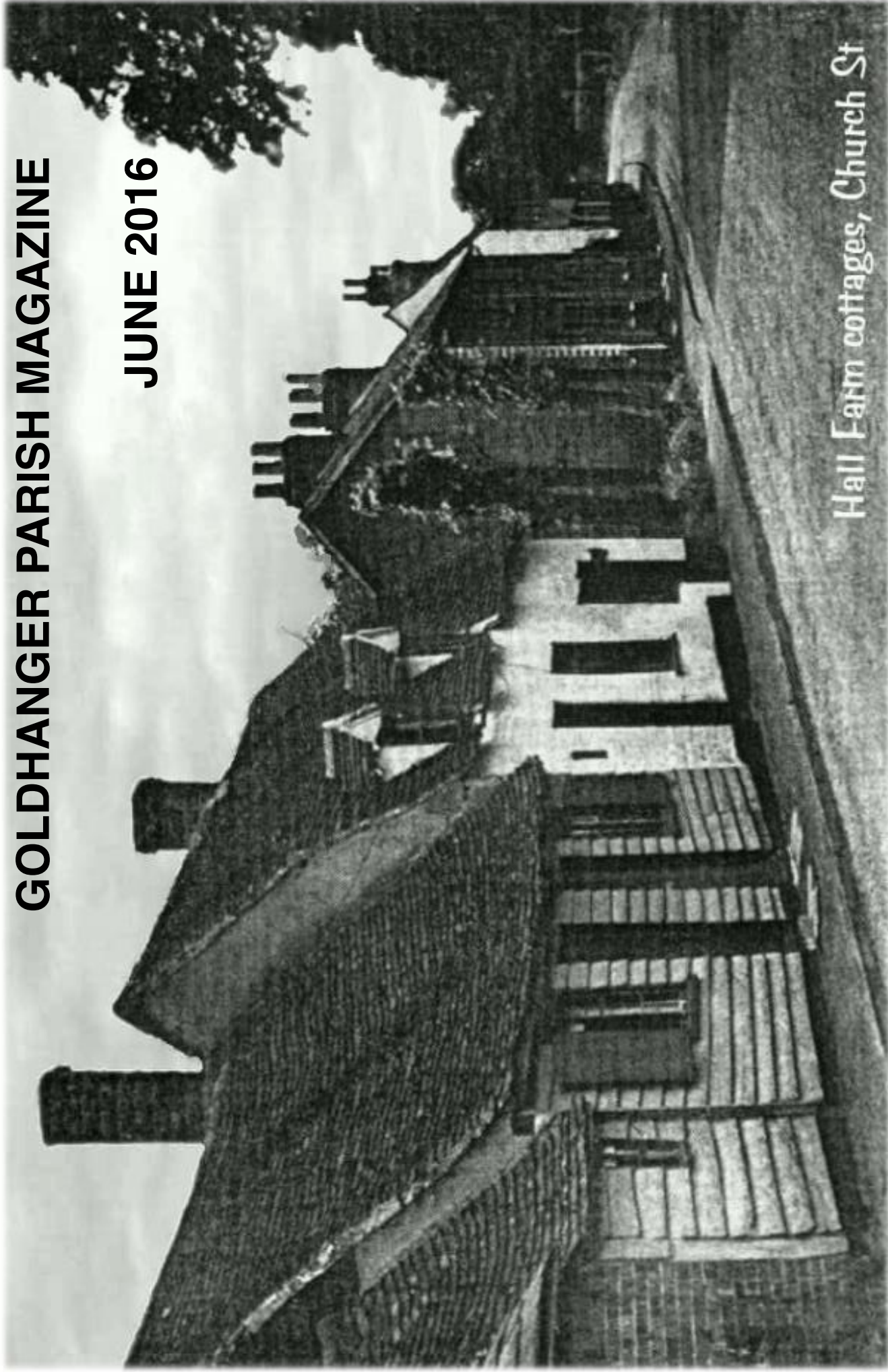


GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

JUNE 2016



Hall Farm cottages, Church St

121 Years of Goldhanger Parish Magazine

There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. In 121 years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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All advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) to be submitted **by midnight on the 13th of the month** please.

Adverts and donations are to be delivered to Morag Wood, Advertising Coordinator, at Elms Bakery, Church Street (next door but one to the Cricketers).

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* **Please note:** We cannot guarantee the delivery date of your magazine. Please bear this in mind when advertising functions at the beginning of the month.

To advertise For Sale or Wanted items in the magazine the minimum donation is £1 per advert. If you would like to donate more it would always be welcome.

This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. Please bear this in mind when submitting your personal interest articles.

Donations can be made at any time by dropping them in to Morag (details above) or you can go to the Goldhanger website and click the PayPal button (you don't have to have a PayPal account - you can use a debit or credit card).

Your donations will be gratefully received.

