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News**

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

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## Letter from the editor



We are trying to look after ourselves better, I have put on half a stone, so, four weeks ago I started the NHS supported Couch to 5K. I hate running, I have always hated running (I was a swimmer and a gymnast neither of which required you to run). The app is great, Jo Whiley supports me while I am out. I have four routes, two through the village, so wave if you see me. Usually 10 to 11am Monday Wednesday and Friday. Against all the odds I am enjoying it and I have lost 6lbs. I really recommend it.

I am also doing some great gardening courses with Learning with experts ([learningwithexperts.com](http://learningwithexperts.com)) I am currently doing 'Designing your Dream Country Garden' with Tom Stuart-Smith, one of my landscape gardening heroes. Have a look, there are some really good courses. (No they haven't paid me to say this).

It would be great if you would let me know what different things that you have been up to for inclusion in the magazine.

On a sad end we have lost both Joe Burlo and Christine Nott, much loved residents of Pebmarsh. Their obituaries can be read on page 17.

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 Pebmarsh Church-warden**

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September and autumn is fast approaching. We are still living with certain constraints and difficulties but we must be ever hopeful that things will improve.

As we look around our beautiful countryside we see God's creation and we are thankful for it. We also see that most of the crops have been harvested and we shall soon be celebrating Harvest Festival services in our churches. Pebmarsh church will celebrate Harvest Festival at the family service on Sunday 13th September at 10am.

Beverley, our curate-in-charge, has now held services in the 4 parish churches under social distancing rules which have worked well with after service chats in the churchyards. We thank Beverley for her hard work in these challenging times. Pebmarsh church continues to be open for private prayer and contemplation every Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 4pm

We also recognise the hard work of members and organisations of the village community for which we are most grateful and thankful. We could not have done without you.

We wish everybody well and hope that you all keep safe.

Jim Crayston churchwarden, Pebmarsh



## **Tidying the rectory garden**

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We would be very grateful for volunteers to help tidy the rectory garden on Saturday, 12th September at 10am. Social distancing will not be a problem - it is a large garden.

Please bring gardening tools.

For those of you who don't know, the rectory for our four parishes is in Great Maplestead.

## **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.

## 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.

### F 315 Halstead - Sudbury flexible bus service Winter 2020 until f

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

<b>Mondays to Saturdays</b>						
<b>Halstead, High Street</b>	<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	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
<b>Sudbury, Bus Station</b>	<b>08:07</b>	<b>10:37</b>	<b>12:37</b>	<b>14:37</b>	<b>17:07</b>	<b>18:50</b>
<b>Sudbury, Bus Station</b>	<b>08:26</b>	<b>10:56</b>	<b>12:56</b>	<b>14:56</b>	<b>17:26</b>	<b>19:07</b>

### SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S - PEBMARSH - GREAT MAPLESTEAD -

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Ballingdon, opp Strawberry Stores		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		09:30	11:30	13:30	16:00	18:00	19:45
Pebmarsh, War Memorial		09:31	11:31	13:31	16:01	18:01	19:46
Little Maplestead, Cock Road		09:25	11:25	13:25	15:55	17:55	19:27
Great Maplestead, School		09:28	11:28	13:28	15:58	17:58	19:43
Little Maplestead, Pump		09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:30
<b>Halstead, High Street</b>		<b>09:37</b>	<b>11:37</b>	<b>13:37</b>	<b>16:07</b>	<b>18:07</b>	<b>19:35</b>
<b>Halstead, High Street</b>		<b>09:56</b>	<b>11:56</b>	<b>13:56</b>	<b>16:26</b>	<b>18:26</b>	<b>19:52</b>

## Local Companies supporting us

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.themobilelunchcompany.co.uk) 01787 476264

**The Kings Head** in Pebmarsh have reopened.

### Spotlight on Local companies

Our monthly look at our local economy

#### Gardening Angel

Ever since my early 20's I have had a passion for plants and gardening. I designed my first garden as a colour wheel, forming a circular lawn to take the squareness off the plot.

I have taken various online gardening courses and enjoy relaxing with books and magazines about plants, soil types, and garden techniques. The very best way to learn is definitely to get stuck in and practice what you learn. My favourite plants are perennials, which die off and spring back every year to add colour for a couple of months. Designing prairie and cottage gardens are the most fun.

I started my business three years ago when the stress of juggling a family and commuting to a management role in Surrey got too much. I was quickly able to prove my knowledge to customers and demonstrate my dedication to working in all weathers.

Our team has now grown to five with the addition of Ian, Sarah, Zoe and Angela. All local gardeners with the same passion for plants.

