

**GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE**  
**MARCH 2015**



A barge unloading at The Shoe in 1900

The Shoe, Goldhanger.

## 120 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. There have been some breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars, and in 2015 it will be 120 years old.

To celebrate 120 years of our Parish Magazine we will have a different cover each month during 2015 picturing Goldhanger at different times through our history. There will also be an article about Goldhanger and its history.

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**Goldhanger is also on the internet at: [www.goldhanger.org.uk](http://www.goldhanger.org.uk)**

**Goldhanger History website: [www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/](http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/)**

### What's on in Goldhanger this month

<b>Women's Institute</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>P. 23</b>
<b>Art Society</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>P. 13</b>
<b>Wildlife Watching</b>	<b>Meet at Church</b>	<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>P. 21</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>P. 17</b>
<b>Parish Council Meeting &amp; Annual Village Assembly</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>P. 7</b>

## Past Descriptions of Goldhanger

*Some extracts from the History Archives...*

### ***The Goldhanger Stone: what is it?***

*Written by Essex historian & archaeologist Miller Christy*

*Published in the Essex Archaeological Society journal in 1909*

For many years past, I have been familiar with a very curious stone lying beside the road, just in front of the Chequers Inn at Goldhanger. The stone in question is a large thick semi-circular slab of excessively-hard black and white granite. On what is now its lower, but evidently was originally its upper face, is a wide deep semi-circular trough or channel.



This photograph shows the stone as it is to-day. The more diminutive village boys are accustomed to amuse themselves by crawling through the curved tunnel which the inverted stone forms.

There can be no doubt that this stone is only one of two similar ones. It will be seen that, if the stone figured was turned right-way-up and another similar stone was placed along-side it, the two together would form a large circular slab, 6 feet in diameter, with a broad deep circular trough on its upper side. What is beyond question, the fellow stone completing the circle, lies about 50 yards distant, where it forms the doorstep of a cottage, occupied by the curate of the parish. This stone is broken and how much of it remains cannot be stated, as most of it is buried.

What is the age of this remarkable stone and for what purpose was it made and used? The inhabitants of Goldhanger have no clear ideas. One suggestion is that it formed a circular drinking trough and it could certainly have been used as such. Another is that it once formed part of a cider-press, apples being placed in the trough and there crushed by the broad face of a wheel which was kept running round the circular trough, as in a modern chocolate-mill or mortar-mixing machine. This suggestion is more plausible; for cider certainly was made in Essex. At the same time a much less costly mechanism could have been devised for crushing apples. It seems not improbable that the stone did form part of a mill or press intended for crushing something.

For other past documents, Google: ancient goldhanger documents

David Newman ([www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past](http://www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past))

# Goldhanger Church Services

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

### **St David**

8.30am      Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am      Parish Communion by extension (CW)

## **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

7.00pm      Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Third Sunday in Lent**

8.30am      Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

9.30am      Morning Prayer(CW)

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Mothering Sunday**

8.30am      Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am      Family Service. (CW)

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

7.00pm      Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

## **Passion Sunday**

8.30am      Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

9.30am      Parish Communion (CW)

## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

12.30pm      Picnic Service

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Palm Sunday**

8.30am      Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am      Family Service (CW)

\* BCP denotes a service from The Book of Common Prayer using traditional language

\* CW denotes a service from Common Worship using contemporary language.

## **Flags for March**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**



**Thomas Coker**

**The bells will also be rung for the 100th anniversary of the death  
of Thomas Coker in WW1.**

## **Honouring those killed in the Great War recorded on our memorial.**

**This is being done by raising the Union Flag on the Church on the 100th anniversary of their death and ringing the bells for a short time during that day.**

### **THOMAS COKER**

8019 Private 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment. Died 5th March 1915. Age unknown. Buried at Calvoire (Essex) Military Cemetery.

Parish magazine for April 1915 records:

### **THOMAS COKER**

The account published in our last number - for March - of the death of Mrs Thomas Coker (*Ethel Emma*), on 14th February meets with its tragic sequel in the death of her husband in the trenches 3 weeks later; which it is our painful duty to record here. He appears to have been alive and well at one moment and dead the next, as he was seen and spoken to by a friend the same morning. It happened at Le Gheers (*Belgium*) on Friday 5th March.

