

Services for September 2018

	Gestingthorpe	Great Maplestead	Little Maplestead	Pebmarsh
Sunday 2 Sept	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Sunday 9 Sept	4pm Compline	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 Sept	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion 3pm Baptism	Harvest Lunch 12.30pm to 3pm
Sunday 23 Sept	8.15am Holy Communion	11am Harvest Service & Lunch	10am Morning Prayer	9.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 30 Sept		10am Team Family Service & HC	4.30pm Flower Festival Thanksgiving Service	
Sunday 7 Oct	9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5 Sept. Little Maplestead PCC
 Thursday 6 Sept WI Treasure Hunt 7pm Great Maplestead Church
 Saturday 8 Sept Ride and Stride around the Churches
 Sunday 16 Sept Pebmarsh Harvest BBQ lunch 12.30pm Pebmarsh Church
 Sunday 23 Sept Great Maplestead Harvest service and lunch 11am
 Monday 24 Sept Treasurers Team Meeting. St. Andrews Church 7.45pm.
 Thursday 27 Sept Flower Festival Preparation Day
 Friday 28 Sept Flower Festival Preparation Day
 Saturday 29 Sept Little Maplestead Church Flower Festival 9.45am to 5pm
 Saturday 29 Sept Ploughing Match at Maplestead Hall during the morning
 Sunday 30 Sept Little Maplestead Church Flower Festival 10am to 4pm.
 Sunday 30 Sept Great Maplestead. Team Family Service led by the family service team and Katie de Bourcier 10am St Giles
 Sunday 14 Oct 12.30am Little Maplestead Harvest Lunch & Service 11.30am
 Sunday 14 Oct Gestingthorpe, Harvest Service & Harvest Supper 5pm Gestingthorpe Church

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 and on the parish council web sites

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Great and Little Maplestead Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe



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September 2018

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Village contacts and information

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September dates for your diary

5 September	7pm	Youth Club	Great Maplestead
5 September	7pm	Bowls Club	Pebmarsh
6 September	7pm	WI	Great Maplestead
8 September	3pm	Giant Jumble Sale	Great Maplestead
8 September		Ride and stride	All churches
8 September		Wheelbarrow of wine	Pebmarsh
15 September		Maplesteads Autumn Show	Great Maplestead
16 September	12.30pm	Harvest BBQ	Pebmarsh
16 September	11.30am	Open Day	Gardens of Easton Lodge
17 September	6.30pm	Maplesteads WEA	Great Maplestead
22 September	9.30am	Halstead Repair Cafe	Halstead
29 September	3pm	Ploughing Match	Little Maplestead
29 September	10-5pm	Flower Festival	Little Maplestead
30 September	10-4pm	Flower Festival	Little Maplestead

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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

I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer with the welcome respite of the rain in the last couple of weeks. It is amazing how fast our brown lawn turned back to green.

You will notice that we are 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 but I am sure that you have taken some great ones in the heat wave so send them in.

It is also good to see that all our villages now have defibrillators and either have or are setting up VETS (Village Emergency Telephone System). These are 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.

I also want to thank Beverley Bratley. She patiently proof reads every issue and corrects all my mistakes with apostrophes.

Jenny

GESTINGTHORPE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on

Tuesday 16th October 2018

Please send your applications in writing by 12th October 2018 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.

For further information please contact Chris Harman on 01787 462763.

Letter from the Rectory

September is always a fun month and a busy month with the schools going back and everyone starting to plan for Christmas. All the village and parish events are to be planned for the winter and Christmas and we have to try to make sure they don't clash date wise, which is a feat in itself.

September is also the month when we have our wonderful Flower Festival in Little Maplestead Church on Saturday 29 September and Sunday 30 September. This year's Flower Festival has more events than usual happening as part of the celebrations. The church will be full of beautiful arrangements, with each arrangement on a theme of the crops that grow on the farms around our area, and the produce they go on to become. I know the arrangers have been working very hard to come up with some innovative and interesting ideas and they always amaze me.