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Goldhanger Correspondent

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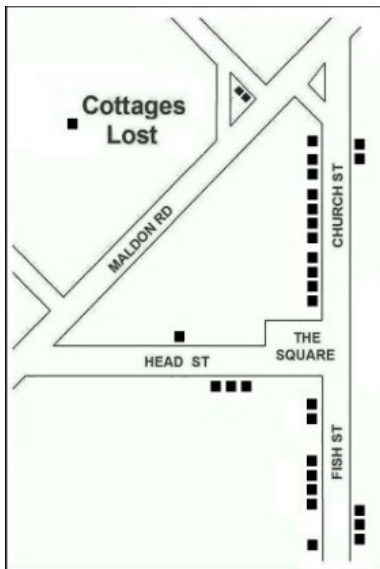
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Thirty cottages were demolished in the village in the 1950s. They were tied and tenanted properties in a bad state of repair and were owned by absent landlords, some of whom were descendants of past Lords of the Manor and Rectors. They had been condemned by Maldon Rural District Council as unfit for habitation.

As early as 1938 newspaper articles were reporting that the council had identified 23 cottages in the village that needed to be demolished, but a temporary reprieve was granted in response to opposition and WW-2 deferred action for a further 15 years. It made the newspapers at the time, here are some extracts...

Maldon & Burnham Standard In 1938

A Reprieve For "Street Smugglers"

GOLDHANGER, Essex, Thursday.
PEOPLE of this tiny Essex village, nestling on one of the numerous creeks in the Essex coast, are breathing more freely to-day following the visit of members of the Maldon Rural District Council.

One of its officers had recommended that some 23 houses in the village—practically a whole street—should be demolished, but the visit of the Council resulted in a "reprieve" for most of the houses.

Daily Mirror 14 Oct 1938

SAVE ENGLAND!

IS there a secret band of beauty "assassins" who go about the country condemning old cottages on sight?

Suddenly a charming village, like that of Goldhanger, is doomed. In the interests presumably of public health. Cottages obsolete, insanitary. Away with them!

Then an outcry from locals and the oldest inhabitant who has survived till ninety-five in the horrible "slum."

Preserve them! Cottages beautiful, very durable, can be repaired.

There is an official type who seems to regard everything over a hundred years old as ripe for abolition.

The Times 12th Oct 1938

THREATENED COTTAGES AT GOLDHANGER

MALDON, ESSEX

If the Maldon rural district council acts on the recommendation of one of its inspectors, about a quarter of the attractive village of Goldhanger, on the estuary of the River Blackwater, will be pulled down.

In a report considered by the council at its meeting last week the inspector marked 23 small dwellings for destruction under a clearance order. "In my opinion," he wrote, "these houses cannot be brought up to modern requirements without spending a large sum of money on them,

Although the cottages were picturesque by today's standards, they were described by those who had lived in them as: damp, cold, tiny with very low ceilings and little or no sanitation. Most were poorly constructed of softwood with "lath & plaster" walls. Some were built with soft porous red bricks with no cavities or damp courses.

Those who were renting the condemned properties at the time were offered new council houses on Maldon Road which were a huge improvement in living standards, providing dry, warm spacious accommodation with running water and "all mod-cons". The lands occupied by the demolished properties were sold in the early 1960s and the owner-occupier houses and bungalows we see today were built, which was seen by some as a form of social engineering.

Fortunately, the cottages lost can still be seen on old postcards. This month's cover picture is of cottages in Church St. The cover pictures of February and October parish magazines last year showed other cottages lost.

For more about lost village features search for: Goldhanger lost

To see all of the lost cottages search for: Goldhanger past postcards

David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 5th June Trinity 2 **World Environment Day**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion by extension

Monday 6th June 7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th June Trinity 3 8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP) 10.00am Family Service (CW)

Sunday 19th June Trinity 4 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Monday 20th June 7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th June St Peter 8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion and Parish Brunch

Wednesday 29th June St Peter's Day 12.30pm Picnic Service

* BCP denotes a service from The Book of Common Prayer using traditional language

CW denotes a service from Common Worship using contemporary language.

The services at St Peter's church are for everyone. We are pleased to have children at all of the services. There is a family service once a month. We are also pleased to have people of other denominations worshipping.

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St. Peter's Goldhanger NEW website:
www.essexinfo.net/st-peter-s-church-goldhanger

Please get in touch with the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, for weddings, Holy Communion at home or if you would just like a visit.

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.

Make sure you collect your copy of The Monthly News Article Diary to find out what is happening in the Diocese of Essex. Available free in church each month.

Church Flower Arrangers - New members welcome. Tel: Elaine 788686

Flags for June

Monday 13th June



Queens official Birthday

Tuesday 21st June



Prince Williams Birthday

Saturday 25th June



Armed Services Day

Wednesday 29th June



St Peters Day

Community Pages

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1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm Goldhanger Village Hall.
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<http://goldhangerwi.co.uk>



Goldhanger Parish Council

2nd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm in Goldhanger Village Hall.
essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council



Goldhanger Art Society

Meets in the Village Hall every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm.
£5 non members - numbers are limited so please ring. Look forward to seeing you.
For details ring Jane 01621 892565



Goldhanger Kazen Kai Karate Club

Weekly on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. For children and adults.



