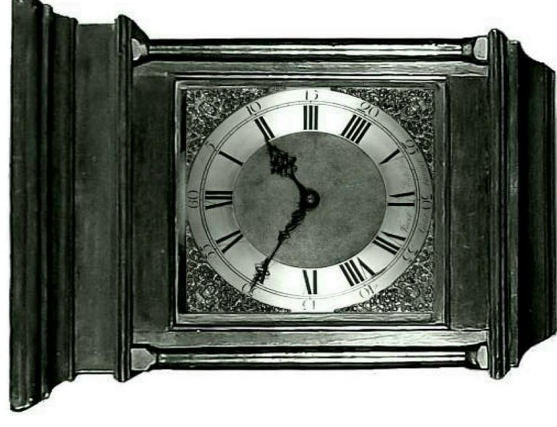




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There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. In all those years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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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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Jacob Mickelfield's Goldhanger Clocks

Jacob Mickelfield lived in The Square between the 1760s and 1780s, and worked as a clock maker there. He also spelt his name as "Micklefield" on some of his clocks. The deeds for the property show his profession as "whitesmith" and that he purchased the house for £134, which today is called "The Clockmakers". He moved to Southmister in about 1790 and continued to make clocks from there.



the earliest photo of the building

Over his working life he would have constructed, re-built and repaired many clocks, but so far just eleven have been identified. The first we learnt about his clocks was from a small brass Lantern clock that belonged to a Goldhanger family in the 1980s. It was inscribed: *Jacob Mickelfield, Goldhanger* (shown top middle on the front cover). All the others, found on the web, have been long-case clocks. His name is on the dial and most also have "Goldhanger". The ones found have been offered for sale at auctions and antique shops around the UK since 1998, with the most recent being auctioned in December 2022 at Canterbury (top-right on the front cover).

The quality of the cases, dials and attractiveness has varied greatly, and the prices have reflected that, plus if they have the original mechanisms, and are in working order. The most expensive one seen was in 2014 at Gutlin Clocks, in the Kings Road, London, with a price of £14,500 (lower left on the cover, and on the left below). Today (Feb. 2023) it is still on offer, but now with a price tag of £125,000 !

In 2013 one was for offered on Ebay with a starting price of £1,500 (lower middle on front cover). The Ebay wording was "Jacob Michelfield - Coldhanger", not difficult to confuse with the old English script on the dial.

In 2015 one sold at a Rayleigh Auctions in Essex for £600 (not shown).

In 2017 another was offered at auction at Dorchester in Dorset with an estimate of £100-200 (lower right on the front cover).

The clock auctioned at Canterbury last December sold for £80. *Why now so cheap?* It's probably because clocks from the 1700s are now ornaments rather than time pieces, as they have loud ticks, need regular winding and might not keep good time.

here are close-up views of the dials on the clocks at Girton's and Canterbury...



for more about Jacob Mickelfield search for: *goldhanger past clocks*
where these clocks can be seen in full colour

David Newman www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Micklefield.htm

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Nikki Myers 07963 785718, youtimeyoga@live.co.uk

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Gemma, 07531 360562, gemma@muayfitness.co.uk

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Parish Council Second Wednesday of every month. 7:30-9:30pm

Carpet Bowls Alternate Fridays from 10th March. 1:45pm-4pm

Art Club Second Thursday of the month. 2-4pm

Catherine 01621 788488, <http://goldhangerartclub.co.uk>

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Community Page

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Coffee mornings

Community Room at St. Peter's Church on Tuesdays between 11am
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have a chat over coffee.



Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

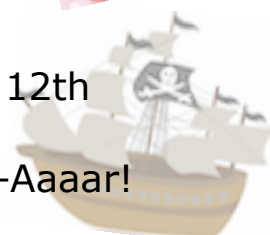
For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in
term time. St. Peter's Church.



Shanties in the Pub

Billiards room at the Chequers every other Tuesday (from 12th
October) from 7pm.

Just join in the responses or take a lead as you wish. Ooo-Aaaar!



GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
New website: www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/
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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As we move into 2023, the village hall committee have ideas for the continued updating of our lovely hall and surroundings.

To this extent the next major projects will be

Replacing the kitchen ** Decorating the main hall

We would love to hear from anyone in the village who might be interested in getting onboard to help us in any way. Initially we will be looking at kitchen designs, budget and funding. Any experience, whether work within your own home or as a job, could help us out with this project.

