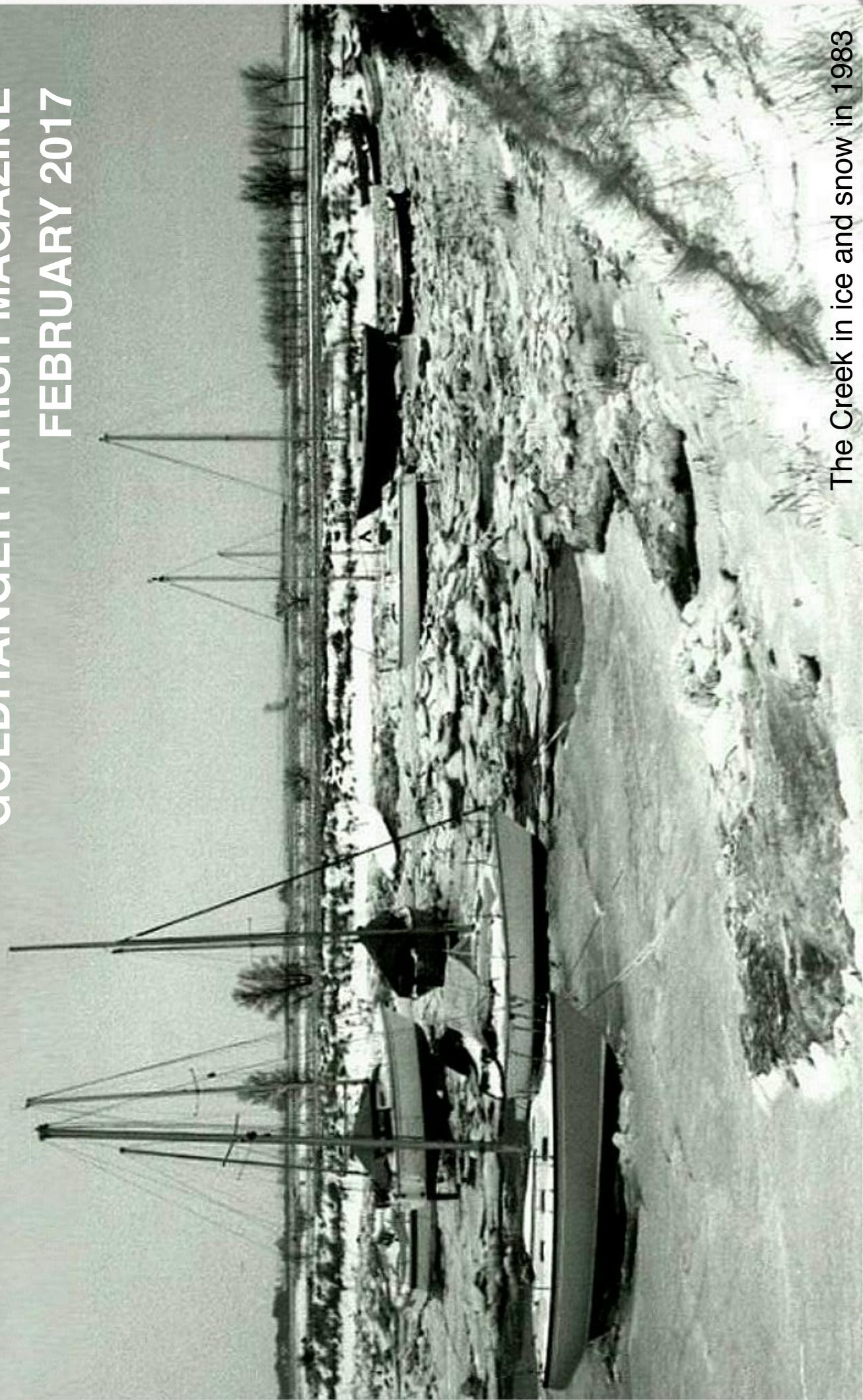


GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

FEBRUARY 2017



The Creek in ice and snow in 1983

122 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 122 years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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NB - All editorial copy to be submitted **by midnight on the 15th of the month**. All advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) to be submitted **by midnight on the 13th of the month** please.

Adverts and donations are to be delivered to Morag Wood, Advertising Coordinator, at Elms Bakery, Church Street (next door but one to the Cricketers).

Web Advertising: If you would like your advert included on the Goldhanger website, please contact Morag. It's pretty cheap for a year and your ad will go on one of the top viewed pages.

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.

* **Please note:** We cannot guarantee the delivery date of your magazine. Please bear this in mind when advertising functions at the beginning of the month.

This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. We print about 340 copies each month. 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).

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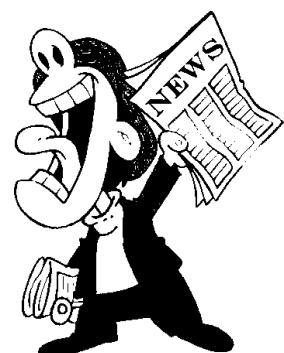
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Goldhanger Correspondent

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

Contact:

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Street names from the past

The well established street names we now know only seem to have been used since the 1890s when Ordnance Survey maps and the 1901 Census were published which used the street names we know today. The 1820 and 1838 Tithe Maps and Tithe Awards had no street names, just reference numbers. However census returns, deeds, newspaper property adverts and postcards all reveal that many other names were in use in the 1800s and earlier...

Church Street was once called:

The Street - in several newspaper adverts from the 1800s

Goldhanger St. - on a 1870 sales poster for The Cricketers Inn

Head Street was once called:

High Street - Deeds from 1700s in the Essex Records Office

Goldhanger St. - in several newspaper adverts from the 1700s & 1800s
and on a postcard in the late 1800s

Chaple Street - in the 1841 census. The "chaple" referred to is not the former Wesleyan chapel in Head St. but a non-conformist chapel once in Wash Lane near Chappel Farm, which *Chaple Street* then led to (now a footpath).

