

NOVEMBER 2020

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE



A postcard from 1920s

The Green, Goldhanger.

125 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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NB - All articles (ideally in PDF, image or plain text format) to be submitted by midnight on the 15th of the month, and advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 13th of the month please. Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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

Web Advertising: If you would like your advert included on the Goldhanger website, please email Emma at advertising@goldhanger.org.uk. It's pretty cheap for a year.

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

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 350 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.

Current and previous issues of the magazine are available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website at: www.goldhanger.org.uk.

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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Shrimp Brand Beers at The Chequers

The Chequers has been owned by various breweries in the past and early postcards of the Square show a variety of brewery names on the inn. Two of those were “Shrimp Brand Beers” and “Russell’s Gravesend brewery”. These were trade names of the same brewery which was based at Gravesend in Kent, the result of Russell’s taking over the Writtle Brewery Co. and its 90 Essex based pubs in 1900.



RUSSELL'S GRAVESEND BREWERY Celebrated ALES.

a Russell's sign on The Chequers in the early 1900s

Russell’s and Shrimp Brand beer was delivered into Essex by sea and estuaries using sailing barges. These barges were operated by just two men, so were a very economic form of transport.



Barges bearing the Shrimp Brand mark brought regular shipments of beer from Gravesend to a purpose-built Russells depot at the Fullbridge wharf. The beer was then taken around Essex by horse drawn drays and later on trucks with “Shrimp Brand” over the cab. The two man crew were given an allowance of beer for each trip to discourage them from “interfering” with the cargo.

This early 1900s photograph shows ten drays lined up outside the Fullbridge depot ready to make the day's deliveries and gives an indication of the scale of the local business at the time.



Russell’s operated from 1858 to 1932 by which time it had 200 pubs in Kent and 90 in Essex. In 1932 they were taken over by London based Trumans Ales. Russell’s built this impressive art-deco building in 1924 at Fullbridge, which sadly was burnt down in 2011...



This month’s cover is a 1920s postcard with a “Shrimp Brand Beer” sign.

for more about this search for... *Goldhanger past shrimp brand*

David Newman

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with commemoration of the Faithful departed.

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Remembrance Service
with Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 15th November 2 Before Advent

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

We are please to announce that our services will resume after the lockdown on Sunday 6th September.

We will be pleased to welcome you but please remember:

You must:

- Sanitise your hands, on arrival
- Wear face masks
- Sit where allocated to ensure social distancing
- Let us know your details for track and trace. The best way to do this is to let us know you are coming by telling Kim Evans on 01621 788698
- Children must remain in their family groups at all times

You must not:

- Sing or make physical contact

The church is open for private prayer on Mondays 9.00am -12 noon and Thursdays 2.00pm - 7.00pm.

Daily services online at 10.00am

Monday - Saturday

Morning Prayer can be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Church-Goldhanger-286921654676048>

Sunday

Eucharist. The link address for streamed Eucharist services is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMHtbsdz2Enbj0TdEmE3-g/videos>

Please get in touch with the Rev'd Tracey or the churchwardens about any church concerns (*see next page for contact details*).

Parish Prayers

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

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

Priest in Charge of the Blackwater Benefice*	Reverend Tracey Harvey	07742 999 633 revtlcaswell@gmail.com
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St. Peter's Goldhanger website:

www.st-peters-church.goldhanger.org.uk

* Goldhanger, Little Totham & Great Totham and Tollesbury, Salcott, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt Major

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

26th September Tobias Hunter Storm Back

Holy Matrimony

12th September Thomas Hutton and Naomi Chetland

19th September Lewis Mcarthur and Aimee Rycraft

Christian Burial

21st August Elizabeth Mouncey Wood Aged 86 years

16th September Keith Henry Wilson Aged 75 years

Interment of Ashes

30th September Eileen Mary Southgate Aged 89 years

Flags for November

Sunday 8th November



Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 14th November



Prince Charles Birthday

Goldhanger Village Hall



Now a newly modernised venue for birthday parties, discos, children's parties, quiz nights & theme nights.

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

Now open with restrictions - please check first. See page 11.

Selection of 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 Wednesday of each month 7.30pm.

New website: parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk

Goldhanger Art Society

Every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm. £5 non members.

Numbers are limited. Jane - 01621 892565. <http://goldhangerartclub.co.uk>

Goldhanger Kazen Kai Karate Club

Weekly on Thursday evenings. For children and adults.

Mobile Library

Village Hall - every THREE WEEKS on a WEDNESDAY from 13.10 to 13.40 (see back of magazine for dates).

Pilates

Every Monday 7pm

WiFi at the Village Hall

For access please check with a committee member when booking or using the hall



Village Hall Bookings

Contact Maureen Cheeseman on 788433 or email: mcheeseman@outlook.com

Web: www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk

Facebook: [Goldhanger Village Hall](https://www.facebook.com/GoldhangerVillageHall)

Twitter: [@Goldhanger_VH](https://twitter.com/Goldhanger_VH)

		Goldhanger Resident Rate (per hour)	General Rate (per hour)
Monday-Friday	9.00 - 18.00	£10	£12
	18.00 - 23.00	£15	£18
Saturday-Sunday	9.00 - 18.00	£14	£18
	18.00 - 23.00	£20	£25

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 Hospice

Your used stamps can be dropped in to the Hospice shops in Maldon or the Bentalls Centre in Heybridge.



