

# **Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe**

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## Village contacts and information

Reverend Beverley Vincent can be found on page 24 and the churchwardens on page 22.

Village Emergency Telephone Service and Neighbourhood Watch representatives see page 22

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## Letter from the editor



Hopefully nearly there. A great number of us have now been vaccinated and we are looking at possibly opening up our village halls in May. It will be interesting to see what lockdown habits we continue with.

The magazine is still quite thin but we have our first two invitations to future events, the plant sale in Little Maplestead and the Maplesteads Autumn Show, hopefully next month's magazine will contain a lot more invitations.

Ann is continuing to manage her ideas on additional content, another great gardening article from our 'Arborist', another great dog story and some more interesting reads. Please contact Ann to tell her your favourite reads and your animal stories so we can publish them, and it would be good if people could send in their favourite recipes, that have kept them going through lockdown.

A request also to our advertisers, we showcase one a month to give everyone an idea of our local companies back stories, so please get in touch with me so we can publish yours. Also, remember our offer of putting your advert, in colour, on the back page, for a month for the very reasonable charge of £35.00 plus a donation to our churches.

Also, please remember Braintree Food Bank, there are very many people who have been very badly affected by the lockdown.

On a final note, please welcome the Young family who have moved into Little Maplestead.

With love to you all.

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## Letter from the Reverend Beverley Vincent

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This last month or so, the church and Christians around the world have journeyed through Lent - A time of reflection, of stopping and being, of looking at ourselves and our relationships with each other as well as God. It is always a challenging time, even more so if you have given up something as part of your Lenten journey.

The challenge for us now is to think about how we might hold on to the positives, as we continue towards June 21st. The world around us has changed in many ways for good (perhaps in both senses of the word), and so we must reflect on how we want to do things, do we want to take the good things with us into the future, rather than go back to our old ways. We've seen so much self-sacrifice and love shown to one another in this past year, how do we capture that for the future?

I suspect that many in our communities will emerge from this pandemic battered, bruised, and financially weakened. And many will not be able to look forward to "what now?" until they have had the chance to grieve the loss of loved ones or their previous lives. Only after this are we ready to move forward and rebuild.

On the 4th April this year Christians around the world will celebrate Easter, the day Jesus rose from the dead. Easter is the season when we celebrate the powers of death and destruction being overcome by self-sacrificing love.

This is a time of hope, of new beginnings, of being able to look forward and plan, of being together again and sharing special times, as restrictions ease. I look forward to our Churches opening their doors again this Easter, even though we still have restrictions in place we will celebrate the risen Christ. Do join us if you can, see our services for this month in this magazine and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Knights-Hospitallers-Parishes-104300528248946>

Hallelujah Christ is Risen! Hallelujah we are getting there! Let us not only enjoy the sunshine in the sky this month (I hope) but allow some sunshine in our hearts too. I wish you a blessed Easter and a wonderful time of reunions with family and friends over the coming weeks and months.

Blessings

Rev'd Beverley



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### Parish News Website

The Parish News website is a gateway to our four villages and their churches. The website address is:

[www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk](http://www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk)

Unlike a conventional bus, you need to first register as a customer and you need to book your seat on a journey at least two hours in advance of travel.

Flat fare £3 single, £5 return between any two stages. Concessionary bus passes are accepted after 0900 Monday to Friday and all day on Saturdays.

To get more information call Essex DaRT on 01621 874410 or email [info@essexandsuffolkdart.co.uk](mailto:info@essexandsuffolkdart.co.uk).

The latest timetables for the DaRT service at [www.essex.gov.uk/dart](http://www.essex.gov.uk/dart) is incorrect.

## SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL - PEBMARSH - GREAT AND LITTLE MAPLESTEAD - HALSTEAD

### F315 From 01/03/2018

Sudbury, Bus Station	<b>09:00</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>19:15</b>	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	<b>09:03</b>	<b>11:03</b>	<b>13:03</b>	<b>15:33</b>	<b>17:33</b>	<b>09:18</b>	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	<b>09:07</b>	<b>11:07</b>	<b>13:07</b>	<b>15:37</b>	<b>17:37</b>	<b>19:22</b>	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	<i>09:11</i>	<i>11:11</i>	<i>13:11</i>	<i>15:41</i>	<i>17:41</i>	<i>19:26</i>	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	<i>09:17</i>	<i>11:17</i>	<i>13:17</i>	<i>15:47</i>	<i>17:47</i>	<i>19:32</i>	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	<i>09:23</i>	<i>11:23</i>	<i>13:23</i>	<i>15:53</i>	<i>17:53</i>	<i>19:38</i>	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	<i>09:32</i>	<i>11:32</i>	<i>13:32</i>	<i>16:02</i>	<i>18:02</i>	<i>19:47</i>	Timings other than those in bold type will vary up to 10 minutes either side of stated time, dependent on the number of passengers booked on the service.
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	<i>09:33</i>	<i>11:33</i>	<i>13:33</i>	<i>16:03</i>	<i>18:03</i>	<i>19:48</i>	
Little Maplestead, Corner	<i>09:39</i>	<i>11:39</i>	<i>13:39</i>	<i>16:09</i>	<i>18:09</i>	<i>19:54</i>	
Great Maplestead, Church	<i>09:45</i>	<i>11:45</i>	<i>13:45</i>	<i>16:15</i>	<i>18:15</i>	<i>20:00</i>	
Little Maplestead, Pump	<i>09:51</i>	<i>11:51</i>	<i>13:51</i>	<i>16:21</i>	<i>18:21</i>	<i>20:06</i>	
Halstead, High Street	<i>09:56</i>	<i>11:56</i>	<i>13:56</i>	<i>16:26</i>	<i>18:26</i>	<i>20:11</i>	latest arrival time
Halstead, High Street	<i>09:37</i>	<i>11:37</i>	<i>13:37</i>	<i>16:07</i>	<i>18:07</i>	<i>19:43</i>	earliest arrival time

### F315 From 01/03/2018

Halstead, High Street	<b>07:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>16:30</b>	<b>18:30</b>	
Little Maplestead, Pump	<b>07:35</b>	<b>10:05</b>	<b>12:05</b>	<b>14:05</b>	<b>16:35</b>	<b>18:35</b>	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
Great Maplestead, Church	<i>07:41</i>	<i>10:11</i>	<i>12:11</i>	<i>14:11</i>	<i>16:41</i>	<i>18:41</i>	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
Little Maplestead, Cock	<i>07:49</i>	<i>10:17</i>	<i>12:17</i>	<i>14:17</i>	<i>16:47</i>	<i>18:47</i>	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	<i>07:54</i>	<i>10:23</i>	<i>12:23</i>	<i>14:23</i>	<i>16:53</i>	<i>18:53</i>	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	<i>07:55</i>	<i>10:24</i>	<i>12:24</i>	<i>14:24</i>	<i>16:54</i>	<i>18:54</i>	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	<i>08:04</i>	<i>10:33</i>	<i>12:33</i>	<i>14:33</i>	<i>17:03</i>	<i>19:03</i>	Timings other than those in bold type will vary up to 10 minutes either side of stated time, dependent on the number of passengers booked on the service.
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	<i>08:10</i>	<i>10:39</i>	<i>12:39</i>	<i>14:39</i>	<i>17:09</i>	<i>19:09</i>	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	<i>08:15</i>	<i>10:45</i>	<i>12:45</i>	<i>14:45</i>	<i>17:15</i>	<i>19:15</i>	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	<i>08:19</i>	<i>10:49</i>	<i>12:49</i>	<i>14:49</i>	<i>17:19</i>	<i>19:19</i>	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	<i>08:23</i>	<i>10:53</i>	<i>12:53</i>	<i>14:53</i>	<i>17:23</i>	<i>19:23</i>	
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Sudbury, Bus Station	<i>08:30</i>	<i>10:56</i>	<i>12:56</i>	<i>14:56</i>	<i>17:28</i>	<i>19:28</i>	latest arrival time

## Local Companies supporting us

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**Courtyard Stores** in Pebmarsh are open and offering a delivery and collection service. For information look at [www.facebook.com/courtyardstores](http://www.facebook.com/courtyardstores) or ring 01787 389222. They can be found at The Courtyard, Pebmarsh CO9 2NU.

