MARGARETTING NEWS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARETS MARGARETTING	ST. GILES MOUNTNESSING	ST. MARYS BUTTSBURY
6th September - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Country Service	8:45am - Holy Communion

13th September - 6.00pm - Benefice Service - St Edmund & St Mary - Ingatestone
A service to welcome Angela and Edison our two newly appointed curates.

20th September -11:15am Holy Communion	9:30am - Morning Prayer	5:00pm - Harvest Thanksgiving
27th September - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Family Service	NO SERVICE
4th October - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Harvest Service	8:45am - Holy Communion
11th October - N0 SERVICE	9:30am - Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
18th October - 11:15am Harvest Festival	9:30am - Morning Prayer	5:00pm - Evensong
25th October - NO SERVICE	9:30am - Family Service	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

A BEAUTIFUL MARGARETTING WEDDING

Here are the photos of the Sweeting family as reported in the July/August newsletter. Grace Lily baptised Saturday 20th June. Sarah and Dennis, Grace's parents, married Saturday 20th June. Some of our readers may recognise Dennis who was for many years our village postie.







PHILIP (PHIL) JAMES WOOD 1965 - 2026

It was standing room only on August 25th for Phil's funeral ceremony at the Old Park Meadow; probably 200 people or more were there to show their respect for Phil and to support his family. The tributes from family and friends were a joy to hear; true reflections on Phil's love for his family, music and cars. The ceremony was followed by a burial service at Margaretting, led by Canon Lee, in St Margarets churchyard.
Everyone was invited to join Phil's family at the village hall for a special farewell to Phil - an'80s shindig, BBQ and classic car show'. Many of us will remember Phil as a skilled car mechanic, who repaired and maintained our cars. Others will remember his great sense of humour, big smile, kind heart, always happy to lend a hand, who with Suzie his beloved late wife, was a key player in the running of the Family Fun Days at the village hall. Phil was such a genuine and kind hearted person. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Our thoughts at this time are with his two daughters, Jordanne and Lexie, his mum Eva and his brother Fred and all his family and friends.

ST MARGARETS CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, 18th OCTOBER - 11:15am

Do come along and join us for this special service; give thanks for the harvest and grasp an opportunity to see and admire the displays of seasonal fruit, vegetables and flowers decorating our beautiful church. During the service, as in past years, we will be receiving donations (non perishable food items) for the local food bank. The harvest displays will remain in church for Margaretting school's harvest service when the school community will also be collecting for the food bank. Meanwhile, nearer the date, would you think about providing some vegetables and fruit (not berries) to help the church flower team create this year's harvest arrangements.
These can either be left in the church porch and/or at Sycamore, Maldon Road on Wednesday,7th October or Thursday, 8th October. Members of the flower team would truly welcome your support.

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

Items discussed at meetings are reported in this newsletter. A copy of the full and signed minutes is placed on the notice board outside the parish office at the village hall. These minutes can be viewed on the parish council page of the parish website **www.margaretting.com**. Also, posted on the notice board are: contact details for the parish councillors and parish clerk and a list of the current planning applications being considered.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - JULY AND AUGUST

Planning Applications

26/00741/CLOPUD-Stonewold, Margaretting Tye
Proposal: Garage Conversion.

26/00848/OUT-Land northeast of Ottley Place, Main Road
Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the construction of up to 14 dwellings, with associated landscaping, open space, drainage, parking, infrastructure.

26/00912/FUL-4 Ottley place, Main Road
Proposal: Single Storey rear extension and conversion of the existing loft space with three front facing roof lights

26/00914/FUL-Land between A12 & The Oaks, Wantz Rd
Proposal: Construction of 4 dwellings.

26/00940/FUL-Sunset, Main Road
Proposal Loft conversion with additional fenestration including Juliet balconies to rear. Garage conversion with internal alterations

26/01032/FUL-Rosythe, Maldon Road
Two storey rear extension and alterations to roof including the addition of dormer windows to side.

26/01079/FUL-32 Orton Close
Proposal: Ramp Access.

Planning Decisions

26/00589/PIP - Margaretting Service Station, Main Road
Proposal: Permission in Principle to establish the principle of residential development for four dwellings.
Permission Granted

ACCOUNTS - JULY AND AUGUST

D. Wallace - £660 (Grass cutting)
ROSPA - £119 (Annual Inspection of play equipment)
Village Hall - £313 (Electricity - Parish Council office)
C. Kochan - £148 (Retirement presentation - Cllr Blurton)
Bartlett - £120 (Permission to carry out tree wok)
Bartlett - £1,120 (Willow tree - Margaretting Tye)

The following matters were reported/discussed/agreed at the July meeting.

