

## Services for June 2018

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	10am Benefice Holy Communion	Evening Concert	Service of the Order of St John	1pm Baptism
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	4pm Compline	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service	4pm Silver Band
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11am Morning Prayer 1pm Wedding	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9:30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Praye	11am Holy Communion	

### Dates for the Diary

- 3 June St. Giles Church. Concert by The Hedingham Singer.
- 10 June St. John the Baptist Church. The Boxted Silver Band
- 19 June Team Council Meeting, 7.30pm Gosfield Church.
- 20 June A Quiet Day at Pleshy – find space to get away and rest – if interested speak with Gay or Nick
- 27 June Pebmarsh PCC meeting
- 30 June Pebmarsh School Fete 12-3pm



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# Parish News Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



**Church and Community together**  
**June 2018**

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## Village contacts and information

Neighbourhood watch representatives, see page 26

Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 25.

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## June dates for your diary

2 May	7pm	Carpet Bowls	Pebmarsh
2 June	10.30am	Litter Pick	Little Maplestead
2 June	10am	Plant Sale	Gestingthorpe
3 June	.30pm	The Hedingham Singers - A sky full of songs	Great Maplestead
4 June	2,30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
6 June	7pm	Youth Club	Great Maplestead
7 June	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
9-10 June	11pm	Pebmarsh Arts Annual Exhibition	Pebmarsh
9, 10, 18 & 17 June		Thomas the Tank Engine	Colne Valley Railway
10 June	4pm	Boxted Silver Band	Pebmarsh
10 June	11am	Pebmarsh Open Gardens	Pebmarsh
8 May	12am	Ladies Club	Pebmarsh
16 June	9.30am	Repair Cafe	Halstead
23 June	12pm	Summer Solstice Celebration	Molly's Wood
24 June	11.30am	Easton Lodge Open Day	Easton Lodge
29 May	12.30pm	Card Making	Pebmarsh
30 June	12am	Pebmarsh Summer Fair	Pebmarsh

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The copy deadline for the July magazine is

**Friday 16 June 2018**

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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### Hire of Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe Village Halls

Each of our village halls is available for hire for all types of functions. In Pebmarsh, tables and chairs can also be hired. For full details of the facilities available in each location, rates, and conditions of hire, booking forms etc.

Please contact the relevant booking secretary

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### Would you like a lift to church?

If you would like to attend any of the church services in the Benefice but have no transport please feel free to approach one of the churchwardens who will be happy to arrange it for you. Service times are shown on the back cover and Churchwardens are shown above.

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	Gestingthorpe Church
	Pebmarsh Church

## Letter from the editor



The lovely photo on the front cover of the Wiggery Wood bluebells was sent in by Sara Knight and the super double rainbow on the back cover was taken by Sarah Maguire on her way to pick up her son from St Giles School.

Green Architect has paid for the cover to be in colour. The photos were too good to be in black and white. Any other sponsors who would like to fund the cost of a cover in colour please contact me. It costs an additional £35.00 for each issue with a colour cover. (but it looks so lovely)

A mea culpa from your editor. The concert, a Sky full of Songs, in St. Giles Church. Gt. Maplestead. at 7.30pm was incorrectly dated as the 23 June. It will take place on the 3 June. For more details see their advert in the magazine.

I have also just found out that copies of the magazine are being posted to people, which is fab. Please let me know if you are doing this.

You will also notice that the format has changed. I have had quite a few requests from our readers to put the adverts back as a central section (which I agree with). This is because they find it easier to find the adverts that they want. I have spoken to our advertisers and, from this month, they will go back to the middle.

I am very pleased at the amount of information I receive each month, please carry on sending things in. Your local copy person is shown on page 27. Please note that the maximum size advert we are currently taking is half an A5 page in landscape format i.e. across the width of the page. If it is in portrait format it will be shrunk to a quarter page so it is important that the font is large enough to be read at this size.

Also please remember that our next issue is for July and August, so send us all your information for both months.

And finally, my apologies to those of you who have wanted to advertise in the magazine. I have said that I will include new adverts if we have space, but so far we have not had any. If you do wish to advertise, our advertising is run on an annual basis, starting at the beginning of each year with our February issue.

