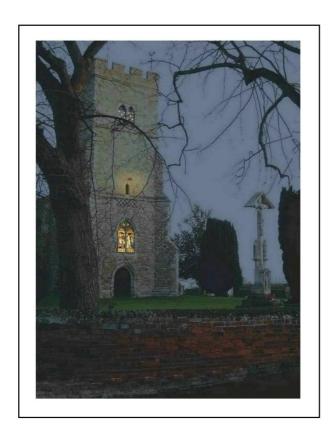
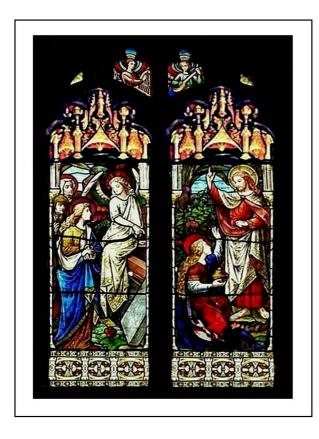
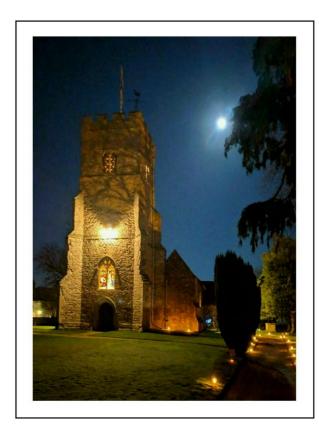
#### St. Peters at Christmas









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#### **Tide Times**

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

https://www.tidetimes.co.uk/maldon-tide-times



#### Some Christmas celebrations in the past

Our archives give us good clues about the activities at the Church and in the village at earlier times...

from the Essex Standard in January 1874

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

The Chancel also presents a striking appearance, over the Communion Table being the words, "King of Kings, and "Lord of Lord" in white letters on a blue ground, surmounted by a star of burnished gold.

from the Essex Standard in December 1884

The charities are as follows:- Goldhanger- To twelve poor people that take no collection. Sir Christopher Clitherow gave from lands in this parish £3 per annum, to be paid every Christmas Day on the communion table, and distributed by minister and churchwardens. To the Vicar, £5 yearly on Christmas Day to preach a sermon, was left by will of Capt. John Sammes in 1675 for ever.

from "Little Totham – The Story of a Small Village" by Lorna Key - in 1904
The children went to a Sunday School Christmas treat at the Rectory in a horse and cart. "The repast being over, the curtains at one end of the room were drawn aside revealing the lighted Christmas tree laden with presents of which every child received one or two. Recitations were given and songs sung. Before dispersing the children were further regaled with cake, oranges, sweets and nuts.

from the Essex Newsman in January 1942

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

from the Chelmsford Chronicle in December 1949

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

Lastly, but by no means least, the bellringers traditionally played carols on the Ellacombe Chimes at Christmas time and rang the handbells in the Chequers and The Square.

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and here is a Christmas greetings card from 1910...

for more reminiscences search for: goldhanger past descriptions

www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Descriptions.htm

David Newman

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**Gentle Yoga** every Monday 7-8pm Nikki Myers 07963 785718, youtimeyoga@live.co.uk

Chair Yoga every Wednesday 11am
Nikki Myers 07963 785718, youtimeyoga@live.co.uk

Parish Council second Wednesday of the month 7:30-9:30pm

Karate every Thursday 6-8pm

**Art Club** second Thursday of the month 2-4pm *Catherine 01621 788488* 

**Film Club** third Wednesday of the month (except July and August), doors open 7pm, film 7:30pm see advert for details

**Carpet Bowls** alternate Fridays from Friday 12th September to April 2026. 1.45pm to 4.00 pm

#### **Village Hall Bookings**

Contact Jackie Christy on 788432 or: <a href="http://www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk/bookings/#form">http://www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk/bookings/#form</a>

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	18.00 - 23.00	£17	£20
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	18.00 - 23.00	£22	£27

#### 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 Sarah Scannell 07789 990942 or email goldhangerbells@outlook.com.

#### **Mother's Union**

4th Friday of each month at 1.45pm at Honywood Hall, Hall Road Great Totham.



#### **Coffee mornings**

Community Room at St. Peter's Church on Tuesdays between 11am and 12noon. Everyone is welcome. Pop along, bring your friends, and have a chat over coffee.

