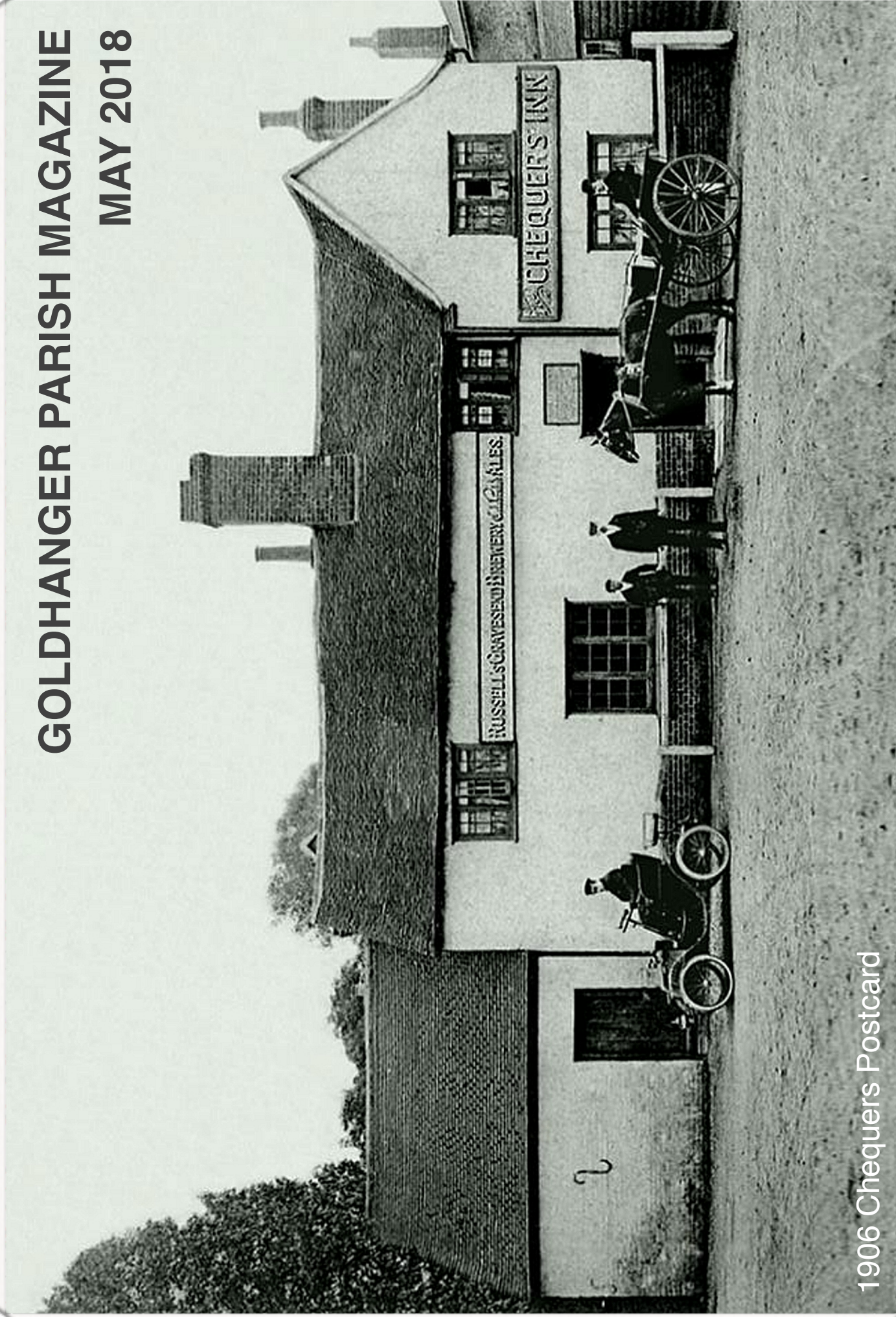


GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY 2018



1906 Chequers Postcard

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

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NB - All articles (ideally in PDF, image or plain text format) to be submitted by midnight on the 15th of the month and advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 13th of the month please. Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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

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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. Cheques made payable to **Goldhanger Parish Magazine** please - or you can go to the Goldhanger website and make a donation online.

