

Services for November 2019

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 3 November	9.30am Holy Communion	6 . 3 0 p m Evensong	11am Holy Communion and Baptism	
Sunday 10 November	Remembrance Service 10:45am Gt. Maplestead			
Sunday 17 November	11am Morning Prayer	11 a m Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 24 November	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 1 December	Advent Service for the four parishes 10am Gestingthorpe			

Dates for the Diary

- 7 November Joint PCC meeting with the Bishop of Colchester in Gestingthorpe Village Hall
- 11th November 10.45am Pebmarsh Memorial for school and Village Remembrance.
- 12th November Pebmarsh PCC
- 13th November Gestingthorpe PCC
- 14th November Little Maplestead PCC
- 23rd November 10.30 Lt. Maplestead Christmas Craft Fair. (See Advert for more details)
- 28th November 7.30pm Church Treasurers meeting, in Halstead.
- 30th November 10.30 – 1pm Gt. Maplestead Christmas Fair also the same afternoon Pebmarsh School Christmas Fair.

Advent

Next month, we shall be writing about Christmas. During the weeks before then we shall be in Advent and this year to mark the start of Advent we shall be having an Advent Sunday service for our four parishes, this is on Sunday 1st December and will be in Gestingthorpe at 10am, please do put this date in your diaries. This is a way of preparing for Christmas.

Gay and Nick

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

Parish News

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



Church and Community together
November 2019

Free

Village contacts and information

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November dates for your diary

1 November	10am	Coffee Morning	Gestingthorpe
4 November	2.30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
6 November	2.30pm	Bowls Club	Pebmarsh
7 November	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
10 November	5pm	Open Mic at the Kings Head	Pebmarsh
12 November		Ladies Club	Pebmarsh
12 November	7.30pm	Tuesday Talk	Gestingthorpe
13 November	6pm	Pebmarsh in Bloom	Pebmarsh
13 November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pebmarsh
15 November	10am	Coffee Morning	Gestingthorpe
20 November		Parish Council Meeting	Little Maplestead
23 November	10am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Little Maplestead
23 November	7pm	Beaujolais Nouveau Challenge	Great Maplestead
26 November		Card making	Pebmarsh
29 November	10am	Coffee Morning	Gestingthorpe
30 November		Pebmarsh School Christmas Fair	Pebmarsh
30 November		Great Maplestead Christmas Fair	Great Maplestead

Forward Planning for your Diaries

Gestingthorpe, Christmas Craft Fair, 1 December
 Castle Hedingham Solar Society, Musical Afternoon, 2 December

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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.

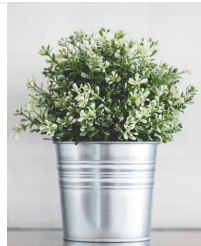
Fancy a cup of coffee and a chat?

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

Open every Wednesday Morning 10.30am to 12noon

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Dorothy on 01787 829963 or Gill on 01787 462786



Wedding.

12 October St Mary the Virgin, Gestingthorpe
Katie Newman and Luke Clark.

Baptism

13 October St John the Baptist, Little Maplestead
Molly Selina May Barron

The Reverend Gay Ellis

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Church Social Media

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Twitter - @knightsparishes
Face book - Knights Hospitallers Parishes, Little Maplestead Church, Gestingthorpe Church, Pebmarsh Church

Letter from the editor

Another fab photo on the cover, taken by Peter Schwier our District Councillor. Those of us with dogs in Little and Great Maplestead will recognise the view. It is taken from the circular walk from the Church, down towards Mill Farm, looking towards Dynes Hall.

I thought the photo was too good to be in black and white and CastleGENT Builders have sponsored the colour printing. Are there any more local businesses out there who would like to sponsor a colour cover. It costs £35.00 for the month. This is the amount charged by our printers. So, again, thank you CastleGENT Builders. Also, more fab photo's please.

A reminder to everyone that next month is the last issue for this year, so please get your copy in to your local village representative. It is also renewal time for our advertisers, I do hope you will continue to support us.