Fish Street was once called:

Goldhanger St . - in newspaper adverts in the late 1700s and 1800s

The Street - in newspaper adverts in the late 1800s

High Street - in the 1851 census

Mill Street - in the 1841 census

Mill Lane - on postcards in the late 1800s

Maldon Road west from Church St. was once called:

Broad Road - in Deeds from the 1800s in the Essex Records Office

Maldon Road east from Church St. was once called:

The Avenue - on early postcards

Tolleshunt D'arcy Rd. - on a sales advert for Rectory Cottage in 1906

D'arcy Road - road signs within living memory between 1930s-1970s

Little Totham Road was once called:

Upper Street - in the 1841 census (spelt uper not upper)

Blind Lane was once called:

Back Road - in the 1841 census

for more about street names search for: Goldhanger past streets

for more about other local routes search for: Goldhanger past highways

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

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 5th February 4 before Lent

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

Monday 6th February

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th February Septuagesima Education Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Family Service

Sunday 19th February Sexagesima Creation Sunday

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

Monday 20th February

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd February

12.30 Picnic Service

Sunday 26th February Quinquagesima Transfiguration Sunday

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

Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
 at All Saints, Little Totham

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (BCP) every Tuesday at 10.00am

* 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.

From the Parish Registers

Funeral and interment

28th December

Lottie Mary Marmora Smith

Aged 97 years

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the church look so lovely and welcoming for our Christmas services and for all the support we have had throughout the last year. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

George Bunting

Betty Abrey Kim Evans

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St. Peter's Goldhanger 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.



There are no Flags for February

Community Pages

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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 Kazen Kai Karate Club

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



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.



Wildwatching Group

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



Community Pages

Stamps for the Guide Dogs

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Donate to the Parish Magazine

Donations can be made in person (see page 2) or 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/



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.



What's on in Goldhanger in February?

Friday 3rd, Year of the Rooster Meal, 7pm at Rose Lodge

Christmas Greetings Pages & Defibrillator Update



The Christmas Greeting pages raised £321.60
Thank You very much for your generosity.
This money will be put aside for future maintenance of
the defibrillators.

The consultation period for the Phone box in the
square should be complete by February and then we
will be able to proceed with installation of the
defibrillators and information sessions and any relevant
training.

The Maldon road phone box has already been adopted
by the Parish Council, ready for the defibrillator to be
installed.

Thank You

Barbara and Keith
For fixing the notice board in the
Square.

Goldhanger Parish Council

Poppy Appeal - Church Street and St Peters Close Collection

A big Thank You to Church Street and St Peters Close. Your support for
the British Legion poppy appeal raised £80.99.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Julia Bourn

GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.



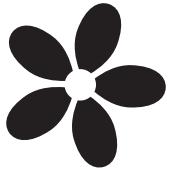
Our next meeting will be held in Goldhanger Village Hall on February 1st. Amanda Sutherland will be sharing her experiences as both Stage Costume Designer and Jewellery Maker. Bring a brave, early Spring, single stem flower from your garden to take part in the 'flower of the month' competition.

Our January meeting was an enjoyable Cheese and Wine party with entertainment. Some of our very talented villagers gave us a most welcome encore performance of songs from our Village Christmas concert. May I direct you to our website to see Fagin from OLIVER and the Pirate King from PIRATES OF PENZANCE, along with Evita Peron and Nancy. Clare Gebel played a piece from LES MISERABLES and Andrew Kelso played Memories from CATS The music was very much appreciated by everyone there. What a talented bunch.

May we thank all the members(and some of their grandchildren) for preparing the hall, donating all the extras i.e. breads, biscuits, pates, chutneys celery etc so that the buffet table complemented the cheeseboards so beautifully. Special thanks to Patsy who volunteered to provide the smoked mackerel pate and the chicken terrine which were such a tasty addition. We hope our guests enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

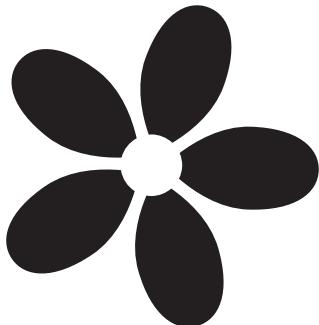
Our extra activity for February is TEN -PIN BOWLING at Madison Heights followed by a buffet lunch at IZUMI RESTAURANT on Monday February 27th. Please ensure you put your name on the board at the meeting if you wish to take part. Bowling will commence at 11.00 a.m. with lunch at 12.30.p.m.

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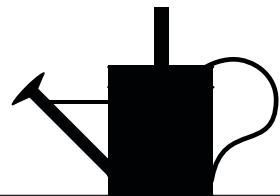
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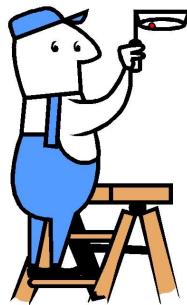
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In mid March we will be moving around the corner to Wicks Manor in Tolleshunt Major - who are making us feel very welcome.

A big thank you to Phil at the Chequers for recommending this to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been in touch and offered help & advice, we are most grateful for the support we have received.

During early March we will be clearing a lot of our plain white paper racks out, and downsizing our selection. If you are a crafter or have children who love to draw we would welcome people helping themselves to our unwanted stock. It will only go into the recycling bin if not! Most packets are SRA1 (640x900) & SRA2 (450x640) size – making it perfect for larger craft projects or drawing around smaller children for a bit of fun!... Please drop me a line if you are interested and I can let you know when our clearing out days are so you can pop over and help yourself.

