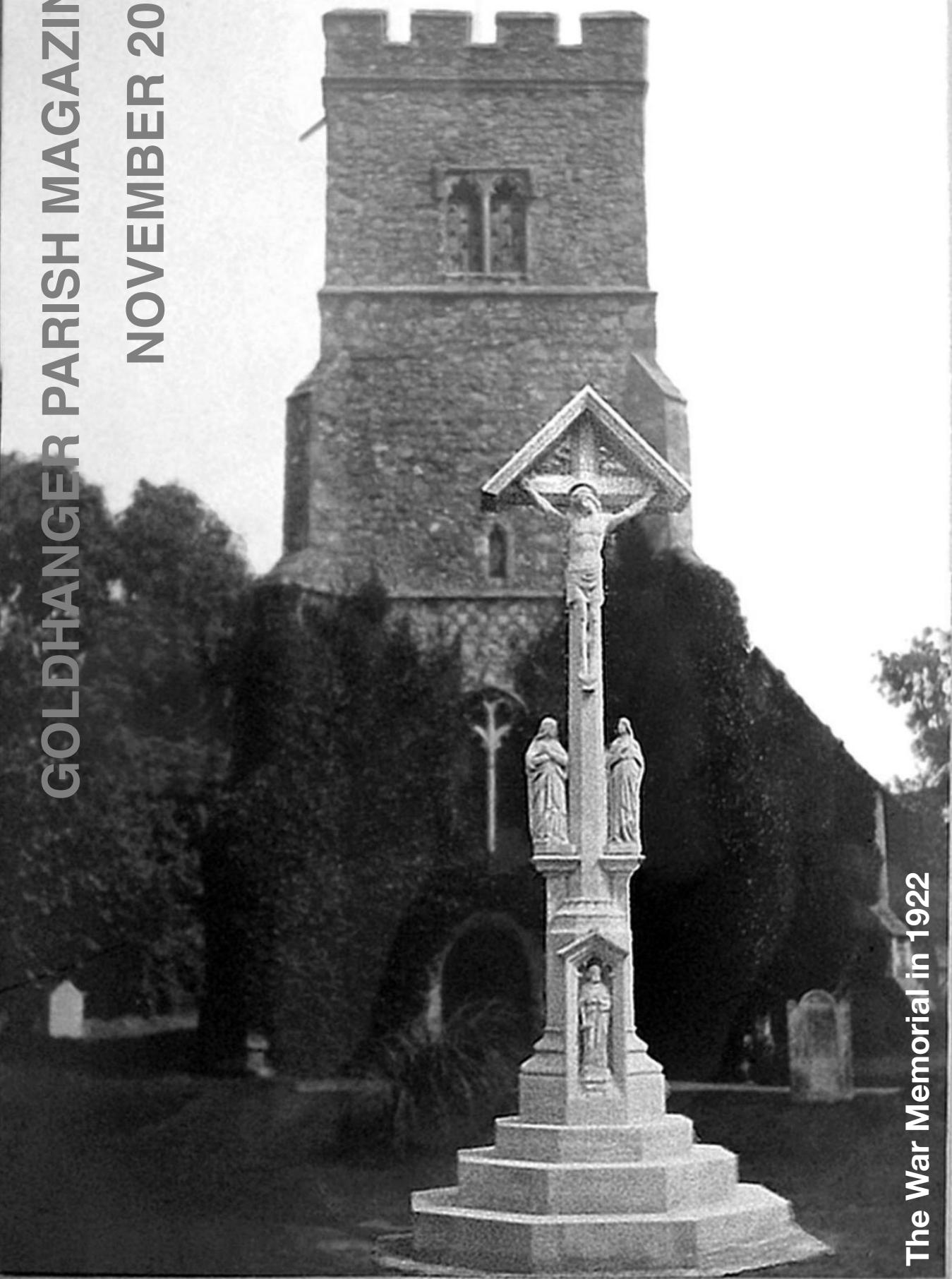


GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2015



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There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. 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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This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. Please bear this in mind when submitting your personal interest articles.

