

Services for April 2018

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 29 April	3pm Bluebell Wood Service at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe			
Sunday 6 May	9.30am Holy Communion	3pm Dog Walk – see separate note	11am Holy Communion with Baptism	No Service
Sunday 13 May	4pm Compline	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service	9.30am Pebmarsh Family Service
Sunday 20 May Pentecost	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service
Sunday 27 May	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 3 June	10am Benefice Holy Communion	Evening Concert	Service of the Order of St John	1pm Baptism

Dates for the Diary

8th May - Deanery Synod
 12th May - Little Maplestead Craft Fayre
 22nd May - Little Maplestead PCC
 24th May - Gestingthorpe PCC

29 April Bluebell Wood Service at Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe. All Welcome, please follow the signs in the village. Beautiful location.

Church Wardens' Visitation Service

The Churchwardens' Visitation Service, where all Churchwardens in the diocese get together with the archdeacon to renew their vows of service for the coming year, is on 21st May, at 7.30pm (for 8.00) at St Michael's Church, St Michael's Road, Braintree.

Everyone is welcome.

This magazine is available electronically on
www.knights-hospitaliers.org.uk
 and on the parish council web sites

Parish News Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



Church and Community together
May 2018

Free

Village contacts and information

Neighbourhood watch representatives, see page 26

Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 25.

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May dates for your diary

2 May	7pm	Carpet Bowls	Pebmarsh
2 May	7pm	Youth Club	Great Maplestead
3 May	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
6 May	11am	Bluebells Wiggery Wood	Gestingthorpe
6 May	4pm	Weathersfield Chamber Concerts	Weathersfield
6 May	3pm	Rogation Service	Great Maplestead
6 May	1pm	Beer Festival	Great Maplestead
8 May		Ladies Club	Pebmarsh
12 May	11am	Craft Fair and Plant Sale	Little Maplestead
12 May	10am	Table top and coffee stop	Great Maplestead
14 May	2.30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
19 May	9.30pm	Repair Cafe	Halstead
20 May		The Gruffalo Colne Valley Railway	Castle Hedingham
20 May	11.30am	Easton Lodge Open Day	Easton Lodge
29 May	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Little Maplestead
29 May	12.30pm	Card Making	Pebmarsh
31 May	7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch	Gestingthorpe

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Friday 18 May 2018

We need to know who, what, where and when

Submit your copy early to guarantee inclusion. Email me or our village rep's.

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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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Letter from the editor



Our third free edition and some great photographs, Steve Harris, husband of our Great Maplestead copy collector Ann took the great photograph of Great Maplestead Parish Church from their garden and Eliza Bratley, daughter of Beverley our Little Maplestead copy collector took the fab photograph below of blossom in their garden. So come on all you photographers out there, send in your photos.

Sadly for us (although not sadly for Richard), Richard, who owns and runs Deltaprint, is retiring. He has done us sterling service over the years coping with our outrageous demands. However he has provided us with a successor, Indigo Ross, who will take over the printing of our magazine.

Again (to be boring) a request for ideas, articles, photographs and any suggestion, however outrageous, to improve our magazine,

Jenny



Letter from the Rectory

This issue of the magazine brings to an end the series that we have been running since 2014 commemorating those from the four parishes who died during the First World War. Although, in May 1918, the war still had over six months to run, there were no more deaths in combat. However there were many deaths from wartime wounds in the years that follow, as well as those who lived with the mental and physical scars of that war for the remainder of their life. In the early years of the decade that followed the war churches and churchyards became the natural place to place war memorials and this is the case in all four of our churches, although Pebmarsh has a stand-alone memorial.

Our current Editor has put the words "Church and Community Together" on the cover of your Parish Magazine and this reflects the fact that the magazine prints both items of church news and from the wider community. In most parishes with ancient parish churches it is often said that the church has been at the heart of the community longer than any other institution. This is true of our parishes and the churches remain at the heart of the community. In many of our churches members of the community work week by week in supporting the church. This may be by flower arranging, cleaning, fund-raising or churchyard maintenance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

Also we are pleased to welcome people into the church for our events: craft fairs, flower festivals, BBQ's (actually happening in the church again) all of which are taking place this year. We also try to take "the church" out of the building a few times a year at our Plough Sunday and Bluebell services along with carol singing in the pub. This year we have a new addition, which you can read about elsewhere, a Doggie Walk in Great Maplestead to mark Rogation Sunday.

