



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## October 2017

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

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

1st October - No service

8th October - No service

**15th October - 10:00am  
Parish Communion**

22nd October - No service

**29th October - 10:00am  
Benefice service**

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Harvest Festival

9:30am - Parish Communion

9.30am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Parish Communion

No service

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:30am - Holy Communion

11:15am - Matins

3.30pm - Evensong with Communion

3.30pm - Evensong

No service

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services  
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick Sherring - telephone number 01277 352562

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH



Congratulations to Shelley and Jeremy whose wedding took place in St Margaret's church on Saturday, 7th September. The bride and groom looked perfect together. It was a truly special occasion shared with family, friends and neighbours who witnessed the happy couple's exchange of marriage vows and celebrated the joy of their union. We wish the newly married couple everlasting happiness.

This year's harvest festival took place on Sunday, 17th September. This too was a special service because Jake, a beautiful baby boy, was baptised during the service. Our 15th century font was used for Jake's baptism. This prompted thoughts of all those proud parents and godparents who have gathered round this font over the centuries. The church was spectacularly decorated with a harvest theme. Congratulations to Margaret Boxall and her flower team for their creative harvest displays. Photos of the church are on the inside pages of this newsletter.

The funeral service for George Cliff, held on Wednesday, 27th September was a celebration of George's full and interesting life - a time to reflect and to give thanks. The service included George's favourite pieces of classical music and hymns - Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' and 'How Great Thou Art' chosen by George to be played at his funeral. George will be dearly missed by his family and our thoughts are with Lois and the family and George's many friends.

We are happy to announce Revd Tim Pigrem, a retired priest, has offered to lead a service on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00am. His first service will be on Sunday, 15th October. Please note this month there will be two 10:00am services - Sunday 15th and Sunday 29th October.

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP - AGM - 18 OCTOBER

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the village hall in the Chelmer Room on the evening of Wednesday, 18 October. Meeting to start at 7.30pm. Do come along and hear what the group has achieved over the past year and what is being planned for next year. We need your support and help to keep the doors of St Margaret's open for future generations. Margaretting parish church is part of our cultural heritage!

## MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 14 SEPTEMBER

Please note the minutes for parish council meetings, once they have been agreed and signed by the chairman, are posted on the Margarettng 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.margarettng@virgin.net

**A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office on SATURDAY 21st October - 10:30am to 12noon.**

### DEMOCRATIC TIME

Three members of the public present:

Parish Council Vacancy: Mr Gary Bank, who is interested in becoming a parish councillor, attended the meeting. He introduced himself to members of the parish council and spoke briefly of his interests and why he wanted to become a parish councillor. Mr Bank has been invited to attend the next parish council meeting.

Anglia Level Crossing Proposals (public inquiry): Two residents, who are affected by Network Rail's proposal to close the Parsonage Lane crossing, reported they had attended the public inquiry pre-meeting. The actual public inquiry is scheduled to take place on 18 October. There are four listed objections to the Parsonage Lane closure and four listed objections to the Maldon Road - footpath 21 crossing closure. If the closures are approved alternative footpaths will be provided.

Flood Alleviation Scheme: Cllr Ian Grundy reported the decision to allow the Environment Agency access to farm land in Margarettng was upheld by the Court of Appeal.

### MALDON ROAD

Playing Field: Sovereign's customer support team are insisting the contract did not offer any guarantees their safety surface repairs to the children's swings would work. The parish council maintains these repairs were not carried out according to the contract specification. Sovereign has offered a discount, (a goodwill offer) should the parish council choose to install a new safety surface. The parish council is to take legal advice from the EALC.

Flooding in the vicinity of El Rita: A blocked drain gully was 'jetted' by Highways on 15 August. The parish council is not convinced the action taken will solve the problem. This section of the road will be monitored by the parish council when it rains.

### MAIN ROAD

Flood Risk: Nothing further to report.

Village Pond: Thanks were expressed to the volunteers who joined the working party and helped tidy up around the pond. It was agreed the blanket weed and duck weed is a problem and should be removed. A local resident has offered to pay for environmentally friendly chemicals to remove the weed. Another resident has suggested placing bags of barley straw in the pond. Both Suggestions are being considered. The volunteer environment team, who cleared the pond last year, is to be contacted for advice. The vegetation from the tidy up will be removed by Chelmsford Council

Village Sign: The parish council has found one company which is able to replace the village sign with a new bespoke 'like for like' sign. Other companies approached can only provide 'off the shelf' signs. The deadline for requests from the Community Initiative Fund is 22 September.

Bus Shelter opposite Black Bull: Complaints concerning the recently installed fencing on the grass verge to the rear and sides of the bus shelter were discussed. These complaints are to be forwarded to Essex Highways.

### CHURCH LANE

Footpath 33: Complaints have been received about the condition of this footpath. It has become overgrown and difficult to use. These complaints are to be forwarded to Essex Highways. It was noted the maintenance of a public footpath on agricultural land may be the land owner's responsibility. The boundary length and width of this footpath is marked out by metal railings. It eventually joins up with footpath 34. Footpath 34 does not have any railings.

### THE TYE - SWAN LANE

Under the Transport Act 2000 local authorities are able to designate country lanes as Quiet Lanes. Swan Lane has met the criteria for proposing a route as a Quiet Lane. Two of which are listed as (i) 'less than 1,000 motor

vehicles per day' and (ii) 'narrow - single-track is preferred'.

