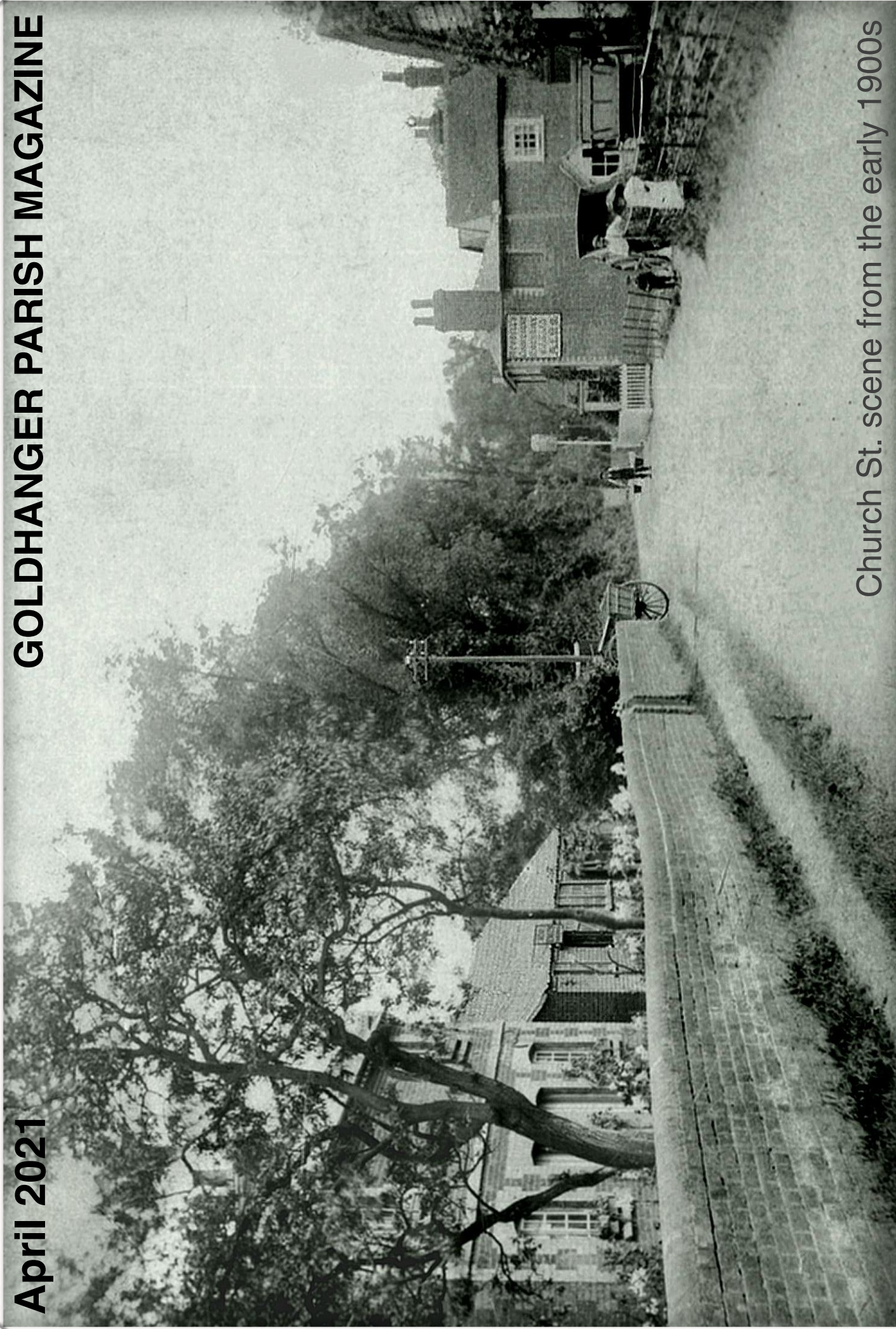


April 2021

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE



Church St. scene from the early 1900s

126 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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Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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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 350 copies each month.

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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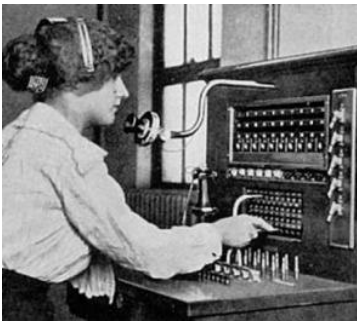


Early telephones in the village

With fibre-optic cables about to replace the old copper wires for internet and phone use, now is perhaps a good time to look back to when it all began. This month's front cover shows an early 1900s postcard scene of Church St looking towards the Cricketers Inn. Opposite are the blacksmiths and probably the earliest village post office with a small manual telephone exchange. A telephone pole can be seen that has at most four lines on it.

A clue to when telephones came to the area is in Dr. Salter's published diary. He was the D'arcy and Goldhanger GP between 1864 and 1932 and lived at D'arcy. He recorded: "Nov 1872 - Telegraph wires installed in D'arcy", a surprisingly early date for this rural location, but he was an influential man. Only those in public positions, in business, farmers and the wealthy would have had a phone in those early days and Dr. Salter would have been one of the first.

Before automatic telephone exchanges appeared to enable number dialling, it was necessary to speak to an operator and ask to be connected. In rural locations in the early days this was done by through the local postmaster. This is what the equipment looked like...



switchboard



desk phone



wall mounted



GPO insulators

Amazingly there are still a few of the ceramic insulators (now collectables) here on some of the older buildings. "Twisted-pair" cables didn't exist in the early days, so each phone needed two wires with two insulators at each end, so as the number of phones grew the poles became increasingly cluttered and these can be seen on some old postcards. This scene from a postcard is of the Church St. Filling Station in the 1950s...