## Letter from the Rectory - It's the Band Time

At the time of writing this letter I have just been watching the Royal Wedding and I thought it was wonderful because it seemed like a real wedding. They had the normal words for the service (there are two versions) they had two rings, the children were natural and slightly nervous, the bridegroom looked a little nervous and they had their favourite music, just like normal weddings.

Being a Vicar I know how much effort and time couples put into the preparation to try to get the day as they want it and I try to do everything I can to help them because it is a big moment and we all want it to be special for them. At normal weddings we often have different kinds of music, some hymns, some music which is recorded and occasionally a choir or harp or strings.

Music is important and people remember music, particularly the pieces that mean so much to them. On Sunday 10 June at 4pm in the Pebmarsh church we have the Boxted Silver Band. You might remember, this is the Band who usually comes for the Carol Service, they were coming in 2017 and then it snowed and snowed so on the day they had to cancel as they could not get the Band together to get to Pebmarsh. They said they would like to come in the better weather so they are coming on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. It would be really nice if all those who usually come to hear them at the Carol Service could come and support them.

The only difference this time is that they felt that perhaps Carols in June might not be appropriate so they have chosen some favourite hymns and other music. In fact they asked for favourite hymns from people in Pebmarsh and I have sent through to them the hymns people have told me and the Band are sorting the list out and I am expecting to receive the list soon so I can produce a leaflet for those attending.

Please do come if you can, even if you don't normally come to church in June, come and support the Band, - imagine it is Christmas. We would also like to see people from all our other villages. Do come.

Hope to see you there.

Gay & Nick



## Fancy a cup of coffee and a chat?

Come to the Tower Room in

St Giles Church, Great Maplestead

Open every Wednesday Morning 10.30am to 12noon

No charge, this is a social get together, not a fund raiser

Everyone is welcome - for more details please ring

Dorothy on 01787 829963 or Gill on 01787 462786



## A thank you from our Vicar

I want to say Thank You for two events that have happened recently. Firstly the Bluebell Service at Hill Farm in Gestingthorpe. The weather was horrid, the Bluebells were lovely and 37 people attended, I was very impressed and I want to say thank you to each one of you and to Ashley for allowing us to come and for organising it for us. Next year I hope it will be less windy. We have had such a mixture of weather this year!

Secondly to all those who came to the Craft Fair and Plant Sale at Little Maplestead church. The atmosphere was lovely, we had so much to sell, and the weather changed part the way through the day, it went from nice to wet. However the Fair was a real success. The team worked so hard including putting up and taking down the marquees. Thank you to all those who came and to all those who worked as part of the team. Gay Ellis

## Entries from the Registers

### Baptisms

6 May St. John the Baptist Church, Lt. Maplestead  
Quinton Cook

### Interment of Ashes

23 May St. Giles Church, Gt. Maplestead  
Peter Williams



Sudbury Area Cancer Support Group

4th Thursday, 7-9pm, The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EU.

2nd Friday, Cafe Club, 12-2pm, The Loft, 3 Gaol Lane, Sudbury CO10 1JL.

For more information, contact Ruth or Phil Worsley on 01787 370978 [ruth-SACSG@outlook.com](mailto:ruth-SACSG@outlook.com).



## Theft from cars and other vehicles

When leaving your car make sure you:

- Think about where you park and choose a safe place where people can see any activity.
- If using a public car park try and use a "Parkmark" car park <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/>.
- Don't leave valuables on display in the car, i.e. Sat Navs, cameras, expensive sunglasses, and money or designer clothes.
- Don't leave a bag on the seat, even if it only contains your gym stuff, the thief does not know that until he has damaged your car to find out.
- Clean the ring off the window left by the Sat Nav cradle or any other evidence of a removable electronic device being in the car.
- Be aware of those around you when you park, is someone watching you hide something away?
- Lock your car, and don't rely on the remote, physically check that it has locked even when on your driveway.
- Check your car is secure before you turn in of a night time in case a window was left open (it is also worth checking that someone has not left the interior light on, you don't want to come out to a flat battery).

If you know who is committing crime contact the Police using the 101 non-emergency number or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111



## PCC News

All our churchwardens in our four parishes have been re-elected except Jim Crayston of Pebmarsh who has retired.

Jim Holder has retired as treasurer of Pebmarsh PCC and Denzil Fellows has taken over. Terry Straight has become the secretary.

All the other PCC's remain as last year.

We thank them for all their hard work.

