



MARGARETTING NEWS

October 2018

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday 7th October - No service

Sunday 14th October - No service

Friday 19th October
11 am School Harvest Festival

Sunday 21st October
10am Harvest Festival

Sunday 28th October - No service

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am Morning Prayer

9:30am Holy Communion

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:30am Holy Communion

11:15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

3.30pm Evensong

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick Sherring - telephone number 01277 352563

MARGARETTING C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weather permitting, the school will be holding its Harvest Festival in Margaretting Church on Friday, 19th October at 11am.

The children will be walking from school to the church across the fields, as school children would have done in the days of the 19th and early 20th centuries. A truly lovely way for the children to be able to appreciate the wonder of God's world on the way to church.

Parents and all of the community are invited to the service.

Mr Gary Sharp, the local farmer who owns some of the fields the public footpath follows, is aware of the church service arrangements. He has confirmed the parking area at the end of Church Lane will be open for church users. Our appreciation and many thanks to Gary for this.

The school will be collecting food for the Chelmsford food bank who do great work in feeding people in our local community.

For more information contact Máire O'Regan, Headteacher
Telephone: 01277 352114



VILLAGE POND

Algae in the village pond is becoming a major problem, causing discoloured water, green scum at the pond edges, and dense mats of green growth under the surface.

A meeting to discuss the various options as to how best to get rid of the algae and improve the pond has been arranged for Sunday, 25th November, 10am at the pond.

Everyone in the village is invited to come along. The parish council would like to know whether parishioners want the pond to be left as it is or if they would like any improvements carried out. All ideas are welcome.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

In response to residents' complaints about drivers ignoring village speed limits the parish council is trying to set up a Margaretting Speed Watch Group. If you are concerned about the excessive speed of the traffic travelling through the village **please think about becoming a Margaretting Speed Watch volunteer.** To date six people have put their names forward. However, a minimum of twelve volunteers is needed before this initiative can be considered by the Police.

Telephone 01277 350887 or email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net
Community speed watch volunteers carry out a valuable role in helping the fight against dangerous drivers who speed in residential and rural areas.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 17th November 10am to 2pm

A variety of local stall holders bring a delight of gifts and crafts, Christmas food and much more to this Christmas shopping fayre

Hand made cards, wooden gifts, jewellery, jams, chutneys and pickles, decorations, gifts in wrought iron, beauty, and much more.

Raffles, tombola and home made cakes

Entry 50p

Organised by Margaretting Friends with profits going towards village projects and Margaretting Church Support Group.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarettong 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.margarettong@virgin.net
A parish councillor will be on duty in the parish office on Saturday 20th October - 10:30am to 12noon.

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Six members of the public present.

Wantz Road - parking problems

The problems caused by parked vehicles (cars and vans) in Wantz Road especially outside Wantfield Cottages were reported and discussed.

It was noted the problems associated with the parked vehicles, first reported by the residents of Wantfield Cottages, are now affecting other residents living in Wantz Road as well as the drivers leaving the village hall. Cllr Grundy was handed a signed petition requesting action to solve the parking problem. He agreed to make arrangements for an Essex Highways Inspector to visit Wantz Road to look at the parking problem and to see what can be done. The parish council also agreed to submit a speed survey request to the Local Highways Panel.

MALDON ROAD

Heavy Lorries: It was agreed to forward a request to the Local Highways Panel for relevant signage to be installed to indicate there is a weight restriction for vehicles using Maldon Road and the grade II listed Whites Bridge.

Trees: The dead Cherry tree outside No 7 will be reported to the Chelmer Housing Partnership Estate Services. The dead Horse Chestnut tree on the verge by Whitesbridge Farm will be reported to Essex Highways.

Flooding in the vicinity of El Rita: The Clerk reported she had received a notice from Essex Highways stating this case had been closed. This will be questioned as the problem has definitely not been resolved.

THREE MILE HILL

It was reported the occupant in the hut on the piece of ground near the A12 junction has erected more fencing and installed more paraphernalia. Up-to-date photographs of the site will be forwarded to Cllr Grundy.

PRIVATE ROAD

The clerk confirmed she had received a case number for the damaged footpath sign complaint. Cllr Wallace will keep a close watch on this particular case number.

MAIN ROAD

A request for some plants, bushes or hedges, to be planted in the verge in front of the metal fencing to the former site of the old shell petrol filling station was discussed. It was noted Essex Highway's permission would be required for any planting in the verge. There have been complaints about rubbish being left on the footpath rather than being placed in the wheelie bins. A letter will be sent to the residents asking them to keep the footpath clear and tidy after rubbish collection.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Dog Fouling: Reports of an increase in dog fouling in the playing field were noted. It was agreed to send a request to the Dog Warden for a new sign for the entrance gate warning dog owners to pick up after their dogs. It was agreed also to place some dog waste bags by the entrance gate to encourage dog walkers to pick up. Concerns were expressed about the health risks associated with dog mess. **See next page.**

Allotments: There have been reports of produce being stolen. The existing agreements on keeping the allotments tidy are to be checked. It was agreed to find out how much it would cost to cover over the vacant allotments to stop the weeds spreading.

