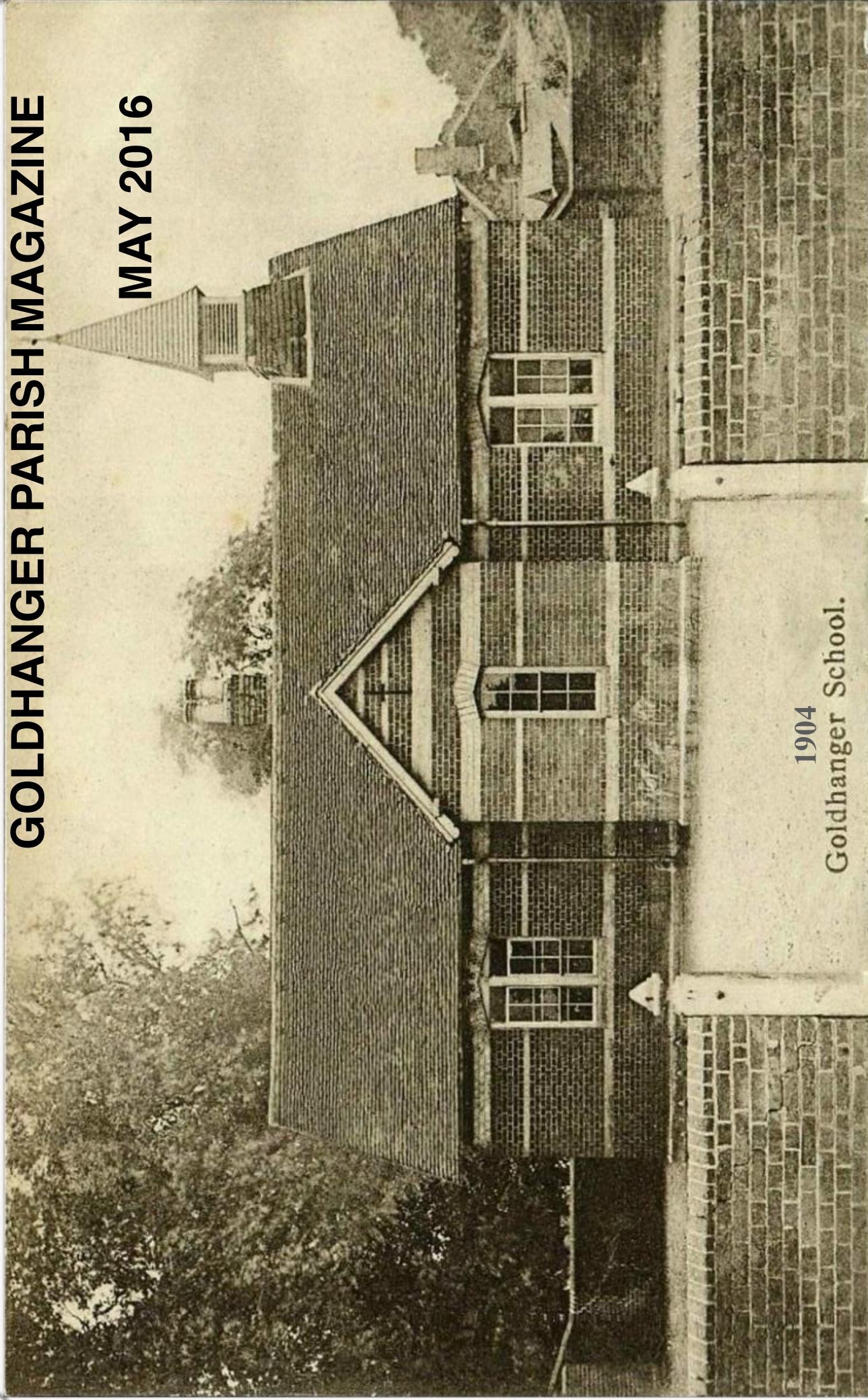


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MAY 2016

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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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The Village School

The school has a long and varied history, the earliest known reference to it is a document of 1602 in the Essex Records Office: A licence granted by the Essex court sessions to John Knight, Parson of Goldhanger, to convert certain building, which he hath lately builded at his own charges upon his land in for a school house at his humble request. The building was on the triangle at the junction of Lt Totham Rd and the Maldon Rd. and was later called Pit Cottages, as they were built in a former brick pit and were well below the general ground level.

