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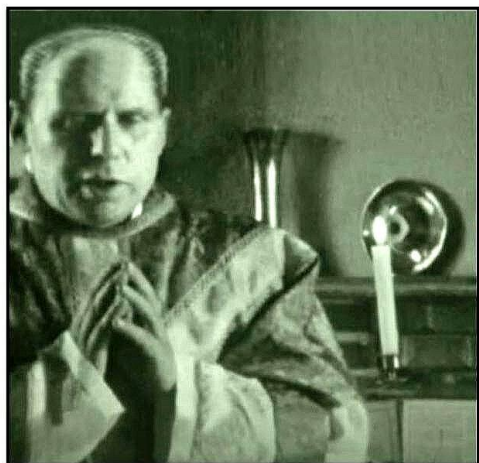
Goldhanger's Travelling Priest



at the Gardeners farm Flight Station in WW-1



Hall Farm in the early 1900s



*the Travelling Priest
celebrating Mass*



*Chapel-of-Ease at Tiptree
now the St John Houghton Church*

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Goldhanger's Travelling Priest



Canon Francis Dobson
1909 - 1991

Francis Dobson was born into a catholic farming family and grew up at Hall Farm in Church Street. The family also farmed Gardeners Farm on the Maldon Rd and a photo on the cover is probably him as young lad in front of the WW-1 Flight Station hangars at the farm. His family said he always wanted to be a priest, he achieved that ambition and went on to become well known throughout Essex as the "Travelling Priest" as he toured many towns and villages in his own car celebrating Mass in many village halls, shops and houses. The British Legion hut in Fish St was one of the many venues he used for services.

He was educated at the Ursuline Preparatory School in Brentwood, and the Salesian School in Farnborough, Hants. In 1924 he went to Ushaw College at Durham. He was ordained at Maldon in 1932 and served in many Essex locations:- Southend, Colchester, Warley, Stock, Westcliff-on-Sea and Danbury.

As the Canon in Brentwood and Kelvedon between 1972 and 1980 he organised the creation of the Chapel-of-Ease in Tiptree, and in 1982 the Catholic Herald reported that Canon Dobson was presented with a free trip to Rome in celebration of his golden jubilee year by his parishioners at Kelvedon and nearby.

from... The Catholic Herald of June 1951

MISSIONER TAKES THE ROAD


Brentwood now has travelling priest

FR. Francis Dobson, 42-year-old parish priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's, Stock, Essex, has been appointed by Bishop Beck to take charge of Brentwood's first Travelling Mission.

An Essex man born and bred, Fr. Dobson—who as a boy used to go five miles by pony and trap to church — is regarded as the ideal choice for the heavy uphill work of penetrating outlying districts of his home county, with little beyond a Morris 8, high hope, and a knowledge of the countryside to sustain him. I have not yet mapped out a plan of campaign," Fr. Dobson told me this week. "but my general aim will be to visit places off the beaten track, which contain about 1,000 people.

"Such villages usually have a few Catholics, and the first job will be to locate them.

Fr. Dobson begins his new undertaking this Sunday, celebrating two Masses "somewhere in Essex."



Diocese of
Brentwood

Vintage documentary gives unique insight into 'diocese past'

Thursday 25th October, 2018

An amateur documentary film made in the 1953 entitled *The Priest*, featuring Fr Francis Dobson of the Brentwood Diocesan Travelling Mission based at Stock, has been posted online by the British Film Institute. It is a vignette of the Church in the Diocese of Brentwood, particularly the far-flung rural areas – and contains scenes that parishioners in those areas will recognise. The Archives at Brentwood have a copy of the original spool but the BFI posting will allow people across the diocese to view this unique footage.

The 22 minute long video can be watched here...

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-the-priest-1953-online>

and one can search for more... *goldhanger past characters*

<http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past/Characters.htm>

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Chair Yoga every Wednesday 11am

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

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 (*except July and August*), doors open 7pm, film 7:30pm see *advert for details*

Village Hall Bookings

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	18.00 - 23.00	£22	£27

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

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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.



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From the Editors

Gala weekend is fast approaching. Make sure you've filled in your competition entry form to get a good chance of being entered.

