

Services for October 2019

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 6 October	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	12noon Harvest Service & Meal	
Sunday 13 October	5pm Harvest Service & Meal	9.30am Holy Communion	2.30pm Baptism	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 20 October	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 27 October	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Pet Service	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 3 November	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion & Baptism	
Sunday 10 November		10.45am Remembrance Service		

Dates for the Diary

6th October	12noon	Lt. Maplestead Harvest and Meal
10th October		Deanery Synod
13th October	5pm	Gestingthorpe Harvest and Supper
16th October	7.30pm	Gt. Maplestead PCC.
27th October	11am	Gt. Maplestead Church – Pet Service
10th November	10.45am	Gt. Maplestead Church - Remembrance
11th November	10.50am	Pebmarsh War Memorial

Flying for Life

A Talk about the work of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship
Refreshments provided. Speaker: Peter de Bourcier, former MAF Nairobi
Training Captain, 1982-1989.

St Andrew's Church Hall, Parsonage Street, Halstead C09 2LD.

Tuesday 8 October, 7.30pm. Free entry. No need to book.

For more info, please contact Revd Katie de Bourcier at
halsteadrector@gmail.com or 01787 478471

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web sites

**Parish
News**

Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



Church and Community together
October 2019

Free

Village contacts and information

Neighbourhood watch representatives, see page 21,

Reverend Gay Ellis and the churchwardens see page 22.

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October dates for your diary

2 October	2.30pm	Bowls Club	Pebmarsh
3 October	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
4 October	10am	Coffee Morning	Gestingthorpe
5 October	7pm	Bingo for Cystic Fibrosis	Great Maplestead
6 October	12noon	Harvest Lunch	Little Maplestead
6 October	11am	Harvest Village Walk	Great Maplestead
12 October	10am	WI Big Breakfast	Great Maplestead
12 October	7.30pm	Gestingthorpe History Society	Gestingthorpe
13 October	5pm	Harvest Festival	Gestingthorpe
26 October	11am	Gestingthorpe Social Walk	Gestingthorpe
26 October	7.30pm	Are You There	Gestingthorpe
26 October	7pm	Quiz Night	Great Maplestead
30 October	7.30pm	Your ideas for Christmas/Social events	Great Maplestead

Village Hall activities

Pebmarsh has the Bowls Club, the Youth Club, the Ladies Club, Card Making, Dog Training, Art Club (currently full) and Baby Sensory. Great Maplestead has Yoga, Legs, Bums and Tums, Dance and Keep Fit and Pilates. Gestingthorpe has Pilates.

Forward Planning for your Diaries

Castle Heddingham Solar Society, Talk on Save the Children, 4 November
 Little Maplestead Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 23 November
 Great Maplestead Christmas Fair, Saturday 30 November

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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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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.

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

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Letter from the editor



The great photo on the cover (even better in colour) was taken on an evening stroll after the harvest by Sarah Maguire, it reminded her on how little our landscape has changed since Thomas Gainsborough.

I have asked our District Councillor, Peter Schwier, to contribute an article about items of interest or relevance regarding our council, Braintree. His first article is on how Braintree manages waste, a very timely article in the context of Climate Change.

I have also asked the Foragers Retreat, the new restaurant in Pebmarsh, to contribute an article about foraging and food so watch this space next month. We have eaten there a couple of times and the food is fab.

If anyone has any ideas for interesting articles please let me know.

Having said all of that, I try hard to get the magazine into a page quantity that is divided by four (for the printer, the magazine is two A5 pages on the alternate sides of A4) and assumed that if I could only get divided by two that they could staple a half page in. My mistake, they cannot, and as I have to go to print like now, I have two blank pages, so I have added two full page adverts, one for Christmas cards for charity and one for Ferriers Barn, a day centre for people with disabilities in Bures.

I have learnt for next time.

Jenny

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Letter from the Rectory

As we write this the Supreme Court is sitting hearing the various arguments about the legality of proroguing parliament, by the time the editor places the letter into the magazine for the printer the court's verdict will be known and as you read it – well who knows!

