



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## JULY/AUGUST 2026

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

#### ST. MARGARETS MARGARETTING

5th July - NO SERVICE  
12th July - NO SERVICE  
**19th July - Songs of Praise - 3:30pm**  
26th July - NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES MOUNTNESSING

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

#### ST. MARYS BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion  
NO SERVICE  
5:00pm - Sea Service  
NO SERVICE

3rd August - NO SERVICE  
9th August - NO SERVICE  
16th August - NO SERVICE  
23rd August - NO SERVICE

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

8:45am - Holy Communion  
NO SERVICE  
5:00pm - Evensong  
NO SERVICE

#### **30th August 10:30am Benefice Service St Giles Mountnessing**

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

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

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

### ST MARGARETS CHURCH SUPPORTERS GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU

To Rosemary Ashford for arranging a retiring collection in aid of the Supporters Group at her late husband Ray Ashford's celebration of life and funeral service. To Carol and Phil Torr for opening their garden at Peacocks in June to raise funds for St Francis Hospice and the Supporters Group. Lots of photos were taken by the visitors. The photos opposite are just a small selection of climbing roses, herbaceous borders, and the wild flower meadow. To everyone who bought tickets for the 'Jazz in the Church' event on 13th June. A great audience, excellent musicians and a good selection of jazz enjoyed by all.

Becky, Kit and Glen Hook-Smith

#### ST MARGARETS NEWS

**Baptisms:** In May we welcomed into the church family, Kit David Hook-Smith, baptised on Sunday 17th May. In June we welcomed Grace Lily Sweeting, baptised on Saturday 20th June.

**Weddings:** Congratulations to Kit's parents, Becky and Glen, married on 17th May in a ceremony following Kit's baptism. And congratulations to Grace's parents Sarah and Dennis, married on 20th June following Grace's baptism.

We are looking forward to sharing photos of Grace, Sarah and Dennis in the next newsletter.

The church bells were rang for the two weddings; a welcoming sound for the families and friends as they arrived and again as they left after the service. Both couples were truly grateful to Julie and Gary Sharp for allowing the wedding guests to park in the farm yard.



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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](http://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](mailto:parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com) or telephone the parish clerk, Caroline Kochan, on 0786 402 5948

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS - MAY AND JUNE

#### Planning decisions received

26/00057/FUL - Van Dykes, The Tye

Proposal: Construction of swimming pool with associated landscaping. Granted Planning Permission

26/00289/FUL - Chalksfield, The Tye

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and replacement front porch. Alterations to fenestration.

Granted Planning Permission

26/00492/A - Land South of 4 Glenside Parsonage Lane

Proposal: Straw Barn Withholding Approval

26/00338-41/FUL- Land adjacent to Stonewold, The Tye

Proposal: Construction of new machinery store and cow barns. All Applications Refused

26/00361/FUL- 4 Crondon Hall Cottages, The Tye

Proposal: Detached garage. Application Granted

The following matters were reported/discussed/agreed at the May and June meetings.

Election of Officers: Following Cllr Blurton's retirement in July the recently Coopted Cllrs Caroline White and Dan Conway will take on Emergency Planning.

2025/2026 Audit: Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) approved and signed.

Website and PC email: These currently do not meet AGAR standards. The parish council is working to resolve this by commissioning a '.gov.uk' domain. The IT representatives will be Cllr D. Conway and Cllr T. Paoli Burke.

Accounts: The following expenditure was agreed.

EALC, NALC and RCCE - £380 (Annual subscriptions)

D. Wallace - £1,320 (Grass cutting)

Clear - £2,017 (Insurance premium)

C. Quilter - £18 (Keys for Maldon Road Playing Field)

TLC - £249 (Village maintenance work)

C. Kochan - £566 (Clerk's wages and expenses)

Essex County Council: A report received from ECC Cllr Mike Steel highlighted:

(i) Structure of the ECC Reform UK administration - the Conservatives are now the official opposition. Cllr Steel is Shadow Cabinet member for Highways and Infrastructure and a member of the Scrutiny and Planning Committee.

(ii) Decisions from the May full council meeting which included: Request to central government to cancel the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and notice that ECC will challenge and resist LGR; Removal of library reservation charges; Declaration of a Pot Hole Emergency and £2m drawn down from Reserves; Cancellation of net zero.

Whites Bridge Walkboards Project: Queries regarding who would be responsible for repairs if the project goes ahead. Cllr Steel to be invited to look at the walkboards.

Swan Lane: Fallen barrier/railing to be referred to Cllr Steel.

Main Road: Still no confirmed date for the installation of new bollards by The Saddlery. Highways to be reminded.

Writtle Road - sale of parcel of land: The City Council has served an Article 4 Direction on the site.

*NB these notices are implemented to stop specific activities and to protect the local character of an area*

Maldon Road Playing Field.