I am also trying to make sure we include all the local activities that are available to us. I have added this month the Empire Theatre Halstead. The Trust that runs it offers afternoon cinema, bingo and live shows, plays and live streaming from venues such as The Royal Opera House. The Trust also supports local organisations by programming in dementia friendly films and events. Friends of mine who have been to the Friday evening cinema thoroughly enjoyed it.

Best wishes to all.

Jenny

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Letter from the Rectory

Remembrance is a time to reflect and look back but it is also a time to look forward as those who fought and gave their lives did so to ensure that our world would be a better place and future generations including us, could live in peace.

Sadly there is still much fighting in the world and many people live in fear but those of us who live in peaceful areas, I wonder how often we remember and are grateful?

Today as I am writing this article I am in Clare Priory and have just been for a walk out of the grounds and down to the river. I stood and watched the ducks as they went downstream. It was so peaceful and the theme of our thoughts for today are gratitude. How easy is it for us to accept what others do for us or did for us? I stood there looking at the beautiful peaceful scene and asked myself how often I think of those unknown young men and women who died so my generation could be born in safety and live in peace. The answer is probably not often enough, we just get on with our lives.

Time goes by and memories fade but our gratitude should continue through each generation and that gratitude should continue for those who serve today. May we remember them and thank God for each one of them.

God bless.

Gay and Nick



Remembrance Service

Our Remembrance Services are always very well attended for which we are very grateful. The details for this year are as follows:

Sunday 10 November at 10.45am in St. Giles Church, Gt. Maplestead, we shall be holding the annual Remembrance Sunday Service

Monday 11 November at 10.45am at Pebmarsh War Memorial we shall be holding St. John the Baptist School and Village Remembrance service.

Also on Monday 11 November at 2.15pm St. Giles Church Gt. Maplestead for the St. Giles School Remembrance service.

The Silver Band Carol Service is back

As some of you are aware, the Silver Band Carol Service had to be cancelled last year because of bad weather on the day, but this year they are back. PEBMARSH Sunday 15th December at 4pm. Favourite carols and reading followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please do come and support them and make them feel welcome.

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

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Parish Council Websites

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Great Maplestead	http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk
Little Maplestead	http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk
Pebmarsh	http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com

Village Hall activities

Pebmarsh has the Bowls Club, the Youth Club, the Ladies Club, Card Making, Dog Training, Art Club (currently full) and Baby Sensory. Great Maplestead has Yoga, Legs, Bums and Tums, Dance and Keep Fit and Pilates. Gestingthorpe has Pilates.



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Please always check the website for the latest timetable.

Arrow Taxis F315 Sudbury-Halstead

Mondays to Fridays (from 12 February 2018)

	service no.	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315
	notes	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sudbury, Bus Station Stand A	0900	1100	1300	1530	1730	1915	
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	0903	1103	1303	1533	1733	1918	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	0907	1107	1307	1537	1737	1922	
Bulmer, The Street	0911	1111	1311	1541	1741	1926	
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	0917	1117	1317	1547	1747	1932	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	0923	1123	1323	1553	1753	1938	
Pebmarsh, The Kings Head	0932	1132	1332	1602	1802	1947	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	0933	1133	1333	1603	1803	1948	
Little Maplestead, The Cock	0939	1139	1339	1609	1809	1954	
Great Maplestead, Church	0945	1145	1345	1615	1815	2000	
Little Maplestead, Pump	0951	1151	1351	1621	1821	2006	
Halstead, High Street	0956	1156	1356	1626	1826	2011	