**The Mobile Lunch Company** is delivering freshly prepared meals. Visit [www.facebook.com/mobilelunchcompany](http://www.facebook.com/mobilelunchcompany) or phone 01787 476264

**The Forager's Retreat** is currently closed. See their website [www.theforagersretreat.co.uk](http://www.theforagersretreat.co.uk) or ring 01787 389123 for the latest information.

For information on the **The Pheasant** in Gestingthorpe phone 01787 465010.

For information on the **The Kings Head** in Pebmarsh see [www.facebook.com/kingsheadpebmarsh](http://www.facebook.com/kingsheadpebmarsh) or phone 01787 267942.



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## LOST

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Silver Pandora bracelet lost on a walk between Little Maplestead and through Wickham on 28th Feb. If found I would be delighted as of great sentimental value. Diane Smith of Little Maplestead.

## Gardening Corner

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This month is a good time to visit garden centres; there are a number within easy reach and some even offer a delivery service if one spends the required amount. I remember being given a tip some years ago: if you want flowering and interesting shrubs and perennials in your garden all the year round, try and call at your local nursery once a month to see what's on offer and at its best at that particular time.

Two shrubs I would recommend for April are the Winter Honeysuckle [Lonicera purpusii] 'Winter Beauty'; this shrub has a strong, heady scent which emanates from its white flowers. Secondly, the Sweet Box [Sarcococca confusa]; both shrubs produce a superb perfume at this time of year.

Another job to undertake, if it's dry enough, is lawn care. Raise the mower blades to take just the top off the grass, to remove the debris that has accumulated over the past few weeks – this will encourage the grass to grow. You may also want to scarify the lawn to remove the moss and 'thatch', letting in the light and air. An application of lawn sand will also kill moss and encourage the grass to grow.

Before we all get too busy with our 'plot', take time to walk around the garden and see what may have died, check if there are any bare areas and look at a space that could be enhanced with a pot of annuals or a small tree. Planning a garden is well worth it as things mature, and a planting plan pays dividends.

If you make your own compost, turn the heap at least twice a year top to bottom; this ensures an even mix of a free medium which provides a good mulch to flower beds and around newly planted trees etc. The basic ingredients for home-made compost are as follows: grass cuttings, vegetable waste [not meat] annual weeds with some soil on the roots, shredded paper, chopped or shredded prunings and a few leaves, avoiding horse chestnut and walnut leaves. Use a container or wire cage but do cover the compost heap completely and make sure it is in direct contact with the ground.

If you have a greenhouse now is the time to give it a wash down and brush out getting rid of any over wintering pests along the way!

Enjoy your garden.....The Arborist.

## Colour Advertisements

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If any of our advertisers are interested, they can have a colour advert on either the front or the back of the back page. This will cost £35.00 per issue plus a generous donation to our churches. Have a look at last month's to see the effect.

If any one is interested contact Jenny the editor.

### Stories from Pets Corner

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Hello, my name's Sam

If you live in Great Maplestead you might well know me - I have lived in the Old Vicarage all my life (I'm about 100 in your years!!) and I'm the one who rushes up to the fence to scare people and say hello to other dogs walking along the footpath between the Village Hall and the churchyard.

If you haven't been one of my 'victims' there, then you may know me as the one responsible for waking you up at 7.00am sharp every morning when I do my daily rounds of the garden, checking that all the borders remain secure after yet another night.