Swan Lane will be the second road in Essex to be given this status. Traffic signs will be erected either end of Swan Lane to inform people they are entering or leaving a Quiet Lane.

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

A request for the parish council to publish a map which clearly shows all the footpaths and bridleways in the parish was discussed. It was agreed there are lots of paths that residents may not be aware of. For example, in Swan Lane there are three bridleways and nine footpaths. The parish council is to look into producing a map to circulate with the newsletter.

A large map of the parish showing all the footpaths and their reference numbers is on the wall in the meeting room at the village hall.

### EASTERN ANGLES

Cllr Michelle Barnes, who agreed to coordinate next year's Eastern Angles' visit to the village hall, will be contacting the theatre company this month to find out when the details and dates for next year's production are available.

### ACCOUNTS

The following expenditure was agreed.

£270 - Repairs and maintenance (memorial bollards and Maldon Road notice board).  
£27 - Parish office electricity.  
£659 - Village grass cutting.  
£13 - Postage stamps.  
£58 - Printer cartridges.

### CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Margarettng Relief in Need. Trust's report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016.

(ii) Chelmsford Local Plan. Newsletter covering the most recent consultation and the next stage of the Local Plan.

(iii) Essex Highways Survey. Collecting stakeholder's views on services provided by Highways.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL



### MARGARETTING OVER 60S CLUB

A big thank you to Phyllis for September's ploughman's lunch and trifle dessert. This was a 'Phyllis treat' and much appreciated by the club members. New members welcome. We meet in the village hall on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm. October meeting dates are the 4th and 18th. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

### MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Margaretting Crafters meet on the first Monday of every month in the Chelmer Room at the village hall at 7:30pm. For more information call Lynn on 01277 355575.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Gratefully received as per last year donations for the church 'bottle tombola' and cakes for the church cake stall. Would be pleased to collect or receive bottles from 18th October onwards. Contact Penny Savill on 01277 356182.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again we are collecting shoeboxes to be sent to children who live in some of the toughest parts of the world. Completed boxes need to be with Lynn by 1st November at the latest. Leaflets are available if you need them - please contact Lynn on 01277 355575. Thanks go to everyone who have been busy knitting hats and scarves for the boxes. We've almost got everything now but we still need notebooks and colouring books please.



### MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends meet every third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room. A Barrow Farm representative will be speaking at this month's meeting (16th October). Barrow Farm's purpose-built riding centre is designed to make riding accessible for people who for whatever reason cannot be catered for at another riding school. All are invited.

### WANTED

Small shelved cupboard – not drawers – roughly bedside cabinet size for use in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall; size height 34"; depth 20"; width 19". For more information please telephone Lynn on 01277 355575.

### MARGARETTING CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Margaretting Village Hall  
Saturday 18th November 11am – 3pm  
23 different craft stalls already booked  
**See you there**



## Margaretting Village Hall

### What's on in October 2017

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

#### Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall  
Crafters 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome  
Margaretting Friends 16<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome  
\*\*NEW CLASS\*\* - Dog Training – 5 – 10pm – Main Hall

#### Tuesdays

Art Class – 10am-12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room (No class 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Yoga - 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall (No class 24<sup>th</sup> – half term)  
Fit 4 Action - 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall  
Barnraisers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17th - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room

#### Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – 2- 4pm - Meeting Hall  
Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall  
French class – 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room  
Bingo – 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm - Main Hall  
Karate – 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - 8pm – Main Hall  
Jazz Band practice – 25<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Chelmer Room

#### Thursdays

Village Hall Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm- Meeting Room  
Art Class – 10am - 12 noon - Chelmer Room (No class 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall  
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall  
Flower arranging – 11.30am – 1.30pm – Main Hall  
Parish Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

#### Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Main Hall  
Keep Fit Class – 7pm – 8pm – Main Hall

#### Saturdays

Pirouette School of Dance – 14<sup>th</sup> – 8.30am – 1.30pm  
Village Coffee Morning – 21<sup>st</sup> - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room  
Hindu Dharma – 21<sup>st</sup> – 6pm – Main Hall

#### Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 8<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

**For further details or queries for private functions  
please contact the Booking Secretary on 07794 187741**

## OCTOBER RECYCLING DATES

**Food waste** - Every Tuesday  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
Tuesday 3rd, 17th and 31st October  
**Brown bin, paper sack and  
bagged plastics & cartons**  
Tuesday 10th and 24th October

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**Food waste** - Every Wednesday  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
Wednesday 4th and 18th October  
**Brown bin, paper sack and  
bagged plastics & cartons**  
Wednesday 11th and 25th October

### **MARGARETTING FRIENDS**

#### **Village Coffee Morning**

Saturday, 21st October  
10.00am to 12 noon  
in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall  
Local Honey and produce available  
Bric a Brac and Books  
Remus Charity Stall  
All Welcome  
More information 01277 355575

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

A parish councillor will be on duty in the  
parish office on Saturday, 21st October  
10:30am to 12noon.



## Margaretting Village Hall

Members of the Village Hall Committee  
are pleased to announce that  
From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**Zoe Smithers**  
**'Glencar', Maldon Road**  
**Margaretting CM4 9JF**

will be taking over as  
**The Village Hall Booking Secretary**  
**Telephone: 07794 187741**

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 12th and 26th October  
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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