

Services for September 2019

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 1 Sept	9.30am Holy Communion	6 . 3 0 p m Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 8 Sept	4pm Compline	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 15 Sept	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	Harvest Service followed by Lunch 11 pm
Sunday 22 Sept	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Harvest Service & Lunch	10am Morning Prayer	9.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 29 Sept	11am Family Service at Gt. Maplestead 10.30 am Team St. Andrews, Halstead			
Sunday 6 Oct	9.30am Holy Communion	6 . 3 0 p m Evensong	12.30 pm Harvest Lunch and Service.	

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd September. Lt. Maplestead PCC

Saturday 14th September Gestingthorpe Fete and Fun Day

Saturday 14th September. Ride and Stride around the Churches

Sunday 15th September Pebmarsh Harvest Service 11am followed by BBQ, also the Wheelbarrow of Wine raffle prize selected in the Pub after the BBQ and service. All Welcome.

Sunday 22nd 11am Gt. Maplestead Harvest service and Lunch. All Welcome.

Sunday 29th September 10.30am St. Andrews, Halstead. Team Service led by Revd Katie de Bourcier.

Sunday 6th October 12.30 pm Lt. Maplestead Harvest Lunch and Service.

Sunday 13th October 5pm St. Marys, Gestingthorpe, Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper. All Welcome.

**Parish
News**

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



**Church and Community together
September 2019**

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Village contacts and information

Neighbourhood watch representatives, see page 21,

Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 22.

Magazine copy and deliveries see page 23

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July dates for your diary

2 Sept	2.30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
5 Sept	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
7 Sept	10am	Ride and Stride	Churches
7 Sept	5.30pm	Maplestead Autumn Show	Great Maplestead
8 Sept	Various	Paddington Bear	Colne Valley Railway
14 Sept	2pm	Gestup Fest	Gestingthorpe
21 Sept	3pm	Jumble Sale	Great Maplestead
23 Sept	6.30pm	Maplesteads WEA	Great Maplestead

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..

Forward Planning for your Diaries

Great Maplestead Christmas Fair, Saturday 30 November

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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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Interment of Ashes.

St. Giles, Gt. Maplestead - 20th August Diane Fisher.

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

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Letter from the editor



As I write this the sun is shining and it is 31degC outside (thank goodness it is cooler in the house), the sky is an amazing colour and I am looking forward to going for a walk, which is where the photo on the cover is taken from. Think how much better the photo would be in colour, so come on people, £35.00 an issue for the colour cover, who wants to sponsor?

We have just had our six monthly Steering Committee meeting and there are several outcomes that you might be interested in. Firstly we have given each of our parish churches £400.00 for 2018 and we hope to make it £500.00 in 2009. Secondly we issue to 667 houses, which is probably in excess of 1,500 people. We have also decided to change our policy on accepting information. The magazine copy, whilst variable in quantity, as I commented on last month, is growing, as you can see from this issue. To manage this, the Steering Committee has decided to limit formal announcements of village activities to two. That is the month before and the month before that. However, we are adding a section on page 23 for future announcements Called 'forward planning for your diary'. These will be one liners so that people can put the events in their diaries in a timely manner.

Have a great Summer.

Jenny

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Letter from the Rectory

Endings and beginnings are a feature of our lives at the moment. We are still currently living and working from the Rectory but are also deep in the process of preparing what will be our ninth home since we got married as we look to a new beginning next Spring with retirement coming.

Although the Romans gave the name January to the first month of the year, after Janus the God who had faces on both sides of his head, September always seems more a suitable time of year for changes. For the Harvest is in, and we will have our usual round of Harvest celebrations. Schools, colleges and universities resume and for many annual holidays are over for another year.

During September memories may fade as well, there is currently an advert for Expedia that says that you can book that holiday that your children will never forget. "Never forget" may be a good advertising slogan but the reality is that we all recall certain parts of our past but they may merge into a different overall story in our memories. To an extent our future lives depend as much on our memories as they do of our dreams of the future.

This is also true for our relationship with God, Jesus and the church. It might be an actual memory of an event or recollection of something someone said that determines your attitude to the church and God. One of the privileges of ministry is being able to take funerals. These are important as a public committal of a person's soul to God but also as an opportunity for those who mourn to cope with the changes circumstances. As part of that we ask people at the start of a funeral service to recall one happy memory that they have regarding the deceased. Then hold that memory during the service. So it is with church most of you will have some happy memories about church – bring that to mind and also what has happened to change your attitude? Then perhaps talk to someone about this.

