



MARGARETTING NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET CHURCH MARGARETTING

4th - NO SERVICE
11th - NO SERVICE
18th - NO SERVICE
25th - NO SERVICE

1st - NO SERVICE
8th - NO SERVICE
15th - NO SERVICE
22nd - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

JANUARY

9:30am - Country Service
9:30am - Service of the Word
9:30am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Family Service

FEBRUARY
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Family Service

ST. MARY CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion
NO SERVICE
3:30pm Evensong
NO SERVICE

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NO SERVICE
3:30pm Evensong
NO SERVICE

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all our services

General enquiries and funerals: Timothy Lee - telephone 0778 778 3860

Weddings and baptisms: Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani – telephone 0782 766 8169

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

A special thank you to Paul Beresford, the Ingatestone Beresford Office and to all our volunteer distributors for their continued support:

Church Lane – Penny Savill
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Main Road and Parsonage Lane – Marion Downey, Penny Savill, Jennie and Michael Scott
Maldon Road – Teresa Paoli-Burke, Pauline Gamble, Richard Gunn, Di Smith, Petra and Peter Trick
Orton Close – Angie Kelly and Lynn Cameron
Pennys Lane – Mark Smith
Private Road – Andy Wallace
The Tye – Colin and Carolyn Quilter
Wantz Road – John Berry
Writtle Road – Mark Lock

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2025

Angela Smith would like to thank the flower team - Dawn Anstey, Wilhelmina Barrett, Rebecca Ebbrell, Chris Elsom, Jan MacTurck, Ann Moore, Nicola Pyett - for decorating the church and for helping her make the church look so special for December's carol service.

The PCC would like to thank:

- Canon Lee for leading the service and Claire Renowden for playing the organ.
- Julie and Gary Sharp for the use of their farmyard for car parking,
- Niall Robinson, Assistant Head of Margarettting School, and the school choir for performing their favourite carols.
- Lorna Cannon, Maryann Kenna, Timothy Lee, Richard Somerville, Simon Upton and Andy Wallace for reading the traditional and well-known bible passages telling us about the birth of Jesus.
- Everyone who attended, helped with the mulled wine refreshments, and generously donated to the retiring collection; total amount collected for the church maintenance funds was £482.

Margarettting Village Hall

Coffee Morning Dates for 2026

Saturday 21st March

Saturday 20th June

Sunday 13th September and Sunday 8th November

Saturday 5th December

These dates have been scheduled for the 2026 coffee morning fundraiser events. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to welcoming you at these gatherings, which play a vital role in sustaining the operation of the Village Hall for our community

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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 Margaretting's community website www.margaretting.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.margaretting@outlook.com or telephone the parish clerk, Caroline Kochan, on 0786 402 5948

PLANNING - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Planning decisions received

25/00867/FUL Baskervilles, Roman Road

Proposal: Demolition of the existing commercial kennels and cattery buildings and residential dwelling and redevelopment of the site comprising seven dwellings. *Planning Permission Granted*

Community Infrastructure Levy

(i) Larmar Engineering Site – no levy. The floor area of the new dwellings is smaller than the floor area of the engineering works building which previously occupied that site.
(ii) Baskervilles Site – no information available. The sizes of properties on the plans have yet to be agreed.

The following matters were discussed and agreed at the November and December meetings.

Parish Council Precept - 2026

An increase from £14,420 to £15,100.

Expenditure - November and December

PCC - £600 (Churchyard maintenance.)
Wallace Arb. - £550 (Village grass cutting.)
C Kochan - £545 (Clerk's salary and expenses.)
A Wallace - £50 (Chairman's honorarium.)
CCC - £50 (Playing field lease.)
C Quilter - £4 (Notice board magnets.)

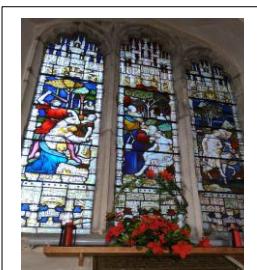
Pylons - Public Consultation November 2025

Comments submitted by Cllr Upton.

