

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY 2015



Postcard scene of a barge wreck near the Shoe dated 1937

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 is 120 years old.

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What's on in Goldhanger this month

Women's Institute (AGM)	Village Hall	Wednesday 6th	7:30pm	P. 12
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extracts from the History Archives...

The Revd. Edward Howes

local author from the past

There have been a surprising number of authors in Goldhanger over the centuries, and the Revd. Edward Howes, Rector in 1650, is one of the earliest known. He wrote and published a hardback book in 1650 with the title of: "*Short Arithmetick*" and a subtitle of: *The old and tedious way of numbering, reduced to a new and brief method, whereby a mean capacity may easily attain competent skill and facility*. The introduction explains that it is intended for schools, foreman in shops, handmaidens and servants and as "a tutor in studies". Before becoming the rector at Goldhanger he had been a teacher at the Coopers Company School in East London and had studied law at Lincolns Inn Fields.

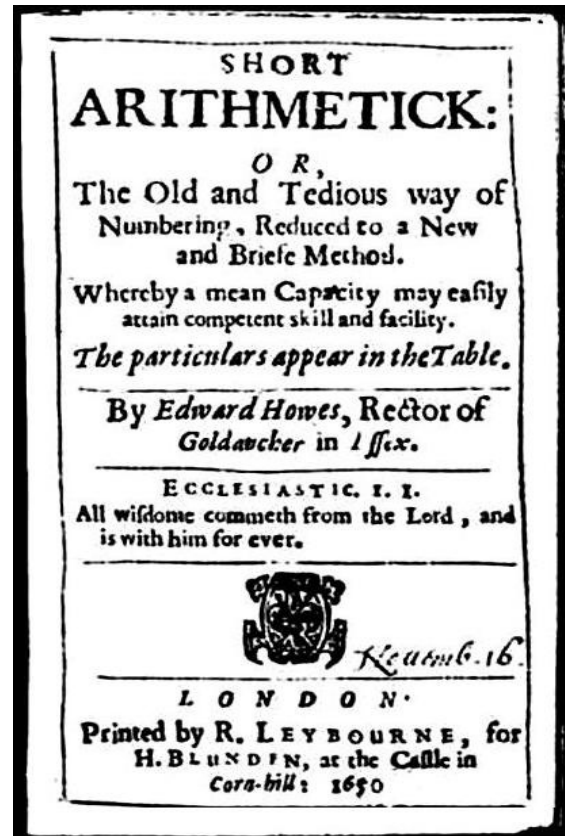
However, Edward Howes is much better known through his correspondence over many years with John Winthrop, first Governor of Massachusetts and the New England Company. John Winthrop is considered to be one of the "Founding Fathers" of New England and the USA. Winthrop and Howes were born in the same tiny hamlet of Gurton near Lavenham in Suffolk and went to school and university together.

All USA presidents and state governors writings are preserved in state libraries and the correspondence between Winthrop and Howes is in the Massachusetts state library in Boston. Most is now on the internet. They exchanged ideas about non-conformist religions: alchemy, immigration, utopia, literature, technology, shorthand writing, languages, cryptology, "magnetic communication" across the Atlantic, and much more. Howes also shipped boxes of books and other items, including "three wolf dogs, a bitch and an Irish boy" writing: *I hope with God's grace he will become a good convert. The fellow can read and write reasonable well which is somewhat rare for one of his condition*".

Winthrop tried to persuade Howes to join him in New England and start a school there, but Howes didn't take up the offer.

For more about the Revd Howes, Google: goldhanger past authors

David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)



Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 3rd May	Fourth after Easter
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion by extension (CW)
Monday 20th May	
7.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 10th May	Rogation Sunday
8.30am	Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
10.00am	Family Service (CW)
Thursday 14th May	Ascension Day
7.30pm	Holy Communion At All Saints, Little Totham
Sunday 17th May	Sunday after Ascension Day
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)
Monday 18th May	
7.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 20th May	
12.30pm	Picnic Service
Sunday 24th May	Whit Sunday
8.30am	Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
Sunday 31st May	Trinity Sunday
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion by extension (CW)
Thursday 4th June	Corpus Christi
7.30pm	Holy Communion At St Peter's, Great Totham
Sunday 7th June	Trinity 1
	Environment Sunday
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion by extension (CW)

* BCP denotes a service from The Book of Common Prayer using traditional language
CW denotes a service from Common Worship using contemporary language.

