



MARGARETTING NEWS

MAY/JUNE 2026

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARETS MARGARETTING

3rd May - NO SERVICE

10th May - NO SERVICE

17th May - 1:00pm

Family and Baptism Service

24th May - NO SERVICE

31st MAY - BENEFICE SERVICE - MOUNTNESSING CHURCH - 10:30AM

7th June - NO SERVICE

14th June - NO SERVICE

21st June - NO SERVICE

28th June - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Rogation Service

9:30am - Morning Prayer

9:30am - Holy Communion

9:30am - Family Service

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9:30am - Holy Communion

9:30am - Family Service

ST. MARYS BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

5:00pm - Rogation Service

NO SERVICE

8:45am - Holy Communion

NO SERVICE

5:00pm - Evensong

NO SERVICE

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services

General enquiries and funerals: Timothy Lee - telephone 0778 778 3860

Weddings and baptisms: Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani - telephone 0782 766 8169

ST MARGARETS CHURCH

Lilies at Easter represent peace and joy, new beginnings and hope. In remembrance of a loved one, the following names were read aloud during the Easter Sunday service.

Barbara and Donald Bewers

Michael Bewers

George Cliff

Emily and Wilf Frost

Eileen Green

Marjorie and Frederick Herterich

Peter John Morhall

Ann Pearce

Walter Price

Roy Savill

Tony Smith

Alfred Charles Styles

Patricia Taylor

Mary and Harold Taylor

Priscilla Mary Upton

Alice and Richard Wall

Ann Wheal

‘Marion Price was held in thought and prayer’



A big thank you to Angela Smith and her flower team - Dawn Anstee, Christine Elsom, Janet McTurk and Nicola Pyett - for the beautiful Easter Sunday floral arrangements.

And to all the volunteers who joined the churchyard working party and spent a day in March clearing brambles, overgrown hedges and trees. Special thanks to Samuel Alexander and members of his tree surgery firm - Ascending ARBS. His team cleared the boundary hedges in particular the evergreen laurel opposite the old vicarage.



DIARY DATES - ST MARGARETS CHURCH

JAZZ Evening - Saturday 13 June at 7:30pm

Afternoon Tea & Songs of Praise - Sunday 19 July at 3pm

Harvest Festival - Sunday 18 October at 11:15am

Carol Service - Wednesday 16 December at 7pm

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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 APPLICATIONS MARCH AND APRIL

Planning applications received

26/00361/FUL- 4 Crondon Hall Cottages, The Tye
Proposal: Detached garage.

26/00289/FUL - Chalksfield, The Tye
Proposal: Single storey rear extension and replacement front porch. Alterations to fenestration.

26/00338-41/FUL - Land adjacent to Stonewold, The Tye
Proposal: Construction of a new machinery store and cow barns.

Planning decisions received

26/00021/PIP - Land between A12 and The Oaks, Wantz Road
Application Permitted.

The following matters were discussed at the March and April meetings.

Footpaths between Church Lane and Ingatestone Which Council is responsible for clearing overgrown vegetation?
Speedwell Garage and A & C Autos Customers' cars parked on the verge blocking the view of oncoming traffic
Council Tax. Retention of existing ten month instalment schedule for council tax bills.

Damaged Grass Verges Requests for the verges outside

Rymers, Wantz Road and Clovelly, Maldon Road to be reinstated once work to the properties have finished.

Maldon Road Playing Field.

Lease: City Council's proposal for rent to be increased in 2034 to £500 per annum with a review every five, ten and fifteen years.

Play equipment: ROSPA inspection and outstanding repairs to equipment.

Conifer Trees: Dates for Chelmer Housing Partnership to cut the trees - 18th and 19th March.

Main Road. Installation of new bollards by The Saddlery.

Pylons. Use of Ivy Barn Lane as a through way with a lay down compound site. Consideration of a £2,000 financial contribution to help pay towards a barrister and advisers.

Village Security. See next page.

Accounts. The following expenditure was agreed in March
Communicate UK - £246 (Fire Alarm Maintenance)
C Kochan - £545 (Clerks Salary & Expenses)
PWL B - £399 (Loan repayment)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 14 May at 7pm.

Parish Assembly followed by a parish council meeting at 7:30pm. Thursday, 11 June at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Saturday 11th July 2026 ~ 12:30pm

Established in 1946, The Margaretting Horticultural Society has organised this annual village community fete, which has become a cornerstone of village tradition. The origins follow the success of the Victory Show the previous year. Over the years, the event has evolved significantly, incorporating modern elements into its traditional format while maintaining a strong sense of community spirit that continues to unite the village.

