

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

AUGUST 2016

Goldhanger Creek

121 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. In 121 years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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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

Goldhanger Correspondent

If you have any news articles about the village for inclusion in the Maldon & Burnham Standard and the Essex Chronicle.

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An extract from the History Archives...

Sadly, there is no history item this month

As some of you will be aware, David has had to take some time out this month and has not been able to provide us with one of his regular fascinating articles on the history of our village.

He holds the most extraordinary archive of information about the village, only **some** of which is available on his already encyclopaedic website, www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past.

Since we took over editing the magazine, David has kindly provided us with cover images for every one of those months and, since the beginning of this year, these related articles which we know people enjoy so much.

So, in the absence of a contribution this month, why not have a browse around the site and see what you discover.

As David would suggest, “search for goldhanger past” in your favourite search engine.

P.S. This month's cover photograph was taken by Stephen down in Goldhanger creek a couple of years back. Hardly very historic ...

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 7th August **Trinity 11**

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

Sunday 14th August **Trinity 12**

8.30am Holy Communion by extension(BCP)
10.00am Family Service

Sunday 21st August **Trinity 13**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Sunday 28th August **Trinity 14**

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

* 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.

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
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Flowers for Church:	Mrs Elaine Clark	788686 elaclark@me.com

St. Peter's Goldhanger NEW website:

www.essexinfo.net/st-peter-s-church-goldhanger

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.

Church Flower Arrangers - New members welcome. Tel: Elaine 788686

Flags for August

No flags this month

WELL DONE, GOLDHANGER



Great work everyone. The Essex County Council is to step in to fund replacement bus services in the Tollesbury area and these services will now continue (i.e. 91, 92, 95) after the commercial bus operator pulls out. The new services may have a variation from the timetables for the original services and the new

timetables will be available from the TRAVELINE WEBSITE as soon as the registrations have been completed. They will be available at the bus stops until then.

Many thanks to Julia Bourne and the Parish Council for their strong support in this matter and our local councillors, Maddie Thompson and Elaine Bamford for their sound advice.

Most of all, thanks to all the villagers of Goldhanger who protested, wrote emails and letters and sourced relevant information, which all added to the strength of the case we presented to ECC.

Now we must all continue to use the buses regularly and if any villagers haven't done so already, give the bus a go. Leave the car at home and avoid parking fees. If you have an entitlement to a bus pass, get one and use it. If not, it is still a great way to pop into Maldon with no hassle about parking. We now know it is true.....USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Margaret Salmon.



Community Pages

Goldhanger Village Hall

Available for clubs, societies, private functions etc.
Bookings taken by Andrew Christy telephone 788432
www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk
Facebook: Goldhanger Village Hall
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Goldhanger Women's Institute

1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm Goldhanger Village Hall.
New members welcomed.
<http://goldhangerwi.co.uk>



Goldhanger Parish Council

2nd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm in Goldhanger Village Hall.
essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council



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



Goldhanger Kazeen Kai Karate Club

Weekly on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. For children and adults.



Tollesbury Surgery

Visits Goldhanger Village Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays between 13.30 to 14.00.
Requests for prescriptions and/or medication can be left at the Village Hall from 12noon on the day of the Doctor's visit.



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.



Community Pages

Stamps for the Guide Dogs

Ivy Sharman collects your used stamps. Drop them in at 16 Head street. Tel: 788268.



Donate to the Parish Magazine

Donations can be made via the Goldhanger website. You can pay using a Paypal account or a credit/debit card. www.goldhanger.org.uk



Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

1st Saturday of the month At the Queens Head Tolleshunt D'Arcy. from 12 noon to 2pm.

Meet Tolleshunt D'arcy and Tollesbury Ward Councillors and/or raise issues or problems relating to local council matters.



Bellringing

Every Wednesday 7pm - 9pm and for services on Sundays.

Newcomers welcome. Contact Andrew Kelso 788284

or email arkelso@mac.com. www.bellringing.org/learntoring/



Wildwatching Group

Second Thursday. Meet at Goldhanger church at 2.00pm. All welcome.



Mother's Union

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

Coffee mornings

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



Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time. St. Peter's Church.





SCAFELL CHALLENGE

6TH AUGUST 2016



A GROUP OF US FROM THE VILLAGE
ARE CLIMBING SCAFELL PIKE
FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES:

**ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE
MACMILLAN
WISH UPON A STAR**

UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO PERSONAL REASONS, WE HAVE HAD TO
CHANGE OUR CHALLENGE

WE ARE NOW CLIMBING SCAFELL PIKE - ENGLAND'S HIGHEST
MOUNTAIN – MEASURING 978 M (3209 ft) HIGH

WE HOPE THAT ANYONE THAT HAS ALREADY SPONSORED US WILL
BE OK WITH THIS CHANGE & AGREE THAT IT IS STILL A MASSIVE
CHALLENGE & THE CHARITIES WILL STILL BE BENEFITING.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR US, **THERE IS A FORM IN THE
CHEQUERS PUB**, OR YOU CAN ASK ANYONE OF US

PLEASE HELP US RAISE AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR
THESE CHARITIES

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

**BECKY – EMMA – JENNY – JULES –
LOUISE – NATALIE – RACHEL**

What's on in Goldhanger in August

Sunday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 2pm

- 4.30pm - Summer Sunday Tea and Cakes - St. Peter's Church **P.18**



Booking of the Village Hall

This is just a short note to let everyone know that it is now possible to book the village hall via a BACS bank transfer. If required the necessary details can be requested from the Village Hall Booking Officer Andrew Christy 788432

Steve Clarke
Treasurer Goldhanger Village Hall

Defibrillator Update

We have been very fortunate to receive donations from;

- The Blackwater Country Show
- Goldhanger Classic Car Club
- The Carpet Bowls Club

The generosity of the above organisations is key in enabling us to purchase and maintain a village defibrillator, however due to the initial costs we have also needed to make an application for lottery funding, which is currently being processed, we hope to receive a positive response for what is such an important facility for the village.

