

Village Water Supply in the Past



Ladies using the earlier pump in the early 1900s.



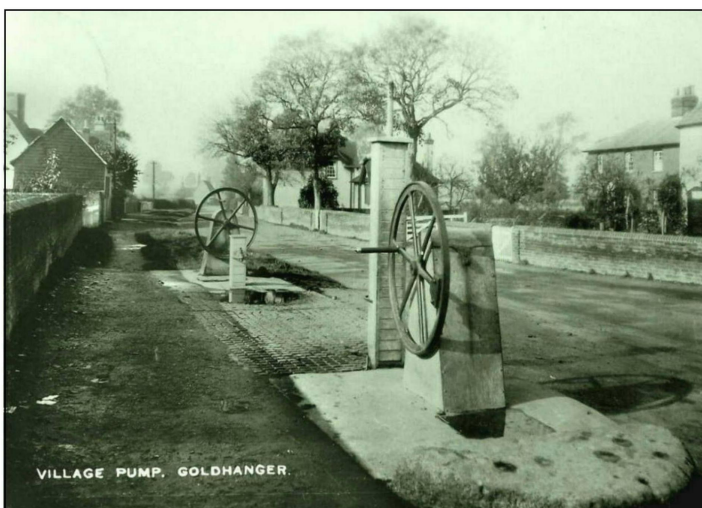
postcard of girl at the pump in 1914



water pump on the Maldon Rd.



man with two pales & yoke ouside The Cricketers



1930s postcard with two pumps in The Square



boy using the pump in the 1940s

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Tide Times

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

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From the Editors

Gala Weekend is fast approaching and we have all the events listed in the magazine. There's quite a lot going on this year, so check out what's on and get yourselves ready. See centre pages for full details of the weekend. Let's hope the weather is good but maybe not quite as hot as we've seen recently.

Gala Weekend Parking

There will be off-road parking available in Head Street and in Church Street. Please let any visitors know about this to avoid clogging up our roads. There will probably be signs out directing visitors, but quite a number of people still try and park as close to the centre of the village as possible.

Avago

Avago night is taking a short break but back in October, so look out for updates.

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Did you know, you can download the Parish Mag each month from www.goldhanger.org.uk?

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What more could you ask for?

The village magazine is supported only by our regular advertisers and your donations. That's it!

Any articles or notices about the village and its residents, or for the benefit of the village (such as local events) will always be included free of charge.

If, however, you feel moved to making a small donation we would be most grateful.



I started a new business making yachts in my attic this year ... the sails are going through the roof!

Village Water Supply in the Past

Today we have a plentiful supply of fresh water delivered to our properties through pipes, but it wasn't always the case. Surprisingly, water pipes weren't installed in the village until the 1940s. Most places elsewhere had piped water long before that, but without mains electricity and no hill for a reservoir it wasn't practical here before that time.

For hundreds of years the village had relied on the well and pump in The Square for fresh water. Some wealthier residents and the farmers had their own well, but most made a regular trip to The Square for water supplies.

An earlier version of the pump had a "counter-weight" outside the metal casing and went up and down into a hole in the ground as shown in this close-up view. This must have been very risky for the children!

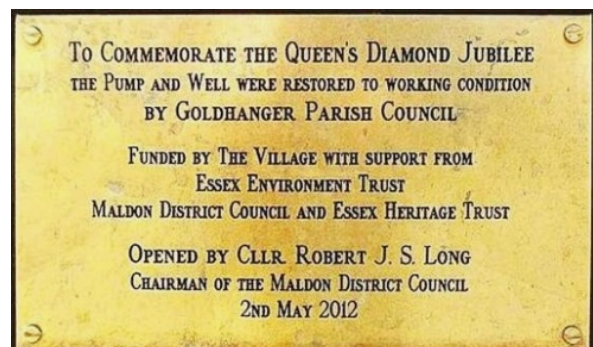
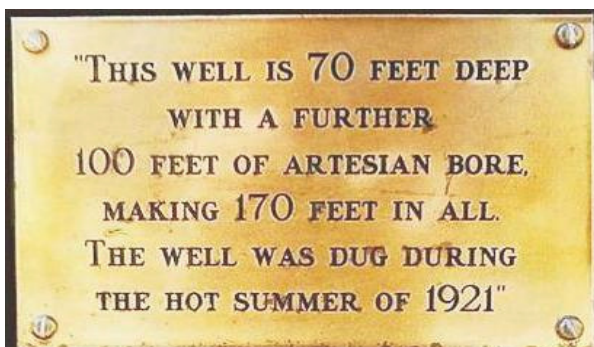


The water from the pump was always said to be of very good quality and people used to drink it and make beer and wine from it. As the locals didn't have any means of transporting it home it was common practice to carry two pails using a yoke across the shoulders. One way to reduce water carrying chore was to wash clothes by the pump and this is said to be one reason for placing the semi-circular stone next to the pump. Without fresh piped water there was no sewage system either, but perhaps the less said the better.

