



MARGARETTING NEWS

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday, 4th May 10am - Parish Communion

Sunday, 11th May - NO SERVICE

Sunday, 18th May 10am - Parish Communion

Sunday, 25th May - NO SERVICE

In addition Margaretting Church will be open from 2.00-5.00pm on Sundays 4th and 18th May for anyone to visit. There will be tea/coffee and cake and music.

MALDON ROAD LAVENDER BANK

The parish council received some very encouraging comments this year about the lovely show of pink tulips in Maldon Road. Thanks are due to Helen Boem for the colour scheme and to Margaretting Friends for planting the tulips. This photograph was taken on 11th April by Rosemary Carter - a founder member of Margaretting Friends.



MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a Village Coffee Morning to be held on the third Saturday of each month in the Chelmer Room at the village hall commencing on 17th May - 10.00am to 12noon. All welcome

QUIZ NIGHT

Margaretting Village Hall

**Saturday 14th June
at 7.00pm**

In aid of the Refurbishment of the Gents toilet

Fish and Chip Supper
Bring your own drinks

Tickets £8 each
Tables of 8

Ring Lynn on 01277 355575

MARGARETTING PARISH ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 15th MAY

**7.30pm in the Meeting Room
at the village hall**

The annual assembly is your opportunity to share your views and observations about the village.

It provides the opportunity for the parish council to present its annual report and local organisations to give an update on activities.

COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

ALLOTMENTS

The parish council now has a number of vacant allotments for rent. For more information please contact Mr Keith Young on 01277 354516.

ONION FAMILY Onions, Garlic Leeks	ROOTS Cucurbits, Carrots, Parsnips Beetroot, Squashes	RHUBARB STRAWBERRIES
POTATOES + lettuce.	BEANS/PEAS Broad beans, Runner beans Peas.	BRASSICAS Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale, Lettuce.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Matters raised included the Flood Alleviation Scheme and the road flooding problem in Parsonage Lane.

REDUCED SPEED LIMITS FOR WANTZ ROAD, WRITTLE ROAD AND MARGARETTING ROAD

The Local Highways Panel has agreed the parish council's proposal for a lower speed limit. We now await further information.

A12 SLIP ROAD

The Travellers Unit and Essex Highways are investigating the reports of someone occupying a wooden shed on the raised verge adjacent to the A414.

BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Footpath 21: Nothing further to report. This footpath was due to close, subject to weather conditions, in January 2014 for six months to allow rail crossing improvement works to take place.

Bridleway 44: A fallen tree is blocking the bridleway. The land owner has been given 28 days to remove the tree.

BUS STOPS

The sign for the bus stop in Main Road opposite Church Lane is still missing. This was reported to the bus company a few months ago. The parish council agreed to contact the transport officer for Essex County Council.

Since the meeting ECC has offered to replace all the bus stop signs in Main Road with its new design bus stop pole and flags.

ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The expenditure agreed was:
£410 - MDL (grass cutting)
£220 - EALC/NALC (subscription)
£232 - Chelmsford Council (inspection)

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

No reported incidents since the last meeting apart from litter being thrown on the grass and not in the litter bins provided. There are a number of vacant allotments. It was agreed to advertise the vacancies in the monthly Newsletter. Margaretting residents must be given first choice. **See front page.**

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village Hall Road Sign: The parish council has given Highways two weeks to respond to its request to install a new sign at the cross roads. It was agreed that unless the parish council receives a response within that time scale the new signs will be bought and installed at the cross roads. *Since the meeting the parish council has been informed by ECC Highways this request is to be referred to a Local Highways Panel.*

Parish Council Office: The building programme is on target. The outer walls and roof have been completed.

Garden opposite the school: The railings repaired by Brian Smith have been completed. Comments were made as to the very high standard of these repairs. It was agreed to paint the railings.

Lavender Bank: Many complementary remarks about the display of tulips have been received. **See front page.**

VILLAGE POND

The setting up of a working party to remove the pond weed and leaves has been postponed to the summer months.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The preliminary works have been halted. Although, the parish council does not know the exact reason why the work has stopped it has been given to understand that it may be due to an unresolved access dispute between the Environment Agency and a local land owner. Also, there has been no response to reported concerns that Swan lane needs substantial repairs before the heavy vehicles start using it. These delays could mean it is doubtful the scheme will be finished this year.

The number of mature trees due to be felled has provoked further comments and suggestions. One of which is that the parish council should consider contacting the Environment Agency to ask that mature trees only are selected in The EA's replanting plan. The parish council supports this suggestion and will contact the EA accordingly.

