



Maplestead Magna Carta

Award-Winning Newsletter of Great Maplestead Parish Council

A Heartening Response to Village CPR/Defib Training...

Equipped for an Emergency...



Great Maplestead Parish Council, with the help of DoH funding, recently acquired a **Defibrillator**, which has been installed in an easy-access cabinet on the roadside wall of the Village Hall.

The British Heart Foundation also provided a **Call Push Rescue (CPR)** training kit; equipment that will be essential for when the **Village Hall** becomes the Parish's **Emergency Hub**.

Knowing how properly to administer initial CPR and then correctly use the defibrillator are essential skills if someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest is to be helped successfully – quick action is key to survival in such an emergency.

Two **Community Training Sessions** were therefore organised so that as many parishioners as possible could become potential life-savers – these sessions were held on **Saturday 27th May** in the **Village Hall** and, most impressively, were attended by well over **40 people** in total!



The training was carried out by local **First Responders** Keith Sarti and Kevin Fry. Both sessions were informative and enjoyable – and everyone was able to practice their CPR techniques on some uncomplaining dummies. **Great Maplestead** is now probably one of the safest places in Essex to have a heart attack!

If you couldn't attend the training sessions, information carrying out CPR can be found at: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr>.

Stepping out this Summer

The Council's **Service Level Agreement** with Essex CC, which allows it to exercise full control over its local footpath maintenance, is now entering its second year.



In addition to *ad hoc* maintenance as and when required, the grant funding provided by this innovative scheme, which has already delivered notable

improvements in the condition and utility of the parish footpaths, allows for two main cuts during the growing season.

The first of the 2017 cuts was carried out during the last week of May; it is hoped that the resulting nettle clearance and long grass reduction will encourage parishioners to enjoy and make use of **Great Maplestead's** extensive footpath network throughout the summer.

Current footpath conditions can be checked at <http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/footpaths/> by following the instructions on the page.

Should you come across, and wish to report, any footpath problems, please notify the **Parish Clerk** in the first instance.

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Watching the Web

Great Maplestead's website will shortly be getting a make-over...

...as part of changes to ensure it's more viewer-friendly for visitors using smartphones or tablets. It already has a **new web address**, which is shown at the bottom of Page 2.

During this **Council's** period in office, constant improvements to the quality, range and currency of the site's information about Parish matters has seen annual unique **visits more than double** (from 1481 to 3443), whilst **pages viewed** have **risen four-fold** (from 28840 to 110434).

Pumping for Information...

Do you have a private pumping station on your property? If so, have you registered it with Anglian Water?



In the past, many homeowners spent hundreds of pounds every year on electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs looking after their private pumping station. They may even have suffered flooding if it broke down.

However, from 1 October 2016, many private pumping stations were automatically transferred to **Anglian Water**, and all the maintenance and running costs are now their responsibility.

Nevertheless, there are some pumping stations that remain privately-owned, so **Anglian Water** is now asking anyone who has a pumping station that wasn't transferred last October to contact them to get it registered with the company.

Further information to help you identify and register your pumping station, can be found at: www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation

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Council Meeting Dates 2017/18

The Parish Council agreed at its AGM on 31st May to hold seven Council Meetings during the next 12 months.

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

- ✦ **2017:** 19th July; 30th August; 25th October; 29th November.
- ✦ **2018:** 10th January; 28th March.

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Local Plan Consultation

The latest Draft of the Local Plan Document for North Essex was issued on 16th June for further Public Consultation.

The document is in two parts:

- **Section 1** – Strategic Plan for **North Essex**, including the proposed Garden Communities
- **Section 2** – Policies, maps and sites for development, housing, employment and regeneration within **Braintree District**

Exhibitions to support this **Public Consultation**, which closes at **5.00pm** on **28th July**, are being mounted at a number of venues across Essex.

More information about these exhibition venues, times and dates, together with downloadable versions of the **Local Plan** and its appendices, is at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/publicationdraftpl>

Latest Planning News

The Parish Council considered the following applications at its AGM:

Application Decisions:

- ✦ **16/00655/FUL** Proposed detached dwelling with garage. Land adjacent to **2 Toldish Hall Cottages**, Toldish Hall Rd. **Granted 13/4/17**

Applications Received:

- ✦ **16/01932/FUL** – Notification of Appeal. Long Fen, Church Street. Appeal Ref: **APP/Z1510/W/17/3172840**

This application was originally **refused** by **BDC's** Planning Committee in January of this year.

The grounds for this refusal, and the subsequent Notification and Statements of Appeal and other responses/comments, can be found by going to: http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications, clicking on 'View Current Applications', typing in the **planning reference** and opening the files.

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Forthcoming Events

During the summer there are a number of events at the Village Hall* that you may wish to note for your diary:

- ✦ **Sat 24th Jun* Summer Solstice Celebration** – a mid-summer party, with Pimms, puddings, beer, burgers, wine & sausages with a seasonal musical soundtrack! Doors open: **7.30pm**. Tickets: **£8** from Philippa Mills (01787 460 578)
- ✦ **Sun 2nd Jul Boules** - on the **Playing Field**. An *alfresco* afternoon with a French flavour. Start: **2.00pm**/Cost: **£2 per player**. Bring your own picnic/chairs. There will be **ice-cream** on sale!
- ✦ **Sat 15th Jul Great Maplestead's Wedding of the Year** – at **St Giles' Church**. **Jan & Bill** are getting married! Celebrate with them at the Service (**11.30am**) or for drinks (**12.15pm**).
- ✦ **Sat 29th Jul Jan & Bill's Barbeque** – at **No.8 Stone Cottages**. Continue the celebrations – from **5.00pm** (bring your own drinks).

Much more information can be found on the 'Events' page of the Parish Council website.

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Contacting the Council

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