If you haven't seen it, there is advice from CAB on page 18 about how you can save on energy bills, broadband costs, and water bills. Worth thinking about in the run-up to winter (a bit early I know, but these things take some thought and planning).

Two villagers, Julia Bourn (p.16) and Janice Curd (p.20), are seeking sponsorship for worthy causes. Janice will be climbing Snowdon in July and Julia is swimming the length of Ullswater Lake (7.5 miles).

Did you know there is a law about cleaning out old nest boxes? Neither did I. See page 27.

Chris and Stephen

Goldhanger Village Hall Film Club

NOTE: there will be **NO FILM** in July or August

Next films for your diaries:

Wednesday 17th Sept - **Mad About the Boy**

Wednesday 15th Oct - **Mr Burton**

Botox used to be a taboo subject. Now you can talk about it and nobody raises an eyebrow.

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 6th: 9.30 Communion

Sunday 13th: 10.00 Sea Sunday; Rev Michael Hatchett taking a service at Goldhanger Sailing Club

Sunday 20th: 9.30 Lay led service

Sunday 27th: 9.30 Communion

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.

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

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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* 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

Flags for July

Tuesday 22nd July



Prince George's Birthday

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Summer Show

A date for your diary – Saturday the 5th July

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Flower and Produce Show is back again for its **141st** year.



Opening at 2pm on the D'Arcy Recreation Ground there will be stalls, a fun dog show, tea and cakes, plant stall, a drinks stall and a BBQ.



Fancy entering the show itself to line up your entry in the marquee? Then find out what you can enter and get your entry form online at <https://darcyHORTSoc.co.uk/> or pick up a schedule nearer the time from a local store.

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For full line-up and tickets: www.romanrivermusic.co.uk/whats-on

Do you have trust or confidence in something or someone? If you do, it's called faith.

Sometimes we don't even think about things, we take them for granted. For example, when we drive over the bridge at the Dartford Crossing we have confidence that we are not going to get wet feet. We have faith in the designers and builders of the structure and those who maintain it. Well, that is provided it's not too windy and all the other drivers act responsibly.

What some don't realise is that Jews, Christians, and Muslims all have faith in THE SAME God. The same God that they worship. How can that be? Some of them have been at war for centuries; apparently because of their faiths.

I was chatting to a friend a little while ago and discovered that we had diametrically opposing views about a particular foreign politician. I started to say how I felt, but quickly stopped as it was clear that we couldn't change each other's perspective. I've been thinking about that exchange and realised that tolerating and respecting each other's view is part of having friendship.

The Cambridge dictionary definition of tolerance is a "willingness to accept behaviour and beliefs that are different from your own, although you might not agree with or approve of them". If there had been more religious tolerance in the past, then there would have been fewer wars and conflicts. Think about Northern Ireland and the Middle East. However, it requires tolerance on all sides.

When it comes to faith, Jews, Christians, and Muslims all have their own way of life and yet they are aware of conflicts and uncertainties even within their own personal beliefs. Atheists have a belief system as well, and it has many questions. For example, they believe the universe exists by complete chance, they believe nothing exists beyond this life, and that ultimately science alone will explain everything. None of these can be proven. Agnostics are the people who "don't know". Where are you on that spectrum of faith?

If you've been to a church wedding, you may have listened to a bible reading that is frequently used. It emphasises the importance of love in the relationship. I'm sure you would support that view. It was written nearly 2000 years ago by Paul, one of the apostles of Jesus. He wrote his letter at Ephesus, in what is now modern Turkey, to the Christian church at Corinth, Greece. He said, "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love". He supports all three. Love is important to all of us and so is hope and faith.

If reading this has made you wonder about your own beliefs, perhaps it would be helpful to sit quietly in a church, or outside in the churchyard, to try to pin down what you believe in. You would be away from the distractions of everyday life. Perhaps we just take our beliefs for granted. Sometimes we haven't really thought about them.

It's probably not a good idea to start thinking about your faith as you drive along the approach road to the Dartford Crossing!!!