Lastly, we want to return to the starting point, later in the year we will be outlining the arrangements to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One in our churches, but, through the fact that the churches are so old, they are also places to remember other events in our community life as well as your own memories. Please do use the churches and church yards as quiet places to reflect on such memories.

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



1914 – 1918 We Shall Remember Them

ARTHUR CHINERY b 1886 Died 17th May 1918: Private in the Army Service Corps 604th Mechanical Transport Coy: Buried In Ebbingham Military Cemetery, France In 1911 he was a labourer on Magnolia Farm, Pebmarsh

Although Arthur Chinery is the last of the Fallen that we will remember during the Centenary period, there are two other names on our war memorials who will be remembered in our November magazine. Fred Taylor of Gestingthorpe and Samuel Potter of Pebmarsh, both of whom died after November 1918

Entries from the Registers

Baptisms

7 April	Pebmarsh:	Max Taiwo & Darcey Kehinde Oluwakemi Tiplady
8 April	Pebmarsh:	Bertie Eric Guy French

Funeral

20 April	Gt Maplestead:	Josephine Wright
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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 Worsley on ruth-SACSG@outlook.com.

Lead roofs and metal thefts

It's not just old properties that are targeted by metal thieves, commercial and residential, rural and urban properties also attract their attention.

Check your roof regularly, better to discover something is amiss before a theft is added to by water damage.

We all need to work together and report any suspicious activity. Rarely will roofing contractors be working at night, people around buildings or on roofs using torch light, acting furtively, vehicles you don't normally see in that area or using that lane to an isolated property, are just a few that may be cause for concern – report on 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed. SEE IT REPORT IT.

If we don't help protect our heritage properties and churches there is real danger they could be lost for this and future generations.

I have listed below a few crime prevention tips in relation to metal theft:

1. Make it difficult for the thief; where possible remove any climbing aids i.e. bins and ladders, plant prickly shrubs at possible climb points, make them walk a distance by securing gates and keep wheel barrows and wheelie bins locked away, keep sheds and outbuildings secure with good locks (see www.soldsecure.com), and maximise surveillance by sympathetically cutting back shrubs and trees where possible.
2. Cultivate the neighbours to watch over your property.
3. Illusion of occupancy – things like a light and radio left on inside.
4. Consider using a forensic marker suitable for roofs (see www.securedbydesign.com) or a roof top alarm and possibly CCTV (see www.nsi.org.uk or www.ssaib.org),
5. Consider the use of anti-climb paints, but remember not below 2m and signage must be displayed.
6. If you use a non-lead roofing alternative – put signage up to show you have done this.

Further useful advice can be found on the internet including these webpages:

<https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/theft-metal-church-buildings/theft-metal-church-buildings.pdf/>

<http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/other-crime-prevention/728/metal-theft/>

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



Our buses

We have been asked if you can hail a bus as we used to on our previous service. Yes you can provided that the bus is taking that route.

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 of travel using either 01621 874411 or 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.

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

There appears to be a discrepancy between the timetable published by Essex County Council and that used by the bus drivers. We are taking this up with David Finch our County Councillor.

SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL - PEBMARSH - GREAT AND LITTLE MAPLESTEAD - HALSTEAD							
F315 From 01/03/2018							
Sudbury, Bus Station	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:30	17:30	19:15	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	9:03	11:03	13:03	15:33	17:33	19:18	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	9:07	11:07	13:07	15:37	17:37	19:22	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	9:11	11:11	13:11	15:41	17:41	19:26	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	9:17	11:17	13:17	15:47	17:47	19:32	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	9:23	11:23	13:23	15:53	17:53	19:38	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, Bus Shelter	9:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:47	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	9:33	11:33	13:33	16:03	18:03	19:48	
Little Maplestead, Corner	9:39	11:39	13:39	16:09	18:09	19:54	
Great Maplestead, Church	9:45	11:45	13:45	16:15	18:15	20:00	
Little Maplestead, Pump	9:51	11:51	13:51	16:21	18:21	20:06	
Halstead, High Street	9:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	20:11	latest arrival time
Halstead, High Street	9:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	19:43	earliest arrival time
F315 From 01/03/2018							
Halstead, High Street	7:30	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30	
Little Maplestead, Pump	7:35	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	18:35	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
Great Maplestead, Church	7:41	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41	
Little Maplestead, Cock	7:49	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47	18:47	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	7:54	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:53	18:53	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	7:55	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:54	18:54	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.
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	8:04	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	19:03	
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	8:10	10:39	12:39	14:39	17:09	19:09	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	8:15	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:15	19:15	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	8:19	10:49	12:49	14:49	17:19	19:19	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	8:23	10:53	12:53	14:53	17:23	19:23	
Sudbury, Bus Station	8:07	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	19:07	earliest arrival time
Sudbury, Bus Station	8:30	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:28	19:28	latest arrival time

Local Activities

Solar Society

On Monday 14th May Colyn Boyce will be giving us an 'Introduction to Buddhism.' An opportunity to learn the history, theory and practice of a religion which encompasses the cultivation of wisdom, loving kindness and compassion..

And on Monday 4th June Miles Scrivens returns with one of his occasional history lectures , 'Votes for Women, Campaigns 1860-1928.'

2.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham CO9 3DA. Free refreshments. All welcome. No membership fee. Entrance: £4.00

Contact Miles Scrivens 01787-469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787- 463459

Hedingham Singers Concert

The Hedingham Singers and Rotary Club of Halstead are getting together to present a concert "A Sky Full Of Songs", to be held in St Giles' Church, Great Maplestead on Sunday 23 June.

Weathersfield Chamber Concerts

Sunday 6 May 4pm – Trio Isimsiz – piano trio. The trio gave a wonderful performance for us in 2016.

Programme

Beethoven : Piano Trio in E flat, Op. 70 No. 2

Tchaikovsky : Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 50 "In Memory of a Great Artist"

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene,

More information and details on how to book at www.wethersfieldchamberconcerts.org.uk



Repair Cafe
Halstead

Bit It? No Woz!




May 19th Jun 16th Jul 21st
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 Cafe 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 460998/0774 8521236 stevenordt@hotmail.com

 repaircafehalstead@gmail.com
 www.facebook.com/repaircafehalsteadssac
 01787 452517

Molly's Wood

Spring is in full swing here at Molly's Wood, the trees are in bud, the Blackthorn is in flower and the woodland ground layer is scattered with Primroses and Forget-me-nots and we have some Marsh Marigold by the pond. The Easter egg hunt on April 1st was a delight.

We will be organising a work party help paint the hut and we are also in need of some roofing felt for repairs, if anyone feels they are able to help with this we would be grateful for donations. Please contact Sue on 07957 732406.

We are having a Solstice Celebration on 23 of June, bring your own picnic and enjoy the wood with family and friends. We will have a raffle and cake stall and crafts and Bushcraft for everyone to enjoy.

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,

Gardens of Easton Lodge

At our Open Day on May 20 we will have our first fun day for dogs at the Gardens. We will also welcome back the Rock Choir with their catchy take on a range of all-time greatest songs and we will have a fun trail and crafts for children.

We always welcome well-behaved dogs on leads. But for our May Open Day we are also welcoming dogs which want to show off and test their agility!! We will have a number of classes, including Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Dog and Best Puppy, and an agility ring. There will also be displays, a demonstration and stalls. For details on timings go to our website: www.eastonlodge.co.uk/ The gardens will be open at the usual time, from 11.30 to 5.00 and we will be serving bacon & cheese rolls and cakes.

