



MARGARETTING NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

7th September - NO SERVICE
14th September - NO SERVICE
21st September - NO SERVICE
28th September - NO SERVICE
5th October - NO SERVICE
12th October - NO SERVICE
19th October 11:15am (Harvest Festival)
26th October - NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9:30am - Country Service
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:45am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Family Worship
9:30am - Harvest Festival
9:30am - Holy Communion
9:30am - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Holy Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am - Holy Communion
NO SERVICE
5:00pm - Harvest Festival
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 MARGARET'S CHURCH



Congratulations to James and Emily married on Saturday 5th July 2025

James and Emily's wedding was a very special occasion marked by St Margaret's church bells ringing loud and clear to welcome the wedding guests and again after the marriage ceremony when James and Emily were leaving the church.

Flower girls, bridesmaids, groomsmen, family and friends all played a part in a truly heartwarming and memorable ceremony conducted by the Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani.

The organist was Clare Renowden. 'The Bridal Chorus' from Wagner's opera Lohengrin was played as Emily entered the church; Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' was played as James and Emily walked down the aisle at the end of the ceremony. Their chosen hymns were: 'Come To A Wedding' (sang to the same tune as morning has broken); 'Give Me Joy In My Heart' and 'Lord And Lover Of Creation'.

We wish James and Emily a lifetime of love and happiness.

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DIARY DATES - ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Harvest Festival - Sunday 19th October at 11:15am

Nonperishable food items to be collected for the local food bank

Carol Service - Wednesday 17th December at 7pm

followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Members of Margaretting CofE School Choir and their music teacher will be joining us to sing their favourite Christmas carols

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STEVE WARR 4th March 1953 - 21st June 2025

A service of thanksgiving was held on Friday 25th July at Bullfinches - in a marquee in one of the paddocks - a perfect and fitting location to celebrate Steve's life. It was a lovely sunny afternoon with everyone before the service, mingling in the open air, enjoying drinks and taking advantage of that time to exchange their personal memories of Steve.

The order of service, put together by Liz, was led by the Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani. Two poems were read aloud - 'All is Well' - Canon Henry Scott-Hollow and 'Shed No Tears' - David Harkins.

Two well known hymns were sung - 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' and 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'

During a pause for reflection a recording of 'Fields of Gold' sung by Eva Cassidy was listened to; it was accompanied by a member of Steve's family playing saxophone. The exit music, chosen from Steve's play list, was 'Free Bird' - Lynyrd Skynrd. Thoughts and memories shared by Steve's family, his friends, former students and work colleagues, all highlighted how much Steve was loved, liked and respected. They emphasised Steve's calm and kind nature, his measured approach, his love of horses, dogs and fishing, his passion for agriculture and the countryside. And, not to forget, his skill at 'home brewing' which over the years had been sampled and enjoyed by so many.

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 Margarettong's community website www.margarettong.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.margarettong@outlook.com or telephone the parish clerk, Caroline Kochan, on 0786 402 5948

PLANNING APPLICATIONS JULY AND AUGUST

Planning applications received

25/00867/FUL - Baskervilles, Roman Road

Proposal: Demolition of the existing commercial kennels and cattery buildings and residential dwelling and redevelopment of the site comprising seven dwellings

25/01038/FUL - The Briars, Pennys Lane

Proposal: In-ground swimming pool for incidental use within curtilage of existing dwelling

Planning decisions received

25/00722/FUL - 1 Brookside Cottage, Main Road

Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with flat roof. New roof dormer to rear.

Planning Permission Granted

The following matters were discussed at the July meeting.

Assets of Community Value. The Black Bull.

Chelmsford Association of Local Councils. Membership and Subscription fees.

Maldon Road Playing Field Lease. Current lease expires in 2034. Extension for a further 20 years to be requested.

War Memorial Flag Pole. Flag flying rules.

Pylons. National Grid definitive maps sent to Landowners. Consultation period is fourteen days.

Annual Insurance Premium. Increasing the amount of public liability insurance.

Dog Waste Bins. Ongoing problem with the dog waste bins not being emptied regularly; especially at Margarettong Tye.

Bird Feeders. Do these attract rats?

Bank Mandate. Extra signatories agreed and added.

Accounts.

