



GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE
DECEMBER 2017

122 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 122 years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. We print about 340 copies each month. Please bear this in mind when submitting your personal interest articles.

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Current and previous issues of the magazine are available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website.

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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Christmas time newspaper extracts from the past

Essex Standard - 2 January 1874

The Parish Church of St. Peter in Goldhanger is very prettily and profusely adorned with much taste. The most remarkable feature is the font, which is ornamented round the top with the words, "One Lord, one Baptism" in moss and fleur-de-lys berries on a white ground, whilst the base is covered with moss, frosted leaves, and berries, the four corners being filled in with crimson, on which rest pots of white primula and maidenhair fern.

Chelmsford Chronicle - 13 December 1935

GOLDHANGER W.I. - Mrs. G. Bunting presided, seventy members being present. An interesting talk on "The Origin of Father Christmas" was given by Miss Randell. Competitions results: Best made cake for 1/6d - Mrs. Blighton; something new from something old - Miss Clark and Mrs. White. Ninety-five garments were sent to the Personal Service League.

Chelmsford Chronicle - 9 December 1938

GOLDHANGER W.I. met in the new Village Hall, 70 members being present. Mrs. G. Bunting presided, having been returned to office. A very amusing and interesting talk on the "Origin of Marriage Customs" was given by Miss Tamplin, of Newport. She and Miss Rolfe judged the dolls which had been dressed by members. There were two classes, knitted and material. The dolls, all alike, had been bought by the Institute. Miss Sylvia Everett won the knitted class, and her mother, Mrs. Everett, the material class. The dolls were sent to Chelmsford Hospital for the children at Christmas.

Essex Newsman - 10 January 1942

GOLDHANGER - A children's party was given by the W.I. to all under 11 years of age, 45 attending. Grace was said by the Rev. A.S. Berey. Each child received two bags of sweets, one of which was given by the British Legion, and 6d. each from the Brotherhood. Games were arranged by Miss J. Bunting, Mrs Waring, and Mr. Berey, Father Christmas, distributed the gifts.

Chelmsford Chronicle - 23 December 1949

GOLDHANGER MOTHERS UNION - The meeting in the Village Hall opened with carols. Mrs. Buttle announced the spring festival is to be at Goldhanger.

GOLDHANGER WOMEN CONSERVATIVES - In a tastefully decorated hall the annual social evening was well attended. Members invited friends. Games were arranged by Miss Emery and Mrs Brewer. Miss Gilchrist entertained with her accordion and patter. Dancing followed. The party closed with Auld Lang Syne.

Chelmsford Chronicle - 16 December 1949

GOLDHANGER GRAND XMAS WHIST DRIVE - in the Village Hall, Goldhanger. Saturday, 17/12/49 at 7.45 p.m. Good prizes. Goldhanger Sports Association.

For more newspaper articles search for: Goldhanger past news articles
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

The cover picture is a monochrome version of the painting in St Peters Church
to see a coloured version search for: St Peters oil paintings

Goldhanger Church Services

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Sunday 3rd December **Advent Sunday**

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 10th December **Second Sunday of Advent**

10.00am Family Service

6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 17th December **Third Sunday of Advent**

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Sunday 24th December **Christmas Eve**

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

4.00pm Christingle Crib Service

10.00pm "Midnight" Mass (It's midnight in Bethlehem)
Celebrant and preacher Ven. Annette Cooper
(Archdeacon of Colchester)

Monday 25th December **Christmas Day**

11.00am Family Service

Sunday 31st December **Christmas 1**

9.30am Christmas Pick and Mix

An informal service of Christmas carols and readings We invite you to bring your favourite reading about Christmas.

**Please note during the pariah vacancy the 8.30am service has been suspended. There is a service of Holy Communion at All saints, Little Totham on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and a service at 8.00am on Sundays in the North Blackwater benefice. Check their website for venue. - Churchwardens

** 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.

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.

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www.essexinfo.net/st-peter-s-church-goldhanger

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.

Maldon Food Pantry

We delivered our harvest gifts to Maldon Food Pantry. They were grateful for our contribution.

