



MARGARETTING NEWS

April 2015

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

2nd April - Maundy Thursday
NO SERVICE

3rd April - Good Friday
10.00am Readings and Reflections

5th April - Easter Sunday
10.00am Parish Eucharist

12th April NO SERVICE

19th April
10.00am Parish Eucharist

26th April NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.00pm Evening Eucharist

2.00am The Passion Gospel with hymns

9.30am Parish Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

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11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Holy Communion

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In addition Margaretting Church will be open from 2.00-5.00pm on Sunday 5th, Monday 6th and Sunday 19th April for anyone to visit. There will be tea/coffee and cake and music.

Enquiries for baptisms, weddings and funerals please telephone 01277 352484 or 01277 354077

Ready, Steady, GROW! – New Competition at this year's Fun Day

The Margaretting Fun Day Committee and Horticultural Society are delighted to announce a great new competition for this year's show. We are inviting as many of you as possible to have a go at growing either carrots or lettuce to enter into the show so we can find out who is **Top of the Crops!** All details, instructions and advice will be revealed upon collection of seeds.

This competition is open to all so we'd love all children, mums and dads, grandparents as well as the various groups in Margaretting to get involved so please get in touch for more information.

Do come along as soon as you can to collect your FREE seeds from Julie at The Black Bull or alternatively contact Helen Boem 01277 355499 or helen@pod747.co.uk

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Saturday, 11th April at 11am.

Want to keep Margaretting looking clean and attractive? Then join the village spring cleaning party on Saturday, 11th April outside the Black Bull at 11am. Litter picks, gloves and plastic litter sacks provided.

DIARY DATES

VILLAGE HALL BINGO - WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Bingo starts on Wednesday, 8th April in the village hall - 7.30pm for an 8pm 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 2015 - SATURDAY, 16 MAY

1pm to 4pm at the village hall

Do add this date to your diary. This will be a Spring fair with a difference. Combining culture and sport! Art and photographic exhibitions, various taster sport activities - the list so far includes football, penalty shootouts, cricket and golf but we plan to add more - book, craft and art stalls, face painting, children's fancy dress competition (a sporting theme) plus a free afternoon tea. **See enclosed invitation.**

FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 11 JULY

Don't forget to save the date for the Family Fun Day too. Also, if anyone would like to join the planning team or have any suggestions for stalls or entertainment do let Julie know. More help would be appreciated! We now have a Facebook page called 'Margaretting Family Fun Day' where we are starting to add this year's attractions.

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MARGARETTING 2015 SPRING FAIR

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 16th May 1pm to 4pm

You are cordially invited to afternoon tea at 2.30pm

R.S.V.P. by 1st May for your free afternoon tea
Margaretting Parish Council Telephone: 01277 350887
Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

Children's fancy dress competition (sporting theme) - 1pm
Taster Sport Activities - 2 to 3.30pm
Afternoon Tea - 2.30pm

Art and Photographic Exhibitions
Book, Arts and Crafts Stalls, Face Painting
International culture – music, dance, costumes

No entrance charge

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MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

One member of the public present.

Issues raised included:

Cycling clubs treating Maldon Road like a race track. We advised residents to inform us when a club uses this road in an unacceptable or dangerous way so that we can complain directly to the club's officials.

Loud noises from the train whistles as they pass Footpath 21. These can be heard first thing in the morning and late at night. We agreed to contact Network Rail to remind them that train whistles should not be sounded during the hours of darkness. We agreed also, now that procedures are in hand to close Footpath 21, to ask Network Rail when it is going to remove the whistle board.

MARGARETTING 2015

We discussed arrangements for the 16th May village event. There will be art and photographic displays, craft stalls, sporting activities and afternoon tea.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Nothing further to report except the negotiations to gain access to land at The Tye continue.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

War Memorial: We received confirmation from Moody Homes that the estimate for repairing the damage to the bollards caused by one of their vans in May 2013 has been forwarded to the insurers of the third party car involved in the incident.

VILLAGE ROADS, PAVEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Main Road: The Police, in response to school parents' concerns about speeding traffic, will be conducting speed checks in the vicinity of the Red Lion. We agreed to contact the local Highways Panel to find out when we can expect to see the speed limit reduced to 30mph.

The address for the three new houses nearing completion opposite Larmars Engineering will be Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Spreadeagle Place, Main Road.

Pennys Lane: The Police have been informed about the inconsiderate parking outside the school. The owners of the cars parking on the yellow lines can expect to receive warning letters.

Parsonage Lane: Complaints about the poor state of the grass verge due to cars and vans continually being parked on the verge have been reported to the Chelmer Housing Partnership and Chelmsford City Council's Planning Enforcement Team. Concerns were also expressed at the increasing numbers of cars and lorries using Parsonage Lane.

Maldon Road: Details of cars and vans parking on the double yellow lines are to be forwarded to our PCSO. The faintness of the double yellow lines outside 1a and 1b is to be reported to Chelmsford City Council. A site meeting is to take place with the Watercourse Regulation Engineer to discuss the flooding issues in Maldon Road.

