

# MARGARETTING NEWS

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## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday 1st December - 10am - Holy Communion  
with Canon John Brown

Sunday 15th December - 10am Holy Communion  
with Bishop Stephen

Tuesday 24th December - 5pm Crib Service  
- 11pm - Holy Communion  
with Canon John Brown

Sunday 29th December - 10am Nine Lessons and Carols  
with Derek White

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - 10th NOVEMBER

### THE WHITE HART INN WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER -  
SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

Along with the Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Saturday Evening to Kick Start the Festive Period.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Sunday 1st December - 1pm**

The Margaretting School choir will be singing carols outside Hylands House at 1pm.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**Friday, 6th December - 6pm to 8.30pm**  
Ingatestone High Street

### CAROL SINGING

**Monday 16th December - 6pm**

The Black Bull and The Red Lion

Beginning in the Black Bull at 6pm and then onto the Red Lion.

### CHARITY BINGO

**Wednesday, 18th December at 7.30pm**

Bring a prize, win a prize. All welcome to come and enjoy a fun evening with the Bingo Club Members in the village hall. All proceeds go to a charity chosen on the evening.

### MINCE PIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS

### AT THE BLACK BULL

**Christmas Eve - 3pm to 8pm**

Don't forget to pop in to the Black Bull on Christmas Eve. Julie, Mary-Ann and the staff invite friends and customers to join them for mince pies and sausage rolls.

Always a good opportunity to catch up on all the local news.



Fifty two people attended this year's wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial. The service and prayers were led by Derek White. John Currie read out the names of the Margaretting men who lost their lives in the two world wars. George White, a Burma Star veteran, closed the ceremony with those moving and well known words 'When you go home, tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today'. These words spoken with feeling rang out loud and clear over the noise of the traffic. The last post and reveille was played by bugler Jonathan Steer. This was Jonathan's 23rd year in attendance at Margaretting's Remembrance Ceremony.

In the autumn sunshine a two minute silence was observed. Wreaths and a posy were laid at the foot of the war memorial by representatives of the Over 60s Club, Margaretting Friends and St Margaret's Church on behalf of the community. The pupils from Margaretting School laid their wreath at the memorial during their Act of Remembrance on Monday 11th November.



# PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER MEETING

## DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Maldon Road: Residents' concerns about the road repairs which had interfered with the road drainage in the vicinity of Nunn's Crossing were discussed. We agreed the excess surface water problem created by the road repairs needs to be resolved immediately. One of the main concerns reported was this stretch of road will present a danger to motorists this winter when the water freezes. We confirmed this concern had been reported to Network Rail and Essex County Council Highways and Network Rail had agreed to investigate the problem.

Hylands Golf Complex: The current and future plans for the old Victorian house which include restoring the house to its original style were shown to the parish council.

## VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village Gateways: ECC Highways has agreed the sites but revised the design for the gates. We agreed the design as drawn up by the parish council is far more attractive and in keeping with our village. The plan proposed by Highways is more suitable for an urban environment. We agreed also to query why Highways had wasted its time and our time putting together a different design.

Bulb Planting Scheme: We agreed to allocate £50 to this year's fund.

Parish Room/Office: Two organisations have agreed to help finance the building costs. MAZTEC has donated £1,500 and Essex Environment Trust £12,439. Our bid to EEC's Community Initiative Fund will be decided end of November.

Details have been sent to the EALC for its approval to seek borrowing permission from the Secretary of State. If borrowing permission is approved a loan to cover the shortfall will be sought from the Public Works Loan Board.

## VILLAGE SITES

Maldon Road Lavender Bank: We are still trying to obtain ECC Highway's permission to edge this bank.

Garden opposite school: Mr Brian Smith has confirmed he is still willing to carry out the repairs to the railings.

Village Pond and Trees: The vegetation surrounding the pond is to be cut back this year. The removal of leaves from the pond will take place in the new year.

Bus Shelters: The repairs to the shelter opposite the Black Bull will take place next Spring. The contractor has agreed to maintain the price quoted.

As there is insufficient room to install a larger shelter outside the Black Bull Essex County Council has agreed to buy and install a shelter for the bus stop outside the Red Lion.

