

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE
MARCH 2018



Red brick walls down Church Street in 1929

123 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 all those 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.

Donations can be made at any time. Cheques made payable to **Goldhanger Parish Magazine** please - or you can go to the Goldhanger website and make a donation online.

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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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The Goldhanger Red Brick Walls

The red brick walls in the centre of the village could well be unique as nothing similar, and to the extent, has been seen elsewhere. In the mid 1800s the Rector, the Revd. C.B. Leigh paid for the village school, a new rectory (now Goldhanger House), restored the Church and built the walls around the Church. He also encouraged villagers to build similar walls to keep farm animals out of gardens.

This was because at that time there were two farms in the middle of the village: Hall Farm and Church Farm, and both had animals that would have been regularly driven through the streets to fields at the edge of the village.

The walls remain a significant and historic feature of the village and the Conservation Area Review produced by MDC in 2007, recognised their importance and referred to them many times throughout the document, for example:

The conservation area is given cohesion and a sense of identity by the common use of low red brick boundary walls to properties... Soft brick, particularly when used with lime mortar, adds warmth, colour and texture to the streetscape.

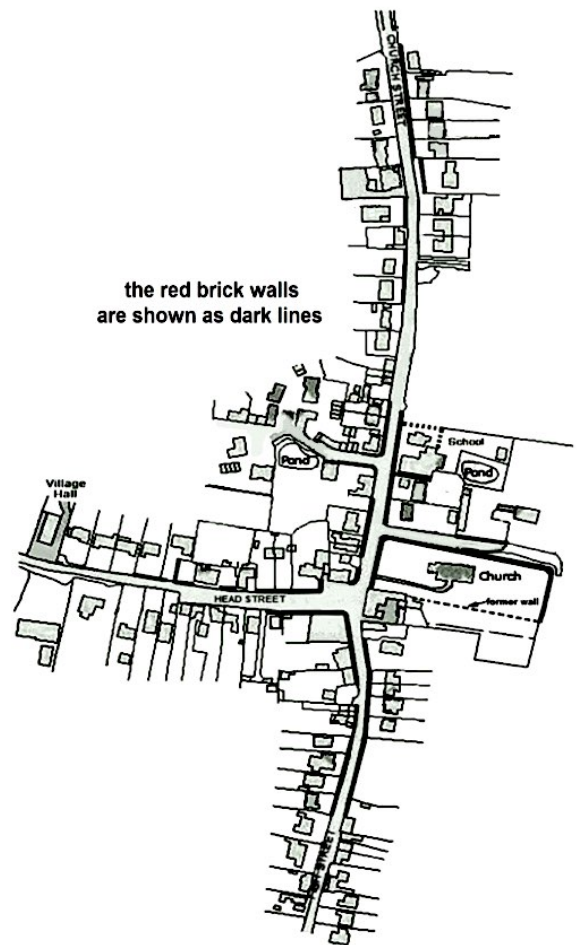
Over 40 properties in the village still have these red brick walls and if they were all joined end to end would stretch for 3/4 of a mile.

Part of the village old-world-charm is the sense of maturity created by these ancient and partially decaying walls.

The walls in the village are not all of a uniform construction and vary in the style of capping or coping. The walls around the churchyard have angled "saddleback" capping and are clearly some of the oldest.

Two years ago high winds demolished part of the wall at the east end of the churchyard and the PCC has embarked on fund raising to restore it. Their article appears elsewhere in the magazine.

for more about our walls search for: Goldhanger walls



Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 3rd March **Third Sunday in Lent**
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 11th March **Mothering Sunday**
10.00am Family Service

Sunday 18th March **Passion Sunday**
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 Celebrant Rev'd Janet Nicholls

Sunday 25th March **Palm Sunday**
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Wednesday 28th March
12.30pm Picnic Service

Thursday 29th March **Maundy Thursday**
7.30pm Passover Meal and Holy Communion

Friday 30th March **Good Friday**
10.00am Devotional Service
 The Passion and Dialogue of the last Seven Words