You don't need to join the VH committee to help with this – just get in touch with Anton 788538 or any member of the committee for a chat.

We will be having a spring work party to tidy up the surroundings so if you would like to help, contact us with your telephone number and we will advise you of the date when known.

If you are interested in joining our committee then please contact Anton. We have quarterly general committee meetings with the occasional meeting of a sub-committee so not too onerous.

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These bags are also available at other locations like the library, and information is on the Maldon District Website.

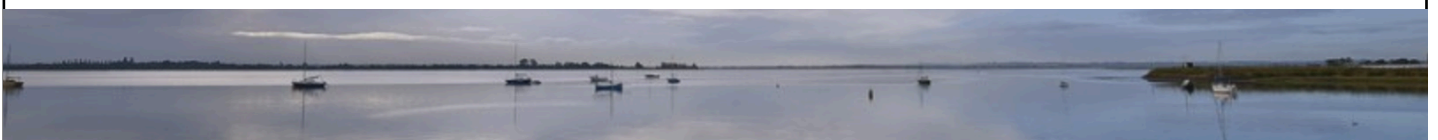
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Sunday 5th March Lent 2

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Sunday 12th March Lent 3

10.00am Family Service.

Sunday 19th March Mothering Sunday

9.30am Family Communion with Distribution of Posies

Sunday 27th March Passion Sunday

9.30am Family Communion (CW)

On-line Sunday services can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services>

On-line Morning Prayer will be on Facebook on Mondays and on YouTube on Wednesdays and Fridays both at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer can be accessed through our Facebook page, YouTube channel and on “a church near you”.

Weekday Holy Communion Services

Weekday Holy Communion service from The Book of Common Prayer

Every Wednesday at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D’Arcy at 10.00am

And

Every Saturday at All Saints, Little Totham at 5.30pm

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 George Bunting

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

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1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. After you’ve made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to the church at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your support. Please contact Lizzie Armour, our Benefice Administrator on 07908 776750 or office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com for any queries or help.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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)		
Church flowers	Mrs Elaine Clark	788686 elaclark@me.com

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

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Reverend Donald Allan
Former Rector of Goldhanger and Little Totham
The Rev Donald Allen has died

He spent some 14 years in the parish from 1987 to 2001 and was a reforming presence. He set up the Ministry as Partnership team in both parishes, where a group of lay people work alongside the parish priest.

It was an idea that followed ideas put forward by the Diocesan Synod – the Church's equivalent of a County Council – and accepted by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

Donald's interest in people led to an increase in church numbers. His ideas and initiatives shaped the way both All Saints, Little Totham and St Peter's, Goldhanger developed over almost 20 years.

All Saints Church Organist, Toni Philpott, remembers Donald as a good friend and adviser.

"He guided Laurie (Toni's husband) through Confirmation, conversations usually conducted seated in the Rectory garden. His was a cheerful household full of boys and pets, usually large dogs Old English Sheepdogs or Labrador crosses, "I remember Amy and Benedict well."

"Donald was a fearless visitor who could get through a packet of dark chocolate biscuits in one sitting as we chose the next month's hymns."

"I once saw him sitting on the settee in Val (my neighbour's) house underneath a Rottweiler and a Staffordshire Bull Terrier with a Jack Russell draped round his neck. As I said, fearless."

George Bunting, Churchwarden at Goldhanger, said: "Donald was very sincere in his faith, always putting his vocation and service to others before anything else."

"He made a point of visiting and getting to know members of both villages. I am sure he knew where everyone lived, sadly something that does not happen today.

"He could see changes in the church coming and encouraged members of the congregation to lead the intercessions, lead services and to preach."

"Both parishes formed Ministry as Partnership teams which stood us in good stead after he retired and our parishes joined Great Totham in a united benefice.

"Bishops and safeguarding regulations have, sadly, rather limited what MAP teams can do now.

"He always turned up to help in all our church's fundraising and social events. I'm not sure he ever took a day off, I cannot remember any time when he said, I'm sorry, it's my day off, I can't do that. (This was especially true with funerals, an undertaker said to me, I don't know how we will cope when Donald retires, he is always available, we depend on him).

"Personally, in times of crisis, I found in him a great source of strength."

Lorna Key spoke of his sincerity and his love for Little Totham where his ashes will be interred.