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.

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

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

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.

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Flags for May 2015

Thursday 14th May



Ascension Day

Sunday 24th May



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Hello Goldhanger

At a time when we are getting to work in our gardens, so are the thieves. Garden sheds are the target, presumably to steal things that can be sold to other gardeners. It hasn't happened here but it could. This is the advice from Essex Police:

"Shed / garage / outbuilding burglaries have occurred in Maldon and surrounding areas. These have occurred overnight. If you see suspicious activity taking place in the area please call 101 or 999 if judged urgent. Consider securing all outbuildings, removing valuables from inside or securing them.

Shed alarms are available for £5 from Maldon District Council Community Safety Team/ Contact them on 01621854477 or communitysafety@maldon.gov.uk"

Last year a few ornaments and plants were stolen from front gardens - keep an eye out.

Best wishes
Malcolm Holmes

News from the Village Hall

Following on from our article in the March edition of the Parish Mag, we are pleased to report that thanks to a very good working arrangement with the Parish Council drainage work to stop surface water flowing from Marigold Wood onto the Village Hall car park has been completed. Likewise the resurfacing of the car park has been completed allowing us to offer car parking to users of the Hall which is fit for purpose. All this has been achieved with the Parish Council with substantial help from volunteers and with a grant from Village Hall funds to the Parish Council. Needless to say such a grant has only been possible thanks to the continuing support of the Village for which we are most grateful.

Next up is remedial work to the high level gable ends of the Hall and then the much bigger issue of the roof itself! Watch this space for more information as we move forward.

Watch out also for a questionnaire which we will be circulating, designed to find out more about what the Village requires of our Hall. All we ask is you find a few minutes to fill it in and return it.

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CHINESE YEAR OF THE GOAT EVENINGS

The two evenings to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Goat raised the wonderful total of £1,038 for the maintenance of our village churchyard. Many thanks to Elaine, Anthony and Kim for their hospitality and hard work and to all those who supported the events.

David Bristow. Treasurer.



Calling all Kids!



Family Services at St Peter's Church, second Sunday of the month

Come and share the fun at our Family Services. After each child-friendly service, there are activities for children. These include craft, science, and games and are suitable for pre-schoolers through to early teens. Drinks and biscuits are also served!

May 10th at 10 am

This month the theme of the service is Rogation Sunday and children will learn about the farming and fishing in the area. Activities for children will include a fish racing game.

Bring a talent service: June 14th at 10am.

Goldhanger's got talent! We would love children to share their talents at the service and afterwards try and learn a new talent: walking on stilts, juggling, and lots more!

The village magazine is supported only by our regular advertisers and your donations. That's it!

Any articles about the village or for the benefit of the village will always be included free of charge.

Whilst we try to include all other submissions these increase the cost of the magazine, therefore any donation you feel able to make for your personal interest article will be gratefully received.

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Meeting held on 14th April 2015

Planning

The following applications were discussed:

HOUSE/MAL/15/00214 – Install 1 no. shed to rear of property with attached external log store. Relocation of oil tank – Hall Farm 5 Church Street. This application was supported.

HOUSE/MAL/15/00092 – Proposed rooms in the roof and conversion of conservatory to an orangery (amended drawings) – Inglenook 52 Maldon Road. This application was supported but the Parish Council expressed concern that the amended drawings did not have dates or reference numbers.

Councillor Mr Joslin reported on the recent workshop held by Maldon District Council entitled “Making effective comments on planning applications.”

Highways

Notice has been received of various road closures which will take place in the parish within the next eighteen months. No specific dates have been given as yet, and the nature of the work has not been stated.

Progress is slow regarding the Local Highways Panel’s schemes to put a 20mph speed limit in Fish Street and traffic calming measures in Maldon Road. Councillor Mr Sargeant will investigate these matters.

Wash Bridge and brook

The Environment Agency has now advised that it has received funding to clear the vegetation from the waterway. The work will be carried out between August and October of this year.

Parking issues

Councillors noted that parking is still taking place inside the bus cage. Parking enforcement will be discussed at the May meeting.