Sunday 1st April **Easter Day**
9.30am Parish Communion with Easter ceremonies (CW)
 Celebrant Ven. Annette Cooper
 Archdeacon of Colchester

****Please note during the parish 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.



From the Churchwardens

We are pleased to announce that the Rev'd Canon Paul Daltry, Priest in Charge of the North Blackwater Group of Parishes has agreed to also become Priest in Charge of the United Benefice of Great and Little Totham with Goldhanger. He and his wife Jean will continue to live at The Vicarage, Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

Flags for March

Wednesday 21st March



Harry Lewis

Royal Berkshire Regiment

Saturday 24th March



John Waklin Essex Rgt

Tuesday 27th March



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Regular events in the Village Hall:

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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

2nd & 16th March, 13th April (last one). 2-4pm. For more information call Barry on 788467.

Pilates

Every Monday 7pm

Bookings

Contact Steve Clarke on 788246 or email: sclarke720@btinternet.com

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	18.00 - 23.00	£12	£15
Saturday-Sunday	9.00 - 18.00	£12	£15
	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

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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 Honywood 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 March?

Carpet Bowls. 2nd & 16th - P.6

Sewing Class. Village Hall. 3rd - P.20

Lent Lunch Village Hall. 9th - P.16

Computer Help Drop-In. Community
Room St Peter's. 13th - P.18

Film Club Village Hall. 14th - P.26

Craft Club. Village Hall. 24th - P.15

David Webb
of Goldhanger House, Church Street, Goldhanger.

It is with deep sadness we announce that David passed away peacefully at a care home on the 1st February 2018.

After cremation a memorial Service will take place at St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger on the 6th March 2018 between 1-1:30pm



In this edition of the Parish Magazine you will find an informative article by our village historian (*p.3*), on the rather special red brick walls that are a feature of the village; and indeed a heritage feature. Sadly, the eastwall of the churchyard collapsed two years ago.

The Church PCC is hoping to rebuild the fallen east wall.

Grant aid towards the cost is being sought and two very enjoyable Chinese Feasts were held raising nearly £900. Thank you all so much for participating in these, especially those who provided the desserts.

Re-building work will make use of salvaged bricks, but only those from parts of the wall set in lime mortar can be re-used. We have to buy additional bricks. In the spring, we plan to launch a sponsorship appeal to purchase the special saddleback coping bricks, we will need about 140 of these.

We will give you a further up-date in next months mag.

Anthony Clark. Malcolm Holmes.

CMS BOXES

Could all CMS Boxes be returned for their annual Easter opening to either George Bunting or Edith Richards?

Thanks



Easter Lilies

Would you like to sponsor one of the Lilies we already have in church this Easter in memory of a loved one? They are £2.50 each.

Elaine Clark 788686
Rose Lodge

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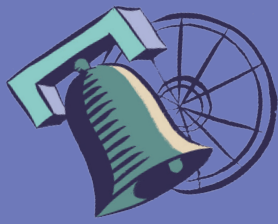
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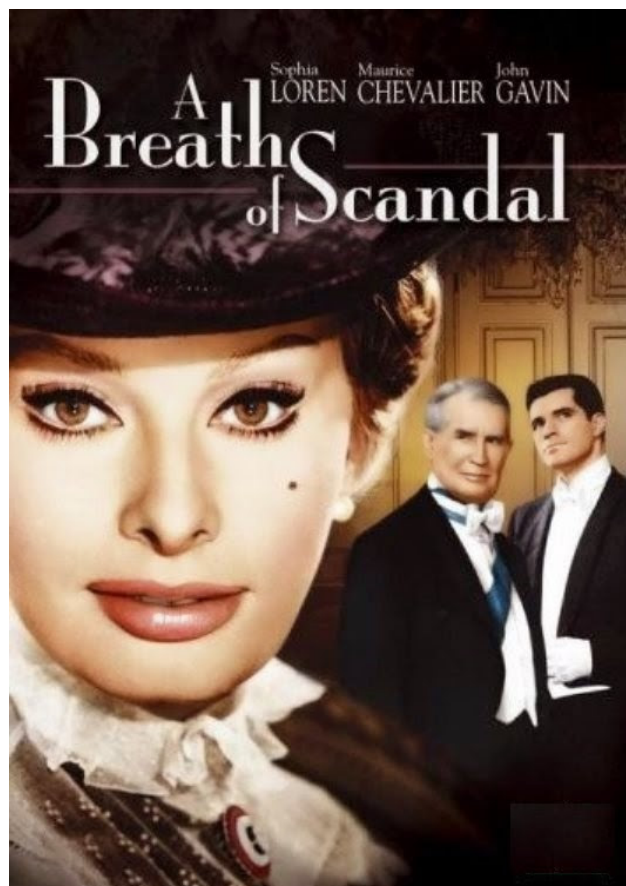
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Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday March 7th and our speaker is Amanda Sutherland. The subject of her talk is:- STAGE COSTUME DESIGNER TO JEWELLERY MAKER. Please bring a 'flower of the month' for the competition. Check our website for any information about refreshments for the evening.