Trees: It was agreed to accept S. Mayhew's quote to remove the fallen tree.

VILLAGE POND

How to get rid of the pond algae was discussed. Advice received is that the pond lacked oxygen. It was agreed to try putting barley straw in the pond to see if this makes a difference. It was also agreed to hold a pond meeting on Sunday, 25 November and invite parishioners to share their views. **See front page.**

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Six people have volunteered. A minimum of twelve is required. Ideally two sites within the community should be monitored. The hi-vis jackets, signs and training are all provided as well as a device for measuring speed, subject to funding where groups fulfil the criteria. Currently there is a waiting list for this. It is likely two hours monitoring will be expected a week.

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

Representatives from four local parish councils attended a presentation meeting on scheduled repairs to the A12. Works will include resurfacing and road markings. Work on the south bound carriageway between Whites Farm (junction 14) and Trueloves (junction 13) is due to take place sometime in October.

PARISH SURGERY DATES

Saturday, October 20th
Friday, November 16th
Saturday, December 15th

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:
£48 - BT (broadband/telephone)
£220 - MDL (grass cutting)
£36 - Village Hall (office electricity)
£107 - Enterprise (van hire for sign)
£40 - Office Outlet (ink cartridges)

PLANNING

The following application was received for comment.

18/01381/FUL - 18 Maldon Road, single storey extensions

The following decisions were noted.
18/01245/FUL - 1 and 2 Green Cottages, Ivy Barn Lane. Demolition of domestic outbuilding and construction of two storey side extensions, raising eaves to rear and single storey rear extensions to both cottages with extension to crossover & new crossover
Planning permission granted.

18/01191/FUL - Applebys, Maldon Road. Proposed raising of ridge. Front and side extensions with new detached garage to the front.
Planning permission granted.

18/00919/FUL - Ivy Hill Hotel. Proposed extension to existing outbuildings and conversion into two staff accommodation apartments.
Planning permission granted

18/009966/FUL - Whites Place Farm (Ingatstone Saddlery). Proposed horticultural facilities.
Planning permission granted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th October at 7:30pm in the village hall meeting room.

CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

It was a very disappointing turn out for the church cleaning working party last month. Only four people turned up. Nevertheless a lot of high cobwebs were removed. Our AGM takes place on Wednesday, 17 October at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. **All are invited.**

MARGARETTING FRIENDS HORTICULTURAL QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz sheet or generously gave a donation instead. I am pleased to tell you that Ms A. Dickenson from Hutton gained the most points so a cheque for £10 has been sent to her.

The Margaretting Friends are a small group of ladies who do a great deal to help the village and its residents.

Rosemary Carter

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Do you want to set aside time to complete an on-going project? Then join us in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on Monday 1st October at 7:30pm. You will receive lots of support and encouragement from fellow crafters. For more information call Lynn on 01277 355575

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, 30th September in St. Giles, Mountnessing, Tim Lee was licensed to join the ministry team in the role of a Licensed Lay Minister. Congratulations Tim, we look forward to seeing you in Margaretting.

BLACK BULL'S MACMILLAN

COFFEE MORNING

A BIG thank you from the Black Bull to everyone who popped in for coffee and cake on Friday, 28 September and helped raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. A special thank you to everyone who baked cakes for the occasion and to those folk who couldn't make it but gave a donation. The total amount raised has not been confirmed - as of Sunday, 30 September it was £860. A fantastic amount of money!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Completed shoe boxes or items to go towards completing other shoe boxes need to be with Lynn by Thursday, 1 November. If you need guidance on what to include in your shoe box please contact Lynn on 01277 355575

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. On Monday, 15 October we have a talk by Darren Parker on 'The Life of Badgers'. Should you wish to join us you will be made most welcome. For more information please telephone Lynn 01277 355575.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WANTED donations of bottles for the St Margaret's church 'bottle tombola' and cakes for the church cake stall. I will be able to collect/receive bottles from 1 November onwards. Cakes will be gratefully received on the day.

Penny Savill

BOOK CLUB

We are currently reading 'American Pastoral' by Philip Roth. Next on our book list is 'The Muse' by Jessie Burton. For more information call Penny Savill on 01277 356182

OVER 60S CLUB

Last month Phyllis Wilson treated the members to one of her famous ploughman's lunches. As always, beautifully prepared and served. Thank you Phyllis for your generosity and for everything you do for the club.

On October 3rd we look forward to another lunch time get together over a good meal, this time in the Black Bull. We meet in the village hall on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm. The October dates for our village hall meetings are Wednesdays 17th and 31st. New members are welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126

JUMBLE SALE

Members of the Margaretting Village Hall Committee wish to thank everyone for their donations and support for the jumble sale. We are trying to sell some of the items on eBay etc so don't have a final figure yet but initial figures are over £200.

GET GROWING

GET AN ALLOTMENT

Want to eat fresh vegetables? Want to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and regular exercise? If so, allotment gardening could be the answer. There are allotments available to rent at £7.50 per year. For more details please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to Margaretting Parish Council.