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

Current and previous issues of the magazine are 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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Frank Wellington

Perhaps the best known early photograph and postcard scene of the village is the one that has been hanging in the Chequers for many years and is on this month's front cover. The man in the car is Frank Wellington. The photo was taken in 1906 and at the time he lived in Danbury, but was related to the local Page family who were farmers. In his day Frank was a very well known automotive engineer, vehicle manufacturer, dealer, motor and motorcycle racing enthusiast.

In 1897 he was photographed driving "the first car through Goldhanger" (PM cover photo and article in Sept. Last year), and had registered a patent for "Variable Gearing" for a motor vehicle.

In 1900 he began production of the "Wellington car" in London and was winner of the Crystal Palace "Brassard" race, beating all previous records. In that year he was also chairman of the Motor Car Club, which became the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) in 1907.

Between 1900-1910 he was a member of the management committee of the Motor Users Defence Association, an organisation set up to protect motorists against legal actions. It merged with the Automobile Association (AA) in 1910.

Between 1900 & 1914 there were numerous adverts for F. Wellington Cars Ltd, many associated with Dutch built Spyker cars.

In 1903 he published a book: "How to Buy a Second hand Car".

From 1905 onwards he raced Spyker cars throughout the UK.

In 1907 he became the manager of Spyker Cars in Amsterdam.

In 1910 Frank Wellington & Bowring Ltd, opened showrooms in Great Portland Street, London.

Frank died in 1917, aged 49 after a motoring accident and in 1924 his business, which also had a showroom in Torquay, was dissolved.

One of the two main cars used in the 1953 film "Genevieve", which was about the London to Brighton run, was a 1905 Spyker. As the main importers of this car, F. Wellington Cars Ltd probably sold it originally. This actual car last did the London to Brighton run in 2013 and it is now in a museum in The Hague, Holland.

Expensive sports cars are still produced by Spyker in Holland today.

for more about Frank and pictures of his many cars and motorcycles search for: Wellington Goldhanger

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 6th May Rogation Sunday
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Thursday 10th May Ascension Day
7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
 at All Saints, Little Totham

Sunday 13th May Sunday after Ascension / Easter 5
10.00am Family Service

Sunday 20th May Whit Sunday / Pentecost
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 A joint service with St Peter's, Great Toyham

Wednesday 23rd May
12.30pm Picnic Service

Sunday 27th April Trinity Sunday
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

****Please note during the parish vacancy the 8.30am service has been suspended. There is a service of Holy Communion at All saints, Little Totham on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and a service at 8.00am on Sundays in the North Blackwater benefice. Check their website for venue. - Churchwardens**

** 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.

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.

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

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.



From the Churchwardens

The Rev'd Canon Paul Daltry was not licenced to the benefice in April owing to ill health. We wish him a full recovery and look forward to working with him in the future.

Flags for May

Thursday 10th May



Ascension Day

Sunday 20th May



Pentecost

Goldhanger Village Hall



A great venue for birthday parties, discos, children's parties, quiz nights & theme nights.

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Regular events in the Village Hall:

Goldhanger Women's Institute

1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm.

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Goldhanger Parish Council

2nd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm.

essexinfo.net/goldhanger-parish-council

Goldhanger Art Society

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. For children and adults.

**** Changes to the Mobile Library dates and times (See page 45) ****

From April 3rd the Mobile Library will stop at the Village Hall on WEDNESDAYS from 13.10 to 13.40. and will visit every THREE WEEKS.

Pilates

Every Monday 7pm

Bookings

Contact Steve Clarke on 788246 or email: sclarke720@btinternet.com

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	18.00 - 23.00	£18	£20

Community Page

Goldhanger Sailing Club www.goldhangersailingclub.org.uk

All types of sailing, including sailboarding and canoeing, with racing organised on Sundays during the season, there is something for everyone who loves the water.

