

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

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## Letter from the editor



Hopefully a better year for us all after the difficulties of 2020. The vaccinations have started locally, after a difficult start for our area, which gives us some hope for the future.

The lovely photo on the cover was sent in by David Mead, Very appropriate for the time of year. We had several other great photographs sent in. The amazing photograph of the buzzard in the Great Maplestead section was taken by Mrs L Haylock and the fun photo of the border terriers in the snow in the Pebmarsh section was taken by the Great and Little Maplestead Councillor Peter Schwier. Thank you to all of you. Hopefully this will encourage more of you to send in photos.

This is a new year for our advertisers and several are unable to advertise this year as the pandemic has seriously affected their business. We are very grateful to those who have advertised as this enables us to remain free for everyone in the four villages. However, our income is down so we have decided to sell the back page for an enormous sum of money to any advertiser who would like a colour version of their advert on the back page., on a month by month basis. The Oil Lady is our first recipient. I will be emailing all our other advertisers with the offer. Hopefully this will bring our income back up to last years level, because, as you know, all our 'profit' goes to our 4 churches. The benefit of this is that the cover will be in colour, ironically this cover is a snow scene.

Good news for Little Maplestead, the empty site on the Sudbury Road, just up from Little India, has been taken over by Pullingers, the Motorhome suppliers and maintainers. It is good to see vacant sites being filled.

With love to you all.

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## Letter from the Reverend Beverley Vincent

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Christmas is a distant memory and as our decorations went up early this year to bring some much needed cheer, I wonder if you took them down soon after boxing day or if, controversially, you have decided to keep them up through Epiphany until Candlemas on 2nd Feb.

It is said that any Christmas decorations not taken down by Twelfth Night (January 5th) should be left up until Candlemas Day.

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed. On Candlemas night, many people place lighted candles in their windows at home.

I always take my decorations down on 12th night, which I did this year, except for my wreath which still hangs on my front door. This year more than ever I wanted to keep a visible sign of the hope and light that we have to look forward to.

We have endured an incredibly difficult year but we hold on to the light of hope which shines before us, longer days, spring flowers peeping forth, and a vaccine to keep us safe from Covid.

As I take down my wreath at Candlemas I will light a candle and put in my window to remind me of Simeon's words, when he and Anna recognised that the baby Jesus was indeed the Messiah and a light to the world. May you too sense the light overcoming the darkness as we journey together into happier times.

Rev'd Beverley



### Parish News Website

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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)

It provides you with links to the websites of our churches, our villages and local information as well as the latest copy of Parish News, including all our advertisers. 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 Coronavirus outbreak.

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

<b>F315</b>							<b>From 01/03/2018</b>
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	09:11	11:11	13:11	15:41	17:41	19:26	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
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	09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:47	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	09:33	11:33	13:33	16:03	18:03	19:48	
Little Maplestead, Corner	09:39	11:39	13:39	16:09	18:09	19:54	
Great Maplestead, Church	09:45	11:45	13:45	16:15	18:15	20:00	
Little Maplestead, Pump	09:51	11:51	13:51	16:21	18:21	20:06	
Halstead, High Street	09:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	20:11	latest arrival time
Halstead, High Street	09:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	19:43	earliest arrival time

<b>F315</b>							<b>From 01/03/2018</b>
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	07:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
Little Maplestead, Cock	07:49	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47	18:47	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	07:54	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:53	18:53	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	07:55	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:54	18:54	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	08:04	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	19:03	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	08:10	10:39	12:39	14:39	17:09	19:09	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	08:15	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:15	19:15	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	08:19	10:49	12:49	14:49	17:19	19:19	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	08:23	10:53	12:53	14:53	17:23	19:23	
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:07	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	19:07	earliest arrival time
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:30	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:28	19:28	latest arrival time

## Local Companies supporting us

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**Courtyard Stores** in Pebmarsh are open and offering a delivery and collection service. It is open from 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 5pm on Sundays. @priorshallfarm deliver every Thursday ... to make sure you get your favourite bangers or roast for Sunday. For further 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.

## Welcome to a New Company in Little Maplestead Pullingers

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Pullingers Leisure Vehicles is a family run business specialising in new and used European motorhomes, their brands include Dethleffs, Pilote, Sunlight, Le Voyager and now Adria. They pride themselves on their friendly staff and their great reputation for aftersales aiming to give the best possible service to their customers. The business was started by Barry & Jane Pullinger in 1993 and is now managed by their son, Barrie Pullinger. They have a small and personal team here, all from the surrounding area. Originally located in Halstead on Bluebridge Industrial Estate they have now expanded their operation and moved in June 2020 to a more prominent position on the main road in Little Maplestead, and are now based on the A131 between Sudbury and Halstead.