Malcolm Holmes – St Peter's, Goldhanger
Blackwater ministry team message for July 25

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 11th June 2025. 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

The Chairman reported that she had thanked the Speedwatch Organiser for the excellent work he had been doing with the Speedwatch group

She had cut back the Alexanders in the Playing field which had got out of control

She also advised of a police incident on the 5th June 25 in Church Street

Planning

25/00428 The Ramblers, 56 Maldon Road – Single storey front porch extension and new cladding of the existing dwelling

GPC Support

25/00476 11 Fish Street – Single storey rear extension with alterations to fenestrations to rear. Addition of rooflight

GPC Support

A recent article in the local MP'S newsletter prompted the council to write to her regarding enforcement issues

The Accounts for 24/25 were signed

Annual Internal Audit report was noted

The Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statement (AGAR Section 1 and 2) were signed

The Certificate of Exemption was signed

Date was set to commence the notice of public Rights and publication of annual Governance and Accountability Return from Tues 30th June – Monday 11th Aug 25. This will be displayed in the village Noticeboard and on the website

Draft Policy for Memorial Plaques was agreed

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Names are inscribed on the loved one's birthday and then the pages are opened each day for visitors to see.

The book was started in 2000 and we would like to include more loved one's names for any families that live in the village.

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Hello everyone,

Most people know me in the village, however if you don't I have lived here 30 years and have been on the Parish Council since 2013, bringing two boys up along the way.

I have competed in a number of long distance triathlons, but since a crohns diagnosis and a fairly significant operation, I have not felt like running, but have been motivated to swim.

In the summer a swim to Osea and back is just under 2 miles (about 3km) and takes just under an hour (on a good day). Last year I swam a 5km event in Docklands in September, then put away my swim stuff until I signed up to a somewhat longer swim this July.

Only after I had signed up did I take in the enormity of the challenge! Ullswater Lake in the Lake District is 7.5 miles (12km) long and this swim goes the whole length. So I had to commit to some serious training. I went to the pool (I'm not a fan of long cold winter swims in the river); at first my strength was really poor and my shoulder was painful, so I got some physio advice which, with continuous work has improved the shoulder significantly, and lots of swimming practice has improved my strength and swim speed.

Advice from other long-distance swimmers is to build training up to at least a 4 hour training swim before this event, which is likely to take 5 to 5.5 hours to complete. I'm now doing lots of swimming in the lake at Boreham (Trifarm), but there is still a long way to go. This is not going to be easy.....

So, the reason I'm rambling on is that I thought such a challenge could be used to raise some funds for a good cause. There are so many good causes so the choice is very difficult, but I have decided to raise money for the Alzheimer's society. So many families have lost a relative to the disease, my grandad included and my father-in-law is currently struggling living with it.

I would be really grateful for all sponsorship and donations.

Julia Bourn

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(See inside front cover)

Photos of village events are always very welcome.



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If you are getting one of a variety of means tested benefits, you may be able to get a social tariff, making your bills much lower.

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First, check if your current provider offers a social tariff. You can apply for most tariffs online, or call your provider and ask to switch.

If your provider doesn't offer a social tariff, you can switch to one that does. Your provider might let you leave your current contract without paying a penalty fee.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/compare-broadband-deals/broadband-social-tariffs>

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/saving-money/social-tariffs>

both explain the options and how to apply.

Water

Essex and Suffolk Water offers a low income discount of up to 50% of your bill if one of the following applies to you:

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- someone in your household receives Pension Credit, and your annual water and sewerage bill is 3% or more of your net household income (after housing costs, rent or mortgage payments)

<https://www.eswater.co.uk/lowincomediscount> gives details of the scheme and how to apply

Watersure – bill cap scheme

This scheme caps your metered bill, so you don't pay extra if you need to use more water due to a large family or a medical condition that requires a lot of water, and you receive income-related benefits.

<https://www.eswater.co.uk/watersure> gives details of the scheme and how to apply

Energy

The Warm Home Discount Scheme is a one-off £150 discount off your electricity bill. If you're eligible, your electricity supplier will usually apply the discount to your bill automatically.

You qualify if you are on one of a variety of means tested benefits or on tax credits with a low income and have high energy costs. Your property must have a high energy cost score to be eligible for the scheme. This is not based on the actual energy costs in your energy bill. It's calculated based on your property's type, age and floor area.

