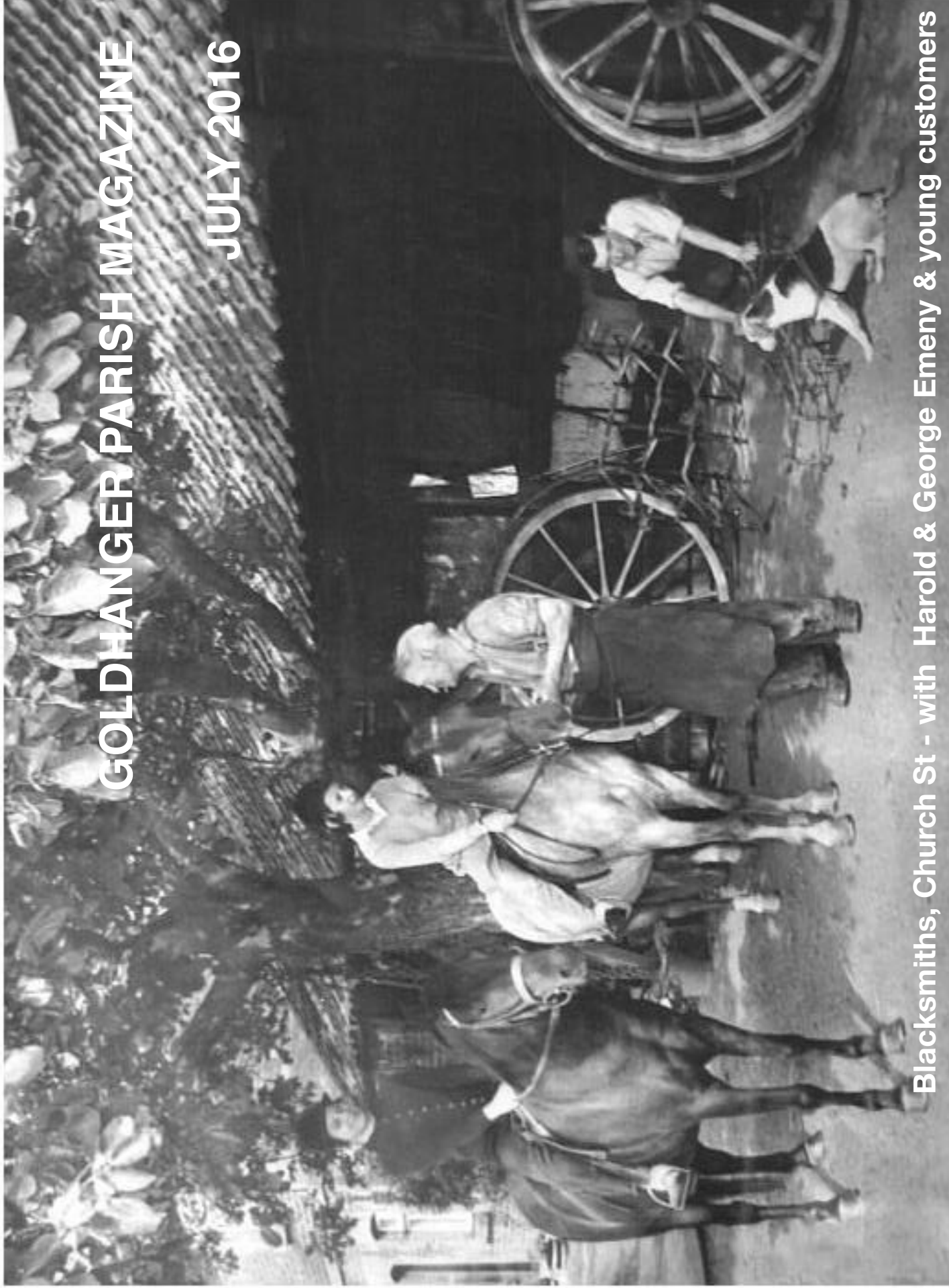


GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

JULY 2016



Blacksmiths, Church St - with Harold & George Emeny & young customers

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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To advertise For Sale or Wanted items in the magazine the minimum donation is £1 per advert. If you would like to donate more it would always be welcome.

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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...

