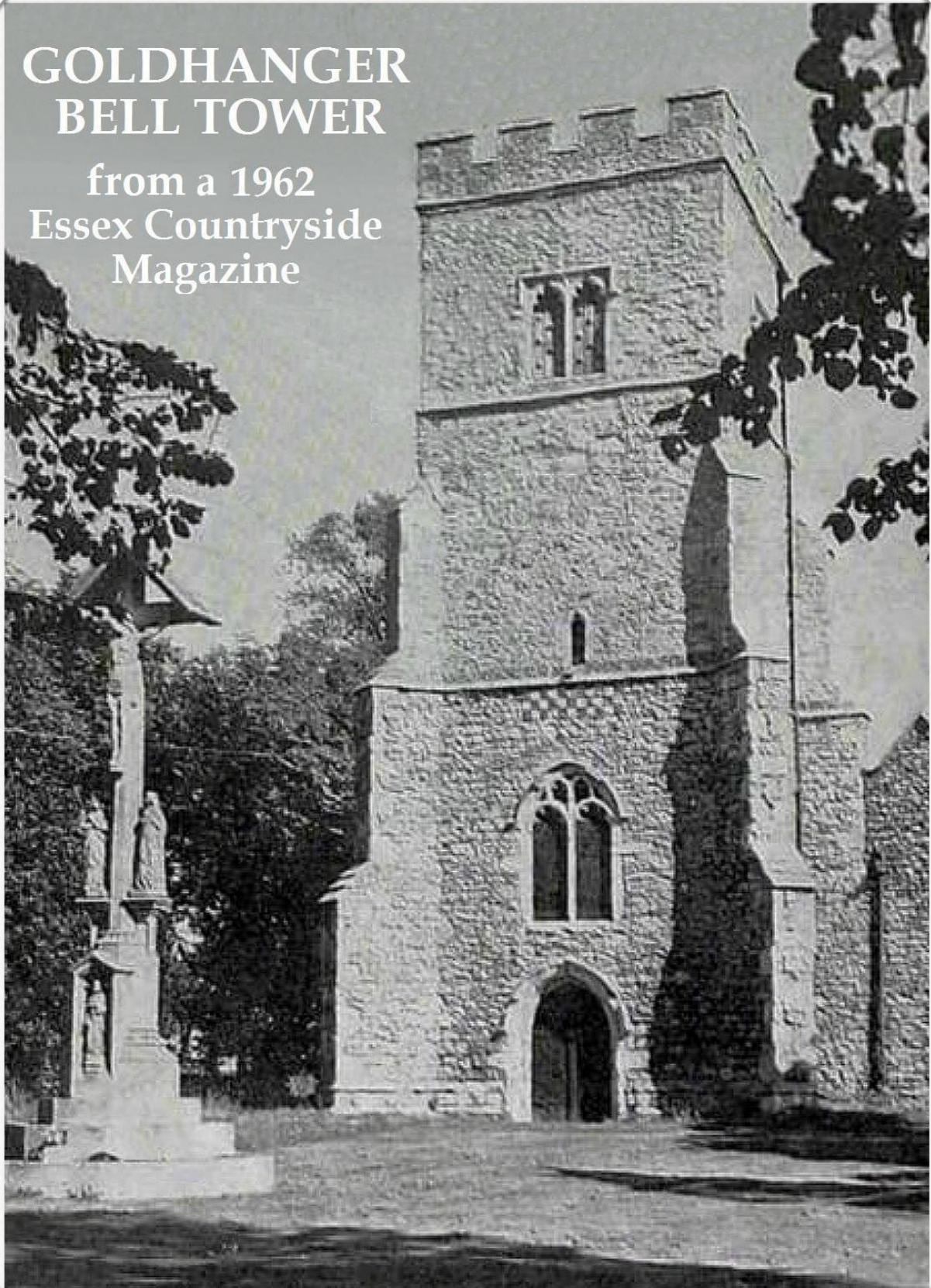


# GOLDHANGER BELL TOWER

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Magazine



## **128 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 contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.**

**Magazine Editors:** Stephen & Chris 788369  
parishmag@goldhanger.org.uk

**Advertising** (for Emma advertising@goldhanger.org.uk  
Magazine & Goldhanger  
Website)

**For Sale or Wanted** - To list your 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 350 copies each month.

**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](http://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.

Contact:

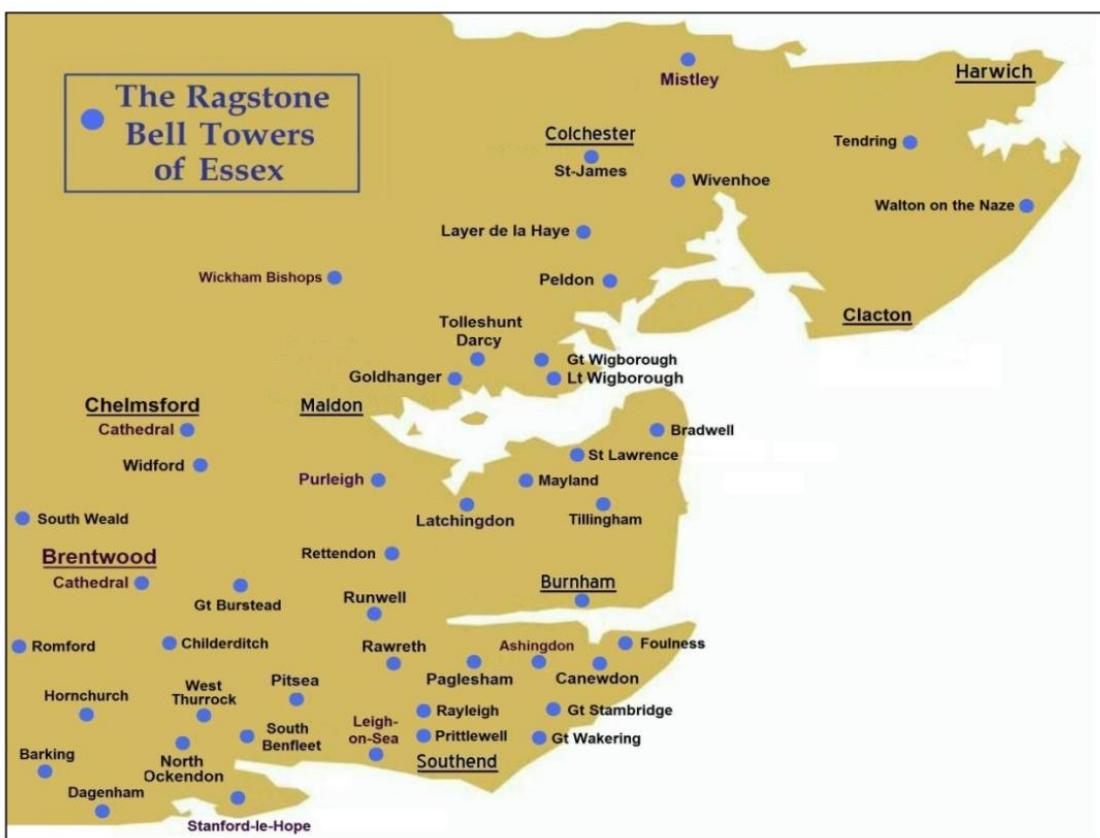
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## The construction of St. Peter's Bell Tower

