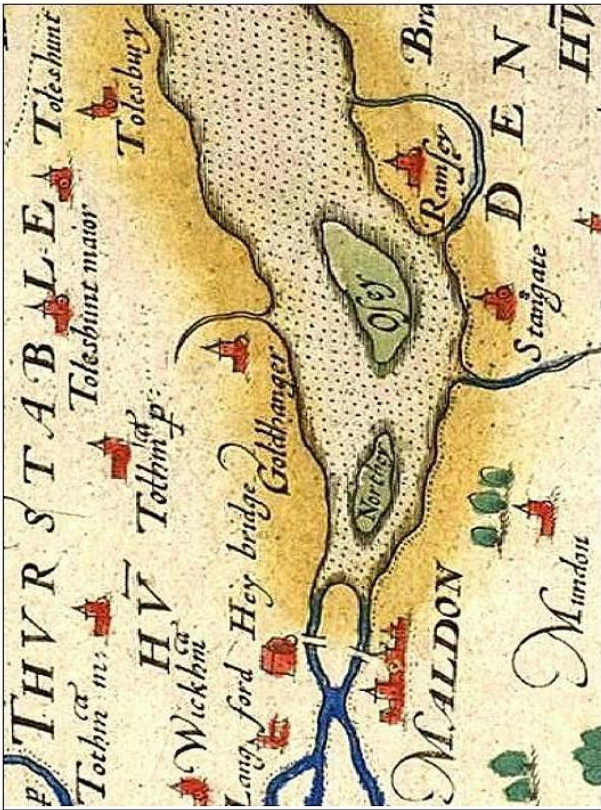
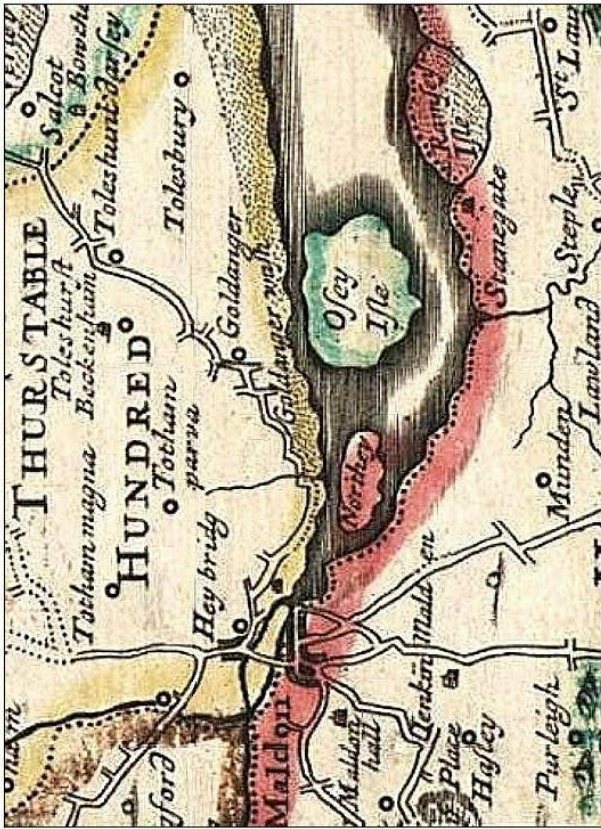


