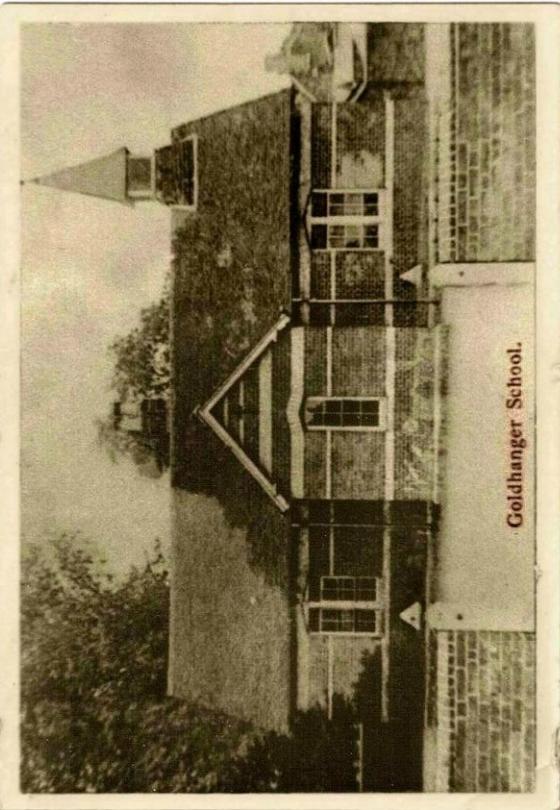
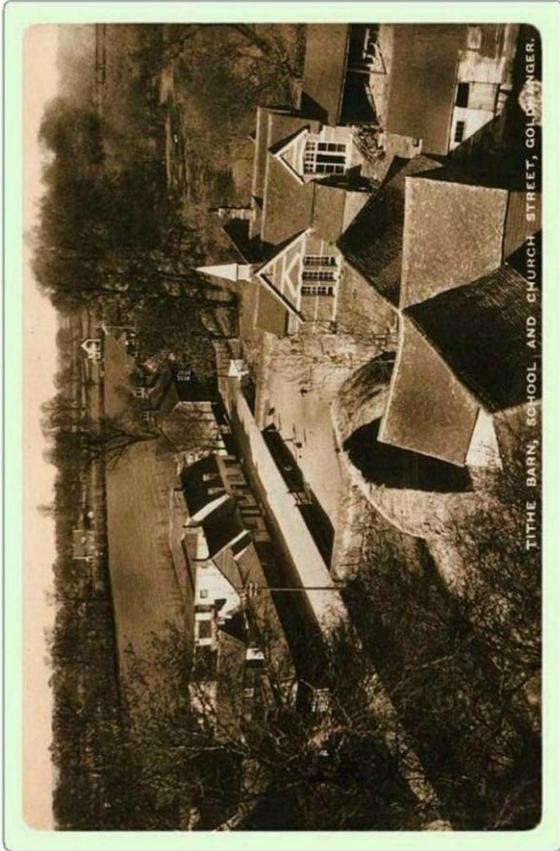


The 150th Anniversary of the Village School



an early 1900s postcard view of the school



a view from the Church tower in the 1930s



130 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 and there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

Submit articles, as PDF to preserve layout or as plain text in an email with any images attached, by midnight on the 15th of September. Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

Submit advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 13th of September please.

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

Advertising (for Magazine & Website) Carol advertising@goldhanger.org.uk

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.

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Tide Times

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

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

The 150th anniversary of the Village School

The Rector, the Revd Leigh and his family funded building of the School in 1875. Before then the Old Rectory and one of the Pit Cottages on the Maldon Rd Triangle had been used as school rooms. Here is a brief history of the school...

1890 - the average attendance was recorded as 106.

1895 - the Parish magazine made a plea for funds for the School.

1897 - the School was extended to add an infant's wing at the rear.

1899 - Kelly's directory recorded 92 children and 50 infants accommodated.

1904 - from the School Manger's minute book: School cleaning was undertaken by Mrs Chaplin for 3/- a week and Mrs Jordan for 2/6 a week. Wheels were purchased to carry away the contents of closet pails.