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

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On 19th July 2025, I'll be climbing Snowdon in memory of my beautiful grandson, Alfie, to raise vital funds for Little Wings of Hope, a charity that supports families after the heartbreaking loss of a baby. Alfie was born healthy but tragically passed away at just 13 days old in March last year. Every step I take up that mountain is for him — for the love, the strength, and the legacy he left behind.

This climb is not just a challenge; it's a tribute to Alfie's short but powerful life and a way to help other families facing the unimaginable. Little Wings of Hope provides both practical and emotional support to grieving families, and your sponsorship will help them continue their vital work. You'll be walking beside me in spirit, helping me reach the summit — and making a real difference for those navigating life after baby loss.

If you feel able to support me, please let me know on 07962 110809, or drop a note in my post box at 16 Fish Street. I have a paper sponsorship form that I can bring to you.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Janice Curd



Not every man in a suit and tie is a gentleman . . .
Not every gentleman wears a suit and tie

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Sea Sunday Service Sunday July 13th 10am at Goldhanger Sailing Club

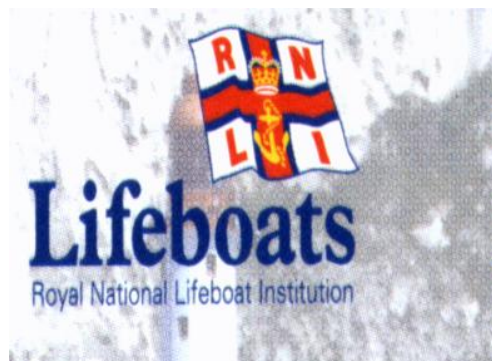
The annual Sea Sunday is a day of focus on those whose lives are connected with the sea

“Trinity” – A converted lightship which is the residential centre of Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust (FACT), which provides adventure, relaxation and exploring, especially for young people.



Service organised by St Peter's Church, Goldhanger

Goldhanger Sailing Club is on the sea wall at Goldhanger. Walking/cycling access via the sea wall, car access for the service through Bounds Farm, at the bottom of Fish Street.



80th anniversary of VE Day

We had a fabulous time at the Afternoon Tea Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th May, commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Thank you to everyone who supported it and special thanks to: the Jubilee Choir and Kim for entertaining us; **David Newman** for the WWII presentation slides and video; Tiptree Jam for the delicious strawberries 🍓 and of course to the Village Hall social committee for organising the event, decorating the hall and the splendid array of sandwiches and cakes. A great turn out with some wonderful 1940's outfits!





Goldhanger Gala - 6th/7th Sept 2025

Programme

See separate posters for further details and contacts.

Note that plans are ongoing and timings are liable to change

Sunday 31st August

- SCARECROW TRAIL opens, judging Friday 5th Sept, runs until Sunday 7th Sept
- MUSIC ON THE FIELD with Carol & Suki and The Goldhanger Shanty Crew, 1-3pm

Saturday 6th September

- CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY Chequers car park, BIKE DISPLAY Churchyard, from 9.30am
- CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL from 10am
- CHURCH BOOK SALE, from 10am
- ART EXHIBITION & CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION @ Village Hall, from 10am
- CHEQUER'S BBQ, from 11am
- COMPETITION TENT @ Village Hall field, drop off 9am, judging 10am, display 12pm
- KARATE DEMONSTRATION @ the Churchyard, from 1.30pm
- MORRIS DANCING (Dark Horse) @ The Square, from 2.30pm
- CHILDREN'S 'MINI SPORTS DAY' @ the Playing Field, 3-5pm
- LIVE MUSIC @ The Chequers, from 4pm

Sunday 7th September

- BACON ROLLS @ The Square, from 9.30am
- CLASSIC CAR & BIKE 'RIDE OUT' from The Square, leave at 10.00am
- CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL from 11am
- CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE 10am, BOOK SALE continues afterwards
- TEDDY PARACHUTE JUMPS from the Church tower, 11am
- ART EXHIBITION & CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION @ Village Hall, from 11am
- MORRIS DANCING (Alive & Kicking) @ The Square, from 12pm
- TRY YOUR HAND AT BELL RINGING @ the Church, from 1pm
- VILLAGE HISTORY TOURS from The Square, 1-2pm and 3-4pm (booking required)
- ADULT SPORTS (tug-of-war / walking football) @ VH Field, 2-4pm
- LIVE MUSIC @ The Chequers, from 4pm