This year is a real celebration of the countryside around us. On the Saturday we have the Ploughing Match in the fields of Maplestead Hall, as well as local food producers bringing displays. Our Festival is part of the British Food and Drink Week-end, as well as the National Harvest Festivals. These festivals are being celebrated by a 'torch' being taken around the country. The torch is a bit like the Olympic torch. The torch begins its journey at Lt. Maplestead Church on Saturday 29th September at 9.45am. Come and see it start its journey onward to cathedrals around the country, starting with Chelmsford and going on to Ely. Admire the wonderful flowers in Church and then go on to the ploughing match.

We shall be serving refreshments all day on both days at the church, so do stay and plan your day around the visit. It will be very special this year and we hope you can come and enjoy it with us. Many people have worked very hard to make this a very special week-end. Do join us.

God bless. Gay

Harvest Raffle – Pebmarsh but open to all parishes.

As you know I recently put an article in the magazine about Pebmarsh's finances and asked for support. Thank you to those who have contacted us and set up direct debits and gift aid. Another way for us to help to raise funds is by having a Harvest Raffle. The one big prize is a Wheel Barrow of wine containing about 30 bottles of wine of various kinds. The raffle will be called at our Harvest Lunchtime BBQ on Sunday 16th September in the church grounds. Please do come. Also please do buy a raffle ticket or more. Raffle tickets £5 each. Please do contact myself or Belynda for the tickets. We can deliver them to you.

Gay Ellis

Gay 01787 460273 or 07749838769 or Belynda 01787 269986



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



Ride & Stride 2018.

Ride and Stride is an annual event when people can raise funds for their parish churches by being sponsored to visit a number of churches on the same day. Half of the money goes to the Friends of Essex Churches and half to your church. This year the event is on Saturday 8 September. This year the event has an additional feature in that Robin King, the Archdeacon of Stansted, is undertaking a 150-mile cycle ride around the churches of North West Essex in September. Robin is calling the event the "Tour de Stansted".

Jeremy Beale, the Chairman of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust said "Many people are surprised to find out that these treasures do not receive any government funds but instead rely on the goodwill of community-minded congregations, generous sponsors and enterprising fund-raisers" If you want to know more about Ride and Stride, there are posters at each church or visit www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride.



Entries from the Registers

1 July	Pebmarsh	Baptisms Joshua David Patstone
17 June	Gestingthorpe	Weddings Georgina Smith & Joshua Brown
7 July	Gestingthorpe	Andrew Craig & Claire Smith
25 July	Gestingthorpe	Funeral Joy Nears
23 June	Great Maplestead	David Streamer

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.

Sources of Crime Prevention Advice on the Internet

We are quite often asked "where can I find crime prevention advice myself and how can I ensure that a trader is reliable". I have listed a few web links below for crime prevention advice.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> - a wealth of advice on different subjects, we have recently updated the Home Security section.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/> - you can report various incidents to the police online.

<https://www.police.uk/> - Crime maps of your local area, advice and more.

<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> - Very good nationwide independent webpage run by a retired "Met" Crime Prevention Officer. My monthly crime prevention articles are also published here under the "News" heading.

<https://www.independentage.org/information/housing-options/home-security> - One of many information sheets by this organisation.....look carefully and you will find my quote.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/care/home-safety/crime-prevention/>

There are also a number of organisations that provide security advice. For example <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice> for garden security.

And a reliable trader?

Have a word with family and friends for a personal recommendation. Avoid contracting a door to door trader. Despite any sense of urgency from the trader or offer of a seemingly fabulous deal simply say "Leave me your details, I will speak to my family and get back to you if I want your services" if that special offer won't wait then it's not really a special offer!

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/> or 0345 4040506 - Traders checked out by Trading Standards.

<http://www.securedbydesign.com/about-secured-by-design/> third party tested security products run by Police Crime Prevention Initiatives Ltd.

<http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/> - Accredited locksmiths

<http://www.soldsecure.com/> Tested and approved locks etc. with the appropriate level of security for your requirements.

<https://www.nsi.org.uk/> National Security Inspectorate and <https://ssaib.org/> Intruder alarm and CCTV accredited supplier and installers.

You can always ring the Police Non-Emergency number of 101, don't forget **in an emergency or witnessing a crime being committed dial 999**.