Have you ever wondered how the Bell Tower came to be built of solid stone? - particularly as the rest of the Church is built with a mixture of flint and softer materials, and with no other stone buildings for miles around.

As there were no stone quarries in Essex the tower was built using "Kentish Ragstone" in the 1400s and the stone came from near Maidstone using flat bottomed barges similar to those at Maldon today. There are a remarkable number of similar church towers built with this stone in the estuaries all along the Essex coast. To date over 40 have been identified and some are surprisingly similar in appearance to St Peter's. This map shows the locations...



At a time when there were threats of invasions from European countries many of these towers weren't built just to hold bells, they were also built as observation towers, for fortification, signalling (with flags, flame beacons and a bell), to keep local time (with sundials and large pendulum clocks) and not least to impress. Imagine St. Peters Church without a tower or any bells, especially at Christmas.

For more information search for: *Goldhanger past ragstone*

[www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Tower.htm](http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Tower.htm)

[www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Ragstone-Bell-Towers.htm](http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Ragstone-Bell-Towers.htm)

*this has photos of all of the ragstone towers found*

David Newman

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Nikki Myers 07963 785718, [youtimeyoga@live.co.uk](mailto:youtimeyoga@live.co.uk)

**Ladies Kickboxing** every Tuesday 6-7pm

Gemma, 07531 360562, [gemma@muayfitness.co.uk](mailto:gemma@muayfitness.co.uk)

**Karate** every Thursday 6-8pm

**Parish Council** second Wednesday of the month 7:30-9:30pm

**Art Club** second Thursday of the month 2-4pm

Catherine 01621 788488, <http://goldhangerartclub.co.uk>

**Film Club** third Wednesday of the month (except July and August),  
doors open 7pm, film 7:30pm

*see advert for details*

### Village Hall Bookings

Contact Jackie Christy on 788432 or:  
<http://www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk/bookings/#form>

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	18.00 - 23.00	£17	£20
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	18.00 - 23.00	£22	£27

# Community Page

## **Goldhanger Sailing Club** [www.goldhangersailingclub.org.uk](http://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/](http://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](mailto:arckelso@mac.com).



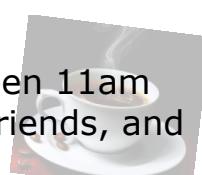
## **Mother's Union**

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.



## **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!



## Pink recycling and green waste food bags

These can be collected 15 minutes before each Parish Council meeting. Parish Council meetings are usually every 2nd Wednesday of the month and start at 7.30pm  
(Check the Village Hall 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

<https://www.goldhanger.org.uk/index.html>

<https://www.tidetimes.co.uk/maldon-tide-times>



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# CHRISTMAS



Saturday 2nd December

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Bring your own drinks/ glasses, nibbles & dobbers!

Refreshments will be served in the interval

## **GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Notes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023. 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](http://www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk)

clerk.gpc@outlook.com

### **Planning Applications**

23/00520 Bobbets Hole Bakers Green

Demolish two existing dilapidated garages and replace with new garage/workshop for domestic use

Supported by GPC

23/00975 30 Fish Street

Proposed first floor rear extension to go above existing ground floor. Proposed log burner flue to go in place of former chimney

Objection – see MDC Planning Portal for objections

### **Decisions**

23/00835 37 Fish Street TPO 4/21 T1 Sycamore – Approved by MDC

Appeal Ref 3309957 Land adjacent to 15 Fish Street – Appeal Dismissed

### **Other Planning issues**

23/00830 Land off Head Street for 25 houses

The local MP had visited the site on the 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 23 and met with some Parish Council members to understand more fully their issues and had received various letters from residents. She also wrote to Anglian Water regarding drainage issues, who in turn had offered to meet with the parish council.

### **Chairmans Announcements**

Articles had been posted on social media regarding tyre safety, household support fund and heritage talks

### **Correspondence**

A letter from a resident had been received regarding cabling that had not been routed underground, the Parish Council would respond to this stating that they had no influence over this

### **Playing Field and Play area**

Hedge cutting had been completed

### **Highway Matters and Public Right of Way**

**Parking** – there had been two instances of poor parking reported on social media recently outside the nursery which allegedly had caused issues for refuse lorries and residents

Highways survey had recently been completed

Rubbish had been removed from Hall Estate Garages and a general inspection and tidy up of the area is being carried out by MDC

**Defibrillators** -New sets of replacement pads for the defibrillator were to be ordered

Notification from NALC regarding the 23/24 Local Government Services Pay agreement – the agreed award was a flat rate payment of £1925 (pro rated for part time workers)

Three quotes had been received for the 23/24 Playground Inspection. It was agreed to instruct Wicksteed to commence the inspection at a cost of £132

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day at a cost of £25

**Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – at the earlier time of 6.30pm**



# Goldhanger Church Services

## **Sunday 3rd December      Advent 1**

9.30am      Parish Communion (CW)

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December      Advent 2**

10.00am      Family service

6.30pm      A candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December      Advent 3**

9.30am      Parish Communion (BCP)

## **Christmas Eve**

9.30am      Morning Prayer

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 31<sup>st</sup> December      Christmas 1**

11.00am      Benefice Service at Tolleshunt D'Arcy

No service at Goldhanger

**On-line Sunday services** can be found at:

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

Morning Prayer on YouTube on Wednesdays and Fridays both at 10.00am.

Jo Lacey has started offering Evening Prayer once a month on YouTube.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6651/> or

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657>

## **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](https://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, for any queries or help.