The February meeting was well attended in spite of the bitter cold night and our speaker was Steve Clarke. We were treated to an extra bit of history of the Women's suffrage Movement at the start of Steve's talk and then he guided us through the sixties in America with all the intrigues and scandals. We all learned such a lot and Steve's relaxed presentation was enjoyed by all. He certainly knows his stuff.

The annual WI short list of resolutions was outlined for us by Kerry and we voted to forward our order of preference to the National Federation. It was quite a significant point in the meeting that we were to make our views

known to Parliament on the 100th Anniversary of women over 30 getting the vote. The 'WI voice' is certainly listened to in the 21st century.

Pat Erridge took first place in the 'flower of the month' competition with a very pretty viburnum and Sue's hellebore was second. The refreshments were delicious and we thank the members who prepared and served them.

We will be having our ANNUAL SPRING LUNCH in April. It will be held at the Chequers on 19th April. A board will be circulated at the March meeting.

For details of forthcoming meetings and activities please click on our website www.goldhangerwi.co.uk

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17 February

24 March

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CHINESE EVENINGS

The 2 Chinese Evenings raised a total of £871 towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

Many thanks to Becky and Elaine, their helpers and all those who supported these events.

Lent Lunch

Friday 9th March

Goldhanger Church
12.30pm – 2.00pm

Proceeds to Christian Aid

Tower News

February saw our annual tower AGM hosted once again in the Chequers - thank you to everyone there for allowing us to take over a room for the evening! Cake and drinks assisted the discussions of accounts, maintenance and ringing business.

Andrew Kelso continues as Tower Captain and Clare Gebel is now the Deputy. Clare is already doing a brilliant job. Next month we have an outing that she has organised to Suffolk. What happens on a bell ringers' outing? Pretty villages, interesting churches, a pub lunch and bells that are very different to St Peters' usually. Because of the way that bells are made, differences in how they are installed in a tower and a few other factors too, one church's bells are never like another. Some make a beautiful sound and are easy to ring whereas others can be very challenging and sound like cracked pots!

February has had several centennial rings for villagers lost in WW1 and our commemorative peal for Harry Lewis is later this month. There's some discrepancy over the date of his death between the 21st and 23rd but its felt that the 21st is more accurate and so our peal will be on Wed 21st to reflect that and honour his memory and sacrifice. If you hear us ringing without stopping for about 2 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours on that Wednesday night you'll know why! We'll probably raise a glass to him in the Chequers afterwards - much as he would have done after ringing too.

Finally, see if you can spot our posters for the Ringing Remembers campaign around the village. If you're interested we'd love to hear from you.



GOLDHANGER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE invites you

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OF THE FORTHCOMING ROYAL WEDDING



2018
MAY BALL

SATURDAY
12th MAY

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The monthly drop-in sessions in the **Community Room at St Peter's, Goldhanger** are to help get you started and/or to learn more. It will be on the **second Tuesday** each month from 10 till 11, before the Coffee Morning. We will have devices to use or you can bring your own.

