



MARGARETTING NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2025

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

MARCH

2nd - NO SERVICE

9th - NO SERVICE

16th - 11:15am - Holy Communion

23rd - NO SERVICE

30th - NO SERVICE

APRIL

6th - NO SERVICE

13th - NO SERVICE

20th - 11:15am - Easter Sunday Service

27th - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Family Service

9:30am - Holy Communion

9:30am - Morning Prayer

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9:30am - Family Service

9:30am - Holy Communion

9:30am - Easter Sunday Service

9:30am - Holy Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

3:30pm - Lent Evensong

NO SERVICE

NO SERVICE

8:45am - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

3:30pm - Easter Holy Communion

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

Funeral Service

Patricia Ann Taylor (26.3.1942 - 5.1.2025)

Patricia's funeral was held at St Margaret's church on Tuesday, 4th February. The service was led by Reverend Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani. The organist/pianist was Claire Renowden. The family's chosen hymns were 'Morning Has Broken' and 'The Lord's My Shepherd'. The mourners entered the church to the sound of five half muffled bells. A single tenor bell was rung after the service as the family followed the casket to the grave. The church was beautifully decorated with pink roses and carnations in honour of Patricia who, when a member of the church flower team, always decorated the pillars. Patricia's daughter Penny read a poem 'My Mum' which she had written as a personal tribute to Patricia. Nick, on behalf of the family, shared the Taylor family's treasured memories with relatives, friends and neighbours. He mentioned Patricia's love of travel, art, orchids and the many lifelong friends she made in Margaretting through her involvement with village events, which included flower arranging and bell ringing in the church and litter picking in the village. Patricia had lived in the village for 44 years and was well known for her flower and produce entries in the Margaretting Horticultural Show where over the years she won many prizes and cups. Our thoughts are with her husband Harold, her children Nick, Tim and Penny, grandchildren, family and friends.

Easter Lilies

There will be an Easter Sunday Service at St Margaret's on 20th 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 Savill at The Martins, Main Road, CM4 9JB or telephone her on 07749 880512. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Displays of pink roses and carnations in honour of Patricia Taylor



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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 '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 back page. You can also contact the parish council via email parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Cllr Wallace welcomed Gillian Bonnett, the newly elected councillor for South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting, to the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications received

24/01678/FUL - The Oaks, Wantz Road

Proposal: Conversion of stable to a residential annexe for ancillary use.

Planning Decisions received

24/01698/FUL - Webbs Cottage, Main Road

Proposal: Demolition of existing store. Construction of two storey side extensions to existing studio flats with alterations to fenestration. Alterations to existing driveway.

Application approved

24/01709/FUL - Longcroft, Maldon Road

Proposal: Single storey, flat roofed rear extension.

Application approved

24/01714/FUL - Linden, Maldon Road

Proposal: Raise roof to create first floor with alterations to fenestration and cladding. Addition of single storey porch to front. Replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof.

Application refused

Accounts.

The following expenditure was agreed:

PWLB - £5,080 (Loan Repayment)

Blood Cancer UK - £50 (Cllr Grundy's charity)

Village Hall. The Black Bull donation plus the extra raffle prizes donated by The Star increased the amount raised by the Race Night to £2,592. Talks are taking place with the school about using the field for nature work, sports day and lunchtime breaks in the summer. Permission has been granted to trim the TPO trees.

Maldon Road Playing Field.

Climbing Frame - gaps appearing between the safety surface and the edging will be filled with topsoil.

Trees - the branches overhanging the Broadoaks annexe can be cut back and removed by the parishioner. Access through the playing field to carry out the work is not allowed.

Main Road.

National Speed Limit Sign - the sign knocked down opposite Bishops Court has been reported (Ref. 2955845).

War Memorial - The unnamed soldier is to remain there.

Red telephone box by the pond - Cllr Bonnett to inform the City Council that the parish council is happy to have the equipment removed and the phone box secured.

Webbs Cottage - Nothing to report about rubbish being dumped on the property's adjacent land. This issue has been raised with the Black Bull.

Maldon Road.

Dumped furniture - partially obstructing the pavement outside a property in Maldon Road has been reported to Chelmer Housing Partnership. (Ref 72/204402/WAIEJF)

Potholes - Clerk to report the surface water by El-Rita.

The large pothole between Whitesbridge Farm and the bridge has been reported. (Ref 3782456).

The Tye. The dog fouling bin at The White Hart seems to be periodically missed off the City Council emptying rota. This issue has been reported. (Ref. RFSS 54279).

Grass Cutting. MD Landscapes has closed. This company will no longer be cutting the grass around the village.

