



MARGARETTING NEWS

May 2017

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

7th May
11.15am Parish Communion

14th May NO SERVICE

21st May
11.15am Parish Communion

28th May NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

3.30pm Evensong

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

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH NEWS

We were reminded of Simon Jenkins' book 'England's thousand best churches', and his description of our ancient and beautiful church, at the beginning of April when a small party of ramblers arrived in the middle of our church spring clean. Their first question was 'Why is the Jesse Window so important?'

Looking round our church through their fresh eyes the stained glass windows, brasses, memorials, tapestry kneelers and banners took on a new edge. In particular, the beautifully embroidered Margaretting Mothers' Union banner.

UNWANTED ITEMS FOR FREE
Wallpaper folding pasting tables
Telephone 01277 356182

The banner reminded us of Sue Brown and Revd Frances and their support and enthusiasm for keeping the Margaretting branch alive. This led to thoughts about the many funerals held in Margaretting. We spoke fondly of May Day's funeral held on Friday, 17th March. The church was packed for this much loved member of the community and former member of the Margaretting Mothers' Union.

The fifteenth century octagonal font and its interesting carvings which include the square and compass prompted further thoughts of proud parents, godparents and friends who have gathered round this font over the centuries.

In turn this reminded us of the baptism service on Sunday, 5th March for baby Lenny Hutton and the gift of two Storyteller's Bibles given to the family at the end of the ceremony. One for baby Lenny and one for his big brother. The smile on Lenny's brother's face when he took hold of his very own Storyteller's Bible was a joy to see.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on Thursday, 18th May at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to share your views and observations about the village. It provides an opportunity for the parish council to present its annual report and accounts.

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DIARY DATES 2017

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH BELLS
Friday 5th May - 5.45pm
WWI ANNIVERSARY QUARTER PEAL
VILLAGE HALL AGM - Wednesday 10th May
Chelmer Room in the Village Hall - 7.30pm
PARISH ASSEMBLY - Thursday 18th May
Chelmer Room in the Village Hall - 7.30pm
SUMMER BOOT SALE - Saturday 17th June
Margaretting Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon
FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday 8th July
Margaretting Village Hall - 1pm to 4pm

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarett Community website. A copy of the minutes is also placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. The office telephone number is 01277 350887. This telephone is checked weekly on a Tuesday for messages. Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via email. Email address: parishcouncil.margarett@virgin.net

A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office on Wednesday, 17th May - 6pm to 7pm.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Five members of the public present. The issues raised and discussed during democratic time included:

(i) Creation of new bridleway and closure of the footpath 21 crossing.

It was agreed Network Rail's proposal to close the footpath 21 rail crossing and cessation of the intrusive train whistles is supported by local residents and the parish council.

However, the proposal for a new bridleway (an off-road link along Maldon Road to bridleway 22) in place of the Margarett footpath 21 crossing is not supported by the land owner and the residents living in the vicinity of the proposed bridleway. Local residents are concerned about the lack of consultation and information. The parish council confirmed it had not been consulted but is aware the Ramblers Association is keen to see an off-road link along Maldon Road to the pavement under the Maldon Road bridge in place of the Margarett footpath 21 crossing.

(ii) Parsonage Lane Rail Crossing

It was agreed Network Rail's proposal to close this footpath crossing has far reaching implications for the residents on the other side of the railway line. The parish council has informed Network Rail and the Department of Transport that the restricted height of the railway bridge (the proposed alternative access route) will prevent emergency and large vehicles gaining access to their properties.

Cllr Grundy confirmed he had raised the restricted vehicle access issue with the City Council. The parish council advised residents to contact the Secretary of State for Transport with their concerns and objections.

(iii) St Margaret's Churchyard

A question was raised about the reduction in height of the south boundary hedge. It was explained the St Margaret's Church Support Group, which undertook the cutting back of the hedge, is now assisting St Margaret's Parochial Church Council in the maintenance of the church yard.

