

GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

MARCH 2017



Early postcard of The Creek with
the Coastguard hut and flagstaff
showing

Goldhanger.

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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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).

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

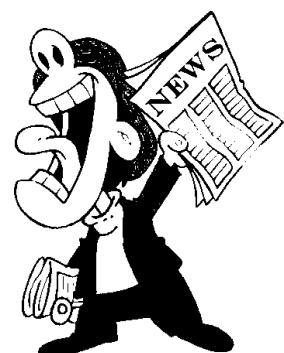
The magazine is available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website.

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 ancient wooden posts in the Creek

There are many pieces of wood projecting out of the mud in the Creek and some of these appear to be the remains of an ancient jetty. An archaeology report of 1910 about the salt works and redhills around the Creek had a map showing a square of "Pile Foundations" in the middle of the Creek. This month's cover picture is an early 1900s postcard view and shows that the sand and mud has moved significantly over 100 years. However, many of these posts can still be seen today at low tide, as seen here...



Past Goldhanger amateur historian and notable character Crawshay Frost was convinced these were the remains of a Roman jetty and an ancient ship. He investigated the site in the 1940s and an article appeared in a local newspaper in 1947. Frost employed teenagers to build a barrage to drain the

water and clear the mud from around the piles to access it.



This incredible photograph was found recently in a magazine called The Sphere also dated 1947. The title was:

SEARCHING FOR ROMAN REMAINS IN THE ESTUARY OF THE BLACKWATER

The caption read:

"Boys from Maldon Secondary School at work uncovering timbers in Goldhanger Creek. They are helping Mr. Crawshay Frost, a well-known local archaeologist, to expose what Mr. Frost believes are the remains of a Roman pier".

The Ship's keel he recovered was displayed at the front of his house in Fish St for many years and the remains of it are still in the village.

For more about the jetty search for: goldhanger wooden posts
and for more about Mr Frost search for: crawshay goldhanger
David Newman (www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)

Goldhanger Church Services

Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes
At All Saints, little Totham

Sunday 5th March First Sunday in Lent

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

Monday 6th March

7.00pm Evening prayer

Sunday 12th March Second Sunday in Lent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Family Service
Please join us for pancakes after the service.

Sunday 19th March Third Sunday in Lent

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

Monday 20th March

7.00pm Evening prayer

Sunday 26th March Mothering Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Family Eucharist (CW)

Wednesday 29th March

12.30pm Picnic Service

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.

Lent Lunch

Friday 24th March, Goldhanger Church
12.30pm - 2.00pm
Proceeds to Christian Aid

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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.

Flags for March

Monday 06th March



**Ernest Belcher
Army Training Battalion**

Monday 13th March

Commonwealth Day

Community Pages

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Goldhanger Women's Institute

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



Goldhanger Parish Council

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



Goldhanger Art Society

Meets in the Village Hall every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm.

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

For details ring Jane 01621 892565



Goldhanger 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

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



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 March?

Lent Lunch Village Hall - 10th March 12.30-2pm - **P.26**

Ceilidh Village Hall - 11th March 7.30pm - **P.21**

Bingo Village Hall - 18th March Eyes down 7.30pm - **P.23**

Lent Lunch St. Peter's Church - 24th March 12.30pm - 2.00pm - **P.5**

CHINESE EVENING



Many thanks to Anthony & Elaine for hosting this event.

They helped to raise £302 for

the upkeep of the churchyard.

David B

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Can you please spare 10 minutes of your time once a month to deliver 10 Parish Magazines to Sorrell Close? You don't have to live there but it would be more convenient if you did.

Please contact David Bristow on 788797



GOLDHANGER OPEN GARDENS 2017

This year Open Gardens are on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Further details nearer the time.

We would welcome any new gardens,

large or small.

If you would like to show your garden - and note that this is not a competition - do please get in touch.

Organiser - Anthony Clark 788686



GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.



Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday March 1st and our speaker will be Dudley Chignall. The subject of his talk is BEATRIX POTTER. There will be a 'flower of the month' competition so have a look around your garden for a single stem flower brave enough to show itself above the parapet. This is the time of year that we collect in the cakes for Farleigh Hospice and we will be discussing this at the March meeting.