1916 - School children aged 13 permitted to do farm work during the war. The Rector used the School for war meetings as there was no Village Hall then.

1932 - joint lessons were held with Lt. Totham using a horse & wagon as transport.

1940 - a WW-2 air-raid shelter was built on the playground for the children.

1944 - the Butler Act resulted in Essex County Council's *Local Education Authority* taking over funding and full control of the School.

1975 - the School's 100 year anniversary was celebrated, including the gift of commemorative mugs to the children.

1977 - Essex County Council announced the closure of the School and the Church of England sold the building and lands privately to St Edwards School in Romford who used it as a "rural study centre" for their children. Villagers were not happy and the bellringers moved the bell from the School belfry to the church tower "for safe keeping".

1986 - a large extension was built at the front of the School as a dormitory.

1990 - St Edwards School put Goldhanger School and the land up for sale.

1996 - The School re-opened as a local day nursery and the bell was returned to the School belfry.

today - the School continues to operate as *Goldhanger Community Nursery*.



School photos from the early 1900s

for more about village School history search for: *Goldhanger school past*

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

David Newman

Goldhanger Village Hall



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

Comfortably seats 80 people using our chairs and tables - you are welcome to bring your own enabling you to seat more.



See [Village Hall Calendar](#) for more details of events.

Pink recycling bags are available 15 minutes before each Parish Council meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.15pm. Purple bags are no longer available.

Gentle Yoga every Monday 7-8pm

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

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

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

Web: www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk

Facebook: [Goldhanger Village Hall](#)

X: [@Goldhanger_VH](#)

Hire charges		Goldhanger Resident Rate (per hour)	General Rate (per hour)
Monday-Friday	9.00 -18.00	£12	£14
	18.00 - 23.00	£17	£20
Saturday-Sunday	9.00 - 18.00	£17	£20
	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

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



Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

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

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



Bellringing www.bellringing.org/learntoring/

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



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From the Editors



Gala Weekend is almost upon us as this issue drops through your letterboxes. There have been one or two changes to timings of events so please check the latest programme and fliers in the magazine so you don't miss out. Information is also on the Goldhanger website at www.goldhanger.org.uk/gala-weekend.html

The Parish Council are doing a survey on how we travel for shopping, work, doctor's appointments etc. This is in light of the planning application for 25 houses on Head Street. With Goldhanger's lack of amenities and public transport this will only add cars to the roads. Please make every effort to complete the questionnaire and return to Julia. The survey is also available on the Goldhanger Facebook page.

Don't forget to send us your photos and articles of the Gala Weekend for inclusion in next month's magazine. We get really good feedback from residents when we have reports on local events.

We find ourselves again in need of an advertising coordinator (volunteer) who can give a couple of hours per month to deal with advertising in the magazine. Our current coordinator (Carol) has done a sterling job, but, unfortunately, needs to step away from the role by December. All records and information would be passed over to you along with a brief on what needs doing. You don't need to live in Goldhanger to do this. We would be more than grateful for any applications.

Many thanks to those of you who pointed out there are new bus timetables. We've now updated them in the magazine.

Chris and Stephen

Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 7th September - 9.30am Communion with Archdeacon Ruth Patten

Sunday 14th September - 10am lay led service

Sunday 21st September - 9.30am service

Sunday 28th September - 9.30am Communion with Rev Andrew

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

**Priest in Charge of
the Blackwater
Benefice***

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Vince (Assistant
Agricultural Chaplain)

07952 144613

andrew.vince15@gmail.com

Reverend Sarah Clare

07762 840905 / 01621 868819

sarahclare9@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Mr George Bunting

01621 929690

gvbunting@gmail.com

Mrs B Abrey

01206 384394

Safeguarding Officer

Vacancy

**Benefice
Administrator**

Rosie Pollock
(For weddings,
baptisms etc). Available
on Tuesday and
Thursday mornings

07908 776750

office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com

Church flowers

Mrs Elaine Clark

788686

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

No Flags for September



MINISTRY MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

This year so far indicates a record average high temperature in the UK. At the time of writing water restrictions in various parts of the country are coming into force. Abberton and West Hanningfield reservoirs in July were reported together as being 84% full. Abberton had a massive increase in capacity in a twenty-year project completed in 2015.

