



## MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Margaretting Parish Council will be resuming meetings on Thursday, 10th September. This meeting will be held in the main hall of the village hall with social distancing being observed. Members of the public can attend. Planning decisions received by the parish council since the last newsletter are as follows:-

### **Brooklands, Pennys Lane**

Application No: 20/00829/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory.

Construction of part single and part two storey rear extension, first floor front extension. Conversion of garage to habitable space. Addition of balcony and two roof windows to rear with alterations to front fenestration.

Application Approved

### **4, Orton Close**

Application No: 20/01101/CLOPUD

Proposal: Loft conversion with rear facing dormer, Juliet balcony and front roof light.

Application Approved

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Margaretting Parish Council is made up of nine councillors – elected or co-opted from the local community – who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council.

Currently, Margaretting Parish Council comprises six parish councillors only. Members of the council are:

*Chair:* Harry Blurton

*Councillors:* Teresa Paoli-Burke, Colin Quilter, Di Smith, Simon Upton and Andy Wallace.

Margaretting Parish Council meets every month in the year (except August) on the second Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all parishioners, is attended by our Ward Councillor (Ian Grundy) and has a time at the beginning of the meeting for questions from parishioners.

If you are interested in being co-opted onto the parish council please contact Caroline Kochan, the Clerk to the 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.

## **Margaretting Village Hall**

– we are pleased to announce that we are working towards reopening the hall on 1<sup>st</sup> September to Regular Users only. No bookings are being taken at this time for parties, wedding receptions, children parties or new regular hires. To comply with government advice, the toilets and kitchens will remain closed and unavailable for hires. There is a large number of legislative requirements for the hall to meet to be able to open and this has highlighted how few committee members we have. If you feel you can support this important Community facility by coming on the committee, please contact our Chairman, Michael Scott on 01277 354821. Obviously this is an ongoing situation and opening will be under constant review. The Meeting Room is currently out of commission as we have to provide a separate Covid 19 Isolation room just in case.

## MALDON ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS

It is illegal to park on the double yellow lines, at any time, unless you hold a disabled parking permit. Disabled badge holders are allowed to park on the double yellow lines for up to three hours as long as they are not causing an obstruction.

You can report illegal parking online:

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-parking-enforcement/](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-parking-enforcement/)

## INGATESTONE CHURCH MINI-MEMORIAL SERVICE

We are preparing for a 'Mini-memorial' service at Ingatestone Church on 1st November - from 2.00pm to 5pm. We will be having a series of 15 minute personalised memorial slots.

Anyone can book a memorial slot to remember anyone who has died this year, anywhere in the country. People can book one from me.

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## Margaretting Village Hall

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[www.margarettingvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.margarettingvillagehall.org.uk)  
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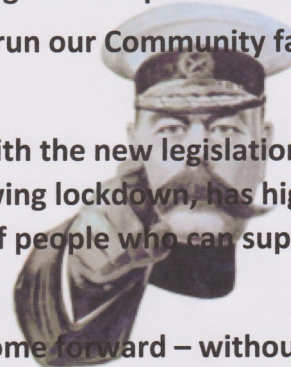
## Wanted

**The Village Hall requires Volunteers to help  
run our Community facility.**

**Dealing with the new legislation to re-open the  
hall, following lockdown, has highlighted we are  
short of people who can support the hall.**

**Please come forward – without your support  
the Village Hall cannot continue to function**

**If you want to know more contact Michael Scott  
Chairman on 01277 354821**



## Essex Police Fraud Alert Information

Criminals have been using a variety of sophisticated methods to exploit the coronavirus pandemic to get people to part with their hard earned money. As part of their Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign, UK Finance have revealed the **top ten** Covid-19 and lockdown scams the public should be on the lookout for:

### Health Scams

1. **Hand Sanitizer and Face Masks Victims** are also being targeted by fake adverts for Covid-related products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that do not exist.
2. **NHS Test and Trace Criminals** are preying on an anxious public by sending phishing emails and cold calls claiming that the recipient has been in contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19. These are designed to steal personal and financial information

Contact Tracers will never:

- \* Ask you to make any form of payment
- \* Ask for details about your bank account
- \* Ask you for passwords or PINs
- \* Ask you to download anything

### Covid-19 Financial Support Scams

3. **Fake Government Emails Criminals** are sending emails designed to look like they are from government departments offering grants of up to £7,500.
4. **'Covid-19 Relief Funds' Fraudsters** have also been sending scam emails which offer access to relief funds, encouraging victims to fill in a form with their personal information.
5. **'Council Tax Reduction' Criminals** have been targeting people with official-looking emails offering a council tax reduction.
6. **Universal Credit Applications Fraudsters** are also preying on benefit recipients, offering to help applying for Universal Credit, while taking some of the payment as an advance for their 'services'.

### Lockdown Scams

7. **TV Subscription Services** Amid a rise in the use of during the lockdown, customers have been targeted by criminals sending convincing emails asking them to update their payment details by clicking on a link which is then used to steal credit card information.

8. **Dating Scams Fraudsters** are also exploiting those using online dating sites and social media by creating fake profiles used to manipulate people into handing over their money.
9. **Fake Investment Opportunities Criminals** are using social media websites to encourage victims to "take advantage of the financial downturn".
10. **TV Licensing Scams Criminals** are sending fake emails and texts claiming to be from TV Licensing telling people they are eligible for six months of free TV license because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Remember Criminals are experts at impersonating trusted organisations and manipulating people into parting with their money or personal information. Consumers are reminded to stop and take a moment to think before parting with any money or information, in case it's a scam

### ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The parish council would like to thank the eight volunteers especially youngsters Matt and Grace who joined them to litter pick on 22nd August. The photo below shows some of the rubbish collected. Think how many sacks could be filled if there had been more volunteers!

