

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



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Village contacts and information

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Village Emergency Telephone Service and Neighbourhood Watch representatives see page 25

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Message from the Rev'd Beverley about Coronavirus

Regrettably, in light of the Government's guidance around non-essential contact, understandably the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. There will, therefore, be no church services in the team until further notice. The Bishop of Chelmsford has also, in the light of the Government's guidance on social distancing, advised that all Churches in the Diocese should remain closed until further notice. Prayers will be said by clergy and ministers on behalf of everyone. Unfortunately, closure precludes individuals using the churches for private prayer. For those who have access to computers, smartphones or smart speakers there are digital text and audio resources available from the Church of England. Chelmsford Cathedral is streaming a daily Morning and evening Prayer.

You can find more information at www.chelmsfordcathedral.org. and our Team vicar Rev'd Mark Payne is also streaming services on The Three Colnes Churches Facebook page. This is a rapidly evolving situation and it is anticipated there will be more rigorous restrictions regarding weddings and funerals, please see the Church of England website for the latest information. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

If you have any concerns please contact Rev'd Beverley Vincent halsteadcurate@gmail.com or 07944 2001432.

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Letter from the editor



We have discussed at length (Our printer, our magazine distributors, our vicars and curates, parish council representatives and the magazine steering committee) and we feel it is very important the Parish Magazine is distributed to all the houses in our four parishes because it includes very important information with regard to the support systems the villages have set up and are setting up to support our elderly and vulnerable. So here it is.

It does not contain events but, hopefully, it contains useful and helpful information for us whilst we are in lock down.

Gay and Nick have handed the church website to us, Parish News, so we can continue it as a community resource for our four villages. It will mainly be a gateway to the church, parish and other local websites. It will be updated each month (when we are moving around again) with the church services and village activities and will also contain the latest issue of Parish News. It will also contain links to the latest information on the Coronavirus outbreak.

I like many of you, am being very careful, I have my 96year old mother staying with us (luckily we had just taken her out of her respite care home when the virus struck).

We are looking at all sorts of interesting things to do. We are bridge players and there are a lot of online resources that allow us to continue to play both as a match against other club players and kitchen bridge against friends. It is a really good way to keep in touch and helps add some normality to our life.

I also have a huge stash of fabric, both dressmaking and upholstery, and, as I type, the roman blind kits have been delivered so I can make the blinds for the far room (about time says the partner), so the silver lining for me will be an improved wardrobe and blinds.

Our food is being delivered although the partner is most miffed when the coffee was substituted with decaff.

The lovely photograph on the front cover was taken by Peter Schwier and is in Great Maplestead. It demonstrates that we aren't just arable.

I wish everyone well and hope that you stay well and can find meaningful, interesting and enjoyable things to do during this time.

With love to you all.

Letter from the Rectory

I had hoped to introduce myself in this month's magazine, I will be serving as curate after Gay and Nick retire, but circumstances have overtaken us. It is with great sadness that I write this letter today, having received the Church of England's announcement that all public worship is to be suspended. Here is the message from our Archbishops:

'As the challenge of the coronavirus grips the world, and as the Government asks every individual and every organisation to rethink its life, we are now asking the Church of England in all its parishes, chaplaincies and ministries to serve all people in a new way. Public worship will have to stop for a season. Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings must be put on hold.

Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that will counter fear and isolation - will spread across our land.

This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves? We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world. Please, therefore, join us in this great challenge; and pray for our Government and nation, for each other, and especially for those who work in our health and emergency services'.

We the Church will do all we can to support those who need help in our communities. I hope to get to meet you all in due course, please be assured of my love and prayers at this difficult time.

Rev'd Beverley Vincent



Baptism

Gestingthorpe

7 March

Spencer John Granville Firth

Rev'd Mark Payne from Earls Colne is doing an excellent job of streaming worship, he is providing morning prayer everyday at 9am. It is available on Facebook at this link:
www.facebook.com/pg/3Colnes.HalsteadAreaTeam/posts/?ref=page_internal.

The F315 Local Bus Service

Bold Roman indicates fixed time. Shading indicates bus only calls if pre-booked on 0621 874411. Italic indicates the bus will be later if it has called at Great Maplestead or Pebmarsh. All journeys on the last bus each way have to be booked. Out of town, away from bus stops the bus can be hailed anywhere with good visibility.

