



MARGARETTING NEWS

November 2013

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Pages 2 and 3

Parish Council, Diary Dates
The Great British Elm Experiment
Council Collection Dates
Local Clubs and School News
Margaretting Millennium Book

Page 4

Village Hall Diary
Mobile Library Dates
Shopper and Trust Bus Timetable
NHW Update

CHURCH SERVICES

ST MARGARET'S MARGARETTING

3rd November - 10.00am Holy Communion
10th November - 10.00am Remembrance Service followed by
11.00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
17th November - 10.00 am Holy Communion

CHARITY BINGO

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL 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
All proceeds go to a charity chosen on the evening by everyone

CHELMSFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME - UPDATE MARGARETTING FLOOD STORAGE AREA

The following information, copied from the latest fact sheet published by the Environment Agency, gives an update on the proposed flood alleviation scheme in Margaretting, its progress to date, and what will be happening over the coming months.

Judicial Review and how this affects what we are doing
In June this year we postponed a public exhibition due to an application for Judicial Review of the grant of planning permission by Chelmsford City Council for the scheme. We have put on hold undertaking any preliminary works on the ground until we know the outcome of the Judicial Review. However, we are continuing with the detailed design and planning of the scheme in order that we can proceed with the implementation of the scheme in 2014 should the planning permission be upheld. The hearing of the Judicial Review will take place in early December.

What progress has been made whilst this has been happening?

We have been discussing the scheme with Essex County Council and they have agreed to temporary speed restrictions along Swan Lane whilst construction works are in process.

As part of our proposed traffic management plan we also plan to build nine temporary passing bays to ease the passage of vehicles during the construction period.

Over the past months we have been developing and submitting details for the discharge of several of the planning conditions for the flood storage area to Chelmsford City Council. These include details on the landscaping and finishes, traffic management, and means of removing a section of the disused kerosene pipeline. The design which was substantially complete in March 2013, prior to the start of the Judicial Review process, has now been agreed and tenders are being prepared for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the main construction works.

What happens next?

If the planning permission is upheld then we will start with preliminary work soon after, beginning with the passing bays along Swan Lane in January 2014.

If I have questions who can I contact?

Ian Dodson, Project Manager
NCPMS, Environment Agency,
Kingfisher House,
Goldhay Way,
Orton Goldhay
Peterborough, PE2 5ZR

☎ 01733 464316

✉ ian.dodson@environment-agency.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL Saturday 23rd November - 2pm to 4pm

Refreshments, craft stalls, home made preserves, cake stall, book stall, tombola, raffle and much much more.
Cake stall donations gratefully received on the day

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER MEETING

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Issues raised included:

(i) Nun's Crossing - Maldon Road:

Both Network Rail and Highways have been informed of the road drainage problem. Network Rail will investigate to see if any of the road repairs carried out by its contractor contributed to the problem.

(ii) Parish Council Vacancy: There were no requests from the public to call an election. We confirmed the parish council would fill the vacancy by co-option. We also confirmed that only one person - Mr Peter Slade - had put his name forward to fill the vacancy.

(iii) Street Lighting: Three residents have voiced their concerns to the parish council about the street lights being turned off at midnight. Cllr Grundy explained that although the scheme will be 'fined tuned' it is doubtful the scheme will be abandoned and the lights turned on again.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr Peter Slade accepted our invitation to join the parish council as a co-opted councillor. Mr Slade, who lives in Maldon Road, has previous experience as a parish councillor and tree warden.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Parish Council Office: Applications for grant aid totaling £25,000 have been made to two organisations. We will know whether or not we have been successful by the end of November. As it is proving very difficult to raise all the funds needed to cover the construction costs we agreed to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Lavender Bank: We have asked Highways to review its decision not to allow us to install wooden sleepers in this bank. Sleepers would prevent the earth spilling onto the pavement.

Bus Shelters: We agreed to accept Essex County Council's offer to buy and install a shelter for the Red Lion bus stop.

Discussions on the repairs to the shelter opposite the Black Bull were deferred to our November meeting. Costs for these repairs will be met from parish council reserves.

Whites Bridge Walkboards: There have been further discussions with Chelmsford City Council's senior planning officer. Both CCC and the Environment Agency are keen to make as much progress as possible with the planning and costing of this particular project so that this project and all the associated environmental projects are ready to go if the planning permission for the flood alleviation scheme is upheld by the judicial review.

Since October's parish council meeting we have been informed that the judicial review, originally scheduled for March 2014, has been brought forward to December. See front page

Village Sign: We agreed to see if the cost of this project could be covered by grant aid.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:
£126 (Broadband for village hall)
£659 (village grass cutting)
£120 (Audit fees)

WAR MEMORIAL

Aviva, Moody Homes' insurers, has informed the parish council that it is waiting to hear from the insurers of the third party car involved in the accident whether it accepts liability for the damage caused to the two posts.

