

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2016



Tower view in 1930s

TITHE BARN, SCHOOL AND CHURCH STREET, GOLDHANGER.

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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Your donations will be gratefully received.

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Goldhanger Correspondent

If you have any news articles about the village for inclusion in the Maldon & Burnham Standard and the Essex Chronicle.

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The Tithe Barn

The Tithe Barn was located in Church Street next to the Church and is shown on the village tithe maps in the 1800s. It was then part of Church Farm, also called The Glebe and Old Rectory Farm. The barn was a low timber framed building, with gabled entrances on the east and west sides, just large enough for horse drawn carts to load and unload in the dry.

Tithe barns were used to store farm produce given to the Church in lieu of tax in the Middle Ages, and was often one tenth of a farmer's produce. They were in a prominent position near to the Church. Before the Reformation tithes were collected by Beeleigh Abbey, and after that the tithes passed to the Rector. Replacing tithes with the tax structure we know today was a long and complex process starting with the Tithe Act of 1836 and ending with the 1977 Finance Act.

This month's cover picture is a postcard view taken from the Church tower around 1930 and shows the symmetrical shape of the barn with four gable roofs. These two photos were taken in the 1960s...



The barn was demolished in the early 1970s when the two photos below were taken that show that the barn was in a very bad state...



Two new houses were built on the site in the early 1980s.

For more lost Goldhanger features, search for: Goldhanger lost
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 6th November All Souls

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Communion(CW)

The list of the faithful departed will be read and
candles of remembrance will be lit.

Monday 7th November

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am Service of Remembrance

Sunday 20th November Next before Advent Christ the King

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Monday 21st November

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th November Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Communion by extension (CW)

Bell Ringers Service

6.30pm Service to mark the Beginning of Advent

Wednesday 30th November St Andrew

12.30 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.

ST. PETER'S GOLDHANGER

Rector of Goldhanger Little Totham & Great Totham	Reverend Jonathan Pearce The Rectory 1 Hall Road Great Totham CM9 8NN	01621 893150 revdjpearce@aol.com
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St. Peter's Goldhanger 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.

Cyclamen

We shall be having the Cyclamen in church early this year in time for the carol service on 11th December .If you would like one in memory of a loved one please let me know - Elaine 788686

Flags for November

Sunday 13th November



Remembrance Sunday

Monday 14th November



Prince Charles Birthday

Community Pages

Goldhanger Village Hall

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Goldhanger Women's Institute

1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm Goldhanger Village Hall.
New members welcomed.
<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
between 13.30 to 14.00.



The surgery can no longer take requests for prescriptions and/or medication left at the Village Hall.



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

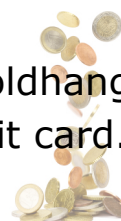
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www.goldhanger.org.uk



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

Second Thursday. Meet at Goldhanger church at 2.00pm. 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.



CLOSURE OF GOLDHANGER PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION FROM 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

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PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU REQUIRE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY

THANK YOU

TOLLESBURY SURGERY 01621 869204



Remembrance Sunday 13 November

Please note the revised time for this service is 10.15a.m.

ST PETERS CHURCH PCC MEMBERS INVITE YOU ON

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

10AM TO 12PM

AT THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ROOM

TO COME AND JOIN US FOR TEA AND CAKES TO CELEBRATE THE START OF ADVENT AND GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

ALL WELCOME

Goldhanger bell ringers

As part of the Heritage Weekend on 11th September, the Goldhanger bell ringers opened St Peter's Church tower to the public.

There was a steady stream of visitors all afternoon, and many decided to go up the tower to see the bells. Although safety issues meant that it was not possible to go to the very top of the tower (one look at the last vertical ladder above the bells and you can see why!) visitors were able to look into the bell chamber and see how the eight bells are arranged in the frame. The workings of the bells were carefully explained, and everyone was impressed with what they saw.

On coming back to ground level in the ringing chamber, there was the opportunity to have a go at ringing a bell under expert guidance. It may look easy in experienced hands, but there were a lot of surprised faces when people got to try it for themselves!

Visitors were also able to hear about the history of the church and the bells, and some fascinating photos of the replacement of the old bell frame in the 1950s were shown. Displays also gave information about bell ringing in general and why it's a great hobby to take up!

In addition, visitors were able to listen to recordings of our bells ringing various tunes or methods. A camera had been fixed in the bell chamber so that the way in which the bells swing from one "up" position to the other when they are being rung could be seen in the church below. This was really fascinating, even to the ringers! Many people did not realise that bells were rung in this way.

The tower handbells were also on display, along with a smaller set for children, and everyone was encouraged to have a go. Other activities for very young visitors were laid on. The youngest to go up the tower was five years old, but courtesy demanded that we didn't ask who was the oldest!

With the ladies of the church providing tea and cake, the whole afternoon was very successful. The Goldhanger ringers are very proud of their bells and the tower, and it was lovely to share this with so many visitors, some of whom had come quite a way to see us. We look forward to doing it again. If you live in the village and didn't get chance to go up the Tower or have a go, then why not come along on a Wednesday and see us?

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GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.



Our next meeting will be on November 2nd and our speaker will be Phil Glover . ‘ THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A PUB LANDLORD’ is the subject of the talk. We’ll be laughing for sure!

Please bring a single stem flower from your garden to enter the competition.