Moving forward - We can now also offer a repair & re-bind service on old or loved books. This facility went when our father retired, but we now have a sub contractor –Matt, who comes down from Suffolk once a week to work with us and look after our repair work. Please get in touch before coming over with repairs so we can try and arrange it for a day when Matt will be working here.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best Regards

Vicki Hipwell
info@hipwellbookbinders.co.uk (01621 788459)

ST.PETER'S COFFEE MORNINGS

- The Tuesday coffee mornings in the church raised £228 between September & Christmas.
- Many thanks to Pam, her team of helpers and all who gave their support.

David B

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Children's Quiz

- 1) Sculptures of which animals lie at the base of Nelson's column?
- 2) What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe?
- 3) What is the name of the wizard at the court of King Arthur?
- 4) Who has written the prize-winning book The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish?
- 5) What is the name of the recreated theatre from Shakespeare's time in London?
- 6) How many wives did Henry VIII have?
- 7) Which people travelled in longships and raided Britain from Scandinavia in early medieval times?
- 8) Which king received an arrow in his eye at the Battle of Hastings?
- 9) An act of 1864 outlawed children doing what job, for which they were often employed as they were smaller than adults and it was thought they could do a better job as a result?
- 10) What notable event affected London in September 1666?

Answers on page 41

DID YOU KNOW?

Birds need gravity to swallow!

Joke

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?



A:

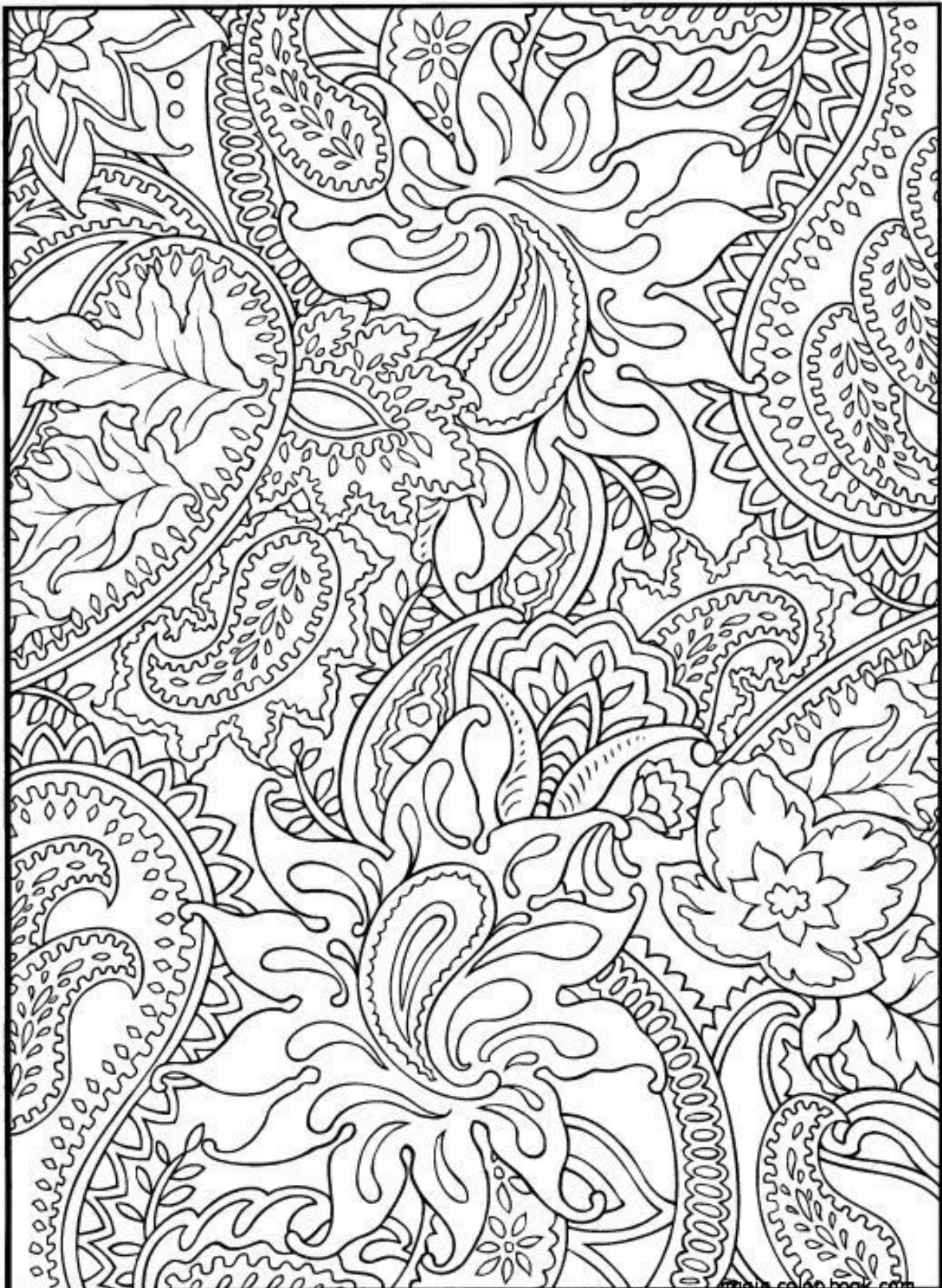
Stairs

Greenland has a land size of more than 2 million square kilometres but there are no roads or railway systems. There are approximately 2,570 cars in the entire country. Most of them are in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. Boat is the most popular form of owned transportation. 85% of the country is covered in ice and snow. July is the only month when temperature gets above the freezing point (and I bet you thought it was cold here). An indigenous person from Greenland is called 'Kalaallit' that means 'Greenlander' in the native language Kalaallisut.

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



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Sales of the Goldhanger Past book

Sales of the book have gone really well, we have sold 170 copies and taken orders for another 30. As anticipated I was able to place a large order with the printers in early December which reduced the printing cost considerably and maximised the surplus to pass onto the Church and the Village Hall.