*Lease:* To be renewed on terms discussed previously.

*Play equipment:* Repairs completed

*Conifer Trees:* Scheduled work completed. The site was left in a mess and the notice board damaged.

Margaretting Tye

*Notice Board:* Agreement to purchase new board.

*Defibrillator:* Siting of a defibrillator to be discussed with the White Hart. To check with City Council whether CIL funds in Reserves can be used to offset the cost.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 9 July and 10 September at 7:30pm. in the meeting room at the village hall.

### Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 ~ 12:30pm

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> annual fete, we are challenging all bakers to try these recipes from the very first ever fete. There are vintage silver cups to be won if you enter this or other categories. It is an all friendly competition and no experience is necessary.

#### Original 1946 Cake recipes

**Best fruit cake ~ Ingredients:** 2 oz (57g) margarine or lard \* 3 oz (85g) sugar \* 4 oz (113g) fruit \* 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda \* 1 tsp mixed spice \* 1 tsp salt \* ½ pint of water or cold tea

**Method:** Boil all the ingredients in a saucepan for five minutes. Allow to get quite cold before mixing in 9oz (255g) of self-raising flour. Bake in a moderate oven for 1-1 ½ hours.

**Madeira Cake ~ Ingredients:** 2.5oz (71g) margarine \* 3 oz (85g) sugar \* 3 tablespoons of water \* ½ lb (227g) plain flour \* A little milk \* 2 dried eggs, dry \* Flavouring, if liked \* 4 level teaspoons of baking powder or ½ lb (227g) self-raising flour

**Method:** Cream margarine and sugar, add eggs dry, beating thoroughly, then beat in water gradually. Add flour, baking powder and flavouring. Bake in a moderate oven for 1½ to 2 hours

**Victoria Sponge ~ Ingredients:** 2 oz (57g) margarine or lard \* 5 oz (142g) flour \* 2 oz (57g) sugar \* 4 level tsp baking powder \* 2 oz (57g) dried egg, dry \* 4 tablespoons water

**Method:** Soften the margarine and cream with the sugar. Add the dried eggs, dry, and cream altogether. Mix flour and baking powder and add to the creamed mixture alternatively with the water. If more liquid is needed, add a little milk but the mixture should be stiff. Put into two greased sandwich tins. Bake in a fairly hot oven until lightly browned. Put together with jam or any sweet filling.

Please come and celebrate this special 80<sup>th</sup> annual traditional village fete with us. Our attractions include - Aerial Acrobatics, Thaxted Morris Men, Ingatestone Fire Engine, Mid Essex Model Railway, BBMF Supermarine Spitfire flypast, Live Music and Singing, Tiny Tracks, artisan stalls, exhibitions, fun and games.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to four of our committee, who have served many years for the benefit of the village and the fete. If you are interested in taking part in the future, then please do get in touch, as unfortunately without new members or support, the fete will not have a future.

Lorna Cannon email [margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com](mailto:margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com)

## 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

## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Our last two books - 'Munich' by Robert Harris and 'Diva' by Daisy Goodwin proved to be good choices. 'Munich', a fictionalised treatment of a real historical event, is set in September 1938 over four days of the Munich Conference. 'Diva', also based on true events, is about Maria Callas's love affair with Aristotle Onassis and the effect his decision to marry Jackie Kennedy has on her life.

We are currently reading 'Rules of Civility' by Amor Towles. A novel set in 1930s New York.

New members welcome. For more information contact Penny on 07749 880 512.

## ESSEX & HERTS AIR AMBULANCE MOTOR CYCLE RUN 2026

A message from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

"I'm writing to you from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance about the return of our **Motorcycle Run (MCR) on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**, as the route passes close to the Village Hall or surrounding area. You can see details of the event and the route map on the **MCR Website**

Based on previous events, we expect MCR to see 1,000+ motorcycles ride the route shown in two or three groups, led and controlled by Essex Police, supported by volunteer marshals. We are obviously consulting and planning with all relevant authorities, with all necessary permissions, provisions, and insurances in place etc.

The first motorbikes will likely leave North Weald at around 9.30/10.00am, and we'd expect a window of up to around two hours (with gaps) should see all the motorbikes complete the route and arrive at Kings Farm, Writtle, for the Whirlybirds Family Fun Day (10am to 4pm).

We'll publicise the MCR along the route as much as possible, including targeted leafletting, but if you could also let your readers and community know about the event that would be hugely appreciated.

I've deliberately kept this message brief, with some general info below, but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch." *Best regards, Matt, Events Team*

### About the Ride

This year's motorcycle run will feature a 24-mile route, designed to make the event more accessible, enjoyable, and community-focused, while still bringing bikers together in support of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. The shorter route allows us to continue operating this event and has plenty of opportunities for the wider community to get involved, cheer on the riders and support the event throughout the day.