Stamps for the Guide Dogs

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Donate to the Parish Magazine www.goldhanger.org.uk

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.

Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

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

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



Bellringing www.bellringing.org/learntoring/

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

Contact Andrew Kelso 788284 or email arckelso@mac.com.



Mother's Union

4th Friday of each month at 1.45pm at Honywood 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.



GOLDHANGER NOTICEBOARD

What's on in May?

5th, Popup tearoom, 2-5pm, 36 & 41
Fish Street, P. 10

5th, Maldon Food Pantry, 10am-
midday, St. Peter's Church, P. 21

12th, May Ball, 7pm, Village Hall, P. 20

13th, Ride for Helen, P. 12

23rd, Film Club, Village Hall, 7pm, P. 27

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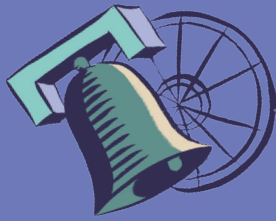
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Sunday 13th May 2018.

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For more details contact Holly Butler at holly.butler@helenrollason.org.uk or call 01245 380719. Website: <http://helenrollason.org.uk>



Vehicle alarm disturbing the peace

There have been a number of reports of a vehicle alarm going off in the middle of the night. It has happened on several occasions and seems to be in the area of Church Street and St Peters Close.

If you are able to identify the vehicle, or the location more precisely, please let Malcolm Holmes know: goldhangermatters@outlook.com.



Thank you to the people that let us know about the changes to library times, dates and frequency. Much appreciated.

Chris Thorby

Dear Goldhanger friends

Thank you for the support you have given to Chris and me over the many years of his illness and particularly through these last few weeks. It has been phenomenal and very much appreciated by both of us. I will be forever grateful to you all for your kind words, prayers, thoughts and caring and practical help, not forgetting the cake-makers!

It is a privilege to live in Goldhanger and such a caring community.

Annie Thorby



GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.

Our next meeting on May 2nd is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and a W.I. advisor will be there to oversee the proceedings. There will be a 'flower of the month' competition so do, please, have a look in your garden for a single stem bloom to enter.

Geraldine Bourain was our speaker last month and her talk, with a film to explain all about MARY'S MEALS, was very well received. We were impressed with the dedication of all the volunteers who work for the charity, providing free meals for children at school in many parts of the world, thus ensuring that those children can access an education. The image of smiling, singing mums carrying the food up a mountain to their school was, indeed, memorable.

A group of members will be having an outing to Hyde Hall on May 8th, travelling there by car. If any members missed the last meeting and would like to join them, please let a committee member know at the A.G.M.



Our ANNUAL OUTING is to be on June 13th and replaces our monthly meeting. We have booked a larger coach and so there are a few extra places available for any villagers who might like to join us. Please contact Margaret on 788350. We are going to AUDLEY END HOUSE AND GARDENS, stopping off at SAFFRON WALDON en route for an hour. The total cost is £23.85.

We are supporting the MALDON FOOD PANTRY during this year and will be collecting tinned and dried food items at the church on May 5th between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. Tea and biscuits will be available and we invite villagers to join us in donating.

Our website can be found at www.goldhangerwi.co.uk

SPRING

Ann Perry

Suddenly there is life.
Spring has emerged from the darkness of winter.
Yellow such an appropriate colour.
Aconites, daffodils, primroses all glinting
In the watery yellow sunshine.
Snowdrops hanging their heads knowing their time is over.
Trees are showing their new green shoots
Excited at the prospect of opening up.
A slight wind and a rustle of the new leaves.
Birds starting their song looking for a mate.
There is an energy in the air
Not experienced in the winter months.
Hope, life and promise existing all around us
At this special time called Spring.



Allotments

If any one is interested in having an allotment please contact Clive Cheeseman.

E-mail - cheeseman3@sky.com

Telephone 01621 788433.



To those readers wondering what happened to the remaining five gifts from January, read on ...

