

Services for October 2018

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 7	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 14	5pm Harvest Service & Meal	9.30am Holy Communion	12.30pm Harvest Service & Meal	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 28	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Pet Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 4th November	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	

Dates for the Diary

14 October	12.30pm - Little Maplestead Harvest Service and Lunch 5pm - Gestingthorpe Harvest Service and Supper
24 October	7.30pm - Pebmarsh PCC
28 October	11am - Great Maplestead Church – Pet Service

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 and on the parish council web sites

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News**

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



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October 2018

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Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 25.

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October dates for your diary

3 October	7pm	Carpet bowls club	Pebmarsh
3 October	7pm	Youth Club	Great Maplestead
4 October	7.30pm	WI	Great Maplestead
5 October	7.30pm	Games and Gossip	Great Maplestead
13 October	7pm	Quiz night	Great Maplestead
14 October	11am	Harvest village walk	Great Maplestead
14 October	5pm	Harvest thanksgiving	Gestingthorpe
14 October	12.30pm	Harvest festival lunch	Little Maplestead
14 October	11.30am	Open day	Gardens of Easton Lodge
23 October		Halloween at Hedingham	Colne Valley Railway
24 October	3pm	Polio tea party	Great Maplestead
24 October		Colin the bear	Colne Valley Railway
25 October		Halloween at Hedingham	Colne Valley Railway

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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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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

Well done to all the villages who now have defibrillators. We have added a section on page 29 which contains the telephone numbers for the Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS). VETS is run by volunteers in our villages, people who are willing to collect the defibrillator and take it to where it is needed in an emergency. If you want to help with this life saving work contact your local village group. Training is given, particularly in CPR.



You will notice that we are still larger this month. This has been paid for by four additional advertisers. You can see their adverts on pages 18 and 19. This allows us to include more copy which I hope that you find helpful.

If you have any ideas about interesting local news or historical information please tell us and we can publish it.

No photos this month (again, whimper, whinge) but I am sure that you have taken some great ones in the heat wave so send them in.

Jenny

Do you have a Pet?

Have you ever brought it to church? They were the questions I asked last year whilst telling about the Pet Service we were going to have. I said 'Pets are welcome' and they were and they came so again this year at Gt. Maplestead on Sunday 28 October at 11am, when we shall be having another Pets Service. This is an informal service where we hear about our Pets and we thank God for them and Bless them. Please do bring them, I am sure they would like to come and have a blessing but they might not be able to make it on their own. It does not matter which parish you live in you and all your pets are really welcome. Don't worry about them making a mess, we have had worse!

Gay

Letter from the Rectory

October seems a very empty month, it is some time since the schools resumed after the long summer break and despite the supermarkets trying to convince us otherwise – Christmas is a long way off. The events of the summer have passed, although some of you may be reading this before the Little Maplestead Flower Festival, if that is the case please do come and visit.

In the church calendar October is also an empty month. The church diary marks certain days as special. These the included the obvious days such as Easter and Christmas, but also the Sundays leading up to them. In October we have no such dates – all the Sunday's are called Proper – that is not special. Christians also mark days on which to remember particular saints. Here October only names three. On the 18th we remember St Luke, who wrote accounts of Jesus and the early church which are in the bible. Then on the 29th the names St Simon and St Jude appear, these two are linked as they were believed to have been martyred together.

Both St Simon and St Jude were among the 12 closest followers of Jesus, called the apostles. But of the twelve Jude is probably the lesser known. One reason for this was that in the early church many were thought to associate Jude with Judas. The latter being the disciple who betrayed Jesus. As the tradition grew up of praying to particular saints in times of difficulty Jude was left off any list. As a result he then became the saint who you prayed for in lost causes.

It is a reality today that for many that is what the church and God have become – places of last resort and lost causes. When all else has failed people may turn to prayer and possibly visit a church.

There is nothing wrong with that but there is another side to that picture in that God has not forgotten you – you are not a lost cause to him. In the same way Christians are reminded that they must not forget those in need, We will pray for our communities but Jesus reminded his follower that they needed to “feed the hungry, clothe those needing clothes etc..”.

That is the mission of the church to serve the communities in which we live and the church is always looking at ways of doing this from prayer to action.

Nick and Gay Ellis



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 999call.