When the council houses were first built on the Maldon Road in the 1920s to accommodate those who were being moved from the semi-derelict cottages in Fish St. and Church St., it was decided it was too far to carry water from The Square, so two wells and pumps were installed amongst the new houses. One is believed to still be there as a garden ornament.

Also in the 1920s the well in The Square began to dry up and the water became discoloured. It is not possible to dig an existing well any deeper, so a second well and pump was built, hence the 1930s postcard shows two pumps.

Today the village pump still works. Here are the plaques on the pump...



for more about the pump search for: *goldhanger past village pump*
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Gentle Yoga every Monday 7-8pm

Nikki Myers 07963 785718, youtimeyoga@live.co.uk

Chair Yoga every Wednesday 11am

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Line Dancing every Tuesday 7-8pm

Lisa & Lora rhythmandboots@hotmail.com

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

Karate every Thursday 6-8pm

Art Club second Thursday of the month 2-4pm

Catherine 01621 788488

Film Club third Wednesday of the month (*not July, August or December*), doors open 7pm, film 7:30pm *see advert for details*

Carpet Bowls alternate Fridays from Friday 11th September to April 2027.
1.45pm to 4.00 pm

Village Hall Bookings

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Community Page

Bellringing www.bellringing.org/learntoring/

Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm and for services on Sundays. Newcomers welcome. Contact Sarah Scannell 07789 990942 or email goldhangerbells@outlook.com.



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.



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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!



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Bring a book suggestion and share with others over a glass of vino or tea and cake. Only £5. 6th July @ 7:30pm.



Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

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



The Goldhanger Gallopers

All abilities running club. Wednesday evenings at St. Peter's Church Community Room at 7:20pm.



Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 2nd - 9.30am Holy Communion and baptism with Rev Andrew

Sunday 9th - 10am Lay led service

Sunday 16th - 9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Michael Hatchett

Sunday 23rd - 9.30am Lay led service

Sunday 30th - 10am 'Worship Together' at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt Major (previously known as a United Benefice Service)

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 Rosie Pollock or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings Please contact Rev'd Andrew or Rosie for funeral arrangements.

Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern, included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans on 788698 email kwestwood58@aol.com or George Bunting (details on next page). Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.

St. Peter's Church Book of Remembrance

If there is someone special you would like to be included, please send an email with details to Becky.willisbecky@btinternet.com. There is no charge, but a donation to the upkeep of our beautiful church is always very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support. Please contact Rosie Pollock, for any queries or help.

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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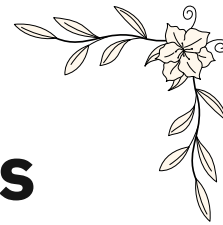
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Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 24th June 2026. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

www.goldhangerparishcouncil.gov.uk

clerk@goldhangerparishcouncil.gov.uk

To comply with new regulations please note the Clerks new email address and the new website address. There is now a facility on the website for you to be alerted on any new 'News' updates as they are added to the website. Sign up today if you would like to be notified

The Council would like to extend their thanks to Christopher Smith for administering the old website over many years.

If you wish to contact the Parish Clerk please use the above email or the Contact Form on the website. Please note that the Clerk works part time so your response may not get answered immediately

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 24th June 2026. (These notes were not in last months mag due to the change in meeting dates for June which therefore missed the publication deadline for the magazine)

Planning Decisions by MDC

25/00613 25 houses to be built on land at Head Street – Refused

The Parish Council were very pleased with this result and thanked the Chair for the amount of work she had put into this.

Accounts and Audit

The Accounts and AGAR had been signed after return from the auditor and notice of public rights and publication of annual governance and accountability return was announced on the 29th June 2026. The public have a right to inspect documents from 30th June until the 10th Aug 2026 by application to the Parish Clerk.

Unfortunately No 10 of section 1 of the AGAR had not been met in time but would be completed as soon as possible

Certification of Exemption from a full audit had been sent

Correspondence received from residents

A request for an allotment plot had been received but unfortunately they had all been taken now

A letter had been received about a road safety concern regarding the junction at the end of Blind Lane

A letter had been received about a dog that kept escaping through its owners back fence

Playing Field

Dogs were still being allowed into the play area and cars were being parked at the gate entrance blocking emergency access.