I get a real buzz out of transforming or maintaining a garden so the client can experience all the enjoyment of the seasons. This has been particularly important during lockdown when the sunshine and staying at home has meant people needing that relaxing space even more!

Jo Clayman

## **Little Maplestead**

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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**

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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**

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We are working to close the remaining planning conditions and are making good progress. The structural engineers and ventilation consultants reports have been approved and we are just waiting on final feedback concerning window and door details.

In parallel we are seeking a faculty from the the church authorities, but at their meeting in July they requested further information on a few details; this will be provided for their meeting in September and hopefully we will be be successful.

Sample materials have also been provided to BDC planners and we await their comments.

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

## **NFU insurance scheme**

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The PCC would like to extend their thanks to the parishioner who renewed their house insurance with NFU; NFU has kindly made a donation of £130 to celebrate their 130th Anniversary; it's not to late to sign-up to the scheme if anyone is interested.

## **Parish Giving Scheme**

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The PCC would like to thank everyone who has signed up to the scheme in recent months; including tax paid on donations just under £200 is being donated each month with a total of £1100 being donated since the beginning of the year. This is extremely generous of everyone but if anyone else would like to join the scheme, its now even easier to sign up - a simple phone call is all it takes; see the article later in the magazine that explains the scheme. The church's running costs are approx £600 each month, so every little helps. 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.



## 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.

### St Mary's Church

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"Gestingthorpe St Mary resumed collective worship on Sunday 16 August with seventeen people at a service of Morning Prayer led by Rev Beverley Vincent. Although singing is still not allowed, the congregation were able to listen to Charles Whilems on the organ, a most welcome sound after five months of silence.

Our next service is on Sunday 20 September, also Morning Prayer starting at 9.30am. There will be a Harvest theme at this service. All are of course welcome. Those attending are invited to bring a contribution of food to the Braintree Area Food Bank. This service takes the place this year of the normal Harvest Festival and Supper, which sadly cannot be enjoyed because of the virus restrictions."

### Our wonderful roadworks!!!!!!

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Contractors for County Broadband are continuing to lay the conduit that will take the fibre optic cable providing Gigabit broadband to Gestingthorpe. Whilst we may all have our own opinions on the disruption this is causing the end result will bring us firmly into the 21st century. Works are currently making their way along Church Street in a Southerly direction towards Audley End and The Pheasant and onwards to Moat Street. This new infrastructure could be likened to Electricity coming to the village in 1953 and subsequently the poles and telephone wires which have given us access to the world.





## More Gestingthorpe

### Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Gestingthorpe Village Hall has received an internal face-lift during lockdown with the internal walls of the halls and kitchen receiving a fresh coat of paint. Externally the windows at the rear have been undercoated and re-glossed and are in the best condition ahead of the winter weather. The Village Hall Committee will be undertaking the installation of acoustic deadening panels to the internal walls of the hall to help with echo reduction when the hall is in use in the next few months and we look forward to welcoming patrons once again in September, but please check the village or hall FaceBook page to be kept up to date.

### Local Honey

Local Honey for sale from Gestingthorpe hives. Collection from Pot Kiln Chase. £5 per jar. Please message Roger Hammond on the Village Facebook page if you would like some.

### Gestingthorpe Cricket club

#### Latest Results

#### Tillingham v Gestup 9.8.20

J Aitken ct J Hilton bld C Hilton 61  
C Moulton ct M Taylor bld C  
Ashworth 9  
J Fordham ct P Potten bld C  
Ashworth 1  
N Johns ct B Gallent bld T Shipton  
20  
S Ranson ct B Gallent bld P Potten  
36  
C Elsey ct & bld B Gallent 9  
R Scillitoe bowled H Hilton 1  
T Aubrey st M Taylor bld C Hilton 39  
A Parker not out 28  
D Mead not out 0  
C Kent DNB  
Extras 22  
**Total 224 for 8 wkts**

#### Innings of Tillingham

C Hilton LBW bld T Aubrey 35  
P Potten Bowled A Parker 1  
H Hilton ct & bld S Ranson 2  
T Shipton ct D Mead bld S Ranson 1  
C Hilton LBW bld S Ranson 5  
C Ashdown ct T Aubrey bld A Parker  
96  
D Shipton Bowled T Aubrey 14  
B Gallent LBW T Aubrey 0  
V Hilton not out 10  
M Taylor not out 1  
Extras 47  
Total 212 for 8 wkts  
T Aubrey 8 overs 1 maiden 3 for 16  
S Ranson 8 overs 2 maidens 3for  
26  
A Parker 8 overs 1 maiden 2 for 36

On Sunday Gestingthorpe made the long journey to the coast to play Tillingham, batting first on a scorching afternoon, Jaimie Aitkens 2nd consecutive half century got them off to a good start but at 140 for 7 with only 7 overs remaining it took some big hitting from Alec Parker and debutant Theo Aubrey to help them to a competitive score.