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 7:30pm - 9:30pm and for services on Sundays.
Newcomers welcome.

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



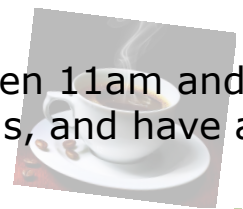
Mother's Union

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.



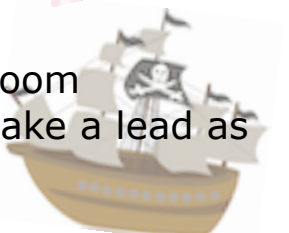
Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

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



Shanties in the Pub

3rd Tuesday in the month, 7:30 in the Chequers Billiards Room
Come along and sing along. Just join in the responses or take a lead as you wish. Ooo-Aaaar!



FACE MASKS

In aid of Church Organ restoration fund. £2.50 each.
This is a small way you can help in these difficult times when it's impossible to get together to fund raise.

They are for sale in the Chequers and Cricketers pub, the church, and from my house. Orders taken.

New range of teenager and children's facemasks.

They have probably lost the ones they had at the beginning of term! School masks - 3 for £5.00 . School offer from my house only.



Elaine 788686

Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to covid-19 there won't be any door-to-door poppy appeal collection this year. I usually collect in Church Street and just wanted to let everyone know that poppies and donation tins will be located at the Chequers and Cricketers.

As I'm not going out and about much to wear a poppy I'll be choosing to make an online donation and post a poppy picture in my window, which is another (plastic free) way of supporting this good cause.

The official appeal starts around the 24th of October.

Julia Bourn

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ORGAN

The appeal for donations to help pay for the restoration of the church organ has so far raised over £3,500.

Many thanks to all those who have given so generously.

David Bristow

To contact the Parish Council please use the details above.

LIST OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Julia Bourn Chair	17 Church Street Goldhanger CM98AS	01621 788298
Councillor Hugh Reynolds Vice Chair	21 Fish Street Goldhanger CM9 8AT	01621 788307
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Councillor Michael Sargeant	Wencis 15 Head Street Goldhanger CM9 8AY	01621 788484
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Any information or personal data supplied by those who contact the Parish Council will be used solely for communication purposes and will not be passed on to any other third party.

The Parish Council's full Privacy Statement and Data Regulation Policy can be found on the Council's website as above.



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The Village Hall is open with some restrictions

This is dependent on changing guidelines so please check with your group before attending an event.



Until further notice every booking enquiry shall be looked at very carefully by the Village Hall Committee on whether we can comply and take that booking.

All current bookings at this moment can continue dependent on the guidelines at the time.

Track and Trace is now a legal requirement. So any committee members or guests that visit the hall must enter into the log book their details each time they are at the hall.

In addition to help us cover part of the cost of additional cleaning we have had to increase the cost of hiring the hall - the new charges are shown on the [Village Hall website](#).

ORGAN DONORS REQUIRED

Whether you are a regular churchgoer or just visit St. Peter's Church on special occasions we are sure you find the experience enhanced by the music of the church organ.

The organ at St. Peter's is about 140 years old and is urgently in need of restoration. This will cost over £17,000 + VAT. Although we hope to obtain some financial assistance from charitable organisations and should be able to reclaim the VAT as the church is a listed building, we still need to raise a considerable amount of the cost ourselves.

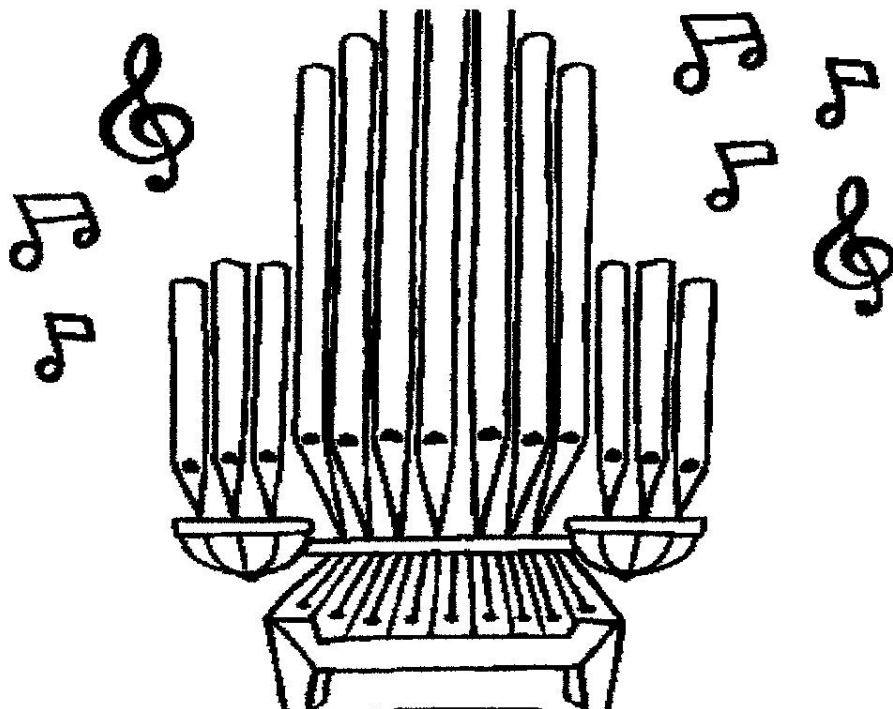
For obvious reasons we have been unable to hold any fundraising events since March, a situation which is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. We are therefore appealing to the parishioners of Goldhanger for donations towards the cost of this large project.