Pat Sargeant says: "He was meticulous in his safety precautions before Christingle candles were lit!

"He disliked the hymn Lord of the Dance

"For several years, he let the village use his Rectory in Church Street for Fireworks Night.

I always felt he was very sincere with his faith."

Elaine and Anthony Clark say: "Our family remembers Donald with great affection. He married both girls and christened their children.

"It was in the days when vicars had time to visit their parishioners so we were able to get to know him and Margery.

"After Fred's christening, he blessed Washfields with health, happiness and love. Victoria said it was such a nice thing to do especially as they had just moved into their new home.

Kim Evans says: He was a lovely Man and he would come and have chats with both Trevor and me. He always refused a cup of tea at first but we soon learnt (after about an hour or two) he would change his mind.

May he rest in peace



Save the Date!



Goldhanger Village Hall

Coronation Ball

Saturday 13th May 2023



3 course meal, live music & dancing



further details to be published in the March magazine

Goldhanger Village Hall Film Club

The LOST KING

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Wed 15th March

2022 British comedy drama. In this inspiring true story, amateur historian Philippa Langley believes she has made the archeological find of the century: the lost burial site of King Richard III. She takes on Britain's most eminent historians, forcing them to rethink the legacy of one of the most controversial rulers in English history.

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contact Jill 788738 or Debbie 788709

**Next Film - 19th April
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Maldon District Residents Need Photo ID To Vote At Elections On 4 May 2023

For the first time, residents in Maldon District will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections. Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA, or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance, said:

"Anyone voting at a polling station in England this May will need to show photo ID before they can be given their ballot paper. It's important that everyone understands what types of ID they can use, and how to apply for free ID if they need it. You can find information about the new requirement and what to expect at the polling station on the Electoral Commission's website."

Paul Dodson, Returning Officer at Maldon District Council, said:

"With elections taking place in Maldon District on 4 May 2023, it is important that those who want to vote make sure they have an accepted form of ID. It may seem early but checking now means you will be ready to vote in May.

"Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply for free ID either online or by completing a paper application form and sending this to Maldon District Council's electoral services team. If you need any help with applying for the free ID or want to request an application form, contact the electoral services team on elections@maldon.gov.uk

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

Ministry Team's Message for Lent 2023

Lent is a Christian observance that many people are aware of whether they are believers or not. Many people associate Lent as a time when Christians stop eating chocolate!

Lent has nothing to do with dietary requirements. Lent is 40 days of self-examination and reflection of re-examining our own values all of which are a whole lot harder than giving up chocolate.

For 40 days before beginning his work as a preacher, teacher, and healer Jesus went off by himself into a wild uninhabited area together with his thoughts to prepare for his new life.

Jesus was faced with many temptations, the power to turn stones into bread, a miraculous escape if he jumped off a tall building, and control of the whole earth.

Of course, if he had given in, he would have not had to die an excruciating death to show us the real miracle that death is not the end.

Fortunately, none of us has to face such temptations, but our own temptations may also be of major importance in our lives. We are not told whether Jesus wrestled with his answers but the human side of him, I'm sure would have paused for a moment.

Of course, we are all facing temptations every day of our lives, but Lent is an opportunity to stand back and refocus.

One of the temptations we all face is not giving ourselves time to think, probably this is one of the greatest challenges that we all face in the 21st century. We all tend to dash through life not giving ourselves any space to pause and catch our breath.

Many of our conversations are reduced to the length of the tweet. And if illness curtails the frenzy it takes a very long time to accept just sitting and thinking. For Christians that quiet time is spent talking to God. But even if you don't count yourself a Christian, you need to find that quiet space it will help you just as much as a session at the gym.

Psalms 105 is worth reading in full as it goes through the story of God's wonderful deeds and calls on us to be glad that we belong to him. The whole psalm is a reminder of God's faithfulness and his dealings with his people. The middle verses speak of God's provision through Joseph in a time of famine in Egypt, the history of their life in Egypt, God's deliverance, and the way that he provided for their needs in the desert.

They left Egypt with shouts of joy but then had to cope with forty years of traveling through the wilderness before reaching the promised land. There were many times when they must have asked 'Are we nearly there yet?' Throughout the uncertainties of the journey, there were reminders of God's care and provision, with the visible signs of the pillars of cloud and fire, food sent from heaven, and water gushing and flowing like a river through the desert.