Tollesbury Surgery

Visits Goldhanger Village Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays
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Requests for prescriptions and/or medication can be left at
the Village Hall from 12noon on the day of the Doctor's visit.



Wheelchair available

A manual wheelchair is available which can be borrowed by anyone in the village.

Please contact Andrew Christy on 01621 788432 for details.



Community Pages

Stamps for the Guide Dogs

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Tel: 788268.



Donate to the Parish Magazine

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Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

1st Saturday of the month At the Queens Head
Tolleshunt D'Arcy. from 12 noon to 2pm.

Meet Tolleshunt D'arcy and Tollesbury Ward Councillors and/or raise issues or problems relating to local council matters.



Bellringing

Every Wednesday 7pm - 9pm and for services on Sundays.

Newcomers welcome. Contact Andrew Kelso 788284

or email arckelso@mac.com. www.bellringing.org/learntoring/



Wildwatching Group

The June "Second Thursdays" walk will move to Thursday 16th June, as Jonathan will be away on the 9th. Meet at Goldhanger church at 2.00pm as usual. All welcome.



Mother's Union

4th Friday of each month at 1.45pm at Honeywood Hall, Hall Road, Great Totham.

Coffee mornings

Community Room at St. Peter's Church on Tuesdays between 11am and 12noon. Everyone is welcome. Pop along, bring your friends, and have a chat over coffee.



Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time.
St. Peter's Church.

What's on in Goldhanger in June

Sunday 26th June 11am - 4pm
Open garden - 56 Maldon Rd. **P.10**

The June **"Second Thursdays"** walk
has moved to Thursday 16th June - see
P.30

**Sunday 5th June onwards. 2pm -
4.30pm** - Summer Sunday Tea and
Cakes - St. Peter's Church **P.26**



Donation Envelopes

Many many thanks for the donations we have received
so far for the Magazine. They are still coming in! Don't
forget there isn't a deadline so feel free to pop your
donation through our doors.

Thank you in advance.

Donation Envelopes

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



And still they keep coming!

You really are a generous lot and we are really touched by the number of donations envelopes we have had through our doors. Two even dropped through our door on the same day recently.

Please bear in mind there is still no deadline for donations to be in, so if you have a spare donation envelope lurking somewhere please put a little something in and drop it in to us. Every

little helps. You can donate all year round in fact. We're happy to accept donations at any time. You can even donate online via the Goldhanger website (see front pages).

If you have put a cheque in your envelope it may not have been banked yet. We are sorry about this but we're a bunch of volunteers who have jobs too and we can find it difficult to fit the magazine stuff in sometimes. We will have all your money banked soon though, so please bear with us.

We have had a number of requests about where the money goes. As donations come to us from people like you (yes, you reading this) we thought you had every right to know. Once we can sit and look at the figures and break them down into something we can easily understand we intend to publish information about where the money goes so that you can see.

In the meantime a heartfelt thank you for your generosity and words of encouragement from all of us who put the magazine together and help to keep it going.

Thank you.

Stephen, Chris, Morag and Sally
Goldhanger Parish Magazine

Thank You

We would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for a fantastic evening celebrating St. George's Day and Her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

With a backdrop of Buckingham Palace and the Red Arrows flying overhead, the Men's choir setting the scene, lovely food, good band that everyone danced the night away.

It was great to see so many friendly faces all enjoying themselves so much.

Many many thanks for all the hard work.

Pat Sargeant and all who had a great night

You can see some video on YouTube of the Goldhanger Boys singing at the Ball.

You can only find and watch it with the following link. A search on YouTube will not bring it up. It is 1min 48 secs long.

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Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

- 1 From what tree do acorns come?
- 2 What is the largest planet in the solar system?
- 3 What colour are dandelions?
- 4 How many ounces are there in a pound?
- 5 What term in mathematics refers to the number obtained when two or more numbers are multiplied?
- 6 How many sides does a hexagon have?
- 7 What has the scientific formula H₂O?
- 8 Which is the only vowel not on the top row of a computer keyboard?
- 9 The African and Asian are the two main forms of which mammal, with their ear size being an easy way to tell which is which?
- 10 What is the innermost colour of a rainbow?

Answers on page 35

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia is the only continent in the world that has no volcanoes.

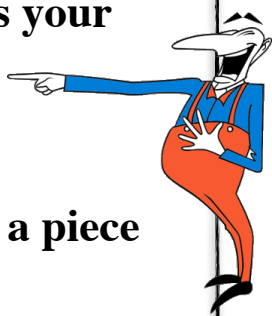
Joke

"James, where is your homework?"