Between 1820 & 1838 the Tithe Awards identified William Bentall (inventor of the Goldhanger Plough) as the owner of the cottages, which were being used as the school in that period. A Parliamentary survey in 1833 listed only 4 boys & 11 girls at the school. A 1906 sales brochure offered "A triangular property know as The Old School". The Pit Cottages were demolished in the 1960s.

In 1839 the Church vestry and bell tower were used as the school and in 1860s the Old Rectory was a "Dame School", the name for a school in which reading and writing was taught by a lady in her own home.

An Essex Chronicle article in 1937 entitled: "Your Essex - at Goldhanger" had interviews with various village elders and included: Mr. Howard first attended school in a room in two cottages. Later he went to school at the Old Rectory. There were Sunday School treats, at which roast beef and plum pudding were served. Scholars took their own plates, knife, fork and jug, and the rector's gardener and butler assisted... Miss Wenden was a pupil at a private school, held in a cottage nearly opposite the present school. That cottage was one of the Coastguard cottages and local historian and teacher, Crawshay Frost also taught pupils there privately in the 1920s.

In "Goldhanger - an Estuary Village" Maura Benham wrote... The present school was built by the Revd. CB Leigh Church Street in 1875, as a result of the 1870 Education Act... There are memories of the Rector going in for three hours on two afternoons a week; and of the headmaster, Mr. Branch hitting the children across the hands if they did not hold their pens in the right position. (The PM cover photo in June 2015 showed Mr Branch with his pupils) In 1890 average attendance of 106 was recorded. During WW-1 the schoolroom was used for village meetings and celebrations for the end of war were held in the school. Lessons were held jointly with Lt Totham in 1932 using a horse and cart as transport. During WW-2 an air-raid shelter was built on the playground for the children.

The school was closed in 1977 and the Church of England sold both it and land. In disgust, former pupils removed the school bell "for safe keeping" and put in the Church tower. The School was then used as study centre by St Edwards School, Romford and a dormitory wing was built for mid-week overnight stays. In 1989 a planning application was submitted for housing on the school field. It was strongly opposed, turned down and the school was put up for sale. In 1996 the school re-opened as Wheatlands Nursery and the bellringers returned the bell to the school belfry. Today it is still rung on school days at 9.15am.

For more about the village school past search for: Goldhanger lost
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 1st May Rogation Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Benefice service at Little Totham. meet at 10.30am at The Swan or 11.00am
at All Saints Church. Preacher the Rural Chaplain Rev'd Janet
Nicholls

Monday 2nd May

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th May Ascension Day

7.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May Sunday after Ascension day

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

10.00am Family Service (CW)

Sunday 15th May Whit Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)

Monday 16th May

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd May Trinity Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

9.30am Parish communion

Wednesday 25th May

12.30pm Picnic Service

Sunday 29th May Trinity 1

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Communion by extension (CW)

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

CW denotes a service from Common Worship using contemporary language.

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Parish Prayers

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

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

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

Flags for May

Thursday 5th May



Ascension Day

Sunday 15th May



Pentecost

Community Pages

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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



Wildwatching Group

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm at St. Peter's Church Goldhanger. All welcome.



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.



Stamps for the Guide Dogs

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AGE UK Advocacy Support

** We have learned that this service has had its funding withdrawn and no longer operates.



Community Pages

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 7pm in Goldhanger Village Hall.

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Donate to the Parish Magazine

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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/



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.

What's on in Goldhanger in May

Thursday 12th @ 2pm - Goldhanger Art Society, "painting village life". Village Hall.

Friday 13th @ 7.30pm - Jean Paul musical evening. St. Peter's Church.

Saturday 21st @ 10am - Bedding plant sale and coffee morning. Village Hall.

Saturday 28th @ 7pm - Bingo in the Village Hall.



Donation Envelopes

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

Thank you in advance.



We had 14 children at our Easter Activity morning in the Church on Sat 26th March. The children rebuilt some of the bug hotel in the churchyard and then arranged flowers in the Easter Garden which is around the font - pop in to the church to have a look at it , it looks beautiful.

They finished by a sweetie hunt around the churchyard (keep your eyes open if you are walking through for any they missed) followed by icing Easter biscuits....we only managed to photograph a few before they were all eaten up !!!

We look forward to seeing you all again in the summer holidays for some more Activities.

Bedding Plant Sale

and

Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st May

Village Hall

from 10.00am

Donation from profit to Autism Anglia.

