



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## MARCH 2023

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

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

##### MARGARETTING

5th - NO SERVICE  
12th - NO SERVICE  
19th - 11:15am Mothering Sunday Service  
26th - NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH

##### MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Morning Prayer  
9:30am - Holy Communion  
9:30am - Mothering Sunday  
9:30am - Holy Communion

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

##### BUTTSBURY

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

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

#### Mothering Sunday Service: 11:15am 19th March

Mothering Sunday, celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, is a very old liturgical feast known by many names over the ages: Laetare Sunday to honour the Virgin Mary, Refreshment Sunday, Rose Sunday and Mothering Sunday. Originally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants, were given a day off to visit their mothers and family. Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers. Please join us on the 19th March to honour and remember our mothers.

#### Easter Lilies: There will be an Easter Sunday Service at St Margaret's on 9th April at 11:15am.

We would very much like to have the traditional Lily Pedestal in honour of loved ones. We are therefore appealing for donations for the Lily blooms. Any donation 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.

#### Churchyard Maintenance: Help from volunteers is always welcome. More information from Michael Scott on 01277 354821.

#### Food Bank: Contributions can be left in the box in the porch of The Vicarage, Pennys Lane.

#### Songcycle Concert hosted by the Supporters Group St Margaret's church - 7pm on Saturday 27th May Concert tickets will be on sale closer to the date

Since its inception in 1996 Songcycle has entertained thousands of people at concerts throughout the country. "You will always be guaranteed good professional entertainment at a Songcycle concert."

### VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE TOP SALE

Margaretting Village Hall  
Saturday 11th March 10am - 12noon  
Come and see what's for sale.  
Enjoy a cuppa, cake and chatter with neighbours and friends.

### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

Priest in Charge of Ingatestone, Fryerning, Margaretting Mountnessing and Buttsbury - Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani  
Email: leet.fd@gmail.com Mobile: 0782 766 8169

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Secretary - Penny Savill Email: penny.savill@btinternet.com  
Tel: 01277 356182 Mobile: 0774 988 0512

### INGATESTONE CHURCHES TOGETHER

#### LENT COURSE 2023

#### St Edmund & St Mary Parish Church, Ingatestone A River Through The Desert — A Lenten Pilgrimage

Six sessions for groups and individuals exploring the geography of the Holy Lane, following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha. Each session will reflect on the theme with short films from the Holy Land and questions for exploration.

The course begins at our Ash Wednesday service on 22nd February and then on the five consecutive Wednesdays following: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March.

1st session: during our Ash Wednesday service at 11am and again in the evening in church at 7:30pm

2nd — 6th sessions: in the church at 12 noon beginning with Lenten lunch (following our BCP Holy Communion service which you are welcome to join at 11am (please advise of allergies and dietary requirements) and in the evening at 7:30pm ON ZOOM.

Please contact Rene Horner for Zoom Link

Email: Renedhorner@gmail.com

### VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

#### Saturday, 18th March at 10am

Want to keep Margaretting looking clean and attractive? Then join the village spring clean on Saturday, 18th March outside the Black Bull at 10am. Litter picks, gloves and litter sacks provided

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

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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 also be viewed on the parish council page of '[www.margaretting.com](http://www.margaretting.com)' (Margaretting's community website). 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)

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

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Planning Applications received in February

##### **Kennets, Maldon Road**

Application No: 23/00080/FUL

Proposal: Loft conversion with front and rear dormers.

##### **Ynamit, Maldon Road**

(i) Application No. 22/02130/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing derelict building and construction of annex ancillary to main dwelling.

(ii) Application No. 22/02128/FUL

Proposal: Raise the roof to create first floor accommodation with dormer windows. Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension.

#### **Items discussed at January and February's meetings**

Hylands Park: It was reported people were getting their coffees from Rose Café, leaving their vehicles in the café car park, then walking over the road to Hylands Park. The parish council agreed to contact the City Council to find out if figures are available for Hylands Car Park usage since the inception of its parking charges scheme.

CCC Highway Rangers: Funding for this service has been withdrawn as from March 2023.

Parish Council Office Telephone and Broadband: The BT office telephone contract has been cancelled. The BT Broadband facility will continue for the time being while a new contract/provider is being explored.

It was agreed to clean and upgrade the office computer before deciding whether to purchase a new one

May Elections: Photo ID requirements. **See back page**

Police: Local burglary and vehicle offences for the last three years were made available at the meeting. PC Scott Smith (Community Safety Officer) was unable to attend the meeting but if required will attend the Parish Assembly.

The King's Coronation: Is anyone in the community thinking about planning a Street Party for the Coronation?

Village Hall Chelmer Room Flood: This occurred just before Christmas. Ash Waste quoted £1,000 + VAT for a new pump. The quote to clean the carpet was £100.