Earlier, at the turn of the century, there were very few phones in Goldhanger so they all had low numbers, initially in the range of 1-99 and then 201-299. Today about 20 premises still have their original numbers, now in the range of 788201 upwards. Most notable the Chequers has 788203 and a local farm has 788205. The Curate was 212, the Rector was 214 and a shop in The Square was 230 and so on.

for more village street scenes search for...

Goldhanger selection of postcards

David Newman (www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

WE RE-OPEN ON GOOD FRIDAY.

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
- Make physical contact

Friday 2nd April Good Friday

10.00am Devotional Service

Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday

10.00am Easter Communion with Easter ceremonies

Sunday 11th April Easter 2

10.00am Family Service (CW)

Sunday 18th April Easter 3

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Sunday 25th April Easter 4

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

We continue to stream our services on YouTube and Facebook at the following links. A YouTube service will be available each Sunday from 10am and Morning Prayer three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on Facebook.

Link to YouTube services

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

Link to Facebook services:

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

- Please get in touch with Lizzie Armour or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings
- Please contact Rev'd Tracey for funeral arrangements.

Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans or one of the churchwardens.

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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(Please contact Lizzie if you wish to book, a wedding, baptism etc. She is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Messages left at other times during the week will be responded to at regular intervals)		
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St. Peter's Goldhanger website:

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

Pew Notes

We circulate weekly pew notes, these include the readings for the Sunday service, any parish news and prayer lists.

If you would like to receive these Pew Notes please contact George Bunting

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

Flags for April

Sunday 4th April



Easter Day

Wednesday 21st April



Queens birthday

Friday 23rd April



St Georges Day

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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.co.uk

Goldhanger Art Society

Every second Thursday of the month 7.30pm. £5 non members.

Numbers are limited. Join now! goldhangerartclub.co.uk

Goldhanger Kaze

Weekly on Thursday 7.30pm for children and adults.

Mobile Library

Village Hall 13.10 to 13.40 on a WEDNESDAY from 13.10 to 13.40 (see back of leaflet for details).

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	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 shop or the Bentalls Centre in Heybridge.

Maldon District Council Meeting

1st Saturday of the month
Tolleshunt D'Arenberg
Meet To discuss local council matters.

Belmont Learning Centre www.belmontlearningcentre.org/learntoring/

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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.

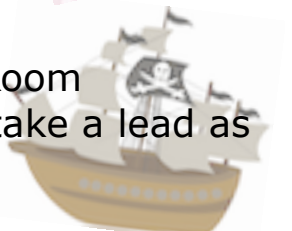
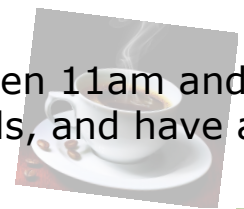
Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

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

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!

**PROBABLY CANCELLED.
CHECK WITH THE ORGANISER**



The Parish Council would like to highlight the high volume of dog waste that is increasing all around the village on grass verges, pavements and the sea wall.

Please take pride in our village. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.



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David Cole

On Monday the 15th of February David Cole was laid to rest alongside his wife Hilary in St Peters churchyard. The Cole family owned Osea Island between the 1960s and 2004.

David and his brother Michael built up the electronics company called Cambridge Instruments Ltd. which designed and manufactured very high quality laboratory electronic instruments in the 1960s. They produced devices such as oscilloscopes, oscillators, pulse generators, etc. which were sold around the world. They were also accredited with working with Cambridge University to design, manufacture and market the world's first electron microscope.

The brothers also founded in Cambridge a separate company called Metals Research Ltd. which was the first to grow silicon crystals on a commercial scale, which were the basis of transistors and which became the foundation of all of today's digital technology.

Between the 70s to the 90s the family owned a light plane and flew to and from Cambridge to Osea Island at the weekends, frequently passing over Goldhanger. They sold the Island in 2004.

David's brother died in 2008 and there is an impressive entry about him in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and there was a long article about their business activities in the Daily Telegraph on 22-May-2008.

David Newman



Our sincere apologies for omitting this from last month's magazine.

Eds.



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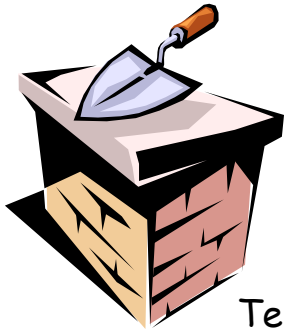
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Word of the Month

interlard verb

Intersperse or embellish speech or writing with different material: a compendium of advertisements and reviews interlarded with gossip





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Goldhanger, Lt Totham & Tolleshunt Major W.I. Newsletter



The President & Committee have emerged from the Winter - well nearly! As we move forward into the Spring and beyond we can all contemplate sunnier days and times when we can all meet either indoors or outdoors, and if social distancing allows, using whatever flexibility we can to share our times together as we have done in the past. The pandemic has created some very difficult situations and the full "WI Experience" and our activities have been severely impacted by Covid.

I would remind those of you that are **currently** members that the WI subscriptions will be due in April with an initiative from the Federation to allow us to tweak the figure you normally pay. However, I would remind you that this is only from April 2021 to March 2022. We cannot, however, offer a date with which we can commence our meetings as we are beholden to the Government guidelines in that regard. Therefore, for the meantime, we are not much further forward in arranging our WI meetings.

All members were contacted in March to ask whether they wish to continue their membership and in turn pay their subscriptions. A meeting to discuss the membership take up is ongoing and if numbers are not forthcoming there is a procedure we need to adopt and the WI at Goldhanger could well cease.

Please be aware this is something that your Committee has had to implement as a National Directive and we have no option but to follow the guidelines.