The telephone numbers of the village VETS are:

Little Maplestead 01787 852252

Gestingthorpe 01787 852850

Pebmarsh 01787 852300



Entries from the Registers

Baptisms

1 September Gt. Maplestead

Georgina Emily Streamer & Jessica Amy Streamer

16 September Lt. Maplestead

Sebastian Charles Piper

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.

Darker nights turn on some lights

As the autumn nights draw in the tell-tale signs of the empty house become more apparent.

FACT: Most burglars will prefer to target the empty house unseen and avoid any confrontation.

As the days get shorter if you work away from home, or even pop out to get the children from school by the time you return home it may already be dark. A house in darkness says no one is in especially if your neighbour's houses either side have lights on and show other signs of being occupied. If you back onto open farmland or have parking areas or footpaths to side or rear this may be even more apparent.

Create the "Illusion of Occupancy", when its dark make your home look like you are in. Leave lights on or put them on timers or daylight sensors to come when it gets dark. Remember though no one lives in the hall or on the landing so if you leave these lights on supplement these with lights on in rooms that you would normally occupy at that time of day i.e. lounge and kitchen. A carefully placed imitation TV or "Fake TV" can further add to that illusion of occupancy by making it look like the television is on. Some burglars may also listen at windows or letterboxes for sign of activity, so consider leaving a radio on within your home.

Don't forget the outside of your property too, if burglars see that it is lit they are less likely to approach for fear of being seen.

Leave lights on, with energy efficient bulbs it costs very little nowadays and yet may save you lots!



Are you an experienced event organiser?

We are looking for a

Open Garden Coordinator

Do you love flowers and plants? Enjoy meeting new people? Then we need your help at our Open Gardens events.

Contact 01245 291014

BritishRedCross

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		
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 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.

On Monday October 1st at 2.30pm Roger Johnson will talk on 'I am Dracula—Welcome to my house.'

On Monday 5th November at 2.30pm there will be a talk on 'The History of the Cottage Garden' by Andrew Sankey.

All meetings last about two hours with a short break for free light refreshments and take place at The Memorial Hall in Castle Hedingham.

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



Are you proud of your garden?

Share your passion for gardening and help people in crisis.

Will you open your GARDEN?

Some fundraisers invite their friends and family over for an afternoon of fun. Others open their gardens to the public and host a tea party.

Contact: 01263 291214

BritishRedCross

The Gardens of Easton Lodge

And so the season comes to an end, with the last Open Day on Sunday October 14th.

Bizarrely, the summer months have been the most disrupted for gardening that I can remember – in the winter we keep going, through the cold, warmed by wintry sun and many layers of clothes. This summer though volunteers couldn't work on a few occasions because of the heat or the August rains.

But the rains have brought the Gardens back to life – so visitors have been enjoying the hylotelephium (that's sedum in old speak!), penstemon, perovskia and michaelmas daisies in the Italian garden and the new and very much refreshed dahlia border and spectacular triffid pumpkins in the walled kitchen garden.

So, why not join us on Sunday 14th October for an autumnal stroll? The trees in the Glade will be beginning to show their autumnal hues – and the view from the bottom over the fishing lakes is always rewarding in late season sunshine. For children the Open Day is Halloweeny and there will be a trail and craft activities. Local folk duo, Karen and Tony, will also help us all unwind and enjoy the day.

Gates will open from 11.30, with last entry 4.00pm, and there will be warming soup (should that be needed!), locally sourced bacon and cheese rolls and homemade cakes. For more information go to our website or facebook page, where you can also see from our blog what our volunteers have managed to achieve recently.



Jill Goldsmith

September 2018

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

District and County Councillors, MP and MEP

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Braintree District Council

Great and Little Maplestead

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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.

Great Maplestead

Maplestead Youth Club Canine Capers

Wednesday 3rd October

7pm-9pm

11-16 year olds at secondary school

Entry £2.00

Drinks and snacks available to buy.

Enquiries: Myra Jeggo 01787 474285



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.



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.

More Great Maplestead

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.

Polio Tea Party

World Polio Day 2018 takes place on Wednesday 24th October and on behalf of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Halstead, Peter and Lyn Haylock invite you to join them for a Traditional Tea Party on that day.

