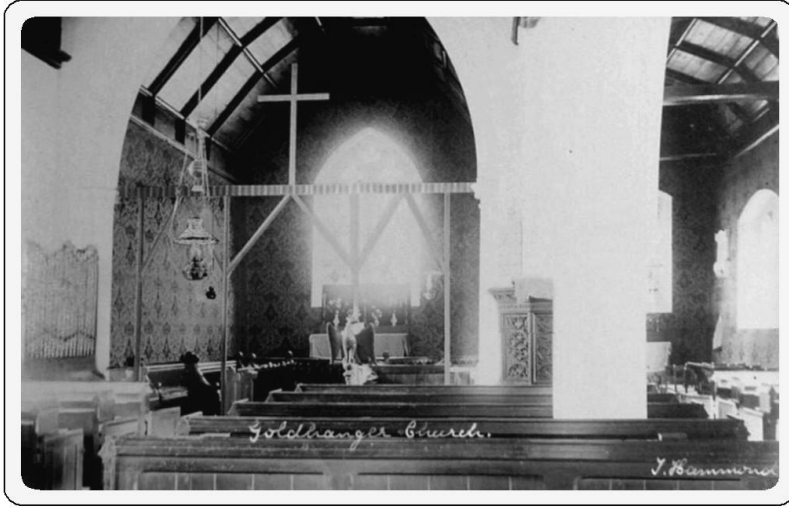
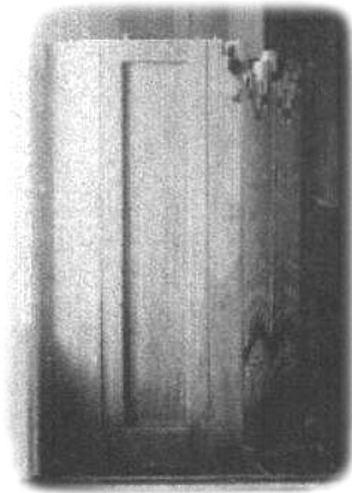


St. Peter's Church organs through the ages



1900s



1910s



1920s



127 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.

All articles (ideally in PDF or plain text) to be submitted by midnight on the 13th of December, and advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 11th of December please.

Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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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.

Current and previous issues of the magazine are available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website at: www.goldhanger.org.uk.

Goldhanger Correspondent

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

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St. Peter's Church Organ

The last few months have seen major restoration work carried out on the organ in the Church, which provides an opportunity for us to look back at the evolution of this instrument and its predecessors over the past 170 years.

This month's cover shows three early postcard scenes of the Church interior with the organs by the chancel steps. We can date these cards to particular decades using the wording and serial numbers on them. The early 1900s scene most probably shows the organ referred to in this article...

From the Essex Standard in April 1854

GOLDHANGER CHURCH — This ancient church, which was built about the 9th century, and dedicated to St. Peter, has lately been thoroughly restored and beautified at a very considerable outlay, the whole of which has been defrayed by the Rector, the Rev. C. B. Leigh, and his family.

The parishioners of Goldhanger, with Little Totham, of which Parish the reverend gentleman is also Rector, anxious to testify their respect and gratitude to the Rector and his family have raised a subscription, to which all classes and creeds have cordially joined, and erected a handsome organ in Goldhanger Church manufactured by the well known firm of Walker, of London.

The postcard from the 1910s could well show the same instrument boxed in and turned by 45°. The postcard from the 1920s is most likely to show the organ referred to in this article...

From the Parish Magazine in 1913

A few months ago our organist, Miss Violet Payne, initiated the movement for a new organ for our parish Church. Commencing the work of collecting funds, she obtained sufficient promises to warrant the Rector and Church-wardens taking the next step in purchasing a suitable instrument. Reviewing the many offers made, an organ was selected which in the opinion of all is an ornament to the Church, and considered to be both a gem and a bargain.

The builder is Mr. Dalladay, of Hastings, whose work is conscientious and thoroughly sound. It has two manuals, nine speaking stops and three couplers, with other accessories. It is interesting to note that the instrument has 400 feet of piping used in the pneumatic action of the pedals, and contains 448 pipes.

The old organ has been purchased by the Guardians of the Maldon Union, for the use of the inmates at Divine Service in the Workhouse Chapel, for the sum of £20.

Today the organ is listed on the *National Pipe Organ Register* as being built by the well known London maker *Nicholson & Lord* with no date specified. It was overhauled in 1934 and in the 1950s, when electricity became available in the Church, an electric blower was installed. Before that time had to be pumped by hand to fill the two large bellows at the base of the instrument, which are still there. It was moved to the rear of the Church in the 1960s. It was overhauled again in 1985.