I'm really very sorry dear,
I know you've heard it all before,
But one of the five, has failed to survive,
But you'll still have a fabulous four.

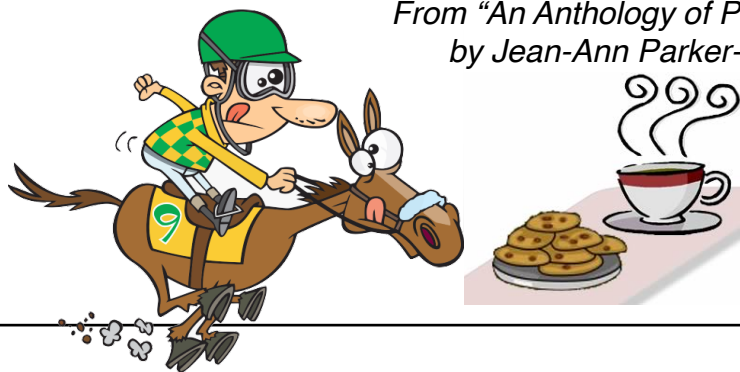
Will you stop nagging me woman?
What are you doing to me!
I tried really hard, with a dozen scratchcards
To ensure that you'd have at least three!

You say I live in a fantasy world
That simply isn't true
So! I've not placed a bet
That's managed to win yet
Just be grateful you're getting two.

Yes! We're getting a Christmas bonus
They say it will be a big one,
So forget cleaning and cooking
Go out and get booking
Our holiday in the sun.

I'm sorry to say he got the sack
For spending too long at the bookies
But they sat 'neath the tree
With a nice cup of tea,
And shared her present of chocolate
cookies!

*From "An Anthology of Poems"
by Jean-Ann Parker-Larkin*



A man is walking through the park when he sees two workmen going along the grass verge. One is digging a hole, then a few seconds later, the second chap fills it in again. This goes on for a couple of hundred yards. Finally unable to resist his curiosity, the man approaches the first chap. "I've been watching you both for a while, and can't make out what you're doing." "Well", said the workman, "I'm digging a hole and my mate's filling in again". "Yes", said the man, "I can see that, but surely it's a bit of a pointless operation?"



"Well" said the workman. "Normally there are three of us, but the chap who plants the trees is on holiday!"

Courtesy Jean-Ann Parker-Larkin

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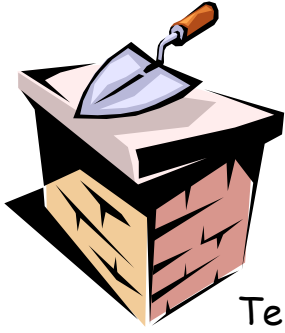
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We are always pleased to have new people in our flower arranging teams .Just going in and watering flowers during holidays would be a help .The bigger the teams ,the less time the rest of us have to spend .No flowers are in church during the six weeks of lent before Easter and greenery only during Advent ,the four weeks before Christmas .

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The Village Hall Management Committee would like to extend a very BIG THANK YOU to Mr & Dr Killy for the Indian Supper evening on March 17th.

It was a wonderful evening full of colour and flavour, the Indian dancers were brilliant creating such a vibrant atmosphere. It was also lovely for the village to be able to share in the celebrations of the Killy's 25th Wedding Anniversary and Dr Killy's 50th birthday. An amazing £1300 was raised in aid of the Village Hall Improvement Project. Thanks to everyone who came to support it.

There are lots of extra photos (in colour!) which you can see on the village hall website www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk/gallery and also on the Facebook page [Goldhanger Village Hall](#)





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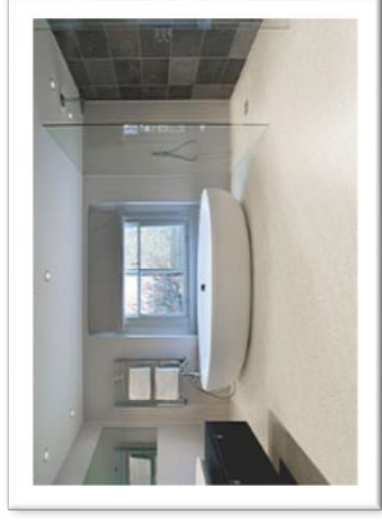
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Goldhanger Village Hall Committee needs volunteers to help with the organising, planning and helping out at the social events we hold throughout the year, as well as the regular maintenance working parties to keep the hall ship shape and looking her best!