## St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

**Priest in Charge of the Blackwater Benefice\*** Reverend Tracey Caswell 07742 999 633  
[blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com)

**Associate Priests** Reverend Sue Godsmark 01621 891513  
[suegodsmark@aol.com](mailto:suegodsmark@aol.com)  
Reverend Sarah Clare 07762 840905 / 01621 868819  
[sarahclare9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahclare9@gmail.com)  
Reverend Andrew Vince 01621 868415  
[andrew.vince15@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.vince15@gmail.com)

**Church Wardens:** Mr George Bunting 01621 929690  
[gvbunting@gmail.com](mailto:gvbunting@gmail.com)  
Mrs B Abrey

**Benefice Administrator** Lizzie Armour 07908776750  
[office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:elaclark@me.com)

\* Goldhanger, Little Totham & Great Totham and Tollesbury, Salcott, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt Major

St. Peter's Goldhanger website: [www.st-peters-church.goldhanger.org.uk](http://www.st-peters-church.goldhanger.org.uk)

## Flags for December



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> &  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
December**

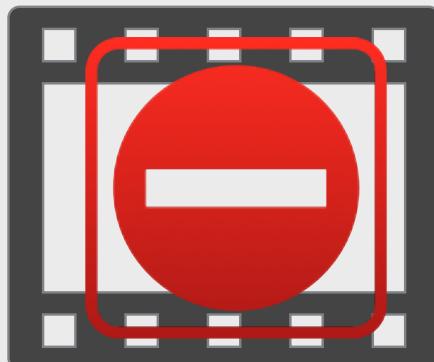


**Christmas**

## Message From Revd Tracey

It is with sadness and happiness, in equal measure, that I announce I will be leaving the Blackwater Benefice next year. I will be taking up a new position as Rector of the Claydon Benefice in Suffolk. My last working day in this Benefice will be Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Blackwater Benefice and will be very sorry to leave you. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you all.



Please Note:

There is no film club  
in December.



## Ministry Team Christmas message

It's early November as I write. But today, as I practised Silent Night with St Mary's Handbell Ringers, I felt the first stirrings of a Christmas spirit.

How does the 'Christmas spirit' affect you? Does it make you feel happy, affectionate, generous? Or does it make you anxious, stressed, exhausted? Christmas is usually 'sold' to us as a time of parties and plenty. But the reality for many people is far from that, specially now with the cost of living crisis in its second year. And Christmas can be particularly hard for those who are grieving, or whose loved ones have previously died during the festive season, and whose absence is more keenly felt than ever. [We have a Light up a Life service on 13 December in St Mary's Tollesbury, specifically to remember those loved ones.]

How might we celebrate the joy of Christmas whilst having empathy and compassion for those who are struggling?

Well, if we choose to focus on the actual events behind the Christmas celebrations, we find a story of humble simplicity, wonder, love and hope. At its heart is a baby, born over 2000 years ago, at a time of political unrest in a country in the Middle East - a country that is sadly once again in turmoil. It also involves a young woman, obedient to God; a faithful man; a foreign ruler causing havoc and misery in people's lives; and ordinary people looking for hope. That child grew up to be Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who taught us to love each other, selflessly; not to judge each other; and to care for the lost, the last and the least.

Recalling this story reminds us what's truly at the centre of Christmas, and the teachings of Jesus are as relevant today as ever. We've seen much selfless kindness and generosity expressed within our communities during the worst of the Covid years. This year, in Tollesbury, we again encourage you to do the **Reverse Advent Calendar** box if you can, gathering daily an item of non-perishable food/clothing/toiletries suitable for the homeless. They will be taken to Beacon House in the New Year. Other parishes might consider collecting too. I always bless each item as I place it in my box, which helps me concentrate on those less fortunate than I am.

Jesus tells us that 'it is better to give than to receive', and most of us will recognise the warm glow we feel when offering a present to someone. But our gifts needn't be materially expensive. Sometimes all people need is the gift of time, attention, and kindness.

Maybe this year we can try intentionally stepping away from the frenetic activities and materialism the world promotes and instead embrace a simpler, calmer approach as we recall the wonder and joy of that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

I do hope you can join us at one of the many services on offer in the Benefice over Christmas. What better way to drive away the darkness in our lives than welcoming Jesus, 'the light of the world', into our homes.

I wish you all a blessed, hopeful and Jesus-filled Christmas. Reverend Sarah Clare

## The Chequers Inn Christmas Carols & Turkey Sandwiches



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Arrival from 7.00pm

To start singing at 7.30pm.

Turkey sandwiches will be served halfway through the evening.

Come & join us for our fantastic evening of Carol singing & festive cheer.

Free Admission.

Mulled wine will also be available to purchase.

Dom & The Team look forward to seeing you all there.

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## The Chequers' Inn New Year's Eve - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The pub will open at 8.00pm and be open until late.

Lee Probert playing live from 9.00pm.

There will be a buffet provided around 9.45.

Tickets are £10.00 per person – Young people of 12 years old or over are welcome.

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**I do most of my shopping online. I am always on the lookout for a bargain, especially with the festive season coming up but I'm worried about scammers. What should I look for, to avoid getting caught out?**

You're not alone, lots of people do their shopping online: it's convenient and can save you time. But as more and more of us move online, so do scammers, with their tactics becoming more sophisticated all the time.

While scams can be tricky to recognise there are always things you can look out for and steps you can take to protect yourself from falling foul to a scammer.

The golden rule to remember is that if it seems too good to be true then it probably is. This goes for products which are 'must-haves', are sold out at major retailers, or are heavily discounted.

If you're buying from a site you haven't used before, do some research before hitting buy. Find the company's return and refund policies so you know your rights if something goes wrong with your purchase. You should also look up the company's address, this can normally be found in the website's 'contact us' section and should have a street name, not just a post office box.

Take some time to see what other people have said about the website. Start with an internet search and look at different review websites, don't rely on reviews the company has put on its own website.

Be very wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media or via text and email offering an item for sale or deal on something. Scammers will often ask you to pay in unusual ways, or put you under pressure to buy very quickly. For example, they'll ask you to send money through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union or pay via vouchers.

If you do fall victim to a scam, firstly don't feel embarrassed or ashamed. Scammers are clever and regularly adapt their methods making them harder to spot. Anyone can get scammed.