As more and more people have water meters fitted overall usage has diminished as folk are more aware of the cost. The Government have committed to build nine new reservoirs by 2050.

The early hot weather must have been a challenging time for farmers in the agricultural sector with

rain in the South East coming just in time to help save the crop.

As holiday makers pray for sunny weather and farmers for rain God has a dilemma!

This year we had two serious water leaks at the rear of our cottage, both of which were attended

to efficiently by Essex & Suffolk Water who also recommended that we have a meter fitted to read

usage. Most homes with just one or two inhabitants make savings.

The water content of the average human body is 60%.

We are told to always ensure we keep hydrated, especially in hot weather, sensible advice.

Importantly water regulates our body temperature, protects and moistens the tissues and organs

of the body, helps dissolve minerals and nutrients to make them accessible to the body, carries

nutrients and oxygen to cells and helps the liver and kidneys to flush out waste.

A lovely episode recorded in the New Testament tells of Jesus, tired dusty and thirsty, coming

to a well for a drink. There he encounters a Samaritan woman whom he engages in conversation.

A Jewish man would not normally converse with a female stranger, especially a despised Samaritan

woman. It was mid-day, the hottest time of day when water would not normally be collected. He knows her background but doesn't judge her. She is convinced he is the Messiah. She leaves her water pot, anxious to return to her village to share her story there.

St John quoted Jesus as saying "If a person is thirsty let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me streams of living water will flow from within"

A wonderful metaphor for the life-giving properties of this precious resource without which life on earth would not exist!

Paul Smith, St Peters Church Great Totham

Goldhanger Village Hall

Film Club

Wednesday 17th September
7pm for 7:30pm



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BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY

Please note the film
club charge will be
£8 from September

Break out the big pants and the vodka shots! Bridget Jones is back on the big screen in *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy*! Four years after the heartbreak of the loss of Mark Darcy, Bridget finds herself navigating the hilarious and often awkward world of modern dating as a widowed single mum to two young children. Alongside her loyal, if slightly chaotic, group of friends, Bridget must decide whether it's the charm of a much younger man or the grounded nature of her son's teacher that will bring her the next chapter of love and self-reinvention. Get ready to laugh, cry, and embrace the chaos as Bridget stumbles through life, love, and the pursuit of happiness – just as she is.

£8 pay on the door (card or cash)

Plenty of parking behind the hall / lifts available from the village if required, contact Jill 07734 069609 or Debbie 788709



Proceeds in support of the Village Hall, Head Street CM9 8AY



GOLDHANGER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
Invites you to



Saturday 27th September

THE VILLAGE HALL

Doors Open 7.00 pm



Eyes Down 7.30 pm

A FUN FAMILY EVENING! 😊

Bring your own drinks & nibbles
Refreshments & cakes will be served
in the interval

Advertising Coordinator Required For your Goldhanger Parish Mag

From December 2025 onwards.

All we ask is for a few hours per month of someone's spare time to take care of the advertising. You don't need any special skills apart from being a bit organised and able to talk to customers, and to chase people up for repeat payments.

All current advertisers contacts and names will be passed on by Carol with a brief of what is expected to make the transition easier.

Please contact Carol at: advertising@goldhanger.org.uk



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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 13th Aug 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

Planning Decisions by MDC

25/00476 11 Fish Street **Approved**

25/00489 Land North of 6 Church Street **Refused**

Applications

25/00613 Land off of Head Street – Erection of 25 dwellings together with new vehicular and pedestrian access from Head Street, car parking, garden space and associated development

A time extension had been requested and agreed by MDC until the 12th Sept 2025. After various discussions and attendance of 19 residents, Council unanimously agreed to object the decision, and an objection would be prepared. It was unsure whether this extension was applicable to residents, advice had been sought that day but no confirmation received from MDC to date **GPC Objected**

25/00681 TPO 02/18 20 Fish Street **T1 Scots Pine - GPC objected – see planning Portal**

Highway Matters

Flooding and Drainage ongoing

Highways – Bus cage application needed further investigation

Defibrillators – New Pads had been received

Clerk Report – On leave after the 15th Aug until the week beginning 1st Sept

Speed watch Group – A lot of speeding was occurring on Maldon Road

Telephone Boxes – Cllr Sargeant and Cllr Reynolds would start on the necessary work in due course

Allotment site A water trough was agreed for the allotment site

Village Hall – It was agreed to give £1500 to the village Hall for ongoing works

Asset of Community Value – The previous AVC had expired so a new application would be made

NJC Payscales had been announced from April 25 with a 3.2% increase

Next Meeting on 10th Sept 2025

Exciting News!!

