

Services for November 2018

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 4th	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Service 10:45am Gestingthorpe			
Sunday 11th	4pm Compline			Village Memorial 10.45am
Sunday 18th	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 25th	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd December	Advent Service for the four parishes 10am Gt. Maplestead			

Remembrance Services

This year the 11 November is on a Sunday, but we shall still be holding two services, as well as our schools Remembrance services. The details of all the services are as follows.

Friday 9 November at 10.45am at Pebmarsh War Memorial we shall be holding St. John the Baptist School Pebmarsh Remembrance service.

Friday 9 November at 2.15pm in St. Giles Church Great Maplestead for the St Giles School Remembrance service.

Sunday 11 November at 10.45am at Pebmarsh War Memorial we shall be holding the Village Remembrance Service.

Sunday 11 November at 10.45am in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Gestingthorpe, we shall be holding the annual Remembrance Sunday Service.

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



We Will Remember Them



Village contacts and information

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Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 25.

Magazine copy and deliveries see page 27

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November dates for your diary

1 November	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
5 November	2.30pm	Solar Society	Castle Hedingham
7 November	7pm	Carpet Bowls	Pebmarsh
7 November	7pm	Youth Club	Great Maplestead
14 November	10am	Rural Crime Awareness Day	Great Notley
24 November	10.30am	Christmas Fair	Great Maplestead

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Friday 16 November 2018

We need to know who, what, where and when

Submit your copy early to guarantee inclusion. Email me or our village reps.

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Hire of Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe Village Halls

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

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Would you like a lift to church?

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

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Letter from the editor

This month is the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War. An appropriate time to remember and honour all of those who have fought for us to keep us out of harms way.

Nick Ellis has provided a very moving piece to complete the last 52 months where Nick has provided the names of those, month by month, that we lost in the First World War. You can read this on page 24.

We have also honoured them on our cover, which shows the memorials in each village.

You will notice that we are still larger this month. The amount of copy sent in has expanded to fill this additional space, which is great. However, if you have any ideas about interesting local news or historical information please tell us and we can publish it.

A great photo this month, see the Little Maplestead section, please continue to send them.

The next issue is our last of this year, so please send anything Christmassy that you would like published to us by Friday 16 November.

Also, for any one who is interested in advertising in the magazine, our adverts run for a year starting in our February issue. Please contact me if you are interested.



Jenny

Letter from the Rectory

Last month was a very busy month, with the wonderful Flower Festival in Little Maplestead. The attendance was greatly helped by visitors from the Ploughing Match coming to see the Flowers and then on the Sunday the church being part of the BBC Essex Quest programme and the Round church being clue two. A lot of people came later on during the day, saying they had heard about it on the radio. It was a wonderful week-end, the weather was kind and our enormous gratitude to all those who helped us. The sponsors, those attending, those helping to put tents up or take them down. Also those who worked so hard during the week before and during the festival. We can't even start to think how many teas were made and really nice food. And of course the Flower Arrangers, they were outstanding, such imagination and each able to make wonderful huge arrangements of locally grown produce. It was truly a celebration of British Food and Drink.

Letter from the Rectory (continued)

Of course we also had the stall holders and they made it much more interesting, and the three schools who learnt about produce, grew and supplied produce which came into our church and then went to the Cathedral and later to help a charity. I think everyone was tired but so happy and such a help to our funds to support the local church in our community. Thank you to everyone and well done!

Also this last month we had our Harvest services, for both the schools and the parishes. The schools were wonderful and the poems from the Children and the way they presented them helped us to think about what the Harvest really is and how we should play our part in the world. It was very humbling. The churches also had their Harvest meals and our grateful thanks to all those who took part in these lovely village community activities.

The other thing that happened this last month was that the Team of ten parishes met in St. Giles, Great Maplestead for their main service and our family service ladies led the main part of the service with Katie from Halstead leading the communion. I have now received lots of comments from the other parishes saying how encouraged they were and thought our ladies did a wonderful job and the other churches in the team are now looking how to include more of this kind of service in their churches.

This month we are reminding everyone about the Remembrance Day services, and starting to think about Christmas. Yes it really will soon be here and I have not even started my shopping yet!

The Remembrance Services are listed separately as this year they are on two days and we hope that as many of you as possible will come as we look back with grateful hearts to those who gave their lives in giving us the freedom we often take for granted.