He rejoined the 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment on the outbreak of war and had so far been untouched. He appears to have been struck by a stray bullet and the effect was instantaneous. He was a good and devoted husband, and after the removal of his wife through the incurable affliction (*mental disease*) to Colchester when his sorrow weighed most heavily on him, from time to time he used to come in the evening to the writer of these lines [the Rector] to talk over his grief which he felt so keenly, but was anxious that none should know it, which he bore with such fortitude and wonderful resignation. One can only pray that they have met with a happier re-union than God saw fit to grant them here.      R.I.P.

Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery is located 16 km from the centre of Ypres, through the Lille Gate and past the villages with well known names, Wijtschate and Ploegstreet (Whitesheet and Plug Street) as the Tommies called them. then on to Armentiers. The cemetery was established beside a building known as Essex House and is an example of a regimental cemetery many of which were made in 1914 and 1915. It contains 218 graves.

By Barry Unger

## ST. PETER'S GOLDHANGER

Rector of Goldhanger Little Totham & Great Totham	Reverend Jonathan Pearce The Rectory 1 Hall Road Great Totham CM9 8NN	01621 893150 revdjpearce@aol.com
Church Wardens:	Mr George Bunting Mrs Betty Abrey	788234 01206 384894
Flowers for Church:	Mrs Elaine Clark	788686 elaclark@me.com

Benefice website: [www.totham-goldhanger-churches.org.uk](http://www.totham-goldhanger-churches.org.uk)

The services at St Peter's church are for everyone. We are pleased to have children at all of the services. There is a family service once a month. We are also pleased to have people of other denominations worshipping.

Mother's Union meets on the fourth Friday of each month 1.45pm at Honeywood Hall, Hall Road, Great Totham.

The Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service for Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time.

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

## From the Parish Registers

## **Funeral Service**

4th February

Kenneth Henry Chaplin

aged 82 years

## Parish Prayers

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

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

## Lent Lunch

Friday 13th March.

## St. Peter's Church.

12.30pm to 2pm.

Proceeds to Christian Aid

## **GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Report on the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Prior to the meeting Councillors heard an address by Mr Lloyd Felton of County Broadband on its proposal to provide high speed Broadband to the parish. Mr Felton agreed to provide an article for publication in the village magazine to give full details of the proposal.

#### **Planning**

Maldon District Council's planning enforcement officer has ruled that there has been a breach of planning conditions in St Peter's Close and at the pond site. This is currently being investigated.

The first part of the examination of the Maldon District Local Plan has now been completed and the Inspector's report is expected to be published early in May.

No decision has yet been made in the Appeal on the old allotments site in Fish Street.

LBC/MAL/14/01167 – Conversion of an existing barn to a residential dwelling – Follyfaunts Little Totham Road Goldhanger: Councillors resolved to support this application.

#### **Highways**

Essex County Council will now provide correct name signs for the village bus stops.

There is as yet no time frame for the provision of traffic calming measures in Maldon Road, and the Local Highways Panel will consider possible funding in 2015/2016 for the 20mph speed limit in Fish Street.

Highways will be asked to provide a time frame for repairs to the culvert at the entrance to Highams Farm chase.

Councillors Mr Flynn and Mr Joslin agreed to act as contacts for Maldon District Council's Emergency Planning team. A representative of the team will give an address at the Annual Village Assembly on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

More fly tipping has taken place in Blind Lane and this has been reported to the District Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and will be followed by the Annual Village Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Vysian Banyard  
Parish Clerk

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#### **Local council elections 2015**

Parish Council elections will be held in May of this year. If you are interested in standing for the office of a Councillor and have:

- A willingness to represent others
- An interest in caring for the community
- A desire to make a difference in the parish

You can apply to Maldon District Council for nomination papers – closing date is 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

If you would like to contact either the clerk or councillors to find out what is involved in standing for elections, you will find contact details elsewhere in the magazine.



## Correspondent for Goldhanger

Just to let you all know that I will be taking over the above role from Andrew Christy. I hope to be able to report all the 'goings on' in and around Goldhanger, but to be able to do this I NEED YOUR HELP.

I need to be kept aware of ALL EVENTS such AS :  
CELEBRATIONS, SOCIAL EVENINGS, AWARDS,  
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Or at my home 27 Fish Street.

I am looking forward to hearing from you  
And to getting Goldhanger in the News.



### Village Correspondent

I am writing to thank Kaye Shrub for taking over the role of village correspondent. As the column relies on residents to provide local news, I hope that she will receive lots of items of news and reports for an interesting contribution to the local papers.

Andrew Christy

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# **Bedding Plant Sale**

**and**

# **Coffee Morning**

# **Saturday 16th May**

**Village Hall**

**from 10.00am**



## **The Vicar/Rector writes,**

The Changelessness of God in our changing world.