It is important that the correct equipment is selected and located in the right place, supported by good governance, together with permissions. All this takes time, so we appreciate your patience and will keep you updated as things progress.

Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

- 1 The cob and pen are the male and female of which aquatic bird?
- 2 What is the more familiar name for the disease rubella?
- 3 What colour are emeralds?
- 4 In photography, what sort of lens enables a speedy transition from long shots to close-ups?
- 5 Which animals live in lodges and are notable for gnawing trees?
- 6 Which star can be used to work out where due North is?
- 7 What name is given to the collection of 22 bones found in the head?
- 8 Which tree has a variety called "Weeping"?
- 9 Which jet-black bird has lived in the Tower of London for centuries?
- 10 Which stone, a form of calcium carbonate, are the White Cliffs of Dover made of?

Answers on page 42

DID YOU KNOW?

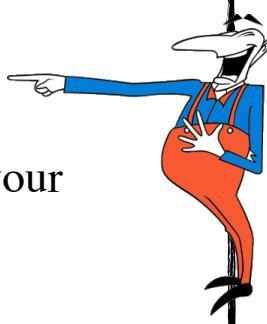
11% of people are left-handed.

August has the highest percentage of births. (hmm ... that's this month!)

Joke

Have you got a joke you'd like to see here?

Please send it in and we will publish it with your name



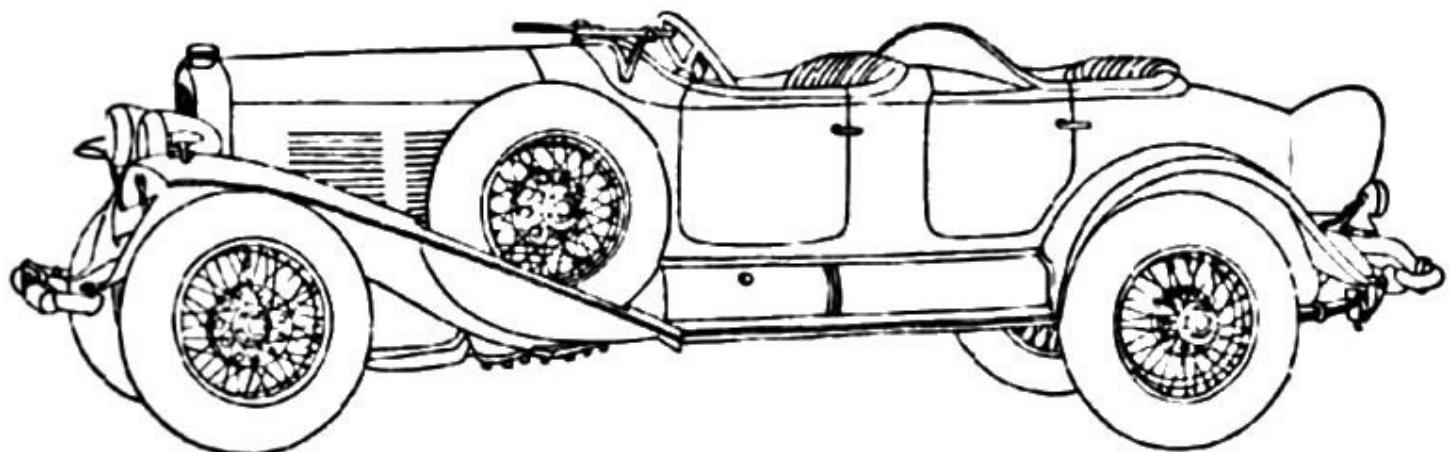
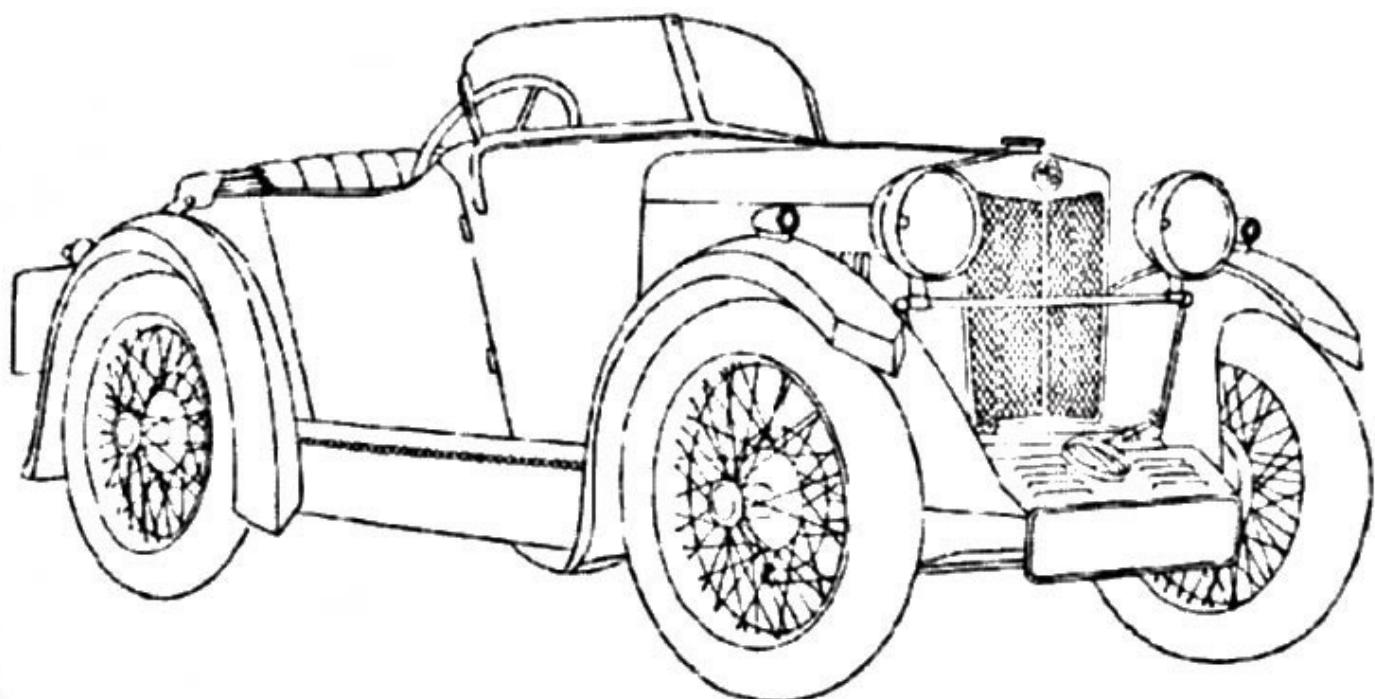
Fun Facts about Energy