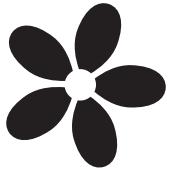
Our last meeting was different. Sadly, our speaker had a family bereavement during the afternoon and had to cancel. She was most concerned and let us know

immediately. Carol and Margaret quickly found some humorous items to read out, by Pam Ayres and Sandi Toksvig, and there was more chatting time than usual but the evening went well. A representative group of chaps from the Village Hall Committee arrived to tell us all about the plans for the new entrance and we were very gentle with them. Thanks for all the information Gentlemen.

The 'flower of the month' was a wonderful spotted hellebore brought along by Sheila and second place was taken by Linda's mauve wallflower. Everyone enjoyed the lovely refreshments. Thank you to the members who made and served them. Thanks also to the team that set up the hall so efficiently.

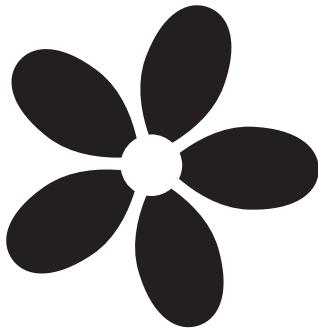
Activities for March are the Chelmsford Ballet on 22nd March and the Lent Lunch on Friday 10th March, always a popular village event, with the proceeds going to Christian Aid.

For more information take a look at our website on
www.goldhangerwi.co.uk



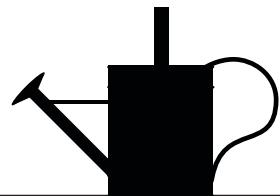
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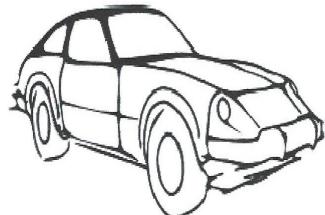
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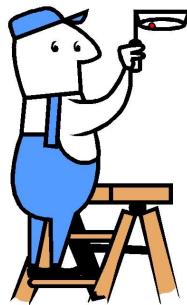
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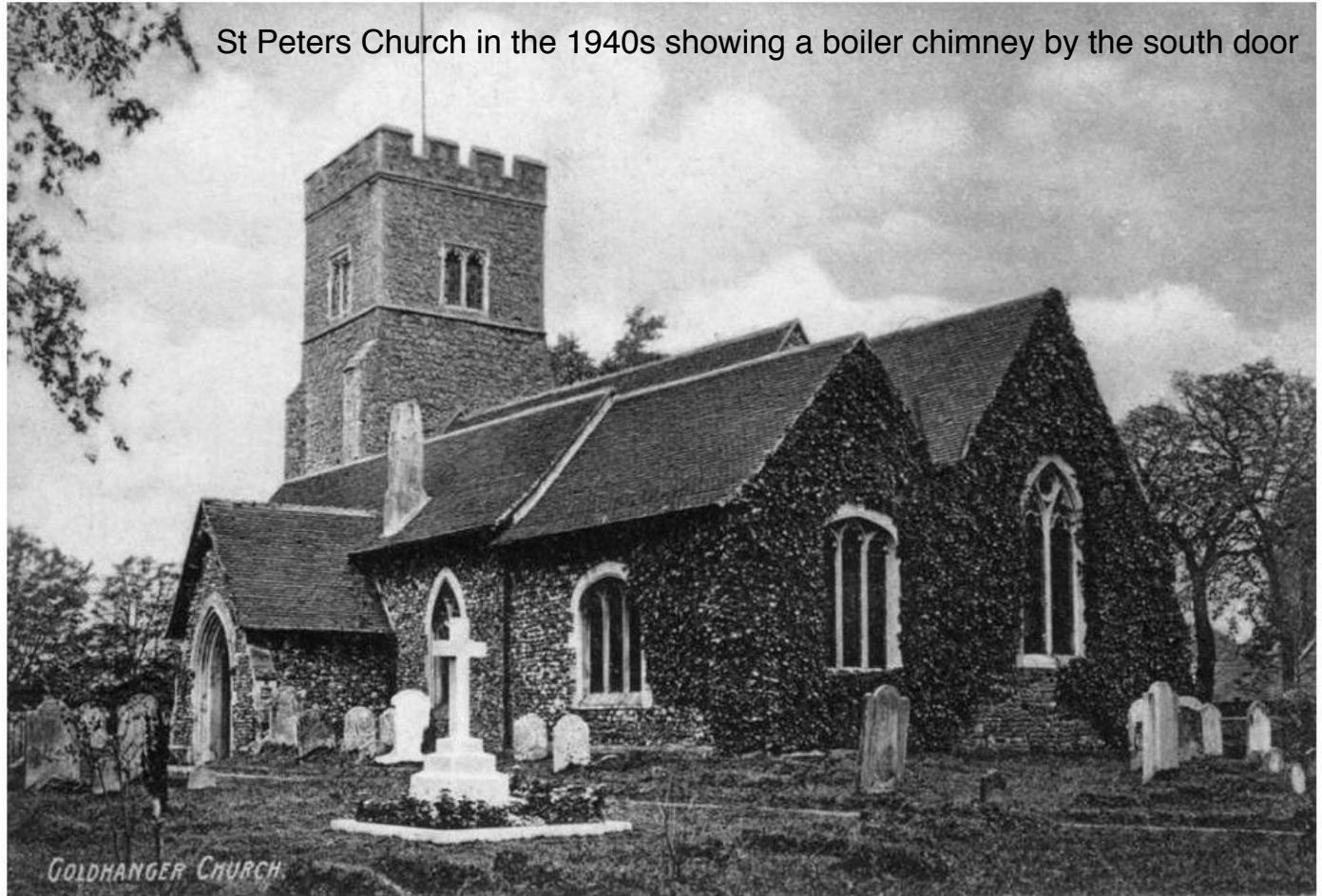
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St Peters Church in the 1940s showing a boiler chimney by the south door