VILLAGE INTERNET SPEED

Further information received from ECC confirms that properties in Margaretting mostly fall into the category that already receive speeds of at least 2Mbps and therefore there is no plan within the BDUK programme (ECC's contract) to extend the fibre network to the village.

However, there are small pockets of Margaretting not included in the scope of the Superfast Essex Programme which are indicated to be part of the commercial fibre rollout by BT. This means they will be fibre-enabled, but not part of the BDUK rollout.

The parish council has been asked to provide post codes so that checks can be made for what is planned for our area.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2013/14

Income received was £36,957. This includes the PWLB for the parish office project. Expenditure for year totaled £10,585.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The official vacancy notice is on the notice boards. A new member will be co-opted onto the parish council unless the prescribed number of people have called for an election. The cut off date for requesting an election is 21st April.

PLANNING

The following applications were received for comments:

14/00530/FUL - Elmhurst, Maldon Road: Single storey rear extension and insertion of new roof light to side elevation.

The following decisions were noted:
13/01858/FUL - Van Dykes, The Tye: Demolition of existing house and construction of a new five bed roomed house with detached garage and new driveway. Grant Planning Permission

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 15th May 7.30pm.
See front page.

WANTED

SECOND HAND BOOKS ESPECIALLY CHILDREN'S BOOKS to sell to raise funds for village hall improvements. Please contact Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575 to arrange delivery or collection.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, 12th July - 1pm to 4pm
at the village hall

Suzie, Julie and the Family Fun Day team need volunteers to help on the day and/or to join them in planning the day. Please contact Julie at the Black Bull if you are able to help. They are also looking for ready made teams (or people to make up a team) for a tug-of-war contest on the day. This used to be an annual event and was always great fun! If anyone has anything they'd like to donate in advance, i.e. raffle prizes, tombola items, bottles etc. then please pass them to Julie in the Black Bull.

EASTER LILLIES

May I thank everybody who kindly donated to St Margaret's Easter Lily fund. The response to my note last month has, as usual, been wonderful. Also, a big thank you to the ladies who gave their time arranging the flowers in the church on Good Friday. *Margaret Boxall*

PALM WINE AND STOUT

Tuesday, 20th May (7.30pm) in the village hall. It's not too late to buy tickets for this play. Tickets £8 (16's and under £5). Contact Jennie or Michael Scott on 01277 354821.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Not a very good turn out this year with only six volunteers! Although, between us, we did manage to fill seven bags. Included in this year's litter pick were the two A12 Wantz Road slip roads, Maldon Road, Main Road (from the cross roads to the Church Lane junction) and Church Lane. Thanks must go to those members of the community who, through out the year, litter pick the verges in Main Road, Maldon Road, Wantz Road and Writtle Road. Without this support these verges would remain strewn with passing motorist's litter.

OVER 60S CLUB

The club had a trip down memory lane on 16th April when Rosemary Carter presented a slide show of photographs of the outings and the many memorable activities undertaken by its members over the past few years. There were lots of oohs and aahs especially for the photos showing Margaretting's celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

The Over 60s club meetings are held once a fortnight. They start at 2pm and are held in the village hall. For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends meet in the Chelmer Room on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. At our April meetings three volunteers from the Buttsbury Remus Memorial Sanctuary gave an interesting talk about their work with rescued animals. If you are interested in finding out more about the sanctuary there are six open afternoons this year; the first is on Sunday, 4th May.

MAY RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste
Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Tuesdays 13th and 27th

Green box and card sack
Tuesdays 6th and 20th

MARGARETTING TYE
Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesdays 14th and 28th

Green box and card sack
Wednesdays 7th and 21st

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The period covered in the following update ranges from Sunday, 16th March to Wednesday, 2nd April.

11:55 16/03/2014

Mill Road, Stock: Suspicious circumstances – resident reported finding a brick coloured in within the garden wall. Resident believes this may be to do with marking properties for crime.

13:46 17/03/2014

Lower Stock Road, Stock: Suspicious circumstances – elderly resident reported she had received a call from a male who said he was going to visit her to check her health – potentially a scam visit.

16:00 18/03/2014 – 12:30 19/03/2014

School Road, Downham: Wire fence to yard cut, two padlocks broken off door and a trailer and a lot of maintenance equipment stolen.

23:00 18/03/2014 – 00:00 19/03/2014

Essex Wildlife Trust, Hawkswood Road, Downham: Padlock cut off door on container, nothing stolen.