**The Village Hall is self funding and as such we need to raise funds to help towards our much needed project works
Events vary from our monthly Film Club to the May Ball, our Summer BBQ and the Spirit of Christmas.**

If you have time to spare, a willing pair of hands and would like to pitch in and help, please get in touch. It's a great way to meet people in the village too!

Please contact:

Anton (Chairman) 788538 anton.j@sky.com

Jill (Chair Social Committee) 788738 jillcrooks66@icloud.com

Debbie (Social Committee) 788709 dakemp1957@gmail.com

I wonder how many of you are fans of Roller Coaster Rides? I tried it once and had the living daylight's scared out of me so now I'm more inclined to be an observer. I really admire those people who can approach what seems to be a disastrous, an unsurvivable drop, and they're still smiling !!!; they're actually looking forward to it. There's more than a little of the coward in me!

Then I suppose I began to reflect that if our life paths didn't climb to a height and there wasn't that inevitable drop in front of us we wouldn't be able to experience that, "view" that estate agents tell us is absolutely necessary for the sale of any house. Perhaps without the ups and downs on our life paths we wouldn't be able to develop the resilience that we need to survive.

So perhaps we are not created to always walk on straight and untwisting pathways and struggling up life's hills strengthens us physically and perhaps strengthens the real us.

This is all very high-minded and sounds all very well but I think that few of us can appreciate this uplifting stuff when we are right in the middle of a very rocky or ankle deep boggy part of our own life's path. I think that on the whole I'm a born grumbler; I whinge for Britain when the going gets tough and I really admire the strong silent types who don't burden others with their troubles. However the other side of that coin is that sharing troubles is what friends are for.

I think in the three parishes and more widely in the seven parishes we've all had our share of ups and downs in the last couple of months. We've had friends in our churches and in our parishes who have been unwell. We've particularly missed Paul Daltry who was to be licensed on the 25th of April and who is working his way towards, "a better view". We pray for all our friends and their families as they climb the path back to better health.

However Christianity has a lot going for it! What you need on a difficult journey is a guide and a friend who will be there to help you when the going gets tough. And perhaps a friend to celebrate when the going gets good!

As the old hymn has it, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

There is a very beautiful old Gaelic prayer about finding a pathway through hills and about finding God's help in difficult times and this is what it says,

"As the rain hides the stars,
as the autumn mist hides the hills,
as the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
so the dark happenings of my lot
hide the shining of Your face from me.
Yet, if I may hold Your hand in the darkness,
it is enough. Since I know that,
though I may stumble in my going, You do not fall.

Sue Godsmark

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Ordinary Meeting held on 10.4.2018

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

North Maldon Growers Ltd Lt Totham Road – prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building – refused.

20 Fish Street – Scots Pine Tree Preservation Order – this Order became provisionally effective on 19.3.2018 and remains so until confirmed otherwise within the period of six months from this date.

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Maldon District Council will be asked about the progress of various enforcement issues in the parish.

There will shortly be a vacancy on the Council as Chris Joslin has announced his intention to resign in May. Please contact either the clerk or the Chair of the Council if you are interested in becoming a Councillor. Councillor Mr Joslin was thanked for all his hard work over the past years.

Councillor Mark Durham (Chair of the Local Highways Panel) has been advised of various outstanding highways issues in the parish – blocked drains in Head Street and flooding arising from water run off in Little Totham Road which causes problems further down in Maldon Road.

The passing places in Little Totham Road have still not been repaired after damage was caused by Highways vehicles working in the area.

