



Maplestead Magna Carta

Great Maplestead Parish Council's Award-Winning Newsletter

Voters show their Confidence in the Parish Council...

What a turnout!

The recent **Parish Council** elections saw a significant number of residents engaging with and participating in a vote to select those **Councillors** they felt would represent the best interests of the community.

Across the whole of **Braintree District** the average turnout, where there were contested elections, was just **29%** – in **Great Maplestead** it was nearly double, a magnificent **57%**!

907 votes were cast in total by **175** parishioners – an average of **5** per voter – with each of the elected candidates getting between a **12%** to **15%** share – a real vote of confidence indeed.

The detailed results are shown below:

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Election of a Parish Councillor for
Great Maplestead
on Thursday 2 May 2019

I, Andrew Wright, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ELMS, Martin		138 ELECTED
HARRIS, Steven John		120 ELECTED
HAYLOCK, Peter Ian		108 ELECTED
JOHNSON, Ian Trevor		124 ELECTED
LAST, Simon Courteney	Resident Great Maplestead	130 ELECTED
MAILE, Patricia Claire		116 ELECTED
NEWTON, Julian Phillip		123 ELECTED
SCHWIER, Peter Gordon		48

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	1
E rejected in part	
Total	1

Vacant Seats: 7 Electorate: 307 Ballot Papers Issued: 175 Turnout: 57%

And I do hereby declare the following have been duly elected:

- MARTIN ELMS
- STEVEN JOHN HARRIS
- PETER IAN HAYLOCK
- IAN TREVOR JOHNSON
- SIMON COURTENAY LAST
- PATRICIA CLAIRE MAILE
- JULIAN PHILIP NEWTON

A. M. Wright
Andrew Wright
Returning Officer

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At the first meeting of the new **Council** on 15th May **Martin Elms** was elected Chairman and **Steve Harris** was elected Vice-Chairman.

Meet the new Councillors...

Simon Last is the new member of the **Parish Council**, replacing **Dave Turner** – who stood down after eight years as a Councillor to concentrate on his other interests.



Simon has lived at Barretts Hall for the last twenty-five years, during which time he has opened up his home for village fundraising events and worked on the Village Design Statement.

Since retiring two years ago he has actively sought a greater involvement in village life, joining the Task Force, maintaining a village green triangle and becoming treasurer of the Village Hall Committee.

Simon's skills and business experience make him a valuable addition to the **Council's** strength.

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Peter Schwier is the new **District Councillor** for the **Gosfield and Greenstead Green** ward in which both the **Maplesteads** now lie.

Peter, who lives at Long Fen, was born, bred and went to school in the village. He is a past **Parish Councillor** and has previously served on **BDC's** Planning Committee.

In his new role, Peter will welcome feedback from residents on local matters that may have an impact on **Great Maplestead** and its current way of life.

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The Annual Churchyard Clear-up...

...took place at **St Giles'** during early April, when twenty five or so volunteers gathered to help rake leaves, chop branches, clear debris and trim overgrowth, tidy up some of the graves and smarten up the **Garden of Remembrance**.



The Church Wardens would like to thank everyone who took part – and particularly to those who provided the most welcome refreshments!

Community Policing

Three of our new local Police Community Support Officers attended the Parish Assembly on 10th April to introduce themselves and to talk about their role.

PC Craig Wheeler explained that the PCSOs had been introduced to provide an improved, and more visible policing presence across the parish, giving them the ability to more quickly respond to calls and deal with incidents.

The PCSOs are increasingly using social media to improve their dialogue with the public and PC Wheeler was keen to encourage residents to contact him either by twitter or e-mail:

PC 3655 Craig Wheeler
e-mail: Craig.Wheeler@essex.pnn.police.uk
Twitter: @CWheeler77771635

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More dog waste woes...

The Council has been contacted about dog faeces being deposited and left on the grass verge running from opposite the school car park into Gestingthorpe Road.

There have also been recent social media posts about dog faeces not being picked up after being left on the pavement along Church Street.

Failing to scoop and bag dog faeces deposited in public areas is not only an anti-social act but also poses a potential health risk to anyone unnecessarily exposed to this unpleasant nuisance.

Residents wishing to report irresponsible dog owners, can use the information to be found at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/forms/form/306/> or contact the Dog Warden: 01376 552 525.

Anyone knowing about these particular incidents should contact the Parish Clerk.

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Latest Planning News

The Parish Council considered the following applications at its meeting on 15th May:

Applications Received:

- 19/00094/TPO Henstooth, Toldish Hall Road. Works on a tree covered by a TPO.

It was agreed these works would be monitored.

- 19/000707/HH Es Cana, Lucking Street. Erection of single storey side extension and detached cart lodge.

It was agreed to object to the side extension on the grounds that it falls outside of the village envelope.

See other responses & comments by clicking on: http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications, then clicking on 'View Current Applications', typing in the relevant planning reference and opening the files.

Council Meeting Dates 2019/20

The Parish Council agreed during its meeting on the 15th May to hold six more meetings during the next 12 months.

The meeting dates, which also appear on the Parish Council website, are:

- 2019: 3rd July; 28th August; 2nd October; 27th November.
- 2020: 22nd January; 11th March.

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Forthcoming Events

The following are some forthcoming village events (*these at the Village Hall) that you may wish to note in your diary:

- Wednesday Mornings* **Keep Fit** – from 9.30-10.30am. Contact Judy Cowell (01376 561 757) for more details.
- Thursday Mornings* **Pilates** – weekly sessions for men/women of all ages/fitness levels. 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am. Cost £40 for 5 classes (or £5 for the first one). Call Catherine Pawsey (07814 459 683) for details.
- Sat 1st Jun* **Summer Wine Tasting Evening** – 7.30 for 8.00pm, led by Geoff Unwin of Baythorne Hall Wine Merchants. Tickets £12/person, including all wines and nibbles, from Val Castro (01787 462 789) or Jacqui Mee (01787 461 002). Optional fizz on entry £2.
- Sun 9th Jun: **Boules** – on the Playing Field. An al fresco afternoon with a French flavour. Starts: 2.00pm/Cost: £2 per player. Bring your own picnic/chairs.
- Friday Evenings from 14th Jun – 30th Aug: **Boules** – on the Playing Field. Make the most of those warm summer nights! Starts around: 6.30pm. B-y-o drinks, snacks & chairs.
- Sun 30th Jun*: **Navigational Scatter Event** – from the Village Hall. Enjoy a quiet drive in the country, answer a few questions and possibly win a prize! Max. entry 12 cars; maximum of 4 participants/car – entry £8/person. Breakfast/briefing at 9.15am; start 10.00am; lunch & prize-giving 1.00pm. More information from Steve Harris (01787 462 818)

Further information about these and many other village activities can be found on the 'Events' page of the Parish Council website.

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Contacting the Council

Any comments, requests or correspondence should initially be made to the Parish Clerk:

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