Eileen Madsen



Sadly my mother, Eileen Madsen, died on 31st December 2016.

Eileen lived in Goldhanger with her husband Ron for 23 years, and was a regular attendee at church and very involved in church activities, helping to do the flowers, and other village activities. She enjoyed lasting friendships with many people in the village.

She would wish to be remembered to all those who knew and loved her.

Moira Steel

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.

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

David Newman

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 37

DID YOU KNOW?

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries

Joke

Q: What did one toilet say to the other?



A:

You look a bit flushed.

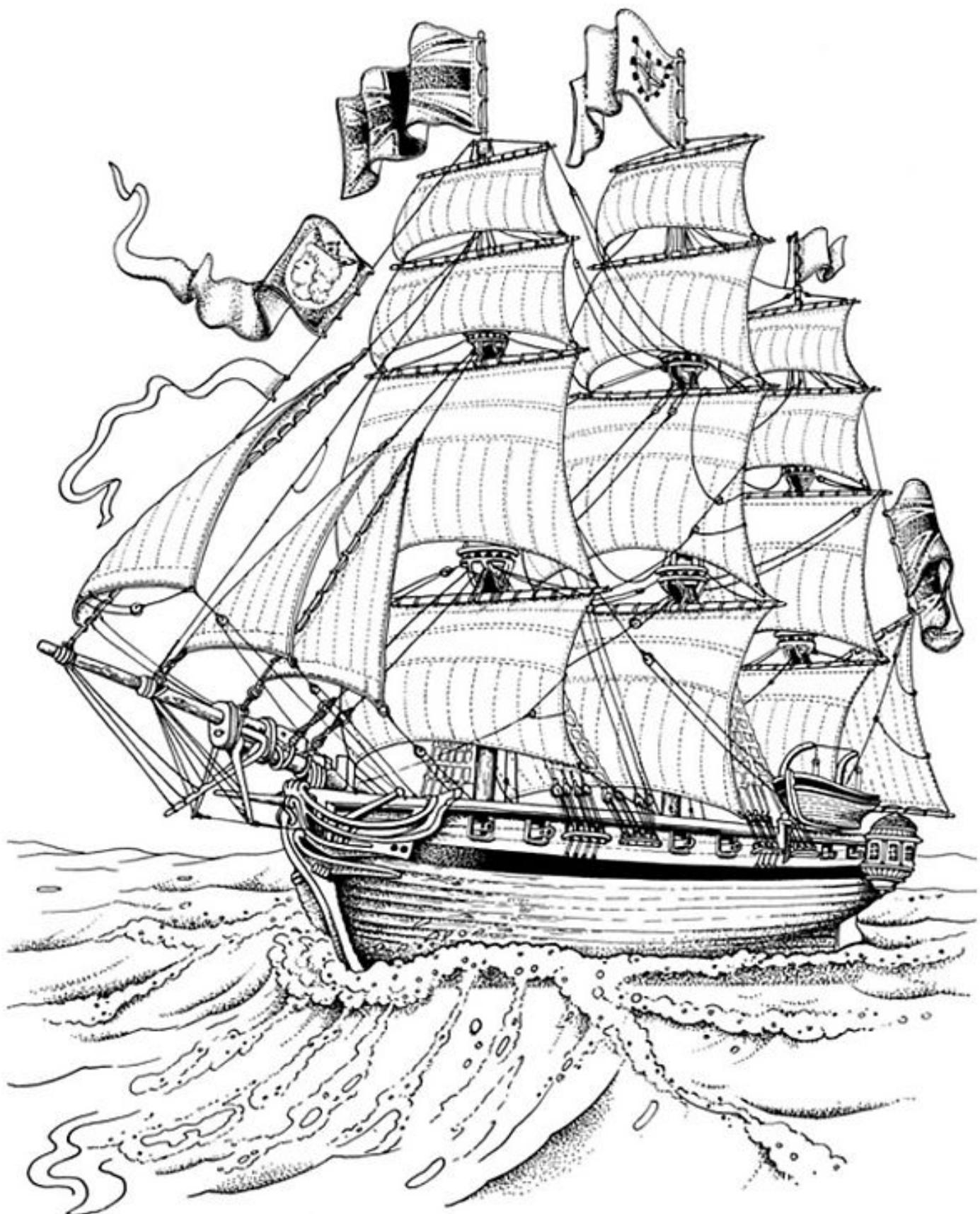
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Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

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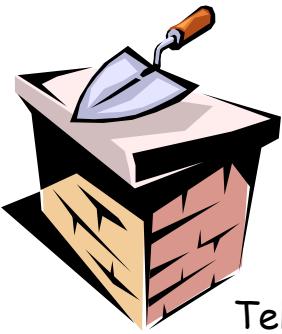
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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 14.2.2017

Work on the village sign, the replacement of the goal posts in the playing field and the new bollards in the Village Hall car park will all take place when the weather improves.

The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road is not working and will be repaired shortly.

Planning Councillors noted the following decision by Maldon District Council:

LDE/MAL/16/01437 Hofflands Little Totham Road Goldhanger	Claim for Lawful Development Certificate for a dwelling without any residential occupancy restriction and which is immune from future enforcement action relating to any residential occupancy restriction	Refused
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The following new planning applications were considered:

LBC/MAL/17/00040	Clockmakers 2 Head Street Goldhanger	The construction of a small single storey extension to the rear elevation (North) together with the removal of internal partitions to create a family kitchen/utility area within the existing 1974 built extension. This application was supported .
HOUSE/MAL/16/01514	23 Maldon Road Goldhanger	Loft conversion This application was supported .
FUL/MAL/17/00068 PP-05732763	Goldhanger Village Hall 22 Head Street Goldhanger	New frontage extension to village hall to enhance and upgrade the facilities for community use This application was supported . The Village Hall Management Committee is seeking grants for this work and the Parish Council will provide a letter of support for the scheme.
TCA/MAL/17/00141	St Peters Church Church Street Goldhanger	T1 Lime – Pollard This application was supported
TCA/MAL/17/00107	St Peters Church Church Street Goldhanger	T1 Lime- crown reduction and dead wooding, removal of branches overhanging roadway. T2 Horse Chestnut – remove single small branch crowding adjacent to the Irish Yew This application was supported

Play area and playing field

Councillors discussed the inspection report on the play area and the contents were noted. The sharp edges on the slide will be removed and painting of the equipment will take place when the weather improves. Consideration will be given in the long term to replace some of the present equipment.