Any amount you feel able to give, whether large or small, by cheque, bank transfer or cash, would be most gratefully received by our treasurer – David Bristow at 50 Maldon Road, Tel. 788797

We hope you will be able to support us in restoring this important part of the heritage of St. Peter's.

Thank you.

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger
Parochial Church Council



2020 Christmas Greetings

The Christmas Greetings pages are for you to wish your friends and neighbours in Goldhanger "Seasons greetings" and will appear in the December issue of the Parish Magazine. The idea is that it saves on individual cards (environmentally friendly) and makes a donation to a good cause, for a lot less than sending individual cards would cost.

This year I need to do things differently, because of Covid-19 I won't be going door-to-door to get signed messages. you can get messages for the magazine to me in the following ways;

email, Juliabourn@live.co.uk

facebook messenger (via the Goldhanger support Group, my facebook name is 'julie tri')

or drop a note through my door (17 church street).

I will type all messages onto a greetings page for the magazine, so please keep messages brief.

For donations I am going to request you donate to your preferred charity (online, in a shop, etc) and if you wanted to let me know how much you have donated I could include a total in January's magazine (optional and you don't need to say which charity).

My personally nominated charity this year is the Maldon wildlife rescue and If anyone is not going out to shops and doesn't do 'online' I can accept donations which I will pass on.

Julia Bourn



Remember,
Remember,
The 5th of
November.
Gunpowder,
Treason
And
Plot

Ministry Team Message

What does Advent mean to you?

“Advent??” I hear you cry. “But it’s only November!” In the modern Church Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, this year 29th November, it barely even makes it into November! If you go by the children’s Advent Calendars you would think Advent started on 1st December, when they open the first door and these days munch on chocolate. (There was no chocolate in my day, not that I’m jealous of course!) But for me Advent starts on the evening of 15th November, because I follow Celtic Advent.

So again I ask you, what does Advent mean to you? Or perhaps I should ask what *did* it mean in a pre-Covid world? What did Advent look like for you last year?

Does Advent mean a flurry of shopping, buy, buy, buy – food, alcohol, presents? Fighting your way through the hordes and coming home exhausted? No social distancing last year! Does it mean wracking up a huge credit card bill and ignoring the implications until January? Does it mean putting up your Christmas decorations, buying a tree, ensuring the presents beneath it are in perfectly coordinated wrapping so as to complete the picture? For many of us it means working out who we’re going to spend Christmas Day with and Boxing Day and New Year’s Eve.

Then there’s the work Christmas “do” and over excited children begging visits to Santa’s Grotto. Perhaps a party or two? The race to submit annual leave requests before anyone else to ensure you get the time off that you want!

Hopefully, somewhere in all that bustle, excitement and stress, there might even be a church service thrown in for good measure. A precious hour to remind ourselves of the real reason for the season – the Carol Service, Christingle, Midnight Mass.

As a Priest, I would love to tell you that I spend Advent fasting and praying and generally being holy. Sadly I am a Priest in the 21st century and my Advent includes many of the things I have detailed above! That is precisely why I have adopted the practice of Celtic Advent.

In ancient Britain and Ireland the Celtic Christians observed three periods of forty days during the course of the year when they would fast, and especially devote themselves to deepening their relationship with God. The period we are more familiar with is Lent, the forty days leading up to

Easter, when traditionally people give something up as an act of penance. This would be followed by a further forty days beginning at Pentecost. Then the Celts would observe another forty days at Advent, which is why Celtic Advent begins on 15th November, forty days before Christmas Day.

By starting that bit earlier, I get at least a couple of weeks of “normal life” before the madness of December begins. I have more opportunity to pause, to reflect on what Christmas really means, to remind myself that we are in the run up to perhaps the most extraordinary event in history. The moment when God, - a being whom we cannot begin to imagine, whose very existence we struggle to grasp, - chose to come down to earth to live amongst us as a human being. Chose to experience life as we know it, with all it's difficulties it's emotions, it's trials and it's joys.

One of the things I find helpful during Advent is to read a devotional book. It helps to keep me focused and helps me to prepare for the coming of Jesus. If you would like to experience advent with the Celtic Christians, I would recommend a book called “Celtic Advent; 40 days of devotions to Christmas” by David Cole. Alternatively if you would like something which is not specifically Celtic in flavour then I would recommend “Watch For The Light; Readings for Advent and Christmas” which includes contributions from many well respected Christian writers, such as CS Lewis, Philip Yancey, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

I would also commend to you, not just for Advent but all through the year, an excellent website called [Godspacelight](http://Godspacelight.com), which has wonderful resources for the different seasons of the year including Advent and also offers a daily blog.

This year, who knows how much of our “normal” Christmas preparations and festivities will be possible, but perhaps we can fill the gaps with a little more prayer, a little more reflection and a little more time with God. I pray that God will bless you richly in the weeks to come.