The fete welcomes participants of all ages, from 4 to 104, to showcase their talents in over 70 classes in these categories - horticultural, household and children's. After judging their exhibits are on show in the main hall. It brings families and friends together to proudly share, grow, and prepare for the event.

Each year we award our historic, beautiful, silver cups to those who have exhibited fine produce in these classes. The Royal Horticultural Society grants us the Banksian Medal to award to any individual exhibitor who achieved the highest points in the Horticultural Classes in the current year. This is a dated and unique medal awarded with a certificate that is theirs to keep forever.

On the recreation ground, visitors can browse a variety of artisan craft stalls offering items made of soap, honey, ceramics, fabric, glass, and woodwork, along with tasty homemade treats, a barbecue, and a bar tent. Live music performances, singing, and entertainment for children are also featured, as well as both traditional and modern games.

Entertainment in the central arena changes each year as we continue to expand our offerings. For the 80th anniversary fete, guests can look forward to an unforgettable experience, including aerial acrobatics, additional vintage vehicles and models, and the BBMF Supermarine Spitfire flypast.

We look forward to welcoming all our visitors to our fete where there is something for everyone to enjoy. If you have any question or would like to get involved and ensure the future of the fete, then please do get in touch via email margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

Lorna Cannon

Quiz Night

Margaretting Village Hall Charity Fundraiser

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

Saturday 6th June 2026 - 7pm to 10pm

Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road, CM4 0DY

Bring your own snacks and drinks

Email margarettingvhbookings@gmail.com

or contact 07873366166 for more information and to reserve your table.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE - 10:30AM TO 1PM

We look forward to welcoming you at this pleasant gathering where you can chat with friends and neighbours while sampling delicious refreshments.

In addition, you'll find:

Homemade cakes and savoury snacks

Refreshments and local honey

Natural artisan beauty products

Locally grown plants and floral arrangements

Books and bric-a-brac Plus a raffle

Chelmsford Croquet Club Moves To Margaretting – Come And Try The Game

Chelmsford Croquet Club is delighted to announce its move to a new home at Margaretting Village Hall offering improved facilities and a welcoming space for both experienced players and complete beginners.

Croquet is a fun, sociable outdoor sport that combines skill, strategy, and a touch of friendly competition. Played on a grass lawn, the game involves striking balls through a series of hoops using a mallet. While it has a reputation for tradition, modern croquet is accessible, engaging, and enjoyed by people of all ages.

Throughout our history, we've been proud to count members and teams among the winners of local, regional and national competitions - and we fully expect that success to continue in the year ahead. However, at its heart, our club is just as much about enjoyment and community. Many of our members simply come along to have a good time, play a game or two during club sessions, and take part in our friendly internal tournaments.

With the move to Margaretting, the club is inviting mem-

bers of the local community and surrounding areas to come along and give it a try. No prior experience is needed, and all equipment is provided.

Chairperson Judith Hand says: "Croquet is a game for everyone, no matter how old you are! It's a great way to unwind and enjoy some time away from everyday life. But when you get to the really good stuff, it's a fascinating test of your skills and strategies. We're always happy to welcome new players to the game and the Club, whether they're just looking for a relaxing game or dreaming of becoming the World Champion."

Croquet will be played from late April to October on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 am and 2 pm – all equipment is provided, just bring a pair of flat shoes or trainers.

For more information or to book a free session please contact Judith on 01702 294798, Andy on 07752 724256 or email: info@chelmsfordcroquet.uk.

Our website is at www.chelmsfordcroquet.uk



Bob Culliton 1952 – 2026

It is with great sadness we write to inform you that Bob Culliton, recently passed away. Many of you may not have known him but he was associated with the Margaretting SSC FC for 50+ years. Bob began playing for the club in the early 1970s and when his playing days ended, he became the secretary then treasurer for the club. There was no job he wouldn't do including refereeing matches, organising end of season presentations, marking out pitch lines or sweeping fallen leaves away that covered the pitch. Bob loved sport and was a lifelong Spurs fan. He also served on the Chelmsford Sunday League Committee for many years.

Through his connection with Margaretting Football, Bob also served on the Margaretting Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee and was our Vice Chairman when he sadly passed recently. Bob was a true gentleman, kind and compassionate with a broad

knowledge and a wicked sense of humour. He touched the lives of so many and our heartfelt thanks to him for everything he did for Margaretting. Rest in peace Bob, we will all miss you.

Margaretting Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee

IN MEMORIAM

DON MOORE - It is with great sadness that I share the news of Don's death so soon after that of his late wife June who died in February this year. Don passed away peacefully on 28 April.