A quote has been sought for work to level the undulations in the footpath from Fish Street to the sea wall.

Public rights of way

Further details were received of the proposed English Coastal Path and the scheme for Maldon to Salcott. It is proposed that the public will not be given access to any areas of salttings outside the sea wall.

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Highways

Concern was expressed at the number of traffic accidents which have taken place in the parish recently. A record is being kept of each incident.

The Parking Partnership meeting which was to have considered the adoption of parking restrictions in Fish Street has again been postponed.

Marigold Wood

The Council will purchase two dog waste bins which will be placed in the woodland – the exact location to be decided. It was felt that there are sufficient bins in other parts of the village.

Phone Boxes and Defibrillators

The consultation period for the adoption of the phone box in the Square is nearly at an end, and then the defibrillators will be placed in the boxes.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017, and the agenda will be published on the Council's website. Minutes of each meeting can also be found on the website.

Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch

Suspicious emails

In January I received two emails ostensibly from someone who has recently left the village. They were both different and had a greeting, a short message including a link to a website, and one finished with "Thanks so much". I suspect hackers had got hold of their computer address book. My security system on the computer had removed the links and functionality in each of the emails and put them in the "Spam" folder. I have no doubt they had malicious links that could have been harmful. I have deleted them and emptied the "bin".

This sort of thing can happen to any of us but it's worth keeping in mind a few basic safety tips.

- 1 If an email looks suspicious or unusual, don't reply or use a web link in it.
- 2 Keep your operating system (Windows, Android, and Apple) up to date. Make sure your system is set to "Automatic Updates". Firms like Microsoft spend a lot of money to make sure their systems combat the latest threats.
- 3 Unless you have an Apple product (iPad & iPhone have built in security) keep your Anti Virus and Firewall up to date. I use Kasperski Total Security, which is recommended by the banks and "Which?" magazine. It can be bought fairly cheaply from shops like W H Smiths and is very safe & easy to use.

If you want more information on current scams and threats, look on the Police "Action Fraud" website. However, with some basic precautions you can keep safe using your computer, tablet, or smart phone. After all, you wouldn't sit in a Coffee Shop with your wallet or purse on the table.

Keep up to date by joining the free & confidential Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch email scheme goldhangernw@outlook.com and goldhangermatters@outlook.com for general village issues.

Goldhanger is relatively safe; let's keep it that way.

Malcolm Holmes (788 603)

Goldhanger Village Hall Committee
invites you to an



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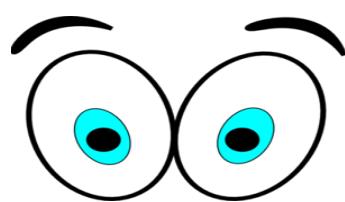
Saturday 18th March

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Wildwatching News



There is something of a Waxwing, (Pictured), invasion this winter, which isn't unusual, but they seem to be present in greater numbers than in some years. There have been some seen in Goldhanger, in and around the churchyard. They are a bird of the Arctic/Northern Europe in summer. I have a vivid memory of a birdsong that I didn't recognise in Finland, just south of the Arctic Circle, in June one year. It took me ages to find it in the dense forest – but it turned out to be a Waxwing. They are more familiar here in winter flocks, which vary a lot in number from 3 or 4 to a couple of dozen or more. They particularly like feeding on cotoneaster berries.

An (Almost) daily bikeride on local lanes continues to reveal the expected Fieldfare calls, and the occasional call of a Buzzard, particularly on milder days. Early one morning, Nina and I heard a Little Owl, (Pictured), calling – “Kiu!” They aren't difficult to see around here as they are active in daylight, but not normally in the middle part of the day. They can be seen as a small “Lump” on a post or a dead tree branch, or perhaps picked up in car headlights at night, when they are flushed from the side of the road. Little Owls were introduced into this country from Europe in the 1800s.

