

Flags from the past



131 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 and there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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Submit articles, as PDF to preserve layout or as plain text in an email with any images attached, by midnight on the 15th of July. Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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

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From the Editors

Things are hotting up again, both weather-wise and Gala-weekend-wise. It looks to be a busy one this year. Various posters are starting to appear and you can see these from about the middle of the magazine onwards. It's time to start getting ready if you're taking part.

We've got a Karate Champion in our midst in the personage of Sophie Richards, winner of Silver and Bronze medals at the World Karate Championships in

Malta. **Huge** congratulations to Sophie. You can read the story on page 20.

The Reverend Andrew Vince was licensed as an Associate Priest to the Blackwater Benefice by the Bishop of Colchester. Read all about it on page 20.

Keeping cool

It's important to keep yourself and your home as cool as possible in the extreme heat we've been having lately. I've included a couple of bits of advice below and more guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

Keep your home cool

Homes can overheat and become uncomfortable during warmer weather, particularly when you are trying to sleep. Take the following steps to cool your home:

- close blinds and curtains on windows that are exposed to direct sunlight during the day
- close external shutters or shades if you have them
- move to a cooler part of the house, especially for sleeping
- open windows (if it is safe to) when the air feels cooler outside than inside, for example at night, and try to get air flowing through your home
- use electric fans if the air temperature is below 35°C, but do not aim the fan directly at your body as this can lead to dehydration
- check that any heating is turned off
- turn off lights and electrical equipment that are not in use
- go outside if it is cooler outside in the shade

Public buildings such as places of worship, local libraries or supermarkets may be cooler than your home. If they are nearby consider visiting one of these as a way of cooling down.

Prevent dehydration

Drink fluids regularly throughout the day especially if you are physically active. You should drink enough that your pee is a pale straw colour.

Water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices. Fruit juice, smoothies and soft drinks can be high in sugar which dehydrates the body. Limit the amount of fruit juice or smoothies that you drink, and swap sugary soft drinks for diet, sugar-free or no added sugar varieties.

If you are going out, take a refillable bottle filled with water. Take extra water for journeys on public transport or by car.

Alcohol has a dehydrating effect on the body, so it is a good idea to choose alcohol-free options, or alternate alcoholic drinks with a glass of water.

If you are fasting during a heatwave, it is important to drink enough to adequately hydrate before you fast and follow the guidance on keeping cool and preventing dehydration. People with underlying health conditions should seek medical advice before fasting.

Check in with anyone you think might be at risk and see if they need help.

Flags from the past

This month's cover shows some flags and a banner that would have been regularly seen in the village in the past and particularly around the time of the Great War. Flags once played important roles in all national and local organisations, societies and local activities, and Goldhanger was no exception. They can be displayed inside and outside buildings, and used in processions and ceremonies. They are colourful, easy to construct from readily available materials, lightweight, portable, and can be seen from all angles. The Egyptians first used flags 5000 years ago.

We know that the Coastguards, who were resident in the village for over 100 years until 1914, regularly marched through the village with rifles, swords and flags to deter smuggling. The Royal Flying Corps based at Gardeners Farm would have participated in Church services in WW-1 and marched here displaying their flag. Similarly HMS Osea based on the Island would have come to the village for special occasions.

After WW-2 there was British Legion Hall in Fish St (later renamed the Royal British Legion) and they flew their flag both inside and outside the hut and the members marched with their flag and the Union Jack to Church services.

St Peters Church still has the Mother's Union banner on display in the Lady Chapel, and and other village groups would have had flags, such as...

The United Brotherhood (affiliated to the Wesleyan Chapel), village Scouts & Guides groups, the Village Brass band, and the Sailing Club, etc.



*Armistice Day parade in Church St.
in the late 1940s and 50s*



*flags display inside the British Legion Hall
In Fish Street in the 1950s*



*the Union Jack
on the tower recently*



*St. Georges flag and British Army flag
on the tower together recently*

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Gentle Yoga every Monday 7-8pm

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Chair Yoga every Wednesday 11am

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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 11th September to April 2027. 1.45pm to 4.00 pm

Village Hall Bookings

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

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Monday-Friday	9.00 -18.00	£12	£14
	18.00 - 23.00	£17	£20
Saturday-Sunday	9.00 - 18.00	£17	£20
	18.00 - 23.00	£22	£27

Community Page

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.



