



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## October 2013

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### 351 BUS ROUTE

Passengers are still experiencing problems with late running buses or buses being cancelled on this route. Should you experience such problems do let Cllr Lynn Edwards your parish council transport representative know.

A written note recording the day, time and nature of the problem experienced would be appreciated. The more information the parish council receives about the 351 problems the more influence it can bring to bear on FirstGroup plc to improve the 351 bus service.

Cllr Edwards' address is:  
7, Bank End, Maldon Road,  
CM4 9JH.

Meanwhile, you may be interested in taking part in Essex County Council's public consultation on bus services.

See back page.

### 200 CLUB

200 club winners for the summer draw are as follows:

- £100 Mr N Chapman
- £50 Mrs P Trick
- £30 Mr Peters
- £20 Mrs K Aurora
- £15 Mr P Wood
- £5 Mr C Brewster

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday, 6th October - 10.00 am Holy Communion  
Sunday, 20th October - 10.00 am Holy Communion

### IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Revd. Jean at the end of October, on her retirement after four years of dedicated service. Jean will be greatly missed by the congregation of St Margaret's Church, and also by the other communities in the shared benefice churches of Buttsbury and Mountnessing. During her time with us, Jean entered fully into the life of the village of Margaretting and could always be found taking part in the village events with enthusiasm and generosity. She has been a friend to our village school, sharing her special skills and faith with the children. Despite significant demands on her time, Jean prioritised time to spend with individual

members of our village when they required her care and kindness at times of sickness or loss, and she has rejoiced with our community at times of celebration. Jean has gently challenged and encouraged us to take on new ideas and has always remained determined to get things done.

We joined together for Jean's final service on the last Sunday in September. In a packed church, we delighted in Jean's great sense of humour and story-telling skills as we shared in some amusing times since her ordination. It was a bright and joyful final service; just how Jean wanted it to be. We wish Jean well in her retirement. May she have a well-earned rest and we will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sam Adams (Acting Churchwarden)*

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Once again we are at the time of year when we give thanks and celebrate God's goodness to us through the harvest. We will be giving all the food donations to the Brentwood Food Bank. As the fields are cleared of crops with the rich colours of ripe corn and wheat, we can think of this as an ending. However, as soon as the crops are in, farmers then begin to prepare the fields for planting seeds for next years crops. The cycle of life continues year in, year out. A little like our lives. There are endings but also new beginnings.

The harvest we celebrated 2 weeks ago is two-fold. The first is giving thanks to God for all he gives us and what we can give to others in need. The second is giving thanks for the congregation and how we have grown together during the last 4 years.

Now is the time for the church warden and the PCC to begin to prepare the ground with the PCC's from Buttsbury and Mountnessing to welcome the next

Priest-in-Charge as the new growth begins for the future years. I will also be preparing the ground for my own journey and growth elsewhere. I have enjoyed my time at Margaretting very much and will be taking away many happy memories. As we all journey forward, wherever that may be, I pray that the church will continue to be a place of prayer and praise as well as a quiet space for those who may get the key and enter the church during the week. My harvest is rich with all the love and support given to me. Thank you. As I leave to retire, the church will continue to offer a communion service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The Remembrance Service on the 10<sup>th</sup> November will be carried out as usual ending at the War Memorial. Christmas services will be in the Newsletter

I will continue to pray for Margaretting congregation and community in the years ahead. I pray that God will continue to bless you as you keep the church alive. May your next harvest be plentiful.

*Revd Jean 01277 354359*

# MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER MEETING

## DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Issues raised included:

### (i) Nun's Crossing - Maldon Road:

The road repairs carried out by Network Rail's contractors have created a problem. Due to the new height of the road surface the rain water no longer runs into the inlet gully. It was agreed to report this problem to Network Rail and Highways.