- Coal, oil and gas are stored in the ground. Coal and oil come from the remains of fossilised animals.
- Gas, oil and coal will eventually run out. Scientists are working hard to find other kinds of energies. These are called alternative fuels.
- In our country, we have plenty of energy. Sometimes we use more than our fair share. Other people in the world don't have the energy they need. Tell your parents to help conserve and share energy. Don't drive a bigger car than you need. Don't buy a bigger house than you need.
- In windy areas, scientists build huge windmills. These windmills can harness the energy of wind to make electricity.

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

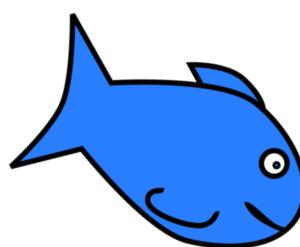
Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on August 3rd. It will be a social evening with a FISH SUPPER. There is a chicken option for those who prefer that. Please let Pauline have your payment for the supper which is £4.00 for fish and £5.00 for chicken. Bring along a drink and a glass and nibbles if you wish. There will be a 'flower of the month' competition so if you have a single stem flower or blossom to display do, please, bring it along.

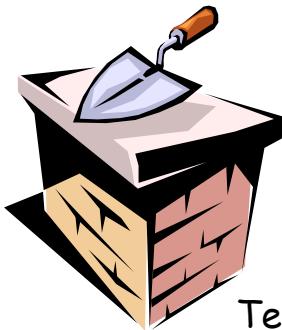
The July meeting was well attended considering how many of us were on holiday and our speaker was Ken Harrison telling us about the RNLI. We had the opportunity to buy books and pictures from his table. The refreshments were lovely and we thank the ladies who made the cakes and served us tea and coffee. Sandra came first in the flower competition with Linda a close second. Boards were circulated for our STRAWBERRY TEA and SUMMER PICNIC as well as for volunteers to man the teas and cakes stall for GALA WEEKEND. Please add your name to the list of cake-makers if you have not already done so. The more members there are to help the less onerous the task.

Our STRAWBERRY TEA was on Monday 11th July but, sadly, after setting everything up in the Church garden, the sky blackened and we had to quickly bring it all in again. But nothing stops Goldhanger W.I. from having a good afternoon and after a couple of PIMMS we watched the deluge outside quite happily and enjoyed our scones and strawberries. There was a good raffle, run by Barbara and we truly made the best of it. But we do need good weather in August for our GARDEN PICNIC. The date will be given at the August meeting. No more rain-dancing, Girls!

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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 12.7. 2016

The 91, 92 and 95 bus services will now continue following the announcement by Essex County Council that it will support their running. Hedingham Omnibuses was criticised by Eddie Johnson (County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport) for the way in which it handled the closure. He recognised the crucial value of these services to local residents.

Councillor Back attended a recent event on the Essex Superfast Broadband and raised the issue of the poor connection for most of the village. She was advised that this will come into a later phase.

The Council will again report to Moat Housing the dangerous condition of the concrete posts around the green area at the south of Hall Estate. This was first reported to Moat in February 2015 but nothing has been done so far.

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

FUL/MAL/16/003250 Land to the rear of the development at Church Street/Maldon Road Goldhanger	4 no. 5 bedroom detached dwellings with detached/attached garages and access drive from adjoining development	Refused
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The following new applications were considered:

TCA/MAL/16/00717 The Limes 3 Head Street Goldhanger	T1 – fir tree – to be felled to ground level	This application was supported .
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Councillors noted the following new Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate:

OUT/MAL/15/00982 APP/X1545/W/16/3147228	Land south of the allotments Maldon Road Goldhanger	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 10 dwellings with associated off-street parking The Parish Council has already put forward its objections to the above, but will make additional comments on concerns about surface water flooding and other issues.
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Mr Tony Bourn attended a recent course on Neighbourhood Planning on behalf of the Parish Council, and his report was discussed. It was resolved that at this point the Parish Council does not wish to proceed with formulating a Plan.

Highways.

Fly tipping in Blind Lane and Little Totham Road will be reported to the District Council. Drainage problems in Church Street and recent flooding in Maldon Road will be reported to the County Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9th August 2016** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes of each meeting can be found on the Parish Council web site.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: INFO@LOTUSPILATESANDYOGA.CO.UK 07812213042

ST PETER'S CHURCH WELCOME YOU TO



SUMMER SUNDAY TEA AND CAKES

UNTIL SEPTEMBER WE WILL BE SERVING TEA AND CAKES FROM THE COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 2PM TO 4.30PM

THERE WILL BE TABLES OUTSIDE WITH POTS OF TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES FOR SALE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS THERE.