Orders still seem to be coming in, but it is now timely to report that we have been able to send cheques for £450 each to the Treasurer of St. Peter's PCC and to the Treasurer of the Village Hall committee. We requested that the Church uses the funds for a local project such as the proposed sound system or heating project and that the Village Hall uses the funds for their planned VH improvements project.

The Maldon Tourist Information Centre has now offered to stock the book at their High St office, so it looks likely sales will continue.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make the project a success.

David Newman

Lottie Mary Marmora Smith - 1919 - 2016



Lottie was well-known in Goldhanger for nearly a century. She was born in and lived in the Coastguard Cottages before moving, first to a cottage on the corner of Little Totham Rd, and then to a new house in Maldon Rd, near Blind Lane. When she got married she lived in a "Swedish" house on Hall Estate where she brought up 3 children. When it was knocked down for redevelopment, to her regret she had to move to a retirement bungalow in Head St.



Lottie went to the village school where she met her lifelong friend Elsie. They told many stories, including when pupils went for cookery lessons to Little Totham by trap, dodging dung swished by horse's tail.

Lottie left school at 14, working as a nursemaid in Maldon, before being employed by Woodcrafts, Heybridge. With the outbreak of WWII she started to work on the land; initially working on Osea Island, and later at Bounds Farm where she continued to work until her "retirement" in her 80s. She was proud of being one of Wilkins' star strawberry pickers. Husband Frank worked for Bentalls Agricultural Engineers at Heybridge travelling to Eastern Europe and Africa installing silos. Lottie herself travelled to Africa and France on numerous occasions to be with her daughter and grandchildren. In total, she had 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Lottie represented the last ties of her family with Goldhanger, which included brother Fred Norton who ran the last village bakery at 2 Fish St.

Lottie was always a keen member of the Goldhanger Mothers' Union and Women's Institute.



Goldhanger

A Poem by Ann Perry

Winter in Goldhanger.

One can smell the salt in the air

While walking along the Goldhanger wall.

How tranquil.

The birds tweeting their messages to one another.

Boats bobbing up and down waiting to be sailed.

Now it's winter, they wait with patience secured to the floating buoys.

The sloes have been picked

Stored now as sloe gin to be sipped slowly in the spring.

The Brent geese are here for the winter months, together in their groups

Like good friends do.

Many warmly clad walkers taking their dogs for a brisk walk in the winter sunshine.

Off their leads, they rush along the beach, sometimes timidly going into the water!

A sunny day, as viewed from the wooden seat,

The sun dappled water, a blue sky.

A gentle breeze on the face, eyes closed.

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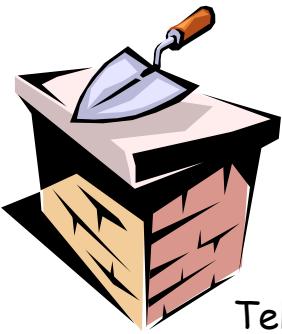
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Meal for the outgoing Chair of the Goldhanger Parish Council

As reported back in the June Parish Magazine, Michael Sargeant stood down as Chair after 19 years, and while he is remaining on the Parish Council, we wanted to celebrate this by taking him out for a meal.

Having stepped into this role, I am now beginning to appreciate the many additional hours the Chair invests in Parish business. So, we extend a big thank you for the time and effort Michael has, (as an unpaid volunteer) contributed to the Parish over the 19 years, (and continues to do so).

The Councillors (with the exception of Bree, who was away visiting family) and Goldhanger Parish Clerk, met for a meal in the Chequers in November, and after a pleasant evening chatting, everyone chipped in to pay Mick's meal.

Julia Bourn
Parish Council Chair



GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.12. 2016

The Parish Council has purchased a new set of goal posts for the playing field and these will be put up shortly.

The process of adopting the phone box in Maldon Road is taking place, and there is a two month consultation before the box in The Square can also be adopted. Both will then be used to house the defibrillators.

David Newman agreed to provide information on the village sign for the Rural Community Council of Essex Oyster magazine, and it is hoped that an article will be published shortly.

Maldon District Council has confirmed that any illumination at the new stables at The Old Rectory will require a new planning application.

As yet no date has been given by the Environment Agency for repairs to the sea wall reported several meetings ago.

Councillor Steve Ellis has taken delivery of the Winter Salt Bags supply, and this will be distributed around the village as needed.

A resident has kindly repaired the notice board in the Square which had been damaged.

Planning

Maldon District Council has made the following planning decisions:

Latest planning applications:

TCA/MAL/16/01241 Clockmakers 2 Head Street Goldhanger	Up to 2.5m reduction of walnut tree to reduce tree to a more manageable size and reduce overhanging to neighbouring property (1 Church Street)	Allowed to proceed
TCA/MAL/16/01269 9a Church Street	Lime trees - pollard	Allowed to proceed

It was noted that the following has gone to Appeal:

12 Head Street	Oak tree and eucalyptus – tree work	It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no issues with this application although the address on the application appears to be inaccurate.
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Examination of the Local Development Plan: The timetable of events has been issued and the public can attend the

FUL/MAL/16/00819 Land rear of 60 Maldon Road, Goldhanger	Change of use of land and proposed development of four 5 bedroom detached dwellings, with detached/ attached garages, together with access drive from new adjoining development	The Parish Council's previous comments will automatically go to the Planning Inspectorate, and it was RESOLVED that there is nothing further to add.
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meetings to observe only. Details are on Maldon District Council website.

Setting the parish precept

Councillors considered information on the proposed budget for the year ending 31.3.2018. The access work on Marigold Wood will be financed with grant money and some use of reserves, and it was noted that a further grant of £1,000 had been awarded by Magnox for the woodland work. The final budget and precept will be set at the Council's January meeting.

Highways.

The period for public consultation on the parking restrictions in Fish Street is now over, and the matter will be considered by the Parking Partnership meeting on 17th January. Most of the responses made were supportive.

