



MARGARETTING NEWS

APRIL 2021

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
MARGARETTING

ST. GILES'S CHURCH
MOUNTNESSING

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
BUTTSBURY

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

11:15am Holy Communion

9:30am - Zoom Service

8:30am - BCP Holy Communion

11th April - NO SERVICE

9:30am - Zoom Service

NO SERVICE

18th April - NO SERVICE

9:30am - Zoom Service

3:30pm - Evensong with Communion

25th April - NO SERVICE

9:30am - Zoom Service

NO SERVICE

For all enquiries contact Tim Lee - telephone number 01277 216583
Contact details for St Margaret's Church are listed on page 3 of this newsletter

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL

There will be one Sunday service only in April.

St Margaret's will reopen on Sunday 4th April at 11:15am for an Easter Day Communion Service led by Revd Mark James.

It is hoped our regular pattern of services for the third Sunday in each month will begin in May. Government guidelines permitting we plan to restart offering our after service refreshments in June.

INGATESTONE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Good Friday - 2nd April

It is hoped to be able to hold the usual three hour devotion in Ingatestone commencing with stations of the cross in the Catholic Church at 12 noon followed by a procession of Witness, pausing at the Elim and United Reformed Churches for short acts of worship, to arrive at Ingatestone Parish Church by 1.00pm where there will be a Family Service followed by a more formal act of worship for the last hour. All are welcome to all or just part of the devotion.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Suzie Wood wish to extend a special thanks to all the friends and neighbours for their acts of kindness and support. The presence of so many in Maldon Road and Main Road on the day of Suzie's funeral was especially appreciated.

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MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Although recent meetings have been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions it is business as usual for the parish council with regard to issues of concern to the community. The parish council continues to carry out its daily duties such as dealing with problems received from residents, considering planning application and submitting comments, progressing projects and sharing information received from public bodies.

Should you require any information or advice please contact one of your parish councillors.

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Planning Applications as at 11th March

Received for comment:

WILLOW COTTAGE, LONDON ROAD

Date: 1st March 2021

Application No: 21/00336/CLEUD

Proposal: Residential Dwelling

Notice of decisions made

PONDERS, MAIN ROAD

Date: 15th January 2021

Application No: 21/00040/FUL

Proposal: Construction of single storey side extensions with two storey side extension incorporating double garage.

Decision: Planning Permission Refused

PUMP COTTAGE, MALDON ROAD

Date: 4th January 2021

Application No: 20/02052/FUL

Proposal: Demolish existing rear extension. Construction of part single storey and part two storey rear extension with roof window.

Decision: Planning Permission Refused.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are two councillor vacancies. If you are interested in being co-opted onto the Margarettling parish council please contact Caroline Kochan, the Clerk to the Parish Council. Telephone: 01277 350887

Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

Allotments

There are allotments available to rent in Margarettling.

For more details please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to Margarettling Parish Council. Telephone: 01277 350887

Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

MARGARETTING POND

The parish council has been aiming for some time now to get on top of work to keep the village pond cleaner and to keep it that way. Algae in the village pond was fast becoming a major problem, causing discoloured water, green scum at the pond edges, and dense mats of green growth under the surface. So many thanks are due to villagers Tom Davey, Sebastian Kerry and Michael Scott, who carried out the clean-up and spruced up the area surrounding the pond.

The village pond is part of the Wastes and Commons of the Manor of Margarettling owned by Lord Petre. In previous centuries, as a road-side pond it would have been used as a watering place for horse drawn vehicles and for carters to drive through to wet and tighten the wheels.

Over the years the size of the pond has greatly diminished. Early 19th century maps clearly indicate a much larger pond spilling halfway across the old Roman road. A retaining wall to the pond was built in the early part of the 20th century and a culvert – still in place – allowed water to overflow through drains to the opposite side of the road.