In the last few months, as well as a major overhaul, the organ has been moved away from the exterior wall, rotated 90° and has also been re-decorated.

a photo of the restored organ appears later in the magazine

for more about the Church history search for: *goldhanger past st peters*

David Newman www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/St-Peters.htm

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Parish Council Wednesday 12th, 7:30-9:30pm

Art Club Thursday 13th, 2-4pm
Catherine 788488

Carpet Bowls Friday 14th and 28th, 1:45-4pm

Dazzlers Craft Club Saturday 15th, 10am-4pm

Film Club: A Royal Night Out Wednesday 26th, doors open 7pm
see magazine advert for details

Village Hall Bookings

Contact Jackie Christy on 788432 or:
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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 Hospice

Your used stamps can be dropped in to the Hospice shops in Maldon or the Bentalls Centre in Heybridge.



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 7:30pm - 9:30pm 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 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

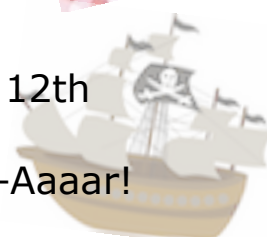
For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time. St. Peter's Church.



Shanties in the Pub

Billiards room at the Chequers every other Tuesday (from 12th October) from 7pm.

Just join in the responses or take a lead as you wish. Ooo-Aaaar!



GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
New website: www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/
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'CHRISTMAS MALDON FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Season's Greetings!

This Festive Season we will be collecting items for Maldon Food Bank.

Items they are particularly in need of are:
Christmas treats such as mince pies/xmas puds, chocolates, sweets for children, Christmas cake and other Christmas treats.

Plus also: Nappies, Baby food, tinned meals, cereal, UHT milk, tinned fish/vegetables, biscuits, pasta sauce, jam, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, tinned fruit and sugar.

Please drop off anything you can spare to Fiona at 28 Hall Estate or Su at 18 Fish Street before 14th December.

Thank you wonderful Goldhanger Residents.'

Goldhanger Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 7th December

7:30pm

in the Village Hall

All Welcome



Volunteers Required

Goldhanger Village Hall needs willing and enthusiastic villagers to join the committee.

The important positions of Secretary, Vice Chair and Treasurer need to be filled.

Anyone who would be interested please contact Anton on 788538 for a chat to see what's involved.

VOLUNTEER



Press Notice from Maldon Croquet Club:-

Loss of Community amenity

Residents of Maldon District will be distressed to learn that the very successful and inclusive Maldon Croquet Club has been given notice to quit their present home at Forrester Park Golf Club. The Owner of Colchester United, Robbie Cowling, bought the Golf Club earlier this year and has told the Croquet Club that the small piece of the Golf Practice ground where they play, will no longer be available to them next year. MCC are now desperately looking for a new home for next year's playing season, April to October. The Club has some 70 members and caters for very competitive players and social players alike. The recent Pandemic which allowed play to continue for open air sports had proved 'a life line' for all our members. The Club would have been 12 years old next year and has played host to numerous local organisations wishing to try out the game, as well as some disabled visitors and Primary school children.

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(Check the website or notice board in the square for any changes to usual dates.)
These bags are also available at other locations like the library, and information is on the Maldon District Website.

Many thanks
Julia Bourn - GPC Chair



Tide Times

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Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 4th December Advent 2

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 11th December Advent 3

10.00am The Nativity Play for Everyone. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character!

6.30pm A candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 19th December Advent 4

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle and Crib Service. Donations invited for the work of the Children's Society.

10.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 1st January Christmas 1

10.30am Holy Communion (at Great Totham)

10.00am Christmas Pick and Mix (at Goldhanger)

On-line Sunday services can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services>

On-line Morning Prayer will be on Facebook on Mondays and on YouTube on Wednesdays and Fridays both at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer can be accessed through our Facebook page, YouTube channel and on "a church near you".

Weekday Holy Communion Services

Weekday Holy Communion service from The Book of Common Prayer

Every Wednesday at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy at 10.00am

And

Every Saturday at All Saints, Little Totham at 5.30pm

Please get in touch with Lizzie Armour or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings Please contact Rev'd Tracey for funeral arrangements.

Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans or George Bunting

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to the church at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your support. Please contact Lizzie Armour, our Benefice Administrator on 07908 776750 or office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com for any queries or help.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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	Reverend Sarah Clare	07762 840905 / 01621 868819 sarahclare9@gmail.com
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	Kim Evans	01621 788698 kwestwood58@aol.com
Benefice Administrator	Lizzie Armour	07908776750 office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com

(Please contact Lizzie if you wish to book, a wedding, baptism etc. She is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Messages left at other times during the week will be responded to at regular intervals)

Church flowers	Mrs Elaine Clark	788686 elaclark@me.com
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* Goldhanger, Little Totham & Great Totham and Tollesbury, Salcott, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt Major

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The young girl is quiet for a while, then says, “God, what does money mean to you?”

God answered, “Money is nothing to me. A pound to you is like a million pounds to me.”

After a few minutes the girl says, “God, can I have a million pounds?”

“Of course,” replies God. “In a MINUTE.”

A bear walks into a pub. The barman says, “What would you love to drink?”

The bear replies, “I’ll have a and tonic,”

“Why the big pause?” asked the barman.

“Because I’m a bear,” said the bear.

BOOM! BOOM!

