

A selection of early postcards and photos

Early postcards and photos provide a most effective insight into village life in the past. Although photography was developed for the 1850s onwards, few private photographs of Goldhanger have been identified and our main source of early village scenes is unquestionably postcards. These were popular form of communication between the 1880s and the 1950s. Over the 150 years between 1800 and 1950 maps available indicate that there were very few changes in the village, so postcards are a very good indication of appearance of the village over that 150 year period. Surprisingly there are currently over 130 different postcard images of the village in the local archives (not including groups and family photos). Here is a selection...

MALDON ROAD

the east-end of Maldon Rd was previously known as "The Avenue" and "Darcy Road",
and the west-end was known as "Broad Road"



The Avenue



Highams Farmhouse



Rectory Cottage
Early 1900s



Rectory Cottage
in the 1930s



Maldon Rd
near the Pit Cottage triangle



The first council houses
on the Maldon Rd



The Swedish Houses
in 1953



Cobbs Farmhouse



Gardeners Farmhouse
in the 1950s



Vaulty Manor

LITTLE TOTHAM ROAD

Previously known as Upper Street

Follyfaunts



in 1910



in 1939

Falcons Hall



in the 1950s



in the 1930s

HEAD STREET

Previously known as . . .

High St, Chaple Street and Goldhanger Street



Peartree Cottage
on the left



The Limes
on the south side of Head St
know as **Marriners** in the 1700s
Crabtree House in 1894
and **Lavers** in 1857



The Parsonage
in 1933 on the north side of Head St
known as **The Limes** before 1910
then **The Parsonage** until the last curate left in the 1960s



The Parish Rooms



Embersons butchers shop
on the right
petrol pump lamps are visible on the left



View towards The Square
With boys playing



View towards Head St
From the Rowley collection
of cards in the 1950s



The New Village Hall
In 1937



Saddle-backed cottages
at No.11 & 13 Head St

CHURCH STREET

Previously known as The Street and Goldhanger Street



The Rectory
from 1851 to 1939
now called **Goldhanger House**

Lavender Cottage



**The Blacksmiths
and the Cricketers Inn**

The Cricketers Inn
In the 1950s, from
the Rowley Collection





The Cricketers Inn
with thatched barn next door

Cottages
in Church street
with shutters on the street



Coastguard Cottages

Hall Farm in 1919
also know as The Hall
Goldhanger Hall, Joyces
and Street Farm



Hall Farm Cottages

The Old Rectory



THE SQUARE



The Chequers Inn
In 1905

Post Office
in The Square
looking down Fish St.



The Square
from Head St.
in 1910

Manns Cycle Shop
In The Square





The Square
looking up Church St
at the filling station
in about 1930

Village Store
In The Square



The Square
With a white phone box
in about 1950

The Chequers Inn
with waiting carriage



Two Pumps
after a new well was dug

The Square
in 1907



FISH STREET

previously know as Mill Lane, The Street and Goldhanger Street



Cottages at 2, 4 & 6 Fish St.
Looking towards The Square
in 1933

The Mill



Beehive Cottages
& No. 6 Fish St

Bird in Hand
a former alehouse





No. 20, 22, 24 Fish St.
demolished in the 1950s



No. 17 & 21 Fish St.

Fish St.