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.



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!



AVAGO

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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.



Mother's Union

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



Goldhanger Book Club (*St. Peter's Community Room*)

Bring a book suggestion and share with others over a glass of vino or tea and cake. Only £5. 6th July @ 7:30pm.



Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

1st Saturday of the month. Queens Head Tolleshunt D'Arcy. 12 noon to 1pm.



The Goldhanger Gallopers

All abilities running club. Wednesday evenings at St. Peter's Church Community Room at 7:20pm.



Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 5th - 9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Andrew

Sunday 12th - 10am Sea Sunday with Rev Michael Hatchett

Sunday 19th - 9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Michael Hatchett

Sunday 26th - 9.30am lay led service

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 kwestwood58@aol.com or George Bunting (details on next page). Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.

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 Beckywillisbecky@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.

Yesterday, a clown held a door open for me. I thought it was a nice jester.

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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Mrs Elaine Clark

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

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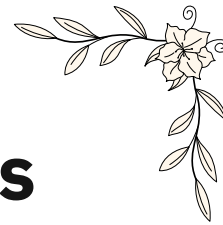
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Typo?

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It was a boxed advert, which was
more expensive.

I wondered how many replies he got!



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Monthly Ministry Letter

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

One of the first things our parents teach us is to say “thank you”. What do you say, nodding, “thank you”.

It was an early lesson that we should express gratitude. Of course, what our parents were trying to instil in us was not so much to say “thank you” but to be thankful. Saying thank you was merely an expression to show our thankfulness for a present, some sweets, food, drink, gift that was given to us. It is said that today people seem to have a sense of entitlement such that being thankful, grateful is rather old fashioned. Knowing ones “rights”, knowing what we are entitled to is considered vitally important. Stand up for your rights.

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Progressing from “what do you say” to “what do you think” is a sign that we are growing up. We are asked our opinion. I would say that most people like to be asked their opinion. Most people have an opinion. Some people ask your opinion so that they can give their own back. Market researchers may even pay to hear your opinion. On the other hand, we have to guard against being considered opinionated, meaning always thinking our opinion is the “right one” or “the only one”. Louis B. Mayer late of MGM Pictures once said “when I want your opinion I’ll give it to you”!

Our Lord Jesus once posed a question truly seeking the opinion of His disciples. A question that all of us have to answer, and sometimes we need to answer over and again, and we can’t avoid giving our answer because Jesus rather insists upon it.

The context; Jesus had just performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and afterwards asks the disciples a simple question “Who do people say I am?”  
Matthew 16

That’s an easy one. His disciples answer, “Some say you are John The Baptist, some say Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or another of the Prophets”

“You don’t say” paraphrasing Jesus. “But what about you. Who do you say I am?”

Peter, bless his cotton fishermans socks, gets it in one. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”.

Paul Smith, St Peters Church, Great Totham





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If you would like a birthday or congratulations message (or any other message) included in the magazine then please let us know.

*(See inside front cover)*

Photos of village events are always very welcome.



# Goldhanger Karate Star Enjoys World Championship Success

Local karate star Sophie Richards (*see photos next page*) has returned home celebrating remarkable success at the recent World Karate Championships in Malta.

Competing against opponents from around the globe, Sophie delivered outstanding performances in both kumite (sparring) and kata, showcasing her talent, determination, and versatility as a martial artist.

In the kumite competition, Sophie progressed impressively through the rounds to reach the final. There, she faced a strong competitor from Poland in a closely contested match. After a hard-fought battle, Sophie secured a well-deserved silver medal. Her achievements did not stop there. In the kata competition, Sophie demonstrated exceptional skill, precision, timing, and technique, earning a bronze medal and further highlighting her all-round ability.

Sophie's karate journey began as a junior member of the Goldhanger Karate Club in 2019. Having competed for the past two years, she has developed into a formidable competitor on the international stage.

Her dedication, discipline, and passion for the sport have clearly paid off, and her achievements in Malta are a source of great pride for her family, her club, and the Kazen Karate Association.

Congratulations, Sophie, on your fantastic results and a truly outstanding achievement.