Bus Shelter

The bus shelter had been hit again. Cllr Bishop had suggested a plastic warning sign and this was unanimously agreed to be purchased

Speedwatch

There were still 57 vehicles recorded speeding over 35mph in a 30 mph speed limit in the last report received.

Website and Emails

The clerk had received some training from the new website provider in the last week and was quite comfortable with it and had added some documents in the last few days. There were a few tweaks needed and she would also put a copy of the new recycling calendar on line. It was noted that the refuse collections had commenced an hour earlier due to the extreme heat and MDC had advised of this on their website. Residents are advised to check this if possible if heat continues.

The clerks new email is clerk@goldhangerparishcouncil.gov.uk which should now be used for any contact with the clerk.

Data Protection and IT policy

This was being reviewed and would be finalised soon

Review of Allotment tenancy and terms and conditions

This was being reviewed with a view to finalising soon

Enforcement issues from last month had been reported

A resident had discussed trees/tree surgeons with the Chairman and Vice Chair

Speed of tractors travelling in Fish Street were causing some concern

Waste Collection Calendar had been sent to Parish Mag with a request to print in colour for residents as not being distributed anymore. Clerk would also upload this to the Website

Bus shelter struck again by school bus Monday 22nd June

The 'Circuit' had sent an email regarding the painting of the defibrillator

A resident celebrated her 108th birthday recently in the village.

It was felt that salt supplies were adequate for the next year but a storage bin should be investigated.

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 8th July 2026. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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Planning Applications

26/00424 2 Fish Street T1 Sycamore – remove the two lowest branches on the right hand side (when viewed from the garden) that are overhanging into the garden

GPC Support

Other Planning issues

A new planning application had been received since the agenda had been posted so the Clerk would ask MDc for an extension on the closing date as the current one would expire before the next Parish Meeting

A letter would also be sent to the MP thanking her for her help and support regarding the planning application for 25 houses in Head Street which had recently been turned down by Maldon Cllr Ellis had cut back the blind lane hedge, which a resident had complained about which was causing sight problems

A resident had cut down a tree that they had applied to planning to cut down as it was dead. Whilst they had received an acknowledgement letter, the planning application has not appeared on the system. As the 6 weeks were up, they cut down as advised by MDC letter

Bus Shelter - The bus shelter had been hit again since the first letter had been sent to the bus company. A further letter would be sent as no response had been received

Highways - The little Totham sign road sign which had been knocked over had been reported had been reported as well as the warning works access signs near Wash Bridge that are no longer required.

A resident had applied very bright lights on their driveway, which is a hazard to traffic on Maldon Road, the drive is also shared with the heritage asset 'Goldhanger House' who were unaware of the installation of these lights, a nuisance complaint has been made to MDC.

Correspondence - A neighbouring parish had asked the Council to consider joining them in setting up a community group to carry out minor repairs on damaged road signs due to

the lack of response when damaged road signs are reported to Highways. This was declined due to only be a small parish, with councillors who were working at full capacity for their parish at the moment. There were also safety concerns and the fact that these were Highway matters and not Parish Matters

Cllr Ellis had kindly cut back the hedge at the blind lane junction which was causing sight problems that a resident had contacted us about recently.

Playing Field and Play area - A larger sign was being sourced asking people not to park across the gate as was needed for the emergency services

Speedwatch – Forty three vehicles were recorded speeding over 35mph in a 30 mph speed limit. The highest speed recorded was over 50mph. There had been a recent session outside the village hall and a Sunday morning slot on the Maldon Road at the request of residents. The Council were very pleased and grateful for the team carrying out this task.

Auditors report – the auditors recommendations were received and anything outstanding would be rectified as soon as possible

Next Meeting on the 12th August 26

Dog poo bins

I've been speaking to the Appleton contractor who empties the bins (including the dog poo bins) in Goldhanger.

I thanked him for leaving extra black bin bags at the weekends.

He mentioned that some residents are disposing of domestic pet litter/waste in the dog bins and bulk quantities of dog poo (ie a weeks worth of dog poo collected from a garden) – this should all be disposed of in the residents black bin.

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Goldhanger Gala Flower Pot Trail

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September

Theme: Children's Stories

think nursery rhymes, fairy tales,
cartoons, comic strips etc

Create a planted pot (any size or shape)
Decorate your pot
Add your own magical touches!

Competition for the best display 🏆
Fun for all ages

contact Jill on 07734 069609 or
jillcrooks66@icloud.com
to register on the trail map





Gala VILLAGE

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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September
2:30pm – 3:30pm

Explore Goldhanger's rich
collection of historic buildings in
the village's conservation area
with local experts and historians

- Max 12 people per tour
- £5 per person
- Booking deadline: 31st August

Note: Timings may change
so please advise of any
restrictions when booking.

