

## Services for July 2019

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 7 July	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 14 July	4pm Compline	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21 July	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Tuesday 23 July				School Leavers Service
Sunday 28 July	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 July	3pm Lammas Service. Outdoor service held at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe - courtesy of Ashley Cooper			
Sunday 4 August	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 11 August	4pm Compline	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 August	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 25 August	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 1 September	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	

## Dates for the Diary

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Team Mens Group (Ladies invited this time) 7.15 for 7.30  
Five Bells Colne Engaine

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Team Council Meeting 7.30 Lower Room St. Andrews Hall.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July Pebmarsh PCC 7.30pm church

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe. Agricultural Service – Lammas,  
hosted by Ashley Cooper

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Gestingthorpe PCC

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Lt. Maplestead PCC

**Parish  
News**

# **Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe**

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**Church and Community together  
July and August 2019**

**Free**

## Village contacts and information

Neighbourhood watch representatives, see page 26,

Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 25.

Magazine copy and deliveries see page 27

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### Pebmarsh

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## July dates for your diary

4 July	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
6 July	11am	Social Walk	Gestingthorpe
12 July	10am	Coffee/Tea Morning	Gestingthorpe
19-21 July		King's Head Summer Festival	Pebmarsh
21 July		Peppa Pig	Colne Valley Railway
26 July	10am	Coffee/Tea Morning	Gestingthorpe
26 July	10am	Coffee/Tea Morning	Gestingthorpe

It is noticeably quieter over the summer months, but remember the activities in our village halls.

Pebmarsh has the Bowls Club, the Youth Club, the Ladies Club and Card Making, Great Maplestead has Yoga, Legs, Bums and Tums, Dance and Keep Fit and Pilates.

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The copy deadline for the September magazine is **Friday 23 August 2019**

We need to know who, what, where and when .....

Submit your copy early to guarantee inclusion. Email me or our village reps.

### **Copy**

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### Would you like a lift to church?

If you would like to attend any of the church services in the Benefice but have no transport please feel free to approach one of the churchwardens who will be happy to arrange it for you. Service times are shown on the back cover and Churchwardens are shown above.

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#### Fancy a cup of coffee and a chat?

Come to the Tower Room in St Giles Church, Great Maplestead

Open every Wednesday Morning 10.30am to 12noon

No charge, this is a social get together, not a fund raiser. Everyone is welcome - for more details please ring

Dorothy on 01787 829963 or Gill on 01787 462786



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#### Weddings

Lt. Maplestead - 1st June Rosie Carr & Connor Lake

Gestingthorpe - 22nd June Sophie Sharp & Jack Collins

#### Funerals

Pebmarsh (at Crematorium) - 20th June, Arthurs Nears

Gt. Maplestead - 28th June, Ursula Darrel.



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## Letter from the editor



I am covered in mud, desperately trying to get the garden looking reasonable before a horde of Belgians arrive. My Bridge Club, in Clare, is twinned with Huy in Belgium and either we go there or they come here every year, their turn this year. The great benefit of strong community links.

You will notice two things this month. One is that it is eight pages shorter than last month, which was eight pages longer than the month before and 4 pages shorter than the month before that. Shows an interesting pattern in activities in the villages, I must investigate further.

The second is that I am trying to add in as many local activities and groups that I can, hopefully this will be of use to you all. I have added the surgery in Castle Hedingham and the local U3A's this month, so any ideas about other local activities would be welcome.

We do not publish in August, which gives me a welcome break. I look forward to talking to you all in September.

Have a great Summer.

Jenny

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## Letter from the Rectory

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This year the Diary for the Summer looks rather empty with no Flower Festival's in any of the parishes. That in itself is not a bad thing as members of the various churches will be busy throughout the summer. The coffee morning at Great Maplestead on Wednesday mornings will continue – often with the number boosted during the school summer holidays. At Pebmarsh the newly established Friends Group will be out and about with various fund raising activities and at Little Maplestead we await the outcome of the planning application for the Parish Room.

On the Sunday of the week this letter was being written a number of the farmers were saying conditions were ideal for harvest this year with the rain coming at the right time. By the time you read this we will know how the weather has been but at the actual time of writing (mid-week) we have settled into another period of rain. This brings us to our Lammas service.