Thank you also to Julie and the Black Bull for providing tea and coffee afterwards.



## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

The Church Support Group would like to keep you up-to-date on the activities to maintain the church and churchyard during lockdown.

Due to the generosity of the members annual contributions we have been able to carry out some important work. The guttering all around the church has been repaired and painted and together with the renewing of the concrete gullies surrounding the church should ensure the church is better protected from damp.

The acacia tree that was reaching over the north east corner of the roof and filling the gutters with leaves has been cut back. Two large boughs were cut out and cleared away. The guttering and tree lopping was done by our usual company at a very competitive price and paid out of supporters membership funds. This has saved making calls on the limited church funds.

The water leak in the south porch toilet has been repaired, the skirting board which had rotted has been replaced and the wall area plastered and painted. The water damage to the south porch wall has been an ongoing problem as the wall was saturated due to a faulty water pipe connection

and a six month drying out time was needed before work could start.

In the graveyard the gravel path has been regularly sprayed and the new rose bed pruned and weeded. Spraying continues to keep down the brambles and clear some of the graves that are not maintained by family and friends. The wild flower meadow is beginning to develop slowly and the seeds sown in the spring have flowered. Hopefully next year it will be even better.

We have a young fox that has taken up residence and you might even see him if you visit. He will hopefully keep the numbers of rabbits down and stop them eating the new roses. There is only one negative note and that is the problem of rubbish being left in the churchyard as some people have not taken it home. Perhaps if you see someone putting plastic or iron work on the compost heap you might politely point to the sign that asks you to take it home.

If anyone has any further ideas or wish to help please get in touch.

*Michael Scott, Chairman*

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# Margaretting Village Hall

## What's on September 2020

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.  
Please note this list has been prepared before all the Regular Users have confirmed their intentions regarding returning.

### Mondays

Art Class – 2-4pm – Main Hall  
Pilates - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall  
Chelmsford & Margaretting Dog Training – 5pm-10pm – Main Hall  
Margaretting Crafters – Not Until Further Notice  
Margaretting Friends – Not Until Further Notice

### Tuesdays

Barnraisers – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am-12.30pm – Meeting Room  
Fit 4 Action - 9.15-10.15am – Main Hall  
Chelmsford & Margaretting Dog Training – 5.30pm-8.30pm – Main Hall  
Yoga – 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall  
Essex Beekeepers Association – 17<sup>th</sup> - 7pm – Main Hall  
Margaretting Village Hall Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

### Wednesdays

Aerobics – 18<sup>th</sup> - 7-8pm – Main Hall  
Essex Budgerigars – 4<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm – Main Hall  
Dance to Fitness — 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall  
French class – 10am-12noon – Meeting Room  
Keyboard class – 10am-12 noon & 1-3pm – Chelmer Room  
Cameo (formerly Over 60's) – Not Until Further Notice  
\*\*NEW\*\* In Sequence Dancing – 3-4pm – Main Hall

### Thursdays

Art Class - 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room  
Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am – Main Hall  
Margaretting Parish Council - 12<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm – Main Hall  
Flower Arranging – 11.30am-1.30pm – Main Hall

### Fridays

Barnraisers – Main Hall - 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Region 8 Quilters Guild – 7<sup>th</sup> - 10am-12pm - Meeting Room

### Saturdays

Multi Sports – 10am – Main Hall (Not 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Village Coffee Morning – 14<sup>th</sup> - 10am-12 noon – Chelmer Room  
**ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT** – 7<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – Main Hall  
Chelmsford Carpet Oval Racing Club (CCORC) – 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> - 5pm-11pm

### Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am-6pm – Main Hall

For further information please contact  
the Booking Secretary on: 01277 355575 or 07794 187741

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Every three weeks on Thursday afternoons  
17th September - 9:40am to 10:10am in the Maldon Road lay-by opposite the playing field.

**TRUST BUS** The Friday morning services to Ingatestone and Tesco are suspended until further notice.  
The service will resume when it is considered safe to do so.

**If you have any queries regarding the trust bus service please telephone the driver Nick Price on 01245 264165  
Please note, the Trust bus is for anyone who needs it, not just for pensioners.**

**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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### **SEPTEMBER RECYCLING DATES**

#### **Wednesday collections**

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

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

Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th September

#### **Thursday collections**

**Food waste** - Every Thursday

#### **Black bin, green box and card sack**

Thursday 10th and 24th September

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

Thursday 3rd and 17th September

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

To arrange a collection

Telephone 01245 615800

#### **MOUNTNESSING**

#### **RECYCLING CENTRE**

Roman Road, CM4 9AU

9am to 5pm every day except Tuesday

### **MARGARETTING FRIENDS**

Invite you to a Village Coffee Morning  
At Margaretting Village Hall  
10am to 12noon - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

On the playing field weather permitting  
Or in the main hall subject to social distancing

Local honey, eggs & produce available

Bric a Brac , Remus Charity Stall

All Welcome

### **MARGARETTING FRIENDS**

Thank you to all of you who came along to the coffee morning on 15th August. Despite the weather we held the coffee morning in the main hall. It was so good to be back together and see everyone.

**Margaretting Bingo** will not be restarting due to the lack of members able to attend. However, we will be holding a **Christmas Charity Bingo** on Wednesday, 2nd December. If you have any questions please get in touch with Maurice on 01277 52126.