The two times for Sudbury Bus Station and Halstead High Street shows earliest and latest arrival time. A call at Great Maplestead adds 6-7 minutes, a call at Pebmarsh adds 12 minutes.

Please always check the website for the latest timetable.

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Mondays to Saturdays						
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
Great Maplestead, School	07:38	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:38	18:38
Little Maplestead, Cock Road	07:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41
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
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	07:45	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	18:45
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	07:49	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:49	18:49
Bulmer, Cross Roads	07:55	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	18:55
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	07:59	10:29	12:29	14:29	16:59	18:44
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	08:03	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	18:48
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:07	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	18:50
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:26	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:26	19:07

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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		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		09:28	11:28	13:28	15:58	17:58	19:43
Little Maplestead, Pump		09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:30
Halstead, High Street		09:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	19:35
Halstead, High Street		09:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	19:52

Pebmarsh, Little Maplestead and Great Maplestead Parish Councils

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COVID-19 ALERT

You will all be aware of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. At a time like this the parish councils of Pebmarsh, Little Maplestead and Great Maplestead collectively encourage you to consider ways to keep yourself, your family and those in our communities safe, particularly the self-isolated and vulnerable. Over the next few months, we may all need some help and support at different times. This situation is very fluid so please keep yourselves up to date through TV, radio, internet, newspapers, friends and family.

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If you can help your neighbours and friends when they are not able to go out – exchange telephone numbers and email addresses now. Most of our villages have set up support networks for those self-isolating and the vulnerable groups so please contact your nearest.

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If you can help deliver supplies to those self-isolating at home then please let them know and consider volunteering for your local support group. Below you will find a leaflet / card you can print and fill out then post through your neighbour’s door offering your assistance as and when they may need it.

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Please let people know if you want to help. Please don’t wait to be asked.

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For further information you may find these websites helpful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

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Events are moving very fast, so as all come to terms as to how best to handle the situation inline with their own circumstances, please keep yourselves up to date through the radio, television, internet, family and friends for the latest news and advice.

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Your local store and or farm shop are currently well stocked with plenty of provisions and best placed to replenish provisions or shop for your neighbours, some are now offering a delivery service to those self-isolating and or in the vulnerable groups.

Joint Parish Council Statement

Please see below for the current, as at 24 March 2020, advice from NHS as well as websites and telephone numbers which may be helpful for you. This information is being continuously updated please always check the Government and NHS websites.

Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading

Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home

Important

These 4 reasons are exceptions – even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

There is separate advice about:

- staying at home if you're at high risk of getting seriously ill from coronavirus
- staying at home if you or someone you live with has symptoms of coronavirus

How to stop infection spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get back home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

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Looking after your health and wellbeing

To help yourself stay well while you're at home:

- stay in touch with family and friends over the phone or on social media
- try to keep yourself busy – you could try activities like cooking, reading, online learning and watching films
- do light exercise at home, or outside once a day

For more advice, see:

- Every Mind Matters: 10 tips to help if you are worried about coronavirus
- Every Mind Matters: how to look after your mental wellbeing while staying at home
- strength and flex exercises you can do at home

What to do if you need medical help

If you need medical help for any reason, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the 111 coronavirus service.

If you need help or advice not related to coronavirus:

- for health information and advice, use the NHS website or your GP surgery website
- for urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service – only call 111 if you're unable to get help online
- for life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance

Read more advice about getting medical help at home.

Pregnancy advice

If you're pregnant and worried about coronavirus, you can get advice about coronavirus and pregnancy from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Do not leave your home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Do not leave your home if you have either:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Stay at home.

Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.

Joint Parish Council Statement

Thank you from all the parish councils to everyone able to help others for their community spirit and if you want to speak to someone please do not hesitate to contact anyone of your parish councillors who will be pleased to help as best they can.

Stay safe.

PEBMARSH, LITTLE MAPLESTEAD AND GREAT MAPLESTEAD PARISH
COUNCILS

Parish News Website

The benefice website has been donated to Parish News to become a gateway to our four villages and their churches. The website address is:

www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk

The plan is to provide you with links to the websites of our churches, our villages and local information.