Village Hall

(i) Committee meetings. Future meetings to be held on the third Wednesday in each month.
(ii) Redecoration. Parish council to donate £500 towards cost of paint.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



Main Road

- (i) War Memorial - Flagpole. The Union Flag to remain in place unless the wind exceeds 30mph as stated in the flag warranty.
- (ii) War Memorial - Missing Names Cllr Wallace to take the lead on this project.
- (iii) Village Pond - Newly Planted Tree The fungus has been removed.
- (iv) Black Bull - Asset of Community Value Register Request to keep the Black Bull on the register.
- (v) Christmas Tree – War Memorial Green. Appreciation expressed for The Margaretting in Need Relief Trustees and Mr and Mrs Ling for the Christmas tree and lights.

Maldon Road Playing Field

- (i) Lease – Extension request Cllr Bonnett to remind CCC of the parish council's request for the lease to be extended to 2054.
- (ii) Conifer Trees – Large Overhanging Trees CHP to inspect the trees. Parish Council to obtain quotes for the tree work.
- (iii) Allotments – Clearance of Unused Area TLC Garden Maintenance contracted for two hours a week. Ideas discussed as to future use of this area.

NEXT MEETING: 8 January and 12 February at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Margaretting Village Hall And Recreation Ground Trust

The Margaretting Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust Committee extends its sincere gratitude to the village community for their continued support of our fundraising events over the past year. Your contributions have been instrumental in the maintenance and refurbishment of the hall.

Over November and December, £1,900 was raised at the Race Night, £665 came from the Dance Extravaganza, and the Coffee Morning Mini Christmas Market brought in £390. During the summer and autumn, MATES FC also held fundraising activities, contributing an additional £1,000 to the hall. When combined with earlier fundraisers from the year, the total amount raised reaches an impressive £6,131

The redecoration started with the Main Hall, which was refreshed over the Christmas period, and the rest of the building will be updated soon. Additionally, MATES FC have done an excellent job transforming the bar area.

Thank you for ongoing support

Margaretting C of E Primary School TOP School in Essex

Margaretting, has been named as the NUMBER ONE school in Essex for Key Stage 2 results in both Reading and Maths, and in the TOP 50 schools in the whole of the UK for Reading, in the latest government league tables. Executive headteacher, Melissa Taylor said “We are absolutely delighted to be the top school in the County and in the top 50 of over 21,000 primary schools in the UK. Well done to our pupils and colleagues whose hard work and dedication has led to this fantastic achievement.”

For more information about admissions or to book a tour of the school, please contact the school office.

Telephone: 01277 352114

Email: Admin@margaretting.essex.sch.uk

MARGARETTING HORTICULTURAL VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 11th July 2026, 12:30pm -4:30pm

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and are feeling positive about the year ahead. January tends to be one of the chilliest months, which can make it tough to stay motivated with gardening. Still, it's a great time to start sowing seeds indoors and making plans for what you'll grow in the coming months. Don't forget to keep providing food and water for birds and wildlife, as resources are scarce for them right now. The days will soon begin to lengthen. As February approaches, you can begin chitting your potatoes, watch the first spring bulbs emerge, and divide larger clumps of snowdrops while they're still leafy.

We are preparing to host our 80th annual fete next year and invite proposals for new activities and exhibition categories to enhance the experience for our guests. Participants in each category have the opportunity to win and have their name inscribed on our historic silver cups, commemorating their achievement. Established in 1946, this event is a cornerstone of village tradition, and we look forward to your continued support to ensure its enduring success. We welcome your suggestions for improvements to both the field program and the exhibition hall.

The celebration will feature artisan stalls, a selection of refreshments including a bar and BBQ, live musical performances and singing, dedicated children's entertainment, and a variety of games. Further arrangements are underway to expand our entertainment offerings, ensuring that this anniversary fete will be a truly memorable occasion.

