



MARGARETTING NEWS

MARCH AND APRIL 2026

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET CHURCH MARGARETTING

MARCH

1st - NO SERVICE
8th - NO SERVICE
15th - 11:15 Service
Mothering Sunday
22nd - NO SERVICE
29th - NO SERVICE

APRIL

5th - 11:15 Service
Easter Sunday

12th APRIL - BENEFICE SERVICE AT INGATESTONE CHURCH - 10:30am

19th - NO SERVICE
26th - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

MARCH

9:30am - Creation Service
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Family Service

9:30am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Palm Sunday Service

APRIL

9:30am - Holy Communion

ST. MARY CHURCH BUTTSBURY

MARCH

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

NO SERVICE

NO SERVICE

APRIL

8:45am - Easter Holy Communion

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all our services
General enquiries and funerals: Timothy Lee - telephone 0778 778 3860

EASTER LILIES

There will be an Easter Sunday Service at Margaretting Church on 5th 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 donating 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 880 512.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

15th March at 11:15am

Margaretting Parish Church, Church Lane

An opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on all the people in our lives who have "mothered" us in numerous ways

We have gifts of pots of primroses to share.

MARGARETTING PARISH CHURCH CHURCH LANE MARGARETTING CM4 0ED

JAZZ IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 13th June at 7:30pm

A toe tapping evening with Evan and his jazz band

All funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

Tickets £10 from Penny Savill 07749 880 512 and Michael Scott 07808 605 388

Ticket Includes a glass of wine or soft drink. For more information contact Penny Savill or Michael Scott



Margaretting Village Hall

Coffee Morning Dates for 2026

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Saturday 20th June 2026

Sunday 13th September 2026

Sunday 8th November 2026

Saturday 5th December 2026

10:30am ~ 1pm



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

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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 – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Planning Applications Received

25/01719/FUL - Hawthorns, Wantz Road.

Proposal: Conversion of a part Class E offices dwelling. Conversion of an office to an annexe.

25/05299/TP0 - Farthings, Pennys Lane.

Proposal: T7, T8, T9 Oak – Prune over hanging branches on northeast border with branches hanging above outbuildings towards the southwest by max 1.5m. Reason; Hazard to outbuildings.

26/00057/FUL - Van Dykes

Proposal: Construction of a swimming pool with associated landscaping.

25/00867/S73/1 - Baskervilles Roman Road

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of approved application 25/00867/FUL (Demolition of the existing commercial kennels and cattery buildings and residential dwelling and redevelopment of the site comprising of seven dwellings) Site layout updated to increase value of the site.

The following matters were discussed and agreed at the January and February meetings.

Expenditure – January and February

Mrs S Smith - £500 (Village Hall Paint)

Pylons - Public Consultation November 2025

Nothing to Report

Maldon Road - Whites Bridge Walk boards.

Cllr Smith outlined the history of the walk boards which are now broken, damaged or missing due to weather, wear and tear and accidents. When there is an accident, the bridge gets repaired, but the railings and boards are left. Previously, the Environment Agency agreed to replace the boards if the Flood Alleviation Scheme went ahead. Cllrs agreed if the boards were repaired, they could be maintained, hedges would be trimmed making visibility much better. The parish clerk to refer the matter with relevant photographs to Highways CCC.

Village Hall The Main Hall has been decorated. The bar area and Chelmer room were decorated by The Mates group. Cllr Wallace suggested holding a Summer Charity Event to raise funds.

351 Bus Route Thanks, were expressed to Cllr Martyn Hart (Ingatestone parish council) who, through the Love Your Bus Scheme, managed to get an extra half hour service. Cllr Hart is now trying to get the route extended to Basildon Hospital. So, instead of three buses taking two and a half hours to get there one bus would take fifty-five minutes and be a direct service. Margaretting parish council supports this proposal.

War Memorial - Missing Names - Nothing to report.

Maldon Road Playing Field

(i) Safety surface. Repairs to be re-reported.