## The Order of St John

Little Maplestead is a Knights Hospitallers parish and we are very proud that the Order of St John (St John Ambulance and St John Eye Hospital) hold their annual service in our round church.

It is, however, by invitation only.

## Our buses

Unlike a conventional bus, our F315 bus service requires some passengers to pre-book their seat and register as a customer at least two hours in advance using either:

01621 874411 or [bookings@essexandsuffolkdart.co.uk](mailto:bookings@essexandsuffolkdart.co.uk).

These are passengers who wish to join the bus at Great Maplestead Church, Pebmarsh War Memorial or Pebmarsh Bus Shelter. These stops are shown in italics on the timetable.

All other stops will be served within a twenty minute window of the times shown below. (10 minutes either side). They do not require pre-booking.

The latest timetable (20 March 2018) is shown below.

You can hail a bus provided that the bus is taking that route, i.e. the route that is NOT in italics in the timetable below.

Bus passes can be used.

SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL - <i>PEBMARSH</i> - GREAT AND LITTLE MAPLESTEAD - HALSTEAD						
F315	From 12/02/2018					
Sudbury, Bus Station	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:30	17:30	19:15
Ballingdon, Kings Head	09:03	11:03	13:03	15:33	17:33	19:18
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	09:07	11:07	13:07	15:37	17:37	19:22
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	09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:47
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
Halstead, High Street	09:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	19:43

Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points  
All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked

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.

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£2.00 SINGLE  
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Between any two stops

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Little Maplestead, Pump	07:35	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	18:35
Great Maplestead, Church	07:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41
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
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
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:30	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:28	19:28

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## Local Activities

### Solar Society

Your local adult educational group.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June at 2.30pm.

'Votes for Women. The Campaigns 1860-1928'. An illustrated talk by Miles Scrivens to celebrate 100 years since some women gained the vote in 1918.

We have a summer break in July and August and meet again on 3rd September. The talk then, given by Michael Baldry, will be 'Icons to Modernism: Art in Russia.'

Meetings are held in The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham and last about 2 hours including an interval. Free light refreshments.

Entrance: £4.00 All welcome. No membership required.

Further information from: Miles Scrivens, 01787-469766 or Wanda Sellar, 01787-463459

### Braintree Area Foodbank

On behalf of our clients we would like to thank you for your generous support and ask that you help us with this urgent appeal for:

- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sponge puddings
- Tinned rice puddings
- Cartons of fruit juice

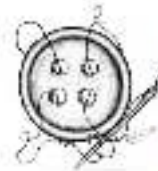
We have an abundance of Baked Beans, Chocolate spread, Peanut Butter and Toiletries so please, no more at the moment.

If you want to donate to our foodbank you can donate at Halstead, Witham and Braintree libraries during their opening hours. For further information see [www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/locations/](http://www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/locations/)



May 19<sup>th</sup> Jun 16<sup>th</sup> Jul 21<sup>st</sup>  
Saturdays, 9.30-11.30  
Halstead Library

We throw away vast amounts of stuff, including things with almost nothing wrong, which could get a new lease of life after a simple repair.



The Halstead Repair Café is where you can bring items for sewing repair, get advice on how to repair things yourself, or even learn a new skill.

For help with mechanical and furniture repairs and restoration, contact Steve 01787 460800/07713321236 [stevehendtt@hotmail.com](mailto:stevehendtt@hotmail.com)

[repaircafehalstead@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafehalstead@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/repaircafehalstead Essex](http://www.facebook.com/repaircafehalstead Essex)

01787 462537



### Molly's Wood

Molly's Wood Summer Solstice Celebration will take place on Saturday 23 June. Entry will be free.

If you are interested in becoming a friend of Molly's wood for a small annual subscription, please find details on the website [www.mollyswood.org](http://www.mollyswood.org),

### Gardens of Easton Lodge

This year's June open day will be held on the 24 June, 11.30am to 5.00pm. It will cost £4.50 with under 16's free

The Gardens should be looking beautiful as we celebrate the natural alongside the formal planting. There are many areas

where wild flowers already thrive and we are introducing a new grass cutting regime this year to help the wild flowers set seed and multiply. This year the snowdrops were gorgeous, as usual, and we have had more cowslips than previously and banks of bluebells, particularly down at the end of the Glade.