Goldhanger Gala: Competition Categories

COOKING

1. Victoria sponge WI style
Hint: no cream and use raspberry jam
2. Any flavour shortbread x 6 (all same size)
3. Sausage rolls x 6 (all same size)
4. Six small cakes suitable for an Afternoon Tea
can be all the same or a mixture of different ones
5. Scones – plain or fruit x 6 (all same size)
6. Preserves – jar of your choice

All entries must be made by the exhibitor

Children's Classes

7. Age 4 to 10 years – Cupcakes x 6 flavour of your choice
8. Age 11 to 16 years – Cupcakes x 6 flavour of your choice

PHOTOGRAPHY

9. Fur, feather or fin
10. Wild flower
11. Landscape – land, sea or sky
12. Dawn or dusk
13. A Goldhanger village scene
14. Black and white

Children's Classes (4 to 16 yrs)

15. Yours or friend's pet
16. Out and about

All the photographs must be taken & staged by the exhibitor

The size of the photo should be 8ins x 6ins and not mounted or framed

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

17. Potatoes x 3
18. Runner beans x 3
19. Carrots with leaves x 3
20. Tomatoes x 3
21. A single squash
22. A single cucumber
23. Apples x3
24. Pears x 3

Open to all adults and children

All fruit and veg must be home grown

We are looking for three products of each that are uniformly shaped, fresh and clean

Please drop in your competition entry forms and entries to the Competition Tent (Village Hall field) between 9-10am on Saturday 6th September

GALA COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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

NAME: AGE: (children 4-16yrs)

ADDRESS: PHONE:

List all class no.s you are entering

Total number of entries at 50p each ** Pay on the day at drop off

COOKING ENTRIES

Please tick here if you would like to donate your cake to the Sunday cake stall where money raised will go towards the Goldhanger Art Club.

I hereby confirm that all my exhibits are my own and that I will adhere to the competition rules.



Goldhanger Gala Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 31st Aug to Sunday 7th Sept

Judging on Friday 5th Sept

Theme: SUPERHEROES & VILLAINS

Get your thinking caps on!

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



GOLDHANGER ART SOCIETY

Art & Craft Exhibition 2025

An exhibition of original paintings/drawings,
Portfolios, and various Craft Items

Goldhanger Village Hall:

- Saturday 6th Sept – 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
- Sunday 7th Sept – 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Liz Connell on
01621 788649 / 07484 174287 / upthecreekcon@btinternet.com

Children's Art Competition

Categories: 5 – 10 Years Old

11 – 18 Years Old

- Subject and medium of your choice
- All Entries will be on display at The Art Show on 6/7 September
- Bring entries to Goldhanger Village Hall on Friday 5th September between 3.00 and 6.00 pm.

Prizes to be Won

Further Information from cathy_a_brown@hotmail.co.uk

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

.....

Tel.No.

Category 5 – 10 years ☐

11 – 18 years ☐

Please complete and bring with your Entry on Friday 5th September between 3.00 and 6.00 pm. Your picture will need to have your name clearly displayed.

St. Peter's Church

Gala Weekend 6th and 7th September

Saturday 6th

Book sale all day

Cake raffle

Karate demonstration 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Refreshments 1pm to 3pm

Sunday 7th

Fun family service 10am

Teddy bear parachute 10.45am

Bacon butties and bucks fizz

Tea coffee and cake

Bell ringing (go on give it a go)

Drawing of the cake raffle.

We have a lovely fully tuned piano and refurbished organ that is available for those wishing to provide music, we would love to hear them being played, the church acoustics are wonderful. Please let us know if you are available and can play either sat or sun. If anyone has their own musical instrument that would like to give us a tune please let us know.

Any questions please call Kim 01621788698



Did you know there is a law about cleaning out nest boxes?

According to the British Trust for Ornithology, when the breeding season is over, old nests can be removed and the box cleaned out. Bird Protection Law permits the cleaning out of nests between 1st September and 31st January. Any dead eggs must be destroyed promptly and cannot be kept or sold.

Some hole-nesting species, including sparrows, may have second or third broods in the same nest. The nests of these species should be left until sometime during the autumn when it is certain that they are no longer in use.