This will take place at Mossings Lucking Street, Great Maplestead at 3pm.

This event is being held as part of a national campaign by Rotary to eradicate polio throughout the world.

Polio is a highly contagious virus which attacks children under five and can cause paralysis and even death.

The cost will be £5 to include sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and delicious cakes.

There will also be a raffle. We look forward to your support.

The Maplesteads Autumn Show

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Autumn Show which took place on Saturday 15th September.

Despite a very difficult growing season the hall was filled with beautiful flower arrangements and colourful fruits and vegetables.

There were jars of jam, chutneys and pickles as well as cakes, bread and eggs.

The craft section was well supported with some exquisite handicrafts and paintings and the children's section was fantastic with their pizza faces, decorated cakes and handicrafts.

The photographic competition - 'Views of the Maplesteads', showed how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country.

The Men's section looked very tempting with their delicious mouth-watering sweet creations.

Thanks go to Ann Crisp – clerk to the Parish Council – who presented the cups and trophies to the worthy winners.

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:

Our Urgent Items

- Long life fruit juice
- Chocolate bars (eg KitKat, Penguins etc)
- Pasta sauce
- Cold tinned meats
- Toilet rolls

Food that we are short of

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned sponge puddings
- Sugar
- Coffee (small jars please)*

Other items that we need

- Baby wipes
- Nappies - all sizes
- Antiperspirant/deodorant
- Shower gel
- Bags for life
- Pet food

* Please note: We often ask for small packs—Larger packs do not fit in our boxes and make it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We have an abundance of Baked Beans, Chocolate spread and Peanut Butter 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 and at the Coop in Halstead for any food you buy there.

For further information see www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/locations/

A typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, sugar, biscuits and snacks

More Little Maplestead

The defib cabinets are locked and the code is C1267 (both cabinets are the same)

We hope that these defibrillators will never be needed, but we hope even more that if they are needed they can save someone's life.

Little Maplestead Parish Council would like to thank Jenny Bishop for the instigation of the defibs and Perry Crimmins from Pebmarsh Defib Volunteers group for continued support and assistance with this project.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Watch this space for more information next month for the Christmas Coffee Morning at School Farm at the end of November.

Phone Mast

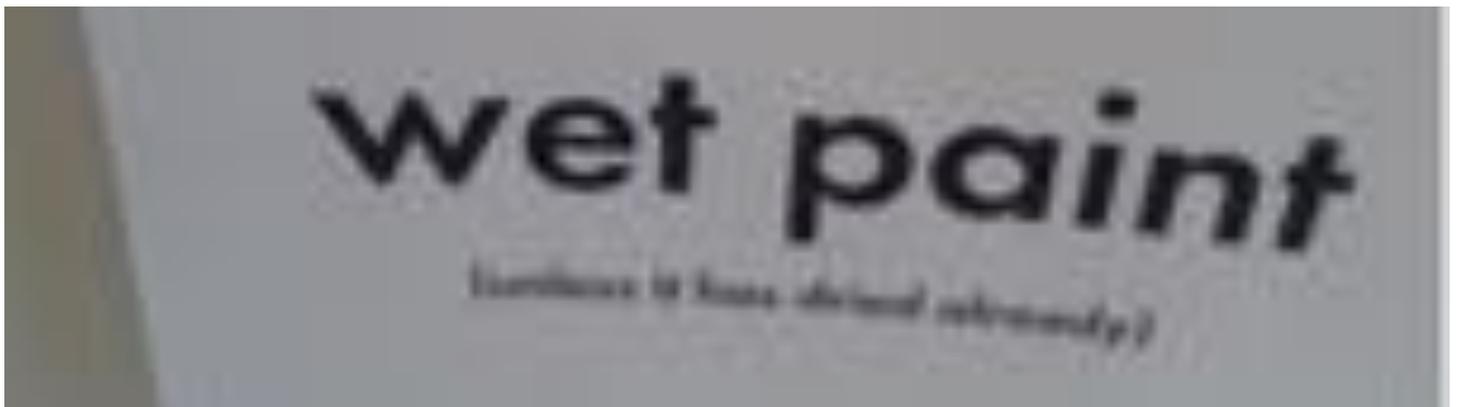
The Parish Council gets a lot of feedback regarding the dreadful mobile phone reception over most of the village. The Council is considering approaching one of the mobile phone companies with regard to locating a mobile phone mast. Any one who is interested should contact Bill Piper on 01787 473933.