It was noted that there are two allotment vacancies – please apply to Councillor Mr Cheeseman if you are interested in taking these up.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30 pm. Maldon District Council's Waste Education Officer will give a short talk on "Where Does The Waste Go?" and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Assembly then followed, and Councillor Mark Durham (Essex County Councillor and leader of Maldon District Council) addressed the meeting. He advised that this was a very difficult time for local authorities due to financial restraints – the central government grant has been reduced and councils have to try and do more with less resources. Adult and social care takes up a very large proportion of the total funding, and the upkeep of roads is a hugely costly issue.

The Local Highways Panel budget has been cut by fifty per cent, and shortage of funding is a basic issue. It is hoped that some re-organisation will speed up the delivery of schemes.

Councillor Durham stated that the traffic calming scheme for Maldon Road in Goldhanger will definitely be delivered in the year 2018-2019, but that no further work will take place on the Charity Farm bends as the accident statistics do not merit this. The 20mph speed limit for Fish Street was dropped because under new rules there can only be a 20mph limit if there is also traffic calming measures in place, and the speed survey that was undertaken showed that the speed of most vehicles was in fact very low.

The Parish Council advised that there was an urgent need for the traffic calming measures in Maldon Road, and that drainage at the Charity Farm bends remains an issue and there are frequent accidents at this location.

Councillor Durham advised that parking restrictions are being applied for at the shop opposite Heybridge Church, where traffic often builds up due to road obstructions. The new relief road linking Broad Street Green and Langford is tied in with the proposed development of this area and the road must be in place before the houses are built.

The issue of narrow bridges in the area which cause traffic obstructions was raised, but Councillor Durham said it was unlikely that these could be altered due to lack of funding. There was also little possibility of the re-opening of the old rail link between Maldon and Witham.

Councillor Durham urged residents to report any potholes to Essex County Council, and verified that claims can be made for damage to vehicles caused by potholes.

The report by the Chair of Goldhanger Parish Council now follows.

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

April 7th 2018

This is the Chairman's report of Parish Council activities over the past year.

1. Council Composition

Rachel Smith joined the Parish Council in May last year.
Other positions have remained the same.

2. Planning

There have been various applications for the council to consider and report their view to Maldon District Council, who make the decisions.

Maldon have changed some of their planning procedures this year, including losing the 'parish trigger', this means that while the Parish Council remain consultees, the decision remains with the designated planning officer and not referred to planning committee, which was the default position previously if the Parish had any objections to a particular planning submission.

Additionally MDC have gone 'paperless' so the Parish council no longer receive paper copies of planning applications.

New housing applications have been as follows:

- None in this period although works are ongoing on the new developments in Maldon Road and Church Street.

Extensions and Minor Works comprised:

- Clockmakers, 2 Head St, extension - Supported & approved
- 27 Maldon Road, 2 storey extension (2nd application) - Supported & approved
- The Stumble, 4A Church st, 2 storey extension - Supported & approved
- 23 Maldon Road, retrospective loft extension - Supported & refused
- Village Hall, extension & improvements - Supported & approved

Miscellaneous consisted of:

- Vaulty Manor, *(2 applications) Gazebo & alterations - Supported & approved
- Cobbs Farm continuation of gravel extraction-County Council consultation
No objection & Granted
- Cobbs farm , retrospective bund - Supported & approved
- Hofflands, LD Certificate (2nd application) - Supported and approved
- Norsey House, Fence Panels (2nd application)- Supported and approved
- Fish Street, change of use, holiday let. - Supported & approved

- North Maldon Growers, agricultural building - No objections & refused
- land North West of 34-46 Maldon road, NMA** landscaping info only
- 9 tree work applications, - Supported and approved
- 1 temporary TPO (Tree preservation order) applied and in force.

*LDC – Lawful Development Certificate

**NMA – Non Material Amendment

Appeals

- None

The MDC Local Development Plan

The Plan was completed and adopted.