Local Information

The bus service is available between 06.00am and 20.00pm 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	
<i>Ballingdon, Kings Head</i>	9:03	11:03	13:03	15:33	17:33	9:18	Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
<i>Bulmer Tye, Park Lane</i>	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
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.
<i>Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter</i>	9:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	19:47	
<i>Pebmarsh, War Memorial</i>	9:33	11:33	13:33	16:03	18:03	19:48	
<i>Little Maplestead, Corner</i>	9:39	11:39	13:39	16:09	18:09	19:54	
<i>Great Maplestead, Church</i>	9:45	11:45	13:45	16:15	18:15	20:00	
<i>Little Maplestead, Pump</i>	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							
<i>Halstead, High Street</i>	7:30	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30	
<i>Little Maplestead, Pump</i>	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
<i>Little Maplestead, Cock</i>	7:49	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47	18:47	All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked
<i>Pebmarsh, War Memorial</i>	7:54	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:53	18:53	
<i>Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter</i>	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	
<i>Ballingdon, Kings Head</i>	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. Members are mostly from the Four Parishes and Hedingham areas.

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. There is no pressure to finish the book if you don't like it and all opinions are valued. 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 daytime learning group.

Monday 3rd September: Michael Baldry on 'Icons to Modernism: Art in Russia'

Monday 1st October: Roger Johnson 'I am Dracula-Welcome to my House.'

Meetings start at 2.30pm at The Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham and last about 2 hours with a short interval. Free light refreshments are available.

Entrance £4.00. All welcome. Further details from:

Miles SCRIVENS 01787-469766 or Wanda Sellar 01787-463459

Gosfield Twinning Association

Would you be interested in hosting a family from our twin village, Chouze-sur-Loire? - You don't need to live in Gosfield!

Four new families are looking for homes to stay in next May when they visit for four days. Two of the families have teenagers. We arrange a day trip, evening meal and a chance for everyone to get together during their visit. We visit Chouze every other year - sampling wines, tasting local food from this beautiful area in the Loire Valley and living the life! As well as the chance to practice French we also enjoy social events throughout the year - always open to new ideas - and this would also be an excellent opportunity to establish links through facebook, facetime, or skype which could be very useful for children and young adults, either at home or in a school, club or work environment. If you would like more information please email Bridget Waterer at bridget@gosfieldtwinning.co.uk or phone 01787 469385.

The Gardens of Easton Lodge

I wonder if, by the time you read this, the long, hot, dry summer will have ended and we will be looking out at leaden skies and wishing for the sun to shine? September is normally a lovely tranquil time of year at the Gardens. After the summer's rush of visitors, it's a time for picking blackberries and autumn raspberries and using the first windfalls to make jellies and jams. This year the fruit may well be small - but should certainly be sweet!

In August, our beekeepers, Michelle and Trevor, have also been keeping a close eye on our hive - to make sure that the Queen bee is happy and still laying eggs and there is no sign of disease; and to take off the honey the bees will not need for winter.

So, for our Open Day on 16 September we are aiming to be able to share with visitors our fruit and our first honey from the Gardens, as well as a range of vegetables! The East of England Apple and Orchard Project and our beekeepers will be with us, to help celebrate everything appley & honeyed. Bishop's Stortford Ukelele Society will be strumming out their toons... always good for a sing-along! And we will have some Austin 7s on display - with sincere apologies for the mix-up which meant they were not at our July Open Day, as promised.

Gates open 11.30am - 5.00pm, last entry 4.00pm - entry price £4.50 and free for children under 16 years old. There will be hot and cold refreshments: locally sourced bacon rolls and cheese rolls, hot and cold drinks and our usual wide selection of homemade cakes.

For more information & news, see our website: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Jill Goldsmith



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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Great and Little Maplestead

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Gestingthorpe

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Pebmarsh

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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

Our flower festival will be in the Round Church on the 29 and 30 September. See our advertisement on the next page. Volunteers wanted and greatly appreciated to make cakes and help for an hour or two at the festival. Call Jane Stone on 01787 472525 or email her at jcstone29@hotmail.com

Ride and Stride - Saturday 8th September

This annual fun event is fast approaching, raising funds for Essex Churches whilst keeping fit and enjoying our lovely countryside. As always 50% of sponsorship raised goes to The Friends of Essex Churches Trust, and the remaining 50% to the chosen church of the walker, rider or cyclist. So the more people who take part for the Round Church, the more funds will come our way.