The way ahead for us may be uncertain despite these fragile shoots of hope and it may certainly have felt like a desert experience for many of us. But as we move into the new future, we need to remember what we have experienced and learned of God and ourselves. And perhaps we are the people who have been given the responsibility to sing praises to the Lord for his constant, loving presence.

May your faith be nourished, and your hope increased as we journey with and through this season of Lent together.

Revd Andrew Vince Assistant Curate in the Blackwater Benefice.

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Answers to February Sudoku

7	1	3	6	8	4	2	5	9
8	6	5	7	2	9	4	1	3
2	4	9	5	1	3	6	8	7
1	7	8	4	6	2	9	3	5
9	2	4	3	5	8	7	6	1
3	5	6	1	9	7	8	4	2
6	9	2	8	3	5	1	7	4
5	8	7	2	4	1	3	9	6
4	3	1	9	7	6	5	2	8



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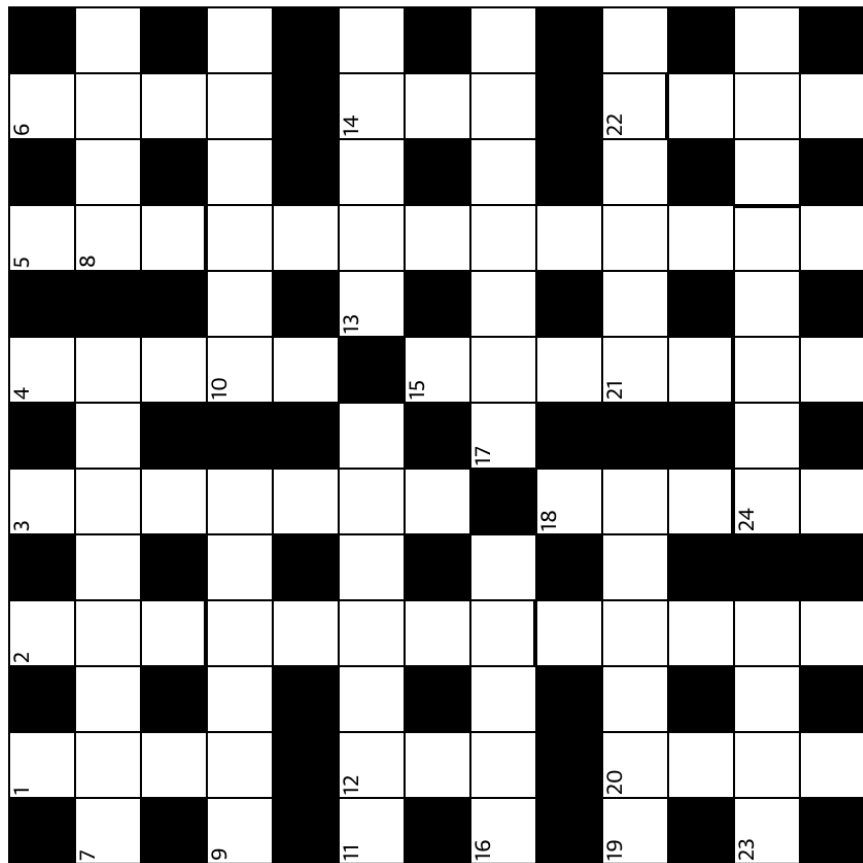
We're so pleased to be back and able to do what we do best – serve our guests with great food and drink in a great pub with a great atmosphere and great hospitality.

Dominic and The Team look forward to welcoming you to The Chequers Inn soon

Like a bit of Sudoku?

1	9				7			2
	7						4	6
	8	6			2	7		
			3			5		
9			2		5			1
		5			6			
		1	6			4	8	
8	6						1	
2			7				9	3

Answers next month



Answers next month

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/>

Across

- 7 The relationship, one hopes, of the pen to the sword? (8)
- 8 Trevor __, South African comedian and former host of The Daily Show (4)
- 9 Harry Potter's 13 owl? (6)
- 10 Nanny __, 2005 movie starring Emma Thompson (6)
- 11 A city in Nova Scotia but a town in West Yorkshire (7)
- 13 Dog known in French as Milou (5)
- 16 How the French say goodbye? (5)
- 17 Hot water discharges associated with volcanic activity (7)
- 19 Merseyside equivalent of a Lancashire hotpot (6)
- 21 Central family in Neighbours (6)
- 23 Norse god of thunder (4)
- 24 Plant disease caused by a soil-borne fungus, especially in wet conditions (5,3)