It is no exaggeration to say that the UK faces a situation unlike it has faced at any time in our lives. Over the past six years Nick has had the privilege of organising around twenty "Missionary Journeys" for the Bishop of Chelmsford and he has walked with the Bishop on nearly all of them. At each stop on these journeys Bishop Stephen gives a short talk. In 2014 his talks focused on issues in our society and he offered the analogy of society needing a heart transplant. At that time many would agree on the basic issues facing us as a country. This year his talk changed completely for we are in a situation where the population is split in ways it has not been before. So healing of our society is still required but seemingly in a different way to 2014.

The answer, however, may remain the same. Reconciliation through applying lessons from the teachings of Jesus and the early church. Jesus lived in a very divided society – an occupied country. His teaching was not one of revolution through opposition, but revolution through living out God's kingdom, a kingdom with only two rules, love God and love your neighbour. Treat your neighbour as you would want them to treat you. Words to ponder on in days to come.

Nick & Gay Ellis



Welcome all Pets, Dogs, Cats, Horses, Rabbits and any other kind. Do come to our annual Pet Service in St. Giles, Great Maplestead.

Gt. Maplestead Church Sunday 27th October at 11am, all Pets and their people are welcome. 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 much worse!

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

Hire of Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe Village Halls

Each of our village halls is available for hire for all types of functions. Little Maplestead residents can hire Great Maplestead village hall at same rate as Great Maplestead residents. Please contact the relevant booking secretary

Great Maplestead	Liz Newton	01787 461308	
Pebmarsh	Christine Nott	01787 269231	
Gestingthorpe	Steve Bagby	07840 367182	or 01787 463592

Neighbourhood Watch representatives

Gestingthorpe	Helen Skerratt	01787 237297
Great Maplestead	Ian Johnson	01787 461109
Little Maplestead	Bill Piper	01787 47393

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.

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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

Church website

www.knights-hospital.org.uk

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[@knightsparishes](https://twitter.com/knightsparishes)

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Knights Hospitallers Parishes
Little Maplestead Church
Gestingthorpe Church
Pebmarsh Church



Local Information

The F315 Local Bus Service

All buses serve Halstead, Little Maplestead, Wickham St Paul, Gestingthorpe, Bulmer, Sudbury. Book giving two working hours' notice, on 01621 874411. The latest information can be found on <http://www.essexbus.info>. The Saturday times are the same as Monday to Friday. Please always check the website for the latest timetable.

Arrow Taxis F315 Sudbury-Halstead

Mondays to Fridays (from 12 February 2018)

	service no. F315 notes	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A
Sudbury, Bus Station Stand A	0900	1100	1300	1530	1730	1915
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	0903	1103	1303	1533	1733	1918
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	0907	1107	1307	1537	1737	1922
Bulmer, The Street	0911	1111	1311	1541	1741	1926
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	0917	1117	1317	1547	1747	1932
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	0923	1123	1323	1553	1753	1938
Pebmarsh, The Kings Head	0932	1132	1332	1602	1802	1947
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	0933	1133	1333	1603	1803	1948
Little Maplestead, The Cock	0939	1139	1339	1609	1809	1954
Great Maplestead, Church	0945	1145	1345	1615	1815	2000
Little Maplestead, Pump	0951	1151	1351	1621	1821	2006
Halstead, High Street	0956	1156	1356	1626	1826	2011

Arrow Taxis F315 Halstead-Sudbury

Mondays to Fridays (from 12 February 2018)

	service no. F315 notes	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A	F315 A
Halstead, High Street	0730	1000	1200	1400	1630	1830
Little Maplestead, Pump	0735	1005	1205	1405	1635	1835
Great Maplestead, Church	0741	1011	1211	1411	1641	1841
Little Maplestead, The Cock	0749	1017	1217	1417	1647	1847
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	0754	1023	1223	1423	1653	1853
Pebmarsh, The Kings Head	0755	1024	1224	1424	1654	1854
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	0804	1033	1233	1433	1703	1903
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	0810	1039	1239	1439	1709	1909
Bulmer, The Street	0815	1045	1245	1445	1715	1915
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	0819	1049	1249	1449	1719	1919
Ballingdon, Strawberry Stores	0823	1053	1253	1453	1723	1923
Sudbury, Bus Station Stand A	0830	1056	1256	1456	1728	1928

More Local Information

Solar Society, October 2019.

