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EASTER LILIES

A very big thank you to everybody who donated towards the Easter Lilies. I don't know if anybody noticed but this year our usual supplier was unable to purchase Arum Lilies as usual so he sent Calla Lilies instead. This was apparently due to the very cold weather and to the fact that Easter was earlier this year. I must gratefully thank all the ladies on the flower rota for their beautiful arrangements that made the church look so pretty.

Thank you again, Margaret Boxall

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

TABLE TOP SALE

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Margaretting Village Hall

10.00am to 12 noon

MARGARETTING

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room in the village hall. All are invited.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday, 5th May 10am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 12th May 4pm - Family Service

Sunday, 19th May 10am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 26th May 11am - Mattins

Sunday, 2nd June The Bishop of Bradwell,

The Rt Revd John Wraw will be preaching at the service

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25 v 35-36

I mentioned last month that there was to be a presentation at Ingatestone Church for the Brentwood Food Bank. It was very interesting and I have a better understanding of the support they give to families in this area. Any family receiving food is referred by another agency. The Food Bank then give this family enough food per person for 3 days (no matter how many people are in this family) – this enables the family to feed themselves and any children. Each family is allowed up to three parcels per year. The idea is not to have relying on this help. The Centre also offers tea/coffee when open and people can drop in and find someone to talk to. What causes these problems for families? There can be many reasons including low income, high

unemployment and changes to benefits. In research done, we were told that 1 in 5 mums skip meals to feed their children, some consider stealing, some parents have to decide whether to pay the rent, heat the home or spend the money on food. This is bad enough but these statistics have been taken in this part of the County. Yes, families living very near us here are in desperate need.

We will once again give our harvest gifts to the Food Bank. However, this resource is open all year round and welcome food donations (as well as toiletries and small treats for children). You can take any donations to Dodd Road Community Church, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, CM15 9EH.

Rev'd Jean 01277 354359

We continue to pray for the community and in May we will be praying for:

5th May – Handley Green Lane

12th May – Ivy Barns Lane &

Ivy Hill Hotel

19th May – Jennings Place

26th May – Killigrews

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held at the village hall in the Chelmer room on Wednesday, 8th May at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to share your views and observations about the village. It provides an opportunity for local organisations to give an update on their activities and for the parish council to present its annual report and accounts.

FAMILY FUN DAY AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 13th July - 1pm to 4pm - Margaretting Village Hall

We hope people have remembered to put the date in their diaries and have had a chance to start planting and growing their vegetables for the show. The show schedule and details of what has been planned for the afternoon will be in next month's newsletter. Do come along and support your village show. Invite your friends and relatives to join you.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

One member of the public present.

Issues raised included:

(i) Pot holes in the village requiring urgent attention and the slow response from ECC Highways.

We confirmed these concerns had been reported to ECC Cllr Grundy.

(ii) Removal of temporary traffic warning signs for the refuge islands. We confirmed ECC Highways has this matter in hand.

(iii) Speed of traffic in Main Road. We discussed a suggestion that a mini roundabout at the cross roads would reduce the speed of traffic. We agreed to discuss this further at our May meeting and to ask Cllr Grundy to confirm the status of the 2010 speed restriction review for the county's A and B roads.

BRIDLEWAY AND FOOTPATHS

The removal of the missing post, metal stake and padlock (bridleway number 43) has been reported. ECC Highways has inspected and prioritised the bridge problem.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

MAZTEC has acknowledged it did assume the applications from the village hall and the parish council were for the same project. We agreed to refer this matter to the village hall committee with the request that MAZTEC's grant be divided equally between the parish council and the village hall. We discussed RCCE's advice concerning which other funding organisations to approach.

VILLAGE SITES

Lavender Bank: We received further quotations for the supply and installation of railway sleepers. We accepted the lowest quote (£542).

War memorial site: The two weeping willow pear trees have been pruned.

ALLOTMENTS AND PLAY AREA

All the allotments are let. The annual rents are currently being collected. There has been a problem with one of the multi goal fences. This is being dealt with. The youth shelter seats will be re-galvanized once the weather improves. The ROSPA inspection will take place in May.

PLANNING

(i) The following were received for comment:

13/00378/FUL - Foxgloves, Main Road: Single storey side/rear extension.

13/00307/FUL - Furze Lodge, Writtle Road: Amendment to planning permission 12/01242/FUL - to increase the height of the garage.

(ii) The following decisions were noted:

13/00126/FUL - Ging House, Wantz Road. Construction of integral garage; single storey rear extension; oak framed car shelter with tiled roof. Grant Planning Permission

13/00096/FUL & 13/00097/LBC Red Lion Public House. Single storey side extension to provide additional restaurant space and the creation of a disabled W.C.

Grant Planning Permission

ACCOUNTS

The final end of year accounts were presented and agreed for audit as follows: expenditure: £21,913, income: £16,856, carry forward funds: £13,979.