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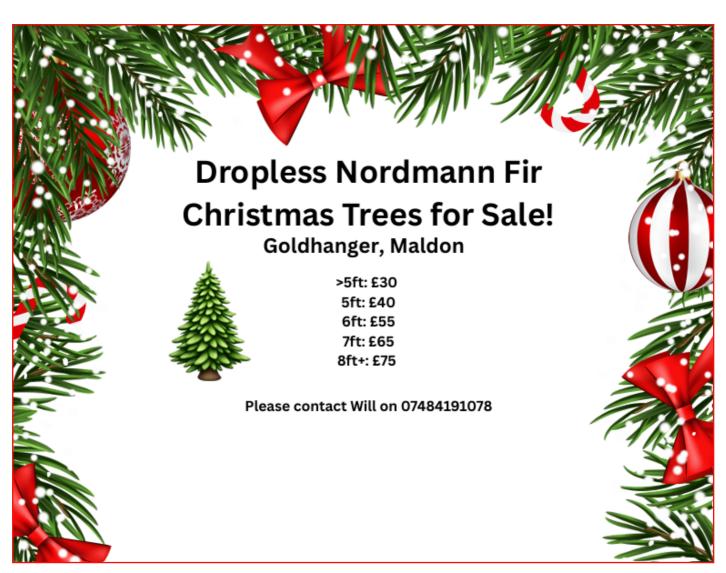
his issue of the magazine completes eleven full years for us as editors....
We now welcome Mel fully onboard with advertising for which we are extremely grateful and we send huge thanks to Carol who has done it so well until now. We very much appreciate the

As it's the December issue, there are more colours and sparkles in the magazine than usual so don't forget it will be available in glorious colour on the website too along with eleven years worth of back issues.

help from both of you.

Here at your favourite Goldhanger parish magazine we wish you a warm and wonderful seasonal time.

Chris, Stephen & Mel



#### **Goldhanger Church Services**

Sunday 7th December:

9.30am communion

Sunday 14th December:

10am lay led family service and 6.30pm carol service

Sunday 21st December:

9.30am communion

Wednesday 24th December:

4pm Christingle and 10pm 'Midnight Mass'

Christmas Day: 10am lay led carols by the crib

Sunday 28th December: 9.30am communion

#### **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 Rosie Pollock or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings Please contact Rev'd Andrew or Rosie for funeral arrangements.

#### **Parish Prayers**

If you would like someone, an event or concern, included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans on 788698 email <a href="https://www.kwestwood58@aol.com">kwestwood58@aol.com</a> or George Bunting (details on next page). Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

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#### St. Peter's Church Book of Remembrance

If there is someone special you would like to be included, please send an email with details to Becky willisbecky@btinternet.com. There is no charge, but a donation to the upkeep of our beautiful church is always very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support. Please contact Rosie Pollock, for any queries or help.



#### St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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Associate Priests	Reverend Andrew Vince (Assistant Agricultural Chaplain)	07952 144613 andrew.vince15@gmail.com
	Reverend Sarah Clare	07762 840905 / 01621 868819 sarahclare9@gmail.com
Church Wardens:	Mr George Bunting	01621 929690 gvbunting@gmail.com
	Mrs B Abrey	01206 384394
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Benefice Rosie Pollock 07908 776750
Administrator (For weddings, office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.

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on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

**Church flowers** Mrs Elaine Clark 788686

elaclark@me.com

com

St. Peter's Goldhanger website: www.st-peters-church.goldhanger.org.uk

#### Flags for December

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Christmas
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Goldhanger, Little Totham & Great Totham and Tollesbury, Salcott, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt Major

#### **Christmas Cyclamen**

It is a tradition in our church at Christmas to have cyclamen in memory of loved ones. They will be in church for the Carol service which is Sunday14th December at 6.30 pm

Come along and see how beautiful the cyclamen look and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

If you would like a Cyclamen please let me know with the name they are in memory of by 8th December. They are £4 each or three for £10 . These are the smaller plants from Perrywood as they seem to do better in church . They don't like the cold and damp of the January days in church . So feel free to collect them after new year or enclose an address and I will return them to you .

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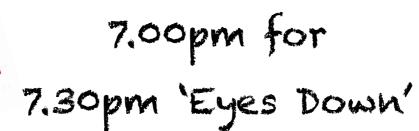
# CHRISTMAS





# Saturday 6th December

GOLDHANGER VILLAGE HALL





FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Bring your own drinks/glasses, nibbles & dabbers!

Xmas refreshments served in the interval



#### The Cake Stop Wishing Tree

I am Excited to announce the opening of the cake stop wishing tree on the 28th November

You will have the chance to leave a message for a loved one no longer here or just leave a wish for Santa

There will be tags inside the Honesty Box that you can fill out and then place on the tree (Don't forget to make you wish as you hang it )

All messages will be a minimum of a £1

Donation and will go to an amazing

local Charity (Action for Family Carers)

The wishing tree will be open daily from the 28th November so we can hopefully raise as much money as possible for the charity

There will also be a chance to pickup a blank letter to Santa to fill out and return back to our Santa Postbox where you will be contacted by Santa's help to let you know when you can collect your reply from Santa ,this will be available every weekend Fri-Sunday inside the honesty box

Homemade bakes &items available every weekend at the honesty Box Maldon Road CM9 8BD (Houses behind the hedges )





#### GOLDHANGER



# CO-ORDINATED LIGHTS SWITCH ON THROUGH THE VILLAGE

# MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER At 6PM



Everyone in the village is invited to take part by decorating their houses and gardens with lights and decorations.