The church will be open from 9am to 4pm on the day. We are also looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or so to sit at the church to meet the riders and walkers. Sponsorship forms and further information are available from **Jane Piper** on **01787 473933**. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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**

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.

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 for more information.

More Little Maplestead

Defibrillators

The defibrillators are now in place, one by the bus stop/noticeboard/post box and one attached to Little India, near to the village recycling centre. The Parish Council hopes to have them commissioned by the end of the month.



The defib by the post box

The defib attached to Little India

Defibrillator training

About 40 people came to the training which was great.

VETS

The VETS (Village Emergency Telephone System) is in the process of being set up to support the defibrillators. Any one who is interested in helping should contact Bill Piper on 01787 473933. The purpose of the VETS system is described more fully in the Gestingthorpe section of the magazine. They are more advanced than Little Maplestead. The village also gives thanks to Pebmarsh who have been very helpful in organising the defibrillators.

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.

Ploughing Match

Greenstead Green & District Agricultural Club will be holding their annual ploughing match at Little Maplestead Hall on Saturday 29 September. For further details contact Ken Vince on 01376 325363 or 07850 579413.

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:

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- Packet custard
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- Rice (500g only please)*
- Coffee (small jars please)*
- Chocolate bars - kitkat etc

Other items that we need

- Baby wipes
- Nappies - all sizes
- Antiperspirant/deodorant
- Shower gel
- Bags for life
- Tin opener
- 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/



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Saturday, August 18th

Saturday, Sept 22nd

Saturday, Oct 20th

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More Little Maplestead

Flower Festival

"God's Bountiful Harvest"
Saturday 29th September

10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 30th September

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

at the Round Church
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Great Maplestead

The Maplesteads Autumn Show

This year's Autumn Show takes place on Saturday 15th September at Great Maplestead Village Hall.

Entries can be taken to the hall on the evening of Friday 14th between 6PM and 8 PM or on Saturday 15th between 12PM and 3PM.

Judging will take place between 3PM and 5PM and the hall will reopen at 5.30PM for viewing and refreshments.

Following the prize giving there will be an auction of donated produce and a raffle – the bar will be open during this time.

All residents of Great and Little Maplestead should have received a copy of the schedule in July's Parish Magazine.

If you did not receive a schedule, copies are available in both churches or phone the Chairman Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527.

Please enter as many categories as you can so this year's show is even bigger and better than last year's.

The committee look forward to seeing you for what we hope will be a very successful show.

The Maplesteads WI in July

Our annual members meeting was held on a hot July evening.

The idea of this is to give our hardworking committee an evening off. The president for the night was Mrs Gill Sanderson with Angela Davis as secretary, who both did an admirable job.

We all enjoyed our drinks of Pimms whilst we had a wonderful evening entertainment from Helles Belles; a group of mainly lady 'alternative' Morris dancers based at the Bell pub in Castle Hedingham. A recommended must see!! After refreshments were served we all chit chatted for the rest of the evening.

Flower of the month was a beautiful yellow rose, won by Gill Sanderson. A very good evening was had by one and all.

The Maplesteads WI in August

President Carol Brownlie warmly welcomed everyone to The President's Party on Thursday 2 August. Secretary Janice Chaplin informed us the minutes of the previous meeting were available for anyone to read.

Carol then told us that the theme for the evening was "All the Fun of the Fair".

More Gestingthorpe

We will have two valuers, Marc Winter and Michael Bowles, from Reeman Dansie, the long established and leading auctioneers based in Colchester.

Reeman Dansie has featured on the TV programmes Antiques Road Trip and on Flog It! and Michael is an adviser to BBC Essex as well as appearing on Flog It!

Please come along to Gestingthorpe village hall with an item or items you wish to be appraised by one of the experts from Reeman Dansie.

For each appraisal there will be a charge of £2 and all profit from The Antiques Streetshow will be for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our village hall.