Q: Where do you find a tortoise without any legs?

A: Where you left it.

Q: How many months of the year have 28 days?

A: All of them!

From: Jean Larkin





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For more information go to:

nationaltrust.org.uk/heritage-skills-apprenticeships



Tuesday Coffee Mornings

We look forward to seeing new faces.

It is only for 1 hour every Tuesday but it is a great way to catch up with all the news.

Hope to see you

Regards Pam Cook.



Books in Church

We have a small secondhand book stall in the Lady Chapel

Recently we have received rather too many donations .We are sorry we don't have storage facilities in church .If you have books you would like to donate please contact one of the church wardens before leaving the books and consider donating to one of the many charity shops in the area .When we next have a book sale we will let you know in good time.

Crazy Christmas Present List

T T S P E A R T R E E E A S
 R U D A J E S U S R T H S D
 U R R R A H S G F F I D R R
 E K I T R B N S T R R G O O
 L E B R L I A S R E P I P L
 O Y Y I R E I L H N H Y F D
 V M L **D** L T D P T C S R C R
 E F **L** G R A E O L H W A A U
 O **O** O E M H D E V H A M S M
G S C L S A M I N E N Z P M
 F R A N K I N C E N S E A E
 T M I L K M A I D S A B R R
 B A B Y E S E E G O O R C S

Giver 1

Giver 2

Giver 3

Giver 4

Giver 5


Giver 6

Giver 7


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Answers to:- pfrench2@hotmail.com

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 Goldhanger
 Love Sarah & Steve
 xx

Wishing all our
 Goldhanger friends
 a very Happy Christmas
 Love Michael & Pat
 xx

very happy Christmas

to all - Pam.B.

A very Merry
 Christmas to everyone
 Love Deb & Malcolm xx

Happy Christmas
 everyone
 Chris and Tice
 Merry Christmas
 Love from Mary Ann
 to you all
 Love Maria
 + Edwina
 xxx

Happy Christmas to all our
 friends and neighbours

&

Happy New year 2023

Love from Jackie
 Daisy & Jasper
 at Xmas

Merry Christmas!
 Love xxxx
 Judy, Stuart & family

A very merry Xmas
 to all in
 beautiful Goldhanger
 Love Neale

A Very Merry Christmas
 and a Happy 2023 xx
 + Pam G.
 Wishing everyone a
 very Happy Christmas
 & New Year. Love Mary xx

Have a great
 Christmas and a
 Healthy & Happy
 New Year!
 Love
 Kay & Neal
 (Cross)

A very Happy Christmas
 to all in Goldhanger
 Love Pat E.
 Happy Christmas
 to all.
 All the Best
 Carol & Janet
 xx

Wheelwrights.
 xx



Wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Love Liz and Molly the dog xx

A very Merry
Christmas to all!
Tom, Nala, Charles + Eddy

Wishing everyone
a very Merry Christmas
Love

Jmelda + Gary
xx

merry christmas
Love from Maxine
xxx

Happy
Christmas
Love from
Barry + Tina
xx

Merry Christmas
to all...

Wishing everyone in the village
a Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year.

Best wishes
Sarah & Ian xx

Happy Christmas
Goldhanger!
Love to all
Ewan, Hannah
+ Rev!!
xx

Love,

Clive + Adriana

David + Doreen
New year,

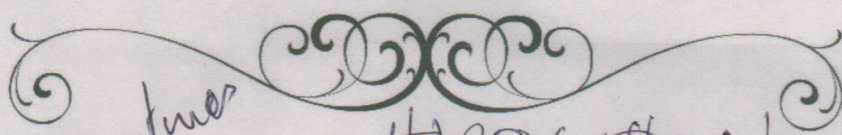
Very happy Christmas
to all from
Chris and Stephen
xx

Have a great
Christmas
Best wishes
Dave

Merry Christmas
everyone!!
Love
Su, Keith,
+ Tides
Have a great
Christmas
Love
Kim + Ray
xx

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year to
all in Goldhanger

Love
Helen &
Mark.



Happy Christmas
Betsy

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
LOVE FROM THE
NEWHAM FAMILY

Merry Christmas
Maureen + Clive
Merry Christmas
Goldhager!
Love The
Masters

Have a
Christmas
day + love
everyone

Happy to
see you all
at the party

A lovely Christmas
to all
from
Barbara Paul.

Happy Christmas
from Helen
and Mark xxx

Wishing you all a
very happy Christmas
+ a healthy New Year
From
Gary + Pauline
Bose

Happy Christmas
from Gerald + Tony
and Ruth

Happy
Christmas
everyone
From the Willis

Happy Christmas
to everyone + Dogs
From Alan + Charlie

Happy Christmas
to all our lovely
friends + neighbours
Lots of love
Judy + Mike xx

All best wishes for Christmas and 2023
Martin and Julie.