(ii) Parish Council Vacancy: The parish council is looking to fill this vacancy by co-option. The official notice of the vacancy dated 13 September is displayed on the village notice boards. Members of the public have fourteen days from this date to call for an election. If no request is received the parish council will proceed to co-opt by choosing someone from a list of volunteers.

## VILLAGE PROJECTS

Lavender Bank: Highways has confirmed this bank is registered to Essex County Council. It has also confirmed that it will not allow railway sleepers to be installed there to retain the earth. It would give permission for bollards if spaced correctly. The parish council expressed its disappointment with the advice received especially as a site visit by Highways has not taken place. The advice received is to be relayed to Margareting Friends.

Garden opposite school: This project is on hold. We are still waiting to hear when the repairs to the iron railings are to take place.

Village Sign: This project is on hold. We are currently looking at signs in neighbouring villages.

Bus Shelters: Discussion on the repairs agreed for the shelter opposite the Black Bull was deferred to the October meeting.

Since the meeting there has been an update from Highways on our request for a bigger shelter outside the Black Bull. **See back page**

Whitesbridge Walkboards: This project is on hold until the outcome of the judicial review hearing which is scheduled for early March is known.

## WAR MEMORIAL

Moody Homes Ltd has reminded its insurers (Aviva) that the parish council is still waiting to receive confirmation that it will be reimbursed the replacement costs for the two posts damaged by a Moody Homes' van on 2nd May. Owing to the length of time this claim is taking we agreed to contact Aviva for an update.

## PARSONAGE LANE

The flooding problem reported in February is still waiting for a site investigation by Highways.

## LITTLE TRESSELS

The enforcement notice to clear the rubbish ends on 25 September. Chelmsford City Council is to re-inspect and advise the parish council accordingly.

## ALLOTMENTS & PLAY AREA

The youth shelter seats will be removed and regalvanised as soon as practicable after the school holidays.

There have been no reported incidents since the last meeting.

## SOLAR PANELS

It was reported that the Chelmsford Diocese is to install solar panels on the roofs of all its vicarages. Comments were made at the meeting that solar panels look very unsightly on residential properties and on these grounds the parish council would not generally be in support of solar panel installations.

## FOOTPATH 21/RAIL CROSSING

Network Rail has asked for a temporary closure of footpath 21's rail crossing.

**See next page**

## TRAFFIC CALMING

Our request for a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph for Main Road and Wantz Road has been forwarded to ECC Highways for consideration.

## 351 BUS ROUTE

There are still a number of problems with this route. **See front page**

## MAZTEC

The mistake over last year's grant allocation is yet to be rectified. The village hall trust having banked the funds will as a registered charity require confirmation from MAZTEC that there was a mix up with the two grant applications.

## ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:  
£658 (village grass cutting)  
£474 (Clerk's wages/expenses)

## MILLENNIUM BOOK

Item deferred to next meeting. We still have not heard from Mrs Jan Loudon whether or not she is able to finish this book.

## PLANNING

(i) The following decisions and applications were received for comment in August:

*13/01089/CLEUD - Marshalls Farm, Handley Green.* Rental of part of the house as a self-contained Annexe.

*13/01042/FUL - Fristling Hall, Stock.* Construct Access Track.

*13/01130/FUL - Spring Cottage, Maldon Road.* Single storey rear and part first floor and two storey side extension

*13/01009/FUL - Canterbury's Cottage, Main Road.* Double garage, home office building and new 11.8m fence.

### Grant Planning Permission

(ii) The following applications were received for comment in September:  
*13/01159/FUL*

*Ivy Hill Hotel, Writtle Road.* Single storey extension and alterations to existing conservatory to match new conservatory.

*APP/W1525/D/13/2203113*

*Ivy Hill Hotel, Writtle Road.*

Amendment to planning permission ref 12/01242/FUL (alterations and extension to existing garage) to increase height of the garage.

