



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## May 2015

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday, 3rd May  
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 10th May  
NO SERVICE

Sunday, 17th May  
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 24th May  
NO SERVICE

Sunday, 31st May  
NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.00am Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Evening Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

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NO SERVICE

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Rogation Service Procession

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

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

### MARGARETTING 2015 SATURDAY, 16 MAY MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

10.30am to 4pm - art and photographic exhibitions  
1pm - children's fancy dress competition (sporting theme)  
2.30pm - afternoon tea  
2pm to 3.30pm - taster sport activities  
(archery, cricket, netball, football, penalty shootouts)  
1pm to 4pm - books, art and craft stalls, face painting,  
International culture - music, dance, costumes

#### A Spring Fair with a difference

### NEW BEGINNINGS

I am writing this with excitement and expectation as I look forward to becoming part of the team here and getting to know you all. My husband Mike and I have now moved into the Vicarage in Margaretting, so by the time you read this I hope our move from Southampton will be behind us and all the boxes will have been unpacked. I have been working in the City Centre Parish in Southampton for the past four years and give thanks for my time there, but it gives me great joy to be returning to a more rural setting. My licencing service was on the 13<sup>th</sup> April so I now look forward to our shared ministry together. Mike and I are both country people, I grew up and then worked on Exmoor and Mike comes from the New Forest. We love to walk with our Border Terrier Storm, go bird watching and camping. We both also share a love of the sea, Mike likes Lifeboats and power and I love the wind, so it is sailing for me. These are some of the things we love to do and have a passion for, but I have a first love and passion not named above. A passion for my Lord Jesus Christ and sharing with others the good news of the Kingdom of God. So little good news about these days I am sure you would agree, so to be able to bring the good news of God's love, grace and hope for all is central to all that I am, think, do and say. Every blessing.

Revd Celia

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### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - TUESDAY, 12th MAY 2015

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on Tuesday, 12th 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.

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## VILLAGE HALL AGM - 13 MAY

Nibbles and Wine. Wednesday, 13th May at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. All are invited.

## FAMILY FUN DAY MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 11 JULY

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. It will definitely be a good afternoon out for all the family with lots of things to see and do including a confirmed fly past of an RAF Spitfire.

We now have a facebook page 'Margaretting Family Fun Day' where we are starting to add this year's attractions. Also, 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.

## VILLAGE HALL BINGO

One of the best things about playing Bingo, as well as the chance to play a game that you enjoy with likeminded people, is the great community spirit it creates. If you have never played Bingo in the village hall and would like to give it a try you will be made most welcome. Our Bingo Players meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. The dates for this month are Wednesday, 6th and Wednesday, 20th May. For more information contact Maurice on 352126.

## BOOK CLUB

Ken Follett's 'Eye of the Needle' received a mixed review from the book club. Members thought it an intriguing war time spy story but were disappointed with the ending. On a scale of 1 to 5 stars with 5 being the highest we awarded it 2½ stars. We are currently reading Tony Benn's 'A Blaze of Autumn Sunshine' which we hope to finish before the election! Next on our reading list is Henning Mankell's 'Italian Shoes'. If you are interested in joining the book club please contact Penny on 356182.

## OVER 60S CLUB

On Wednesday, 13th May we look forward to a regular club afternoon and on Wednesday, 27th May to hearing Brian Carline giving a talk on 'Teaching'. The Over 60s meet once a fortnight in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. For more information contact Don or June on 356126.

## TOP OF THE CROPS

The Margaretting Fun Day Committee and Horticultural Society have introduced a new competition for this year's show. They are inviting as many of you as possible to have a go at growing either carrots or lettuce to enter into the show so they 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 children, mums and dads, grandparents as well as the various groups in Margaretting. 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 Telephone: 355499 Email: helen@pod747.co.uk

## MARGARETTING 2015 - SPRING FAIR - 16th MAY CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS & ART COMPETITIONS

The theme for the children's art competition (painting or drawing) and fancy dress is 'sport' - any sport. There are two age categories: 7 years and under and 8 years and over. Each with a fantastic winning and runner up prize plus a 'Margaretting 2015' rosette. Art entries, with your name and age written on the back of your work, need to be delivered to the Parish Office at the village hall on Thursday, 14 May between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Judging the fancy dress will take place at the village hall at 1pm on Saturday, 16 May. This will be the first event on the programme for the Spring Fair. The entries for the art competition plus results will be on display during the afternoon in the village hall. If you have any queries about either of these competitions please contact Penny on 356182.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Meetings are held in the Chelmer Room on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. On Monday, 18th May we have invited a representative of the Special Needs Parents Association (SNAPS) to talk about the work of the association. SNAPS is a registered charity set up and run by the parents and carers of children with special needs. For further information telephone Lynn on 355575.

## QUIZ NIGHT IN MARCH FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to everyone who supported this evening. We raised £340 towards refurbishing the Ladies toilets this time. Everyone enjoyed a challenging evening and we hope to put on a repeat in the near future.

## EASTER LILIES

I would like to 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*

## EASTERN ANGLES

This year saw 30 years of the Eastern Angles coming to Margaretting to put on their plays and every one has been good and related to East Anglia. "Oysters" was no exception and although it was rather complicated we learnt about boat restoration, oysters and sexy sea goddesses whilst a mystery unfolded right up to the very end. The play was based on a true story about boat restoration and the person involved has family connections in the village. All tickets were sold and we made a profit for the village hall. We look forward to next years play.

*Michael Scott*

## BOOKS WANTED FOR THE MARGARETTING SPRING FAIR - SATURDAY, 16 MAY

Books, especially children's books, are needed for the book stall. Books should be in good condition.

To arrange collection or delivery please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575

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