Marigold Wood

Drainage works have now been carried out in the Wood as run-off water was causing problems in the Village Hall car park and there were concerns that the trees were suffering due to waterlogging. A ditch has been dug from the ineffective soakaway discharge from St Peter’s Close as it was felt that land drains would not be a suitable long term option. The Village Hall Management Committee has contributed to the cost of this work and has also reshingled the car park. A number of residents in Pear Tree Close expressed concern that the work was carried out very close to their boundaries with no notice or consultation beforehand. It is hoped that a walkway can be created in the wood so that it can at some point in the future be open for public access.

Parish Council elections

As insufficient nominations had been received for the Parish Council elections in May, the election will be uncontested. There will be one unfilled vacancy for a Councillor, and anyone interested in joining the Council as a co-opted Member should contact either the Chairman or clerk for further details.

Vysian Banyard
Parish Clerk

GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

The meeting on May 6th will be our Annual General Meeting. After the business element has been completed we will have time to enjoy pizza and a chat with our fellow members. Please bring along some refreshment if you so wish. Tea and coffee will be available in the kitchen .

We enjoyed Tony Batona, our speaker at the meeting in April. His poems were very entertaining and topical. Refreshments were provided by members and we really appreciated the lovely cakes they served. The mug rugs for the Hospice were all very different and so beautifully designed and made. They were judged by the members and 2 were selected to go forward for the Group Meeting to be held on April 29th at Tollesbury. Members were delighted to be told that Zumba classes are to be held in the Village Hall, starting on Wednesday April 22nd. The classes start promptly at 1.00.p.m.

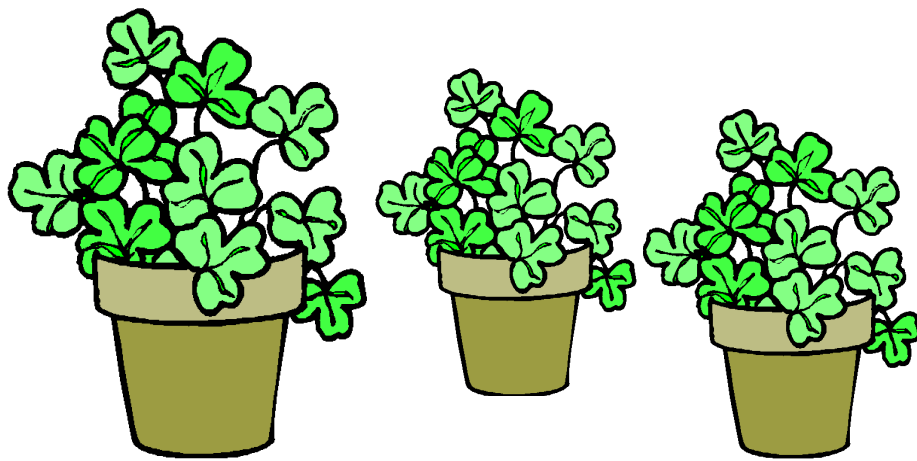
Our April activity was really appreciated by all who attended. Andrew Kelso, the Goldhanger Tower Captain gave a most interesting insight into the history and techniques of Bell-Ringing. Many of us had a go at ringing with Andrew very firmly in charge of the 'sally' and we followed the talk with a picnic lunch in the Community Room, getting to know Helen's lovely mum and sister as we did so. Our thanks to Andrew for such an interesting look at an important part of Goldhanger life.

On May 8th a large group of us will be going to Forester Park Golf Club for a round of putting followed by lunch. We all enjoyed this last year and we hope for fine weather to accompany us on the course. Our Annual Plant Sale will be in the Village Hall on May 16th. There will also be cakes on sale and tea with cakes will be served as always. This is a very popular sale of plants, so make sure to arrive in good time to avoid disappointment.

Our web-site is proving very popular with lots of 'hits'. Take a look if you haven't done so already. www.goldhangerwi.co.uk It is the perfect way to be checking times and dates for our activities. Here we go into the Summer months , ladies, with lots to enjoy.

New members are welcome. Please go to www.goldhangerwi.co.uk for details or tel: Carol 01621788260 to make enquiries.

Bedding Plant Sale and Coffee Morning Saturday 16th May



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Childrens' Quiz

- 1 On a farm a kid is a baby what?
- 2 Who created the children's book character Tracy Beaker?
- 3 How many colours are in a rainbow?
- 4 Which river flows through London?
- 5 What is the name of the bear in The Jungle Book?
- 6 Which English king had six wives?
- 7 What does Fred Flintstone wear around his neck?
- 8 Which is the largest city in Wales?
- 9 What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
- 10 Who is the patron saint of Ireland?