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Malcolm Holmes



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NIGHTS**

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As the German advance continued and the Allied 5th Army was driven back across the former Somme battlefields another soldier from Goldhanger was killed on the 4th day. John Sidney Wakelin of 10th battalion Essex Regiment aged 27 died on 24th March. John was the third son of Frederick and Fanny Walkelin and from a prominent local farming family related to George Bunting who continues the family tradition in Goldhanger today.

John was killed at Rouen Wood with many others of his battalion who were trying to hold the line as the rearguard to the retreating 18th Division and is remembered on the Pozieres memorial along with 14,000 others who have no known grave and died between 21st March and 7th August 1918 the period of the German advance. Pozieres is a village six kilometres north-east of Albert.

As mentioned last month 1918 was the worst year of the war for Goldhanger with 6 deaths being recorded in the Parish Magazine of the time. This month we remember Ernest Henry Lewis called Harry by everyone.

Harry was killed on the 21st March 1918. He was 25 years old and the son of Maurice and Emily Lewis who lived in Church Street in one of the bungalows near the Cricketers.

He was a member of the Royal Berkshire regiment and joined up in 1914. He is buried along with one other comrade in the churchyard of the village of Ugny-l'Equipee near Albert in France.

The 21st March was the first day of the massive German advance along 70 miles of the front line centred on the Somme but also including part of the Ypres area. At 0440hrs the most massive bombardment of the war by six and a half thousand guns and three and a half thousand mortars including thousands of gas shells began and the Germans advanced in overwhelming numbers with additional troops released from the Russian front. Thousands were mown down by the allied armies but they were unstoppable and broke through ending the years of stalemate. Over the next three and a half months they advanced up to 40 miles in some places and came within range of Paris with their largest guns. Although the Germans were eventually stopped and defeated the 21st March was an unfortunate day for Harry to be in the front line.

Harry's younger brother Fred also joined up in 1916 and went to France with the Essex Regiment and was taken prisoner at Tampoux Arras during the second week of the big German breakthrough. His story is an interesting one and will be told in a future edition.

The Lewis family were related to the Appletons and both families were prominent bell ringers in Goldhanger. Harry in particular was one of the crack peel band of the time and is mentioned in the bell ringers peel records, including one on October 1914 as a farewell to him on joining the army and another by the other members of the band on 28th April 1918 with muffled bells as a last mark of respect to Harry.

A full peel will be rung in his honour by the district band including Goldhanger members, on 21st March the 100th anniversary of his death.

Article by Barry Unger



John Wakelin



John Sidney Wakelin
commemorated in the
south window of
St Peters Church
Goldhanger

TO THE GLORY OF GOD & SACRED TO THE BELOVED
MEMORY OF JOHN SYDNEY WAKELIN 10th BATT^{ESSEX} REG
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ROUEN WOOD FRANCE ON MARCH 24 1918 THIRD SON OF
FREDRICK & FANNY WAKELIN OF THIS PARISH R.I.P.



John Wakelin, 27yrs, no known grave
commemorated on Pozières Memorial, the Somme



Harry Lewis
buried at the churchyard at Ugny-L'Équipée, France



Fred Lewis



Harry Lewis

Double sided locket worn by Emily Lewis



Attendees at the Plough Sunday service on Sun 14th Jan

Children also planted pots of spring barley to grow at home and bring back for Rogation Sunday later in the year.



Christmas Gift Barn Competition Winners

Photos of the winning Christmas card designs.

Very well done to all.

GOLDHANGER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

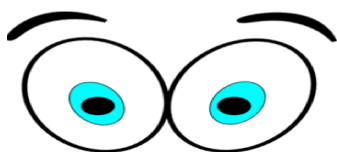
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Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June



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YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

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Goldhanger Village Hall Committee needs volunteers to help with the organising, planning and helping out at the social events we hold throughout the year, as well as the regular maintenance working parties to keep the hall ship shape and looking her best!

The Village Hall is self funding and as such we need to raise funds to help towards our much needed project works

Events vary from our monthly Film Club to the May Ball, our Summer BBQ and the Spirit of Christmas.