The following expenditure was agreed in July

Wallace Arb. - £1,100 (village grass cutting)

SDA - £780 (two trees felled in Maldon Road playground)

A. Deptford - £140 (child defibrillation pads)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11 September and 9 October at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Margarettong Horticultural Village Fête

We were blessed with beautiful, warm sunshine for the fete on Saturday 12th July. So very different from last year.

The event proceeded smoothly, featuring a range of arena entertainment that attracted many visitors. The School Choir commenced the fete with two confidently delivered songs, setting a positive tone for the day. Following this, the Silver Gem Majorettes demonstrated their skills across a spectrum of age groups, from young children to adults. The Eastern Roses showcased their engaging and vibrant performance, which included opportunities for public participation. The arena programme continued with Rainbow Sprite, also known as the Twisted Bliss Bubble Modeller, delivering an impressive bubble modelling display.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Our gratitude goes to the show exhibitors for presenting outstanding produce, and to our exhibit judges - Ian Chatters of Greenscapes, Maryann Kenna and Christina Brazier. We also thank Peter Marshall for providing the PA system, Chelmsford Cat's Protection for loaning equipment, Angela Ife and the Morris Minor Club, and David Hodgson for his classic tractor.

We are grateful to all stall holders for their participation, Beresfords for the advertising boards, as well as residents who accommodated them outside their properties. In addition, we acknowledge local businesses and individuals who generously donated raffle prizes.

A special note of thanks is due to our friends and families, whose invaluable support during preparations and dedication on the day ensured the event ran smoothly. Although there are too many to name individually, your contributions have been indispensable and greatly appreciated. Many thanks from us all on the committee, Georgina Saddington, Nikki Westrip Lorna Cannon, Julie Bennett, Mark Brown and Hannah Turk.

Next year is the 80th anniversary and to celebrate this event, we are hoping to make an exhibition of the past shows since 1946. So please, if anyone has any posters, schedules, photos or anything they feel will help, then please do get in touch. We hope you enjoyed the fete and look forward to seeing you for this amazing celebration on **Saturday 11th July 2026.**

margarettongfunday1946@gmail.com

Lorna Cannon

BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

10:30AM TO 1PM

**Come along, enjoy a chat with friends with:
Homemade cakes, sausage rolls and other
savoury treats, refreshments, local honey,
artisan soaps,
locally grown plants, books, bric a brac
and raffle.**

Do Bird Feeders Attract Rats?

'Yes, bird feeders can attract rats but usually under certain conditions. Like mice, they will be attracted to the spilled bird seed that has fallen to the ground. Whereas rats are normally more cautious than mice and nocturnal, if the food source is easy to access, they'll still be after it.

To discourage the rats, you can use rodent-proof feeders with cages or with some sort of protective barriers, and you must clean up around the feeder frequently to avoid tempting them with leftover seeds.'

For more advice visit 'birdingnow.com'



From One Bird Lover to Another

Margaretting Horticultural Cup Winners 2025

Wilf Frost Cup ~ Mr. Darren Cannon

Magness Cup ~ Mrs. Liane Tryfan

Challenge Cup ~ Mrs. Lynne Turner

Founder Presidents Cup ~ Mr. Nick Taylor

Wakefield Cup ~ Mr. Nick Taylor

Spencer~Phillips Cup ~ Mrs. Liane Tryfan

Banksian Medal ~ Mr. Nick Taylor

Whissell Cup ~ Mrs. Lynne Turner

Russell Cup ~ Mrs. Lynne Turner

Committee Cup ~ Mrs. Lynne Turner

Dorothy Bugg Rose Bowl ~ Mrs. Liane Tryfan

Chelmer Cup ~ Mrs. Lynne Turner

Peacock's Community Award ~ Mrs. Marion Downie

Children's Cup ~ Miss Rosamund Turk

The Philip & Betty Ife Memorial Cup ~ Miss Mya Betts

Marion Downie

The Peacocks Community Award for 2025 is awarded to Marion Downie in recognition of her time, continuing support and contribution to the village of Margaretting.

Marion is a dedicated member of the Margaretting community, consistently providing support to those in need and one of our silent heroes.

For many years, regardless of weather conditions, Marion has maintained the verges between The Red Lion and Margaretting Primary School. She has diligently collected litter and taken responsibility for planting, tending, and weeding the flowers along the roadside. Additionally, each year on Remembrance Day, Marion ensures that poppies are placed at the bus stops to honour the occasion.