Sunday 21st September at 4pm in the Billiards Room of The Chequers will be the inaugural session of “Avago”.

So what is it?

Well imagine an Open Mic session but without mics, for anyone to sing a song, play a tune, read a poem or just watch.

Come on Goldhanger there's lots of untapped talent out there. Just come along (and if you're going to perform) put your name on the list, buy a drink and enjoy a couple of fun hours with friends and neighbours.

~ Carol Bonard



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To all residents

The Parish Council would like to understand how residents access amenities and work (shops, Doctors, dentist, pharmacies, school, work etc)

This could help provide part of an evidence based response to the application for 25 houses on Head Street.

A simple survey has been put on the Goldhanger village group Facebook page, but for anyone not on Facebook the questions are included below.

We really appreciate your time to complete the survey and request the torn out survey page is returned to Julia Bourn **before 7th September**.

Goldhanger Transport Questionnaire				
Your age group	<30			
	<50			
	>50			
Do you use the bus service regularly	Yes			
	No			
If yes how frequently and for what reasons				
Do you/have you ever walked to Gardeners Farm shop	Yes			
	No			
Do you consider the main road (B1026) safe for children to cycle on (to either Heybridge, Maldon or D'arcy)	Yes			
	No			
What transport do you use for the following:	Car	Bus	cycle	walk
work				
supermarket				
dentist, doctors & pharmacy				
primary school				
secondary school				

I confirm that I have NOT completed the Facebook survey (please tick)

Please return to Julia Bourn

RedHills

16A Fish Street

Or email scanned copy or photo of page to:

goldhangerparishcouncil@outlook.com

Carpet Bowls

Carpet Bowls is on alternate Fridays in the Village Hall, starting on Friday 12th September and running through to April 2026.

Time: 1.45pm to 4.00 pm

No experience required, everyone welcome. Come along for a social and fun couple of hours.



Roman River 25th Anniversary Festival 2025 19th – 28th September

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

Bloomin' cheek! My neighbour knocked at 3am last night. Just as well I was still up playing my bagpipes.



FOR SALE OR WANTED

For Sale: Unusual desk & shelves

Solid wood. Screws to the floor then leans on the wall. One desk & two shelves plus a moveable section which can be either small shelves or an organiser. Desk has outlet for cables at the rear.

Dismantles. H: 195, W: 74. 43 centimetres from wall at base. £55 ono

Email parishmag@goldhanger.org.uk



Goldhanger Gala- Village Raffle

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Tickets will be on sale at the Gala weekend and related events

Music on The Field -
Sunday 31st August 12-2pm

in The Square
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Sept

£2 ticket / £10 strip

the Raffle will be drawn at the end of Gala weekend
- timing and venue to be confirmed



Goldhanger Gala - 6th/7th Sept 2025

Programme

See separate posters or QR code below for event details and contacts.

Note that plans are liable to change and timings won't be exact!

Sunday 31st August 'Gala Prelude'

From 10.00 SCARECROW TRAIL opens and runs until Sunday 7th Sept

12.00-14.00 MUSIC ON THE FIELD Carol & Suki & The G/hanger Shanties - V/Hall

Saturday 6th September

From 09.30 CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY - Chequers car park, BIKE DISPLAY - Churchyard

From 10.00 CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL

CHURCH BOOK SALE

ART EXHIBITION, CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION, TEAS/CAKES - Village Hall

From 11.00 CHEQUER'S BBQ

12.00-16.00 COMPETITION TENT - Village Hall field, drop off 9-10am judging 10-12pm