Do report it as this alerts authorities to scammers' techniques and prevents others from being taken advantage of.

You can report a scam to:

- Citizens Advice Consumer Service: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or 0808 223 1133 or
- Action Fraud: [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) 0300 123 2040.

If you've transferred money in the last 24 hours contact the police via the non-emergency number 101, but, if you feel unsafe, use 999. Always contact your bank to let them know you've transferred money.

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Magically



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## Save the Date!

Goldhanger Village Hall

### Quiz Night

Saturday 10th February 2024

may have a Valentine's twist! ❤

further details will be published in the January mag

### Christmas Cyclamen

We shall be having Cyclamen in church this Christmas in memory of our loved ones .

Please let me know if you would like any ,with the name of the person to be remembered by the 14th December .

We are using a different supplier this year .They are £2.50 each .

You are welcome to bring your own into church . labeled so that they can be returned to you or you can collect them soon after Christmas .The smaller ones survive better in the colder conditions of the church

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Pat Sargeant.**



# CAROLS IN THE SQUARE 2023

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

at 5.00 PM

The Square, Goldhanger

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**Service of Nine Lessons and  
Carols at St Peter's  
Goldhanger will be held on  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at  
6.30pm – we do hope you will  
join us!**

**Christingle Service at St  
Peter's Goldhanger will be  
held on Christmas Eve at  
4pm – we do hope you will  
join us!**

*Happy  
New Year*



Beer Wishes to all our  
Goldhanger friends,  
Deb, Mel & family.  
- xxx -

Wishing all in Goldhanger  
a very Happy Christmas  
and New Year xx

A happy CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL IN GOLDHANGER  
Clive and Maureen

Wishing all our Friends  
in Goldhanger  
a very Happy Christmas  
and  
New Year 2024

Love & Wishes  
to all in Goldhanger  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
from the  
Wardell family

Happy Christmas  
LOVE Shell, Stan + Mabel  
xx :: ::

Merry Xmas to all  
and all from Ruth  
new address xx

JH Woodward (Spear tree)

Have a lovely Christmas  
Merry Christmas  
Gret + Jerry

Merry Christmas  
to you all!  
Love The Rocktoms

Pamela Redwell

Best wishes

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The Cheevers  
& dogs x

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Robert & Pat Long

Best wishes for  
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and Peaceful New Year  
Deborah Griggs





To all our friends -  
Goldhangers & friends -  
We wish you all a  
Happy, healthy Christmas & lots of love & joy xx  
HAPPY NEW YEAR xx

Merry Christmas  
to you all  
love  
Maria, Oliver  
& Edward  
xxx

HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS.  
love  
Julia, Tony &  
Family x

Happy  
Christmas  
everyone  
Shore  
Su, Kaitlin  
& Tide.

Happy Christmas Goldhangers!  
Lots of love.  
Sue & Carol & Lotti xx

Lots of  
happiness to  
you all  
Back &  
festive Greetings  
to you all  
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Happy Christmas  
from  
Hugh & Jeanne.

Wishing  
a very merry Christmas  
to all our friends  
Love Marianne & Andrew

Merry Christmas  
to Everyone!  
Love from Anton,  
Clarke, Joyce &  
Pam x

Happy Christmas  
love from  
Jackie, Daisy  
& Jasper  
xx

Merry Xmas  
Gail  
Julie  
(Brisk Clerk)

Happy Christmas  
everybody  
God Bless  
love  
Michael & Cherry

Happy Christmas  
lots of love  
Mark & Jules  
xx

Merry Christmas to all  
Sarah & Ian xx

Merry Christmas  
to all our  
Goldhangers  
friends &  
Love Liz & Holly x

Wishing everyone in The Village  
a Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year  
Best wishes

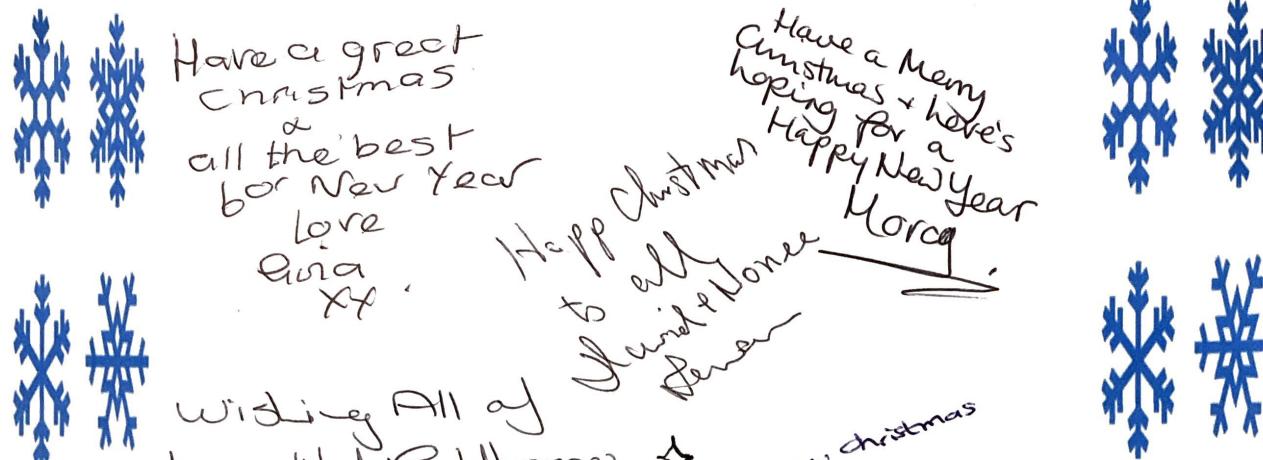
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lots of love  
Sarah & Ian xx

Happy Christmas  
everybody  
God Bless  
love  
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xx

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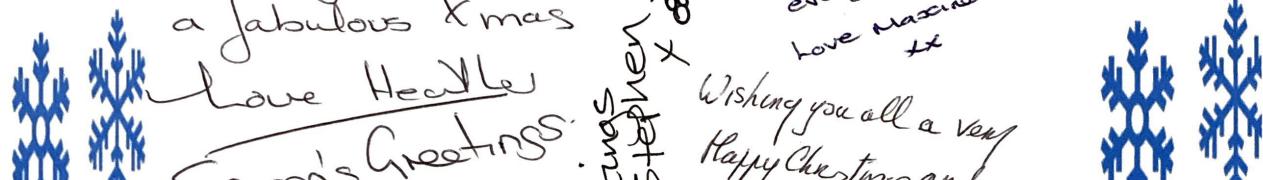
Have a great  
Christmas  
&  
all the best  
for New Year  
Love  
Gina  
xx