Returning to Harvest, and also Christmas, we hope that the celebrations we hold at these times reflect in some way happy memories that people have of church and that as such those attending feel comfortable at these services. We look forward to welcoming you over the coming months.

Gay & Nick



Ride & Stride 2019.

Ride and Stride is an annual event whereby people can raise funds for their parish churches through being sponsored to visit a number of churches on the same day. Half of the money goes to the Friends of Essex Churches and half to your church. This year the event is on Saturday 14th September.

If you want to know more about Ride and Stride, there are posters at each church or visit www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride

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 47393

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.

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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 the parish council and church web sites

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Pebmarsh Church

Local Information

The F315 Local Bus Service

All buses serve Halstead, Little Maplestead, Wickham St Paul, Gestingthorpe, Bulmer, Sudbury. Book giving two working hours' notice, on 01621 874411. The latest information can be found on <http://www.essexbus.info>. 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
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

Explanation of notes:

A all journeys must be prebooked on 01621 874411 at least two hours prior to departure

Arrow Taxis F315 Sudbury-Halstead

Saturdays (from 12 February 2018)

service no.	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315	F315
	notes	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
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	notes	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

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More Local Information

Solar Society, September and October 2019

Your local adult learning group.

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

and on Monday 4 November we welcome back Clare Mulley, who will give a talk on 'Save the Children - the story of Eglantine Webb'.

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

Entrance: £4.00 All welcome. No membership fee.

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

Local Women's Running Group

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

RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show 2019 & Heating Oil

As part of partnership working between Essex Police, the RHS, and Secured by Design we were privileged to have had a show garden designed and built for us at the RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show. We added security measures to the shed and garden whilst the RHS included nature's own security in the form of defensive planting. Defensive planting being that of a spiky and or dense nature that will deter intruders. The show attracted a record 33,000 visitors and I think most of them came through the show garden and spoke to us. A big thank you to all of you that dropped by for a chat, some very interesting conversations and I learnt from one that defensive planting goes back to Anglo Saxon times with farmers defending their crops.

It is proving to be a most rewarding partnership for all with each of us gaining from each other's expertise enabling us to provide a better standard of advice to yourselves, as can be seen in the new RHS Hyde Hall's garden security leaflet, which also lists some defensive plants and where to find mature examples of them at Hyde Hall.

Below is a link to a short video news article regarding the event:

www.essex.police.uk/news/news-and-features/2019/08aug/safety-advice-given-to-thousands-of-gardeners-at-r/

Before it gets to autumn you may be thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter. In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses.

There are a number of security devices available that will help protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander from <http://www.scrabosecurity.com/> which has "Secured by Design" accreditation, others can be found by searching the member companies at www.securedbydesign.com. These products will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and call you on the telephone. There are also other systems that will add to an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks. Another consideration would be defensive planting, gates or fencing around the tank concealing and restricting access it, where possible locate the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> , the crime prevention website <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/>

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



More Local Information

VISIT COLNE VALLEY RAILWAY

Sunday 1 st September	Steam
Saturday 7 th September	Diesel
Sunday 8 th September	Paddington
Saturday 14 th September	Diesel
Sunday 15 th September	Steam
Saturday 21 st September	Diesel
Sunday 22 nd September	Steam
Saturday 28 th September	Diesel
Sunday 29 th September	Steam



Braintree Area Food Bank

Urgent Items

- Sugar 500G Bags
- Sponge puddings
- 1L cartons long life fruit juice
- Packet mash potato
- 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

They also need cereal bars, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, coffee (small jars), breakfast cereal, packet soup (Cuppa soup) tinned rice pudding, rice, warmed tinned meat, jam, baby wipes, nappies (all sizes), 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.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

a pantomime by The Castle Players

Auditions and a meeting for anyone interested in being involved on or off stage will be held at The Memorial Hall Castle Hedingham at 7:00pm on Monday 9 September with rehearsals starting on Wednesday 11 September.

Come along and join the fun!

Little Maplestead

Parish Room Update

Although the planning application was submitted back in May the application is still pending consideration by Braintree District Council.

A further update will be provided as soon as we hear whether the application has been successful or not.