Down

- 1 Vasily Grossman's classic novel about both 14/12/18? (4,3,4)
- 2 Mikhail Bulgakov's play and novel set in post-revolutionary Kyiv (3,5,5)
- 3 Fabric also known as Vichy check (7)
- 4 Dostoevsky's classic novel about the dilemmas of Rodion Raskolnikov (5,3,10)
- 5 See 4
- 6 See 1
- 12 See 1
- 14 Tolstoy's classic novel about the Napoleonic wars (3,3,5)
- 15 Mikhail Bulgakov's satire on Bolshevism (5,2,1,3)
- 18 See 14
- 20 Salmon found in the Pacific (4)
- 22 See 15

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting held on the 8th Feb 2023. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next Parish Council Meeting

www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk
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Planning Decisions by MDC

22/00489 Orchard View, 1a Head Street Refused

Planning Applications

22/00003 30 Fish Street

First Floor rear extension, new boiler flue, the removal of one chimney, internal alterations and an infill wall to the front.

GPC supported with comments – see MDC planning Portal.

Enforcement issues

Further enquiries were being made for some of the long outstanding issues. Two residents attended the meeting to inform the Council of an application that had recently been submitted to MDC. The Council were unable to make comment until application was received which at the time of the meeting it had not, but stated that they did support the application made last time.

Correspondence

An invitation to the Rural Crime Event in Mar 23 had been received.

Information re the requirement of electors to produce photo id to be able to vote in the upcoming elections was received.

Notification of Village Hall fee increase from April 23. Due to rising costs fees were being increased by £2 per hour was received.

Playing Field

New Contracts had been agreed with MDC for grass/hedge cutting etc.

Remittance had been received from MDC for the damaged gate that occurred last year.

Highways Matters and Public Rights of Way.

Parking - It was noted that the Village Hall Car Park had been used for non-hirers recently.

Flooding and Drainage – Further emails had been sent to Cllr Durham regarding ongoing issue.

Sids and solar panels – a grant application was being investigated.

Update on rangers cutting back overgrowth – This work had now been completed by the MDC rangers but any further work would need to be referred to ECC/Highways and not MDC. The Council were pleased with the work that had been completed.

Wash Bridge – The Bridge had recently been hit again by a motorist. A letter had been received from a resident stating his frustration and suggesting some solutions. Council discussed this as to the possibilities of what could be done and letters would be drafted to be sent to ECC Highways Dept as well as a response to the resident.

Marigold Wood Nothing to Report.

Bus Shelters and Defibrillators

It was noted that quotes had been difficult to obtain and an alternative solution was being investigated.

Discussion was had regarding the siting of another defibrillator. A suggestion was put forward and the feasibility would be discussed with the relevant people.

Coronation of King Charles III

Cllrs had viewed the plot that had been marked out for tree planting in Marigold Wood previous to the meeting. It was agreed to purchase a mix of apple trees up to a maximum cost of £550 to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

It was reported that the water meter at the allotment site was unreadable and had been reported to the Utility Company.

Next Meeting 8th March 2023

Children's Pages

QUIZ

1. What is the name of Peppa Pig's younger brother?
2. Finish the theme tune: "Can you tell me how to get, how to get to _____?"
3. What CBBC show has been famous for giving out badges for decades?
4. Who is the missing member of the original Paw Patrol team?
Ryder, _____, Rubble, Chase, Rocky, Zuma, Skye
5. Who is Daniel Tiger's little sister?
6. What island is Thomas & Friends set on?
7. What is the first name of Peppa Pig's elephant friend?
8. What is the name of the cockapoo in Paw Patrol?
9. What is Mr Squarepants' first name?
10. Who is Bart Simpson's dad?

Answers on page 35

Have you ever heard of a music group called Cellophane?
They mostly wrap.



DID YOU KNOW?

sponges hold
more cold water
than hot



A piece of Norfolk string, tough and reliable, walks into The Pub and orders a Pint. "Sorry," says the landlord, "but we don't serve string in here".