Have a Merry  
Christmas & here's  
hoping for a  
Happy New Year  
to all  
Glen & June  
Morca



Wishing All of  
beautiful Goldhanger  
a fabulous Xmas

Happy Christmas  
everyone.  
Love Maxine  
xx



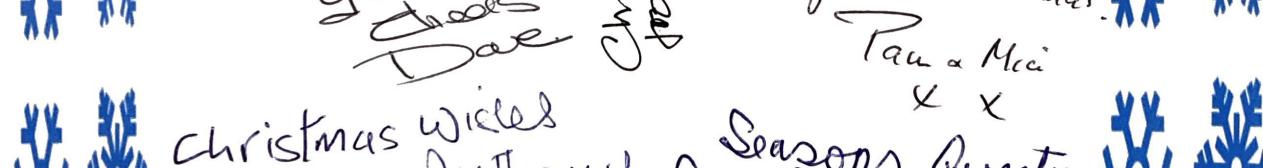
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Ray & Kim  
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Wishing you all a very  
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New Year  
Love from Sheila & Malcolm



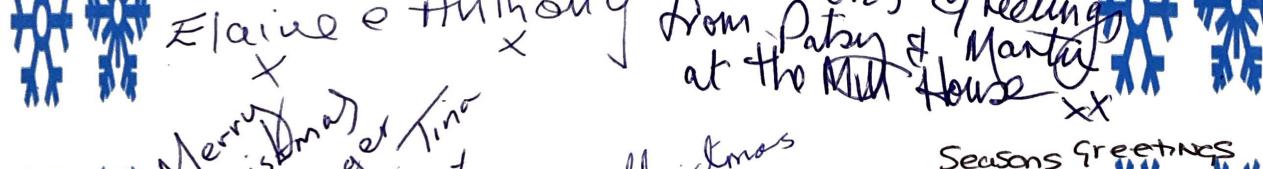
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All the Very Best  
for you all at Xmas.  
Paul & Moi  
xx



Christmas Wishes  
Elaine & Anthony  
x

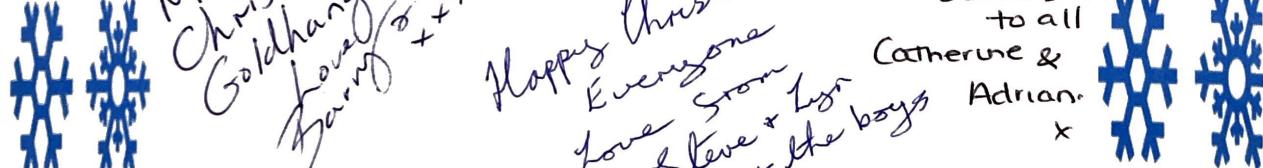
Seasons Greetings  
from Patsy & Martin  
at the Mill House  
xx



Merry  
Christmas  
Goldhanger Tina  
Love & xx  
Glen

Happy Christmas  
Everyone  
Love from  
Steve & the boys

Seasons Greetings  
to all  
Catherine &  
Adrian.  
xx





A very Merry Christmas  
from Lorraine & Ken

Happy Everything  
to Everyone.  
Love,

Wishing you all a  
wonderful Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year! Lots of love  
from Barbara, Paul  
and family x

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wonderful Christmas  
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Year! Lots of love  
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and family x

Clive

Adriana

# THE GREAT GOLDHANGER ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL 2023

FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF 24 WINDOWS UNIQUELY  
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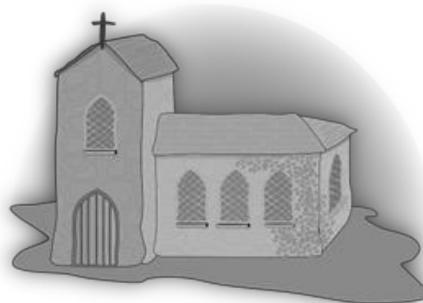
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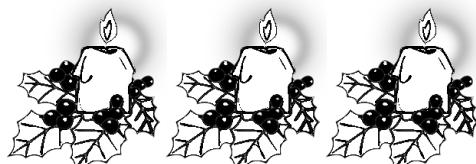
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## Is the home you rent from a private landlord in a poor state of repair?

**Over the last few years, the number of private tenants seeking help from Maldon Citizens Advice has nearly tripled. Often enquiries are about disrepair.**

“Your landlord is responsible for most major repairs to your home if you rent privately. This includes:

- the structure of the property, for example walls, roof, windows and doors
- sinks, baths, toilets
- pipes and wiring
- heating and hot water, for example the boiler
- the safety of gas and electrical appliances

You'll be responsible for minor repairs, for example changing fuses and light bulbs. You'll also have to fix anything you've damaged. You won't be responsible for repairing damage caused by other people, for example vandalism.

If your home is damp, your landlord might not be responsible. It depends on what type of damp it is - and what caused it.

## Asking your landlord to make repairs

Write to your landlord as soon as you notice a problem. You could be held responsible if it gets worse. It's best to put it in writing - send it to your landlord and keep a copy yourself.

If a letting agent manages the property for your landlord, write to them and they should talk to your landlord. The letting agent will be responsible for making sure your landlord does the repairs.

If your landlord's responsible for the repairs, they should do them in a ‘reasonable’ amount of time. What counts as reasonable depends on the problem. For example, a broken boiler should be fixed sooner than a leaky tap.

## Getting evidence

You should get evidence of the problem, for example:

- photos of the damage, particularly if the problem gets worse over time
- any letters, texts, emails or notes of any conversations between you and your landlord or letting agent
- receipts if you've had to replace damaged items
- letters from your GP if the problem has made you ill
- a copy of your tenancy agreement

Keep any evidence you've got - you might need it later if you have to take further action to get repairs done.

Unless it's an emergency, your landlord should give you at least 24 hours' written notice if they want to visit your home to see the damage or do repairs.

## **If your home isn't safe for you to live in**

Your landlord has to make sure your home is fit for human habitation. This applies to most types of tenancy.

Your home might be unfit for human habitation if for example:

- it has a serious problem with damp or mould
- it gets much too hot or cold
- there are too many people living in it
- it's infested with pests like rats or cockroaches
- it doesn't have a safe water supply

It doesn't matter if the problem was there at the start of the tenancy or only appeared later.

