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News**

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



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Letter from the editor



Here we are again. Please, please, please let me know if you would like to contribute to the magazine. It would be really interesting to have recipes (our local restaurants), seasonal relevant gardening tips (our local gardeners, tree surgeons etc, local history snippets from our local history settlements and other local historians.

A great thank you to Sarah Maguire for our cover photo (black and white, even better in colour), flowers from her allotment and entered into a flower and produce show

Also, to any of our advertisers, please send me a story about who you are, why you are etc, for our monthly look at a local company.

Some of us are also trying to help our more elderly (we are in our 70's ourselves), friends and family. The help we get from our local authorities is minimal. Mum fell and broke her sacrum (not life threatening but V painful), Broomfield were very helpful but wanted her out. Our house is impossible, steps, bedrooms, bathrooms, loos, none on the same level, and we are still waiting (a month later) for help from Essex Social Services, as to how to sort the house out. Luckily, we have found a Covid free convalescent home. Wish us luck.

Another idea we had was to put an 'ad' in ourselves asking for people who would regularly contribute recipes/seasonal relevant gardening tips/local history snippets.....must be loads of other things we haven't thought about. What about 'A day in the Life of'..... people with different/unusual jobs or hobbies could be asked if they want to write something.....could be anonymous if they wished!

That said I wish everyone well and hope that the easing of lockdown is beneficial to you.

With love to you all.

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Letter from the Gestingthorpe Church-wardens

Progress back towards normality is still slow and sometimes seems to be a case of two steps forward, one step back (eg the so-called "rule of six" limiting the size of social gatherings). So it was very encouraging for those of us at parish level that the Archbishop of Canterbury was so quick and decisive in asserting that the collective worship of God in church is not a "social gathering" and therefore that the new rule does not apply on top of the existing arrangements for distancing and face masks.

It was also interesting that he followed this up a few days later with an article in one of the national daily newspapers urging the Government to delegate much more decision making in handling the pandemic to those at local level. This is an excellent principle and we hope that the powers that be in Chelmsford diocese take note: one size does not fit all! As a letter in the same paper the next day remarked, there are many small congregations up and down the country comprised of people who are "capable of deciding for themselves whether or not they want to run the risk of sitting next to their neighbours of many years on Sunday mornings."

Meantime with the acceptance of face masks that most of us have acquired when in supermarkets or petrol stations, we continue with services of Morning Prayer on every third Sunday of the month. There is organ music, but no singing yet – whether Christmas carols will be possible this year remains to be seen.

September's service, which takes place a couple of days after the deadline for this edition of the magazine, will have had a Harvest Thanksgiving theme, substituting for the usual Harvest Festival service and collective supper in the Village Hall, which clearly had to be shelved this year.

For those wishing to visit St Mary's for private prayer or contemplation, the church is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (except on third Saturdays of the month) between 9.30am and 6pm; in the winter the closing time will be brought forward first to 5pm and then to 4pm. We hope people will (continue to) visit.



Gestingthorpe Church Wardens

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

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.

The F315 Local Bus Service

Bold Roman indicates fixed time. Shading indicates bus only calls if pre-booked on 01621 874411. Italic indicates the bus will be later if it has called at Great Maplestead or Pebmarsh. All journeys on the last bus each way have to be booked. Out of town, away from bus stops the bus can be hailed anywhere with good visibility.

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

Please always check the website for the latest timetable.

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A call at Great Maplestead adds 6 or 7 minutes. A call at Pebmarsh adds about 1

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Halstead, High Street	07:30	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30
Little Maplestead, Pump	07:34	10:04	12:04	14:04	16:34	18:34
Great Maplestead, School	07:38	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:38	18:38
Little Maplestead, Cock Road	07:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	07:50	10:20	12:20	14:20	16:50	18:50
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	07:51	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:51	18:51
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	07:45	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	18:45
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	07:49	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:49	18:49
Bulmer, Cross Roads	07:55	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	18:55
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	07:59	10:29	12:29	14:29	16:59	18:44
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	08:03	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	18:48
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:07	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	18:50
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:26	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:26	19:07