A countdown will be directed from the square

#### LISTEN OUT FOR A PEAL OF THE CHURCH BELLS TO SIGNAL THE SWITCH ON!!

Each street is encouraged to organise their own social event or refreshments if they wish and enjoy a walk around the village to experience the lights and decorations.

#### My friend, Pam Cook By Kaye Shrubb

I first met Pam, in the late 70s through the Goldhanger Sailing Club. Both our husbands, Pam's Ron and my Clive were enthusiastic sailors and had formed a firm friendship. Although our early "social circles" were not connected, activities at the Club meant Pam and I got to know each other very well.

I learned about her early life living in Heybridge, with loving parents and her sister, Heather. She said she was very shy as a teenager and told me how she met Ron. They started their married life, and a family whilst living in a small caravan. It was some time and with family help and a lot of hard work, before they were able move into a bungalow in Maldon and finally moving to Goldhanger in 1968.

Pam was a very reluctant sailor and would only go out on a boat occasionally. However, she was always there to help with the events on land. On race days in the old compound, she would often be present and even then, offering to help where needed. When the Club moved to the present site and work parties took place, she was there providing soup and other goodies keep the workers going. At that time, I was Social Secretary for GSC, and Pam became my very able deputy, helping with our many events and pitching in behind the counter on race days.

Ron and Clive walked our dogs most mornings and Pam and I tried to join them as much as we could. We would usually end up our walk, by going into the Clubhouse and having a coffee, lot of laughs and putting the world to rights. In many of our recent conversations, she always refers to these times as one of her most treasured memories.

Through the 80's and 90's and into the 20's we had some wonderful social evenings and events in the Clubhouse and Village Hall, and again Pam was aways at the forefront joining in with all the work and fun. When Ron served as Commodore for GSC, Pam was perfect in her supporting role. Over the years, whenever Ron was organising anything, she was there by his side as a perfect hostess. She was a great cook and has regularly provided a variety of cakes and pastries for local events when requested. Her legendry Pavlova could have won Gold Medals.

Then as Caravanners – firstly in a small local Club, then later in the Caravan Club), we often travelled together on many holidays. As a foursome, we had lots walks along beaches and through forests, sometimes we would have breakfast together other times an evening meal taking turns in doing the cooking. On one of our journeys to the south of England, they were following us when I took a wrong turn and we ended up in a very narrow road, and a dead end behind a hospital. Two cars towing caravans, you can imagine the dilemma! Pam and I often

recalled the trouble it took to get back to the main road. Relating this story has given our family and friends many a laugh.

When I lost my Clive, Pam along with Ron was there providing practical help and supported me through that difficult time.

As members of Maldon Rotary, I was encouraged to join them. Pam again putting in ideas and helping to raise money for various charities. One time I was with her, when as part of that team we not only prepared and served a choice of two starters, a full roast dinner and a pudding, but also entertained three coach loads of visitors in Maldon Town Hall.

As a member of the Church team it was Ron, who battled over the years to get the Community Room built, but it was Pam who worked behind the scenes, writing countless letters, sending many emails and making long phone calls that helped make it happen. When the building was finally competed, it was

Pam who was instrumental in forming the present, ongoing, Tuesday Coffee Morning. She gently coaxed the people she knew to come on to the Coffee Morning Duty Rota, me included. It was only just very recently, that we reluctantly had to retire from that duty.

In the past few years as widows, our friendship became closer, and I have been privileged to be included in many family gatherings. At our little holidays at Pam's holiday Lodge in Suffolk, we walked dogs together, took turns in making meals and doing chores. We forged an easy relationship, even if our T'V favourites were not the same. Also, over time we have confided in each other and have become aware of very personal things in each other's lives, and I consider that as a real friendship.

In recent months I had noticed that Pam was beginning to slow down, but when we phoned. texted, or met up she remained the cheerful and positive person I have always known. When I



visited on Friday17th October, although she seemed a little frail, but we had a good visit. It was the following week when I learned she had suddenly become very unwell, and I was encouraged by family to visit. I was able to sit by her bedside for a while, talking to her about recent events and I hoped she was aware of my presence. I count myself as very fortunate to have been part of her life and I shall miss her every day. But I personally have the belief that she is now at rest with her beloved Ron.

