



MARGARETTING NEWS

July 2020

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES
ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH **ST. GILES'S CHURCH** **ST. MARY'S CHURCH**
MARGARETTING **MOUNTNESSING** **BUTTSBURY**

In response to the Government's announcement that churches may reopen for public worship on 4th July all three parishes will complete a COVID-19 risk assessment in preparation for reopening their church buildings.
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick Sherring - telephone number 01277 352562

NEW OCCUPANT IN 'THE VICARAGE', PENNY'S LANE

I thought I would write a short hello to the villagers of Margaretting, as my family and I are moving into the Vicarage in Penny's Lane on July 1st. I will be writing a longer introduction in the Five Towers but thought it would be nice to say a hello to the village that we will be living in. My husband Frazer and our two children (young adults) Jazmine and Harry are excited to be starting our new adventure in Margaretting. We are moving from the north of the county, Toppesfield, to the heart of Essex and nearer my childhood home of Theydon Bois.

It is a strange time to be moving to a new area, with the normal means of meeting people, in the pub, church, and at social events, which are not open or happening at the moment. However, you know where I am living and are welcome to pop in to say hi, not all at once!!

I will be licensed to the five parishes on July 6th and ordained on September 12th, in the meantime, have a lovely rest of the summer, stay safe, look after each other and I will hold you all in my prayers.
Sally Croft

CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

If you are self-isolating or feeling vulnerable we can help!

We are a local volunteer group, made up of residents within Margaretting, and we are here to help those feeling vulnerable following the outbreak of COVID-19. We can help with:

**PICKING UP PHARMACY ITEMS, PICKING UP SHOPPING, URGENT SUPPLIES, POSTING MAIL
A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL**

Don't hesitate to call or message Lynn Edwards on the following telephone number - 01277 354 462
(available 9am - 5pm) - and we will do our best to help you

Margaretting WhatsApp

This is a community based WhatsApp group for reporting any 'goings-on' that affect us all. The way it works is if you see something that looks out of place you report it on the group chat and in this way we all do our bit to look out for each other. Please note this group chat is to help us all and not a place to moan and groan. Any abuse or bad language will see the member removed from the chat. 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.

Margaretting Free or Cheap Stuff WhatsApp

From messages posted on the Margaretting WhatsApp it is has become apparent that many members wish to rehome unwanted items or to see them saved from landfill or recycling. The Free or Cheap Stuff WhatsApp is a chat group for members of the community to sell, swap or gift unwanted items. Please note it is not a group for businesses. If you would like to join the group please text 0749 544 2669. *Andy Wallace (Administrator/Margaretting parish councillor)*

MALDON ROAD PARKING

The parish council has received more complaints about illegal parking, vehicles blocking the footway access ramps for pedestrians to cross the road safely and cars being driven on the pavements. The Highway Code states it is illegal to park on double yellow lines, at any time, unless you hold a disabled parking permit. Disabled badge holders are allowed to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours as long as they are not causing an obstruction. Also, it is illegal to drive on the pavement. Driving on the pavement causes damage to kerbs, pavement structures and underground utilities.

We all know, due to the long line of parked cars, Maldon Road is not wide enough for cars to pass each other at the same time. However, if the yellow lines are kept clear an available space is provided between parked vehicles for drivers to pull into. Don't forget you can report illegal parking online:
<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-parking-enforcement/>

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'SUPER SUE'
Thank you for all that you have done for me during this crisis.
From Becky
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MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATE

Whilst we are not holding our regular monthly meeting, on government advice, Margarettling Parish Council is still functioning with the aid of modern day technology. The Council continues to carry out its daily duties such as dealing with problems received from residents, considering planning application and submitting comments, updating the new village website www.margarettling.com sharing information received from public bodies (see **below and next page**) and progressing projects that hopefully can be put in place once we come out of lockdown.

With regards to Planning applications and decisions as at 11 June 2020 they are as follows:-

APPLICATIONS:

Brooklands, Pennys Lane

Application No 20/00829/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of part single and part two storey rear extension, first floor front extension. Conversion of garage to habitable space. Addition of balcony and two roof windows to rear with alterations to front fenestration.

Margarettling C of E Primary School, Pennys Lane

Application No 20/00680/FUL

Proposal: Alterations to create a secure entrance lobby, meeting room and upgraded play space.