In the late 1970s the culvert under the road was extended when the grassy bank was created with silt dredged from the pond. By 2004 the pond had become overshadowed by trees, badly silted and in danger of dying. A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund enabled the parish council to preserve the pond as a natural environment for the community for future years. After removing the silt and thinning the trees to allow light, native pond plants were planted to encourage the pond to flourish.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL BROADBAND SURVEY

It's time to have your say in Essex County Council's Broadband Survey. By taking part, you'll help Superfast Essex identify whether your address is eligible to be included in future state-funded broadband rollouts.

Running from 18th March – 18th April, this survey will give you the chance to register your demand for faster broadband. You can find the survey and further information here: www.superfastessex.org/broadbandsurvey

MARGARETTING WhatsApp

This is a community based WhatsApp group for reporting and sharing information that affects all of us. To become a member please send one text to 0797 196 3516; by return you will receive a text with the rules and you just need to reply to this with your name and address. You will then be added to the group.

INTRODUCING THE AGE UK ESSEX SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE

The William & Gladys Pudney Memorial Fund is giving Age UK Essex the opportunity to provide their information and advice service in the community in Margaretting and the surrounding villages; delivered initially as telephone support and then face to face at home or in the community when it is safe to do so. This is a free, impartial and confidential advice service for anyone aged 50 or over, their friends, family, professionals and carers.

With this service we hope to make connections to build a stronger community and reduce isolation, as well as helping vulnerable people to live fulfilling, independent lives. If you or someone you know could use our help around benefits, housing, care needs or practical advice and information and you live in Margaretting or the surrounding area please call: Gemma on 07825 541711 or email: gemma.nichollsnorman@ageukessex.org.uk

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We very much look forward to being able to welcome back our regular hirers and to rearranging all the events that had to be postponed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Reopening the hall will depend on government Covid-19 guidelines as listed on the back page. For information about hall bookings please contact Lynn Cameron on: 01277 355575 or 07794 187741.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

Now the Government has put forward the requirements for reopening the Hall, we need new people to join the management committee. These can be from being resident in the Parish or for being one of the organisers connected to the Regular users of the hall. We need new blood and enthusiasm to develop the future for the hall. It already appears likely that several of the regular groups will not be returning to the hall and we will therefore lose those people on the committee.

Obviously, during lockdown, there has been no income for the hall, and the outgoings for heating, repair and maintenance has still been there. We, therefore, not only need new members to join the management committee, (as our numbers are few), to support this valuable Parish asset but we will also need everyone's support for any fund raising events we put on. The hall still needs additional funds for re-decorating and making it somewhere people wish to hire for weddings and parties etc. If you think you could support the hall in anyway, please contact Michael Scott, Chairman 01277 354821 or Lynn Cameron 01277 355575.

APRIL RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - Every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesdays 7th and 21st April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 14th and 28th April

Thursday collections

Food waste - Every Thursday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Thursday 8th and 22nd April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 1st, 15th and 29th April

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection

Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU

9am to 4pm every day except Tuesday

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Opening the church doors

It looks like Mountnessing will be staying on zoom until after 17th May. The public services will be at Ingatestone (9.30am every Sunday from Easter Day); also Fryerning (11.15am every Sunday from Palm Sunday); Buttsbury (8.30am Easter Day and 3.30pm 3rd Sunday Evensong) and of course Margaretting on Easter Day.

MARGARETTING COMMUNITY BUS

The 'Margaretting in Need' Trustees wish everyone to know that the Friday bus to Ingatestone and Tesco is not just for pensioners; it is for anyone in the village who needs it and no charge is made to travel on this bus. The only precondition, because of insurance terms, is passengers are required to supply their name and address to the driver.

FOODBANKS

Revd Sally continues to collect for the local food bank. Contributions can be left in the box provided in the porch of The Vicarage, Pennys Lane.

FLY TIPPING

To report fly tipping - telephone 01245 606606 and ask for Environmental Services. Alternatively, post a report on line via the Chelmsford City Council's website:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment-and-public-health/report-a-street-problem/report-fly-tipping/

Details required are:

Your name, address and contact details

Information about where the problem is located

Any further information that you think is relevant

Photos or evidence of the problem, if you have it.