Arrow Taxis F315 Halstead-Sudbury

Mondays to Fridays (from 12 February 2018)

	service no.	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315
	notes	A	A	A	A	A	A
Halstead, High Street	0730	1000	1200	1400	1630	1830	
Little Maplestead, Pump	0735	1005	1205	1405	1635	1835	
Great Maplestead, Church	0741	1011	1211	1411	1641	1841	
Little Maplestead, The Cock	0749	1017	1217	1417	1647	1847	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	0754	1023	1223	1423	1653	1853	
Pebmarsh, The Kings Head	0755	1024	1224	1424	1654	1854	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	0804	1033	1233	1433	1703	1903	
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	0810	1039	1239	1439	1709	1909	
Bulmer, The Street	0815	1045	1245	1445	1715	1915	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	0819	1049	1249	1449	1719	1919	
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	0823	1053	1253	1453	1723	1923	
Sudbury, Bus Station Stand A	0830	1056	1256	1456	1728	1928	

Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

On Tuesday 12th November, Gestingthorpe Village Hall will welcome the very knowledgeable Keith Lovell for a Tuesday Talk on 'History through Essex town and village signs'. Retired Vicar Keith ministered in Woodford, Chelmsford, Romford, Elmstead Market and Tollesbury before retirement and has an extensive knowledge on a great many historical subjects that he regularly gives talks on throughout Essex, East London and Suffolk. Seats as always are priced at £5 which includes a glass of wine or soft drink during the interval. Catch up with friends you know - and friends you haven't met yet - plus you'll never look at a town or village sign in quite the same way! Reserve a seat by texting Andy Craig on 07970 395640 or email by.blacksmiths@yahoo.co.uk

Gestingthorpe Christmas Craft Fair

On Sunday 1st December, Gestingthorpe Village Hall will once again be opening its doors to local crafters and food producers for its seasonal craft fair. There will be a variety of stalls selling paintings, glass, wood & metalwork, pottery, needle felting, cakes and plants together with the kitchen serving seasonal treats as well as tea and coffee all day from 10am until 3pm. Come and get someone a unique gift for Christmas.

Coffee morning in Gestingthorpe Village Hall.

Gestingthorpe holds a coffee morning each alternate Friday. Next one on 1 November. Lovely and kind villagers bake and donate delicious cakes and our 'team' keeps the fresh tea and coffee supply going. The proceeds go towards the fund to maintain and improve our village hall. Please come along between 10 and 12am, for a cuppa and a chat; we would love to see you

Gestingthorpe Harvest Festival

Over 30 parishioners joined in celebrating Harvest at St. Mary's, Gestingthorpe on 13 October. Nick Ellis led the service with traditional hymns and a variety of readings. We thank Charles Whilems for playing the organ and the bell ringers who summoned the congregation and all those who helped to make the church look especially lovely with flowers and a fine display of harvest fruits and vegetables in the porch.

The service was followed by Harvest Supper for nearly 40 people in the Village Hall. Ticket sales and a Raffle raised over £360 for church funds.

Thank you to all who came or in any way supported this happy village event which included new faces alongside loyal stalwarts. Thank you also to those who prepared the food, and a special thank you to those who as always so cheerfully invade the kitchen when it comes to clearing up at the end.

Christmas Crime prevention

See next months issue.



Castle Players present



Beauty and the Beast
A pantomime

Castle Heddingham Memorial Hall
Friday 29th November 7:30pm
Saturday 30th November 2:30pm and 7:30pm
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- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned potatoes

Food that they are short of

- Pasta sauce
- Cold tinned meats (ham, corned beef etc)
- 1L long life milk
- Tea bags (40-80)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Small boxes non-biological washing powder/liquid
- Deodorant

Donations can be made via the libraries in Braintree, Witham, and Halstead and the Coop in Halstead. For more information see braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk.

The Empire Theatre Halstead

The Cinema has finally returned to Halstead. It has been a journey since the Theatre closed its doors to Cinema, but thanks to some determined fundraising and desire to bring it back it has now arrived. They are making Friday Night Film Night, plus a Kids Matinee film at the weekend either Saturday or Sunday, plus a Wednesday afternoon Matinee, with free tea and biscuits, plus our Dementia Friendly presentation on the second Thursday of the month.

See <http://www.empire-theatre.co.uk>

Halstead and District Local History Society

The Society currently has a membership of over 100 and holds meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Baptist Church, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex. More information can be found on halsteadhistory.org.uk.