1, Green Cottages, Ivy Barn Lane

Application No 20/00769/FUL

Proposal: Detached double garage with timber look cladding and pitched roof.

DECISIONS:

Rosemary, Maldon Road

Application No 20/00467/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage. Single storey side and rear extensions to Ground Floor. Rear box dormer extension with Juliet balconies. **Granted Planning Permission**

The Leys, Maldon Road, Margarettling.

Application No. 20/00533/CUPAQ

Proposal: Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the proposed change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (Class C3) **Application Refused**

To all our parishioners please keep safe and well during this pandemic. *Harry Blurton (Chair, Margarettling Parish Council)*

COVID-19 UPDATES

NHS TRACK AND TRACE

With the development of Track and Trace, many people have been asking for advice around how this works. Please find below the official advice from the GOV.UK website on how the system works and advice on how to avoid being the victim of any possible scams as a result of the implementation of this system.

When we contact you:

If the NHS test and trace service contacts you, the service will use text messages, email or phone.

All texts or emails will ask you to sign into the NHS test and trace contact-tracing website.

If NHS test and trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number: 0300 013 5000.

All information you provide to the NHS test and trace service is held in strict confidence and will only be kept and used in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Contact tracers will:

- call you from 0300 013 5000
- send you text messages from 'NHS'
- ask for your full name and date of birth to confirm your identity, and postcode to offer support while self-isolating
- ask if you are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms
- provide advice on what you must do as you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive

Contact tracers will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product of any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone

- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

For the full guidance/information please check the GOV.UK website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Remember our advice

If in doubt use the A, B, C of scam awareness:

A- Never Assume a caller, email or text is genuine.

B- Never Believe a caller, email or text is genuine.

C- Always Confirm by contacting a trusted number, family member, friend, your bank's fraud department or the police to check if it's genuine.

ESSEX FRAUD ALERT - ONLINE SHOPPING

With the majority of shops being shut due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our shopping habits have moved online. However, this has given rise to a new wave of people falling victim to online shopping fraud – reports to Action Fraud have increased by 51% since the start of lockdown. Always consider how much you trust the person you are buying from or selling to before parting with your hard earned money. There have also been a variety of online shopping frauds that relate to COVID-19, including the fraudulent sale of masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, criminals continue to be arrested for selling fake COVID-19 testing kits. **These kits often contain harmful chemicals and the government have stated that no home testing kits are available to buy in the UK.**

Finally, as always with online shopping – if it looks too good to be true, it usually is!



Do you care about the community and the children that are coming up into our future?

Do you want to impact the next generation?

Have you ever thought about becoming a School Governor?



School Governors play an important role in the life of our schools, and together with other professionals they ensure the education we provide, our buildings, our resources, our staff and our financial management are the best quality.

If you think you'd like to consider applying to become a member of a Local Governing Body in our Trust then we have vacancies at **Margaretting C of E Primary School** which we would like to fill for September 2020, and we're particularly interested in appointing individuals with skills

or experience in *Premises or HR*.

If you would like to know more about the role or the Local Governing Body prior to applying, please contact the Headteacher by email (info@lifeeducationtrust.com) or visit <http://www.lifeeducationtrust.com>

PUB NEWS - Saturday, 4th July

The Black Bull and the Red Lion are glad to be able to welcome back their friends and customers on 4th July. Both will open to serve customers inside and outside.

Black Bull: Anyone wishing to book a table inside for food and drinks should telephone 01277 353141. Outside tables will be on a first come first served basis.

Red Lion: Will open for drinks only. Jon and Mo will be on duty and they are looking forward to opening time and seeing their friends and customers again.

Any enquiries please telephone 01277 352184.

St Margaret's, Margaretting - New On-line Service

St Margaret's still has its doors shut for the moment - yet the 'church' is still open for business. Of course that rather depends what you mean by 'church'. The word church (*ecclesia* in Latin) originally referred to a group of people who were followers of *The Way* - trying to live life with reference to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, meeting in secret in people's homes. When the Roman Empire became Christian in the 3rd century AD, church buildings were built; Christianity arrived soon after in the British Isles. There was probably some sort of church building in Margaretting in Roman times and the wall near the porch has some of those Roman bricks set in. In these pandemic times it looks rather like we have reverted back to the earliest model of church, except we can be connected by new technology.