Light refreshments will be available throughout the event.

Photographs will be taken during the event.

We hope to see you there.

There are VETS in Gestingthorpe!!! 01787 852850

No, we have not suddenly acquired a veterinary practice in Gestingthorpe! But we have been able to activate our new VETS system which supports the lone rescuer in an emergency situation - the Village Emergency Telephone System.

All too often a person finds him or herself on his/her own trying hard to help somebody and wishes that extra help could be on hand. Now that Gestingthorpe has its own VETS system extra help is possible, but it must be remembered that the **FIRST CALL is to 999** in any emergency situation.

Dialling 999 will give access either to the Ambulance Service, Fire or Police as necessary. Then, in the case of Ambulance, the caller will be able to remain on the line while being given spoken assistance as to how to proceed. If the defibrillator is appropriate and if there is another helper nearby he/she will be given the code number to open the cabinet and will be free to fetch the defibrillator. Alternatively, [01787] 852850 can be re-dialled. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation is very tiring for one person to carry out for a prolonged period, so another helper is of the essence.

The defibrillator itself provides clear instructions on its use and determines whether or not it is necessary to apply a shock.

The VETS number for Gestingthorpe is

01787 852850

Gestingthorpe

Village litter pick

The litter pick co-ordinated by David Smith on Saturday 14th July was a success with 7 volunteers and 6 bags of rubbish being collected.

The Parish Council are obliged to do this work as we receive income from Braintree District Council for our Street Cleaning contract which pays for the annual skips that are provided for residents over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The Parish Council will be organising 2 litter picks per year in future, spring and autumn, and we hope that more residents will come along to help.

Speeding Traffic in Gestingthorpe

At the recent meeting of Gestingthorpe Parish Council the Council discussed the increased incidence of speeding that is taking place in Gestingthorpe, particularly within the 30 mph zone located in Audley End. It was noted that this is extremely dangerous as there are a number of residential entrances located on this stretch of road.

Therefore when travelling through Gestingthorpe could drivers please observe the speed limits, which are clearly indicated.

If any resident of Gestingthorpe wishes to remind drivers of the speed limits 30 mph stickers are available which can be displayed on wheelie bins on collection days. The stickers can be purchased online at a reasonable cost.

Tuesday Talk : Mr Spencer's flowers

On 24 July Jamie Spencer gave an entertaining and informative talk on flower arranging in Gestingthorpe Village Hall. He prepared a number of informal displays and finished with a lovely Ikebana arrangement.

Jamie kept us informed whilst building each arrangement and why he was choosing particular flowers. We had a great crowd of people attending who joined in with the discussion on the approach and artistry of flower arranging.

Jamie had a large range of beautiful flowers all of which were supplied by Elaine Sharp from her wonderful garden.

Antiques Streetshow

Our Streetshow will be along the lines of the antiques programme on TV with a similar name! It will be on Saturday October 13th from 10am until 1pm.

More Great Maplestead

The hall was decorated with colourful bunting and fairy lights and lots of games for people to have a go at, both inside and outside. Everyone had a score sheet and after much fun, laughter and plenty of lovely food Carol presented the prizes to the winners. Val Castro won a lovely teddy bear for 'Naming the Teddy', Connie Hume won a prize for getting the nearest tail on the 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey' and Terry Streamer won a prize for getting the overall highest score. Gill Sanderson thanked Carol and all the committee for all their hard work in providing the fun fair games, refreshments and fun fair music, all in all a very enjoyable evening.

The meeting next month is on Thursday 6 September and will be held in St Giles Church, as Gill Sanderson has devised a treasure hunt for us. For further details please telephone Carol Brownlie on 01787 461527

Maplestead Youth Club

'Maplestead Masterchef'

Wednesday 5th September 7pm-9pm

11-16 year olds at secondary school

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Enquiries: Myra Jeggo 01787 474285

Giant Maplestead Jumble Sale

Saturday 8th September

Great Maplestead Village Hall at 3pm

Admission 30p

Raffle and Refreshments

Contributions will be gratefully received by Liz Newton 460379, Doreen Faulks 460727 or Diane Smith 473300 or can be delivered to the hall either on Friday the 7th from 9am until 4pm or on Saturday morning from 8.30am until noon.

