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News**

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



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Letter from the editor



I am writing this on a beautiful day, the sun is out and we are beginning to get out and about. David and I are trying to get to National Garden Scheme gardens once a week, particularly those that allow us to take the dogs. There is the beginning of a sense of hope.

We are still introducing new articles into the magazine, partly to compensate for the lack of activities but also because I find them interesting I hope you do to. Ann is continuing to manage her ideas on this additional content. This month we are joined by a gundog and a lemon drizzle cake. I shall enjoy both. To repeat from last month, please contact Ann to tell her your favourite reads, your favourite recipes and your animal stories so we can publish them.

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.

Pebmarsh have been very busy and you can see the results of their labours on the last two pages. So good to see them in colour, thank you Pebmarsh for funding it.

The front cover is my church (I can see it across the fields from my house) and the photo was taken by the talented Beverley Bratley. Thank you.

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

With love to you all.

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Letter from the Reverend Beverley Vincent

As I write to you looking out of the window to the garden on a beautiful sunny day I am reminded of the Bible passage from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8). It was, we believe, written by King Solomon thousands of years ago. Some of you will recall it being made famous by a group called the Byrds in the 1960's, with the song Turn, Turn, Turn. The passage begins 'here is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.'

The essence of the passage is that everything has its own time, and as we watch spring turn into summer and lockdown restrictions ease we wait patiently for the rhythm of life to resemble something we recognise.

As we begin to think about coming out of lockdown, we may envisage ourselves returning to doing things exactly as we did them before- but the reality will probably be different. We might find that we are in fact nervous about doing things we used to do unthinkingly. Things that we haven't done for a while, like trying on clothes in shops or singing in church could feel really odd. Or it may be that we are ready to go straight back to doing everything, but that our friends and family members are not. Therefore, if you find that the idea of "unlocking" actually makes you feel apprehensive, take time to listen to your own feelings and to one another.

Let's follow St Paul's advice and clothe ourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, as we enter the unfolding of this season and our lives.

Rev'd Beverley



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

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.

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The latest timetables for the DaRT service at www.essex.gov.uk/dart is incorrect.

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F315 From 01/03/2018

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	09:18	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
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	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

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Halstead, High Street	07:30	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30	
Little Maplestead, Pump	07:35	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	18:35	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	
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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

Courtyard Stores in Pebmarsh are open and offering a delivery and collection service. For information look at 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 or phone 01787 476264

The Forager's Retreat is currently closed. See their website www.theforagersretreat.co.uk or ring 01787 389123 for the latest information.

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

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BLUEBELL SUNDAY

Wiggery Wood will be 'open' for local residents to visit—and enjoy the Bluebells—on Sunday, May 2nd, from 11.00 a.m. to 7.00p.

Stout foot ware is essential

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

Please observe social distance guidelines.

N.B The wood will not be 'open' in the event of strong winds.

Gardening Corner

After a changeable Easter break we can only hope the weather has settled down for a period.

This month it is time to think about annuals and summer colour. Three self-seeding plants, which should reseed for next year and can be sown directly into the soil once the earth has warmth in it, are: Poached Egg Plant [Limnanthes], Marigold [Claendula] and Nasturtium [Tropaeolum family]. These plants will give a 'hot spot' of colour with reds, yellows and oranges to brighten up your garden.

Not forgetting the vegetable growers amongst us, your chosen variety of tomato needs to be sown now, if not already at the pricking-out stage. Courgettes, marrows and cucumbers should also be on the greenhouse bench or window sill. If you do start vegetable seeds in the conservatory/greenhouse or under cover please do not forget to harden them off before planting out, otherwise they will scorch and quite possible die back.

Now the worst of the frosts are over, cut back hardy fuchsias low to the ground to promote this year's growth. Hardy salvias can also be cut back by a third to tidy the plant and encourage new shoots.

Daffodils need feeding – I tend to use Growmore type products. Do cut off the dead heads but not the leaves and feed monthly until this year's foliage has died right back. If you grow any of the Narcissus family in pots, dead head them and lay them to dry in a sheltered place. Leave the bulbs until the old leaves are brown and crisp. Remove any excess and these bulbs can be replanted in the garden this coming autumn.

If you grow spray [multi-headed] Chrysanthemums, look out for them in garden centres or order on-line; the young cuttings soon produce shoots to plant out, giving us colour in the last weeks of summer. Finally this month Gladiolus corms need to be in the ground. Place them about 3" deep, which will steady this elegant favourite against strong winds when in full flower; some form of support is also advisable.

Enjoy your garden.....The Arborist.

Colour Advertisements

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 February's to see the effect. If any one is interested contact Jenny the editor.