*Hugh Reynolds*

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## Reverend Andrew Vince licensed as Associate Priest

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, in St Mary's Church in Tollesbury, Reverend Andrew Vince was licensed as an Associate Priest to the Blackwater Benefice by the Bishop of Colchester, The Rt. Revd Roger Morris and the Archdeacon of Colchester, The Venerable Ruth Patten (*see photo next page*). The Church was filled with family, friends, and colleagues from across the Benefice and the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Revd. Andy writes:

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely messages that I have received for all your support and prayers before the service and during this truly wonderful time of celebration, and for my ongoing Ministry. A very special thank you to all who did so much of the work preparing for the service, sending out the invitations and arranging everything, and for making the service so memorable.





Sophie Richards at the World Karate Championships in Malta and with silver and bronze medals.



Revd Andy with Rev Janet Nicholls, The Rt Revd Roger Morris, Rev Jo Wood and The Venerable Ruth Patten.



**Yours, to cut out and keep.**



# YOUR NEW RECYCLING CALENDAR

**2026 -27**

## TUESDAY ROUTE 1

### JUNE 2026

2 9 16 23 30

### JULY 2026

7 14 21 28

### AUGUST 2026

4 11 18 25

### SEPTEMBER 2026

1 8 15 22 29

### OCTOBER 2026

6 13 20 27

### NOVEMBER 2026

3 10 17 24

### DECEMBER 2026

1 8 15 22 29

### JANUARY 2027

5 12 19 26

### FEBRUARY 2027

2 9 16 23

### MARCH 2027

2 9 16 23 30

### APRIL 2027

6 13 20 27

### MAY 2027

4 11 18 25

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*Timings are approximate*



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## **15.20 - 16.00 | AGES 4-16**

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## **16.00 - 16.30 | FOOTBALL GAME**

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fascinating past

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- Booking deadline: 31st August

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# Goldhanger GALA

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**Sunday 6th September, 1:30pm**  
**Village Hall Field**



# **GOLDHANGER GALA - 4TH/5TH/6TH SEPT 2026**

## **— PROGRAMME (in progress) —**

### **FRIDAY**

From 17.15 **KID'S DISCO** 3-6 yrs | 7-11 yrs — Village Hall  
see poster

 Off-road parking  
Head St and Church St

### **EVENTS ON ALL WEEKEND**

**TALENTS OF GOLDHANGER DISPLAY & REFRESHMENTS** - Church

**THEMED FLOWER POT TRAIL 'Children's Stories'** - throughout village

**CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL**

### **SATURDAY**

From 09.00 **MAKE, BAKE & GROW SHOW** - Village Hall  
drop off entries from 9am, judging from 10am, display & refreshments  
from 11.30am

From 09.30 **CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY** - Chequers car park, **BIKE DISPLAY** - Churchyard  
**TABLE TOP SALE** - Head Street

From 10.00 **MOLLY'S LOLLYS ICE CREAM VAN** and **SUGARSTRIPES SWEET STALL**

10.00-11.30 **FUN DOG SHOW, DEMOS & REFRESHMENTS** - Village Hall Field

From 11.00 **CHEQUER'S BBQ**

From 12.00 **CAROL & SUKI** - The Square

From 13.00 **CHILDREN'S DANCE DEMO?** **to be confirmed** - Churchyard

From 13.30 **KARATE DEMONSTRATION** - Churchyard

14.30-15.30 **VILLAGE HISTORY TOUR** - from the Village Hall (booking required)

15.00-16.30 **CHILDREN'S 'MINI SPORTS DAY'** - Playing Field, Fish St

From 15.45 **LIVE MUSIC** - The Chequers

**PIZZA VAN** (Circles & Squares) - The Square

### **SUNDAY**

From 10.00 **CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE**

**MAKE, BAKE & GROW SHOW** - Village Hall - display & refreshments

From 10.45 **TEDDY PARACHUTE JUMPS, BACON ROLLS & BUCKS FIZZ** - Churchyard

From 11.30 **KID'S CRAFTS** - Churchyard **to be confirmed**

From 12.00 **LINE DANCING DEMO** with Shanties? - The Square

From 13.00 **FANCY DRESS BIKE PARADE** - ending at Village Hall Field

13.30-15.30 **FOOTBALL TENNIS & TUG-OF-WAR** - Village Hall Field

14.30-15.30 **VILLAGE HISTORY TOUR** from the Village Hall (booking req'd)

From 15.45 **LIVE MUSIC** - The Chequers

From 17.00 **FISH & CHIP VAN** - The Square

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# Goldhanger Gala – Saturday 5th September

## 'MAKE, BAKE & GROW' SHOW CLASSES

Maximum of one entry per person per class

Please drop entries into the Village Hall between 9-10am

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### COOKING / HOME PRODUCE

1. Gala Cake: a novel bake decorated to celebrate your favourite book
2. Plain or fruit scones x 6 (same size)
3. Bottle of sloe gin or similar, e.g. turnip vodka, parsnip rum etc.
4. Jar of chutney

#### Children's Classes

5. 4-7 years – chocolate crispy cakes x 3
6. 8-12 years – decorated cupcakes x 3, any flavour any theme

All entries must be made by the exhibitor  
Entries will be tasted!