We will continue to collect donations for them. There will be a box in church for your contributions. When you are out shopping please think of those less fortunate than ourselves and buy a packet or tin extra.

Flags for December

**Sunday 24th &
Monday 25th**



Christmas

Goldhanger Village Hall



A great venue for birthday parties, discos, children's parties, quiz nights & theme nights.

Comfortably seats 80 people using our chairs and tables, although you are welcome to bring your own enabling you to seat more.

Regular events in the Village Hall:

Goldhanger Women's Institute

1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm.

New members welcomed. <http://goldhangerwi.co.uk>

Goldhanger Parish Council

2nd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm.

essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council

Goldhanger Art Society

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. For children and adults.

Indoor Carpet Bowls

New season starts Friday 6th October 2017, fortnightly from 2pm to 4pm, throughout the winter months. For more information call Barry on 788467.

Bookings taken by Steve Clarke telephone 788246 or email:

sclarke720@btinternet.com.

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	18.00 - 23.00	£12	£15
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	18.00 - 23.00	£18	£20

Community Page

Goldhanger Sailing Club www.goldhangersailingclub.org.uk

All types of sailing, including sailboarding and canoeing, with racing organised on Sundays during the season, there is something for everyone who loves the water.

Stamps for the Guide Dogs

Ivy Sharman collects your used stamps. Drop them in at 16 Head street. Tel: 788268.



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Donations can be made in person (see page 2) or via the Goldhanger website. You can pay using a Paypal account or a credit/debit card.

Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

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

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



Bellringing www.bellringing.org/learntoring/

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

Contact Andrew Kelso 788284 or email arckelso@mac.com.



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.



GOLDHANGER NOTICEBOARD

What's on in December?

Goldhanger Jubilee Choir rehearsals!

Bingo - 2nd - P16

Christmas Tree Festival - 9th & 10th - P20

Parish Council Meeting - 12th - P18

Jubilee Choir Concert - 15th - P27

Film Club - 20th - "It's a Wonderful Life" -
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Season's Greetings to all our readers.

Thank you to everyone who delivers or
contributes to the magazine in any way.

Thank you to Morag who deals with our advertising and to Sally who
handles the finances.

From Stephen and Chris

WEA taster courses in Goldhanger Village Hall



In cooperation with the Workers Education Association
there will be two taster courses run in the Village hall on
Saturday 13th January.

In the morning 10.00-12.00 there will be a course
entitled **Art Inspired by Essex** led by Sue Pownall.

This course examines how artists have responded to
the county during the 19th and 20th Centuries. Constable, John Aldridge,
Stanley Jones and Sheila Robinson are just a few of the artists included. (Course
code is **C2224979**)

In the afternoon 1.30-3.30 there will be a course on **Brunel an Engineer's Life**
presented by Roger Mannion. This course will be on Isambard Kingdom Brunel
one of Britain's most famous and controversial engineers. The taster session will
review his life in the context of his achievements to try and attempt to understand
what influenced his work. (Course Code is **C2224997**)

Each course costs £7.20 or free to anyone in receipt of means tested benefit.
Refreshments will be available at a suitable point midway between each course.

To attend a course it is necessary to either enrol online at wea.org.uk or via
telephone 0300 3033464

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Steve Clarke on
sclarke720@btinternet.com or by phoning 01621788246



to all those who get the magazine out to the people in the village:

Jill - collects them from the printers in Chelmsford.

David - sorts them out and delivers them to distributors.

Intrepid Distributors - Margie, the 2 Claires, Elaine, Lynsey, Jackie, Kate, Chris, Fiona, George, the 2 Andrews, Kim and the 2 Sues.

Without them your magazine wouldn't get delivered.



