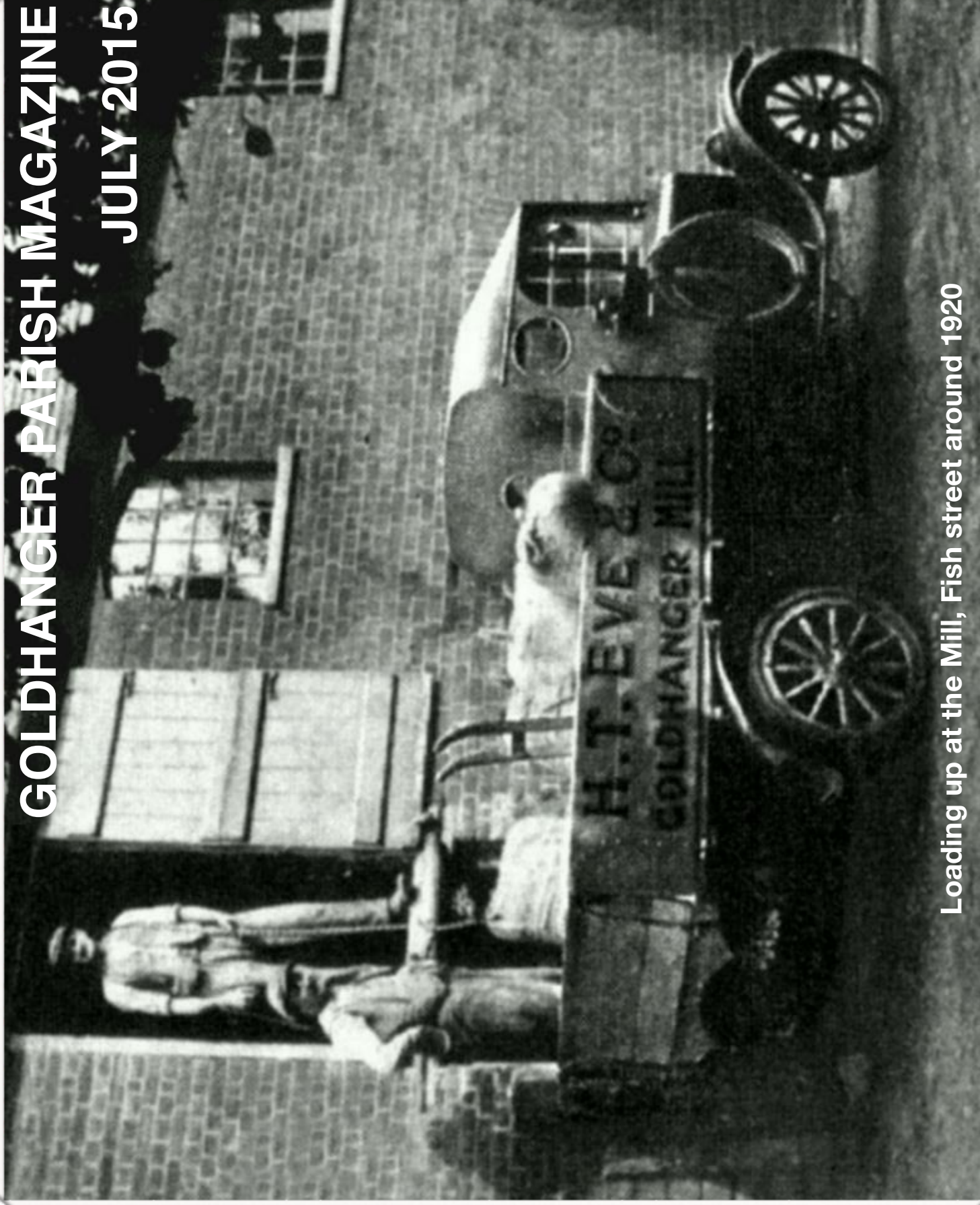


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JULY 2015



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There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. There have been some breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars, and in 2015 it is 120 years old.

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What's on in Goldhanger this month

WI Meeting	Village Hall	Wednesday 1st	7:30pm	P. 15
Wildlife Watching	Meet at Church	Thursday 9th	2:00pm	P. 27
Art Society	Village Hall	Thursday 9th	1:30pm	P. 32
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	Tuesday 14th	7:30pm	P. 11

An extract from the History Archives...

The Pit Cottages

formerly on the triangle at the junction of Maldon Rd and Lt Totham Rd

The Pit Cottages acquired their name from being built in a former brick pit (or clay pit) and were built well below ground level. They had a chequered history until they were demolished in the early 1960s. This extract from the Essex Records Office indicates that the building was used as the village school as early as 1602...



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The extract below from a House of Commons paper indicated that it may still have been in use as a school in 1833, as no other building from that date has been identified as being used as a school...

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The cottages would have ceased to be used as the school when the new Church of England school was built in 1875. The cottages appear on many old maps, including the 1820 and 1838 Tithe maps. In the Tithe Awards associated with these maps the cottages are shown in the ownership of William Bentall, of Goldhanger Plough fame.

It is said that a cellar at the back of the cottages went under the road and were used by smugglers on the route between The Creek and Tiptree Heath. In the 1950s a bus fell through the road into the cellar, which is probably a reason why the cottages were demolished. This was however also at a time when many cottages were being condemned by Maldon Council and pulled down. The cottages were probably very damp being low in an old clay pit.