The Goldhanger Blacksmiths Shop

William Bentall, inventor of the Goldhanger plough and founder of Bentalls Agricultural Engineers, had his original ploughs made at the blacksmiths in the village in 1795 before creating his own foundry and workshop at Cobbs Farm. The Tithe map of 1830 shows the blacksmiths on the south side of Head St. close to The Square where "Hatters Lodge" is today. By 1880 the Ordinance Survey map shows the "Smiths" on the north side of Head St. on the site of the old Parish Rooms and where "Wheelrights" is today.

All the early photographs we have however show the blacksmiths located opposite the Cricketers Inn in Church St., which is where it remained until the 1980s. This month's cover photo appeared in an article about Goldhanger in the Maldon & Burnham Standard in September 1957. The caption read: "Two girl riders pause outside the smithy for a word with Mr Harold Emeny and his son, who often make shoes for their ponies. The days of shoeing cart horses are gone".

This photograph shows the inside of the blacksmiths shop, with the furnace and anvil on the left. A postcard from the early 1900s shows part of the blacksmiths building being used as the post office and the village "telephone exchange". We also know that a room in the blacksmith's house next door was used to accommodate the visiting doctor.



In the first half of the 20th century three generations of the Emeny family were blacksmiths and farriers at this location, and George Emeny developed the business into general agricultural engineering in the 1950s & 60s.



In an article published in the Essex Chronicle in 1962 Harold Emeny (shown here) recalled that the business closed down in the recession of 1932 due to lack of customers. Later, he said, there was a time when there was so much business that horsemen frequently passed the time in The Cricketers Inn opposite waiting for their horses to be re-shoed. By the early 1960s the trade was "down to one or two shoes a day".

Shire horses from Bounds Farm were regularly led up through the village to the blacksmiths shop for re-shoeing. John Wilkin recalled this was one of his early jobs as a teenager growing up on the farm in the 1930s.

For more about lost features of the village search for: Goldhanger lost

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

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 3rd July

Trinity 6 St Thomas

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

Monday 4th July

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th July

Sea Sunday

10.00am Sea Sunday Service at Goldhanger Sailing Club

Sunday 17th July

Trinity 8

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

Monday 18th July

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th July

Trinity 9

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion
2.00pm Holy Baptism

Sunday 31st July

Trinity 10

8.30am Holy Communion
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.

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St. Peter's Goldhanger NEW website:
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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 July

Friday 01st July



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Community Pages

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Goldhanger Parish Council

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Goldhanger Art Society

Meets in the Village Hall every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm.
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For details ring Jane 01621 892565



Goldhanger Kazen 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 arckelso@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.



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

What's on in Goldhanger in July

Sunday 5th June onwards. 2pm - 4.30pm - Summer Sunday Tea and Cakes - St. Peter's Church **P.26**



Donation Envelopes

Many many thanks for the donations we have received so far for the Magazine. They are still coming in! Don't forget there isn't a deadline so feel free to pop your donation through our doors.

Thank you in advance.

95 bus service

The 95 bus will cease to operate on 24th July. Essex County Council are conducting an 'impact assessment'. Please write to Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford to express any concerns you may share with other Goldhanger residents, marking your letter RE; COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN RURAL AREAS.

A spokesman for the Department of Transport said;

“COUNCILS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PROVIDE FREE OFF-PEAK CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL ON LOCAL BUS SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE OLDER PEOPLE AND DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES THEM WITH NEARLY £1 BILLION TO DO PRECISELY THIS.

Up and down the country bus services are being cut to reduce costs- all the while making bus pass users less able to use their bus pass.

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 Which ship sank off Portsmouth in 1545 but was retrieved from the seabed in 1982?
- 2 What title was given to the rulers of Ancient Egypt?
- 3 Spitfires and Hurricanes helped win which battle in 1940?
- 4 What overall term is given to the people who fought each other and animals as entertainment in Ancient Rome?
- 5 Which member of the Royal Family holds the title Duke of York?
- 6 What colour are the benches in the House of Commons?
- 7 What material was used to make a famous bridge in Shropshire in 1779, a town now being named after it?
- 8 What was signed by King John at Runnymede in 1215?
- 9 Which businessman founded Virgin Records and Virgin Airlines?
- 10 Who took elephants across the Alps?

Answers on page 36

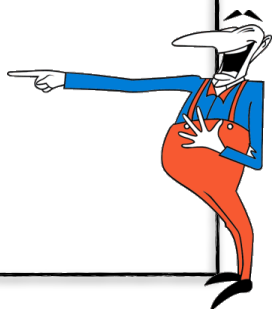
DID YOU KNOW?