Salty Dogs Christmas Show

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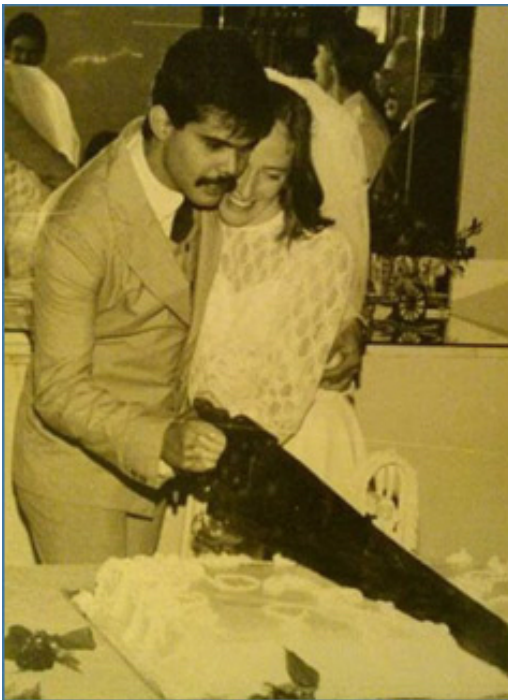
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GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

Our December meeting will be held on 6th December and will be our Christmas Dinner, catered for us by the marvellous Jenny and her team. If you wish to take part in the present swap please bring along a wrapped gift to the value of £5.00. Get your glad rags ready for a good night with entertainment, girls.



Well, what an evening we had with Cynthia Ives. The intrepid lady carried on, completely unflustered, while our gallant volunteers, Jaqui, Helen and Linda, worked against the odds to prepare our refreshments. The sound of a hacksaw working in the kitchen proved to have nought to do with the cakes..... which were absolutely lovely. We all learned how to produce delightful Christmas goodies (if only we had the time!!) The speaker was very

entertaining and the membership enjoyed a hilarious evening with little to dampen our spirits.

We have had a good year of meetings, outings and activities and the weather has been very kind to us when we have been out and about. May we at this point in the year thank all our members for their support, good humour and friendship.

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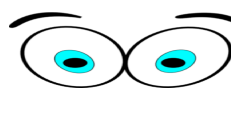
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Saturday 2nd December

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The Chequers Inn
Christmas Carols & Turkey Sandwiches



Sunday 17th December 2016 Arrival from 7.00pm

To start singing at 7.30pm.

Turkey sandwiches will be served
halfway through the evening.

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for our fantastic evening of excellent
Carol singing & festive cheer.
Mulled wine & mince pies will also be available.
Phil & Dom look forward to seeing you all there.
(Well Dom at least!)

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 14.11.2017

Planning

Maldon District Council's decisions were noted:

Bluebell House 10 St Peters Close – various tree works – allowed to proceed.

The Stumble 4A Church Street – two storey rear extension – approved.

Councillors considered the following new applications:

Cobbs Farm Maldon Road – continuation of use of a washing plant for processing sand and gravel from the construction of an agricultural reservoir. The Parish Council has no objections but asked for limits on the period of use, permitted noise levels, the removal of all stockpiles of unwashed materials at the end date, and a requirement to undertake wheel and road cleaning.

Vaulty Manor Goldhanger Road Heybridge – various alterations to the Stable Ranges to provide further facilities at the wedding venue – supported but the Parish Council feels that the new walkway should not be roofed with shingles as this would be out of keeping with other adjacent roofs.

Land east of Bradwell Power Station Downhall Beach Bradwell-on-Sea – preliminary groundworks and investigations in association with a potential new nuclear power station –

A no comment response, but concerns were raised over any final power station design.

The Parish Council was disappointed to hear that Maldon District Council is to discontinue the parish trigger whereby any application to which a Parish Council objected although it was recommended for approval by officers, would be decided by the North West Planning Committee. However, the Ward Members can still be asked to bring an application to the Committee if the Parish Council requests this. There was also concern that from April 2018 no hard copies of planning applications would be available to Parish Councils.

Dog fouling

There have been complaints that some owners are not clearing up after their pets when walking in Marigold Wood. This is very disappointing as the Parish Council is trying to create an amenity for the village and dog waste bins have been provided at each end of the wood.

Budget and Precept for the year 2018-2019

The Council continued its discussions on the setting of the precept for the above year, and these will be finalised at the December meeting. It is intended (subject to certain conditions) to make a donation of £5,000 to the Village Hall Management Committee for the proposed works to the Hall, and this will be done through an increase in the precept.