For more about these cottages, Google: goldhanger pit cottages
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 5th July

8.30am

9.30am

Trinity 5

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion by extension.(CW)

Monday 6th July

7.00pm

Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th July

8.30am

10.00am

Trinity 6

Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

Family Service (CW)

Sunday 19th July

10.00am

Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday Service at Goldhanger Sailing Club

Monday 20th July

7.00pm

Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th July

8.30am

9.30am

Trinity 8

Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9

8.30am

9.30am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion by extension(CW)

* BCP denotes a service from The Book of Common Prayer using traditional language
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From the Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

23rd May Christopher Reagan and Kyla Behan

Funeral and Interment

27th May Ann Margaret Appleton aged 79 years

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Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please write your request in the book in the Lady Chapel.

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Flags for July 2015

Wednesday 22nd July



Prince Georges Birthday



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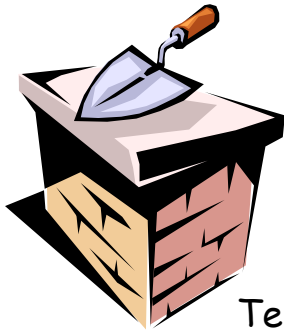


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‘The Ap-peal-ing Tale of a Novice Campanologist’

by Clare Gebel



The clapper is tied so that the bell doesn't actually ring and annoy the neighbours. For these as all other lessons the movements and techniques are built up in easy stages with the teacher looking after the parts of the strokes that you are not doing. We started with the bell in the down position, pulling the rope so that it would chime and gradually increasing the swing of the bell to a ringing position. As this improves the bell moves nearer to the

balance point (bell pointing up). It is important to get the idea of what this feels like, so you can control the movement, stop the bell bouncing off the stay or worse still breaking the stay, be able to stand the bell in the up position.

There was some homework to do, I needed to practice the hand movements and making sure that the hands stay touching as much as possible during ringing, for this I used the rope on my washing line/ ailer in the kitchen, the pull chord on the blinds a bit bizarre but then you are able to practice the technique in slow motion with the pace not being forced by a moving bell.

Alongside the practical bit in the church I was also registered for the nationally recognised "learning the ropes" scheme which comes with a log on a website with resources and the theory bits. One of the videos that was massively helpful to me was of a ringing bell with a person handling the rope at the bottom and you can see the impact of what the ringer was doing to what happened. It was at this point I had the first light bulb moment as to the actual difference between the hand and back strokes and the fact that the backstroke is started from a much higher point as the rope is wound around the ringing wheel at that point.

Now at the point when I can ring the bell unaided it's time to join in with the others. Again this is built up and you start with one other and gradually increase the numbers. Each bell in order.

Next stage is to master being able to speed up or slow down the ringing speed in order to change the order of bells. "Call Changes" This is done by adjustments in where you catch the Sally or the length of the tail end.

The rules are very simple but I was having to concentrate so hard on the ringing technique I lacked enough thought capacity for working out the order of the bells and therefore found the really simple rules difficult to follow and would often need to ask where I should be in the order. As technique improves the ringing becomes more natural and there is now enough brain capacity to concentrate on where I should be. (most of the time)

I was then off for my first outing to another church on this occasion in Writtle. Here there were a number of learner ringers at different stages each with their own helpers/teachers. I was nervous and worried that I might break something. There was some chaos with ropes being missed and going all over the place which was quite distracting but I used the same skills as the ones to filter out the noise in the office and stayed really focused and managed to ring. I was then allowed to ring with call changes with some of the other members of the band.

After a number of weeks practicing I was allowed to turn up to ring for a service. This just happened to be for Christmas Day – so no pressure. I turned up at the church very nervous, legs and arms both almost turned to jelly as I pulled the rope for the first time. After the first couple of pulls the nerves subside although having to intensively concentrate. Things go reasonably well.

I have continued with this since improving consistency and correcting faults as they have appeared.

The next stage for me is to complete the couple of things left at the level one of the ITTS course and I am now getting to the point of moving on to learn the first of the change ringing methods – Plain hunt.

More to follow in a later edition perhaps ?

So if you feel the inclination and want to give it a try the practice night in Goldhanger is on Wednesday evenings 7.30 – 9 pm you would be welcome to turn up or catch one of the ringing team and have a chat.

Clare Gebel

Village Hall Questionnaire

Last chance to have your say

We really want to know what the village wants from our Village Hall so that we can plan for the future accordingly. This month's edition of the Parish Mag includes a questionnaire. Do please find time to complete it and return it by the **19th of July**.

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Meeting held on 9th June 2015

It was noted that the phone box in the Square has been repainted. The Council has obtained information about the purchase of a defibrillator for use in the village, and the phone box could be adopted to house it. Councillors will consider this further at the July meeting.

The Parish Council is in the process of setting up its own web site, and it is hoped to be up and running by July.

There is no further information about the setting up of high speed broadband in the village – Councillor Bourn will try and obtain an update.

A number of persons have expressed an interest in applying to fill the vacancy on the Council following the recent uncontested elections. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Planning

There were no new applications, but Councillors noted the following decisions:

Wheelwrights Head Street – removal of Condition 4 – the verges of the roof cannot be fitted with painted timber bargeboards as there is insufficient room to fit them as approved by application FUL/MAL/08/00496. **Approved** by Maldon District Council. FUL/MAL/14/00916 – Land adjacent Longwick Farm Joyces Chase Tolleshunt Major – proposed bag tank/bladder storage with bunding – **Appeal allowed** by the Planning Inspectorate.