Donations can be made at any time by dropping them in to Morag (details above) or you can go to the Goldhanger website and click the PayPal button (you don't have to have a PayPal account - you can use a debit or credit card).

Your donations will be gratefully received.

Goldhanger is also on the internet at: www.goldhanger.org.uk

What's on in Goldhanger in November

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An extract from the History Archives...

Maura Benham

The Parish Council has decided to name the new estate of houses at the top of Church St. as Benham Close, after our well known local historian and author of Goldhanger - an Estuary Village, the only published book on the history of the village which was published in 1977. Many copies remain in the village and they occasionally appear on Ebay.



Maura Benham was born into a well known Colchester publishing family. Her father, Sir Gurney Benham, was a Mayor of Colchester and editor of the Essex County Standard. She graduated from the London School of Economics and became Chief Almoner in Nottingham City Health Department. She then moved to Hong Kong to become Principal Almoner there. On retirement Maura moved to Lavender Cottage at the top end of Church Street, and enthusiastically participated in village and Church life.

Maura was also the author of several other publications including:

An Introduction to the Birds of Hong Kong (1963)

Medical Social Work in Hong Kong (1980)

The Story of Tiptree Jam - the First Hundred Years (1985)

Byrthnoth's Last Journey: from Maldon to Ely (1991)

The Story of the Wesleyan Chapel in Goldhanger (1993)

While at Goldhanger she became closely involved with the Maldon based organisation MIND as a volunteer and helped with many local mental health projects. On her death she left a large legacy to that organisation.

A few years after her death the History Group wrote to her nephew and executor asking for permission to use the material in her book and make copies for local history projects. He gave permission and also replied that he was sure Maura would be very pleased to know that there was still interest in her work. As a result of that response the complete book was later added to the Goldhanger Past website, which Google finds with: Maura Benham book. Her booklet about the Wesleyan Chapel is also on the website, which can be found with a search for: *Wesleyan Chapel Goldhanger*

For more about Maura's life and work, Google: Maura Benham Goldhanger
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 1st November

All Souls Day

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion by extension.(CW) The list of the faithful departed will be read and candles may be lit in remembrance

Monday 2nd November

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
9.30am Family Remembrance Service (CW)

Sunday 15th November Trinity 24

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
9.30am Morning Prayer

Monday 16th November

Sunday 22nd

November Next before Advent Christ the King

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 29th

November Advent Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Holy Communion by extension (CW) (Said service)
6.30pm	Candlelit Service for Advent

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

From the Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

15th August Thomas Martin Lavery and Ashleigh Jay Mitchell

5th September Andrew John Carmichael Hickman and Eleanor Isobel Rose Church

2nd October Wayne McLaughlin and Jenny Louise Holborn

Funeral and Interment

14th August Graham Joshua Bunting	aged 73 years
18th August Ronald Wilfred Cook	aged 83 years
27th August Phyllis Chaney	aged 82 years
15th Sept. Victor Keith Bryan Marigold	aged 88 years

Funeral and Cremation

1st October Michael Charles West aged 64 years

Interment of Ashes

25th August Robert James Canning aged 82 years

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.

Come along to our coffee morning in the new Community Room on Tuesdays between 11am and 12noon. Everyone is welcome. Pop along, bring your friends, and have a chat over coffee.

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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

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.

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Make sure you collect your copy of The Monthly News Article Diary to find out what is happening in the Diocese of Essex. Available free in church each month.

Flags for November 2015

Sunday 8th November



Remembrance Sunday

**Saturday 14th
November**



**Prince Charles
Birthday**

THANK YOU

Dorothy Chaplin & Mary Rayner are "retiring" after many years of delivering the magazine to Hall Estate & Maldon Road. A big thank you to Dorothy & Mary for all their work & thanks to those who have kindly volunteered to take over their rounds.



David Bristow

Christmas Greeting Pages



The sheets for signing your Christmas Greeting to friends and neighbours will be available from November 1st until November 14th.

