



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## MARCH 2022

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

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

6th March - NO SERVICE  
13th March - NO SERVICE  
**20th March - 11:15am  
Holy Communion**  
27th March - NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

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

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am - BCP Holy Communion  
NO SERVICE  
3:30pm - Evensong  
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

**Lent Course:** This year's Lent Course for the churches in the Ingatestone area uses clips from the 2010 film 'The Way'. In this film an American father (played by Martin Sheen) travels to France to retrieve the body of his estranged son, who has died while attempting the Camino walk; the walk of pilgrimage from the French border to Santiago de Compostela. He decides to undertake the journey himself, in an effort to understand both himself and his son. The encounters along the way and the stunning Spanish countryside make for a powerful spiritual journey. The course will enable discussion on the spiritual message of 'The Way'. All are welcome.

The course runs over five weeks either at Ingatestone church or from the comfort of your home on Zoom.

Wednesday daytimes at Ingatestone church:

9 March – 6 April, 12.00 pm for a soup and roll lunch followed by the course 12.30 -1.30pm every week.

Thursday evenings on Zoom:

10 March – 7 April, 7.30 -9.00 pm every week.

There is a cost of £7.99 to each participant to cover the cost of the course book. We need names in advance to order the books - please contact Timothy Lee through Penny Savill, telephone 01277 356182.

**Maldon Road Noticeboard:** We hope to smarten up our part of the crossroads notice board so people can see that the church has something to offer them. If you pass the noticeboard look out for the new *Thought for the Week*.

**Church flowers:** The flower team would welcome new members to help arrange flowers in the church. If you are interested in helping or would like to know more please contact Margaret Boxall on 01277 354844.

**Local Foodbank:** Revd Sally continues to collect for the local food bank. Contributions can be left in the box provided in the porch of The Vicarage.

**Churchyard:** The supporters group is seeking volunteers to join a working party on Saturday, 11 June. Details of work involved from Michael Scott 01277 354821.

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### MARGARETTING SCHOOL NEWS

The Spring Term is flying by at Margaretting Primary School and it has been a time full of engaging learning and inspiring experiences for the children.

Our EYFS children have been learning about fairy tales and have loved baking ginger bread and making masks of the Three Little Pigs. The Year 1 children have been learning about animals and have enjoyed an educational trip to Barleylands Farm. To tie in with their book 'Olga da Polga' this term, the children had a visit from some adorable guinea pigs. The Year 3/4 children have been learning about funfairs, they have loved learning to play the Samba and had great fun acting out being on a funfair ride! The Year 5/6 children have been learning about Ancient Greece and loved dressing up on Greek Day.

The children were delighted to have a visit from our local MP (John Whittingdale) to teach them about democracy. They also showed off their Chelmsford food bank collection box and donations.

As well as learning their topics in class, all children celebrated Chinese New Year by making different artwork to commemorate the occasion. Thank you to the Anglo European School who delivered workshops to the Year 5/6 children - it was a truly memorable day.

We hope to visit St Margaret's Church for our Easter Service on Friday 1 April at 11am. Please do feel free to join us, if you can.

*Melissa Taylor, Head of School*

### VILLAGE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Saturday, 26 March - 10:30 to 12 noon. Meeting at the village hall. Litter picks and black sacks provided.

### SAVE THE DATE

The parish of Margaretting is invited to join together in celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee.

The celebrations will be held on Friday, 3 June 2022 from 3pm and into the evening, at the village hall and field.

An itinerary of the day and evening will follow over the next couple of months.

Should anyone like to become part of the events committee, volunteer their time on the day or make a donation towards this fantastic celebration, please contact Teresa on 07903 642086 or email [teresapaoliburke@btinternet.com](mailto:teresapaoliburke@btinternet.com).

Lets make this an unforgettable occasion!

## MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Items discussed at meetings are reported in this newsletter once the minutes have been 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' (the Margaretting 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 contact the parish council via email. Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com. Alternatively, you can telephone the parish council office and leave a message. Telephone number: 01277 350887. This telephone is checked weekly for messages.