Wishing you all
a very happy
Christmas + a
healthy New Year
2023
Janie + Jeff

Happy Christmas
To All
Antal
Craib, Joyce
+ Patricia



I wish you all a
very happy C'mas,
remembering those
less fortunate than
ourselves

Happy Xmas Amie Theoby
To my Village Friends
Love from
Pam. Molly & Mia
XXX

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO EVERYONE IN GARDINER

Margaret & Viv
12 Downing Close

Happy Christmas
+ a Healthy + Peaceful
New Year

Ken & Leanne

Merry Christmas
to all.
Have a good one.
lots of love
Patsey
XXX

Happy Christmas
Hugh & Jenny.

Merry Christmas
To all in THE
Village.
Love from all
at Bowthorpe.

Merry Christmas
to all
Love
Julia + Tony
Penny

Merry Christmas All
Love
Dave, Nicky + Sammy

Warm Wishes
Elaine & Ant
& family.

Merry Xmas
Goldhanger
Julie
(Barclay Clerk)

Happy Christmas
Julie B.

Happy Christmas
Steve & Mica

Merry Christmas Everyone
Love & Best Wishes
Mark, Jules, David & Blaize

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x5



x3



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One Maldon District creates Winter Services Community Guide to support residents

One Maldon District, a senior level partnership comprising of local statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations have created a Winter Services Community Guide to support residents this winter.

The community guide provides key information and support on health and wellbeing, energy saving tips, financial support and community groups that can help residents in the Maldon District.

Jane Gardner, Chair of One Maldon District and Essex Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said; “We are living in difficult times, where the price of energy, food and bills are rising rapidly.

“We, as One Maldon District, have worked with a host of local community organisations to produce the Winter Services Community Guide which provides lots of advice and guidance on support that is available in the Maldon District, we hope you find this useful.”

Sarah Troop, Director of Maldon and District Community Voluntary Service, said; “There is a lot of worry in the community at the moment about the cost of living, but equally there are many groups working to provide support, advice and guidance. It is vital that we make it easy to find information so everyone who needs help can find it.”

Cllr Penny Channer, Leader of Maldon District Council, said; “I am delighted that the Council has been able to support the One Maldon District partnership with the production on this Winter Services Community guide which I hope will help our residents at this difficult time.”

In addition to the Winter Services Community Guide, a leaflet has been created to help signpost residents to different resources, groups and organisations that can help this winter.

Both the Winter Services Community Guide and leaflet is available as a physical copy and digital resource. In the coming weeks, a district-wide map will be live on www.maldon.gov.uk which will indicate further support available across the district.

Please click on links to the [Winter Services Community Guide and leaflet to download.](#)

Ministry Team Message

2022 has been quite a year! At long last life seems to have returned to some sort of normality, for the first time since the start of the Covid pandemic. We nearly won the Eurovision Song Contest! But we cheered along with the rest of Europe when Ukraine beat us. How could we not cheer their success after watching Russia invade them in February and still at the time of writing the war rages on. Sadly, I suspect it will not have ended by the time this reaches you.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We finally discovered what she kept in her handbag and in the process got a glimpse of her sense of humour! The Lionesses stormed to victory, putting women's football on the map. Boris fell dramatically from grace, energy prices rose and in September we lost a great Queen. The nation mourned, joined by people around the world. Our longest serving Monarch was closely followed by our shortest serving Prime Minister! Covid has not gone away and now we have avian flu to contend with. In the run up to Christmas I wonder if we will take to panic buying turkeys the way we panic bought toilet roll back in 2020! It's certainly been a year of ups and downs. Of highs and lows.

I wonder, how are you feeling as we approach Christmas 2022? My husband adores Christmas, particularly decorating the house, as you may have noticed if you've passed by the Vicarage at Christmas since our arrival in 2020! As I write, I wait with bated breath to discover what extravaganza of lights and inflatables will mark the birth of Christ at our house this year!

For me, being in charge of 7 churches, Christmas can be rather more akin to that episode of the Vicar of Dibley, where she eats Christmas dinner after Christmas dinner so as not to offend anyone! I shall endeavour to get round in person as many of the Christmas fayres, carols at pubs and other Christmas events as possible and I hope to see you at one of them. If I'm honest it feels like a bit of a marathon at times but what keeps me going and makes it all worthwhile is chatting to and getting to know the people who live in the parishes. So come and say hello!

I wouldn't be able to run 7 churches without the amazing help and support of the people who attend them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ministry team and the teams of lay people who give their time and their skills entirely voluntarily throughout the year to help me keep the churches open and serving the 7 villages.

I asked how you are feeling in the run up to Christmas? Excited, joyous, looking forward to spending time with family and friends, eating too much, drinking too much and sleeping in front of the telly? Or perhaps you would really rather Christmas wasn't happening? Not everyone loves it. Many will be worrying about how they are going to afford to have turkey and all the trimmings. Many will be scared to put their heating on as the nights get colder because of the rising costs. For some people Christmas Day is just another day to spend alone. If that's you, don't be alone, come to church! You'll be very welcome and it'll be warm!

