

Services for June 2019

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 2 June	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	3pm St. John Service	No Service
Sunday 9 June	4pm Compline	9.30am Holy Communion	No Service	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 June	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 23 June	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 June	10:30 Team Service - Gosfield			
Sunday 7 July	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	No Service

Dates for the Diary

4th June Team Council

9th June Open Farm Sunday at Cricks Farm in Pebmarsh.



Great Maplestead Church at time of first cuckoo

Parish News

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



Church and Community together
June 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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Gestingthorpe

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May dates for your diary

1 June	7.30pm	Summer Wine Tasting	Great Maplestead
1 June	10am	Plant Stall Gestingthorpe Village Hall	Gestingthorpe
2 June		Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol	Colne Valley Railway
3 June	2.30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
6 June	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
7 June	10am	Coffee Morning	Gestingthorpe
8 & 9 June	1pm & 11am	Pebmarsh Art Group Annual Exhibition	Pebmarsh
9 June	1pm	Pebmarsh Open Gardens	Pebmarsh
9 June	11am	Open Farm Sunday	Pebmarsh
9 June	3.00pm	Boules	Great Maplestead
11 June	1pm	Ladies Club	Pebmarsh
20 June	7.30pm	AGM Gestingthorpe Village Hall	Gestingthorpe
22 June	10.30am or 2pm	CPR and defibrillator refresher course	Great Maplestead
25 June	1pm	Card Making Club	Pebmarsh
29 June	7.30pm	Gestingthorpe History Group	Gestingthorpe
30 June	9.15am	Maplestead Magna Miglia	Great Maplestead
30 June		The Gruffalo	Colne Valley Railway

BRENDAN CARR

By the time this is published I may be a married women, but you'll always be my number one man.

Rosie Carr



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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.

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



We shall remember

Please look at page 20 for the article on the Service of Remembrance for the six members of the Home Guard who lost their lives in a tragic accident during World War II.

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Letter from the editor

The sun is shining as I write this, my dogs are at my feet, I have a glorious view towards the Colne Valley and an excellent cup of coffee. What more can a girl want. Doesn't the sun lift our spirits.

Photographs are coming in for the cover. The lovely aerial view of Pebmarsh on the front cover was sent in by Louise Bradley and the photo on the back cover of Great Maplestead church was taken by Sarah Maguire the day she heard the cuckoo confirming the arrival of summer. Thank you to both of you and more please. Louise has also kindly paid for the cover to be in colour. You will also notice we are a full eight pages larger this month, keep it up. The more local information we can include the more useful we can be.

Those of you with sharp eyes will have noticed the two deliberate mistakes!! last month. Firstly my apologies to Joe Burlo as his wonderful (in colour terms) field of rape was in black and white not colour. Secondly my apologies to Perry Crimmins and the Pebmarsh Pilgrims as their article "fell out" and therefore was not published. To make a donation to the Pebmarsh Pilgrims please go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsof-pebmarshchurch

Remember that we do not publish in August so any advance warning for activities that month need to be in the July edition and therefore with me by the 21 June 2019.

Jenny

Have a great June.

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Letter from the Rectory

Unless you have a birthday or personal anniversary in the month, June is a month in which very little seems to happen on a regular basis. Perhaps that is why the Queen has her official birthday in June.

Even in the church this is usually the case, where the Sundays start being called "Sundays in Ordinary time" or "proper Sundays". This year, however is different, due to the fact that Easter was so late, we see one of the most important days in the church year fall in June.

If you were asked "when is the birthday of the Christian church?", I wonder what your reply would be. Would it be Christmas or Easter? Well the answer is probably Pentecost, historically called Whitsun. Pentecost means fifty days and was the day chosen by the Jewish people to celebrate their harvest festival, the fifty referring to the number of days after Passover,

On this day pilgrims would gather in Jerusalem to make their offerings at the Temple and it was on this day the church could be said to be founded. For at the start of the day around 120 followers of Christ were gathered together and something happened so that by the end of the day, as the bible tells us three thousand had been added to their number. It was at that point that the followers of Christ started to become the church by adding to their number and becoming his servants on earth. Over the next 2,000 years the church developed and changed - adapting itself to changing situations. So it is with the church today, We have to adapt to new situations, it is no exaggeration to say that the changes over the last 40 year or so, though the development of technology have been greater than at any similar time period in history. We have been challenged in the availability of information, in the speed of communication and even in our ideas about what privacy is. Throughout that time the core of the Christian faith has remained constant. What does that mean to you? At the heart of each of our villages are two churches. There is the building but there is also the community of people who are there to "love God and love their neighbour". We are very grateful for the support we are given by those who value the church buildings, such as the newly formed Friends of Pebmarsh church, but we need to add to our number those who can give time for God in worship and growing the church.