The south boundary hedge, neglected over the years, had become a row of overgrown trees with branches and side shoots overshadowing and encroaching on graves. The pollarding of these trees should not prevent new growth. In a few years the south boundary would become a beech hedge of manageable height.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Following the completion of the work on the perimeter hedge the parish council received a request to remove a dead tree, scrub and ivy abutting a resident's rear fence. The request and estimate (£300) for the work was agreed. The weekly inspection of the playing field included a report that the litter bin adjacent to the youth shelter had remains of burnt aerosol spray and odorant cans. This is not the first time burnt objects have been found in this particular bin. It was agreed to contact the Police for advice.

MARGARETTING SCHOOL

Walking bus. The parish council confirmed it would be willing to consider contributing towards the costs of High Visibility vests for the pupils.

MARGARETTING TYE

Red Telephone Box. The telephone box is now included in the village assets. The electricity supply for the light in the box is to be checked with BT. Since the adoption of the box the electric light stays on all the time - for years past this light has not worked!

Parking Problems. It was agreed to cover the cost (£25) of a replacing the missing bollard on the green to prevent cars parking on the green.

MARGARETTING BROOK

The Environment Agency has acknowledged receipt of the Main Road addresses affected by last year's flood.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS PROJECT

Cllr Grundy reported the project had been formally 'signed off' by Essex County Council. The gateways will be installed this financial year.

VILLAGE TREES

The parish council has asked the City Council to confirm that the split tree in Main Road has been inspected.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

It was agreed to invite a community transport representative to the parish assembly.

351 BUS ROUTE

Since the last meeting two reports of cancelled buses have been recorded. Cllr. Paoli-Burke has forwarded the details to the bus company.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2017

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Kelly for completing this year's entry form.

ACCOUNTS

2016/2017

An end of year statement showing an income of £16,266 and expenditure of £15,698 was approved for audit.

2017/2018

Expenditure agreed this month:
£5 - Essex & Suffolk (allotments)
£241 - EALC (subscription)
£395 - MDL (grass cutting)
£480 - Mayhew (playing field hedge)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were received for comment:

17/00648/FUL - Ynamit, Maldon Road: Ground floor rear extension.
17/00263/FUL - Whitewebs Cottage, Main Road: First floor side extension to create additional bedroom.

The following decisions were noted:

17/00130/FUL - Longcroft, Maldon Road: Demolition of single storey extension. Creation of drive from existing road access. Construction of low profile, semi subterranean single storey three bedroom dwelling.

Planning Permission Refused

17/00260/FUL - Foxgloves, Main Road: Single storey rear extension.

Planning Permission Granted

EASTERN ANGLES

Jennie and Michael Scott, who for many years have arranged this theatre group's annual visit to the village hall, have announced they will be stepping down after this year's visit. The parish council agreed to consider taking on future arrangements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 2nd May at 7:30pm.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

CUDDLY TOYS AND TEDDY BEARS

We have started collecting teddy bears and cuddly toys for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal. Second hand soft toys in good condition are welcome.

WOOL

Clear out your wool stash! Our volunteers are knitting hats, gloves and mittens for the shoe boxes and are in need of wool. If you have any odd balls of wool which you no longer need and would like to donate please give Lynn a call on 01277 355575.



The porch - arrangements depicting Easter - new life, growth and hope.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated to the beautiful lilies for Easter Sunday. A very big thank you also to the band of ladies that arranged the flowers this year. As always, this is an appeal for anybody that would like to help with the flowers at festival times or special services.

Margaret Boxall 01277 354844

BINGO

Please note the dates for this month's Village Hall Bingo are Wednesday, 10 and 24 May. 7.30pm for an 8 o'clock start.

BOOK CLUB

This month we are reading 'The Signature of All Things' by Elizabeth Gilbert. For information about the book club call Penny on 01277 356182.

OVER 60S CLUB

Thank you 'Black Bull' for hosting our AGM. The fish and chip lunch certainly helped towards the meeting's success! Another thank you is owed to the Over 60s committee for its work in keeping the club going. New members are welcome. We meet in the village hall on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

BOOKS

If anyone has any books they could donate to the village hall for fund raising - please ring Lynn on 01277 355575.