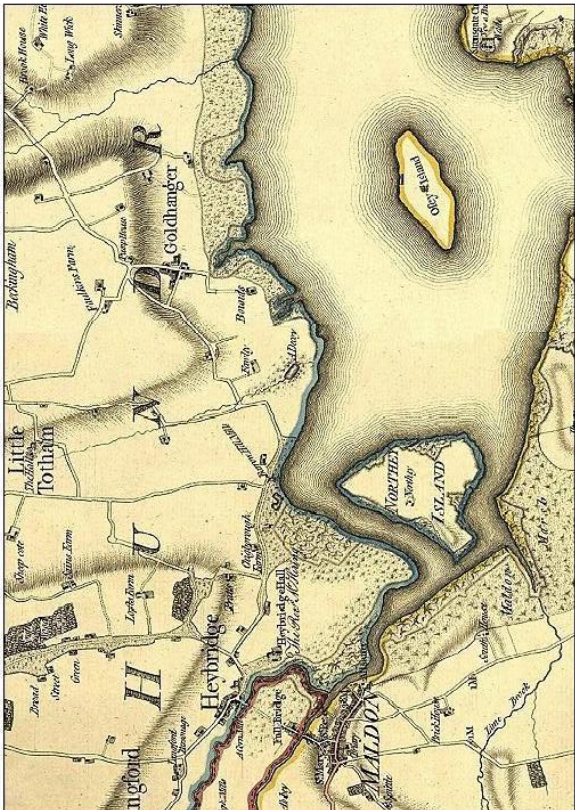
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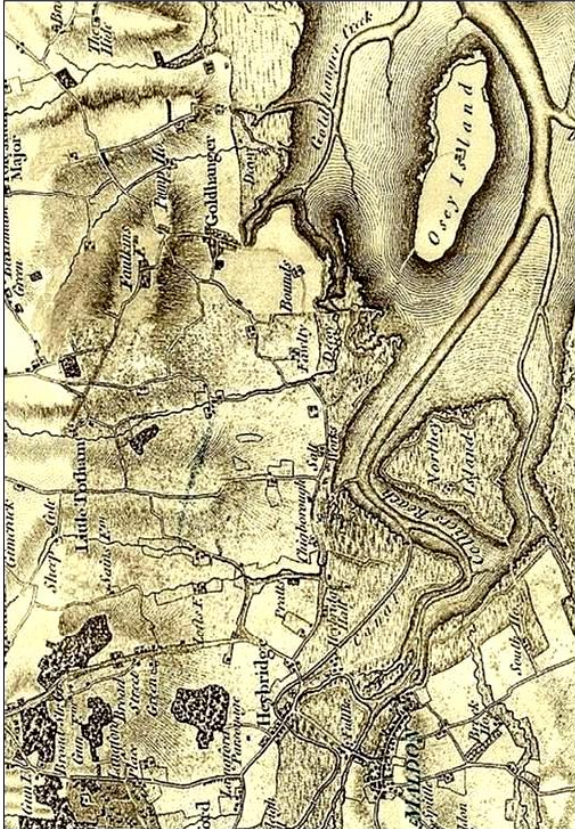
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129 Years of Goldhanger Parish Magazine

There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. In all those years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

All articles (ideally in PDF or plain text in an email) to be submitted by midnight on the 15th of July, and advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 13th of July please. Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. We print about 350 copies each month.

Donations can be made at any time. Cheques made payable to **Goldhanger Parish Magazine** please - or you can go to the Goldhanger website and make a donation online.

Current and previous issues of the magazine are available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website at: www.goldhanger.org.uk.

Tide Times

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

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



Ancient Goldhanger maps and documents

Although the village has existed for well over a 1000 years we know very little about what it was like in earliest times. Cities, towns and stately homes tend to have ancient paintings, lithographic drawings, maps and literature that reveal something of their early life, but our relatively small and once isolated community did not seem to produce any of these. We do however have access to local area maps and a few documents held in the Essex Records Office and others on the internet.

This month's cover shows sections of four of the earliest maps seen. They show that for centuries the short route to Maldon went over the salt marshes and flooding areas(shaded). The 1805 OS map shows the longer inland alternative route via Chappel Farm and Scraley Rd. to Heybridge.

Here are some of the early documents that tell us something about the village...