The following have been reported to Highways but no date has been given as yet for the work to be done: damaged chevrons at Cobbs Farm bends; a damaged speed limit sign in Blind Lane, and the cracked and uneven surface in Little Totham Road.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 and the agenda will be published on the Council's web site.

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 10.1.2017

Planning

The following applications were considered:

Hofflands Little Totham Road: request to lift an agricultural occupancy tie – supported.

Vaulty Manor Goldhanger Road Heybridge: wedding gazebo within the enclosed garden – supported.

Bluebell House 10 St Peters Close: various tree works. Whilst having no objection to this application, the Parish Council pointed out that any work to the trees within or close to the pond should be carried out with full awareness of the presence of greater crested newts both within the pond and its immediate surroundings.

It was noted that Maldon District Council has approved details of the new development at 34-46 Maldon Road. The Parish Council had objected to this on the grounds that the design of the new houses was unsympathetic, and there was concern that the use of soakaways for surface water drainage would be inadequate. It was also felt that the access road into the field at the rear was unsafe in a residential development.

Parish Council budget Councillors considered and adopted the final draft of the budget for the year 2017-2018, and it was resolved to set the precept at £7,800, which is the same as for the current year. A further grant of £1,000 has been obtained from Magnox for work in Marigold Wood.

Public rights of way A sinkhole in the footpath leading from the rear of the church will be reported to Essex County Council.

Highways.

The period for public consultation on the parking restrictions in Fish Street is now over and a final decision is awaited by the South Essex Parking Partnership sub-committee.

The uneven surface of Little Totham Road has again been reported to Highways who consider that it does not meet the criteria for repairs.

The Local Highways Panel will be asked to provide an update on schemes in the village – these include work to the Charity Farm bends and traffic calming measures in Maldon Road.

As the law has been changed it is now possible for a road to have a speed limit sign on one side only. This means that the 20mph speed limit can now go ahead in Fish Street but a new consultation must be carried out first.

Marigold Wood

A working party was held over the Christmas period to clear branches and debris from the Marigold woodland.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017, and the agenda will be published on the Council's web site.

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LIFE'S FULL OF COINCIDENCES

On leaving school in 1955. my first foray into the world of business lead me to Leadenhall Street in the city of London. I was lucky to be offered a job with the American shipping line United States Lines (US Lines), the proud owners of the transatlantic liners together with a large fleet of merchant ships operating across the Atlantic to the east coast U.S.A.

Shipping in those days involved the glamorous world of the transatlantic liners offering total luxury, evening dress for dinner and dancing to the very best dance bands together with fine wines and top quality food but it was the cargo ships that made a profit.

After 3 years into the job I was transferred to the Outward Freight Dept` looking after the various formalities involved with exports. This department was called by the disgusting name of "Solicitation" and involved personal contact with companies whose goods were being exported and with the freight Forwarders who looked after the documentation and all the other formalities.

The line received a booking for the shipment of a very large church bell made by a very famous bell foundry in east London to be exported to New York and transported thereon to Washington to be installed in Washington Cathedral and my job was to ensure that the carriage went on-time, without any problems and in one piece at the other end.



**The 400 year old Foundry as it is today but
sadly not for long.**

The foundry was of course the world famous Company "The Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd" located just down the road from Leadenhall Street.

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My appointment was with a Mr Douglas Hughes who was the Managing Director and a perfect gentleman. After coffee and much talk Mr Hughes gave me a guided tour of the works including the actual mix of metals being 77% copper to 23% tin right through the whole process and final tuning.

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry has always been highly revered in the United States having made the Liberty Bell in 1752, in addition to bells made for Christchurch Philadelphia, Miami Cathedral, St Michaels Charleston, South Carolina, and the Bi-Centennial Bell (1976) and many, many more.



All that remains of what was the principal transatlantic shipping Company.

All this brings me to my introduction to bell ringing when I joined the band here in Goldhanger in 2001 when dear Cyril Southgate was the Tower Captain here at St. Peter's. After the sad loss of Cyril, Ken Perry took over and in 2006 arranged a visit to The Whitechapel Bell Foundry which brought it all back to me. Mr Alan Hughes was one of the fourth generation of the family since 1904 and has run the Company as Managing Director to this day.

The foundry dates back to 1570 and is the oldest manufacturing Company in Britain, housed in London's Whitechapel Road and whose elegant frontage is the oldest remaining building reminiscent of 16th century London

Alan took our party all around the Foundry, explaining in great detail the complicated work and the final tuning to the exact pitch to ensure comparable pitch to the surrounding bells.

Just before leaving I took Alan to one side explaining my previous experience with the then Managing Director Mr Douglas Hughes. Alan and I had a very animated and interesting talk one that I will remember for many years to come.

Sadly with the passing of time things change. U.S.Lines ceased to operate in 1986 after having a fleet of container ships built as the largest and fastest at the time but being a victim of the oil crisis which meant that the ships had to operate at slower speeds and a recent newspaper reported that The Whitechapel Bell Foundry would close, a tragedy after some 400 years.

Rick A.

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May we, through the Parish Magazine, thank all the people who gave up their evening to provide superb entertainment for the Cheese and Wine evening on January 11th.

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With our thanks from our President, Carol, the committee and Membership of Goldhanger, Little Totham and Tolleshunt Major W.I.

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Wildwatching News



It's been a good few weeks, with the weather being colder at times than it was last year. A lot of Fieldfares and some Redwings with them passed through in November, but then carried on, perhaps to southern England or France. A few weeks later some more arrived, and have stayed in the area. I've heard and seen both of these "Winter Thrush" species flying over our back garden in two's and threes, as they range around for berries to feed on. Both Fieldfares and Redwings are pictured here, with Blackbirds.