So this Pentecost we may not see large numbers added to our churches but please do consider joining us in our services during this "ordinary time" setting aside a little time for God, as a break from busy lives in a busy world.

Gay & Nick



Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)

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

Neighbourhood Watch representatives

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

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.

Anyone with shorthand experience?

Alan is eighty four and he would love to get his life story down on paper. Is there anyone out there who could help him? He would like to dictate it.

He is an Old Barnardo's Boy and very proud of it. If you can help please contact Jenny the editor.

Local and National Authority Representatives

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Parish Council Websites

Gestingthorpe	https://www.essexinfo.net/gestingthorpe/
Great Maplestead	http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk
Little Maplestead	http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk
Pebmarsh	http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com

Church website

www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk

This magazine is available electronically on all these web sites

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 Gestingthorpe Church
 Pebmarsh Church

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 all 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	Timings in BLUE are fixed timing points
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	All highlighted timings MUST be pre-booked
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	the earliest times dependent on the number of passengers booked onto the service
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							F315
Mondays to Saturdays							
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
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
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	+7 min	09:29	11:29	13:29	15:59	17:59	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
Halstead, High Street		09:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	19:52

More Local Information

Solar Society Your local daytime adult learning group.

The June meeting will take place on Monday 3rd. Roger Johnson will be talking on 'Murder at the Red Barn'. The untimely death of Maria Marten.

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

Both meetings will start at 2.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham. There will be a short interval in which free light refreshments will be served at each meeting.

Entrance: £4.00 No membership fees. All welcome.

There are no meetings in July or August. Happy holidays!

Further details from: Miles Scrivens 01787-469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

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 aurabloom@btinternet.com or on 07801 749802

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>.

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

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



COLNE VALLEY RAILWAY

Special Events 2019

We have lots of characters visiting us this year including

- Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol 28th April
- Peter Rabbit 2nd June
- The Gruffalo 30th June
- Peppa Pig 21st July
- Wallace & Gromit 20th August
- Transport Day 25th August
- Paddington 8th September
- Chase & Skye from Paw Patrol 27th October

Further information can be found at www.colnevalleyrailway.co.uk
Or 01787 461174

Braintree Area Food Bank

Urgent Items

- Cold tinned meats
- Long life milk
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Tea (packs of 80)
- Jam
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cereal bars
-

Food that they are short of

- Coffee (small jars)
- Pasta sauce
- Chocolate bars (Kitkats or Penguins)
- Fruit juice (1litre)
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Sugar
- Instant mash
- Breakfast cereal
- Packet soups, ie Cuppa soup
- Tinned rice pudding
- Rice
- Jam
- Warm tinned meats

They also need baby wipes, nappies (all sizes), antiperspirant/deodorant, shower gel, bags for life, pet food and toilet rolls.

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

W: www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

Recording and marking your property

Any markings on property that links and/or identifies it to its rightful owner may be a deterrent to the thief or burglar with the added potential of the return of the property to its owner. Marked property unlawfully possessed may lead to a conviction and as such marked property is harder for the criminal to dispose of therefore the reward or motivation to the thief is diminished. Also the second hand dealers in our counties work with Essex Police effectively making stolen property "Too Hot to Handle"!