13.30-14.30 KARATE DEMONSTRATION - Churchyard

14.30-15.30 VILLAGE HISTORY TOUR - from the Village Hall (booking required)

15.00-17.00 CHILDREN'S 'MINI SPORTS DAY' - the Playing Field

From 15.45 LIVE MUSIC - The Chequers



Sunday 7th September

From 09.30 BACON ROLLS - The Square

From 10.00 CLASSIC CAR & BIKE 'RIDE OUT' from The Square

CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE, BOOK SALE continues afterwards

From 10.45 TEDDY PARACHUTE JUMPS - Churchyard

From 11.00 CHEQUER'S BEER FESTIVAL

ART EXHIBITION, CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION, TEAS/CAKES - Village Hall

From 12.00 MORRIS DANCING (Alive & Kicking and Dark Horse Morris) - The Square

14.30-15.30 VILLAGE HISTORY TOUR from the Village Hall (booking required)

14.00-15.45 WALKING FOOTBALL & TUG-OF-WAR - V/Hall Field (pre-arranged teams )

From 15.45 LIVE MUSIC - The Chequers

Scan the QR code
for event details



 Plenty of off-road parking from Head St and Church St



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

Theme: SUPERHEROES & VILLAINS

Trail maps available from The Chequers (£1)

contact Jill on 07734 069609 or
jillcrooks66@icloud.com

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
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Grown Up's Sports!

Sunday 7th Sept, 2pm - 4pm

Village Hall Field

- Aimed at the adults but older 'children' are welcome to join in
- These will be excellent spectator sports as the Art Club will be selling Pimms so if you don't want to participate bring your chairs, grab a drink and have a good laugh at the goings on! Ice creams also available
- Timings are approximate
- And of course.....it's all in the name of fun!

14.00 WALKING FOOTBALL

Harder than you think! one foot on the ground at all times, non-contact and ball below head height

Rules will be explained by the referee



- 6-a-side including a goalie
- trainers not studs
- aiming for 4 teams playing 2 matches and 1 final
- get a team together or just book and we can make up teams



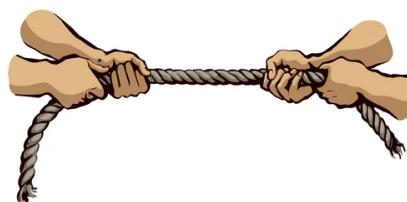
15.15 TUG OF WAR

Let's see which street has the biggest muscle power!

Hoping to get each street to 'pull' together a team 8 in a team, everyone welcome

4 teams or more depending on numbers:

- Church St, Benham Cl, St Peters Cl
- Fish St, Thistley Cl
- Head St, Peartree Cl
- Maldon Road, Hall Est, Sorrell Cl, Blind Lane



Contact jillcrooks66@icloud.com / 07734 069609 for all bookings or more details

Goldhanger Gala Weekend details available online:



goldhanger.org.uk/gala-weekend.html



Children's 'Mini Sports Day'

Saturday 6th Sept, 3pm – 5pm

Playing Field (bottom of Fish St)



Parents must supervise children at all times

Timings are approximate

It's all in the name of fun!

15.00 – 15.15 TODDLER'S SPORTS must be able to participate independently

Including: Egg & Spoon; Bean bag toss; Races; Football dribbling race

15.20 – 16.00 AGES 4-16 IN MIXED AGE TEAMS

Including: Egg & Spoon; Bean bag toss; Relays; Standing long jump;
Individual running races; Three legged race; Tug of war



16.00 – 16.30 FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES – MINI TRAINING SESSION

Including: Dribbling; Skills; Drills; Cross bar challenge

16.30 – 17.00 FOOTBALL GAME

NO metal studs allowed, shin pads are advisable!



Contact sarah.martin1980@hotmail.co.uk with any queries



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.

The Chequers Inn Goldhanger Gala Weekend

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September 2024



The Square, Goldhanger, Essex CM9 8AS

Telephone 01621 788203 Thechequersgoldhanger.co.uk

Beer & Cider Festival in the garden all weekend.

Goldhanger Classic Car Club display & meet on Saturday.

Barbecue at the front of the pub on Saturday from 11.00.

