



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

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

ST. MARGARET - MARGARETTING	ST. GILES - MOUNTNESSING	ST. MARY - BUTTSBURY
2 <sup>nd</sup> November - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Holy Communion	8:45am - Holy Communion
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>10:45am at the War Memorial</b>	9:30am - Remembrance Sunday	3:30pm - Remembrance Sunday
16 <sup>th</sup> November - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
23 <sup>rd</sup> November - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Family Worship	NO SERVICE
	<u>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am - Benefice Service - Ingatestone</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup> December - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Morning Prayer	8:45am Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> December - NO SERVICE	7:00pm - Carol Service	NO SERVICE
<b><u>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm - Christmas Carol Service - Margaretting Church</u></b>		
21 <sup>st</sup> December - NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	3:00pm Carol Service
<b><u>Christmas Eve - Crib Service at 3pm and Christmas Communion at 9pm - Mountnessing</u></b>		
Christmas Day - NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	8:45am Holy Communion
	<u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm - Churches Together Service - Ingatestone</u>	
Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all our services.		
General enquiries and funerals: Timothy Lee - telephone 0778 778 3860		
Weddings and baptisms: Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani - telephone 0782 766 8169		



### HARVEST FESTIVAL – MARGARETTING CHURCH

Floral arrangements by Angela Smith, Chris Elsom, Elizabeth Hill-Cottingham, Nicola Pyett, Jan MacTurck, Ann Moore, Rebecca Ebbrell and Wilhelmina Barrett.



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### Margaretting Village Hall Fundraising Events

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Race Night**  
A fun evening of horse racing, food and drink. For more details - Di Smith: 07754 687 983 or Zoe Gurton: 07530 125 589

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**Dance extravaganza**

A celebration of dance and music with refreshments and mince pies.  
Tickets £10

For more information and tickets please call Lorna on 07873 366 166

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Mini Christmas Market and Coffee Morning 11am - 2pm**

Delicious homemade cakes, artisan stalls for those last-minute presents, raffle and much more.

Thank you Budgens, Blue Dandelion, Phil Torr and Daisy Almond for donating apples, pumpkins, flowers and quinces for the church porch harvest scene.

### DIARY DATES - MARGARETTING CHURCH

**9<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday**  
**10:45am at the War Memorial**  
**Carol Service - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**  
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

## 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](http://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](mailto:parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com) or telephone the parish clerk, Caroline Kochan, on 0786 402 5948

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

#### Planning applications received

25/01308 - Longcroft, Maldon Road

Proposal: Proposed front dormer and replacement rear window.

The following matters were discussed and agreed at the September and October meetings.

#### Expenditure in September/October

Wallace Arb. - £1,375 (village grass cutting)

C Kochan - £545.00 (Clerks Salary & Expenses)

Winsock - £93 (Union Flag)

WAVE - £70 (Allotments water)

CALC - £40 (Annual Subscription)

#### Chelmsford Association of Local Councils

Margaretting to join the CALC - annual fee £40.

Cllr Wallace to attend meetings.

#### Annual Insurance Premium

The amount of public liability insurance is £10m.

#### Village Hall

'Mates' (a mental health group) has decorated the village hall changing room, held a charity football match and installed planters. They are now looking at having the boiler serviced.

#### Dog Waste Bins

These are being monitored to see that the bins are being emptied regularly.

#### Main Road

(i) Parked vehicles obscuring the 'school warning sign'. A resident reported the sign cannot be seen when it flashes at school drop off and pick up times. It was suggested the sign should be moved to Baskervilles or a new one installed by Baskervilles. This suggestion to be followed up with Highways.

(ii) War Memorial Flagpole.

A replacement Union Flag has been purchased from Windsock, a local company based in Ivy Barn Lane.

(iii) Village Pond.

The newly planted tree needs attention.

This tree has a TPO and if it died would have to be replaced. Nearby residents to be asked to water it.

#### Maldon Road Playing Field

(i) Dog fouling in playing field.

Concerns about the amount of dog fouling in the playing field have been investigated. But, on inspection it was thought to be wild animal mess.

(ii) Safety Surfaces.

The City Parks Department to be asked to carry out repairs to the safety surfaces.

(iii) Trees requiring attention.