The Hedingham Singers

The Hedingham Singers are a mixed voices choir: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. At the moment, the choir numbers approximately 40 men & women. They always welcome new members, especially male bass and tenors.

If you enjoy singing and would like to sing with them, contact Bob Lilley on 07790 573435 or see <http://www.thehedinghamingers.com/>.

More Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe History Group

On Saturday 12th October the GHG welcomed Ashley Cooper to the village hall where 30 people enjoyed the thoroughly engrossing talk given on Heroes, Villains and Colourful Events in Local History.

Ashley with the help of his projector and extensive collection of water colour tableaux by renowned local artist Benjamin Perkins took us on a journey from the stone age, Saxon, Roman, Medieval, Tudor, Georgian right up to the 20th century using his extensive knowledge of local history and people, gained from studying the county archives and his own extensive book collection.

Stories were told of dastardly 14th century land owners from neighbouring villages plundering Gestingthorpe's rabbit warrens to whimsical tales of Tudor dancers making their way from London to Norwich via Halstead and Sudbury.

You know you have enjoyed the evening when you glance at the clock and realise over 2 hours has slipped by (with a drinks interval of course!).

Our thanks must go to Ashley for the hours of work that must be involved with putting together such an interesting talk - and to those who attended, your patronage will help the GHG to continue to operate and maintain the essential resource that is www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk

GESTINGTHORPE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Gestingthorpe Educational Foundation are seeking a new secretary - This worthwhile and rewarding role takes only a few hours each month and enables the smooth running of this centuries old Charity.

Experience in minute taking, administration and simple accounts would be an advantage.

Applications should be sent to Peter Collett Orchard House. Audley End
Gestingthorpe CO9 3AU
peter@thecollettfamily.co.uk

Christmas Coffee

Morning



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Maplestead CO9 2SL

Saturday 23rd November

10am – 2 pm

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To learn more about Sudbury Newstalk, visit their website www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk and listen to the latest edition of the Magazine or contact Jane Chambers on 01787 468535.



Hedingham Medical Centre

As you probably know the Castle Practice in Castle Hedingham has merged with Sible Hedingham. The Castle Hedingham 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.

U3A

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The U3A Halstead can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome

The U3A Sudbury can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home

and the U3A Braintree can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events

Halstead & District Photographic Society

Meetings are held every fortnight from the start of the season in September, through to April/May, on a Thursday evening in the Methodist Church and School Room in Halstead and once a month (usually the first Monday) in Colne Engaine at the Five Bells public house. Look at our web site www.halsteadphoto.org.uk for more information.

Local Information

Solar Society, November 2019.

On Monday 4 November Clare Mulley is returning to talk on 'Save the Children—the story of Eglantine Webb'.

2.30pm for about 1½ hours with free light refreshments at 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

Local Women's Running Group

We now have a small group of women who meet most Sunday mornings 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 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. Contact Alison Cantor - acantor@linus.plus.com or on 07713509445

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

Community-based support for an ageing population



Community Agents Essex provide a free, confidential service to support peoples needs.

Supporting independent living CAE can be contacted by ringing 08009 775858 or 01376 574341; all calls are confidential. More details about this valuable service can be found on www.communityagentsessex.org.uk.

More Little Maplestead

Parish Room Update

The planning application is still pending consideration by Braintree District Council, but it is now being assessed, hopefully we will have a decision by the next issue of the magazine.

Church Noticeboard

The noticeboard has now been completed with the addition of the name plate, many thanks to Norman French from Halstead who did the sign-writing.

Church Repairs

Repairs to the church roof are in progress with most of the missing or broken tiles replaced. A few remaining tiles will be replaced in the next few weeks once protective shielding has been put in place over the uninsulated power lines to the church. In addition, the timbers in the nave roof have been re-treated against woodworm and one of the bird guards re-secured. A leak in the guttering around the nave was also repaired. The annual cleaning of the gutters and any further maintenance will be performed in the next few weeks.