A long time ago I used to live here with two other dogs and once I escaped and ran down the aisle of the church during a wedding. That was fun! But I did get told off...

Lockdown has been great for me as my humans have not been away at all. This has given me plenty of time to exploit their gullible nature and achieve my lifetime goal of having 6 meals a day – unfortunately there's still work to do, as some of them are really quite small...

Although I have lived here since I was a pup, judging by the cardboard boxes proliferating around the house I may be about to move. No one has shown me a new house yet, or asked for my view about it, but I suppose it might be exciting. What I'm really hoping though is that my humans will forget to bring the wretched cat with us....

So long, everyone!

Sam

PS. I hear there's going to be a new dog living here soon – I plan to leave instructions...



## **Pebmarsh**

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### **Support in Pebmarsh**

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Over 50 Pebmarsh residents have volunteered, and the volunteers are helping with tasks such as shopping and collecting prescriptions, as well as generally keeping an eye on the people in their area.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with Kate Carling (Phone: 267924) if you need anything.

### **St John the Baptist CofE School**

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After eight weeks of remote learning, It's so lovely once again to hear the sound of the children playing and laughing on the playground and in their classrooms. All children have returned to school with a spring in their step, ready to embrace new challenges. The sound of djembe drums echoed from Upper Juniors classroom today and the Infants were busy re-enacting the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Our recent Collective Worship theme has focussed on the value of compassion and how we can show this to ourselves and each other. Our fantastic forest school provision is extending to all year groups so that everyone can benefit from outdoor learning. Teachers are already planning science themes for after Easter giving children the opportunity to engage in the natural wonder of our world through an enquiry-based approach.

With new beginnings in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our families for welcoming me to such a nurturing and caring school. I feel very lucky to be part of such a close knit community.

Here are few pictures of our very youngest children enjoying the outdoors!

Miss S Price



### **Village Hall**

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Pebmarsh Village Hall Management Committee (PVHMC) have received guidance advice from ACRE/RCCE in respect of the reopening of village halls/community centres. The advice is that village halls / community centres are to remain closed until at least the 17th May 2021..More Pebmarsh. The advice passed on by ACRE /RCCE includes:

'While the roadmap announced by the Prime Minister on 22nd February indicated that village and community halls will re-open after Easter on 12th April, this has been contradicted by guidance issued on 25th February.

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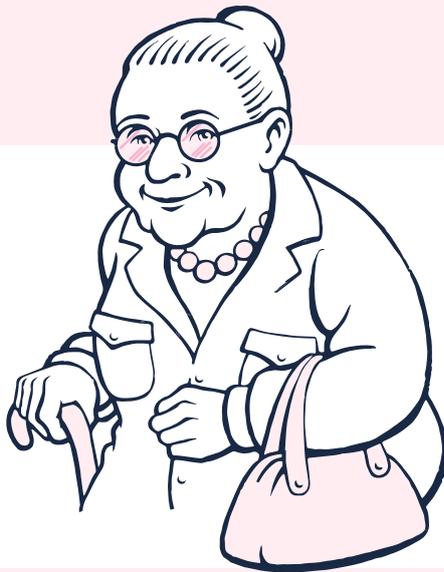
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## **More Pebmarsh Village Hall**

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This indicated that they can only open on 12th April for those activities already permitted under lockdown plus a small list of further activities, see attachment. They (community halls) are otherwise closed until 17th May'.

As and when PVHMC receive further advice to reopening the village hall we will be in touch. Meantime, should you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. See you all in May 2021!  
Kind regards Jonathan. Alistair, Kathy, Tricia and Perry.

## **Card Making Group & Ladies Club**

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The Card Making group are hoping to restart at the end of May following Covid restrictions ie number of participants etc.. meantime if anyone would like anything special please contact Pauline Andow - 01787 228790.

At the present time we are not sure when the Ladies Club will be restarting.

## **The Friends of Pebmarsh Church – (FoPC)**

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A Happy Easter to you and yours, we hope all are staying safe and well.