Although not on the scale of our traditional autumnal Harvest festivals, for us this has become one of the highlights of the year. Thanks to Ashley Cooper this, and the Bluebell service, have become times when we can move, not only out of our church buildings, but also out of all buildings to worship within the beauty of God's creation. Luckily to date all the Lammas services have been dry.

Lammas – the festival of the first harvest – is a festival that is unique to the English speaking world. There are many references to Lammas being a pagan festival - but the pre-Christians of England left no written records so much of this is conjecture, or wishful thinking. Today we can take time at Lammas to reflect on creation and our part in its stewardship. Although not a service of magic it can be a magical time reminding us of how we are dependant on God's creation and one another.

Please do join us at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe at 3pm on Sunday 28th July.

Gay & Nick



## **Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)**

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All our four villages now have defibrillators, and Little Maplestead, Gestingthorpe and Pebmarsh have a Village Emergency Telephone Service. The purpose of VETS is to provide support when a defibrillator is required although the first action must be a 999 call. The telephone numbers of the village VETS are:

**Little Maplestead 01787 852252**  
**Gestingthorpe 01787 852850**  
**Pebmarsh 01787 852300**

### **Hire of Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe Village Halls**

Each of our village halls is available for hire for all types of functions. Little Maplestead residents can hire Great Maplestead village hall at same rate as Great Maplestead residents. Please contact the relevant booking secretary

Great Maplestead	Liz Newton	01787 461308	
Pebmarsh	Christine Nott	01787 269231	
Gestingthorpe	Steve Bagby	07840 367182	or 01787 463592

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## **Neighbourhood Watch representatives**

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Gestingthorpe	Helen Skerratt	01787 237297
Great Maplestead	Ian Johnson	01787 461109
Little Maplestead	Bill Piper	01787 473933

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## **Ecclesiastical Insurance**

Ecclesiastical Insurance will make a donation of £130 to our churches for every new home insurance policy taken out. To take advantage of this offer call 0800 783 0130 or visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130).



## Local and National Authority Representatives

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### Essex County Council

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### Braintree District Council

#### Great and Little Maplestead

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Great Maplestead	<a href="http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk">http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk</a>
Little Maplestead	<a href="http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk">http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk</a>
Pebmarsh	<a href="http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com">http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com</a>

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## Church website

[www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk](http://www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk)

This magazine is available electronically on the parish council and church web sites

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## Twitter

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## Facebook

Knights Hospitallers Parishes  
Little Maplestead Church  
Gestingthorpe Church  
Pebmarsh Church

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## Local Information

### The F315 Local Bus Service

All buses serve Halstead, Little Maplestead, Wickham St Paul, Gestingthorpe, Bulmer, Sudbury. For these villages the bus is hail and ride, except for the last journey each way, which has to be booked. The route can be extended to Great Maplestead and or Pebmarsh by booking.

Book giving two working hours' notice, on 01621 874411

The timetable gives earliest arrival times. Extensions to the route mean that later in the journey the bus may be several minutes later than the times shown. Adult Flat fare – single £2.50, return £4.

Download the timetable in colour from <http://www.essexinfo.net/gestingthorpe>

Beware of online bus apps. Most are based on ECC timetable. If you miss the note saying the bus might be 10 minutes earlier than shown, you could miss the bus.

#### F 315 Halstead - Sudbury flexible bus service Winter 2018/9 Earliest departure time

A call at Great Maplestead adds 6 or 7 minutes. A call at Pebmarsh adds about 12 minutes. Easy access.

Mondays to Saturdays							F315	
Halstead, High Street	07:30	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30		
Little Maplestead, Pump	07:34	10:04	12:04	14:04	16:34	18:34	<b>Timings in BLUE are fixed timing points</b>	
Great Maplestead, School	07:38	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:38	18:38		+7 min
Little Maplestead, Cock Road	07:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41	<b>All highlighted timings MUST be pre-booked</b> <b>01621 874411</b> <i>the earliest times dependent on the number of passengers booked onto the service</i>	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	07:50	10:20	12:20	14:20	16:50	18:50		
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	07:51	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:51	18:51		+12 min
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	07:45	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	18:45		
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	07:49	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:49	18:49		
Bulmer, Cross Roads	07:55	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	18:55		
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	07:59	10:29	12:29	14:29	16:59	18:44		
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	08:03	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	18:48		
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:07	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	18:50	earliest arrival time	
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:26	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:26	19:07	latest arrival time	

#### SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S - PEBMARSH - GREAT MAPLESTEAD - LITTLE MAPLESTEAD - HAL

Mondays to Saturdays							F315
Sudbury, Bus Station	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:30	17:30	19:15	
Ballingdon, opp Strawberry Stores	09:03	11:03	13:03	15:33	17:33	19:18	<b>Timings in BLUE are fixed timing points</b>
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	09:07	11:07	13:07	15:37	17:37	19:22	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	09:11	11:11	13:11	15:41	17:41	19:26	<b>All highlighted timings MUST be pre-booked</b> <b>01621 874411</b> <i>the earliest times dependent on the number of passengers booked onto the service</i>
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	09:17	11:17	13:17	15:47	17:47	19:32	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	09:23	11:23	13:23	15:53	17:53	19:38	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	09:30	11:30	13:30	16:00	18:00	19:45	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	+12 min	09:31	11:31	13:31	16:01	18:01	19:46
Little Maplestead, Cock Road	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:55	17:55	19:27	
Great Maplestead, School	+7min	09:28	11:28	13:28	15:58	17:58	19:43
Little Maplestead, Pump	09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:30	
Halstead, High Street	09:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	19:35	earliest arrival time
Halstead, High Street	09:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	19:52	latest arrival time

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## More Local Information

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### **Solar Society, September and October 2019**

Your local adult learning group.

On Monday 2nd September Miles Scrivens will ask the question and discuss, 'Peterloo: How close did Britain come to Revolution in the early nineteenth century?'

On Monday 7th October we will be joined by Graham Laurie, who will talk to us on 'Roald Dahl's War in many foreign fields'.

Both talks start at 2.30pm and last about an hour and a half with a short break for free light refreshments. We meet in The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham.

Entrance: £4.00 All welcome. No membership fee.

More details from: Miles Scrivens 01787 469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

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### **Local Women's Running Group**

We now have a small group of women who meet most Sunday mornings at 9am at the Little India Car park in Little Maplestead, to run between 4 and 5km. It's a manageable pace so do come along even if you haven't run in a while. Contact [laurabloom@btinternet.com](mailto:laurabloom@btinternet.com) or on 07801 749802

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### **Local Libraries**

Halstead library is open 9-5pm Monday, 9-6pm Tuesday, closed Wednesday, 9-6pm Thursday and 9-5pm Friday and Saturday. Sible Hedingham Library is open 9-1pm Monday, 1-5pm Tuesday, closed Wednesday, 1-5pm Thursday, closed Friday and 9-1pm Saturday. Further information is available on <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk>.

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### **Four Parishes Book Group**

We meet monthly on Thursday evening at members' homes and have wine, tea or coffee. Books are chosen by suggestion or recommendation from members. All books are borrowed from the library so there is no cost to members.

For more information, contact Alison Cantor on 01787 462537 or 07713509445 or by email at [acantor@linus.plus.com](mailto:acantor@linus.plus.com)

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### **Sudbury Area Cancer Support Group**

4th Thursday, 7-9pm, The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EU. 2nd Friday, Cafe Club, 12-2pm, The Loft, 3 Gaol Lane, Sudbury CO10 1JL.

For more information, contact Ruth Worsley on [ruth-SACSG@outlook.com](mailto:ruth-SACSG@outlook.com)

## Shed and garden crime (spring/summer)

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As spring disappears into summer and we find ourselves spending more time keeping the garden tidy so we also see an increased number of shed and outbuilding thefts.

**Working in the garden:** It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden, if the house is empty it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember when you finish working in the garden or stop for a break put your tools away.

**New tools and lawn mowers:** Be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging to your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection.

**Property marking:** It's a good deterrent if your property is visibly security marked with your house number and post code such as [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording on Immobilise there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

**Shed security:** With sheds coach-bolt and plate the padlock hasp sections to the frame and door, use a good quality "Close Shackle" padlock or a key operated mortice lock; don't forget the hinges, ensure they cannot be unscrewed. Protect windows with a wire mesh and fit a curtain or white wash the windows to prevent prying eyes. Consider a shed alarm if you do not have one, Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) or [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com).

**New plants:** Larger plants etc. can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground. Your local garden centre or DIY store should be able to help.