On Monday 7th October we will be joined by Graham Laurie, who will talk to us on 'Roald Dahl's War in many foreign fields'.

Starts at 2.30pm and last about an hour and a half with a short break for free light refreshments at The Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Castle Hedingham. Entrance: £4.00 All welcome. No membership fee.

More details from: Miles Scrivens 01787 469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787 463459

Local Women's Running Group

We now have a small group of women who meet most Sunday mornings to run between 4 and 5km. It's a manageable pace so do come along even if you haven't run in a while. Contact - laurabloom@btinternet.com or on 07801 749802

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>.

Four Parishes Book Group

We meet monthly on Thursday evening at members' homes and have wine, tea or coffee. Books are chosen by suggestion or recommendation from members. All books are borrowed from the library so there is no cost to members. Contact Alison Cantor - acantor@linus.plus.com or on 07713509445

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

Community-based support for an ageing population



Community Agents Essex provide a free, confidential service to support peoples needs.

CAE can be contacted by ringing 08009 775858 or 01376 574341; all calls are confidential. More details about this valuable service can be found on www.communityagentsessex.org.uk.

Around our Villages

The Braintree District Council (BDC) Kerbside Collection Calendar has recently been delivered to residents with useful pictorial tips and information. Many of us, now, want to know what more we can do to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. But what's really involved?

It all starts with the Council trucks collecting bags or emptying bins of recycling, green (not Winter) food and general waste. This collection is provided to 63,400 domestic properties, come rain or shine at a rate of thirty two thousand collections per day. Our 90 operatives are organised into 32 crews manning 24 vehicles which cover 336,000km (212,000 miles) per year. The 2018-19 average of missed collections was 6.7 per 100,000 collections.

Many residents, are pleased that our refuse does not go to landfill. The 'Grey Bin' or general waste is processed at the Mechanical and Biological Treatment facility in Basildon. Any recycling materials found such as paper, card and plastic are extracted manually/mechanically and sent for recycling.

In the last few years BDC have consistently been in the top quartile of Local Authorities for our recycling rate - its something I'm rather proud of and I hope you are too. Peter Schwier. Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward. Braintree District Council

Autumn and winter nights . create the illusion of occupancy

Walking down the road in the darker nights now it is easy to spot that empty house; there is a line of houses, lights within and signs of occupancy. In the middle of these houses is a similar house but this is in darkness, easy to spot and chances are the burglar will too. At this time of year an increased number of house burglaries occur between dusk and when you get home. You don't have to be a magician to create the illusion of occupancy and it may help protect your house.

Become an illusionist, make your home appear occupied when you are out. Simple things like lights on timers in rooms that you would normally occupy and a TV simulator for the evenings, you can get a timer that fits over your light switches (search on the internet for light switch timer) and door bells you can monitor and answer remotely via your mobile phone. During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, vacuum cleaner out with the lead going out of sight (not plugged in though), newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, the list goes on. Don't leave garden tools out in the garden though or you may find the burglar uses them. Lock tools securely away in a secure shed or garage; use a shed alarm these can also be remotely monitored too.

Stephen Armson-Smith.



More local information

Braintree Area Food Bank

This year the food bank has fed 4,813 people, 2,076 adults and 2,737 children, and this number is only set to rise.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why the food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. In addition to the items below they are desperately short of bags for life.

Urgent Items

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

Food that they are short of

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

Donations can be made via the libraries in Braintree, Witham, and Halstead and the Coop in Halstead.

For more information see braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk.

Halstead and District Local History Society

The Society currently has a membership of over 100 and holds meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Baptist Church, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

They run a varied programme of local history related meetings spanning the dark ages to more recent times including the influence of the industrial revolution on the area. More information can be found on halsteadhistory.org.uk.

The Hedingham Singers

The Hedingham Singers are a mixed voices choir: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. At the moment, the choir numbers approximately 40 men & women. They always welcome new members, especially male bass and tenors.

If you enjoy singing and would like to sing with them, contact Bob Lilley on 07790 573435 for further details.

For more information see <http://www.thehedinghamsingers.com/>.

Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads WI

President Carol Brownlie welcomed everyone, to our meeting on Thursday September 5th 2019. Secretary Anne Fletcher read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed as correct and birthday flowers were presented.

Jane Stone then introduced Chris Chippendale who spoke about the importance of having a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), he went on to tell us these documents were not just for retirees but in reality all people should have them as we never know when we might need them. There are two actual documents, one covering Property and Financial Affairs and one covering Health and Welfare. These should be drawn up when we have "mental capacity" as it is too late when you do not have mental capacity. Chris's talk was informative and you could have heard a "pin drop" as we absorbed the information he gave! Jill Newton gave the vote of thanks and invited Chris to partake of the delicious refreshments provided by Kathryn Haylock, Angela Hilton and Pauline Tilsley.

During social time the raffle was drawn and Barbara Middleton won! Christine Dunne won the flower of the month with a beautiful apricot coloured hibiscus.

Next month's meeting is on Thursday 3rd October 2019 and the speaker will be Paula Short with her talk "Josephine Baker – An American in Paris". For further information please contact Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.

The Maplesteads' Autumn Show

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Autumn Show which took place on Saturday 7th September.

Despite a very difficult growing season the hall was filled with an abundant array of fruit, vegetable and flowers.

There were jars of jam, chutneys and pickles as well as cakes, bread and eggs and some beautiful photographs of water.

The craft section was well supported with some amazing handicrafts and paintings and the children's section was wonderful with their delicious cookery, creative seed heads and colourful decorated wellies.

The Men's section was very tempting with their delicious flap jacks.

Thanks go to Councillor Jo Beavis who not only judged the entries for the Domestic Cup but presented the cups and trophies to the worthy winners as well.

The evening concluded with a lively auction – thanks to our auctioneer Martin Elms.

More Great Maplestead

More the Maplesteads Autumn Show

The Chairman, Carol Brownlie thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to seeing them at the Autumn Show in September 2020

Below is a list of winners

Flower Cup	Jean Bowers
Flower Arrangers Cup	Denise O'Connell
Novice Flower Arrangers Cup	Charles Soule
Domestic Cup	Liz Newton
Vegetable Cup	Jean Bowers
Dolly Argent Craft Cup	Alison Davies
Children up to 8 years	Arabella Self
Children over 8 years	Ula Jeggo
Young Growers Cup	Ula Jeggo
Men's Challenge Tankard	Bill Bowers
Millennium Cup – Best in Show	Alison Davies
Autumn Show Trophy – most Points	Jean Bowers



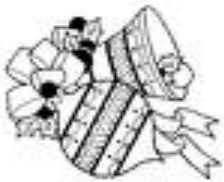
GREAT MAPLESTEAD

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th 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

More local information

Sudbury Newstalk



Do you have a relative, a friend, a neighbour or a colleague who is registered blind or visually impaired? The volunteer team at Sudbury Newstalk records a fortnightly local Newspaper digest, and a bi-monthly Magazine, which are distributed free to listeners throughout the area.

To learn more about Sudbury Newstalk, visit our website www.sudburynewstalk.co.uk and listen to the latest edition of the Magazine or contact Jane Chambers on 01787 468535.

Hedingham Medical Centre

As you probably know the Castle Practice in Castle Hedingham has merged with Sible Hedingham. The Castle Hedingham surgery is open from 8.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday. 01787 461465

Appointments can be made outside these hours, between 6.30 - 8,00pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 2pm Saturday, Sunday and bank Holidays at one of six GP led access hubs, one of which is the Elizabeth Courtauld in Halstead. To access these out of hours appointments phone the practice when they are open and NHS111 when they are not.

U3A

The University of the Third Age is thriving. We have three close to us, Halstead, Sudbury and Braintree.

The U3A Halstead can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/halstead/welcome

The U3A Sudbury can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/sudbury/home

and the U3A Braintree can be found here:
u3asites.org.uk/braintree/events

Halstead & District Photographic Society

Meeting are held every fortnight from the start of the season in September, through to April/May, on a Thursday evening in the Methodist Church and School Room in Halstead and once a month (usually the first Monday) in Colne Engaine at the Five Bells public house. Look at our web site www.halsteadphoto.org.uk for more information.