Property marking can take many forms:

- ☛ Overt marking that is visible to all like the 'Cesar Data Tag' on commercial plant, engraving, stencil painting of organisation logo to visibly endorsing the property with a post code using an indelible pen or other. An example is 'CREmark' - www.creproducts.co.uk/shop/default.asp
- ☛ Covert marking such as UV pens and Forensic Markers that require a UV light source for the marking to become visible. Reading the marker and/or reading the microdot can identify its owner. As these are invisible until scanned with a UV light source it is important that stickers are displayed on the marked products. Examples are: UV Pens and Sticker - widely available in stores or on the internet. Smart Water - www.smartwater.com. Selecta DNA - www.selectadna.co.uk
- ☛ Asset Recording is another method where you record the details of your property either on your own recording sheet or database (but not kept with the relevant property) or on an 'ISO' accredited database. Your records should include a description of the article and where applicable model, serial and IMEI numbers. To benefit from its deterrent value of this system it is important that stickers are displayed within windows of the premises and on the marked products. Photographs some with a scale can also help in identifying property and can also be uploaded to some databases, for advice on photographing property see "Recording Property" at the bottom of the Essex Police Heritage Watch webpage www.essex.police.uk/advice/essex-watch/heritage-watch/ An example of a property recording database is: Immobilise - <https://www.immobilise.com/>
- ☛ Immobilise can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all registered items and ownership details are viewable on the secure Police national property database the NMPR. This database also links to the publically accessible and second-hand dealer database 'Checkmend' www.checkmend.com/uk/ for restricted searches to establish if an item of property is stolen.



Little Maplestead

Craft Fair

On Saturday 18th May we were blessed with fantastic weather despite the initial threat of rain. There were a wide variety of stalls and refreshments available and we are very pleased to announce we made a profit of almost £2,000 for the church. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, who helped with the preparations or who helped on the day and to those who donated so many plants and cakes and savouries, but most of all thanks to everyone who supported the event.



Parish Council annual report 2019

I believe 2018 was a good year for Little Maplestead Parish Council. After the issues of 2017 regarding Parish Council elections, the Parish Council settled down early in 2018 with 5 Councillors and a Parish Clerk.

We have funded the various projects, added to the playground equipment, all within the budget, and managed to balance the accounts. There were a number of projects that were in various stages of completion, and the initial focus was to get these addressed.

We arranged funding and obtained two defibrillators for the Village. Over and above this we organised training sessions and implemented a VETS system for the Village. We also purchased emergency packs for the members of the VETS scheme, so that they would be in a good position to assist anyone anywhere regardless of weather conditions etc. This was completed by around the middle of the year.

I am pleased to say that we have 10 members of the VETS team, and to date we have not been called out.

More details on the playing field can be seen on the page after next

Proposed Parish Room

The Parochial Church Council outlined their proposal to us to build a Parish Room adjacent to the church, and requested our views on the Planning Application. After some debate and a review of the construction materials The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

This will be an ongoing project during 2019 and into the future. It has yet to be decided what role the Parish Council will have in this project, and this will be an agenda item at most meetings in the year ahead.

Moving Forward

The Parish Room is a large project which will be ongoing for the next year or so.

More Little Maplestead

More Parish Council Annual Report

Mobile Phone Mast

The Parish Council are currently looking into the siting and funding of a mobile phone mast, and it is hoped we will have some feedback from the various phone companies within the next few weeks.

We are keen to accelerate this to assist the local farmers who have expressed difficulty in contacting staff during the harvest times due to lack of mobile signal.

Village Gateway Signs

We shall be looking into the costs and feasibility of having village gateway signs at the entrance and exit of the village. I believe this can be useful as a traffic calming measure, and I also believe it gives a sense of ownership which may help to reduce litter etc, and help to make the parishioners proud of their village.

If this goes ahead we will try to obtain a grant to fund them.

Evaluation of the demographic and future of the playing field

We are lucky to have been gifted the playing field, many years ago, and we have also been lucky to obtain grants to update the children's play equipment, but I feel we need to look at the demographic of the village and start to produce a long term plan for the playing field to maximise its use for everyone in the village, and develop as a community space. It is anticipated this will start at the next meeting.

Last but not least I want to thank the Councillors who have worked hard to maintain the infrastructure by not just arranging to get pot holes mended and Footpaths and Bridleways cleared for the benefit of our Parishioners, but also to keep expenditure within budget, and cut costs where they have been able to.

We are very fortunate to have Ann Harris as our Clerk, she puts in many more hours than I am sure she admits to, and keeps us all under control.