Revd Tracey Caswell



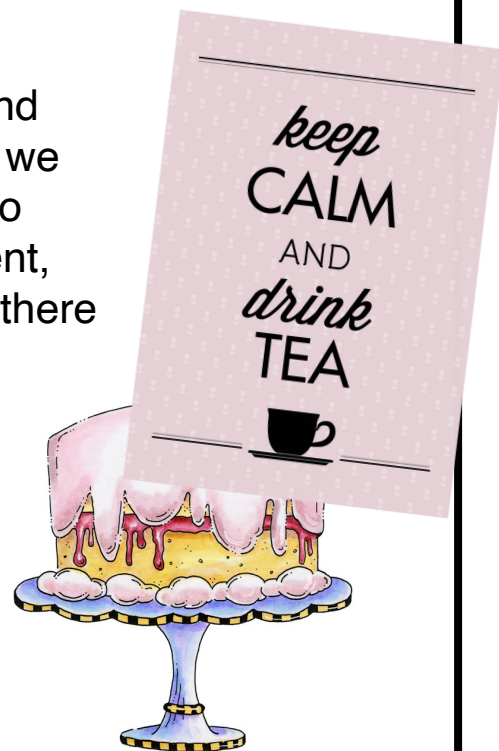
Goldhanger, Lt Totham & Tolleshunt Major WI

From the mag editors:

In the absence of minutes of meetings for tea and cake — we mean for serious WI discussions — we wondered whether any WI members would like to send in your recollection of a memorable WI event, which they would like to write about. We're sure there must be many.

We could print one or two each month. No small novels please but a couple of sides of A4 would be alright.

Entries on a postcard — sorry, in an email — to: parishmag@goldhanger.org.uk.

The advertisement for Simon Houlding features a black leather tufted sofa in a room with a white brick wall and a lamp. The company logo 'SH SIMON HOULDING EST. 1997' is displayed on the wall. A diagonal banner in the top right corner contains the phone numbers '01621 859 484' and '07990 972 676'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram are shown above the text 'UPHOLSTERY AND CURTAINS'. Below this, a list of services is provided: 'TRADITIONAL AND MODERN UPHOLSTERY', 'CURTAINS AND BLINDS', 'BESPOKE FURNITURE', 'CONSERVATORY BLINDS', 'JACARANDA RUGS', 'BESPOKE LEATHER FRENCH CLUB CHAIRS', 'VOYAGE MAISON RETAILER', and 'FABRICS AND WALLPAPER'. The website 'www.simonhoulding.co.uk' and the address 'Unit F, Stock Chase, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex CM9 4AA' are listed at the bottom.

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The average human brain contains around 78% water



Thank you times two



A big thank you to Annie for taking on the magazine round from Clare.

And an extra special thank you to Emma for taking on the advertising role for the Parish Mag. It's saved us from attempting to do it which is a good thing for all concerned.



When I lived in Hadleigh, Suffolk, 3 1/2 years ago, I joined a “Creative Writing” group through the U3A although some of the subjects chosen by the group leader, were “strange”, it was fun rising to the challenge and seeing what the other members had come up with! Here is my interpretation of:

A Wet Sunday in November.

It's not so busy today – usually it would be packed in town this close to Christmas. Probably the weather has deterred folk, it's been pouring with rain all day, but it appears to be easing now and the sky is lighter. I remember when the shops were closed all day on Sundays, it was a family day, picnics in the country in summer and gathering round a roaring fire to watch an old black & white film in winter.

Nowadays, the “Family outing” is a big shop at Tesco's, followed by a burger & chips at McDonald's. How times change!

I'm cold and damp, huddled in a doorway in my sleeping bag. Some kind folk have brought me coffee and a sandwich, which was much appreciated. Most folk, however, look away, embarrassed, not knowing what to do or say! I wasn't always homeless. Not so long ago, I was hailed a hero, after serving in the army in Afghanistan. Seeing my mates blown to pieces, never knowing if the next few steps will be my turn, I was a broken man when I returned home to my wife and kids. They didn't recognise the person I had become, a nervous aggressive wreck, suffering from PTSD. My wife couldn't cope. I don't blame her, nor could I, so for the happiness of my kids I decided to leave them, even though I had nowhere to go.

So here I am, watching the crowds gradually assembling on the pavements. Thankfully, the sun has come out, and the “dignitaries” have descended from the Town Hall, the mayor looking resplendent in his robes and chain. There are many organisations here too, Scouts, Guides, WRVS, the Royal British Legion and The Salvation Army Band.

I think of some of my mates who couldn't adjust to the life after Helmund, and took their own lives, but not me, oh no! not me. In a few minutes I shall join all the many other folk, parading down the High Street, ex-servicemen and civilians, all remembering those who served, and died, for love of their country, and fellow men, on the remembrance Sunday, a wet Sunday in November.

~ Jean Parker-Larkin

COVID-19 - Goldhanger Parish Council

The situation and advice continues to change rapidly, so please check government websites, for the latest information. You cannot rely on what you read on Social Media, you should always verify information yourself from a trusted source.

Goldhanger Parish Council website <http://parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk> has links to the advice from Essex County Council, and a facebook page link to Essex coronavirus action.

There is further help available from:

Essex Adult Social Care 0345 603 7630 (08:45-16:30)

socialcaredirect@essex.gov.uk

facebook.com/essexcoronavirussaction

twitter.com/essexaction

The Goldhanger village notice boards will be updated with advice and information regularly.

If you need to contact the Parish council please refer to the contact details at the back of the Parish magazine or on the Goldhanger Parish Council website.

Hello! If you are self-isolating I can help!