Contact Jill:
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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1PM



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JOIN US FOR A FANCY DRESS BIKE PARADE
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KIDS - £2 ENTRY - ALL AGES, NO FIXED THEME

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Gala EXHIBITION of GOLDHANGER Talents

SAT 5TH & SUN 6TH SEPTEMBER
in the Church

Celebrating creativity, skills & our wonderful community



ENTRANCE £1 *Teas, coffees & cakes*



Goldhanger GALA

FOOTBALL TENNIS

Get the ball over the net using any body part
except your hands, teams of 5

and

TUG-OF-WAR

Street teams encouraged!

All ages – big kids and smaller ones

Contact richardgabrey@aol.com
to register interest



Sunday 6th September, 1:30pm
Village Hall Field

GOLDHANGER GALA

4-6 SEPTEMBER 2026

A weekend of family fun for everyone! ❤️

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR UPDATES



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

4 SEPTEMBER



KIDS' DISCO
3-6 yrs | 7-11 yrs
Village Hall
From 17.15
See poster

Come along, get involved
and help make it a
GALA weekend to
remember! ❤️



SATURDAY

5 SEPTEMBER

- From 09.00** **Make, Bake & Grow Show**
Village Hall (drop off entries from 9am)
Judging from 10am
Display & refreshments from 11.30am
- From 09.30** **Classic Car Display**
Chequers Car Park
Bike Display - Churchyard
- From 10.00** **Table Top Sale**
Head Street
- From 10.00** **Molly's Lollies Ice Cream Van & Sugarstripes Sweet Stall**
- 10.00 - 11.30** **Fun Dog Show, Demos & Refreshments**
Village Hall Field
- From 11.00** **Chequer's BBQ**
The Chequers
- From 12.00** **Carol & Suki**
The Square
- From 13.30** **Karate Demonstration**
Churchyard
- 14.30 - 15.30** **Guided Village History Tour**
From the Village Hall
(Booking required)
- 15.00 - 16.30** **Children's 'Mini Sports Day'**
Playing Field, Fish St
- From 15.30** **Pizza Van (Circles & Squares)**
The Square
- From 15.45** **Live Music**
The Chequers

SUNDAY

6 SEPTEMBER

- From 10.00** **Church Family Service**
St. Peter's Church
- From 10.00** **Make, Bake & Grow Show**
Village Hall
Display & refreshments
- From 10.45** **Teddy Parachute Jumps, Bacon Rolls & Bucks Fizz**
Church Yard
- From 11.30** **Kids' Crafts**
Church Yard
- From 12.00** **Line Dancing Demo With Shanties**
The Square
- From 13.00** **Fancy Dress Bike Parade**
Ending at Village Hall Field
- 13.30 - 15.30** **Football Tennis & Tug of War**
Village Hall Field
- 14.30 - 15.30** **Guided Village History Tour**
From the Village Hall
(Booking required)
- From 15.45** **Live Music**
The Chequers
- From 17.00** **Fish & Chip Van**
The Square

EVENTS ON ALL WEEKEND



THEMED FLOWER POT TRAIL
'Children's Stories' throughout village



CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL
The Chequers



TALENTS OF GOLDHANGER
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Goldhanger Gala – Saturday 5th September

'MAKE, BAKE & GROW' SHOW CLASSES

Maximum of one entry per person per class

Please drop entries into the Village Hall between 9-10am

COOKING / HOME PRODUCE

1. Gala Cake: a novel bake decorated to celebrate your favourite book
2. Plain or fruit scones x 6 (same size)
3. Bottle of sloe gin or similar, e.g. turnip vodka, parsnip rum etc.
4. Jar of chutney

Children's Classes

5. 4-7 years – chocolate crispy cakes x 3
6. 8-12 years – decorated cupcakes x 3, any flavour any theme

All entries must be made by the exhibitor
Entries will be tasted!

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

7. Longest runner bean
8. A single tomato (with stalk)
9. A single courgette
10. A single chilli or pepper (with stalk)
11. Most amusing misshapen veg

Open to adults and children
All fruit and veg must be home grown
Fresh and clean products please
Entries to your own presentation

FLOWERS

12. Flowering pot plant – max pot size 20cm/8" diameter
13. A colourful arrangement using flowers, foliage, fruit and/or veg
– max height 45cm/18"

PHOTOGRAPHY

14. This is Goldhanger – highlight our heritage and our vibrant community
15. Sunrise or sunset
16. Black and white

Children's Classes

17. 4-7 yrs – any animal, fur, feather or fin
18. 8-12 yrs – any animal, fur, feather or fin

All the photographs must be taken by the exhibitor
The size of the photo should be 8ins x 6ins and not mounted or framed

Entries to remain in the hall for display until 3.30pm Sunday 6th

Drop off forms/entries to the Village Hall from 9-10am on Saturday 5th Sept

MAKE, BAKE & GROW SHOW - ENTRY FORM

Please complete all the details below. One form per person.