### FRUIT & VEGETABLES

7. Longest runner bean
8. A single tomato (with stalk)
9. A single courgette
10. A single chilli or pepper (with stalk)
11. Most amusing misshapen veg

Open to adults and children  
All fruit and veg must be home grown  
Fresh and clean products please  
Entries to your own presentation

### FLOWERS

12. Flowering pot plant – max pot size 20cm/8" diameter
13. A colourful arrangement using flowers, foliage, fruit and/or veg  
– max height 45cm/18"

### PHOTOGRAPHY

14. This is Goldhanger – highlight our heritage and our vibrant community
15. Sunrise or sunset
16. Black and white

#### Children's Classes

17. 4-7 yrs – any animal, fur, feather or fin
18. 8-12 yrs – any animal, fur, feather or fin

All the photographs must be taken by the exhibitor  
The size of the photo should be 8ins x 6ins and not mounted or framed

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Entries to remain in the hall for display until 3.30pm Sunday 6th

Drop off forms/entries to the Village Hall from 9-10am on Saturday 5th Sept

## **MAKE, BAKE & GROW SHOW - ENTRY FORM**

Please complete all the details below. One form per person.

NAME: ..... AGE: (children 4-12yrs) .....

ADDRESS: ..... PHONE: .....

List all class no.s you are entering (max. of one entry per class)

.....

Total number of entries ..... at 50p each £..... (payment at drop off)

### **NOTES:**

1. Cooking/Home Produce entries will be tasted for judging purposes
2. Entries to be left in the hall for display until 3.30pm on Sunday 6th, please pick up then

I confirm these entries are my own and I'll adhere to competition rules 🤖



## **GCCC Classic Car & Motorbike Display**

**Saturday 5th Sept, from 9.30am**

Back by popular demand and tradition our classic car display will be in The Chequers car park and a motorbike display in the churchyard. Our proud owners will delight in providing any level of detail about their cherished vehicles.

Vote for your favourite 🏆 (car or bike that is, not owner!)



Contact [GoldhangerCCC@Outlook.com](mailto:GoldhangerCCC@Outlook.com) to register a space or for more information

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**Word of the Month**

Vacuity: *noun*

Lack of thought or intelligence;  
empty-headedness



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# Megabrain Wordsearch 7 - Lepidoptera (1)

Difficulty level 2 (3 pts)

16 types of one word butterfly (i.e. excluding associated words so 'Lesser Purple Emperor' would be just 'Emperor') and 4 colours associated with 4 of those 16 are hidden in the grid below BUT there is NO LIST to help you! THEN, when you've found all 20 words, the 23 unused letters read as a clue to find another butterfly. Email your answer to [pfrench2@hotmail.com](mailto:pfrench2@hotmail.com) to be immortalised in next month's magazine! Good luck!

Pete's tip: I've done a couple of word starter letters for you – the things I do for you lot!