Please contact us if you wish to participate.

The charities nominated by Ann Perry and Pam Cook are Farleigh Hospice and The Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund.

We would ask for donations of £2.50 per person please.

This will be the last time we will be doing the greetings pages, we began in 1998, some 17 years ago!! and feel it's time others have the chance to take over.

Many, many thanks for all you have contributed over the years, so many charities and Village projects have benefited from your generosity.

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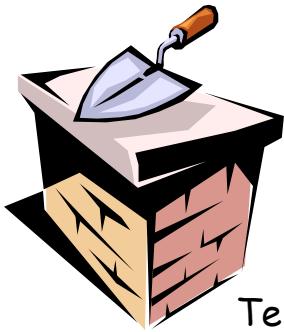
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GOLDHANGER LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT DARCY W.I.

Our next meeting will be held in Goldhanger Village Hall on November 4th and our speaker will be Pat Kelly . Her subject is THE ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE. Flowers from your gardens will be most welcome for the monthly competition as we near the end of the Autumn.

Jan Williams told us several stories set in Essex at our last meeting, giving us an insight into local folklore and we all had a pleasant evening with lovely refreshments. Sheila took first place in the 'flower of the month' competition with a very pretty rose and Sandra's begonia was placed second. It was so lovely to see such colourful blooms so late in the season. Boards were circulated for our Annual Dinner at the Chequers on October 22nd giving the opportunity to choose our preferred mains and dessert.

A large group of us enjoyed our trip to London to see GIPSY at the Savoy Theatre. The show was excellent and everyone agreed that Imelda Staunton brought tremendous energy and charisma to her role. We all headed across to the Strand Palace Hotel after the show where we had a lovely 2-course carvery meal and a couple of glasses to complete a great day out. It was such a treat to be transported back to Goldhanger Square in the evening in comfort to complete a great day out.

Our website is available for information about forthcoming activities and the photo gallery is well worth a viewing. Visit www.goldhangerwi.co.uk

Save the Date
Tuesday 1st December 7pm to 10pm

- To start the festive season a Craft Sale with mulled wine, mince pies
- and more is planned at 20 head Street (next to the Village Hall). In aid
- of fundraising for Maldon MacMillan. More details in next magazine and
- around village, or ask Jackie on 788432



Bellringing activities

Bells will be rung every Wednesday between 7.30 and 9pm, and for service on Sunday.

<http://www.bellringing.org/learntoring/>

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

(See inside front cover)

Photos of village events are always very welcome.

Wheelchair available

A manual wheelchair is available which can be borrowed by anyone in the village.

Please contact Andrew Christy on 01621 788432 for details.



Children's Quiz

- 1 In which street does the British Prime Minister live?
- 2 Name the most famous nurse of Victorian Times who improved care for wounded soldiers?
- 3 What is the name of the toy cowboy in Toy Story?
- 4 Pharaoh is the title given to the rulers of which ancient country?
- 5 Which Italian city is famous for its leaning tower?
- 6 'Stars and Stripes' is the nickname of the flag of which country?
- 7 Who does (the animated character) Princess Fiona marry?
- 8 Which planet in our Solar System is known for having a ring?
- 9 Which country can you see when directly looking over the sea from The White Cliffs of Dover?
- 10 What is the name of the Australian stick or toy that is designed to come back to you when thrown?

Answers on page 39

Goldhanger Village Hall Management Committee

invite you to the AGM on

Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

Following the AGM there will be a presentation on the findings of the recent resident's survey and refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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 Art Society

Meets in the Village Hall

every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm.

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

For details ring Jane 01621 892565

The History Group presents....

Zeppelin Busters

over the Blackwater

The Zeppelin threat and its design features

The propaganda war

Zeppelin routes and the east coast targets

The UK initial and ultimate response

The role of the Goldhanger Flight Station

37 Squadron pilots, aircraft, successes, and losses

photos, maps, newspaper cuttings, early film, video and audio clips

**Saturday 7th November at 7:30pm
in the Village Hall**

*tickets £5 - on the door, with the proceeds going
to the cost of the new plaque at Gardeners Farm
and Church & Village Hall funds.*

please bring your own drinks & nibbles

enquiries to Barry on 788251 or David on 788657

CHRISTMAS CYCLAMEN

Would you like to have a cyclamen in church over Christmas in memory of a loved one?