Last month we heard all about the role of women on the Home front in World War 2 and our speaker, Carol Harris, taught us a great deal in her relaxed, anecdotal style. We learned that Churchill , in a conversation with Beveridge, had great misgivings about inviting the W.I.to organise the conscription of women around the country as they would be unlikely to do as they were told. Thus was formed, at Churchill’s behest, the WVS. We also learned that a speaker at the 1935 WI AGM who made the Nazi Salute to introduce her talk was booed off the premises, never to appear again.

Boards were circulated for our ANNUAL DINNER at THE CHEQUERS on October 20th, for our CHRISTMAS DINNER on December 7th and for the MALDON PANTO next year.

The ‘flower of the month ‘ competition was won by Sandra with her New Guinea busy lizzie with Claire’s lavender striped clematis coming second.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely refreshments and we thank the members who provided them so efficiently.

Please use our website www.goldhangerwi.co.uk for further information about our meetings and activities.

What's on in Goldhanger in November?

Wednesday 23rd - Village Hall AGM 7:30pm Pg.31

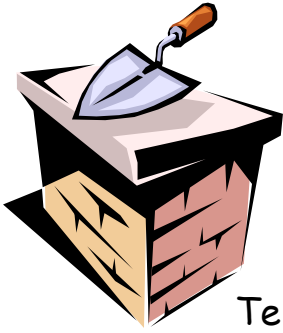
Saturday 26th - Tea & Cakes at the Church 10:00-12:00 Pg.8

Wednesday 30th - Sprit of Christmas at Village Hall 7-9pm Pg.26



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Marigold Wood Work Party

Marigold wood is land owned by Goldhanger Parish and lies between St Peters Close, to the rear of the village hall field and the back of Peartree Close.

Since the land was given to the parish as part of the development of St Peters Close, young trees and hedging have been planted, It has always been designated public access but while the young trees were getting established there was little of interest to see.

last year an inspection showed very damp areas, so ditches were added to help with drainage.

This Autumn a 2m wide footpath will be created across the Western end of the village Hall field and then around the woodland in a circular route and connecting with access at St Peters Close. Crushed concrete surfaced with black road planning will be used and gates suitable for disabled access erected on the woodland boundaries.

At the same time the boundary hedges will also be cut back and some trees removed to allow long term growth.

A timber bridge will be built across the open ditch. This work has been partially funded by grants that the Parish Council had applied for.

While contractors are completing the main works the Parish Council will be holding a work party to do general tidying and maintenance in the woodland. This will be on:-

Friday December 30th at 10am, meeting at the Village Hall.

All help would be greatly appreciated, please bring your own tools suitable for cutting back branches and vegetation and rakes and suitable gloves.

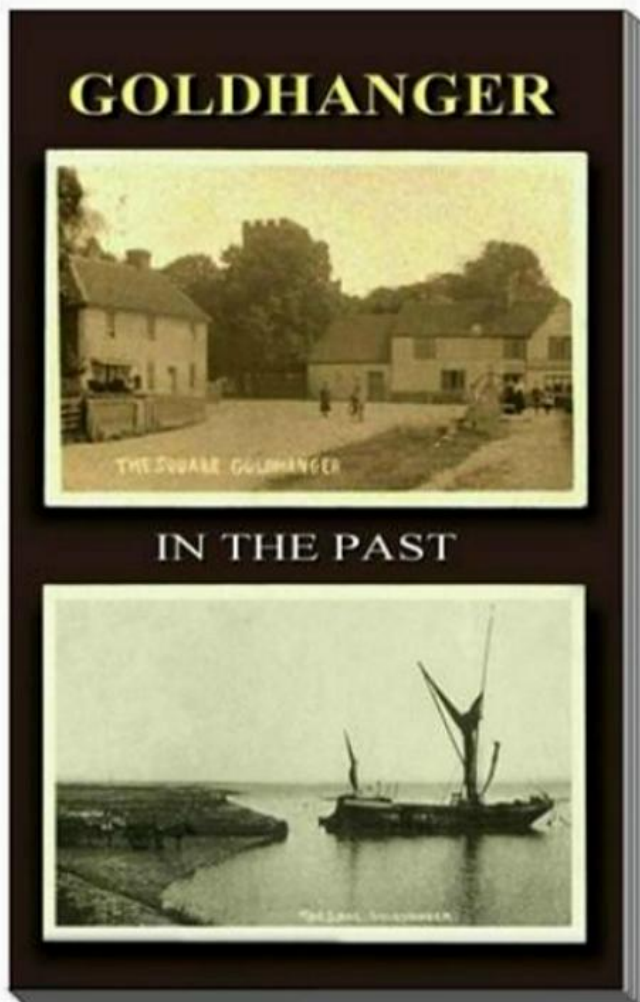
If you have any questions please contact a member of the Parish Council

Many thanks
Julia Bourn



A new book on the history of Goldhanger

The book is being sold to raise funds for St Peter's Church and the Village Hall improvement project. It has 160 pages, includes over 300 images and describes...



- The Name of the Village
- Past Descriptions of the Village
- Scenes from Early Postcards
- St. Peter's Church
- The Chequers Inn
- The Friendly Brothers Society
- The Cricketers Inn
- The Manors, Halls & Rectories
- The Great War
- The Goldhanger Flight Station
- Memories of World War Two
- Estuary Activities in the Past
- Smuggling and the Coastguards
- Local Authors from the Past
- Local Characters from the Past
- Art from the Past
- Goldhanger to Spitzbergen
- Goldhanger's Lost features

The only previously published book on village history was written by Maura Benham in 1977 and is long since out of print. This book, written by David Newman, costs £10 and can be ordered by emailing:

david@churchside1.plus.com

or by phoning 788657

Bulk print orders are planned to receive maximum discount for the good causes and will be available well before Christmas.

Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

- 1 Sculptures of which animals lie at the base of Nelson's column?
- 2 What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe?
- 3 What is the name of the wizard at the court of King Arthur?
- 4 Who has written the prize-winning book The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish?
- 5 What is the name of the recreated theatre from Shakespeare's time in London?
- 6 Which character in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland muttered "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late"?
- 7 Who has a dog called Snowy and is friends with Captain Haddock?
- 8 In which fairy tale does Gerda rescue her friend Kai from the title character?
- 9 Helped by his slave Morgiana, who foiled the 40 thieves?
- 10 What is the name of Eoin Colfer's teenage criminal mastermind?

Answers on page 42

DID YOU KNOW?

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries

Joke

- Knock, knock
- Who's There?
- Annie
- Annie Who?
- Annie thing you can do, I can do better.



You can't beat looking at the stars above on a dark night, with or without the help of binoculars & a telescope. But if you want to get a closer look at places further away ... like Pluto(!) or even galaxies other than our own, then you will enjoy finding fascinating information and images from the National Aeronautical & Space Administration and the European Space Agency.

Their web site addresses are below:

www.nasa.gov

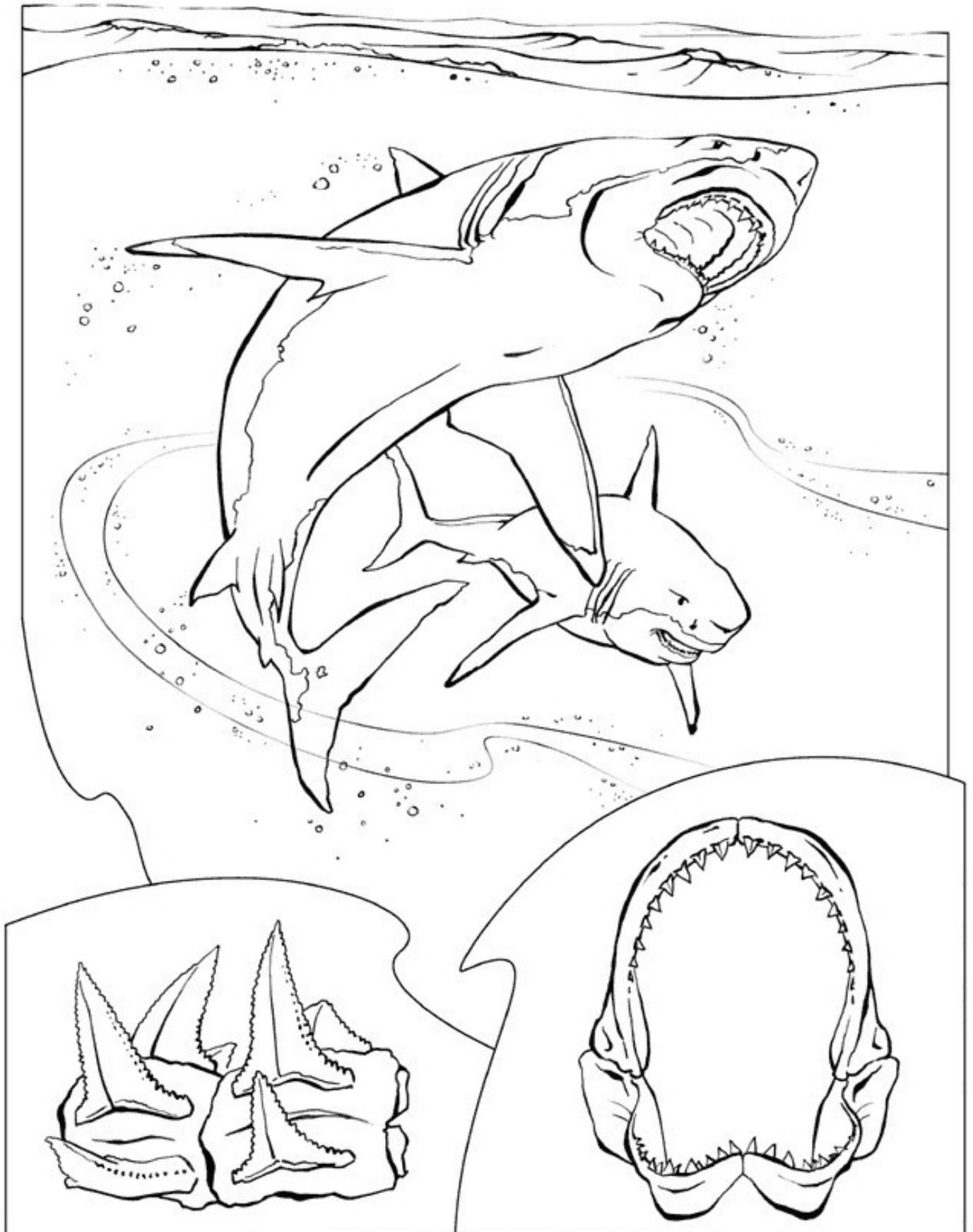
www.esa.int/ESA

Happy Viewing

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



Goldhanger Community Defibrillators

October 2016 update

The process of purchasing/adopting the phone boxes in the Square and on Maldon road is underway. When this is complete we can organise the defibrillators.



Vehicle Accidents in Goldhanger.

The Parish Council would like to keep a log of accidents in the Parish, the reason being that with an evidence base we can respond to and initiate appropriate highways schemes.

If you spot an incident between Wash Bridge and Highams Chase please just note the date/time/location and brief description of what you saw ie motorcycle in hedge, car in ditch, car in tree, etc.