If you have time to spare, a willing pair of hands and would like to pitch in and help, please get in touch. It's a great way to meet people in the village too!

Please contact:

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March Letter

By the time you read this letter we will be in the middle of Lent. It's a time of preparation for that ultimate life-giving celebration we call Easter. So how do you make yourself ready for such an amazing event . For Christians it's a time of reflection and prayer; a time of repentance. The word repentance comes from the Greek word metanoia which means to turn; to turn away from all the things that we had done that make us less human, less than the amazing people God created us to be and then to turn towards God who will remake us as we were always intended to be. For the sake of Great Totham who don't have a January letter we pointed out then that in each of the three churches each week we say these or similar words,

“forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be”

Great! The problem is that all this requires change and not superficial change but change at a very deep level. So I ask you a personal question; how do you feel about change? In my experience people react very differently. Some people consistently jump up and down with excitement at the prospect of change hardly stopping to consider its implications or its cost. I think I was less than 20 when I last reacted like that. Some people act reluctantly or fearfully, believing any change can only be for the worst. Well I'm the wrong side of 70 now and it's the reaction I'm trying to avoid even if I do slip into it occasionally. But there is a middle way. It involves looking for the reasons that make change necessary or desirable and then exploring all the opportunities and advantages that change might bring. Realistically it also requires us to understand all the good things that have been achieved in the past and to think how creatively they could be incorporated into the future. It's a counsel of perfection but I suspect that the people who weather change best are those who take that middle way.

Well many of you will understand why am talking about change in this way. On April 25th (date still to be confirmed) Bishop Roger will license Paul Daltry as Priest-in-Charge of our three parishes and the four North Blackwater Parishes so becoming part of a wider family of seven parishes. So how are we dealing with change? Well I haven't seen anyone consistently jumping up and down in the streets with excitement at the prospect of change, hardly stopping to consider its implications or its cost. And I'm pleased about that. It means that we are being realistic about the future. Have I found anyone reluctant or fearful, believing that any change can only be for the worst? Well to be honest I probably have. We have to encourage and support these people because with God's help there's a bright future out there for all of us. Most people fit into the middle category. They want to preserve the good things that have been achieved in the past and to think how creatively they could be incorporated into a new future that with God's help we will be building together. Amen

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.2.2018

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

Norsey House Maldon Rd – retrospective, erection of four garden fence panels – **refused**.

27 Maldon Rd – two storey side/rear extension. Single storey lobby extension to replace existing lobby structure – **approved**.

Vaulty Manor Goldhanger Rd Heybridge – Alterations to openings and internal partitioning of stable ranges to provide new reception/WC areas in place of existing ancillary guest/staff accommodation – **approved and Listed Building Consent granted**.

Decisions on new planning applications:

37 Fish St – remove Blossom tree – there is no objection to the felling of this tree but the existing hedge should be retained as the proposed laurel hedge would be out of keeping.

11a Fish St – pollard two Limes – supported.

North Maldon Growers Ltd Little Totham Rd – erection of an agricultural building – no objections.

30 Fish St – fell Macrocarpa to ground – no objections.

20 Fish St – fell Scots Pine – the Parish Council objects to this application as the Scots Pine is an important tree in the street scene and the reasons for felling it are not justified.

11a Fish St – crown reduction of a Walnut tree – supported.

Norsey House – works to garden and fence – the application is supported but a replacement laurel hedge is not thought to be appropriate and another form of vegetation would be more fitting.

Enforcement issues: There is nothing further to report re Benham Close – hedges and hedgerow maintenance issues.

Gardeners Farm is advertising a Caravan Club campsite – enforcement will be asked if planning permission is required for this, and how adverts on the edge of the highway should be dealt with.

There will shortly be a vacancy on the Council as Chris Joslin has announced his intention to resign in May.

A proposal to make parking spaces on the playing field was discussed but was not deemed suitable. It would be difficult to control parking and would require a locked gate, and more parking spaces could lead to further parking problems in the area. The playing field was originally only intended for recreational use.