Village Hall Benches: There is a new policy for memorial benches on the sports ground whereby if they deteriorate the owners will be notified and given a period of time to carry out repairs before the bench is removed.

Village Hall Committee Members: Michael Scott has taken on the maintenance role of meeting trades people and allowing them access to the hall; Lorna Cannon has taken over the role of Secretary; Lynn Cameron will stay a while longer as Bookings Secretary.

#### Expenditure January/February

£500 - C. Kochan (Clerk's wages)

£198 - Communicate UK (Fire Alarm maintenance)

£73 - RCCE (annual subscription)

£50 - CCC (Maldon Road Playing Field Rent)

£27 - H. Blurton (ink cartridges)

#### Maldon Road

Allotments: There are whole or half allotments available for rent. Details available from the Clerk (Caroline Kochan).

#### Main Road

Red Lion Bus Shelter: Costs for repairing the damage will be covered by the bus company's insurance.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

It is with regret, that we have to say Margaretting Friends in the current form is folding. We have agreed to continue to run the monthly community coffee mornings, with money raised from the bric-a-brac and the refreshments going towards projects in the village. We will still support the Margaretting Fete in July with managing the tea room for the fete committee. However, we will no longer be holding a monthly evening meeting.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the years that the group has been running. We have heard from many interesting speakers on a large number of subjects. We have had outings which included how many people could we fit in a beach hut on Southwold seafront on a very hot day and evening picnics on the playing field in the summer.

We would still welcome anyone who wished to join us to support the coffee mornings; just speak to someone at the next coffee morning on Saturday, 11th March which is also a Table Top sale.

**Books**: Wanted donations of books especially children's books for village hall fundraising.

For further information please telephone Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575

### **Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Established 1946**

**Saturday 8th July 2023 - 1 - 5pm**

The Committee would like to formally thank the Margaretting Relief In Need Trustees for their kind donation of funds that has helped us enormously to keep this event going. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

RHS Affiliated Society  
no: 10538524

March brings the prospect of warmer weather, a bright array of springtime bulbs with

colourful flowers and blossom on the trees. Although the sun's rays are gaining in strength there is still a possibility of late frosts. Jobs for this month include sowing seeds in greenhouses or windowsills, hardy annuals can be sown directly outside, finish pruning roses to increase summer flowering, pick off developing seed heads on daffodils and other spring bulbs, leave the foliage to die back naturally, feed ericaceous shrubs, such as rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, put bug boxes in sheltered areas of the garden and keep feeding the garden birds as the breeding season starts. We have some interesting handcraft stalls booked with various quality homemade produce, music, dancing, inflatable and of course some old favourites too. Many thanks for your continued support it is truly appreciated and if you have any suggestions for the fete then please come along to our next meeting - Wednesday 22nd March 2023 @7:30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Please contact the Committee by email: [margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com](mailto:margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com)



Lorna Cannon

## SAFE AND WELL VISITS



To keep yourself and your family safe at home, the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service recommends booking one of its free,

personalised Safe and Well Visits. Trained Safe and Well Officers will provide advice and guidance in relation to fire prevention and home security, as well as signposting you to additional advice and support if you need it. To book a visit:

Online: [www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book)

Telephone: 0300 303 0088 or email [home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk)

### BOOK CLUB

We rated 'Beneath a Scarlet Sky' by Mark Sullivan 5 stars. Based on a true story of forgotten War II hero Pino Lella 'Beneath a Scarlet Sky' is an epic tale of a young Italian man's courage, bravery and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Thousands of books have been written about the holocaust period but none of us could recall reading any stories centring on Italy during the Nazi reign. We are currently reading Diane Setterfield's 'The Thirteenth Tale' and 'Here We Are' by Graham Swift. Margaretting book club meets once a month on a weekday afternoon. If you would like to know more about the book club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

### CAMEO CLUB

Thank you to Penny who hosted January's meeting and to Marilyn and John who hosted February's meeting. This month we look forward to visiting Oaklands Park in Chelmsford on Thursday, 9th March and having lunch together in The Hive café. 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.

### 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 WHATSAPP

Is a community WhatsApp group for sharing information that affects all of us. To become a member please send one text to 0797 196 3516

## MARGARETTING COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*Mrs Melissa Taylor (Headteacher) writes:* It has been a busy start to the Spring Term and the children have all been working hard. There have been some real highlights in our learning this half term. EYFS children made gingerbread people and houses as part of their learning on fairy tales; Year 1/2 children made a boat and have enjoyed experimenting with paints as part of their 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' topic; Year 3/4 have been making stone age jewellery due to them learning about the prehistoric world; and Year 5/6 have drawn themselves falling through space as part of their learning in this area of science.