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Wickham St Paul, The Victory		09:23	11:23	13:23	15:53	17:53 19:38
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Pebmarsh, War Memorial		09:31	11:31	13:31	16:01	18:01 19:46
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Local Companies supporting us

Courtyard Stores in Pebmarsh are open and delivering and allowing for collection. The butcher sets up in the courtyard on a regular basis. For further information look at www.facebook.com/courtyardstores or ring 01787 389222. It is open from 7am to 7pm and can be found at The Courtyard, Pebmarsh CO9 2NU.

The Forager's Retreat in Pebmarsh is providing freshly prepared takeaway meals, look at their website www.theforagersretreat.co.uk or ring 01787 389123. Their food can be accessed through the Courtyard Stores

The Pheasant in Gestingthorpe is also providing freshly prepared meals, phone 01787 465010 to find out when and how.

The Mobile Lunch Company is delivering freshly prepared meals. Visit www.themobilelunchcompany.co.uk 01787 476264

The Kings Head in Pebmarsh have reopened.

Spotlight on Local companies

Our monthly look at our local economy

Radiant Beauty

When I was at school I wanted to be in fashion, my parents encouraged me to do something more reliable so I went to college and into office work. Over the years I worked my way up to management and in 2000 also started a building company with my husband.

In 2009 we had our first child and as any parent will know it changes everything. I want my children to do something that makes them happy, so shouldn't I set a better example? So after some soul searching I decided to retrain as a beauty therapist. It's closer to my original dream than I thought, I love being able to be creative. I work with lots of people every day and I give my clients the chance to relax, be pampered and put themselves first for a little while. Needless to say I love it.

Over the past 18 months I have increased my client base and in lock down I put my husband to good use and he has built me a beautiful treatment room in the garden. You can find me in Gestingthorpe Road, Great Maplestead

Jo

Little Maplestead

If you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely or need any help please contact Bill 01787473933, Jane 01787 472525 or Gemma 07826 523187. The village is there to help you. For example they can pick up shopping, collect prescriptions and post mail, so get in touch with them if you need help or just want someone to chat to.

The Round Church

The Round Church Little Maplestead is open for private prayer. The opening times will be Wednesdays 9am-5pm and Sundays 9am to 5pm.

Parish Room

We are waiting for an update from BDC to close the remaining planning conditions. This is in respect of the sample materials and also the additional information requested on window, door and fascia details.

In parallel we are seeking a faculty from the church authorities. Further clarification of the proposal was provided for their September meeting following their earlier meeting; we are waiting to find out whether our application was successful.

Once all conditions have been closed and we have been granted a faculty we can apply for grants.

Parish Giving Scheme

It's now even easier to sign up - a simple phone call is all it takes. If you wish to make a donation please call the central PGS administration team on 0333 002 1271 and quote our parish ref: [080608408](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works/).

Remember there are no hidden fees, whatever donation you make, 100% goes to your parish and any tax you pay on the donation is also automatically reclaimed from HMRC and paid to you parish the same month.

Further information on the scheme can be found here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works/>

County Broadband

County Broadband are continuing their initial design and survey works to bring Hyperfast broadband to Little Maplestead.

At this stage, you may start to notice an increased presence of County Broadband engineers in your area who will shortly be in Little Maplestead conducting initial surveys and design works, ahead of preparing the area for our roll out of initial build works stage, which will enable homes in your community to receive a connection.

Pebmarsh

Kate Carling (Phone: 267924) is reviewing the best way of supporting the village in the changing circumstances.

St John the Baptist

The first church service since Covid 19 was held on Sunday August 9th conducted by Beverley Vincent our Curate in Charge. There were 22 people in the congregation & we had a pleasant chat in the Churchyard afterwards.

Our next service will be a family service on Sunday 13th September at 10am. This will also be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The church is open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm-4pm.

Pebmarsh.com

New to the village? The website contains links/information about the Parish Council, Village Hall, VETs and the Kings Head pub.