By June, the viewing platform should give fine views of waterlilies on the fishing lake. We will have bug hunting for children as well as a nature trail and craft activities. We will be joined by Uttlesford Beekeepers, the RSPB,



plant and craft stalls, including willow-weaving. And local musician, Keef Jackman, will play his Ukelele blues and other self-penned songs. Of course no Garden Open Day would be complete without our locally renowned bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

For more details and the latest news, go to our Website

Jill Goldsmith 01371 876979  
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## Parish Council Websites

Gestingthorpe <https://www.essexinfo.net/gestingthorpe/>  
Great Maplestead <http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk>  
Little Maplestead <http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk>  
Pebmarsh <http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com>

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## General Data Protection Regulation

Following on from our article on the General Data Protection Regulations last month, it has occurred to us that the Parish News also has to comply.

The Parish Magazine keeps 'data', the telephone numbers and email addresses that we publish in the magazine and our helpers, those who distribute, collect copy and otherwise support what we do.

As we understand the legislation, we have a 'legitimate' reason for holding this data, so we do not appear to need to ask consent of anyone who has provided us with that information. The data (apart from that published in the magazine), is kept password protected on a computer in a locked house. Back up is kept password protected and encrypted in the 'cloud' on servers located in the UK. None of this data is shared with anyone except those involved in creating and publishing the magazine.

However if you wish to know what data we hold about you, how we hold it or if you wish to be removed please contact me at [pmeditor@icloud.com](mailto:pmeditor@icloud.com).

## Pebmarsh

### Events this month

The Pebmarsh Arts Group Annual Exhibition will be on the 9 and 10 June, the Boxted Silver Band will be playing in the church on the 10 June, the Pebmarsh Open Gardens will also be on the 10 June and the school fair will be on the 30 June.

### VETS

In May Perry Crimmins of the VETS Pebmarsh met with Bill Piper of the newly forming VETS Little Maplestead at the Kings Head, Pebmarsh to discuss all matters defibrillator.

Our pictorial record of the event shows Norman Wiseman displaying the Pebmarsh defibrillator to all. The VETS Little Maplestead are in the process of setting up a team along the lines of the VETS Pebmarsh team and hopefully this will be the start of many joint ventures to come. One of their defibrillators will be sited by the Little India restaurant on the A134 and the other site is yet to be confirmed. The two groups spoke about a joint training session for new members the first of which is hoped will be held at the Pebmarsh Village Hall.



### A bit of a do in aid of the village hall

Mike Barnes and friends are again organising "A BIT OF DO" on the Pebmarsh Football Ground on the weekend of 21 and 22 July 21. Anyone wishing to enter a display, stall of interest, donating raffle prizes or offers of help, please contact Mike on 01787 269454 or 07703 653897.

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## Pebmarsh Trail

Sunday 10th June

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### Pebmarsh Art Group Annual Exhibition

Exhibition & sale of artworks at Pebmarsh Village Hall

Saturday 9 June 11am to 5pm

Sunday 10 June 11am to 4pm

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### St John the Baptist Primary School, Pebmarsh

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## Do you know where this is?



Nick Ellis, in collaboration with Halstead Museum has recently obtained an album of colourised local photo's dated around the time of the first world war.

A few of the locations are easily identified, but a number are not.

All we know about this photo is that it is labelled "Pebmarsh 1919".

If you know the location please send details to Nick Ellis at: [nick@stepbeyond.org.uk](mailto:nick@stepbeyond.org.uk).



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## Gestingthorpe

Future activities include the plant sale in the Village Hall on the 2 June, channel sweeping on the 5 July and litter picking on the 14 July.

### Remembrance peal Gestingthorpe 27th April

Over 1400 associated bellringers lost their lives in action during the First World War. In St Pauls Cathedral London there is a book of Remembrance and a roll of honour in their memory

49 of these ringers came from Essex. Soldier Mr Ian Culham took on the great task of organising to ring a peal close to the centenary of their deaths. So far Ian has managed to ring in memory of everyone, all but two in their own church.

On Friday 27th April at Gestingthorpe Ian assembled a band of six ringers from across Essex and Suffolk to ring a peal in memory of Walter Nice of the Royal Engineers .

Walter from the Forge in Church Street is recorded as ringing over 14 peals across Essex.