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | D | O | N | I | S | P | F | M | B | I | X |
| R | I | N | G | L | E | T | R | R | K | E | A |
| D | L | A | U | A | D | M | I | R | A | L | M |
| R | G | N | C | G | E | M | T | E | E | U | M |
| L | A | O | R | E | S | A | I | P | R | L | O |
| R | C | E | C | T | K | R | L | E | T | W | C |
| K | E | O | O | I | I | B | L | E | S | O | L |
| N | T | N | P | H | P | L | A | K | R | R | O |
| B | E | T | P | W | P | E | R | E | I | T | U |
| L | O | R | E | E | E | D | Y | T | A | H | D |
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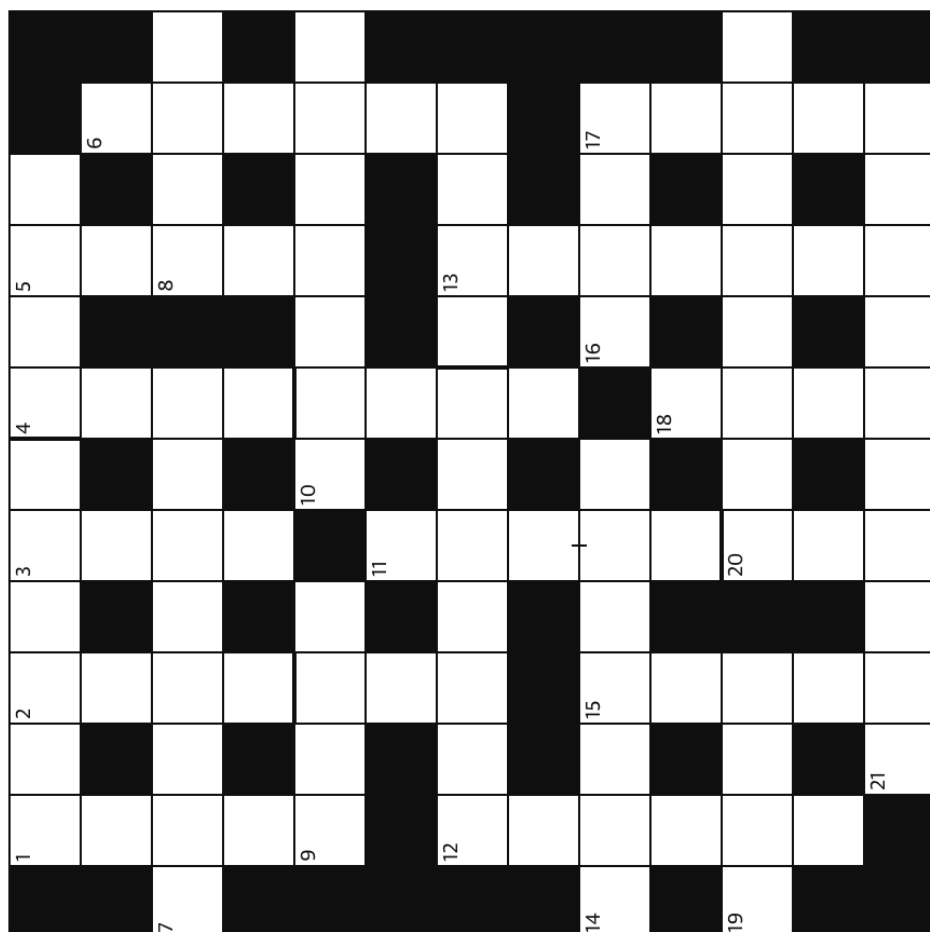
Note: Usual rules apply – diagonal, horizontal and vertical words forwards and backwards, letters can be used more than once and unused letters read as per a book to form the hidden question or clue.

**NB. The answer has 5,13 letters**

Last month's 'fruit' clue was 'ARGENTINE TANGLE FRUIT' Answer: TANGERINE (anagram of Argentina)

Those berryless fruits were (horiz.) Apple, Plum, Boysen (vert.) Blackcurrant, Breadfruit, Guava, Lime, Melon, Avacado, Cherry, Huckle, Mango, Pear, Black, Goose, (diagonal) Fig, Damson, Blue, Banana, Cloud, Elder, Grape, Pear, Rasp, Lemon, Apricot. Logan, Coconut

**This one caused problems but correct answers were received from Mo Brooks, David Harding, Jill Crooks, Lorraine Alford, Kevin Elmore, Carole Russell, Marion Everiss, Andy Martin, Lorna Bolton, and Maureen Cheeseman MBE – well done to them. 3 points earned and Janet Craske 2 points**



## Across

- 1 Raw vegetables (6,4)
- 7 Dreadful - or marvellous (8)
- 8 Hired thug (4)
- 9 Stretching discipline (4)
- 10 Deeply in love (7)
- 12 Level pegging (7,4)
- 14 Boastful or self-important (7)
- 16 Matrix (4)
- 19 Laze (anag) (4)
- 20 Youth (8)
- 21 Feller (10)