Church Noticeboard

Many of you will have noticed that the church has a new noticeboard. As well as the usual church notices, there is also a short history of the church displayed as visitors always want to know how old the church is, why it is round etc. Congratulations to Kevin Caddy and his team, who made the noticeboard.



In conjunction with the Parish Council, a local map of the area will be displayed in both noticeboards showing the many local footpaths and the location of the village defibrillators.

A local sign-writer is going to write 'St John the Baptist, Little Maplestead' on the noticeboard as the name of the church and the village is not currently displayed anywhere.

Tanglewood Clock

The village clock has been re-painted and will be back in its original position on the garage by the time the magazine is delivered.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 7th September

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

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service and Lunch in the Round Church will be on Sunday 6th October at 12.30pm. Come together with the community to this joyous occasion as we celebrate Harvest. Book now to avoid missing this ever-popular service. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children.

More Little Maplestead

More Harvest Festival

Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and family. Come along and enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

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

Little Maplestead Parish Council

The entrance to the playing field now has a smart new look, as you can see in the photo to the left.

Mobile phone mast

The Government's policy of nationwide installation of Smart meters by 2050 necessitates extending the mobile phone coverage to meet this objective. It is understood that land surveyors have already made local inspections and have plans for a mobile phone mast in Great Maplestead, meaning that there will be no siting of a mast in Little Maplestead and therefore nothing for the Council to pursue with regard to the Council owned land. The Council agreed that these plans must be monitored closely and locally.

A committee of representatives from local villages including Little Maplestead, Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Colne Engaine, under the chairmanship of Mr Dave Ballard from the Pebmarsh PC has been set up to do this.





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Sudbury Newstalk



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

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

To learn more about Sudbury Newstalk, visit our website www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk 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

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

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

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

Twin Towns International Photography Competition Thursday 3 October 2019 at 7.00pm United Reform Church, 161, Kings Road Halstead CO9 1HJ.

More Great Maplestead

Dear readers

As you may have read in this magazine, I recently worked in the Greek islands where I was delivering aid to the refugee camps. Families live in a space which is about the size of a four man tent.

I worked sorting hundreds of boxes of aid, but I noticed that something was missing. The only box of ladies underwear we had contained about 15 pairs which were used and, to be honest, not very nice.

Later I met some women as they passively queued for food. The looks on their faces were stoic resignation and something I can only describe as a deep and profound sadness. They spend each day, ensuring their children get what is available. They ask so little for themselves!

I think these amazingly stoic women should be allowed some dignity and self respect and surely they should have knickers! They should have knickers that are theirs, that are not another woman's cast offs.

So my dear friends and lovely ladies, this is my plea. When you do your big shop, would you put a packet of knickers in your trolley? Get any size, all are needed (not Thongs please). Will you help me? Donations can be left in the conservatory at 8 Stone Cottages, Church Street, Great Maplestead

Thank you for reading. Jan Bettley (jan@janhancock.co.uk) 01787 462713



Saturday October 5th
in

Great Maplestead Village Hall
Doors open 7pm, Eyes down 7.30pm

In aid of

Cystic Fibrosis

Tickets £10 available from Myra
Jeggo 01787 474285

(This will be exchanged for a book of 10 games
on the door)

Many exciting prizes to be won.

Refreshments available.

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Jane Harris
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Gestingthorpe

Gestup Fest

We have planned a fete with traditional games, stalls, food, drink, music and more; all adding up to an afternoon and evening of fun. We hope to see you there. Before then we will be calling on each house in the village with raffle tickets. Great prizes are to be won.

The GestupFest fete is being held to raise funds for the benefit of amenities (such as the village hall, the church, Christmas lights etc.) for the residents of and visitors to Gestingthorpe.

We have arranged for some off road parking, near to the village green, to make it easier for you to come and enjoy the afternoon with family, friends and neighbours.

Helen 237297 and Chris 462763.

Saturday 14th September
2pm until 8pm
Gestingthorpe Village Green CO9 3BB

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2019**

A great family day out for all ages!
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LOTS OF STALLS • KIDS FUN ZONE**

More Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe 'Gathering' Coffee / tea mornings

Our coffee mornings on alternate Fridays in the village hall are proving to be a hit with those of all ages.

Friends and neighbours in the village have enjoyed chatting over a mug of tea or coffee and some delicious home baked cakes.

If you haven't already been to one of our coffee mornings please come along soon; we would love to see you.