## MALDON ROAD RECREATION FIELD

A plea to all dog walkers who exercise their dogs in the recreation field. Please choose the red bin at the entrance to the field to dispose of your doggy poo bags rather than the litter bins in the field. The red bin by the entrance gate is emptied regularly by Chelmsford City Council whereas the bins in the recreation field are emptied by local 'volunteers' on a not so regular basis! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

*Penny Savill (Margareting Parish Council)*

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Julie, Maryann and everyone who made cakes and preserves and helped serve the refreshments in the Black Bull on 27th September would like to say thank you for your support. Once again this morning was a great success and at times it was standing room only. It was good to see so many village people and visitors in the Black Bull supporting this worthy cause. A total of £500 was raised for Macmillan Nurses.

## BOOK CLUB

Last month's books 'Before I go to Sleep' and 'The Lady & the Unicorn' received good reviews from every one in the book club. We all thought 'Before I go to Sleep' by S J Watson which tells the story of a woman suffering from memory loss a truly amazing and impressive debut novel. We agreed we would keep an eye open for other books written by this particular author. 'The Lady and the Unicorn' by Tracy Chevalier (author of 'Girl with the Pearl Earring') is a convincing story about six medieval tapestries that hang in the Museum of the Middle Ages in Paris. In this book Chevalier imagines her way into a lost world and the social customs of the time especially the craft of weaving. Our chosen books for our meeting on Wednesday, 16 October are 'The Rise and Fall of a Yummy Mummy' by Polly Williams' and 'One Good Turn' by Kate Atkinson.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Summer seems a long time ago now as we enter another month of the Autumn term. It is lovely to see the new children settling in so well. A busy month this will be for many at the school. Class 3 have a football tournament at the beginning of the month followed by a rowing tournament the week after. Class 2 will be experiencing life in Tudor times for the day with a trip to Cressing Temple Barns. Some things they will learn about are Tudor schooling, food, medicine in the kitchen garden and the games they may have played. Also, a school trip to a science theatre called Octopushy at Roxwell School for KS1 and KS2 sounds great fun too.

## MOTHERS UNION

Our meetings are held in Mountnessing in St John's church hall on the third Thursday of the month from 2.30pm to 4pm. Rochelle Hodds from St Francis Hospice is the speaker for our meeting on Thursday, 17 October. The title of her talk is 'The Jam Jar Army!'

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. For further information, contact Rosemary Carter on 01277 350553. Our next meeting is on Monday, 21st October. Lynn Cameron has been invited to talk about the Tree Warden Scheme.

## OVER 60S CLUB

New members are always welcome - so do give it a try. For more information please telephone June or Don Moore on 01277 356126. This month we meet on 2nd, 16th and 30th October in the village hall as usual from 2pm to 4pm.

## TRAIN WHISTLE & FOOTPATH 21 LEVEL CROSSING

You may recall previous information in the newsletter a few years ago with respect to the above level crossing and footpath. In brief, the parish council agreed that as the footpath leading to this crossing was no longer required it should be stopped up. However, there was some dispute over the correct process to use, with Essex County Council wanting to use a Rail Crossing Extinguishment Order, but Network Rail favouring an extinguishment on grounds that the footpath was not necessary.

Several years on, the right of way remains open, but is seldom if ever used. The slopes of the railway cutting are difficult

to negotiate, especially in wet weather. The low usage the level crossing is likely to receive makes it a low priority for improvement works to be implemented. Accordingly, Network Rail has applied to Essex County Council for the level crossing to be closed on a temporary basis until either a permanent closure can be confirmed or appropriate steps and barriers can be installed on site.

Once the crossing is closed, trains will no longer sound their whistles, which is likely to prove popular with residents! However, whistling will be reinstated when and if the level crossing reopens. Network Rail do intend to prepare an application for permanent closure in due course if Essex County Council will support it.

## VILLAGE HALL

**Battery Recycling:** There is now a battery recycling box in the village hall. The box will be accessible when the hall is open.