## 351 BUS ROUTE

The current fare zones and reliability of this service after 3.15pm were discussed. **See below.**

## VILLAGE BRIDLEWAYS

ECC Highway's contractors have now completed the maintenance works which involved replacing a bollard to the entrance of Bridleway No 21 and laying additional road planings along the section where the existing surface material had worn away exposing the metal of the steel gabions. We agreed to ask Highways to inspect this work and to check and make good the damage caused by the electricity company to the fence along the river bank.

## MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

We agreed to contact Chelmsford City Council's Rangers Team to see if they would cut back the allotment hedge.

## ACCOUNTS

We agreed the following expenditure: £395 - MDL (grass cutting)  
£35 - Essex & Suffolk Water

## TRAFFIC CALMING

ECC Highways has now approved the finance for the two traffic speed surveys. These surveys are the result of our request for a reduction in the speed limits in Main Road and Wantz Road from 40mph to 30mph.

## TRAFFIC SIGN - VILLAGE HALL

We agreed to obtain a quotation for a road sign at the crossroads to indicate the direction of the village hall.

## PLANNING

The following decisions were noted: *13/01266/FUL Tollgate Farm, Main Road*: Single storey extension to provide annexe.

### Grant Planning permission

*13/05203/TPO - Willow (T1) Land adjacent to Chalksfield, The Tye*: Reduce away from service cables to create a 1.5-2m clearance, cutting to suitable growing points, remove deadwood over 25mm in diameter. Grant Planning permission

The following were received for comment

*13/01346/FUL Whites Place Farm, Main Road*: Demolish existing agricultural storage buildings and replace with storage and stable building.

*13/01536/FUL - Highview, Private Road*: Construction of an Orangery to the rear of the property.

## LITTLE TRESSELS

The rubbish has been cleared from the grounds but not from the lake.

## DECEMBER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

**Black bin and food waste**  
Every Tuesday

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
Tuesday 10th and 24th

**Green box and card sack**  
Tuesdays 3rd and 17th

### Margaretting Tye

**Black bins and food waste**

Every Wednesday except Christmas Day  
This collection will be on Friday 27th

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
Wednesdays 11th and Friday 27th

**Green box and card sack**  
Wednesday 4th and 18th

## 351 BUS ROUTE

Margaretting parish council transport representative, Cllr Lynn Edwards, has been keeping a log of the 351 bus service problems. Passengers' reports indicate that since the introduction of the 30 minutes timetable the service has become increasingly unreliable after 3.15pm. This is due to the 351 bus route being extended beyond Brentwood station. Passengers have also criticised the zones used for determining bus fares. Margaretting is included in the Brentwood fare zone. The Chelmsford zone starts at the Hylands Golf Course Complex bus stop. This stop is some distance along Three Mile Hill but it is within the Margaretting parish boundary.



# ST MARGARET'S CHURCH BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Saturday 23rd November by buying gifts, tombola and raffle tickets and afternoon tea and cakes.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Julie would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and helped her to raise money for the Children in Need charity this year. Once again for the eleventh year running the Black Bull has proved how generous its customers and friends are. This year the amount raised was £1,200. Included in this sum was £340 from the sale of Phyllis Wilson's home made jams. Phyllis' jam making has become legendary in the village and anyone who has bought one of her many jars of jam will vouch for its first class quality.

## SCHOOL NEWS

November which included the school's annual Christmas Bazaar was a very busy and full month for the pupils and the staff. This month will prove to be equally full with the exciting run up to Christmas! December starts with our choir children singing Christmas carols outside Hylands House on the 1st December at 1pm and everyone is welcome to come and join in too. Other Christmas activities in school include the Nativity play performed by Class 1 and Reception. Also, we are looking forward to seeing the Snow White pantomime at Southend. Margaretting School wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

## MOTHERS' UNION

There will be no meeting this month. We will be celebrating the festive season with an early Christmas Dinner together at the Black Bull on 19th December.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Former Royal Correspondent Tom Corby MVO gave an interesting and amusing talk at our November meeting. In his role as the Court (Royal) Correspondent of the Press Association he had interviewed several members of the Royal Family and travelled the world with them. All of which had allowed him an unique insight into the Royal Family and the institutions of Monarchy.

There is no meeting in December but we are looking forward to enjoying our evening meal together on the 4th December in the Black Bull.

## TREE DOWN



Just one of many trees in Margaretting that succumbed to the storm on Sunday, 27th October. This one was in the grounds of Bishopscourt.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTS

As you can see, there has been a lot of interest in parked cars and out-buildings. Can you all please pay particular attention to make sure items are put out of sight in your vehicles, and where possible tools are removed from your vehicles.