City Council. Cllr Bonnett reported on increases in car parking tariffs, burial and cremation fees, brown bin emptying charges. Councillors expressed an interest to learn how much money had been raised at Hylands Park through the parking fees. Freedom of Information (Ref IR12171)

351 Bus Service. Margaretting parish council will support Ingatestone parish council in trying to get some extra 351 services throughout the day.

Parish Council Meetings: Thursday 13 March and 10 April at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Saturday 12th July 2025 – 12:30pm - 4:30pm

March brings the expectation of warmer weather. Bright arrays of springtime flowering bulbs and blossom on the trees. While the sun's rays are gaining in strength, there is a chance of late frosts.

This month, sow seeds in greenhouses or on windowsills. Sow hardy annuals outside, finish pruning roses to boost summer blooms, remove seed heads from daffodils and other spring bulbs, allow foliage to die back naturally, feed ericaceous shrubs, place bug boxes in sheltered garden areas, and continue feeding garden birds as breeding season begins.

With the arrival of April showers and increased daylight, the growing season is progressing well, although there remains a possibility of a late frost. Indoor-sown seeds will be developing nicely, and now is the time to directly sow hardy annual seeds outside into gaps in your borders. For instant colour, consider planting primulas and polyanthus. Other tasks for this month include deadheading spring bulbs to conserve their energy for the following year, pruning hydrangeas by cutting back old stems to healthy growth, and sowing sunflowers in sunny positions for late summer colour.

For vegetable gardening, sow second early and main crop potatoes, and plant outdoor varieties of tomatoes, chillies, and courgettes into pots, which will be ready for planting out in May or June. It is also essential to keep emerging weeds under control. Increase the water given to houseplants and feed hungry shrubs and roses to support their new growth. Additionally, this is an opportune time to sow new lawns or repair bare patches.

This year, we are pleased to announce the show will open with the School Choir, entertainment will continue with The Silver Gem Majorettes, inflatable Bungee Run suitable for all ages and more yet to be confirmed. There will be a variety of exquisite, handcrafted stalls, high-quality home-made products, barbecue, bar, music, refreshments, exhibitions and traditional favourites too.

Please save the date and we look forward to seeing you.

Thank you very much for your continued support; it is truly appreciated. If you have any suggestions for the fête, or donations, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please contact the Committee by email:

margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

Lorna Cannon

Notice of the Village Hall AGM Held in the Chelmer Room at Margaretting Village Hall Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7:30pm

Everyone is invited to participate and share their views.

Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road,
Margaretting, Essex CM4 0EP

www.MargarettingVillageHall.org.uk

The Margaretting Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales, number 301365.

VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

On Saturday, 8th February 2025, a fundraising event took place at the hall, organized by Jackie Dartnell, who runs the Dance for Fitness club.



The evening featured exceptional vocal performances by James and lively engaging music by local Bluegrass band, the One Tree Hillbillies. Jackie and her dance troupe captivated the full audience with an exquisite performance encompassing various styles, including ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and hoedown. The evening, including a raffle, raised an amazing £710 in much needed funds for the hall.

Huge thanks to Jackie, all the performers for their generosity in putting on this event, the donated raffle prizes, the audience and everyone involved for making this evening such a success.

Due to its success, another evening is being planned for nearer Christmas.

Thank You!

Since November, book sales have raised £50.49 and jar donations have collected £38.

Thank you so much for your continued support! Every penny raised through these donations directly contributes to the upkeep of our village hall and helps fund future initiatives that will benefit everyone in our community.

Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we are grateful for your contribution.



KINDER ESSEX
Please remember to search for the 'Pocket Hugs Hearts' that are hidden throughout the village.

As part of the Kinder Essex Project, 850 hearts have been strategically hidden or distributed in Chelmsford and neighbouring villages as acts of kindness. May they brighten your day, to keep or give away. They have been lovingly made by kind members of Hug in a Shrug Groups. **There are only 6 remaining to be found in Margaretting.** Best of luck.



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Flower Team: New members welcome to help arrange flowers in the church for special services - Easter, Harvest and Christmas. For more information please contact Angela Smith on 01277 352054 or 07979 300404.

Supporters Group: Volunteers are urgently needed to help maintain the churchyard. Ongoing tasks include spraying the gravel paths, weeding ancient graves and keeping brambles and stinging nettles under control. If you are not a member of this group but are interested in becoming one or have some spare time to help in the churchyard, please contact Michael on 01277 354821 or David on 01245 466401

MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

Margaretting Church of England Primary school recognised for having the happiest pupils!