The Parish Council considered an appeal on the cancellation of the proposed 20mph speed limit in Fish Street, but any appeal would be to the portfolio holder in Essex County Council who had actually made the decision. It is therefore very unlikely that the decision would be overturned. Councillor Mr Sargeant will pursue other schemes for Goldhanger, including speed restrictions in Maldon Road.

It was noted that Highways vehicles which had been carrying out patching work in Little Totham Road had seriously damaged the passing space by North Maldon Growers. This has been reported and Highways will make good the damage.

... continued on next page

Councillor Mark Durham (Essex County Council) will look into bottleneck issues on the road through Heybridge to Maldon which is causing serious traffic congestion.

Trucam has been used on Maldon Road and it was reported to have successfully slowed traffic down. Parking enforcement officers have visited Fish Street and issued four parking tickets. Officers will be asked to repeat this and the Trucam again in the near future.

It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee has obtained a grant of £20,000 towards the work on the Village Hall improvement scheme.

The light in the defibrillator box in Maldon Road is not working and this will be investigated. The Speed Indicator Device in the same location is also not working and repairs will be carried out.

The Council is currently updating its list of Buildings and Land assets, and this will shortly be published on the Parish Council's web site.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30 pm. The agenda and minutes of previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



News update - February 2018

It's always good to start a new year with good news and good news we have had in abundance.

First and with thanks to the support of the village community and our hard working social and fund raising committee, funds raised from events in the Hall in aid of the Project have now risen to £17,000 ! To add to this

we have the Indian Supper to look forward to in March which has been a complete sell out and the May Ball as well as the very popular monthly film club, our regular bingo evenings and events lined up for the Autumn.

Our labours in seeking funding were rewarded by the news in January that we have been awarded £20,000 by Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund and we await news of other bids with eager anticipation.

Total funds raised or pledged now total just under £60,000 and we have a clear strategy to raise the remainder.

Although not all funding bids are successful and the road ahead is not going to be without its disappointments, the news since Christmas has added impetus and credibility to the Project and we are now seeking quotations from Architects to develop our scheme so that tenders can be obtained.

Do please have a look at the Village Hall's web site <http://www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk/news/village-hall-improvement-project/> where you can see and read about what we are planning to do and how the project is progressing.