Highways

Speeding in Maldon Road continues to be a problem, and so the Parish Council has asked Maldon District Council to provide some monitoring with Trucam equipment which will result in fines if anyone is caught exceeding the speed limit.

The Local Highways Panel will be asked when the proposed 20mph speed limit in Fish Street will be put in place, and for an update on the other schemes.

The Highways Rangers have been about the village and carried out various grass cutting and strimming work.

It was reported that there has recently been a break in at the allotments.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 pm.

Village Hall Vintage Christmas Film Club



Wednesday 20th December

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17th JAN **Film Club**
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Head Street CM9 8AY

St Peters Church Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December

Saturday 9th

From 10.30am Enjoy the trees and vote for your favourite tree (business trees, pubs and clubs, family trees (no genealogy please) and street trees).

Raffle, guess the amount in money jar. Dedication tree for messages to loved ones past and present. and a very special appearance from Santa himself

2-4pm. Refreshments available in the community room.

6.30pm Enjoy the trees at night and sample mulled wine and mince pies.



Sunday 10th

10am Family service

6.30pm Carol service by candlelight followed by the raffle draw and money jar winner. The best tree winner will receive the special Goldhanger cup for Christmas 2017

If you would like to enter a tree please come along to the church on Friday 8th December 10am onwards or call Kim 01621 788698

The Goldhanger Money Jar



The money jar is back again this year ..we do hope you have been saving coins, any English coins. Please

can you try and get them to me before 5th December.

Guess the value of the jar and it's yours. The jar will be in church at the Christmas tree festival on 9th and 10th December.

Elaine 788686

Rose Lodge, Church Street

CHRISTMAS CYCLAMEN

If you would like a cyclamen in church this Christmas in memory of a loved one, please let me know. We will have them in church from 14th December. They are £2 each if we can get the order in early.



Elaine 788686

The Cricketers of Goldhanger



Vince, Diane, Shay and Kelly welcome you to The Cricketers of Goldhanger.

Delicious home cooked food served daily all priced at Only £8.50.

- Delicious Chilli Con Carne with fluffy rice
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- Chicken Caesar salad
- The Special Cricketers Burger with salad and chips
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- Wholetail Scampi with peas and chips
- The Cricketers Special Macaroni and Cheese with a generous serving of Garlic Bread
- Fancy cheese on your chips for an extra 50p?.....Just ask!

Mouth watering Roast dinner with all the trimmings served from 12pm-6pm on Sundays Starting from only £10.95

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- Lamb shank and rib of beef with Roast potatoes, Stuffing balls and Fresh Vegetables only **£12.95**

Vince, Diane, Shay and Kelly would like to invite you to The Cricketers of Goldhanger party on Friday the 10th November, 7:30 until late

An amazing live band will be performing plus special offers such as:

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the Posty

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to one & all
Catherine & Adrian

Happy Christmas
High & Treacy



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from
Rachel & Steve

Happy Xmas.
Love To All.

Happy Christmas
with love from
Jackie X

Merry Christmas
Everyone
Lots of love
Steve & Lyni
xx

Enjoy
The Sun

Have a great
Xmas all.
Barbara & Keith
xx

Happy Christmas
to one and all

Lizzie, Mike
and the dogs.
x x x
x x x 

Happy Christmas
and wishing you all
the best for the
New Year
Love Mary. xx

To all our friends and neighbours
in Goldhanger
Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018

Merry Christmas
and a fabulous
New Year
Love Heather
xx

Wishing you
all a peaceful
Christmas
Love
Hazel & Ann
xx

Merry Christmas all.
Love Ian & Jill
x



Merry Christmas
one & all
from
Sarah & Ian
& Oli
xx

Wish everyone
simply the
Best
Christmas.
Tony,
Sue, Joyce & Charlie

Merry Christmas
One and all
Have a fab time.
Chris & Stephen
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Merry Christmas
Everyone!
Love from
Clare & Peter