Hosted by Goldhanger, Little Totham & Tolleshunt Major WI

Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

- 1 Sheriff Woody Pride and Buzz Lightyear are major characters in which series of films?
- 2 Who were the winners of 2010's Britain's Got Talent?
- 3 What sort of animal is Basil Brush?
- 4 What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
- 5 In which town do the Flintstones live?
- 6 What came over the hill and blew "whoo whoo"?
- 7 Which television programme shares its name with a naval flag?
- 8 How are Oritsé, JB, Marvin and Aston known collectively?
- 9 Which organisation is based on Tracy Island?
- 10 What is the name of the nanny played by Emma Thompson in two films?

Answers on page 34

DID YOU KNOW?

The number four is the only number that has the same number of letters as it represents.

What did Mickey say when Minnie asked if he was listening?

A: I'm all ears!



Know your trees



The name "horse-chestnut" (or conker tree) originates from the belief that the tree was a kind of chestnut (though in fact only distantly related), together with the belief that eating the fruit cured horses of chest complaints. In fact this plant is poisonous to

horses.

The horse-chestnut is a member of the same family as the lychee, believe it or not.

Horse-chestnuts have been threatened by the leaf-mining moth in recent years.

The flower is the symbol of the city of Kiev, capital of Ukraine.

Children's Pages

Get your colouring pencils out



ST. PETER'S CHURCH FINANCES

It has been brought to my notice that there have been rumours circulating round the village that our church, St Peter's, is in a sound financial position and has money to spare. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that this is not the case and explain to you the true state of affairs.

St Peter's costs over £70 a day to run. These costs include insurance, electricity, churchyard maintenance, organist fees, etc. We have an annual bill of nearly £15,000 from the Diocese of Chelmsford to cover, among other things, the salary of our Rector, and, over the past four years, we have fallen short of the total amount due by about £25,000. In addition, in the foreseeable future we will have costs for essential maintenance and repair work which will have to be met by fundraising and/or applying for charitable grants. The boundary wall at the back of the churchyard has collapsed and needs to be rebuilt; we are hoping to install a hearing loop so that members of the congregation with hearing difficulties can follow the services better; and the church urgently needs rewiring.

We are very grateful to all those in the village who support the church financially by donations, regular giving and participation in our fundraising events. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help to allow St Peter's to continue to play an important part in our local community.

David Bristow. Hon.Treasurer for St Peter's Church P.C.C.

Speeding in Goldhanger

It seems there are some people who think it's OK to come tearing down Church Street (and probably Head Street too) at high speed, mostly at night.

It seems to happen frequently so they are regular visitors to the village or live here.

They probably think it's cool, but it's irresponsible and dangerous. At the speed they come down Church Street they wouldn't have time to stop safely.

It isn't just people who could be killed or injured, there are plenty of pet cats in our streets.





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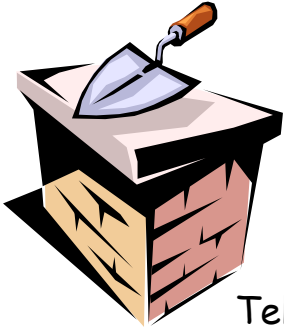
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Our May meeting will be our AGM and will be held in the Village Hall on May 4th at 7.30. There will be a review of the year's events and activities and the opportunity to vote for the committee and President. Sheila's flower was very lonely on the table last month so please look in your garden for a single Spring bloom to share in the competition.

Marion Pettet came to talk to us at our April meeting and she was excellent in her delivery and content. The presentation was very slick and assured with lots of information which everybody enjoyed. We all agreed that an evening out to the Chelmsford Ballet Company's next production in March of next year is a must.

Refreshments were enjoyed and birthday posies given out. Thanks to those members who made both so beautifully. We heard about the successful outing to the Bowling Alley and Sheila's triumph which was duly rewarded with the presentation of a cup....not the biggest trophy we have ever seen but much appreciated, nonetheless.

We will be kept busy in May with our ANNUAL PLANT SALE which will be held in the Village Hall on May 21st. If any member can join the teams for selling plants, making or selling cakes etc please contact Joyce. The charity for this year is AUTISM EAST ANGLIA. Also on May 10th we have our EVENING WALK TO THE SWAN. Last year's evening walk was lovely with a balmy spring evening making it very memorable. Let's hope for similar weather this year.