As I walk through life, I am endlessly grateful that I have faith. It's what keeps me going through good times and bad, because the one constant thing in life is God. Never changing, always there, always ready to listen, to guide and to comfort us. The Queen wasn't just a great Queen, she was also a great example of a Christian. Tirelessly giving of herself, dedicated to her role and her God, sharing her faith but never forcing it on anyone. She said herself how her faith sustained her throughout her life.

I am blessed to serve in 7 beautiful churches, in 7 wonderful villages, but I hope church isn't just a beautiful building to you. I hope it is a place where you can find God. I really hope that you will come along to one of our Christmas services. Come and be part of the family as we celebrate the birth of Christ and welcome him afresh into our lives.

Merry Christmas and blessings on you and yours.
Revd Tracey





GOLDHANGER JUBILEE CHOIR
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AT
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An evening of music and song, fun for all the family in typical Goldhanger style!

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**Admission is by charitable donations collected at the door.
Money raised will go to St Peter's Church and other charities
nominated by choir members**



Goldhanger generosity

We've been inundated with donations since the envelopes went out. Your generosity never fails to amaze us, but we think this year you will have surpassed yourselves.

Thank you all so much for your donations and for supporting the magazine. It gives us much encouragement to carry on what we're doing.

Best wishes to you all.

Chris (editor)
Stephen (editor)
Emma (advertising)
Sally (treasurer)



Answers to November crossword

1	S	2	T	3	I	4	C	5	K	6	I	7	N	8	G	P	9	O	10	I	11	N	12	T
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Answers to November Sudoku

7	3	6	8	1	4	9	2	5
5	4	9	6	3	2	1	7	8
2	1	8	9	5	7	3	6	4
6	5	4	2	8	1	7	9	3
9	2	3	7	4	6	8	5	1
1	8	7	3	9	5	2	4	6
8	7	5	4	2	3	6	1	9
3	6	1	5	7	9	4	8	2
4	9	2	1	6	8	5	3	7

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Goldhanger Shanty Crew

Goldhanger's shanty crew meets every other Tuesday at 7:30 in the Chequers' billiards room, singing outside for the first half hour or so in summer—if the weather permits.



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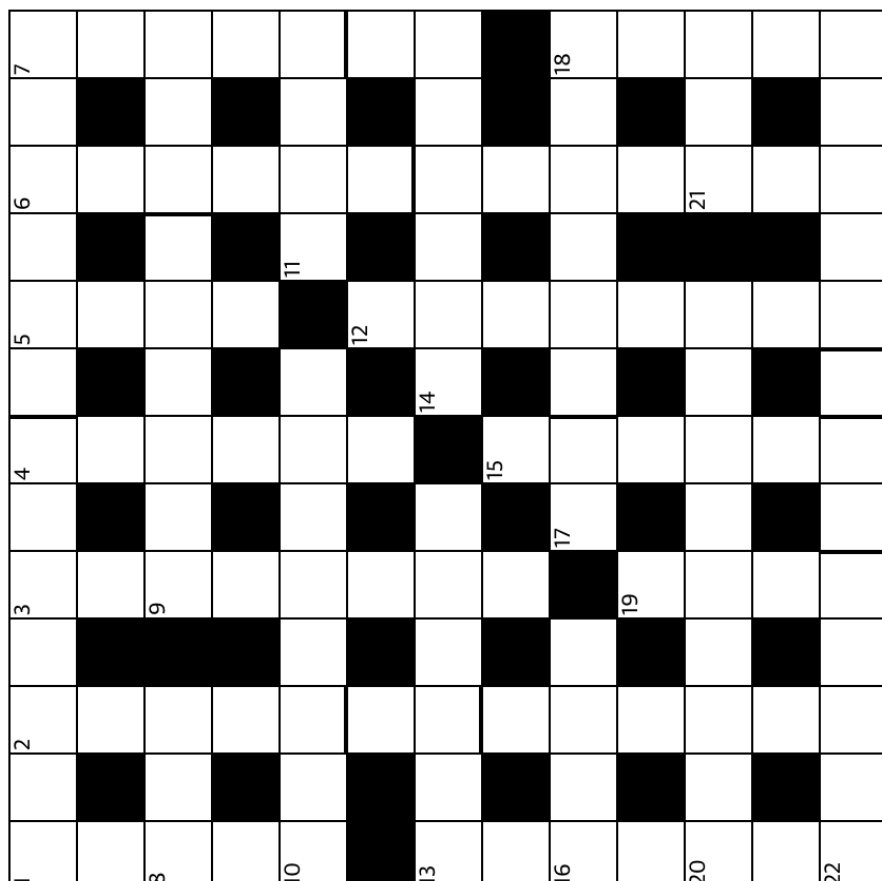
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Like a bit of Sudoku?