## Down

- 1 Shrill (5)
- 2 Automatic (belching?) US weapon (4,3)
- 3 Dubious (4)
- 4 Mud veil on mug? (4,4)
- 5 Should (with 'to') (5)
- 6 Preside over (6)
- 11 Sting (3-2,3)
- 12 Dancer (6)
- 13 Terrace (7)
- 15 I, Paul (anag) (5)
- 17 Doctor Who adversary (5)
- 18 At any time (4)

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/>

# Children's Pages

## Kids Quiz

1. What is the name of the house elf that Harry befriends?
2. What is Harry's position in the Gryffindor Quidditch team?
3. Who is Harry Potter's godfather?
4. What mode of transport do Harry and Ron use to get to Hogwarts at the beginning of their second year?
5. What name is given to the phantoms that guard Azkaban?
6. Who is the Half-Blood Prince?
7. Who introduces Harry to Tom Riddle's diary?
8. For which teaching post at Hogwarts School must they need to advertise year after year?
9. Who can see through the back of his own head?
10. What is the name of Hagrid's three headed dog?

Answers on page 40

## Spot 10 Differences in 25 Seconds



Did you know your tongue is the fastest healing part of your body

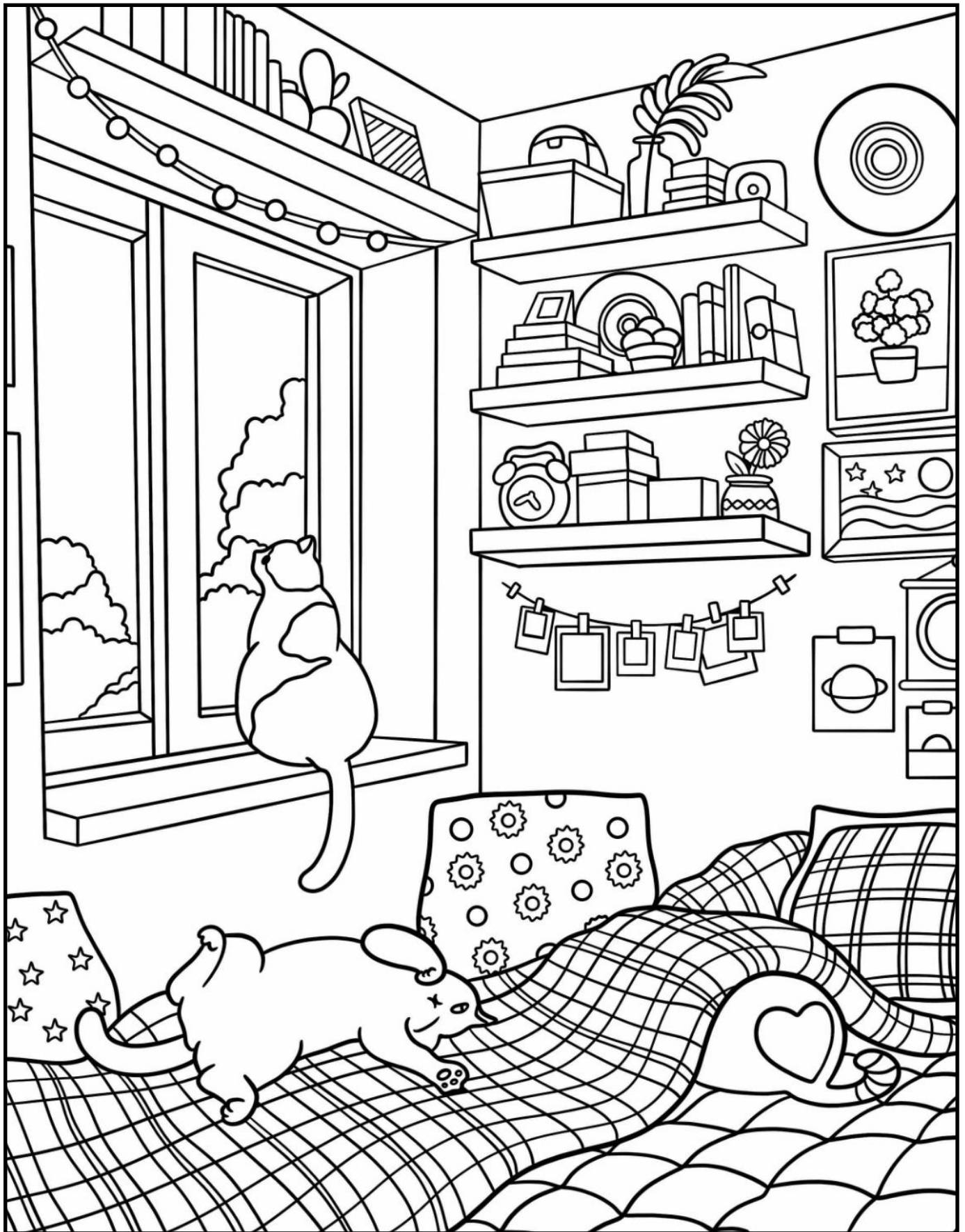




# Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out





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# *Recipe of the month*

## Spinach and Ricotta Pasta

### Preparation time

Less than 30 minutes

### Cooking time

10 to 30 minutes

### Serves

Serves 2



### Ingredients

- 150g dried farfalle or tagliatelle
- 200g fresh spinach or defrosted frozen spinach
- 50g unsalted butter
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 125g ricotta
- freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 tbsp grated pecorino (or alternative vegetarian hard cheese)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method

1. Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions, or until al dente. Drain and reserve a cupful of the cooking water.
2. If using fresh spinach, cook it with a splash of water in a saucepan for 1–2 minutes, or until wilted, then leave to cool. Squeeze all the liquid out of the spinach using your hands and roughly chop.
3. Melt the butter in a large frying pan. Once foaming, add the spinach, garlic, cooked pasta and a splash of the pasta cooking water and cook for 2–3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add more of the cooking water if needed. Add the ricotta and cook gently while mixing with two forks to break it up.
4. Season with the nutmeg, pecorino, salt and pepper and serve.





## Answers to June crossword



## Answers to Kids Quiz

1. Dobby
2. Seeker
3. Sirius Black
4. A flying car
5. Dementors
6. Severus Snape
7. Moaning Myrtle
8. The teacher for Defence Against the Dark Arts
9. Alastor 'Mad-Eye' Moody
10. Fluffy



## 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 😊

<https://miniature-calendar.com>

An art project that reinterprets everyday objects from a miniature perspective.

Published online almost daily since 2011.