Concerns were expressed about wheelie bins, in readiness for collection, being left over night on the pavement in hazardous positions. **See back page.**

Three Mile Hill: The Highways Authority are pursuing the removal of the unauthorized shed; the file is to remain open to enable Chelmsford City Council to monitor the situation.

Footpath No. 33: We received a report from a local walker that the official footpath notice has a redirection arrow pointing away from the footpath. We agreed to inform the land owner.

Margaretting/Writtle Road: Comments were made that the newly installed gate on the verge with Writtle on one side and Margaretting on the other is not the actual boundary for the two parishes. We agreed to contact Writtle PC for more information.

VILLAGE POND AND TREES

We agreed to offer the two new millennium oak trees to a local land owner so that the trees can be planted on land with a public right of way.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

No reported incidents. We received two quotations for the purchase and installation of toddler swings. A decision will be made once a third quote is received.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

We reviewed and updated 'Margaretting Parish Council's Financial Regulations' to reflect the amendments made to the National Association of Local Council's (NALC) model financial regulations. Margaretting Parish Council's Standing Orders will be reviewed at a later date.

SPRING CLEAN

The date for this year's spring clean is Saturday 11th April.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

A member of the parish council will be on duty in the office from 10.30 to 12 noon on Saturday, 18th April.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

QUIETER LANES PROPOSAL

We are still waiting to learn more about this proposal and to hear if we will be asked to nominate two lanes for the quieter lane status. A local resident, in response to last month's discussions, has expressed the view that Ivy Barn Lane would not benefit from the quieter status due to it being the main route west from the A12, for all traffic, whether HGV, or as now, LGV. It has also been pointed out that there are three Goods Vehicle Operators licences, or more, registered in this road which renders banning of HGVs impossible.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:

£50 - Maldon Road Rent

£75 - Broadband (village hall)

£475 - Clerk's wages and expenses

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) The following decisions were received:

14/01978/CLUED - Hawthorns, Wantz Road: Use of part of Building A for livery stables and use of rear of Building B for offices and storage in conjunction with extended storage and part of Building B for domestic storage and for goods/materials for building firms.

Grant Planning Permission

14/01955/FUL - Hawthorns, Wantz Road: Retrospective application for the retention of hay barn/tack room.

Grant Planning Permission

15/00110/CLOPUID - Ynamit, Maldon Road: Proposed outbuilding used as garage and storage.

Grant Planning Permission

14/02035/FUL - Glencar, Maldon Road: Construction of new roof to include two side dormers and two storey rear extension along with façade alterations.

Grant Planning Permission

351 BUS ROUTE

We continue to monitor this service.

BOOK CLUB

On 15th April we will be reviewing our latest book - Ken Follett's 'Eye of the Needle'. We meet once a month, usually on a Wednesday afternoon, taking turns to host the meetings and to choose the books.

Books on our list to read during 2015 include: Tony Benn's 'Dare to be a Daniel'; Henning Mankell's 'Italian Shoes' and Neil Gaiman's 'Neverwhere'. For more information contact Penny on 356182.

OVER 60S CLUB

This month we have 'Arthur Brooks Music Hall' entertaining us on Wednesday 1st; a fish and chip lunch planned for Wednesday 15th and Rick Christian has been invited to sing at the club on Wednesday 29th. Over 60s club meetings are held once a fortnight. They start at 2pm and are held in the village hall. For more information contact Don or June on 356126.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

A well attended AGM in March saw the voting in of a new committee with Lynn Cameron being re-elected as President for the forthcoming year. Thanks were given for the work and support which Lynn and the outgoing committee had given to Margaretting Friends over the past year. Our 2015 programme can be viewed on Facebook - 'Margaretting Friends'. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room. On 20th April we have a talk on 'Major Police Incidents'. One of the main aims of Margaretting Friends is to promote and support projects for the benefit of the local community. Currently, donations of cuddly toys are needed for one of our community projects - any size but must be clean. For further information telephone Lynn on 355575.

MOBILE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICE

The **Mobile Customer Information Service** offers a free service in rural communities around the borough, to make sure that residents with greatest need for advice and support, such as the elderly, young families and those with mobility requirements, have access to information and advice about Council Services. The mobile service will be in the foyer of the village hall on Wednesday, 29th April from 2pm to 3pm.

BOGUS CALLERS

Members of the community are asked to be extra vigilant as bogus callers are on the increase and theft is usually their aim. Think twice before allowing a stranger into your home.

Remember

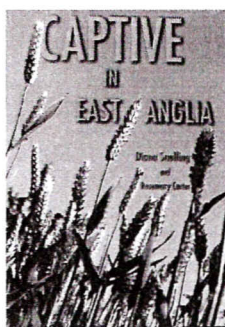
STOP! - Are you expecting anyone?

CHAIN! - Always use door chain

CHECK! - Double check caller identification

Always report bogus caller crime - Call the Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101

MEMORIES



Following the success of their book "Captive in East Anglia" about prisoners of war and life in the 1940's in that area, Diana & Rosemary are working on another book about the same period and area. This is to be about the Home Guard and if anyone has any memories or anecdotes that they would be prepared to let them use they would be very pleased to hear from them.