And email Juliabourn@live.co.uk or phone and leave a message 788298. Your time and help would be appreciated.

Julia Bourn
Goldhanger Parish Council



Goldhanger Art Society

Lots to look forward to with the Art Club ... please come and join us second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm. We are growing in numbers but still a friendly group with outings and workshops planned for this year.

For any further information on joining us or our outings please call Jane 01621 892565



How to report a nuisance issue to Maldon District Council

(A handy tip from Cllr. Julia Bourn)

Telephone MDC on 01621 854477 or:

Open your web browser

1. In the address bar, enter: www.maldon.gov.uk/report
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Report or tell us something

Animals > Report a missing dog > Report a dead animal	Benefits > Report benefit fraud	Business rates > Report a business or change to a business
Car parks > Report a problem with a car park machine	Clean and tidy district > Report an abandoned vehicle > Report flytipped waste > Report a street cleansing issue	Community safety > Report anti-social behaviour > Report a hate crime > Request and anti-social behaviour (ASB) case review
Environmental nuisance > Report a smell or nuisance	Parks and open spaces > Report a Park Watch incident	Planning and building control > Report a dangerous structure > Report a breach of planning conditions

Booking the Village Hall

This is just a short note to let everyone know that it is now possible to book the village hall via a BACS bank transfer. If required the necessary details can be requested from the Village Hall Booking Officer Andrew Christy 788432

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Treasurer Goldhanger Village Hall

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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.10. 2016

Moat Housing has still not repaired the broken posts in Hall Estate, despite several letters from the Council.

There have recently been reports of hare coursing in land adjacent to Blind Lane. This has been reported to the police.

It is hoped to locate the two defibrillators which are to be bought for the village in the phone kiosk in Maldon Road and the telephone box in the Square.

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

FUL/MAL/16/00730 The Old Rectory Church Street	Erection of stables and grazing of land by horses (revised application following approval of FUL/MAL/15/01287)	Approved
HOUSE/MAL/16/00022 35 Fish Street	Dormer window to shower room (retrospective)	Approved
HOUSE/MAL/16/00969 Grasmere 16 Fish Street	Proposed single car port	Approved

The following decision from the Planning Inspectorate was also noted:

OUT/MAL/15/00982 APP/X1545/W/16/3147228 Land south of allotments, Maldon Road, Goldhanger	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of ten dwellings with associated off-street parking	Appeal dismissed
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Councillors considered their response to the Maldon District Local Development Plan consultation. It was noted that the Rural Allocations provision will now be for a minimum of 420 dwellings in and around the District's villages, but this is yet to be finalised.

The full document can be seen on the Maldon District Council website.

Highways.

The parking restriction signs are now up in Fish Street and the scheme is out for public consultation.

There has been no progress in the Local Highways Panel's schemes for Charity Farm bends and speed reduction measures in Maldon Road. Due to lack of funding both of these have been put back to 2017/2018 but they may be moved forward if money becomes available.

Damage to various road signs in the village and the uneven surface in Little Totham Road will be reported to Highways.

... continued

Marigold Wood

The circular path in the wood has now been completed. It is intended to put dog waste bins at each end of the path, and drop down bollards will be placed in the drive to the Village Hall field.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th November 2016, and the agenda will be published on the Council's web site.

Christmas Greeting Pages

The Christmas Greeting pages are for you to wish your friends and neighbours in Goldhanger "Seasons Greetings", in the December issue of the Parish Magazine, saving on individual cards and making a donation to a good cause, for a lot less than sending individual cards would cost.

Debbie and Pat collected greetings last year and after 17 years of collecting wanted to hand over to someone else, with no other volunteers coming forward, i said i would do it.

My initial plan is to use the funds to contribute towards the maintenance of the defibrillator, we have however been granted funding and with other generous donations should have funds for a few years, so while this remains the primary reason i would also include other Goldhanger projects which may arise.

I will be collecting greetings between 1st and 14th of November, while i will be doing some leg work going door to door on those who have previously participated, please call me if you haven't participated before and would like to this year.

Donations are suggested at £2.50 per person.

I look forward to seeing you in November and keeping you updated with details of funds collected and projects.

Julia Bourn
788298



Goldhanger Classic Cars at Gala Weekend

This year the Gala Weekend was slightly earlier than usual. It seemed to make a difference to the number of Classic Cars that turned up, as the Gala Weekend coincided with the last weekend of the school holidays.

In spite of this we had a lovely turn out of cars, lots of which we hadn't seen before. A major factor with classic car events is always the weather, and yet again we were quite lucky, with the rain that turned up, not making an appearance until about 3pm ish, when a lot of the cars had started to head for home anyway.

There was a prize given by Keith Flynn for the cleanest car, which involves even checking wheel arches! This year it was won by David Prior in his MGB! Well done for this level of attention to detail.



It was a super Gala Weekend, and as always we really appreciate all of the people who make it such a success, especially Vicki and Ted Hodge who do the organising of the cars and send out all the emails keeping members informed, Mike and Liz for allowing us to park in front of their house, and as always to The Chequers for the BBQ and use of their car park. The music in the church and book sale are always a draw as well, and hopefully the Fun Dog Show will also be a regular feature.

This year we collected well over £100 from donations from club members. This will be added to the rest of the money collected over the year, and at the end of the year we ask members to vote for which charities will benefit. We usually choose 2 charities, at least one of which is local.





An evening to
try, buy & sample

have some fun
& get into....