IF ANYBODY HAS A FREE SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO SPARE TO HELP WITH MAKING TEA AND SERVING CAKES OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A CAKE FOR ANY OF THE SUMMER SUNDAYS PLEASE CONTACT:

KIM ON 01621 788698

THANK YOU

Goldhanger Art Society

Lots to look forward to with the Art Club ... please come and join us second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm. We are growing in numbers but still a friendly group with outings and workshops planned for this year.

*11th August extended day with Laura Brown teaching lino printing, silk screen, block printing etc. Materials supplied at a nominal fee. Visitors welcome £6

*EXHIBITION 3rd and 4th September (dates have been checked with all concerned) we welcome all works of art, pottery, jewellery, glass etc. "Pop up Tea Shop" providing refreshments, cream teas, cake, pasties etc.

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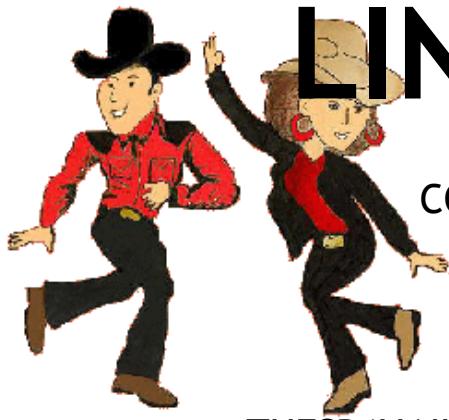
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GALA WEEKEND AT ST PETERS CHURCH SAT 3rd AND SUN 4th SEPTEMBER.

**LADIES FROM THE W.I.
WILL BE SERVING TEA AND CAKES IN THE MARQUEE
SATURDAY 12PM – 5PM
SUNDAY 11AM – 3PM**

**CAKE COMPETITION FOR ADULTS
VICTORIA SPONGE, BAKED IN 7-8 INCH TIN DUSTED WITH CASTER SUGAR
WITH A JAM FILLING.
FRUIT CAKE MADE TO YOUR OWN RECIPE**

**CHILDREN DECORATE A PAPER PLATE COMPETITION.
DECORATE A PLATE. USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO DECORATE A PAPER
PLATE. BEST PLATE WINS A PRIZE.**

**STALLS:
ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO ERECT A TABLE (PLEASE SUPPLY OWN TABLE)
TO SELL ITEMS OR PROMOTE A CHARITY ON EITHER DAY ARE WELCOME.**

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**ST PETERS CHURCH INVITE YOU TO OUR PET SERVICE
BRING ALONG YOUR PETS AND ANIMAL FRIENDS TO JOIN IN OUR ANNUAL
SERVICE ON SUNDAY AT 10AM**

**EVENTS OUTSIDE IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS WILL BE ADVERTISED
AROUND THE VILLAGE**

**ANYBODY WISHING TO TAKE PART AND ORGANISE ANY ENTERTAINMENT
EVENTS ARE WELCOME.**

PLEASE CALL KIM 01621 788698 FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION



Gala weekend in Goldhanger 2016

**Classic car owners are invited to come along with their
Classic cars to The Square in Goldhanger in front of
The Chequers Inn**

**On Saturday 3rd September 2016
There will be a static display of classic cars
from 10 am – 4 pm**

**We ask for a donation of £5 per car
to cover for insurance.**

**Any surplus funds will be donated to charity
at the end of the year.**

For further details please call Ken on 01621 788495

Or contact us on GCCC@hipwell.net.

GOLDHANGER ART EXHIBITION SEPTEMBER 3rd AND 4th

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at this year's Exhibition taking place in Goldhanger Village Hall. Saturday 3rd from 10am to 5pm Sunday 4th from 11am to 4pm and let's hope the sun shines for us too!

Please come and enjoy time looking at the local arts and crafts - paintings, drawings, portfolios, small sculptures, greetings cards etc with most items for sale. Also our raffle with some wonderful prizes.

This year we have an exciting new "Pop Up Cafe" which will be serving a fabulous range of sweet and savoury delights - all of which will be homemade plus of course tea, coffee and cordials.

If you would like to enter some art work or would like any further information about joining our group please ring Jane on 07743906788 or Catherine on 07873769417

St Peters Sunday Brunch

Many thanks to all those who came along to enjoy a bacon roll and a glass of bucks fizz in the marquee in the churchyard. It was great to see lots of the village gathering for a catch up and the rain stayed away !

Thank you all for your support

FUN DOG SHOW GALA WEEKEND



A Fun Dog Show is planned on Saturday 3rd of September in Village Hall Field during the afternoon. Time to be confirmed. Come along and have some fun with your dog and family. Win some prizes. Money raised will go to Farleigh Hospice. There will also be a variety of stalls including Cuddly Coats and Oscar Pet Foods. Further details in next magazine, on leaflets and posters around the village in August.

For enquiries contact Jackie on 788432 or Sue on 788680

A Village Hall event for your diaries.....



There are quizzes and there's the
The Great Goldhanger Quiz
29th October 2016

The Village Hall Management Committee invite you to a quiz evening like you've never experienced!

An evening of fun and varied quiz rounds testing your dextrous skills, musical knowledge, observation skills, mental agilityand a whole lot more

*details to follow, please support your village hall
we are working hard to raise funds for our halls improvement*



Open Garden at The Ramblers

On what eventually turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, following several of incessant downpours effectively cutting off the village at one point, we got our event underway and over sixty visitors, who kept the faith with the British weather, enjoyed strolling through our gardens; upper, lower, cottage, vegetable and 'Japanese' as well as sampling delicious homemade cake, served with tea by good friends Sue and Shirley. We also held a prize raffle (the first prize - a £40 meal generously donated by The Chequers was won by GG organisers Anthony and Elaine) and a garden flower quiz (£10 voucher donated by Perrywood Nursery going to Marion Everiss who, incredibly enough it turns out, used to live in our house as a child!). Chris had also worked hard to produce a stall of needlework items for sale so that, in all, we raised £500 which will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

Many, many thanks to our delightful visitors, our neighbours and friends in Ipswich who made cakes for us and also to those local traders who contributed to our raffle prizes - The Chequers, Perrywood Nursery, Warren Active (Woodham Walter), The Cheap Shop Tiptree, Tescos (Heybridge), M&S, Cineworld, The Gift Company and Thorntons (Braintree Freeport).

