



MARGARETTING NEWS

March 2016

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday, 6th March
11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday, 13th March
NO SERVICE

Palm Sunday, 20th March
11.00am Parish Communion

Maundy Thursday, 24th March

Good Friday, 25th March

Easter Sunday, 27th March
11.00am Parish Communion

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Parish Communion

2.00pm Hour at the Cross

9.30am Parish Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

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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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Chocolate and the Cross

Sixty children all enjoying their lunch time together, roast on a Wednesday and very good it was. The little girl sat next to me had two chocolate sweets for afters; I asked her may I have one of your chocolates for later? "No" came a very firm reply. Lunch time soon passed and as I was leaving the same little girl came up and said "I have changed my mind here you are" and handed me one of her chocolates.

Now I had with me a Palm cross and a chocolate, just what was needed for assembly later but what's the link

between the two? The little girl in the front row quick as lightning her hand went up, when I asked the same question "it's about giving something up" she said. "We often give up chocolate for Lent, but Jesus gave up his life for us." May we all enjoy some chocolate over Easter and as we do may we remember the one who gave up his life out of love for us our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chocolate and the Cross go well together then and yes I returned the chocolate to the little girl.

Easter blessings to you all.

Revd Celia

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DIARY DATES

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 5th March
Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

EASTERN ANGLES - Tuesday, 12th April
Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

MEDIEVAL IMAGERY - Thursday, 28th April
St Margaret's Church - 3pm

QUEEN'S 90TH CELEBRATION - Sunday, 12th June
Margaretting Village Hall - 3pm to 8pm

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

FIDELIO SINGERS - Saturday, 16th July
St Margaret's Church - 7:30pm

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY MEETING

Please note full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarettig Community website

DEMOCRATIC TIME

The following issues were raised.

(i) Access path to the parish office

The reason for the decision to install a handrail only along one side of the access path was explained.

(ii) New fencing by Ynamit

There has been no breach of planning control. The new fence is permitted development.

(iii) Train Whistle Noise

The whistles will continue until the closure of Footpath 21 has been 'legally signed off' by Essex County Council Highways.

SHOPPER BUS

To date we have not received a reply from Essex County Council's Passenger Transport Accessibility Department to our request for a review of its decision to cut this service.

Meanwhile, other options to replace the shopper bus will be explored by the parish council.

VILLAGE ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Maldon Road: Residents have expressed concern about the speed of traffic using this road. Starting a 'Margarettig speed watch campaign' was discussed but as this would rely solely on volunteers it was considered not to be a viable option.

Parsonage Lane: The damage caused by cars parking and driving over the green in front of Glenside Cottages was reported. Chelmer Housing Partnership and Chelmsford City Council Parking Enforcement will be asked to take appropriate action to stop further parking and damage to this green.

Main Road: A complaint that the footpath on Peacocks side of the road is overgrown with stinging nettles and is becoming increasingly difficult to negotiate was noted. It was agreed to contact Chelmsford City Council to find out when the grass verge is due to be cut and to ask the Cleansing Days Scheme team to cut back the nettles.

Three Mile Hill: The Chelmsford Highways Panel Liaison Officer has confirmed the status of speed traffic survey (LCH142076). **See next page**

Public Footpaths: Complaints about the installation of electric fencing abutting footpaths have been reported to Essex County Council Highways.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:

£40 - Keys

£106 - Information Board Repairs

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

The pond information board has been repaired.

MALDON RD PLAYING FIELD

No reported incidents.

It was agreed to go ahead and obtain quotations for a new bench to be installed in memory of George White.

PARISH CLEANSING DAYS

The following tasks were agreed and put forward for the month of April. Litter picking - Parsonage Lane and Swan Lane.

Clearing footpaths - Main Road.

351 BUS SERVICE

Residents' complaints are to be reported to the Transport Representatives meeting on 22 February.

WRITTLE PARISH COUNCIL

We agreed to support Writtle Parish Council's traffic scheme for a reduction in the speed limit for the Margarettig/Writtle Road. Meanwhile, in response to Writtle's request for information on the status of our scheme to reduce the speed limits in Main Road and Wantz Road we agreed to contact the Highways Panel Liaison Officer for an up to date report.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

We noted the final date for the plaintiff to lodge an appeal against the decision made at the December Hearing is Friday, 19 February.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received for comment:

16/00053/FUL - Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road: Single storey side and rear extensions. Two bay cart lodge.