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	3		1	5		4		
		5		6			7	
	9			3	4	5	8	
	2	8	7			9		3
5		3	9			6		
		4	5	2			9	
		9	4		8			
8					1	7		

Answers next month



Across

- 1** A defining make-up item (7,6)
8 Cabbages, potatoes etc (3)
9 Mat knelt on by Muslims during their devotions (6,3)
10 ! (8)
11 Enclosed channel (4)
13 Note at the bottom of a printed page (6)
14 End of boot (sometimes made of steel) (6)
16 Key – Ivy League university (4)
17 Good gracious! (2,6)
20 Disappear without trace (9)
21 Produce crosswords (3)
22 Full of vigour (like a little flower?) (5,2,1,5)

Down

- 1** 'Hound Dog' singer (5)
2 Obliging (5,2,6)
3 Gun that can fire several times without reloading (8)
4 Person who makes fabric (6)
5 Large wide-mouthed vessel (4)
6 Catholic feast celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (6,7)
7 Put a match to a cigarette (5,2)
12 Idiot – he on a bed (anag) (8)
13 Blank page at the front or back of a book (7)
15 Go around (6)
18 Admission (5)
19 Classy (4)

Online games and puzzles to keep you amused

Online games and puzzles: <https://www.games.co.uk/games/puzzle>

Online jigsaw puzzles: <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/>

Online brainteasers, maths puzzles, word games, sudokus and memory games: <https://www.mindgames.com/>

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting held on the 9th Nov 2022. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next

Parish Council Meeting

www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk

clerk.gpc@outlook.com

Planning Decisions by MDC

22/00185 Steel Barn, Maldon Road - Approved

22/00945 Tilly Hill, Bakers Green - Refused

Planning Applications

22/01091 Norsey House, Maldon Road - Erect single storey rear extension and front porch.
Retain Garage Supported

Correspondence

Essex Highways User Survey

Update on review of MDC Grounds Maintenance Contracts for 2023

Rural Mobility in Parishes Survey

Community Winter warmth and Welcome Spaces Fund

Playing Field

Tree maintenance work to be completed on the 15th Nov

Hawthorn had been removed by Cllrs Ellis, Reynolds and Sargeant recently in childrens play area

Marigold Wood

Hedge cutting had been completed by MDC

Highways

Parking patrols had operated in the village during the summer but no tickets had been issued

Rangers cutting back overgrowth in Maldon Road still ongoing

Sids and solar panels - tool still to be purchased

Bus shelters and defibrillators

Quote still awaited for the damage caused to the bus stop.

Light was reported as not working in the defibrillator phone box and to be rectified

MDC Winter Service Community Guide and Events list had been received - Clerk would investigate with webmaster and Parish Mag editors to ascertain whether they could be published

The possibility of planting a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III was discussed and whether an event could be organised

Details of MDC Rough Sleeper Evidence on Tues 15th Nov 22 was received

Road closure in Church Street on 28th Nov 22 was noted

An invite to the Council had been received for the MDC for their Contract Liaison Meeting

A large amount of dog excrement had been deposited in Blind Lane. It was also noted that it had been increasing in the park and Sea Wall area and this was not acceptable and that dog owners need to take responsibility for their animals and use dog bags to clear up

Residents had been asking the Parish Council what was being done regarding enforcement issues. The Parish Council had been pursuing this with MDC and District Councillors but had not received any replies

Letter had been received from MDC for precept request for 23/24 which would be decided at the next meeting

New Pay scales had been released from the National Association Local Councils for pay awards for 22/23 which would now need to be implemented

Next Meeting date 14th Dec 22

Christmas Cyclamen

We are having Cyclamen in church again this Christmas . If you would like one in memory of a loved one please let me know with the name of the person remembered .

We aim to have them in Goldhanger church in time for the evening carol service on 18th December

The smaller ones are hardier and survive better in church .

I will collect the Cyclamen from Perry Wood on 15th December .

They are £3.50 each or five for £15

I recommend you take your Cyclamen home early in January as they don't like the cold dark days of winter in church .

With thanks

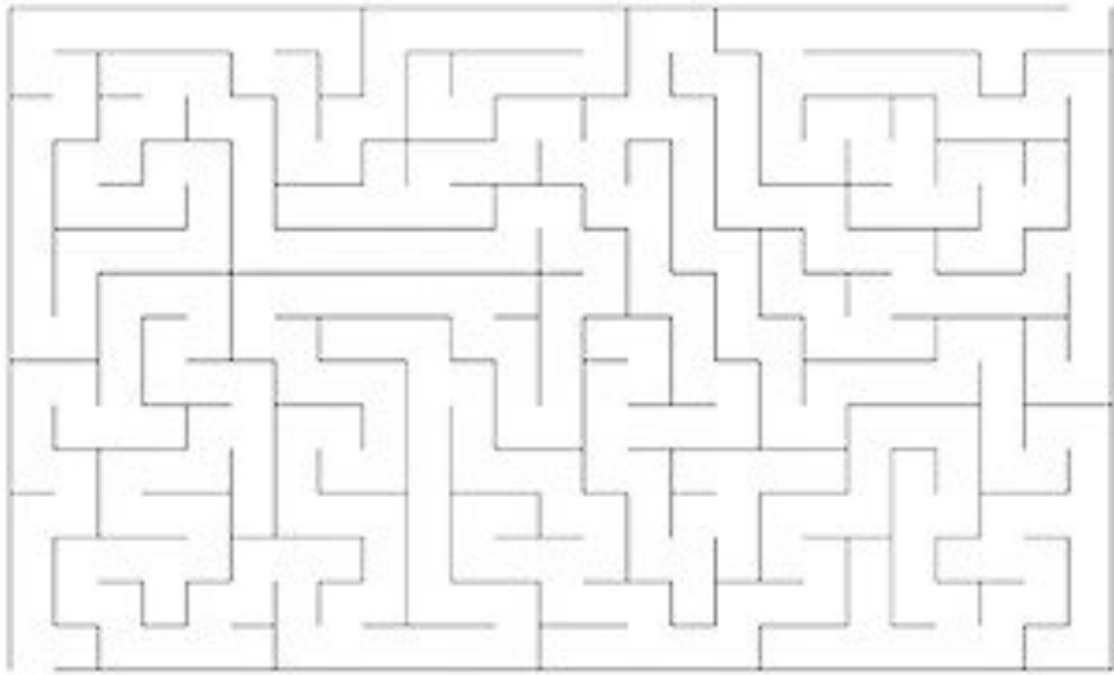
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Children's Pages