The Year 5/6 children took part in a music project, set by the English National Opera. The children were tasked with finishing a competition called 'Blue, Red Yellow...' They chose black as the fourth colour. The children worked collaboratively as a team to understand how to make sounds relating to our colour and used pitched and unpitched instruments for our final piece. I am delighted to announce that we came in the top 45 out of 200 schools! Which is a fantastic achievement - well done to Miss O'Toole and the children.

We are still working hard to exercise for 1,000,000 miles before September. We are currently at 8009 for our school and the Trust total is 265,684, which is 26.5% of our total target. Come on everyone - I know you can do it!

It has been great to see the children competing in sports events and competitions this term, such as boccia and multisport - these are all helping towards our 1,000,000 target.

We have also had Ofsted this half term. Once the final report is published, it will be available on our website. Thank you to all staff and pupils for their hard work everyday and during the inspection. I look forward to sharing the final outcome.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day.

The children and staff will be coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters and we will be celebrating different books. We are also looking to raise funds to pay for new phonics books in EYFS. We have currently raised £500 and need £1000.

In March, we are also looking forward to our PTFA Easter Egg hunt and our Easter Service led by Reverend Sally and Cannon Lee.

If you would like to keep up to date with Margaretting Primary School, then do feel free to follow us on Twitter, using the handle **MPCofEPrimary** or look at our newsletters on the school website:

<https://margaretting.essex.sch.uk/newsletters-2022-23/>.

### VILLAGE RECOLLECTIONS

Robert Fletcher, in response to last month's recollections, which included the information about the Sawyer family being local bakers, shares this information about two Margaretting WW1 casualties:

**SAWYER FAMILY:** "I looked at Frank Sawyer, the 1919 WW1 casualty at Margaretting Churchyard in 2021 in relation to Herbert Beer. I obtained a copy of his death certificate (March 1919). Poor Frank died as a result of a wound to his abdomen in 1917 at Fort Pitt, Kent. Interestingly, the certificate gives his occupation pre-war as "Baker". So that is the connection with the Sawyer family as Bakers you mention. Fort Pitt was an old Victorian fort converted to a hospital and then a mental hospital, until it was closed in the 1920s."

**BEER FAMILY:** 'I looked at Herbert Beer back in 2021 as I saw Margaretting was going to amend the War Memorial to add names from both World Wars who had been omitted. I do not think Herbert was on this list and I wondered why. He has a Commonwealth War Graves entry and is a legitimate casualty. Please make sure Herbert Beer is put on the war memorial."

**NB:** *The parish council has included Herbert Beer's name to the list of missing names to be added to the war memorial and it is currently checking out recommended stonemasons with the War Memorials Trust.*

*Herbert Beer died in Denes Hospital, South Shields on 13th January 1919. He was a Private in the 3rd Durham Light Infantry. His death certificate gives his address as Halls Cottages, Margaretting and occupation pre-war as Timber Hauler*

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](mailto:penny.savill@btinternet.com)

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**VILLAGE HALL AGM - Tuesday 2nd May at 7:30pm**  
Margaretting Village Hall in the Chelmer Room - All Welcome





## MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

### What's on March 2023

Aerobics: 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Barnraisers: 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Beekeeping Theory Course: 7-9pm Main Hall – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7.30pm Main Hall – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Remote Control Car Racing: 12 noon–11pm - Main Hall – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Coffee Morning & TABLE TOP: 10am–12 noon Main Hall - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Dance to Fitness: 9am Main Hall – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Dog Training: 5pm Main Hall - Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Essex Budgerigars: 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Essex Woodcarvers: 9am–4pm Main Hall – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Flower Arranging: 11am–1pm Main Hall – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Keyboards: 1pm–3pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Loose Threads: 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Margaretting Friends: 7.30pm Chelmer Room – Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Margaretting Parish Council: 7pm Meeting Room – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Rock and Roll Club: 7pm – midnight Main Hall – Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Variety Band Practice: 7.30pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. March 28<sup>th</sup> – Rod Pooley, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Varley, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ian Griffin.

**See [www.organfax.co.uk/clubs/brentwood.co.uk](http://www.organfax.co.uk/clubs/brentwood.co.uk) for details or contact Jean on 01277 824380**

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons - 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March - 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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#### MARCH RECYCLING DATES

##### Wednesday collections

**Food waste** - every Wednesday  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March

##### Thursday collections

**Food waste** - every Thursday  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March

##### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection  
 Telephone 01245 615800

##### MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE

Roman Road, CM4 9AU  
 Tel: 0345 603 7625

9am to 4pm every day except Tuesday



**MARGARETTING FRIENDS**

## TABLE TOP SALE

And COFFEE MORNING  
 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

Buyers 10am - 12 noon

**MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL**  
 Wantz Road, Margaretting CM4 OEP

Refreshments available  
 Remus charity table  
 All tables pre-booked only  
 £5 per table - limited numbers  
 Ring Stella 01277 356986