3. Bus Service

Last year Goldhanger residents campaigned hard to retain our bus service after the closure of the Tollesbury bus depot, this year I would add while the County Council has an obligation to support rural routes, these 'supported' services (our weekend service is a supported service) get regularly reviewed and assessed on user numbers, if user numbers are low then frequency of services are often reduced. This can often result, over time, in a spiral of reduction of users and hence services. Some local rural buses are reduced to only a few buses a week. So my message put simply – Continue to use it or lose it.

4. Highways

There were 3 Parish schemes within the Local Highways Panel remit as reported last year progress has only been negative in nature:

- Maldon Road traffic calming. MDC have proposed speed roundals painted on the road, Local Highways Panel have "re-profiled" this scheme into the programme for 2017-18. (no change to report from Last year!)
- Charity Farm Bends safety improvements – 2 signs have been erected but we don't consider this closed out and no proposals have been received for the drainage improvements required. (no change to report from Last year!)
- Fish Street 20mph -since approval last year, the scheme has been removed from the list and monies reallocated to Wickham Bishops.

Parking within the village

The parking restrictions in Fish Street and the corners of the junction within the Square were put in place last summer. At the same time, a number of parking bays with a 3 hour limit, no return within 6 hours were created near to the playing field.

South Essex Parking Partnership carry out enforcement and we have increased the budget this year to ensure these bays are not abused.

Accidents

Again this year we have seen a number of accidents in our Parish on the road between Wash Bridge and our boundary on the D'arcy side

We remain keen to keep track of accidents as this data is not held by any other parties. Collecting this data will give us an evidence base which we can call upon, should we request any safety improvement works in the future.

So please email myself or other Councillors details of any accidents you may see.

5. Playing Field, Woodland and Leisure

Replacement goalposts and 2 new benches were installed by members of the Parish Council during this last year.

We are considering park path improvement works along the park to the seawall but quotes obtained to date are disproportionate to our annual income from precept and so we need to consider funding applications.

The play equipment inspection showed that some play equipment could benefit from replacing, an amount has been put aside in the budget for this.

Marigold Wood, we are planning to add the scope of grass cutting around the path to our current scope of grass cutting.

Councillor Clive Cheesman has continued to administer the allotments and if you are interested in having a plot, please contact him.

Natural England are undertaking a programme to implement the government initiative to produce a continuous walking route around Englands coastline. (part of the Marine and Coastal Act 2009).

The Maldon to Salcot stretch which includes Goldhangersseawall, has obtained Secretary of State approval for the access proposals put forward by Natural England, who are administering the Coastal path, and it is due to be completed in 2018.

6. 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. Please see the Parish Magazine for further details and contact Malcolm if you wish to receive emails.

7. Precept

The Precept is a tax charged on each property in the Parish to fund the activities the Parish Council undertake for the benefit of the community, our budget is mainly taken up with our legal obligations associated with Parish assets, and can be found on your Council tax bill. The Parish Council work hard to keep this as low as possible for residents.

The Precept for 2017/18 was £7,800 and has been increased this coming year 18/19 to £13,200 which includes the pledged £5000 towards the village Hall improvements and general increases in our recurring expenditure.

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

8. Defibrillators

2 defibrillators were installed in the village last Spring, one in the phone box in the square and the other in the phone box in Maldon road.

An awareness session was held last summer and another is planned this year.

Plaques are planned to be installed in each phone box to thank all those who have made donations.

The Parish Council plan to enhance the 'red' phone box by painting it and by replacing the 'cloudy' panes of Perspex with new panes.

The light in the box on the main road has been fixed.

9. Village Hall

While the Village Hall is a separate committee, the hall is an important element to our village, community and the Parish Council, who are reliant on its availability for meetings. The village hall improvement plans were approved last year and a start date for February 2019 is anticipated.

The plans for improvement of the village hall facilities require a lot of work and fund raising by the Village Hall committee and I would encourage all residents to support events.

10. Legal obligations

New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force in May and our Clerk has attended training to ensure our procedures are compliant.

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

With a special mention to Chis Joslin who has put in many years valued service and plans to step down in May to focus on other commitments.