Have a great
Christmas everybody!
Love Stuart, Judy,
Nona & family
xx xx



Greetings to all
Gwendolyn

Merry Christmas
Best wishes
Mortyn & Julie
xx

Chris and Annie Thorby
Wish you all a lovely restful
and happy time this Christmas
With all best wishes
Carol & Tony
x x

Happy Christmas
Margaret & Barry

Wishing you all
a Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year
Merry Christmas
Mark & Andrew

Happy Christmas
God Bless
love
Michael & Cheryl
xx

Merry Christmas
to all in Goldhanger!!
x Love Sue & Keith x

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
BOB & SUE xx

Happy Christmas
to a fabulous 2018!
Vicki & Ted
x

Merry Christmas
Noreen & William
David

Best Wishes
for the season
Kim & Ray x x

wishing Goldhanger
friends Merry Christmas
Mr & Mrs Kelly & family

To all our friends and neighbours
in Goldhanger
Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018

Wishing all in Goldhanger
a Happy Christmas
Rob & David Craggs

Very Happy Christmas to all
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Christmas Greetings
to you all. Anne & Elaine

Happy Christmas
Everyone
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Christmas x
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everyone from
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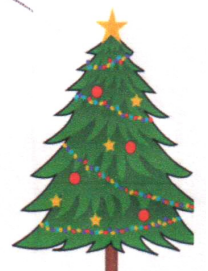
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Goldhanger Village Hall Chairman Statement 2017

I am very pleased to be able to give my report on the past year to the Annual General Meeting.

It has been a busy and challenging year for all of us on the Village Hall Management Committee, particularly with the design period, consultation and initial funding applications for the re-development of the hall being pressed into action. The fund raising and awareness events we have held during the year have all gone very well indeed.

The use of the hall by village residents and the wider community has continued at a promising level with a new, clearer and competitive pricing policy helping to attract more bookings. Of course there is always room for improvement in the number of private bookings we can accommodate but it has been a very good year overall.

Our Social and Fundraising sub-committee has been led very ably by Jill Crooks and thanks go to her and her team for all their hard work through the year planning and managing a variety of events at the Hall. The launch of the Goldhanger Film Club has been a great success with films as diverse as A Street Cat named Bob and Lion appearing to suit all tastes.

It was wonderful to see our field being used for the Goldhanger Summer BBQ in August. The event went off extremely well and we were blessed with great weather. We had fantastic music and entertainment, the Pimm's was flowing and the BBQ did a roaring trade. We also had very interesting and informative displays from each of the clubs and groups who regularly use the village hall to promote their activities and hopefully welcome new and existing residents to their group.

The Goldhanger Village Hall website www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk has been building in success and is now the Go To place online to access all the information about the village hall and the events being held. Thanks go to Jill Crooks again for her hard work in keeping the Village Hall website up to date and current. We continue to promote the hall through the press and thanks go to Chris and Steven, the editors of the Goldhanger Parish Magazine for their help with this, as well as Kaye Shrubbs – our dedicated Maldon Standard correspondent!

The work of the VH Improvement Project committee, especially Chris Joslin and Clive Cheeseman, has been invaluable in getting the project of the ground and ensuring the Grant applications are as good as they can be to the many grant bodies. In a difficult financial environment, the task to apply for the available grants has at times proven too be long and arduous so well done to all involved, we are getting there so let's keep the momentum going.....!!

The property sub-committee headed by Barbara Wilson has worked hard this year to keep the village hall ship shape inside and out, and making sure the field is safe and secure. My thanks go to Malcolm Kemp for maintaining the field, Mike Hood and Keith Wilson for taking care of electrical matters and Martin Seabrook and Jill Crooks for the technical work on our website. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the working parties and apparently enjoyed themselves.

If you would like to volunteer for the coming year – please let us know!!

The sad loss of our Caretaker and Booking Clerk, Andrew Christy after many years' service, was a blow to us all. I must thank Barbara Wilson for taking over Andrew's caretaking duties, on top of her regular cleaning and maintenance duties, and to Steve Clarke for taking on the bookings.

My renewed thanks to the Committee – Vice Chairman and Secretary Catherine Brown, our Treasurer Steve Clarke, and of course the rest of the gang – Jill Crooks, Barbara Wilson, Chris Joslin, Debbie Kemp, Kaye Shrubbs, Helen Brown, Clive Cheeseman, Andrew Wallis, Kim Evans, Sandra Smith and Steve Ellis, for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment.