Thank you.

Bill Piper, Chairman of the Parish Council



More local Information



Sudbury Choral Society
Summer 2019
A Family Concert
St. Peter's Sudbury
Sunday 23rd June 3.30pm
Celebrating 'Childhood' through generations
of favourite family songs
With St. Gregory CEVC Primary
School Choir

Tickets including refreshments: Adults £12, 11-18s £4,
Under 11s (and teddy bears) free
Sudbury Tourist Information, Compact Music - North Street
or on the door
Doors open at 3pm
Reg. Charity No. 269588

Good Morning,
I work for a company called TLC Care and Support based in Halstead. We are a care home for adults with learning disabilities.
We are currently looking at recruiting support workers for our services; and if you are interested, please feel free to contact me.
Kind Regards
Laura Church
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01787321311

More Great Maplestead



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Sunday 9th June

on Great Maplestead's Playing Field
(weather permitting)

Starts at 3:00pm : Entry £2.00 per person

Bring your own drinks, snacks and chairs

Everybody welcome!

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.

Sudbury Newstalk has been offering this free service for almost 40 years, but there may be people who are missing out. If you know of anyone who might benefit, and could enjoy the recorded items, please contact Jane Chambers on 01787 468535.

To learn more about Sudbury Newstalk, visit our website www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk and listen to the latest edition of the Magazine on page 2.



More Little Maplestead

Little Maplestead Playing Field

The Council would like to report on the work that is being undertaken in the Playing Field to repair, update and extend the facilities. We have received grants from Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and from a scheme entitled "Bags of Fun" operated by Tesco with which the Council is able to fund the repair and replacement of the surfacing around the double swings, cradle swing and the slide. We have also arranged for an entirely new and different surface (Bonded Rubber Mulch) to be put in place around the rockers. Work will soon commence on repairs to the footpath and also the replacement of the hedge at the Gestingthorpe Road entrance with railings and a new gate. In order to encourage residents and visitors to the Playing Field we have purchased two eight seater picnic benches which will be in place once the concrete bases have been laid, hopefully this month.

The Council is also considering applying for a grant to fund a village information board for the Playing Field to highlight footpaths, walks and points of interest in and around Little Maplestead and the surrounding area.

Please do let us know if there are any other amenities that you would like to suggest for this valuable village asset.

Contact the Parish Clerk on littlemaplesteadparishclerk@gmail.com

Parish Room Update

The Parochial Church Council are pleased to confirm that a planning application has been submitted to Braintree District Council. The application will be available on the BDC planning portal in due course and the reference number for the application is PP-07856410v1.

Further updates will be provided as and when available.

Tanglewood Clock

As many of you use the clock on the garage to make sure you're not running late, you might have wondered where it's gone. The clock has simply been removed whilst the wooden frame is repainted and it will be back in place in a few weeks' time.

The clock was made by Charles H Morley from Halstead. He was a clock maker and had a shop at 4 Head Street in Halstead for many years; the clock is thought to date back to the late 1930's or early 1940's and was at one time on the old village hall in School Road; it was relocated onto the garage at Tanglewood sometime in the 1970's. If anyone knows anymore about the clock, Kevin and Carol Caddy would like to hear from you.

Pebmarsh

News From Pebmarsh Defib Team

Thankfully the past month has been quiet with no calls out made on the defibrillator team, long may that continue. We have a new volunteer on the team and please join us in welcoming Grace Felstead to the volunteer team.

Our village defibrillator requires a maintenance contract to keep it ready for action and we are just about to pay the renewal of our annual support contract of £126.00, we are in year three of our four year contract.

Your defibrillator volunteers would like to send a big thankyou to James Hunter at Cape Contracts for his continued and much valued donation this year which along with the volunteers past and present, makes the project possible.

Perry Crimmins - Pebmarsh Defib Volunteers Co-Ordinator

The Foragers Retreat

The Courtyard in Pebmarsh has been a hive of activity over the last few months as the team of dedicated craftsmen, headed up by Matt Hogsbjerg worked tirelessly to create The Foragers Retreat. Carl & Beth Shillingford and the team already feel like part of the community as many of you popped by to see how we are getting on and it is with great pleasure that we now welcome you in to our brand new Cafe, Bar and Restaurant.