Pebmarsh

Pebmarsh Village Hall

Our village hall continues to host regular classes for the local Dog Club, Art Club, Baby Sensory Group and Youth Club amongst many others which may interest you, so please come along and join in. With free parking, a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room and toilet facilities most occasions can be held to accommodate groups up to 100 people maximum.

Our village hall is available for hire for birthday parties, celebrations, meetings and regular and or ad hoc hire to local clubs. Please call 01787 269231 for hire rates, availability and further details.

We look forward to hearing from you and your support for this valuable village resource.

Pebmarsh Clubs

They all meet in the village hall.

Bowls Club - will resume on Wednesday Oct 2nd in the afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 and then every first Wednesday in the month.

Youth Club - alternate Thursday's from 6.30-8.30. Contact Carol Parker 01787 269996.

Ladies Club - second Tuesday monthly. If you are interested call Pauline Andow on 01787 228790.

Card Making - last Tuesday monthly. Booking is essential, please contact Pauline Andow on 01787 228790. All tools & materials provided.

Pebmarsh Parish Council

Telecommunications were high on the Pebmarsh agenda during September with both mobile and broadband communications featuring.

A welcomed site visit to Oak Road, Pebmarsh by Cllr Finch of Essex County Council was attended by parishioners and councillors from Pebmarsh, Little Maplestead and Great Maplestead Parish councils. Discussions are ongoing and whilst a mobile phone signal is desirable, the location of a 25 to 50 meter high mast is critical.

The parish continues to await the installation of the a fibre optic network by County Broadband with whom parishioners met some 18 moths ago. In the meantime British Telecom have successfully brought their fibre optic broadband service to the village which is now up and running.

The next Pebmarsh Parish Council meeting is on the 13th November at 7:30pm in our village hall, we look forward to seeing you there.

More Great Maplestead

Wanted!
Your Ideas for Christmas/2020 Social Events

Are there any special social events or activities you'd like to see happen this Christmas in the Village?

Do you have any good ideas for other social events that you'd like to organise/arrange for people to enjoy during the coming year?

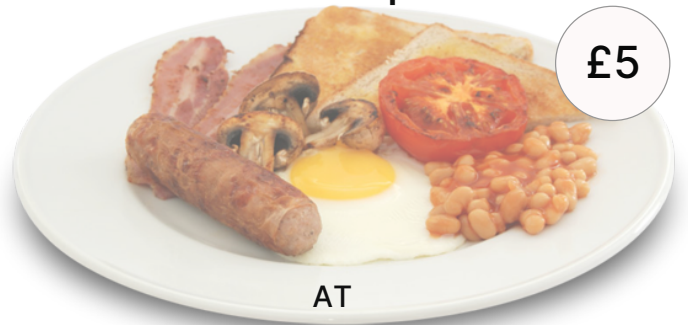
If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Come along to
Great Maplestead Village Hall
on **Wednesday 30th October 2019**

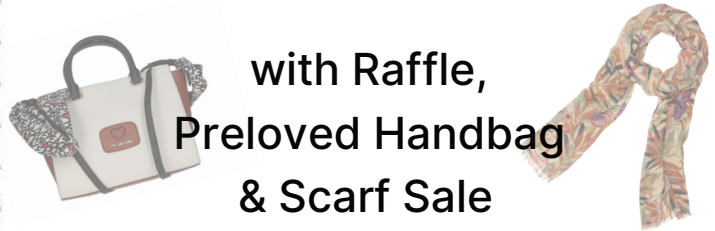
to share your thoughts and ideas with the Social Committee and discuss what you'd like to contribute.

Start time: 7.30pm

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GREAT MAPLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL



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GREAT MAPLESTEAD QUIZ NIGHT



in the Village Hall

Saturday 26th 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

Book your team entries by 19th October

e-mail: ann66harris@gmail.com

<https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/parish-information/events/>

Harvest VILLAGE WALK



Sunday
6th 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)

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Saturday October 5th
in

Great Maplestead Village Hall
Doors open 7pm, Eyes down 7.30pm

In aid of

Cystic Fibrosis

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More Little Maplestead

Parish Giving Scheme

The Round Church has a rich historic past, and draws visitors, scholars and pilgrims from all over the world and is the only building in our village that can be used for community events as well as regular Sunday worship.