Highways

The Council is awaiting updates from the Highways Panel on the proposed chicanes in Maldon Road and work on the Charity Farm bends. Design for the 20mph speed limit in Fish Street is scheduled for December 2015 and the work should be completed thereafter. The Parking Partnership has advised that it cannot cover the costs of new yellow parking lines in the village. A request for funding may have to be made to the Local Highways Panel.

Residents in Little Totham Road expressed their concern at the amount of speeding in that road and asked if speed restrictions could be put in place. They were advised to raise their concerns with Highways and the Parish Council will also ask for this to be done. It was noted that the footpath from Maldon Road which runs behind the allotments is almost unusable due to overgrowing vegetation. This will be reported to the County Council footpaths officer.

There is one vacant plot on the allotments which is available for rent by residents of Goldhanger. If anyone is interested in taking up this plot please contact Councillor Mr Cheeseman.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14th July 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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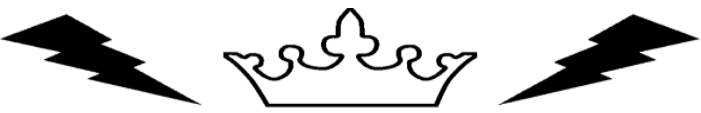
Ann Appleton sadly passed away on the 6th of May.

Ann was born on 30th September 1935 in Maldon to Lillian and Albert Gladas. She lived at 33 Mundon Road, with her seven brothers and sisters. She always took great pride in the fact that, in those single years, she played for the Maldon Ladies Football team, despite the fact Grand-dad Gladas didn't think it appropriate, so she hid her football boots and kit at a friend's house so Grand-dad didn't get rid of them. In 2001 Ann participated in a BBC Radio-4 programme about those early days of ladies football.

Ann met her late husband Geoff at a dance in Maldon and they married in 1954 when Ann was 19 years old, and spent all of her married life and four widowed years in Goldhanger. She had 3 children, Nina, Geoffrey, and Paula, and she and Geoff were very proud grand-parents. Ann fitted into village life very well, working in the apple orchards and fruit picking. She also worked in the chicken sheds at Hall Farm. Ann was involved with the Sailing Club and most weekends the family would go down the sea wall and play on the beach, while the adults watched dad and the others in the races.

A true townie however, she missed town life and found a temporary job working in Woolworth's in Maldon. There she worked her way up to the position of supervisor; and was highly thought of by all of the girls. After 18 years at Woolworth's, she came to work at the Chequers as a bar maid and waitress for Trevor and Joan, and loved it. Sadly aged 67 Ann suffered a mini stroke which left her with short term memory loss.

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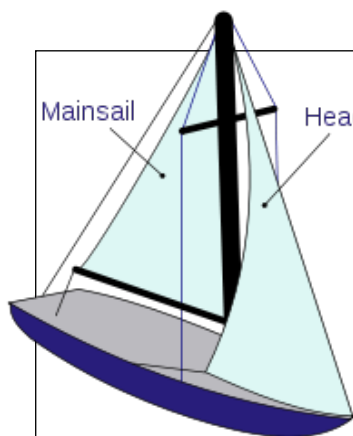
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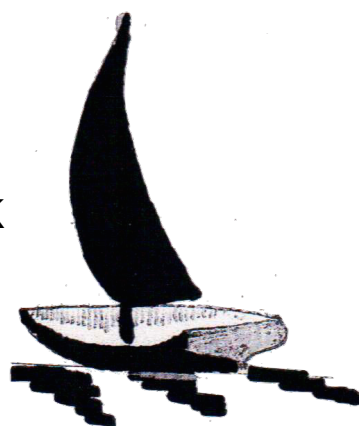
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If you would like a birthday or congratulations message included in the magazine then please let us know.

(See inside front cover)

Photos of village events are always very welcome.

Childrens' Quiz

- 1 What is the distance around a circle called?
- 2 What is the name of the boy that visits the chocolate factory owned by Willy Wonka?
- 3 What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
- 4 Which country is home to the kangaroo?
- 5 Where in Scotland is there supposedly a lake monster called Nessie?
- 6 What is the name of the policeman in the pre-school childrens' television series Balamory?
- 7 Which fictional detective lived at 221b Baker Street?
- 8 What food do Giant Pandas normally eat?
- 9 Which country sent an Armada to attack Britain in 1588?
- 10 Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of which country?

Answers on page 39

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Goldhanger Classic Cars on a Normandy Adventure



This year 5 classic cars from Goldhanger / Goldhanger classic car club joined the 21st Fougères rally. A Rover P3 (Rover being this year's marque car), an MGA, a Triumph Vitesse, MG Midget, and a Triumph TR4. We all made our way down to Portsmouth on Wednesday 27th and met up near the ferry port for an evening meal before boarding the 10pm Brittany ferry sailing to Caen. It was an early

start the next morning - disembarking at 7am, but it gave us a whole day to explore the area. The P3 and MGA headed towards Giverny, whilst the 2 Triumphs and Midget followed the 'Route de Fromage' visiting Pont Leveque and Livarot; cheese producing villages, before ending up in Rouen.

Friday morning was rally start day. All the participants (this year 160 cars) gathered at Claude Monet's Gardens in Giverny. We had a couple of hours to meet up with old friends, visit the gardens and admire each other's cars before the organized lunch. At 2.15pm we were off on the first leg of the rally. We travelled through various pretty villages and wonderful winding back roads with an optional stop at an Abbey in Le Bec Hellouin. 125 kilometers later we arrived in Honfleur and our arranged hotels. It was a bit of a rush for the transfer buses to the meal that evening for some, but luckily most of the Goldhanger gang were at a hotel within walking distance of the wonderful venue for the evening meals; one of three salt barns built in 1670 for storage of salt.