Last year we mentioned a hope of visiting the Holy Land but we were unable to do this in 2018 but some people from our four parishes will be going in February 2019 and more about this later.

Next month, we shall be writing about Christmas. During the weeks before then we shall be in Advent and this year to mark the start of Advent we shall be having an Advent Sunday service for our four parishes on Sunday 2 December and will be in Great Maplestead at 10am, please do put this date in your diaries. This is a way of preparing for Christmas. I do hope that this period also means that you will have some space and time to relax and prepare yourselves as well as preparing for all the activities.

God bless. Gay and 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



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



Entries from the Registers

There were none this month

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.

Tips for a crime free Christmas shop.

The tips for a crime free Christmas shop start before you leave your house, after all you don't want come home to find the house broken into.

1. Garden tools securely locked away in the shed – Burglars will be happy to use your tools to break into your house.
2. Create the illusion your home is occupied - Radio and lights on a timer in rooms you would normally occupy, there is even a device called "Fake TV" that flashes a series of lights when it gets dark that looks like the TV is on. There are now door bells that you can view and answer from your Smartphone.
3. Lock up properly not just your windows and doors in the house, but also any gates and outbuildings.
4. Choose a "Park Mark" car park where you can <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/> . By choosing a Park Mark® Safer Parking facility you are visiting a car park that has been vetted by the Police and has measures in place in order to create a safer environment for both you and your vehicle.
5. Leave nothing in sight within your car, remove the "Sat Nav" cradle and clean the mark on the windscreen.
6. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.
7. Now you're starting your shop watch your purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay, and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.
8. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible, coat, jacket or handbag over the chair; if a thief sees it a thief will steal it.
9. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
10. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car i.e. "you dropped some money" pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map "can you tell me the way to...". While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

Further crime prevention advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or ring Essex Police on 101.



Local Information

The bus service is available between 6am and 20pm Monday to Saturday. Unlike a conventional bus, the 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 bookings@essexandsuffolkdart.co.uk or 01621 874411. 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.

SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL - <i>PEBMARSH</i> - 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	9:18	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane		9:07	11:07	13:07	15:37	17:37	19:22		FLAT FARES
Bulmer, Cross Roads		9:11	11:11	13:11	15:41	17:41	19:26	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked	£2.00 SINGLE
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner		9:17	11:17	13:17	15:47	17:47	19:32	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.	£3.50 RETURN
Wickham St Paul, The Victory		9:23	11:23	13:23	15:53	17:53	19:38		Between any two stops
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		FLAT FARES
Little Maplestead, Cock		7:49	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47	18:47	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked	£2.00 SINGLE
Pebmarsh, War Memorial		7:54	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:53	18:53	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.	£3.50 RETURN
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter		7:55	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:54	18:54		Between any two stops
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 Libraries

Halstead library is open 9-5pm Monday, 9-6pm Tuesday, closed Wednesday, 9-6pm Thursday and 9-5pm Friday and Saturday. Sible Hedingham Library is open 9-1pm Monday, 1-5pm Tuesday, closed Wednesday, 1-5pm Thursday, closed Friday and 9-1pm Saturday. Further information is available on <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk>.

Local Information

Four Parishes Book Group

We have room for new members so why not join us to enjoy reading a wide range of books and then discussing them with a friendly light-hearted group. We meet monthly on Thursday evening at members' homes and have wine, tea or coffee.

Recent books read include "Days without End" by Sebastian Barry, "Truly, Madly, Guilty" by Lianne Moriarty, "Washington Square" by Henry James and "The Dry" by Jane Harper. Books are chosen by suggestion or recommendation from members. All books are borrowed from the library so there is no cost to members.

For more information, contact Alison Cantor on 01787 462537 or 07713509445 or by email at acantor@linus.plus.com

Solar Society

Your local adult daytime learning group.

Change to Solar Society speaker 5 November 2018

Monday 5th November at 2.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham

Please note that as the speaker on 'The History of the Cottage Garden Society' will be unable to join us we have been lucky enough to obtain Simon Frampton from the Sudbury Film Society instead. He will give an illustrated talk on the actor **Michael Caine**

Monday 3rd December members of the Solar Society committee will give short biographies of their own particular heroes. 'Hark the Heroes' will be quite varied and various!