Thefts at The Round Church

You may not be aware that the church has been the target of some unscrupulous thieves on a regular basis.

We had our suspicions last year that money was going missing from the wall safe in St John's Church, so we had the lock changed on the wall safe. We were still suspicious that money was going missing, so we set a trap, and now we have concrete evidence that money has been stolen. We do not know how much has gone missing, but we believe it is hundreds of pounds over a period of time.

We have now changed completely the method for securing any gifts to the church and also of payment for 'churchandise'.

We all work so hard to raise money for the church, and to think that there is someone who may be local, just helping themselves is beyond belief.

There is clearly an undesirable person or persons wandering around our village, so please be extra vigilant, lock doors and windows, and do not be afraid to report suspicious activity to the police.

The Police have been notified of the theft, and we have been issued with a crime reference number.

Pebmarsh

Pebmarsh Parish Council

Our October parish council meeting welcomed both our local Brainree District councillors, Cllr Gabrielle Spray and for the very first time Cllr George Courtauld, our thanks to both for their ongoing support. The parish council has since learnt that Cllr Spray's husband Malcolm passed away peacefully following his recent period of ill health, our thoughts are with the Spray family.

Thanks also to Cllr Courtauld, who made a marvellous first impression by immediately supporting the refurbishment of a village bus stop with a grant to cover the expense. Cllr Michael Sharp is managing this parish project which is expected to be completed this winter.

Cllr David Finch of Essex County Council has kindly agreed to arrange for Essex Highways to undertake a review of the recent road signs, traffic priorities and road markings in Pebmarsh and we await those outcomes.

Attendance of the parish council meetings continues to be healthy and the main hall is now regularly used to cater for all those at the meetings, of course it would be smashing to see more and all are welcomed.

In response to interest to the Pebmarsh In Bloom project initiative, the first meeting to form a steering group will take place at 6pm in the village hall on the 13th November 2019 to which all are welcomed, show interest and bring their gardening skills to the fore. This parish project is being managed by Cllr David Ballard.

The next parish council meeting will be at 7:30pm in the 13th November 2019 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Pebmarsh Clubs

They all meet in the village hall.

Bowls Club now meets at the village hall from 2.30.- 4.30 pm on the first Wednesday monthly. For more details contact Jim Crayston 01787 222241

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.

Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, to our meeting on Thursday October 3rd 2019. Secretary Anne Fletcher read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then introduced Paula Short with her talk about Josephine Baker – An American in Paris. Paula spoke about Josephine Baker an American born in 1906 in St Louis, she was married twice by the age of 15 and was always passionate about small children, the Theatre and animals. Josephine went on to be the first woman of colour to star in the Follies Berger where her costume consisted of a skirt made of gold lame bananas! Josephine was great friends with Princess Grace of Monaco and Bridgette Bardot and after 50 years in show business Josephine died. Paula said Josephine Baker born in America made in France! Jill Newton gave a warm vote of thanks and during social time Paula spoke to many old friends in Maplesteads WI.

Flower of the month was won by Gill Sanderson with a pretty apricot rose.

Next month's meeting is on Thursday 7 November 2019 and the speaker will be Heather Johnson with her talk An Introduction to Mindfulness. For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.

Anne Fletcher



GREAT MAPLESTEAD
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 30th November
10.30am – 1.00pm
in the Village Hall

Lots of stalls:

**Bric-a-Brac, Cakes & Produce, Christmas Cards,
Woodcraft, Bags & Scarves, Christmas Decorations, Metalwork,
Jewellery – and a Raffle.**
Refreshments: Coffee, Mince Pies & Cake.
And much, much more

More Great Maplestead

More looking to improve road safety in Great Maplestead...

Most of the roads outside of the village centre are shared-use single carriageways, subject only to the National Speed Limit (60mph). They vary in width from about 4.6m to less than 2.4m at their narrowest, with no actual means of keeping the various types of users apart.



Users range from walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, private motor cars and light and heavy commercial traffic, to farm machinery and equipment, all of which need to be accommodated safely.