The Paradise 3 playing live in the garden on Saturday from 3.30.

(Rockabilly, Blues & Rock and Roll)

Band to be announced playing on Sunday from 4.00.

Plant sale at the front of the pub on Saturday 7th.

Ice creams, cakes & coffees available all weekend.

Lots more going on in the village, watch out for more posts!

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



GCCC Classic Car & Motorbike Display

Saturday 6th 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.

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Saturday 6th Sept, 2.30-3.30pm

Sunday 7th Sept, 2.30-3.30pm

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

As seen in the August parish magazine history article we have a rich collection of historic buildings in Goldhanger, many of which are part of the village's conservation area. The village's history and character being closely tied to its estuary location. Join our local experts and historians on a guided walk exploring the landmarks and properties around the village.

Maximum of 12 people per tour

£5 per person (to support our annual Galas)

Contact Jill on 07734 069609 or jillcrooks66@icloud.com



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Photos of village events are always very welcome.





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Word of the Month

Otiose: *adj*

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Megabrain Wordsearch 8 – Ford Cars

NB Level 2 difficulty – 3 points!

21 Ford cars are hidden in the grid below. But there is NO LIST to help you! THEN, when you've found them, the 38 unused letters read as a clue leading to another car. Answer that and email it to pfrench2@hotmail.com to be immortalised in next month's magazine! Good luck!

Shortest one done for you (Diag) KA (and, because I'm feeling generous, parts of two other Diags)

Next month I have a hankering for Charles Dickens!

R	A	N	O	I	S	U	F	R	S	G	E
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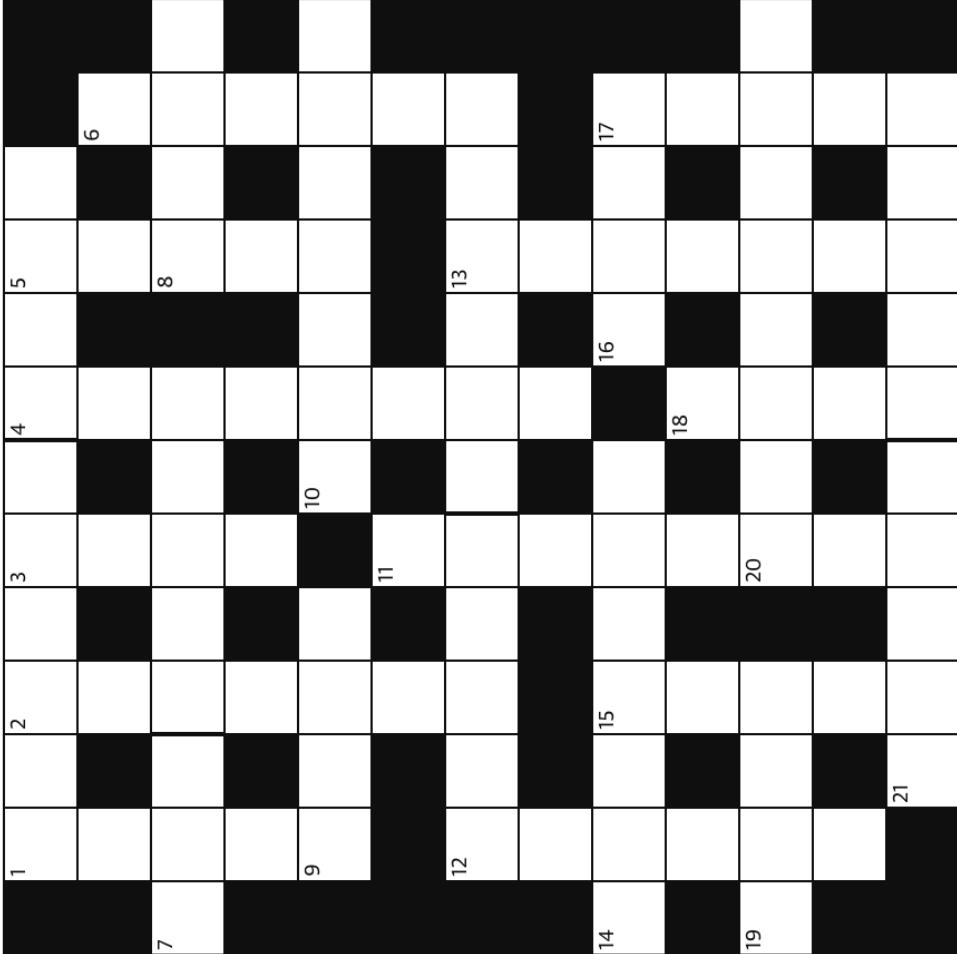
Note: Usual rules apply – diagonal, horizontal and vertical words forwards and backwards, letters used more than once + unused letters read as a book to form the hidden question.