My name is

I live locally at

My contact details are

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 Goldhanger has a group of volunteers who can help with

- | | |
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| ☐ picking up shopping | ☐ a friendly phone call |
| ☐ posting mail | ☐ any other help |

Just call or message me, let me know what you need and I'll get one of our friendly volunteers to contact you

Coronavirus is contagious, if you have symptoms please take every step to avoid physical contact with others for 7 days.
Wash hands and surfaces regularly.
Items will be left on your doorstep.

Goldhanger Support Group

 facebook.com
search for Goldhanger Support Group within Groups

If you are self-isolating and need help with picking up shopping, a friendly phone call, posting mail or other supplies (where possible) please contact one of us and we can arrange the appropriate help:

Malcolm Holmes / 788603
21malcolmholmes@gmail.com

Steve Clarke / 788246
sclarke720@btinternet.com

Jill Crooks / 788738
jillcrooks66@icloud.com

Maria Wharnsby / 788408
mariawharnsby123@btinternet.com

Internet Broadband - Gigabit Connection Upgrade for Goldhanger - Update

We are please to advise that things are progressing with the Openreach updated proposal. In the interim, we felt that it would be helpful to clarify some misconceptions that have concerned a small number of villagers.

Q - "Will I have to pay for it?"

A - "No, the government vouchers are used to cover all of the cost, the scheme does not go ahead until that point."

Q - "Is it the same service that is being installed in some other villages where householders are being asked to pay huge sums of money?"

A - No, this is a different initiative, the government vouchers are used to cover all of the cost, the scheme does not go ahead until that point."

Q - "What if I do not wish to have an upgrade and am happy with the service that I already have?"

A - "Thats absolutely fine, you can continue as you are."

Q - "How is the service provided to my house?"

A - "Your existing telephone line is replaced with a new similar cable which contains copper wires and also fibre cores"

Q - "Will all the roads need to be dug up?"

A - "Openreach have advised that they will be able to use existing ducting and also overhead poles where available in most instances."

Q - "Do I have to transfer to Openreach for my broadband?"

A - "Openreach are not an internet service provider (ISP) and consequently they do not mind who you use. Openreach provide the cabling only."

Q - "Can I continue to use my existing service internet provider (ISP) if I transfer to the faster connection?"

A - "Generally you can, most (if not all) of the major ISP's can provide the new service"

Next Steps:

You need do nothing yet!

More information to follow in the parish magazine, flyers to householders, etc. In the interim, if you would like to know more, please email:

GoldhangerBroadband@Outlook.com

Or ask Den Phillips or Tony Bourn

Support your local businesses

They continue to need your support much more than the large supermarkets and online retailers such as Amazon and eBay. Many local traders will have suffered during the lockdown period and may still be delivering as the only way to keep their business going. This is only a small selection of suppliers and is not a comprehensive list.

Some local suppliers who will deliver

Gardeners Farm Shop (vegetables, dairy & meat)	01621 788162
Lambton & Jackson (smoked meat & fish)	01621 853710
Maldon Fruit Supplies (fruit & veg)	01621 859613
Ansells & Sons Butchers (meat & eggs)	01621 853151
Wicks Manor (pork products)	01621 860629
Staines & Brights (household & garden)	01621 815450
Newsteam (papers & magazines) (in Goldhanger)	01782 959530
Claremont Nursery (plants & garden products)	01245 222643
Maldon Books maldonbooks.com	01621 854968
Silo silomaldon.co.uk (loose wholefoods, cleaning product refills)	

Other local suppliers

Jacob's Farm (fruit and veg)

Co-op - Lawlinge Avenue Heybridge

Crusty Loaf - Spital Road

Tolley Shop - Spital Road

Reeves - High Street

Frostick's Cobbler - Market Hill (not open but if you need to pick up shoes you can phone him) 07766 610167

The **Essex Map** also shows local suppliers (although not all are on it!)

<https://www.essexmap.co.uk/listing-tag/coronavirus-deliveries/>

A Swimming Adventure

from Julia

As our parish magazine has over many years recorded various local activities and provides us with interesting archive stories, I thought my summer adventure might be interesting and a positive story in these weird Covid times, I also don't know if it's been done before.

A few years ago a fellow swimmer friend, who lived in the village at the time, said we should organise a swim 'around' Osea. At the time a few of us had started swimming across to Osea and back, a development from when a village group swam one way in 2010, it is just under a mile each way and this formed part of our triathlon training. Swimming across to Osea and back is in itself is a challenge and requires confidence, an understanding of the tides, conditions and experience, with an awareness of other river users. We've also swum to Maldon a few times with the incoming tide which is more hazardous (crossing the channel with other river users) but less technical.

Going round Osea needs planning, you want to get around to the West Point (Maldon side) just as the tide turns, so the outgoing tide brings you home, but that means crossing the channel to the East end as the tide is still coming in. The incoming tide will always drag you a bit towards Maldon so finding the right place to cross is important. I choose the gravel spit off the point at Lauristons (Gore saltings) which is directly across from the East point sand spit on Osea, so a bit of a gamble for getting across the channel, but the best option.

We picked a weekday, (mid July) so river traffic would be minimal, a morning tide, which also happened to be a neap tide.

I made an educated guess at how long it would take us (based on our abilities, tidal flow and distance) and decided we should start the swim 2 hours before high tide, we also had to take into account the half hour walk to get to our start.

On the day, conditions were perfect, it was warm (but a wet suit was still required) and very still.

After stuffing our flip flops in our swim buoys (for visibility) three of us (all ladies over 50) set off as planned.