The proceeds from our coffee morning on 20th September will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Support.

The dates for our next coffee mornings are 6th and 20th September and 4th and 18th October. We hope to see you there.

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Gestingthorpe Village Hall will be the venue for a fascinating evening with Linda Rowntree, Psychic Medium.

Linda has trained in Psychic Mediumship Skills with many renowned Psychic's including TJ Higgs, Tony Stockwell and Colin Fry.

So if you would like to join us for a fascinating evening on Saturday October 26th 2019 at 7.30 p.m in Gestingthorpe Village Hall tickets are available from Myra Quick 01787 469246. Tickets are £8.00 which includes a glass of wine/fruit juice.

Flower Arranging

Sunday 6th October 2019 Gestingthorpe Village Hall 10am - 4pm.

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

Jane Rayner will show us how to put together two seasonal arrangements before you get to have a go making your own two to take home. After lunch Jane will then create another 4-6 displays which will be raffled off at the end of the day!

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

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

Pilates

Pilates is starting in Gestingthorpe Village Hall. Ring Lorraine Sutton on 07488 281671 or online at <http://bookwhen.com/lorrainesutton> for more information.

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JUMBILE SALE!

Saturday 21st September at 3.00pm

Great Maplestead Village Hall

Admission 30p Raffle & Refreshments

All types of clothing, fabrics and small pieces of furniture (e.g. tables/chairs) welcome
[but **no** beds, wardrobes or settees please]

**Contributions gratefully received by: Diane Smith (473 300),
Doreen Faulks (460 727) or Liz Newton (461 308)**



The Hall will also be open for deliveries on:

Friday 20th September : 9.00am-4.00pm
and Saturday 21st September : 9.00am-noon

All proceeds in aid of the Village Hall

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

Community-based support for an ageing population

As people get older, their natural wish is to carry on managing their own lives and stay living independently for as long as possible, and for as long as they are safe.

Inevitably, however, they will eventually need help and support to enable them to do this; for some, that will come from friends and family but for others access to a community-based support network will be essential to meet their needs.



Recognising that this kind of pastoral and practical support service could be of benefit to parishioners now and in the future, Great Maplestead Parish Council has been in discussion with Community Agents Essex to see how residents could best use CAE's free, confidential service provision to support their needs.

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 the new Community Agents Essex page of the Parish Council website.

Harvest VILLAGE WALK



Sunday
6th October



**Starting at 11.00am from the Village Hall.
Finishing at the Village Hall for drinks and nibbles.**

Adults: £2.50 each; Children: free

(Please pay at the Hall at the beginning of the walk)

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Maplesteads' WEA



Italy has played a major role in the culture and history of Europe, from the middle-ages, through the renaissance period and right up to the present day. Its historical "Risorgimento" (unification), modern day politics and language are intriguing to learn about.

To find out more, come to **Great Maplestead Village Hall** on **Monday 23rd September** at **6.30pm*** to enjoy a free glass of wine and some refreshments, and try our taster-session for a **7-week course** that we're confident you will find both interesting and informative...

*Subsequent sessions start at **7.00pm**.

More details at <https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/community-village-life/wea/>



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GESTINGTHORPE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Great Opportunity!

Get A Grant to Fund Educational Activities including school trips, music or swimming lessons, sports coaching, cubs, scouting activities etc.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019

Please send your applications in writing by **14th October 2019**, including receipts for any payments made, to the Secretary, **Peter Collett, Orchard House, Audley End, Gestingthorpe, Essex CO9 3AU.**
peter@thecollettfamily.co.uk

Consideration will be given to grant applications for anything which the Trustees regard as educational. Applicants must be residents of the ancient parish of Gestingthorpe, preference will be given to applicants under the age of 25.



Gestingthorpe's defibrillator needs you!

Many of you will remember how generously you contributed to bring our own defibrillator to the heart of Gestingthorpe. Our thanks are due to all of you.

The scheme was free for the first year that it was in place and we have just had to pay £100 for its continuation. We do have enough to meet our immediate needs, but if everybody could give the fund a small donation, we would be able to ensure a healthy balance to meet regular on-going costs.

We do hope you feel able to respond to this appeal. You may either make your cheque payable to the Gestingthorpe Defibrillator Fund and hand it to me or to any member of the Management Team, or you may ask me for a Giftaid envelope with your cheque made payable to the Community Heartbeat Trust and marked on the back with 'Gestingthorpe Defibrillator Fund'.