"I ate it."

"Why?"

"You said it was a piece of cake!"



Know your trees



Hazel is much used in coppicing, as its stems split and twist easily. The stems are used to make fences, walking sticks, wattles (as in wattle and daub) and hurdles. An un-

coppiced tree may live for 60 or so years, but a coppiced tree may survive for 500!

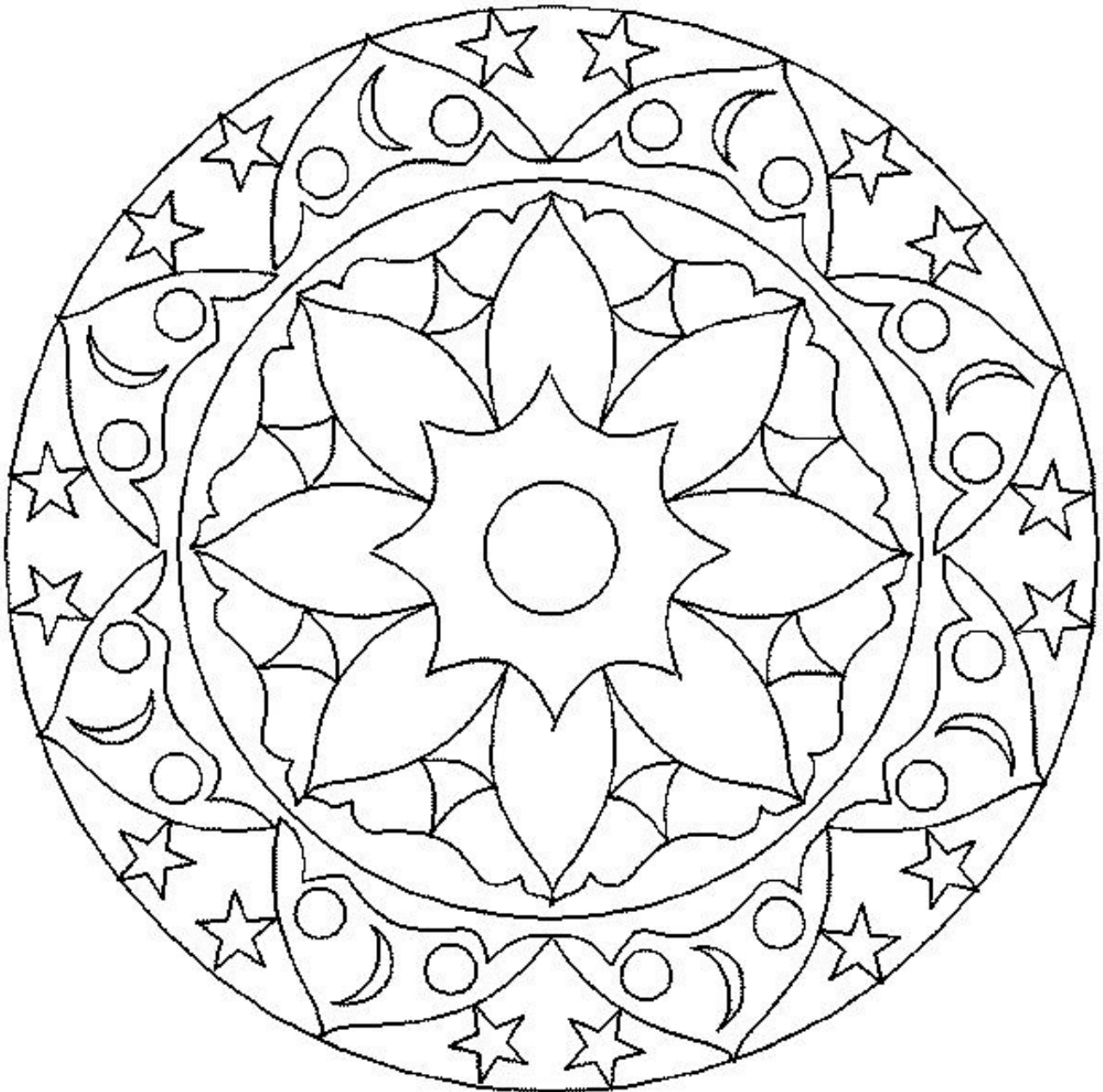
Male and female flowers are found on the same tree. The yellow male catkins open in early spring - sometimes known as "lambs tails".

The female flowers appear on the same branches as small pink/crimson tufts.

Fertilised flowers may develop into brown nuts in the autumn (though squirrels often eat them before they ripen).

Children's (or adult's) Pages

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GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

There will be no meeting in June as it is our ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING and this year we are off to Cambridge for the day on 14th June. The coach will leave the square at 9.15 a.m. Let's hope for a fine day or financial damage might be done in John Lewis.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on Wednesday 4th May and chaired by Joyce. Carol was in South Africa visiting her family but Joyce was, as always, entirely aware of all the official procedures and conducted the meeting most efficiently. The year's activities were reviewed in the President's report, read by Mary on behalf of Carol.