NAME: AGE: (children 4-12yrs)

ADDRESS: PHONE:

List all class no.s you are entering (max. of one entry per class)

.....

Total number of entries at 50p each £..... (payment at drop off)

NOTES:

1. Cooking/Home Produce entries will be tasted for judging purposes
2. Entries to be left in the hall for display until 3.30pm on Sunday 6th, please pick up then

I confirm these entries are my own and I'll adhere to competition rules 🤖



GCCC Classic Car & Motorbike Display

Saturday 5th Sept, from 9.30am

Back by popular demand and tradition our classic car display will be in The Chequers car park and a motorbike display in the churchyard. Our proud owners will delight in providing any level of detail about their cherished vehicles.

Vote for your favourite 🏆 (car or bike that is, not owner!)



Contact GoldhangerCCC@Outlook.com to register a space or for more information

Monthly Ministry Letter for August 2026

August is a month that is often associated with holidays when, perhaps, we are able to take a break from work, study, or regular activities and set aside time for a bit of rest and recreation.

The word holiday comes from a combination of two Old English words “holy” and “day”. Originally a “holy day” was a day set aside to celebrate one of the great Christian festivals, such as Christmas or Easter. Since these were the only days most people were allowed a day off work, over time “holy days” became “holidays” - periods of time when we take a break from our usual work or occupations.

In Jewish and Christian tradition, the idea of “holy days” goes back even further - right to the beginning of time. A wise Rabbi once observed, the first holy thing in all creation was not a people or a place, but a day. God made everything in creation and called it good. But when God rested on the seventh day, God blessed this day and called it holy. This means that “holy days” or holidays are one of God’s gifts to us in creation - days set apart to rest and remember and enjoy all the gifts of the other days. They are, according to the wise Rabbi, “a palace in time” into which we are invited.

I wonder how often you manage to accept the invitation to step inside that palace? Many of us tend to feel that we are too busy to stop and set aside time for rest and enjoyment. Even on days off and holidays we are tempted to use the time to pack in lots of chores, get on with our “to do” list, or keep a check on e-mails and messages from work. It takes real discipline to say “no” to these things and take time to “be”, rather than to “do”. But if the creator of the whole universe can set aside time to rest and enjoy all that has been created, perhaps the world won’t fall apart if we do the same!

If you find it hard to allow yourself a proper holiday, sometimes it helps to start small, in whatever way you can. Begin to develop the holiday habit by setting aside a few minutes each day to stop and do nothing: sit down in an armchair; step outside and look at the sky; take a few deep breaths and allow yourself to rest and relax. Take some time each week and find a place where you can go to remember and enjoy the good gifts of creation: look out of a window or sit in a garden; go for a walk across the fields or along the coast. And if you are going away on holiday my prayer for you is that you will have a blessed and “holy” time.

Jo Wood

Team Vicar - Waterside Parishes

Margaret Salmon

We're very sad to hear of Margaret's death recently and wanted to remember and acknowledge her in this issue so we've included her wonderful poem (more appropriate to the colder months, but what the heck ...):

The Witches' Knickers

Have you seen the witches' knickers
Dangling in the Winter trees?
They flap on barbed wire washing lines
And flutter in the breeze.
They're raggedy and dusty, they're tattered and forlorn.
They crackle and they glisten on a frosty Winter morn.
I looked for them this morning
But in Spring they're rarely seen.
They nestle in the hawthorn
As it bursts with growing green.
In Summer I forget them
For the blossoms fill the lane
But with Autumn comes revealing wind
And there they are again
I wish that when the witches
Night-fly on homeward course
They'd hover and reclaim them
And store them in their DRAWERS!

Margaret Salmon
(Originally published 2005)



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(See inside front cover)

Photos of village events are always very welcome.



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Word of the Month

galenical: *adj. (of a medicine)*

Made of natural rather than
synthetic components



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Megabrain Wordsearch 8 - Trees

Difficulty level 3 (4pts)

23 species of native British trees are hidden in the grid below. However, there is NO LIST to help you! THEN, when you've found all 23, the 55 unused letters read as an arboreal quotation. Who wrote it? Email your answer to pfrench2@hotmail.com to be immortalised in next month's magazine! Good luck!

Pete's tip: No starters given this time (that's why it's worth 4 points) – NB there are SIX 3-lettered trees here!