The coach for our outing to Cambridge on June 14th is now fully booked. We will leave Goldhanger Square at 9.15.

Please log on to our website for information. www.goldhangerwi.co.uk



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I deliver the Chairman's report of Parish Council activities over the past year.

1. Council Composition

At the 4 yearly elections in May 2015, 6 Councillors put their names forward but Keith Flynn decided not to continue. There was then 1 vacancy which was filled by Co-opting Bree Back from Fish Street following an advertised and subsequently competitive selection process.

I have continued as Chairman with Julia Bourn as Vice Chair and the remaining Councillors taking on the various other roles.

In accordance with Government transparency requirements we have been required to set up a website <http://www.essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council/> where you can find various statutory documents

2. Planning

It has been a much quieter year with 22 considerations in total.

New housing applications have been as follows:

- 10 units on Maldon Road on the field immediately South of the allotments. Parish objected, and District refused

Extensions and Minor Works comprised:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| • 52 Maldon Rd rooms in roof | Supported & approved |
| • Hall Farm shed in garden | Supported & approved |
| • 3 Hall Estate Extension | Supported & approved |
| • The Gate House Church St extension | Supported & approved |
| • 16 Fish St extension | Supported & approved |
| • The Old Rectory Stables | Supported |
| • Hall Farm Brick Wall | Supported & approved |

Miscellaneous consisted of:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| • Wheelwrights Head St removal of conditions | Supported & Approved |
| • Cobbs Farm gravel washing plant | Conditionally supported |
| • Cobbs Farm reservoir minor changes | County Council consultation |
| • Folly Faunts Barn conversion conditions | Supported |
| • LD Certificate 3 Hall Estate Extension | Supported but refused |
| • LD Certificate Gardiners Farm Accommodation | Comment and refused |
| • LD Certificate 16A Fish St Solar Panels | Supported & approved |
| • 5 tree work applications, all but 1 approved. | |

Planning Continued

Appeals

- Since last year's meeting the bladder tank at Maldon Salt was allowed
- Gardiners Farm LDC and dog grooming are both in the appeal process
- 11A Head Street proposed removal of pine tree in the appeal process

The Local Development Plan

Many of you may be aware of the torturous progress of the Local plan over the past year and it's calling in by the Government after a somewhat perverse decision by the Inspector on the soundness of the Plan.

A new Inspector has just been appointed to re-start / continue the process. Whether the District Council will be able to demonstrate a satisfactory 5 year housing provision and avoid the many recently approved developments outside defined settlement boundaries remains to be tested.

What is under way is the progressing of the Rural Allocations that were always part of the Plan, although we have no current knowledge of progress. What must be remembered is that 23 dwellings have, on appeal, been approved outside the village settlement boundary during the progress of the Plan.

3. Highways

Moat has resurfaced the rear access way in Hall Estate

There are 3 Parish schemes within the Local Highways Panel remit but progress since last year's report is minimal:

- Maldon Road traffic calming. The PC preferred chicane option has been rejected by County, but their design proposals are still awaited
- Charity Farm Bends safety improvements & drainage still has no design details available
- Fish Street 20mph has, we believe, passed all stages but installation is still awaited

Parking within the village

I reported at the last annual assembly that little progress was being made with revised parking restrictions.

This year I am pleased to report that following a generous contribution from a local company that has had problems with thoughtless parking, we have now been able to move forward with Essex Parking Partnership.

A scheme will be advertised later in the year for year round double yellow lines year for the whole of Fish Street and the corners of the junction within the Square. At the same time, 8-10 parking bays with a 3 hour limit, no return within 6 hours will be created near to the playing field.

4. Playing Field, Woodland and Leisure

The roundabout is being completely refurbished and new cradle seats fitted to one set of swings. It is also hoped to repaint all equipment and volunteers would be appreciated. Replacement of the goalposts is also under consideration.

Last year a drainage ditch was dug across the woodland behind the village hall which has considerably dried up the area.

It has always been the intention, with the co-operation of the Village Hall Management Committee, to create a hardened walkway through the woodland and provide a link between Head Street & Church Street. A grant of £5,000 has been obtained which will cover most of the cost and it is hoped to start construction in late May. Clive Cheesman has continued to administer the allotments and if you are interested in having a plot, upon availability, please contact him.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Malcolm Holmes with his team has continued to keep us all informed of the latest scams and circulated relevant Police crimes reports for the Maldon District.