#### **AVAGO**

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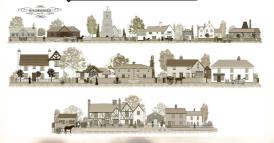
Our next event will be in the billiard Room of The Chequers on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00p.m.

# Characters of Goldhanger Past

A Talk & Supper on Saturday 28th February 2026 at the Village Hall

The Village History Tours over the Gala weekend were very popular, some of the characters that lived in our historic houses have interesting stories to reveal. Inspiring and adventurous, find out how they left their mark on Goldhanger and the wider world.

More details to follow in the January magazine, if you'd like to reserve a space contact jillcrooks66@icloud.com



# Goldhanger Village Hall Film Club

There's NO FILM CLUB in December

The next film will be **The Roses** (with Olivia Coleman and Benedict Cumberbatch)

Wednesday 21st January 2026

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!



## Santa Fun Run - 5km



# Saturday 6th December

9am for 9.30am start

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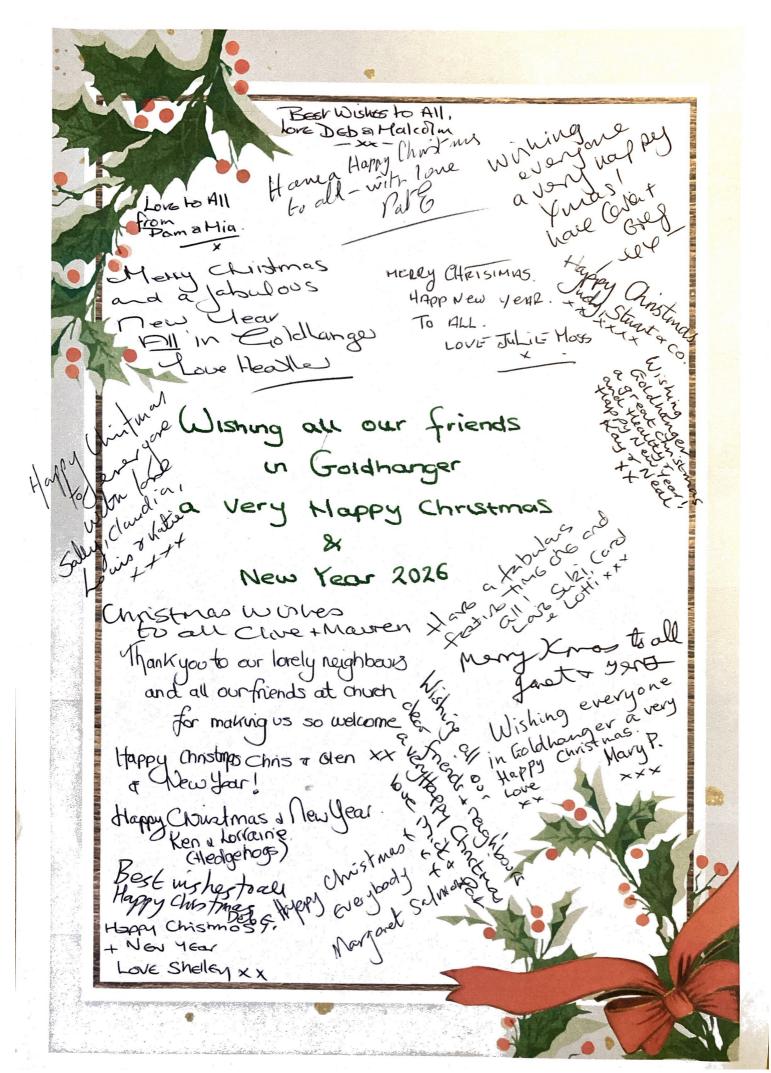
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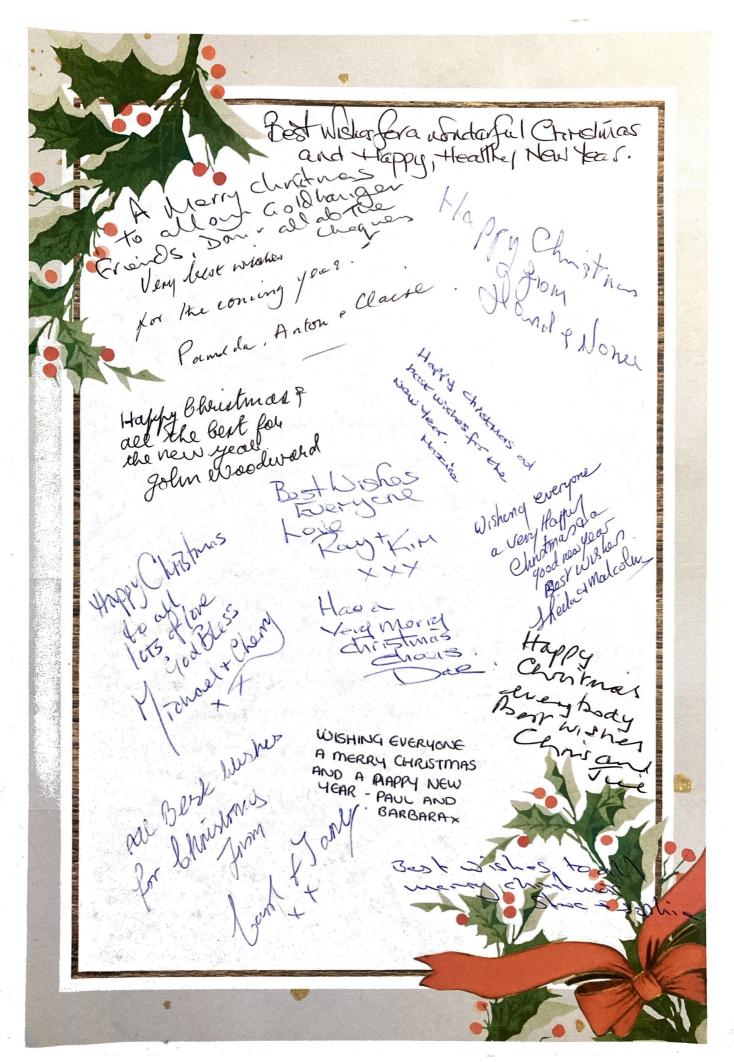
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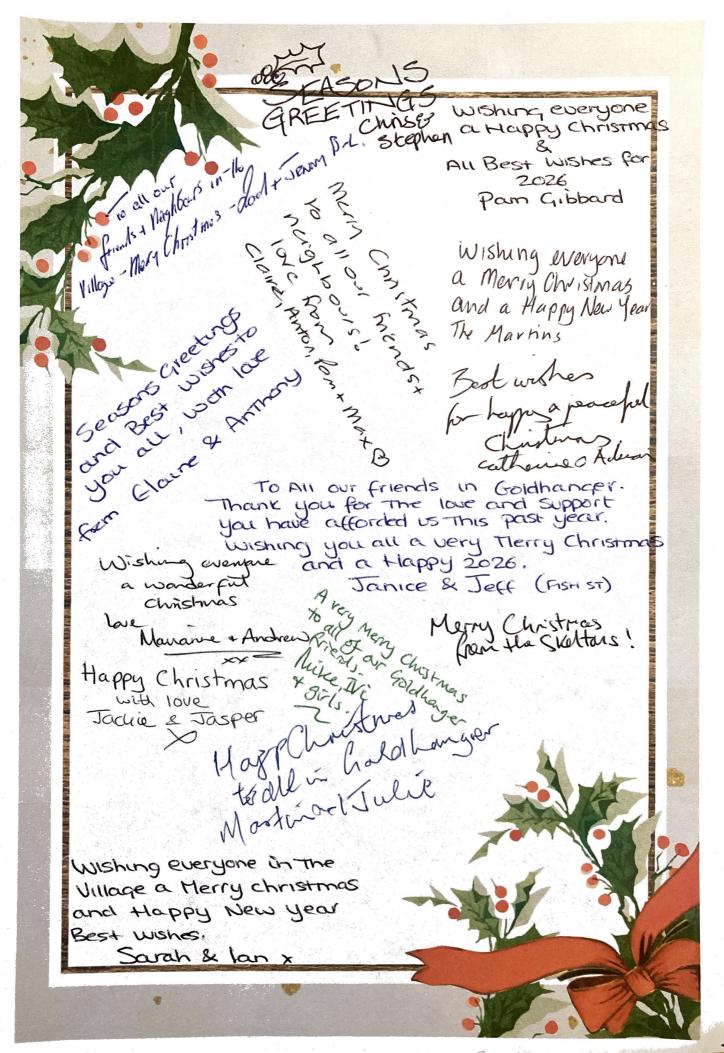
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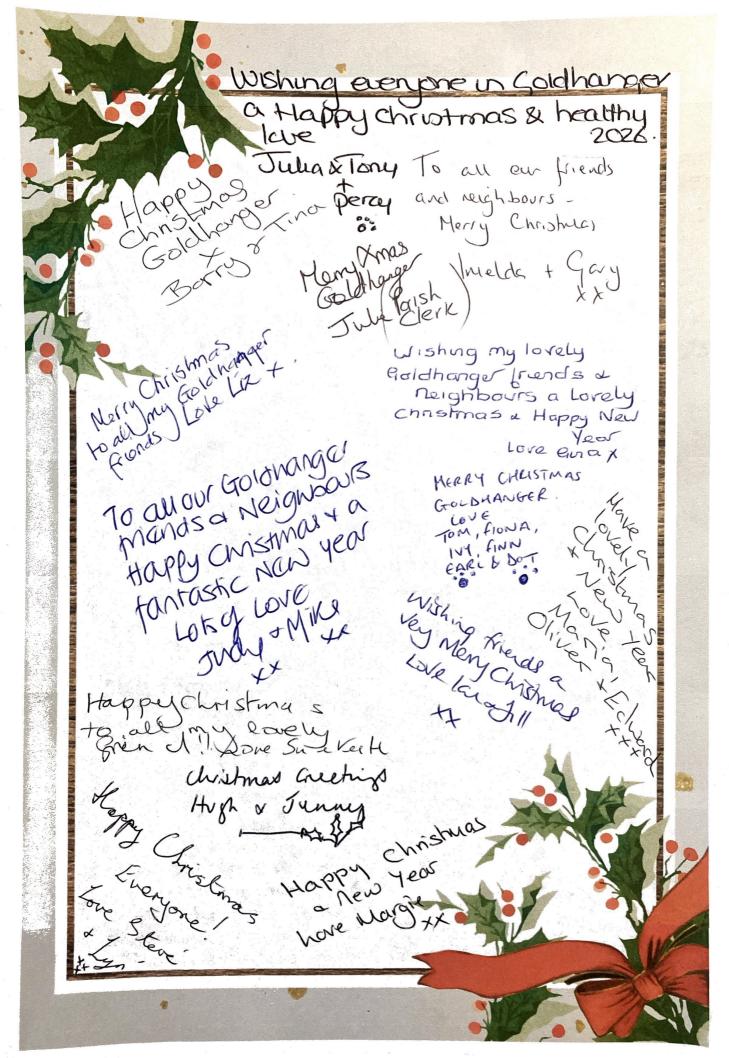
Dominic and the team look forward to welcoming you soon.