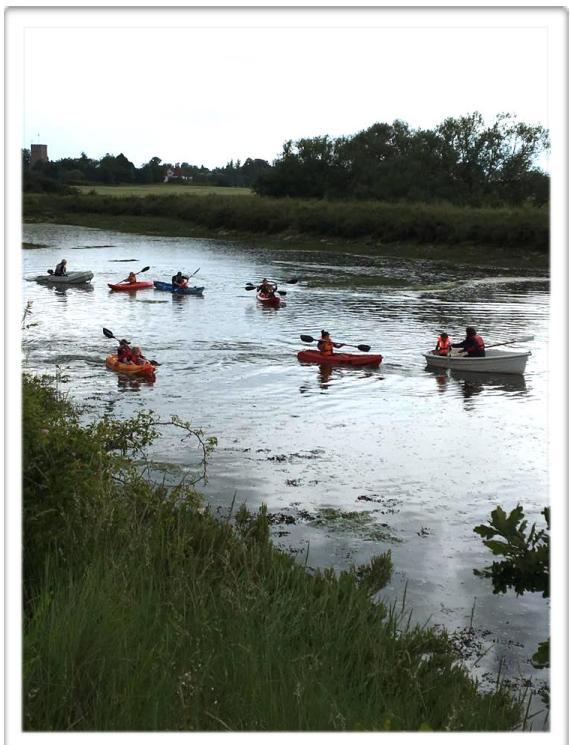
Peter French



Goldhanger Sailing Club News - July 2016

Do you remember the weekend when there was thunder and lightning, pouring rain, Wash Brook overflowing and local roads impassable? That was the weekend of the Children's Camp-Over at the sailing club. Eight hardy families made camp and braved the rain to go out on the water in kayaks for an hour, until the storm was too scary, even for the adults.

The children were kept busy indoors by Kay, with fun activities including glass painting, cooking and races involving eating liquorice laces suspended on strings. Wonderful fun! Henry braved the rain to cook the barbecue and a great time was had by all. The following morning, after a full English breakfast, everyone was able to get their tents down in the dry to end a wonderful weekend with great company.



Our race around Osea saw Jo Petchey (aged 11) helm her Mirror Dinghy around the island for the first time. She finished the race buzzing with her achievement, to discover that although she wasn't first over the line, she had won the race after boat handicaps were taken into account. Well done Joanne!!

Sea Sunday was so well attended this year that we almost ran out of mugs! It was wonderful to see so many people on the lawn in front of the club and uplifting to hear their singing. The ladies from the RNLI were extremely pleased with the support for their stall and will let us know how much we raised for their cause.

It is great that this annual event is still so popular, we look forward to next year.

If you would like to walk along the sea wall and visit the sailing club, you will always be made welcome.

Jenny Brown-Lee



Remembering Victor Marigold 13.9.26 - 29.8.15

Grandad

My Grandad was a tall man with a big round tummy,
And olive skin that had seen a lot of sun.
Hands so large not even the biggest of bowling balls would fit them,
And with his Size 12s he had the biggest feet.

A true East Ender at heart,
A killer story of a terrific deal was always a breath away.
He told tales like he was undercover,
And he'd tap the side of his nose with his index finger and wink at you.

King of the sandwiches!
You could be sure you'd be in for *some* lunch if Grandad was in the kitchen.
Pickled onions on every grandchild's plate,
He would swear Cousin Victoria could eat a whole jar to herself- given the chance.

Up and down the garden he'd push us in the wheelbarrow,
Until one day he declared that we were too heavy for his dodgy knees!
You could find him at the bottom of the garden prodding a bonfire,
And he'd always finished last at croquet.

Ever the music enthusiast,
He sang along to his favourite CDs whilst conducting an imaginary orchestra.
The Pink Panther CD was mine and George's first choice,
On the music would go and round and round the rug we would skip and dance.

Ever impressed by his family,
He listened keenly to all our stories.
A hearty laugh, he'd pat his chest and hoot in surprise;
Jeepers! Crikey! Good Grief! Did you really?!

Come the last day of our visit, we'd kiss goodbye and in true Grandad fashion,
He'd slip us each a five pound note in a secretive handshake,
And then whisper behind fluttering fingers, but audibly enough for everyone to hear;
Don't tell your Grannie.

by Alice Marigold

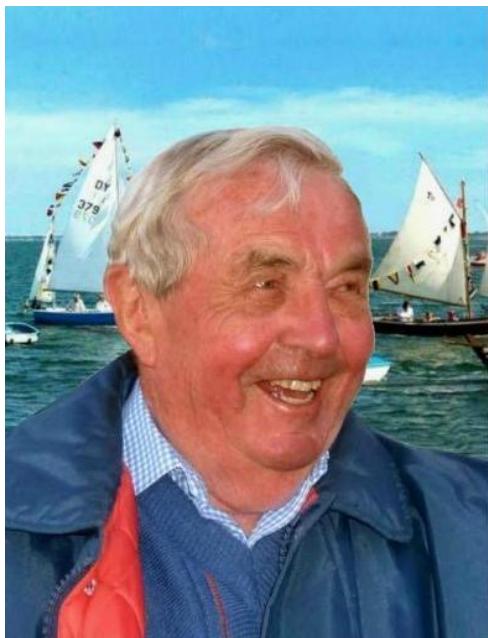
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This is Victor's grave in St Peters Church yard,
covered in Marigolds. Plus a poem from his grand
daughter Alice.