The licensed cafe is open 8am-4pm 6 days a week (closed on Tuesdays). Serving breakfast through to lunch there is something delicious to suit all food preferences and a fine selection of teas & coffee.

The Bar and Shillingfords Wild Food Restaurant are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. From 5pm at the Bar to accompany your wild cocktail, we have a Hot Dish from the Pot served immediately with a hunk of bread or a selection of Crostini. All created by Chef Carl Shillingford from ingredients that are home-made, locally sourced and with a hint of Wild.

Booking is essential for the Restaurant and we ask that you choose in advance from our seasonal menu. The wild ingredients are foraged to order and all the dishes are freshly prepared.

...And there's more! The new Studio Space above the General Stores is available to hire. 'Be Yourself Pilates' are running weekly classes and we have Art, Yoga, Gong Baths & Sound Meditation, Dressmaking, Bee Keeping and lots more in the pipeline. Follow 'The Foragers Retreat' on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with all our news.

For more information visit our website www.theforagersretreat.co.uk, email us at info@theforagersretreat.co.uk Tel: 01787 389123 or why not pop in for a coffee and a chat! We look forward to feeding you soon!

More Great Maplestead



Maplestead Magna Miglia
Navigational Scatter
on
Sunday 30th June 2019
starting and finishing at Great Maplestead Village Hall

Enjoy a quiet drive in the country, answer a few easy questions, possibly win a prize and then partake of a friendly lunch!

Maximum of 12 teams only; maximum of 4 participants/team
Entry: £8.00/person.

Breakfast/briefing at 9.15am; start 10.00am; lunch & prize-giving 1.00pm.

E-mail participation requests to steve198harris@gmail.com by 23rd June latest

For more information contact Steve Harris (01787 462 818)

Fibre Broadband

Great Maplestead is joining the rural technological revolution after the local community expressed significant interest to connect to the County Broadband's growing network. County Broadband needed to secure a minimum commitment from residents and local businesses.

The news means residents and business owners in Great Maplestead will be able to access some of the fastest and most reliable internet speeds in the UK when the community is connected. Under the company's 'fibre-to-the-premises' (FTTP) infrastructure, ultrafast internet speeds of up to 1,000 megabits per second (Mbps) are delivered directly into homes and businesses – even in some of the most difficult-to-reach locations.

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The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, to our Annual meeting on Thursday May 2nd 2019, held in the school hall as voting for the local elections were being held in the village hall. Secretary Anne Fletcher read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

After various items of business we came to the purpose of our Annual Meeting, electing the President for the coming year. To the delight of all our members Carol Brownlie was, once again, elected President.

After delicious refreshments, provided by Jan Bettley and Mary Crawley we all took part in a chocolate quiz devised by Carol Brownlie. The quiz was won by the team comprising Lyn Haylock, Mary Fielder and Jan Clark.

Flower of the month was won by Sandra Birch with a beautiful pink peony.

Next month's meeting is on Thursday 6 June 2019 and the speaker will be "Chappel Chocolate House". For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.
Anne Fletcher

CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR REFRESHER COURSE

For Maplesteads' Parishioners
to be held in
Great Maplestead Village Hall
on



SATURDAY 22nd JUNE

Session 1: 10.30am - 12.00pm
Session 2: 2.00pm - 3.30pm



*Please wear suitable clothing, as training involves kneeling on the floor and leaning across "patients".
Also bring a pen/pencil & notepad.*

Refreshments will be provided



The course is **free** - to reserve your place, please confirm your attendance and session preference in advance to:
Ann Crisp - E-mail: anncrisp@greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk or tel: **01787 460216**

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More Pebmarsh

News From Pebmarsh Parish Council

At the meeting of the Pebmarsh Parish Council (PPC) on the 8th May 2019 I am proud to report that I was elected as Chair and I look forward to contributing to the success that Pebmarsh is currently enjoying.

My first action is to thank Harry Anderson and Jim Holder who have both stepped down for their service on the PPC . Stepping up are Cllr Dave Ballard and Cllr Louise Bradley-Flack who join Cllr Michael Sharp and Cllr Jackie Tufnell to complete the parish council team, supported by our marvellous parish clerk Pippa Potter.