# **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 and she'll pu

## **Pebmarsh Village Hall**

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The COVID - 19 restrictions in place mean that your village hall remains closed at this time and your village hall committee awaits news as to when it may reopen. Until such times the facility is being cleaned weekly and all the routine precautions and maintenance allowed is being undertaken. These measures will enable your hall to reopen as soon as possible when it safe, permissible and practical to do so.

Whilst bookings are difficult to confirm at this time, future reservations are always welcomed subject to the rules and regulations that will prevail at that time. We can plan and hope for the better times to come whilst remaining realistic and flexible in our approach.

To discuss any future reservations for the village hall facilities please contact Jonathan on 01787 269321 for a friendly chat on the best way forward. Stay safe all.

Pebmarsh Village Hall Management Committee

Jonathan, Alistair, Kathy, Tricia 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 Kate07771 535523 for the Audley End, Moat Street and outlying areas. The village is there to help you.

## **Gestingthorpe Parish Council**

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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 village hall**

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Let's hope 2021 is much better than 2020 and we can all get back to a normal life. 'Normal' is likely to be a bit different to what we were used to but let's hope by not too much.

We are looking after the village hall for you all and look forward to when we can open it again for you all to use. We hope you will be pleased with the redecoration, sound reduction panels that make conversation in the hall so much easier and the partially upgraded heating.



## 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

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## More Gestingthorpe

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### Gestingthorpe Village Hall

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It has been great to have so many of you tell us that you are missing the coffee mornings and look forward to when they will, once again, be part of the social world in Gestingthorpe.

Christmas seems a while back. The village hall front lawn had a Christmas tree with lights and a couple of reindeer (made by our village blacksmith and donated to the village hall) and that combination looked great. There were Christmas lights woven into the church lychgate, into the tree of the adjoining cottage and at other houses throughout the village. They made a pleasant and welcoming sight to those who travelled through the village.

When walking around the village we now see the snowdrops poking their heads up through the ground. Those fresh white and bright flowers herald the spring. With best wishes to you all for 2021.

### Gestingthorpe History Group

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I wonder if you know some of these....

In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.

Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David,  
Hearts - Charlemagne,  
Clubs - Alexander the Great,  
Diamonds - Julius Caesar



## More Gestingthorpe

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### More Gestingthorpe History Group

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In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... 'goodnight, sleep tight.'

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink.

Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'.

More can be found on our weekly blog [www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk](http://www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk) - sign up to receive them.

### Road Closures

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Hill Farm Lane, Gestingthorpe is due to be closed starting on 29th January 2021 for 5 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes surface dressing programme preparatory works.

Sudbury Road, Gestingthorpe is due to be closed starting on the 18th January 2021 for 40 days.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes remove the failing river wall and relocate the river westwards and create new embankment.



# Little Maplestead

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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

### Chris Smith 1939-2021

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Chris Smith, who died on 16th January, was born in Halstead where he lived and grew up with his parents and brother Andrew. After leaving school Chris worked at Bentalls Farm, where he enjoyed his time working on the land. He later joined Andrew, working for the family business – Frank Smith and Sons – a men's outfitters shop on Halstead High Street.

The shop sold gentlemen's clothing, anything to do with scouting and uniforms for pupils attending local schools. I am sure many parents and grandparents will remember time spent in the shop while waiting for their children to be expertly fitted with new uniforms and PE kits.

Outside work Chris was always busy – he enjoyed playing cricket for Halstead, acted as an athletics competition judge and received a long-service award for his work with the scouting movement. He later served on Little Maplestead's Parish Council (doing his bit!!). He loved village life, getting involved socially, and formed many close friendships.

Chris also enjoyed sharing holidays with his wife Diane and extended family in Gran Canaria – many days (and nights!) were spent on hot beaches and in local restaurants and bars (have one for the road, Chris!).



In later years Chris's health deteriorated and he was forced to close his beloved shop and retire. Eventually requiring 24-hour care he moved into Forest Home in Sible Hedingham. Here he was still able to joke and laugh with his carers, friends and guests but tragically was taken way too soon by a cruel virus that has no friends.

Chris, you leave a family that loved you deeply with so many rich and happy memories. Thank you from all of us for what you gave – your time, love, compassion, and a good laugh! You were a true gentleman.

Phillip Honeywood

# 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 Great Maplestead Churchwardens

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The reduction in the number of paid clergy in recent years, has meant that the post of churchwarden has changed considerably. In our 4 parishes we have had 4 vicars since the Rev. Ken Belben retired in the late 1990s, so the various churchwardens have been important 'glue', giving some sense of continuity.

Our aim is to try to keep the Church running smoothly, look after the fabric and all the basic services – water, electricity and broadband, and generally to provide a pleasant and welcoming environment for our congregation.

The input of the Family Service Team has been invaluable, especially during the past difficult year, and Bob Chaplin has installed new lighting, heating and sound system.