Answers on page 33

The Vicar/Rector writes,

Let me tell you a story – it was originally a Native American folk tale:

There was a man who lived up in the woods. One day he was out hunting when he noticed a tiny movement at his feet. He saw a broken eggshell and newly hatched chick. He picked up the hatchling and looked around for the nest so that he could return it, but although he looked all around him, up in the trees and down on the ground, he could see no nest anywhere, so he put the tiny bird in his pocket and took it home with him. By the time he got home the fluffy down had dried out, and it looked like one of his newly hatched prairie chickens in his run, so he put it in with the rest of them.

The bird grew rapidly, and proper feathers replaced the down. A friend visited one morning, and the man told his friend about the chicken he had found. They walked over to the run to see it, but the friend stopped short. “That’s not a chicken – it’s an eagle!” he said. The man started to chuckle at his friend’s folly, but the friend persisted. “I’ll prove to you that it’s an eagle,” he said. He took the bird on his wrist and walked away from the run, and whispered to it, “Fly high in the air. Head towards the sun. Soar above everything else, and become what God intended you to be.” But all the bird did was to flutter back to the old, safe familiarity of the run. The man chuckled all the more.

The friend persisted. He took the bird up onto the roof of the man’s house, and again whispered to it, “Fly high in the air...” The bird spread its great wings – and crash-landed back into the run again. The man was laughing so much by this time that he could hardly stand! The friend tried the third time. Accompanied by the man, he climbed to the top of a high mountain, with the bird again on his wrist. By this time the sun had risen high in the sky. The bird saw the sun, and that’s when it realised its true destiny. Before the friend had even finished whispering, “...become what God intended you to be,” it was off, circling around, getting nearer and nearer to the sun. The man wasn’t laughing by this time. He said to his friend “You were right, and I was wrong. It’s surely an eagle and not a chicken after all!”

Jesus often taught in parables, which are stories with a meaning. This story has meanings at a number of different levels. It could be understood in terms of familiarity breeding contempt: How often have we been as the man in the story, and failed to see developing potential in a family member or friend, or even in ourselves? Are we in a position now to be as the friend in the story, and help someone or even some situation develop to its full potential?

Trinity Sunday comes at the end of this month, on which Christians celebrate all that lies at the heart of the faith - the belief in one God and yet three persons, the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Also celebrated on that day, and indeed all the year round, is relationship: The relationship within the Holy Trinity, and our human involvement in that relationship. The eagle could represent us in the story, and the sun, high in the sky, could be God the Father. This would make the friend into Jesus Christ himself, who points us towards God and restores our relationship with him. Where is the Holy Spirit in the story? He is God within the eagle, who helped him to finally understand the words of the friend, and see the sun high in the sky, and recognise his true potential.

May we all “Soar above everything else, and become what God originally intended us to be!”

Jonathan

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Wildwatching News.

I have the good fortune to be often returning home, following evening commitments, at dusk or after dark. Owl activity has increased of late – the vicinity of Great Totham Church is always a likely spot for a Little Owl, and just a bit further down the road for Barn Owl. I thought I had found my first live Polecat recently – a pair of green eyes reflecting from undergrowth at the roadside – but it turned out to be just a domestic or feral “mog.”

It's been quite a long and hard winter, but a dry one with not a lot of snow or rain. The spring seems to be generally just a bit behind schedule, with bushes coming into leaf and blossom later than we're used to. The first Chiffchaff I heard singing, in Bog Grove, Great Totham, was at the end of March, a week or two later than expected. Goldfinches seem to be doing very well at present, with Great Totham churchyard being a particular focus of activity.



Corn Buntings, (pictured) are active and singing again, particularly along Blind Lane, Goldhanger, which is a local hotspot for them. They aren't an ancient resident of this country, being a bird of open, steppe country. They came here when our early ancestors cleared the forest for agriculture.

Easter week travels to other parts of Essex led to my first Swallow of the year at Newney Green near to Chelmsford on 8th April. This was reported to Springwatch, for the Signs of Spring survey. Also, a couple of Blackcaps singing in Epping Forest were the first for the year.