Telephone: 01277 350887 or Email parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

LIFE, DEATH AND CHRISTIAN HOPE

Three morning gatherings of input and discussion at Ingatstone Church.

There is no charge for this course. All those of faith and none are welcome.

Wednesdays 24th October, 7th November and 21st November; meet at 9:45am for tea/coffee, course session 10:00-11:00am. In this short course we will be sensitively exploring issues like the avoidance of death in modern culture, the inevitability of death, thinking about your own funeral, Christian views on the afterlife and the hope embodied in the season of Advent. After each session there is an optional service of Holy Communion at 11:00am.

Tim Lee telephone - 01277 216583.
email - tlee4@btinternet.com

DOG FOULING - HEALTH HAZARD

As was written for a BBC News Magazine back in 2013 "The signs are easy to spot - the flattened deposit bearing the imprint of a shoe, the anxious parent steering their offspring to one side, the man repeatedly wiping his foot on the verge as if kick-starting a decrepit motorbike - in reality it shouldn't be a problem, you own a dog, it eats, it poos, you clean it up. Failing to do so is anti-social, smelly and can spread diseases."

As well as being filthy, dog mess is unhygienic and a health hazard. Dog mess can lead to Parvo, which is a potentially fatal disease, which is transferred between dogs, but the key health issue with dog faeces is that it can lead to toxocariasis in humans.

The reason why there are laws about allowing your dog to foul in public places but there aren't any similar laws about other animals is quite simply because of toxocariasis.

Toxocariasis can lead to serious illness and can lead to blindness. It is caused by a parasite called Toxocara Canis also commonly referred to as Roundworm. The Toxocara Canis parasite lives in dogs' digestive systems and so dogs act as hosts for the parasite. It should be noted also that dog mess is a potential health risk to livestock as well and so it can affect them if you allow your dog to foul in farmers' fields or where livestock might pass through. Once again, if you walk your dog around the village hall recreation field or the Maldon Road playing field please keep your dog on its lead, to take a poo bag with you, to pick up and dispose of the bag in the RED BINS at the entrances. Please do not put the filled bags in the LITTER BINS. Litter bins in the recreation fields are emptied by volunteers. Removing these bags is a very unpleasant experience especially when the bags split open!



Margaretting Village Hall What's on in October 2018

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Story Explorers – 1st, 15th and 29th - 12 noon – 3pm – Main Hall
Chelmsford & Margaretting Dog Training Group – 5pm–10pm– Main Hall
Crafters 1st – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome
Margaretting Friends 15th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room

Tuesdays

Art Class – 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room (Not 23rd)
Fit 4 Action – 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall
Yoga – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall (Not 16th & 23rd)
Barnraisers – 2nd and 16th - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room
Margaretting Village Hall Committee – 2nd – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 3rd, 17th and 31st – 2- 4pm - Main Hall
Chelmsford City Council Mobile Customer Services – 31st - 2-3pm
Dance to Fitness – 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall (Not 24th)
French class - 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room
Bingo – 10th and 24th - 7.30pm - Main Hall
Jazz Band practice – 10th – 7.30pm Chelmer Room
Archery meeting – 3rd and 24th – 7.30pm –Chelmer Room
Mindfulness course 17th for 8 weeks - 9.30am-12.30pm - Chelmer Room
St Margaret's Church Support Group AGM – 17th-7.30pm–Chelmer Room
Chelmsford City Council Mobile Customer Services – 31st-2-3pm - Lobby

Thursdays

Art Class – 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room (Not 25th)
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -8pm – Main Hall
Margaretting Parish Council meeting – 11th - 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Flower Arranging – starts 11th (Not 18th) - 11.30am – 1.30pm – Main Hall

Fridays

Quilters Guild Coffee Morning - 5th - Meeting Room
Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Main Hall
Counselling Training Day Course – 26th 9.30am – 4pm – Chelmer Room

Saturdays

Multi Sports – 10-11 am – Main Hall
Village Coffee Morning – 20th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Margaretting Parish Surgery 20th - 10am – 12 noon – Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 7th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:
01277 355575 or 07794 187741

OCTOBER RECYCLING DATES

Food waste - Every Tuesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Tuesday 2, 16 and 30 October
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Tuesday 9th and 23 October

MARGARETTING TYE
Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Wednesday 3, 17 and 31 October
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesday 10 and 24 October



MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Village Coffee Morning
Saturday, 20 October - 10am to 12 noon
in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall
Local honey, eggs and produce available
Bric-a-Brac, Books, Remus Charity Stall
All Welcome

DIARY DATES

St Margaret's Church Support Group
Wednesday, 17 October - 7:30pm
Annual General Meeting
in the Chelmer Room at the Village Hall
All are invited.

Margaretting Christmas Fayre
Saturday, 17 November - 10am to 2pm
Margaretting Village Hall

Charity Bingo
Wednesday, 5 December - 7:30pm
Margaretting Village Hall

Village Carol Singing
Monday, 17 December - 6:30pm
Meeting in the Black Bull
and then onto to the Red Lion
Collecting for CHESH
A Chelmsford based charity
providing support for local homeless folk

MOBILE LIBRARY Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons.
18th October at 9:40am to 10:10am 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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