If you have not been contacted or informed of the above please feel free to make contact by e mail cedarkerry@gmail.com at your earliest convenience to register whether you wish to remain a member or otherwise.

April Word Search

Machinery.

You don't have to be mechanically-minded for this one.

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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Answers next month



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1	Out of trouble (3,3,4)	1	Being broadcast (2,3)																						
7	Predator (8)	2	Lying in a state of total exhaustion (4,3)																						
8	Spill the beans (4)	3	Covered structure from which to observe birds (4)																						
9	Space (4)	4	Sailors' jig (8)																						
10	Eggs Florentine ingredient (7)	5	Many times (5)																						
12	Tempted hero (anag) – easily provoked (3-8)	6	Calm (6)																						
14	Popular saying (7)	11	Equipped and ready to go (6,2)																						
16	Employs (4)	12	Signal (6)																						
19	Make unclear (4)	13	Composer of The Barber of Seville, d. 1868 (7)																						
20	Underprivileged (8)	15	Energetic style (5)																						
21	Using it's a grind (6,4)	17	Hard outer covering (5)																						
		18	Encouragement (4)																						

Online games and puzzles to keep you amused

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

Online jigsaw puzzles: <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/>

Online brainteasers, maths puzzles, word games, sudokus and memory games: <https://www.mindgames.com/>

Answers next month

An Easter message from Revd Tracey Caswell

I'd like to tell you a story.....

It was late one night, in the middle of Winter. A farmer, about to turn in for the night, looked out of the window of his cosy farmhouse. Snow lay thick on the ground and more was falling. The wind howled around the farm buildings, swirling the snow into a furious dance. The light from the window spilled out onto the scene, making the snowflakes flicker as they fell, turning the farmyard into a glittering white carpet.

A cold draught creeping round the edge of the window pane made him shiver. A log crackled on the fire and he was grateful for its warmth. "It's a cold night out there boy" he said to the old sheepdog stretched out on the hearth rug. The dog thumped his tail in response and yawned.

The farmer was about to close the curtains and head off to bed, when something caught his eye. A silhouette, rather like a furry caterpillar, stretched out along the branch of a tree. What on earth is that? he thought. As he strained his eyes to make out what the shape could be, he noticed it move slightly, wriggle and he realised it was a row of tiny sparrows, huddled together in a long line, with their heads tucked under their wings, and their feathers fluffed up in a vain attempt to keep warm. Every so often one would shudder and shift as a gust of wind ruffled its feathers or the snow started to build up on its back.

Poor little things thought the farmer. They must be frozen. It's a wonder they're still alive. If they stay there, they'll be dead by the morning. Filled with compassion for these small helpless creatures, the farmer wondered what he could do to help them.

He began to mull over different possibilities in his head. I suppose I could put some food down, but I guess they won't come down to eat in the dark and it's snowing so hard it will have covered it within five minutes. I could put a tarpaulin up over the branch, but they won't stay there while I do that, and even if they come back it will probably flap around in this wind and scare them off again.

Then the farmer had a bright idea – if I open the door of the barn they might fly in there and roost in the rafters. So he put on his coat and his boots and picked up a torch and went out into the night to open the barn door. He hooked the door back and returned to the house where he watched from the kitchen door. Nothing happened. The farmer waited and waited, but the snow kept falling and the birds stayed huddled on the branch.

So the farmer tried to think of another way. I know, I'll put some food in the barn and maybe leave a trail across the snow. If I put the light on in the barn, they'll be able to see it. So out he went into the cold and the wind and the swirling snow and he switched on the light, scattered some handfuls of grain on the barn floor and walked towards the tree dropping a trail behind him. The sparrows looked up uncertainly as they heard him crunching across the snow towards them, but when he stopped and turned towards the farmhouse, they judged that the danger had passed and they tucked their heads back under their wings.

This is ridiculous, thought the farmer. They're going to die. Maybe if I creep up behind them and wave my arms I might be able to shoosh them in the right direction. If one goes in and finds the food the others will follow. It's a long shot, but there's just a chance.

The farmer crept round behind the birds, trying to walk as quietly as possible, he got quite close, but as soon as he raised his arms above his head the birds flew off.

The farmer's compassion for the sparrows and his frustration at not being able to help them boiled over into anger. He started to shout at the birds "What's the matter with you, you stupid birds? Don't you know you're going to die? I want to help you, why won't you let me?"

At the sound of his shouts a couple of birds flew into the barn. "That's it, yes, stay there, you'll be safe" cried the farmer overjoyed....but then the birds flew out again and went back to sit on the branch.

The farmer hid his face in his hands and wept. He wept tears of frustration and tears of sadness. He realised there was nothing more he could do. If only I could become a sparrow, just for a day, then I could show them the way to life he thought. But I can't and by tomorrow they'll all be dead.

This story is a good analogy for the story of God's love throughout the Bible. Right from the start in the Garden of Eden God loves the people he has created. All he wants is to have a relationship with them. He wants to care for them, keep them safe, and dwell with them in harmony. He wants to welcome them into his kingdom. But try as he might he cannot get through to them.

Through the whole of the Old Testament we see God reaching out to his people and his people turning away –deliberately avoiding him, misunderstanding him, not doing what he asks them to do, flying off in fear like the birds in the story. God tries everything he can think of to bring the people back into his loving arms, but every plan he lays fails. Some do follow him, but then they fall away again. Returning to their old life like the birds returning to their branch. Sometimes it seems as if God has finally found a way to get through to them – he raises up great leaders like Moses and David, he sends prophets like Elijah and Isaiah, but nothing really works. Leaders let him down, the words of the prophets fall on deaf ears. The people continue to go their own way and do their own thing.