**Recycling books:** The Village Hall Committee is collecting books - any sort and any condition. We can recycle these and raise funds towards the upkeep of the village hall. Please be on the look out in the hall as we will be making a small num-

ber of books in good condition, available in the hall, to purchase for a small donation.

**Wanted:** Do you have any spare cutlery? The village hall want to offer hirers 100 sets of cutlery but unfortunately we are about 30 sets short so if you have any spare cutlery please could you donate it to the village hall - contact April Nixon, Booking Secretary 01277 354557

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

**Black bin and food waste** - Every Tuesday

**Green box and card sack**

Tuesdays 8th and 22nd

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**

Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th

## MARGARETTING TYE

**Black bins and food waste** - Every Wednesday

**Green box and card sack**

Wednesdays 9th and 23rd

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**

Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th

## VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

- Mondays** Pilates 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am in the Main Hall  
Margaretting Friends 21st 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room
- Tuesdays** Art Class 8th, 15th and 22nd 2-4pm in the Chelmer Room  
Stitch & Chat 1st, 15th and 29th 9.30-12.00 noon in the Meeting Room  
M/S Society (Getting to Grips) 7pm in the Main Hall
- Wednesdays** Dance to Fitness 9.30-10.30am in the Main Hall  
Bingo 9th and 23rd 7.30pm in the Main Hall  
Over 60s Club 2nd, 16th and 30th 2-4pm in the Main Hall
- Thursdays** Pilates 9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm in the Main Hall  
Parish Council Meeting 10th 7.30pm in the Meeting Room  
Essex Handcraft (Fabric Embroidery) 31st 7pm in the Chelmer Room
- Fridays** Stitch and Chat 9.30-12noon in the Main Hall
- Saturdays** Pirouette School of Dance 5th and 26th 8.30am to 1.30pm in the Main Hall
- Sundays** Loose Threads Patchwork 20th 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*

### ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON BUS SERVICES

The consultation is asking residents about their travel needs and what types of services are most important to them. It is not looking at individual bus services at this stage. The consultation closes on Monday, 9 December and copies are available through libraries or by calling 0845 603 7631. The consultation, plus all accompanying literature and documentation, including a comprehensive list of the bus services paid for by Essex County Council is also available on [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview).

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC's Chelmsford Warehouse Team have asked me to circulate a thank-you note to those churches which have recently sent shoeboxes to the warehouse. Last year boxes from Chelmsford were sent to Kyrgyzstan (7.925), Belarus (6.385) and Romania (2.718). That is over 17,000 children who have received a gift. 135 shoe boxes were sent from Christ Church, Stock. These boxes included those donated by Margaretting residents.

We are now gearing up for this year's campaign and I would be pleased to receive any empty shoe boxes that we can wrap ready for filling. In addition, if you would like to fill a box yourself and want more information, please telephone me on 01277 355575; or alternatively if you just want to donate items for the boxes we can always put these to good use. These can take the form of wrapped sweets (with long sell by dates and NOT chocolate); flannels, soap (not liquid), toothpaste, stationery items and small toys.

*Lynn Cameron 01277 355575*

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 3rd, 17th and 31st October 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.

### DIARY DATES

- Saturday, 23 November  
Christmas Bazaar  
Margaretting Village Hall
- Friday, 6 December  
'Christmas Festival'  
Ingatestone High Street
- Wednesday, 18 December  
Charity Bingo  
Margaretting Village Hall

### VILLAGE BUS SHELTERS

Last year when the new bus shelter was installed outside the Black Bull the parish council received complaints that this shelter did not provide adequate shelter from the rain. Requests were then made to Essex County Council (ECC) to install a larger shelter and funds have now been allocated for this purpose.

However, when measuring the pavement area, the bus shelter contractor has advised ECC that there is not enough pavement space to install a larger shelter.

To avoid losing this new funding it has been suggested to the parish council that the money could be used to purchase and install a bus shelter outside the Red Lion.

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