6. Broadband

Little progress has been made with the proposed wireless system emanating from the tower. It is understood that the delay is due to awaiting a “church faculty” for the works.

Some limited and outlying parts of the village have benefitted from a Superfast Essex broadband landline enhancement but there are regrettably no improvements planned for the bulk of the village.

7. Precept

The Precept for 2015/16 has been increased from £6,250 to £7,800.

Whilst a large percentage increase, it represents a reserve of £1,000 for the woodland path in case further grants are not achieved and the balance is for playground repairs and the general increase of our “recurring expenditure” over which we have little control.

In view of our low turnover it is considered prudent to maintain one year’s precept in reserve for the unexpected.

8. Defibrillator

The provision of a defibrillator in the village is currently being progressed with the location yet to be finalised. We are advised that these schemes work best when funding comes from a wide range of local services. Donations have already been received from various organisations and more are sought.

I would like to thank Vysian, our Clerk, for another year (her 19th) of devoted service supporting and guiding us, and all Councillors for their dedicated work which enables us to continue to minimise the precept.

I have been Chairman since May 1997, a 19 year stint, and have decided that as a good succession of other Councillors is available it is time to retire as Chairman next month, although remaining on the Council.

M Sargeant 12/4/16

BELLRINGING NEWS



The Essex Ringing Course – diary of a tutor.

The Essex ringing course has been running for 26 years. It provides expert-led intensive ringing tuition across a wide range of abilities. It is widely regarded as one of the premier ringing courses in the UK. I was a tutor for one of the groups this year (Plain Hunt Doubles), and this is my tutor's diary.

Day 1

Got up early to print off learning materials. As usual, wish I'd done a bit more preparation, but I always think of extra things as the deadline approaches. This is the first time I've taught on this course, so I'm a bit nervous. When I arrive the main hall is already full of around 200 helpers and students – I meet up with my group, and we're off into a packed day of tutorials and practical sessions on the ringing simulator at Coggeshall. I've struck lucky with my helpers (more experienced ringers who support the students in their practical sessions) – they're a great bunch and really supportive, of me as well as the students.

My students span a wide range of abilities, with some struggling to control bells that they don't know, and others managing the ringing very well. One of the younger students has autism, and needs extra support to make sure he doesn't get too stressed when he's not ringing. Luckily his mum is with him today.

Day 2

A new day has brightened everyone's spirits. Today we go off to Felstead to ring on their simulator (the bells are silenced, but otherwise rung normally, and a computer plays their note as they are rung – this allows the bells to be used effectively for practice for longer periods of time without disturbing the neighbours), and Rayne in the afternoon. Each student has pretty much got an individualised ringing programme, concentrating on their learning needs.

Day 3

I'm running on adrenalin by now – each new ringing session needs another burst of enthusiasm to keep everyone going. It's not just the physical exhaustion – the mental concentration over such a long period is something that most of them aren't used to.

Bellringing News cont'd

Similarly, the helpers have to ring pretty much continuously for 4 hours a day, so they're starting to flag too. Well placed Roses Chocolates seem to revive people. We're local today (well, local to me anyway) with ringing at Great Totham and Tolleshunt D'Arcy, so lunch in the Queens Head is a welcome break (the Chequers was booked up with other student groups, who were ringing at Goldhanger). At long last, its back to Coggeshall for bellringing Question Time.

I'm really proud of my students – they all stretched themselves in their own way, and I think they all had a better understanding of Plain Hunt (the ringing "tune" they were learning) afterwards. Fingers crossed they can keep the progress up at their home towers.

I, however, am exhausted! Its been a really busy 3 days, and I've spent most of it worrying about the learners, the helpers, lunch arrangements, whether we'll have enough cars to get from tower to tower, and making sure that everyone is briefed and then debriefed. But its also been a great experience – a good opportunity for me to share the experience that I've accumulated over 30 years of ringing, and to develop my teaching skills for our own learners in Goldhanger. Roll on Essex Course 2017...

Andrew Kelso

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- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg - lightly beaten
- 2 cups of cheddar - grated
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 3 bacon rashers - diced (optional)
- 1 onion small - diced



Preheat oven to 200C.

Combine egg and milk in a large bowl.

Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

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Wildwatching News

Red Kites will be worth looking out for this spring – the numbers seem to be building up slowly around here. Three have been seen together flying over Great Totham. One bright, sunny morning, I saw one circling over Maldon, and about half an hour later, another one over Chelmsford.

