



MARGARETTING NEWS

April 2020

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
MARGARETTING

ST. GILES'S CHURCH
MOUNTNESSING

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
BUTTSBURY

All public services held in Church of England churches and cathedrals have been cancelled.

For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick Sherring - telephone number 01277 352562

EASTER LILIES

My thanks to everyone who generously gave monies to the Church Lily Fund.

In view of the directive from the Church of England our planned Easter Service will not go ahead. With the agreement of all who gave donations, and assuming I will be able to buy the flowers, we plan to have a lily arrangement, along with loved ones names, on the bench in the Church Porch.

There will be a surplus of cash which will be given to the Church Support Group.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Margaret Boxall

'JOSEPH' - 1ST MARCH

Arts Roundabout's special production of 'Joseph' performed in St Margaret's church on Sunday, 1st March was a huge success. The pupils' enthusiasm, confidence and obvious enjoyment in performing in front of an audience helped to make this performance of 'Joseph' a truly joyous experience. The props made by the pupils and the inventive staging really did transform the performance space into a luxurious Egyptian palace.

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council, would like to thank Mrs Christine Lemon (director and narrator), members of the cast, Margaretting School (for the loan of the portable staging) and the audience for their support. This performance of 'Joseph' raised a total £476 for our beautiful medieval church.

CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

The parish WhatsApp group has seen a lot of activity with helpful suggestions and members putting their names forward as a volunteer willing to help neighbours who are self-isolating.

However, this does and will need coordinating. The welfare of our elderly and more vulnerable members in our community is paramount; their privacy respected and ensured at all times.

Are you able to offer support to neighbours who are self-isolating, or to the elderly and more vulnerable members in our community, who may need help during the coming months?

To keep up to date with the latest news on how to volunteer and access the available support in the village visit:

[www.facebook.com/Margaretting Community - Covid-19 Crisis](https://www.facebook.com/MargarettingCommunity-Covid-19Crisis)

If you are not a member of the parish WhatsApp group and are able to help by doing shopping, keeping in contact with your elderly neighbours, making sure they are okay, and by putting them in touch with volunteers, please contact the parish council with your name and contact details.

Telephone: 01277 350887

Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

If you haven't joined the parish WhatsApp group please consider doing so by texting **07720 714099**.

And, most importantly if you are self-isolating please be assured there are a lot of folk in the village ready and willing and organised to help you if you need it.

Local Contacts Offering Support

Medication

Shadforth Pharmacy Ingatestone – 01277 352 125
Prescriptions and other items can be ordered and paid for over the phone. Volunteers can collect items if necessary.

Food

The Black Bull Margaretting – 01277 353141
They are offering a choice of pies, ready to cook or freeze. £5.50ea Call to Order.

Brown Bread – 01277 354396

They offer Bread and Pastries. Orders can be made online, telephone or via their website – www.brownbreadonline.co.uk. Delivery to Margaretting is every Wednesday and orders must be placed at least 24 hours before.

Ingatestone Wines – 01277 353037

Spirits, Beers and Wines, with local delivery.

Stockbrook Farm Shop – 01277 840046

They have a butcher, frozen fish, ready meals and fruit. Milk, Cheese and Eggs.
Items can be ordered and paid for over the telephone and collected from store.

For the Elderly and Self-Isolating only

Ravens Bakery Ingatestone – 01277 352 667

They are offering a delivery service.

Payment can be made over the phone and items delivered on your doorstep.

WARNING - BOGUS CALLERS

Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19)

There is NO doorstep CORONAVIRUS testing taking place, so do not allow anyone into your home if they are saying they need to come in for that reason.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

Please note the parish council minutes, once they have been agreed and signed by the chairman, will be posted on the Margaretting Community website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/margaretting>

A copy of the minutes is also placed on the parish council notice board at the village hall.

The office telephone number is **01277 350887**. Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via email.

Email address: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Four members of the public present. The following matter was brought to the attention of the parish council.

Blocked surface water drains

The parish council will ask Highways to clear the 'clogged up' drains in Main Road (near the Red Lion) and Maldon Road (in the vicinity of 'Affric') be cleared.

WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Paoli-Burke reported a meeting will take place at the war memorial to discuss the positioning and material of the plaque to list the missing names.

VILLAGE POND

Cllr Wallace volunteered to remove the dipping platform. The availability of grant aid towards improving the pond is being explored.

THE BLACK BULL

It was confirmed the 'Asset to the village' forms had been submitted.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

It was reported there had been another flooding following an earlier leak of sewage into the field. The parish council has reported this problem to Anglian Water using the emergency number.

It was confirmed there had been no new signs of drug abuse.

It was agreed the clerk would contact some of the allotment holders and give them until the end of April to tidy their allotments.

SWAN LANE

Cllr Wallace was thanked for removing the burnt-out car.

MARGARETTING TYE

Members of the Parish Council voted to proceed with the work to install the bollards on the green. Quotations for the work (materials and groundworks) will be sought and submitted for approval.

THREE MILE HILL

The missing manhole cover by the Hylands Park bus stop has been replaced. An email received from residents regarding the 'Blue Shed' will be forwarded to Highway's Enforcement Team.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Blurton reported the village hall funds were low. The Chelmer Room facilities needed redecorating and he would be putting together a specification for this and for the redecoration of the main hall. The floor covering in the Chelmer Room will be replaced with sheet vinyl. This cost will be covered by Margaretting Friends. It was noted there is no longer a football club hire although the booking secretary had contacted In-gatestone to see if they would be interested in using the faculties.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

This will take place on Saturday 4th April - 10.00am at Black Bull. *(Since the meeting this has been cancelled.)*

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Cllr Blurton reported on the closure of the Essex Info website. An application had been made and accepted to 'The Voice' website.

ACCOUNTS

Authority was given for payment of: Village Hall £452 (Contribution toward Insurance)

PLANNING - MARCH MEETING

The following decisions were noted

20/00097/FUL: *Eweland Hall Lodge* - Side and rear extensions.

20/00168/FUL: *Eweland House* - Retrospective application for existing concrete slab and ancillary out-building to be constructed on top.

Application granted

19/02071/FUL: *Hill House, Writtle Road*. Proposed demolition of existing double garage and erection of new double garage. Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension. **Application granted**

V E DAY - FRIDAY 8 MAY

Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) advised £8.12 per electorate is allowed to be spent on community events. The village hall, band, bar, fish and chip van, marquee have been booked. There is an estimated £1,600 shortfall in revenue.

Cllr Paoli-Burke reported there had been one donation from the community. Cllr Wallace reported he would approach the village hall committee to see if the 10% bar donation on the day could be waived. He also asked the parish council for £2,000 to cover the shortfall. Any money raised would go to the parish council. This proposal was unanimously agreed by all members of the parish council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In line with a number of parish councils within the Chelmsford area, Margaretting meetings are not taking place for the foreseeable future.

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe - 8th May 2020



Margaretting Village Hall

Friday 8th May

2pm to 5pm

Children's Celebrations

Then one hour gap - the licensed bar will be open

6pm to late

Music and the band

Please continue to keep the date free in your diaries. Margaretting's celebrations have not been cancelled yet!

More information to appear in the May newsletter.

MARGARETTING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Competition Time - Dwarf French Bean - "Tendercrop"

As a bit of fun we are giving each household two magic beans that will grow into lovely bean plants. This is a very reliable variety that give a high yield of fleshy round pods and perfect when eaten young. The best crops are produced when grown in well cultivated soil in a sunny position. Start off by planting in small pots with moist soil, covered with a clear polythene bag to keep warm, until the seedlings start showing after a week or two. Keep indoors until the weather is warmer then the beans can be transferred to a larger pot or direct into the ground outside and grown on with a cane for support until harvest. On Saturday 11th July 2020 before 10:30 am, bring your harvest along to the Horticultural Show in Margaretting Village Hall. Whoever is judged to have the best beans will win a prize. Plus, everyone gets to enjoy eating their own fresh beans.

Happy Growing! Plant – Water – Eat – Enjoy

MARGARETTING FUN DAY

Members of the Margaretting fun day committee are still planning this year's show for July 11th, but we are very aware of the current climate regarding gatherings and the spread of the coronavirus. Hopefully by July the country will be in a healthier state.