Both meetings start at 2.30pm and last about two hours with a break in the middle for free light refreshments. On December 3rd, our Christmas meeting, there will be cake and mulled wine—non-alcoholic!

Entrance:£4.00 No membership fees. All welcome. More details from: Miles Scrivens 01787 469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

Help wanted

I have a 6ft. X 3ft home snooker table that I bought for my son many years ago and I now wish to dispose of it. But before I do I need some new ball pockets made as the ones that are there have rotted away. My dear late wife made the original ones by crocheting them, but now I need someone that can crochet six new ones. They do not have to be anything like the standard large size as it is only a small home table, but if there is anyone out there that can help me it would be most appreciated. Alan. W. Pilgrim. 01787 269458 alanwpilgrim@tiscali.co.uk

The Gardens of Easton Lodge

The Apple & Austin Open Day in September was a huge success – thank you to all readers who came and made it really buzz!

Our beekeepers were kept busy all day – and must have got through 100s of those little wooden taster sticks, as visitors learned why the three taster pots of honey ranged from light in colour to dark and more caramel in flavour – made from pollen from rape and lime and other early flowers to more scented garden flowers later in the season.

Our jams and jellies were snapped up from the tombola stall, the vegetables too. And the apple and honey cake tasters also went down quickly – everyone had different favourites, which is what it was all about: showing the diversity of cakes that can be made! Hopefully fewer apples will go to waste in gardens and allotments as a result of the recipes that our visitors took away with them.

The Gardens continue to look beautiful as the colours of autumn creep in. Our 2019 Calendar is now available for readers who want to feast their eyes on the Gardens during the closed season. It can be obtained mail order, by leaving a message on our enquiry line 01371 876979 or through our website: www.eastonlodge.co.uk Jill Goldsmith

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 **Repair Café**
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What is a Repair Café?
We throw away vast amounts of stuff including things with almost nothing wrong and which could get a new lease of life after a simple repair. The **Halstead Repair Café** is where you can bring items for repair, get advice on how to repair things yourself, or even learn a new skill.

Repair sessions at Halstead Library **once a month** for clothing repairs.

Saturday, Oct 20th 9.30 -11.30
FRIDAY, Nov 22nd 11.30 -1.30
FRIDAY, Jan 11th 11.30 to 1.30

Please bring along any items of clothing to be altered, repaired, patched etc and other fabric items that need a bit of TLC or come along for advice.

For help with mechanical and furniture repairs and restoration,
Contact Steve 01787 469390/07713521236 stevemendit@hotmail.com
All items mended at owner's own risk.

Also, if you can volunteer to help, eg repairing electrical equipment, or other items, please contact us and join in.



For further details talk to library staff or contact us:

 repaircafehalstead@gmail.com
 www.facebook.com/repaircafehalsteadessex
 01787 462537

Parish Council Websites

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

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Save the Date – Essex Police Rural Crime Awareness Day.

The event is free to attend and will be on **Wednesday 14th November 2018**, at **Slamseys Farm, Blackley Lane, Great Notley, Braintree, CM77 7QW**, open to visitors from **10am until 3pm**. The Rural Crime Awareness Day will have something for everyone; farmers, businesses and also those living within rural locations.

The aim of the event is to reduce rural crime by building stronger links with the rural and farming community, raise awareness of security measures and products. A number of companies and organisations will be exhibiting their products and services alongside police personnel and partners to provide crime prevention, security measures and personal safety advice.

This will be the 5th Rural Crime Awareness Day hosted by Essex Police.

If you require further information please dial 101 and contact extn: 110021 Trisha Staerck or extn: 110019 Brenda Cross.

Little Maplestead

The Flower Festival - Little Maplestead



Our Flower Festival this year was a truly amazing event.

Organised in the main by Gay and ably supported by Enid Baines, her colleagues from the Halstead Flower Club, together with some arrangers from Great Maplestead, the displays were innovative and eye-catching. We had support from Nigel Nott, who was hosting the annual ploughing match opposite at Maplestead Hall on the Saturday, who sent a lot of visitors our way.

We had almost 300 visitors on Saturday, and a further 150 on the Sunday. Our tea ladies worked tirelessly and Jane had to go shopping on Saturday afternoon, to stock up again on supplies as we had nearly run out. We filled our visitors up with Geraldine's legendary meat pies, and Sheila's equally renowned sausage rolls and cheese straws. Judy and Gay's hearty soups made a warming lunch for everyone on both days. The cakes were outstanding - some arriving straight from the oven, and were sold, literally like hot cakes.