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.

Ecclesiastical Insurance

Ecclesiastical Insurance will make a donation of £130 to our churches for every new home insurance policy taken out. To take advantage of this offer call 0800 783 0130 or visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130.



More Great Maplestead

An enthusiastic crowd came in the evening to bag some bargains and enjoyed a very lively auction - thanks to the irrepressible auctioneer Keith Brownlie.

The chairman Carol Brownlie thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to seeing them again at the Autumn Show in September 2019.

GREAT MAPLESTEAD QUIZ NIGHT



in the Village Hall

Saturday 13th October

Doors open 7.00pm - start 7.30pm

Entry £5 per person; maximum 12 teams; 6 people/team

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles

**Tickets from: Val Castro (01787 462 789)
or: Carol Brownlie (01787 461 527)**

Harvest VILLAGE WALK



**Sunday
14th October**



**Starting at 11.00am from the Village Hall.
Finishing at the Village Hall for drinks and nibbles.**

Adults: £2.50 each; Children: free

(Please pay at the Hall at the beginning of the walk)

More Great Maplestead

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 8th September

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

The sale was huge success – yet another amazing result to help support Great Maplestead's Village Hall.



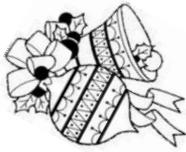
GREAT MAPLESTEAD

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, Jewellery – and a Raffle.

Refreshments: Coffee, Mince Pies & Cake.

And much, much more

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President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone to the meeting, which took place in St. Giles Church. Carol handed over the meeting to Gill Sanderson and Ros Cracknell, who had devised a treasure hunt, both in the Church and the churchyard. Members were invited to try and answer up to 31 questions, either singly or in teams. The time allowed was 45 minutes and when this time was up, Gill and Ros went through the answers. The treasure hunt was won by Rachael Haylock. Carol thanked Gill and Ros for the very enjoyable treasure hunt and for all the hard work that it entailed in putting it together.

The treasure hunt was followed by lovely refreshments.

Little Maplestead

The Flower Festival

Our flower festival will be in the Round Church on the 29 and 30 September.

Harvest Festival Lunch

The Harvest Festival Service and Lunch in the Round Church will be on Sunday 14th October at **12.30pm**. If you would like to enjoy a delicious home-made three course meal, in our wonderful church, book **now** to avoid missing out on this ever-popular service.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £5 for children. Everyone is welcome; so bring your friends and family. Don't forget to bring a drink to enjoy.

Tickets are available from **Jane Piper on 01787 473933**

Please do book soon to avoid missing out, as we have limited space!

Ride and Stride

The church welcomed a good number of riders and striders on Saturday. They were welcomed with a selection of hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits. The majority of visitors came in the morning, with the last one arriving mid-afternoon.

We do not know yet how much we have raised, but we did receive a very generous donation, so we are excited to find out the total!

If you are sorry to have missed out this year, put the date of Sunday 7th September 2019 in your diary.

Huge thanks go to our volunteers who welcomed visitors, and also to the Riders and Striders - you all did brilliantly.

Little Maplestead Defibrillators.

Good news... both the defibs are now up and running.

There is one on the wall outside little India, and one next to the post box/notice board.

The VETS system (Volunteer Emergency Telephone System) is now set up and running. We have 10 volunteers based in the village who have all received a basic training in CRP and the use of the defibs, and are able to be contacted to assist in the event of an emergency.

In the event of a medical emergency, please dial 999 first, then if you are able to dial the VETS number 01787 852252 you should be able to get hold of someone who can bring the defib to the patient, and assist until the paramedics arrive.

Gestingthorpe

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Consideration will be given to grant applications for anything which the Trustees regard as educational. Applicants must be residents of the ancient parish of Gestingthorpe.

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GAMES & *Gossip*



Join us for an informal social evening in the Village Hall
Friday 5th October
7.30-9.30pm
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Autumn Gift Fair

Wednesday 10th October
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3rd October - 7th November - 5th December

Harvest Festival

Thanks to the generosity of those attending the Harvest Festival service we were able to take a food parcel to Ferriers Barn in Bures a Day Centre for adults with learning difficulties, where the donation was gratefully received.