NOV
30TH
7 - 9PM

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At Goldhanger Village Hall



£3 entry includes a glass of
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St Peters Church Annual Christmas Concert

Thank you for the music

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Thursday 1st December

7.30 pm

*Bring your family and join us for an evening
of music and song*

*There will be a short interval where you can enjoy your own
Drinks and Nibbles*

Admission (charitable donations) at the door



News from the Village Hall

“Your Village Hall”

In the July edition of the Parish Mag we reported on the results of the village questionnaire and the initial work that is underway in order to bring the village's requirements to fruition. In this edition we are publishing our concept Architect's response which is shown on the next two pages.

Our concept Architect, Geoffrey Vale, who knows the village well, has set out to provide the much needed improved toilets and disabled facilities including enlarged entrance foyer (the existing door mat area is hopelessly inadequate !), cloakroom facilities and external appearance emphasised in the questionnaire results.

The Management Committee, having considered various options, is fully supportive of these proposals but now wishes to hear the views of the village, both supportive and critical. It is important that we reach out to the widest community to ensure that this project delivers facilities which improve access to and within our Village Hall not only for existing users but for the whole community particularly for those who are unable to use it currently.

We shall be presenting the project at the AGM on Wednesday 23 November (please see separate notice in this edition) - everyone is welcome and we're very keen to hear the views of the whole community. If you are unable to get along, please let us know what you think of our design by email to chrisandjilljoslin@gmail.com or by phone on 788578 or if you'd like to write a note address it to Bird in Hand, 15, Fish Street.

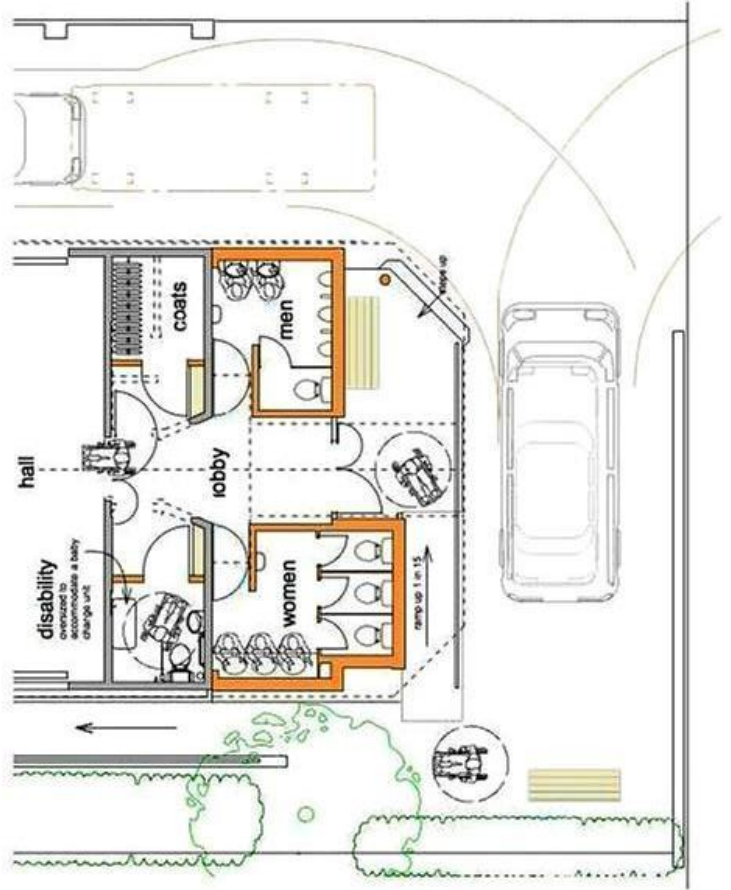
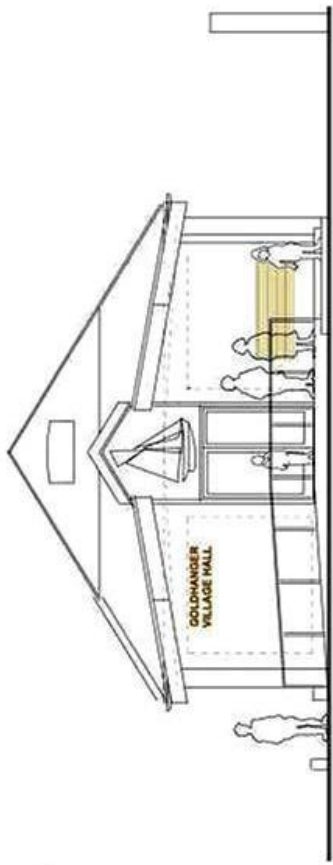
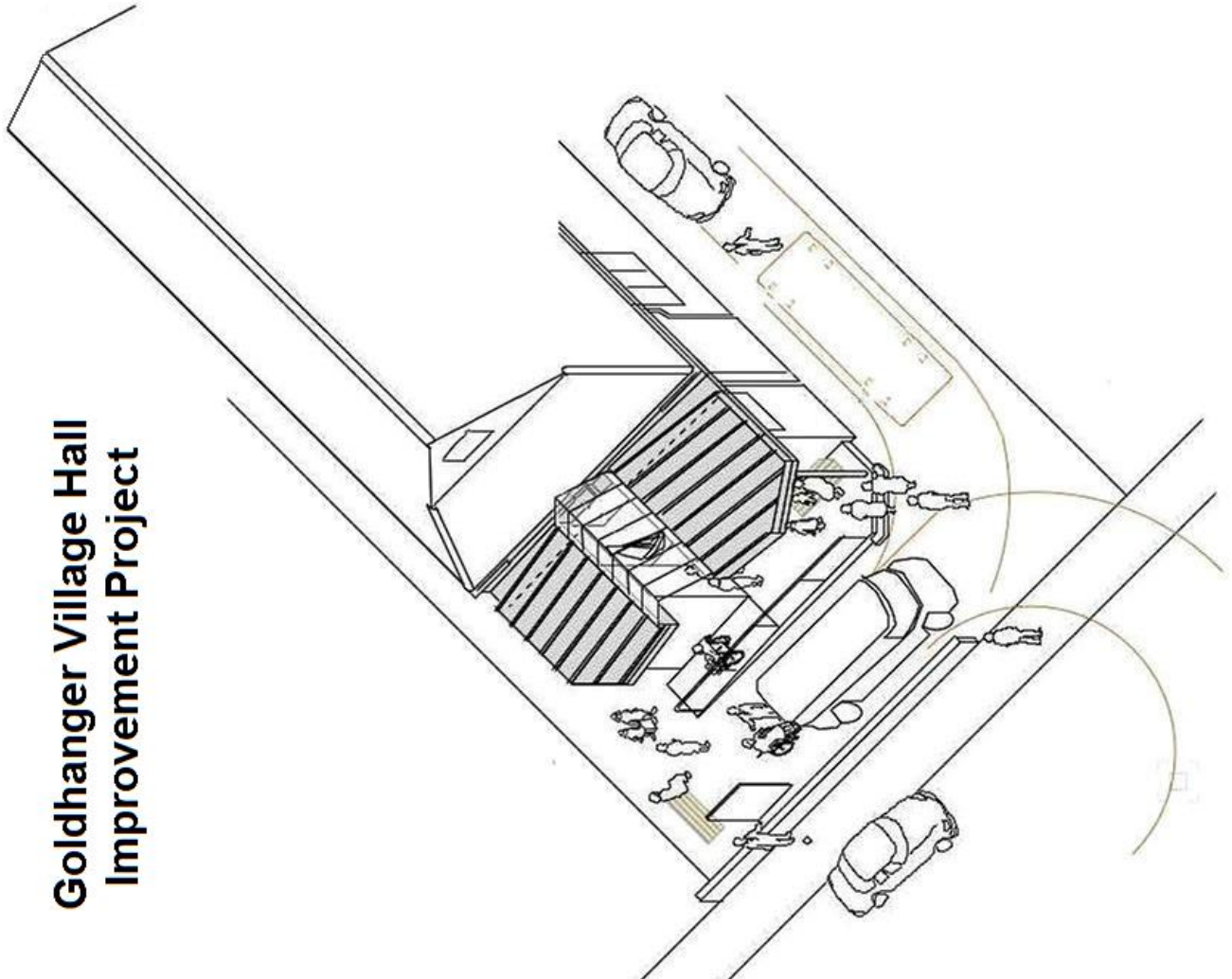
Meanwhile the Committee will get down to the really serious issue of funding this community project. This is no mean task and for the majority of funds we shall be seeking grants but village support of our fund raising events will be most welcome and essential.