Tales From Gundog Training

"Oh, is it Thursday already?" I have just been unceremoniously bundled into the crate. I don't mind where we were going but rather how we are going to get there. In fact I love training but hate Land Rovers. Well not so much Defenders but their drivers, one in particular, Charlie. I only have paws but I could do a better job round corners and even manage to avoid some of the potholes. I suppose it's a necessary evil to get to the training ground. I hope it's going to be a good day.

Thursday morning is training morning. It makes a break from the walks around the village and I am actually encouraged to run around. Some dogs think it is bit pointless to have something thrown away which they then have to go and bring back but I don't mind.

Hunting for stuff and picking it up is really my thing. I just cannot help myself and must admit I get a bit over excited at times. I go "whistle deaf" and it doesn't occur to me that I really should be taking the dummy back at that stage. Charlie and I have been working on changing that for months now. He is keener than me to change it though. I am just like having a good time. I also know that spinning around a couple of times before giving the dummy back really annoys him.

Here we are. The training ground has changed. Interesting. There seems to be a lot more wood in the ground. Not trees but things that have been stuck in the ground. Seems a bit silly. I can't see a way in. No idea what they are for. What's that he's saying? "Over?" He has just stepped over the wood. "Over!" That must mean me too so here I go. We are now in the middle of all the wood. What is going on? Humans really do odd things. The other one, Rob, is standing next to another bunch of wood further away in the field and has just put a dummy in the middle.

"Over!" Charlie's arm is pointing in the direction of the dummy. A-ha (image of bone glows dimly above head) got it! Jump, run-run-run, jump, pick up the dummy....how do I get out? Oh yes, back the way I came. Jump, run-run-run. I wish he would stop blowing that whistle. I know where I am going. Jump, couple of spins for good measure and hand over the dummy. Okay I'll sit too if I must. Let's do it again! Go on!

It has been a good day. T Badingham-Sage - Gundog at Large

PS. Charlie has promised me treats if I let you know what I've been up to and how I'm getting on in a couple of months – so watch this space!

Gestingthorpe

Support in Gestingthorpe

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. Pebmarsh

Gestingthorpe Parish Council

The Sudbury Road is scheduled to be open to traffic from the 1st of May with works due for completion shortly after that.

Gestingthorpe Cricket Club.

The club will have their 1st home game of the 2021 season on Sunday the 2nd of May against Castle Hedingham starting at 2pm. Nets practise is open to all new players on a Thursday evening.

FUN. FIT. FAB.

Exercise classes are in full swing on a Monday evening (7.00-7.45pm), Thursday morning (9.45-10.30am) and Saturday morning (9.00-9.30am) - all taking place on the village sports field. Contact Nic Smith to book your place 07908 445239

Gestingthorpe History Group.

The blog on our website continues to reach far and wide - recently relatives of former residents over 100 years ago, sent us some postcard images we had not seen before, all of which are now on the postcard section of the website. We are also slowly writing up the house histories that we have on some of the properties in the village, so keep checking to see if a historic property you live in gets a mention.



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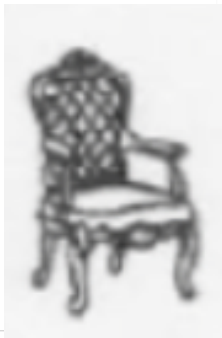
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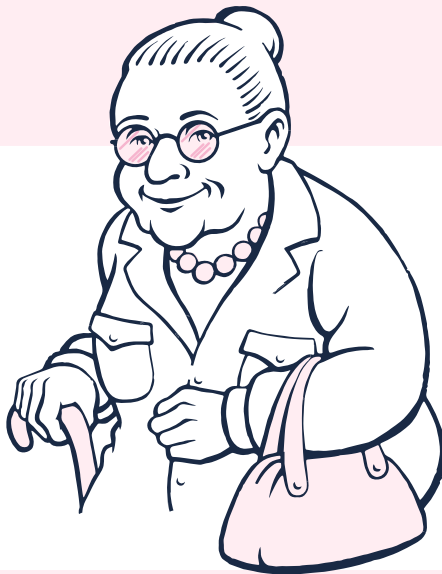
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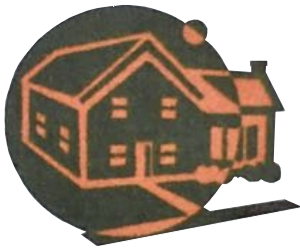
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Pebmarsh

Support in Pebmarsh

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. More Pebmarsh Village Hall

Pebmarsh Parish Council.

It seems there is a growing propensity for cyclists to ride on some of our local footpaths.

This is a polite reminder to all cyclists that public footpaths are solely for the use of pedestrians and that using them for any other form of transport is in no way permissible.

To do so is not only flaunting what is acceptable but has the potential to be very dangerous to pedestrians, including mothers with their children and pets, and riders alike.