So finally, God realises that there is only one thing left that he can do and that is to come down to earth himself. To become human, to live as a human, and to speak directly into people's lives. So he comes in the person of his son, Jesus.

As Saint Paul told the Colossian Christians "For in him, (that is Jesus), all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

By coming in human form, though he was divine, Jesus lived as one of us, he experienced life as one of us, he became a "sparrow" for our sakes, experiencing for himself all the joy and pain of life. He showed us the way from death to life. Just as the farmer holds open the door of the barn, Jesus holds open the door to eternity.



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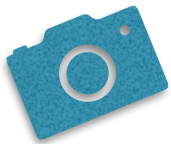
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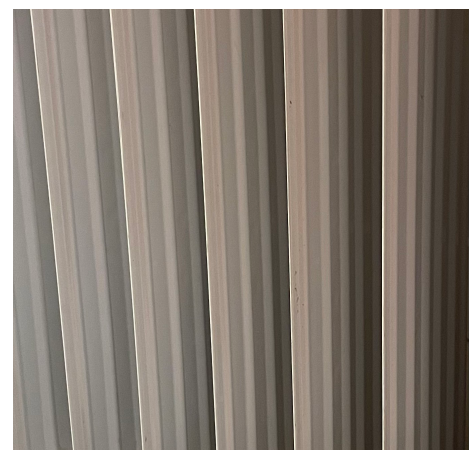
A fun spot in the magazine to see how you see things.

What's this then?

Let us know by email to the editors or paper through the door - **include your name!** - and the first person with the correct answer gets their name in next month's magazine! No prize money sadly.

Yay! Janet Craske guessed correctly for last month's mystery photo - it was an egg box. 🎉

So, here we go again - on your marks ... !



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The Chequers' Inn - Great News!

Firstly, a big hello to all our wonderful guests out there. I hope you are all well and looking forward to coming back to The Chequers as soon as possible.

Assuming everything goes to plan, we will be reopening The Chequers' garden on Monday 12th April 2021 for drinks and some snacks.

We will be offering table service only and will be taking bookings for groups of up to 6 people from 12.00 until 6.00pm Monday to Sunday.

As with the previous re openings we will be operating in a manner that prioritises the safety of our guests and staff whilst ensuring that we all have a great time.

If you wish to book a table for the garden, then please email us at chequersgoldhang@aol.com

We will still be serving our takeaway menu on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5.00 until 7.15

We will then be opening inside the pub from Monday 17th May 2021, by which time our kitchen will be fully open and our opening hours will be greatly increased. We will provide more detail of our menu, bookings policy and how we will operate safely in the next couple of weeks.

I will be releasing details of how we will operate over the next few days and assure you of my intention to operate safely, but with our usual great atmosphere as well.

Please bear with us whilst we finalise all the details of our reopening and we all look forward to welcoming you back soon

Best wishes from Dominic & The Team

Maldon Food Bank Collection

If you have any items that you wish to donate to those that are in need during these difficult times, they can be left in the dedicated box outside 28 Hall Estate. They can also be collected from outside your house, please call/text Fiona on [07827 920298](tel:07827920298) to arrange.

Items will be delivered weekly to the Food Bank in Wantz Road, Maldon.

They are in need of non-perishable food items: Tinned fruit and vegetables, Tinned meat and tuna, Meals in a tin, Sugar, Jam, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereal.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Hello everyone, you may have heard that a four-day bank holiday weekend will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, 2-5 June. Goldhanger has a tradition of celebrating these occasions, and for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 we had a full 4-day programme of events.



We have a number of groups who typically participate in these events, including but not limited to; the Classic Car Club, WI, Jubilee choir, bell ringers, sailing club, art group, sea shanties, drama group and the village hall committee. So I'm requesting involvement from these groups, as well as any others and of course the pubs.

We could also investigate the logistics of a street party and also consider if it makes sense to combine this event with Open Gardens and/or Gala activities.

I would very much like to hear from villagers who are interested in being involved. (including anyone who might be interested in the paperwork side of things, including grant applications).

Julia Bourn

Email: JuliaBourn@live.co.uk

Facebook Messenger: (via the Goldhanger support Group, my facebook name is 'julie tri')

Post: drop a note through my door (17 Church Street)

Phone: 01621 788 298

Mobile: 07759 82 0100

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the remote Ordinary Meeting held on 10.3.2021

Planning

There were no decisions by Maldon District Council.

New application:

Three Thistles Thistley Close. T1 Oak - reduce portion of crown by 2.5m. Reduce remainder of crown by 2m. Remove lowest limb on northern side. T2 Leylandii – reduce canopy by 2m. This application was supported but the Parish Council queried whether it was too late to begin this work due to the bird nesting season.

Maldon District Council is investigating an enforcement issue at 1 Benham Close where it appears that the garage has been converted to another use and a new building has been erected without planning permission.

Maldon District Heritage Assets

This scheme means that if any planning application comes up on a heritage asset it would need to be considered in the planning process. This is ongoing.

A resident raised concerns that recycling bins and boxes are wrongly delivered to his address. The matter was raised with Maldon District Council and it appears that the recycling contractors are responsible for these errors. It is hoped that the situation will now be resolved.

Playing field and play area

The new slide and springers for the play area have been ordered but the recent adverse weather may delay their installation. However, the slide has been paid for as the Parish Council now needs to claim the grant of £2,000 from Essex County Council's Locality Fund.

The Parish Council has agreed that a new notice board for the English Coastal Path can be erected at the bottom of the steps from the path from Fish Street to the sea wall. The Environment Agency did not agree to the suggestion that the board should be placed on top of the sea wall.

The Environment Agency has again advised that it is not responsible for putting up a new handrail on the steps up to the sea wall at the end of the playing field. The Parish Council will continue to look into this.