With all good wishes from the Defibrillator Management Team.

Wendy Jones, Orford House, Church Street, Gestingthorpe. 01787 469049
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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.

Pebmarsh Clubs

They all meet in the village hall.

Bowls Club - will resume on Wednesday Oct 2nd in the afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 and then every first Wednesday in the month.

Youth Club - alternate Thursday's from 6.30-8.30. Contact Carol Parker 01787 269996.

Ladies Club - second Tuesday monthly. If you are interested call Pauline Andow on 01787 228790.

Card Making - last Tuesday monthly. Booking is essential, please contact Pauline Andow on 01787 228790. All tools & materials provided.

The King's Head, Pebmarsh

We were delighted to see the many people who came along to support our very successful King's Head Summer Festival last month. All involved agreed that it was a great opportunity for the community to come together to enjoy some excellent entertainment. Alongside performances from our fabulous bands, we had our showcase of local talent at the Open Mic. This time there was an unexpected appearance from a professional "Queen" tribute group who happened to be in the area! The beautiful flower baskets which were installed for the festival, were generously donated to the King's Head by Halstead Nurseries and by Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey. We would like thank the many people who contributed to the festival..

See the current 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

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More Maplestead Magna Miglia

but the map-reading (and question-reading!) abilities of many of the teams were tested to the limit, some visiting parts of Essex that they hadn't previously known existed...

Competition was close, with only 3 points separating the top 6 teams; the Breeds with Dorothy Weight were looking good for the win, having found an optimal route to visit their selected clues, but their goose was cooked when they couldn't find the Loshes Meadow kestrel. The Purdy/Crisp Partnership and the Tindall Tank Crew were well in the mix for glory too until, in their excitement, they both failed to spot that signposts usually have two sides... The Turner Two fell foul of the same problem with the Gestingthorpe village sign, as well as failing to find the right combine harvester – so near yet so far!

Only two teams answered all 21 questions correctly, although both struggled to find the most efficient way round. Nevertheless, victory went to last year's runners-up, the Watson Collective who, albeit only narrowly, succeeded in turning the tables on the defending champions, Little Maplestead's Morris Men & Ladies.

Our congratulations therefore to Jo Watson, Karen & Andy Root and Martin Watson, seen here at the post-event lunch and prize-giving being presented, and later driving away, with the magnificent 'gold and marble' winner's trophy.

Jills' Jaunt, Gill Peskett and Jill Newton, won the 'Least Points' prize of a map-reading book, which they kindly donated back saying they used to be Girl Guides!

Our thanks to Ian & Su Johnson, who tested the questions beforehand and made some valuable improvements, and to Ann Harris, Liz Newton and Lyn Haylock for their excellent breakfast and lunchtime catering – even if the latter two (aka Thelma & Louise) said they only volunteered in order to get out of taking part!!

From the positive follow-up comments received after the event from all the participants, it seemed that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are keen to do it all over again next year...



More Great Maplestead

More Maplestead Autumn Show

All residents of Great and Little Maplestead should have received a copy of the schedule in July's magazine. If you did not receive a schedule, copies are available in both churches or phone the Chairman Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527. Please enter as many categories as you can so this year's show is even bigger and better than last years.

The committee look forward to seeing you for what we hope will be a very successful show.

Playing Field improvements

Changes have recently been made to improve conditions in the Playing Field.

The Car Park, which had become potholed and was prone to flooding in wet weather, has been re-surfaced by the Task Force who recently laid and levelled several tons of stone and gravel. However, it has become apparent that more work will be required in due course to get a uniformly consistent surface. Weeds, which had proliferated alongside the boundary marker poles, have subsequently been removed.



In the Children's Play Area the long grass under some of the equipment has been cut back by a volunteer and a 'No Dogs' notice has been re-instated. No dogs are allowed in the play area as a safeguarding measure, so this is a regulation that must be respected at all times.



To appraise users of the statutory regulations, the Conditions of Use sign, a handy on-site reference as to what is and isn't allowed on the Playing Field, has also been re-instated at the Car Park entrance to encourage compliance.

Maplestead Magna Miglia

On 30th June ten teams from across The Maplesteads congregated in Great Maplestead Village Hall for breakfast and a briefing before setting off in a disparate range of vehicles to search for the answers to 21 of the 28 clues randomly located, seven in each of the four compass quadrants, around the village.