Julie Marigold



Mike Webster



Mike's early days in the Royal Navy, followed by a career in timber procurement, established the two passions he clearly enjoyed in retirement at Goldhanger – that of sailing and carpentry. Through his strength of personality and his enthusiasm for these two hobbies he will long be remembered within the village. Here are reminiscences of his contributions to life of the village by those who knew of his achievements...

Margaret Salmon recalls that shortly after she came to the village and her husband Alan passed away, Mike offered to make an oak plaque to be placed close to a commemorative tree that Mike had heard was to be planted in Alan's memory.

Julia Bourn recalls: About 6 months ago Mike offered to repair my wobbly kitchen chairs, while nothing special I was fond of them as they were my granddad's. I also asked him for advice about cleaning the backs, so when Mike finished the repairs he gave me a jam jar full of an amber coloured liquid which he called "Mikes magic medicine" and told me to use fine steel wool and rub in the 'medicine' and wipe it off. It worked a treat, but I hope they don't need doing again as I never knew the recipe for the medicine.

Geoff Ingle contributed: The knowledge and experience that Mike gained in the Royal Navy and in his career in the timber industry, made him very talented and a very interesting person to talk to. He could splice wire rope, that's difficult and indeed he made me some very strong cables for my trailer. He was an excellent French polisher and brought my Austin 10 dashboard back to life in a few short visits.

He loved sailing and I was fortunate on occasions that he would join me to sail. He loved it on the Helm and would look at me grin and say "Geoff, this is as good as it gets". He was a lovely man and Maureen and I miss him very much.



From *Chris Joslin*, Chairman of the Village Hall committee:

Mike the village man - forthright in protecting its unique qualities, keen to be involved in its maintenance, concerned for the well being of the community. A great supporter of the Village Hall, its various events and its fabric. He made our external notice board, he rebuilt the high level louvres - just two examples of many. I have so many happy memories of Mike, crewing with him on his boat Sitka which he cared for so lovingly, enjoying a post sail Sitka slurp (rum and spicy ginger ale) reflecting on the joys of sailing on the Blackwater. "No finer place on earth" Mike would say, "why would you want to go anywhere else?" A great village character who I and so many others will miss including one of his many sayings - "Have a happy day!"

From *Rod Brown-Lee*, Goldhanger Sailing Club commodore:

Mike's hand touched just about everything in the club and its compound. As I cast my eye around it this morning, I realised that most boats had splices, woodwork, paint, or stitching that had been "fettled" by Mike.

Walk up the steps and he has repaired a handrail, built and fitted the gate. He painted the flagpole, refitted all the racing marks, built and mounted the lifejacket rail in the Ladies. If he sold you a boat, it had to be perfect. Not only when he sold it, but for many years after. His after-sales service was amazing. If he saw a job that needed doing, he could not rest until it was done. "It's almost as good as a shop-bought one" – he would say.

If a boat needed launching, Mike would volunteer his car, rope and blocks and supervise a safe and seamanlike launch or recovery, year after year. Mike was generous with his time, knowledge, patience and expertise. The children all loved "Captain Mike" and the members used to call him "Mikey-Mike", in order to differentiate him from a surplus of Mikes.

If a broken oar was found in the drink, Mike would collect it and wait for another one to surface. Then he would "cobble" them into a beautifully sanded, painted, varnished, coppered and leathered pair. He was even known to find a sad looking pair of oars and just "cobble" them for fun and leave them with a bemused owner.

As a sailor, you could fill a book with his exploits and experiences. He would regularly volunteer his time and experience to newcomers who needed to clock up a few sea miles. He was there to see that they made their mistakes safely and would step in when it started to go "Pear-shaped". Mike was a wonderful shipmate and Sea Daddy to us all and is already greatly missed.

From *Mick Sargeant*, Goldhanger Parish Council:

Mike was an enthusiastic carpenter for the Parish and the Parish Council, especially when he thought that items were not up to scratch.

In the Square, he initially repaired the Parish notice board and subsequently built a new one. After the pump was overhauled the he deemed that the seats were tatty and upgraded some with new timbers and planed the rest down.

He re-made the seat in the playing field with new slats, which was not straightforward as the supports are concreted in. He was also instrumental in the coloured dog fouling signs, and he made the signwritten notice beside the footpath. Mike never accepted payment for his time and efforts.

From *Anthony Clark*:

Mike was a stalwart member of The Mowers, that select group of twenty who undertake churchyard maintenance. This, for Mike, involved much more than grass cutting. He ably assisted in pruning and re-shaping our row of Irish Yews. This was a massive undertaking for they had reached the state when passage between them was becoming impeded. The multiple upright stems required thinning and or removal and the timber yielded was used for turnery. Much was sold for this purpose. Mike made good use of the more substantial wood, slicing it to give attractive roundels which when varnished and polished showed the clear sap wood and dark heart wood to great effect. Backed with green baize they made lovely drinks mats. There must be quite a few in use in Goldhanger.

A man of the trees, he was always identifying tree species and discussing their use uses and merits, both tropical and native species.

His practical skills were ably used to renew the Church notice board and make memorial labels for some of our trees; and devising ingenious methods for securing the Union Flag and White Ensign in the church for Remembrance Sunday, at which he was a frequent reader.

His Drascombe Lugger, moored at the mouth of the creek was named Sitka. This is the native spruce of the Canadian north-west. Her spars were made of this beautiful wood.

Mike Webster was the only chap I knew who did his National Service in the Royal Navy, and this, plus his time with the RNVR, entitled him to fly the Blue Ensign on his sailing cruiser.

A personal tribute from *Gwenda*:

Mike was a kind, friendly and generous man, always aware of the needs of others, and was always at hand when help was needed. Knowing that I didn't sail, he joined me as an honorary member of the Sailing Club so that I could enjoy the social occasions.