It was agreed that new gates should be purchased for the entrance into the playing field and into Marigold Wood.

The Parish Council discussed adopting a policy restricting the use of drones in the playing field, but it was decided that this should not be done at present. Advice will be sought from the Essex Association of Local Councils as to how this issue should be dealt with.

Highways

A damaged footpath fingerpost in Blind Lane has now been reinstated.

The Council continues to investigate with the Environment Agency exactly who is responsible for clearing vegetation from Wash Brook. The EA has stated that it is not their responsibility, but a landowner has advised that this work has in the past been carried out by the EA as the brook is classified as a main river.

Essex County Council has recently been very active in the village and jetted the drains in various locations to try and establish the cause of recent flooding. Various obstructions were found and investigations continue. Councillor Mr Sargeant was thanked for his work in getting things moving to find a solution to the problem.

The Council is looking into measures for speed and parking enforcement in the village for the next year.

Marigold Wood.

The work on thinning the trees has now been completed and villagers have been able to collect the resulting firewood.

Village pump.

The Council has now agreed that further repairs should be carried out so that the pump can be returned to full working order.

Dog waste

Unfortunately this remains a problem around the village and dog owners are reminded that they can be fined for not clearing up after their pets.

Blind Lane

A group of residents from Tolleshunt Major have been carrying out litter picking in their village and have now extended their work to Blind Lane in Goldhanger. The Parish Council will thank them for their efforts.

Next meeting of the Parish Council

Government advice continues to be that face to face meetings should not be held for the near future. The next remote meeting of the Parish Council will therefore be held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.00 pm, followed by the Annual Village Assembly at 8.00 pm. Interested residents are welcome to participate - for joining instructions please see the agenda which will be posted on the website (parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/) nearer to the date.

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Recipe of the month

Hot Cross Bread & Lemon Pudding

Easy peasy

Serves 4

Ingredients

knob of butter, for the dish

4 stale hot cross buns

200g lemon curd

2 large eggs

200ml double cream

200ml milk

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

4 tablespoons caster sugar

little lemon zest

cream or vanilla ice cream , to serve (optional)

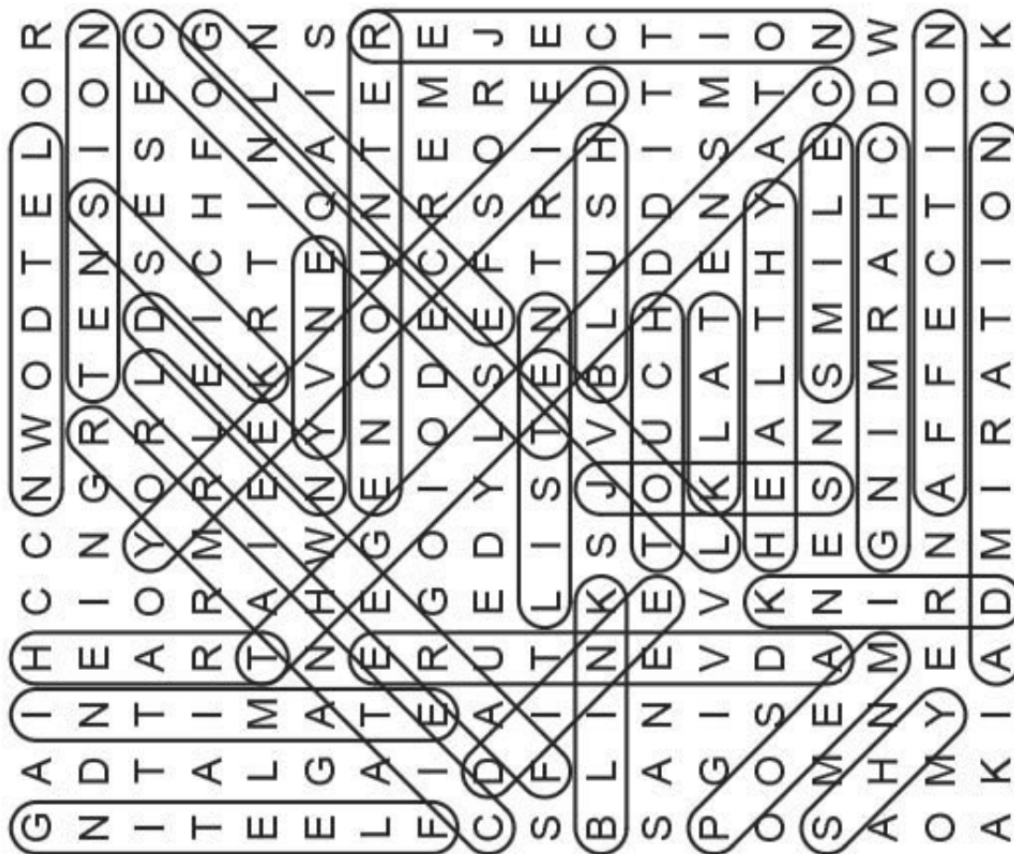


Method

- 1) *Butter a 1-litre baking dish that will quite snugly fit the buns. Cut each bun into 3 slices, and sandwich back together with a generous spreading of curd. Arrange buns in the dish.*
- 2) *Whisk egg, cream, milk and remaining curd, then sieve into a jug with the vanilla and 3 tbsp of the sugar. Pour over the buns and stand at room temperature for 30 mins for the custard to soak in.*
- 3) *Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/ gas 3. Scatter the remaining sugar and lemon zest over the pudding. Bake for 30-40 mins until the top is golden and the custard gently set. Stand for 5 mins, then serve with cream or vanilla ice cream, if you like.*

You could probably use fresh buns but reduce the liquid and soaking time to match.