Pebmarsh in Bloom takes off

Back in early March 2020, our small committee were getting excited about the launch of Pebmarsh in Bloom. We had a Race Night planned for later in the month to raise funds, and had just received a grant via the Parish Council to start our first projects....



More Pebmarsh

More Pebmarsh in Bloom

Fast forward to this week and there has been a hive of activity at the Clay Hill/Oak Road junction where we have kindly been given permission by Mr Chamley to plant two 4m x 1.5m borders on either side of the field entrance. Tom Donaldson put in the muscle to dig out the borders and mulch with manure donated by Rebecca Alliston. Then I drew up a planting plan and bought the plants, ready for Ian Mattingley, and my family to start planting. It has all been a small team effort and hopefully the first of many gardening projects that can help to brighten up our already beautiful little village.

The planting plan combines a colour theme of orange & purple to help stand out from the backdrop of a crop-filled field, and aims to have colour and interest throughout the year. We have bought smaller plants to try and keep to budget and by planting this time of year, the borders have all the autumn/winter to get their roots established, bulk up and put on a fantastic display for 2021!

As you are driving or walking past, please have a look and if you would like to get involved in the next project please email me on joclayman@btinternet.com. Thank you to all who have been involved.

Pebmarsh Parish Council

The next PPC meeting will be held 30th September but due to Covid 19 it will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. At this meeting a new member will be co-opted on to the council.

The application to erect a phone mast at Oak Farm was declined by BDC. The applying company are considering their next course of action.

Pebmarsh in Bloom is going ahead (courtesy of Pebmarsh Planters) and work has started at the Clay Hill junction with Oak Road.

Hopefully next year Pebmarsh will be a very colourful place to live or visit.

Parish Magazine Deliveries

Would you be able to help with magazine deliveries in Pebmarsh? We are looking for someone to take on a round delivering to 13 houses along Oak Road, Birchleys & Levitt's Corner. This would involve 10 deliveries in the year. If you are able to assist please contact Jan Bond on 269082 or janbond381@btinternet.com.