Jill Goldsmith 01371 876979
enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk;

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Great Maplestead <http://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk>
Little Maplestead <http://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk>
Pebmarsh <http://parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com>

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GDPR – Protecting your Personal Information

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into legal effect in the UK from 25th May 2018 and will affect all the organisations that you come into contact with from charities and not for profits (such as you local WI or dog club) up to the enormous multinationals. It is of particular concern to our Parish Councils.

The main changes concern how your **consent is obtained**: you must now explicitly '**opt in**' to allow your personal data to be used, and it must be made clear to you, by the organisation requesting it, **for what purposes** your information is required. In addition, you will have the right of access to all data that an organisation holds about you.

You will also enjoy **new rights**, such as data portability and the right to be forgotten, and your data **must only be used for the purposes for which it was provided** – it must also be deleted when it is no longer needed for those purposes.

Precise information about how each **Parish Council** may use your personal data should be detailed in a **Data Privacy Notice**, which should be displayed on its website – a hard copy of this document should also be obtainable from the **Parish Clerk**.

Great Maplestead

Activities include the Youth Club on the 2 May, the WI on the 3 May, the Rogation Service on the 6 May, the Beer Festival on the 6 May, the WI and the 'Table top and coffee shop' on the 12 May.

Thank You

Gay, Gill & Jill would like to thank Martin Elms, the Taskforce & all the volunteers who gave their time & energy to tidy the Churchyard on 24th. March. Their efforts have made a huge difference & David Oakes managed to burn all the rubbish on his amazing bonfire. Thanks also to those who provided the delicious cakes (& coffee).

We may have to make this an annual event. Maplestead always rises to a challenge! Thank you all, so much. It is much appreciated.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 21st April

Doreen Faulks and all the team would like to thank everyone who donated items for, and who helped out at, the above event.

The sale was a huge success, with record takings helping support Great Maplestead's Village Hall

Maplestead Youth Club Rounders

Wednesday 2nd May 7pm-9pm

£2.00 entry

Drinks and snacks available to buy

11-16 year olds (at secondary school)

Enquiries: Myra Jeggo 01787 474285



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

Rogation Service at St Giles Church – 6th May

Join us for a short walk around the fields of Great Maplestead, an optional stop at the Great Maplestead Beer Festival, followed by a service in church to bless the fruits of the earth and give thanks to those who produce our food

More Great Maplestead

We will meet outside church at 3.00 pm. The walk will be approximately 45 minutes, passing by the village hall. The church service will be at 4.30 pm. Dogs are very welcome in church.

Message from Terry Streamer

I would like to thank all the people who have sent me messages of love and support during David's illness and since his death. We had not lived here very long but David just loved the Maplesteads and the people. The cards and messages and acts of kindness that I have received have been overwhelming. I must make a special mention of Bill who visited David every week and also Jan and the ladies of the W.I for the superb buffet they provided. Last, but not least, Gay and Nick for their support over the last year.

With thanks and prayers. Terry

'Table top and Coffee Stop!'

12 May 2018
10am onwards
Great Maplestead Village Hall

Coffee, Tea and Cakes available

A chance to sell your unwanted goods, grab a bargain as well as some cake!

To raise funds to celebrate Great Maplestead Youth Club's 10 year anniversary

To book a table/space please contact Becky
07538 683673



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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:

- Cereal bars
- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sponge puddings
- Tinned rice puddings
- Cartons of fruit juice
- Chocolate bars—KitKat / Penguin etc
- Toilet rolls and long-life bags

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/

Transition Sudbury and District Give and Take Event

Our (later than usual) Spring Give and Take event will be held at the Stevenson Centre in Great Cornard on Saturday 12 May, setting up from 9 a.m., starting at 10 a.m. and clearing away by 1.00 p.m.