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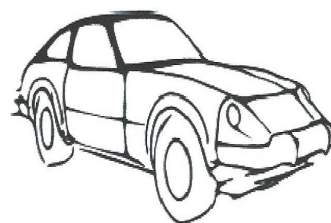
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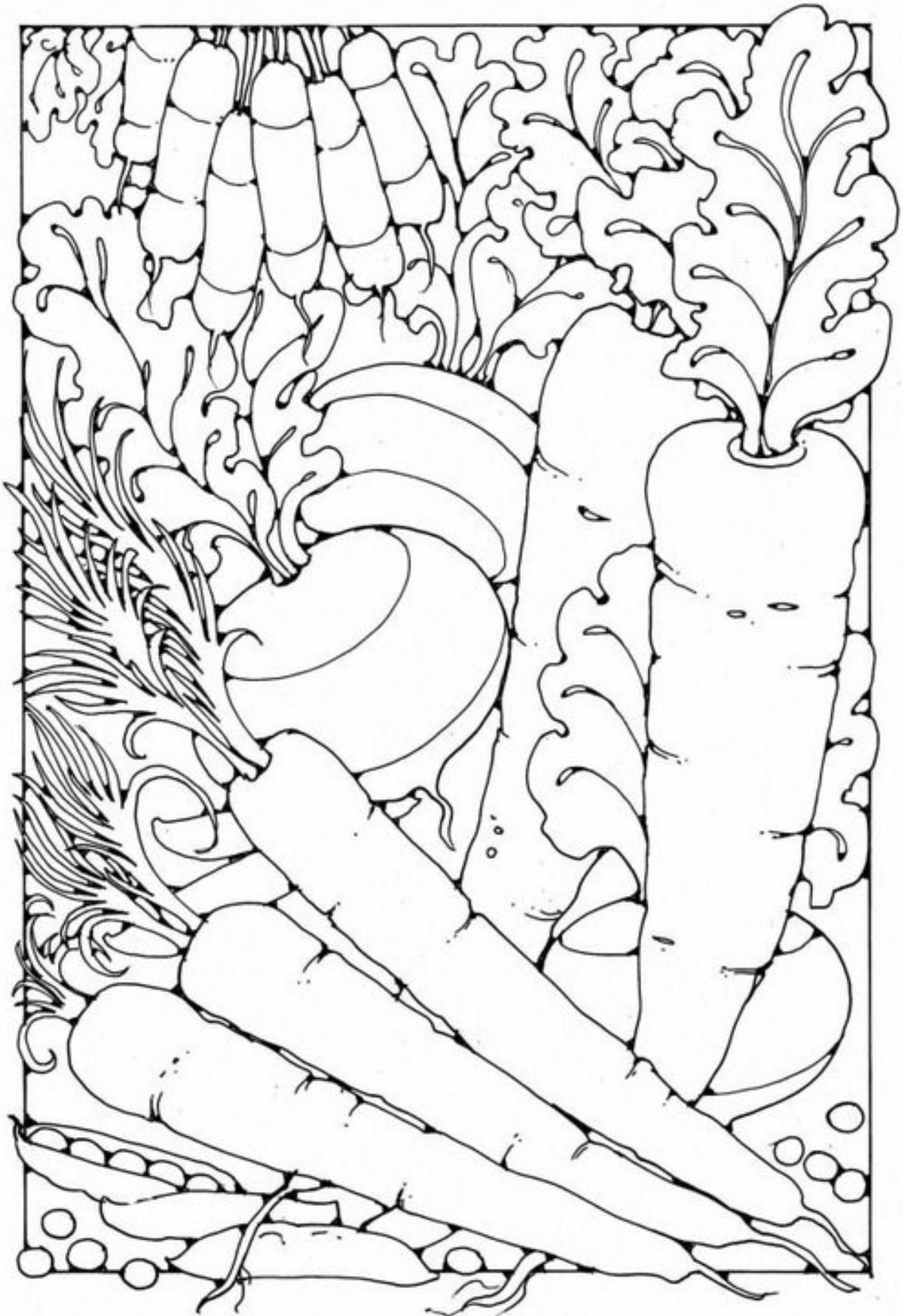
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Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. Which legendary reindeer had a very shiny red nose?
2. Which month falls between August and October?
3. Which type of Christmas tree decoration consists of thin strips of sparkling material on a long thread?
4. What, having rungs or steps, can you lean up against a wall to climb higher?
5. What name is given to the centre of a shooting target?
6. What sort of book would you use to look up the meaning of a certain word?
7. What name is given to the large wicker basket, containing food, that is often taken on a picnic?
8. Which liquid food, mostly served warm, can often have tomato or minestrone varieties?
9. What straight edged implement would you normally use to draw straight lines on paper?
10. What long implement would you use in the water to row a rowing boat?

Answers on page 41

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Joke

Q: What has four wheels and flies?

A: garbage truck!



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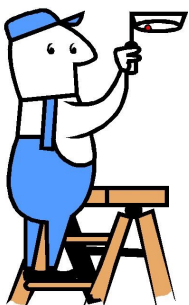
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Recipe of the month

Baked burrito

Serves 4

Preparation time: less than 30 mins

Cooking time: 30 mins to 1 hour



INGREDIENTS

- 1 small [onion](#)
- [oil](#), for cooking
- 600g/1lb 5oz skinless, boneless [turkey breast](#) or thigh
- 3 tsp Mexican [seasoning](#), such as mild taco [seasoning](#)
- 2 [tomatoes](#), halved
- 200g tin of [sweetcorn](#), drained
- 200g/7oz grated cheese, such as [Cheddar](#)
- 4 large soft tortilla [wraps](#)
- 4 tbsp natural [yoghurt](#), to serve