Once the business side of the meeting was concluded the pizza delivery man arrived and everyone enjoyed refreshments with cakes and shortbread on offer as well.

Members voted the President and committee in to serve another year with the welcome addition of Nicole who has taken over responsibility for the web site . The committee wish to express our gratitude to Rachel and Claire who stood down due to pressures of work. Organising our many and varied activities and meetings does take up a deal of time and we have enjoyed the benefit of their fresh approach to their roles. We will still enjoy their company at meetings and welcome their views and ideas.

The flower of the month was Linda's flowering cherry Anawagowa, with Claire's fritillary, known as snakeshead, coming second. Many thanks to the members who provided the refreshments. They were lovely.

Our evening walk to THE SWAN at Little Totham was very successful. After a day of heavy rain, the evening turned out fine and dry. The meal was lovely with very friendly service and a perfectly-sized room for our numbers. We will certainly be including another walk there in the future.

Also, the lunch at THE CRICKETERS was enjoyed by 27 members at the end of April. We all had the GOLDEN OLDIES menu and were comfortably seated in adjoining rooms. Everyone had a good chat with no driving involved. Excellent!

Our next meeting is in July. Please click on our website for information.
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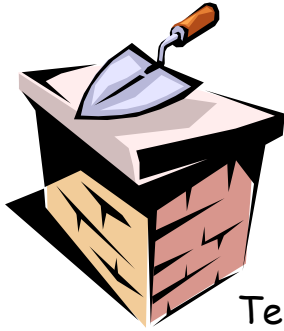
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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2016

Julia Bourn was elected as Chair of the Council for 2016-2017, with Hugh Reynolds as Vice Chair. The Council expressed its gratitude to Mike Sargeant for all his hard work as Chair over the last nineteen years.

Defibrillator: The application form for a grant for the purchase of a defibrillator has now been completed and will be sent in.

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

16 Fish Street – Remove lilac tree – allowed to proceed.

Hall Farm – construction of a boundary wall between Hall Farm and the adjoining development site – approved.

The Old Rectory Church Street – erection of stables and grazing of land by horses – approved with conditions regarding no burning of waste or floodlighting on the site, and no commercial use.

The new format for responses to Maldon District Council planning applications was noted.

Councillors considered the following new application:

Erection of four five bedroom dwellings to the rear of the Jenny Moody site at the junction of Maldon Road and Church Street. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the site lies outside the village development boundary and is not considered sustainable. The proposed soakaway for drainage is not adequate and would lead to drainage problems, and there is insufficient detail on the application regarding design and materials. A proposed balcony on one of the dwellings would lead to overlooking of neighbouring gardens.

The internal audit has now been completed, and the Council addressed the points raised in the report. The accounts for the year ended 31.3.2016 were approved and will now be sent for external audit.

Play area. Councillor Mr Sargeant was thanked for his work in carrying out repairs to the equipment in the play area.

Highways.

Flooding and blocked drains in parts of Church Street will be reported to the County Council. The Local Highways Panel will be asked to provide a progress report on the 20mph speed limit in Fish Street. At present there is some difficulty in finding room on the highway for the speed limit signs.

Yellow parking lines in Fish Street have been approved and funding secured, but as yet there is no date for completion.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend.

BELLRINGING NEWS

A busy time for the Goldhanger bell ringers!



The Goldhanger bell ringers have been very busy in the last few months.

Three ringers attended the Essex Ringing Course in April, and as you will know from the last magazine our Tower Captain Andrew Kelso was also one of the tutors. Three days of intensive ringing tuition in different ability groups and different towers across the county left us all tired but with a sense that our ringing skills had greatly improved.

The Essex Association of Bell Ringers holds regular practice evenings throughout the district, and during the winter and spring some of our ringers have been to other towers for a chance to practice on different bells and with different bands. In Goldhanger we are lucky to have an easy set of bells, but in other towers the bells can be more challenging and it is all good experience to go and ring elsewhere. A district practice will be held at Goldhanger on 15th June, where ringers from elsewhere are invited to join us for an evening of varied ringing. A visiting band is also coming to Goldhanger on 26th June.

Along with many other towers in the country, we celebrated St George's Day with a session of rounds and call changes by the local band, and then a successful quarter peal which included some ringers from other bands. A quarter peal involves some forty five minutes of continuous ringing of methods or tunes, and requires a great deal of stamina and concentration. If it goes wrong and a mistake is made, even at the very last minute, the quarter peal is deemed unsuccessful. So well done to this ringing team on completing the quarter peal.

The Goldhanger ringers are heading off on their tour into Suffolk on 4th June, beginning at Orford and ending up in Ipswich, a total in all of six churches. It's always an enjoyable day, again giving a chance for us to ring on a variety of bells, and a sociable pub lunch makes the day go even better! A full report of this tour will be included in the magazine's June edition.