This is an efficient service - removal of fly tipping usually occurs within a day or two.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

Rector of Ingatestone and Fryerning and

Priest in charge of Buttsbury, Margaretting and Mountnessing

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH OPEN DAY

Sunday, 4th July (2pm to 5pm) with volunteer guides on hand and refreshments available. Why not pop along and have a *look around*, stay a while.

This is *your Parish Church* - here for you.



Margaretting Village Hall

After the very long months of lockdown, we are pleased to report there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Government's roadmap for things getting back to normal has been well reported and below is the criteria we have to work with. **The Hall can re-open to most activities on 17th May 2021 at 50% normal capacity** providing there has been no new instructions from Government.

The test, trace, and isolate programmes will remain in place, so there will be continued need to keep records of attendance for this purpose. Continued attention to hand washing, good hygiene, wearing of face masks, social distancing and indoor capacity limits will be required until at least the 21st June. The government has warned that some of these measures may need to be re-applied next winter to keep the virus under control.

Step One: 29th March

- Outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households will be allowed – the “rule of six”.
- Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis, bowls or basketball courts can reopen.
- Outdoors, organised adult and children's sport, e.g., grassroots football, can return.
- Outdoors, organised activities for children can take place e.g., cubs, brownies etc

Step Two: 12th April

- Only the activities shown here are permitted. Other activities e.g., art classes, clubs, WIs, craft groups, Parish Council meetings will not yet be permitted.
- Food and alcohol can be served to those seated in outdoor settings, or as takeaways, alcohol served without the need for a meal.
- Indoor gyms can re-open, but **not** exercise classes
- Funerals can take place with up to 30 people; wakes and weddings will be allowed up to 15 guests. (Restaurants and hotels will not yet be open.)
- All indoor children's activities can open, including dance classes, musical activities, cubs, scouts, brownies.
- Parent and child groups can open indoors, e.g., parent and toddlers, with up to 15 attending plus under-fives.
- Non-essential retail can re-open e.g., hairdressers, charity shops.
- Outdoor gatherings or events organised by a business, charity, public body, or similar organisation, can be held under Covid-19 secure conditions, enabling a village fete or spectators at a sports match, subject to the “rule of 6”. Guidance will be issued.

The social contact rules will continue to apply in all settings - meaning social distancing must be maintained, no indoor mixing allowed between different households.

Step Three: 17th May

- Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity.
- Hospitality settings will be able to open in accordance with the “rule of 6”, so community cafes, coffee mornings and social clubs can take place.
- Film shows, plays, concerts and sports matches can take place, subject to social distancing.
- Indoor sports activities, including exercise classes, table tennis, badminton can take place.
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals, and wakes. Christenings and bar mitzvahs will be allowed.
- Organised outdoor entertainment can take place.
- The "rule of six" will be abolished for outdoor gatherings, replaced with a limit of 30 people.

The “rule of 6” will apply to indoor events.

Guidance on social contact between friends and family will be reviewed.

While so-called “vaccine passports” are under consideration for allowing certain indoor venues to re-open safely at this step - hopefully that would be confined to larger venues, not village and community halls.

Step Four: 21st June

- All legal limits on social contact are removed. Outdoor events with more than 30 people can take place.
- Dancing is permitted.
- Restrictions on numbers at weddings and funerals are abolished

MOBILE LIBRARY Following government guidelines the mobile library service is suspended until further notice.

TRUST BUS

Margaretting to Ingatestone. Friday mornings leaving the Pond, Main Road at 9.55am; Orton Close at 10.00am and returning from Ingatestone to Margaretting at approximately 11:00am.
Margaretting to Tesco. Fridays at 11:15am from Orton Close and returning from Tesco at 1pm.

If you have any queries regarding the trust bus service please telephone the driver Nick Price on 01245 264165

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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