The following decisions were noted:

12/01878/CLOPUD - Park Lodge Bungalow, Writtle Road. Single storey side and rear extensions and construction of a detached cart lodge.

Grant Planning Permission

12/00668/FUL and Appeal Ref: APP/W1525/A/12/2180410 - Fristling Hall, Swan Lane. Erect two sheep rearing barns with Shepherds Hut and extend access track.

Grant Planning Permission

(iii) The following change of house name was noted: 'Chywoone' to be changed to 'The Gables'.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14 March at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mrs Caroline Kochan (Clerk to the parish council) E-mail: parishcouncil.margarettng@virgin.net

Address: Park Lodge Bungalow, Writtle Road, CM4 0EL Telephone: 01277 353181

Cllr Penny Savill (Chairman & Press Officer) Telephone: 01277 356182

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Cllr Harry Blurton (Planning Coordinator and Emergency Planning) Telephone: 01277 840493

Cllr Tim Boem (Tree Warden and Village Pond) Telephone: 01277 355499

Cllr Lynn Edwards (EALC Representative) Telephone: 01277 354462

Cllr Colin Quilter (Maldon Road Recreation Field) Telephone: 01277 840767

Cllr Michael Scott (Monuments, Street Furniture and Public Rights of Way) Telephone: 01277 354821

Cllr Anthony Smith Telephone: 01277 352054

Cllr Keith Young (Allotments and Village Hall Representative) Telephone: 01277 354516

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - GIVING UP TIME

It's not too late for you to express an interest in giving up some of your time to support community based projects. Last month's newsletter gave a few examples of a number of possible time limited initiatives that may be worthy of consideration. These included:

"Ground Force" teams to help the frail or vulnerable make their paths and front garden areas safe and tidy.

Neighbourhood pledges where people simply pledge themselves to an activity either as a lone individual or on a group basis with statements such as "I will do this" or "I will do this but I need five others to join me".

Time banks. A scheme where people give their time and/or their skill to others. Recipients in turn either pay back (or forward) some of their time.

Renovation of a community resource, green area, hall, public space, woodland walk etc as in a DIY SOS approach.

"Coffee and Cake" mornings for specific groups and inviting speakers.

A Community Cook book. People are encouraged to submit recipes which are collated and shared, leading to a community meal.

Create an emergency support (or at risk) list, identifying frail or socially isolated people in the community in order to support them in times of crisis such as bad weather.

Other initiatives might include:

Adopt a Street; Community Gardening; DIY SOS; Starting a Lunch Club; Internet Shopping training or doing; Inviting a Neighbour to Lunch/Dinner; IT Training/Support; Skype Training; Knitting or craft groups; Pet Sitting and Walking
Shopping (lifts to, or carrying/doing); Tea Party
Social Media; Transport (lifts to doctors/hospital/shopping)

If you interested in these ideas and/or would like to get involved please contact Rev. Jean Halliday or a member of the parish council or e-mail parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

MUSIC ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON

Orlando Jopling has agreed to visit St Margaret's church on 23rd June at 3.00pm and give a recital of solo Bach for the cello to help raise funds for the church. We plan to have cream teas - all for £15 per ticket. Contact telephone Jennie and Michael Scott 01227 354821 or e-mail mjscott.scott@googlemail.com

OVER 60S CLUB

February started with a Beetle Drive, social chit chat, tea and Bingo and ended with another 'homespun' afternoon of communal activities.

If you would care to join us we'd love to see you. Meetings are alternate Wednesday at 2pm in the village hall so please feel free to just drop in - we don't bite!!

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Unfortunately, the snow caused us to cancel January's meeting but we met again on 18th February when we learnt something about Chelmsford Borough Council's recycling measures. Although, our March meeting will be our AGM we look forward to a crafty evening in the form of a Cards Encaustic Wax Workshop.

