

MARGARETTING NEWS MARCH 2021

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

MARGARETTING

MOUNTNESSING

MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

Following the government's announcement of the lockdown in January and advice received from the Chelmsford Diocese all public services held in our benefice, including Ingatestone and Fryerning, have been cancelled.

For all enquiries contact Tim Lee - telephone number 01277 216583

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

LIVES REMEMBERED

Joe Lyons - Main Road Beryl Morgan - Orton Close Brenda Newman - Orton Close Janice Smith - Orton Close Roger White - Orton Close Suzie Wood - Maldon Road

LENT 2021

Copies of the 'Ingatestone & Churches Together' book of Meditations for the Season of Lent have been left in the church porch. The booklet has a biblical reflection for each day - something to read and meditate from Ash Wednesday (17 February) to Palm Sunday (28 March).

CHURCH SERVICES

There will be no services in St Margaret's Church this month. The only exception to this will be funerals. However, Covid rules permitting, we look forward to holding an Easter Sunday service on 4 April. For the time being we are going to have the following only: Sunday streamed services from the Facebook page of Ingatestone Church at 9.30 am each Sunday. That page can be found on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/ingatestoneparishchurch

In addition there is Compline service every night at 10.00 pm on the same page. This is led by Revd Patrick, Revd Sally and Tim Lee, our licensed lay minister, on a rota.

Also, on a Sunday there is another Zoom service at 9.30am with a chance to catch up afterwards. Tim leads that; it has been mainly for Mountnessing church people but welcomes people from the other villages to join them. We also have a Book of Common Prayer Zoom service (traditional language) every Sunday at 3.30 pm. We welcome anyone to join us. Details of both zoom services from Tim Lee and Revd Sally Croft. Contact details on the back page.

FOODBANKS

Revd Sally continues to collect for the local food bank. Demand is still very high and donations do seem to reduce at this time of year. Contributions can be left in the box provided in the porch of The Vicarage, Pennys Lane.

The Trussell Trust, a Christian organisation who run our local foodbanks, also have an online donation option where money can be donated enabling them to buy items that they are particularly in need of or in short supply.

The link to the page is:

www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation

SUZIE WOOD -1966 - 2021

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Suzie Wood on Sunday, 14 February after a long battle with cancer. Suzie passed peacefully while surrounded by her family. She was 54 years old.

Married for thirty-two years to Phil, Suzie was a home-maker, a devoted mother to Lexie and Jordanne and a loving and supportive wife to Phil and his business-P & P Motors.

Suzie led a full and diverse life. She was a passionate advocate for the game of netball. A game she played regularly as Goal Defence. She was active in the life of the village and could always be relied upon to offer support in times of need. If a village project needed an extra pair of hands Suzie would be there!

As a founder member of the Fun Day Committee Suzie was inspirational in getting Margaretting's Family Fun Day & Horticultural Show up and running. She was known for her ideas, drive and energy. On the day itself she would be the first to arrive at the village hall to organise and help set up the pitches and the last to leave after the show had ended and everything had been packed away.

Suzie was a Trustee of the Margaretting in Need Relief Trust. She was known for her dedication and enthusiasm for the aims of the Trust. A charity set up to provide help for the needy, first in the parish of Margaretting and second in the Borough of Chelmsford

I will always remember Suzie as an intelligent and resourceful woman with strong values. You always knew where you stood

with her. Suzie didn't seem afraid of anyone or anything.

In July last year, determined to raise awareness of bowel cancer, she hosted a 'brave the shave' event in her garden to raise funds for 'The Little Princess Trust' and 'Bowel Cancer UK'.

Suzie will be sorely missed by so many people in the village.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

Penny Savill

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Although recent meetings have been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions it is business as usual for the parish council with regard to issues of concern to the community. The parish council continues to carry out its daily duties such as dealing with problems received from residents, considering planning application and submitting comments, progressing projects and sharing information received from public bodies.

Should you require any information or advice please contact one of your parish councillors.

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Planning Applications as at 11 February

PONDERS, MAIN ROAD

Date: 15th January 2021

Application No: 21/00040/FUL

Proposal: Construction of single storey side extensions with two storey side extension incorporating double garage.

3, ELM COTTAGE, PRIVATE ROAD

Date: 22nd January 2021

Application No: 21/00152/FUL

Proposal: Construction of a two storey side extension and a

single storey rear extension.

