



MARGARETTING NEWS

August 2014

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING	ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING	ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY
3rd August 10.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Eucharist	8.45am Holy Communion
10th August NO SERVICE	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Matins
17th August 10.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	3.30pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion
24th August NO SERVICE	9.30am Parish Eucharist 11.00am 3G All Age Service	3.30pm Evensong
31st August 10.00am Benefice Service	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

**In addition Margaretting Church will be open on Sundays 3rd and 17th August from 2.00-5.00pm 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

ORGANIST OR PIANIST SERVICES

A local resident has offered pianist services for some Sunday services at St Margaret's. Is there another musician in the village who would be prepared to add her or his name to the rota for the occasional Sunday? The fee payable is per service. For further information please contact Sam Adams.

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200 CLUB

The winners of the July draw were:

£75 Mr B Murray

£50 Mr C Beer

£30 Mr A Radley

£20 Sandra Brown

CHURCH MEETING

Regular readers will be aware that we called a meeting, held in the village hall, at the suggestion of Canon John Brown because Margaretting church is in danger of closing down.

A lot of interest was shown and 19 people turned up and 11 gave their apologies. The meeting was lively and constructive and a way forwards was mapped out. Claire, church warden, took the lead in initiating new and fresh ideas. She is clearly prepared to work hard to attract more use of the church. However, it is important to

get the views of the village and she will be preparing a questionnaire to be circulated with the newsletter.

As a number of people live outside the village and are prepared to support the church we decided to create a group (name to be agreed later) that would do all it can to support the church whether the members are church goers or not. Penny Savill very kindly agreed to lead that group. It is hoped to put more events on in the church so watch this space.

Michael Scott

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH - YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Running a church costs money. The church building itself needs heat, light, water, cleaning, maintenance, insurance etc. Unfortunately, St Margaret's church, with its small and ever decreasing congregation, is now unable to meet these costs.

To help keep St Margaret's safe for future generations to own and enjoy a support group is to be set up. Please consider joining. Anyone of any faith (or none) can join and by contributing financial or other help play a part in the continuing history of this special place.

All contributions will go directly towards the running costs and maintenance of this beautiful church and its churchyard and will not be spent on activities of worship. Do get involved. Your support is vital.

Further information together with an application form to join our support network will be circulated with next month's newsletter.

Penny Savill

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MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - JULY MEETING

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The Environment Agency and Chelmsford City Council have responded to our request for an update on the scheme. Although the scheme has been subject to a number of objections which have resulted in a delay to implementing the works it still remains the E.A.'s intention to commence the works this year. As well as trying to resolve outstanding complex and sensitive landowner issues the E.A. has been discussing the construction of the works with its suppliers. These discussions, which form part of the process to achieve value for money, are proving to be fairly lengthy. The E.A. is currently confirming its budgets and approvals to proceed with the works later this year.

SKATE BOARD RAMPS

From previous correspondence with Chelmsford Council about the young people's request to install ramps it would appear there would be no objections to installing additional equipment in the playing field. Skate board ramps, however, may be subject to planning permissions.

Our new councillor, Andy Wallace, has agreed to take the lead on this project.

ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Expenditure agreed this meeting:

£30,322 - T.Green Ltd (new room)
£1,613 - Ingleton Wood (new room)
£439 - MDL (grass cutting)
£131 - BT (broadband - village hall)
£65 - H Blurton (keys & floor mat)
£50 - RCCE (annual subscription)
£33 - Village Hall (insurance)

Income received since the last meeting:

£25 - Margaretting Friends (new office)

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Lavender Bank: Nothing further to report. Thanks were expressed to Margaretting Friends for caring for this bank.

Village Hall Road Sign: The confusion surrounding our request to install a road sign at the cross roads has been sorted out. We are now waiting for ECC Highways' formal consent.

Parish Council Office: The signal strength for the internet in the new office is very weak. Advice is needed on how to resolve this. Margaretting Friends have donated £25 towards the costs of buying some planters to place between the bollards on the ramp.

Village Gateways: We agreed to forward our proposal to the Local Highways Panel for consideration as a scheme to receive ECC funding.

Whites Bridge Walk Boards: Plans for replacing the boards are in hand. ECC has agreed to undertake the work.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

No reported incidents since the last meeting. All the allotments are taken. Arrangements are in hand to obtain the required number of quotations to reduce the height of some of the trees growing along the playing field boundary.