We have found the small flowered varieties last longer in church.

You may bring your own and put them in church if you prefer.

I will be going to Perrywood's. Please let me know if you would like me to get them for you. They are £2 each.

Elaine: 788686



THE Great Goldhanger Money Jar

I do hope you have been saving coins for the money jar. Please, if you have can you get them to me well before the Christmas Tree Festival if possible?

Greatly appreciated.

Elaine



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter's Church Goldhanger

Saturday 12th Sunday 13th December

Entries are invited from families and businesses, on the same basis as previously.

Family entries are free but we would like a donation in the region of £5.00 from businesses.

There will be a special Memory Tree on which people may hang small cards in memories of loved ones.

There will be a prize for the best tree, voted for by the public.

The church will stay open on Saturday evening for visitors to enjoy the trees by candle light and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and minced pies.

Contact: Elaine 788686 or Kim 788695

The Harvest Supper

“Thanks”

What a great night it was. Jenny Pulsford and Co. as expected served up a delicious meal with our ‘Ladies’ providing the three great puddings. After the meal, we had the Auction of a Goldhanger painting, and the Den Phillips voucher which Antony conducted with his chirpy sense of humour. The ‘Heads and Tails’ for the bottle of whisky, was won by Stuart. The All Saints quiz got everyone searching for answers and the Table with the highest score was rewarded with sweets. The Raffle consisted of lots of fresh produce and other donated prizes. The evening was rounded off with a gusty rendition of the Harvest song, “We Plough the Fields and Scatter”.

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to :

The Chequers – Voucher
Lester – Apples
Maldon Growers – Box of Vegetables
The Cricketers – Champagne and Voucher
Gardeners Farm – Bacon and Bag
Wicks Manor – Voucher
Mike Connell – Goldhanger Painting
Den Phillips – Photo for Auction.

Also thanks go to all those who gave Raffle prizes and to everyone who helped on the night to make the evening such a great success.

Carol





Calling all Jubilee Choir Members

Rehearsals will start in November for our
Christmas Concert

This Year it is to be entitled
CHRISTMAS 1945 and will
be held on Friday December 18th
All the 'usual suspects' will be involved
New members are welcome to join us
Just come along

The Dates are:

Monday 2nd November - 7.00 pm
Monday 9th November - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 17th November - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 24th November - 7.00 pm
Monday 30th November - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 8th December - 7.00 pm

Dress Rehearsal

Monday 14th December - 7.00 pm

Looking forward to seeing you all
Margaret Salmon and David Newman

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Meeting held on 13th October 2015

Three Councillors recently attended a training event “Where does the water go?” to find out about drainage issues in the village.

It was noted that Wash Brook on the Maldon Road has recently been cleared by the Environment Agency.

Councillor Steve Ellis has been appointed as the Parish Council’s trustee on the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Council has submitted an application for grant funding from Essex County Council for work to be carried out in Marigold Wood.

The external audit of the Council’s accounts for the year ended 31.3.2015 has been successfully completed with no matters raised.

Improvements to the rear access of Hall Estate are in hand but no date has been given for completion of the work.

Councillor Bourn is still looking into the provision of Superfast Broadband into the village.

Planning

Site at the junction of Church Street and Maldon Road: Following concerns at the removal of hedges on the site and mud being carried out onto the road, Councillor Mr Sargeant will discuss the conditions put on the development with the District Council’s enforcement officer.

Pond in St Peter’s Close: The Parish Council is still trying to ascertain who owns the pond and whether any Section 106 agreements still apply to the site.

New applications:

HOUSE/MAL/15/00923 – Proposed lean to side extension and rear porch – 3 Hall Estate. This application is supported.