It will contain the latest copy of Parish News and when services and events restart it will be updated monthly with the latest information.

It also contains links to the Government and NHS websites with information on the Corona virus outbreak.



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Great Maplestead

Great Maplestead has set up a Village Support Group for residents and has already hand-delivered the village personalised flyers to every household.

The Great Maplestead flyer is shown below. If you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely and need any help please contact Jacqui. The village is there to help you.

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, we can help.

We are local residents in Great Maplestead

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 then we would be happy to assist with any of these tasks:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> Collecting Prescriptions	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking
<input type="checkbox"/> Friendly chat on the phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify).....	

Call or text your village representative and they will do their best to help you!

Your Village Representative is:
Jacqui Mee
01787 461 002 or 07773 627 897

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Items will be left on your doorstep #Viralkindness

Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, including visitors, to our meeting on Thursday March 5th 2020. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read as each member had received an email copy, they were then signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then said that as the speaker had cancelled we would spend the next 45 minutes "Speed Fact Finding". Carol paired us all up and said we should spend time finding out something we didn't know about our pair. It could be true or made up! It was a fun half hour and everyone told a true story! A most enjoyable time!

After refreshments Carol said we were going to see how many times a pancake could be tossed in 30 seconds! It was hilarious as the pancakes for some of us disintegrated after just a few tosses!

More Great Maplestead

More Maplesteads WI

There were 3 joint winners with 25 tosses each, Barbara Middleton, Liz Newton and Diane Smith. They were rewarded with chocolate as a prize!

Flower of the month was won by Angela Hilton with a spray of pretty pink Elephants Ears!

The Next meeting is on 2 April 2020 and the speaker will be Dr Nicholas Henderson with his talk on Fortitude and Fancy – Catherine of Aragon and Ann Boleyn. For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527
Anne Fletcher

VE Day Celebrations

Sadly the Pageantmaster has advised that all celebrations will have to be postponed, with a possibility of celebrations in August. Great Maplestead

St Giles School

St Giles school will close for all pupils except for the children of keyworkers, children with named social workers and children with EHCPs.

This group of children will also be able to attend school during the Easter holidays.

There will be a voucher scheme for children who qualify for free school meals.

All exams are cancelled.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14th March

Diane Smith, Doreen Faulks and Liz Newton would like to thank everyone who donated items for, and all those who were able to help out at, the above event – especially Tony Hume, who did so well on the handbag stall!!

Despite the current uncertain circumstances, the sale was well-attended and very successful, with £891 being raised to help support Great Maplestead's Village Hall

Gestingthorpe

The Gestingthorpe leaflet, shown below, has been delivered to all the residents of Gestingthorpe. Please if you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely or need any help please contact Carrie, Helen, Nic Penny or Kate. The village is there to help you.

Coronavirus - WE ARE HERE TO HELP in GESTINGTHORPE

To get through COVID-19 we'll need to pull together.

We're a group of volunteers living in and around **Gestingthorpe** who want to ensure that everyone in our neighbourhood is healthy, safe and looked after.

Please let us know if you need any help – maybe you want help picking up pre-paid prescriptions and shopping, or you just need a chat. We won't have physical contact with you - we'll knock your door, put items on the doorstep, keep our distance, and make sure you get them. **If you need medical help, you should still call your doctor or the NHS (111 for non-emergencies, 999 for medical emergencies)**, for anything else we might be able to help.

You can get in touch by leaving us a message or sending an email.

Church Street, Sudbury Rd, Nether Hill area:

Carrie	07872 170277	carrielouiseprior@hotmail.co.uk
Helen	07793 402297	Helen.skerratt@gmail.com

Audley End, Moat Street, and outlying areas:

Nic	07908 445239	nicsmithpe@gmail.com
Penny	07840 367172	pbagby1@gmail.com
Kate	07771 535523	katejabbott@gmail.com

We'll check messages throughout the day and get back to you as soon as possible but please remember we are volunteers and have our own families and commitments.

BECOME ONE OF OUR HELPERS

Please call one of the numbers above to offer your help!

Call My Wine Bluff

The 'Call My Wine Bluff' that was to take place next month in Gestingthorpe Village Hall has been cancelled until further notice.