High Beach Church in Epping Forest, where I still have family connections, was



decorated for a wedding, with the lych gate and the south doorway to the church regaled with flowers – until the local deer paid a nighttime visit! During my time as Vicar of High Beach and Upshire, most of the Fallow Deer (pictured) concentration was on farmland over the other side of Upshire, but there were sometimes small numbers present in the forest on the High Beach side. Currently, a group of two bucks and a doe together are enjoying the floral arrangements left in the churchyard.

This month, the dawn chorus should reach its' peak, with perhaps the fluty song of the Blackbird being the easiest to pick out. At any time of day, both returning migrants and resident birds will be singing in hedgerows, woodland and farmland...

Second Thursdays

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Bellringing activities for May

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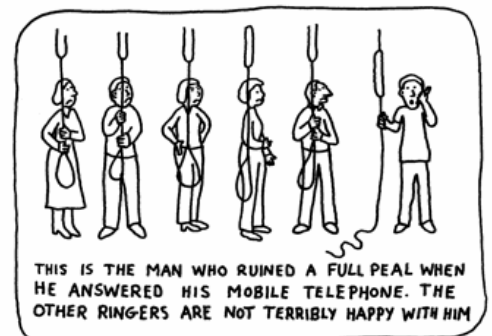
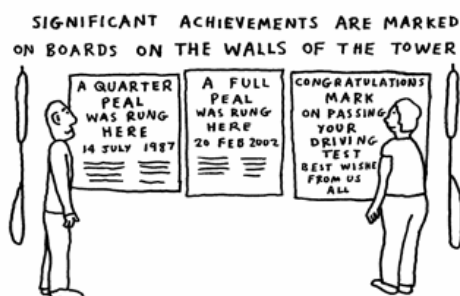
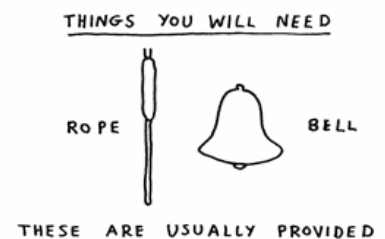
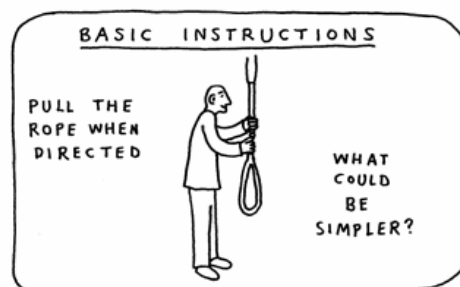
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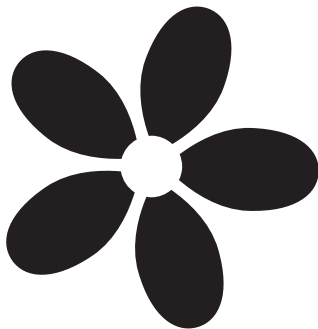


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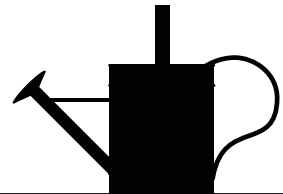
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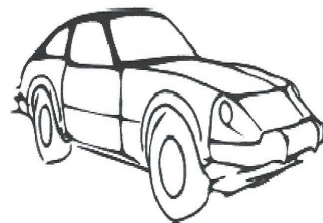
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There was a huge bonfire to tidy the site.

There is still loads to do but with the rescue boats now ready for action, the racing mark tackle all checked and the clubhouse all scrubbed clean, we are set for the new season.

Goldhanger Sailing Club News

The GSC is all set for the new sailing season. Homemade soup and rolls encouraged a good turnout at the working party at the end of March.

The Ladies changing rooms had a freshen up with a couple of coats of paint.



Fitting Out Supper



The clubhouse was packed with members for the Fitting Out Supper. Fish and Chips and a Beetle Drive proved to be very popular and great fun was had by children and adults alike, but with the youngsters showing the oldies how to play.

Joanne Petchey won the Beetle Drive and she and her brother Jack also

proved to be experts at shove-halfpenny on the galley counter top, closely followed by Sophie Richards.

The adults struggled to get their aim correct, allowing the children to collect all the prizes.

DERRICK BAILEY

1930 - 2015

by Mike Webster



Derrick was born to his parents, Gordon and Mildred of Romford, on 20th February 1930, where he and his brother, Peter, spent their early childhood.