Rosemary can be reached on 01277 350553 or at rosecar@talktalk.net. Your help would be much appreciated. They also have an illustrated talk available if any group would like to know a little about how the book came into being. Details from Rosemary as above.

MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

What a lovely month March turned out to be, sunny and bright. The school children enjoyed the month too with several activities. One was World Book Day where the whole school dressed as a book character and brought in their favourite books to read, with the staff reading extracts from their chosen books to the children. Of course Red Nose Day everyone dressed up also making their faces "Funny for Money" and wearing their red noses while telling each other jokes.

Classes 2 and 3 had a fabulous day trip to London where Class 2 went to the British Museum to the Egyptian exhibits to coincide

with their topic in class this term. Class 3 went to the Science Museum as 'Space' is their topic at present. Which led us nicely to the Solar eclipse with the whole school being supplied with special glasses and watching from the playground as the sun disappeared.

The ever popular film night for the children was a great success. The whole school went to the Church for our Easter Service which also marked the end of the Spring term and just left the great Easter Egg Hunt left for the children to look forward to.

The Summer term will be busy with Sports Day and our school show amongst the activities.

MARGARETTING WELCOME PACK

New to Margaretting? Did the previous owner leave you a copy of the Village Design Statement? Have you received a Welcome Pack? The VDS is a record of Margaretting village and its country setting as seen through the eyes of those living in the village in 2005. The Welcome Pack is full of local information such as detailed maps of local footpaths and public rights of way, contact details for local clubs and organisations as well as statutory service providers. It also has details of local churches, telephone numbers for milk and newspaper deliveries and a number of other useful telephone numbers that are handy to have when moving into an area for the first time. For a copy of the welcome pack and/or the VDS please contact Michael Scott. Email: michael.john.scott@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01277 354821.

SUPPORTERS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Thank you once again to everyone for their donations - we now have 45 members. For those who are new to village this group was recently set up to help keep our beautiful parish church safe for future generations to enjoy. Anyone of any faith or none can become a member. All contributions will go directly towards the maintenance of the church and its churchyard and will not be spent on activities of worship. Membership Forms can be found in the church or are available from Penny Savill - contact details on the back page.

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

What's on in April

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall; 7-8pm - Main Hall

Margaretting Friends 20 April - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room

'Major Police Incidents' - All welcome

Tuesdays

Art Class From 14 April - 10am-12 noon and 2-4pm - Chelmer Room

Barnraisers 14 April & 28 April - 9.30am-12 noon - Meeting Room

MS Society From 14 April (6 weekly sessions) - 7pm - Main Hall

'Getting to Grips'

Wednesdays

Dance to Fitness 1 April - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall

Over 60's Club 1, 15 and 29 April - 2-4pm - Main Hall

Village Hall Committee 8 April - 7.30pm - Meeting Room

Bingo 8 and 22nd April - 7.30pm - Main Hall

French Class From 15 April - 10am-12 noon - Meeting Room

Aerobics 15 April - 7-8pm - Main Hall

Aerobics 29 April - 7-8pm - Chelmer Room

Thursdays

Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7.30-8.30pm - Main Hall

Parish Council 9 April - 7.30pm - Meeting Room

Art Class From 16 April (not half term) 10am-12 noon - Chelmer Room

Jazz Band Practice 16 April - 7pm - Chelmer Room

Essex Handicraft 30 April - 7pm - Chelmer Room

Fridays

Barnraisers 9.30am-12 noon - Main Hall

Saturdays

Pilates 4 and 18 April - 9.30-11am - Main Hall

Village Coffee Morning 18 April - 10am-12 noon - Chelmer Room

Local produce - All Welcome

Parish Council Surgery 18 April - 10.30-12 noon - Parish Office -

Street Meet 18 April - 12 noon-1pm - Parish Office

Sundays

Hindu Dharma Society 5 April - 11am - Main Hall

Garden Furniture Sale 12 April - 9am-6pm - Main Hall

Loose Threads Patchwork Group - 19 April - 9.30am-6pm - Main Hall

For further details or queries for private functions

contact April Nixon (Booking Secretary) on 07794 187741

APRIL RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste

Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack

Tuesdays 7th and 21st April

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesdays 14th and 28th April

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste

Every Wednesday

Green box and card sack

Wednesdays 8th and 22nd April

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesdays 15th and 29th April

WHEELIE BINS

Would everyone take extra care when putting out their wheelie bins on a Monday evening in readiness for Tuesday's early morning collections. Please make sure your bins do not block the footpath. After 'lights out' bins left on the pavement could present a trip hazard as they cannot be seen clearly. Walking into a wheelie bin or tripping over a recycling bag can be painful and could lead to serious injury.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the Parish Office - Village Hall
Saturday, 18th April (10.30am - 12 noon)

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

TELEPHONE 01277 350887

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a Village Coffee Morning on
Saturday, 18th April - 10.00am to 12 noon
in the Chelmer Room

All Welcome.

Local Honey and produce.

Bric a Brac and books. Remus Charity Stall.

More information 01277 355575

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 2nd, 16th and 30th April
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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