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 4.
2. Peel and roughly chop the onion. Heat a large frying pan over a medium heat, then add a dash of oil and the onion. Cook for 7-10 minutes, or until soft and translucent but not brown. Reduce the heat if the onion starts to colour.
3. Cut the turkey meat into 2½cm/1in cubes and add them and the Mexican seasoning to the onion. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring now and again, or until the turkey is cooked through with no sign of pink juices when you cut into the largest cube.
4. Grate the cut sides of the tomatoes into the pan, using a cheese grater, and stir. Discard the skin once the flesh is grated. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for 3-4 minutes, or until the tomato mixture has thickened and coats the turkey. Add the sweetcorn and stir.
5. Put the tortilla wraps on a chopping board and spoon the meat mixture into the middle of the wraps. Sprinkle with the grated cheese. Fold the sides of the wraps over the filling, then roll the wraps up from bottom to top to enclose the filling completely.
6. Put the wraps, folded side-down on a baking tray. Put a little oil into your hand and gently rub it over the wraps. Place in the oven and bake for 7 minutes, then turn the wraps over and bake for a further 5 minutes, or until golden and crisp all over.
7. Serve each burritos with a tablespoon of yoghurt on the side for dipping.



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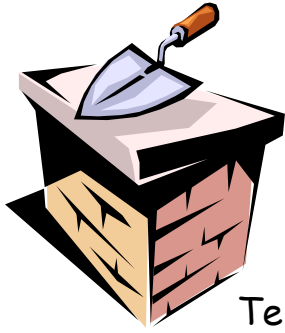
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Answers to Children's Quiz on page 36

1. Rudolph
2. September
3. Tinsel
4. A ladder
5. Bull's eye
6. A dictionary
7. A hamper
8. Soup
9. A ruler
10. An oar (or paddle)

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March					
		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1 Th				12:01	5.89
2 F	○	00:28	5.84	12:48	6.06
3 Sa		01:12	6.01	13:33	6.13
4 Su		01:52	6.10	14:14	6.10
5 M		02:32	6.09	14:54	5.96
6 Tu		03:09	5.96	15:32	5.72
7 W		03:46	5.74	16:09	5.42
8 Th		04:23	5.46	16:45	5.12
9 F	☾	05:04	5.13	17:28	4.82
10 Sa		05:57	4.79	18:25	4.55
11 Su		07:07	4.54	19:44	4.43
12 M		08:29	4.53	21:06	4.57
13 Tu		09:42	4.76	22:11	4.86
14 W		10:40	5.06	23:02	5.16
15 Th		11:26	5.31	23:44	5.39
16 F				12:04	5.49
17 Sa	●	00:21	5.57	12:39	5.64
18 Su		00:56	5.74	13:14	5.78
19 M		01:31	5.86	13:49	5.85
20 Tu		02:06	5.92	14:26	5.82
21 W		02:42	5.90	15:03	5.70
22 Th		03:17	5.82	15:40	5.53
23 F		03:56	5.71	16:21	5.32
24 Sa	☾	04:41	5.53	17:12	5.08
25 Su		06:39	5.27	19:18	4.83
26 M		07:57	5.03	20:48	4.72
27 Tu		09:28	5.04	22:18	4.92
28 W		10:51	5.30	23:30	5.28
29 Th		11:57	5.62		
30 F		00:26	5.60	12:48	5.84
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Data adjusted for British Summer Time
25th March to 28th October 2018

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	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
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	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
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TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0935	1135	1435	1610
GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0940	1140	1440	1615
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0945	1145	1445	1620
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0947	1147	1447	1622
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0950	1150	1450	1625
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
MALDON Morrisons	0825	1040	1250	1520	1645
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0830	1045	1255	1525	1650
MALDON High Street	0835	1050	1300	1530	1655
MALDON Tesco Store	0839	1054	1304	1534	1659
HEYBRIDGE Square	0843	1058	1308	1538	1703
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0845	1100	1310	1540	1705
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0847	1102	1312	1542	1707
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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
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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

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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
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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.

Water	0845 782 0999
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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