Marion consistently monitors the brook to ensure that debris does not obstruct its natural flow, occasionally enlisting assistance from family and friends when additional resources are necessary. When overgrown tree branches impede visibility for drivers or hinder pedestrian access on pavements, Marion and her team promptly address these issues. Her commitment extends beyond the village; she also removes litter and maintains pathways during her walks to Ingatestone.

Through her ongoing efforts, Marion contributes significantly to maintain a lovely and pleasant environment in our community.

On behalf of Margaretting, we extend our sincere appreciation to Marion for her dedication and contributions.

IMPROVED 351 BUS SERVICE - COMING SOON

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council is pleased to announce following a successful grant application to Essex County Council's 'Love Your Bus' scheme, the 351 bus service will soon be running more frequently.

From 1st September, six additional buses will operate half hourly Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm, in both directions. This enhanced service is funded for one year, and we hope that the increased frequency will lead to a rise in passenger numbers – helping to make this a long-term improvement for our community. *Martyn Hart (Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Councillor)*

If getting on the bus at the Black Bull bus stops

Brentwood direction - the additional buses are 9:35; 11:54; 13:55

Chelmsford direction - the additional buses are 11:08; 13:08; 15:08

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

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

We gave 'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus top marks. Set in the USA in the early 1960s the story follows the life of Elizabeth Zott, a talented chemist turned television cooking show star. The impact of gender roles is explored throughout the novel with Elizabeth defying conventional norms and emerging as a role model for women in both science and the entertainment industry.

We are currently reading 'Harbour Street' by Ann Cleeves.

For more information about our meetings or how we choose our books please contact Penny on 07749 880 512. New members welcome.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

REMEMBER if you plan to walk your dog in the Maldon Road playing field **Never** leave the house without a supply of dog waste bags to clear up mess.

Always clean up after your dog and deposit the bags in the red bin provided at the entrance to the field.

The safety of the children using the playing field is paramount.

Worm eggs in the dog faeces can cause health problems.

MARGARETTING WHATSAPP

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

To become a member please send one text to 0797 196 3516.

ST MARGARET'S BELLS

'Learning The Ropes'

Later this year a group of young bell ringers will be visiting St Margaret's to ring the bells. This group will be happy to welcome any young person interested in bell ringing to join them.

The date of the visit will be posted on the Margaretting WhatsApp group

RACE NIGHT

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 14th November at 7pm

RACE NIGHT



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

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

What's on September 2025

The following are Regular users of the hall

Aerobics - 7pm - Main Hall - Wednesday 17th
Barnraisers 9.30am - 12.30pm Main Hall - Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
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 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th
Dog Training - 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 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, 25th
Margaretting Village Hall Committee meeting - 7.30pm Meeting Room - Tuesday 9th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia - 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 6th, 20th, 27th
Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 10th
Village Hall Coffee Morning - 10.30am - 1pm Main Hall - Saturday 13th

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Fundangles Dementia Support - 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Friday 17th
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St Margaret's Support Group AGM - 7.30pm - Wednesday 8th - Meeting Room
Variety Band Practice - 7.30pm - 10pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 8th

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

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday
Black bin, green box and card sack
3rd and 17th September
1st, 15th and 29th October
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
10th and 24th September
8th and 22nd October

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday
Black bin, green box and card sack
4th and 18th September
2nd, 16th and 30th October
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
11th and 25th September
9th and 23rd October

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To arrange a collection
Telephone 01245 615800

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Margaretting Village Hall
Saturday - 13th September
10:30am to 1pm

Enjoy a cuppa, cake and chatter
with neighbours and friends.

Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane Ingatestone Circle Dance

Monday 22nd September & 27th October
2:30pm - 4:30pm.

New members welcome.

Contact: Janet Shedel

Telephone: 01277 352213

Email: bryanshedel@googlemail.com

CHELMSFORD THEATRE

Draw, dance, dream your way into a story.... it's all coming up, so throw yourself into something new,
learn new skills and have lots of fun along the way! Lots of activities for children and adults.

To find out what's starting this September - visit <https://www.chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk/whats-on>

Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, CM15 0UG

Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club

Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th 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.

September 23rd - Paul McCulloch. October 28th - Tony Stace.

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

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