These are exciting times for Pebmarsh with new businesses developing around the village from Catley Cross to Cross End and the success of the Kings Head public house under the ownership of Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited. These and more fantastic enterprises need our support to thrive and grow and that is why at our above meeting the council undertook to pursue to bring a mobile telephone reception mast as soon as possible.

Above all we want to hear from you, the Pebmarsh parishioners. Your input will help shape how Pebmarsh develops.

Best. Perry Crimmins, Chair, Pebmarsh Parish Council

Magazine deliveries

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the request for help delivering the Parish magazine. We have now filled the vacant slot & have started a reserve list of names.

Ladies Club

Ladies Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 1pm until 3pm. If you are interested call Pauline Andow on 01787 228790.

Card Making Club

Card Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month from 1pm, booking is essential with Pauline on 01787 228790. All tools and materials provided.

Bowls Club

The club has decided not to meet 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. For more details contact Jim Crayston 01787 222241

Youth Club

The Youth Club meets at the village hall on alternate Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For more details contact Carol Parker 01787 269996.

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More Pebmarsh

Open Farm Sunday 9th June

Hunts Hall, Colne Road 11am to 4pm

We look forward to welcoming you to Hunts Hall for Open Farm Sunday. This is a National event aimed at fostering a greater understanding between town & country. Entry is free and there will be lots for the family to see with farm rides and farming equipment on display. Jim Crayston & family will also be on hand to answer your farming questions. Refreshments will be available – tea & coffee, proceeds from which will go to the Church & a barbeque run by Halstead Rotary.

Jim, Eileen & Stephen Crayston

The King's Head, Pebmarsh

We are delighted that the Auction of Promises, organised by Pebmarsh School and held at the King's Head on 10 May, was a huge success. With the support of parents, friends of the school and members of the local community over £4,500 was raised for additional ICT equipment.

The King's Head Summer Festival will take place over the weekend of 19-21 July, 2019. We are keen to make this a real community event and entry is free. 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 to reserve a space. The weekend schedule is as follows:

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

Don't forget to book your table for Father's Day at the King's Head (16 June). See the new Summer lunch and dinner menus and details of upcoming events on the pub website 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 pcp.pebmarsh.com.

A Big Thank You From The Pebmarsh Pilgrims

Through a snow storm, a hail storm, over the Pyrenees from France to Spain, after 374,000 steps in eight days and a fair bit of Rioja your Pebmarsh Pilgrims had completed their walk along the Camino Way.

Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads Autumn Show

The Maplesteads Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 7th September – entries can be taken to the Village Hall either Friday evening between 6pm – 8pm or Saturday between 11.30 – 2.30pm.

Please note this time differs from previous years.

The Hall will close at 2.30pm and reopen at 5.30 to give the judges more time to deliberate.

After the viewing and prize giving there will be an auction of donated produce, a raffle and refreshments.

The schedules will be delivered next month with your parish Magazine and we hope that you will find plenty to interest you, whether its gardening, cookery or crafts.

The children's section is always popular and we look forward to seeing their wonderful creations and the men can amaze us with their culinary skills for the highly fought over Men's Challenge Trophy.

The photographic competition this year is Water and the under 16's is Pets so there is plenty of time to get snapping in time for the show.

We hope that you enjoy reading your schedule and that there is something for everyone.

There will also be copies of the schedule in both churches.

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

Reminder!

Summer Wine Tasting Evening

Saturday 1st June : 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Great Maplestead Village Hall

Tickets: £12 per person
Tickets include all wines and nibbles

**Tickets available from: Jacqui Mee 01787 461 002
or Val Castro 01787 462 789**

Fizz on entry £2

<https://greatmaplestead.co.uk/parish-information/events/>

More Gestingthorpe

On 28th April we were pleased to see Gestingthorpe church packed as the congregation gathered to remember the six members of the Home Guard who lost their lives in a tragic accident at nearby Rectory Farm in the spring of 1944.