Our second financial year, which ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021, has again been a surprisingly successful year considering the COVID – 19 pandemic which has limited our fund raising.

Firstly, and foremost, many thanks to all our members and all that have helped from your Trustees for your continued support through these difficult times, it is much appreciated.

We have a very healthy balance of over £7000 having raised in excess of £6000 during the year which was bolstered by £1500 Gift Aid and a donation of £2000.

This has enabled the Friends to support the PPCC in their repair of the wall with a grant of £2500 towards the cost of £4000. This was necessary to avert a total rebuild in the future at a cost of in excess of £20K to £25K.

The PPCC are now starting the process of applying for grants for the renewal of the North Chancel roof, which is planned to go ahead late 2021 which the FoPC are proud to support.

The Trustees have decided to delay the AGM until we are hopefully clear of COVID - 19, hence the short update above. We have a provisional date of the 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at Pebmarsh Village Hall. Please keep the date free if possible and we hope to see you there. We will send out the agenda, etc, when we are sure we can go ahead.

Please contact Jonathan on 01787 269450 for a friendly chat to discuss joining the FoPC.

Jonathan, Belynda, Eileen, Jim, John, Sarah and Perry

# **Gestingthorpe**

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## **Support in Gestingthorpe**

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Please if you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely or need any help please contact Carrie on 07872 170277 or Helen on 07793 402297 if you live in the Church Street, Sudbury Road and Nether Hill area and Nic 07908445239, Penny 07840 367172 or Kate 07771 535523 for the Audley End, Moat Street and outlying areas. The village is there to help you.

## **Gestingthorpe Parish Council**

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Work is being undertaken on the children's play equipment on the village playing field, rubber matting is being lifted relayed and replaced where necessary together with replacement spring rocker rides and maintenance of the wood and metalwork including pressure washing and re-painting.

Please bear with us while this essential work is undertaken. There will also be essential tree works around the perimeter of the playing field.

The works to Sudbury Road Brook re-routing are continuing and are running a little over schedule owing to flooding but the end results will look so much better than mangled metalwork and plastic hazard barriers - and be a lot safer for road users.

The parish council is now operating a Facebook page, please search for 'Gestingthorpe Parish Council' and 'like' the page to be kept up to date with information pertaining to the residents of the parish. Our existing website will still be updated with information at [www.gestingthorpepc.co.uk](http://www.gestingthorpepc.co.uk)

## **Gestingthorpe History Group**

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In February of last year before the world changed the way we live, travel, work, socialise, I decided to write a blog for our Gestingthorpe History Group website. The website has become a mine of information and images of our village and its environment going back through the centuries, it together with our Facebook page continue to reach further around the globe than I ever thought possible. With the enforced lockdowns throughout regions of the world people have often turned to the internet to trace their ancestry as something to fill the time - and those that have, may have discovered that their relatives once lived in this North Western corner of our county. From as far afield as New Zealand to the plains of Canada we have helped to enlighten those who are doing their own research into their past and nearly every day we might hear from someone who can help us add to the story of our village. The easiest way I thought to share some of these stories we have collected is through a blog and now over 111 posts later I still add to it weekly and I have many more stories and images to add in the following months.

## More Gestingthorpe

### More Gestingthorpe History Society

If you or your relatives once lived in Gestingthorpe, we would love to collect more images and stories to add to our archive, alternatively if you live close by and pass through the village regularly why not have a look at the site, you may find something out that you never knew, or wondered about but never asked. Andy Craig (Chair) [www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk](http://www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk)

#### THE READING ROOM

Hello Again, some ideas to read during lockdown.

**I AM PILGRIM:** Terry Hayes: Published in 2014. Pilgrim is the codename for a man who doesn't exist, who must return from obscurity. Because he is he only man who can uncover a flawless plot to commit an appalling crime against humanity. An utterly compulsive read.