Initially he was educated at King Edward's School, Romford. His principal tutor being his favourite aunt, Doris, whom he adored. From here he moved onto Brentwood

School, where he completed his education and kept in touch with his school chums right up until comparatively recently.

In 1948 he commenced his 3 years National Service with the Royal Engineers and spent most of his time in Germany, where he learnt to ski, to ride horses, sailing and squash. He excelled in sport and consequently was retained by the same battalion, frequently representing them at various tournaments.

During the early 50s through meetings at the local Conservative Club, he met Margery. They decided that "they were for each other", and, as custom has it, he set about looking for a suitable ring. During his lunch hour he visited a jeweller in Hatton Garden, chose a ring that he thought would be acceptable and asked the jeweller if he might take it on approval and return the following day. The jeweller weighed up this rather smartly dressed young gentleman and enquired as to where he worked, at which Derrick replied "Lloyds". "That's alright," said the jeweller, "I will see you tomorrow." Can you imagine that happening today?

They married on 20th March 1954 and lived in a flat in Caterham followed by a move to Ingatestone then to Langford in 1963 and in the early 1970s finally moved to Goldhanger, where he and his family immediately involved themselves in village life.

He was a very early member of the Goldhanger Sailing Club and a prime mover after much local opposition in the building of the first clubhouse, situated at the head of the creek. His first boats were a clinker-built dinghy and a windsurfer, with which the family had lots of fun. He was treasurer for many years and sometime later he purchased a larger vessel, called 'Nimbus' - more of her later - and moved to join the Blackwater Sailing Club, where he was elected Commodore in 1990/1992.

Derrick was a very busy man and among his involvements were (and not necessarily in chronological order):

- Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee.
- A staunch supporter of the Capital Atlantic Charter
- Under Derrick's chairmanship, and energetic support from David Webb, they promoted the concept of Ministry and Partnership.
- Church Treasurer for many years.
- Local organiser for the Essex Churches Bike and Ride.
- Involved in many village activities; i.e. open gardens, safari suppers, port wine evenings, Friendly Brothers, etc.
- Member of shooting and conservation group, which encouraged youngsters to try shooting and 'taster' sessions at Radcliff's Shooting School.

No address would be complete without mention of his beloved 'NIMBUS', a traditional Sparkman and Stevens 22 feet Sailmaster. The family, over the years, had endless pleasure with her. Latterly I was fortunate enough to be invited to go for a sail on numerous occasions. One in particular stands out.

A lovely summers afternoon, warm with a brisk easterly breeze, we beat out against the flood tide, short tacks inside Osea up to Thirslett Spit, he had worked me very hard and I was glad when we turned the corner and headed back at high speed with the last of the flood tide, inside Northey and up to the Hythe, then a short beat back to the moorings; quick stow then Derrick said, "Ever heard of a Nimbus Cocktail?" "No," I replied. "Try one," he said. I have been a fan ever since! Then ashore to a magnificent supper put on by Margery and Romilly in the Sun Room, overlooking the river in the evening sun - an end to a perfect day.

Derrick was also an extremely generous person with particular reference to his large donation and planning expertise to our church community room. The list is endless. Again, I say that he was a very busy person who was always concerned more about others than himself.

In 2010 he decided to take a 'break' and join Nadfas (another of his involvements) on a short break in Spain, where he met Pat who was alone in the party, having been recently bereaved, as was of course Derrick. They immediately became good friends, finding solace in each other. They went on holidays together and even visited Brian and Juliet in America and generally spent a great deal of time enjoying each other's company right up until the end. Pat was very good for him and I believe the reverse was also true.

May he rest in peace - forever.