My last recollection of him was some six weeks ago, when he stopped his open top car outside the Church and invited me to get in. He took me to Maldon Promenade and we sat there and enjoyed an ice cream and the views. We said very little. He was a good friend and will be greatly missed by all.

Reminiscences compiled by David Newman

The Goldhanger Friendly Brothers
Christmas Meal is Friday 2nd
December 2016



Recipe of the month

Armenian Soup (via Cranks)

Quick, easy, tasty and unusual

Preparation 8 mins • Cook 30 mins • Serves 4-6



INGREDIENTS

50g red lentils
50g dried apricots
1 large potato
2 pints stock
juice of 1/2 a lemon
1 teaspoon ground cumin
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (2 if dried)

DIRECTIONS

Roughly chop the potato.

Place all ingredients in a large pan. Bring to the boil then simmer for 30 minutes.

Blend, reheat, season and serve.

Best eaten on the day



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

"One of Satan's angels was sent to make me suffer terribly, so that I would not feel too proud."

I hardly think that my recent diagnosis of MS puts me in the same league as St. Paul, (him being one of my least liked saints in the New Testament!) but self pitying aside. What does it mean to me? I have always been left handed and that is the hand which no longer works properly. My balance is shot. It feels just like being on a rocking boat permanently.

My mum has had MS since she was in her late teens. She will have had MS for 60 years next year. She still manages to get about OK. She was in a disabled car when I was much younger, but has for a long time driven an ordinary car- after she had to take her driving test again. I haven't yet been to see the neurologist at the hospital. It seems to have taken ages since I thought the symptoms might have been caused by a stroke. I am pleased it wasn't actually and I am not sure what will happen to me yet. Like my mum, I know that I am going to fight it. I have been told there are treatments which should help me with my balance problems. And I would like to be able to ride a bike again, but we shall have to see. Perhaps I will even be able to write again, without my hand twitching or be able to carry a mug in my left hand without dropping it. That is probably in the future, hopefully not too far away.

There is no reason for me not to get MS, after all there is now a genetic component to it and my mum's cousin has MS as well. It depends I suppose on how the family and I cope with it. One of my friends (who incidentally has terminal cancer,) told me rather enviously, "You can be like President Bartlett from the West Wing now!"

Many people have their crosses to bear, things which at best seem rather trying and at others almost unbearable. This must be mine now and how I manage it, is important. Paul goes on to write "So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly boast about how weak I am, because when I am weak, I am strong."

I write this before my summer holiday to Wales, if we haven't already had the summer! I hope everyone manages a break of some description and hope we all come back refreshed, ready to take on more challenges which come our way.

Nina

Goldhanger Bell Ringing Tour

Its 8.20am on a warm Saturday morning, we are gathered bleary eyed in the square waiting for our lifts to Suffolk, for our bell ringing tour.



A most busy schedule by the looks of things. I'm travelling with Sarah, one of our new recruits, who is doing rather well, Vysian from D'Arcy also Cecile from Great Baddow.

Our first stop is in Orford, St. Batholomews Church, Which has eight bells. These are made up of four old and four new bells rehung for the millennium. Originally there were five bells but after the tower partially collapsed, only two were any good as the others were cracked, hence the new bells.

A most beautiful old wooden staircase in the bell tower, this was all knarled and pitted, but it just had to be touched and looked at. You wonder what life it had seen or what stories it could tell. The Bells themselves sounded rather tinny but were a pleasure to ring.

Off to Tunstall next, St. Michael and All Angels church, a complete contrast to Orford with six mellow , deep sounding bells . Here we were met with coffee and biscuits, most welcome before we embarked on the bell pulling. This church dates around 1400, it has box pews about 4 foot high to keep the draught out, but I suspect it's to keep the congregation in!. A bier was quite a conservational point amongst us as we approached the bell tower. What a beautiful sight. Some truly dedicated people had cross stitched methods of bell ringing in extremely bright colour and they were hung all around the walls. After $\frac{3}{4}$ hours of ringing, we were off to Woodbridge. This was the last tower of the morning. With the promise of food at the pub. I was getting hungry , I must admit.

There are Eight bells at Woodbridge, the church being in the actual town, with people bustling around on Saturday morning at the local market. We proceeded to raise the extremely heavy bells, a good work out before lunch! Andrew our tower captain had to have assistance to put up the tenor bell, out of breath and beads of perspiration .He was most glad of a rest. Anyway we all rang these incredible heavy bells to the best of our abilities, trying not to make too much din for the shoppers.

We then walked to the pub for a well-earned lunch break. A chip butty, sticky toffee pudding and half a shandy, absolutely great! It's surprising how quick the time flies when one is enjoying themselves, but it was soon lunch break over and we were back to the job in hand.

Off to Rushmere, St Andrews church with six bells. This church has a really lovely interior that greeted us as we entered. A great deal of interesting history surrounds this church. It is a must to see, if you can, founded in the 12th century.

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In the bell tower it has a clock a mechanism, made by Schuler and Boby , most fascinating to look at, restore by funds from the millennium ringing. Although these bells were quite light, Some of us found them difficult to ring. (Something to do with too much Shandy at lunch time , I suspect.)

We were joined by two people, who live locally, with their 3 year old daughter. The daughter took great interest in all we were trying to do. The parents were most competent ringers.

Dashing off to Ipswich was our next venue, St Matthews Church. We meet up with an enormous traffic jam that made us rather late. This was further hindered by the fact we had to park the car a long way from the church.

This church has six bells with a lot of interesting history behind them. One bell left from the reign of Edward VI, which has the founders initials, date 1475, a crown and arrowhead, that symbolising the martyrdom of St Edmund, engraved on the side of the bell.