Santa Holiday Maze



Can you help Santa get to his sled?



Why don't penguins fly?

Because they're not tall enough to be pilots!



DID YOU KNOW?

A single teaspoon of soil can hold up to ten kilometres of fungal material.

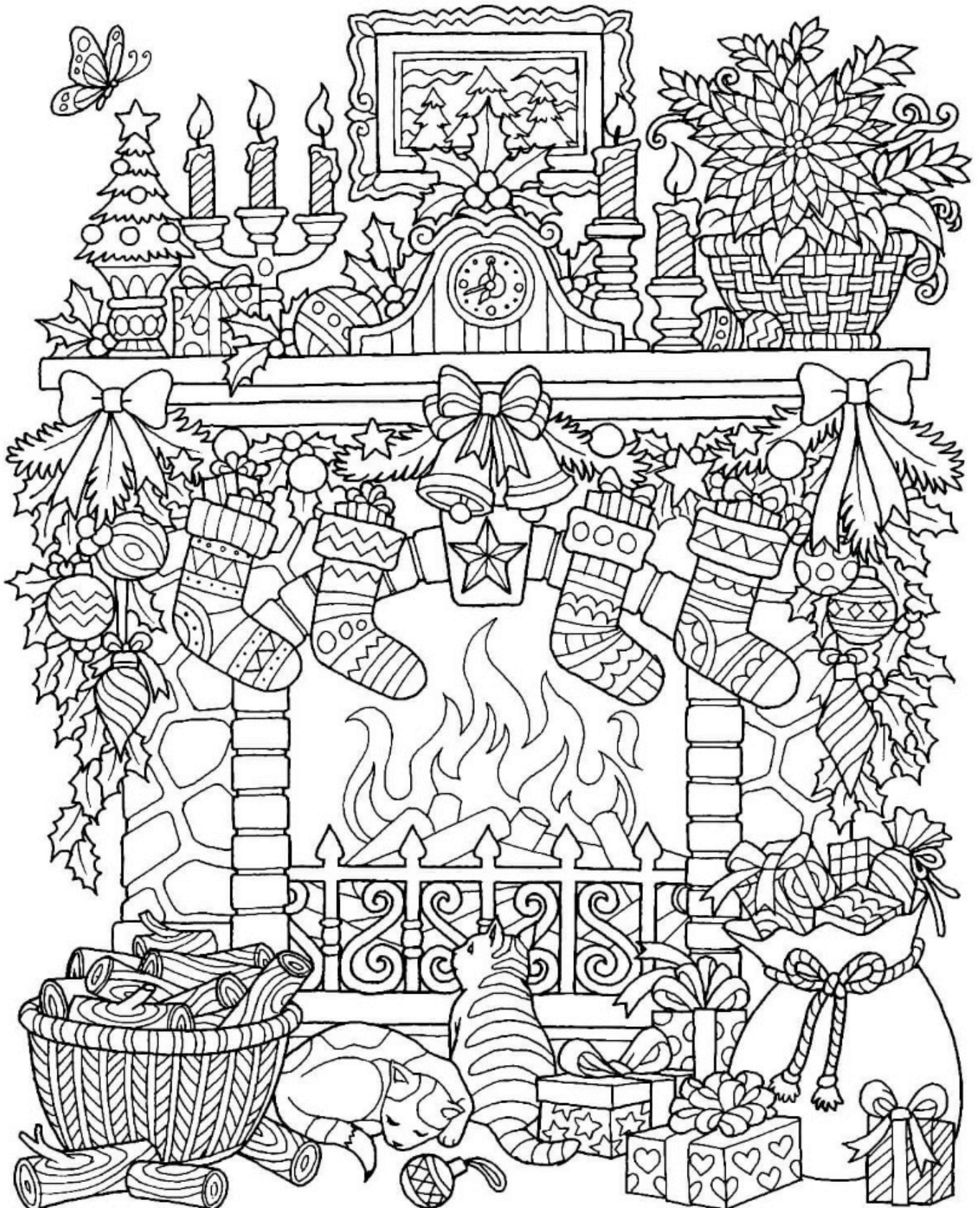


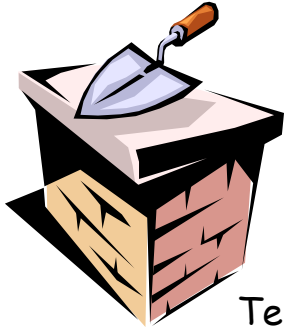
Q: Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?
A: He was picking his nose!