OUT/MAL/15/00982 – Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 10 dwellings with associated off-street parking – Land south of allotments Maldon Road. The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

The site lies outside the village envelope; the exit from the site to the Maldon Road will constitute a very dangerous junction with poor visibility; the development is likely to make flooding along this stretch of the road much worse; the site is not sustainable due to a lack of facilities in the village. Residents were reminded that they can send their comments on this application to the District Council either by letter, or e-mail to dc.planning@maldon.gov.uk

The Council discussed its response to the Rural Housing, Employment and District Travellers Allocations. It was agreed that no further dwellings are required in the village. The Council has previously commented on the SCHLAA sites put forward, and these comments will be reiterated.

Highways

Updates have been received on the Local Highways Panel schemes. Funding has been put aside for signing and lining improvements at the Charity Farm bends, and a completion date is awaited. The 20mph speed limit for Fish Street should be completed by May 2016, but no response has been received about a request to have yellow line parking restrictions put under a scheme. The Panel has also put forward roundels and speed limit repeater signs for Maldon Road rather than the chicanes requested by the Parish Council.

Other issues

Councillors again discussed the possible purchase of a defibrillator for use in the village. A resident suggested that it would be most helpful if local First Responders had an up-to-date map of the village with house numbers and names, so that no time would be lost in finding locations. The Parish Council supports the idea of providing a defibrillator and it will investigate grant funding for purchase of the same.

Following on the “Where does the water go?” course, residents are reminded that any work on a watercourse or ditch, ie piping, requires a licence to carry out the work.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10th November 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and the agenda will be published on the Parish Council web site prior to the meeting.

Vysian Banyard – Parish clerk

Soup Lunch

For the Oxfam Syrian Appeal.

There will be a Soup Lunch held in the Village Hall on Tuesday November 3rd 2015, from 12 noon until 2.30pm.



We are hoping to raise money to send to the Oxfam Syrian Appeal.



Recipe of the month

Fiery bangers

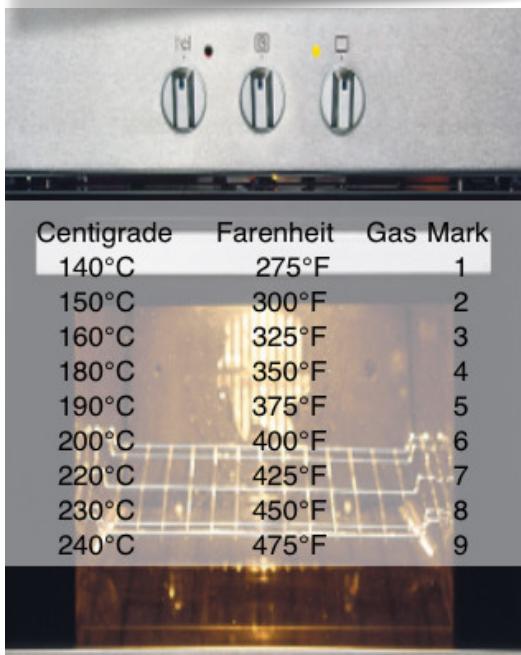
- 12 large meaty pork sausages
- 4 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 2 tbsp clear honey
- 2 tsp (mild?) chilli powder
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ½ tsp dried oregano or 2 tsp fresh



Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Arrange the sausages in a roasting tin in a single layer and bake for 10 mins. Meanwhile, mix together all the other ingredients with seasoning and 1 tbsp water.

Pour the ketchup mixture over the sausages and mix well. Bake for 30 mins more until the sausages are golden.

That'll make your bonfire meal go with a bang!



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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

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

Mick West 1950 - 2015



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I want to say a big Thank You to the wonderful people who were there for Mick and I when he had his heart attack, to everyone who helped give Mick such a good send off and to all of the kind and caring people who have been there for me throughout.

You are all in my thoughts.