**Rogue Traders:** The rogue trader also takes advantage of the fine weather to con the unsuspecting. Although you may think you would never be taken in by them they can be very convincing especially to the elderly or vulnerable, "I am laying some gravel up the road and see you need some....." "I notice your trees or shrubs need a prune..." so many stories. Look after the elderly or vulnerable near you and step in should you need to with a little advice, also another face sometime puts the rogue trader off. Need a trader and have no personal recommendations, look at [www.buywithconfidence](http://www.buywithconfidence) for traders checked out by Trading Standards.



## More Local Information

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# COLNE VALLEY RAILWAY

## Special Events 2019

We have lots of characters visiting us this year including

Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol 28<sup>th</sup> April

Peter Rabbit 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The Gruffalo 30<sup>th</sup> June

Peppa Pig 21<sup>st</sup> July

Wallace & Gromit 20<sup>th</sup> August

Transport Day 25<sup>th</sup> August

Paddington 8<sup>th</sup> September

Chase & Skye from Paw Patrol 27<sup>th</sup> October

Further information can be found at [www.colnevalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.colnevalleyrailway.co.uk)

Or 01787 461174

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## Braintree Area Food Bank

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### Urgent Items

- Sugar 500G Bags
- Bags for life
- 1L cartons of long life milk
- 1LTR Cartons of fruit juice
- Coffee small jars

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### Food that they are short of

- Chocolate bars (Kit kats, Penuins)
- Tinned or packet custard
- Instant mash
- Rice (500G bags)
- Nappies sizes 5 and 6

They also need tea bags (40), cereal bars, Cold tinned meats, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned sponge puddings, breakfast cereal, packet soup (Cuppa soup) tinned rice pudding, rice, warmed tinned meat and jam. Donations can be made via the libraries in Braintree, Witham, and Halstead and the Coop in Halstead.

On behalf of all our visitors we thank you for your generosity.

T: 01376330694

E: [info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk)

W: [www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food](http://www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food)

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# Great Maplestead

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## The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, to our meeting on Thursday June 6th 2019. Secretary Anne Fletcher read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then introduced Sarah Knights and Lisa from Chappel Chocolate House. Sarah asked for a volunteer and Kathryn Haylock went forward to help temper some chocolate. Sarah spoke about how her hobby turned into a small business hand making chocolate bars and chocolates. Sarah went on to explain how she makes the various flavoured chocolate using Belgian chocolate with flavours such as salted caramel and orange and cardamom. Lisa brought samples round for us to taste of cocoa nibs and pure cocoa mass and varying strengths of dark chocolate. Sarah then demonstrated how she makes chocolate truffles, which were delicious. Carol Brownlie gave a warm vote of thanks and invited Sarah and Lisa to have refreshments with us, provided by Janice Chaplin, Jill Newton and Gill Peskett. Flower of the month was won by Liz Newton with a dark red "Dunston Wood" rose, the raffle was won by Christine Dunne.

Next month's meeting is on Thursday 4th July 2019, this is to be a "Craft Evening". For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.

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## FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE NOTE THIS UPCOMING EVENT

The Great Maplestead Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 1pm

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## The Maplesteads Autumn Show – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

All residents of Great and Little Maplestead should find a copy of the schedule for the forthcoming Autumn Show in this month's magazine. The committee has tried hard to ensure that there is something for everyone – from the young to the not so young !

Please read your schedule carefully and start your preparations early to ensure the Autumn Show's continued success.

The Autumn Show is a non- profit making organisation and relies on the support of both villages, so please enter and make this year's show even bigger and better. If you have not received a schedule further copies are available in both churches.

If you require any further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.

## More Great Maplestead

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### Charity Bingo Evening

Saturday 5th October 7pm

Great Maplestead Village Hall

In aid of Cystic Fibrosis

I am looking for donations of ten 'first line' prizes such as a bottle of wine or a box of chocolate biscuits, and ten 'full house' prizes which could be a cream tea or a pair of tickets for the cinema.

If you are able to donate something like this it would be very much appreciated, and if you would like to reserve your tickets

Please contact Myra Jeggo on 01787 474285 or [m.jeggo@sky.com](mailto:m.jeggo@sky.com).

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### Great Maplestead residents opt for full fibre broadband

Great Maplestead are joining the rural technological revolution after the local community expressed significant interest to connect to County Broadband's growing network.