We swam steadily, going over the oyster racks as the water got a bit deeper, most of the way across the bottom was visible, a few clear jellyfish, bobbed about, then at 1400m across it got really shallow (knee

deep) and we were still 300m from East point, the saltmarsh was to our right and we walked and swam to the sand spit, enjoying the strangeness of being in the middle of the Estuary.

The South side of Osea is a deeper channel than the Goldhanger side and this made the water cooler. My friends husband joined us in his kayak having set off from Tollesbury and we briefly paused for a drink which was stowed in the kayak.

We passed a pill box, the Manor House and Osea pier, where some visitors staying on Osea were also taking a swim, and more visitors, transported by CRS Marine, were being dropped off. We carried on to West Point. I thought this part of the swim would be quicker and we would have to wait on Osea road for the tide, but our timing was perfect and as we came around it was right on high tide and as we crossed from Osea road we got pulled sideways with the outgoing tide, which was stronger than expected, 'sighting' on the kayak helped as we could focus on swimming and not waste time sighting on the shore, which is quite disorienting from nearly a mile away, and easy to end up in the wrong place.

We reached the beach, next to the sailing club start hut, 2 1/2 hours and 4 miles after starting.

Our wetsuits had chaffed our necks, but this is often normal for a long swim and we pottered up the road in our wetsuits to go home (separately, for we are in the time of Covid) for a cuppa and plan to our next adventure.

Julia



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Answers next month



Across					Down				
1	Small ornaments etc. (4-1-4)	1	Brought about, bred (8)						
8	Tine (5)	2	Significance (6)						
9	Baby's small enclosure (7)	3	Half open (4)						
10	A tie or bind (8)	4	Unintended cosequence (12)						
11	Vivacity or vigour in performance (4)	5	Expendable soldiery (6,6)						
13	Papers denoting a temporary higher rank (6)	6	Entrancing (12)						
14	Part of the neck (6)	7	Church assembly (12)						
16	Orderly, tidy (4)	12	One of a delivery of eight babies (8)						
17	Concentrated (8)	15	Stick together (6)						
19	Copy, emulate (7)	18	Abandoned orphan (4)						
20	Relaxed, slack (5)								
21	Bend the knee (9)								

Online games and puzzles to keep you amused

Answers next month

Online games and puzzles: <https://www.games.co.uk/games/puzzle>

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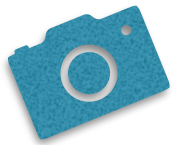
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A fun spot in the magazine to see how well you know your village

Where was this photo taken?

Let us know by email or paper through the door - **include your name!** - and the first person with the correct answer (which might require a house number or a location description) gets their name in next month's magazine! No prize money sadly.

No takers for last month's photo! It was taken at the back of the houses near the large grass area in the Hall Estate.

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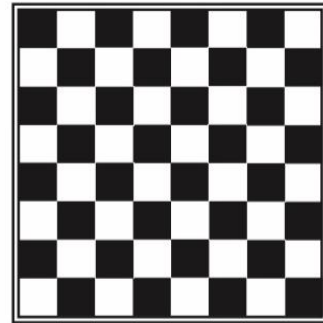
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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the remote Ordinary Meeting held on 13.10.2020

Planning

It was noted that Maldon District Council has issued a Tree Preservation Order for an oak and a pine tree on land to the west of Thistley Close. This order will remain effective until confirmed or otherwise within 6 months of the date of issue (17.9.2020)

Councillors considered the following new planning application:

19 Blind Lane Goldhanger – Double garage with room in roof to the front of existing dwelling house. The application was supported.

There is still no information from Maldon District Council about ongoing enforcement issues. The government's white paper "Planning For the Future" sets out proposals for the alteration of the planning system. The Council will send its response shortly.

Covid 19 Essex County Council is to ask the government if Essex can be moved into the new Tier 2 level of restrictions. If this is agreed it is intended to send leaflets to every household detailing what the restrictions actually mean.

Parking issues

An article has been placed in the village magazine concerning the difficulties with parking in the village.

Overgrown hedges

The hedge at the top end of Church Street with its junction with Maldon Road has now been cut back and the Parish Council appreciates the work carried out by the landowner.

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back any hedge on their land if it impeded pedestrians or vehicles in any way.

Highways

It is very discouraging to report that there has still been no response from Essex County Council or Moat regarding flooding and drainage issues in the village.

Community Speed Watch. Although a pilot scheme has been run for other areas, Goldhanger has still not been notified of a date for training for its new group. The Parish Council will arrange for Trucam patrols to be held in the village to deal with speeding motorists.

The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road is again up and running with a new battery installed.

The landowner has been asked to cut back the hedge in Blind Lane opposite to the houses but this has not yet been done.

A pothole in Maldon Road near to its junction with Head Street will be reported to Highways.

Village sign

The village sign is undergoing repairs by Bakers of Danbury.

Dog fouling

It is disappointing to note that some irresponsible dog owners are leaving bags of waste by the bin in Hall Estate rather than putting them in the bin. Dog owners who do not clear up after their pets are subject to a fine.