### PLANNING

#### Applications received in January and February

##### **Paddocks, Main Road**

Land formally part of Eweland Hall Cottage

Application: 21/02518/FUL

Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over single storey to side

##### **1, Bank End, Maldon Road**

Application: 22/00006/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for hip to gable roof extension, addition of flat roof dormer to the rear and roof lights to the front.

#### Planning decisions received in February

##### **The Black Bull, Main Road**

Application No: 21/01818/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear Orangey and formalisation of the overflow car park. *Application Approved*

##### **Margaretting Hall, Church Lane**

Application: 21/01540/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the construction of a detached farm workers dwelling with parking and amenity areas. Access and layout being sought, all other matters reserved. *Outline Planning Permission Approved*

##### **1 Elm Cottage, Private Road**

Application No: 21/02270/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single story rear/side extensions.

*Application Approved*

##### **Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye**

Application No: 21/02252/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuildings. Proposed dwelling and Tennis Court. *Application Refused*

### ACCOUNTS

#### **Expenditure in December, January and February:**

£14 - H Blurton (office supplies and telephone batteries)

£50 - Chelmsford City Council (playing field annual rent)

£50 - T Paoli-Burke (chairman's honorarium)

£189 - Broadband

£192 - Communicate UK (office fire alarm service)

£383 - BVB Construction (allotment gates)

£500 - C Kochan (clerk's wages and expenses)

£520 - Village Hall (contribution to the hall's insurance)

£600 - PCC (contribution to upkeep of church yard)

£935 - R Smith (contribution to Tony Smith's bench)

#### **Income:**

£259 - village hall's contribution towards grass cutting.

#### Items discussed at January's parish council meeting

**OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE:** Suggestions on where a 'Book of Remembrance' could be placed for parishioners to record their condolences.

**VILLAGE TREES:** TPO request for a young oak tree growing on land behind the disused garage in Main Road. Weeping Pears (War Memorial) Willow (The Tye). These trees will need attention later on in the year.

Parish Council to check whether the diseased Copper Beech by the pond has been inspected yet.

**MAIN ROAD:** The wooden bollards on the grass verge between The Saddlery and Larmars have all been damaged except one. Highways to be contacted to explain the Parish Council wish to replace them with more substantial ones.

**CHURCH LANE:** Parish Council to contact G Sharpe about closed off passing places.

**WHITESBRIDGE:** Parish Council to report the dangerous and broken posts at Whitesbridge. It was noted if the flood alleviation project goes ahead the Environment Agency had budgeted to replace the walk boards at the bridge.

**CYCLE PATH:** Parish Council to contact Chelmsford City Council to request the footpath from Indian Nights (Widford) and the cycle path at Hylands golf course be extended and joined together to encourage people to walk or cycle to Hylands Park.

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### CAMEO CLUB

Last month, as well as being treated to one of Phyliss's home baked cottage pies and berry fruit puddings, Rosemary entertained us with a slideshow of photographs taken at past events. This month (Thursday, 10 March) we look forward to meeting in one of our members homes and enjoying a meal together. 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. Meeting dates for the next two months are: 14 April and 12 May.

### MARGARETTING CRAFT GROUP

Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday, 7 March in the Chelmer Room at village hall. If you would like to learn a new craft, or set aside time to complete an on-going project, please come and join us. For more information please contact Lynn Edwards on 01277 354462.

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### The Margaretting Family Fun Day and Horticultural Show

After two years of uncertainty and upset, we are positively thrilled to let you know that planning is well under way for this year's show. Out on the field we will have various fun and games, tug-o-war, Punch and Judy, BBQ and bar, unique stalls and dance workshops.

The RAF will be making their special fly past which is always emotional and exciting to see.

For the horticultural show we can offer some tips. Plant onions sets, chit potatoes, prune your roses to encourage strong growth and more blooms and sew your vegetable seeds. Nurture until July and bring along to the show for a chance of winning a beautiful silver cup or two.

Don't forget the baking and making exhibits too!

Keep this date free – Saturday, 9 July 2022 from 1pm-5pm. We are looking forward to seeing you.