looking north in 1912
*the cottages on the right
were demolished in the 1960s*



Lower end of Fish St.
in the 1930s

*Postcard with
Mill Lane
as the title*



Lower end of Fish St.
a stream/ford crossing
near the footpath
to the seawall

Lower end of Fish St.
showing Thatch End
on the left
demolished in the 1970s



Thatch End
in the 1950s
demolished in the 1970s

Bounds Gatehouse
in the 1930s





Bounds Farmhouse
in the 1930s



Postcard scenes of St Peters Church



the south elevation
showing a previous footpath

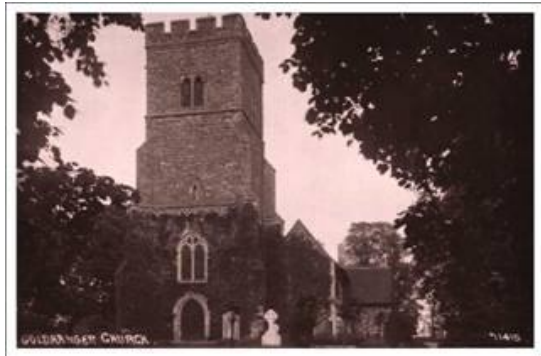


the rear of the Church
showing the previous pathway



front of the Church

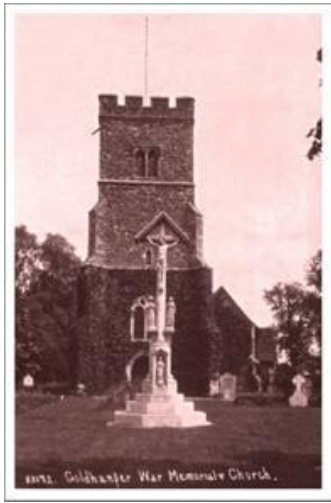
before the War Memorial was built in 1920



the rear of the Church
in the 1940s



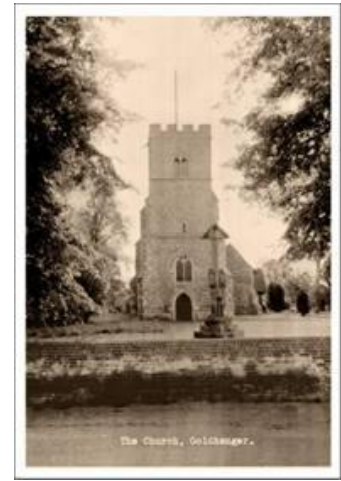
"Goldhanger Church, Nr Chelmsford"
Probably in the 1950s



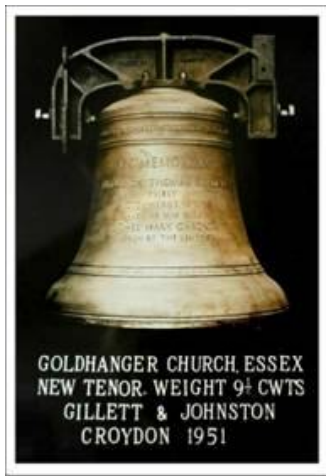
the War Memorial
in the 1920s



a War Memorial
dedicated postcard



view from Church St
from the 1950s Rowley Collection



tenor bell
when installed in 1951



Font
in the 1930s showing oil lamps



view down the aisle
showing oil lamps and
the pulpit and organ in different locations



view down the aisle
showing a rood screen with
the pulpit and organ in yet a different locations

Estuary Scenes



Pathway to the Beach
the footpath to The Creek



Teenagers
On The Beach



Bathing Huts
On The beach



village from seawall
in the early 1900s



Barge
loading at The Shoe



The Creek
with barge in the distance



Wreck near The Shoe
in 1937



Wreck near The Shoe
date unknown



Ducks and Geese in The Creek
With the barge Snowdrop in the background



The Beach, Goldhanger
In 1912



The Creek
with the Coastguard Hut in background



Children boating
In 1912



Beach party
at The Shoe



The Beach, Goldhanger
showing a children's swimming gala



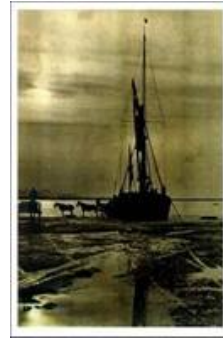
The Beach, Goldhanger



The Shoe Wall, Goldhanger



Sea Wall, Goldhanger



Barge unloading at dusk



The Beach, Goldhanger



Dog on the Sea Wall
With beach huts in background



Children on the beach
in 1912



Removing the old sluice



The seawall
in 1926



The Creek in the snow
in 1983

Greetings Postcards





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