VILLAGE POND AND TREES

The Conservation Volunteers have expressed an interest in clearing the pond. Quotations are being sought to remove the dead tree by the pond. We have applied for a grant to help offset the cost of an oak to replace the dead millennium oak

DOG WASTE BINS

The site for the bin in Parsonage Lane has been agreed. We have yet to reach a decision on a bin for Orton Close.

GRASS VERGES

We discussed a complaint about the lack of attention being given to a verge in Main Road. **See next page**

FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS

Footpath 21: Network Rail has started its pre-consultation on the proposal to apply for a Rail Crossing Extinguishment Order.

Footpath 17: There are a number of obstructions along this route, in the form of fences which prevent access. We agreed to contact the ECC Public Rights of Way Officer - to investigate and take appropriate action.

PLANNING

The following decisions were noted:
14/00183/FUL - Land at Whitewebs Cottage, Main Road: New two storey house with detached garage.

Refused Planning Permission

14/00620/FUL - Webbs Farm, Main Road: Convert existing building to residential annexe. Demolition of attached storage barn.

Grant Planning Permission

14/00638/FUL - Martins Farm, Margaretting Tye: Conversion of barn into dwelling including extensions.

Grant Planning Permission

App/W1525/A/13/2207997 - Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock: Construction of Access Track

Grant Planning Permission

THREE MILE HILL

Concerns were expressed about excessive vehicle speeds along this road. We agreed to send a request for a speed survey to the Local Highways Panel.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th September 7.30pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

17:00-17:15 18/06/2014

The Tye, Margaretting
Two Lab Poodles stolen from property

18:30 20/06/2014 – 07:15 21/06/2014

Church Lane, Margaretting
Barn broken into by cutting padlock – unknown at present what was stolen

17:00 22/06/2014 – 07:30 23/06/2014

Maldon Road, Margaretting
Fence post removed and John Deere Gator stolen

12:00 25/06/2014 – 07:30 02/07/2014

Maldon Road, Margaretting
Entry gained to garage by cutting padlock – tools stolen

03:30-04:01 02/07/2014

The Tye, Margaretting
Heating oil siphoned from tank

02:30 03/07/2014

Back Lane, Stock
Attempted burglary – attempt made to force front door, no entry gained

18:00 03/07/2014 – 08:00 05/07/2014

Stock Road, Stock
Entry gained to secure BMW by drilling out door lock – items stolen.

08:00-10:00 04/07/2014

Coptfold Hall Drive, Margaretting
Attempted burglary - attempt made to force conservatory door - no entry gained

15:15 11/07/2014 – 17:20 11/07/2014

Coptfold Hall Drive, Margaretting
Attempted burglary – jemmy marks to front door and other doors

12:35 14/07/2014 – 14:45 14/07/2014

Parsonage Lane, Margaretting
Burglary dwelling – entry gained by forcing a rear door, items stolen

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MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We meet twice this month - on the 18th we have a quiz evening and on the 20th we will be dining out at the White Hart. Many thanks to Sheila for organising this event. 'Margaretting Friends' is a women's social group whose members support village projects and raise funds for local and national charities. Meetings are held in the Chelmer Room on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. For more information contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The parish council is delighted to let everyone know that the village received a Merit Award in the Best Kept Village 2014 Competition. Thank you to everyone in the community for your support and help in keeping the village litter free and looking attractive.

VILLAGE GRASS VERGES

Who maintains the village verges? This is a question frequently asked of the parish council. The answer, depending on the verge in question, can be any one of the following: local residents, the Parish Council, Chelmer Housing Partnership, Chelmsford City Council or Essex County Council.

Maintenance of the verge in Main Road abutting Peacocks is the responsibility of ECC. In past years it has been cut twice a year by ECC contractors. Residents who complained about this verge thought it looked neglected; an overgrown mess that prevented motorists from having a good line of sight and pedestrians from being able to walk safely along a busy main road. The parish council is in contact with ECC to establish what maintenance if any is being planned for this particular verge next year. Meanwhile, a significant length of the verge has now been cut by a local resident.