We are so grateful to all the people who gave up not just the whole weekend, but also evenings before to erect marquees, clear the church of chairs, plan flower arrangements and organise raffle prizes...the list goes on

More Little Maplestead

More Flower Festival

You know who you are - so thank you all, and hopefully the figure below will make you agree it was all worthwhile.

The final amount raised for the weekend was a staggering **£3647.19**

Harvest Festival



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Festival Service and Lunch. As always the Church looked lovely with flowers and seasonal decorations.

Over 30 people enjoyed a delicious chicken traybake, followed by a selection of fruit crumbles, cheese, biscuits and coffee. Thanks must go to Jane and Bill Piper, Karen Sunnucks, Jane Stone, Bruce Boulden, Judy and Chris Gosling, Enid Baines, Geraldine Holloway and the many others who contributed food, crockery and time to make the service and lunch such a success.

Thanks to Humes bakers for once again donating the Harvest loaf for the altar. Our thanks to Gay Ellis for her lovely service and to Andrew Sunnucks for playing the organ so beautifully.

It was lovely to see so many of the village at this joyous occasion which raised £280 for the Round Church. Special thanks to all those who helped set up the Church and clear up at the end.

Braintree Area Foodbank



Harvest Festival Appeal 2018

One in five people live in poverty in the UK with people going hungry in their own homes. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment, and benefit changes are causing many families to struggle but the good news is that you can be part of the solution by donating to us this harvest.

- Long-life Juice
- Long-life Milk
- Instant Mash
- Coffee (small jars)*
- Sugar
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We Have Remembered Them.

It hardly seems 52 months since we started remembering in this Magazine the names of those who are named on the war memorials of our four villages who gave their lives during the First World War, along with some additional individuals who had links with the villages.

During those months we have remembered 38 people and to each we have added information about that person. Thank you to those who have assisted in providing personal details and the loan of photographs.

For completeness there remains one more person to remember:

Samuel Potter Born 1889. Worked as a Thatcher in Pebmarsh. Was a Signaller in the Royal Field Artillery

Died on 2nd February 1919 from injuries

We Should Remember Them

Both nationally and locally our focus on Remembrance over the last 4 years has been on those who died, and as you read this we will be in the midst of the Poppy Appeal. At this time, it might be right to recall that the Poppy Appeal started as the Earl Haig Fund to support ex-servicemen. In three of our villages we not only have war memorials but also Rolls of Honour. These list 135 names between them. This reminds us that for those parishes over 100 people returned from active service. Some will have been wounded or would be suffering shell-shock. The families of these men would also have had to live with the consequences of their service.

As we move away from the centenary commemorations please remember those who returned, some of whom will be Grandfathers of those who still live in the village. Perhaps you might be able to tell their story in a future magazine.

Nick Ellis

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More Little Maplestead

Christmas Coffee Morning

The Little Maplestead Christmas Coffee Morning will be held at School Farm on Saturday 1st December from 10am to 1pm.

The usual home made produce will be on sale, such as pies, cheese straws, and sausage rolls. There will also be small Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes on sale too. The small entry fee will include tea and coffee. And don't forget the raffle!!!

Ploughing match

Sarah Maguire has sent in a fab photo of a vintage tractor taken at the ploughing match in Little Maplestead last month.



A great day was had by all made even more special by the glorious autumnal sunshine.

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.

Pebmarsh

Carol Service

The Pebmarsh Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday 16th December at 4pm, when we will be joined by the Long Melford Silver Band. The band was formed over 100 years ago & amongst other appearances has played at the Menin Gate ceremony in Ypres. We look forward to seeing you on 16th December.

Remembrance Day Service

There will be a short service at Pebmarsh War Memorial on Sunday 11th November at 10.45 am

Wine, tea & coffee will be served in the church after the service.