- The Domesday Book of 1085 named Goldhanger as "Goldhangram", which suggests a Latin spelling so may well have had some Roman origins. The land ownership was split between 3 Norman Counts, and had 2 Freemen, 33 households, 22 smallholders, 10 "slaves", many animals and 1½ saltworks.
- Beeleigh Abbey & Monastery documents refer to Goldhanger from 1180 onwards, it was then part of their estate and rents and income from the lands were listed.
- "Feet-of-Fines" preceded Deeds giving many names of Goldhanger landowners from the 1200s onwards.
- Church records from the 1200s name all the previous Goldhanger Rectors. Maura Benhams book gives many details of past Church activities in the village.
- Customs documents from the 1300s refer to many local smuggling activities.
- Court records of local criminal & civil cases appear from the 1500s onwards.
- Hearth Tax Records for 1670 show 49 households.
- Philip Morant's *History of Essex* identifies the Manor house owners in 1758 which were Vaulty, Follyfaunts, Highams and Joyces Manors.
- Property sales adverts and posters appeared from the mid 1700s for the manor houses, cottages, farms, pubs, alehouses and the Church benefice.
- The Tithe "Awards" accompanying the 1820 Tithe Map lists the owners of all properties and fields within the Parish boundary at that time with 150 names, 48 houses, 120 male householders, 23 landowners & 6 shops.
- Parliamentary papers from the early 1800s with statistics for the village recorded 108 houses & 496 people:- 74 in farming, 37 in retail, 23 labourers & 20 servants.
- Electoral Registers for the village appear from the mid 1800s onwards, only 19 males could vote:- 12 Landowners, 6 copyholders and the Rector.
- Trade directories for the village began to appear from the late 1800s, listing the shopkeepers & farmers, plus details of the post office, school and Church.
- The first national census that included everyone in Goldhanger was in 1841 showing a population of 520 adults & children, in 104 houses.

for more about these subjects search for: *goldhanger past maps*

or: *goldhanger past documents*

David Newman <http://www.churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past>

Goldhanger Village Hall



Now a newly modernised 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 and green waste food bags are available 15 minutes before each Parish Council meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.15pm

Gentle Yoga every Monday 7-8pm
Nikki Myers 07963 785718, youtimeyoga@live.co.uk

Ladies Kickboxing every Tuesday 6-7pm
Gemma, 07531 360562, gemma@muayfitness.co.uk

Karate every Thursday 6-8pm

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

Art Club second Thursday of the month 2-4pm
Catherine 01621 788488, <http://goldhangerartclub.co.uk>

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

Village Hall Bookings

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

Web: www.goldhangervillagehall.co.uk

Facebook: [Goldhanger Village Hall](#)

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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.



Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

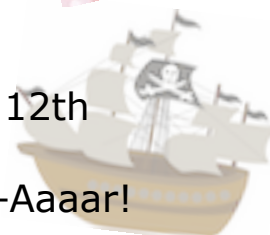
For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time. St. Peter's Church.



Shanties in the Pub

Billiards room at the Chequers every other Tuesday (from 12th October) from 7pm.

Just join in the responses or take a lead as you wish. Ooo-Aaaar!



Donating to Goldhanger Parish Magazine

BACS payments or standing orders:

Contact the editors for bank details.

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<https://www.goldhanger.org.uk/parish-mag.html#donate>

Cash or cheque:

Drop in to 12a Church Street.

Cheques made payable to **Goldhanger Parish Magazine**.

Here is a photo of the Goldhanger Gardens Open winners of The Ramblers garden quiz (Jill Crooks) and the croquet competition (Miya Bishop with her family)

After a cream tea with cakes galore came a winner takes all KO croquet tournament won by Ann (Mike Bishop's sister).

Regards
Peter French



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Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 7th July **Trinity 6**
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 14th July **Sea Sunday**
10.00am Sea Sunday Service at Goldhanger Sailing Club
Speaker: Julia Jones BEM, Author and publisher
The annual Sea Sunday is a day of focus on
those whose lives are connected with the sea (Page 16)

Sunday 21st July **Trinity 8**
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
(Rev'd Christine Newmarch)

Sunday 28th July **Trinity 9**
9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

On-line Sunday services can be found at:

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

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

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

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6651/> or
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657>

Weekday Holy Communion Services

Weekday Holy Communion service from The Book of Common Prayer

Every Wednesday at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy at 10.00am

And every Saturday at All Saints, Little Totham at 5.30pm

Please get in touch with Lizzie Armour or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings Please contact Rev'd Tracey for funeral arrangements.

Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans or George Bunting. Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to the church at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your support. Please contact Lizzie Armour, for any queries or help.

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

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(Please contact Lizzie if you wish to book, a wedding, baptism etc. She is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Messages left at other times during the week will be responded to at regular intervals)

Church flowers

Mrs Elaine Clark

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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

Monday 22nd July



Prince George's Birthday

Ministry Team Message

"The Church is the only organisation that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members." William Temple, (one time Archbishop of Canterbury.) He was educated in the Victorian era but his words have such a modern ring.