With this in mind we are still asking for donations of any old crockery, please contact Jim on 07870 406077 to arrange collection/delivery. And to keep the date in mind....we've got to have something to look forward to.

MARGARETTING BINGO

Margaretting Village Hall

Bingo will not restart in April as planned.

MARGARETTING CAMEO CLUB

The Over 60s Club had their first meeting on 11th March 1998 under the leadership of George Hickmore. After he left, Tom Mead headed the club. After he died Roy Savill took charge as part of his duties as he learnt to become a Lay Preacher. He led the club admirably until he too was called to a higher place in 2012. Since that time until the present, June and Don Moore have been the main stay of the club.

It has always been a happy, friendly club with lots of activities, speakers, entertainers and outings. Last year it changed its name to The CAMEO Club and the age restriction was removed. It has provided a vital link especially for people who would otherwise not be able to go out. Social contacts are so important!



With only nine members left, the club's future is uncertain and our activities sadly curtailed. Have YOU thought about joining us? We may now be older but are not the "Old Fogies" that many people think. How about coming along to see for yourself?

At the meeting on Wednesday, 5th March June and Don were presented with a Plaque and Bartello's voucher to thank them for all they have done for the club. Without their contribution it would have folded some while ago. For more details please phone Rosemary on 350553.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Please note the spring clean on 4th April has been cancelled.

DIARY DATES

Margaretting Village Hall

Friday, 8 May - VE Day celebration

Tuesday, 12 May - Eastern Angles

Saturday, 11 July - Margaretting Fun Day

St Margaret's Church

Saturday, 11 July - Song Cycle

Saturday, 12 September - Strawberry Blonde

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends held its annual Quiz Night on Saturday, 7th March with all proceeds going to the upkeep of the village hall. Seventy four quizzers took part in this year's quiz and the total raised for the village hall came to £501. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, as due to your support we have almost doubled our fund raising income for this year's event. As usual the questions were an interesting mix. The quiz master had put together something for everyone, young and old alike.

Congratulations to the 'Book Worms' - the winning team. We hope you enjoyed your Easter Egg!

Our AGM saw the existing committee members re-elected en bloc. Many thanks are owed to the committee and to all the members of Margaretting Friends for their continued support for village projects and for helping to organise fund raising events in aid of the village hall. This year the AGM agreed to support 'Safer Places'; a domestic abuse support service.

Due to the coronavirus Margaretting Friends' April meeting has been cancelled. For further information please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.



Margaretting Village Hall

Margaretting Village Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

The closure is in response to the continuing spread of COVID-19, with the intention to help limit any possible exposure of the virus.

Members of the Village Hall Committee understand this closure will be disruptive, however, the safety of our community is their first priority.

For further information please contact Booking Secretary on 07794 187741

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Due to the deepening Coronavirus crisis our monthly Saturday coffee mornings have been cancelled until it's considered safe to run them.

If anyone needs any jams, chutneys and marmalade, Margaretting Friends can deliver to your doorstep. If you need something and want to make a donation to the village hall at a later date please let Lynn know - 01277 355575.

MARGARETTING BINGO

The village hall bingo sessions will not restart in April as planned. We hope you understand and we hope to let you know the new date soon!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Maurice Wright on 01277 352126

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

In light of the current Coronavirus pandemic and government advice, parish council meetings are not taking place for the foreseeable future.

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

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APRIL RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesdays 8th and 22nd April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 1st, 15th and 29th April

Thursday collections

Food waste - Every Thursday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Thursday 9th and 23rd April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th April

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

For more information

to arrange a collection

Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING

RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU

Opening Times - 9am to 4pm

Monday, Wednesday to Sunday

Closed Tuesdays

VILLAGE HALL THEATRE

'Red Skies'

Tuesday, 12th May

Eastern Angles will not be performing in the hall this year. The company have cancelled its 2020 tour.

CAMEO CLUB

April's meeting has been cancelled.

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

April's meeting has been cancelled.

MOBILE LIBRARY Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons. (service suspended until further notice) in the lay-by in Maldon Road 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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