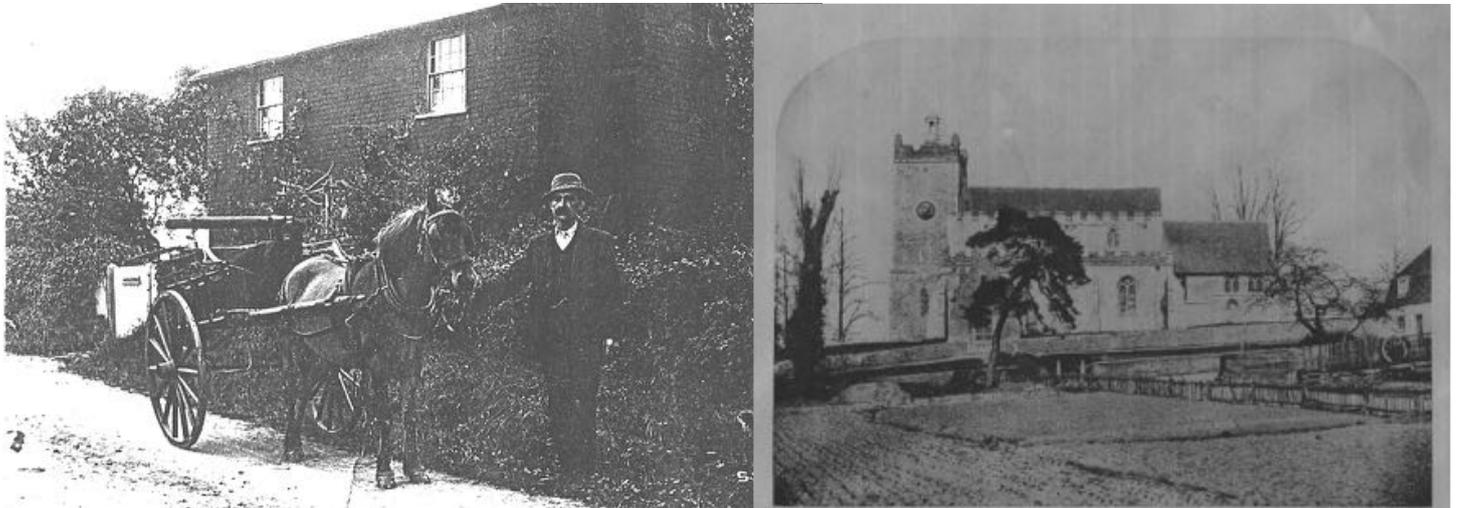
Carpet Bowls Club

Bowls club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the village hall from 7pm until 9pm. Meeting dates to the end of the year:

7th November and 5th December

Bygone Pebmarsh

The following pictures are by courtesy of Sue Day.



The King's Head Pebmarsh

If you have visited the pub recently you will have seen the extensive reroofing works taking place. Completion is due by the end of the month and we are hugely grateful to the Enover Community Trust for their substantial grant towards the cost of the project. Pebmarsh Community Pub Limited is committed to developing the King's Head as a community asset. We are delighted that the pub is already used by a number of community groups, formally and informally, and that community activities such as the monthly quiz night have also become well established.

More Great Maplestead

Christmas Tree Lights

Christmas Tree Lights go on on 1 December, on the green, followed by mulled wine and minced pies in the village hall. More information in the next issue.



This year Great Maplestead will have a Christmas Tree Trail. We would like to light a Christmas tree on each day of advent. It can be a tree in your garden or one in a window. If you would like to take part please email julie.chocolate@btinternet.com by 31st October 2018.

We will light up a Christmas Tree at 6pm on the 1st December at the top of Church Street. Please bring a decoration to hang on the tree and join for mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall.

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More Great Maplestead

Infusion Challenge

Great Maplestead will be hosting the second infusion challenge in February.

Now is the time to soak your sloes in gin or bathe blackberries in whisky. All infusions will be welcome.

More information in the next edition of the Parish News.

Maplestead Youth Club

Maplestead Youth Club is looking for three, preferably four fun loving, energetic and committed people to take over the running of this popular club in the new year.

If anyone is interested please contact Myra Jeggo on 01787 474285 for more details.

Update: We do have one person interested, but we still need a minimum of two more.



GREAT MAPLESTEAD

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November

10.30am – 1.00pm
in the Village Hall



Lots of stalls:

Bric-a-Brac, Cakes & Produce, Christmas Cards,
Woodcraft, Bags & Scarves, Christmas Decorations, Metalwork,
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Refreshments: Coffee, Mince Pies & Cake.

And much, much more

More Pebmarsh

More on the King's Head

Angela Haymonds, Trust Secretary of Enover Community Trust, said: "The King's Head pub forms a vital focal point for a range of community activities and the Trustees were delighted to provide funding towards the replacement of the roof."