16/01457/FUL - Little Tressells Farm, Margarettig Tye: Re-use of existing barn and replacement of house and outbuildings.

16/00070/FUL - West Mead, Maldon Road: Proposed 4 bedrooms loft conversion to bungalow erected on land adjacent to Broad Oaks.

16/00067/FUL - 2 Otley Place, Main Road: Single storey rear extension and alterations.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The date for this month's surgery is 19 March (10.30 to 12 noon).

Cllr Edwards will be in attendance.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Please see reports for 20 January to 8 February.

20:00 20/01/2016 – 07:50 21/01/2016

Maldon Road, Margarettig

Silver Ford Transit stolen by means unknown.

14:00 – 14:30 26/01/2016: Goatsmoor Lane, Stock

Entry gained to secure container by means unknown, tools stolen from within.

16:00 29/01/2016 – 12:00 30/01/2016

Goatsmoor Lane, Stock

Entry gained to secure container by cutting through a padlock – nothing stolen.

15:00 06/02/2016 – 12:59 07/02/2016: Stock Road, Stock
Vehicle broken into by smashing offside window and damage to rear door lock – nothing stolen.

23:00 06/02/2016 – 08:00 07/02/2016

Stock Lane, Margarettig

Entry to outbuilding by forcing padlocks, items stolen from within.

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

Jemma Carr Police Community Support Officer 71018
South Woodham Ferrers Neighbourhood Policing Team
Telephone 101 - extension 421001

External Fax - 01245 212511

Email - jemma.carr@essex.pnn.police.uk

Web - www.essex.police.uk

OVER 60S CLUB

This month we will be taking part in one of Don's quizzes on the 2nd; a Rosemary's Choice afternoon on the 16th and a games afternoon organised by John on 30th. Do join us if you can. For more information please contact Don or June on 01277 356126.

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. All monies and names should be sent to Margaret Boxall at Tarpoley, Pennys Lane as soon as possible.

THREE MILE HILL SPEED CHECKS

Due to the speed of the road ECC Highways could not use their standard detector loops laid on the carriageway surface to monitor vehicle speeds. As such Highways had to bring in specialist survey equipment (radar detectors) and these were installed at three locations on 29th January (either side of the dual carriageway) along Three Mile Hill and London Road to gather speed data for a seven day period. From the speed data Highways will be able to quantify the scope of the speeding problem on the roads and look to move this scheme proposal forward. Any resulting feasible scheme will be presented to the Local Highways Panel meeting of 23 March 2016, when the Panel will be making their funding recommendations for 2016/17. The parish council has been asked to comment on the speed data gathered. The parish council's comments will be reported to the Highways Panel meeting on 23 March.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We agreed 'Mr Pip' by Lloyd Jones (a New Zealand author) was one of the best books our book club had read. We meet again on Monday 18 April to review Stephen Fry's autobiography 'Mohab is my Washpot' and Richard Harris's book 'An Officer and a Spy' (retelling of the Dreyfus Affair). If you would like more information about the book club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

EASTERN ANGLES

'Somewhere in England'

A new play by Polly Wiseman

Directed by Gari Jones Designed by Ryan Laight

Tuesday, 12th April - Margaretting Village Hall - 7:30pm

Tickets £8 adult and £4 for 16 years or under

Please ring Michael or Jennie Scott on 01277 354821 for tickets.

"I always thought I wanted to be with someone who was the same as me. Then you came along. Make my world bigger...please?"

Eastern Angles presents a fascinating and moving new theatre production telling the wartime story of what happened when thousands of American GIs arrived in rural East Anglia.

In May 1942, the first Eighth U.S. Army Air Force aeroplanes arrived in East Anglia. With them came thousands of black and white American GIs who, in some places, outnumbered the local population by 50 to 1.