Venus is the only planet in the solar system that rotates clockwise, whereas all other planets rotate anti-clockwise.

Joke

How much does it cost for a pirate to get earrings?

A Buccaneer!



Know your trees



There are 300+ species of willow.

Willows have long been associated with making of baskets, hurdles, plant supports, and of course cricket bats. The finest are crafted from *Salix alba coerulea* which grows to 30m high and 4

– 6m in girth in nature, but the growing of wood for cricket bats is a specialised procedure. More recently, there has been interest in willows as a form of biomass, grown for fuel and regularly coppiced.

Willows are often pollarded and have a distinctive appearance. Many can be seen alongside the dikes in marshy areas in counties like Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

Children's Pages

Get your colouring pencils out



GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on July 6th and the speaker will be Ken Harrison who will be telling us all about the ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.

The meeting will start at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

Please bring a summer flower from your garden, a single bloom, to take part in the competition.

We have had a busy month since the last issue of the magazine. The trip to London to see the Carole King Musical was blessed with good weather and everyone enjoyed the show. Travelling there by train from Hatfield Peverel worked well.



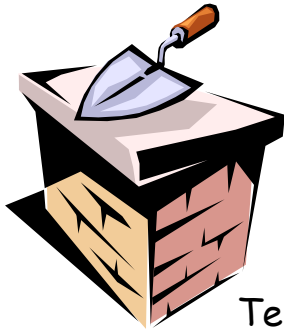
On June 14th we had another successful day out, this time to Cambridge by Ford's Luxury coach from Goldhanger Square. The weather forecast was not promising at all but by some miracle, afforded by restaurants and department stores, most of us avoided the odd shower. It was great to bump into other Goldhanger ladies 'on a mission' in M and S and John Lewis, while several husbands were encountered sitting in the sun and waiting

most patiently. Some of us went to the Botanical Gardens and others went to the Fitzwilliam Museum. Many of us managed to have lunch sitting in glorious sunshine and the deluge didn't start until we were safely on the coach heading for home. May we thank Carol for organising both the days out so efficiently.

On Monday July 11th we will be holding our annual STRAWBERRY TEA which is always so popular. It will be held in the church grounds and the Pimm's will be quaffed with gusto. All we need is the lovely weather we had last year so fingers and toes crossed everyone!

For more information about past and future events please go to our website www.goldhangerwi.co.uk





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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June 2016

A large number of residents attended to express concern at the imminent withdrawal of the Hedinghams bus service to Maldon in July. Councillor Mrs Bamford (Maldon District Council) advised that there is to be a Passenger Transport meeting at the end of the week where this issue will be raised. Essex County Council provide some funding for the service and might try to get an alternative in its place, and the local MP has also been approached. Residents were urged to write to Essex County Council and the MP, and the Parish Council will also contact the relevant authorities and will keep residents informed via the Parish Council website. It was recognised that a bus service is a lifeline to many residents in Goldhanger and the Parish Council will actively seek its replacement.

The Parish Council will seek to buy the telephone box in the Square as a possible site for housing the village defibrillator.

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

FUL/MAL/15/00077 Barn Follyfaunts Little Totham Road Goldhanger	Variation of condition 2 of approved application FUL/MAL/14/01166 and LBC/MAL/14/01167 (conversion of an existing barn to a residential dwelling) approved 19/2/15. Reason – roof of the existing barn to be raised by 500mm.	Approved
FUL/MAL/16/00026 Vaulty Manor Goldhanger Road Heybridge	Change of use (of the house on the estate site) from C3 private dwelling house to C1 hotel/guest house	Approved

The following new applications were considered:

HOUSE/MAL/16/00609 Proposed car port	Grasmere 16 Fish Street Goldhanger The Council RESOLVED to indicate that steps should be taken through a hip back roof to reduce the impact of the proposal on the street scene.
FUL/MAL/16/00539 Erection of an additional livestock unit with associated feed bin and hard standing	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger It was RESOLVED that steps should be taken to minimize odour from the proposed livestock unit.
LBC/MAL/16/00587 Replace existing aluminium windows to rear elevation with painted softwood windows. Replace existing UPVC cladding to rear elevation with painted softwood. Replace existing aluminium sliding door to rear elevation with paneled softwood French window. Replace existing timber front door with new timber front door.	2 Head Street Goldhanger This application was supported.
The Old Parsonage Head Street Various works to frontage	Councillors will investigate whether this site is a Listed Building.