As well as the interest of the outside world, and the odd donation here and there our church needs the people who live in the village to support it – and that means YOU!

We want the church to be there in the future for your milestone events of baptisms, weddings and funeral. We want to continue to serve the community and offer a place of peace and reflection. We hold regular fundraising events which are always well supported, both by volunteers and visitors, but our Sunday congregations tend to be small and the money raised from both these income streams is simply not enough.

It is difficult to make time to come to Church with our busy modern lives, families living far apart, work commitments spreading through the week (and around the clock), and seemingly less and less time to relax.

You can still help us by joining the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows you to give a regular amount to the church. It can be as little as £1 a week, or if your circumstances allow, much more. Any tax paid on donations made through the PGS is automatically added as well; so if 10 people donated the cost of a coffee each week, we'd raise nearly £1500 - the same amount of money over the year as we hope to raise at a major fund raising.

Members of our PCC will be calling on you over the next few months to talk through the scheme and answer any questions.

Do call Jane Piper 473933, Karen Sunnucks 472145 or Kevin Caddy 274573. You can also e-mail : roundchurchpgs@btinternet.com if you would like to enrol now or have any questions.



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Little Maplestead

Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Coffee Morning



Round Church Little Maplestead CO9 2SL

Saturday 23rd November

10am – 2 pm

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*Home-made Christmas produce – jams, chutneys, cakes, liqueurs, mince pies, gingerbread and shortbread biscuits, fudge and truffles

*Seasonal refreshments and light lunches

*Knitted crafts

*Local Gin & Cider producers

*Handbags, Scarves and gloves

*Artisan Metalwork

*Christmas cards

*Fabulous Raffle



Harvest Lunch

You are cordially invited to come to our

Harvest Lunch

a 3 course home-cooked lunch at
the Round Church Little Maplestead

Sunday October 6th at 12noon

Tickets Adults £10 Children £5

Please contact either Jane Piper on 01787 473933 or

Karen Sunnucks on 01787 472145 for tickets
or further details

Please bring your own beverage and glasses!



Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe Harvest Festival

Sunday 13 October

Church service at 5pm, supper at 6pm in the village hall.

£8 a head (under 10s free)

Please bring your own drink and glasses

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SUPPER PLACES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ALICE
(469688) OR PETER (460126)

You can pay at the door on the day.

MacMillan Coffee morning in Gestingthorpe village hall.

Gestingthorpe holds a coffee morning each alternate Friday so we thought we would hold today's one on 20th September for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Lovely and kind villagers baked and donated delicious cakes and our 'team' kept the fresh tea and coffee supply going.

There was a great turnout and, once again, the villagers and their friends rose to the occasion and donated a staggering £185. Thank you.

Our next fortnightly coffee morning, the proceeds of which will go towards the fund to maintain and improve our village hall, will be held on Friday 4th October from 10am to 12 noon. Please come along, for a cuppa and a chat; we would love to see you

Gestingthorpe Village Hall

Are you there?

Gestingthorpe Village Hall will be the venue for an evening with Linda Rowntree, PSYCHIC MEDIUM from Rainbow House, Sudbury.

Linda is a well known Psychic Medium and if you would like to join us at Gestingthorpe Village Hall on October 26th at 7.30.p.m. tickets are £8.00 to include a glass of wine/fruit juice.

Please contact Myra Quick 017874692

Gestingthorpe History Society

Saturday October 12th @ 19:30 in Gestingthorpe Village Hall

We are pleased to announce the return of our History Group President Ashley Cooper who will be giving us a new talk entitled 'Hero's, Villains & Colourful Events in our Local History' - not to be missed!

£7.50 per person to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Email for tickets thecraigs2018@outlook.com or pay on the door.

More Gestingthorpe

Gestingthorpe Social Walk



26th October 2019

11am starting from:

The Pheasant Pub

This will be a leisurely circular walk around the stunning rural village of Gestingthorpe. The walk will be approximately 4 miles and will be suitable for all ages and abilities. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

After the walk those who would like lunch or a drink will be welcomed at The Pheasant pub (charges will apply).