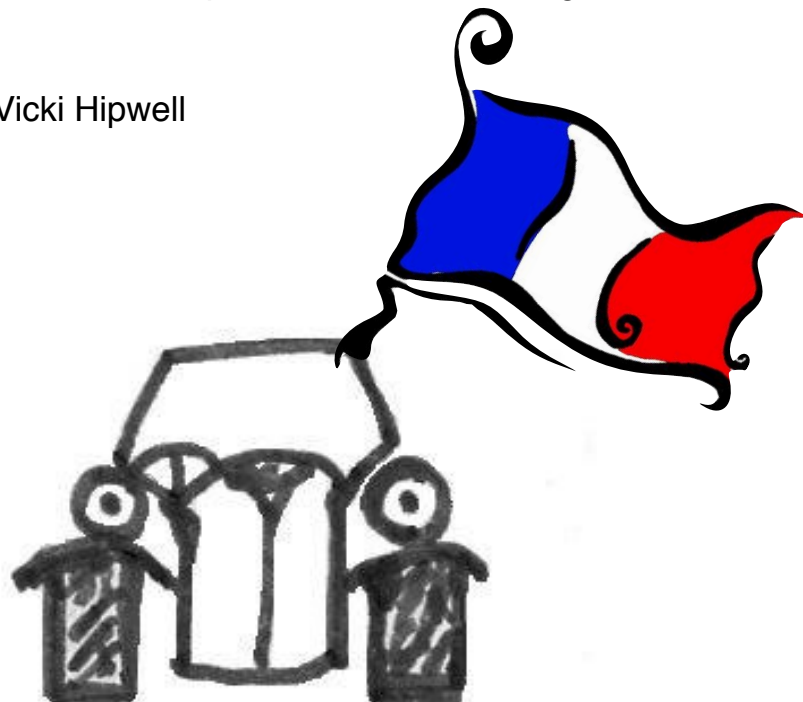
Next morning we met at the Chapel of Notre Dame De Grace - again meeting and admiring cars for an hour or so before departing on the 40km morning run. There was a break for a buffet lunch with the accompaniment of a Trad Jazz band and we were off again back to Honfleur covering another 45km with an optional visit to Les Jardins Du Pays D'Auge along the way. Dinner saw awards to car owners for pre and post war restoration, and the ladies' vote.

Sunday was a relaxed affair with parking on the quayside for the local public to admire the cars. Unfortunately the weather wasn't good with heavy rain, so there were fewer spectators for the drive through presentation in the afternoon. Still Patrick (the face of the APPF team) gave his amazing 'no notes required' commentary on every car that drove through. Dinner that evening involved a speech from the Mayoress of Honfleur with her choice of 'car for the heart' as she appealingly called it.

Monday morning saw us gathering at the L'Eclerc supermarche car park (it's not easy finding places to accommodate 160 cars!) and heading off on our final run of the rally. A fun 70Km later (including a roadworks deviation that wasn't in the route book...) and we arrived at Le Pressoir De Tourgeville for our final buffet lunch. Here you could also see how butter is made, and have a go yourself. It's sad to see the end of another good rally and say goodbye to friends you have made, although many go every year. The Midget stayed on another couple of days, the TR4 went off with its friend the Lagonda, whilst the MGA, P3 and Vitesse headed for the coastal road via Pegasus bridge. We timed it perfectly as we'd just parked up the 3 cars when the bridge lights starting flashing and we realised the bridge was being raised for a procession of yachts.

A round of tea and coffee later and we continued onto the coastal road, ending up at Courseille sur Mer on gold beach (Arromanches) Where we had a stroll along the promenade before finding a nice restaurant for dinner. Plenty of time was spare before the ferry sailed at 11pm so we followed the coastal road back to Ouistreham before joining the queue on the dock side. Whilst a dedicated mechanic and breakdown truck follows along during the rally thankfully none of us needed his assistance. That's not to say we didn't have our glitches. All 5 of us suffered a 'minor technicality' of some kind, be it a burnt out HT lead, clutch problems, arcing alternator wire, broken exhaust bracket or second gear only (thankfully only from just the other side of Maldon for that one) but we all managed to coax our cars along or make a temporary fix of some kind. It's all part of the fun of owning a classic car - so they keep telling me!.....

Here's to next year! Vicki Hipwell



Goldhanger Village Hall Consultation Questionnaire 2015

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If completing the questionnaire stimulates additional comments do please note these on the back of the form.

Many thanks for your participation and feedback. Once collated the results will be published in the Parish Magazine.

Please return completed forms by the closing date of the 19th July 2015.

Goldhanger Village Hall Management Committee

Hall Facilities Please tick the relevant box.1 = low priority 4 = High priority, **only** one tick per question please

How important do you rate the below	1	2	3	4
Toilet Facilities				
showers				
Easy, Level (Disabled) Access to the hall				
Kitchen				
Physical Appearance of the hall				
Stage				
Lighting				
Hearing loop				
Seating and tables				
Car parking				
Heating				
Audio / Visual Information Point for visitors to Goldhanger				
Other comments please note overleaf				

Hall Marketing

How would you prefer to know what is going on in the village hall? Please circle

Parish Mag Village Website Posters Notice boards

Other Word of mouth Village Hall Website

Would you consider supporting the village hall via: A working party: Yes / No

One off event: Yes / No or Charitable donation Yes / No

(Please circle) If Yes please provide contact details on the back page.