Their success in adapting to our cool, damp climate is surprising – they tend to be a bird of dry or semi-desert parts of Europe and North Africa.

With wildlife watching, there's always something you can do, even in the most unlikely circumstances. Due to a family bereavement, I've had to make several trips up to the West Midlands lately. This has provided an opportunity to count raptors along the M11, A14 and M6. Buzzards and Kestrels can turn up anywhere, and there are sometimes several Red Kites along the A14, particularly on the milder winter days. My closest fly-past of a Buzzard for a long time happened at a huge re-cycling plant, in the shadow of the M6 motorway, only two or three miles from my late Father's house. The bird was calling loudly – that lovely mewing sound.



The February Second Thursdays visit to Abberton took place on a somewhat bracing winters afternoon. There was a drake Smew present, and three females, and one drake Goldeneye, all winter visitors and all seen from the Layer Breton causeway. Smew, (Pictured), along with Goldeneye, are members of the Sawbill family of ducks. They dive beneath the surface to catch small fish. Serrations on the inside of the bill make it easier to



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Friday 10th March

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The Vicar/Rector writes: Lent - and the light at the end of the tunnel

In times of suffering, we are very inclined to feel, “Why me?” Alongside the grief, anger, despair, or whatever we are feeling is the genuine puzzlement and inability to understand, expressed as “Why?” It’s especially a puzzle for those of us who would call ourselves Christians - after all, God is all loving and all powerful, as the Christian faith and before that the Jewish faith has taught for thousands of years. It’s impossible, on the face of it, to reconcile God being all loving and all powerful with the fact that suffering comes our way sometimes.

There is also a deep-seated feeling in some of us that when we suffer it’s as a punishment for something we have done wrong. I hope I can deal with that one fairly quickly, or much better still, let the words of Christ deal with it: at the beginning of Luke’s Gospel chapter 13, he clearly says that two different lots of people who had suffered had not done so because of their own personal guilt. These were some Galileans who had been killed by the Roman Governor, Pilate, and eighteen people who had been killed when a tower in Siloam collapsed onto them. Unless there are obvious links between our wrongdoing and our suffering, “He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword,” as Jesus puts it, then there are no links. (What would make a good modern version of those words of Jesus’? “He or she who drives too fast will have a nasty accident sooner or later?”)

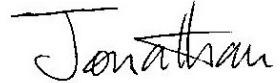
There are no quick, easy or simple explanations to the problem of suffering. A new Hospital Chaplain that I’ve read about comes to mind. She had only been in the job for a few weeks when she became ill herself, with cancer. It was naturally a great shock to her, but it was some time before the reality came home: She who had trained to minister to others now found others ministering to her. Her whole world was turned upside down. As she lay in the hospital ward it was the cleaner who came to hold her hand, and reassure her. She thought at first that she needed to terminate her employment. Then she realised a deeper truth – that her ministry lay, at least for the time being, in being powerless rather than powerful. There was no better way of showing the love of God to her fellow patients than in being vulnerable herself, and in having to surrender herself completely to the love and care of God.

It’s a lesson that I’ve learned time and time again myself over the years, not the least of which was when Katie, the first of our two children who we lost at birth, died. At her funeral service I read a letter to Katie that I had written, pouring out some of my thoughts and feelings. At the time I wanted to be seen as the capable young Curate who was coping well with the sudden and devastating tragedy. (Don’t worry – I’ve changed quite a lot since then!) As I began to read the letter, it didn’t go according to plan. My voice began to wobble as the lump in my throat got bigger and bigger, and it took several deep breaths for me to be able to get through it at all. I was told afterwards that there wasn’t a dry eye in the place! It wasn’t through my silly pride that Christ spoke at that service, but through my vulnerability as a bereaved Dad.

... *continued*

The only thing that can make any sense of our suffering is that Christ suffered as well. While still only about 33 years of age, he suffered wrongful arrest, and faced a kangaroo court which led to him being flogged and crucified, a most horrible death. He suffered the mental anguish of knowing that he had to go through with it all as well, especially when he was in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to his arrest.