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

This should keep you occupied





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Recipe of the month

Winter root mash with buttery crumbs

A little bit of this winter root mash goes a long way as a side dish - make it a day ahead for friends.

Serves 10 (yes, 10!)

Prep 50-60 minutes, cook 40 minutes

Main Ingredients

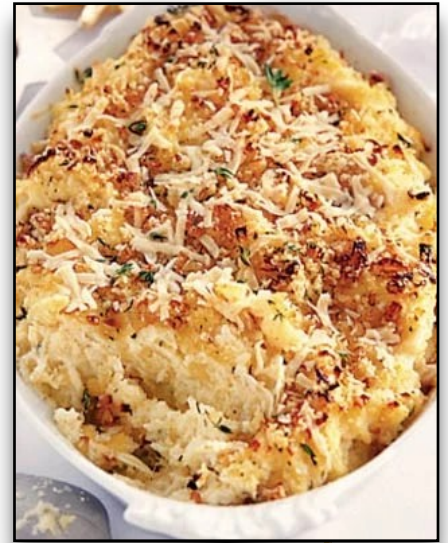
- 650g [parsnips](#), cut into even chunks
- 650g [swede](#), cut into same size chunks as the parsnips
- 142ml tub soured cream
- 1 rounded tbsp hot [horseradish](#)
- 2 tbsp [fresh thyme](#) leaves
- [butter](#), for greasing

Topping

- 50g [butter](#)
- 1 [small onion](#), finely chopped
- 50g fresh white breadcrumbs (from about 4 slices)
- a small handful [thyme](#) leaves, plus extra for scattering
- 25g [parmesan](#), coarsely grated

Method

1. In a large pan of boiling salted water, cook the parsnips and swede, covered, for about 20 minutes until tender. Drain well, then mash them together using a masher or food processor until reasonably smooth but still with a bit of texture. Stir in the soured cream, horseradish and thyme and season with salt and pepper.
2. Spoon into a buttered shallow ovenproof dish and put to one side.
3. Make the topping. Melt the butter in a frying pan and cook the onion for 5-6 minutes, until gorgeously golden. Mix in the breadcrumbs and stir to brown and crisp a little. Season with salt and pepper and add the thyme. Take the pan off the heat. Spoon the mixture casually over the top of the mash. Scatter over the parmesan. (Can be made ahead to this point and kept covered in the fridge for up to a day or frozen for up to a month.)
4. Bake at (190C/gas 5/ fan 170C) for 35-40 minutes if doing from cold, 25-30 minutes if not, or 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours from frozen (put foil on top, and remove it for the last 10 minutes) – until golden and crisp on top. Serve scattered with a few more thyme sprigs and leaves.



Do you have a recipe that you'd like to share?

Website of the Month

Your editors present a quirky, interesting, surprising or who-knows-what web site that may be of interest. Hand-curated by your intrepid cybernaut navigators Chris and Stephen 😊

<https://beta.digitalblasphemy.com>

Lots and lots of beautiful computer generated images of natural or fantastical scenes created by Ryan Bliss.



Oven temperature conversions

Centigrade	Farenheit	Gas Mark
140°C	275°F	1
150°C	300°F	2
160°C	325°F	3
180°C	350°F	4
190°C	375°F	5
200°C	400°F	6
220°C	425°F	7
230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9

Mobile Library dates & times

Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2022 07 December 28 December 18 January	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
	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	13:10	13:40
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



Essex Police Contacts

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- Person suspected of a crime nearby
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- Violence is being used or threatened

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The Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch

email system is free & confidential. It sends emails with information & advice on current issues in the village. Contact goldhangernw@outlook.com for more information.

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

**Our collection day is Friday;
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BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Hedingham Omnibus				
TOLLESBURY The Square	0735	0920	1130	1430	1605
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0925	1135	1435	1610
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	Hedingham Omnibus				
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
HEYBRIDGE Square	0843	1058	1308	1538	1703
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
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723

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		Hedingham Omnibus			
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	
MALDON Morrisons	0935	1135	1335	1515	
95 Maldon to Tollesbury		Hedingham Omnibus			
MALDON Morrisons	0955	1155	1355	1625	
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	

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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
Universal Credit Helpline	0800 328 5644
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>)

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Essex & Suffolk Water	0345 782 0999

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First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Chelmsford	01245 263859
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803

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Ding Dong!