Goldhanger Bell Ringing Tour



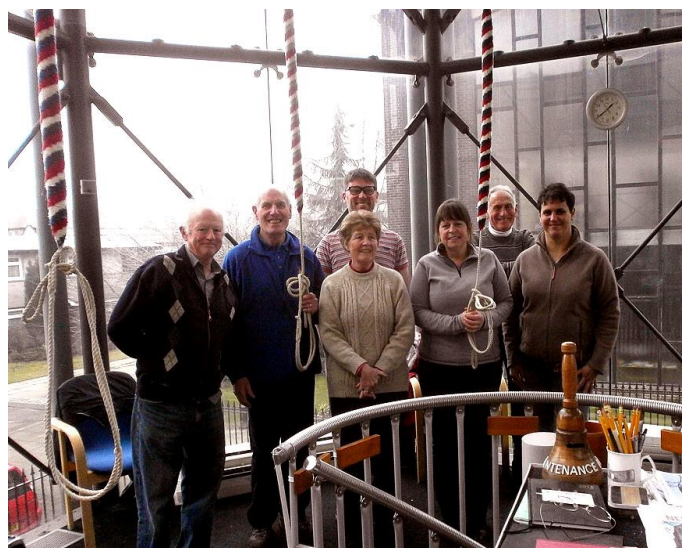
Saturday 21st March saw the ringing band from St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger embark on the spring ringing tour which was very well organised by Caron Harris to 4 churches in S.E. Essex, namely St. Nicholas, Canewdon, St. Martin of Tours Basildon, St. Margarets at Downham and finally St. Mary the virgin at Lt. Baddow.

Some claimed to know the way to Canewdon without the help of the sat'navs which of course ensured that some had a wonderful tour of the Essex region. However, all arrived safely and in time.

In addition to Caron, Barbara, Claire, Bob, David, Andrew and Rick, Caron had arranged for some very accomplished ringers to join the tour including Peter Smith from Braintree, Annemarie Adams from Gt. Bardfield, Ian Hamilton from Wethersfield, Emily Ashton and young Alexander from Tollesbury and 4 delightful ladies from Marston Bigot and Nunney, Somerset. Vicki, Helen, Margaret and Claire.

Nunney is famous as the estate of Rob Walker, heir to the Johnny Walker whisky company and who spent his money on formula 1 racing cars for Stirling Moss.

Before ringing at Canewdon, Caron had arranged with Brian Melford for access to the top of the tower which was well worth the 176 steps as the scenery was very spectacular with views over the Thames and River Roach looking south and the Crouch with the Blackwater in the distance when looking north. The climb to the top was by a spiral staircase in a very restricted area which once again reminded us how the human frame has grown from what was then the norm as the churches were built.



St. Nicholas has 10 bells which requires a different technique to the usual 6 bell towers but provided an added interest to the day's ringing. The next tower was the well known and completely unique tower situated in the midst of Basildon town centre. What makes this so unusual is that the sides are glass which enables pedestrians walking by to view the ringers in action and the sequences of the bells.

Whilst this tower is a "stand alone" the actual church is some 50 yards away. This is probably the only one of its kind and Basildon has every right to be very proud of such a unique feature.

St. Margarets at Downham was next with the more conventional peal of 6 bells which, as before were rung by all in the party to a wide variety of ringing methods.

The final stop was at Lt. Baddow with 8 bells and once again a large variety of ringing methods were rung but the star of the show was Alexander who utilised all of his 6 years to ring the treble to the delight of all concerned.

The day ended with dinner at the Chequers, Goldhanger which always goes down well to end a most enjoyable and rewarding day.

The Sunday morning ring was made more complete when the 4 ladies from Somerset joined the resident band which again completed the whole proceedings.

Rick Anstey



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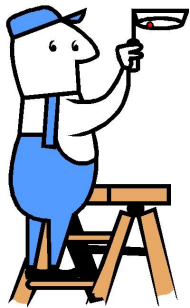


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For inclusion the same week, I need to have your reports no later than Thursday evening.

By some 'fluke' I am now able to submit news to The Essex Chronicle, so if you want your report in this paper as well please let me know. That deadline is Monday evening.

Looking forward to hearing from you all.

Kaye Shrubb

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- June 11th we will be having a workshop with Colin Steed. Colin is a local professional painter and writes regularly in the Leisure Painter Magazine.

£5 non members - again numbers are limited so please ring. Look forward to seeing you.

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The missing half of the stone in the Square



In 1909 well known historian and archaeologist Miller Christy wrote about the “Goldhanger Stone” and determined that it was the upside down part of a cider press, with the other broken half being a partly buried doorstep at “the cottage occupied by the Curate”.

He took this photo in 1909 when the half in The Square was still

above ground. It was said to have been put there for Chequers customers to mount horses on their way home.



Tollesbury Surgery visits Goldhanger Village Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays between **13.30 to 14.00**.