If you would like to be part of a support fund raising group and / or can offer grant bid skills then just let us know - we'd love to hear from you.

We'll keep you informed as we progress with this exciting project. Please continue to support village activities in the Hall including events which will be advertised in the Parish Mag and on village noticeboards but just so you know it's the Great Goldhanger Quiz on 29 October and Bingo on 03 December- more information elsewhere in this edition .

Chris Joslin
Chairman, Management Committee

Goldhanger Village Hall Improvement Project



GOLDHANGER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall on

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2016

**Everyone in the village community is most
warmly welcome**

AGENDA

- **Welcome by Chairman.**
- **Apologies for absence.**
- **Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM.**
- **Matters arising.**
- **Chairman's annual report.**
- **Treasurer's report.**
- **Election and appointment of the Management Committee Trustees.**
- **Any other business.**

Refreshments

- **A presentation of the proposals to improve the Village Hall. The Committee would like the views of the village as we set out on the path to provide a facility for the future.**

Wildwatching News

The September 2nd Thursdays was very memorable, with 21 Black Terns visible from the Visitors' Centre at Abberton. They were in post-breeding or juvenile plumage. Black Terns breed widely across mainland Europe, and winter in Africa. They aren't difficult to find in East Anglia during spring and autumn migration times. Also at Abberton was a Common Sandpiper which flew underneath the road at the bridge, and a female or juvenile Marsh Harrier which gave us a fly-past.



There are good numbers of Egyptian Geese, (Pictured), present at Abberton, presumably as a result of several good breeding seasons. They were originally a bird of the lower Nile, and were domesticated and revered by ancient Egyptians. They were introduced into this country over 300 years ago, and are particularly a feature today of large estates in Norfolk, particularly Holkholme. Cambridge Professor Dr Bill Sutherland has suggested that us human beings evolved

on the lush African savannah, which is why we have an instinctive leaning towards re-creating the habitat as parkland, with short grass, scattered trees and water. It seems entirely appropriate, then, that Egyptian Geese, which also hail from African savannah country, should also thrive in our parklands or similar habitats today.

It's been a good few weeks for mammals – Nina and I disturbed a lovely Red Fox from the roadside at Little Totham on "Ride and Stride" day, and an all – white one has been seen in Maldon. A Muntjack crossed the road in front of me in Heybridge at dusk one night. It must have been feeding in gardens – it was well into the urbanised area. I picked up a roadkilled animal – it was either a Polecat or a Polecat/Ferret cross, just up the road from Broomfield hospital. They only seem to be found as roadkills at present, but at least they indicate a return of the species to Essex. The details of this one, (Pictured), will be submitted to Essex Wildlife Trust.