We don't understand the concept of a stale fruit bun ...



Answers to word search in March issue

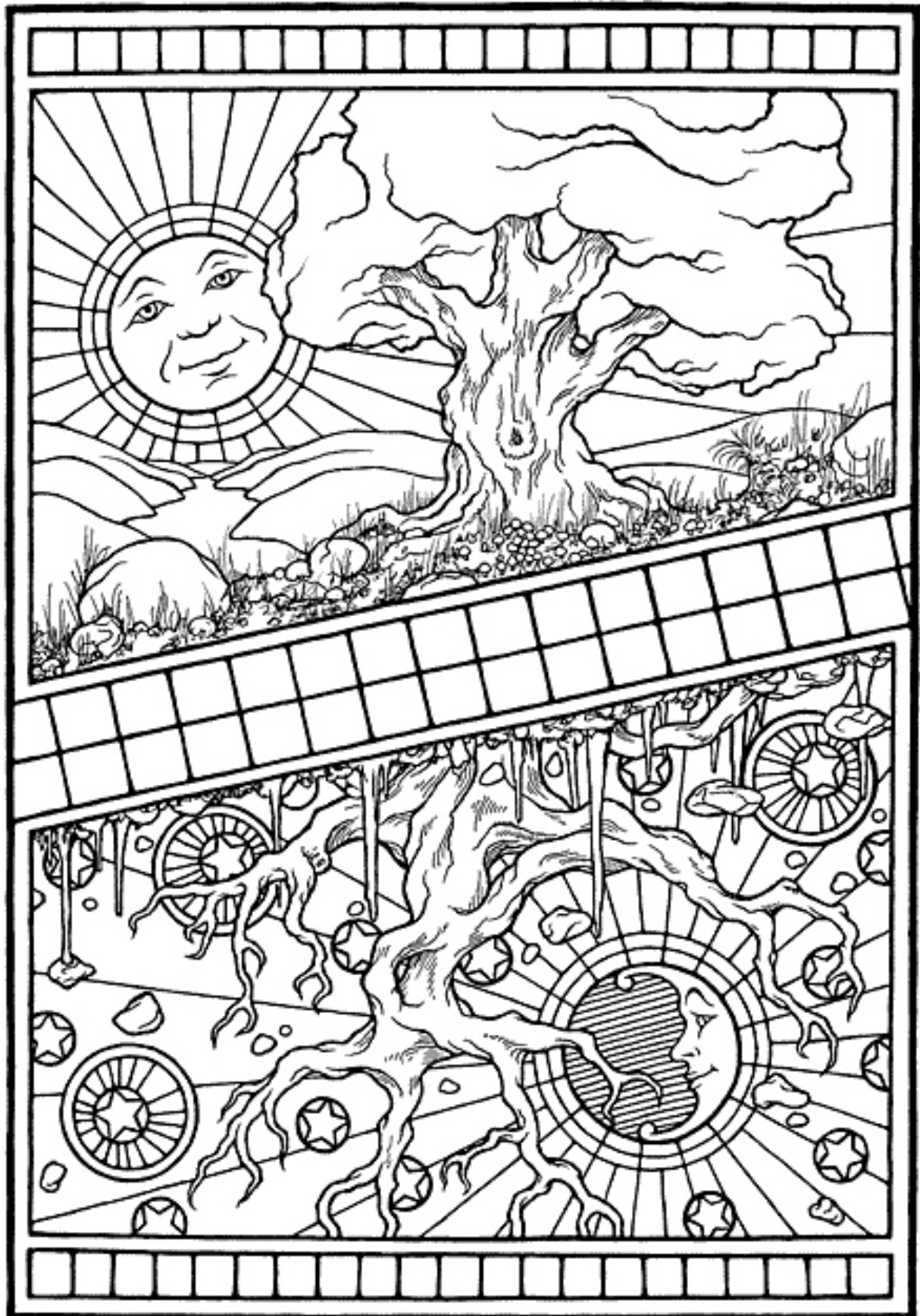
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Answers to crossword in March issue

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. What sort of creature is a dingo?
2. In which country is the Taj Mahal?
3. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?
4. What are the names of Harry Potter's parents?
5. What are the four oceans called?
6. Which language is spoken in Australia?
7. What is the name of the tree that produces acorns?
8. What is a baby kangaroo called?
9. How many sides does a hexagon have?
10. How many strings does a violin have?

Answers on page 32



A calendar's days are numbered.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your fingernails grow faster on your dominant hand.



Q: Have you got any jokes or funny stories you'd like to share?