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#### Goldhanger Jubilee Choir &



### Village Hall Committee present



#### CAROLS IN THE FIELD





Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00pm in the



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\*\* Carol song sheets will be available on Facebook nearer the time. Look out for the post on the Goldhanger Village Group \*\*



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CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

#### **Essex Libraries' Santa Bus is back!**



Essex Libraries' Santa Bus is returning this festive season, in partnership with the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service.

Pop along and meet Santa in his Mobile Library bus this Christmas!

https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/the-santa-bus-is-back/

#### **Winter Reading Challenge 2026**



It's time for the Winter Reading Challenge 2026, so let's meet The Pawfessionals!

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Photos of village events are always very welcome.







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#### **GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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clerk.gpc@outlook.com

#### **Planning Decisions by MDC**

25/00681 20 Fish Street Approved

#### **Planning Matters**

A meeting has been arranged with the MP for the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 4.30-5.30pm to discuss the Head Street Planning application

#### **Speed watch Group**

It was reported that there was still a lot of high speeds being recorded

#### Other

Fish Street surface water works continue, running 3- 4 weeks over schedule Work would soon begin on the telephone boxes by Cllr Reynolds and Sargeant Further discussion to be had regarding usage for land on old garage plot site

Discussion on whether Goldhanger should produce a Village Design Statement MDC Rough Sleeper count on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Next meeting on 12th Nov 2025

Plots available on allotment site

**NB:** November notes will be published in January (*eds.*)



#### **Ministry Team's Message for Christmas 2025**

It is the middle of October as I sit down to write this Christmas message. Strangely, Advent calendars have been in our supermarkets since about the 1st of September. We have also started to see Christmas advertisements on TV.

For those of us who are Christians, Christmas Day is preceded by a time we know as Advent. This year, Advent Sunday was on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, when we celebrated together as a Benefice.

Advent means 'coming 'or 'arrival.' There are many ways in which we can count down the days of Advent. Some people use Advent calendars to count down the time before Christmas, and there is a very wide selection on offer to us.

Others may choose to count down the Sundays during Advent, of which there are 4. However, we choose to use this time; it is up to each one of us.

Whether you are aware of it or not, every year during Advent, we pause to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ by slowing down, listening, and anticipating, so we are better prepared to appreciate and enjoy our celebrations of Christmas.

As we all know, Christmas provides a rich tapestry for us to think about as we recall how God revealed Himself to us. The name of God has always been held sacred, not to be used lightly; it is a means of God's self-revelation to his people.

Christmas is a time for rejoicing, remembering, and celebrating once again the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. A human being like no other, fully human and fully divine.