For more information on events or exhibits please do not hesitate to contact us: margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

## TONY SMITH (1940-2018)

There have been lots of lovely comments about a new bench recently installed in memory of Tony Smith on the greensward (between Yew Tree Cottage and Peacocks Lodge) opposite the village pond. The bench, made by our local blacksmith Peter Trick, was funded by the Parish Council and the Smith family. In a year where 'devotion to duty' is on everyone's lips the following extract from 'a village tribute', read by Simon Upton at Tony's funeral in December 2018, may be of interest.

"I was honoured to be asked to do this tribute on behalf of the village for Tony, so I thought I would seek help for inspiration and knowledge locally. The response was huge and I know my tribute should not be too long so I am having to abbreviate Tony's long tireless, selfless and quiet good deeds for the village of Margaretting - but they were extensive.

In 1963 Tony's father Sidney passed away leaving a gap on the parish council which he had occupied. In 1968 after a little persuasion Tony was co-opted on to the parish council where he served for some fifty years creating a valuable wealth of knowledge and historical references of past issues which were useful in this planning committee post.

In fact it is safe to say Tony during his lifetime pretty much served on every committee in the village which I think is an amazing feat of achievement.

- \* Chairman of the Parish Council
- \* Vice President of Margaretting Cricket Club - and active player in younger years
- \* Vice President of Margaretting Football Club - and keen supporter only!
- \* Vice President of Margaretting Horticultural Society
- \* Senior Trustee of Margaretting Relief in Need Trust

Not only that, while serving on committees, jobs for and around the village would come up and Tony was often the one to delegate himself, or was persuaded to be delegated as he had the know-how or the machine to do it and the ability to second a man or woman power to get the job done.

In early 2000 Tony and Di took the forklift and the trailer to the children's playground to remove the roundabout which they brought back to Whitesbridge Farm which then went for repair and painting. I think Steve Warr and Brian Smith got roped in on that!!

The annual village litter pick always saw Tony and John Currie providing tractors, trailers and land rovers to carry the rubbish away to Margaretting Hall for proper disposal.

At a parish council meeting it was mentioned the village didn't have a flag pole; Tony immediately offered to provide one, free of charge for the village. Maurice Wright organised the flags and offered to be 'Master of the Pole' (or whatever you call that person).

When the new extension to the village hall, called the Meeting Room, was completed, Tony thought it needed a clock - probably to keep an eye on time so not to prolong meetings. He organised a radio-controlled clock with automatic time setting for when the clocks go forward or backwards so no one had to bother to re-set it.

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## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

After a two month break we are looking forward to resuming our monthly afternoon meetings on Wednesday, 16 March. Time permitting we will be discussing three books: 'Great Things' by Jodi Picoult; 'Shuggie Bain' by Douglas Stuart and 'Once Upon a River' by Diane Setterfield. For more information about the book club please contact Penny Savill on 01277 356182.



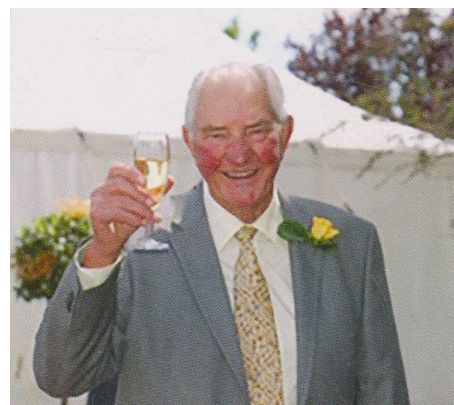
On 6th May 1996 four church bells were removed from St Margaret's church. Tony and Walter Price took the bells on his land rover and trailer to the Mile End Foundry. Then on 28th June 1996 went to pick up the restored bells and one newly cast bell in memory of George Eve and Les Caterwell.

Tony has been storing, at the farm, the salt grit supplied by Essex County Council as a central base to distribute around the village to keep the pubs, village hall, the church and bus stops all up and running in time of snow and freeze.