A walk around Tiptree Heath provided an opportunity to see the Exmoor Ponies again. Although they aren't wild in the true sense of the word, they have been present in this country since the last ice age in their present form. Unfortunately, Dormice numbers are decreasing on the heath due to people like me, who are interested, disturbing the nest-boxes. Although I'm not guilty personally, it's good to be able to reinforce the message to leave them alone. Some strange, lumpy looking objects on the ground turned out to be oak galls. Apparently they are malformed acorns. The minute Gall Wasp lays its eggs in the developing acorn, and the resulting larvae cause the host to develop an abnormal swelling or gall. You live and learn!

Jonathan



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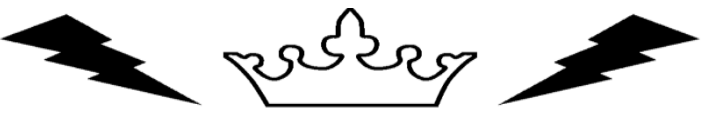
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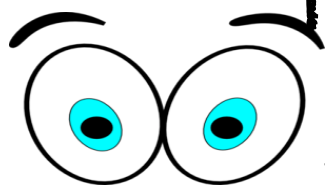


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Recipe of the month

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Courtesy of Jackie Christy

Cooking time - 20 mins

Makes approx 15



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1 kilo self-raising flour
2 sweet apples - peeled, cored & diced
250g salted butter
250g grated cheddar cheese
150g sweet pickle
Pinch of salt & pepper

2 medium eggs
300ml milk

DIRECTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 155C and line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper. Mix flour and butter in a bowl until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the apple, cheese, pickle, salt & pepper and mix briefly to distribute the contents.

Mix the eggs and milk until it resembles damp dough (add more flour if too wet or more milk if too dry).

Roll out on a floured surface to approx 4cm deep. use a fluted cutter to cut out the scones and transfer to a baking tray.

Place in pre-heated oven and cook for 18-20 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack.

Serve with butter and some chutney.

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

The Vicar/ Rector writes,

Remembrance Day etc.

It seems to me that there are two quite different sets of circumstances that we might find ourselves in, in which we are likely to bare our souls, and reveal what we really think and believe.

The first is a crisis of some sort. Many people have said to me over the year things like “I don’t go to church regularly, but when the crunch came, the first thing I did was say a prayer – straight from the heart.” A man I used to work with whose daughter was taken very ill comes to mind. Many people in this sort of situation value the prayers of the church as well.

Remembrance Day has taken on an extra dimension in the past few decades due to more recent conflicts, such as those in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. One serviceman, after his return home from Afghanistan to one of my last parishes, spoke of the fear that he and his fellow soldiers felt in dangerous situations, and of the prayers that were “sent up.” This reminds me of a retired Captain, a relative by marriage, who had served for a number of years in Northern Ireland. He said that when the chips are down and danger threatens, you are afraid. If anyone says they’re not scared, then they are lying. He did concede that there are a few “nut cases” in the army who don’t care whether they live or die. The great majority aren’t like that, they do feel fear – and many of them pray when the pressure is on.

The other set of circumstances in which our souls are bared? Quite the reverse of the above. Some of us feel able to say what we really think and feel when we are in the safety of our homes and families, or perhaps when we are in the safety of a group of good friends who we have known for a long time. When we are feeling completely relaxed and unselfconscious, it can start to come out.

I hope that the churches of this Benefice, and their life and ministry are “Safe Places” as well, places where we can relax, be ourselves, and bare our souls, almost without ever realising that we are doing so.

It is essential to have our safe places to go to and unwind, especially after we have been through a crisis of some sort. The cost of not doing so can be very high. I will always remember the man, another relative by marriage, who had been involved in the Polish resistance movement during the 2nd world war. After the war he returned to civilian life, and must have in some way put to one side in his mind all that he had been through. This strategy was at one level successful while he had his full mental faculties. During his terminal illness though, as with many people, he lost the ability to control and compartmentalise his mind. The full horror of his war years returned vividly, and he thought that the hospital in which he spent his final weeks was a concentration camp. Although I have never been through anything as awful as that personally, I believe that he could have been healed, over the course of his life, of much of what troubled him, if he had found a safe place in which he could talk about it. Perhaps one of our Remembrance Sunday services this year will, in some way, be a part of the healing process for some of those who attend.

At the end of the day, the biggest “Safe Place” of all is God himself. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Our souls are constantly bared as far as he is concerned. Whatever we are thinking and feeling, whether we are angry with him or even if we find saying prayers boring, we may as well tell him because he knows already. In the presence of God we can supremely be ourselves with no barriers or defences up at all. It would be useless to try to be any different.