Running a church and congregation is rather like running a large family home – with additional responsibilities to the wider community.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms are particularly important events, of course, and keeping the churchyard well maintained is vital too. It can be compared to the front garden of any home and if it is well cared-for, gives a positive first impression. Tony Hume does regular grass cutting and maintenance and we are delighted and gratified by the number of willing volunteers who help when needed – most recently in the Rectory garden. The imminent arrival of our new Vicar, the Rev. Beverley Vincent, and her husband Barry, is involving the refurbishment of the Rectory, inside as well as out, and this work is nearing completion.

The churchwardens in the other Knights Hospitallers Parishes have also given much time and expertise to this task.

We enjoy being your churchwardens but both hope to 'retire' in 2023, so if you have some time – and plenty of inclination – do consider becoming involved. Equally, if anyone would consider taking on the treasurer's job, Gill Peskett would be delighted!

Gill Peskett and Jill Newton

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# More Great Maplestead

## The Maplesteads WI

An evening online is certainly a great way to bring a smile on a damp January evening as the Maplesteads WI held its second meeting using zoom. It was lovely to see the members who were able to join in. At the first online meeting in December Carol Brownlie (President) set the ladies a challenge to create a peg dolly. In true WI enthusiasm some of the members came up with some great dollies. Here are the peg dollies some of the members created.

The WI will be having another online meeting in February and the challenge is baking biscuits.



## How You Can Help To Make A Difference

Are you someone who would be interested in finding out how you could best help make a difference within your local community?

If so, then considering joining Rotary – one of the World's leading humanitarian service organisations – could be the answer.

Locally, Rotary is concerned about the environment, supporting initiatives to clean up beaches and rivers and plant trees. Working on such projects offers people, both young and old, opportunities not only to develop life skills, but also to help support and improve living conditions in their local community.

For instance, during the Covid pandemic, Rotarians have helped to make a real difference, collecting medicines for people who are shielding and operating food banks. In addition, members are currently involved with both the track and trace and immunisation programmes.

Rotary also does much good work around the World: it is leading the race to eliminate polio; it helps countries abroad when disaster strikes, with initiatives such as Water Aid and Shelter Box, and it helps with schemes providing fresh water to people in sub-Saharan Africa.

If you are interested in finding out more about what Rotary does and how you could contribute or become involved, please contact:

Keith Brownlie (left)

Tel: 01787 461 527 :

email:

[keith.brownlie@Rotary.com](mailto:keith.brownlie@Rotary.com)

or:

Allison Farrugia (right)

Tel: 01787 582 734 :

email:

[farrson69@hotmail.com](mailto:farrson69@hotmail.com)



## Local information

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**Solar Society** will make every effort to restart their meetings in April on the first Monday of the month however.

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.

**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 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

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### Braintree District Council

#### Great and Little Maplestead

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#### 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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Pebmarsh	Jim Crayston	01787 222241	<a href="mailto:jim@craystonfarms.co.uk">jim@craystonfarms.co.uk</a>

## Church Services

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The Reverend Beverley has been strongly advised by the Bishops and the Essex Public Health Directors that all services should move online. The advice reflects the fact that we continue to be the worst hit area of the country and the extraordinary pressures facing our hospitals.

Join each Sunday at 10am via Zoom, the link will be posted on the 'Knights Hospitallers Parishes' Facebook page or can be emailed to you if you prefer.

Additionally services can be found on the following Facebook pages and websites:

Chelmsford Cathedral <https://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordcathedral>

- Morning Prayer Daily at 7.45am
- Evening Prayer Daily at 5.15pm
- Sunday Eucharist Weekly at 10.30am

Church of England <https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

- Weekly Sunday Service at 9am
- Daily Hope Telephone Line – 0800 804 8044. A free phone line of hymns prayers and reflection available 24 hours a day, for those without internet.

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

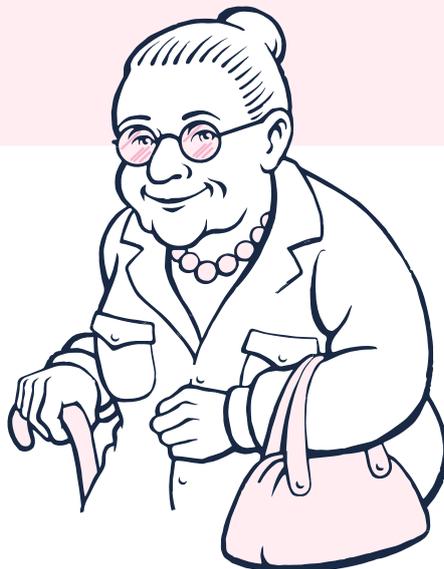
We currently have large stocks of baked beans, cereals, pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, fish, soup, baby food and cereals, and we would ask if you could donate one of the items from the list below.

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.

Let the oil lady look after  
your heating oil needs



THE

OIL LADY

Kerosene / Gas Oil / Diesel for domestic and commercial premises  
Fuel when you need it with daily orders and deliveries  
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We are here to help, from your order through to delivery and beyond  
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