He married Gestingthorpe school teacher Edith Downs in April 1917 he then returned to the frontline. In April 1918 at Arras he was wounded by a shot to the stomach and died in hospital at Dover on 29 April 1918, he is buried in a war grave in Gestingthorpe Churchyard.

The ringers led by Captain Alan Mayle completed the peal in 2 hours 53 min and were met afterwards by two of Walter's great nephews - Richard and Peter Nice.

Thank you to Mrs Alice Nolda for providing the ringers with their well deserved refreshments and a big thank you to the ringers themselves Alan Mayle, Neil Avis, George Thoday, David Salter, Ian Culham and Brian Meads.

A fitting tribute to a Gestingthorpe Bellringer and Soldier.

### New Councillors

Two new Parish Councillors have been co-opted onto the Council - Peter Collett and David Smith.

### Dog mess

Following the Annual Village meeting, where dog mess along footpaths was mentioned, please can dog owners remove their dog mess from the footpaths and also not leave any dog mess bags hanging in hedges. There are 4 dog bins located in the village which are emptied regularly by Baintree District Council. Please help to keep the footpaths clean.

## More Gestingthorpe

### Litter Picking

The Parish Council are organising a village litter pick to be held on Saturday 14 July, 10.00 am start, meeting outside the Church/village hall. The village hall will be open for refreshments afterwards. Please can anyone interested in helping, contact David Smith at Church Farmhouse on 01787 460236, as David is co-ordinating litter pick and will need to know what equipment is to be provided for everyone. Please help to keep the village litter free.

### Channel Sweeping

The next channel sweep is on Thursday 5 July. Residents are encouraged to park elsewhere on this date, so that Braintree District Council sweepers have clear access to the road channels.

The sweeper has a programmed route concentrating on main highways where there are kerbs. If there are any areas that require particular attention, please call BDC Customer Services Centre on 01376 552525 or e-mail [csc@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:csc@braintree.gov.uk) at least one week in advance of the due visit.

83 year old man needs a gardener handyman. If you are interested please phone 01787 269458

## Gestingthorpe Village Hall Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd June  
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## More Great Maplestead

Carol then introduced Jude, the Age UK representative who came to speak to us about the work that Age UK does to help the over 50's of Essex. Jude gave a brief history of how Age UK came into being when Age Concern amalgamated with Help the Aged in 2009. Age UK helped over 100,000 people in Essex in 2017, supporting people in their own homes after being in hospital, advice with filling in forms and often after Christmas when festivities are over and people become lonely after family and friends return to their own homes. Age UK provide various home help services and they also provide the very useful "Message in a Bottle" and the "Life Book", in both cases the householder fills in their details on the pages provided which will enable emergency services to know about the person without having to question or search for the answers. Jane Stone warmly thanked Jude for an informative talk and for the free samples of the "Message in a Bottle" and the Guide of Services Essex Age UK provide.

After refreshments we held the yearly election for President of the Maplesteads WI. Voting papers were counted, 2 ladies were nominated, 1 lady declined but Carol Brownlie accepted to warm applause from everyone. Flower of the month was won by Dorothy Whyte with pretty blue and white aquilegia.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and the speaker will be Jo Hunt with her talk on "Essential Oils to Stay Healthy". For further information please call Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527 Anne Fletcher

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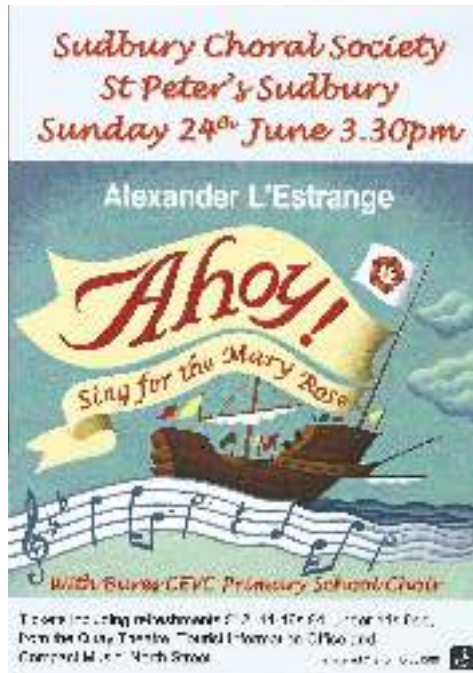
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## Little Maplestead

The main activity in the village this month is the village litter pick on the 2 June, although we are hoping to arrange a defibrillator training session during the month.