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## **More Gestingthorpe**

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### **Gestingthorpe Cricket Club**

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In reply Tillingham lost early wickets but a fine knock from Ashworth almost saw them home, he was finally out in the last over attempting to get the 20 runs needed for victory, Parker and Aubrey proving just as useful with the ball and Seb Ranson also bowling a fine spell, this week Gestup entertain Toppesfield in a twenty over bash on Sunday.

### **Workout**

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Nic Smith (Fun/Fit/Fab) has begun her socially distanced workout classes on the village playing field on Mondays at 7.15pm, Tuesdays at 10.30am and 6pm, Thursdays at 10.30am and 6pm and Saturdays at 8am (30 minutes cardio).

Contact Nic on [nic.smithpe@gmail.com](mailto:nic.smithpe@gmail.com) or 07908445239 or Facebook@funfitfabnic to book your place. Each session is £5.

### **Gestingthorpe HistoryGroup**

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has been producing a weekly blog on their website during lockdown on [www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk](http://www.gestingthorpehg.co.uk)

### **Gestingthorpe Educational Foundation**

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Do you live in the ancient parish of Gestingthorpe?

You could get a grant

Grants are awarded for a broad range of educational activities including coaching, school trips and sports lessons

Find out how to apply from the Secretary, Jane Crumpton-Taylor, Pot Kilns, Pot Kiln Chase, Gestingthorpe, CO9 3BH or [jane@crumpton-taylor.com](mailto:jane@crumpton-taylor.com)

01787460277 or 07491690510

Grant applications must be received in writing (or by email) by Friday 9th October 2020 and will be considered at the next Trustee meeting on Wednesday 14th October 2020

## **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 put you in touch with your most local volunteer.

### **St John the Baptist**

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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**

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

### **Pebmarsh Parish Council update**

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At the AGM on 13th May voting took place to elect the members for the coming year, with the following result:

Chairman - David Ballard Planning

Vice Chairman - Jackie Tufnell 01787 269313 Planning

Michael Sharp - Footpaths & Playground

Sharon Smith - PPC Noticeboards

Parish Council Clerk - Shelley Boydell - 07801 492312 -  
pebmarshparishclerk@gmail.com

The new council are looking forward to working with the community & all wish to thank Perry Crimmins for his work on behalf of the village over his year of office.

### **Youth Club**

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

### **John Nott Charity**

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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

## More Pebmarsh

### Pebmarsh Pebble Painter

More beautifully painted stones have continued to appear around the village footpaths to brighten our walks.



### Pebmarsh Village Hall

#### News Update

As your village hall reopens we are pleased to welcome back the regular user groups.

The dog club, the art club have resumed and welcome newcomers to join them and the youth club will begin again in September.

We also welcome a new club as Little City will start up in September with role play group sessions for 5 and under, more details at [littlecityuk.com](http://littlecityuk.com)

Under the current Covid guidelines your hall has a maximum capacity of 27 people, subject to change, so please keep this in mind when booking.

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## Great Maplestead

If you are self isolating, or scared, or lonely and need any help please contact Jacqui. The village is there to help you. The volunteers can shop for you, collect prescriptions and other helpful activities

### The Maplesteads WI

The Maplestead WI met at an informal picnic tea on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. It was a lovely afternoon attended by most of the members. This was the first time we had met face to face since March. The social distancing rules were observed and it was so nice to see the ladies having a good natter with their friends.



## Harvest Festival

**St. Giles Church, Great  
Maplestead**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am**

**This will be a service of Holy Communion celebrated by  
the Rev. Beverley Vincent**

**Please wear a mask and bring hand sanitiser if possible. There will  
be some music but, of course, no singing**

**Do come and join us and enjoy celebrating in  
Church together**

**We will be accepting donations for the Foodbank as our  
Harvest gift so do please contribute if you can**



# *Harvest* **VILLAGE** *(socially distanced)*



## **WALK**



# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Meet at 11.00am in the Village Hall Car Park**

**Half-way refreshments provided**

**Finish at the Village Hall Car Park**

**BYO packed lunch, drinks and chairs for socially distanced snacks at the end**

**Adults: £2.50 each; Children/dogs: free**

**All proceeds to the Village Hall – please pay before the start of the walk**

Participants should be prepared to respect whatever Government guidelines on social distancing are in force at the time

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**Occasion** - Prom, party, festive,

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**Builder in a Bottle Overlays (BIAB)**

**Nail Art**

## Venturing out from "Lock Down"

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As the Covid19 restrictions are eased and we cautiously emerge from the security of our homes whilst not wishing to alarm we do need to remember to secure our property once again. Whether we are just going to the shops, going out for the day or perhaps taking that well deserved break make sure your home is secure and it looks like you are still there.