Please feel free to continue any comments on the back of this questionnaire.

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Hall Activities Please tick the relevant box1 = low priority 4 = High priority, **only** one tick per question please

What activities would you like the village hall to provide	1	2	3	4
Village Fetes				
Arts and crafts				
Musical Entertainment				
Café				
Clubs and Societies				
Hiring for private parties/weddings				
Social Club				
Meeting place				
Training/ Education				
Commercial Rent organisations and businesses				
Dr / Social Services				
Physical Activities e.g. keep fit. Amateur badminton, judo, etc				
Village Entertainments e.g. quiz nights, Christmas fayre, etc				
Films				
Indoor food market				
Other comments please note overleaf				

Please note additional Village Hall questionnaire comments here:

Alice's big swim

Alice (who lives in Goldhanger) is swimming the complete 10.5mile length of Windermere soon and I suggested she write a few lines for the parish mag and website. Alice sent me the following words ~ Julia Bourne

As a few of you I've passed in the lanes at Maldon and Witham pools know I like to have a bit of a swim. I also rather like a challenge, so to give me a bit of focus and stretch my endurance in a few weeks time I'll be swimming my biggest swim yet, the full length of lake Windermere - officially 10.5miles. The swim will be in open water in the height of summer holidays (26th August) where it'll be at its "warmest" (approximately 14-18 degrees), so comes with its own challenges of plenty of boat traffic and potential chop and resistance from the wind. It's likely to take approximately 7 hours+ but as is the nature of open water swimming in a public lake could end up being longer in both distance and time!

Last year my biggest swim was the nearby Coniston Water which was a mere 5.25 miles and whetted my appetite for going longer.

Although this is a solo swim I'll be relying heavily on my amazing swim crew. I couldn't do this challenge without them. They're the my friends and coaches Gill Kelly and Dawn Mcfarlane of Tri n Swim Well in Rochford and of course my fiance Fred Devonshire. They have as much of a job as I do navigating a small uncomfortable boat **all** day, keeping me safe from lake traffic and most importantly keeping me **fed** till the end! I am immensely grateful for their time, expertise and enthusiasm and really couldn't do this without them!

As this is the biggest sporting challenge I'll be doing this year I'll be raising funds for two deserving causes. One local to Goldhanger is Clarks Farm

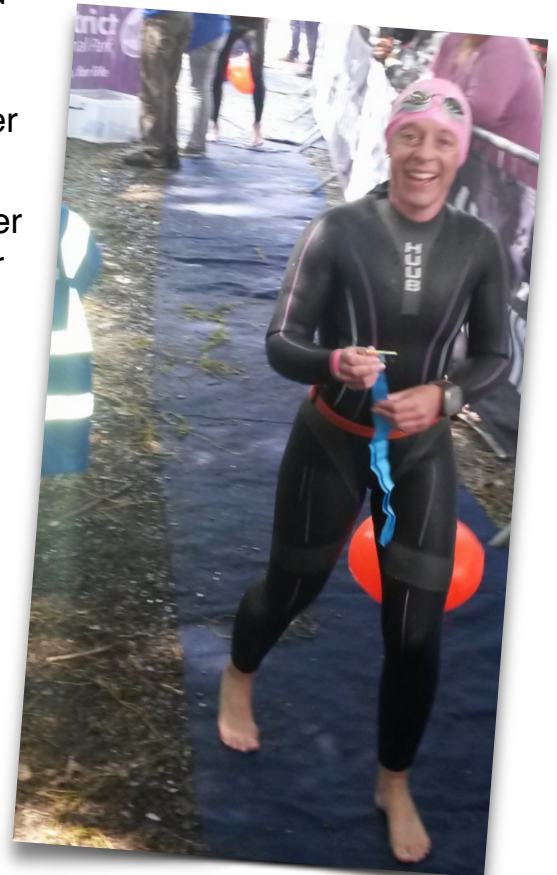
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www.clarksfarmgreyhounds.btck.co.uk The other is Mind the mental health charity. I've chosen Mind because I lost my sister Sarah 16 years ago to depression before she even reached 30. So I'll be swimming in Sarah's memory (she was a cracking swimmer in her youth), for all those unloved loveable doggies and because I just love swimming! For more details and if you'd like to show your support for these charities by

sponsoring me then visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlicePinion>

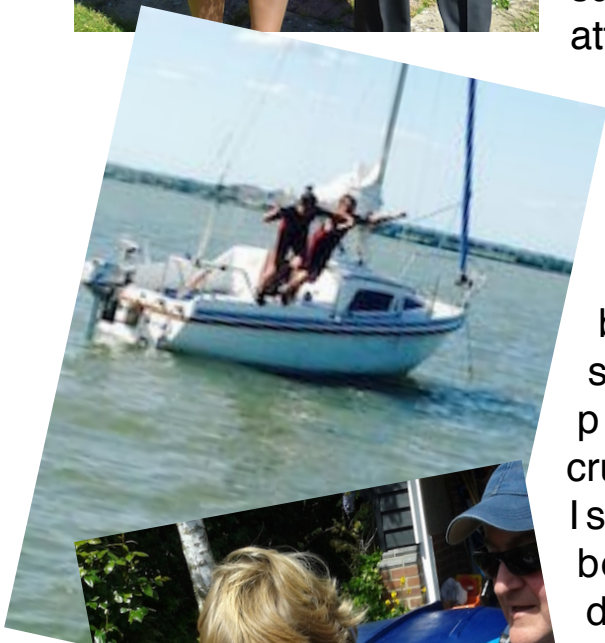
I shall let you all know how I get on!