God sent his messenger, Gabriel, to a young woman called Mary. Gabriel's announcement was that she would have a baby, who would be called the Son of God, and his name would be Jesus.

Mary understood that this was God's plan to bring us back to God, and she said yes,' Let it be with me according to your word.' Mary prepared the way for Jesus to come into the world.

Are we able to say yes to God in our lives?

Jesus was the Word of God, from the very beginning, the light of the world that could never be put out.

Jesus is God's answer to all that has gone wrong in our world, the one who came to set us free and lead us home.

From the very beginning, God has reached out to each one of us through countless generations who have prepared the way for Jesus to come.

Can we prepare our hearts to welcome his coming this Christmas?

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us, we are healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole.

I pray that you have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Revd Andrew Vince, Assistant Agricultural Chaplain.

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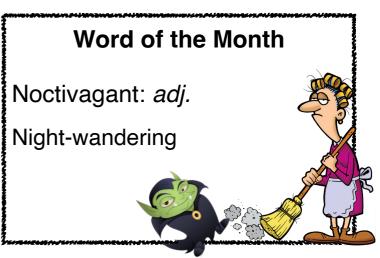
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#### Megabrain Wordsearch 11 – Woof!

Another Level 3 difficulty puzzle – 4 points!

19 breeds of dog are hidden in the grid below (using one word only for each). But there is NO LIST to help you! THEN, when you've found them, the 36 unused letters read as a clue. Solve that and email it to <a href="mailto:pfrench2@hotmail.com">pfrench2@hotmail.com</a> to be immortalised in next month's magazine! Good luck!

Absolutely no freebies this time around! But there's no dog breed called ROLAND or FIDO!

Next month – It's the Christmas 2025 Grand Finale – (Level 4 - so 5 points!)

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Note: Usual rules apply – diagonal, horizontal and vertical words forwards and backwards, letters used more than once + unused letters read as a book to form the hidden question.

#### NB. This month's answer has 9 letters

Last month's clue was 'CAPTAIN GOOSEN THE FIRST TO LAND THIS ANCIENT FISH – A LONE CATCH (anag)- UPSET Answer: COELACANTH (so what! Caught one crabbing in Goldhanger Creek only last week!)

FISH species were (horiz.) Tench, Bleak, Perch, Gudgeon, Grayling, Catfish (vert) Dab, Barbel, Bream, Eel, Ruffe, Roach, Pike, Chub, Zander (diag.) Dace, Flounder, Trout, Carp, Rudd

Correct 4 point answers received from: Janet Craske, Lorraine Alford, Carole Russell, Maureen Cheeseman, Jill Crooks

# **Across** 20 25 16 38

# 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/

- 1 Strip off skin (4)
- 3 Italian dessert (8)
- 9 Neck cord carrying ID badge (7)
- 10 Puccini opera (5)
- **11** Stop, \_\_! (5)
- 12 Whirlpool (6)
- 14 Yellow stuff pud drawer cost (anag) (7,6)
- 17 Showy flower (6)
- 19 From Prague perhaps? (5)
- **22** Lukewarm (5)
- 23 Take legal possession of (7)
- 24 Land or buildings owned (8)
- **25** Electrical cable (4)



# Down

- 1 Study of government and the state
- 2 Feeling of weariness and boredom (2)
- 4 One that does not follow the crowd (13)
- 5 \_\_ Henry (Prunella Scales widow sitcom) (5)
- **6** As an alternative (7)
  - **7** US state (4)
- 8 Basket weaving material (6)
- 13 According to established doctrines (8)
- 15 Cleaner of locks (7)
- 16 Take up residence in (6)
- 18 Shelf-like projection (5)
- 20 Identical in quantity (5)
- 21 Naughty or goose? (4)

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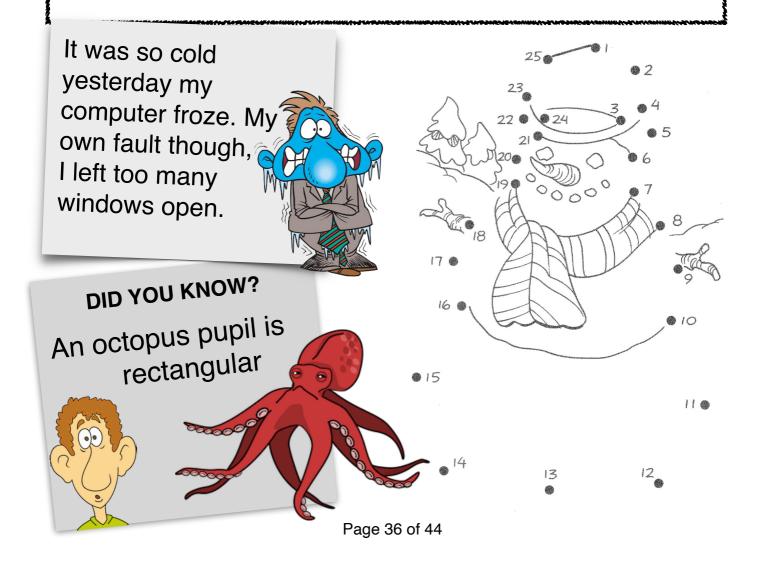
#### Children's Pages