Margaretting Primary School is one of three LIFE Education Trust schools to be recognised for an award for pupil happiness and pupil choice this week, by education research specialists, Edurio who work with around 2,000 schools and 150 Trusts in the UK.

The Pupil Happiness award saw Margaretting earn a place in the top ten performing schools for the Edurio Pupil Happiness Award for Primary Schools.

Edurio CEO Ernest Jenavs said, *"The awards celebrate exceptional efforts in fostering an environment where pupils can thrive. Based on national survey data from pupils during the 2023/24 academic year, Margaretting Primary School, Dame Tipping Primary School & The Bridge have achieved remarkable results, ranking among the highest in the country."*

For more information about admissions or to book a tour of the school, please visit the school website or contact the admin team: www.margaretting.essex.sch.uk



MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

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 Savill 07749 880512.

The three books we have read since Christmas are 'The Crooked House' by Agatha Christie, 'The Poisonwood Bible' by Barbara Kingswood' and 'Behind The Scenes At The Museum' by Kate Atkinson.

'The Crooked House' by Agatha Christie was first published in March 1949. The action takes place in and near London in the autumn of 1947. We found it enjoyable as a period piece, as a murder mystery and a character study.

'Behind The Scenes At The Museum' is Kate Atkinson's debut novel published in 1995. We really enjoyed reading this book. It is a tale of four generations of women in a Yorkshire family spanning the twentieth century.

'The Poisonwood Bible' published in 1998 proved to be challenging and at times provocative and a depressing read. It is a long novel (614 pages) about The Price family, a missionary family who in 1959 moved from Georgia in the USA to the village of Kilanga in the Belgian Congo. The story explores freedom, women and sexism, religion and faith, growth and coming-of-age through the eyes of the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist. We are currently reading 'Perfume, The Story of a Murderer' by Patrick Suskind.

MARGARETTING POND

Pond maintenance takes place on the last Sunday of each month at 9:30am. New helpers welcome. For more information please contact Tom Davey on 0737 537 3804

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's on March 2025

The following are regular users of the hall

Aerobics: 7pm - Main Hall - Wednesday 19th
Barnraisers: 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 18th
Chelmsford Beekeeper Theory-8pm-9.30pm Chelmer Room-5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Chelmsford Remote Control Club: 5pm-10pm Main Hall and Meeting room-7th
Dance to Fitness: 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Dog Training: 5pm-Main Hall-Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & Tuesday 4th
Essex Beekeepers Association: 8.30am - 4.30pm - Saturday 1st
Essex Budgerigars: 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 5th
Essex Woodcarvers: 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 2nd
Flower Arranging: 11am – 1pm Main Hall – Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Margaretting Village Hall Committee: 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 4th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia: 6.15pm -7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Variety Band Practice : 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - 12th

What's on April 2025

Aerobics: 7pm - Main Hall - Wednesday 16th
Barnraisers: 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Cats Protection Market: 9am - 3pm - Main Hall - Saturday 5th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing: 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 4th and 1pm - 10pm 18th
Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 15th
Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7pm Chelmer Room - Tuesday 1st
Dance to Fitness: 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Tuesday 1st, 22nd, 29th Wednesday 2nd, 23rd, 30th
Dog Training: 5pm Main Hall - Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Tuesday 1st
Essex Budgerigars : 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 2nd
Essex Woodcarvers: 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 6th
Flower Arranging: 11am - 1pm Main Hall - Thursday 3rd, 24th
Margaretting Village Hall Committee: 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Tuesday 1st
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia: 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Variety Band practice : 7.30pm Main Hall – Wednesday 9th

**For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:
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MARCH AND APRIL

RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack

5th and 19th March

2nd, 16th and 30th April

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

12th and 26th March

9th and 23rd April

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday

Black bin, green box and card sack

6th and 20th March

3rd and 17th April

Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

13th and 27th March

10th and 24th April

Reflections Health & Leisure Notice

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Robert Bartella, the esteemed patriarch of our company. He departed peacefully on Thursday 30th January 2025. Born in Greece in 1938, Robert was a prominent businessman in Essex, renowned for his ownership/partnership of several notable establishments, including Pontlands Park, Ivy Hill, Furze Hill, Bartellas Restaurant, South Lodge, Whitehall, The Heybridge, Sam's, Eclipse and Duke's Nightclub, amongst others.

His legacy will endure, and he will be deeply missed.

Mountnessing Village Hall Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

Tuesday afternoons
(usually the 4th Tuesday)

Concerts start at 2.15pm

(doors open 1.45pm)

Entry at the door is £5 for members.

£7 for guests (cash please)

includes interval refreshments

25th March Mark Speight

22nd April Elizabeth Harrison

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