Please remember that the WI (shown under Great Maplestead) is for the Maplesteads as is the Maplesteads Autumn Show.

### Village Litter Pick on 2 June

It would be great if you would help us for the litter pick but we need to know if you are coming so we can help you know where to go, arrange for the relevant bits of kit, such as high viz vests, gloves, litter pickers and bags and, more importantly, get the food right, Geraldine's legendary pies, Ann's brownies and beer (as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks, all at Hampers afterwards). So please give Jenny a ring on 01787 472159 or email on [pmeditor@icloud.com](mailto:pmeditor@icloud.com).

### Plant and Craft Fair

The Plant and Craft Fair was a great success. 170 people came, which was a 50% increase from last year. The weather was good to start off with but it ended up raining. Lovely photo of the organisers in the rain!!!

The plants were of a great quality (the editor bought quite a few). They were grown by the Caddys, Karen Sheila and Enid and other people donated plants on the day. There was hot soup (very necessary in the weather) provided by Gay and Judy and cakes provided by a great variety of people. Many other people helped, particularly on the tea stall and on the entrance stall, all ably stage managed by Jane Stone. Karen lent the gazebo and Tom and the children erected it. Enid and Robert lent the chairs and tables. Huge thanks to everyone who helped. £1,600.00 was raised for the church.



### Defibrillators

We are awaiting our two new defibrillators, one adjacent to Little India and one by the bus stop/post box on the Gestingthorpe Road



## More Little Maplestead

In order to maximise their potential we need to get as many people as possible trained in their use so we are arranging training. It really is very easy and could save a life, including yours or your family. If you are interested in attending a training course please contact Bill Piper on 01787 473933.



### Little Maplestead Litter Pick

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

**Meet:** 10.30am at Hampers, Oak Road

Gloves, Hi-Vis Jackets and Pickers provided



**Parishioners: Please come and help keep our village litter-free**

## Baptism

You will see from page 25 that Quinton Cook was baptised in the round church. I have been talking to his great uncle, Peter Cook of Castle Hedingham about the family. He tells me that the ancestors of the Cook/Cracknell families first came to the Maplesteads in the early seventeen hundreds, two brothers one a boot repairer and one a glazier. Peter believes that Quinton is the 13<sup>th</sup> generation of these families to have been baptised either in Little or Great Maplestead churches. Please let us know of any other local family tales like this.

## Local Women's Running Group

Meet us Sunday mornings at 9am at the Little India Car park in Little Maplestead, to run between 4 and 5km. Please contact [laurabloom@btinternet.com](mailto:laurabloom@btinternet.com) or call/text Laura on 0780 174 9802 if you would like to come along and give it a try.



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## Great Maplestead

Future activities include the Hedingham Singers on the 3 June, the Youth Club on the 6 June, WI meeting on the 7 June and don't forget to prepare for the autumn show in September.

### The Maplesteads Autumn Show

The Maplesteads Autumn Show will be taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – entries can be taken to the Village Hall either Friday evening between 6pm -8pm or Saturday between 12pm and 3pm.

The Hall will reopen for visitors at 5.30 PM – this is slightly later than other years to give the judges more time to deliberate .

After the prize giving there will be an auction of donated produce, a raffle and refreshments.

The schedules will be delivered next month with your Parish magazine and we hope that you will find plenty to interest you, whether it's gardening, cookery or crafts.

The children have not been forgotten and we look forward to seeing their wonderful creations and the men can astound us with their culinary prowess for the highly fought over Mens Challenge Cup !

The photographic competition is Views of the Maplesteads so there is plenty of time to get snapping during the summer in our beautiful villages.

We hope you enjoy reading your schedule and that there is something for everyone.

There will also be copies of the schedule in both churches.

If you would like any further information please contact Carol Brownlie – 01787 461527.

### Maplestead Youth Club

Rounders

Wednesday 6th June

7pm-9 pm, £2.00 entry

Drinks and snacks available to buy

11-16 year olds (at secondary school)



### The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie warmly welcomed everyone, including our visitor Mary Fielder to our AGM on Thursday 3 May. Secretary Janice Chaplin read the minutes of the previous meeting, various items of correspondence and then birthday flowers were presented.

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