According to a recent opinion poll, 76% of us think that we are less happy now than people were 50 years ago. The problem is insecurity, and lack of peace of mind. Many people who have a job and know they do it well are fearful for the future, and find it impossible to plan very far ahead. My wife, Nina, was encouraged to retire from teaching a few months ago –the school was in a position to employ two newly qualified teachers for the same cost as one “Nina.” People in many professions, including my own, feel that the goal-posts are moving all the time. It’s usually about money apparently – the value of a company’s shares often go up when staff are laid off. There is no feel-good factor, and it appears that we have become an uncaring society. Some blame the government, or the previous one, others the world recession, or the fortunate few who claim huge salaries and bonuses every year.

In spite of all of this, I don’t sense pessimism or despair as I visit around the parishes. There is concern – many folk seem to have a son or a daughter whose future is uncertain, and in my last parishes I met families who had suffered the blow of losing their home due to repossession. I know it’s happening around here as well. On the whole, people are bearing up, though, and the spirit that in previous generations has prevailed through wars, plagues and other disasters is prevailing now.

Was life really more secure a couple of generations ago? My grand parents were brought up in a Warwickshire mining village. Boys were brought up to join their fathers and other male relatives working at the pit. After fifty or more years, they would get their gold watch and retire. Girls were destined to become wives of miners, and bear their children. The most exciting event in their year was a day trip to Blackpool on August Bank Holiday, until after the war, when two weeks paid holiday a year became the norm. Some, like my Granddad for example, seemed to thrive on the solidarity of their predictable lives, but others, such as my Grandma were left feeling bored and frustrated by it.

In the midst of our changing world, people are seeking a “Rock” on which to build their lives. I hope that the church provides a sense of security, for those who don’t worship regularly as well as for those who do. I hope that the church is perceived as being always there for when people need it. The most successful services and events organised by the church tend to be those of a “Traditional” nature, providing a sense of stability in our uncertain world – the Christmas services, the Summer Fairs, Harvest Festivals, etc. How about making a point of coming to the Mothering Sunday service on 15<sup>th</sup> of this month?

The church’s season of Lent continues throughout March, recalling Jesus’ forty days and nights in the wilderness. This was a time of change and uncertainty for him, marking the end of his time as a tradesman in Nazareth and the beginning of his itinerant ministry. The change in his life was sparked off by his baptism in the River Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist, at which point he had a vision of the Holy Spirit descending to him in the form of a dove, and was then led into the wilderness by the same Spirit. He may have begun to realise even at this stage that he was destined to suffer and die, but if not then it wouldn’t have been long afterwards. He certainly identifies with all of our insecurity, and sought and found security only in God himself.

Ultimately, God is the only solid rock on which to build our lives. See Matthew 7 v. 24 and following for Jesus' story of the wise man who built his house on the rock, and the foolish man who built his house on sand. Did I forget to mention the dangers faced daily by my coal mining ancestors in the course of their work, and the worry of their womenfolk? Every generation has faced its fears and uncertainties in the face of the changes and chances of this world. We are given sources of worldly security, our loved ones, our homes, our daily routine – and to an extent we can often face and enjoy change. But it is only in God that we can find the eternal security that in our heart of hearts we crave.

“Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.”

(From the hymn by N. Tate and N. Brady).

*Jonathan*



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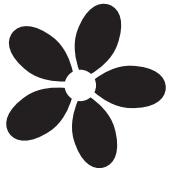
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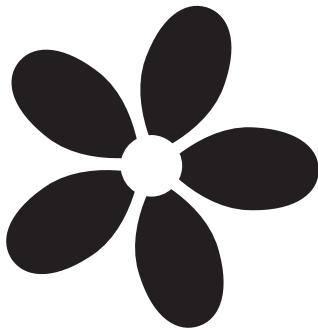
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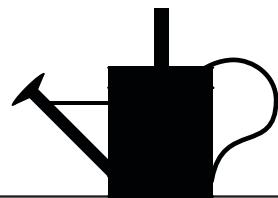
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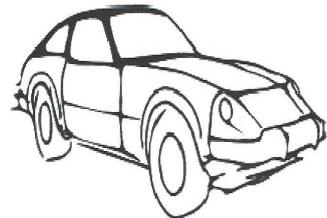
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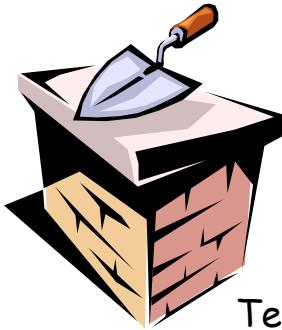
**Meets in Goldhanger Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month from **2pm to 4.30pm.****

- March 12th is a demonstration followed by a "questions and answers time" by John Kay Water colour painter. £5 for non members. Please check beforehand.
- April 9th - AGM.