22:00 23/03/2014 – 07:00 24/03/2014

Maldon Road, Margaretting: Damage caused to a Volkswagen Transporter by smashing a window

22:30 24/03/2014 – 22:38 24/03/2014

Manor Close, Ramsden Heath: Front door forced, vehicle keys stolen and vehicle stolen from drive – vehicle has been recovered from Stock

14:00 23/03/2014 – 11:58 26/03/2014

Myln Meadow, Stock: Burglary dwelling by smashing rear patio doors – jewellery stolen

15:45 25/03/2014 – 08:25 27/03/2014

Myln Meadow, Stock: Burglary dwelling by smashing pane in side door to reach a key – nothing reported stolen

20:30 25/03/2014

Goatsmoor Lane, Billericay: Large wooden gates stolen from outside the property

14:30-14:50 29/03/2014

Wantz Road, Margaretting: Land Rover Defender and trailer stolen

18:30-23:00 31/03/2014

Dakyn Drive, Stock: Motorbike stolen from drive outside property.

10:00 01/04/2014 – 11:00 02/04/2014

Mill Road, Stock: Entry gained to outbuildings by forcing padlocks – garden items stolen from within.

19:00 01/04/2014 – 07:00 02/04/2014

Brock Hill, Runwell: Outbuildings broken into by cutting off padlocks and removing power tools.

21:00 01/04/2014 – 06:30 02/04/2014

Whites Hill, Stock: Rear screen to vehicle smashed, no items removed from within.

Further to information from a local resident, a stolen vehicle has been recovered from Dakyn Drive in Stock. I would be grateful if you could let me know of any high value vehicles that you see parked in residential roads that may have been there for a couple of days or look out of place, there is every possibility they may have been stolen. *Jemma Carr, PCSO 71018*

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

What's on in May

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am; 10.45 – 11.45am and 7 – 8pm - Main Hall
Margaretting Friends – 19th Social Evening - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room. All welcome

Tuesdays

Multiple Sclerosis Society – 6th – Last session of “Getting to Grips” 7pm- Main Hall
Multiple Sclerosis Society – 27th – Main meeting 7pm - Main Hall
Stitch and Chat – 13th and 27th 9.30am – 12 noon – Meeting Room
Art Class – 6th, 13th and 20th - 2 – 4.00pm – Chelmer Room
Also a new 6 week Watercolour Course 9.30am – 12 noon
Eastern Angles Tour – 20th – Palm Wine and Stout - Main Hall 7.30pm

Wednesdays

Dance to Fitness – 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
French Class – 10am – 12 noon – Meeting Room
Over 60's Club – 14th and 28th – 2pm - Main Hall
Bingo – 7th and 21st – 7.30pm - Main Hall
Archery Club meeting – 7th – Chelmer Room 8pm

Thursdays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7.30 – 8.30pm - Main Hall (excluding 22nd May)
Art Class – 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd – 10.00am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Village Hall AGM - 1st – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Parish Council meeting – 8th – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Parish Assembly – 15th – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Election Day – 22nd – 7am – 10pm - Main Hall
Essex Handicraft – 29th – Talk – The History of Textiles – Chelmer Room 7pm

Fridays

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

Saturdays

Hindu Dharma Society – 10th - 7pm - Main Hall
Village Coffee Morning – 17th – Chelmer Room 10am – 12 noon. All Welcome.

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 11th – 9.30am – 6pm - Main Hall

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

DIARY DATES

Thursday 15th May
‘Woolwards’ Mountnessing
Coffee and Crafts
Fund Raising for St Giles Church
Phone Chris on 01277 353105

Saturday 17th May
10am to 12noon
Village Coffee Morning
in the Chelmer Room

Tuesday, 20th May (7.30pm)
Margaretting Village Hall
Eastern Angles Spring Tour 2014
‘Palm Wine and Stout’
Tickets £8 (16's and under £5)
To buy tickets contact Jennie or
Michael Scott on 01277 354821

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Coach Outings

Saturday, 14 June 2014
RHS Gardens at Wisley

Thursday, 10 July 2014
Hampton Court Flower Show
(or Palace)

Saturday, 11 October 2014
Waterperry Gardens Oxfordshire
‘Apple Festival’ Weekend

To book a coach outing contact
Ann Monk on 01277 352869

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Saturday 14th June (7pm)
Quiz Night in the village hall

Saturday, 12th July (1pm - 4pm)
Margaretting Village Hall
Family Fun Day and
Horticultural Show

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 1st, 15th and 29th May
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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