Bluebell Sundays

Wiggery Wood will be 'open' for local residents to visit and enjoy the Bluebells - on Sunday, April 26 and Sunday May 3 from 11a.m to 7p.m.

(Government Guidelines on Coronavirus permitting)

To find the wood, drive to Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe, where there is ample parking, then follow the signs to the wood, which is about 400 yards away.

Stout footwear is essential! The wood will not be 'open' in the event of very strong winds

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Little Maplestead

The Little Maplestead leaflet, shown below, has been delivered to all the residents of Little Maplestead. Please if you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely or need any help please contact Bill, Jane or Gemma. The village is there to help you.



Craft Fair 16th May

Regretfully, following government advice concerning the corona virus pandemic, the craft fair has had to be cancelled. I am sure many people will be disappointed but given the circumstances it was felt this was in everyone's best interest.

Parish Room

We are currently waiting on quotes from a number of building companies; after which the PCC can apply to the church authorities for a faculty.

Detailed plans have now been produced and sample building materials are being sought.

We have also contacted a consultant archaeologist to prepare an archeological monitoring plan, which is a condition of the planning application.

More Little Maplestead

Parish Council

The last meeting of LPMC was unable to be held as we were not quorate, this was due to some Councillors needing to self isolate because of the Coronavirus. It is hoped the next meeting on 20 May will go ahead unless there are similar issues.

If anyone is experiencing problems they feel the Parish Council can assist with please contact Bill Piper (01787473933)

We wish you well, and please heed the governments warnings in order to protect each other and the wider community.

County Broadband fibre update

We have an opportunity to seriously improve our broadband speed but only when 30% of residents and businesses sign up. Schools and community halls will receive a free connection and service.

There is nothing to pay upfront, but if we do not get 30% then we will not get fibre in the village.

Please do give this matter serious consideration as there are strict time limits.

If you have any queries you will find the staff at County Broadband extremely knowledgeable and helpful, they are on 01376 562002.

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.

Pebmarsh

Pebmarsh Parish Council

Currently the COVID-19 pandemic is keeping all busy and your parish council has been busy relaying government advice to all through our website, notice boards and parish councillors. This topic may well be with us for a while and as we all get to understand the virus more there will be more updates to follow. Due to the outbreak of the virus your council decided to cancel the parish council meeting scheduled for March 2020 as did many other parish councils. Instead, an online meeting was held between parish councillors to best process as much business as possible.

In other news your parish council welcomed Councillor Sharon Smith to the council and will be a great asset to the council. We would like to thank all those that applied and were interviewed for the vacancy and hopefully their turn may come in the future. It gave a great boost to the parish council to be in the position to have multiple interviews for a vacancy, the first time for many a year. Well done also to the Pebmarsh In Bloom team for getting their project underway. The bus stop at Oak Road has been reroofed and we once again thank Councillor Coulthard of Braintree District Council for his grant that made it possible.

The parish council cluster meeting schedule for the 23rd April 2020 when our local parish councils collectively meet for the first time to discuss cross parish issues may well have to be postponed but hopefully not for long.

Our next parish council meeting is scheduled for the 13th May 2020 in Pebmarsh Village Hall at 7.30pm

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Pebmarsh Parish Council

St John the Baptist Flower Arranging

Our thanks & best wishes go to Ann Cook as she steps down from the flower arranging team. Her beautiful arrangements have regularly adorned the altar & on special occasions she has taken the lead in decorating the pulpit. In recent years she has also been responsible for organising the rota, no mean feat when people want to swap due to holidays & other absences. Ann has decided that the time has come to relinquish both roles; her expertise will be missed & we wish her all the very best.

Pebmarsh.com

In these unusual & uncertain times stay in touch with village information on the Pebmarsh.com site and by signing up to the mailing list.

Hold the Date section

Sunday 7th June - Open Farm Sunday at Hunts Hall.

Pebmarsh Village Hall

These are challenging times for your village hall as the government advises against group gatherings, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and this has had a dramatic effect on bookings as many clubs, associations and private functions have cancelled. This will in turn have a financial impact on your village hall so please keep it in mind as and when we are all able to resume club nights, parties, meetings and events. We look forward to seeing you all again happy, healthy and safe.