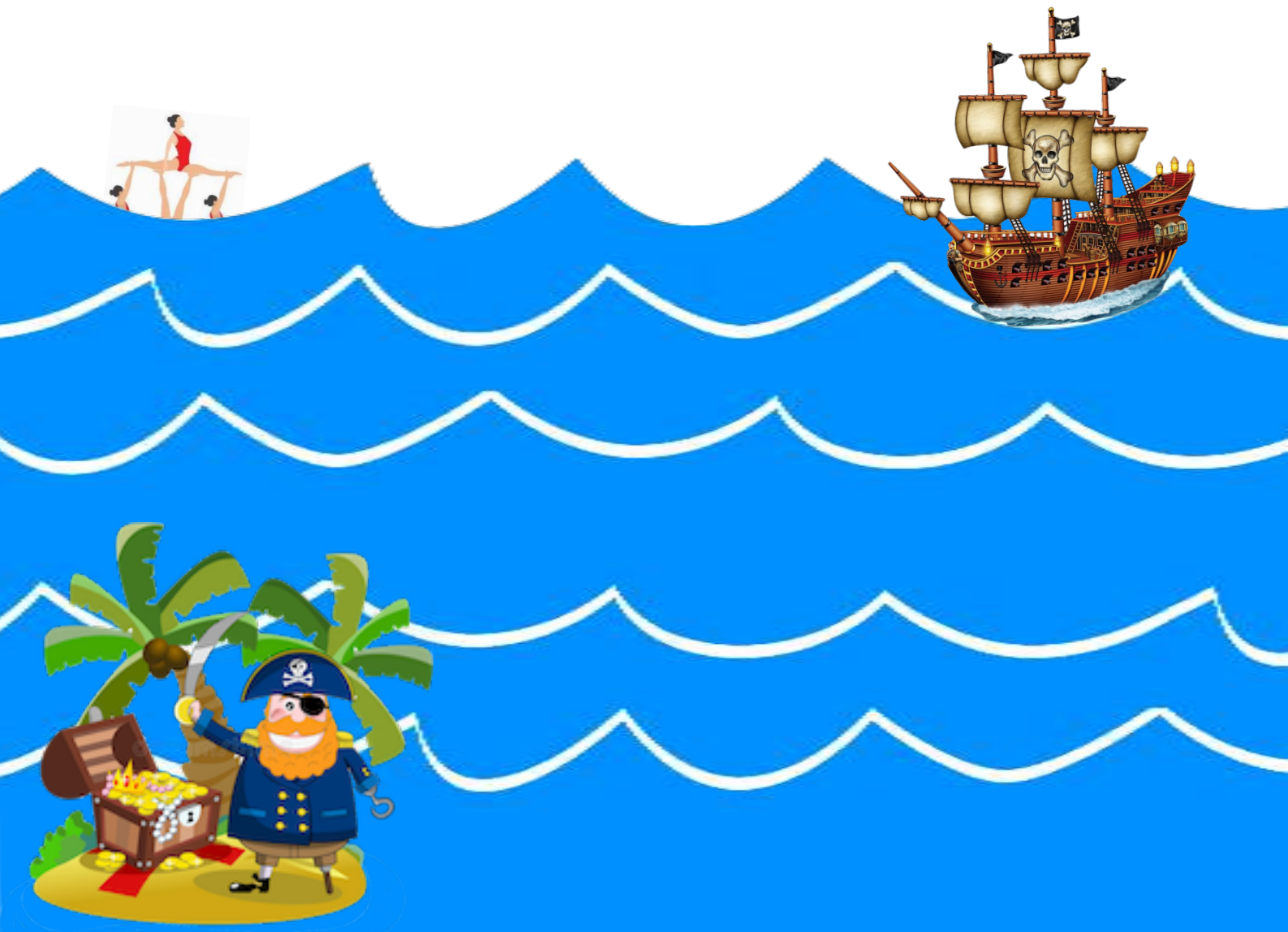
A: Send them to
parishmag@goldhanger.org.uk
and we'll publish them

Tide Times for Maldon

Daily tide times are available on the Goldhanger website:

<https://www.goldhanger.org.uk/index.html>

If anyone has monthly tide tables we could scan and use here we would be really grateful



Mobile Library dates & times

Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2021	Ulting	Does Corner		
	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water		
	Heybridge	Old Mill		
	Heybridge	Old Mill	12:00	11:50
			12:00	12:15
		Widows 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

Following the latest Government guidelines the mobile library service is suspended until further notice.

What goes where?

food waste		
plastics, food tins, drinks cans, foil, aerosols, drink cartons, newspapers, paper, card, telephone directories		
glass bottles, jars		
Non-recyclable for landfill		

Essex Police Contacts

Call 999 (emergency) if:

- A crime is in progress
- Person suspected of a crime nearby
- There is a danger to life
- Violence is being used or threatened

Call 101 for any non-emergency contact with the Police. This number covers all of England and Wales but you get the option to speak to Essex Police. Alternatively you can report a crime and more at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>

The Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch

email system is free & confidential. It sends emails with information & advice on current issues in the village. Contact goldhangernw@outlook.com for more information.

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

**Our collection day is Friday;
Landfill and Recycling on alternate weeks.**

Answers to Children's Quiz on page 29

1. A wild dog
2. India
3. Neil Armstrong
4. James and Lily
5. Arctic, Atlantic, Indian and Pacific
6. English
7. Oak
8. Joey
9. Six
10. Four

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 😊

Chauvet Cave

Try out a virtual tour of a World Heritage Site in the Ardeche in France containing some of the best preserved cave paintings in the world from around 30,000 years ago!

<https://archeologie.culture.fr/chaudet/en>



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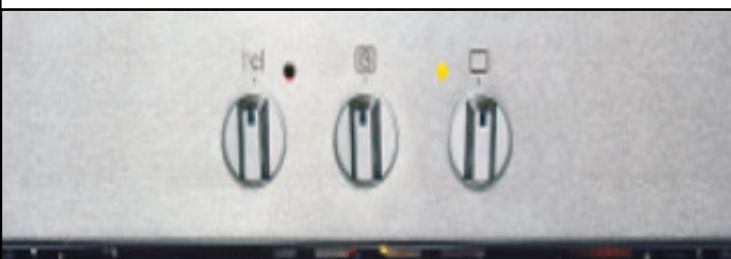
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230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9

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

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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.

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Key websites

GOV.UK is the primary site for all the key information to support individuals, businesses and other organisations. Here is a link to the dedicated pages [GOV.UK: Coronavirus](#), which includes information on how to stay safe.

DWP's employment and benefits support

The [Employment and benefits support website](#) includes the latest guidance and messages on sick pay, existing benefit claims, new claims to benefit, self-employment, housing and more.

Touchbase

[Register](#) to receive the DWP Newsletter – Touchbase which is sent out each week to keep you up to date on changes.