We respectfully ask, therefore, that all cyclists refrain from adopting this practice. Jackie Tufnell. Vice Chair PPC

St John the Baptist Pebmarsh

The AGM of Pebmarsh PCC took place on April 6th. Beverley Vincent our new team vicar took the chair and thanked all the members for their support over the last year. The election of Church Wardens took place with Sarah Burgess as warden and Jim Crayston as deputy. The year has been very challenging as we were able to have very few services in Church due to periods of lockdown, but we have been able to hold services on zoom with other members of the Benefice. The zoom services have brought several parishioners to join us who are not regular church goers which was very nice to see. Since we are easing out of lockdown and are back in Church for our more regular Service Pattern we would welcome more people to join us. We held a very successful Easter Sunday Service and the church was well decorated by our team of flower arrangers.

Financially it has been a very challenging year as it has been with all charities, and if it had not been for our regular Direct Debit followers and the support of The Friends of Pebmarsh Church we would not have been able to carry on. We have got several fund raising events in the pipeline including a rounders match in July. Looking well ahead we hope to hold the usual Christmas Carol Service with silver band.

Please support the Church as much as you can as it is your Church. We are sure you would miss it if it had to close. Pebmarsh PCC

Little Maplestead

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

Pop-Up Plant Sale

Saturday 22nd May 10am - 1.00 pm

at the Round Church

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- Flowers
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- Herbs

all at great prices

The church will also be open for visitors



Neighbourhood Watch

As most of you know we have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme running in Little Maplestead, this has now been going for about 8 years.

We are part of the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association, which is affiliated to the National Neighbourhood Watch Association.

I receive regular updates about crimes in the area, and also on any Police activity in the area, and these are circulated to anyone who has requested them.

We are fortunate that we live in a relatively crime free area, but this should not make us complacent, as criminals have no boundaries.

More Little Maplestead

More Neighbourhood Watch

I do circulate information if I feel that there is a potential threat from something that has happened locally, or if I have been notified about suspicious behaviour or a very local crime. It is always helpful to receive feedback from you, either positive or negative on my notifications.

Naturally we do not have a heavy Police presence in our area, so if anyone sees anything that they feel is suspicious or that others in the village should be aware of, please notify me, and I can circulate the information. Please remember that if you are a victim of any crime or feel threatened contact the Police.

Individual actions will help to make our community safer.

If anyone wants to join our scheme or just wants further information, please email Bill Piper on littlemaplesteadnw@gmail.com.

THE READING ROOM

This month our reading recommendations have been suggested by *Great Maplestead's Gill Peskett and Jill Newton*:

'Still Life' by Louise Penny is the first of a series of 'Whodunits' about Chief Inspector Gamache. Set in Canada, near Quebec on the American border, the village of Three Pines is as much a star of the books as the central character. Readers form their own mental image of the village and its inhabitants and are drawn into their lives, eager to find out what happens next. A delightful series.

Tracy Chevalier is an author who never fails to impress. Remember 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' (Vermeer's world) and 'Remarkable Creatures' (Mary Anning, the fossil hunter)?

'A Single Thread' draws the reader into the 1930s world of a single woman, caught between the mundane responsibilities of family, and the desire to be free. She satisfies both, and discovers new passions through the unlikely worlds of church embroidery and bell-ringing.

Oh yes, she also falls in love.....!

'Blood and Beauty' by Sarah Dunant takes the reader into the world of 15th century Italy, centred on the lives of the Borgias, particularly Rodrigo Borgia, Pope Alexander VI.

Its fascinating insights are reminiscent of Hilary Mantel's Cromwell trilogy, and anyone who loves and has travelled in Italy will appreciate the evocation of history and landscape which she uncovers. It would whet the appetite of anyone new to this world

Great Maplestead

Great Maplestead Volunteer Network

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 WI

It was another fun evening at The Maplesteads WI zoom meeting held on Thursday 8th April. I think we are making progress in using this form of communication; it is becoming less like a modern day séance and 15 members were able to take part.

Carol thanked the members who took part in the Easter challenge: 'Decorating an Egg'.

The main discussion point of the meeting was the Centenary Planter. The Maplesteads WI celebrated its Centenary in 2019 and a planter was bought to commemorate this. The planter will be put outside the Village Hall and a small committee has been formed to plant it up. Jill Gozzett kindly volunteered to be Chairman and Diane Smith, Liz Newton and Gill Sanderson said they would be happy to be members of her team.

There will be a celebration of the planter at the WI meeting scheduled in September, it will be an open meeting and we hope as many people as possible can come along to celebrate with us. More details to follow nearer the time.

This month's challenge, suggested by Pam Corder-Birch, is the Captain Sir Tom Moore Family 100 Challenge. It will be interesting to find out at next month's meeting what members have got up to.

Here are some pictures of the Decorated Egg Challenge: Jill Gozzett, Lyn Haylock's grandsons Harry & Jack, and Anne Fletcher.



More Great Maplestead

Save the Date!