On 12th June the ringers will celebrate the Queen's official birthday with a special ring where it is planned to "fire" the bells ninety times, one for each year of the Queen's life. Firing is when all the bells ring together, so instead of ringing one after the other the bells all come down together. It's not easy (especially ninety times) but it should sound quite dramatic!

Last but not least the Goldhanger ringers will be heading off to Great Totham on 14th May for a striking competition. One team (all Goldhanger) will ring call changes, where the bells are constantly moved into different positions, and another team of Goldhanger and other ringers will ring a tune or method. The judges will listen carefully to see that the bells are rung evenly and in a good rhythm, with points being lost if the bells are irregular or rung too close or too far apart. It should be an enjoyable afternoon.

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Official Birthday the bellringers will be ringing the bells on Sunday 12 June. As she's 90 we thought it would be fitting to fire (ring all the bells at exactly the same time) the bells 90 times. In between we plan to ring the bells in a sequence known as Queens. We'll be ringing at midday so do have a listen out and feel free to count!

Goldhanger Classic Car Club

National Drive It Day



A few photos from our club run on Sunday 24th April.

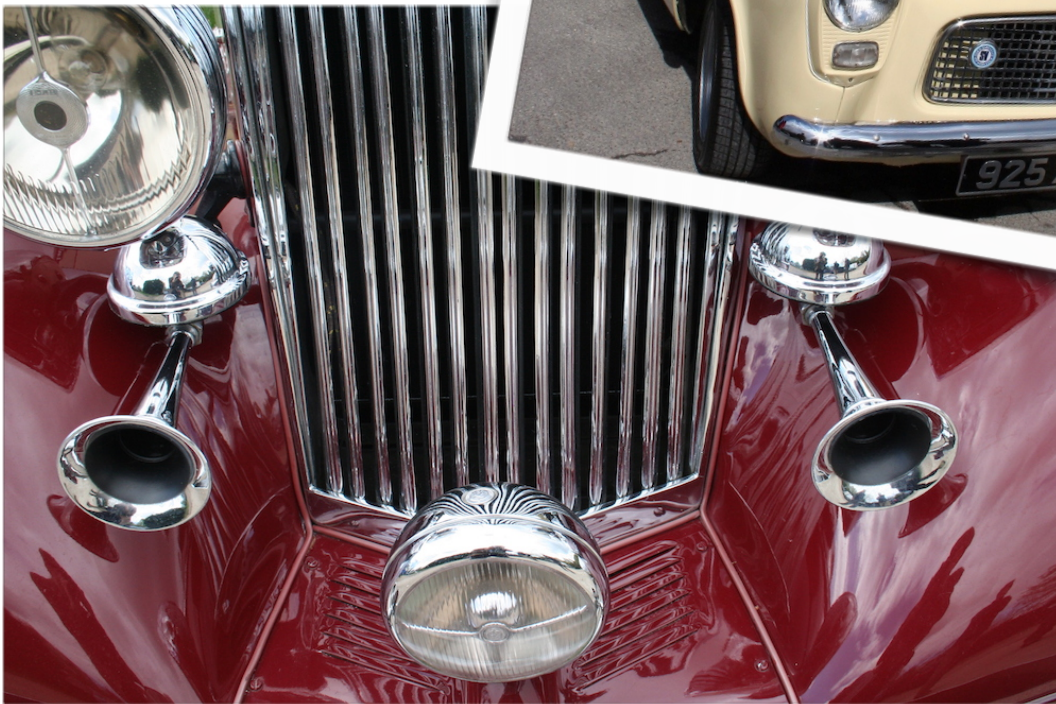
We met up at Toms Farm shop and had a fun run around the lanes, ending up at the Hurdlemakers arms for lunch.

Despite the chilly weather we had a fantastic turn out of cars. Ken counted 38 vehicles!

This has meant we've made a flying start with our charity collection pot this year!



Thank you to all who attended.



News from the Village Hall

It is true to say that Goldhanger organises celebrations of milestones of national importance very well indeed and the Ball held on 23 April in the Village Hall to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday (and St Georges Day) was no exception!

The Hall was beautifully decorated depicting the Red Arrows approaching Buckingham Palace via a tree lined Mall all bedecked with fairy lights. Well done the Committee who excelled themselves (yet again).

It was great to see the village supporting this sellout event and everybody was greeted with a glass of bubbly and canapes. Prior to an excellent supper provided by our regular caterer, Jenny Pulsford and the ladies of the Committee, patriotic songs were sung with great gusto and enthusiasm by our very own Goldhanger Boys rounded off by everyone joining in with "Rule Britannia".

Our thanks must go to The Chequers, The Cricketers and Crown Plaza, Tolleshunt Knights and to everybody who donated prizes to a very successful raffle.