The expenditure agreed this month was £67 (village hall broadband) £439 (village grass cutting).

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP. 2013

Margaretting's entry form has been completed and submitted.

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2013

Wednesday, 8th May at 7.30pm in the Chelmer room.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The Environment Agency is to hold a drop-in and exhibition in the village hall on Friday, 7th June. See next page.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

There was a good response. Twenty nine volunteers took part this year.

See next page.

351 BUS ROUTE

Information received that the bus timetable is changing to a half hourly service is to be checked with the bus company.

See back page.

NOTICE BOARDS

The following information is to posted on the notice boards:

(i) Public Notice of temporary night time closure of Three Mile Hill from A12 Junction to Widford roundabout for eight nights excluding weekends from 14th April.

(ii) Little Baddow Open Gardens Event

(iii) County Council Elections

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9th May at 7.30pm.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our encaustic wax craft workshop was a huge success. We were shown how with coloured wax on a heated iron and applying it onto card we could create and capture our own abstract art as well as recognisable images! Our meeting on 20th May is a garden party - a 'bring and share'. This will take place in one of Margaretting Friends' gardens.

OVER 60S CLUB

Following a fish 'n chip lunch at our AGM in April we celebrated 15 years of operation of our club. We were saddened to learn of the death of Lily Greenwood. Lily had been a loyal member of the club for many years and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

We have a varied programme of speakers and entertainers and if there is no outside entertainment booked we always organise an afternoon of fun and games with ample opportunity to chat with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea. New members are always welcome - so do give it a try.

MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

After the Easter Holidays the Summer Term began energetically with Class 2 enjoying swimming lessons at Shenfield High School. Class 3 submitted their entries for the Art Award they have been working hard to finish. This was organised by Hylands House and included study visits there. On a musical note, piano lessons began and look to be very popular. After school clubs have resumed too with multi sports, PASS football and the very popular art club with Mrs Forbes. With sports day coming up and many more activities this looks like another busy term for the school, may the sunshine continue!

MOTHERS UNION

Meetings are held in the Chelmer Room in village hall on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm - 4pm. On 16th May, the Diocesan's Mothers Union speaker Diana Bubb, will be talking about the work of the Mothers Union in 'Myanmar'. All are welcome.

CHELMSFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The following are extracts from the latest fact sheet published by the Environment Agency in April. It provides information about the proposed flood alleviation scheme in Margaretting, its progress to date, and what the EA will be doing over the coming months.

What have we been doing? We have now completed the technical design of the flood storage area and we are currently developing the landscaping proposals. We have also been working with the parish council to develop the design of the traffic management work along Swan Lane and improvements to the walk boards at Whites Bridge.

What will we be doing? Over the coming months we plan to complete archaeological survey works, initial site clearance works and preparatory works to allow construction work to start this summer. We are developing a traffic management plan for the scheme and will seek a temporary speed restriction order along Swan Lane from Essex County Council. Taking on board comments from the parish council, we are now proposing wider passing bays along Swan Lane. This change will not result in the loss of any hedgerows or trees.

We will keep Margaretting Parish Council up to date with our proposals. We will continue to talk to local landowners who are affected by the scheme to ensure that there is minimal impact on their properties and businesses.

Prior to starting the main construction we will hold a public drop-in and exhibition to further explain our proposals and allow you to meet the key people who will be working on this stage of the project.

Proposed programme of work. To take advantage of best construction weather and when river flows are historically low and less likely to flood, we will carry out the work over the summer. We would expect to start the construction work in early summer 2013. We estimate it will take around six months to complete the flood storage area. The approximate schedule of our preparatory work is:

- Start site clearance work: Mid April - up to 2 weeks of work
- Start passing bay work: Late April/early May (subject to ECC approval) - up to 4 weeks of work
- Set up site compound: Late May - 2 weeks of work

How can you get involved or get in touch? We know that what happens in your local community is important to you and we will be updating you as the scheme develops. To ensure that you know how the project is progressing we will produce further fact sheets, keep the website (www.chelmsford.gov.uk/fas) up-to-date, and keep your parish council informed.

Please come along to the public drop-in on Friday 7th June in the village hall (2pm-7pm) to hear more about our proposals and meet the key people who will be working on the construction stage of the project.

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A BRILLIANT EVENING

'The Long Life and Great Good Fortune of John Clare' was performed to a full house in the village hall on 9th April. It was a compelling play acted brilliantly and intelligently by three very accomplished actors. Eastern Angles once again proved how fortunate we are to have this first class touring theatre visit the village hall. Ticket sales, interval refreshments and the raffle raised £100 for the village hall. Many thanks are due to Jennie and Michael Scott who organised this evening.