My Easter break, spent mostly at Roxwell, revealed all three of the regular Owl species are present there, as around here. On the first evening there was a pair of Barn Owls quartering fields at Roxwell Brook, and the next evening a Little Owl was calling loudly, (A sharp, distinctive “Piu” call) from a big tree at the same location. An open window after nightfall revealed the presence of our most nocturnal species, the Tawny Owl, with their “Ke-wik” calls and wavering owl-hoots.

Roxwell Brook is one of the feeder streams of the River Chelmer, which of course flows through the city itself, and then meanders Eastwards and into the Blackwater.

Also at Roxwell were the first Brimstone and Peacock Butterflies of the season, and Great Totham churchyard produced the first Orange Fritillary, on the day of the children’s Easter Holiday Club.



Our Rectory garden-bird-of-the-month was undoubtedly a pair of Bullfinches, (Pictured), which were seen feeding on the seed-heads of some of last years weeds, (Sorry – wild flowers!). It was worth leaving some clumps of them through the winter for this reason alone. The male, with his dark, pinky-red underside, was unmistakable. The female, deeper in the undergrowth, was more difficult to distinguish from House Sparrows, until a hop from perch to

perch revealed the bold, white rump, above the tail.

We have an influx of Scandinavian Bullfinches during some winters – they are slightly larger and even brighter than the native ones, and much less wary of people as well. I have a vivid memory of a flock of them in a small tree in the Lea Valley one year – they let me get quite close to them without becoming at all disturbed.

There may be more Foxes around here than I previously thought, from the occasional sighting (or scent!) of one that I’ve had. A family group of a female and cubs was seen last year. My daughter used to keep chickens in her back garden in a very urbanised district in Colchester, until one dark night when a Fox killed all of them. Learning to live alongside the natural world isn’t easy at times – Bullfinches used to have a bounty on their heads because of the damage they can do to fruit crops by feeding on buds in the spring.

We were into April before I heard my first singing Chiffchaff this year, compared to mid-March in some previous years. On the other hand, a relative in Norfolk saw his first Swallow at Easter this year, several weeks at least before most of them will arrive. Spring should really be well underway this month, with the dawn chorus reaching its climax, waders heading northwards on the estuary, and much evidence of birds feeding young.

The May Second Thursdays will be on 12th of the month. Meet at 2.00pm at Goldhanger church as usual. We will decide where to go then – but Chigborough should be good for singing warblers, etc.

Jonathan

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The Vicar / Rector writes:

Let me tell you a story, about three Africa drums:

Once upon a time, (In 2002 in fact), a young man was on a gap- year project in Zambia. While visiting a small village called Pulazi in the very rural and undeveloped part of Eastern Zambia, he had a set of three drums of differing sizes made in the traditional manner.

He saw the whole process through from beginning to end. The “Sound” tree was selected and cut down. According to local belief, it’s not the action of banging on the drums that makes the sound, but rather the wood itself that creates the noise. It has to be the right sort of tree, though! The young man saw his drums being shaped with hand axes, and dry grass being burned inside the hollow logs to dry the wood out. Hide to form the skins was soaked in a pond to make it supple, and was weighted with stones to stretch it over the drums themselves. All in all it took four men some four days to make them. The total charge made for labour was the equivalent of about two pounds in our money, but the young man insisted on giving them about ten.

The drums were put in bags and placed on the rack on top of the bus for the long journey back to Lusaka, the capitol, where the young man began the process of air-freighting them back to this country. He used Kenya Airways for this – it cost him about £150-00. He also had to give someone a “Back hander” to ensure, he was told, that they were sent quickly.

When back in this country, he and his father went to collect them from Heathrow. It was a very lengthy process, and to cut a long story short, Dad had to pay £56-00 to Customs to cover import duties and V.A.T. They then went to the Kenya Airways desk at Heathrow to receive the goods, at which point Dad had to stump up an extra £33-00 to pay for local handling costs.

It’s not that they begrudge the cost. The drums themselves are the real thing, lacking in any frills to attract the modern tourist. They should become family heirlooms – there was an identical set in Pulazi itself, made in exactly the same way, which was about 250 years old. Moreover, Dad used to work in freight transport himself years ago, and well understands the concept of transport adding value to a product, just as processing or developing it does. What is shocking is that the people who made the drums had only received about 4% of the total cost, once they were in this country. The figure would have been less than 1% if the young man hadn’t paid more than the asking price.