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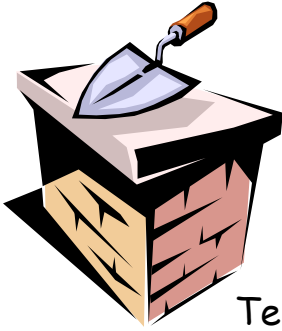
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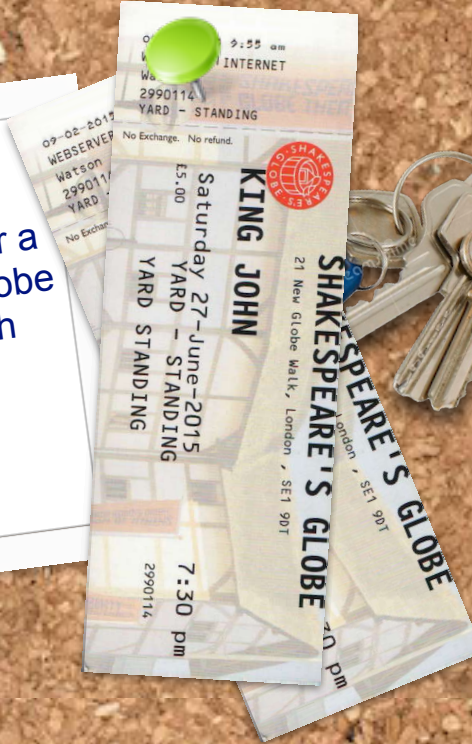
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	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
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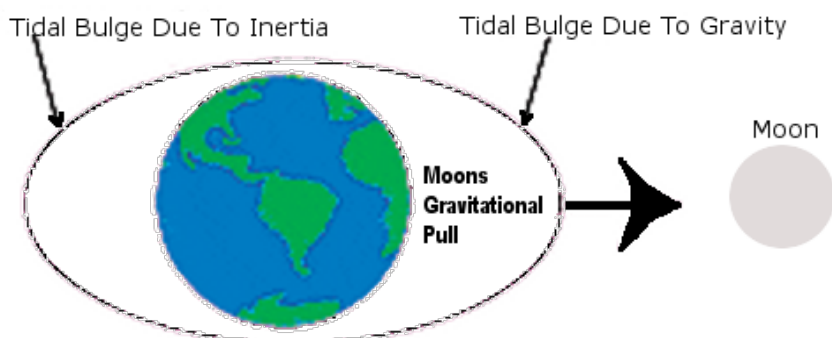
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5	Tu	01:59	5.6	14:15	5.7
6	W	02:33	5.7	14:49	5.7
7	Th	03:09	5.7	15:24	5.7
8	F	03:46	5.6	16:01	5.6
9	Sa	04:27	5.6	16:43	5.4
10	Su	05:15	5.4	17:32	5.3
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31	Su	11:57	5.3		



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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	
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➡ Tollesbury	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-F St
Maldon Lesiure 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

M-F	=	Monday to Friday service
M-S	=	Monday to Saturday service
M-F SCH	=	Monday to Friday (School term time)
SAT	=	Saturday service
NSCH	=	Non-School days only
St	=	Stephenson's Buses

Regal Busways run the Saturday service
Stephensons run the weekday 17:35 service from Maldon

More information at www.hedingham.co.uk/timetables/95

The Blackwater Link - 90

Runs from Maldon, Morrisons to Witham Ebenezer Close (passes Witham Station)
Take the 95 to Bentalls and pick up the 90 there.

For more details contact 01702-541511

Blackwater Medical Centre	876760
Longfield Medical Centre	876433
Tollesbury Surgery	869204
Maldon Citizens Advice Bureau	841195
Maldon District Council	854477
Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)
Abandoned Vehicles	875830
Anti-Social behaviour	875821
Dogs - (Dog warden)	875720
Fly tipping	875801
Graffiti	875706
Noise	875818
Pest Control (MDC)	875815
Vandalism	01245 491212
St Peter's Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Maldon - no A&E)	725323
Broomfield Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Chelmsford, has A&E)	01245 362000
Social Services	854011
Victim Support	01245 422660
Women's Aid	01245 493114
Alcoholics Anonymous	01904 644026
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	0345 909090
Salvation Army	853942
Gingerbread	01245 352708
Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)
Loss of Electricity - EDF Energy	0800 783 8838
Gas Emergency (if you smell gas or think there is a gas leak somewhere)	0800 111 999 (<i>Freephone</i>)
Water	0845 782 0999
Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535
Springfield Hospital <i>Private</i> (Chelmsford)	01245 234000
National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	869214
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803