Just a few tips to remind you:

- Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly.
- No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.
- Create the illusion of occupancy: the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.
- Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a "Fake TV" unit discretely hidden from view.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.
- Keys to other cars; put them away.

If you are away for a longer period:

- Curtains open or curtains closed? – So as long as you have visible evidence that you are in it makes sense to leave them open.
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries and delay ordering online purchases before you go away.
- Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away.
- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and parking their car on your drive.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites, watch what you are posting including photographs (they may be date stamped)..

Don't forget the car when you leave it unattended:

- Close the windows and lock it, verify it is locked by the sound, the flash of the lights or try the handle.
- Leave nothing on show, remember to the thief even the empty bag or jacket is inviting.
- Choose a safe place to park, with lots of visibility over it, if you can look for a "Parkmark" accredited car park <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder> .

Further advice can be found at [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or [www.securedbydesign.com/](http://www.securedbydesign.com/)



## **Obituaries**

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### **Joe Burlo 1947-2020**

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It is with great sadness that I write to say that Joe passed away peacefully on 31st July at home with me, Simon, Liana and Ella making jokes to the end. Joe had fought a tremendous battle with cancer these past four years but always remained stoic.

Born in Malta and arriving in the UK in 1971, 1991 saw us move to Pebmarsh. Rafe Hall became notorious for our New Year's Bash and Midsummer Ball parties. Joe will also be remembered for his other life at Rafe Hall in skateboards. Later, with Dave Foat and Pete Hele, the events band, Blueprint, was born and continues to play today.

Joe served on the Parish Council for 10 years or so as councillor and chairman, following on from Jonathan. He was incredibly proud of the work he completed on the affordable housing in Pearsons Close and in the construction of the skatepark at the village hall.

Joe & I bought the King's Head in the autumn of 2013 and, with spectacular help from so many friends in the village, Pebmarsh was able to celebrate a raucous reopening on New Year's Eve. We remained at the pub until spring of 2017 when we sold it on to the Community.

Although considering ourselves honorary Pebmarshians, Autumn 2019 saw us move into our barn in Alphamstone which provided Joe with a tranquil retreat.

Joe will be missed by so many people & I thank all our wonderful friends in the village for their help & support.

Lynne

### **Christine Nott**

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It is with heavy hearts that we mark the passing of Christine Nott, a much loved, valued and respected member of the Pebmarsh Village Hall Management Committee and our community. Our thoughts and love go out to Jonathan Nott and the family.

Christine's love and commitment to Pebmarsh knew no bounds and her legacies will forever shine bright.

A keen and accomplished artist, Christine's works adorn many a home around Pebmarsh and further afield, the art club misses one of their greatest supporters as will many of the other charities, clubs, groups and associations in Pebmarsh that Christine gave her time, support and care to so that they may succeed.

God bless.

Pebmarsh Village Hall Management Committee

## Local information

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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](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk).

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

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

### Braintree Area Food Bank

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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

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#### 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

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### Essex County Council

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

### Braintree District Council

#### Great and Little Maplestead

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

#### Gestingthorpe

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

#### Pebmarsh

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

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

### Westminster

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

## Parish Council Websites

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

## 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).

## Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)

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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:

<b>Little Maplestead</b>	<b>01787 852252</b>
<b>Gestingthorpe</b>	<b>01787 852850</b>
<b>Pebmarsh</b>	<b>01787 852300</b>

## Neighbourhood Watch representatives

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

## Church Services for September

Little Maplestead	Communion	10am	6 September 2020
Pebmarsh	Communion	10am	13 September 2020
Gestingthorpe	Morning Prayer	9.30am	20 September 2020
Great Maplestead	Communion	10am	27 September 2020

## The Churchwardens serving our Benefice are

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	Jill Newton	01787 463893	gilliannewton4@gmail.com
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	Karen Sunnucks	01787 472145	karen.sunnucks@btinternet.com
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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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