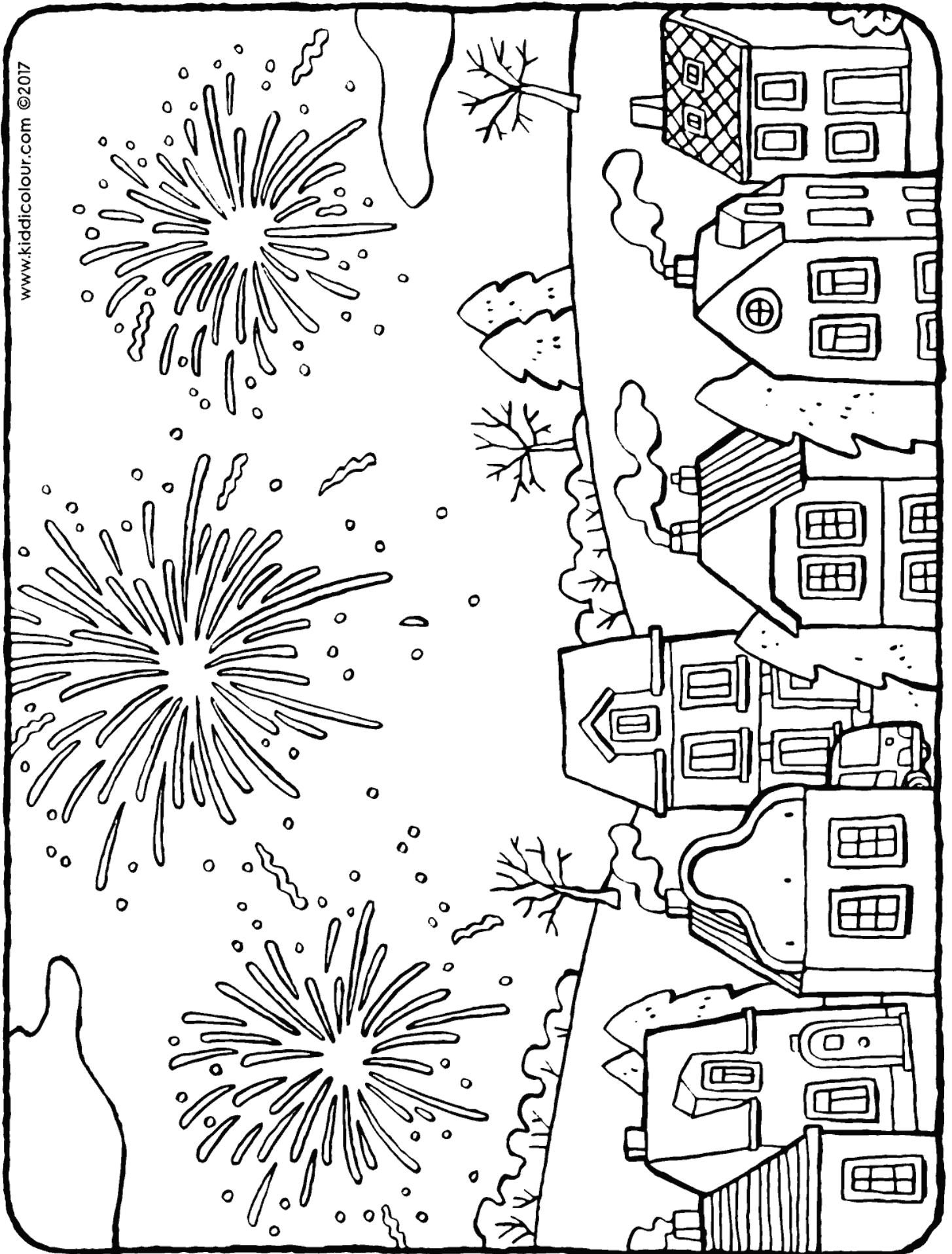
Government advice continues to be that Parish Councils should not hold face to face meetings for the near future. The next remote meeting of the Parish Council will therefore be held on Wednesday 11th November 2020, and interested residents are welcome to join in.

The agenda will be posted on the website (parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/) nearer to the date.

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. What colour are sapphires?
2. What is the coloured part of the eye that surrounds the pupil?
3. In which country are the Pyramids of Giza?
4. How many teeth should an adult have including their wisdom teeth?
5. What are the three primary colours?
6. What are the two longest rivers in the world?
7. Of which country is Brussels the capital?
8. What is a group of kangaroos called?
9. Which famous building did Guy Fawkes try to blow up?
10. What is the smallest ocean in the world?

Answers on page 40

DID YOU KNOW?

The tool used to measure your feet in the shoe shop is called a "Brannock Device."



Riddle

Q: What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?

A: Finding half a worm.