Theresa x

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Goldhanger Sailing Club News

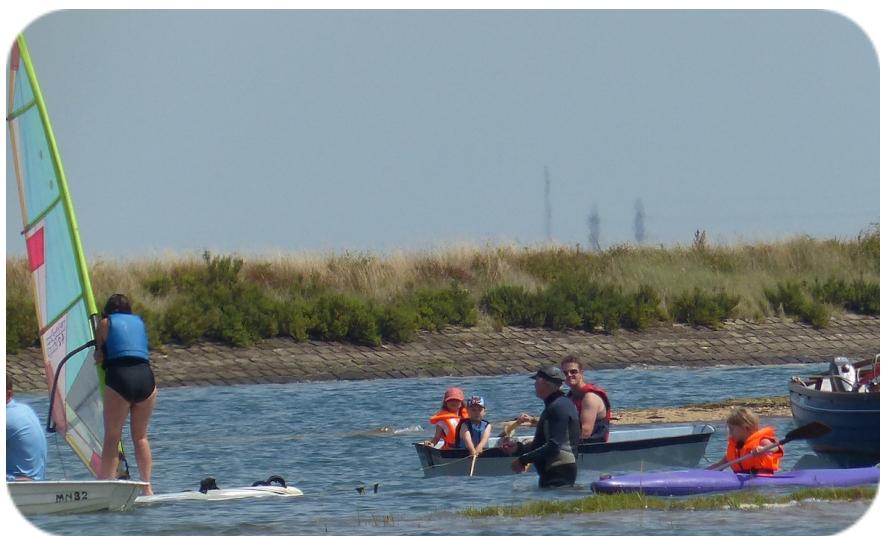
Last month the club had to say goodbye to one of our more colourful members. Sadly Mick West passed away. Often he could be seen from the sea wall on his beloved wind surfer or bike, checking the wind direction and hoping for an Easterly. Earlier in the month Mick had taught several youngsters and adults the beginnings of wind surfing techniques and hopefully we can carry on this legacy. He will be greatly missed.



Sophie & Adam
canoeing

On a happier note Gwenda Wolstenholme has again kindly donated money to the club so that we could purchase two kayaks. These are specially designed for use on the river, being very stable and easy to right if they tip over. We are planning to encourage lots of you with children to come down and give them a try. On their first weekend at the club they were used both days. Joanne 10 and Jack 8 christened them on Saturday.

On Sunday Sophie aged 6 managed the single hander on her own (although it is big enough for an adult and child). Adam 3 helped paddle between his Mum and Dad on the larger one. Finley 7, Dylan 4 and Eleanor 2 took it in turns with their Grandad in his kayak. Visitors to the club also took their daughter out for a try.



Mick West instructing

The new kayaks have been very busy. All you need to kayak is a change of clothes and shoes that can get wet. Life jackets can be provided by the club. We are hopeful that next year, as the weather warms again, lots of you will give them a try. Just give us a call.



The weather for the Salt Marsh 75 was perfect and our thanks to all the visitors that came down for sandwiches and cake and to encourage the runners. What an amazing achievement, 75 miles over two days.

We saw many sore feet and lots of blisters. Next year it would be wonderful to see more of you supporting them and us. Well done to Goldhanger's own Julia Bourne who smiled as she ran past. She was taking part in the second day of the event from Steeple and was on her way to finish at Salcott in an amazing time of 6hrs 14mins, placed 11th over the 37.5 miles – Amazing.

For information about our Sailing Club, please contact Jenny or Rod at 41 Fish Street or our club secretary, Kay Mehrtens on 01621-892612





Follow Fireman Sam's top 10 safety tips to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night!

BONFIRE DOS AND DONT'S

Site bonfire well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs **AND ALWAYS AWAY FROM FIREWORKS.**

Build the bonfire stack so that it is stable and never light with flammable liquids.

Keep everyone away from the fire, especially children who must be supervised at all times, and pets who are best kept indoors.

In case of an emergency, keep buckets of water, the garden hose or a fire extinguisher ready.

Pour water on the embers before leaving.

FIREWORK DOS AND DONT'S

Keep fireworks in a closed metal box and take them out one at a time.