Your landlord doesn't have to make sure your home's fit for human habitation if you caused the problem by:

- not looking after your home properly - for example not using the extractor fan after having a shower
- doing something unreasonable - for example leaving candles burning when you go out

## **If your landlord won't do the repairs**

Keep paying your rent. If you don't, you'll get into rent arrears and your landlord might then try to evict you.

## **If the problem is affecting your health or safety**

You can report your landlord to the Environmental Health department at your local council if your home is in a bad state of repair.

You should do this if your home is unsafe or making you ill. This could be, for example because of:

- a gas leak
- a broken step
- mould or damp
- mice or cockroaches

You'll need to send details of the problem in writing, for example when the problem started.

Your landlord could try to evict you if you complain. If you have an assured shorthold tenancy that started after 1 October 2015, you might have more protection against being evicted.

Your council should get back to you quickly if the problem is severe or if someone in your home is very young, ill or elderly"

If your landlord still won't fix the problem or if you would like more detailed advice, contact Maldon & District Citizens Advice via [www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk) or ring 01621 875774.

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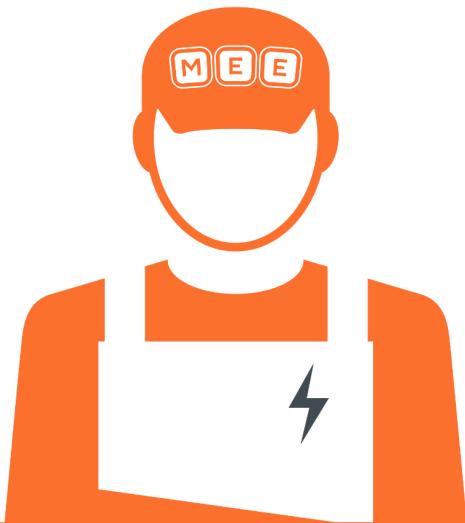
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Extracts from the Goldhanger Millennium Calendar



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GOLDHANGER APPLE  
ORCHARDS  
Up until the 1960s the village was surrounded  
by apple orchards. Now just one remains.

## Parish Mag cover in colour

The cover photos on your Parish Mag are now in colour when you view them on the Goldhanger website (<https://www.goldhanger.org.uk/>).

Unfortunately we can't have them printed in colour as it would be too expensive.

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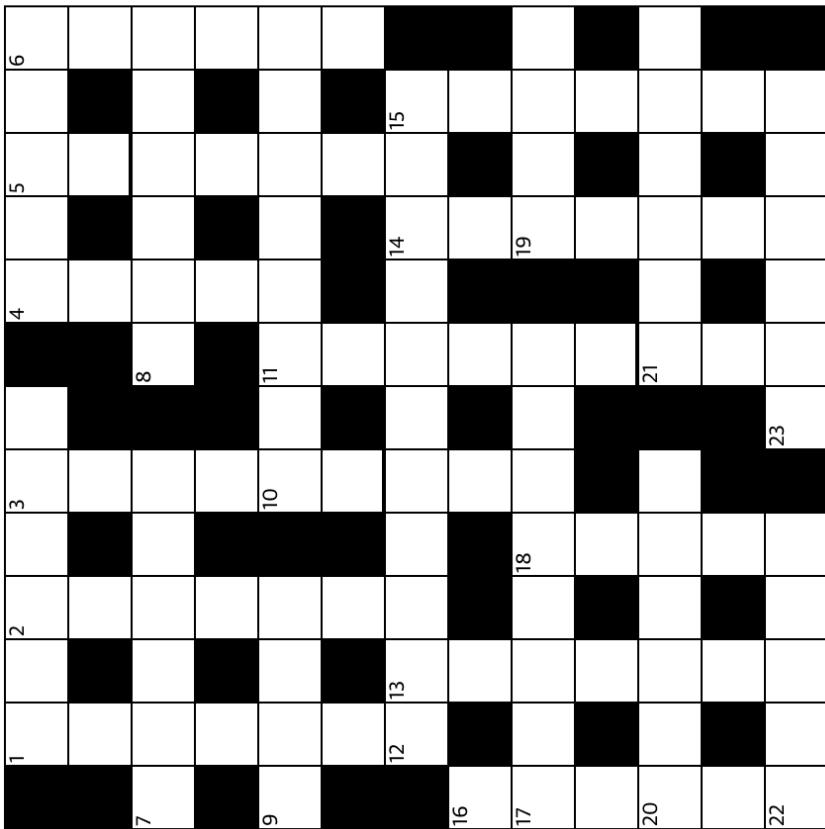
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7	Lift abruptly (5)	2	Buddhist bliss (7)
9	Turned sharply (6)	3	Black fluid used for drawing (6,3)
12	Inconsistent (6)	4	Thus (5)
16	Branch of Islam (4)	5	Happening outside the living organism (2,5)
17	No-show (8)	6	Where the settler may be found? (6)
20	Russian port on the Sea of Japan (11)	11	Small, powerful vehicle (6,3)
22	14	17	Expensive and exclusive (8)
23	15	19	£25 (4)
24	18	20	Patterned with blooms (6)
25	19	21	Glazed cotton fabric (6)
26	21	22	Lifting device (5)
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# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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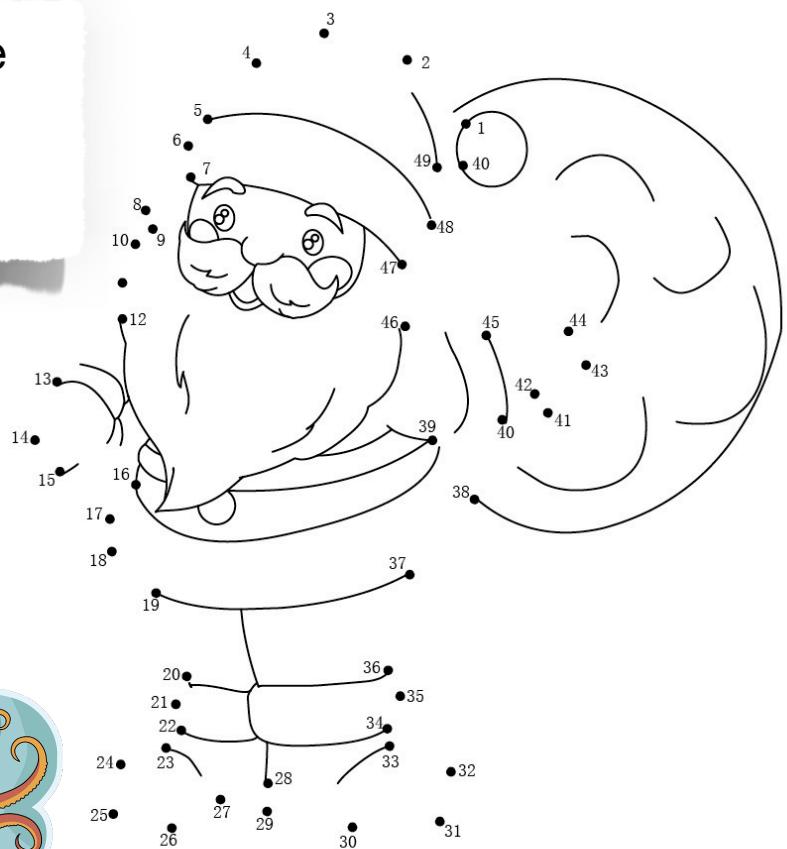
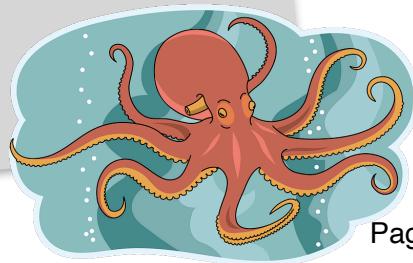
## QUIZ