NB. This month's answer has 6 letters

Last month's hidden 'BRITISH MAMMALS' clue was 'APPLIES BRITTLE mixed (so anagram) CHIROPTERA
Answer: PIPISTRELLE BAT (Aha! Not so easy! Well, these are 3 or more point puzzles from here until Xmas!))

Mammals were (horiz.) Pinemarten, Dolphin, Greyseal, Dormouse, Badger, Shrew, Weasel, Watervole (vert.) Squirrel, Muntjac, Rabbit, Wildcat, Hedgehog, Fox, Stoat, Mink (diag.) Hare, Otter, Polecat, Mole, Horse

Correct answers were received from Maureen Cheeseman (3) Ruth Jolly (3) Lorraine Alford (3)

Across**Down**

1	Streaky confection (6,4)	1	Cereal grass (5)
7	Black coat on ocean (3,5)	2	Regard - for Aretha Franklin? (7)
8	On the edge of one's seat (4)	3	Pork cut? (4)
9	Top businessperson (4)	4	Mouth (8)
10	Flier from remains of fire? (7)	5	Jack (5)
12	Privy (5,6)	6	Communist council (6)
14	Thicket (7)	11	Brittle biscuit (8)
16	Mog (4)	13	Poor conditions (7)
18	Noble gas (4)	15	Bamboo muncher (5)
20	Nit-picking (8)	17	Dawn (5)
21	Shrove Tuesday topping? (5,5)	18	Clutch? (4)

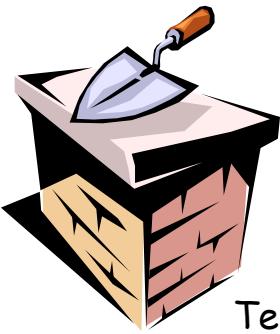
Answers next month

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



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Kids Quiz

1. What is the tallest animal in the world?
2. What is the liquid inside a pen called?
3. What tube do astronomers look through to see the stars?
4. Who wrote the play 'Romeo and Juliet'?
5. Which creature of legends is a symbol in both Wales and China?
6. What are the young of frogs called?
7. What is the opposite direction to north?
8. Which famous ship sank on its first voyage in 1912?
9. What name do we usually give to describe a single-storey house?
10. Which night of the year do we associate with the historical figure Guy Fawkes?