Lastly on behalf of the committee I would like to thank the villagers for their ongoing support for everything we are doing at the Village Hall. We hope you have enjoyed all the events during 2017 and we look forward to even more fun and enjoyment in the year to come.

Anton Jermy
Chairman

The annual concert by the **Goldhanger Jubilee Choir** will take place in the Church on Friday 15th December at 7.30pm

This years concert is focused on the sea and will contain songs, music and readings both old and new. There will be a collection at the end of the evening that will be divided between St Peter's Church and the RNLI.

Everyone is welcome!



Bins and recycling

Many of us in Goldhanger didn't receive recycling bags this year. This has also been mentioned to me by a number of residents and after speaking to MDC, I have, what I hope is helpful information. Firstly the next bag delivery is due May 2018. If you are running out you can get more bags from:

- a) various local stockists
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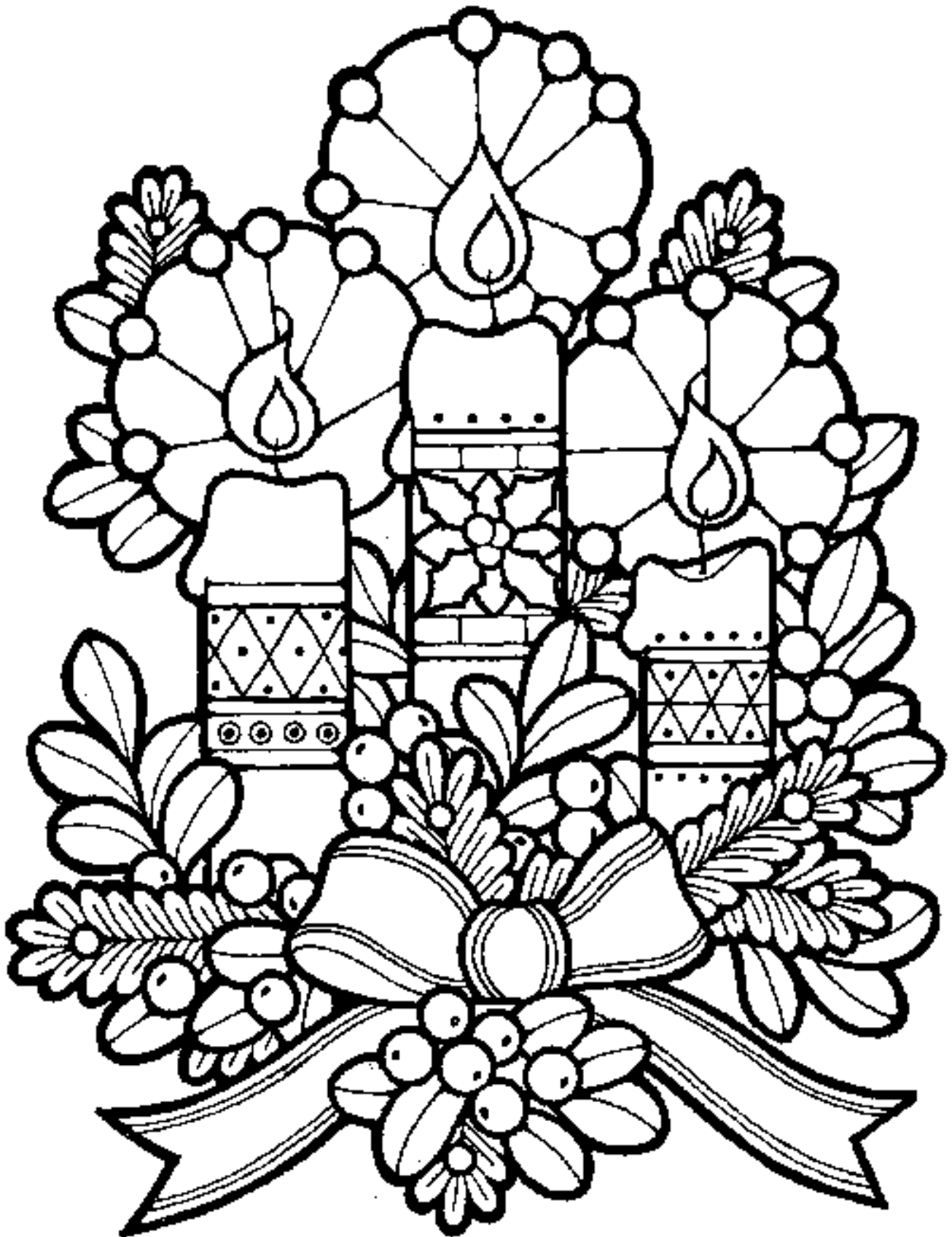
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Children's Pages