Lloyd Felton, chief executive of County Broadband Ltd said: "As we increasingly rely on the internet in our day to day lives for downloading and streaming films, on demand catch up services, calls or even working from home the slowdowns become more and more noticeable. Ultrafast is the only way to ensure communities have the fast, reliable broadband they need for the future."

The average household now has nine devices connected to their home network including one or more computers (94%), phone or tablet (91%), television (77%), Set-Top Box (66%), gaming console (42%) or digital assistant (34%).

## Maplesteads W.E.A. Autumn Course

### Italian History and Culture

Starting **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at Great Maplestead  
Village Hall

A Seven Week course of 2 Hour Sessions

The first free taster session starting with a Social at 18-30

The following sessions starting each Monday at 19-00

For further information contact: **Jean Bowers (01787 460 181)**

**Email : [jeanbill.walking2@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanbill.walking2@btinternet.com)**

## More local information

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### Sudbury Newstalk



Do you have a relative, a friend, a neighbour or a colleague who is registered blind or visually impaired? The volunteer team at Sudbury Newstalk records a fortnightly local Newspaper digest, and a bi-monthly Magazine, which are distributed free to listeners throughout the area.

The recordings are on USB sticks, and listeners are provided with a USB player free of charge. The USB sticks are posted to the recipients home.

To learn more about Sudbury Newstalk, visit our website [www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk](http://www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk) and listen to the latest edition of the Magazine or contact Jane Chambers on 01787 468535.

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### Heddingham Medical Centre

As you probably know the Castle Practice in Castle Heddingham has merged with Sible Heddingham. The Castle Heddingham surgery is open from 8.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday. 01787 461465

Appointments can be made outside these hours, between 6.30 - 8,00pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 2pm Saturday, Sunday and bank Holidays at one of six GP led access hubs, one of which is the Elizabeth Courtauld in Halstead. To access these out of hours appointments phone the practice when they are open and NHS111 when they are not.

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### U3A

The University of the Third Age is thriving. We have three close to us, Halstead, Sudbury and Braintree.

The U3A Halstead can be found here:  
[u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome](http://u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome)

The U3A Sudbury can be found here:  
[u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home)

and the U3A Braintree can be found here:  
[u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events](http://u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events)

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### Help us

If you know of any local groups of activities that could be useful to the people in our villages, please let the editor know



## Little Maplestead

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### Ride and Stride - Saturday 7th September

As always 50% of sponsorship raised goes to The Friends of Essex Churches and the remaining 50% to the chosen church of the walker, rider or cyclist. So the more people who take part for the Round Church the more funds will come our way. The church will be open from 10am to 5pm on the day. Sponsorship forms and further information are available from Jane Piper on 01787 473933. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service and Lunch in the Round Church will be on Sunday 6th October at 12.30pm. Come together with the community to this joyous occasion as we celebrate Harvest. Book now to avoid missing this ever-popular service. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and family. Come along and enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

Tickets are available from Jane Piper on 01787 473933 or Karen Sunnucks on 01787 472145.

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### Little Maplestead Parish Council

Little Maplestead Parish Council are pleased to announce that two picnic tables and benches have been installed in the playing field, we are hoping these will be of use to Mums and Dads when children are playing, and also to passing hikers and cyclists.

We are proposing to combine our efforts with the other Parish Councils in the area to try to obtain maximum mobile phone coverage with the minimum of masts. This is an ongoing project, which we believe is of major importance to most people, and we feel that by combining our efforts we stand a better chance of success



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# Gestingthorpe

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## Gestingthorpe Village Hall Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20th June. Eight Committee members attended and there was one apology. Two villagers also attended.

The Minutes from the 2018 meeting were approved and Reports were presented by the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

A Resolution was presented to the Meeting in connection with the proposed updating of various sections of the original Trust Deed of 30th December 1966 and the inclusion of further Clauses. A Proposal to pass the Resolution was made and seconded and the subsequent vote Passed the Resolution to take effect.

Both Kathy Alton and Elaine Sharp advised those present that they would not be standing for Election but both expressed their willingness to continue to help with the running of Events and other duties, as needed, to help the village hall generate funds to meet its ongoing overheads and funding for future updating and improvement of the facilities.