A bell, two keys and a canon, showing the work of the foundry was also engraved on the side. Number Five bell were made in Colchester and were hung in the year of the gun powder plot, of 1605. The newest bell has an inscription from Milton's "Soloman's music" that reads "and keep in tune with heaven".

We dash off to our last church on foot, St Maragrets of Ipswich. We find this church surrounded by a park and wonderful small housing. A very pleasant outlook.

Six more bells cast by Miles Greye and inscribed with Miles Greye made me in 1630. By now, not that the crew would admit, but fatigue was setting in. A grand effort was made for a decent ring and this was achieved. All the churches we visited this tour have been pretty, both inside and out. Justice cannot be done by me, so I strongly advise you to go and take a look at these remarkable churches, with their stained glass windows and stunning architecture and fascinating history. The work and age of these great buildings are all so varied, in ways which deserve to be visited.

Oh well, off to the car and our journey back to Goldhanger, obviously, we are all tired out, it was quiet run back home. This was quite a contrast to the start of the tour, with all the chatter and laughter of the prospects of a good day with friends, food and something we all enjoy doing.

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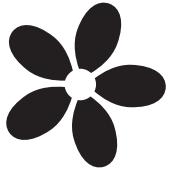
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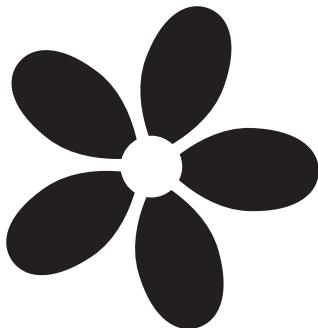
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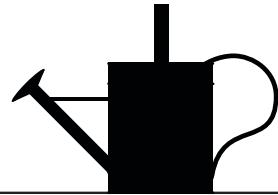
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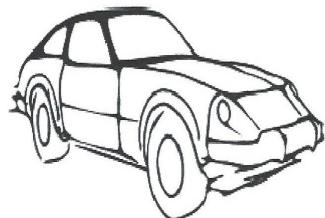
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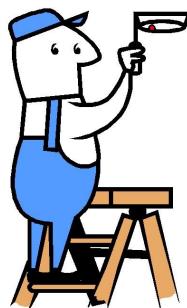
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Alternatively it can be downloaded at the end of each month from www.goldhanger.org.uk and following the link under 'Community Stuff'.

Tide Times for Goldhanger

August

		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1 M				12:15	5.5
2 Tu	●	00:35	5.7	13:06	5.7
3 W		01:24	5.9	13:49	5.8
4 Th		02:08	5.9	14:29	5.9
5 F		02:48	6.0	15:07	5.9
6 Sa		03:28	5.9	15:44	5.8
7 Su		04:06	5.8	16:20	5.7
8 M		04:42	5.5	16:54	5.5
9 Tu		05:16	5.3	17:29	5.3
10 W	▷	05:52	5.1	18:09	5.1
11 Th		06:35	4.9	18:59	4.9
12 F		07:30	4.7	20:05	4.7
13 Sa		08:42	4.6	21:21	4.7
14 Su		09:58	4.8	22:30	4.9
15 M		11:04	5.0	23:29	5.2
16 Tu		11:58	5.3		
17 W		00:19	5.5	12:45	5.6
18 Th	○	01:03	5.7	13:27	5.7
19 F		01:46	5.9	14:08	5.9
20 Sa		02:28	6.1	14:48	6.0
21 Su		03:10	6.1	15:29	6.1
22 M		03:52	6.1	16:09	6.0
23 Tu		04:35	5.9	16:49	5.9
24 W		05:18	5.6	17:33	5.7
25 Th	🕒	06:08	5.4	18:26	5.5
26 F		07:07	5.1	19:33	5.3
27 Sa		08:22	4.9	20:55	5.1
28 Su		09:46	5.0	22:17	5.2
29 M		11:03	5.2	23:30	5.5
30 Tu				12:04	5.5
31 W		00:27	5.7	12:53	5.7



Mobile Library dates & times

Thursday dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
Aug: 4, 18 (No further dates are yet confirmed by ECC)	Ulting	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
	Goldhanger	Village Hall	14:00	14:30
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



Essex Police Contacts

Call 999 (emergency) if:

- A crime is in progress
- Someone suspected of a crime nearby
- There is a danger to life
- Violence is being used or threatened

For any non-emergency contact with the police, call 101 which covers the whole of England and Wales. *If you call 101 but are reporting an emergency, you will be directed to the 999 service.*

Our neighbourhood officer is PCSO Carol Gladman and when she is on duty a contact number is **0797 084 4179**.

The neighbourhood constable for our area is police constable Leah Keene..

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

Contact them anonymously with information about crime

**Our collection day is Friday;
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95 - BUS TIMETABLE BETWEEN TOLLESBURY & MALDON

This is an abridged timetable. Whew! Keep using it and or we could lose it!

► Maldon	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F SCH SAT	NSCH	M-F St	M-F
Goldhanger Square	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:40	14:50	17:57	19:50
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

► 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

What does it all mean?

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

For more details contact 01702-541511

HEALTH

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

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES

Maldon District Council	854477
Job Centre Chelmsford	0845 606 0234
Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)

HELP & ADVICE

Maldon Citizens Advice Bureau	841195
Social Services	08457 430 430
Victim Support (charity for victims of crime)	08 08 16 89 111
Women's Aid	01245 493114
Alcoholics Anonymous	01904 644026
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	0345 909090
Salvation Army	853942
Gingerbread (Charity for single parents)	01245 352708
Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)

ELECTRICITY & WATER

UK Power Networks	0800 783 8838
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To report a Power Cut, find out who your electricity supplier is, report electricity problems, move your electricity supply or connect a new power supply.

Water	0845 782 0999
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TRAVEL

National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	869214
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Chelmsford	01245 263859
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803

SPORTS CENTRES

Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535