BOOK CLUB

Last month we discussed Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' and Jeffrey Archer's 'And Thereby Hangs a Tale'. Jeffrey Archer's book is a collection of short stories based on true incidents. For some members this was the first Jeffrey Archer book they had read. We agreed the majority of the stories were interesting and had unexpected endings. Reading and rediscovering Charles Dickens was a delight - his marvellous power of description and use of language pure joy. We are going to choose another Dickens' novel to read later in the year. We meet again on 1st May to discuss the 'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel. Our chosen book to read in May is 'Catching The Sun' by Tony Parsons. For more information about the book club please telephone Penny Savill on 01277 356182.

MUSIC ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON

Orlando Jopling will be visiting St Margaret's church on 23rd June at 3.00pm to give a recital of solo Bach for the cello to help raise funds for the church. We plan to have cream teas - all for £15 per ticket.

For tickets or for more information please contact Jennie and Michael Scott on 01227 354821 or Revd Jean Halliday on 01277 354359 or e-mail jscott.scott@googlemail.com

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Twenty one people turned out on 6th April and between them filled twenty five bags with rubbish collected from Margaretting's pavements, grass verges and hedgerows. A further eight residents had been litter picking the week before and filled twelve bags. After the spring clean a welcome cup of coffee was waiting for the volunteers at the Black Bull. We owe Julie a big 'thank you'.

MAY COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste
Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack
Tuesdays 7th and 21st

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

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

Green box and card sack
Wednesdays 8th and 22nd

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesdays 15th and 29th

351 BUS SERVICE

With effect from 7th May the 351 MONDAY to FRIDAY bus service will be offering a half hour service. Changes to the timetable for the service from the Black Bull bus stops are as follows.

Chelmsford to Brentwood: 0641 0716 0753 0858 0928 0958 1028 1058 1128 1158 1228 1258 1328 1358 1428 1458 1528 1558 1630 1700 1739 1823 2026

Brentwood to Chelmsford: 0714 0758 0825 0918 0948 1018 1048 1118 1148 1218 1248 1318 1348 1418 1448 1518 1548 1618 1653 1731 1833 1921 2126 2356

The changes for the SATURDAY service start 11th May as follows.

Chelmsford to Brentwood: 0728 0758 0828 0858 0928 0958 1028 1058 1128 1158 1228 1258 1328 1358 1428 1458 1528 1558 1628 1728 1823 2028

Brentwood to Chelmsford: 0748 0848 0918 0948 1018 1048 1118 1148 1218 1248 1318 1348 1418 1448 1518 1548 1618 1648 1728 1833 1916 2126 2356

The SUNDAY service remains a two hourly service - as from 5th May it will be:

Chelmsford to Brentwood: 0756 0956 1156 1356 1556 1756 1956

Brentwood to Chelmsford: 0912 1112 1312 1512 1712 1912 2112

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN MAY WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** **Table Top Sale** 6th 10am - 12 noon
Pilates 9.30-10.30am, 10.45-11.45am & 7.00-8.00pm in the **Main Hall**
(no Pilates on 6th May and on 27th May 9.30 - 10.30am only)
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 14th and 28th 9.30-12.00 noon in the **Meeting Room**
Art Class 7th and 14th 2-4pm in the **Chelmer Room**
M/S Society (Getting to Grips) 7pm in the **Main Hall**
- Wednesdays** **Over 60s Club** 1st, 15th and 29th 2-4pm in the **Main Hall**
Bingo 8th and 22nd 7.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30am in the **Main Hall**
Archery Meeting 1st 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Parish Assembly 8th 7.30pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Thursdays** **Polling Day** 2nd all day in the **Main Hall**
Pilates 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the **Main Hall**
(on 2nd May evening only in the **Chelmer Room**)
Parish Council Meeting 9th 7.30pm in the **Meeting Room**
Art Class 9.30-1pm in the **Chelmer Room** (no Art Class on 30th May)
Mothers Union 16th 2-4pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Village Hall AGM 16th 7pm in the **Chelmer Room**
Essex Handicraft (Paper Sculptures) 30th 7pm in the **Chelmer Room**
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 9.30-12noon in the **Main Hall**
- Saturdays** **Pilates** 4th 9.30am-11am in the **Main Hall**
Pirouette School of Dance 18th 8.30am-1.30pm in the **Main Hall**
Cricket Club 11th and 25th 1pm in the **Main Hall**
- Sundays** **Hindu Society** 5th 5pm in the **Main Hall**
Loose Threads Patchwork 12th 9.30am-6pm in the **Main Hall**
Pilates 19th 9.30-11am in the **Main Hall**

2013 DIARY DATES

- Monday, 6th May
Table Top Sale
- Wednesday, 8th May
Annual Parish Assembly
- Saturday, 11th May
Coach outing Wisley
- Thursday, 16th May
Village Hall AGM
- Sunday, 23rd June
Bach Cello Recital
- Saturday, 6th July
Coach outing to Kew
- Saturday, 13th July
Family Fun Day
- Wednesday, 11th Sept.
Coach outing to Anglesey
- Saturday, 23rd November
Christmas Bazaar

For further details or queries for private functions please contact Village Hall Booking Secretary April Nixon on 07794 187741

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