#### **Kids Quiz**

- 1. How many legs does a spider have?
- 2. What is a brontosaurus?
- 3. Which language did the Romans speak?
- 4. Po Ping, an accident-prone but energetic giant panda is the star of which film?
- 5. What sort of material does a blacksmith work with?
- 6. The film *Billy Elliot* is about a miner's son that wishes to become what?
- 7. Dublin is the capital city of which country?
- 8. What were Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali famous for?
- 9. Which people built Hadrian's Wall?
- 10. How many grams are there in a kilogram?

Answers on page 40

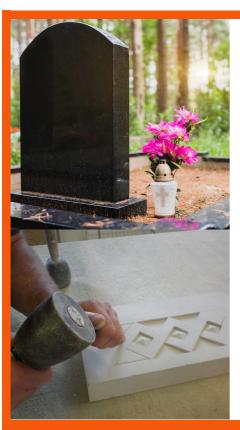
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#### Children's Pages (Adults can join in too)

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# Recipe of the month

#### Lemon surprise pudding

Preparation time 30-60 minutes Cooking time 30-60 minutes Serves Serves 6



#### Ingredients

- 3 lemons
- 100g unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 200g vanilla sugar or plain caster sugar
- 4 medium free-range eggs, separated
- 75g plain flour
- 500ml milk

#### **Method**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Butter a 2 litre shallow ovenproof dish.
- 2. Grate the zest from two of the lemons, then squeeze the juice of all three.
- 3. Cream the butter with the sugar and lemon zest. Beat in the egg yolks one by one. Don't worry if the mixture curdles. Next beat in the flour a spoonful at a time, alternating with slurps of milk and lemon juice.
- 4. Once that is all in, whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until they form stiff peaks, and fold lightly into the lemon batter.
- 5. Pour the mixture into the baking dish, then stand the dish in a roasting tin. Pour enough boiling water around the dish to come about halfway up the sides.
- Bake in the oven for 40–45 minutes until the pudding is golden brown. Serve hot or warm, with or without cream.



#### **Answers to November crossword**

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#### **Answers to Kids Quiz**

- 1. Eight
- 2. A dinosaur
- 3. Latin
- 4. Kung Fu Panda
- 5. Metal (or iron)
- 6. A ballet dancer
- 7. Ireland
- 8. Painting they are famous artists
- 9. Romans
- 10.1000 (one thousand)



## Website of the Month

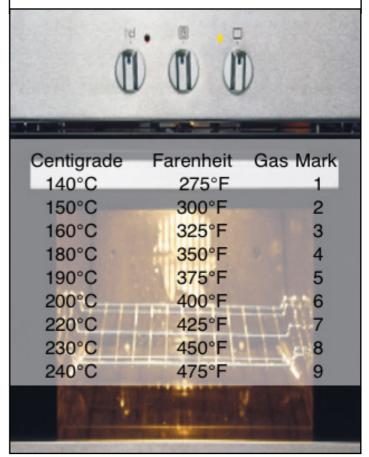
Your editors present a quirky, interesting, surprising or who-knows-what website that may be of interest. Hand-curated by your intrepid cybernaut navigators Chris and Stephen

http://abandonedstations.org.uk

A fascinating journey underground into London's abandoned tube stations with loads of photos and facts. It's amazing down there ...



#### Oven temperature conversions



#### Mobile Library dates & times

Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2025	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
3rd December	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
24th December	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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#### **BUS TIMETABLE**



Maldon Town Centre, The White Horse

Maldon, Upper Plume School

Maldon, Lower Plume School

**Monday to Friday** 

#### Tollesbury Goldhanger Heybridge Maldon





Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays									
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Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	0741	0743	0943	1153	1443	1623			
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Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	0847	1048	1248	1558	1558	1720	
Tollesbury, The Square	0852	1054	1254	1605	1604	1726	

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#### **BUS TIMETABLE**



#### **Saturday**

#### Tollesbury Goldhanger Heybridge Maldon



#### **Saturdays**

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#### **Saturdays**

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Heybridge, Osea Road	1037	1237	1437	1637	
Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	1043	1243	1443	1643	
Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	1048	1248	1448	1648	
Tollesbury, The Square	1053	1253	1453	1653	

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