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More Great Maplestead

Maplestead Magna Miglia

Sunday 22 July 2018

It was about 9.15am on (another) beautiful sunny morning when the eight vehicular contestants and their passengers congregated at Great Maplestead's Village Hall to take part in the first Maplestead Magna Miglia, otherwise known as a Navigational Scatter event. The vehicles ranged from a rather scary looking bright red Dodge Ram through to a beautiful 1964 Morris Minor 1000 convertible, along with a variety of Skodas, Fiestas and Kugas thrown in for good measure. There was a total of 25 brave souls taking part in what was promoted as a "mobile village quiz". This involved tracking down the answers to questions posed about various obvious and not so obvious land marks in four sections of an Ordnance Survey map which had Great Maplestead's village hall as its centre point, no landmark being further than five miles away from this centre. Each section, which had to be navigated differently (e.g. using grid references, map reading skill etc), had seven questions but only twenty-one in all had to be answered, earning one point for each correct answer. The questions ranged from "What might smell "off" at this junction (Answer: Rotten End) to "What sort of mass might be held here" (Answer Bio).



And so after a breakfast of croissants and coffee together with a detailed briefing of what to do and how to navigate, the first four cars set off, one starting in each of the four sections, followed ten minutes later by the next four. The route was a total of 41 miles, estimated to take about two hours but of course there were wide variations. One entrant who had to stop for petrol (!) travelled 55 miles but still managed to tie on points for second place whilst another, with a full petrol tank, managed 63 miles and was passed by a few entrants travelling in the wrong direction each time!! Dubbed Thelma and Louise, this team was the last one home, crossing the finishing line marked out by an unravelled loo roll, to wild applause from those who were waiting to start their BBQ lunch of burgers and sausages.

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More Great Maplestead

Fittingly, it was the oldest, most stately car, the Morris 1000, that won and so event organiser Steve Harris presented the trophy to driver Bill Piper, and team of his wife Jane and friends Bruce and Jane Stone.

The event resulted in a profit of £60 for Great Maplestead Village Hall and I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to Steve Harris for the idea and the detailed organisation of this great fun event; heartfelt thanks also go to the support staff, Su and Ian Johnson, Val Castro and Steve's wife, Ann.

Julie Ingram Chair of the Great Maplestead Social Committee

PS: I did take part in this fun event with my two nephews and one niece but I am not telling you where I finished!!

Maplesteads' WEA

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Pebmarsh

The Bowls Club

The Bowls Club will meet at 7pm on Wednesday 5th of Sept, all welcome.

Pebmarsh Art Group

We would like to thank the residents for their support of the Art Exhibition and Open Gardens in aid of the Red Cross. It was a very enjoyable and successful weekend with £230 raised for the Bridge Project in Sudbury through our sales & refreshments and on the Sunday £50 was raised for the Red Cross from the refreshments.

Harvest BBQ Sunday 16th September at Pebmarsh Church

The Harvest BBQ will take place on 16th September between 12.30 – 2.30. Everyone is welcome, come along & enjoy a burger or a hotdog. Tea & coffee available but please bring your own alcohol. No charge, donations towards the Fabric Fund greatly appreciated.

Ride & Stride

8 September, Pebmarsh

Ride & Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk between churches. Sponsor money raised is shared 50/50 between a county church trust that helps historic churches & the church of your choice. In the past St John the Baptist has benefitted from a donation by this trust.



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Wheelbarrow of Wine



Tickets to win a wheelbarrow of wine will be available at St John the Baptist Church, Pebmarsh on 8th Sept.

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Raffle will be drawn at the Harvest BBQ on 16th September

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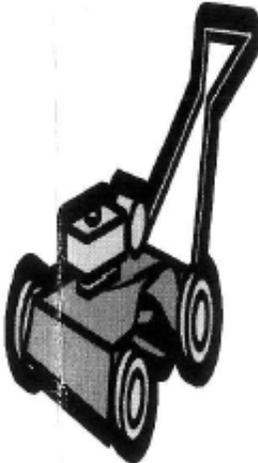
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