Voting took place for those who would be Committee members. The roles of Committee members for 2019 / 2020 were decided as:

### **Elected members:**

Chairman:Chris Harman	Vice Chairman:Roger Goldsmith
Secretary:Myra Quick	Treasurer:Penny Bagby
Bookings Secretary:Steve Bagby	Member:Geoff Quick

### **Representative members:**

Parish Council:Terry Flower	Parochial Church Council:Peter Nice
Cricket Club:Steph Prior	Gestingthorpe History Group:Andy Craig
Football Club:Vacant post	

Myra, our Secretary for the last couple of years, expressed her wish to stand down from the role of Secretary but to continue as a Committee member. We are grateful to Myra for offering to carry out the duties of our Secretary until someone else steps forward to take on the role.

If you wish, or know of someone who would like to be our Secretary and help with the running of our village hall please contact Myra Quick on 469246.Flower Arranging Day

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## **Coffee / tea morning**

Our first coffee / tea morning on Friday 7th June was well attended and everyone enjoyed chatting with each other. A couple of visitors, one of whom's grandfather lived in Gestingthorpe, joined us and they told me how lovely it was to hear of the village's history and stories directly from us over a cup of tea and a cake.

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## More Gestingthorpe

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### More Coffee / tea morning

One of our villagers brought along some lettuces she had just pulled out of her garden and she kindly donated them to boost the funds we were raising for our village hall.

An author who lives in the village brought along some of his books and he did an impromptu 'book signing'.

We intend to hold regular tea and coffee mornings and the dates for the next few 'Gestingthorpe Get Togethers' are for the mornings, between 10 am and noon, on Friday 28th June, 12th & 26th July and 9th & 23rd August in Gestingthorpe Village Hall.

We hope to see you there.

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### Flower Arranging

**Sunday 6th October 2019**

Gestingthorpe Village Hall 10am - 4pm.

£28 per person (tea & biscuits provided, bring your own lunch).

Jane Rayner will show us how to put together two seasonal arrangements before you get to have a go making your own two to take home.

After lunch Jane will then create another 4-6 displays which will be raffled off at the end of the day!

All flowers, greenery, pots and extras provided, but please bring your own sharp scissors/secateurs.

Limited numbers, so please book your place with Claire Craig (07814 725195 / [thecraigs2018@outlook.com](mailto:thecraigs2018@outlook.com)).

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### Gestingthorpe Social Walk

**6 July 2019**

11am starting from the Pheasant Pub

This will be a leisurely circular walk around the stunning rural village of Gestingthorpe. The walk will be approximately 4 miles and will be suitable for all ages and abilities. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

After the walk those who would like lunch or a drink will be welcome in the Pheasant (charges apply)

Please ensure that you wear suitable footwear and clothing for the walk and walkers will be responsible for their own safety

## More Pebmarsh

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### More Parish Council News

Improved street lighting around the church and upgraded bus shelters. News to follow on all these initiatives. Lastly, we discussed closer ties for all the different entities in Pebmarsh to compliment each others' work, share resources, knowledge and expertise. It was agreed it makes sense to work together for the benefit of Pebmarsh. Your PPC will endeavour to bring all together to maximise communications and increase the benefits of living in our amazing village.

The next PPC meeting is set for the 17th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Pebmarsh Village Hall to which all are warmly welcomed.

Perry - Chair - Pebmarsh Parish Council

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### A Bit of A Do

Mike Barnes and friends are again organising "A BIT Of A DO" on the Pebmarsh Football Ground on the weekend of July 20th and 21st. Anyone wishing to enter a display or stall of interest, donating raffle prizes or offers of help, can contact Mike on 01787 269454 or 07703 653897. Proceeds to Pebmarsh interests.

## **A BIT OF A DO**

**20th & 21st JULY  
10AM - 5PM**

## **Pebmarsh Football Ground**

**Vintage Tractors, Stationary Engines, Working Displays**

**Farm Animals, Refreshments, Stalls and Raffle**

**Admission by Donation**



## More Pebmarsh

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### More Kings Head

#### Invitation to stallholders

Anyone from the local area who is interested in running their own stall, or selling their own items (non food), on the Sunday, from 12pm, should contact [pcpshareholder@gmail.com](mailto:pcpshareholder@gmail.com) to reserve a space. There is no charge for this. Please let us know by 12 July.

The weekend schedule is outlined below - we look forward to seeing you there!