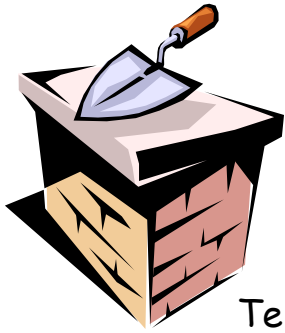
The string goes outside, ties a hitch in his neck, ruffles his hair and goes back in. "I'd like a cold beer, please". The landlord frowns: "Aren't you that piece of string what came in here just now?" "No," replies the piece of string, "I'm a frayed knot".

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

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Recipe of the month

Tomato and Pasta Soup

Make our simple, budget-friendly tomato, pasta and chickpea soup in just 30 minutes. This easy, vegetarian family meal is healthy and even low fat

Serves 4

Prep 5 minutes, **cook** 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 400g can chickpeas
- 150g orzo or other small pasta shapes
- 700ml vegetable stock
- 2 tbsp basil pesto
- crusty bread, to serve



Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan. Add the onion and celery and fry for 10-15 mins, or until starting to soften, then add the garlic and cook for 1 min more. Stir in all the other ingredients, except for the pesto and remaining oil, and bring to the boil.
2. Reduce the heat and leave to simmer for 6-8 mins, or until the pasta is tender. Season to taste, then ladle into bowls.
3. Stir the remaining oil with the pesto, then drizzle over the soup. Serve with chunks of crusty bread.



Do you have a recipe that you'd like to share?



Sign the Essex Food Waste Pledge for your chance to win

Local authorities across Essex have come together to tackle food waste in the County.

Maldon District Council are joining other local authorities across Essex to support Love Essex's flagship 'Love Essex, Love Food' campaign in a bid to reduce food waste across Essex during 2023.

In Essex, food waste currently makes up roughly 25% of the waste found in the general rubbish.

Not only is this contributing to climate change, but it's also a huge waste of money.

Did you know, the average Essex household wastes £60 a month by throwing away food that could have been eaten?

This is why Love Essex are giving residents the chance to win the equivalent amount in supermarket vouchers every month throughout the year.

All you need to do is sign the [Essex Food Waste Pledge](#), and take part in the monthly challenges.

Councillor Penny Channer, Leader of Maldon District Council said, "I am pleased to join with our neighbouring authorities in Essex to support this important campaign and help reduce the amount of food waste produced in the County.

"I hope that the campaign will raise awareness of the importance of reducing food waste and help residents save more money during these difficult times and encourage residents in the District to sign the Essex Food Waste Pledge."

To launch the campaign, Deadline Communications have created a humorous short film to highlight the issue of food waste. The film made the most of local talent, using Essex-based voice actors, puppeteers, and animators. It was filmed in a local studio in Rochford.

Watch the film at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9smVgD924k>