Essex County Council: Cllr Mike Steel (Shadow Cabinet member for Highways and Infrastructure and member of the Scrutiny and Planning Committee) attended the meeting. He gave an update on: **Members Highways Initiative** (this has now ceased); **Highways Draft Speed Strategy** (waiting to see if the new Reform ECC administration will take this forward); **Highway Rangers** (now taken on by Chelmsford City Council which can undertake a range of minor environmental and maintenance tasks); **Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution** (LGR - Reform to submit a formal judicial review. Devolution - It seems likely that a Greater Essex Combined County Authority will still be formed and we will have elections for a Mayor in 2028); **Minerals Local Plan** (yet to be completed); **Pylons (**In all 3 National Grid consultations Cllr Steel opposed the whole pylon run. 11of the 12 parish councils Cllr Steel represents have grouped together and produced a joint response)

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Margaretting Horticultural Village Fête - Saturday 11th July 2026

Well, that was certainly a day to remember! We were blessed with beautiful, warm sunshine for our 80th annual fete on Saturday 11th July. The community pulled together, it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves, with great entertainment, lovely things to eat or buy. Great fun for all friends and family, so many thanks to you and everyone involved, organising, helping out, supporting, visiting… the list is huge.

As it is tradition, pupils of Margaretting Primary School opened the fete with their fabulous and passionate singing. Visitors enjoyed watching Sabine with her aerial acrobatics. We had more beautiful singing with the stunning Alice who sang a variety of songs. The Thaxted Morris Men were very entertaining with their dancing and lovely to see youngsters learning the tradition too. Further entertainment was provided by Los Amigos Ukulele band which were hugely liked by everyone. There were full tables in the hall with an amazing array of homegrown and home crafted produce by our exhibitors.

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 and Maryann Kenna. We also thank Peter Marshall for the PA system, Chelmsford Cat's Protection for loaning equipment, the Morris Minor Club and Chris and his tractor and all the other vintage vehicles.

We are grateful to all our stall holders, Beresfords for the advertising boards, all the residents who allow the boards outside their properties. In addition, we acknowledge local businesses and individuals who generously donated raffle prizes. A special note of thanks is due to Jim, Dermot, Darren, Angie and Dave and all our friends and families, whose invaluable support during preparations and dedication on the day ensured the event ran smoothly. Lyn and Zoe for baking and donating all the cakes for the refreshment stall.

What a WOW moment when the BBMF Hawker Hurricane Mk11C PZ865, "last of the many", flown by Squadron Leader Ben Polwin flew past three times. This amazing plane first flew on Thursday 27th July 1944. What a nostalgic, exciting and memorable way to celebrate our 80th anniversary! Thank you so much to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby, the pilot and David Freestone. Such a treat. Thank you so much for keeping these planes airborne.

Although there are too many to name individually, your contributions have been indispensable and greatly appreciated. We could not do it without all this help.

With this in mind, we said a very sad farewell to four long standing members of our committee. Julie, Georgina, Nikki and Hannah have worked tirelessly for many years, and Mark and I will miss working with them and wish them well in their futures.

We hope you enjoyed the fete and would like it to continue as much as we would. However, this is not possible with a committee of two. There will be an open meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 7:30pm, everyone is welcome to attend and we will explain what is involved in running this event for anyone interested in keeping this going in as little or as much time as you can spare. As without your support, there will be no more fetes. If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, then please do email margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com or call 07873 366166 for further information.

Many thanks, Lorna Cannon

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Swan Lane: Clerk to report fallen tree by the fallen barrier/ railing to Highways.

Writtle Road - sale of parcel of land: Cllr Upton reported four plots had been sold.

Maldon Road Playing Field: ROSPA's inspection - Cllr Quilter to read report and comment on recommendations. New Lease - The parish council solicitor's details to be sent to City Council.

Margaretting Tye: Cllr Paoli-Burke to visit The White Hart and ask about the power supply/siting for a defibrillator.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10 September and Thursday 8 October at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Our book for the summer was 'Rules of Civility' by Amor Towles. Set in the 1930s New York this is the story of a 25 year old woman and the consequences of her chance encounter with a handsome banker in a Greenwich Village Jazz Bar. New members welcome. For more information contact Penny on 07749 880 512.

ST MARGARETS CHURCH

A huge thank you is owed to the Chelmsford Community Payback Team for its help in St Margarets churchyard. 'Community Payback' is where offenders work on projects to pay back the community for their crimes. By clearing vegetation and debris off monuments, keeping paths clear and strimming grass, the Chelmsford team has helped our churchyard become a welcoming and peaceful contemplation place for the local community. Although the PCC employs regular help to mow the grass round the newer graves and at the front of the church this additional maintenance work would not have been possible with out the help of the Payback Scheme.

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL
Friday 16th October at 7pm

RACE NIGHT

TICKETS £20.00 (including 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

ST MARGARETS CHURCH SUPPORTERS GROUP
AGM - Wednesday October 7th at 7:30pm
Margaretting Village Hall in the Chelmer Room

An opportunity for the group to give an update to the village on its activities and support for the church building and churchyard. Everyone is invited to the meeting.