Councillors again considered the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan, either for Goldhanger alone or in conjunction with other local parishes. Further information will be gathered and the matter considered at the next meeting.

Highways.

A meeting to agree the new parking arrangements at the end of Fish Street will now be held in late June/early July, and once this is done the scheme will be open to public consultation. Goldhanger Sailing Club expressed some concern at the time restrictions to be imposed on the parking as it was felt this could have an adverse impact on its members. The Sailing Club will approach Wilkins (Bounds Farm) to see if its members could park on their land.

Marigold Wood

The Council has applied for a further grant from Magnox for a woodland walk. It is hoped that work could commence in the late autumn of this year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th July 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 - <http://www.essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council/>

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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.

*14th July - Steve Sharpe is with us again for a day of "Pen and Wash" - invited
back after his very successful workshop last October. Visitors welcome although
numbers are limited. £6

*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
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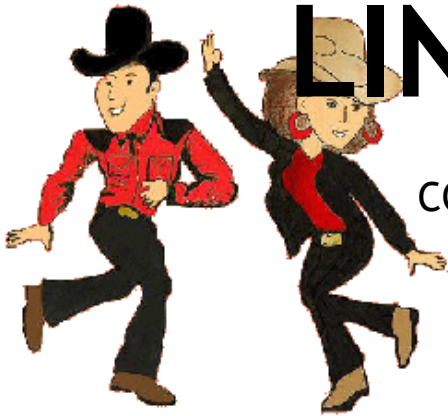
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News from the Village Hall



During the past winter and spring months the Committee has been developing its strategy to improve the Hall based firmly on the results of the questionnaire completed by many villagers.

We were really pleased that we had nearly fifty responses to the questionnaire, top responders were Church Street with 43% and Head Street with 21% but all were from people over 35, split equally male / female. To the credit of the editors of the

Parish Mag 90% of those who completed the form use the Mag to know what is going on in the Village Hall but in parallel 50% watched out for posters on the notice boards around the village and a similar percentage checked the village and village hall web sites.

It seems that the village is generally, in principal, content with the existing building despite it being close on eighty years old; two thirds of respondents did not want us to add a café facility, none were in favour. However an overwhelming 93% of responses showed that toilets, disabled access and kitchen facilities are of particular importance but showers are not important at all. The installation of a hearing loop is supported by 76%. 89% thought that the appearance of the hall is important but 68% feel that we don't need information for visitors.

Thus the Management Committee is focused on improving the toilets and disabled facilities (both much needed) and the appearance of the Hall and is working closely with its Architect to bring this to fruition. Kitchen facilities have been improved in recent years but their condition will continue to be closely monitored. Installation of a hearing loop will also be considered. Funding of course is critical to achieving our aims and again the Committee is working hard to amass the substantial funds required in order that we can achieve our goals. For the majority of funds we shall be seeking grants but village support of our fund raising events will be most welcome.

The Hall is for the use of the whole village community and its current use by clubs and groups (eg WI, Art Club, Parish Council), for providing physical activities (eg indoor bowls, karate, line dancing) and village entertainment (dinner dances, theme nights, bingo) is supported by 93% who responded. Over 80% would like musical entertainment and village fetes and the Committee will look into promoting these. Less than 60% wanted film evenings.

We'll keep you informed as we progress with the improvement project, meanwhile please continue to support village activities in the Hall including events which will be advertised in the Parish Mag and on village noticeboards but just so you know it's Bingo on 24 September and 03 December and A Quiz with a Difference on 29 October - more info to come.

New Waste & Recycling Collections

When walking around the village recently it's clear that some people are confused by the new system. It is simple but quite a change from before, so here's our quick guide to getting it right. 😊



The main difference is that whereas each week's collection used to be the same, *collections now alternate each week*. The dates for July are below.

Make sure you put the right things in the right bags or boxes/bins. If you get it wrong your waste is likely to not be collected. Wheelie bin lids should be fully closed.



Friday 1st & 15th July
Food & Landfill.
Then every fortnight
after that.



Friday 8th & 22nd July
Food & Recycling.
Then every fortnight
after that.