The church was full of dazzling beautiful flowers for Easter. Thank you flower arrangers for your sharing your ideas, creativity and making our Easter Festival all the more special.



Photos by Mike Parkes.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our next meeting is on Monday, 15th May - 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. We will be discussing arrangements for our involvement in this year's family fun day. All are welcome. For more information please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575

FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 8th JULY

We would welcome help on the day especially setting up and tidying away. If you can spare an hour or two to help please pop into the Black Bull and let Julie know.



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on May 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

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

(Not 1st or 29th Bank holiday)

Crafters 8th - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room - all welcome

Margaretting Friends 15th - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room - all welcome

Tuesdays

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

Yoga - (Not on 30th) - 1.30pm - 3pm - Main Hall

Fit 4 Action - (Not on 30th) - 9.15 - 10.15am - Main Hall

Barnraisers - 2nd, 16th and 30th - 9.30am - 12.30pm - Meeting Room

Combat Academy - 2nd and 16th - 7-9pm - Main Hall - Self-defence

Wednesdays

Archery meeting - 3rd - 7pm - Chelmer Room

Over 60's Club - 3rd, 17th and 31st - 2-4pm - Main Hall

Village Hall AGM - 10th - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room

Margaretting Friends Committee meeting - 10th - 5.15pm - Meeting Room

Parish Council Surgery - 17th - 6pm - 7pm - Parish Office

Dance to Fitness - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall

French class - 10am - 12noon - Meeting Room (not on 31st)

Bingo - 10th and 24th - 7.30pm - Main Hall

Karate - 3rd, 17th and 31st - 8pm - Main Hall

Jazz Band practice - 31st - 7pm Chelmer Room

Thursdays

ECC Election Polling Station - 4th - 7am - 10pm - Main Hall

Art Class - 10am - 12 noon - Chelmer Room

Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am - Main Hall

Hot Pod Yoga - 6pm - 8pm - Main Hall

Parish Council meeting - 2nd - 7.30pm - Meeting Room

Parish Council Assembly - 18th - 7pm - Chelmer Room

Fridays

Barnraisers - 9.30am - 12.30pm - Main Hall

Saturdays

Hindu Dharma Society - 6th - Main Hall 3pm

Village Coffee Morning - 20th - 10am - 12 noon - Chelmer Room

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group - 7th - 9.30am - 6pm - Main Hall

Quilters Guild - 14th - 9am - 9pm - Main Hall

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

MAY RECYCLING DATES

Food waste - Every Tuesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th May

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 9th and 23rd May

MARGARETTING TYE

Food waste - Every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesday 3rd, 17th and 31st May

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 10th and 24th May

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Monday, 8th May at 7.30pm

in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall

Stuck on a project, looking for motivation or renewed enthusiasm? Come and join us!

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Village Coffee Morning

Saturday, 20th May - 10.00am to 12 noon

in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall

Local Honey and produce available

VILLAGE HALL BOOT SALES

Saturday 17th June, Saturday 15th July and

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August

Buyers from 9.30am until 12 noon

Sellers from 8.30am

To book a pitch, please contact Sheila on

01277 840493



VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

It is with regret we have to announce that April Nixon, our booking secretary, has decided to step down from the role as soon as we can appoint a replacement. With this in mind, should you be interested in taking on this paid role, either have a chat with April to see what is involved or contact Lynn Cameron to register your interest.

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 11th and 25th May at 2.15-2.30pm in Maldon Road in the lay-by opposite the playing field.

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 approximately 11.00am.

The Trust bus will run to Tesco on Fridays at 11.15am from Orton Close and returning from Tesco at 1pm.

Please note, the Trust bus is for anyone who needs it, not just for pensioners. Because of insurance terms, passengers must be 'members' and are required to supply their name and address to the driver. Membership is free to passengers.

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