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

Note: Usual rules apply – diagonal, horizontal and vertical words forwards and backwards, letters can be used more than once and unused letters read as per a book to form the hidden question or clue.

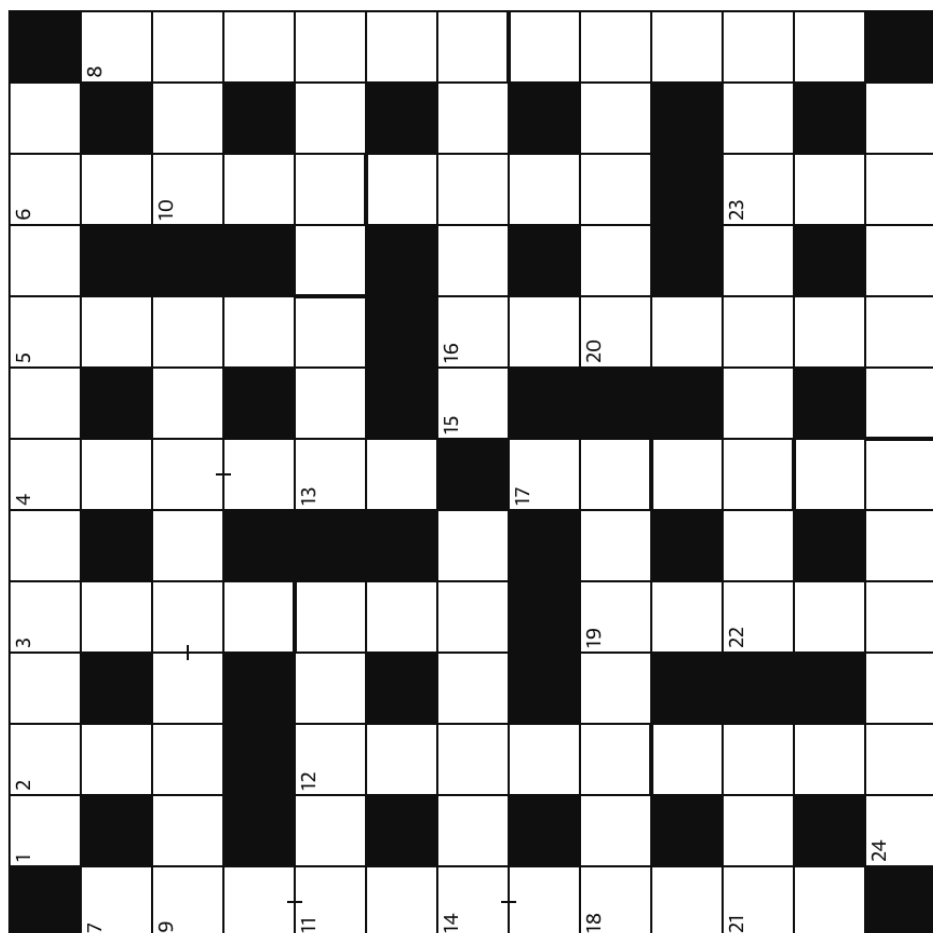
NB. The answer is 2,5 letters long

Last month's 'Lepidoptera' clue was 'MIXED LARGE LOTTO RELISHES' Anagram answer: LARGE TORTOISESHELL

The butterflies were (horiz) Adonis, Ringlet, Admiral, Red, Glanville (vert.) Blue. Copper, White, Skipper, Marbled, Fritillary, Gatekeeper, Hairstreak, Comma, Clouded (diagonal) Lunar, Peacock, Green, Brimstone

Correct answers were received from **Ruth Jolly, Jill Crooks, Carole Russell, Mo Brooks, David Harding, Lorraine Alford, Lorna Bolton, Marion Everiss*** and of course **Maureen Cheeseman** (MBE)

We currently have a tie between 7 of the above named contestants!



Across

- 1 Grape ivy, busy Lizzie and mother-in-law's tongue, eg (11)
- 9 Appropriate to public ceremony (4-5)
- 10 Ricotta source (3)
- 11 Online troublemaker (5)
- 13 Geometric art form of the 1920s and '30s (3,4)
- 14 Jostles with a joint (6)
- 15 Artistic assembly of glass, marble etc (6)
- 18 Saxophonist Coleman or Golden Globe winner Sally (7)
- 20 Sprainable joint (5)
- 21 Meadow (3)
- 22 Liable to launch lawsuits (9)
- 24 People counter (6,5)