Put this out	Put this in it	Put this in it too	Put outside with
	plastics, food tins, drinks cans, foil, aerosols newspapers, paper, card, telephone directories  	 Drinks cartons	Food and glass
	 All food waste (except oils & liquids)	Pet food	Anything (collected weekly)
	 Non recyclable Landfill		Food <i>only</i>
	 Glass bottles & jars		Food and/or pink sacks

Save Our Bus Service

Goldhanger villagers gathered at the bus stop in the square today, Tuesday 7th June , to protest about the withdrawal of our 95 bus service. The local press interviewed affected travellers including Gordon Wright, Lindsey Craske, Margaret Salmon and Dorothy Chaplin about the detrimental impact the loss of this service would have on their lives. The lack of official information about the proposed withdrawal of service has delayed responsive action until now. Many thanks to those who came to support us, both regular bus travellers and occasional ones. A bus service is essential in a village like ours.



We had a good turnout despite the GREAT SILENCE on the matter from the bus company. The District Council are now discussing the matter as are ECC and Priti Patel has been very helpful. The Heddingham Bus Depot at Tollesbury is to close on 21st June and services 92, 93 and 95 will be withdrawn shortly after that date if no other company accepts the route. The matter is to be discussed by Tollesbury Parish Council this evening Tuesday 7th. Information has been very difficult to access but Maddie Thompson and Elaine Bamford of Maldon DC have been most helpful.



Goldhanger Sailing Club News - June 2016

It is with much sadness that we start the new sailing season with news of the death of one of our more colourful members. Mike Webster, "Captain Mike" to the children of the club, passed away after a sudden illness. He could be found "fettling" most days with all things wood, rope or boat related and will be greatly missed.

Romilly and the Family would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous "Thank you" for the many cards, flowers and good wishes they have received.



Mike and our Commodore - Rod Brown-Lee planning some mischief.



The drifting race

We have had great fun during three Sundays of race training sessions. One day there was so little wind that only one boat managed to cross the start line, twice, as they had drifted back on the tide! The rest shouted instructions to each other with much laughter and banter between them.



Our next session had Jenny Brown-Lee and Mike Back keeping the many sea wall watchers entertained by capsizing at every mark. Both have had sufficient capsizing practise now! As usual the rescue boat was on hand to offer assistance.

Our club kayaks have been in great demand by both adults and children every weekend. Our afternoon of organised kayak races and games was a first for the club and a great success.



Kayak fun

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The Arthur Appleton Bellringing Trophy

On the 15th May the Goldhanger ringers participated in a competition at Gt. Totham. We were surprised to see that the two trophies to be presented to the winning towers and on display both had their origins at Goldhanger. One was the “Ernie Johnson Trophy” which we became aware of several years ago, and the other was the “Arthur Appleton Trophy” which none of our ringers had seen before. Both have engraved brass plates that indicate that the trophies have been in circulation around our part of Essex for many years but have never been won by Goldhanger, so have not come home!



The Ernie Johnson Trophy was made from the oak of the old Goldhanger bell frame by Tollesbury Bell Tower Captain Bob Leavett. Ernest Johnson (B:1903 D:1967) was a well known ringer throughout Essex due to his bell ringing skills, and he visited towers all over Essex on his motorcycle.

The Arthur Appleton Trophy would have been made at some time after his death in 1971, possibly by Bernard Mann or Geoff Appleton, Arthur's son. Arthur was an equally well known local ringer and was an honorary member of the Essex Bellringing Association. Arthur came from a well known Goldhanger family, several of whom were also ringers. A plaque in our tower dated 1910 has Arthur's name on it as one of the six rings who completed a peal of 5040 changes. We know that the Rector at the time, the Revd. Gardner, also presented the ringers with a silver medallions.

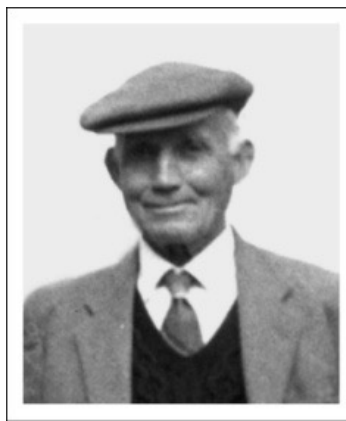


Arthur's medallion is embedded within the Trophy. The inscription on it reads: **Goldhanger Tower, 720, Aug 14. 09**, The “720” refers to the number of permutations that can be rung of six bells. The bellringers would have worn these small medallions on their pocket watch chains which was the fashion at that time.