Every meeting refreshments are provided with biscuits or maybe cake!!

Annual Art Exhibition in September - date to be confirmed.

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# Recipe of the month



## Olde English Rock Buns

**makes 8**

### INGREDIENTS

225g wholemeal self-raising flour  
salt, pinch  
1 teaspoon mixed spice  
100g butter  
75g raw Barbados sugar  
50g currants  
1 egg  
30ml milk  
½ grated rind of lemon

### DIRECTIONS

Combine flour, salt and spice in a bowl.

Rub the fat into the flour and then mix in the sugar, currants and lemon rind.

Beat the egg and add to the mixture, stir well.

Add milk and stir to give a soft but firm dough. Form into 'rocky' shapes and place on a greased baking sheet.

Bake at 190°C for about 15 minutes until just brown.

Cool slightly on the baking sheet before transferring to a wire tray.

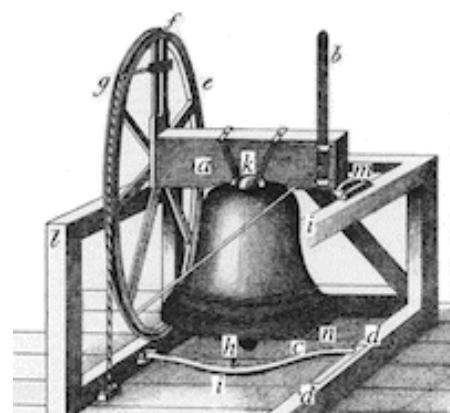
Eat and enjoy!

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it in.

### Bellringing activities for March

Regular practices are on Wednesdays 7 - 9pm.

Sundays 9 - 9.30am normally, except on 15-Mar, when it will be 9.30 - 10am for the Family Service.



## GOLDHANGER OPEN GARDENS 2015

We are planning to hold an Open Gardens and Plant Sale event on the week-end 20/21<sup>st</sup> June.

It would be nice to have some 'new entrants' in 2015. Gardens large or small. Would you like to be involved?

Call for more details.

Anthony Clark 788686

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### Easter Lilies in Church

If you would like a lily in memory of a loved one, please let me know.

The cost will be £2.00 each

There is a choice of arum lilies in an arrangement in front of the pulpit; or, white trumpet lilies at the altar.

With thanks, Elaine 01621 788686

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### Easter garden in the Church

Anthony will be making the Easter Garden on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30.

If any children (or parents) would like to help, please come along. All you need to bring is your own posy of small spring flowers.

This is an old custom in country churches. Be part of it.....!

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Alternatively it can be downloaded at the end of each month from [www.goldhanger.org.uk](http://www.goldhanger.org.uk) and following the link under 'Community Stuff'.

## Note from the editors

### Courtesy

When submitting articles for the magazine please include a brief message with it.

Blank emails with attachments feel a bit impersonal and don't really tell us much about what you want us to do with the article.

A simple *please* and *thank you* goes a long way too.



Thank you.



## Saturday 21st March 2015

Great fun for all the family - bring your children and  
grandchildren

**Goldhanger Village Hall**

**Doors Open: 7.00pm Eyes Down: 7.30pm**

**Finish: 10.00pm**

**Raffle**

**Tea/Coffee and Cake available during the interval**

If anyone would like a lift to the Village Hall and be taken home after Bingo  
please ring Debbie on 788709

## KEN PERRY

Retiring Bell Tower Captain, Ken Perry was presented with a painting of the bells in St Peters by the new Tower Captain, Andrew Kelso, at the Bellringer's annual dinner in The Chequers on the 16th of January.

Ken was Tower Captain for 15 years and during that time has taught many new ringers, introduced many local children to hand bell ringing and to playing the chimes, organised many bellringing tours and has represented the village on Essex Bellringing Association matters.



## Kenny Chaplin



Kenny Chaplin sadly passed away on the 4th January.

Kenny was born in Fish Street on the 1st of February 1932, the youngest of four sons and was educated in the Village School. After leaving school he worked on the land for local farmers, and enjoyed amateur dramatics with the Goldhanger Players, acting many roles. He was also a member of the Goldhanger Wanderers football team in the 1940s.