## Oven temperature conversions

| 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       |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>2026</b>      | Ulting            | Doe's Corner                 | 9:40         | 9:55         |
| <b>1st July</b>  | Ulting            | Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses | 10:00        | 10:15        |
| <b>22nd July</b> | Heybridge         | Colne House                  | 10:45        | 11:15        |
| 12th August      | Heybridge         | Coopers Avenue               | 11:20        | 11:50        |
| 2nd September    | Heybridge Basin   | Bus Stop                     | 12:00        | 12:15        |
| 23rd September   | Heybridge Basin   | Daisy Meadows car park       | 12:20        | 12:50        |
| 14th October     | <b>Goldhanger</b> | <b>Village Hall</b>          | <b>13:10</b> | <b>13:40</b> |
| 4th November     | Heybridge         | Plantation Hall              | 14:45        | 15:15        |
| 25th November    | Langford          | Little Hills                 | 15:30        | 16:00        |
| 16th December    |                   |                              |              |              |

## What goes where?



## 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](mailto:goldhangernw@outlook.com) for more information.

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

**Last post collection times:  
9am Monday to Friday 7am Saturday**

## Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

# BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

## Tollesbury ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Heybridge ▶ Maldon

95

95A

**Mondays to Fridays** excluding bank holidays

| Route                               | 95A  | 95   | 95   | 95   | 95   | 95   |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Code                                | Sch  | NSch |      |      |      |      |
| Tollesbury, The Square              | 0730 | 0732 | 0932 | 1142 | 1432 | 1612 |
| Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion     | 0735 | 0737 | 0937 | 1147 | 1437 | 1617 |
| Goldhanger, Rectory Corner          | 0741 | 0743 | 0943 | 1153 | 1443 | 1623 |
| Heybridge, Osea Road                | 0747 | 0749 | 0949 | 1159 | 1449 | 1629 |
| Heybridge, Heybridge Basin          | 0754 |      |      |      |      |      |
| Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre | 0759 | 0755 | 0955 | 1205 | 1455 | 1635 |
| Maldon, Tesco Store                 |      | 0758 | 0958 | 1208 | 1458 | 1638 |
| Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel  |      | 0801 | 1001 |      | 1501 |      |
| Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre   |      | 0805 | 1005 |      | 1505 |      |
| Maldon, Morrisons Wycke Hill        |      | 0810 | 1010 |      | 1510 |      |
| Maldon Town Centre, The White Horse | 0808 |      |      | 1211 |      | 1641 |
| Maldon, Upper Plume School          | 0810 |      |      |      |      |      |
| Maldon, Lower Plume School          | 0815 |      |      |      |      |      |