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Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. In the poem, 'The Night Before Christmas', how many reindeer did Santa have to pull his sleigh? Eight, nine or 10?
2. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
3. Which character 'A Christmas Carol' gets visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future?
4. Which foreign city has donated a huge Christmas tree to Britain every year since 1947, which is always displayed in Trafalgar Square. Which city is it? A) Munich B) Stockholm c) Oslo
5. How many days are on a traditional advent calendar? 12, 24, 31?
6. In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many gold rings does the singer's 'truelove' give him?
7. A year has 365 days. What number day is Christmas Day?
8. Why did Father Christmas need Rudolf the Reindeer to use his large, glowing nose to guide his sleigh?
9. What is the last day of Christmas called?
10. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas?

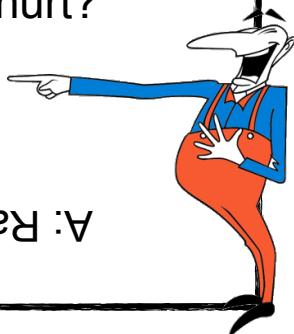
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The term "disc jockey" was first used in 1937.

Joke

Q: What often falls but never gets hurt?

A: Rain



Leonardo da Vinci made sketches of a submarine and William Bourne, a British mathematician, drew plans for a submarine in 1578. But it was only in 1620 that Cornelis van Drebbel, a Dutch inventor, managed to build a navigable submarine - he wrapped a wooden rowboat tightly in waterproofed leather and had air tubes with floats to the surface to provide oxygen. There were no engines yet, so the oars went through the hull at leather gaskets. Van Drebbel took the first trip with 12 oarsmen in the Thames River – staying submerged for 3 hours.

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So, what can we do for you this month? Well by the time you're reading this, I'm guessing that you will have tumbled to the fact that every retail outlets has been shouting at you since September. "Christmas is almost here!" So I'm starting with some of my favourite words by the 17th-century poet Richard Crashaw to describe the world's most amazing, life changing, life-giving, birth, the birth of Christ.

"Welcome, all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span,
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man!
Great little One, whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to earth."

However in the next year I'll be talking to many mums and dads who think that, in terms of their own families, the birth of their child is a pretty amazing, life-giving, life changing experience too. If God loves and cares for us enough to send his own son into our risky and dangerous world for our sakes, think how much he must delight in sharing with each and every family their joy as they welcome their new child into the world.

We, the Church, want to share that joy; and to join with you in welcoming your child into the world because we think it's a pretty life-giving, life changing event too. Mostly we would like to welcome your child into a new and even bigger family than the one into which they were born. This new family is called the Church and we welcome all those who want to join in a celebration called Baptism.

Through their baptism children are joined to Christ and his whole church not just in this parish but in every part of the world, now, in the past and in the future, in earth and in heaven (How about that!). There will always be a place for them and an important place too.

We'd like to share with you some thoughts about what it means to bring up a child in our complicated and sometimes difficult world and to show you some of the support we can offer you and your child as they develop and grow. In our three parishes we work with children in many different ways. In Great Totham we have an Edward Bear Club for the 0 to 5-year-olds and a Sunday Club that runs during the main Sunday service. We run holiday clubs in Great and Little Totham. Goldhanger has a monthly family service, children's activity days, a C of E primary school at Tolleshunt D'Arcy and also close ties with Wheatlands nursery

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Baptism is a once in a lifetime event but it starts a journey that will take a whole lifetime to complete. The Church helps parents find Godparents to support and guide those first steps. Making that journey is at times a delight but there will be times when it's hard and the family of the church will be there to guide, encourage and support; no one on that journey will ever be alone.