Music on The field

31 AUGUST, 2025

1.00 – 3.00 PM

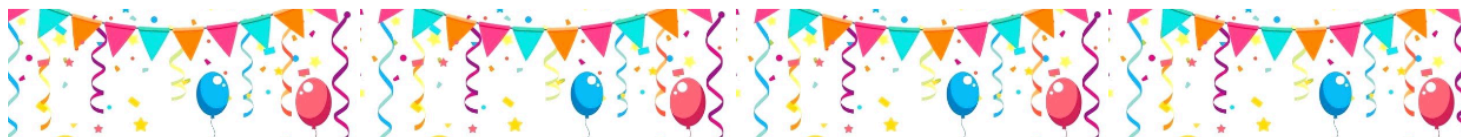
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Goldhanger Gala

Village History Tours

Sunday 7th September

Revealing Goldhanger's past – a guided walk through the history of our village

Our local experts and historians will be take you on a guided walk exploring the history of landmarks and properties around the village. There will be two tours in the afternoon with a maximum of 12 people per tour (timings to be confirmed), bookings only due to limited spaces – being taken now – £5 per person.

Contact Jill on 07734 069609 or jillcrooks66@icloud.com



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Word of the Month

Cerumen: *noun*

The technical term for earwax.



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Megabrain Wordsearch 6 – Wild Flowers

Unfazed by solving wordsearches from a list? Need a REAL challenge?

Then try this for size! 23 single-word British wild flowers (all currently blooming in my window box!) are hidden in the grid below. But there is NO LIST to help you! THEN, when you've found them, the 18 unused letters read as a question. Answer that and email it to pfrench2@hotmail.com to be immortalised in next month's magazine!

Good luck!

Just one 'tricky' done for you this time – Horizontal - WELD

Next month let's have a look at our warm-blooded wildlife!

W	O	R	R	A	Y	W	E	L	D	A	H
T	C	O	K	N	A	P	W	E	E	D	C
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W	E	V	O	L	G	X	O	F	A	O	V
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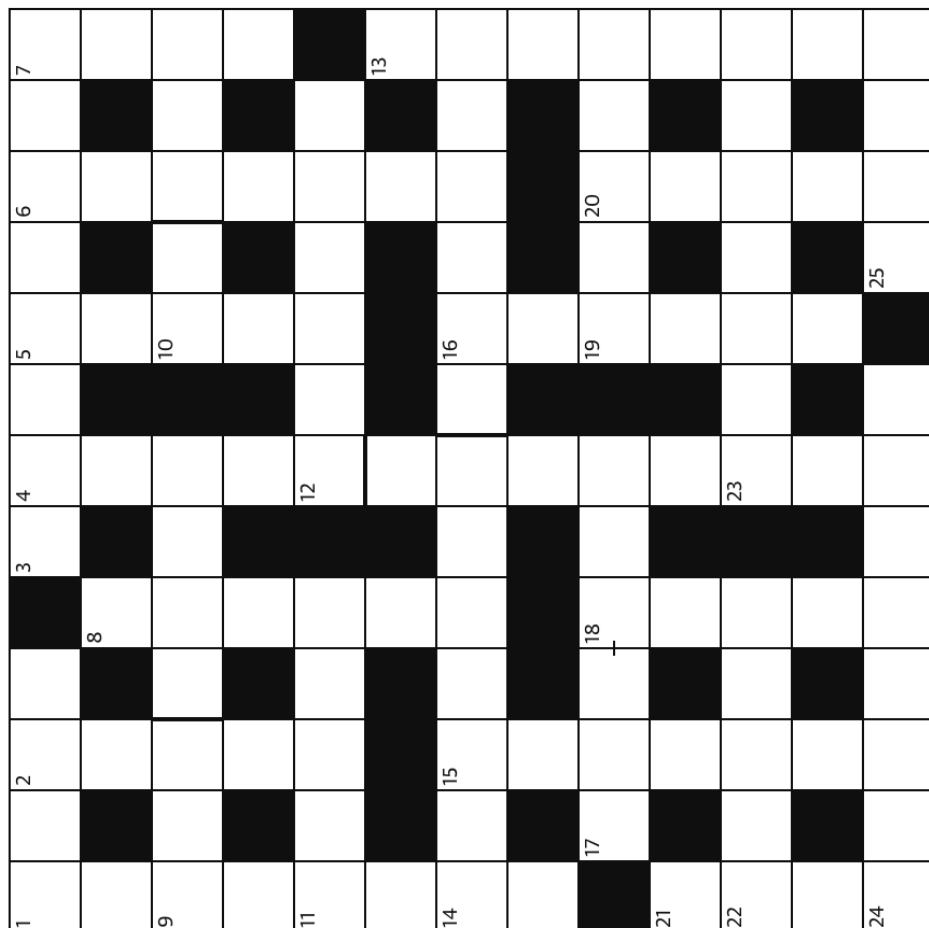
Note: Usual rules apply – diagonal, horizontal and vertical words forwards and backwards, letters used more than once + unused letters read as a book to form the hidden question.