Dancing continued to the lively sounds of "Three Flats and a Sharp" right up to the end of a very enjoyable evening. Profits will go towards the upkeep and improvement of the facilities of the Hall





Delicious food thanks to Jenny Pulsford and her team and the committee pudding makers!



The Village Hall getting ready for the evening



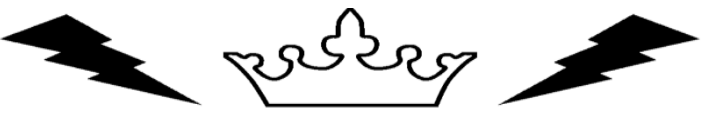
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The Anniversary couple



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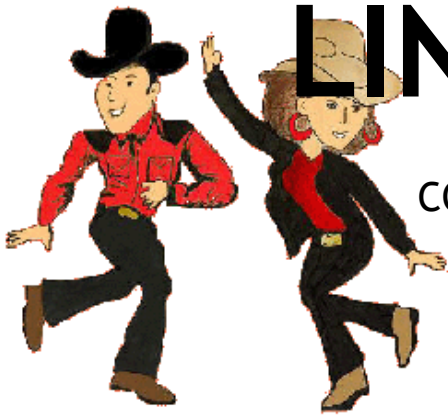
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- 1 cup walnut halves
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 tsp. grated organic lemon zest
- 1 clove garlic, minced (1 tsp.)
- ¾ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. spaghetti
- 1 cup Italian parsley, coarsely chopped



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Toast walnuts on baking sheet for 10 minutes. Cool, and coarsely chop.
2. Whisk together cheese, oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, garlic, and pepper in large bowl.
3. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain, and reserve 1/2 cup pasta cooking water. Add drained pasta to cheese mixture, and toss to combine, adding some pasta water if mixture seems too thick. Stir in parsley and walnuts, and season with salt and more pepper, if desired.



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Wildwatching News

We're into the peak time for Cuckoo activity at the time of writing - the second week in May. Individuals have been heard from Goldhanger Creek through to Bog Grove in Great Totham, including during hours of darkness. Try listening at an open window in the quiet of night, when even a very distant one may be audible. It's difficult to know how many Cuckoos are present in this area, but I've heard at least two at the same time at Chigborough. It's only the males that "Cuckoo" - the females make a peculiar gargling sound, which is worth listening out for if you get close to one.

Up to five Nightingales can be heard singing just outside the gate to the Visitors Centre at Abberton Reservoir, but Fingringhoe Wick nature reserve continues to be the best local hotspot for them. Common Terns can be seen and heard wherever there is a significant body of fresh water in the area. I've heard just one singing Turtle Dove so far, in the vicinity of Bog Grove and Mill Field in Great Totham. Hopefully as the season progresses, more representatives of this critically endangered species will be heard and seen around here. Their far-carrying and yet soft and purring song epitomises spring, at least in the more coastal parts of Essex.



Warblers have returned and are singing, with Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps seeming to be the most numerous. The Chiffchaffs slightly brighter cousin, the Willow Warbler, (Pictured), is suffering declining numbers at present. I've heard just two this year so far, one on an organised dawn chorus walk at Roxwell,

and one at Chigborough. Whitethroats and Lesser Whitethroats can be heard singing in hedgerows. The Lesser Whitethroats song is a monotonous "Rattle rattle rattle," which for me brings back childhood memories of the sound made by my Grandma's old treadle sewing machine!

Muntjacks continue to be spotted in spite of their secretive ways - and it will be worth a "Pilgrimage" to Mersea Island sometime this summer to try to see one or two Red Squirrels. A total of 29 animals have been released from three different sites. They are now breeding successfully in the wild, and are being seen all over the island. I suspect that Cudmore Grove country park, and wooded areas on the eastern end of the island are most likely to bring results. It's also very good for Sand Martins, (and Adders!) here. The Sand Martins make nesting tunnels in the soft, muddy cliffs, and hawk insects over the clifftops.

*** The June "Second Thursdays" walk will move to Thursday 16th June, as I will be away on 9th. Meet at Goldhanger church at 2.00pm as usual. All welcome.

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“The people who live in darkness will see a great light. On those who live in the dark land of death the light will shine.” Matthew 4 v 16.”

This month brings the longest days of the year -about seventeen hours of glorious sunshine, we hope. It also brings the shortest nights. Our pagan ancestors celebrated this victory of light over darkness by lighting fires in a symbolic attempt to control and retain the heat and light of Midsummer.

The Judeo Christian tradition also sees light in very positive terms, but at the expense of giving darkness a hard time of it. There are dozens of references to darkness in the Bible, mostly portraying it in a negative sort of way, as with the verse from Matthew’s Gospel above. There are many other scriptural examples to chose from, Including in the first book of Samuel where the wicked “Disappear in darkness.” Also, Job speaks of the day he was born in terms of “Gloom and thick darkness, and in Ecclesiastes we can read that “the fool walks in darkness...”