Goldhanger Sailing Club News



G.S.C. President Keith Jordan and his wife Ann, were honoured to be invited to attend the Queen's garden party on the 28th May. Keith has been on the board of trustees at Acorn Village in Manningtree for many years. He and Ann have helped to raise vast amounts of money in support of the village, which their Son Michael attended.



The following day, Keith manned the support boat for the sailing club picnic and cruise to Osea Island. On a beautiful sunny day, members took their boats and made the trip across to picnic and swim on the island.



Members of the club do not only sail. There are windsurfers, canoes and rowers too. Some take their boats and go on fishing trips.

Young Finley caught his first fish, a Sea Bass whilst fishing with his Grandad (Alvin Budd) off the creek. - **What a whopper?**

Jenny Brown-Lee

Wildwatching News.

It's the second week in June, at the time of writing. The wind is still very nippy at times, but there are a lot of fledged birds from first broods to be seen, including fluffy juvenile Blue Tits without any blue on them, and at least one young, mottled Robin, lacking the orange breast, which has been present in our garden for several weeks. The short, scratchy song of "Bobby" Whitethroat is heard in the hedgerows, sometimes accompanied by a short but very energetic display flight. The song of the Blackcap is frequently to be heard from clumps of bigger trees, and woodland. This attractive warbler seems to be very common at present. Perhaps the female should be called "Ginger nut" – the plumage is identical to that of the male, apart from the ginger cap.

It seems to be a good year for Cuckoos, with a number of them being heard "Cuckooing" in this area, including the regular one at Goldhanger Creek. One can be heard most mornings just as it's getting light, about 4.00am, from the Rectory, and throughout the day from anywhere between Honywood Hall and South Wood. Mallard seem to be nesting alongside ditches in one or two places, Wash Lane for example. Yellow and brown ducklings can be seen being led by Mum. A more unusual sighting at this location was a brood of black and white ducklings, which would have been young Shelducks. The female uses a disused rabbit burrow to nest in, preferably in a clump of brambles.



There has been at least one Arctic Tern, (Pictured) with Common Terns on Russell Green gravel pit, the other side of Hatfield Peverel, which often hosts something a bit unusual. Arctic Terns are similar to their Common Cousins, but are a bit slimmer and with slightly longer tail streamers. If they are too distant to be told apart, they are referred to as Comic Terns. Arctics can have the longest migration of any bird, with some of them nesting literally in the Arctic, and spending the northern winter as far south as the Antarctic pack ice.

The June Second Thursdays at Abberton will be remembered for the very strong wind, Yellow Wagtails, probably two distant Cuckoos – and a pair of Little Ringed Plovers, seen from the Layer Bretton causeway. These remarkable little waders, (Pictured) with conspicuous yellow eye ring and black necklace, are only the size of a Sparrow. They have a vast range across much of Europe and Asia, with LRP's from the western European end of the range wintering in Africa, in the northern tropics. They only began to colonise this country at the end of the war. LRP's can nest at the side of gravel pits and in active gravel workings, mining slag heaps, and many other such places. They seem to have ridden on the back of our industrial degradation!



At last! A recent spotting of a Hare in Blind Lane, Goldhanger, was my first for a year or so. Have numbers really dropped locally, or is it just, as I hope, my bad luck in not seeing them?

Jonathan

Summer Second Thursdays – 9th July and 6th August, (Please note, the latter has moved to the first Thursday, due to holidays). Meet at Goldhanger Church 2.00pm, and we'll decide where to go from there.

The Vicar/Rector writes:

Thirty years of _ _ _ What?

I've just celebrated 30 years of being a Vicar, having been ordained at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford at Petertide, (The end of June) in 1985. I was a Curate, (An apprentice Vicar!) in Chesham, Bucks, and then did a stint at Newport Pagnell in Bucks, which is best known for the service area on the M1. This was followed by 13 ½ years in Epping Forest, as Vicar of High Beach and Upshire, and 8 years, to date in the lovely part of the world where I am now.

There have been some enormous changes in that time. People didn't have computers, and there was no Internet, no laptops, no text messages, no CRB checking. Few people used mobile phones or answerphones. I well remember the dismay among clergy when answerphones came into general use, and we faced the prospect of returning home after, say, taking a funeral, to be greeted with several answerphone messages to deal with!

There have been huge social changes in the past 30 years, mainly in connection with our use of time. There used to be no shopping or sporting activities for adults or children on Sundays – certainly no Southend half-marathon on the second Sunday in June, which I've just taken part in for the sixth year on the trot, to raise money for the Havens Hospices. If I had to choose one word to summarise life today, it would be "Stress." Many people seem to be doing the jobs that 2 or 3 people used to do 30 or more years ago, no less so in the church than in the wider world.

Older people predominate in church worship nowadays, and less of them, compared to 30 years ago when all of the age groups were well represented, at least in the parishes in which I served. There always seemed to be a steady flow of new members into parish churches as well, in those days. I have vivid, (but tiring!) memories of thriving teenage youth groups, with inspiring names such as "Sunday Knights" and "Chain Gang." They were generally run by the Curate, together with other church members who were twenty or thirty something. Teenagers had problems with parents, which were matched by parents who "Wanted a quiet word" about concerns for their children!