It shouldn’t be difficult to guess the identity of “Dad” and the young man, but like all stories, it has a moral to it. It is, in fact, a microcosm of one of the worst features of our world of today – poor people being kept poor due to not receiving a fair share of the value of what they produce. It’s the “Middle men” and people who live in the wealthy western world that make all the money out of it, including the back- handers and fiddles along the way.

There are things that we can do about it. We can be aware of the situation and care about it. Some people would say that the battle is 50% won when we get to this point. It may effect what we give in Christian Aid week this year, for example. By this means we can help needy communities get back on their feet, and give them the means to sustain themselves. We can use the Fair Trade counter at our supermarkets, and aim to use fair trade generally as much as possible. We're also aware nowadays of the need not just being in villages like Pulazi. Many farmers in this country are in need of "Fair trade" as well – hence the importance of farm shops, farmers markets, pick-your-own facilities and the like. We can help to make the world a better place!

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- 1) Toy Story
- 2) Spellbound
- 3) A fox
- 4) Daisy
- 5) Bedrock
- 6) The runaway train
- 7) Blue Peter
- 8) JLS
- 9) International rescue (in Thunderbirds)
- 10) Nanny McPhee

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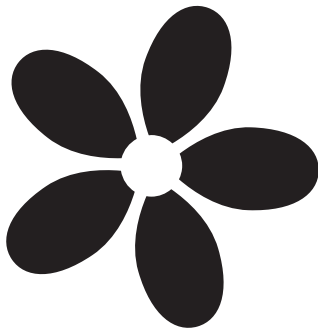


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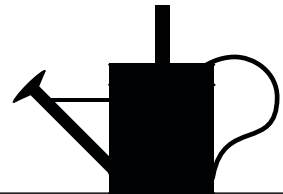
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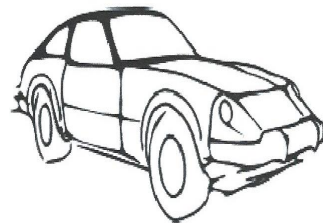
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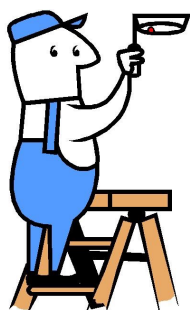
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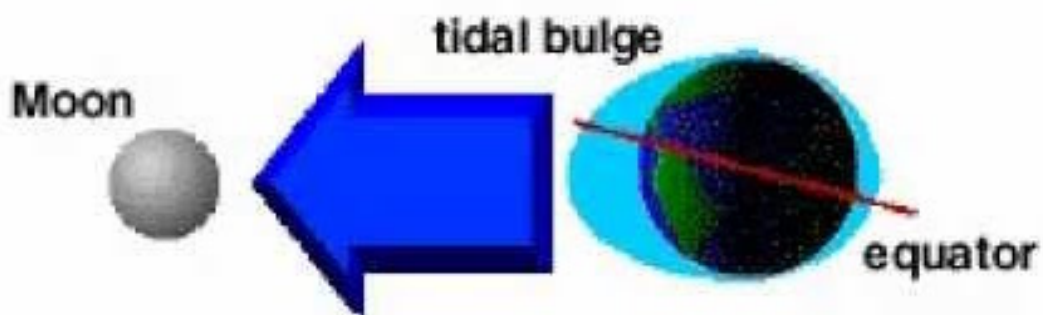
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May

		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1	Su	07:36	5.0	20:09	4.8
2	M	08:55	5.1	21:30	5.0
3	Tu	10:08	5.3	22:39	5.3
4	W	11:12	5.6	23:38	5.7
5	Th			12:07	5.8
6	F	● 00:28	5.9	12:56	6.0
7	Sa	01:15	6.2	13:43	6.1
8	Su	02:02	6.3	14:29	6.1
9	M	02:48	6.3	15:15	6.0
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26	Th	03:57	5.6	16:13	5.4
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30	M	07:16	5.2	19:42	5.1
31	Tu	08:27	5.2	20:57	5.1



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Thursday dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
May: 12, 26 Jun: 9, 23 Jul: 7, 21 Aug: 4, 18	Ulling	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
	Ulling	Ulling 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

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➡ 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