



MARGARETTING NEWS

APRIL 2023

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

2nd April - NO SERVICE

9th April

11:15am Easter Day Service

16th April - NO SERVICE

23rd April - NO SERVICE

30th April - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Morning Prayer

9:30am - Easter Day Service

9:30am - Morning Prayer

9:30am - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

NO SERVICE

8:45am - Easter Day Service

3:30pm - Evensong followed by APCM

NO SERVICE

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On Sunday 30th April there will be a Benefice Service in Fryerning Parish Church at 10:30am

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services
For all enquiries contact Tim Lee - telephone number 01277 216583

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH EASTER LILIES

We will be having our traditional Lily Pedestal in honour of loved ones at our Easter Sunday Service - **9th April at 11:15am**. Any donation towards the costs of the lilies is gratefully received.

If you are making a donation and would like a loved one's name mentioned during the Easter Sunday Service please advise when giving your donation.

All monies and names should be sent to Penny at 'The Martins', Main Road or telephone her on 01277 356182.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

SAVE THE DATE SONGCYCLE CONCERT Hosted by the Supporters Group St Margaret's church

7pm to 9pm on Saturday 27th May

Buy or book your concert tickets from
Penny 01277 356182; Michael 01277 354821
David 01245 466401

**Adults £10 includes interval refreshments
Children aged 12 and under free**

Please come along. You will be playing your part in the continuing history of this special place.

Your support will help maintain this beautiful and historic church for future generations to enjoy.

Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Established 1946

Saturday 8th July 2023 - 1 - 5pm



RHS Affiliated Society
no: 10538524

With the April showers and more daylight, the growing season is progressing well although still a chance of a late frost. Indoor-sown seeds will be growing nicely and now is the time that hardy annual seeds can be directly sewn outside into gaps in your borders. Enjoy some instant colour by planting primulas and polyanthus. Other jobs for this month include deadheading spring bulbs so they save energy for next year; prune hydrangeas by cutting back old stems to healthy growth; sow sunflowers in sunny positions for some late summer colour. With the vegetables, sow second early and main crop potatoes, then outdoor variety of tomatoes, chillies and courgettes into pots which will be ready to plant out in May or June. Keep the weeds under control as they emerge. Increase the water given to houseplants. Feed hungry shrubs and roses to support their new growth and sow new lawns or repair bare patches.

We have some lovely unique handcraft stalls coming this year, quality homemade produce, live music, dancing, inflatable assault course for adults and children with some old favourites too.

Many thanks for your continued support it is truly appreciated without it the show would simply not happen. We look forward to seeing you in July. As we are always on the lookout for new ideas, if you have any suggestions for the fete, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Committee by email: margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

Lorna Cannon



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VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Margaretting Village Hall

Easter Saturday - 8th April

10am to 12 noon

Enjoy a cuppa, cake and chatter
with neighbours and friends.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Items discussed at meetings are reported in this newsletter. Once the minutes have been agreed and signed by the parish council chairman a copy of the signed minutes is placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. The minutes can be viewed on the parish council page of Margarettling's community website www.margarettling.com. Should you wish to contact the clerk, or one of your parish councillors, their contact details are listed on the notice board outside the parish office. You can also contact them via email parishcouncil.margarettling@outlook.com

Please note the new telephone number for the parish council is: 0786 402 5948

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications received in March

Hawthorns, Wantz Road

Application No: 23/00118/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of part of an office building (Use Class E(g)) to a 2 bedroom dwelling.

Hawthorns, Wantz Road

Application No: 19/00963/S73

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 to approved planning application 19/00963/FUL [Retrospective change of use of tack room (f) to offices (b1), part retrospective change of use of stables (a) to offices and conversion of remaining part of barn (b) to commercial storage use with associated additional car parking.] to alter the openings on the office building (building a) including the addition of a door on the south-east elevation, changes to the window/door pattern on the north-east elevation and internal layout alterations.

Land South East of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane

Application: No 23/00234/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land to equestrian use including construction of stable block with three stables and feed/tack store. Formation of new access, with gate and driveway. Installation of fencing.

Willow Pond View, Maldon Road

Application No: 22/02283/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective single storey timber framed agricultural building.

Winifred, Maldon Road

Application No: 23/00156/FUL

Proposal: Demolish existing detached garage and construct single storey side extension with associated internal alterations. Alterations to existing rear extension and fenestration.

Tanners, Pennys Lane

Application No: 23/00278/FUL

Proposal: Replacement detached new build dwelling

Planning Decisions received in March

Marshalls Farm, Handley Green

Application No: 22/02295/FUL

Proposal: Single storey front extension and alteration to fenestration. **Planning permission granted**

Items discussed at the February and March meetings

Expenditure March

£734 - PWLB

£622 - Village Hall (hall insurance contribution)

£207 - BT (telephone and broadband)

Parish Council Office Telephone and Broadband: The BT office telephone contract has been cancelled. A new BT contract covering Broadband only has been agreed. The village hall has agreed to contribute to the monthly costs.