Christians observe all of this in the latter part of Lent, the season leading up to Easter. It's observed not in a morbid or gratuitous way, but in a way that recognises that Christ took the suffering of the world, yours and my suffering, onto himself. If it's possible to reduce it down to one word, it's our need that he took upon himself – and dealt with it. It doesn't end with His death, (and in him, our death), but Easter follows, (Celebrated on Sunday 16th April this year), the light at the end of the tunnel. Christians believe that suffering and death didn't have the last word, but that he rose again having dealt with it all – and that we can share in his having dealt with it all as well. The light at the end of the tunnel indeed!



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.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact either Sue or myself, a Churchwarden or anyone you know who is a member of one of our churches, who will pass on the details.

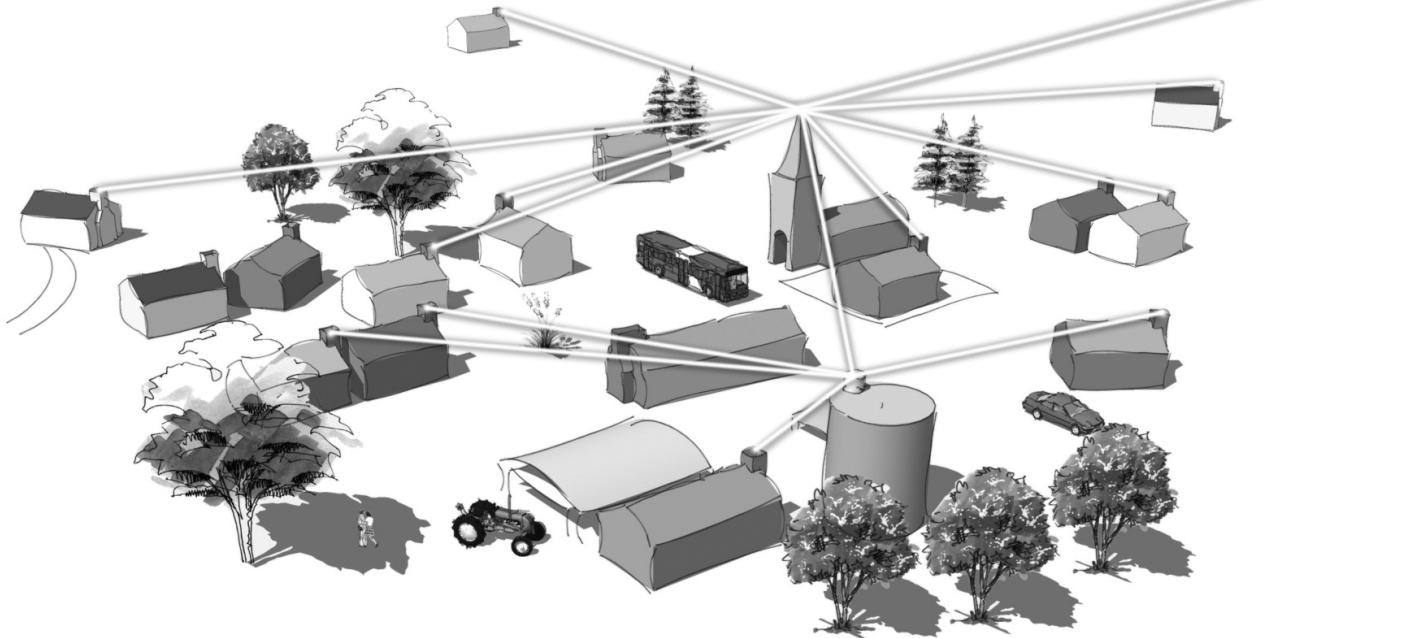


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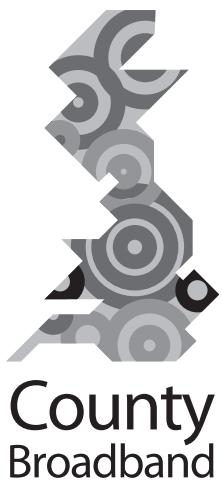
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 wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

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

Gingernuts

Makes 15ish (depending how big you make them)

INGREDIENTS

60g butter
175g self-raising flour
60g brown sugar
100g black treacle (yum)
3/4 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
2 teaspoons ground ginger

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.