Down

- 2 Portrait or landscape, perhaps (3)
- 3 'If something might go wrong, it will' (4,3)
- 4 From the late 1930s, perhaps (3-3)
- 5 It's a plus (5)
- 6 Auckland's Rainbow's End or Queensland's Dreamworld, eg (5,4)
- 7 Not made to measure (3-3-5)
- 8 Oh! Receivers! (anag) - epic poetry (6,5)
- 12 Cut-off water in the floodplain (5,4)
- 16 Al gloat (anag) - earache (7)
- 17 In the circs (2,2,2)
- 19 Shaky, Scilly or Western (5)
- 23 You can dig it (3)

Answers next month

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/>

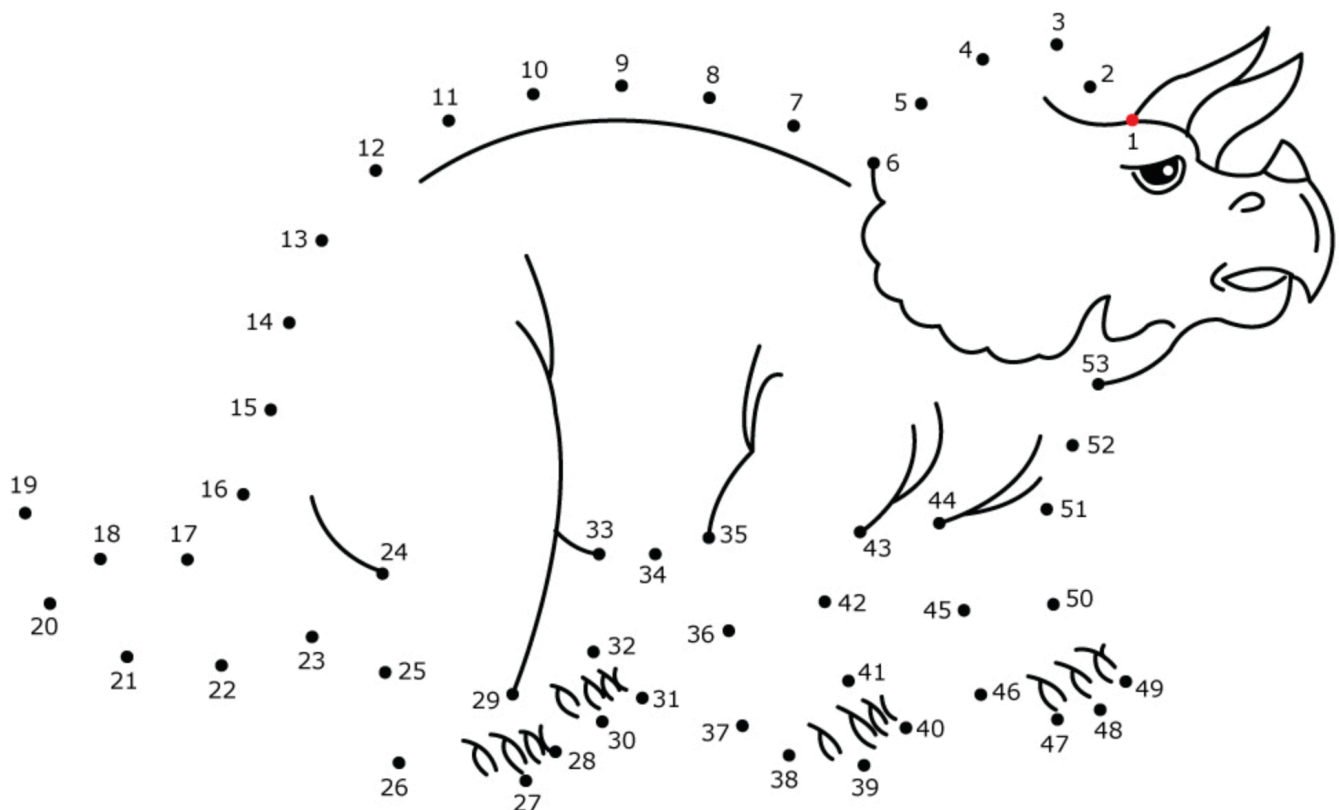
Online brainteasers, maths puzzles, word games, sudokus and memory games: <https://www.mindgames.com/>

Children's Pages

Kids Quiz

1. What are cirrus, cumulus, nimbus and stratus all types of?
2. What sort of table is a display of chemical elements?
3. What is the name of the busiest airport in the United Kingdom?
4. Which man's name do we associate with bonfire night?
5. Which Internet company has the same name as the longest river in the world?
6. Napoleon Bonaparte was a military leader from which country?
7. Can you name all seven rainbow colours?
8. In which country did the Olympic Games originate?
9. What sort of character is Tinker Bell in the play Peter Pan?
10. In the proverb, a picture is worth how many words?