Some of us have been joining the on-line community of people in Ingatestone and elsewhere for Sunday services. We don't expect to be having normal church services at Margaretting for a while, as there would be too many restrictions on what we can do, and people who are self-isolating would still be excluded from coming. We will instead have a short on-line service beamed from Margaretting church on *YouTube*, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We'll be sending round a link by email; you can also pick this up by an on-line search for 'Margaretting Church service', the church's website or through the Margaretting parish website e-voice.org.uk/margaretting/st-margaret-s-church/. The first on-line service will be on 5th July; it can be seen any time of the day from then.

Timothy Lee, Licensed Lay Minister

CHURCH SERVICES IN LOCKDOWN

Ingatestone Church is livestreaming worship on Facebook: *St. Edmund and St. Mary's Church, Ingatestone*
Sundays 10.00 am Holy Communion (about one hour); every other day **9.30 am Morning Prayer** and **9.30 pm Compline** (about 15 minutes). The livestream services can also be picked up at any other time, so you can watch the Compline service for example just before bedtime - a peaceful and spiritual end to the day.



COUNTRY PARKS

We are pleased to confirm that Essex County Council Country Parks are back to normal opening hours. All parks will be open from 8am to dusk.

The parks, car parks and toilets will be open to the public. However, the children's play equipment, visitor centres and cafes will remain closed, in line with government guidance.

LIBRARIES

We are now preparing a phased approach to re-open libraries in line with government guidelines. From Monday 6 July 2020, sixteen libraries across Essex will re-open: Basildon*, Billericay, Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester, Dunmow, Epping, Harlow, Harwich, Maldon, Rayleigh, Rochford, South Benfleet and Witham. The initial sixteen sites re-opening were selected as they also provide Registration Services, and therefore allow this important service to be more easily delivered too. *Basildon Library re-opening date is subject to the Basildon Centre re-opening.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The parish council has received several complaints and queries about who and what can use the different types of PROW. The following may help answer those queries.

What is a right of way?

A right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use on foot and sometimes using other forms of transport.

Footpaths: This public right of way is meant for pedestrians only. You are allowed to walk your dog as long as it is under your close control. When walking a dog, you must ensure that it keeps to the public footpath and does not trespass into nearby properties. Prams, pushchair or wheelchairs can also be used on a footpath.

Bridleways: These are meant for walkers, horse riders and bicyclists. Bicyclists are expected to give way to walkers and horse riders.

Byways Open To All Traffic (BOAT): These byways are normally marked "byways" and are open to motorists, bicyclists, horse riders, motorcyclists and pedestrians. As with public tarmac road networks, motorists must ensure that they are legally authorised to use BOATs (i.e. registered, taxed, insured and MoT'd).

Restricted Byways: Restricted Byways are created under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. They are open to the traffic mentioned above in BOATs, but exclude motor vehicles and motorcycles.

If you have queries regarding the above please contact Margaretting parish council.



Margaretting Village Hall

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

For further information please contact Booking Secretary on 07794 187741

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our monthly Saturday coffee mornings have been cancelled until it's considered safe to run them. We are still collecting wool for our team of knitters. If you have any spare wool please contact Lynn on 01277 355575. If anyone needs any jams, chutneys and marmalade, Margaretting Friends can deliver to your doorstep. Also, whilst the mobile library service is suspended, we can deliver books from the village hall book stall to your doorstep - just let us know your preferred reading genre. If you do need something and want to make a donation to the village hall at a later date please let Lynn know.

MARGARETTING BINGO

All sessions have been cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Maurice on 01277 352126

CAMEO CLUB

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please contact Rosemary on 01277 350553 or June on 01277 356126 for more information.

MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

All meetings have been cancelled until it's considered safe to run them. Any queries please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

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

Raynors - Fresh food delivery. Order online www.freshfooddeliveries.co.uk

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 352667

They are offering a delivery service.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons. Service is suspended until further notice.

TRUST BUS

The Friday morning services to Ingatestone and Tesco are suspended until further notice.

The service will resume when it is considered safe to do so.

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

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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JULY RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - Every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Wednesdays 1st, 15th and 29th July

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 8th and 22nd July

Thursday collections

Food waste - Every Thursday

Black bin, green box and card sack

Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th July

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 9th and 23rd July

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

For more information

to arrange a collection

Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING

RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU

9am to 5pm every day

except Tuesday

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