- Friday 19 July (evening): live music from "Anything Else".
- Saturday 20 July, 12pm - 11pm: live music over lunchtime, Open Mic from 3pm, bouncy assault course for children until 8pm.
- Sunday 21 July, 12pm - 8pm: lunchtime and afternoon live music from "Jazz Incorporated" followed by "Blueprint". Community run stalls/games.

Would you like to be our new Quiz Master? Our longstanding Quiz Master has decided to step down and we are looking for someone to run the popular monthly Quiz Nights at the King's Head in the autumn. A small fee is payable if required. Please contact [pcpshareholder@gmail.com](mailto:pcpshareholder@gmail.com) if interested.

See the current lunch and dinner menus and details of upcoming events on the pub website [www.kingsheadpebmarsh.co.uk](http://www.kingsheadpebmarsh.co.uk). You can follow the latest news from the King's Head on Facebook @kingsheadpebmarsh or Twitter @pebmarshpub. To find out more about Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited see our website [www.pcp.pebmarsh.com](http://www.pcp.pebmarsh.com). To become a Member by buying shares in this Community Benefit Society, email [pcpshareholder@gmail.com](mailto:pcpshareholder@gmail.com).

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### Pebmarsh Parish Council News - June 2019

Thank you to all who attended the 19th June 2019 meeting at Pebmarsh Village Hall of the Pebmarsh Parish Council (PPC). Apologies were received from Cllr Jackie Tufnell. We wished Cllr Jackie Tufnell better.

Thanks also to Tom Donaldson who kindly gave up his own time and expertise last month to cut back the vegetation on the approach to the bridge in Pebmarsh, making it safer to see, walk, drive and cycle through our village. The random act of kindness by Tom for the good of Pebmarsh needs to be applauded loud and proud. At the meeting we covered the possible mobile phone mast site in Oak Road, a topic set to affect all in the village. Cllr Dave Ballard is leading on this matter. We welcomed Cllr Bill Piper Chair of Little Maplestead with whom, and his fellow councillors, we will be joining forces to bring a mobile phone signal to both villages.

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## Pebmarsh

### Pebmarsh.com

New to the village? Are you aware of the Pebmarsh.com website? The website contains links/information about the Parish Council, Village Hall, School and the Kings Head pub. From the site you can also join the mailing list to be informed of activities & events happening in & around Pebmarsh.

[www.pebmarsh.com](http://www.pebmarsh.com)

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### Open Farm Sunday

"Open Farm Sunday" was held at Hunts Hall, Pebmarsh on Sunday 9th of June. It was a lovely day and was attended by over 150 people who were able to look at some of the latest farm machinery on show and learn what we grow and how we do it. There were also farm tractor and trailer rides around the farm which were in strong demand and which included visits to our farm diversification projects namely Prestons Lake and our newly opened Glamping Site "Woodchests Glamping". There was a tea and cake stall run by Pebmarsh Church and a Burger Stall run by Halstead Rotary Club . Both these were very successful and many thanks to all those who made cakes and helped or supported in any way. "Open Farm Sunday" is part of a national event and I expect that J R Crayston and Sons Ltd. will partake again next year. Save the Date: June 7th.

Jim Crayston.

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### Pebmarsh Clubs

**Bowls Club** - Reminder - The club will not be meeting over the summer but will resume on Wednesday Oct 2nd in the afternoon 2.30 - 4.30 and then every first Wednesday in the month.

**Youth Club** meets at the village hall on alternate Thursday's from 6.30-8.30. Contact Carol Parker 01787 269996.

**Ladies Club** meets at the village hall on the second Tuesday monthly. If you are interested call Pauline Andow on 01787 228790.

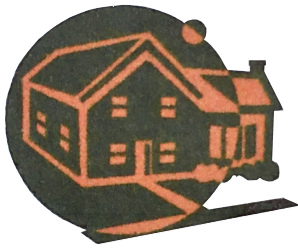
**Card Making** meetings are held in the village hall on the last Tuesday monthly. Booking is essential, please contact Pauline Andow on 01787 228790. All tools & materials provided.

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### The King's Head, Pebmarsh

#### King's Head Summer Festival

The King's Head Summer Festival will take place over the weekend of 19-21 July, 2019. This is a collaboration between Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited and our tenants Debbie and Stuart and we are keen to make it a real community event. Entry is free and there's something for everyone.



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