Telephone Box - Margarettling Tye: A resident has replaced a pane of glass. A shelf to hold books may be added.

Notice Boards - Maldon Road: The perspex sheet for the church side of the board has been ordered; the repairs will start once it has been delivered.

Bollards - Main Road: A quotation to replace the bollards opposite Bishops Court was agreed and awarded to ECCS & AW Services. Highways will be notified by recorded letter that the works will be going ahead.

Potholes: The potholes in Swan Lane have been repaired. Some of the pot holes on the slip road adjacent to the Ivy Hill Hotel have been sprayed (indicating repairs are needed). Pothole repairs not yet dealt with will be re-reported.

Margarettling War Memorial - Missing Names: **See below** for advice received from The War Memorials Trust.

20's Plenty for Essex: With the school in mind the parish council will be joining this scheme.

Police: PC Scott Smith (Community Safety Officer) will be invited to attend the Parish Assembly.

See next page for the number of local burglary and vehicle offences committed in the last three years.

A12 Reconstruction Works: Any complaints should be directed to Morgan Sindall (the contractors).

THE WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

"As a minimum the Trust would expect copies of military records, such as Commonwealth War Grave Commission details, and corresponding formal documentation, such as birth/marriage/death certificates, are used to confirm the name. If the request to add the name is accepted, the Trust recommends any addition is on a like-for-like basis using the same materials and text format."

"It is particularly important to ensure the community are notified of such projects as they may come forward with additional names for inclusion, and that there is space for the proposed names to be added sympathetically whether this is on the structure itself, or on a plaque next to it."

"From the photographs available it appears it may not be possible to accommodate more names on the memorial.

As such you may have to consider an alternative such as a new plaque within the setting of the memorial."

"It should be possible to replicate the lead lettering that exists on the memorial, our contractors help-sheet may help identify an appropriately experienced contractor to undertake these works."

"Before undertaking any project the Trust recommends contacting the Conservation Officer at the Local Planning Authority to determine if the structure is listed or within a conservation area. If this is the case then permission may have to be sought for any project." *Cllr Harry Blurton*

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Wanted donations of books especially children's books for village hall fundraising. For further information please telephone Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575

VILLAGE WALKS

Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks are available free from the parish council. Please telephone one of your parish councillors or the parish clerk on 0786 402 5948.

FOOD BANK

Demand continues to be high. Your contributions can be left in the box in the porch at The Vicarage, Pennys Lane - opposite the school.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Tuesday 2nd May at 7:30pm
Margaretting Village Hall in the
Chelmer Room All Welcome

MARGARETTING POND

If anyone has time to lend a hand at one of our pond maintenance sessions which take place at 9:30am on the last Sunday of each month please contact Tom Davey on the pond WhatsApp Group - 0737 537 3804

BOOK CLUB

Only one member enjoyed reading 'Here We Are' by Graham Swift; This sometimes happens! However, we do appreciate having someone else select or recommend books to read allows us to be introduced to new genres and styles we might never have picked. The next book on our list to read is 'Hidden Depths' by Ann Cleeves - the third Vera Stanhope Novel. We are currently reading Diane Setterfield's 'The Thirteenth Tale'. We meet once a month on a weekday afternoon, take turns to host meetings and choose books to read. If you would like to know more about the book club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

CAMEO CLUB

We welcomed two new members last month and enjoyed our lunch in The Hive café in Oaklands Park. We all agreed the café offers good service and value for money. This month we will be lunching in the Black Bull and look forward to sampling what the new chef has put on the pub's menu. If anyone would care to join us we would love to see you. Just let us know a couple of days before so we know approximate numbers to expect. Please contact Rosemary on 01277 350553.

CRIME FIGURES

Recorded Crime figures for Margaretting covering the past three years.

	Burglaries	Vehicle Offences
2020	4	14
2021	2	10
2022	5	13

MARGARETTING WHATSAPP

Is a community WhatsApp group
To become a member please send one text to 0797 196 3516

ALLOTMENTS

Whole or half allotments available for rent. Details available from Caroline Kochan. Telephone: 0786 402 5948

MARGARETTING CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Headteacher) writes:

On 25th January, the school had an Ofsted Inspection and I am very pleased to inform you that the Ofsted report has now been published. It can be read in full on the school website, as well as Ofsted's website.

I would encourage you to read the full report, which is testament to the fantastic work being carried out by all of the staff and pupils at the school.

The inspection confirms that **Margaretting continues to be a good school**, and a few of the headlines from the report include:

"Pupils embrace the ethos of courageous optimism, boundless creativity and heartfelt compassion at this small, village school".

"Pupils respond well to teachers' high expectations of sensible behaviour and hard work". "They show resilience and curiosity in their learning".

"Pupils are safe here". "They are confident that teachers will stop any unkind behaviour straight away". "They say that everyone is welcome and unkindness is not tolerated here".

"The well-planned curriculum and wider experiences combine to provide many opportunities for pupils to broaden their horizons". "Across the curriculum, teachers check regularly to ensure that pupils remember the content taught". "Adults are proud to work here and feel well supported".