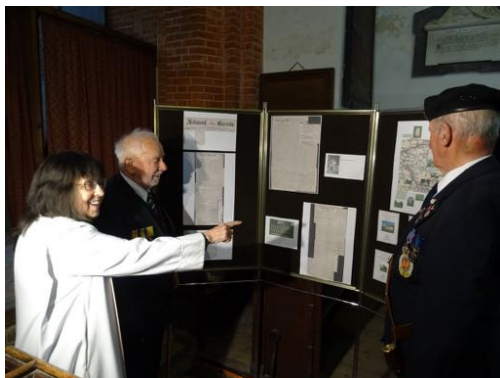
During the service extracts were read out from the Funeral addresses as reported in the Halstead Gazette at the time. A number of descendants of these who lost their lives were in attendance and expressed their gratitude that the church had recognised this anniversary.

Also in attendance were members from both the Royal British Legion and members of the "Civil Defenders" a home-front re-enactment group, who brought along a display of items relating to the Home Guard for the congregation to examine.

The collection that was held during the service was split between the work of the Royal British Legion in Essex and Christian Aid.



Members of the "Civil Defenders" with a 1930's Ford truck, used by the Home Guard in Essex and the Revd Gay Ellis



Revd Gay Ellis discusses the display of Halstead Gazette cutting with Malcolm Firman and Lawrence Rawlinson of the Royal British Legion

More Pebmarsh

More Pebmarsh Pilgrims

In the process Darren, John, Martin, Tom and I have raised £1810 so far and we would like to say a big thank you to all who have very kindly donated sponsorship to our worthy cause, The Friends of Pebmarsh Church.

We shared the news about Pebmarsh setting out to save our village church along the way with all who we met, that news has now travelled the globe far and wide.

The money raised will go towards saving our village Church and will be spent on the fabric of the buildings, through the amazing work of the Friends of Pebmarsh Church.

Thank you all who donated and the Just Giving page is open to those who would like to. Perry Crimmins, Darren Butler, John SurrIDGE, Martin Greene and Tom Godfrey

The Pebmarsh Pilgrims

Hmmm.... where shall we go next year



Pebmarsh Art Group Annual Exhibition

Exhibition and sale of art works at Pebmarsh Village Hall

Saturday 8th June 1pm – 5pm

Sunday 9th June 11am – 5pm

Free entry

Refreshments available

Proceeds to Essex & Herts

Air Ambulance

Pebmarsh Open Gardens

Sunday 9th June

Take a wander around a number of gardens in Pebmarsh that will be opening from 1pm – 5pm

Locations of the gardens participating will be available at the Village Hall on the day.

Entry £6

Proceeds to Essex Air Ambulance

More Pebmarsh

St John the Baptist Primary School

Celebrating Easter



Thank you to all those people who attended our Easter service on Friday 5th April. Two Year 6 pupils led the church service and pupils from each class retold the Easter story confidently and clearly. As usual the children and congregation sang with enthusiasm and gusto. This is always a special service in the school year and a privilege to use the wonderful parish church. Also, as part of the Easter celebration, the FOPS team came together to prepare and deliver a fun filled Easter Egg Hunt for the whole school. The children were put into their coloured teams and together they solved questions in order to find their Easter treats and receive an Easter egg. An Easter bonnet competition was also held with many of the children creating some amazing bonnets at home.

Sporting Events

During the Spring term children from Years 2, 3 and 4 received golf lessons from the Coastal Golf Academy. Twelve children were then selected to represent the school at a golfing tournament on Wednesday 1st May at the Colne Valley Golf Club. Children demonstrated their new golfing skills such as 'chipping' at targets and 'putting' in the hole.

At another event three pupils excitedly represented our school in the 'Panatholon Foundation' Ten Pin Bowling Competition at Colchester Leisure World. They competed against many other schools and we were proud to announce that they came 2nd overall.

On Tuesday 14th May, the children took part in a 3K Race for Life. Children wore pink, blue and some designed their own Race for Life tee-shirt, scarf, banner etc. Some even wore a pink tutu for the occasion! All money raised will go to Cancer Research UK.

Auction of Promises

On Friday 10th May the School held an Auction of Promises in the Kings Head Public House in Pebmarsh. This was an amazing event supported by parents, staff, Governors and the community of Pebmarsh and surrounding villages. The 78 fantastic Lots were donated by people connected with the school and members of the public who generously offered items.