CHP to be reminded about the overgrown conifer trees.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 6 November and

Thursday 11 December at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

## MARGARETTING ALLOTMENTS

Whole or half allotments available for rent from the parish council.  
Email: [parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com](mailto:parishcouncil.margaretting@outlook.com)

## MARGARETTING REMEMBERED - FACEBOOK

### A group for residents and former residents to share their photos and memories of past times in Margaretting

Phil Torr writes:

Hi all, in case this is of interest, I wanted to let you know that I've recently created a Facebook group, "Margaretting Remembered". I don't know if you do Facebook, but I want to encourage as many people as possible to join and share their memories and photographs of the village down the years.

I shall be posting some of my own photos and anecdotes over the next few weeks and months and if you have something of interest, I'd like you to do the same. I think it could be a nice way learning a little bit of the history of our lovely village.

If you think it's a good idea, please join the group and post any pictures or stories of past characters and events. Thanks. Phil.

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1JKhYccAoy/?mibextid=wwXIf>

## RACE NIGHT

### MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

Friday 14th November at 7pm

TICKETS £20.00 (inc food)

Bar



HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN EVENING  
RAISING MONEY FOR THE UP KEEP OF THE VILLAGE HALL

CONTACT

Di Smith; 07754 687983

OR

Zoe Gurton; 07530 125589

To book your tickets

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

## Autumn Term at Margaretting C of E Primary School

This term, our pupils are experiencing a range of engaging and exciting activities. EYFS – exploring the roles of community heroes during a “People That Help Us” Day, sparking curiosity about the world around them. Years 1 and 2 – traveling back to 1666 for a “Fire of London Day,” bringing history to life through interactive learning. Years 3 and 4 – indulging in a Chocolate Experience Day, blending fun with discovery. Years 5 and 6 - embarking on an educational visit about Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

The festive season will unite our school community with a heart-warming Nativity performance by EYFS and Years 1 and 2, followed by our choir performing at St Margaret's church carol service on December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend either of these events, please contact the school (details are below).

We warmly invite prospective families to an Open Morning later this term on November 6<sup>th</sup> to experience our welcoming community. Spaces are available in most year groups, so please share our details with others who might be interested, especially those with a child starting in Reception in September 2026.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see our pupils thrive and create lasting memories this term. For enquiries, contact our office at 01277 352114 or email Admin@margaretting.essex.sch.uk

*Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head)*

*Mr Niall Robinson (Assistant Head of School)*

## MARGARETTING HORTICULTURAL VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

We're preparing for our 80th annual fete next year and are seeking fresh activities and exhibition categories for our visitors to enjoy. There is always a chance to win in a chosen category and become part of history with your name engraved on our historic silver cups. Since 1946, this event has been central to our village life, and we hope your support will keep it going strong. Please share any suggestions for improving the day on the field or in the exhibition hall.

There will be artisan stalls, refreshments with bar and BBQ, live music and singing, children's entertainment and much fun and games. Many more arrangements for more entertainment are being finalised, making this a day of celebrations for our anniversary.

We are always grateful for any donations towards the raffle and tombola prizes. If you are also able to help on the day, even for just an hour, that would also be appreciated and please do contact the Committee.

As leaves fall more rapidly and wind and rain increase, it is an appropriate time to move tender plants into sheltered areas or greenhouses, or to wrap them in fleece for cold protection. Planting tulip bulbs and clearing leaves from ponds and lawns are recommended seasonal tasks. Providing food and water for birds is also beneficial, as winter presents increased challenges for their survival.

Lorna Cannon    [margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com](mailto:margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com)

## MARGARETTING WAR MEMORIAL

Each year we stand at the War Memorial and listen to the names read aloud of the Margaretting men who died serving their country during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world wars. What we don't hear is their stories, their ages, service details, ranks, awards and whereabouts in Margaretting they lived before joining the military. Second Lieutenant Thomas Hills Christy is one such name – killed in action in France on 12 April 1918 aged 20 years - commemorated on the Margaretting War Memorial and a family plaque in Margaretting Church. He is also recognised on The Essex Yeomanry Memorial in St Peter's Chapel, Chelmsford Cathedral and commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Bay 7, France.