Your village hall car park has suffered from the recent storms and rain so plans are now in place to repair the pot holes as soon as the ground has dried out. We would ask all users of the car park to drive extra carefully once the car park is repaired so that the works take best.

Finally your village hall committee send good wishes to everybody whilst the COVID-19 situation stabilises.

Friends of Pebmarsh Church

The Friends of Pebmarsh Church committee would like to thank everyone that made it possible to complete the first part of our restoration works. From donations, subscriptions, walking to wine and everything in between our first year has been an amazing start to a wonderful cause. The roof to the Chancel of the church has now been re roofed and will serve our village church for many a year to come. But this is just the start, there is more roof and more work to be done and with yours and others help, the church will be restored to all its former glory.

Soon we will be contacting all those who have previously given with a Gift Aid form to complete so that we can claim the extra 25% (minimum). More to follow on that.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Reverend Gay Ellis and all involved with the Friends of Pebmarsh Church wish Gay the very best in her adventures that lay ahead and thank her for all the love, care and support over the years that she has given to Pebmarsh. Thank you Gay.

Lastly, there are just a few of the marvellous, limited edition Friends Of Pebmarsh Church mugs available, at £5 each.

The King's Head Pebmarsh

During this period of social distancing, the King's Head will be supporting the local community by providing a takeaway menu at lunchtime and in the early evening. See the website or Facebook for updates. Phone for up to date information or to place an order. Please ask if you have need of a home delivery.

You can follow the latest news from the King's Head on Facebook @kingsheadpebmarsh or Twitter @pebmarshpub.

Plea from a villager in Pebmarsh

Some of you will be aware that a phone mast has been proposed at Oak Farm, Pebmarsh.

The company pushing this is doing so under current government guide lines and have been less than pleasant in their approach to the owners, tenants and neighbours.

The parish council are in full support of our objections but we need your help to stop this application and the placement of this mast in a small 60 acre farm that will effect the lives of the farmer his family and neighbours.

Objection must be on planning grounds to the link below using the application number [20/00432/T56](#) to Braintree district council planning department before the 9th of April 2020.

These can be:

1. It is next to a forest schools site.
2. The environmental impact, the site is also a release site for birds of prey and has a lot of bats not to mention a large badgers set.
3. Closeness to two airfields which are only 1.54 miles away and the approach goes over the proposed site. We are also on a low flying corridor for army helicopters which is used a lot.
4. Lack of local consultation with the wider community even though they have been invited to meet with the local community at a parish council meeting. They also declined to meet Essex County Council councillors.
5. The visual impact on the village and surrounding houses. It has been proposed that the mast will be screened by mature trees but these are deciduous and will only provide an adequate screen for six months of the year.
6. The future development of the site for wildlife and conservation.

You don't need to be a local resident to object to this proposal. Please help us as a community. We have offered 7 alternative sites to this company but they have refused all of them. A further 4 sites are available to be discussed.

We all know we need a mast but not in this location and need your help to make sure it is place were it will be effective and have less impact on the surrounding houses and lives. If you wish you can copy you objections to Pebmarsh Parish Council as well as the local planning office.

Thank you to anyone who is happy to help us and support our community, as we are seeing in the current situation communities matter and Pebmarsh is a great example of how people can work together to help each other . long may it continue.

Bible Readings

As there are no church services for the next month, this is the reference to the Bible readings for the Sundays in April and also for Holy Week.

Holy Week	1st reading	Psalm	2nd reading	Gospel
Liturgy of the Palms April 5, 2020		<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>	
Monday of Holy Week April 6, 2020	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-15</u>	<u>John 12:1-11</u>
Tuesday of Holy Week April 7, 2020	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 71:1-14</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>John 12:20-36</u>
Wednesday of Holy Week April 8, 2020	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1-3</u>	<u>John 13:21-32</u>
Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020	<u>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	<u>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</u>
Good Friday April 10, 2020	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:16-25</u>	<u>John 18:1-19:42</u>
Holy Saturday April 11, 2020	<u>Job 14:1-14</u> or <u>Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 27:57-66</u> or <u>John 19:38-42</u>
Resurrection of the Lord April 12, 2020 Easter Day	* <u>Acts 10:34-43</u> or <u>Jeremiah 31:1-6</u>	<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u>	<u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> or <u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>John 20:1-18</u> or <u>Matthew 28:1-10</u>
Easter Evening April 12, 2020	<u>Isaiah 25:6-9</u>	<u>Psalm 114</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</u>	<u>Luke 24:13-49</u>
Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020	* <u>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</u>	<u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>
Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020	* <u>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19</u>	<u>1 Peter 1:17-23</u>	<u>Luke 24:13-35</u>

There are several free apps available on a smart phone for the Lectionary which provides the correct Bible reading for each and every day.