1. What type of animal does Santa use to pull his sleigh: a) Horse, b) Donkey, c) Reindeer?
2. What is the missing word from this famous Christmas song – O Little Town of... : a) Nazareth, b) Bethlehem, c) Jerusalem?
3. What is the name of Kristoff's reindeer in the Disney movie 'Frozen'?
4. How many doors would you open on an advent calendar before Christmas Day arrives?
5. In the famous Christmas song, what type of plant was Mummy kissing Santa Claus under?
6. What gifts did the three kings take to baby Jesus?
7. What is the missing word from this famous Christmas song: Ding Dong ... On High: a) Happily, b) Joyfully, c) Merrily?
8. Which Christmas song includes the lyrics: 'Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh'?
9. What three small words are the laughter of Father Christmas?
10. According to the Christmas song, what colour is Rudolph's nose?

Answers on page 44

What do you call a fake noodle?  
An Impasta.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The majority of plant life is located in the oceans



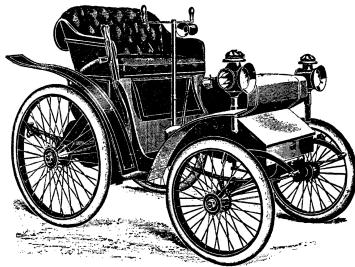
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(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



## Gala Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024



The Goldhanger Classic Car Club is planning a Classic Car display in the Chequers Car Park on the Saturday and a Classic Car run starting mid-morning from the same location on the Sunday.

Dom and his Team at The Chequers are also organising a series of events over the same weekend.

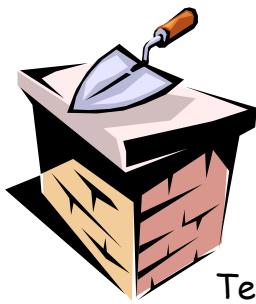
In addition to the above, there will also be many other activities over the weekend.

As we get closer there will be more information, both in the Parish Magazine, on social media and elsewhere; in the meantime, please put the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September dates in your diaries....



### Answers to November crossword

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# *Recipe of the month*

## **Bara Brith**

Made using warm black tea, this traditional Welsh fruitcake is best when it's made a couple of days in advance.

**Serves 10**

**Time** Preparation - not long, cook 1 hour



### **Ingredients**

- 3 tea bags
- 100g dark brown sugar
- 1 medium egg, beaten
- 400g mixed fruit, such as sultanas, raisins & currants
- 250g self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground cinnamon

### **Method**

1. Add 300ml of boiling water to the tea bags in a jug. You want the tea to be strong, but also still hot, so steep for about 5 minutes. Add the dried fruit to a bowl, then pour over the hot tea. Add the sugar, stir to dissolve, then leave to soak for at least 6 hours - it's best to do this bit the day before and allow it to steep overnight.
2. Heat the oven to 180C/gas 4 and line a 900g loaf tin with parchment. Stir the egg into soaked fruit (don't drain off the tea and mix to combine, then carefully fold in the flour and spices until no trace of white powder remains).
3. Pour the mix into the loaf tin and transfer to the oven.
4. Bake for 1 hour, or till the cake has risen and is cooked through (cover with foil after 30 minutes, to help prevent it drying out). Remove from the oven, transfer to a rack and allow to cool fully. Serve in slices, liberally buttered, alongside cups of tea.
5. The cake will keep for a week.





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## Answers to quiz on page 38

1. c) Reindeer
2. b) Bethlehem
3. Sven
4. 24
5. Mistletoe
6. Gold, frankincense, myrrh
7. c) Merrily
8. Jingle Bells
9. Ho! Ho! Ho!
10. Red



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or Call Nadia on: 07904640922

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### Website of the Month

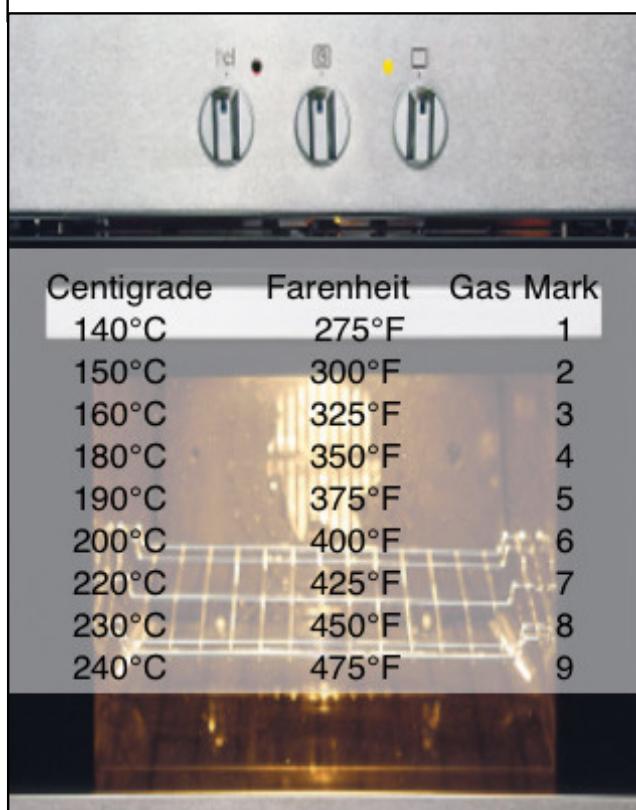
Your editors present a quirky, interesting, surprising or who-knows-what web site that may be of interest. Hand-curated by your intrepid cybernaut navigators Chris and Stephen 😊

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/articles/cz7x0lk9218o>

We all love Dr Who ... don't we? Well, it's celebrating 60 years so in case you've been hiding behind the sofa the whole time, here's some of what you've missed.