Please ensure that you wear suitable footwear and clothing for the walk and walkers will be responsible for their own safety

GESTINGTHORPE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Thursday 17th October 2019**

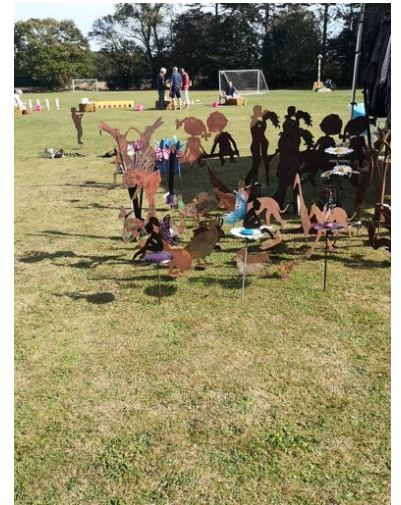
Please send your applications in writing by **14th October 2019**, including receipts for any payments made, to the Secretary, **Peter Collett, Orchard House, Audley End, Gestingthorpe, Essex CO9 3AU.**

peter@thecollettfamily.co.uk

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, preference will be given to applicants under the age of 25.

More Gestingthorpe

More GestupFest



Gestingthorpe's defibrillator needs you!

Many of you will remember how generously you contributed to bring our own defibrillator to the heart of Gestingthorpe. Our thanks are due to all of you that the defibrillator was set up in the old, redundant telephone box two years ago.

Whether used or not, we have to ensure that its battery remains in date and functioning, that the pads which would be used to apply to a patient's chest are replaced annually [next due in November] and that all other aspects of its maintenance are properly managed. We also have the Volunteers Emergency Team which needs our support.

People in need of urgent help may be unable to get it without the VETS scheme. It is then that the scheme comes into its own and can be a lifeline for those in need. It was free for the first year and we have just had to pay £100 for its continuation. We do have enough to meet immediate needs, but if everybody were able to give the fund a small donation, either regularly or as a one-off amount, we would be able to ensure a healthy balance to meet regular on-going costs.

We do hope you feel able to respond to this appeal. You may either make your cheque payable to the Gestingthorpe Defibrillator Fund and hand it to me or to any member of the Management Team, or you may ask me for a Giftaid envelope and send with your cheque made payable to the Community Heartbeat Trust, with 'Gestingthorpe Defibrillator Fund' written on the back.

With all good wishes from the Defibrillator Management Team: Wendy Jones, Orford House, Church Street, Gestingthorpe. 01787 469049 wendy.jones24@btopenworld.com. Terry Halls, terryhalls1@gmail.com 01787 462112. Sharon Flannery, sharonflannery@btinternet.com. Kevi Tyrie, kevityrie@googlemail.com 01787 460632

More Gestingthorpe

GestupFest

What a great day. Lots of people came along to enjoy a fantastic, and sunny, afternoon on our village green. There was a wonderful village fete atmosphere.

There were many stalls which sold a wide range of items; many selling locally made crafts and goods. We had a lot of classic cars covering a wide range from a diminutive Austin 7 to a luxurious Bentley Turbo.



There were traditional games such as bowl for a pig, ducks and dice on posts, cupid hearts, swing pin, coconut shy, test your strength, beat the goalie and beat the batsman. All brought out the competitive spirit.

A very busy Bar-B-Que and bar on the field and a very busy tea and cake stall in the village hall kept us fed and watered. Ben Smith and the Hells Bells dancers gave us great entertainment. Many enjoyed the great views from the top of our church tower which then was used for the eagerly awaited teddy bear parachute drop.

A raffle was drawn and the lucky winners look forward to enjoying some unusual and fabulous prizes. Overall we made over £2,500 most of which will be shared between our village hall, church, village amenities and clubs.

The organisers of GestupFest want to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets, and the hard working volunteers who gave their time, commitment, prizes, facilities and equipment. Grateful thanks also go to those who attended and spent their money.

Together you all made the day the success it was.



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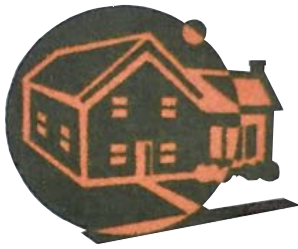
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