Theft of tools

The theft of tools is not only '*theft of those tools*'; it is also the damage the thief causes in getting to them. This can prevent you from carrying out an intended task(s), and to a trader it is your livelihood, a necessity to carry out your work.

£83 million of tools were stolen in England and Wales since 2017 mainly from Tradesmen, only 3% were recovered. Invariably tools are kept in vehicles, sheds, garages and other outbuildings, all with a level of apparent vulnerability that a thief will seek to exploit.

There are similarities in security advice for both sheds, outbuildings and vans:

- Is there a safer place to store tools.
- Are the sheds, outbuildings and vans positioned where they can be seen and under lighting.
- Shed and van rear windows should have a weld mesh grille over the inside to deter access.
- Consider supplementing the existing locks with accreditation body tested products When fitting consider the strength of what you are fitting it to and whether that too needs to be enhanced. **
- Consider further security such as strong boxes or in sheds and outbuildings ground anchors to lock the item by chain to. **
- Consider an alarm, there are ones that notify you on your Smart Device.
- Property marking and asset recording will make your tools harder for the criminal to dispose of and so less desirable. Methods could be visibly marking i.e. engraving, die stamping, painting an awful colour, indelible ink or paint marker and/or a forensic marker with labelling to show that it is marked also asset recording of its serial number and description on a secure accreditation body approved database. *
- There are fogging and intruder tagging sprays available that when activated fill the van or shed with a fog that you cannot see the hand in front of your face, or the tagging spray that coats the intruder with a unique UV visible spray.

Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites <http://www.securedbydesign.com/> or <http://www.soldsecure.com/> . (*SBD or both**)

For further crime prevention advice see www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com



Local information

Solar Society: Miles Scrivens 01787 469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

Local Women's Running Group: laurabloom@btinternet.com or on 07801 749802

Local Libraries: Halstead and Sible Hedingham Libraries, libraries.essex.gov.uk.

Four Parishes Book Group: Alison Cantor. 01787 462537 or acantor@linus.plus.com

Sudbury Area Cancer Support Group: Ruth Worsley on ruth-SACSG@outlook.com

The University of the Third Age:

The U3A Halstead: u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome

The U3A Sudbury: u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home

U3A Braintree: u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events

Halstead & District Photographic Society: www.halsteadphoto.org.uk

Gestingthorpe History Society: www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk

Community-based support for an ageing population: www.communityagentsessex.org.uk.

The Empire Theatre Halstead: www.empire-theatre.co.uk

Halstead and District Local History Society: www.halsteadhistory.org.uk.

The Hedingham Singers: Bob Lilley on 07790 573435 or www.thehedinghamsingers.com/.

Sudbury Newstalk: www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk or 01787 468535.

Braintree Area Food Bank

In addition to the items below they are desperately short of bags for life.

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
- 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.

Local and National Authority Representatives

Essex County Council

Councillor David Finch - cllr.david.finch@essex.gov.uk

Braintree District Council

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Councillor Wendy Scattergood - cllr.wscattergood@braintree.gov.uk

Pebmarsh

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Westminster

James Cleverly MP - james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk

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

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

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

Neighbourhood Watch representatives

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

The Churchwardens serving our Benefice are

Great	Gill Peskett	01787 462786	gillpeskett43@gmail.com
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Maplestead	Karen Sunnucks	01787 472145	karen.sunnucks@btinternet.com
Gestingthorpe	Alice Nolda	01787 469688	-
	Peter Nice	01787 460126	peter.427nice@btinternet.com
Pebmarsh	Jim Crayston	01787 222241	jim@craystonfarms.co.uk

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. They are currently cancelled.

Hire of Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe Village Halls

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

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

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

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