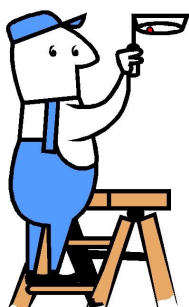
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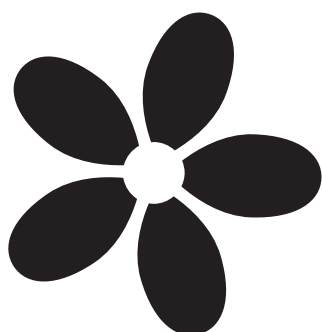


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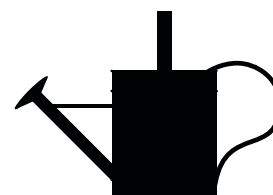
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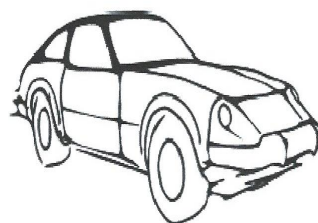
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685g Brussels Sprouts, washed & trimmed
2 tablespoons Olive Oil
3-4 cloves Garlic, minced or crushed
1 tablespoon Balsamic Vinegar
Salt & fresh pepper to taste
75g Parmesan Cheese, grated



DIRECTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 200°C / 400°F.
- * Cut the sprouts in half.
- * In an oven-safe dish or cast iron pan, toss together the sprouts, olive oil, garlic, and balsamic vinegar and spread them all into an even layer. Season with salt and pepper, to taste
- * Oven roast for about 20 minutes, then gently toss and mix the sprouts.
- * Bake the sprouts for another 20 minutes, or until they're tender.
- * Sprinkle parmesan evenly over the top of the sprout mixture and bake for another 3 minutes or until the cheese is melted.
- * Serve warm.



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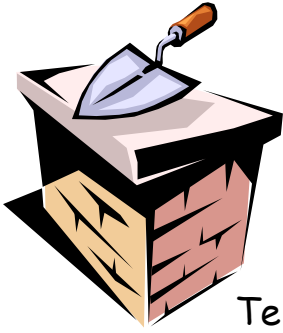
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Answers to Children's Quiz on page 31

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2. A coin
3. Ebenezer Scrooge
4. Oslo
5. 24
6. Five
7. 359
8. It was foggy on Christmas Eve
9. Twelfth Night
10. Poinsettia

Website of the Month

Your editors present a quirky, interesting, surprising or who-knows-what web site that may be of interest. Hand-curated by your intrepid cybernaut navigators Chris and Stephen 😊

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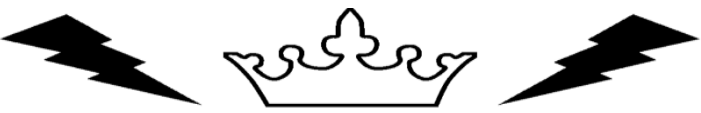
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4 M		00:14	5.98	12:33	6.17
5 Tu		01:01	6.04	13:21	6.28
6 W		01:48	6.02	14:09	6.27
7 Th		02:36	5.91	14:59	6.13
8 F		03:24	5.72	15:51	5.89
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	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
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HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0947	1147	1447	1622
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0950	1150	1450	1625
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0953	1153	1453	1628
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HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0845	1100	1310	1540	1705
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0847	1102	1312	1542	1707
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723

HO = Hedingham Omnibus

NOTE

Thanks to John Pearson for correcting the time of the 9:30 bus from the square. 😊

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

BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Hedingham Omnibus			
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
MALDON Morrisons	0935	1135	1335	1515
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	Hedingham Omnibus			
MALDON Morrisons	955	1155	1355	1625
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

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	01206 769778 or 564581
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