So you ask, "What can the church do for me?" Well! I'm going to focus on three quite traditional responses; baptisms, weddings and funerals which represent the happiest and the saddest times of our lives.

Baptism is a wonderfully happy occasion when the church welcomes new members with open arms. The church is always ringing with happy voices and full of joyful faces. But just occasionally someone says, "We don't come to church very often, we're not baptised so I don't suppose you'd be interested in baptising my baby and the answer is, "OH YES WE WOULD!

We do ask that you help your child to understand what a great thing it can be to be a member of a church but we can help you with that too.

Weddings are also incredibly happy occasions. There's nothing like a church full of flowers, music and amazingly happy relations to set a young couple on a new path in life. But just occasionally someone says, "We don't come to church very often, we're not baptised so I don't suppose you'd be interested in marrying us. The answer is, "OH YES WE WOULD! I always ask couples, "Why do you want to get married in church?" There are no wrong answers but I'd rather it wasn't that the church doors will make a nice background for the wedding photographs!

One bride said, "I want someone to help me really mean it when I say, "I DO". I don't want it to be like I'm signing a hire purchase agreement that you can tear up later". Well we can help you talk through what marriage might mean. We'll help you make your marriage seriously joyful!

Life also presents us with times of great sadness. A death in the family often leaves us not knowing which way to turn. What can the church do then? Well conducting a funeral, whether in church or at a crematorium, is the greatest privilege. But just occasionally someone says, "We don't come to church very often, we're not baptised so I don't suppose you'd be interested in conducting our funeral. But the answer is, "OH YES WE WOULD!

The funeral service explains exactly what it sets out to do, "It's about, remembering our loved one before God, giving thanks for their life and comforting one another in our grief. We're there to help you have the safe space to do that. Whatever you think your loved one's beliefs were you may find yourself surprisingly comforted by the words of the funeral service, and others among your friends and relations certainly will. When you contact a funeral director they will contact us if you want the church to be involved or you can contact us directly. We will be there to help you arrange the funeral and to be a listening ear then and after the service. But just occasionally someone says, "We don't come to church very often, we're not baptised so I don't suppose you'd be interested in helping us. But the answer is, "YES WE WOULD!

If you want to talk about any of the things I've mentioned above, or ANYTHING else, get in touch !

As we are currently between priests and administrators I am going to give you my telephone number. But I can always steer you in the direction of someone who lives nearer to you. So Rev'd Sue Godsmark 01621 891513

I hope next year will be a happy one for you, but in happiness or sadness we'll be there for you!

Libraries - Partners' newsletter



Ready... Steady... Go To School! Challenge

Our fantastic challenge for pre-schoolers is back this summer!

Ready... Steady... Go To School is a fun challenge full of activities which helps children to practice skills that they'll need to feel confident when they start school in September.

They'll complete activities in 7 different development areas, collect stamps in their special booklet, and then receive a certificate when they finish!

Come and take part in any Essex library until 7 September! Find out more about the challenge and explore Big School Meetups.

For more information visit: libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/school-readiness

TooGoodToGo

Every day, unsold food from your favourite restaurants, grocery stores, cafés, and shops goes to waste simply because it hasn't sold in time. The Too Good To Go app makes it easy to make a difference, allowing you to save Surprise Bags of good food at an even better price.

Too Good To Go is a free, anti-food-waste app that lets you rescue delicious, unsold food from businesses to save it from going to waste.

Use the app to explore shops and restaurants in your local area and save Surprise Bags of surplus food from going to waste at a great price.

Download the app here: <https://www.toogoodtogo.com/en-gb>

‘Jesus Christ definitely existed?’, asked the Eton educated celebrity, Spencer Mathews. ‘Yes’, said his Muslim companion, Eshaan Akbar.

This was part of a conversation during the BBC programme “Pilgrimage” shown earlier this year. It showed seven famous faces from varying faiths and beliefs embark on a 220km route across North Wales that celebrates Celtic early Christian saints. The film showed the group talking about their lives and beliefs as they walked together for two weeks. It was revealing, very emotional at times, and thought provoking as they passed through the beautiful countryside.