## Maldon ▶ Heybridge ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Tollesbury

95

95A

**Mondays to Fridays** excluding bank holidays

| Route                               | 95   | 95   | 95   | 95A  | 95   | 95   |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Code                                |      |      |      | Sch  | NSch |      |
| Maldon, Upper Plume School          |      |      |      | 1520 |      |      |
| Maldon, Lower Plume School          |      |      |      | 1525 |      |      |
| Maldon, Morrisons Wycke Hill        |      | 1016 |      |      | 1525 |      |
| Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre   |      | 1020 |      |      | 1529 |      |
| Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel  | 0825 | 1025 | 1225 | 1528 | 1534 | 1655 |
| Maldon, Tesco Store                 | 0829 | 1029 | 1229 | 1532 | 1538 | 1659 |
| Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre | 0832 | 1032 | 1232 | 1535 | 1541 | 1703 |
| Heybridge, Heybridge Basin          |      |      |      | 1542 |      |      |
| Heybridge, Osea Road                | 0837 | 1037 | 1237 | 1546 | 1546 | 1708 |
| Goldhanger, Rectory Corner          | 0841 | 1043 | 1243 | 1553 | 1553 | 1715 |
| Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion     | 0847 | 1048 | 1248 | 1558 | 1558 | 1720 |
| Tollesbury, The Square              | 0852 | 1054 | 1254 | 1605 | 1604 | 1726 |

**Codes**

**Sch** Runs on school days only  
**NSch** Runs when schools are closed



## BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

### Tollesbury ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Heybridge ▶ Maldon

95

#### Saturdays

|                                     |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Tollesbury, The Square              | 0942 | 1142 | 1432 |
| Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion     | 0947 | 1147 | 1437 |
| Goldhanger, Rectory Corner          | 0953 | 1153 | 1443 |
| Heybridge, Osea Road                | 0959 | 1159 | 1449 |
| Heybridge, Heybridge Basin          |      |      |      |
| Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre | 1005 | 1205 | 1455 |
| Maldon, Tesco Store                 | 1008 | 1208 | 1458 |
| Maldon Town Centre, The White Horse | 1011 | 1211 | 1501 |

### Maldon ▶ Heybridge ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Tollesbury

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#### Saturdays

|                                     |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel  | 1025 | 1225 | 1425 | 1625 |
| Maldon, Tesco Store                 | 1029 | 1229 | 1429 | 1629 |
| Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre | 1032 | 1232 | 1432 | 1632 |
| Heybridge, Heybridge Basin          |      |      |      |      |
| 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 |

### The Blackwater Link - 90

Runs from Morrisons in Maldon to Witham Ebenezer Close (passes Witham Station)

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For more details contact 01702-541511

#### Hedingham Omnibuses:

01206 769778  
[www.hedingham.co.uk](http://www.hedingham.co.uk)

#### Stephenson's Buses:

For the Blackwater Link - 90  
01702 541511 (0900-1730)  
[www.stephensonsofsex.com](http://www.stephensonsofsex.com)

## HEALTH

|                                                      |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Blackwater Medical Centre                            | 876760       |
| Longfield Medical Centre                             | 876433       |
| Tollesbury Surgery                                   | 869204       |
| St Peter's Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Maldon - no A&E)     | 725323       |
| Broomfield Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Chelmsford, has A&E) | 01245 362000 |
| Colchester General Hospital <i>NHS</i> (has A&E)     | 01206 747474 |
| NHS Advice (non-emergency)                           | 111          |

I haven't had a heavy breather on the phone for ages. I do miss them.



## 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                                       |
| Universal Credit Helpline                     | 0800 328 5644                                   |
| Salvation Army                                | 853942                                          |
| Gingerbread (Charity for single parents)      | 01245 352708                                    |
| Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)                  | 01206 871394 ( <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       | <b>01245 263859</b>    |
| Bus Station Colchester       | 01206 572478           |
| Stansted Airport             | 0844 335 1803          |

## SPORTS CENTRES

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Blackwater Leisure Centre | 851898        |
| Witham Leisure Centre     | 0845 260 1535 |