### Oven temperature conversions



Centigrade	Fahrenheit	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
<b>2023</b> <b>20 December</b>	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
	<b>Goldhanger</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>13:10</b>	<b>13:40</b>
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

### What goes where?



### Essex Police Contacts

#### Call 999 (emergency) if:

- A crime is in progress
- Person suspected of a crime nearby
- There is a danger to life
- Violence is being used or threatened

**Call 101 for any non-emergency contact with the Police.** This number covers all of England and Wales but you get the option to speak to Essex Police. Alternatively you can report a crime and more at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>

**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](mailto:goldhangernw@outlook.com) for more information.

### Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

- You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

Our collection day is Friday;  
Landfill and Recycling on alternate weeks.

Note the new times -  
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## BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

<b>95 Tollesbury to Maldon</b>		Hedingham Omnibus			
TOLLESBURY, adj The Square		09:20	11:30	14:30	16:05
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY The Red Lion (near)		09:25	11:35	14:35	16:10
<b>GOLDHANGER House (o/s)</b>		<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:40</b>	<b>14:40</b>	<b>16:15</b>
HEYBRIDGE, adj Osea Road		09:35	11:45	14:45	16:20
HEYBRIDGE, o/s Mill Beach Hotel		09:37	11:47	14:47	16:22
HEYBRIDGE, opp Church		09:40	11:50	14:50	16:25
MALDON Tesco Store (Stop 1)		09:43	11:53	14:53	16:28
MALDON, o/s The Swan Hotel		09:46	11:56	14:56	16:31
MALDON, o/s Blackwater Leisure Centre		09:50	12:00	15:00	16:35
MALDON Morrisons Wycke Hill (entrance)		09:55	12:05	15:05	16:40
<b>95 Maldon to Tollesbury</b>		Hedingham Omnibus			
MALDON Morrisons Wycke Hill (entrance)		8:25	10:40	12:50	16:45
MALDON, opp Blackwater Leisure Centre		08:30	10:45	12:55	16:50
MALDON, opp The Swan Hotel		08:35	10:50	13:00	16:55
MALDON Tesco Store (Stop 1)		08:39	10:54	13:04	16:59
HEYBRIDGE, o/s Church		08:43	10:58	13:08	17:03
HEYBRIDGE, opp Mill Beach Hotel		08:46	11:01	13:11	17:06
HEYBRIDGE, opp Osea Road		08:48	11:03	13:13	17:08
<b>GOLDHANGER House (opp)</b>		<b>08:53</b>	<b>11:08</b>	<b>13:18</b>	<b>17:13</b>
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, opp The Red Lion		08:58	11:13	13:23	17:18
TOLLESBURY, adj The Square		09:03	11:18	13:28	17:23

### 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

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## BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

<b>95 Tollesbury to Maldon</b>		Hedingham Omnibus			
TOLLESBURY, adj The Square		09:00	11:00	13:00	14:40
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY The Red Lion (near)		09:05	11:05	13:05	14:45
<b>GOLDHANGER House (o/s)</b>		<b>09:10</b>	<b>11:10</b>	<b>13:10</b>	<b>14:50</b>
HEYBRIDGE, adj Osea Road		09:15	11:15	13:15	14:55
HEYBRIDGE, o/s Mill Beach Hotel		09:17	11:17	13:17	14:57
HEYBRIDGE, opp Church		09:20	11:20	13:20	15:00
MALDON Tesco Store (Stop 1)		09:23	11:23	13:23	15:03
MALDON, o/s The Swan Hotel		09:26	11:26	13:26	15:06
MALDON, o/s Blackwater Leisure Centre		09:30	11:30	13:30	15:10
MALDON Morrisons Wycke Hill (entrance)		09:35	11:35	13:35	15:15
<b>95 Maldon to Tollesbury</b>		Hedingham Omnibus			
MALDON Morrisons Wycke Hill (entrance)		09:55	11:55	13:55	16:25
MALDON, opp Blackwater Leisure Centre		10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30
MALDON, opp The Swan Hotel		10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35
MALDON Tesco Store (Stop 1)		10:10	12:10	14:10	16:40
HEYBRIDGE, o/s Church		10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45
HEYBRIDGE, opp Mill Beach Hotel		10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47
HEYBRIDGE, opp Osea Road		10:19	12:19	14:19	16:49
<b>GOLDHANGER House (opp)</b>		<b>10:25</b>	<b>12:25</b>	<b>14:25</b>	<b>16:55</b>
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, opp The Red Lion		10:30	12:30	14:30	17:00
TOLLESBURY, adj The Square		10:35	12:35	14:35	17:05

**Hedingham Omnibuses:**

01206 769778  
[www.hedingham.co.uk](http://www.hedingham.co.uk)

**Stephenson's Buses:**

For the Blackwater Link - 90  
 01702 541511 (0900-1730)  
[www.stephensonsofessex.com](http://www.stephensonsofessex.com)

## HEALTH

Blackwater Medical Centre	876760
Longfield Medical Centre	876433
Tollesbury Surgery	869204
St Peter's Hospital NHS (Maldon - no A&E)	725323
Broomfield Hospital NHS (Chelmsford, has A&E)	01245 362000
Colchester General Hospital NHS (has A&E)	01206 747474
NHS Advice (non-emergency)	111

I'm wearing my  
Christmas stockings!



## 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> )

## ELECTRICITY & WATER

UK Power Networks	0800 783 8838
Anglian Water (Sewage flooding)	03457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	0345 782 0999

## 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