Advance Notice We shall be holding our annual Table Top Sale in the village hall on Monday 6th May so please put that date in your diaries then come along to see what's on offer or even book a table and do some selling for yourself.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Ordering replacement recycling receptacles on line takes less than five minutes and from current experience you should receive your replacement receptacle within a week.

To order on line :

Visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk.

Click on 'recycling and waste' from the pull down menus.

Click on the icon for 'order new waste and recycling receptacles'

Select 'order a bin or a sack'

From the lists provided select which bin and sack type you want replacing and the reasons why the replacement is required.

Click **Next**

Fill in your name and delivery address.

Click **Submit**.

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 07540 720612

BOOK CLUB

This month's chosen books for discussion are Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' and Jeffrey Archer's 'And Thereby Hangs a Tale'. Jeffrey Archer's book is a collection of short stories based on true incidents.

If you are interested becoming a member of the book club or would like more information please telephone Penny Savill on 01277 356182.

MOTHERS UNION

Meetings are held in the Chelmer Room in village hall on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm - 4pm. If you are interested in joining the Mothers Union or you would like more information please contact Jill Needs on 01277 627078.

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste

Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 5th and 19th

Green box and card sack

Tuesdays 12th and 26th

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesdays 6th and 20th

Green box and card sack

Wednesdays 13th and 27th

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S COACH OUTINGS

Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society is offering three outings this year. Whilst we do not pick up in Margaretting we will drop off in Margaretting.

RHS Gardens Wisley, Surrey
Saturday 11 May 2013
Cost for coach and entrance:
£15 Member/£18 Non-member

Kew Gardens & Kew Palace
(incorporating the Royal Kitchens) Saturday 6 July 2013
Cost for coach, entrance to Kew Gardens and Kew Palace together with a ticket for the Kew Explorer bus:
£33 Member/£36 Non-member
£31 Member concession/£34 Non-member concession

Anglesey Abbey, Garden & Mill (National Trust) – Dahlia Festival Wednesday 11 September 2013
Cost for coach, entrance and guided tour of the garden:
£26.50 Member/£29.50 Non-member
National Trust members £17
For IFHS members/£20 for non-IFHS members

If you have any questions regarding the above or would like to book seats on any of the outings please do not hesitate to contact Ann Monk on 01277 352869. More detailed information can be found on the Society's website, www.ifhs.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN MARCH WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am, 10.45-11.45am & 7.00-8.00pm in the **Main Hall**
Margaretting Friends 18th 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 5th and 19th 9.30-12.00 noon in the **Meeting Room**
Art Class 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 2-6pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Wednesdays** **Over 60s Club** 6th and 20th 2-4pm in the **Main Hall**
Bingo 13th and 27th 7.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30am in the **Main Hall**
French Class 6th, 13th and 20th 10.00-12.00 noon in the **Meeting Room**
Archery Association 6th 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Thursdays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Art Class 7th and 14th 9.30-1pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Parish Council Meeting 14th 7.30pm in the **Meeting Room**
Mothers Union 21st 2-4pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Essex Handicraft (Digitally Printed Fabric) 28th 7pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 9.30-12noon (not Good Friday) in the **Main Hall**
- Saturdays** **Pirouette School of Dancing** 9th 8.30am-1.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Pilates 16th 9.30 - 11am in the **Main Hall**
Audio Visual Photography Film Show 23rd 8am-1.00pm in the **Main Hall**
- Sundays** **Loose Threads Patchwork** 17th 9.30am-6pm in the **Main Hall**

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

2013 DIARY DATES

- Tuesday, 9th April
- Eastern Angles Play
- Saturday, 13th April
- Village Spring Clean
- Monday, 6th May
- Table Top Sale
- Saturday, 11th May
- Coach outing Wisley
- Sunday, 23rd June
- Bach Cello Recital
- Saturday, 6th July
- Coach outing to Kew
- Saturday, 13th July
- Family Fun Day
- Wednesday, 11th Sept.
- Coach outing to Anglesey
- Saturday, 23rd November
- Christmas Bazaar

MOBILE LIBRARY: Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 14th and 28th March 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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