However Kenny found his true calling as the local postman in the 1960s, eventually gaining

Post Office long service awards. As a “Postie” he made many friends, both customers in the village and with colleagues in the Maldon area. He enthusiastically cycled everywhere, and is renowned for his regular cycle journeys to Osea Island in all weathers to collect and deliver the mail, even getting caught out by the tide several times.

His passion for cycling led him to take on Sunday newspaper deliveries around the village for many years, which he fitted around spending the lunch hour in The Chequers partaking in one of his favourite pastimes playing dominoes, and enjoying the Sunday roast with a pint.

Kenny had a great love of gardening and kept an allotment as well as maintaining his garden and keeping the family supplied with fresh vegetables. He was a keen Spurs supporter and had a fine collection of their hats, scarves and gloves.

At his funeral in St Peters the family ended the eulogy with the Postman’s Prayer, and the cortège left the Church to the sound of “I want to Ride My Bicycle” by Queen, followed by the sounds of the Church bells.

A testament to Kenny’s dedication to his role of cycling postman is that a colour version of the photo above is on the British Postal Museum website at...

[postalheritage.wordpress.com/2012/06/01/the-bpma-photography-collection](http://postalheritage.wordpress.com/2012/06/01/the-bpma-photography-collection)



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## Wildwatching News.

The nearest I've been to any mammals of late is Muntjack tracks in fields near to Great Totham Church, (which are, on the whole, dry for the time of year), and my dog chasing a Fox after dark at Roxwell. We disturbed it as it was raiding a rubbish bag at the edge of the village, and it took off across the fields. Foxes can sometimes be heard barking after dark.



Winter visitors are back again – the most phenomenal being the thousands of Siberian (Black-bellied) Brent Geese in and around the estuary. There were a couple of hundred or so Fieldfares (Pictured) on a field near to Sains Farm, Great Totham just before Christmas. They will have dispersed into much smaller parties, to feed on worms and berries, and indeed, some of them may well have migrated further to the west or south of here for the winter. We may have a big flock or two again this month as they head northwards again for the breeding season in Scandinavia.

A letter in Shooting Times and Country Magazine recently enquired about the absence of Hooded Crows, (Pictured). The writer's grandfather told him that the Crows used to be common in winter along the Suffolk, (and Essex?) coastline. The reply was that until the war, the eastern counties of England received a huge influx of these Scandinavian visitors, but they are rare in the UK today, south of their breeding range in Scotland. Two possible explanations are suggested – landfill sites in Norway, hence plenty of readily available food, and/or a slightly milder climate in Scandinavia are enabling the "Hoodies" to remain on their breeding grounds all the year round.



A family visit to Surrey recently revealed that Ring-necked Parakeets have moved into the area. Although they have been seen in many English counties, their main concentration still seems to be around parts of the M25 – including my old stamping ground, Waltham Abbey. They have a long history as cagebirds in this country, which presumably led to escapees forming the first feral flocks in the London area in the 1960's. Today, they are the most northerly parrot population in the world. Alarm bells are ringing because they are an agricultural pest throughout much of their native range in Africa and India, but in this country they seem to prefer gardens and urban areas generally at present.

This month should bring the first of the spring migrants back to our countryside, the Chiffchaff...

Second Thursdays – February. Meet as always at Goldhanger church, 2.00pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We'll decide where to go then. All welcome.

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## **GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.**

Our next meeting will be on March 4th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. There will be a talk and demonstration of Zumba with Liz Hiscock and we will all be invited to give it a try but participation is definitely optional. If you think you'd like to join in, please wear suitable footwear and clothing. We will be accepting cakes for Farleigh Hospice and we ask that you adhere to the new allergen regulations by using the labels so kindly provided for us all by Joyce. She has made what could have been an onerous task as simple as possible. Also, Julie would appreciate a seasonal flower from your garden for the competition.

Our February meeting was a very busy one with lots to discuss and plan for. Our speaker, Ron Ratcliffe gave us a unique insight into the role of New Scotland Yard with his tales of his rise through the ranks and many a humorous anecdote. No names were divulged to protect the guilty!!

Members decided, by a show of hands, to give due consideration of the W.I. resolutions once they had been shortlisted. This will enable us to continue with our timetable of events which we have all enjoyed over the past few years in the Winter months.