Nylons, Hershey bars and jitterbugging to Swing Bands in the local village hall all feature in Polly Wiseman's new play, but there was another side to this shared history - a tale of segregation and of rural communities turned upside down. Kids being forced to grow up before their time, friendships forged and then blown apart, and outsiders learning to live amongst the locals.

CALLING MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

We are looking to start a new crafting group on the first Monday of every month (except when there is a bank holiday) at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall. The first meeting date is Monday 4 April. Next meeting 9 May (because of the bank holiday) and then 6 June. The idea is that you can bring something along you are working on; or if you need help with knitting or crocheting etc, we will have people who can help you. We can perhaps then have speakers come along to show us a new craft. Everything is flexible. Please come to the inaugural meeting where we will bounce ideas on the way forward. There is no obligation to go further if you don't want to. All are welcome to come along. If you would like more information, please contact Lynn on 01277 355575

SOUP AND STUDY LENT COURSE

Wednesday nights through Lent 7pm to 8pm in The Vicarage, Penny's Lane. All are welcome.

Contact Revd Celia on 0784 215 1387 for more details.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES 2015

The Chelmsford warehouse checked and processed 29,313 shoe-boxes. It also acted as a dispatch centre for smaller warehouses so in total 43,550 boxes were managed by the Chelmsford warehouse. All the boxes went to children in Belarus, Iraq and the Ukraine who otherwise, due to poverty, war or a number of other reasons, would not have received anything at Christmas and may never have received a gift before in their life. MASSIVE thank you for all your support. *Jacqueline, Volunteer Area Collections Co-ordinator*

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We would like to thank everyone for their support for our jumble sale - we couldn't have done it without your help and donations. A number of customers asked when the next one was going to be held so the sale must have been appreciated. Would the people who were at the front of the queue at 9am please contact Lynn on the usual number.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 March at 7.30pm followed by a Knit and Natter session. For further information please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575. Our regular Village Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 19 March 10.00am to 12 noon in the Chelmer Room, at the Village Hall. All are invited and welcome. Local honey and produce available, bric-a-brac, books and the Remus charity stall.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

SCARECROW COMPETITION

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday we are holding a 'scarecrow competition'. Anyone living in Margaretting or has a family member who lives in the parish can enter.

Scarecrows must be made from scratch and can be anything representing the theme 'kings or queens through the ages'. Scarecrows must also be displayed in resident's front gardens on Sunday, 5 June and stay there for a week. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner up.

Closing date for entering the competition will be Saturday, 21 May. Entry forms for the competition will be in next month's newsletter. The main idea behind the competition is for everyone to have fun - adults, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews!

Remember when we did this back in 2012? We had two themes then - Royalty and The Olympics!



FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 9 JULY

Don't forget to save this date in your diary. This year we have an Avro Lancaster flying over us, even noisier than a spitfire!! 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.

MEDIEVAL IMAGERY - ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

On Thursday, 21 April at 3pm Dr Richard Marks of Cambridge University, a leading authority on medieval imagery, will be among a group visiting St Margaret's Church. If anyone would like to come along to hear what Dr Marks has to say on the Jesse window they would be very welcome.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a Village Coffee Morning in the Chelmer Room
Saturday, 19 March 2016 - 10.00am to 12 noon

Local Honey and produce available
Bric a Brac and books Remus Charity Stall

All Welcome. More information 01277 355575

VILLAGE HALL BINGO

Bingo starts on Wednesday, 6 April in the village hall - 7.30pm for an 8 o'clock start.

If you have never been to Bingo before and would like to give it a try you will be made most welcome to an evening of sociable fun.

We meet fortnightly until Christmas.

MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

SATURDAY, 9 JULY - MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

With the Family Fun Day and Horticultural Show fast approaching here is a full list of all the horticultural classes to help you plan in advance any possible entries.

It is possible that many gardeners are too shy to enter exhibits in the horticultural show put off by the thought that those who exhibit are some kind of expert with secret knowledge and a special ability. Don't be afraid, they all had to start somewhere. If you've grown it and are proud of it, then show it! Remember in any show the exhibits that don't win a prize ticket are just as important as those that do. So what are you waiting for? Get Growing!