NB. This month's answer has 9 letters

Last month's hidden 'LAND BIRDS' question was 'MOST COMMON BRITISH BIRD?' Answer: WREN

Birds were (horiz.) Brambling, Lapwing, Magpie, Jay, Cuckoo (vert.) Chiff Chaff, Raven, Hoopoe, Hobby, Blackcap, Kestrel, Goshawk (diag.) Chough, Chaffinch, Buzzard, Blackbird, Ruff, Quail, Bullfinch, Rook, Merlin

Correct answers were received from Mo Brooks, Greg Lake, David Harding, Carole Russell, Maureen Cheeseman, Ruth Jolly, Ian Moore, Lorraine Alford



Across

- 1 Large shirtless sportsman (4)
- 3 In instalments (8)
- 9 Ill tidings (3,4)
- 10 In any sense (2,3)
- 11 Sir Henry, partner of Charles Stewart Rolls (5)
- 12 Old Testament book or broadcaster Rantzen (6)
- 14 Reason for buying a sports car (7,6)
- 17 Descriptor of Eurotrash (3-3)
- 19 Colour of Victorian photographs (5)
- 22 Inventor of Poohsticks (5)
- 23 Kenyan capital (7)
- 24 Chardonnay and Perrier, perhaps (8)
- 25 Pound - pulverize - palpitation (4)

Down

- 1 Like some mortgages of the early 2000s (8)
- 2 Partner of truly and deeply (5)
- 4 Ten poetasters (anag) - handy mail arrangement (5,8)
- 5 Part of golf club, feather or sunlight (5)
- 6 Storage solution - knickers (7)
- 7 A little elephant (4)
- 8 Omani's neighbour (6)
- 13 Writer like David Sedaris (8)
- 15 One taking paces at dawn? (7)
- 16 English art and social critic, 1819-1900 (6)
- 18 Toil - salty solution (5)
- 20 Town west of Bournemouth, or its pottery (5)
- 21 Layers of green eggs (4)

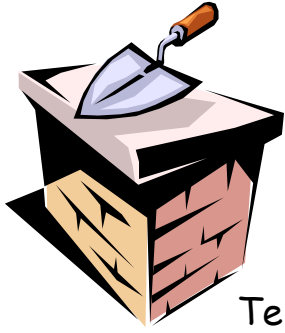
Answers next month

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/>



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Children's Pages

Kids Quiz

1. What does the abbreviation OAP stand for?
2. What type of animal is an emu?
3. In the children's nursery rhyme, who 'went up the hill to fetch a pail of water'? And what is a pail?
4. Which ancient language was spoken by the Romans?
5. What sort of boat do fishermen use to catch fish at sea?
6. What **type of animal** is a kingfisher?
7. What sort of toy is a round plastic disc that you can throw and catch?
8. Starting with the letter 'E', what do we call a river's mouth where it widens into the **sea**?
9. What is another word for elevator?
10. Starting with the letter 'A' what is one of the highest ranks in the navy?