A **Maplesteads Village Walk** is being organised on **Sunday 27th June** to celebrate the first weekend of lockdown freedom.

More information in the next issue...

Nature Notes

March is technically spring, but it doesn't always feel like it. On the 23rd I was walking along Purls Hill when I encountered a female brambling, a winter visitor from Scandinavia. It is a close relative of the chaffinch, but quite distinctive when you get a good view. They breed right across the northern regions of Europe and Asia but spend the winter months further south. They will turn up from time to time on garden feeders throughout the UK so are well worth looking out for. About 10 minutes after the brambling, I heard my first chiffchaff of the spring. This bird, a warbler, is named after its call, a distinctive and monotonous chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff. Within days they were singing everywhere. On the 24th it was back to winter again when I was amazed to see five siskins in my garden. The siskin is another finch; small, yellowish green with a streaked breast and a yellow rump. The male has a distinctive smart black crown and chin. These birds breed mainly in northern conifer forests and in Essex are passage migrants and winter visitors. And an absolute delight.

In November I heard that a pair of ravens had been seen and heard around Great Maplestead. This was news indeed. The Birds of Essex (2007) has it as a vagrant to the county with only 14 records since 1909. I believe it has become more frequent since then, but it is still an unusual bird in our area. Since hearing the news, every crow has been double-checked but until 28th March I was frustrated. Then, walking along Lucking Street, I heard the deep grock-grock that tells you right away there is a raven nearby. Looking up, there it was! They are massive, bigger than a buzzard with a long wedge-shaped tail. I only saw one, but a pair has been seen and they have been around for quite a while. How exciting it would be if they bred.

Now, well into April, spring is well and truly upon us. The dawn chorus is enough to wake you and our resident birds are busy building nests. There are reports of swallows, house martins, even nightingales but so far I've not had any in my patch. Much to look forward to in the coming month.

Patch Patroller

Local information

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.

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

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

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

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

Gestingthorpe History Society: www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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

Hedingham Medical Centre



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.

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Parish Council Websites

Gestingthorpe	www.gestingthorpepc.co.uk
Great Maplestead	www.greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk
Little Maplestead	www.littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk
Pebmarsh	www.parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com

Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)

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

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A REALLY LOVELY LEMON DRIZZLE TRAY BAKE

From: Diane Smith, Little Maplestead

This is a very easy recipe which was given to me some time ago by fellow villager Jane Piper when, at a village fete, I said how good the piece of cake that I had was and could I please have the recipe. For me, the beauty of a tray bake is that it is so really easy just to cut up and just pass around; children seem to love this one and it is a hit with fellow beaters on the shoot.

So here it is:

Ingredients:

For the cake:

6oz (175g) soft margarine

8oz (225g) self-raising flour
1½ level teaspoons baking powder
6oz (175g) caster sugar

3 eggs

3 tablespoons milk

The rind of 1½ lemons

For the Topping:

Juice of 1½ lemons

6oz (175g) granulated sugar

Method:

Put all ingredients in to a large roomy mixing bowl and beat well for two minutes until well blended.

Turn mixture into a 12"x 9" lined with grease-proof paper.

Bake for 35-40 minutes at 350F -180C (or 160/165C fan oven)

The Topping:

Mix the lemon juice and sugar together well and spoon over the hot cake.

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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.

A new Festival this summer

This summer will see the launch of a new art and culture festival called EA Festival taking place on 31 July and 1 August at Hedingham Castle. Over the span of these two days, audiences will be treated to a rich and varied program which includes many well-known personalities in media, art, literature, poetry, environmentalism and music including Susie Dent (the resident lexicographer of Countdown), John Lloyd (creator of QI, Black Adder and Spitting Image), Evelyn Glennie (the legendary percussionist), William Sieghart (poetry advocate and founder of National Poetry Day) and Charles Saumarez Smith (former director of both the Royal Academy of Arts and the National Gallery). In addition, there will be a curated retail marketplace featuring local and regional lifestyle and food brands and an art exhibition inside the Keep of Hedingham Castle. Log on to www.eafestival.com to buy tickets and learn more.



Church Services

2nd	9:30 Holy Communion	Gestingthorpe
	11:00 Holy Communion	Little Maplestead
9th	9:30 Holy Communion	Pebmarsh
	9:30 Rogation Service	Gestingthorpe
	11:00 Holy Communion	Great Maplestead
16th	9:30 Morning Prayer	Gestingthorpe
	11am Morning Worship	Great Maplestead
	11am Holy Communion	Little Maplestead
23rd	9:30 Morning Worship	Pebmarsh
	11am Holy Communion	Great Maplestead
	11am Morning Prayer	Little Maplestead
	4pm Compline	Gestingthorpe
30th	Team Service	Venue Tbc

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

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Great Maplestead Jumble Sale 25 September 2021

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