There have been some huge changes, but what gives me hope for today, and for the future, is that more than ever I can see God working in people's lives, and answering prayers. There are still significant numbers of people who want a Christian marriage, or to bring babies and toddlers to be baptised, or indeed, give a loved one who has died a Christian funeral. Such occasions frequently fill our local churches. An old friend who has done active service in the T.A. says that when you're in a tight spot, you won't find any atheists in your company.

He's right – many people, when they are worried about themselves or a loved one turn to prayer, or are very grateful for the prayers of others. There are still many people who want to come to church for the major festivals, especially at Christmas.

A couple I know from a previous parish have a son, and they were delighted when he got married a few years ago. The parents were shattered, along with their son, when their daughter in law announced that she had changed her mind about having a family, and that she didn't want to have any children after all. Knowing how much their son wanted to be a Dad in his own right, the couple committed themselves to praying for them to have a family. They now have a child, and not only does the daughter in law love being a mum, but she is now saying that she wants to have other children as well. That true story wouldn't prove anything to anyone who doesn't believe, but through the eyes of faith, it's a wonderful account of God working in people's lives, and of prayer answered.

How is God working in your life at present? I'd love to hear about it!

Jonathan





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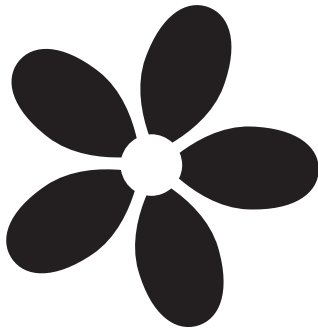


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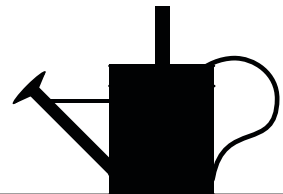
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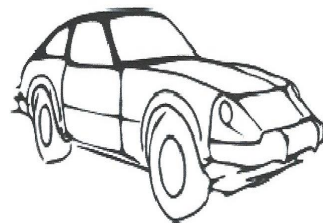
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The theme is **Holidays**. Children will create their own postcards to send to someone they love, bring an address and children can post the cards on the day.



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every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm.

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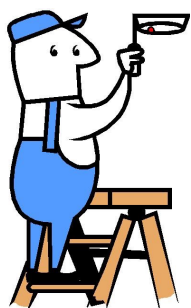


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Recipe of the month

Crunchy Spiced Rhubarb Trifles

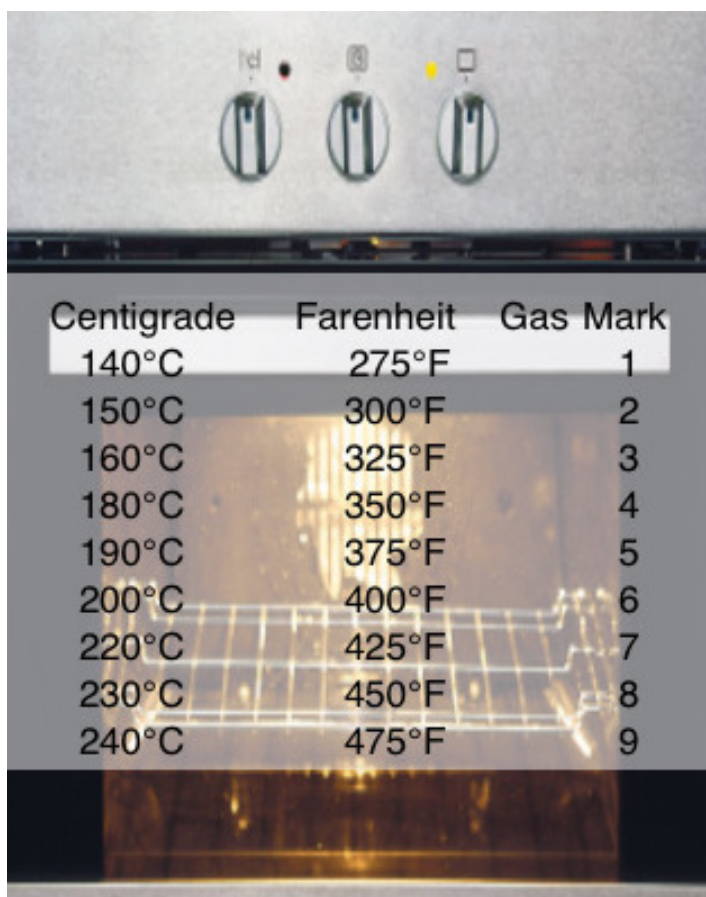
- 540g can rhubarb, drained (pour left-over syrup into lolly moulds and freeze)
- Pinch ground ginger
- 500g carton custard
- 6 ginger nut biscuits, roughly crushed
- Mini gingerbread men to decorate



Mix rhubarb & ground ginger together and divide between 4 serving glasses. Spoon custard over the top. Sprinkle with the crushed ginger nut biscuits.

Tip - Stand a mini gingerbread man on top to decorate.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it in.