PARSONAGE LANE

The flooding problem reported in February this year is yet to be investigated by Highways.

VILLAGE BRIDLEWAYS

The problems encountered on bridleway no. 21 - broken fence rails, missing bollard etc - reported several times over many months have yet to be dealt with by Highways. We agreed to report them once again.

VILLAGE TREES

We received and noted information about The Great British Elm Project. See next page.

LITTLE TRESSELS

CCC has advised the parish council that the rubbish has not been cleared.

The new owner of the property is aware that the rubbish needs to be cleared.

ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

It is proving difficult to arrange transport to take the youth shelter seats to the workshop for regalvanising. All three seats are over seven feet long and too big to fit into a car.

TRAFFIC CALMING

ECC Highways has agreed to conduct a road traffic speed survey for Main Road.

MILLENNIUM BOOK

We agreed to put a notice in the newsletter asking if anyone has a contact address/telephone number for Mrs Loudon. See next page.

PLANNING

(i) The following decisions were received:

13/01130/FUL - Spring Cottage, Maldon Road.

Single storey rear and part first floor and two storey side extension
Grant Planning Permission
13/01159/FUL - Ivy Hill Hotel, Writtle Road. Single storey extension and alterations to existing conservatory to match new conservatory.

Grant Planning Permission

13/00307/FUL (APP/W1525/D/13/2203113) - Furze Lodge, Writtle Road. Amendment to planning permission ref 12/01242/FUL (alterations and extension to existing garage) to increase height of the garage.

Appeal Dismissed

11/01995/CLOPUD (Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use of Development) Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye Garage and Pool House

Refused Planning Permission

11/01996/CLOPUD (Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use of Development) Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye Single storey side and front extensions and to storey rear extension.

Refused Planning Permission

(ii) The following applications were received for comment:

13/01266/FUL Tollgate Farm, Main Road: Single storey extension to provide annexe.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14th November at 7.30pm in the village hall meeting room.

DIARY DATES

Friday, 6 December - 'Christmas Festival'
Ingatestone High Street - 6pm to 8.30pm

Monday 16 December - Carol Singing - 6pm
Black Bull and Red Lion

Wednesday, 18 December - Charity Bingo - 7.30pm
Margaretting Village Hall

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

23 November

Please donate your unwanted books to the book stall. We are interested in books of all shapes, size, author and content but only clean and non-dog eared copies. Please deliver to 'Winifred' Maldon Road or contact Helen on 07964 338939 to collect. Very many thanks.

BOOK CLUB

We thought *The Rise and Fall of a Yummy Mummy* by Polly Williams 'irritating'! Whereas *One Good Turn* by Kate Atkinson 'a pleasure to read' with lots of amusing larger than life characters, twists and turns in the plot which are cleverly woven into an unexpected ending. We meet again on 27 November when we will be discussing Julia Andrews' autobiography 'Home; A Memoir of My Early Years'. Books chosen for future reading and discussion include: 'Price of Honour; Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World' by Jan Goodwin; 'The Decision' by Penny Vincenzi and 'The Thread' by Victoria Hislop.

SCHOOL NEWS

Firstly, congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils. They all successfully completed a Level 2 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency course last month. The school continues with musical lessons for the piano and the guitar as well as our choir practising weekly. Many of the children will be singing Christmas carols at Hylands House on Sunday 1st December at 1pm. Rehearsals for the nativity play have begun also and this year Class 1 and Reception will be performing 'The Camel Who Lost His Hump!' Class 3 have been studying the Greeks and will be enjoying a trip to the British Museum later this month.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our next meeting is on Monday, 18th November. Tom Corby MVO (Member of the Royal Victorian Order) has been invited to talk about Buckingham Palace. The title of his talk is 'Behind the Scenes at Buckingham Palace'. On 4th December we are looking forward to relaxing and enjoying our annual 'Christmas Meal' get together which this year is being held in the Black Bull. Margaretting Friends meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall.

MOTHERS UNION

Canon Eileen French, a Diocesan MU speaker, will be attending our meeting on Thursday, 21 November. The title of her talk which will be illustrated with slides is 'MU Banners'. Our meetings are held in Mountnessing in St John's church hall on the third Thursday of the month from 2.30pm to 4pm.

THE GREAT BRITISH ELM EXPERIMENT

The Conservation Foundation is attempting to unlock the mystery of why some trees survived Dutch elm disease which wiped out over 25 million elms in the UK.

Cuttings taken from mature trees that appear to have resisted Dutch elm disease for over 60 years have been skilfully micro propagated. The resulting saplings are being distributed to hundreds of schools, community groups, local authorities and private landowners who have signed up to take part in The Great British Elm Experiment. Saplings are free to schools and non-profit organisations, whilst private individuals and businesses can purchase a special sapling at a modest cost. If you are interested in getting involved in the experiment please email: elms@conservationfoundation.co.uk and the organisation will get back to you with all the details it needs for you to take part in the experiment.