The different road space requirements of each of these groups – and the vast speed differentials between them – means that, in many places on these NSL roads, problems can be caused when users act without due consideration. That could mean: walking on the incorrect side of the road; riding horses or bikes two-abreast; poor parking or driving too fast.

Some examples of the problems:

There are a number of places where the NSL roads either cross footpaths or pass their entries/ exits; the partially concealed nature of many of these intersections puts walkers at risk.



Other NSL roads pass through farm property where equipment, machinery and animals cross frequently. In some cases the crossings are hidden around bends or blind brows of hills, creating potential points of conflict with the road traffic.

On certain stretches of the NSL roads, and at some junctions, poor sightlines mean drivers are taking unnecessary risks when negotiating these sections, especially in adverse conditions.

As a corollary to this initiative, the Council has agreed to participate in ECC's pilot Speedwatch scheme, which is being introduced to allow local monitoring and reporting of traffic violations in areas where there are safety concerns.

Bingo Thanks

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the Bingo evening so successful. It was a great evening with lots of giggling, false calls and lucky winners! To those who donated prizes, attended the bingo, or helped me, before or on the evening, THANK YOU, as together we raised a fantastic £1,144.11 for Cystic Fibrosis.

Myra Jeggo

More Pebmarsh

Pebmarsh Village Hall

Our village hall continues to host regular classes for the local Dog Club, Art Club, Baby Sensory Group and Youth Club amongst many others which may interest you, so please come along and join in. With free parking, a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room and toilet facilities most occasions can be held to accommodate groups up to 100 people maximum.

Our village hall is available for hire for birthday parties, celebrations, meetings and regular and or ad hoc hire to local clubs. Please call 01787 269231 for hire rates, availability and further details.

We look forward to hearing from you and your support for this valuable village resource.

Remembrance Day

There will be a short service at the Pebmarsh War Memorial at 10.45 on Monday 11th November. A bugler will be joining us to play the Last Post. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Church, where all will be welcome.

Silver Band Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will be held on Sunday 15th December starting at 4pm, where we are delighted that the Long Melford Silver Band will once again be playing for us.

Please come along and join in the singing followed by mince pies.

News from St John the Baptist Primary School, Pebmarsh

Healthy School and School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we are officially a Healthy School! As a school we recognise that the health and well-being of children is not only vital to their growth and development but contributes to their long term success and achievements. Our school has a significant role to play in ensuring that our pupils get the best life chances.



We use a whole school approach to promote the overall health and wellbeing of our pupils, families and staff.

We are also delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

More Pebmarsh

More from St John the Baptist Primary School

Courage, Determination and Resilience

We were recently visited by Mike Mullen, a three times BMX Pro UK Halfpipe and Former World Master Champion, to talk about his Growth Mindset and to demonstrate his BMX skills to the whole school. His PowerPoint Presentation showed his successes (and failures) along with lots of positivity tips. This was followed by a practical BMX masterclass workshop with Upper KS2.

Charity Support

After our recent Harvest Festival in the Parish Church, the donations of tinned and dried items were collected by Halstead Food Bank. The local Food Bank network helps people break free from poverty by providing additional support to help people resolve the crises that they face. A wonderful 81KG was collected.

We also raised an incredible £201 by holding a cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Support

School Christmas Fair – Saturday 30th November

Karen De Pietro Headteacher

The King's Head, Pebmarsh

Would you like to be a shareholder in Pebmarsh Community Pub Ltd?

The King's Head building is owned by Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited, a Community Benefit Society run by a Committee of elected volunteers. There are currently over 430 Shareholders who are mainly from the local community. Each share purchased contributes to the development of the pub as a community asset. We are hoping that future development of the pub building will include the provision of accessible entrances and an accessible toilet, baby changing facilities, an additional ladies toilet and an extension to the kitchen. We would also like to refurbish the barn to provide a high quality space for functions and community events. Single shares cost £50 and annual interest is paid. For further information about Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited and a copy of the share prospectus see our website www.pcp.pebmarsh.com or email pcpshareholder@gmail.com

See the upcoming Christmas lunch and dinner menus and details of events at the pub on the website www.kingsheadpebmarsh.co.uk. The next of the very popular Open Mic sessions is Sunday 10 November from 5pm.