When you farm so close to the village centre, the village become your daily commute as you tend your cattle, sheep and crops. That person becomes very much part of the fabric of the community. And, the Smith family have without doubt, become a huge part of the fabric.

Sadly, there is a large tear in it at the present as we say good-bye to Tony our tireless, generous friend and gentleman and we send our prayers of gratitude and thanks for being a wonderful kindly neighbour to us all."

Photo of Tony taken on 2nd August 2015 - celebrating his and Angela's Golden Wedding Anniversary.



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## REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

As many of you will know, dotted around the grounds of the village hall are a number of dedicated memorial benches. Some have been in position for many years and although some have been refurbished in that time period, some, are invariably, in need of further work or have reached the end of their safe life. Therefore, if anyone has any contact with family members or groups who have dedicated benches on the field and wish to have a discussion with the village hall committee about their bench, please contact Lynn asap on 01277 355575.

The plaques on the benches are: Margaretting Horticultural Society 1961; Dedicated to George Wallace 1926 -1978 Margaretting Cricket Club; In Loving Memory of Stanley James Farley 1910 – 1992; In Memory of Les Catterwell for his achievements to the village and sports clubs of Margaretting; Donated By George and Stuart Cliff January 2007 manufactured by Ingatestone Interiors; Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012; Colin Hunter 1953-1996 sitting and watching with his dad forever.



# Margaretting Village Hall

## What's on March 2022

The following are Regular users of the hall

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

- Aerobics – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>
- Barnraisers 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>
- Boot Camp – 6-7pm Main Hall – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>
- Chelmsford Beekeepers 7.30pm Main Hall – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>
- Chelmsford Beekeepers Theory 7pm Main Hall – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>
- Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing – 5pm Main Hall – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>
- JUMBLE SALE/Coffee Morning – 10am – 12 noon – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>
- Craft Club – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – Monday 7<sup>th</sup>
- Dance to Fitness – 9am Main Hall – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>
- Dog Training – 5pm Main Hall - Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Main Hall – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>
- \*\*NEW\*\*** Happy Space Children Yoga – 9.00am – Chelmer Room – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>
- Keyboards – 1pm – 3pm – Chelmer Room – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>
- Loose Threads – 9.30am – 6pm Main Hall – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>
- Margaretting Friends AGM – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – Monday 21<sup>st</sup>
- Margaretting Parish Council – 7pm Meeting Room – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>
- Variety Band practice – 7.30pm Main Hall – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

For further information please contact

the Booking Secretary on: 01277 355575 or 07794 187741

### VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING AND JUMBLE SALE

Margaretting Village Hall - Saturday 12th March  
10am – 12noon All Welcome

#### Parish Councillor's Contact Details

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#### MARCH RECYCLING DATES

##### Wednesday collections

Food waste - Every Wednesday  
Black bin, green box and card sack  
Wednesdays 9th and 23rd March

##### Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th March

##### Thursday collections

Food waste - Every Thursday  
Black bin, green box and card sack  
Thursday 10th and 24th March

##### Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

Thursday 3rd, 17th and 31st March

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection  
Telephone 01245 615800

#### MOUNTNESSING RECYCLING CENTRE

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

#### JUMBLE SALE – HELP NEEDED

Margaretting Friends need help with setting up and on the morning itself - manning stalls and keeping an eye on things in general. If you can assist, please contact Lynn Cameron. If you have any jumble to donate, collections can be arranged from 1st March, telephone Michael Scott on 01277 354821 or Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575

#### HAPPY SPACE YOGA

Kate de Goni-Parks has just started running a children's yoga class for ages 4-8yrs in the village hall on Sunday mornings. If the class proves popular Kate hopes to introduce another class. For more information please contact Kate. Phone: 07482 543427

Email: [kate@happyspaceyoga.uk](mailto:kate@happyspaceyoga.uk)

#### MARGARETTING FRIENDS

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. New members welcome or if you would like to join us at one of our evening meetings when we have a guest speaker please contact Lynn Cameron 01277 355575.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 21 March.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons - 17th March at 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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