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TUESDAY 29TH MAY AT 7.30PM
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More Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads WI for April

President Carol Brownlie warmly welcomed everyone, including our visitor Claire Crawley and then opened the meeting on Thursday 5 April. Secretary Janice Chaplin read the minutes of the previous meeting, various items of correspondence and then birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then told us all we would be having a craft evening where we would make three collages, on A3 cardboard, using various materials. After moving into three groups we brainstormed for a few minutes until a theme was decided upon. After much laughter and debating the merits of the materials being used, we made three amazing collages which would then go in to the competition at the Spring Group Meeting held in May. The flower of the month was won by Christine Dunne with a lovely spray of pink cherry blossom.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd May 2018 and the speaker will be Michelle from Age UK. For further information please telephone Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527

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Pebmarsh

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Pebmarsh Carpet Bowls Club

The Bowls Club held a very enjoyable annual lunch for members at The Kings Head in March. This month's meeting at the Village Hall will be on Wednesday 2 May from 7-9pm.

Ladies Club

Ladies Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall. The May meeting will feature a guest speaker, David Roper, talking about the history of the written cartoon.

Card Making & Craft Groups

Card Making meets on the last Tuesday of the month starting at 12.30. There is an informal craft group on the first Wednesday evening of the month from 7pm onwards, very much "follow your own craft", drink tea and talk a lot!

See inside the front cover for contact details of all clubs/groups meeting at the Village Hall.

VETS

April saw a meeting of the VETS Pebmarsh team in the Kings Head, Pebmarsh and we welcomed Mr and Mrs Robert Henn to the team.

The meeting also gave us a chance to say a public thank you to James Hunter of Cape Contracts who have supported the project since it started and helped out with funding to keep the project maintained. We would all like to say a big thank you to James for the support and to mark James's and Cape Contracts ongoing support we have put up a plaque to say thank you.

Our project relies completely on funding and donations and if you, anyone or any company would like to join James and Cape Contracts in donating then please get in touch. All monies raised will go towards the new defibrillator which will be sited in Cross End.

The other big news is that Norman Wiseman has stepped down as coordinator for the project and Perry Crimmins has stepped up.

Norman will be a tough act to follow. We wish Norman and Mrs W. all the best and thank them for the amazing work they have done to date.

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Easter Lilies

A huge thank you to Cynthia Cook for organising the Easter flowers in the Round Church over Easter. Many thanks too to her talented team of arrangers - Enid Baines, Vikki Pringle, Sally Gifford, Nancy Richardson and Margaret Crudgington.

Your beautiful work as always much admired and appreciated.

The Lost Library of the Maplesteads

The Maplesteads' Mobile Library was withdrawn from service at the beginning of April.

This was due to a steady decline in the number of parishioners from either village actually using it.

The **Public Consultation** that reviewed the overall Library Service provision across Essex – which was carried out at the end of 2017 – showed that, in the Maplesteads, less than one person a fortnight was patronising the mobile library, making it uneconomic to continue providing this amenity.

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Little Maplestead Litter Pick

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VETS (continued)

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The pub are now offering great quality Senior's lunches to the over 60's, on Tuesday to Thursday lunchtimes.

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King's Head Takeaway Fish 'n Chips

The pub is now offering delicious fish and chips to takeaway.

King's Head Quiz on 3rd May

The famous King's Head Quiz is back starting on 3 May at 8pm. Teams of six or less, £12 per Team. The pub will have a Quiz Menu available for food or you can book a table to eat in the restaurant beforehand. So get your teams together and call the pub on 01787 267942 to reserve your place.



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More Pebmarsh

Summer Fair

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Pebmarsh Art Group Annual exhibition

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Little Maplestead

Craft Fair and Plant Sale 12 May - HELP NEEDED!

If you have half an hour or so to spare and would like to help out we would love to hear from you. We would love any home baked items - sweet or savoury. They can be delivered on the morning to the church [from 9.30](#) or brought to Jane Stone at Ashby House any time in advance of the Fair. Also any seedlings would also be welcome

Contact Jane on 01787 472525 or Jane Piper on 01787 473933 if you can help.

Easter services at Little Maplestead

Easter at Little Maplestead always begins on Palm Sunday with a walk between the two Maplesteads. This year the service began at Little Maplestead and after a lovely walk the service concluded at Great Maplestead with refreshments and a chance to chat. We were joined this year by two very well behaved dogs, and we hope that next year more dogs - and their owners - will join us for the walk.