We have photographs of both Ernie and Arthur, thanks to Arthur's family...



Ernie Johnson



Arthur Appleton

As a farm worker and Workers Union representative, Arthur wrote this magnificent letter on union headed paper to the local MP in 1918 during WW-1, the original of which is held in the Essex Records Office...

Dear Sir,

I write you on behalf of our branch of the Workers Union which numbers 70 members to ask if you will kindly use your influence to get us an extra allowance of beer allocated to the Chequers Inn Goldhanger which we use as a mess house.

We are all asked to work extra hard these times upon the land with longer hours and feel that we obtain benefit from our pint of beer when taken with our food. It is not a case of asking for facilities for excessive drinking, but simply asking for a drink of beer to help out our reduced diet of meat and bread.

We do not ask for any increase of brewing as many houses in towns such as Witham and Maldon have many of their customers left to join up the army or will be leaving very soon for that purpose. Consequently the houses have really more beer than is necessary. Here there are more men coming upon the land such as disabled and or unfit soldiers. The beer that goes to those houses in towns where so many of the men are being called up might be diverted to our industry, especially during the coming hot months.

We are doing our best by working hard to grow more food stuffs and feel completely done up, as it were, when for about 3 days each week we are not able to obtain what we have always been used to, the house being closed during that period having only one barrel per week allocated to it under the present system.

*I am faithfully yours,
Arthur Appleton, Secretary*

David Newman

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The forecast of heavy afternoon rain, coupled with an early start, meant only two boats went on the cruise to Brightlingsea. The sun shone all the way there. Lunch was a very wet affair and the sail home started in torrential rain. However after half an hour, the sun reappeared. Rain could be seen in Maldon and as thunder and lightning rumbled behind Bradwell, we sailed home in our own patch of blue sky, all the way to Goldhanger.

If you are interested in joining us for sailing or kayaking please contact Rod Brown-Lee for details.

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Recipe of the month

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INGREDIENTS

225g couscous
1 bunch fresh parsley, chopped
1 bunch fresh coriander, chopped
1 red onion, very finely chopped
1 lemon, zest and juice
1 green pepper, de-seeded and finely diced
30g sunflower seeds, toasted
30g sesame seeds, toasted
4 tablespoons olive oil
salt and freshly ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS

Cover the couscous with twice its volume of hot water and leave to soak for 10 minutes.

Mix together with the remaining ingredients and leave to stand for 30 minutes to let the flavours develop.

Serve at room temperature.



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

We tried last month's recipe of Spaghetti with Lemon and Toasted Walnuts and it was delicious.

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Wildwatching News

Skylarks are singing, and the Cuckoo is being heard - spring is well under way in the first week of June. A recent bat survey at Great Totham Church revealed that all three species are probably still present - Natterers and Pipistrelle definitely, the latter being in a colony at the front end of the church, over the vestry door. They have had a new way out made through the outside wall of the church, which means that on the whole they don't fly in the church as they used to. Good news for the cleaners! The probable one is the Brown Long Eared Bat, whose presence was detected from moth and butterfly wings in the roof cavity - but it's possible that spiders could have accounted for them.

14 Red Kites were seen together over Prince of Wales road on 26th May, by at least one lucky observer. They were calling and diving at things, and were easily recognisable due to not flying high. Also present were Swallows, which are easy to see around here, as they hawk insects over fields and gardens. A pair are nesting in the porch at Great Totham church again - please see my notice in the porch itself re helping to clean up the droppings if you appreciate them being there, and keep the inner porch doors closed whenever possible to prevent young, inexperienced birds getting stuck in the church.

A young member of Edward Bear's Club found a one-inch long hornet on the gravel path, in the churchyard at Great Totham. Thinking it might have been one of the invasive Asian Hornets that are known to kill our native bees outside of their hives, I reported it to the Bees, Wasps and Ants Recording Society. The reply was that my photo was clear enough for them to see that it wasn't an Asian Hornet but a fine specimen of the regular European Hornet, (Pictured), a native and rather secretive species. The record now forms part of the database.



It was recently my privilege to walk up from Roxwell to Pleshey for a conference, and back again. The five mammal species seen included a Hare, and three Fallow Deer, one of which was pale and the other two dark. The dark ones are called "Epping Forest Deer" in and around the forest itself, but I guess the name isn't appropriate for mid Essex. The dark, (Melanistic) pigmentation is one of those genetic variations - it's thought to be indicative of membership of an ancient herd.