Add to that our childhood fear of the dark: Those strange shadows on the bedroom wall, the creeks and noises that houses make in the quiet after dark, and the imaginary terrors and “Spooks” lurking in dark corners ... Many adults prefer the light summer evenings to the dark winter ones, although personally I try to make the most of all times of the year. It’s very understandable, though, when people say, for example following the death of their spouse, that they dread the long winter evenings when they will be on their own.

Africa used to be regarded as “The dark continent” in Victorian times. In other words, it was perceived as a continent of “Primitive savages” who were lost in the grip of pagan belief and witchcraft. The perception continued that Africa was in desperate need of civilisation, and of those brave Christian missionaries who would risk their lives by taking the Light of Christ into the darkness. Although I rejoice in the light of Christ being taken to Africa and to all parts of the world, I think it’s recognised today that in some ways indigenous peoples are more advanced than we are. I’ve written before about being privileged to have attended the annual Semiahmoo tribe Salmon Festival in British Columbia. The Mayor of White Rock spoke at the festival of the admiration he felt for his First Nation friends, and especially for all that they have to teach us about living in harmony with the environment.

Darkness can be wonderful, both in the midsummer, and all the year round. This time of year we appreciate the wonders of life and growth all around us: The leaves and blossom in our gardens, and even the growing grass which has to be mowed, and the growing crops in the fields. This is only possible because of all the activity going on in the cool and darkness beneath the ground, though, as roots suck up water and nutrients.

For the unborn child, the warmth, safety, security and darkness of the womb makes it a wonderful first home. When my children and their cousins were in their teens, “Commandoes” was a game that could only be played after dark. The object was to get through undergrowth or long grass to a base, without being seen by the person who was

“On” at the time, who used a torch to try to spot people trying to get to the base. Perhaps you have seen wildlife films on T.V. in which a female bear hibernates in the (Comparative) warmth of a snowdrift, from which she emerges in the spring with one or two cubs, born in the darkness of the den. Wonderful things can happen in the dark!

May we enjoy and celebrate the long days of this month, but also the short summer nights, which can be lovely and something to thank God for. The darkness is warm and friendly, and an invitation to sleep and refreshment after the long day. An open window brings in not only the sounds of a summer night, but perhaps the only chance of a cool breeze in hot weather. May end with a verse from the Bible which portrays darkness in a positive way, addressing God:

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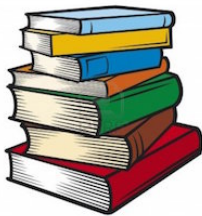
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~ Lorna Key



- 1) The Oak
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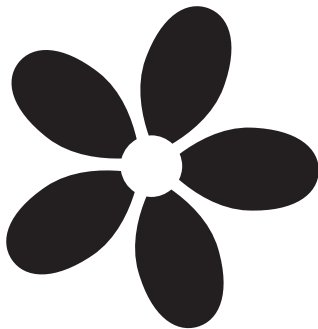


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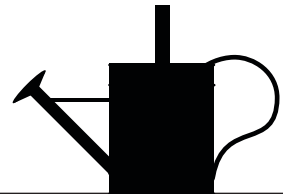
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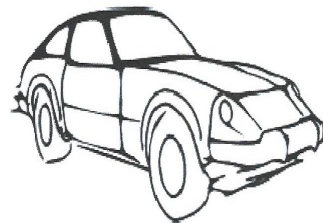
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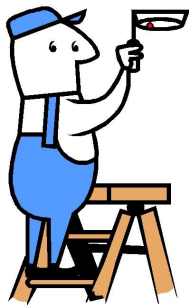
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2 Th	10:45	5.5	23:09	5.6
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10 F	04:54	5.7	17:14	5.4
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12 Su	06:35	5.1	18:55	5.0
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24 F	03:45	5.7	16:03	5.6
25 Sa	04:26	5.7	16:43	5.5
26 Su	05:10	5.5	17:27	5.4
27 M	05:59	5.4	18:16	5.3
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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
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LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES

Maldon District Council	854477
Job Centre Chelmsford	0845 606 0234
Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)

HELP & ADVICE

Maldon Citizens Advice Bureau	841195
Social Services	08457 430 430
Victim Support (charity for victims of crime)	08 08 16 89 111
Women's Aid	01245 493114
Alcoholics Anonymous	01904 644026
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	0345 909090
Salvation Army	853942
Gingerbread (Charity for single parents)	01245 352708
Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)

ELECTRICITY & WATER

UK Power Networks	0800 783 8838
<i>To report a Power Cut, find out who your electricity supplier is, report electricity problems, move your electricity supply or connect a new power supply.</i>	
Water	0845 782 0999

TRAVEL

National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	869214
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Chelmsford	01245 263859
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803

SPORTS CENTRES

Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535