The parish council is aware of the differing views held in the village about how often the verges should be cut. There are some who do not agree with grass verges being cut regularly. They prefer to see the wild grasses and flowers growing freely. They feel this is in keeping with our rural setting and provides a natural habitat for wild life. The parish council is aware also of the campaign by 'plantlife' urging local councils to cut verges twice a year only.

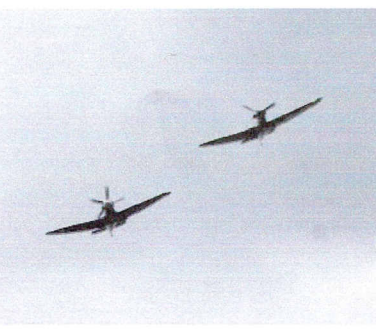
MARGARETTING FAMILY FUN DAY 2014

Margaretting had never seen so many people until this year's family fun day on Saturday the 12th of July. Over 400 adults plus their children attended, with this year's event being the first to advertise online! The field was filled with everything from market stalls and classic cars to bouncy castles and face painting, all run by local volunteers too. The arena hosted maypole dancing, a tug of war tournament and live music from local band, 'Best Served Cold', not to mention the superb gymnastics performance by the Blue Falcons display team. The bar and BBQ were huge successes and sold out of almost everything with thanks to the Black Bull Pub and if the 25°C heat wasn't enough to light up the weekend, the RAF fly-past with its two spitfires certainly was!



On a negative note, the hall was nowhere near as full of horticultural entries as usual with the flower classes left bare! Margaretting should be proud of its British heritage and this year's fun day has proved that the traditions of the community are still loved by many and attract many more each year.

However, next year's aim is to encourage as



many people as possible to get growing, cooking and making so that we can fill that hall and overwork those judges!

Here's a huge thank you to everyone who organized and helped on the day! Margaretting family fun day wouldn't exist without the hard work of the fun day committee and all of those locals with a talent for gazebo building, so thank you!

For photos of this year's event and information on next year's fun day, go to www.facebook.com/funinmargaretting See you all next year!

Jordanne Wood



OVER 60S CLUB

On 6th August we have a talk about the history of Marconi from 1910 to 1914. And, on 20th August Malcolm Stuart will be talking about the railways. Our Over 60s Club meetings are held fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

BOOK CLUB

July's book 'Life after Life' by Kate Atkinson was enjoyed by everyone. An intriguing story, set in the 20th century, which really grips the imagination. Its innovative and fast plot, that allows the life of Ursula Todd, the central character, to take several different courses, offers the reader choice after choice between happy and unhappy endings. We found it fascinating to think of all the parallel, alternative possibilities of Ursula's life.

The next book on our list to read is 'The Husband's Secret' by Sophie Hannah.

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

What's on in August

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

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

Margaretting Friends – 18th – Chelmer Room 7.30pm

- Fun quiz night – All welcome

Tuesdays

Multiple Sclerosis Society – 26th – Main Hall 7pm

Stitch and Chat – 5th and 19th – Meeting Room 9.30am – 12 noon

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 6th and 20th – Main Hall 2 - 4pm

Bingo – 13th – 27th – Main Hall 7.30pm

Thursdays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7.30 – 8.30pm Main Hall

Fridays

Stitch and Chat – 9.30am – 12 noon – Main Hall

Saturdays

Village Coffee Morning – 16th Chelmer Room 10am – 12 noon

– Local produce - All Welcome

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 17th – 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall

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

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Very many thanks for all those who supported the Quiz night in June. Quiz master Kris set a selection of rounds suitable for all ages, including adverts, music round and true/false. We raised £350 towards the refurbishment of the gents toilets. We hope to hold another one later in the year. Watch this space for a date.

AUGUST RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste

Every Tuesday

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged
plastics & cartons**

Tuesdays 5th and 19th

Green box and card sack

Tuesdays 12th and 26th

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Wednesdays 13th and 27th

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 16th August

(10am - 12noon)

Chelmer Room

Margaretting Village Hall

Local produce for sale

Walking your dog?

Take a break - enjoy a coffee and toasted
tea cake

Want a lift - contact April

on 01277 354557

DIARY DATES

MOBILE CUSTOMER

INFORMATION SERVICE

Wednesday, 29th October

(2pm-3pm)

Margaretting Village Hall

CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday, 22nd November

Margaretting Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 7th and 21st August
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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