**THE GREATEST KNIGHT:** Elizabeth Chadwick: Published 2019. I must admit to being somewhat obsessed by the story of William Marshall, who rose from penniless obscurity to become England's foremost knight in the reign of Henry II. This is the most accessible and addictive story about him that I have read.

**DCI RYAN MYSTERIES:** LJ Ross Book One: Holy Island: Published 2016. When he is forced to take sabbatical leave from his police duties, Detective Chief Inspector Ryan seeks sanctuary on Holy Island. A few days before Christmas, his peace is shattered and he is thrust back into the murky world of murder when a young woman is found dead in the ancient ruins of the nearby Priory.



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## **Support in Little Maplestead**

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We can collect drugs, search the internet if you do not have a computer, or just be a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you or others you know feel may need support please contact one of us.

Please contact Bill Piper on 01787473933.  
Jane Stone on 01787472525  
Gemma Frost on 07826523187

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

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People are receiving calls and or notes through the door from various courier companies asking for money before goods can be delivered. If you are expecting a parcel, and get a call or a note, please call the courier to ensure that it is not a scam.

## **A Date for your Diary!**

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At last, our very popular plant sale is returning in May, albeit in a different format. We will be welcoming you back to The Round Church to buy all your plants. The Pop Up Plant Sale will be held outdoors in the Church grounds, entry will be free and there will be no other stalls or refreshments in an attempt to encourage social distancing. You can simply pop in and browse our great selection of vegetables, flowers and cuttings in your own time. Payment can be contactless but cash will be accepted too.

If you are growing seedlings or cuttings or have any excess plants it would be great if you could donate them to us. Further details will be coming next month. Meanwhile put this date in your diary and you will have something to look forward. We are excited to welcome you back to the Round Church after a very difficult year.

### **POP UP PLANT SALE**

The Round Church

Little Maplestead

**Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10am – 2pm

Entry: FREE

A wide variety of flower, vegetable and fruit plants will be available

See you all soon!

Jane Stone – on behalf of Little Maplestead PCC

**Great Maplestead**

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## Great Maplestead Volunteer Network

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Just to let you know that the Great Maplestead Coronavirus Volunteer Support Network is still up and running.

If you would like any help please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on 01787 461002 or 07773 627897, or by e-mail at jacqui.mee62@gmail.com

# The Maplesteads Autumn Show



The Committee hope that the 2021 show will be able to take place in Great Maplestead Village Hall on

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Please put this date in your diary and start thinking about planting or sowing your vegetables and flowers to help make this a really special show

**More details to follow**

**In the meantime, if you need any further information, please contact the Chairman, Carol Brownlie, on 01787 461 527**

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## Jumble Sale

Hello everyone well we would very much like to hold a jumble sale in Great Maplestead village hall on the 25th Sept. Two things really:

- would the wonderful team of ladies still be prepared to help out?
- and secondly
- have you got things for the team to sell?

Apart from raising much needed money for our village hall it is a truly great social event. We are mabe jumping the gun rather, but it is putting the seed in our readers minds for hope to come and a little bit of normality in our village life.

The Jumble Sale Trio.

## Local information

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**Solar Society** will make every effort to restart their meetings when it is appropriate.

Programme to be announced.

In the meantime , take care everybody.

Further info from Miles Scrivens 01787-469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463449.

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

**Local Libraries:** Halstead and Sible Hedingham Libraries, [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk).

**Four Parishes Book Group:** Alison Cantor. 01787 462537 or [acantor@linus.plus.com](mailto:acantor@linus.plus.com)

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

**The U3A Halstead:** [u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome](http://u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome)

**The U3A Sudbury:** [u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home)

**U3A Braintree:** [u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events](http://u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events)

**Halstead & District Photographic Society:** [www.halsteadphoto.org.uk](http://www.halsteadphoto.org.uk)

**Gestingthorpe History Society:** [www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk](http://www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk)

**Community Agents;** Community-based support for an ageing population: [www.communityagentsessex.org.uk](http://www.communityagentsessex.org.uk).