Talking of gardens, I'm looking forward at the time of writing to the RSPB Garden Survey, the last weekend in January. It should be a good one this year. Birds are very busy at our feeders, with good numbers of House Sparrows especially noticeable.

Nina and I go for a bikeride on most days, using the lanes between Great Totham and Little Totham. We often hear Fieldfares, and often a Buzzard will be calling somewhere. At least one Kestrel is seen on most trips. A pair of male Pheasants were sparring in a field on a mild day in December. I wonder if they thought that spring, and hence the breeding season, was a bit nearer than it actually was? A Hare crossing the road in front of us, and then zigzagging through a stubble field at great speed, was my first local one for a year or two.

It's been a good time for mammals generally, with Fallow Deer seen near to Roxwell, where I have a tiny retirement home-come-holiday cottage, and a Muntjac near to Great Totham. There seems to be a "Hotspot" for Badgers after dark on a local road between Roxwell and our favourite local pub, "The Duck." We saw a very big Badger waddling along the road there last winter, and very recently, in almost the same place, a very slim, fit-looking animal ran rapidly across the road in front of us. Badgers tend to follow traditional pathways on their nocturnal wanderings, often crossed by roads nowadays. It makes driving carefully at night all the more important.

A family visit to Whipsnade Zoo was all the more poignant because there were up to four Red Kites very active in the area. They were flying around rather than circling in the cold air, and noticeably using their forked tails as rudders. It's good to see these very impressive raptors well established now in some places, following the RSPB re-introduction programme.

Jonathan

A Joke For A Change

See what we did there?

After Quasimodo's death, the Archbishop of Paris at the Cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed.

The Archbishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin what he thought would be a long screening process.

After observing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he had decided to call it a day and would offer prayers for more success the next day.

Just then, an armless man approached him and falling flat on his face announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job. The bishop was incredulous.

'But man you have no arms !'

'No matter,' said the man. 'Observe my technique!'

And he began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the massive carillon.

The Archbishop listened in astonishment; convinced he had finally found a replacement for Quasimodo.

But suddenly, as he rushed forward to strike the final bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below.

The stunned Archbishop rushed down the two hundred and ninety five steps of the bell tower. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the disfigured fallen figure. They had been drawn to the Cathedral by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before from the melodious bells.

They silently parted to let the Archbishop through and one of them asked, 'Archbishop, who was this man ?'.

'I don't know his name,' the bishop sadly replied, 'BUT HIS FACE RINGS A BELL'

WAIT ! WAIT ! There's more

The following day, despite the sadness that weighed heavily on his heart due to the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist, the Archbishop continued his interviews for the new bell ringer of Notre Dame Cathedral.

The first man to approach him said, 'Your Excellency, I am the brother of the poor armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you honour his life by allowing me to replace him in this duty.'

The Archbishop agreed to give the man an audition, and, as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest, twirled around, and died before he hit the floor.

Two monks who were saying their Mattins, hearing the Archbishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side.

'What has happened ? Who is this man ?' the first monk asked breathlessly.

'I don't know his name,' sighed the distraught bishop, 'but'

'HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR HIS BROTHER.'

Malcolm Kemp (as if you hadn't guessed!)



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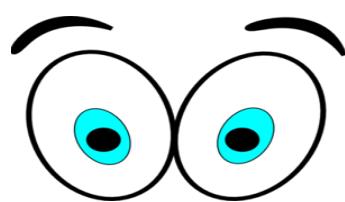
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The Vicar/Rector writes:

2017!

What sort of a year is it going to be for you, and for me? A good one, I hope! 2017 begins with the prospect of the Brexit process beginning, and with Donald Trump being inaugurated as President of the USA. Also prominent in the news is the plight of refugees in Europe, particularly Greece. Many refugees are facing bitterly cold winter weather, with only tents or the flimsiest of accommodation to shield them and their families from it.

Nearer to home, the NHS seems to be on a knife-edge due, in a nutshell, to supply being outstripped by demand. I've experienced that first-hand recently, in the final weeks of my father's life – I've seen dedicated hospital staff working beyond their capacity, and yet holding on to a determination that the care of patients and their next of kin mustn't suffer. Other staff members seemed to be stressed out by it all, and managing as best as they can. The NHS seems to be, in some ways, the tip of the iceberg, with people in many other professions working beyond their means as well.

Donald Trump's election to President, and our own Brexit, are saying something important on both sides of the Atlantic about ordinary working people wanting more of a say in the running of their countries. This reminds me in some ways of the God's people in the Old Testament, who were given, by God himself, a land of their own to be responsible for. The Promised Land came with strings attached, though. It wasn't just given to them so that people who emerged as the gifted and powerful could just turn in on themselves, and look after their own interests. The poor and the needy were to be given a high profile, and the stranger was to be welcomed and given hospitality.

Many Christians today long for a global social and political reality that takes a broader view of it all – a sustainable, less stressful and less competitive global economy that takes into account the needs of others as well as our own. An economy that is focussed on the fulfilment of needs rather than wants: "Live more simply that others may simply live" is the expression often used. An economy based, in a nutshell, on Christ's two great commandments, to love the Lord our God, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

There are models for this have emerged in today's world, such as Tradecraft and other such organisations. We have our local Food Bank in Maldon, and some of the supermarket chains are now selling produce from sustainable sources, and those in which the growers and producers get a just and fair priced for their produce. We have further to go down that particular road, though – for example, our local farmers in this area would say that they should have a just and fair reward for their produce. Another initiative by Tesco is making available food and produce that is on the brink of going out of date, at no charge. This is helping to avoid waste, and is benefitting local charitable organisations such as the Lunch Club in Great Totham.

Let me finish with a prayer :

"Eternal God and Father, we pray for this and every nation. Lead us from fear and greed towards justice and peace, from deprivation and want towards dignity and opportunity, from the injustices that divide us towards fairness and equity, in 2017 and onwards into the future. And what we here pray for, teach us to truly desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord."