Answers on page 40

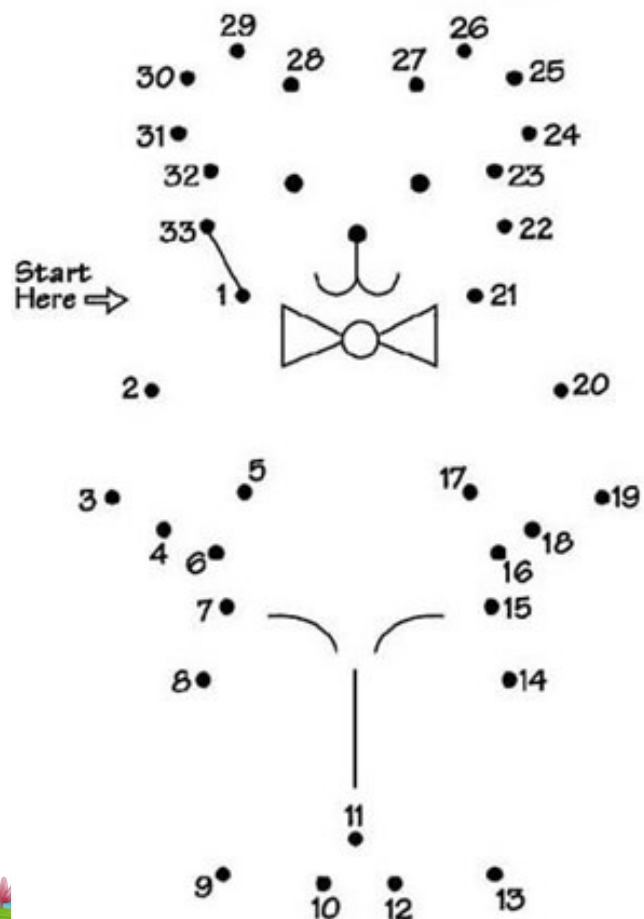
What do you call a
guy lying on your
doorstep?

Matt.



DID YOU KNOW?

Frogs can't swallow
with their eyes
open



Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out





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Recipe of the month

Marmalade Ice Cream

It's summer time!

Preparation time

15 minutes plus freezing

Cooking time

About 8 minutes

Serves

Serves 6



Ingredients

- 100 g caster sugar
- 275 ml water
- 1 x 15 ml spoon lemon juice
- 4 x 15 ml spoons marmalade
- 300 ml plain unsweetened yogurt
- 150 ml double or whipping cream

Method

1. Put the sugar, water and lemon juice in a heavy-based saucepan and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Increase the heat and cook rapidly until the thread stage is reached (see below).
2. Stir in the marmalade and allow to go cold.
3. Stir in the yogurt. Pour the mixture into a freezer container and freeze for about 1 hour until mushy.
4. Beat the cream until it forms soft peaks. Fold into the yogurt mixture and freeze. Beat the mixture twice, at hourly intervals. Cover, seal and freeze.



(Using a small spoon, remove a little of the syrup and allow it to fall from the spoon onto a dish. The syrup should form a fine, thin thread when the correct stage has been reached.)

Answers to June crossword

1	B	A	2	C	T	3	R	I	4	A	N	5	C	A	6	M	E	7	L
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8	S	I	R		9	O	U	T	O	F	T	U	N	E					
	I		P		D		L		E		N		W						
10	S	Q	U	E	E	G	E	E		11	E	T	N	A					
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20	B	O	S	S	A	N	O	V	A		21	O	I	K					
	U		T		N		F		T		R		K						
22	S	T	I	C	K	O	F	C	E	L	E	R	Y						

Answers to Kids Quiz on page 36

1. Old age pensioner
2. It's a large flightless bird
3. Jack and Jill. A pail is a bucket.
4. Latin
5. Trawler
6. Bird
7. Frisbee
8. Estuary
9. Lift
10. Admiral



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://saxonship.org/>

The Anglo-Saxon Ship, buried in the 7th century at Sutton Hoo and reborn in the 21st



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
2025 9th July 30th July 20th August 10th September 1st October	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

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 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

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You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	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
Goldhanger House (o/s)	09:30	11:40	14:40	16:15
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

95 Maldon to Tollesbury	Hedingham Omnibus			
Maldon Morrisons Wycke Hill (entrance)	08:25	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
Goldhanger House (opp)	08:53	11:08	13:18	17:13
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.

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BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	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
Goldhanger House (o/s)	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:50
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

95 Maldon to Tollesbury	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
Goldhanger House (opp)	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55
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

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Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)
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