(ii) Allotments. Nothing to report.

(iii) Conifer Trees. Nothing to report.

Swan Lane Cllr. Bonnett to follow up Cllr Quilter's report of fly tipping.

Three Mile Hill Parish clerk to report the bags of rubbish on the central reservation.

Cllr Bonnett reported the following:

Essex County Council Elections These will take place in May. As a result of changes to ECC's electoral boundaries, reviewed and agreed in 2024 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, both Stock and Margaretting will fall within the new Broomfield and Writtle County division.

Council Tax The City Council, following government advice, is planning to move to collecting council tax over twelve months instead of the present ten. This proposal will be decided at the City Council's February meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12 March and 9 April at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Margaretting Book Club

Not everyone enjoyed reading 'The Second Sleep' by Robert Harris – an historical/science fiction novel - which explores the potential dangers of repeating history. When the novel begins, the reader is under the impression that the story is set in the late medieval era. However, it soon becomes evident that the novel is set 800 years in the future following the total collapse of technological civilisation.

Likewise, not everyone enjoyed 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles' by Agatha Christie. This is her first Poirot novel and introduces Monsieur Poirot, a Belgian refugee, and Captain Hastings 'invalided' from military service due to injury. Readers should be warned the kindle version of this classic whodunit, set in 1920s England, has not been edited to reflect 'modern sensitivities' regarding race, class, and gender. We are currently reading 'The Son in Law' by Charity Norman.

New members welcome. For more information telephone Penny Savill on 07749 880512.

Ingatestone Post Office

The post office is moving to Ingatestone library where it will operate as a local style branch. The current post office branch is scheduled to close on Thursday, 12 March at 17:00 and the post office service at the new location is scheduled to open on Friday 13 March at 13:00. Posters will be displayed to let customers know if there are any unforeseen schedule changes.

Opening times at the new location are Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:30 and Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

It comes with great sadness that we have to let you know that June Moore, a devoted and cherished wife of 73 years, grandmother and great grandmother passed peacefully on 1st February. June had lived in the village for 33 years and was a founder member of Margaretting Friends. In years gone by June, together with her husband Don, organised activities, afternoon teas, and entertainments, for the Margaretting Over 60s Club. More recently with Don she was a proofreader for this newsletter. Our thoughts are with Don, her family, friends, and neighbours.

Should you wish to donate to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, June's chosen charity, the link to 'Much-Loved the In-Memory Platform' is on the back page.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026, 12:30PM

The Margaretting Horticultural Society held its inaugural village fete on Saturday, 13th July 1946 at Peacocks, Margaretting, with the kind permission of Mr & Mrs T. Cooper. The first event featured thirty-three classes and two award cups. While many of these original classes remain today, numerous additional categories have been introduced, offering participants the opportunity to compete for fifteen silver cups and other awards.

Over the past 80 years, the fete has evolved into a major annual occasion for the village and is fondly remembered by both current and former residents. Our aim is to uphold this tradition as a celebration of community spirit, while incorporating modern elements to engage and entertain all generations.

This year marks the fete's 80th anniversary - a significant milestone in our village's history. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has visited, exhibited, managed stalls, assisted with logistics, or otherwise supported the event over the years. The continued success of the fete relies on the dedication of committee members, past and present.

'FUNDANGLES' - LOCAL DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Glenys Vallis writes:

We are participators in the Essex Council Community Care Fund project, whereby we visit villages around Chelmsford whose Dementia Carergivers have NOT had any support and run sessions to help them.

Sadly, Dementia/Alzheimers/Parkinsons even cancer does not have boundaries it goes where it pleases. We want to help these families in every way we can. Carers and loved ones are sadly coming to us younger and younger. When I first started this group, just after Covid 2021, the average age was 75. It's now 64.