Open Mic Night

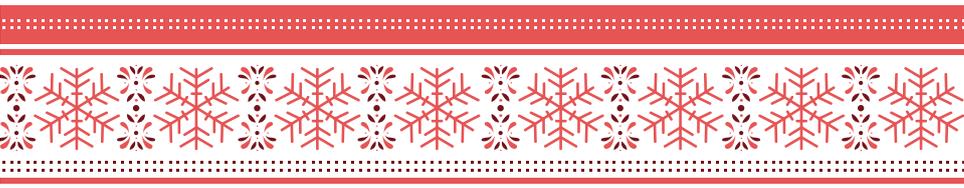
The pub will be hosting its first Open Mic Night on Saturday 27 October, from 8pm. Entry is free and instruments provided, so why not come along with family and friends.

Halloween

The King's Head will be an ideal post "Trick or Treat" venue with spooky Halloween treats on offer from 6pm on 31 October, and a Kid's Scariest Costume Competition. There are also lots of Halloween Themed Specials on the menu all that week.

Christmas Menus

With a special Christmas Menu available from Tuesday 2 November to Monday 24 December, (except Sundays), the King's Head is perfect for your Christmas celebrations. For bookings ring 01787 267942. Don't forget that Seniors now have a 20% discount on all menu items at lunchtimes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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Gestingthorpe

Harvest Festival

Over 40 parishioners joined in celebrating Harvest at St. Mary's, Gestingthorpe on 14 October. The Rev'd Gay Ellis led the service with traditional hymns and a variety of readings. We thank Wendy Jones for playing the organ and the bell ringers who summoned the congregation and all those who helped to make the church look especially lovely with flowers and harvest fruits.

The service was followed by Harvest Supper for 47 people in the Village Hall. Ticket sales and a Raffle raised over £400 for church funds.

Thank you to all who came or in any way supported this happy village event which included new faces alongside loyal stalwarts. Thank you also to those who prepared the food, and a special thank you to those who as always so cheerfully invade the kitchen when it comes to clearing up at the end.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Saturday 1st December
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Great Maplestead

Bottle Stall Collection

We will be collecting bottles for our popular bottle stall for the Christmas Fair which will be held on 24th November at Great Maplestead Village Hall. We will be collecting these on Saturday 17th November from 2PM.

Anything is welcome from Whiskey and wine to water – as long as the bottle is full and in date !

If you would like to leave a bottle (or two) please leave them on your doorstep or contact Lyn Haylock 460302 who will collect them.

The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, including our speaker Chris Bishop, to the meeting on Thursday 4 October 2018. Secretary Janice Chaplin read the minutes and various items of correspondence and after usual WI business birthday flowers were presented.

Carol then introduced Chris Bishop whose talk was on "Short Songs and Tall Stories". Chris gave a short history of folk singing over the centuries, speaking about men and women singing in harmony in the country's public houses. Chris's various tall stories and jokes had us all laughing and his songs with their tongue twisting choruses kept us trying to keep up! Carol warmly thanked Chris for a very enjoyable evening and invited him to stay for refreshments.

After refreshments we took part in a quiz devised by Jill Newton on mystery buildings from around the world, the team comprising of Jane Stone, Mary Crawley and Anne Fletcher won and were delighted to receive a chocolate bar each as a prize. Flower of the month was won by Liz Newton with a "Ruby Wedding" rose.

The meeting next month is on Thursday 1 November 2018 and will be an open meeting. We will be entertained by "The Doppelgangers". For further details please telephone Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527 Anne Fletcher

Maplestead Youth Club

Win, lose, or draw!

Wednesday 7th November

7pm-9pm

11-16 year olds at secondary school

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Enquiries Myra Jeggo 01787 474285



More Gestingthorpe

Antique Streetshow

The two valuers, Michael and Marc, from Reeman Dansie were kept busy examining and discussing the many various articles brought along to our first Antiques Streetshow. A wide range of items were brought along by our villagers and friends of villagers ranging through various objects including militaria, art, china, collectables, watches and the unusual. One item was over five hundred years old but the majority were from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Our tremendous village hall committee and its helpers provided a mouth-watering range of cakes and bakes, hot drinks and assistance throughout the event.

A lovely and interesting Streetshow event that also meant an opportunity for villagers and friends to 'catch up' in our village hall.

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