Thomas Hills Christy was born on 20 March 1898. The 1901 census lists the family living at Margaretting Hall Farm (Church Lane). His father David Christy is recorded as an employer/farmer. Thomas was educated at Sidcot School, a boarding school, in Somerset. On leaving school he joined the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps. in November 1915 aged 17 years. When old enough for a commission he was posted in December 1916 to No 1 Cavalry Cadet School at Netheravon, Wiltshire. The following April he was gazetted as a Second Lieutenant to the Essex Yeomanry and posted to France in November 1917. He was attached to the Essex Regiment during the battle of Somme and was killed in the successful counterattack at Hangard on 12 April 1918. His remains were not recovered from the battlefield. He has no known grave. His Medal Card and Roll show he was entitled to The British War Medal and The Victory Medal which would have been sent to his parents after the war.

My thanks to Cllr Gillian Bonnett and her husband, a retired Essex Yeoman, who on a recent visit to St Margarets church noticed the Hills Christy family plaque and shared this information.    *Penny Savill*

## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We enjoyed reading ‘Harbour Street’ by Ann Cleeves, the sixth book in the Vera Stanthorpe series, and agreed it was a skilfully crafted novel with fully developed suspects and cleverly disguised dead ends. ‘Harbour Street’ was adapted as the first episode of series four of ITV’s VERA. We are currently reading ‘The Glass Maker’ by Tracy Chevalier and ‘All The Lonely People’ by Mike Gayle.

For more information telephone Penny Savill on 01277 356182 or 07749 880 512.

We would welcome new members.

## MARGARETTING CHURCH

The Supporters Group committee would like to thank Dawn, Bev and Mark for their help in the churchyard on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Leaves raked up, ivy cleared off ancient graves, hedges trimmed, and trees lopped. Work in the churchyard is literally never-ending! If you can spare some time to help, please do not hesitate to telephone Michael on 07808 605 388 or David on 01245 466401.

# MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

## What's On November

### The following are regular users of the hall

An Evening of Music & Dance - 7pm - Main Hall Saturday 22nd November  
Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club - 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
Cats Protection Christmas Fayre - 11am - 2pm - Saturday 29th  
Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm - 10pm - Main Hall Tuesday 18th  
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing – 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 7th and 9am - 6pm Sunday 23rd  
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 & Tuesday 4th  
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall Wednesday 5th  
Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 2nd  
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 13th, 27th  
Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm Meeting Room – Thursday 6th  
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia - 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 12th  
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 4th

## What's On December

### The following are regular users of the hall

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club - 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 5th, 12th, 19th  
Chelmsford Beekeepers - 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 16th  
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing - 5pm -10pm Main Hall – Friday 5th  
Dance to Fitness – 9.30am – 11.30am Main Hall – Tuesday 2nd, 9th and Wednesday 3rd, 10th  
Dog Training – 5pm Main Hall - Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & Tuesday 2nd  
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 3rd  
Essex Woodcarvers - 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 7th  
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 11th  
Fundangles Dementia Support - 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 12th  
Parish Council – 7.30pm Meeting Room – Thursday 11th  
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia - 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th  
Village Hall Book Party - Main Hall - 10.30am - 1pm  
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 2nd

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

### Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, CM15 0UG

#### Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Nix. December 16<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Bason.

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER RECYCLING DATES

### Wednesday collections

**Food waste - every Wednesday**  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
12th and 26th November  
10th and 24th December  
**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
5th and 19th November  
3rd and 17th December

### Thursday collections

**Food waste - every Thursday**  
**Black bin, green box and card sack**  
13th and 27th November  
11th and 30th December  
**Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons**  
6th and 20th November  
4th and 18th December

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection  
Telephone 01245 615800

### For Sale

#### Locally Grown Christmas Trees

From 22 November up till Christmas  
Open 7 days a week  
Whitesbridge Farm, Maldon Road  
CM4 9JT  
Telephone 07754 687 983

### 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: [www.susankeeble-artist.com](http://www.susankeeble-artist.com)

### Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane

#### Ingatestone Circle Dance

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November & December (tba)  
2.30pm - 4.30pm.

New members welcome.

Contact: Janet Shedel

Telephone: 01277 352213

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