Centigrade	Farenheit	Gas Mark
140°C	275°F	1
150°C	300°F	2
160°C	325°F	3
180°C	350°F	4
190°C	375°F	5
200°C	400°F	6
220°C	425°F	7
230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9



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 - 4 Australia
 - 5 Loch Ness
 - 6 PC Plum
 - 7 Sherlock Holmes
 - 8 Bamboo
 - 9 Spain
 - 10 Ireland
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Thursday dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
Jul: 9, 23 Aug: 6, 20 <i>(Later dates await confirmation from ECC)</i>	Ulling	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
	Ulling	Ulling Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
	Goldhanger	Village Hall	14:00	14:30
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



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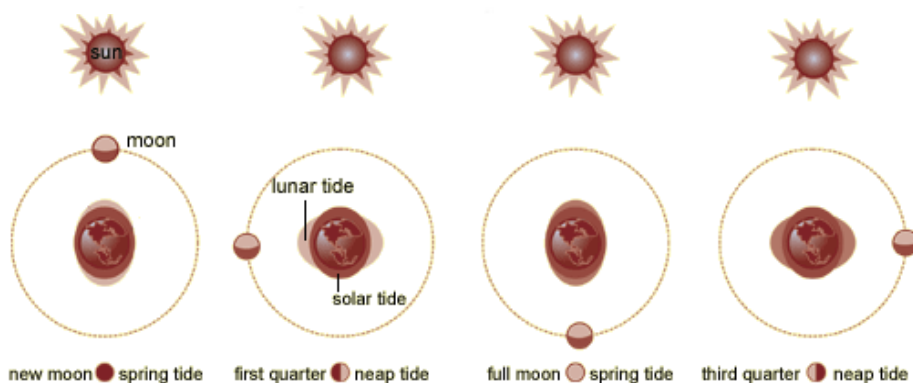
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Tide Times for Goldhanger

July

		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1	W	00:30	5.4	12:53	5.6
2	Th	01:15	5.6	13:36	5.7
3	F	01:59	5.8	14:17	5.8
4	Sa	02:42	5.9	14:59	5.8
5	Su	03:27	5.9	15:41	5.8
6	M	04:12	5.9	16:25	5.8
7	Tu	05:00	5.8	17:12	5.7
8	W	05:51	5.6	18:03	5.5
9	Th	06:47	5.5	19:01	5.4
10	F	07:49	5.3	20:07	5.3
11	Sa	08:57	5.2	21:19	5.2
12	Su	10:07	5.2	22:31	5.2
13	M	11:12	5.3	23:36	5.4
14	Tu			12:10	5.5
15	W	00:33	5.5	13:00	5.6
16	Th	01:21	5.6	13:43	5.7
17	F	02:05	5.7	14:24	5.7
18	Sa	02:45	5.7	15:00	5.7
19	Su	03:22	5.7	15:35	5.6
20	M	03:57	5.6	16:07	5.6
21	Tu	04:31	5.5	16:40	5.4
22	W	05:06	5.3	17:15	5.3
23	Th	05:42	5.2	17:53	5.1
24	F	06:24	5.0	18:39	4.9
25	Sa	07:15	4.8	19:37	4.7
26	Su	08:18	4.8	20:48	4.7
27	M	09:29	4.9	22:03	4.8
28	Tu	10:38	5.1	23:09	5.1
29	W	11:39	5.3		
30	Th	00:06	5.4	12:31	5.6
31	F	00:57	5.7	13:18	5.8



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➡ Maldon	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F SCH SAT	NSCH	M-F St
Goldhanger Square	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:40	14:50	17:57
Bentalls	09:20	11:20	13:20	14:50	15:00	20:00
TESCO	09:23	11:23	13:23	14:53	15:03	
Maldon High Street	09:26	11:26	13:26	14:56	15:06	Set down only
Maldon Lesiure Centre	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:00	15:10	

➡ Tollesbury	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-F St
Maldon Lesiure Centre	08:55	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	17:35
Maldon High Street	09:00	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	17:40
TESCO	09:05	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:40	17:45
Bentalls	09:10	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	17:48
Goldhanger Square	09:20	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	17:57

M-F	=	Monday to Friday service
M-S	=	Monday to Saturday service
M-F SCH	=	Monday to Friday (School term time)
SAT	=	Saturday service
NSCH	=	Non-School days only
St	=	Stephenson's Buses

Regal Busways run the Saturday service
Stephensons run the weekday 17:35 service from Maldon

More information at www.hedingham.co.uk/timetables/95

The Blackwater Link - 90

Runs from Maldon, Morrisons to Witham Ebenezer Close (passes Witham Station)
Take the 95 to Bentalls and pick up the 90 there.

For more details contact 01702-541511

Blackwater Medical Centre	876760
Longfield Medical Centre	876433
Tollesbury Surgery	869204
Maldon Citizens Advice Bureau	841195
Maldon District Council	854477
Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)
Abandoned Vehicles	875830
Anti-Social behaviour	875821
Dogs - (Dog warden)	875720
Fly tipping	875801
Graffiti	875706
Noise	875818
Pest Control (MDC)	875815
Vandalism	01245 491212
St Peter's Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Maldon - no A&E)	725323
Broomfield Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Chelmsford, has A&E)	01245 362000
Social Services	08457 430 430
Victim Support	01245 422660
Women's Aid	01245 493114
Alcoholics Anonymous	01904 644026
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	0345 909090
Salvation Army	853942
Gingerbread	01245 352708
Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)
Loss of Electricity - EDF Energy	0800 783 8838
Gas Emergency (if you smell gas or think there is a gas leak somewhere)	0800 111 999 (<i>Freephone</i>)
Water	0845 782 0999
Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535
Springfield Hospital <i>Private</i> (Chelmsford)	01245 234000
National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	869214
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803