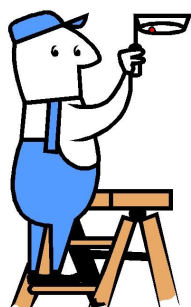
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Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. How many letters are there in the alphabet?
2. Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb which mountain?
3. Which dog breed is well known for having black spots on a white coat?
4. How many years are there in a century?
5. Name the Admiral who has a monument in Trafalgar Square?
6. Which American president fought for slaves to be freed?
7. According to the proverb, 'a trouble shared is a trouble...' what?
8. What was the first name of the explorer Columbus who discovered the Americas?
9. The Flying Scotsman was a famous what?
10. Haggis is a traditional food in which country?

Answers on page 40

DID YOU KNOW?

That Britain was the first country to use postage stamps.

Joke

Q: Why don't scientists trust atoms?

A: Because they make up everything.



2001: A Space Odyssey will be returning to cinemas for its 50th anniversary, after a screening of a new 70mm print makes its debut at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. Christopher Nolan is making his first trip to Cannes to introduce the new print of the film, which he personally helped oversee for Warner Bros. This special screening of 2001 is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, before the film is re-released in select cinemas.

Director Stanley Kubrick's legendary sci-fi film was originally released in 70mm in the UK on 15th May 1968 and is generally considered to be one of the greatest sci-fi movies ever made.

Answers to Children's Quiz on page 39

1. 26
2. Everest
3. Dalmation
4. 100
5. Horatio Nelson
6. Abraham Lincoln
7. Halved
8. Christopher
9. Train
10. Scotland

Website of the Month

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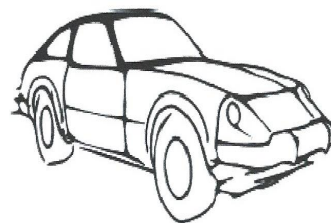
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Recipe of the month

Spicy sausage pasta

Serves: 4

Preparation time: Less than 30 minutes

Cooking time: 10 to 30 minutes



INGREDIENTS

- 400g/14 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz fresh tagliatelle
- 8 tbsp Italian olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely sliced
- 4 Italian sausages, chopped
- 2 handfuls chestnut mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium red chilli
- 1 handful pine nuts
- 100g/3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz pecorino cheese, freshly grated
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS

1. Cook the pasta in salted boiling water until al dente.
2. In a frying pan, heat the olive oil and shallow fry the onion and sausage until golden.
3. Add the mushrooms, chilli and the pine kernels, season with salt and pepper and cook for approximately three minutes.
4. Drain the pasta, add to the sauce and mix well.
5. Serve immediately with some freshly grated pecorino on top.

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3 Th		03:15	5.90	15:32	5.63
4 F		03:51	5.72	16:05	5.43
5 Sa		04:27	5.47	16:37	5.22
6 Su		05:04	5.19	17:13	5.00
7 M		05:46	4.92	17:57	4.78
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26 Sa		11:13	5.48	23:36	5.49
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GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0930	1140	1440	1615
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0935	1145	1445	1620
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0937	1147	1447	1622
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0940	1150	1450	1625
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0943	1153	1453	1628
MALDON High Street	0801	0946	1156	1456	1631
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	0950	1200	1500	1635
MALDON Morrisons	0810	0955	1205	1505	1640
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	HO	HO	HO	HO	HO
MALDON Morrisons	0825	1040	1250	1520	1645
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0830	1045	1255	1525	1650
MALDON High Street	0835	1050	1300	1530	1655
MALDON Tesco Store	0839	1054	1304	1534	1659
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HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0846	1100	1310	1541	1706
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0848	1102	1312	1543	1708
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718
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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	
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95 Maldon to Tollesbury		Hedingham Omnibus			
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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	
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www.hedingham.co.uk

Stephenson's Buses:

01702 541511 (0900-1730)

www.stephensonsofessex.com

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

Oh no! Not *you* again



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>)
National Domestic Abuse/Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247 (<i>open 24 hrs, every day</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	01206 769778 or 564581
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