And of course, this is a ride, not a race, where the destination is just as important as the journey. It's all about coming together, enjoying the experience, and showing support for our life-saving service.

**Every mile ridden helps to raise awareness and vital funds to keep our helicopters flying and our critical care teams responding, when every second counts.**

## MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

# RACE NIGHT

Friday 16th October at 7pm  
TICKETS £20.00 (including food)  
Bar



HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN EVENING  
RAISING MONEY FOR THE UP KEEP OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact

Di Smith 07754 687983

or

Zoe Gurton 07530 125589

To book your tickets

## 351 BUS SERVICE TO BASILDON HOSPITAL

As from 26<sup>th</sup> July the 351 Chelmsford to Brentwood bus route will include Basildon Hospital.

You may recall, some years back, Ingatestone parish councillor Martyn Hart through 'Love Your Bus 2' tried to get the 351 bus route extended. At that time First Bus didn't meet the cost or timing criteria and 'Love Your Bus 2' had to pull out.

The good news is First Bus has now had a change of mind and its Chelmsford to Brentwood bus route (Monday to Saturday) has been extended to Basildon Hospital.

The buses will run hourly. The journey time from the bus stop outside The Black Bull to the hospital is 1 hour and 18 minutes. This includes an 8 minute stop at Basildon bus station.

Thanks are definitely due to Cllr Hart and 'Love Your Bus 2' for their past efforts on behalf of Ingatestone and Margarettong 351 bus passengers.

## New Digital Newspapers and Magazines from Essex Libraries

Essex Libraries are pleased to introduce a new addition to their online services. BorrowBox now includes ePress, giving members free access to a wide selection of digital newspapers and magazines.

From well-known national titles to specialist interest magazines covering gardening, cooking, travel and wellbeing, there is plenty to enjoy from the comfort of home.

You can borrow up to 20 items at a time, all included with your library membership.

This new service sits alongside eBooks and eAudiobooks, offering even more choice for readers. To get started, simply log in to BorrowBox with your library card and begin browsing.

Link: [libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-online-library/borrowbox](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/our-online-library/borrowbox)

## MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

The following are Regular users of the hall

### What's on July 2026

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club - 9.30am - 12.30pm Main Hall - Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 21st

Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing - 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 3rd, Sunday 19th

Chelmsford Croquet Club - 10am - 3pm - Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Friday 10th

Dance to Fitness - 9.30am - 11.30am - Main Hall - Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th and Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th

Dog Training - 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and Tuesday 7th

Essex Budgerigars - 7pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 8th

Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 5th

Flower Arranging - 11am - 1pm Meeting Room - Thursday 9th, 23rd

Fundagles Dementia Support - 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 24th

Galleywood Cricket Club - Chelmer Room & Field - Saturday 4th, 18th, 25th and Sunday 19th, 26th

Parish Council - 7.30pm Meeting Room - Thursday 9th

Pawfect Friends Cynophobia - 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 4th, 18th, 25th

Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 8th, 15th

Village Hall Committee - 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 15th

### What's on August 2026

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Starlight Performing Arts - 10am - 3pm - Chelmer Room - Wednesday 5th, 26th

Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 12th

**For further information please contact  
the Booking Secretary on: 07794 187 741**

### Mountnessing Village Hall

#### Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

**Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday).**

Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm).

Many styles and genres are played - jazz, easy listening, classical, pop, big band, swing, film themes, songs from musicals etc.

Entry at the door is £5 for members,

£7 for guests (cash please)

including interval refreshments.

**26th July - Clair Greig 25th August - Mark Speight**

## JULY AND AUGUST

### RECYCLING DATES

#### Wednesday collections

**Food waste** - every Wednesday

**Black bin, green box and card sack**

8th and 22nd July

5th and 19th August

**Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

1st, 15th and 29th July

17th and 26th August

#### Thursday collections

**Food waste** - every Thursday

**Black bin, green box and card sack**

9th and 23rd July

6th and 20th August

**Brown bin, paper sack and**

**bagged plastics & cartons**

2nd, 16th and 30th July

13th and 27th August

### Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane

#### Ingatestone Circle Dance

Monday 27th July and 24th August  
2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Folk dances from around the world  
New members welcome.

Telephone: Norman 07901 826274

### Writtle Village Hall

#### Art Classes

If you are interested in joining an art class, please contact Susan Keeble on [susankeeble2@gmail.com](mailto:susankeeble2@gmail.com) for details.

Beginners welcome.

website: [ww.susankeeble-artist.com](http://ww.susankeeble-artist.com)

### ST MARGARETS CHURCH

Afternoon Tea and Songs of Praise  
Sunday 19th July 2pm to 4pm

Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th October at 11:15am

Carol Service

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Wednesday 16th December at 7pm

### 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.

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