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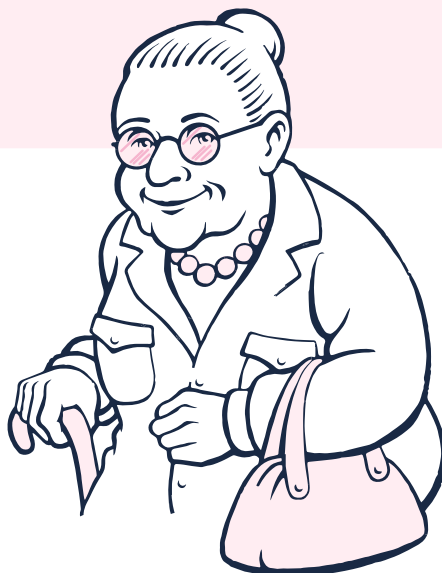
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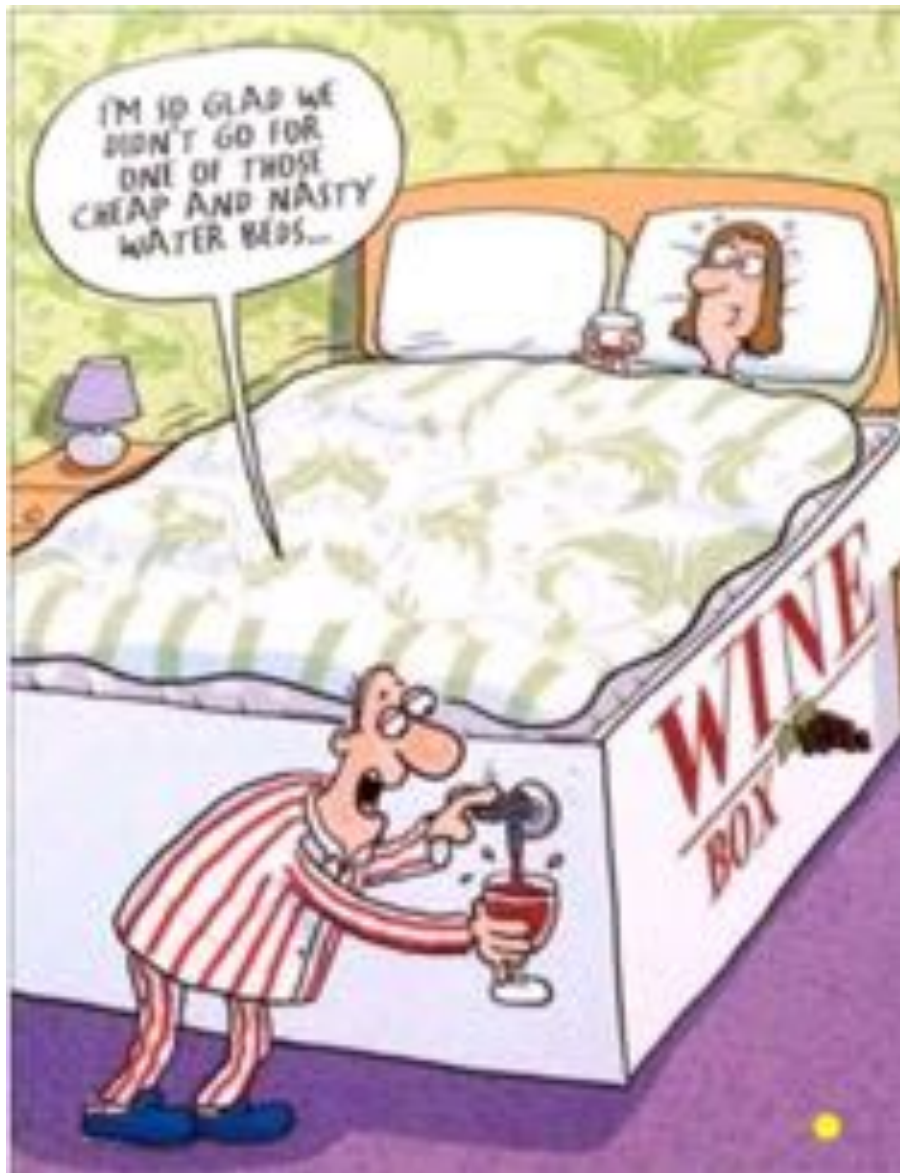
More Pebmarsh

Youth Club

The Youth Club will be open again from the 10th September, 6.30 - 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

John Nott Charity

The John Nott Charity which provides support for elderly residents of Pebmarsh needing help currently has some allotments available in Pearsons Close. If you would like to rent one of these please contact Graham Tufnell for more information - grahamtufnell@btinternet.com



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.

St Mary's Church

This year's Remembrance Sunday service (November 8th) will be at Pebmarsh church at 10.45am. As numbers will be limited by the coronavirus restrictions on social distancing it will be necessary for those wishing to attend to book their place. Please speak to Peter (460126) or Alice (469688) by November 1st. There will also be a limited civic Remembrance event at Halstead in which Rev Katie de Bourcier will take part.

On Sunday November 29th, which is a fifth Sunday in the month and also the first Sunday in Advent, there will be a short service of Compline at St Mary's for the Benefice at 4pm. Thereafter there will be a 4pm service of Compline or Evening Prayer on the first Sunday of every month, starting on December 6th. These services will be lay-led.

Gestingthorpe Village Hall. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm

The COVID-19 restrictions mean that this AGM will have to be a Skype meeting.

You are invited to join the meeting and to do so please contact Chris Harman (01787 462763) so that we can send you the appropriate link to Skype. If Chris is unable to answer the `phone please leave a message and your number.

All villagers from the Parish of Gestingthorpe are invited to take part in the AGM to hear what we have done in the last year and what we are planning to do in the future for your village hall.