"The arrangements for safeguarding are effective". "Staff are well trained to be vigilant for signs of safeguarding concerns".

I am very proud of this report and pleased that the inspectors acknowledged so many of the positive features that all pupils, staff and parents experience at the school every day.

VILLAGE RECOLLECTIONS

If you have information, photos or other materials you would be prepared to share through this newsletter, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Penny Savill. email: penny.savill@btinternet.com

AMAZON REFUND SCAM

Essex Police are warning members of the public about a new scam- a refund back to your Amazon Prime account.

You receive an automated phone call, asking you to press a button to talk to a person. This person is the scammer who tells you money has been taken from your account for an Amazon Prime Subscription by mistake. They apologise and ask if you would like it refunded. Once you have agreed to this and followed their steps, the scammer will then claim they sent too

much money to you by mistake. Asking you to send it back, this will be a large sum. They are trying to trick you into sending them money. Amazon would never contact you like this. If you think you might have been a victim of this scam or any other call your bank immediately and report it online at: essex.police.uk/ro/report/fo/v2/report-fraud-bribery-corruption/

ROYAL MAIL

Just to remind everyone of the new stamp prices from 3rd April.

1st class letter up to 100g is going up from 95p to £1.10

2nd class letter up to 100g is going up from 68p to 75p

1st class large letter up to 100g is going up from £1.45 to £1.60

2nd class large letter up to 100g is going up from £1.05 to £1.15

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Pots of primroses arranged in baskets in St Margaret's church and church porch definitely helped make our Mothering Sunday Service extra special.

Everyone in the congregation was invited to choose a pot to take home. Pots of primroses were also placed in the churchyard on the graves of loved ones. Thank you Angela Smith for making all this possible.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Volunteers to help keep St Margaret's churchyard looking tidy are always welcome. More information from Michael on 01277 354821.





MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's on April 2023

Aerobics 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 19th
 Barnraisers 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 14th, 21st, 28th
 Beekeeping Theory Course 7-9pm – Main Hall – Tuesday 11th, 25th
 Cats Protection League 9am – 3pm **EASTER FAYRE** Main Hall Saturday 1st
 Chelmsford Beekeepers 7.30pm Main Hall – Tuesday 18th
 Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing 12 noon – 11pm - Main Hall –
 Sunday 30th and 9am – midnight – Main Hall – **GOOD FRIDAY** 7th May
 Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon Main Hall - Saturday 8th
 Dance to Fitness 9am Main Hall – Wednesday 5th, 19th, 26th
 Dog Training 5pm Main Hall - Monday 3rd, 17th, 24th - Tuesday 4th
 Essex Budgerigars 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 5th
 Essex Woodcarvers 9am – 4pm – Sunday 1st
 Flower Arranging 11am – 1pm Main Hall – Thursday 6th, 27th
 Keyboards 1pm – 3pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 19th, 26th
 Loose Threads 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall – Sunday 16th
 Margaretting Parish Council 7pm Meeting Room – Thursday 13th
 Variety Band practice 7.30pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 12th

**For further information please contact
 the Booking Secretary on: 01277 355575 or 0779 418 7741**

Voter ID Requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at Polling Stations. From October 2023 it will apply to UK General Elections.

This will apply to:

Local Elections; Police and Crime Commissioner elections; UK parliamentary by-elections; Recall petitions

Accepted forms of ID

Passport issued by the UK
 Driving Licence issued by the UK
 Blue Badge; Older persons bus pass
 Disabled persons bus pass
 Oyster 60 + Card

Voting by post

You don't need photo ID.

Out of Date Photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you need to register to vote.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the local elections in England on 4 May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

Get help with electoral registration

Chelmsford City Council
 Electoral Registration Officer
 The Civic Centre, Duke Street. CM1 1JE
 Phone: 01245 606449

Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, CM15 0UG

Join us at our monthly concerts on Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th Tuesday). Concerts are performed by a different professional every month using their own keyboard system. Many styles and genres are played at each concert - jazz, easy listening, classical, pop, big band, swing, film themes, songs from musicals etc. Something for everyone to enjoy. Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm). Entry at the door is £5 for members, £7 for guests (cash please) including interval refreshments. April 25th – Andrew Varley. May 23rd – Ian Griffin.

Visit www.organfax.co.uk/clubs/brentwood.co.uk for details or contact Jean on 01277 824380

MOBILE LIBRARY Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons - 20th April - 9:40am to 10:10am 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 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

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APRIL RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
 5th and 19th April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
 12th and 26th April

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
 6th and 20th April

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
 13th and 27th April

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection
 Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU
 Open every day 9 - 5pm

New booking system now in place
 Residents visiting Essex County Council (ECC) recycling centres will need to book in advance. Blue Badge holders, pedestrians and cyclists are not required to make a booking. A booking system will be trialled for all vehicles visiting ECC recycling centres to help manage waiting times, reduce congestion, and improve the customer experience. For more information and to book, visit www.loveessex.org. You can book your slot up to 2 weeks in advance. There is no charge to book, but you need to make a booking each time you visit.