Margaretting Horticultural Cup Winners 2026

Will Frost Cup - Mr David Frost
Magness Cup - Mr Darren Cannon
Challenge Cup - Mr Simon Chapman
Founder Presidents Cup - Abigail Tryfan
Wakefield Cup - Abigail Tryfan
Spencer Phillips Cup - Mr Simon Chapman
Banksian Medal - Mr Edward Elphick
Peacocks Community Cup - Mrs Lorna Cannon
Whissel Cuo - Mrs Lynne Turner
Russel Cup - Miss Zoe Cannon
Committee Cup - Mrs Lynne Turner
Dorothy Bugg Rose Bowl - Liane Tryfan
Chelmer Cup - Mrs Lynne Turner
Philip and Betty Ife Cup - Miss Savanna Birch
Children's Cup - Zachary Ingham
Cannon and Harper Cup - Miss Niamh Twohig

Lorna Cannon - Peacocks Award 2026

The Peacocks Community Award for 2026 is awarded to Lorna Cannon in recognition of her time, continuing support and in recognition of her contributions to the village. Most recently becoming secretary of the village hall committee, becoming instrumental in the redecorating of the village hall, finding grants and funding for the paint, liaising with the decorator and being involved with multiple fund raising efforts, from selling Bric a Brac to organising coffee mornings.

Lorna has been a key committee member of the Margaretting Horticultural Village Fete in one way or another for over 21 years. She has put up gazebos, run stalls, booked stalls and organised entertainment. She has worked closely with the local school displaying children's art, taught maypole dancing and took on the responsibility of designing the posters for the event along with having them printed. Lorna also organises the schedule for all the horticultural classes in the hall, the judges, the awards which includes the Banksian Medal award that is presented to any individual exhibitor who has scored the highest points in the Horticultural Classes in the current year and the engraving of all the cups.

During 2025/26 Lorna has organised and has assisted in organising various fund raising events in the village hall from coffee mornings, a mini Christmas market, dance extravaganza to quiz nights which has raised funds to help with the continued maintenance and refurbishment of the village hall and recreation ground. The redecoration of the main hall was refreshed at the end of 2025 and the rest of the building followed shortly after.

Lorna moved to the village 29 years ago, for 2 years she was a volunteer at the local school listening to readers and has worked at the school for nearly 23 years. In 2023 she was awarded The Pearson National Teaching Award, this is a UK-wide celebration recognizing excellence in education. Often dubbed the "Oscars" of the teaching profession, the awards honor outstanding teachers, support staff, and school leaders across early years, primary, secondary, and further education. The villagers of Margaretting were extremely proud of Lorna when in June 2023 Lorna won a Pearsons National Teachers award.

On behalf of Margaretting we extend our sincere appreciation to Lorna for her dedication and contribution.

Georgina Saddington

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL

The following are Regular users of the hall

What's on September 2026

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club: 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 15th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing: 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 4th
Chelmsford Croquet Club: 10am - 3pm - Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and Thursday 3rd, 10th, 24th
Dance to Fitness: 9.30am – 11.30am - Main Hall – Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Dog Training: 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & Tuesday 1st
Essex Budgerigars: 7pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 2nd
Essex Woodcarvers: 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 6th
Flower Arranging: 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 10th, 24th
Margaretting Horticultural Meeting: .30pm Meeting Room - Wednesday 23rd
Village Hall Committee: 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 16th
Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm, Meeting Room Thursday 10th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia: 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 9.45am - 11.15am - Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Village Hall Afternoon Tea: 1pm - 3pm Main Hall - Saturday 19th

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Chelmsford Beekeepers: 7pm - 10pm Main Hall - Tuesday 20th
Chelmsford Croquet Club: 10am - 3pm - Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (weather permitting)
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing: 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 2nd and 9am - 5pm Sunday 18th
Dance to Fitness: 9.30am - 11.30am - Main Hall – Wednesday 7th, 14th
Dog Training: 5pm-Main Hall-Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Tuesday 6th
Essex Budgerigars: 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 7th
Essex Woodcarvers : 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 4th
Flower Arranging: 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 8th, 22nd
Fundangles Dementia Support: 2pm - 4pm Main Hall - Tuesday 27th
Village Hall Committee: 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 21st
Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm - Meeting Room - Thursday 8th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia: 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 9.45am -11.15am - Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
St Margarets Church Supporters Group AGM - 7:30pm - Wednesday 7th.
Variety Band Practice: 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 14th
Village Hall Race Night: 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 16th

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on: 07794 187 741 or margarettingvhbookings@gmail.com

THE RED LION PUB

Will be starting its Sunday roasts again on Sunday 13th September and will also be serving homemade specials Wednesday to Saturday.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections

Food waste - every Wednesday

Black bin, green box and card sack
2nd, 16th and 30th September
14th and 28th October

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
9th and 23rd September
7th and 21st October

Thursday collections

Food waste - every Thursday

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

Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane
Ingatestone Circle Dance
Monday 28th September
and 26th October
2:30pm - 4:30pm.
Folk dances from around the world
New members welcome.
Telephone: 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: www.susankeeble-artist.com

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.
22nd September – David Thomas 27th October - Daniel Watt

Margaretting Village Hall

Afternoon Tea

Saturday 19th September 1pm ~ 3pm

Come and enjoy a chat with friends and neighbours with refreshments.
There will also be a selection of artisan stalls, plants, bric-a-brac, freshly baked cakes, scones and savoury treats!

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