We need everyone at the meeting to vote on the March 2020 year end accounts and also on who is to represent the villagers by being part of the Village Hall Committee.

If you would like to stand for, or nominate someone for, a position on the Committee please contact Chris Harman (01787 462763) by 7th November.

If you are unable to join the meeting through Skype but want to see the Accounts then please `phone Chris by 7th November 2020 with your contact details. We will then provide you with a paper copy of the Accounts.

More Gestingthorpe

More Gestingthorpe Village Hall. Annual General Meeting

If you wish to submit your comments for notification and discussion at the AGM then please let Chris know.

We do need to hear from you with your views and thoughts on your village hall and the running of it. If you can join us for the AGM we will be pleased and look forward to seeing you. More Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Firstly

Good news. We will re-open our lovely village hall on 1st October.

Your village hall committee is keen to open the hall for you to use.

The COVID-19 restrictions limit how many can use the village hall at any one time so we have decided that, for now, it is to be a maximum of 6 people. Once Government restrictions are relaxed or lifted then we look forward to larger groups being able to enjoy our hall. Please 'phone Steve Bagby on 07840 367182 for more details about bookings.

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Secondly

Your village hall needs you!

We are to reopen Gestingthorpe village hall on 1st October. The COVID-19 rules impose a greater burden on maintaining the cleanliness of meeting places. Everyone who hires the village hall will have to 'COVID-19 clean' it.

The village hall committee has always kept your village hall clean but we need your help. Would you be able to help us by being part of the team that cleans our hall? We operate a rota so you would only be called on as and when needed. Please call Chris Harman (01787 462763). Thank you.

Gestingthorpe Gardening and Natural History Group

Gestingthorpe Gardening and Natural History Group Facebook page continue to share images of their gardens and animals/insects spotted around the village. A number of villagers have spotted the beautiful Hummingbird Hawk Moth in their gardens this year which is a welcome exciting visitor.



More Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe Craft Fair.

We have taken the decision to postpone the Christmas Craft Fair for 2020 in light of the ongoing pandemic. We will look at the possibility of holding an event in the summer of 2021 when we hope to be able to expand to the village hall's external areas (weather permitting). Please keep an eye out for an update in the Spring Parish News edition of 2021 where we will hope to open applications for local craftspeople to take a stall.

Gestingthorpe Parish Council

Gestingthorpe Parish Council recently appointed a new Chairman. After many years of service James Nott has handed over the reigns of steering the Council in all matters relating to the Parish of Gestingthorpe to the equally capable David Smith, the remaining councillors welcome David in his new role and look forward to the challenges ahead of them. The Parish Council would like to thank James for his leadership and hard work over the last 20 years.

In light of recent additional Covid-19 measures, the Parish Council plan to hold the next Parish Council meeting remotely via Zoom on Thursday 19th November, 7:30pm. Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting can contact the Parish Clerk, Kevin Money (gestingthorpepc@gmail.com) for joining details. This meeting will be a Budget/Precept meeting.

Parish Council details and activities can be found via our website: <https://gestingthorpepc.co.uk>



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News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge

I am writing with my fingers firmly crossed for the rest of the season at the Gardens, as Covid regulations change again.

Our last Open Day of the year is to be on 11 October. By then the trees will be on the turn, with the crimson maple at the top of the Glade one of the first to flaunt its autumn colour. The pumpkins will all have ripened. And there should be a full set of flavours of jams and jellies available on our tombola stall. We hope you can join us, with tickets available in advance and social distancing measures in place.

We have been blessed this year with the continuing support of our volunteers through these hard times. Sue, our most local Trustee, kept on gardening through lockdown, keeping weeds at bay; and Claire has worked even harder than usual to coordinate volunteers now working across four days of the week. Unfortunately, we have also said fond farewells to a few longstanding volunteers and supporters. Their contributions provided fantastic foundations for the Trust and the Gardens' glory now is tribute to their efforts too.