None of the clues were more than 5 miles as the crow flies from the start,

More Pebmarsh

More the King's Head Pebmarsh

To find out more see our website www.pcp.pebmarsh.com or email pcpshareholder@gmail.com

Pebmarsh Art Group

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Art Exhibition and Open Gardens. It was a very successful & enjoyable weekend with £350 raised for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Pebmarsh Parish Council

Pebmarsh Parish Council are please to formally announce the appointment of Shelley Birt to the post of parish clerk. Shelley lives locally in Bures and her family has ties with Pebmarsh. Welcome Shelley.

The Pebmarsh community spirit flourished when word came that the travelling community were moved on from Halstead in August. Within 24 hours Jonathan Nott, Mark Harrington, Matthew Hogsbjerg, Chris Nott, Peter Hogsbjerg and others had all installed security measures around the perimeter of the sports field. On behalf of the parish council and our community a big thank you to all involved. Outstanding community work.

The next Pebmarsh parish council meeting is at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019 when agenda items will include the proposed mast site in Oak Road and an update on the fibre broadband installation.

Pebmarsh Defibrillator Volunteers

The Pebmarsh Defibrillator Volunteers are pleased to report that there have been no recent call outs, up to the 19th August, to attend. Long may the run continue. The not so good news is that Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex have recently had a spate of Defibrillator thefts, they are sold off abroad, so please be vigilant when in sight of our community resource. As ever the emergency telephone number is 01787 852300 after you have rung 999 to report the emergency.

Ride & Stride 14th September 2019

Ride & Stride is an annual event whereby you can raise money for your local parish church by being sponsored to visit a number of churches on the same day. Half the sum raised goes to the Friends of Essex Churches & the remainder to your nominated church. Why not walk or cycle with the family, visit historic buildings, see the countryside and raise money for Pebmarsh Church? Sponsor forms are available from the Ride & Stride website www.rideandstrideuk.org or collect from the back of St John the Baptist church.

Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, to our meeting on Thursday July 4th 2019. Secretary Anne Fletcher read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then said it was time to start being "Crafty" and informed us that Pauline Tilsley would help us to sew a bird lavender bag, Angela Davies would teach us how to crochet, Connie Hume would show us how to knit, Janice Chaplin had brought a wonderful array of kits to help us make greeting cards and Jill Newton would show us how to make gift boxes from a greeting card. We all then spent a great time learning new skills during which Carol treated us all to a glass of wine or soft drink which she had thoughtfully brought for us. During refreshment time, provided by Jan Bettley Julie Breed and Angela Davis, we all swapped stories of how we had got on making the various craft items and marvelled at what we had made. All in all a very enjoyable evening and special thanks to the ladies who gave their time helping us to be "Crafty"! Flower of the month was won by Christine Dunne with an unusual "Bottle Brush" bloom.

For our August meeting those ladies who could made their way to the Henny Swan for our social evening sitting beside the river! The picnic tables on the grass presented the first challenge, how to sit down! Once we were all settled President Carol Brownlie welcomed us all and presented the birthday flowers. Jill Gozzett kindly organised ordering our food and drinks which was much appreciated. There followed a lovely evening of chatting and eating delicious food served by very friendly staff. As the evening chill came we all went inside to enjoy tea, coffee and more chatting. All in all a very enjoyable time for us all. Thanks must go to Carol who organised the evening.

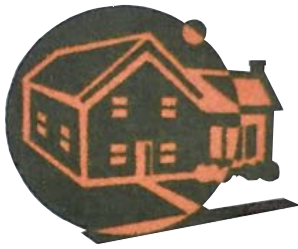
The next meeting will be on Thursday 5 September 2019 and the speaker will be talking to us about Lasting Power of Attorney. For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527. Anne Fletcher

The Maplesteads Autumn Show – Saturday 7th September

This year's Autumn Show takes place on Saturday 7th September at Great Maplestead Village Hall.

Entries can be taken to the hall on the evening of Friday 6th between 6PM – 8PM or on Saturday 7th between 11.30 AM – 2.30PM – please note that these times differ from previous years .The hall will close at 2.30 and reopen at 5.30 for viewing and refreshments.

Following the prize giving there will be an auction of donated produce and a raffle – the bar will be open during this time.



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