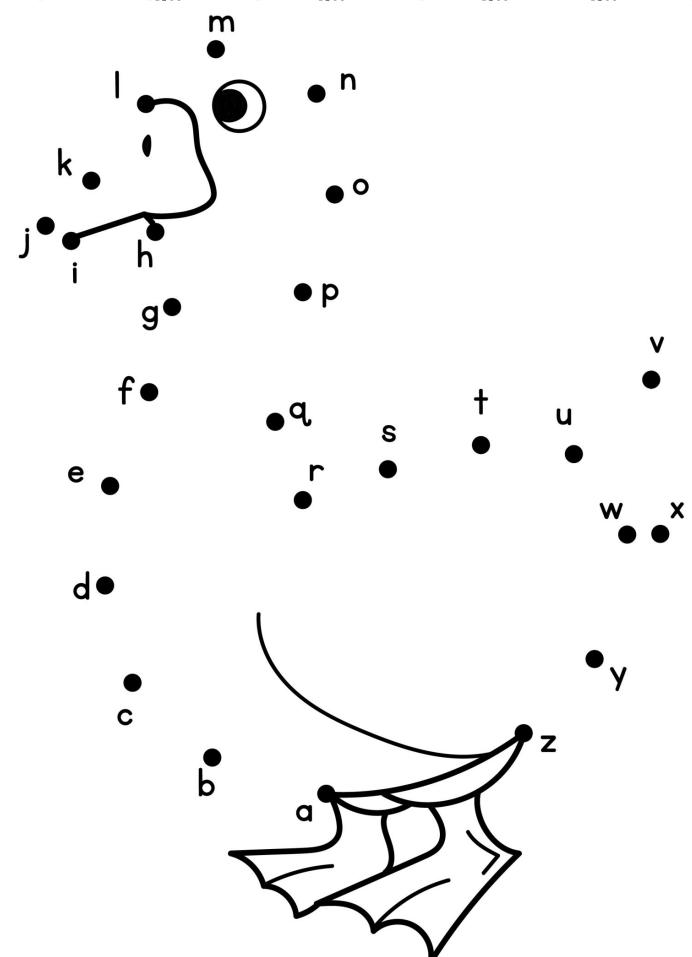
Answers on page 44

"Dad, I'm cold."

"Go stand in the corner,
I hear it's 90 degrees."

DID YOU KNOW?

85% of plant life is
found in the
ocean

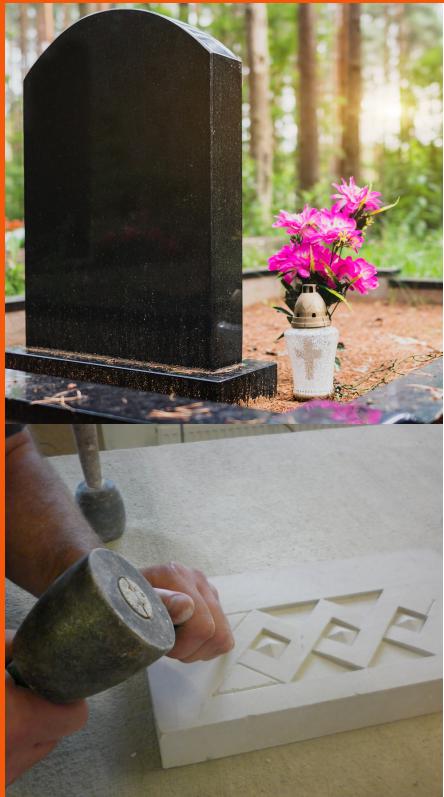


Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

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Recipe of the month

Butternut squash soup

Autumn draws on

Preparation time

15 minutes

Cooking time

50 minutes

Serves

Serves 4



Ingredients

- Butternut squash, about 1kg
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 onions diced
- 1 garlic clove thinly slices
- 2 mild red chillies, deseeded and finely chopped
- 850ml hot vegetable stock
- 4 tablespoons crème fraîche, plus extra to serve

Method

1. Preheat to oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Cut the squash into large cubes (about 4cms) then toss in a large roasting tine with half the olive oil. Roast for 30 minutes, turning once during cooking until golden and soft.
3. While the squash cooks, melt the butter and remaining oil in a large pan, add the onions, garlic and 3/4 of the chillies.
4. Cover and cook on a very low heat for 15-20 minutes until the onions are completely soft.
5. Tip the squash into the pan, add the stock and crème fraîche and whizz until smooth with a stick blender or use a food processor to get really smooth.
6. Reheat in the pan, season to taste. Serve in bowls with a swirl of crème fraîche and scattering the remaining chopped chilli.



Answers to August crossword



Answers to Kids Quiz on page 40

1. Giraffe
2. Ink
3. Telescope
4. William Shakespeare
5. Dragon
6. Tadpoles
7. South
8. The Titanic
9. Bungalow
10. Bonfire Night



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://museumofbrands.com>

A nostalgia trip through decades of tins, packets, toys and more. Download activities for home.



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
2025	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
10th September	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
1st October	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
22nd October	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
12th November	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
3rd December	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
24th December	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



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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.

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BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

Tollesbury ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Heybridge ▶ Maldon

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95A

Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays

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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					

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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

Runs on school days only
Runs when schools are closed

BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

Maldon ▶ Heybridge ▶ Goldhanger ▶ Tollesbury

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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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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

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