The extra activity for this month will be on 25th March when we will be going to the Colchester Institute for lunch. This is a very popular outing which many members enjoy. The Summer outing this year will be on Tuesday 23rd June and we will be having a 3-course lunch aboard a Thames Vessel. This proved to be a popular trip a few years ago and one that many members want to repeat. The cost will be £32.00 and needs to be paid by March 4th. The adopted charity for this year's Plant Sale on May 16th is to be the Prostate Cancer Charity. We will be given more information about that at the next meeting.

We all enjoyed the lovely refreshments and we thank the members who supplied them. The joint winners of the 'Flower of the Month' competition were Julie Chellingsworth with a pretty Witch Hazel stem and Jane Kynaston with a large Snowdrop. We look forward to seeing lots of Spring flowers in the next couple of months to banish any Winter Blues.

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(See inside front cover)

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Mar: 6, 20	Ulting	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
Apr: 3, 17	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
May: 1, 15, 29	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
Jun: 12, 26	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
Jul: 10, 24	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
Aug: 7, 21	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
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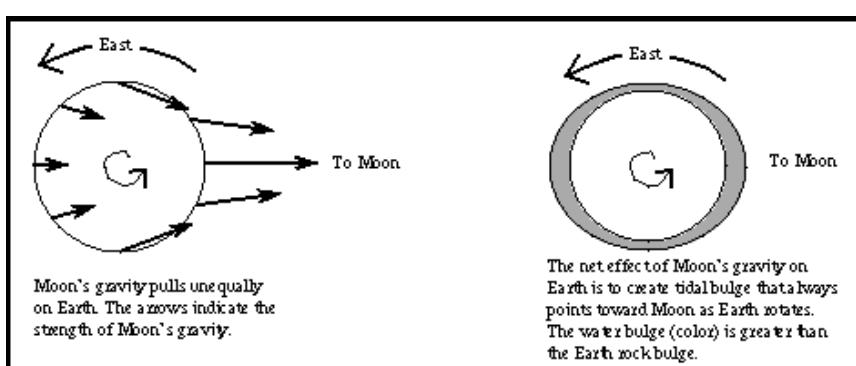
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# Tide Times for Goldhanger

## March

		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1	Su	09:26	4.9	21:58	4.9
2	M	10:32	5.1	22:56	5.2
3	Tu	11:23	5.4	23:42	5.4
4	W			12:05	5.5
5	Th	○ 00:21	5.5	12:40	5.6
6	F	00:54	5.6	13:11	5.6
7	Sa	01:24	5.6	13:39	5.7
8	Su	01:52	5.6	14:09	5.7
9	M	02:21	5.6	14:39	5.6
10	Tu	02:51	5.6	15:09	5.6
11	W	03:22	5.5	15:42	5.4
12	Th	03:57	5.3	16:20	5.3
13	F	○ 04:39	5.2	17:07	5.1
14	Sa	05:35	5.0	18:09	4.9
15	Su	06:50	4.9	19:29	4.8
16	M	08:18	4.9	20:53	4.9
17	Tu	09:38	5.3	22:06	5.2
18	W	10:42	5.6	23:04	5.6
19	Th	11:37	5.9	23:54	5.8
20	F	● 00:40	6.0	12:25	6.1
21	Sa			13:09	6.2
22	Su	01:24	6.2	13:53	6.2
23	M	02:06	6.2	14:36	6.1
24	Tu	02:50	6.1	15:18	5.9
25	W	03:33	5.9	16:01	5.6
26	Th	04:20	5.6	16:46	5.3
27	F	○ 05:11	5.3	17:39	5.0
28	Sa	06:13	5.0	18:43	4.7
29	Su	08:30	4.7	21:03	4.6
30	M	09:54	4.8	22:24	4.8
31	Tu	11:03	5.0	23:25	5.0

Data adjusted for British Summer Time  
29th March to 25th October 2015



Thank you to Marion Everiss for suggesting we put the tide times in the magazine and for supplying the above information.

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► Maldon	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F SCH SAT	NSCH	M-F St
Goldhanger Square	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:40	14:50	17:57
Bentalls	09:20	11:20	13:20	14:50	15:00	20:00
TESCO	09:23	11:23	13:23	14:53	15:03	
Maldon High Street	09:26	11:26	13:26	14:56	15:06	Set down only
Maldon Leisure Centre	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:00	15:10	

► Tollesbury	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-F St
Maldon Leisure Centre	08:55	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	17:35
Maldon High Street	09:00	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	17:40
TESCO	09:05	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:40	17:45
Bentalls	09:10	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	17:48
Goldhanger Square	09:20	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	17:57

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