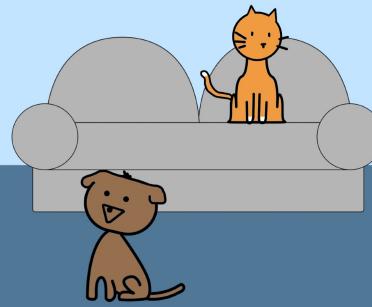
Follow the manufacturer's instructions on each firework. Read them by torchlight - NEVER a naked flame.

Light fireworks at arm's length using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick. NEVER go back to a lit firework.

Always wear gloves when handling sparklers and hold at arm's length. Once finished, put in a bucket of water.

Never give sparklers to children under 5.

Keep your cat and dog inside during fireworks displays



Provide a safe hiding place and keep curtains closed



Be on hand to reassure your pet by remaining calm and quiet yourself



Move your pet's routine so that outdoor time is before dark and provide a litter tray for cats



Wildwatching News



There have been a number of Grey Wagtails, (Pictured) around of late, at many watery locations, including at a roadside puddle near to Bobbets's Hole. They are much bigger than Pied Wags, with varying amounts of lemon yellow on them. They are tied to upland streams in Summer, but move to lower areas for the winter. A shower of rain often brings down migrating birds, such as twenty or so Meadow Pipits at the Russell Green gravel pit recently. I could easily have stayed dry and missed them!

Deer are less aware of danger from traffic, or other sources during the autumn, due to it being the rutting season. There are temporary road signs in Epping Forest this year, warning of the danger. Personally, I've only seen a couple of female Fallow Deer crossing the road near to Roxwell. There are a number of Muntjacks around at various locations, including a pair that emerged from a reedbed at Abberton Reservoir.

I was able to, without much effort, identify forty or so bird species on my annual retreat at Pleshey, and some small, (by today's standards), Common Carp in a pond near to the Retreat House itself. A gap in hedgerow next to the Essex Way revealed a large female Sparrowhawk on the ground with her kill, which turned out to be a Red-legged or French Partridge. A cock Pheasant walked right up to her, apparently unaware of any danger.

A walk along the sea wall at Goldhanger as dusk approached one evening was very rewarding. Robins were calling from their territories in the reedbeds, and there was a flock of Linnets and a few Reed Buntings present. In the distance, towards Maldon, a Peregrine caused a mass panic to waders on the mudflats – and a couple of Cettis Warblers were singing. Cettis Warblers, (Pictured) are always found near to water, and have a short, but very loud and explosive song. They sing in winter with the same gusto as in the spring, which is perhaps unexpected with what used to be a bird of the Mediterranean region, only arriving here in 1961. Cettis are easy to hear but almost impossible to see!



Numbers of ducks are building up slowly in the area. I've recently counted seven species, including Widgeon and Teal, which are especially associated with winter around here. It also includes a fine drake Mandarin at Russell Green, which is unusual over this side of the county. There is a good population of them in Epping Forest. What about the Bewick's Swan that made it onto national news, arriving twenty-five days early at Slimbridge WWT, from nesting grounds in Russia? Does this herald a hard winter to come? We'll see, but it's more likely to do with north-easterly winds at the time, and cold weather already set in in Russia and Poland.

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The Vicar, Rector writes

At the end of August, together with family members, I was in a traffic queue of British holidaymakers in Calais, heading back towards the ferry terminal and home. A couple of armed gendarmes were at the side of the flyover, keeping an eye on things, and then, through the security fencing we saw it – a huge mass of humanity living rough in very squalid conditions, rubbish everywhere, with a scattering of very rough shelters made of cardboard and anything that people could lay their hands on. Witnessing a small part of the reality of the refugee crisis added an extra dimension to watching news coverage on the telly.

Having said that, many people have been deeply moved by news reports, particularly where the suffering, and even deaths, of children have been involved. We have many young people in this country, of course, who need suitable homes of their own, and aren't likely to get one just yet, but if such members of my own family are anything to go by, then they especially feel that the refugees should be given the chance of a new life in this country or Europe.