**The Empire Theatre Halstead:** [www.empire-theatre.co.uk](http://www.empire-theatre.co.uk)

Halstead and District Local History Society: [www.halsteadhistory.org.uk](http://www.halsteadhistory.org.uk).

**The Hedingham Singers:** Bob Lilley on 07790 573435 or [www.thehedinghamsingers.com/](http://www.thehedinghamsingers.com/).

**Sudbury Newstalk:** [www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk](http://www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk) or 01787 468535.

### Hedingham Medical Centre

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The Castle Hedingham surgery is triaging all patients so please phone 01787 461465. Do not go to the surgery. The surgery is open from 11.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday to collect pre-ordered prescriptions. Their website is [www.hedmed.co.uk](http://www.hedmed.co.uk).

## Local and National Authority Representatives

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### Essex County Council

Councillor David Finch - [cllr.david.finch@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.david.finch@essex.gov.uk)

### Braintree District Council

#### Great and Little Maplestead

Councillor Peter Schwier - [cllr.pschwier@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.pschwier@braintree.gov.uk)

#### Gestingthorpe

Councillor Wendy Scattergood - [cllr.wscattergood@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.wscattergood@braintree.gov.uk)

#### Pebmarsh

Councillor George Courtauld - [cllr.gcourtauld@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.gcourtauld@braintree.gov.uk)

Councillor Gabrielle Spray - [cllr.gspray@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.gspray@braintree.gov.uk)

### Westminster

James Cleverly MP - [james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk)

## Parish Council Websites

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Gestingthorpe	<a href="http://www.gestingthorpepc.co.uk">www.gestingthorpepc.co.uk</a>
Great Maplestead	<a href="http://www.greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk">www.greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk</a>
Little Maplestead	<a href="http://www.littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk">www.littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk</a>
Pebmarsh	<a href="http://www.parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com">www.parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com</a>

## Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)

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VETS 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

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

## The Churchwardens serving our Benefice are

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Great Maplestead	Gill Peskett	01787 462786	<a href="mailto:gillpeskett43@gmail.com">gillpeskett43@gmail.com</a>
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Pebmarsh	Jim Crayston	01787 222241	<a href="mailto:jim@craystonfarms.co.uk">jim@craystonfarms.co.uk</a>



We urgently need UHT long life milk, fruit juice (1L variant please), dog food, (cans or pouches please), hair conditioner and size 5 baby nappies.

We currently have large stocks of baked beans, cereals, pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, fish, soup, baby food and cereals, and we would ask if you could donate one of the items from the list below.

Tea (40 bags if possible)

Cereal bars

Pasta sauce

Tinned fruit

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned sponge puddings

Sugar 500gms

Coffee (small jars)

Instant mash

Breakfast cereal

Packet soupd (cuppa soups)

Tinned rice pudding

Rice

Warmed tinned meat

Jam

Larger packs of items don't fit in our parcels making it difficult for our clients to carry home, this is why we ask for small packets.

## Gardening Angel

Experienced female gardener available for regular, or one off, gardening tasks ranging from garden re-designs and planting plans, to weeding, pruning, grass cutting/edging, hedge trimming, mulching, tubs etc

Telephone Jo on

07804 474494 (Pebmarsh)

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**01787 469600**

## Church Services

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We are beginning services in Church as below and hopefully increasing them in May.

### Easter Services

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7pm Holy Communion, Gestingthorpe	2pm Reflective Service, Great Maplestead	7pm Compline, Little Maplestead	10am Holy Communion, Pebmarsh
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### April Services

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11 April	9:30 Morning Prayer	Gestingthorpe
	11am Family Worship	Great Maplestead
18 April	10am Holy Communion	Little Maplestead
25 April	10am Holy Communion	Pebmarsh

Our churches remain open for private prayer on set days, please contact your churchwarden for times of opening.

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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.

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