Helen Boem

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| White Potatoes | One Bloom, Large Flowered Rose, any Colour |
| Coloured Potatoes | One Stem of Most Fragrant Rose (Judged on Fragrance alone) |
| Onions, Unskinned (Seed Grown) | Two Stems, Cluster Flowered Roses |
| Onions, Unskinned (Set Grown) | Two Stems Old Fashioned Type Roses |
| Shallots | Two Stems of Rambler and/or Climbing Roses |
| Carrots | Six Sweet Peas |
| Courgettes | Three Stems of Herbaceous Perennials - Same Variety |
| Broad Beans | A Single Stem of a Named Flowering Shrub |
| Pods of Peas | Collection of Herbs |
| Cabbage | Cactus or Succulent |
| Beetroot | Potted Plant |
| Lettuce | Collection of Mixed Herbaceous Perennials |
| Chilli Peppers | Collection of Foliage from Trees and Shrubs |
| Sticks of Rhubarb | |
| Strawberries | |
| Raspberries with Stalks | |
| Bunches of Red or Blackcurrants | |
| Three of any other Vegetable not listed | |

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

COACH OUTINGS 2016

RHS Wisley – Spring Plant Fair

Saturday 19 March 2016

Cost for coach and entrance: £17.00 IFHS member/£20 non-member

Blenheim Palace incorporating Fantastic Food Festival event, includes entry to the Palace, Park and Gardens

Saturday 28 May 2016

Cost for Coach and entrance:

£33 IFHS member/£36 non-member

£30 IFHS concession/£33 non-member concession

Sandringham Flower Show

Wednesday 27 July 2016

Cost for coach & entrance: £28 IFHS member/£31 non-member

Please note that whilst the gardens are open the house is not open on the day of the Flower Show.

Bressingham Gardens – Autumn Colour

Steam Day and Garden Guide

Thursday 22 September 2016

Cost for coach and entrance: £28 IFHS member/£31 non-member

For further information or to book please contact Ann Monk on 01277 355694.

Details of all outings can be found on the Society's website www.ifhs.org.uk



VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

What's on in March

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall and 7 – 8pm Main Hall.

(No Pilates Easter Monday 28th March)

Yoga 8.15 – 9.15pm Main Hall. (No Yoga Easter Monday 28th)

Margaretting Friends – 21st – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room. All welcome

Tuesdays

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

Yoga – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall

Barnraisers – 15th and 29th - 9.30am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Combat Academy – 1st and 15th – 7-9pm – Main Hall – Self-defence

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 2nd, 16th and 30th – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall

Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall (Not 30th March)

Bingo – starts back in April

French Class – 10am – 12 noon – Meeting Room (Not 30th March)

Aerobics – 16th – 7-8pm – Chelmer Room

Village Hall Committee meeting – 2nd – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

Archery Club – 2nd – 7.30pm - Chelmer Room

Thursdays

Art Class – 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room (Not 31st March)

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall

Hot Yoga – 6-9pm – Main Hall

Parish Council meeting – 10th – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Jazz Band practice – 17th – 7pm - Chelmer Room

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12 noon – Main Hall (Not 25th – Good Friday)

Saturdays

Quiz Night – 5th – 7pm – Main Hall

Hindu Society – 12th – 4pm – midnight – Main Hall

Audio Visual – 19th – 8am – 10pm – Main Hall

Village Coffee Morning – 19th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room

Parish Council Surgery – 19th – 10am – 12 noon - Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 20th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

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

MARCH RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste

Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack

Tuesday 8th and 22nd March

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th March

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday

Green box and card sack

Wednesday 9th and 23rd March

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th March

MOBILE CUSTOMER

INFORMATION SERVICE

Margaretting Village hall Foyer

Wednesday, 30th March

2pm to 3pm

- FREE replacement recycling sacks and dog waste bags
- advice on how to seek help with housing benefit or Council Tax
- reporting environmental problems
- information on leisure, local issues and much more

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the

Parish Office Saturday, 19th March

10:30am - 12 noon

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01277 350887 or pop into the office on Saturday, 19th March. Please note one of the qualifications for becoming a parish councillor is that you have lived in the village during the whole of the twelve months before the day you are nominated.

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 3rd, 17th and 31st March at 2.15-2.30pm 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

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