Of the 45 bird species counted in mid Essex, the one that stands out is the Yellow Wagtail, (Pictured), seen on fields or perching in several locations. They could well have been on migration, as they usually find damp or marshy areas in which to nest. Also seen were several butterfly species, including Orange Tip, Brimstone, and one of the blue butterflies.

Jonathan

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Wow! That's a bit deep for a parish letter! How dare she ask me to think about things like that on a weekday. That's real ("Who am I? Where am I going? And What 's my purpose in life?") stuff. Does anyone still remember The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy?

It's my experience that people turn to some of those questions when their life takes a new turning; leaving home for the first time, a new job/ relationship, a job/relationship gone sour. Sometimes it's one of those "stopping us in our tracks" experiences; a serious illness or the death of a friend that seems to make no sense.

Another birthday has just passed me by and in another year I shall have completed my four score years and 10 . Like many people I have more years behind me than in front of me. Don't mistake me I'm still joyfully celebrating life but my certainties and doubts are important to me and I want to go on exploring them.

Enough of doom and gloom; it can also be something joyful; such as committing your life to someone you care about more than yourself and above all the birth of a child. A young friend once said to me, "It was all right for me to live my life from day to day and not to have any answers to the big questions in life; it was okay for me to, "party" my life away but now I married and I have a child. What am I going to say when they ask me the difficult questions? A man stopped me in the street in Goldhanger, one day, when he recognised my funny white-collar and said something that I've heard so many times before, "My daughter knows that granny has just died. What am I going to say to her when she asks me about that? There are times in life when we need to find some answers; even when those answers contain truthful doubts as well as certainties. "I don't know exactly what happens when people die but I'm very sure that God loves granny just as much as he always did and so we can go on loving her too".

Well, what can I do about it? Have you ever noticed that when you want to talk about something, " DEEP" everyone else wants to tell jokes, analyse their football team's latest disaster or tell you about their latest amazing bit of retail therapy. Well if any of this rings a bell with you come and join us - September time. Bring your questions with you; no beliefs or certainties necessary just an open mind and a willingness to talk.

If there's anyone out there who has some certainties or almost certainties and wants to express them later, then we can offer them confirmation within the church but that's by no means expected or compulsory just come to talk.

Watch the parish magazine for details or call me on 891513.

Rev'd Sue Godsmark

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- 2) Pharaoh
- 3) The Battle of Britain
- 4) Gladiators
- 5) Prince Andrew
- 6) Green
- 7) Iron (as in Ironbridge)
- 8) Magna Carta
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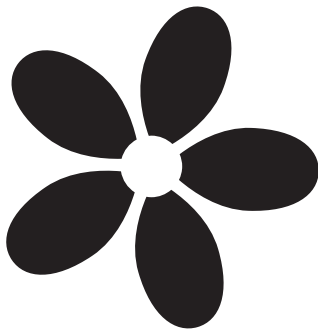


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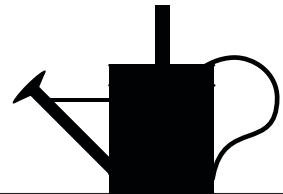
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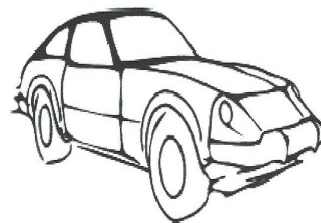
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During July 1916 Goldhanger lost two of her sons during the battle of the Somme.

The parish magazine of June 1915 mentions that Sidney Brewer who was serving at the front with the Essex Reg. has been wounded again-for the third time-this time in the back and legs, probably a shell wound and again is in hospital -for the fourth time. We hope he may be invalided home. Deep sympathy is felt for his wife and parents in their great anxiety, and many, we are sure will pray for his recovery.

Then in August 1916 the magazine reports:

In Memoriam

SIDNEY CHARLES BREWER

The sad news came to us on Thursday, July 20th, that Sidney Brewer has been killed in action. Nothing further has at present has been received but we hope to hear particulars later on. A memorial Service was held on Sunday evening, July 23rd and a large number were able to attend and show their deep sympathy. It is hard to lose a relative or friend, but who can grudge them the honour of serving their country even to the sacrifice of their lives.