THE LEYS, MALDON ROAD

Date: 25th January 2021

Application No: 21/00127/CUPAQ

Proposal: Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the proposed change of use from agricultural buildings to one dwelling house (Class C3).

LARMAR ENGINEEING CO LTD, MAIN ROAD

Date: 26th January 2021

Application No: 20/02111/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing Larmar Engineering factory, associated buildings and residential bungalow, and redevelopment to provide seven new residential dwellings with associated parking and amenity space.

SITE AT HANDLEY GREEN LANE

Date: 4th February 2021

Application No: 21/00151/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage/annex and con-

struction of detached new bungalow.

MARGARETTING CAMEO CLUB

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Brenda Newman last month. Brenda sadly passed away on Tuesday 23 February. Brenda was a founder of the Over 60s club (known now as the CAMEO club) and served as a committee member for many years. She was a longstanding resident of Orton Close. Brenda and her husband Don and their young family moved into one of the new houses in 1962. Earlier this year, due to her deteriorating health, Brenda moved into a residential care home. Our thoughts are with Brenda's family and friends.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Wanted empty jars with lids suitable for preserves, chutneys and jams. Please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

Please note the contact telephone number printed in the February newsletter was incorrect.

Our apologies to the telephone subscriber who may have received unwanted jam jar related messages and to anyone wondering why their offers of empty jam jars hadn't been acknowledged.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are two councillor vacancies. If you are interested in being co-opted onto the Margaretting parish council please contact Caroline Kochan, the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Telephone: 01277 350887

Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

GET GROWING GET AN ALLOTMENT

There are allotments available to rent in Margaretting. For more details please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to Margaretting Parish Council. Telephone: 01277 350887 Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

MARGARETTING WhatsApp

This is a community based WhatsApp group for reporting and sharing information that affects all of us. 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

This is a chat group for members of the community to sell, swap or gift unwanted items. If you would like to join the group please send a text to 0749 544 2669.

FLY TIPPING

To report fly tipping - telephone 01245 606606 and ask for Environmental Services. Alternatively, post a report on line via the Chelmsford City Council's website:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment-and-public-health/ report-a-street-problem/report-fly-tipping/

Details required are:

Your name, address and contact details Information about where the problem is located Any further information that you think is relevant Photos or evidence of the problem, if you have it.

This is an efficient service - removal of fly tipping usually occurs within a day or two.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

Our thanks go to committee members Michael Scott and David Frost for their dedication and hard work during the past twelve months. We may have been on and off in lock- Rose bed maintained, roses pruned. down over the past year but Michael and David have worked tirelessly to keep our ancient church and churchyard in good order.

The following repairs and maintenance report, prepared by David, for St Margaret's PCC gives a good insight into their endeavours.

Buildings - repairs and upkeep

Metal cast iron guttering and down pipes surrounding the Church cleaned relined, and painted with Hammerite anti rust paint, damaged parts replaced. Eight roof tiles replaced.

Cement guttering surrounding the Church at ground level repointed and relined, this should help prevent damp.

Large boughs from acacia tree overhanging north east part of roof cut back and disposed of.

Fungus by pews treated twice, probably a long-term problem but cleared in the short term.

Leak in water supply in toilet repaired, wall repaired, replastered and repainted.

In the Quinquennial report we were asked to check, the lightning conductor. This was done, by an external electrician. There was also a requirement for all electrical equipment and wiring to be checked, this was done. About £800 worth of work is required to complete this work.

Churchyard

Paths sprayed several times to clear weeds.

Entrance to churchyard cleared, large boughs cut back in conjunction with British rail.

Wild Flowers, parts of the old churchyard sown with wildflower seed and designated a wildflower area.

Southern hedge and ditch cut and cleared, much improved views over the valley to the river and Stock woods.

The large wild Plum tree which had part blown down and was dangerous was removed (four days' work).

Many gravestones were covered with moss and ivy and weeds, most have been cleared.

Our work has been delayed or deferred in some cases because of the Corona Virus.

ROGER M.WHITE 1931 - 2021

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Roger White. Roger was one of the founder members of the Church Support Group - in fact he was the first one in the village to donate funds to the group. Up to about 18 months ago he could be seen taking his daily walk along Main Road before popping into the Black Bull. Roger was a nature lover and anyone who stopped to chat with him will remember how he loved to talk on the subject. Sadly, the increasing frailty of old age put a stop to his daily walks. Roger lived in Orton Close for many years and in his younger days, following in his father's footsteps, he was employed as a game keeper.