Carol Service... a date for your diaries

The Pebmarsh Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday 16th December at 4pm. We are extremely pleased to announce that the Long Melford Silver Band will be playing for us; the band was formed over 100 years ago & in addition to performing in the UK has appeared in France & Belgium including at the Menin Gate ceremony, where they will again be playing at the end of October. Please come along on 16th December & start your Christmas celebrations with family, friends & neighbours.

Ride & Stride

The Essex Ride & Stride on 8th September saw a number of visitors to our church arriving on foot, by bike & in one case in a vintage car. This event will take place again next year & we will announce details in the early summer hoping to attract even more & varied participants than this year.

The Kings Head

This month we celebrated the first year of successful trading as a community pub with a village party. Aply hosted by Debbie and Stuart, there was something for everyone with a bouncy assault course in the garden, delicious street food and of course, birthday cupcakes. PCP Chair John Flack recently stepped down due to current pressures of work and will be replaced until the next AGM by Pete Hele. We are hugely grateful to John who has been a real driving force behind the community pub initiative. It was fitting that a large crowd of shareholders and pub goers were there to see him presented with a thank you gift from the PCP Committee during the party.

The reroofing of the pub is underway, ensuring that our 15th Century drovers inn will be standing for the next 600 years! Not only will the work be largely funded through a grant from the Enover Community Trust, secured by PCP Committee member Perry Crimmins but, as everyone will be relieved to hear, the work should not disrupt the pub trading in anyway.

Gestingthorpe

Wine tasting

Back by popular demand, Gestingthorpe Village Hall invite you to an evening of wine tasting and fun hosted by Baythorne Hall Wines on Sat 8 Dec. More details to follow in November's issue. Places are limited so to reserve yours please get in touch with Steph 01787 462351 or Andy 469687.

Gestingthorpe Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 14 October

All are welcome at the Church service at 5pm, with supper at 6pm in the village hall. (Please bring your own drinks and glasses.)

Supper bookings in advance please with Peter or Alice (460126/469688) at £7 each (under 10s free).

RAFFLE AFTER SUPPER.*

**prizes welcome! Please give to Peter or Alice.*

Neighbourhood Watch

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer a seasonal reminder to carry on being alert and report any concerns or issues that you may have or have witnessed.

Please ensure that you have sufficient external lighting and that any garden tools/equipment is securely locked away and out of sight from would be thieves. Keep paths well lit for your own safety. Make sure all outbuilding have adequate locks/security and are kept locked when not in use.



If you're going out at night keep curtains or blinds drawn as dusk falls and lights on in the house with either a radio or TV on.

If you have CCTV please check that it is in full working order.

You can report non-emergency crimes to: 101. And also let me know as well (contact details below). I can share the information via the Gestingthorpe social media links and also via the dedicated Gestingthorpe NHW email address.

I have also ordered Neighbourhood Watch stickers for wheelie bins, these are free and can also be used for gates or buildings. Please let me know if you would like some.

Finally, if you would like to be kept informed of any concerns/crimes that have been reported to me. Please send me your email address (details on next page).

More Pebmarsh

Don't forget to book your table for the popular monthly Quiz Night, on the first Thursday of every month or try out some of the new items on the lunchtime or evening menus. Ring the Kings Head on 01787 267942. Seniors now have a 20% discount on all menu items at lunchtimes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Remembrance Day

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.

Gospel Workshop

Internationally known gospel singer and teacher, Geraldine Luce (formerly Latty) and her musician husband, Carey Luce, are to lead a Gospel Workshop at Steeple Bumpstead on Saturday 20th October.

This is an all-day event to be held at Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church, from 10am – 4.30pm, with a break for lunch. Tickets are £8.

Singers of all ages and experience are welcome – you don't need to have a great voice, just come and have fun with Geraldine and Carey and other like-minded people who enjoy singing.

There will be an opportunity in the evening to take part in a concert which will include songs we have learnt during the day. Friends are very welcome to join us for the concert, free of charge (donations invited).

For more information/tickets, please contact Christine Blyth on 07539 117609 or email chrisblyth1@btinternet.com

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