Answers on page **44**



Did you know bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out





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Recipe of the month

Cheese and pesto egg rolls

Preparation time

Less than 30 minutes

Cooking time

less than 10 minutes

Serves

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 4 small flour tortilla wraps
- 4 tbsp sun-dried tomato pesto (or green pesto)
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 free-range eggs
- 100g mature cheddar or other cheese, grated

Method

- Spread each tortilla wrap with 1 tablespoon of the pesto and set aside.
- Drizzle 1½ teaspoons of the oil into a small non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Beat one egg, then pour it into the pan and scatter over a quarter of the cheese and cook for 1 minute. Put a tortilla, pesto side down, on top of the egg, press it down and cook for a minute or two.
- Remove from the pan and set aside while you repeat with the remaining eggs, cheese and tortillas.
- When cool enough to handle, roll up the tortillas, with the egg and cheese inside. Serve warm, or leave to cool to use for a packed lunch.



Answers to July crossword



Answers to Kids Quiz

1. Types of clouds
2. Periodic Table
3. Heathrow Airport
4. Guy Fawkes
5. Amazon
6. France
7. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet
8. Greece
9. A fairy
10. A thousand words (A picture is worth a thousand words)



Website of the Month

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

<https://channelsurfer.tv/?ch=19>

Watch YouTube like it's cable TV. You can import your own channels by signing up



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
2026	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
12th August	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
2nd September	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
23rd September	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
14th October	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
4th November	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
25th November	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
16th December	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



Essex Police Contacts

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- A crime is in progress
- 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.

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

**Last post collection times:
9am Monday to Friday 7am Saturday**

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

Tollesbury ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Heybridge ▶ Maldon

95

95A

Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays

Route	95A	95	95	95	95	95
Code	Sch	NSch				
Tollesbury, The Square	0730	0732	0932	1142	1432	1612
Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	0735	0737	0937	1147	1437	1617
Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	0741	0743	0943	1153	1443	1623
Heybridge, Osea Road	0747	0749	0949	1159	1449	1629
Heybridge, Heybridge Basin	0754					
Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre	0759	0755	0955	1205	1455	1635
Maldon, Tesco Store		0758	0958	1208	1458	1638
Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel		0801	1001		1501	
Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre		0805	1005		1505	
Maldon, Morrisons Wycke Hill		0810	1010		1510	
Maldon Town Centre, The White Horse	0808			1211		1641
Maldon, Upper Plume School	0810					
Maldon, Lower Plume School	0815					

Maldon ▶ Heybridge ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Tollesbury

95

95A

Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays

Route	95	95	95	95A	95	95
Code				Sch	NSch	
Maldon, Upper Plume School				1520		
Maldon, Lower Plume School				1525		
Maldon, Morrisons Wycke Hill		1016			1525	
Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre		1020			1529	
Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel	0825	1025	1225	1528	1534	1655
Maldon, Tesco Store	0829	1029	1229	1532	1538	1659
Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre	0832	1032	1232	1535	1541	1703
Heybridge, Heybridge Basin				1542		
Heybridge, Osea Road	0837	1037	1237	1546	1546	1708
Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	0841	1043	1243	1553	1553	1715
Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	0847	1048	1248	1558	1558	1720
Tollesbury, The Square	0852	1054	1254	1605	1604	1726

Codes

Sch Runs on school days only
NSch Runs when schools are closed

BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

Tollesbury ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Heybridge ▶ Maldon

95

Saturdays

Tollesbury, The Square	0942	1142	1432
Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	0947	1147	1437
Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	0953	1153	1443
Heybridge, Osea Road	0959	1159	1449
Heybridge, Heybridge Basin			
Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre	1005	1205	1455
Maldon, Tesco Store	1008	1208	1458
Maldon Town Centre, The White Horse	1011	1211	1501

Maldon ▶ Heybridge ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Tollesbury

95

Saturdays

Maldon Town Centre, The Swan Hotel	1025	1225	1425	1625
Maldon, Tesco Store	1029	1229	1429	1629
Heybridge, Bentalls Shopping Centre	1032	1232	1432	1632
Heybridge, Heybridge Basin				
Heybridge, Osea Road	1037	1237	1437	1637
Goldhanger, Rectory Corner	1043	1243	1443	1643
Tolleshunt D'Arcy, The Red Lion	1048	1248	1448	1648
Tollesbury, The Square	1053	1253	1453	1653

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NHS Advice (non-emergency)	111

I know which mature hunk I'm voting for - how about you?



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Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)

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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
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Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	01206 871394 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)
National Domestic Abuse/Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247 (<i>open 24 hrs, every day</i>)

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

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National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Heddingham 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