

Great Maplestead Community Information

This document is designed to tell you things you may like to know about **Great Maplestead** and how to access the services and activities that are available. For information and guidance about other informal community services contact the Church Wardens or the Parish Clerk.

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Useful Contacts:

Parish Council – any enquiries, requests or correspondence should initially be made or sent to the **Parish Clerk**:

Ann Crisp Telephone: F-mail:

New House, St Giles Close, Gt Maplestead, CO9 2RW 01787 460 216 (4-6pm Mon-Thurs) anncrisp@greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk

Parish Councillors – and their main responsibilities:

Steve Harris – Chairman , Communications (Newsletter/ Website/Social Media) Footpaths, Projects, Personnel	01787 462 818
Simon Last – Vice-Chairman, Financial Overview, Neighbourhood/Local Planning, Projects/Funding, Personnel	01787 462 957
Ian Johnson – Neighbourhood Watch Representative, Local Police Liaison, Personnel	01787 461 109
Joe Newton – Emergency Response Co-ordination, Playing Field Maintenance, Car Parks, Tree Warden	01787 461 308
Dave Pike – Highways/Road Safety, Task Force/Litter Picking Co-ordination, Environmental/Ecological Monitoring	07885 788 855
Barry Vincent – Planning Overview, Community/Church Liaison, Council Risk Assessments, National Grid Liaison	07740 067 329
Dorothy Weight – Care in the Community, Cost of Living Support, Public Transport, Projects, Planning	01787 461 643

Useful Contacts:

St Giles' Church – up-to-date information about the monthly Services and any special events can be found at the following website:

http://www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk/church_services.html

The Vicar is:

Rev. Beverley Vincent

01787 460 273 khvicar@gmail.com

If you would like to attend, but have no transport, please feel free to contact the **Church Wardens**:

Paula Sillett 07975 571 253 **Denise O'Connell** 07795 170 048



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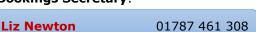
St Giles' C of E Primary School – for information about admissions, term dates and syllabus enquiries contact:

The School Office

01787 460 481

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Village Hall – this is available to hire for all types of functions. For booking forms, details of facilities, availability and the rates and conditions of hire, contact the **Bookings Secretary**:





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Village Playing Field – this is a **Parish Council**-owned community amenity, featuring, amongst other things, a **Boules Court**, **picnic benches**, an exciting new children's **Adventure Play Area** and an all-weather **'Access-for-All**' exercise path. It is freely available for casual social activities but, to hold an **Organised Event**, an **'Application for Use'** needs to be made – **at least eight weeks before the required date** – on a form obtainable from the **Parish Clerk**.

Where things are:



Village Information Board – this is located in the **Village Playing Field** car park. It provides both residents and casual visitors to **Great Maplestead** with information about the village, local footpath walks and places of interest.

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Bottle Recycling Bank – this is situated to the left of the **Village Playing Field car park** entrance and is maintained by **Braintree District Council**. If the containers are full, **do not** leave bottles beside them but notify the **Parish Clerk** to have the containers emptied.

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Dog Waste Bins – there are seven of these, located:

- by the footpath steps opposite the Village Hall
- in the Village Playing Field car park
- at the junction of Lucking St and Toldish Hall Rd
- \bullet opposite Little Chelmshoe House on the Gestingthorpe Rd
- near the junction of Maple Lodge and Gestingthorpe Roads
- at the junction of Dynes Hall Rd and Purls Hill Rd
- in the field entrance where Footpath 19 crosses Toldish Hall Rd

Dog owners **can** use general litter bins for double-bagged dog waste, but are requested **not** to leave full waste bags dumped in the open.

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Post Boxes – there are three of these, located in:

- Church St next to the bench near Magpies.
 [Last Collections: Mon-Fri 4.15pm; Sat 9.00am]
- Toldishall Rd at the T-junction with Lucking St. [Last Collections: Mon-Fri 9.00am; Sat 7.00am]
- Purls Hill at the junction with Dynes Hall Rd [Last Collections: Mon-Fri 9.00am; Sat 7.00am]



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Village Notice Boards – there are three of these, carrying information about local events and **Parish Council** matters, located at:



- **St Giles' Church** to the left hand side of the entrance gate in **Church St**.
- **Toldish Hall Rd** on the verge at the T-junction with **Lucking St**.
- **Dynes Hall Rd.** on the south side of the verge, 300m east of **Purls Hill Rd**.

Important Information:



Village Emergency Centres – These are the Village Hall (where an accessible heart defibrillator is already fitted to an outside wall – a code obtained by dialling 999 is needed to open the cabinet), St Giles' School and St Giles' Church. Each centre has wi-fi, cooking/heating, first-aid materials and basic equipment to enable residents to respond initially to either village or other local emergencies. Further details of the facilities provided at each of these centres, and key-holder contact information, can be found on the Emergency Information Leaflet, printed copies of which are available in the Church, and on the Parish Council Website.

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Some Community Activities:

The Maple Leaves – Independent Ladies Social and Dining Club meets on the first Thursday of each month, usually in the Village Hall. For details of events and other venues contact:

Angela Davis

01787 236 007

WEA – this runs Monday evening Spring/Autumn term adult education courses in the Village Hall. For current course details contact:

Jean Bowers – Secretary

01787 460 181

Task Force – a volunteer group undertaking general tidying of the village's public spaces. If you'd like to help, contact:

Dave Pike - Task Force Leader

07885 788 855

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This document covers just a small selection of the various community services and activities available in **Great Maplestead**.

For information on current events and other amenities like the **Bus Service**, the Wednesday **Church Coffee Mornings**, the **Maplestead Autumn Show**, **Refuse Collection and Recycling** schedules and the **Maplestead Fuel Syndicate**, go to the **Parish Council** website: https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/

Local event information can also be found in the monthly **Parish Magazine**, copies of which are delivered free to every household in the village and can be picked up from the Church.