**22/10/2013**

**Ramsden Heath, Downham Road**  
Property under construction broken into, items stolen – unconfirmed what these are at present

**23/10/2013**

**Stock, Herewood Mount**

Theft of number plate

**Downham, Downham Road**

Theft of a JCB digger (this has now been recovered)

**Remus Horse Sanctuary**

Metal hay racks stolen from fields

**24/10/2013**

**Ramsden Heath, Downham Road**

Two topiary bushes stolen from garden

**25/10/2013**

**South Hanningfield Road**

Property entered using a screw-driver to force padlock – no items stolen

**26/10/2013**

**Downham, Downham Road**

Vehicle stolen (this has since been recovered)

**29/10/2013**

**Stock Church, Stock Road**

Statue stolen from within church

**01/11/2013**

**Stock, Myln Meadow**

Theft of a vehicle from a driveway (vehicle has been recovered)

**04/11/2013**

**Stock, Vernon Corner**

Van broken into, items stolen

**Stock, Common Lane**

Taxi broken into, money stolen

**05/11/2013**

**Stock, Ingatestone Road**

Outbuilding broken into, garden equipment stolen

**Stock, Mill Road**

Vehicle entered and items stolen from within boot

**03-07/11/2013**

**Ramsden Heath, Heath Road**

Allotments - Outbuildings broken into, search made but nothing stolen

*PCSO Jemma Carr 71018*

*Maldon & South Woodham NPT*

*101 Ext. 421500*

## OVER 60s CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th December in the village hall as usual from 2pm to 4pm. The programme for the afternoon includes 'Carols and Mince Pies'. New members are made very welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.



# VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 7.00-8.00pm **in the Main Hall**
- Tuesdays** **Stitch & Chat** 10th 9.30-12.00 noon **in the Meeting Room**  
**Art Class** 10th 2.00-4.00pm **in the Chelmer Room**  
**Hindu Society** 31st 6.00pm **in the Main Hall**
- Wednesdays** **Dance To Fitness** 4th and 11th 9.30-10.30am **in the Main Hall**  
**French Classes** 4th and 11th 10.00-12noon **in the Meeting Room**  
**Bingo** 4th 7.30pm **in the Main Hall**  
**Charity Bingo** 18th 7.30pm **in the Main Hall**  
**Over 60s Club** 11th 2.00-4.00pm **in the Main Hall**
- Thursdays** **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am and 7.30-8.30pm **in the Main Hall**  
**Art Class** 5th and 12th 9.30am **in the Chelmer Room**  
**Parish Council Meeting** 12th 7.30pm **in the Meeting Room**
- Fridays** **Stitch and Chat** 6th and 13th 10.30-1.30pm **in the Main Hall**
- Saturdays**
- Sundays** **Loose Threads Patchwork Group** 15th 9.30am-6.30pm **in the Main Hall**

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

## DAYS WHEN FLAGS ARE FLOWN AT THE WAR MEMORIAL IN MARGARETTING

### UNION FLAG (UNION JACK)

- Queen's birthday - 21st April
- Queen's official birthday - beginning of June
- Village Fun and Horticultural Show Day - 2nd Saturday in July
- Remembrance Day - 11th November
- Remembrance Sunday
- Prince Charles' birthday - 14th November
- If known a Margaretting villager's 100th birthday.

The following days are acknowledged and each have their own flags

- St David's Day - 1st March
- St Patrick's Day - 17th March
- St George's Day - 23rd April
- St Andrew's Day - 30th November

## 200 CLUB

Winners of the autumn  
200 club draw:  
£100 Margaret Scott  
£50 Mr D Moore  
£30 Freddie Chapman  
£20 Mrs K Aurora  
£15 Mr B Stone  
£5 Mrs Carolyn Quilter

## 2014

### DIARY DATES

Eastern Angles

'Chicken'

Village Hall

Tuesday 20th May  
(7.30pm)

## HELP BEAT THE BURGLAR

The evenings are getting darker earlier each week, so be mindful to check that your home looks like someone is at home. Don't forget to alter any lights that you have on timers.

## MILLENNIUM BOOK

The parish council is still keen to hear from anyone who has a forwarding address or contact telephone number for Mrs Loudon.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. This month there is only one scheduled visit - 12th December 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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