Rub the butter and flour together until the mixture resembles fine crumbs and then stir in the sugar.

Warm the treacle in a pan and stir in the bicarbonate and ground ginger.

Add the treacle and ginger mixture to the butter and flour mixture and knead well to form a soft dough (that'll make your hands nice and sticky).

Roll into balls about the size of a walnut.

Place well apart on oiled baking sheets, and flatten slightly (don't bash them completely flat).

Bake in the oven for about 15 minutes.

Allow to cool slightly before transferring to a wire tray.

Enjoy.



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

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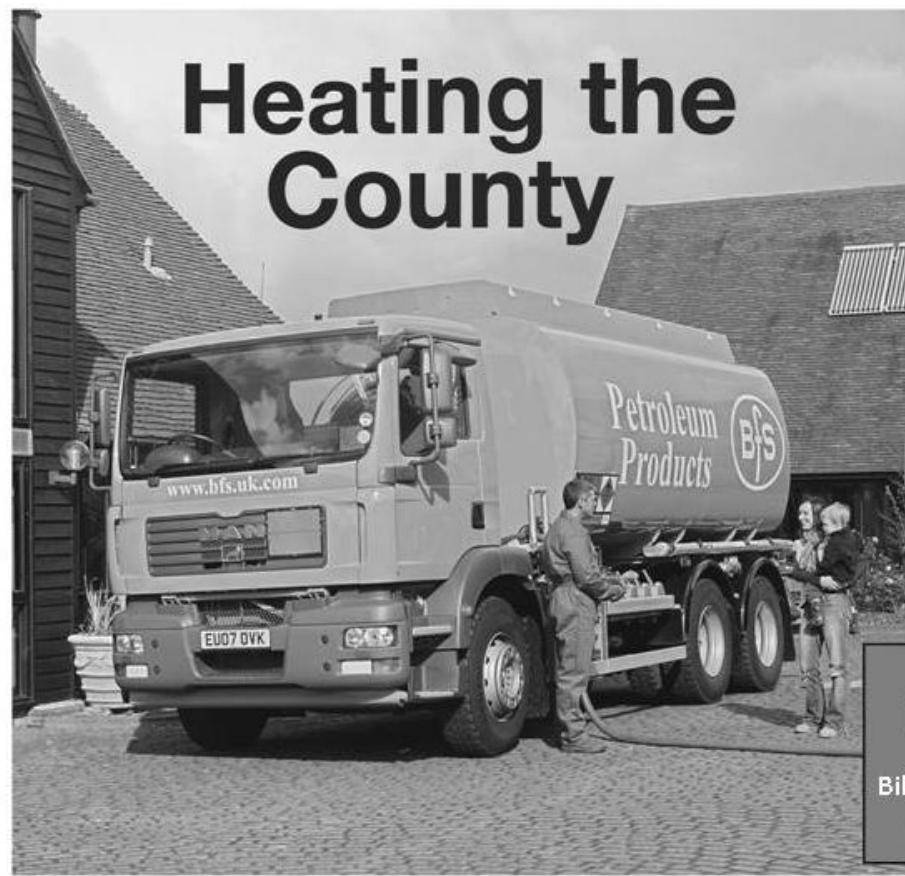
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March

		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1	W	02:06	6.02	14:27	6.00
2	Th	02:45	6.02	15:08	5.89
3	F	03:23	5.95	15:48	5.70
4	Sa	04:03	5.81	16:32	5.46
5	Su	04:49	5.61	17:24	5.19
6	M	05:46	5.33	18:29	4.92
7	Tu	07:02	5.07	19:54	4.79
8	W	08:30	5.01	21:21	4.93
9	Th	09:54	5.21	22:34	5.24
10	F	11:00	5.51	23:30	5.52
11	Sa	11:51	5.71		
12	Su	00:15	5.70	12:33	5.82
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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
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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

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MALDON Tesco Store	1010	1210	1410	1640
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HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	1017	1217	1417	1647
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	1019	1219	1419	1649
GOLDHANGER Square	1025	1225	1425	1655
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