HYLANDS - VISITORS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN PARKING CONSULTATION

Chelmsford residents and other visitors to the Hylands Estate, who do not live in the area, are now being asked for their views on how parking charges will be implemented at this historic venue. The aim of the consultation is to ensure that future parking charges will be fair. The consultation is available online at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylandsconsultation

It is easiest to fill this out online but anyone who cannot take part this way can download a printable version at: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylandsconsultationprintable.

Details of how to send printed copies via FREEPOST can be found at the end of the document. Copies can also be collected from The Stables visitor centre at Hylands.

The consultation will run until 16 March 2021

Chelmsford City Council is proposing these charges to protect essential services, including the city's parks. The City Council • has experienced big financial losses as a result of the pandemic and despite funding from central government, a £3 million shortfall remains for the coming year, on top of the shortfall in the current year. Pressure on the council's budget as well as uncertainties on future income brought about by Covid-19 are expected to continue beyond the next financial year.

Chelmsford City Council relies on service fees and charges more than many councils and so has been hit harder than many by income vanishing from car parks, events, theatre and leisure centres.

The charges will not start until this summer, so there is time for residents to feed in views about the way in which they will be implemented. The charges will bring Hylands into line with most other country parks in Essex, the majority of which already ask visitors to pay for parking.

Under the proposals:

- Residents of the Chelmsford City Council area will be entitled to a 40% parking discount, with a daily charge limited to £3.
- Visitors from outside the city (who do not contribute to the upkeep of the park through their council tax) will be expected to pay a higher rate of £5.
- Chelmsford residents will be able to sign up for a season ticket to obtain a further discount, and residents receiving council tax support and Blue Badge holders will not have to pay.

'Life-line' for those feeling socially isolated beyond Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic may have physically kept communities apart for several months, but communities across Essex have pulled together more than ever. The Essex Wellbeing Service and Essex County Council are encouraging those who are socially isolated or in need of support to get in touch to take advantage of the hundreds of volunteers available to offer a helping hand. Residents can access the Essex Wellbeing Service by calling the helpline 0300 303 9988 or visiting www.essexwellbeingservice.co.uk



Margaretting Village Hall

The village hall remains closed to the public and its regular hirers.

Reopening the hall will depend on government Covid-19 guidelines.

We very much look forward to being able to welcome back our regular hirers and to rearranging all the events that had to be postponed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For information about hall bookings please contact Lynn Cameron on: 01277 355575 or 07794 187741.

Comedy Club Lockdown Laughs LIVE for Farleigh Hospice - 18 March at 8pm

Chelmsford's Thursday night comedy staple, will be presenting a special virtual show in aid of Farleigh Hospice. The Comedy Club 'As Seen on TV' and Farleigh Hospice have teamed up to help people laugh their way out of their lockdown boredom with their first ever virtual comedy night on the 18th March at 8 pm.

The show will feature four of The Comedy Club's top headline comedians including Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist, Mandy Muden*. Mandy is the first woman ever to combine magic and comedy on the UK comedy circuit. There will be a live virtual live front row, to retain the comedy club atmosphere and encourage engagement with the acts.

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Debbie de Boltz, Fundraising Manager at Farleigh Hospice said: "All the comedians taking part are leading UK and international headline acts, so this show is not to be missed!" There will also be a prize draw on the night to win a £50 voucher from the Lion Inn in in Boreham, the home of The Official Comedy Club. Entry into the draw costs just £2.50 and you can enter as many times as you like. It will be drawn by a random name generator live on the night.

All money raised goes towards helping Farleigh Hospice continue to deliver vital care and support to those

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MARCH RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections
Food waste - Every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Wednesdays 10th and 24th March
Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesday 3rd, 17th and 31st March

Thursday collections
Food waste - Every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
Thursday 11th and 25th March
Brown bin, paper sack and
bagged plastics & cartons
Thursday 4th and 18th March

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection Telephone 01245 615800

MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE Roman Road, CM4 9AU 9am to 4pm every day except Tuesday

with a life-limiting illness across mid-Essex.

Tickets can be purchased via the Farleigh Hospice website: www.farleighhospice.org/events/comedy-club-lockdown-laughs

For more information contact the Fundraising Team on 01245 457411 or fundraising@farleighhospice.org

*Acts correct at time of going to press

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MOBILE LIBRARY Following government guidelines the mobile library service is suspended until further notice.

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

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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