You can follow the latest news from the King's Head on Facebook @kingsheadpebmarsh or Twitter @pebmarshpub. The pub email is hello@kingsheadpebmarsh.com or you can ring 01787 267942.

More Great Maplestead

Last call for VETS...

The introductions of Village Emergency Telephone Schemes (VETS) in Gestingthorpe, Little Maplestead & Pebmarsh leaves Great Maplestead as the only local parish without a functioning emergency response network.

The theft of the Parish's defibrillator focused the Council's thoughts, as part of its Community Care remit, on looking again at the need for VETS in the village, particularly in view of its potential life-saving advantages for an ageing population.

The replacement of the defibrillator in a locking cabinet means that such a scheme would now be viable – provided volunteer households can be found, willing to participate.

VETS is designed to assist in a lone-rescuer situation, where someone aiding a person who has suffered a cardiac arrest has to stay with the patient but needs help in getting the defibrillator.

It works like this: after ringing the Emergency Services on 999, the rescuer calls a memorable VETS number, unique to Great Maplestead, which then rings telephones in the volunteers' homes, until someone answers and can respond.



The rescuer tells the responder the location of the incident so that they can collect the defibrillator, take it to the patient and assist the rescuer until the Emergency Services arrive.

The scheme can also be used in other emergencies, such as when someone has a fall at home – calling the VETS number would enable much needed help to be summoned urgently.

To have people available to answer the phones at all times, VETS needs at least 10 households to volunteer – five have already done so.

If you would like to be a VETS volunteer, or would like to discuss joining the scheme, please speak to Peter Haylock (460 302).

Looking to Improve Road Safety in Great Maplestead...

The Parish Council has asked Essex County Council for a review into what measures could be taken to improve road safety in the Parish, with particular regard to those shared-use, National Speed Limit roads that lie outside the village's 30mph limit. This request has been made as a result of recent safety-related incidents that have been reported on social media by concerned parishioners, and after a question was raised about pedestrian safety at a previous Council Meeting.

More Great Maplestead

Building on a Strong Foundation

Great Maplestead Parish Council was presented with its second Foundation Level Award Certificate at the recent Essex Association of Local Councils AGM. The Award is in recognition of the Council continuing to meet all the criteria and requirements necessary for operating both lawfully and in accordance with best practice – and is valid until 2023. A certificate recognising that 2019 is the 125th Anniversary of the formation of Parish Councils was also presented at the AGM.



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Great Maplestead



GREAT MAPLESTEAD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November : 10.30am-1.00pm

Collections for the Bottle Stall
on the afternoons of Sat/Sun 16th/17th November.

Full bottles are needed for the Fair's Bottle Stall!

Please have any **full, in-date** bottles you're able to donate ready for collection on either of those afternoons. If you are not at home we can pick them up from your doorstep or they can be left at Mossings, Lucking Street (01787 460 302).

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity...

Cleaner Wanted

for Great Maplestead
Village Hall



Monday mornings – 2 hours – £10/hour
Starting: Monday 4th November 2019
Please contact: Liz Newton 01787 461 308

Great Maplestead - Jumble Sale

The jumble sale held on the 21st September in the Great Maplestead village hall made £1,265. What a wonderful amount raised by the huge team of village folk all eager to help in raising money for the upkeep of the very well used village hall. Thank you one and all.

More Great Maplestead

BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU CHALLENGE

Saturday 23rd November
Great Maplestead Village Hall
Start Time: 7.00pm

Enjoy a free introductory glass of 2019 Beaujolais Nouveau
and then a scrumptious dinner of:

Boeuf Bourguignon & Vegetables
then either
Profiteroles or Cheese & Biscuits

There will be Table Challenges throughout the meal
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