Side by Side Support is our group that meets once a month at Widford Village Hall every 2nd Tuesday (2-4pm) solely to meet Carers with issues or are new on this challenging journey. We give information and advice using fact sheets and leaflets produced by Dementia organisations and draw on our own firsthand experiences as we are either still caring or are former carers who volunteer at all our sessions.

We host free of charge, musical afternoons, singalongs, Bingo, and T-dances. Great opportunities for Carers to

QUIZ NIGHT

Margaretting Village Hall Fundraiser
Gather your friends, family and neighbours,
put your heads together and form the ultimate quiz team!

Saturday 18th April 2026

7pm – 10pm

Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road, CM4 0DY

£40 PER TABLE

Teams of up to 6 people

BYO FOOD AND DRINK

Email margarettingvhbookings@gmail.com

or contact 078733 66166 to reserve your table

Currently, our committee consists of six committed individuals all working to ensure an enjoyable experience for visitors, exhibitors, and stallholders as well as to raise sufficient funds for future events.

At this time, we wish to express our profound appreciation to four longstanding committee members who will be stepping down after this year's fete. Their tireless contributions over many years have been invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for their service.

Regrettably, without the addition of new committee members, this year's event may be the last Horticultural Village Fete. It is not feasible to organise and host the fete with only two remaining committee members.

While attendance at every meeting is not required, we do request that new members commit to supporting the event on the day itself - whether by assisting with stalls, coordinating volunteers, helping with setup, or managing post-event activities.

Should you be interested in getting involved or have any questions, please contact us via email at margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

Many thanks. Lorna Cannon

socialise and to find the right information and advice.

Our musical sessions are fun. Great for Carers to feel they can have a bit of their old life back, get out of their isolated situations, whilst their loved ones are enjoying the songs and stimulation. As Margaretting is small we would encourage Dementia Carergivers and loved ones at first to visit either of the musical afternoons held at the Seymour Pavilion, New Road in Ingatestone.

Musical Bingo (1st Thursday in every month 2-4pm).

Singalong (2nd Thursday in every month 2-4pm).

The 351 buses stop close to New Road in Ingatestone.

Groovers is our social dance afternoon held monthly on every 4th Friday (2-4pm) at Margaretting village hall. In January thirty people came, but sadly no one from Margaretting attended. So, I hope by us being in your Newsletter Carers will contact us or just turn up. It doesn't matter. just so long as a Carer (and loved one) comes; it is free and we have refreshments. **Do come along to the coffee morning at the village hall on Sunday March 22nd. I'll be there 10.30 - 12.30**

Kind regards. Glenys (telephone: 07956 855038)

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's On March

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Cats Protection Easter Fayre – 10am - 2pm - Saturday 28th
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, 17th, 24th, 31st and Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Dog Training – 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and Tuesday 3rd
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 4th
Essex Woodcarvers – 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 1st
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 12th, 26th
Fundangles Dementia Support – 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 27th
Horticultural Committee – 7.30pm Meeting Room - 2nd March
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Meeting room - Wednesday 18th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia – 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Variety Band Practice – 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 11th
Village Hall Book Party – Main Hall - 10.30am - 1pm - Sunday 22nd

What's On April

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

**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.

March 24th – David Last April 28th – Michael Wooldridge

MARCH AND APRIL RECYCLING DATES 2026

Wednesday collections

**Food waste, black bin, green box
and card sack**

Wednesday 4th and 18th March

Wednesday 1st, 15th and 29th April

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

Wednesday 11th and 25th March

Wednesday 8th and 22nd April

Thursday collections

**Food waste, black bin, green box
and card sack**

Thursday 5th and 19th March

Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th April

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

Thursday 12th and 26th March

Thursday 9th and 23rd April

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.

Mondays March 23rd and April 27th
2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Contact: Janet Shedel

Telephone: 01277 352213

Email: bryanshedel@googlemail.com

Due to February's cancellation, there is
a dance session on Monday 3rd March

Tribute to June Rose Moore, 1933-2026

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

Your local life-saving charity

<https://junerosemoore.muchloved.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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