Coronavirus business hub

[The business hub on GOV.UK](#) is the first point of call for people seeking government information on support for business.

HMRC Help and Support

Employers in particular may wish to [register to receive help and support emails from HMRC](#). Individuals and businesses can sign up to receive email alerts about a range of help and support products that are available. These include live and recorded webinars, YouTube videos and online guides.

Essex Support

Samaritans

The Samaritans are a wonderful registered charity which aim to provide emotional support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide throughout the United Kingdom, often through their telephone helpline. Whatever people are going through, a Samaritan will face it with them. They're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are well trained for the rise in reports of suicidal thoughts which happen during the Christmas period. Call 116 123 for free to get help. You can also email jo@samaritans.org and you will receive a response within 24 hours. The Samaritans also have a self-help app which can help you keep track of how you're feeling, and get recommendations for things you can do to help yourself cope, feel better and stay safe in a crisis. NHS 111 can also give you someone to talk to in the event that you are having suicidal thoughts and would like to seek different approach to accessing support.

CALM

The Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) is a leading movement against suicide. Through this challenging time they are currently supporting more people than ever before through by taking far more calls and web-chats than usual. If you need help, are worried about someone, need support after someone you know has committed suicide or need help and support on some other specific issue then CALM can help. Please find the following link to learn more about CALM and access expert counselling: [https:// www.thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net). Alternatively, call 0800 58 58 58 from 5 pm to midnight, 365 days a year. Text 'SHOUT' if you need immediate support from a mental health counsellor.

Bills, Food & Household Essentials Support

If you're struggling to pay household bills because of the pandemic this Christmas, emergency help is available. You can apply to the Essential Living Fund for help with energy and water bills, food and household essentials. For more information, visit Essex County Council's [Emergency Support](#) page or call 0300 7900124. Other support for residents is available on their website over this period.

Essex Wellbeing Service

The Essex Wellbeing Service offers free support with practical tasks, mental health, feelings of loneliness, debt, housing, employment, caring responsibilities and more. Please visit the [Essex Wellbeing Service](#) website or call 0300 303 9988 for more information and details of how you can access support over the coming weeks.

Live Well, Link Well

Live Well, Link Well can really help residents to get non-medical support which can improve their lifestyles and help them to lead longer, happier lives. This number will

give you access to Community Agents, Learning Disability support, Blue Badges, Mental Health support and lots. There is one number to call, and then the resident will be triaged to the correct agency. Please contact 0300 303 9988 to access this support.

Adult Mental Health

After the year we've all had, more of us may find our mental health affected by loss, loneliness, family, work or financial stress. Feelings of grief, anger, confusion, anxiety or being overwhelmed are natural, so don't be afraid to reach out for help if you need it. Essex County Councils Adult Mental Health team is open again. Access to emergency services and crisis support are available throughout. Please visit their website to find out more about:

- Support for children and families
Mental health support for adults
Mental health emergency or crisis help

Government Guidance

Changes in government guidance over what the tiers mean for residents and what is permitted over Christmas can change very quickly. Please use the following link to the governments guidance for the Christmas period: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period>.

Essex County Council

To see the latest news and updates from Essex County Council on Covid-19, the Christmas period and various other areas of public interest, please visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/latest-news>. This website is updated on a daily basis.

The National Association of Local Councils

To see the latest news and updates from the National Association of Local Councils on Covid-19, the Christmas period and various other areas of public interest, please visit <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news>. This website is updated on a daily basis.

United in Kind

Social isolation and loneliness can have a devastating effect on our Health & Wellbeing (particularly over Christmas). Research has shown that over 60% of adults in Essex consider themselves to be lonely or socially isolated from their Communities. United in Kind are therefore interested in helping those individuals who are most at risk over the coming weeks; the elderly and carers as well as those with mental health issues, learning disabilities/ special educational needs and Autism.

Maldon District - Amy Melton: 07458 300900, amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk



Information on Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch

You may have read or heard of NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH schemes but are still not sure what they are or whether you would like to be involved in one. It is worth stressing that is **not** a vigilante organisation and that participation is passive. Members are encouraged to act as the *eyes and ears* of the community. However, it is the job of the police to patrol the streets and **NOT** Neighbourhood Watch members.

What is Neighbourhood Watch? The aims of a NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP are as follows:

- It's a free, confidential service and it is up to you how involved you want to be
- To reduce opportunities for crime by deterring would be thieves and vandals
- To establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute to the property by mutual co-operation
- To inform the Police of any suspicious activity
- To make members more aware of local crime problems and be more security conscious about their homes and property
- To encourage neighbourliness

What's in it for me?

1. Many home contents insurance companies offer a discount to the members of registered Neighbourhood Watch groups
2. Property prices can rise in areas where an area has little or no crime
3. Crimes against property can be reduced
4. A better community spirit can be created
5. Neighbourhood Watch groups have frequent contact with their local policing teams
6. Information and crime alerts can be quickly circulated to Neighbourhood Watch groups thus raising awareness and the opportunity to prevent crime and from members from being victims of crime
7. You don't have to be actively involved to participate. Many members simply register their e-mail addresses with us so that they can receive crime alerts and crime prevention advice via their computers in their own homes. Registered e-mail addresses are held securely and NEVER divulged to outside agencies etc.

In short, forming a Neighbourhood Watch group will lead to a greater shared awareness of local problems and a better understanding of practical steps that can be taken to tackle them. If you want to know more, contact

Email: Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch - goldhangernw@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/1024/goldhanger>

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Hedingham Omnibus				
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	Hedingham Omnibus				
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:

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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

I often
knit under the desk at work.
I knitted my stockings together
by mistake once.



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
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