FROM THE LOG OF THE VELSA by Arnold Bennett. Published 1914.



At seven o'clock we had reached Goldhanger Creek, beset with curving water-weeds. And the creek appeared to lead into the very arcana of the mist. We anchored, and I rowed to its mouth. A boat sailed in, scarcely moving, scarcely rippling the water, and it was in charge of two old white-haired fishermen. They greeted me. "Is this creek long?" I asked. A pause. They both gazed at the creek with the beautiful name into which they were sailing, as though they had never seen it before. "Aye, it's long."

"How long is it? Is it a mile?"

"Aye, it's a mile."

"Is there anything up there?" Another pause.

The boat was drawing away from me.

"Aye, there's oysters up there." The boat and the men withdrew imperceptibly into the silver haze. I returned to the yacht. Just below Tollesbury pier, preparations were in progress for another village regatta; and an ineffable melancholy seemed to distil out of the extreme beauty of the estuary, for this was the last regatta, and this our last cruise, of the season.

Footnote: The autumn mists of 2016 reminded me of this extract from Arnold Bennett's charming book. Unfortunately he is arguably best remembered for his Savoy omelette and not for his writing or sailing. Herbert Reiach the founding editor of The Yachting Monthly (1904) also owned the VELSA, keeping her in his home port of West Mersea. Neither writer give away much detail of the VELSA in their books and articles; but we do know she was a 55 foot wooden yacht built on Dutch fishing boat lines.

John Harris
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Service of Confirmation

There will be a service of confirmation by Bishop Roger at Goldhanger church, on Wednesday 26th April next year, 7.30pm.

During my time as Vicar/Rector of these three parishes, we have hosted a confirmation at Little Totham and Great Totham. It feels good, therefore, to have this one booked for Goldhanger.

Confirmation is traditionally about what it sounds like – the candidates confirming as adults or as older children the promises made on their behalf, by parents and godparents, when they were baptised as infants. It's also the traditional route to being able to take communion. Today we would want to affirm all of this, while putting emphasis on confirmation being an expression of deepening faith and commitment. If you have never been baptised, you could be baptised and confirmed together in the one service.

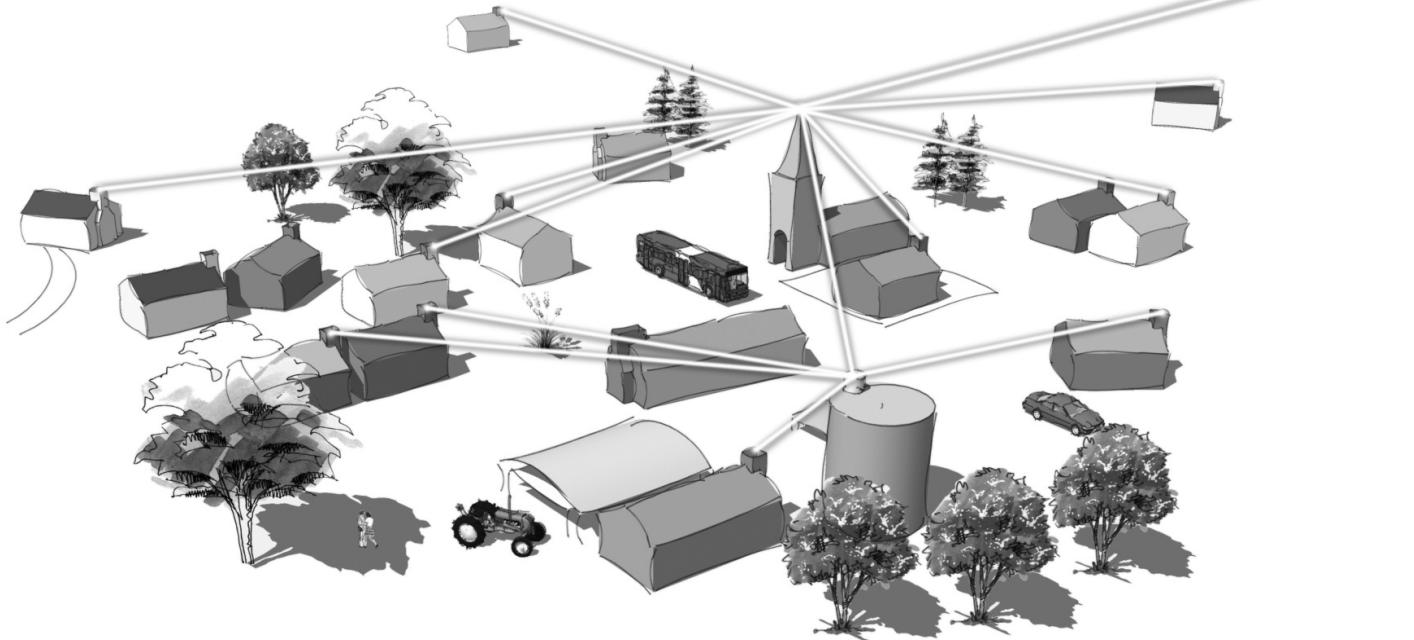
There will be preparation sessions, probably on Saturday mornings, and probably beginning some time in February, but this can be flexible due to the needs of individuals. As Sue has said in her article, these sessions can also be about exploring faith and doubts, without the commitment to be confirmed at the end of it.

Alternatively, you may be interested in being confirmed, but, for some reason, you would find it difficult to come to the preparation sessions. In this case we could look at alternative means of preparation, one-on-one, or whatever.

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Formation of a WEA group in Goldhanger



Workers' Educational Association

Over the coming months, I am hoping to form a branch of the Workers' Education Association in Goldhanger.