Don and June were a great husband and wife team who moved to Maldon Road thirty three years ago. They were founder members of the Over 60s Club. A Margaretting club which due to dwindling numbers had to close a few years back. Together they worked hard to keep the club alive arranging monthly entertainments and coach outings. Don could always be relied on to help the club's more elderly and less mobile members get to meetings by giving them lifts in his car. Don was also a founder member of the Margaretting Neighbourhood Watch; again helping and bringing neighbours together. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. I will always remember him as a very special, kind and generous person.

RAY ASHDOWN - Once more it is with sadness I now write that Ray, another long standing Margaretting resident, is no longer with us.

In his younger days Ray took an active interest in parish matters. His advice and knowledge about local borough and parish council procedures were much appreciated by the parish councillors. Our thoughts are with Rosemary, his family and friends. Ray's funeral will be held in St Margarets church later this month. *Penny Savill*

HELP KEEP MARGARETTING VILLAGE SAFE

If you have a doorbell camera or CCTV, at your home or business you can register it with the Kent and Essex CCTV Registry. Police cannot access footage but may contact you if your camera may have captured something useful during a nearby incident. Registration takes about a minute: www.cctvregistrykentandEssex.co.uk You always remain fully in control of your camera and any footage you choose to share.

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

VILLAGE SECURITY

In Margaretting, during the period March 2024 to February 2025, there were twenty three vehicle thefts. For the same period this year there were sixteen. This information is recorded on a police database. To build up the database it is important to report crimes and get a reference number.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We gave 'The Son-In-Law' by Charity Norman top marks. It is an emotionally charged novel filled with deep characters. A compelling and ultimately optimistic story of one man, who killed his wife, and who will do almost anything to be reunited with his children. And of the grandparents who are determined to stop him. We are currently reading 'Munich' by Robert Harris and 'Diva' by Daisy Goodwin. For more information about our meetings or how we choose our books contact Penny on 07749 880 512. New members welcome.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

The following are Regular users of the hall

What's on May 2026

Arts Society Brentwood District 8pm - 10pm - Wednesday 20th May
Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am - 12.30pm Main Hall - Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Chelmsford Beekeepers 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 19th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 1st
Chelmsford Croquet Club 10am - 3pm - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Dance to Fitness 9.30am - 11.30am - Main Hall - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th and Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th
Dog Training 5pm - Main Hall - Mon. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and Tuesday 5th
Essex Budgerigars 7pm Main Hall - Wednesday 6th
Essex Woodcarvers 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 3rd
Flower Arranging 11am - 1pm Meeting Room - Thursday 14th, 28th
Fundagles Dementia Support 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 22nd
Margaretting Village Hall AGM 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 20th
Parish Assembly 7pm Meeting Room - Thursday 14th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 9.45am 11.15am - Saturday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Variety Band Practice 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 13th

What's on June 2026

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am 12.30pm Main Hall - Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Chelmsford Beekeepers 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 16th
Chelmsford Croquet Club 10am - 3pm - Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
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Flower Arranging 11am - 1pm Meeting Room - Thursday 11th, 25th
Fundagles Dementia Support 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 26th
Village Hall Committee 7.30pm Meeting room - Wednesday 17th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and 9.45am - 11.15am Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Parish Council 7.30pm Meeting Room - Thursday 11th
Variety Band Practice 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 10th
Village Hall Book Sale 10am - 2pm Main Hall - Saturday 20th

For further information please contact
the Booking Secretary on: 07794 187 741

Mountnessing Village Hall

Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club
Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th Tuesday).

Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm).
Many styles and genres are played - jazz, easy listening, classical, pop, big band, swing, film themes, songs from musicals etc.
Entry at the door is £5 for members, £7 for guests (cash please) including interval refreshments.

26th May - Brett Wales 23rd June - Ian Griffin

MAY AND JUNE RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
13th and 27th May
10th and 24th June

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

6th and 20th May
3rd and 17th June

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
14th and 28th May
11th and 25th June

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons

7th and 21st May
4th and 18th June

Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane

Ingatestone Circle Dance

Monday 18th May and 22nd June
2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Folk dances from around the world
New members welcome.

Telephone: Janet 01277 352213
Norman 07901 826274

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: ww.susankeeble-artist.com

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

PARISH ASSEMBLY - Thursday 14 May - 7pm
This is your opportunity to share your views and observations about the village. And for the parish council to present its annual report and accounts.

ARTS SOCIETY MEETING

The Arts Society (Brentwood District) will be meeting at Margaretting Village Hall on Wednesday 20th May at 8.00pm to hear an illustrated talk by Tom Duncan on "The Work of Angels: The Book of Kells and its Contemporaries". Tom is a former university teacher, one of whose major interests is the Archaeology of Ireland.
Tea and Coffee will be available from 7.30pm.
Non-members are most welcome to attend the talk the cost is £5, refunded if you decide to join the society.
Why not come and find out about the other talks which we will be offering at Ingatestone later in the year!

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