Nothing further was reported in the magazine but we know that Sidney was one of the five sons of Henry and Elizabeth Brewer of 71 Fish Street all of whom joined the colours and fought in France. Sidney a Lance Corporal in the 1st Battalion the Essex Regiment was killed on 1st July 1916, he was 30 years old and is buried in Knightsbridge Cemetery in Mesnil-Martinsart, France. He was married to Lavinia Maud who came from Gt. Yarmouth. His brother Walter who died of illness contracted whilst in the trenches is buried in our churchyard and is commemorated with Sidney on our memorial.

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The Parish Magazine of August 1916 also reports:

In Memoriam

ERNEST (DICK) BRAZIER

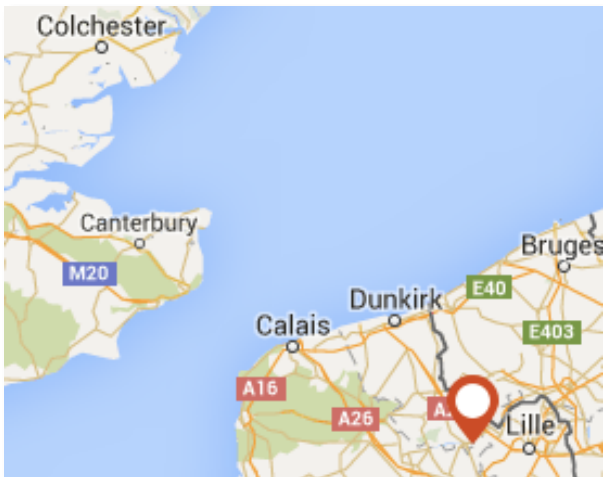


Following closely came news that "Dick" had lost his life at the front. His Commanding Officer wrote sympathetic letters to Mrs Brazier, in one of which it was said, "Dick was a brave, fearless soldier and very well liked in the Battery, he had many friends and needless to say is very much missed". A memorial service was held, in Church, at 3.45 on July 30th. Many came to show their sympathy for his family and the last token of respect for him. What more can be said of both? They did their duty. May they rest in Peace.

*Private Ernest Victor Brazier
2nd/4th Battalion
Royal Berkshire Regiment.*

Died 19th July 1916 during an attack on Fromelles by 61st (South Midland) Division. Aged 21, Son of Joseph and Sarah Brazier of Highams Farm, Goldhanger.

Buried in Laventie Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, France.



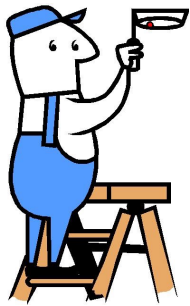
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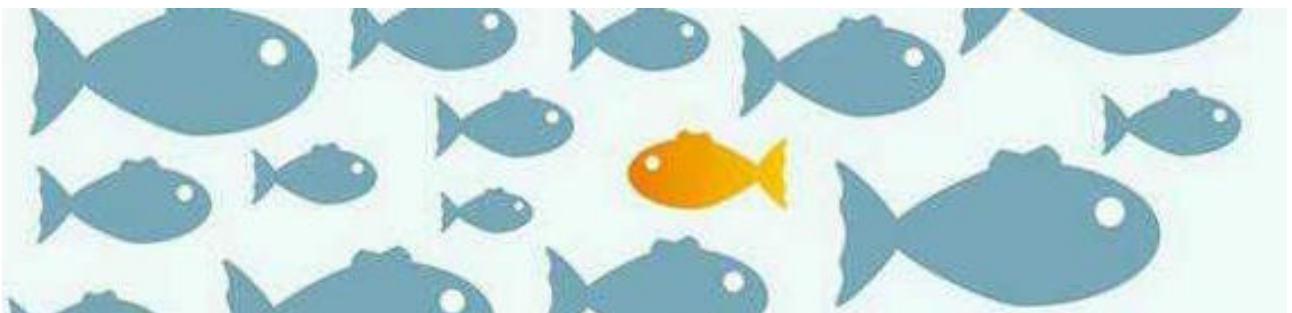
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	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
	Goldhanger	Village Hall	14:00	14:30
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?
See also page 23



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

Don't forget that our collection day is now Friday; Landfill and Recycling on alternate weeks.



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95 - BUS TIMETABLE BETWEEN TOLLESBURY & MALDON

This is an abridged timetable. Looks like we've used it and 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 Lesiure 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 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

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
<i>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.</i>	
Water	0845 782 0999

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