MARGARETTING MILLENNIUM BOOK

Mrs Loudon has been working on this book for many years. A great deal of her time, enthusiasm and effort has been spent in its making. She has devoted a huge amount of time interviewing Margaretting residents, past and present, about their lives growing up in the village. She has also delved into the history of our older village buildings. All in all this book when published should prove to be an exceptionally interesting read not only for the present generation of Margaretting residents but for future generations too.

The information for this book, which the parish council is keen to see published, is being written and collated entirely by Mrs Loudon. Unfortunately, Mrs Loudon who used to live in the village has recently moved and the parish council has no forwarding address for her.

If anyone is in contact with Mrs Loudon or knows of anyone who is in contact with her the parish council would be grateful if you would ask Mrs Loudon to contact a member of the parish council.

Margaretting Parish Council

OVER 60S CLUB

New members are always welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

This month we meet on 13th and 27th November in the village hall as usual from 2pm to 4pm.

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste - Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack

Tuesdays 5th and 19th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 12th and 26th

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste - Every Wednesday

Green box and card sack

Wednesdays 6th and 20th

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesdays 13th and 27th

NHW UPDATE

It looks as though we are back on track on being kept informed about local incidents. Our new PCSO Jemma Carr (telephone number 101-extension 421500) has forwarded the following information.

08/10/2013

Ramsden Heath, Tylde Hall - interference with a motor vehicle.

Stock, Stock Road - stolen skip.

09/10/2013

Ramsden Heath, Tylde Hall - interference with a motor vehicle

Stock, Cambridge Close - stolen number plate.

Stock, Ingatestone Road - quad bikes stolen.

10/10/2013

Stock, Mill Road - child's quad bike stolen from garage.

12/10/2013

Stock, Lower Stock Road - outbuildings entered, statue stolen from garden

14/10/2013

Downham, Castledon Road - Garage broken into. Items stolen.

15/10/2013

Stock, High Street - large metal industrial bin stolen

18/10/2013

Stock, High Street - cooking oil stolen from business.

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Mondays	Pilates 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall Margaretting Friends 18th 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room
Tuesdays	Art Class 2-4pm in the Chelmer Room Stitch & Chat 12th and 26th 9.30-12.00 noon in the Meeting Room M/S Society (Getting to Grips) 26th 7pm in the Main Hall
Wednesdays	Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall French 10.00-12.00 noon in the Meeting Room Archery Club Meeting 6th 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room Bingo 6th and 20th 7.30pm in the Main Hall Over 60s Club 13th and 27th 2.00-4.00pm in the Main Hall
Thursdays	Pilates 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the Main Hall Art Class 9.30am in the Chelmer Room Village Hall Committee Meetings 7th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room Parish Council Meeting 14th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room Essex Handcraft (Advent Wreath) 28th 7.00pm in the Chelmer Room
Fridays	Stitch and Chat 9.30-12noon in the Main Hall
Saturdays	Christmas Bazaar 23rd 2.00-4.00pm Pirouette School of Dance 9th and 30th 8.30am to 1.30pm in the Main Hall Hindu Society 2nd 4.00pm in the Main Hall
Sundays	Loose Threads Patchwork 17th 9.30am-6pm in the Main Hall

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

19/10/2013

Ramsden Heath, Heath Road - car broken into, Sat Nav stolen from glove box.

Downham, Hawkswood Road - horse box broken into and petrol generator stolen.

20/10/2013

Downham, Sudbury Road - burglary, entry via back door, items stolen.

Margaretting, The Tye - attempted burglary, back door forced and garage forced, doesn't appear to have any items missing

BE VIGILANT

Three men were recently seen trespassing on farm land and other fields belonging to local residents. It is thought these men may be from the travelling community looking for somewhere to rent to park their caravans over the winter months as they asked one resident if her field was for rent.

Unfortunately, the very next day this resident discovered 500 yellow stock bricks had been removed from her garden. It could be just a coincidence but she thought people should be alerted to make sure field and garden gates, shed and garage doors are securely locked. Do contact the Police if you see any one acting suspiciously.

MOBILE LIBRARY: Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 14th and 28th November 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.

COPY FOR THE DECEMBER EDITION BY 15 NOVEMBER PLEASE

'Margaretting News' is published by the PCC of St Margaret's Church. Editor Penny Savill. Address: 'The Martins', Main Road, CM4 9JB. Telephone: 01277 356182 or email: penny.savill@virgin.net. Distribution to every household in the village is accomplished by a team of volunteers.

Printed by

Beresfords

Supporting the local community for all its property needs, including sales, lettings, surveys, financial services and commercial.
Offices throughout Essex, Greater and Central London - Pall Mall. Ingatestone Office 01277 350505