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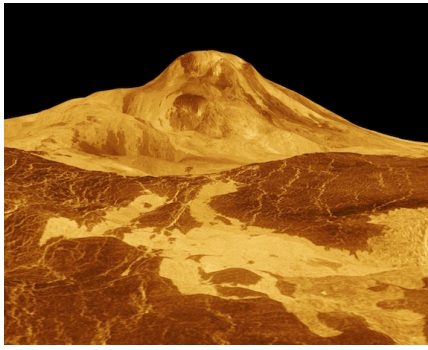
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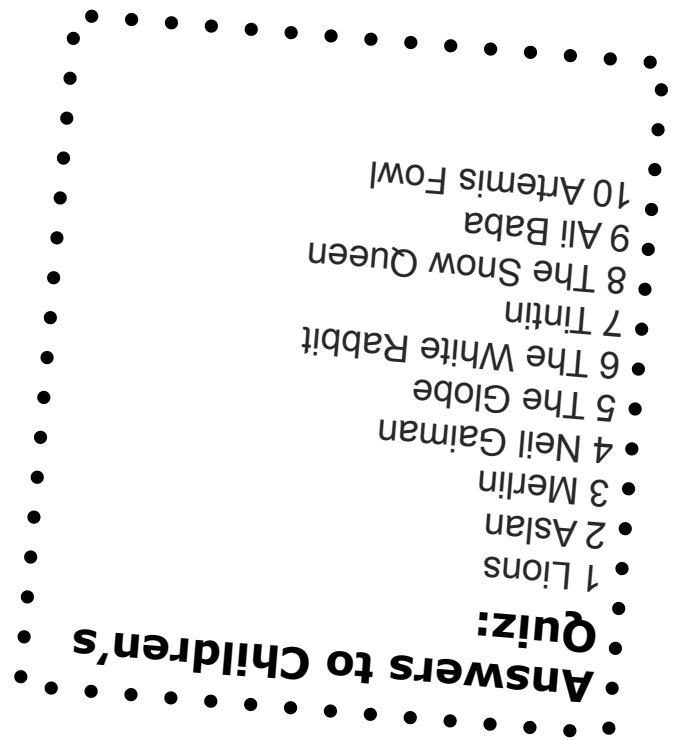


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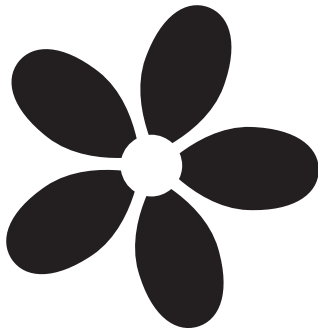


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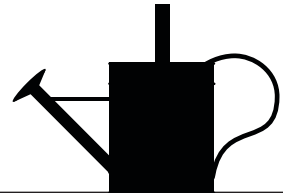
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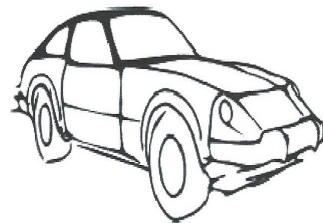
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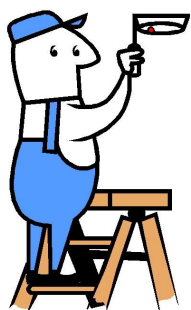
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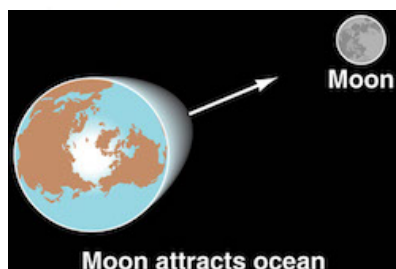
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BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO	SE
TOLLESBURY The Square	0735	0930	1130	1430	1605	1942
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0935	1135	1435	1610	1946
GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0940	1140	1440	1615	1951
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0945	1145	1445	1620	1955
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0947	1147	1447	1622	1957
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0950	1150	1450	1625	2000
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0953	1153	1453	1628	-
MALDON High Street	0801	0956	1156	1456	1631	-
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	1000	1200	1500	1635	-
MALDON Morrisons	0810	1005	1205	1505	1640	-
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO	SE
MALDON Morrisons	0825	1040	1250	1520	1645	-
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0830	1045	1255	1525	1650	1735
MALDON High Street	0835	1050	1300	1530	1655	1742
MALDON Tesco Store	0839	1054	1304	1534	1659	1745
HEYBRIDGE Square	0843	1058	1308	1538	1703	1748
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0845	1100	1310	1540	1705	1750
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0847	1102	1312	1542	1707	1751
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713	1757
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718	1802
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723	1807

HO = Hedingham Omnibus
SE = Stephenson's

The Blackwater Link - 90

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

For more details contact 01702-541511

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Saturday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Regal Busways			
TOLLESBURY The Square	0900	1100	1300	1440
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0905	1105	1305	1445
GOLDHANGER Square	0910	1110	1310	1450
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0915	1115	1315	1455
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0917	1117	1317	1457
HEYBRIDGE Square	0920	1120	1320	1500
MALDON Tesco Store	0923	1123	1323	1503
MALDON High Street	0926	1126	1326	1506
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0930	1130	1330	1510
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	Regal Busways			
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	1000	1200	1400	1630
MALDON High Street	1005	1205	1405	1635
MALDON Tesco Store	1010	1210	1410	1640
HEYBRIDGE Square	1015	1215	1415	1645
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	1017	1217	1417	1647
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	1019	1219	1419	1649
GOLDHANGER Square	1025	1225	1425	1655
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	1030	1230	1430	1700
TOLLESBURY The Square	1035	1235	1435	1705

Hedingham Omnibuses:

01206 769778

www.hedingham.co.uk

Stephenson's Buses:

01702 541511 (0900-1730)

www.stephensonsofessex.com

Regal Busways:

01245 249001

www.regalbusways.co.uk

HEALTH

Blackwater Medical Centre	876760
Longfield Medical Centre	876433
Tollesbury Surgery	869204
St Peter's Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Maldon - no A&E)	725323
Broomfield Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Chelmsford, has A&E)	01245 362000
Colchester General Hospital <i>NHS</i> (has A&E)	01206 747474
NHS Advice (non-emergency)	111



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