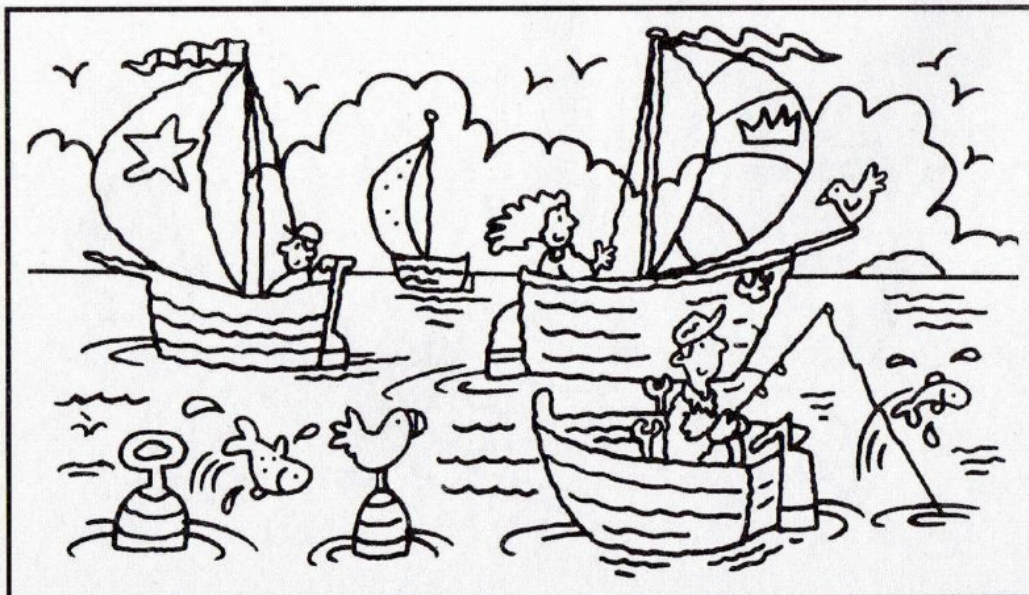
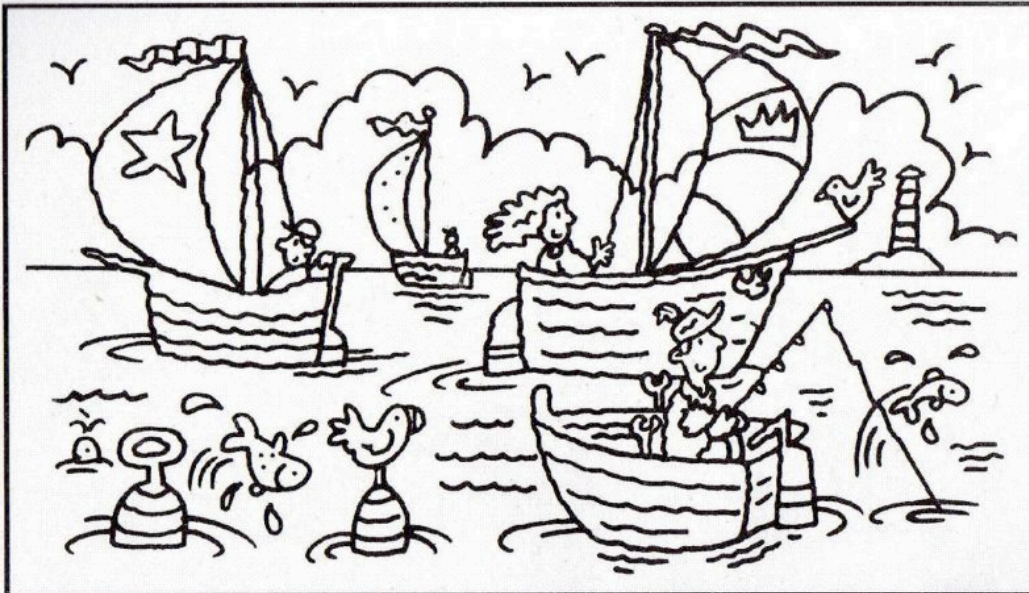
To find out more information or to sign the Essex Food Waste Pledge, visit lovesessex.org/foodwaste

Answers to quiz on page 30

1. George
2. Sesame Street
3. Blue Peter
4. Marshall
5. Margaret
6. Sodor
7. Emily
8. Skye
9. Spongebob
10. Homer



Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?





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We meet first Thursday of the month at 11.00 in Wickham Bishops Village Hall. The speakers who talk for about an hour are all experts in their field and are chosen by our group from a National register of the Arts Society. Examples are :- Paris & the Belle Epoque, The Art of Durer, The Pre-Raphaelites, The Music of Tallis and Byrd, The Aztec legacy, and The Art of celebrating Christmas.

The talk is preceded by coffee and tea and a chat. We also arrange day visits. If interested look at our website and join us.

Website of the Month

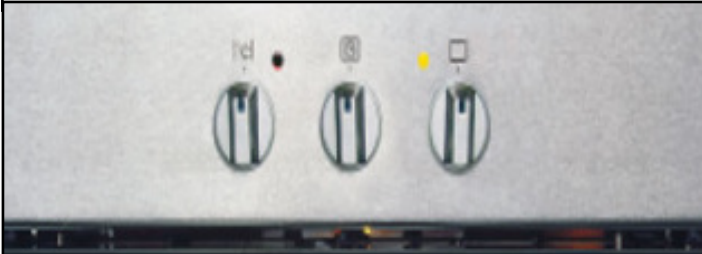
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Centigrade	Farenheit	Gas Mark
140°C	275°F	1
150°C	300°F	2
160°C	325°F	3
180°C	350°F	4
190°C	375°F	5
200°C	400°F	6
220°C	425°F	7
230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9

Mobile Library dates & times

Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2023	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
01 March	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
22 March	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
12 April	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
03 May	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
24 May	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



Essex Police Contacts

Call 999 (emergency) if:

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The Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch

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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

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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

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You know, I fell into one of those dashed potholes today!