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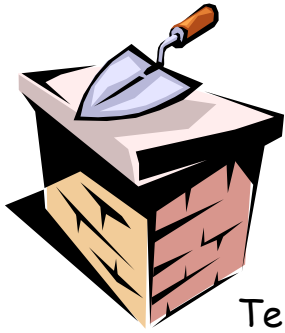
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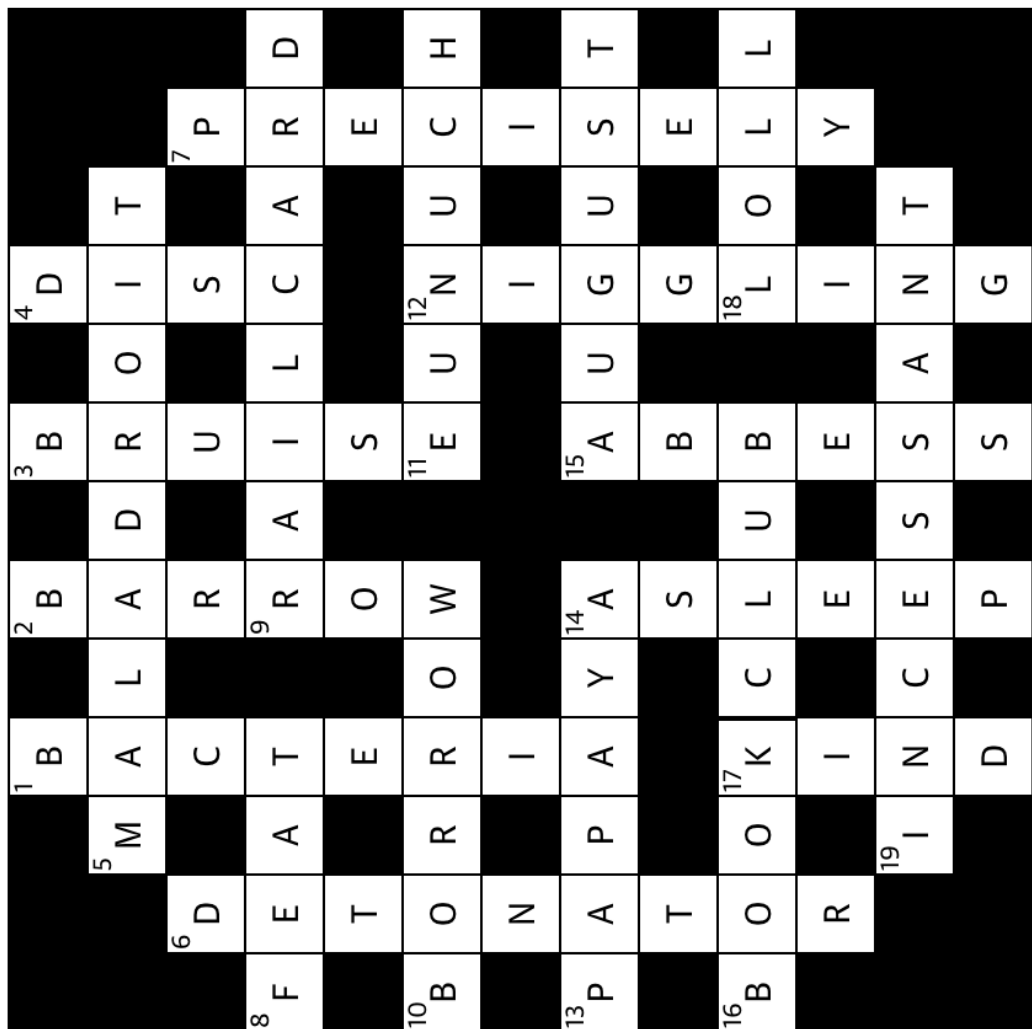
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Answers to crossword in October issue

Recipe of the month

Easy Lentil Curry

Less than 20 minutes to make and easy to eat round a bonfire!

Serves 2

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 spring onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- ½ teaspoon turmeric powder
- ½ teaspoon cumin seeds
- ½ teaspoon mild curry powder
- 2 green cardamom pods
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- 100g canned lentils, rinsed and drained
- 50ml hot vegetable stock
- 50ml double cream
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hot ready-made chapatis



Heat the olive oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and fry for two minutes, until soft.

Add the spices and cook through for two more minutes.

Add the tomato purée, lentils, and vegetable stock. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to simmer for five minutes.

Add the cream and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

To serve, pour the lentil curry into a warm bowl with the warm chapattis served on a plate alongside.

Tide Times for Maldon



NOVEMBER 2020

MALDON

HEIGHTS ARE ABOVE CHART DATUM

High Water

Date	High Water			
	Morning		Afternoon	
	Time	m	Time	m
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2 M	01 24	2.9	13 34	2.9
3 TU	01 52	2.9	14 05	2.9
4 W	02 21	2.8	14 35	2.9
5 TH	02 51	2.8	15 08	2.8
6 F	03 24	2.7	15 44	2.7
7 SA	04 01	2.6	16 27	2.6
8 SU ☾	04 47	2.4	17 21	2.5
9 M	05 49	2.3	18 29	2.5
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Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2020 21 October 11 November 02 December 23 December	Ulting	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
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	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

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Answers to Children's Quiz on page 31

1. Blue
2. Iris
3. Egypt
4. 32
5. Blue, red and yellow
6. Amazon and the Nile
7. Belgium
8. Mob
9. The Houses of Parliament
10. Arctic

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

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HMRC Help and Support

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95 Tollesbury to Maldon	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO
TOLLESBURY The Square	0735	0920	1130	1430	1605
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0925	1135	1435	1610
GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0930	1140	1440	1615
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0935	1145	1445	1620
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0937	1147	1447	1622
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0940	1150	1450	1625
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0943	1153	1453	1628
MALDON High Street	0801	0946	1156	1456	1631
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	0950	1200	1500	1635
MALDON Morrisons	0810	0955	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	0846	1100	1310	1541	1706
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0848	1102	1312	1543	1708
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723

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	0955	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:

For the Blackwater Link - 90

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

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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>)
National Domestic Abuse/Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247 (<i>open 24 hrs, every day</i>)

ELECTRICITY & WATER

UK Power Networks	0800 783 8838
Anglian Water (Sewage flooding)	03457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	0345 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