On the night, the pub was heaving and the drinks were flowing. Everyone was very generous and we raised an incredible £4552.

This money will be spent wisely. We presently have very old interactive whiteboards that are used every day by all staff and children. Touchscreens are the next generation of front of class interactive displays.

More Gestingthorpe

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More Village Hall

Please come along to have your say in the running of your village hall.

We also need you to cast your votes on the adoption of an updated Trust Deed and on who is to be on the Village Hall Committee for the next 12 months.

If you would like to stand for, or nominate someone, for the post of Chairman, Vice Chairman or Treasurer please contact either Myra Quick 01787 469246 or Chris Harman 01787 462763.

Coffee morning in Gestingthorpe

Friday 7th June. 10 am to 12 noon

We are launching a twice monthly coffee morning in our refurbished village hall.

Come and have a chat with friends, neighbours and villagers over a 'cuppa'.

No charge for entry. Coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes will be on sale.

The first one will be on Friday 7th June from 10 am to 12 noon. Future dates will be announced in the Parish News and on the VH notice board.

If you need transport please 'phone Chris Harman on 462763.

We hope to see you there



More Pebmarsh

More St John the Baptist Primary School

It is like having a huge tablet on the wall. They enable a tablet-like experience providing teachers with all the tools they need to be highly efficient and productive. Each screen comes with built in software which enables teachers within the school to wirelessly share their lessons, easily access content and connect to mobile devices to mirror lessons anywhere in the classroom. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Family Work Day

Friends and families recently braved the British weather to participate in a Saturday workday at the school. Everyone worked tirelessly to repair, paint and plant in and around the school grounds. The sheds, benches and fences have really been spruced up. I hope to make this a regular event in the school calendar.

Karen De Pietro Headteacher

The friends of Pebmarsh Church

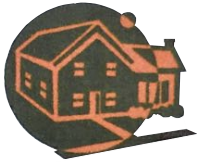
A huge thank you to everyone that has donated so far, the generosity and kindness you have shown to our lovely old church, St John the Baptist, without which we would not be able to push ahead with the essential task of protecting and preserving the building for future generations. We are pleased to report having now received just over £5k, and we are therefore able to officially apply to make the Friends of Pebmarsh Church a registered charity. This is brilliant news, as once approved, we will receive Gift Aid (a tax refund) of an additional 25% on future donations.

To save the church we need regular pledges of £10,000 every year to fund long outstanding repairs. So please spread the word and ask family and friends to help too. The fact the community has raised the first £5k within such a short space of time has given us all a boost and increases our resolve to work, with your continuous support, to keep our church from closing.

So grateful thanks to you from all The Friends team, we're off to a superb start, so please help us to keep it going, and we will, of course, keep you posted on all future fundraising events and progress. The Friends

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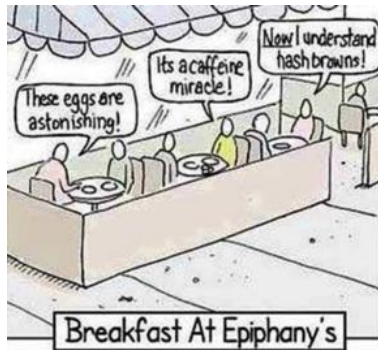
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Gestingthorpe

Flower Arranging Day

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).

Gestingthorpe History Group

are please to announce the return of

Charlie Haylock with his
'History of Spoken English Part 2'

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Saturday 29th June - 7:30pm

Suffolks leading entertainer will once again be guiding us through the nuances of the English dialect.

Following on from his previous visit in 2017, Charlie will take us on a tour of the British Isles once more and demonstrate how the seeds of spoken English were first sown.

An evening of enjoyment not to be missed!

Refreshments and raffle during the interval.



£7 per person

To reserve a seat call

**Andy Craig - 01787 469687
or Peter Nice on - 460126**

Gestingthorpe Village Hall. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm in Gestingthorpe village hall.

All villagers from the Parish of Gestingthorpe are invited to come along to the AGM and to hear what we have done in the last year and what we are planning to do in the future for your village hall.