We sincerely appreciate any donations of raffle or tombola prizes. Assistance on the day, even for a short period, would also be highly valued. The committee meets regularly throughout the year to organise the fete. If you are interested in joining the committee to help ensure the future success of the event, please contact us. Many thanks. Lorna Cannon

Email: margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

MARGARETTING RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

Christine Deacon, Clerk to the Trustees, has written the following update on the work of the Trust in 2025. “The Trust is always looking for worthy causes in the local area to support. We have donated to Sanctus again this Christmas. Sanctus is a Chelmsford based charity supporting the homeless and vulnerable people of Essex. The Trustees are proud to donate to Sanctus who offer free food, drink and clothing exchange for the homeless, vulnerable and those unable to provide for themselves - Free counselling, advice and advocacy to support life changes and improvement - Enrichment activities such as training courses to help returning to work, book and music clubs.



Recently the Trustees replaced the wooden bench, near the church, which was starting to rot. The replacement bench is made from recycled plastic and will last for many years to come

The Trustees are currently helping out Margaretting Primary school with road safety by funding some further metal cut outs to put outside the school to slow traffic. We were also proud to support Margaretting Fun Day with a cash donation.

If you, or anyone you know from the village is struggling financially and could do with some assistance, please get in touch with the clerk, Christine Deacon 07766 224197. All applications will be considered by the Trustees and treated in the strictest confidence.”

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We enjoyed reading ‘The Glass Maker’ by Tracy Chevalier (an engaging historical tale with delightful characters) and ‘All The Lonely People’ by Mike Gayle (an uplifting look at isolation). We gave them both 4-star reviews.

We are currently reading ‘The Second Sleep’ by Robert Harris and ‘The Mysterious Affair at Styles’ by Agatha Christie; her first Poirot novel.

For more information telephone Penny Savill on 01277 356182 or 07749 880 512.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's On January

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 20th
Dance to Fitness – 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Dog Training – 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Tuesday 6th
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 7th
Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 4th
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 8th, 22nd
Fundangles Dementia Support - 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 23rd
Horticultural Committee - 7.30pm Meeting Room - 13th January
Margaretting Parish Council – 7.30pm Meeting Room – Thursday 8th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia - 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 14th
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Meeting room - Wednesday 21st

What's On February

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 17th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing - 5pm -10pm Main Hall - Friday 6th
Dance to Fitness – 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 3rd, 10th and Wednesday 4th, 11th
Dog Training – 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and Tuesday 3rd
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 4th
Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 1st
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Village Hall Committee meeting – 7.30pm Meeting room - Wednesday 18th

For further information please contact
the Booking Secretary on 07794 187 741 or
margarettingvhbookings@gmail.com

Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, CM15 0UG
Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th Tuesday)
Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm).

Entry at the door is £5 for members, £7 for guests (cash please)
including interval refreshments.

January 27th – Peter Shaw. February 24th – Chris Jones.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES 2026

Wednesday collections

Food waste, black bin, green box and card sack

Friday 9th and Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 4th and 18th February

Food waste, brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Saturday 3rd and Thursday 15th and Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 11th and 25th February

Thursday collections

Food waste, black bin, green box and card sack

Saturday 10th and Thursday 22nd January

Thursday 5th and 19th February

Food waste, brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 6th, Friday 16th and Thursday 29th January
12th and 26th February

Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane

Ingatestone Circle Dance

Folk dances from around the world from the fun and lively to the slow and peaceful. No partner required.

All dances taught and newcomers always very welcome.

Monday January 26th and February 23rd
2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Contact: Janet Shedel

Telephone: 01277 352213

Email: bryanshedel@googlemail.com

Writtle Village Hall - Art Classes
If you are interested in joining an art class, please contact Susan Keeble on susankeeble2@gmail.com for details. Beginners welcome.
website: susankeeble-artist.com

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