There are apparently many refugees in Damascus from other parts of Syria at present, even though the sound of mortar fire is often heard even in the heart of the city. A lot of people have lost loved ones, homes, businesses or jobs. Many Syrians generally, not only those in Damascus, think that they should stay put and sit out the current crises, and are opposed to their countrymen fleeing in an attempt to get into Europe. It's been compared to the Blitz in this country, when true Brits wouldn't have dreamed of trying to escape to another country. The huge difference is, though, that our ancestors during the Blitz had hope – hope for a much brighter future:

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Syrians who have fled their country, and indeed, those who have fled from many parts of Africa, have lost all reason to hope for any kind of future in their homelands.

Stephen Cottrell, our Bishop of Chelmsford, has launched the Diocesan Refugee Appeal based on the Bible's teaching that whatever we do for

anyone in need we will find we have done for Christ himself – see the parable of the sheep and goats, Matthew chapter 25, from verse 31. Jesus makes himself known to us today in the guise of people who are in any kind of need!

Chelmsford Diocese is making some of its own properties available, and has already identified three houses and a church building which could be used to help with immediate need. A co-ordinating group is being set up to oversee the response, and work together with other Christian denominations, faith groups, local councils and all other interested charities and agencies.

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The Bishop has pledged that every penny raised will go towards supporting families as they begin to arrive and as we discover what the needs are.

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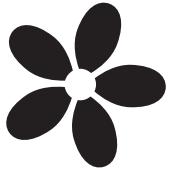
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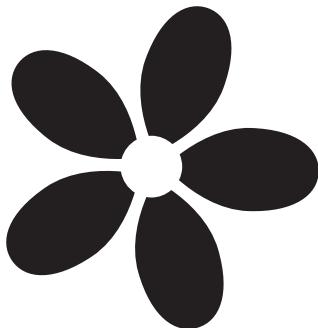
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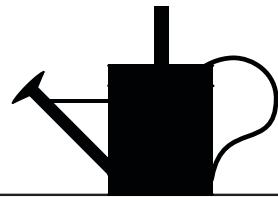
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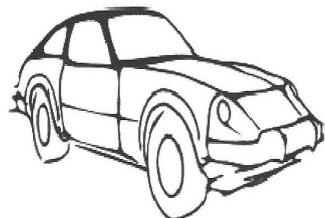
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	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
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		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
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2	M	04:01	5.5	16:29	5.4
3	Tu	04:50	5.2	17:25	5.1
4	W	05:46	4.9	18:30	4.9
5	Th	06:54	4.8	19:45	4.8
6	F	08:12	4.8	20:59	5.0
7	Sa	09:22	4.9	21:58	5.2
8	Su	10:17	5.2	22:45	5.4
9	M	11:01	5.4	23:24	5.5
10	Tu	11:39	5.5	23:57	5.6
11	W	●		12:13	5.6
12	Th	00:29	5.7	12:45	5.6
13	F	01:00	5.7	13:18	5.7
14	Sa	01:33	5.8	13:52	5.7
15	Su	02:06	5.7	14:28	5.7
16	M	02:41	5.6	15:06	5.6
17	Tu	03:19	5.5	15:50	5.4
18	W	04:03	5.3	16:41	5.3
19	Th	○ 04:57	5.2	17:42	5.2
20	F	06:03	5.1	18:55	5.1
21	Sa	07:17	5.1	20:11	5.3
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26	Th	00:03	6.0	12:18	6.0
27	F	00:48	6.0	13:06	6.1
28	Sa	01:32	6.0	13:51	6.0
29	Su	02:15	5.9	14:37	5.9
30	M	02:57	5.7	15:22	5.7



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Bentalls	09:20	11:20	13:20	14:50	15:00	20:00	20:00
TESCO	09:23	11:23	13:23	14:53	15:03		X
Maldon High Street	09:26	11:26	13:26	14:56	15:06	Set down only	X
Maldon Leisure Centre	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:00	15:10		X

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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
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