During Holy Week Compline Services were held in one of the Benefice churches each evening. If you have never been to Compline, the order of service is short and is traditionally the last service of the day, so is quiet and meditative.

Good Friday was a reflective and very informative service where Nick spoke about the pictures in the chancel windows, which tell the story of the crucifixion. The congregation stayed for tea, coffee and hot cross buns.

Easter Day saw a lovely gathering of people from the village, and thanks are due to Gay for taking a really uplifting service. The church looked really festive and chocolate eggs were very welcome at the end of the service.

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 or call/text Laura on 0780 174 9802 if you would like to come along and give it a try.

Little Maplestead - A Millenium History

If you have got a copy of this fascinating book about our village, you will know what a mine of village information it contains. Virtually every house in the village is mentioned, with a short history of each, together with photographs.

Copies are available now at £2.50 each. Please contact Jane Piper on 473933.

More Gestingthorpe

Bluebell Sunday

Wiggery Wood will be 'open' for local residents to visit—and enjoy the Bluebells—on **Sunday, May 6th**, from 11.00 a.m. to 7.00p.m

The wood will also be 'open' from 11.00a.m to 7.00p.m on **Sunday, April 29th**.The Bluebells are a little late this year, but we still hope there will be a good display for the 'Bluebell Service' at 3.15 that afternoon.

Stout foot ware is essential

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

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

Gestingthorpe

The Bluebells are just out—so all bodes well



Gestingthorpe Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

A NHW meeting has been arranged for 31st May 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The guest speaker will be Clive Stewart, Chairman of Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch. Clive has over 25 year's experience with NHW and the meeting will be an ideal opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Clive will also be able to give tips on updating security.

We can also discuss how you would like your NHW to work in our village and talk about the best way to share information.

Refreshments will also be available.

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The Rescue

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But this was only part of the solution! How were we going to get this very large hole filled and how were we going to pay for it? The church struggles to pay its bills and does not have surplus amounts, we are already trying to find funding to repair the roof which is going to be very expensive and Jonathan Nott is starting up a Friends Group to help raise funds.

But Matt Gwinell our local Funeral Director and Stonemason, who you may know better as Harvey Darke, or AR Clarke or Colne Valley Funerals, came to the rescue. Matt and his dad, as it is a family firm, went to the Churchyard, and said 'this is an emergency and dangerous, we will fill the hole for you and we will do it free of charge'. That is real commitment to our community and we are so grateful.

It is amazing what can be achieved as we all work together – a BIG THANK YOU TO MATT AND HIS COMPANY - Gay Ellis

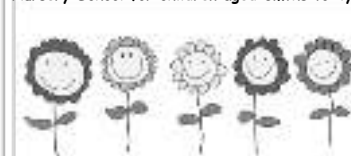
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Gestingthorpe Village Hall : Quiz

On the evening of Friday 13th April we had 12 teams taking part in our quiz. The quiz continues to be a popular event. We were oversubscribed and had two full teams in reserve. Everyone who came along enjoyed an evening of socialising with their family and friends (some making new friends on the night) and a lovely cheese and pate board food platter whilst they took part in the quiz.

The teams all took part in an air of healthy competition and there were some very close scores throughout the night. The winners, Sudchamp St. Bulstingthorpe, took first place with The Mensa Rejects only being pipped into second place after the marathon round scores were used as the tiebreaker.

An excellent selection of raffle prizes was on offer and we had many raffle prize winners. We raised over £650 for the ongoing improvement, refurbishment and maintenance of our lovely village hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz and those who worked hard in making it happen.

Gestingthorpe Village Hall. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on **Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm** in Gestingthorpe village hall.

All villagers from the Parish of Gestingthorpe are invited to come to the AGM to hear what we have done in the last year and what we are planning to do in the future.

Please come along to have your say in the running of your village hall.

We also need you to cast your vote on who is to be on the Village Hall Committee.

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