- The WEA is open to all adults irrespective of background or qualifications. Its aim is to provide courses in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where students can learn at their own pace. Some of you may already be aware of this organisation and attended one of their courses. Many local towns and villages already have branches including Maldon, Tiptree and Tollesbury.
- The purpose of the association is to provide educational courses of interest to the local community. The variety of course on offer is exceptional and cover History, Literature, Art, Architecture, Archaeology, Music and many other subjects. Courses tend to be 8- 10 weeks long and run once a week for about 2 hours.
- At this stage I am just hoping to get a small group together to explore the setting up a branch in Goldhanger. The Essex regional organisation is very enthusiastic about the possibility of Goldhanger forming a branch and is offer a lot of help and support to get a branch underway.
- If anyone is interested in helping form a group please contact Steve Clarke either by email or phone sclarke720@btinternet.com 01621788246. Below is a link to the Essex regional group which shows where the branches are in Essex and also lists the courses on offer.
- I would recommend looking at the Colchester Branch as it is the biggest in Essex and has courses running all through the week.
- <http://wea-essex.org.uk/branches/>



Recipe of the month

Baked camembert with garlic bread

Serves 2 (ideal for a cosy Valentine's snack - you had remembered hadn't you?)

INGREDIENTS

1 whole camembert, in its box

1 garlic clove, sliced

3-4 sprigs fresh thyme

1 tsp olive oil

For the garlic bread:

1 small ciabatta loaf, cut in half

1 tbsp olive oil

1 garlic clove, peeled



DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.

Remove any plastic packaging from the cheese and place back in its box, leaving the lid off.

Pierce the top of the cheese in several places with a sharp knife and insert pieces of garlic and sprigs of thyme into the slits.

Drizzle the cheese with olive oil and place on a baking sheet, leaving the cheese in its box. Bake in the oven for ten minutes, or until the centre of the cheese is melted.

For the garlic bread, drizzle the cut side of the bread with olive oil and place cut-side down in a hot griddle pan until toasted. Rub the toasted side of the bread with the garlic clove.

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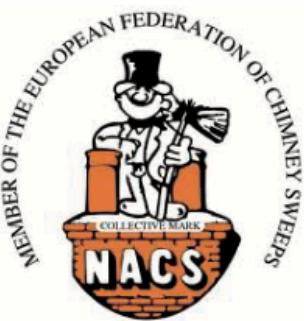
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- 2) Aslan
- 3) Merlin
- 4) Neil Gaiman
- 5) The Globe
- 6) Six (Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr)
- 7) Vikings
- 8) Harold II
- 9) Chimney Sweep
- 10) The Great Fire

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13	M	01:49	5.93	14:09	5.96
14	Tu	02:27	5.91	14:48	5.84
15	W	03:03	5.81	15:24	5.65
16	Th	03:38	5.63	16:00	5.41
17	F	04:12	5.41	16:34	5.16
18	Sa	☽ 04:48	5.15	17:12	4.90
19	Su	05:33	4.87	18:03	4.66
20	M	06:33	4.60	19:09	4.50
21	Tu	07:52	4.49	20:30	4.53
22	W	09:09	4.63	21:43	4.78
23	Th	10:13	4.92	22:42	5.08
24	F	11:05	5.21	23:29	5.35
25	Sa	11:48	5.46		
26	Su	● 00:10	5.57	12:28	5.68
27	M	00:49	5.76	13:08	5.87
28	Tu	01:28	5.92	13:48	5.99



Mobile Library dates & times

Thursday dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
Feb: 2, 16	Ulting	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
Mar: 2, 16, 30	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;
Landfill and Recycling on alternate weeks.**

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO	SE
TOLLESBURY The Square	0735	0930	1130	1430	1605	1942
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0935	1135	1435	1610	1946
GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0940	1140	1440	1615	1951
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0945	1145	1445	1620	1955
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0947	1147	1447	1622	1957
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0950	1150	1450	1625	2000
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0953	1153	1453	1628	-
MALDON High Street	0801	0956	1156	1456	1631	-
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	1000	1200	1500	1635	-
MALDON Morrisons	0810	1005	1205	1505	1640	-

95 Maldon to Tollesbury	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO	SE
MALDON Morrisons	0825	1040	1250	1520	1645	-
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0830	1045	1255	1525	1650	1735
MALDON High Street	0835	1050	1300	1530	1655	1742
MALDON Tesco Store	0839	1054	1304	1534	1659	1745
HEYBRIDGE Square	0843	1058	1308	1538	1703	1748
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0845	1100	1310	1540	1705	1750
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0847	1102	1312	1542	1707	1751
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713	1757
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718	1802
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723	1807

HO = Hedingham Omnibus

SE = Stephenson's

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

BUS TIMETABLE**Saturday****95 Tollesbury to Maldon**

	Regal Busways			
TOLLESBURY The Square	0900	1100	1300	1440
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0905	1105	1305	1445
GOLDHANGER Square	0910	1110	1310	1450
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0915	1115	1315	1455
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0917	1117	1317	1457
HEYBRIDGE Square	0920	1120	1320	1500
MALDON Tesco Store	0923	1123	1323	1503
MALDON High Street	0926	1126	1326	1506
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0930	1130	1330	1510

95 Maldon to Tollesbury

	Regal Busways			
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	1000	1200	1400	1630
MALDON High Street	1005	1205	1405	1635
MALDON Tesco Store	1010	1210	1410	1640
HEYBRIDGE Square	1015	1215	1415	1645
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	1017	1217	1417	1647
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	1019	1219	1419	1649
GOLDHANGER Square	1025	1225	1425	1655
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	1030	1230	1430	1700
TOLLESBURY The Square	1035	1235	1435	1705

Hedingham Omnibuses:

01206 769778

www.hedingham.co.uk**Stephenson's Buses:**

01702 541511 (0900-1730)

www.stephensonsofessex.com**Regal Busways:**

01245 249001

www.regalbusways.co.uk

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