Tickets for October Open Day are being sold through Eventbrite – there are links from our website and facebook pages. If you decide on the day, there will be some limited availability without tickets. Gates open 11.00 and last entry 4.00pm. There is no need to book for the last of this year's Open Thursdays, which run through to mid-October.



Jill Goldsmith

Theft of Metals – A crime that affects us all?

You may well think “theft of metal” how does that affect me? Just look around you, your car has a very desirable catalytic convertor on its exhaust system, a roof has lead if not for the whole roof then it’s there in places, in the ground there is cabling for utilities such as telecommunications and many other examples where around us there are valuable metals. It does not then take a lot then to see that the loss of a catalytic convertor means a trader cannot work resulting in a loss of income to him and your delivery or work delayed or the trip you were taking is cancelled as vehicle cannot be used, the theft of lead from a roof and its resultant water damage catastrophic to a heritage building and potentially also causing the cancellation of a wedding or other function, theft of utility or telecommunication cabling can effectively cut off a village or whole area causing a loss of business or connectivity for the vulnerable, these just but a few of the results of metal theft.

So, what can be done? We can make it more difficult to steal and we can make it more difficult to dispose of.

Making it more difficult to steal or dispose of:

- Report any suspicious activity: i.e. the unmarked van or other vehicle parked with activity around a manhole or sub-station etc, an unknown person working under a car late at night/early hours of the morning, activity around a church, heritage or other building when it’s not normal especially on a roof.
- Make it harder to steal: i.e. where your vehicle is parked – choose an area where people can see it or put it “under lock and key”, in a yard park vehicles with high ground clearance parked between those with low ground clearance, look at security devices with a vehicle it could be a protective cage, reduce access make them walk further and into public view especially when protecting buildings and their roofs.
- Making it harder to dispose of: to start off with if it’s less attractive its less likely to be stolen so property marking and signage of this and other security devices may deter. Property marking makes it harder to dispose of, and there is something for almost everything from historic artefacts on the seabed to catalytic convertor to roofing material to your day to day property. An unmarked piece of property can be anonymous when stolen, in most cases we don’t know where it came from and therefore any prosecution is that much more difficult, if the handler will not take it or it causes difficult questions at a boot fair or other then it’s not worth stealing it in the first place.

For further advice on crime prevention of crime prevention products see: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.securedbydesign.com/member-companies/accredited-product-search .



Local information

Solar Society will not be starting again this year: Miles Scrivens 01787 469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gestingthorpe History Society: www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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

Braintree Area Food Bank

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

Urgent Items

- Sugar 500G Bags
- Sponge puddings
- 1L cartons long life fruit juice
- Packet mash potato
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned potatoes

Food that they are short of

- Pasta sauce
- Cold tinned meats
- 1L long life milk
- Tea bags (40-80)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Small boxes non-biological washing powder/liquid
- Deodorant

Due to Corona virus many of their usual donation points are not available. Call 01376 330694 or at the Coop in Halstead.

Local and National Authority Representatives

Essex County Council

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

Braintree District Council

Great and Little Maplestead

Councillor Peter Schwier - cllr.pschwier@braintree.gov.uk

Gestingthorpe

The Churchwardens serving our Benefice are

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Pebmarsh

Councillor George Courtauld - cllr.gcourtauld@braintree.gov.uk

Councillor Gabrielle Spray - cllr.gspray@braintree.gov.uk

Westminster

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

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

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.

Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)

All our four villages now have defibrillators, and Little Maplestead, Gestingthorpe and Pebmarsh have a Village Emergency Telephone Service. The purpose of VETS is to provide support when a defibrillator is required

although the first action must be a 999 call. The telephone numbers of the village VETS are:

Little Maplestead 01787 852252
Gestingthorpe 01787 852850
Pebmarsh 01787 852300

Neighbourhood Watch representatives

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

Church Services for September

Little Maplestead	Holy Communion	10am	4 October 2020
Pebmarsh	Holy Communion	10am	11 October 2020
Gestingthorpe	Morning Prayer	9.30am	25 October 2020
Great Maplestead	Holy Communion	10am	25 October 2020

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