It’s a cliché to think that we are all on a journey. Seeking answers to questions helps us move on. Spencer’s question is one that many people ask. So what evidence is there for Eshaan’s answer?

Before we get into the details, let’s look at dates and numbers. The idea to count years from the birth of Jesus was first proposed in the year AD525 by Dionysius Exiguus, a Christian monk. However, modern research and archaeology shows that he miscalculated the year of Jesus’s birth by about 5 years. Also, the ancient Romans had no number for zero, so the year after 1BC is AD1.

Jesus was a Jew from Galilee, the area in the north of modern Israel and south of modern Lebanon. From modern research, and using the corrected dates, he was born about 5BC and died about AD33, or on earth for 38 years.

Looking back 2,000 years to when Jesus was alive, the eastern end of the Mediterranean was full of conflict, just like today. The Romans had conquered Jerusalem in 63BC, bringing the region under Roman control, although they used local leaders to govern. The most famous was a ruthless military commander named Herod the Great, who was followed by his son Herod. The Jewish people and their leaders resented the Romans, who increasingly ruled their lives, and used local agents to collect taxes. The agents made a profit by adding their own fees, which made most people resent them. In addition, many thought the religious leaders of the time were corrupt and that they cared about control, power and making money at the expense of the people.

The Hebrew Bible, used by Jews 2,000 years ago is virtually the same as our bible’s Old Testament. The New Testament books, including the four gospels were written in Greek, and the original Greek definition of the word for gospel is “good news”. The Gospel of Mark probably dates from about AD68, Matthew and Luke around AD87, and John AD100. Almost certainly none of the authors were by eyewitnesses, and all are the end-products of long oral and written sources.

Now you may wonder how the authors could be certain about their facts. Thinking about their accuracy, I can look back to an example of an incident 56 years ago. I was in Vienna when the Russians invaded and occupied Czechoslovakia, just 30 miles from where I was. I spoke to Czech people, who had fled across the border, about their experiences, and to Austrians, who feared the Russians would just keep coming. There are many people now who could testify about their own experiences. The Gospel authors would have been in a similar position to gather their knowledge.

Going back to Spencer Mathews’ question, historian James Dunn writes: “Today nearly all historians, whether Christians or not, accept that Jesus existed”.

We all have questions but to answer some of them you can read Wikipedia articles, as I did, in conjunction with Mark’s gospel.

Malcolm Holmes – St Peter’s, Goldhanger

On The Move Again!

I'm looking for affordable accommodation from December 2024.



If you can help please contact Ruth on 07773 673486.

Thank you.

Goldhanger Village Hall Film Club

There is **NO FILM CLUB** in July or August

Our next film will be shown on
Wednesday 18th September

“Managed Migration” to Universal Credit

Many people who currently receive a means-tested “legacy benefit” such as Working Tax Credits, Income Support or Employment Support Allowance will need to claim Universal Credit instead through a process called “managed migration”.

How do you know if you need to do anything?

You will get a letter from the DWP and, **if it has a deadline** to claim Universal Credit (which should be at least 3 months in the future), this is a Migration Notice. On the deadline date your old legacy benefits will stop so it is really important not to ignore the letter. **The DWP won’t automatically transfer you onto Universal Credit – you need to make the claim yourself.**

If you claim Universal Credit before the deadline, the DWP might pay you extra to stop you being worse off. This is called ‘transitional protection’.

This means that if you would get less on Universal Credit than your old benefits, you will get an extra amount to make up the difference. The DWP will reduce this extra amount over time - so you will eventually just get what you normally would on Universal Credit.

Transitional protection also means you might be able to get Universal Credit when you wouldn’t usually be entitled to it. If you:

- are a full-time student who wouldn’t usually get Universal Credit, you can usually get it until the end of your course
- get tax credits and have over £16,000 in savings or investments, you can get Universal Credit for up to a year - this is a type of transitional protection called a ‘transitional capital disregard’.

If you can’t claim by the migration deadline

If the deadline hasn’t passed yet, you can ask the DWP to extend it. You can only ask for this before the original deadline in the letter. If the DWP agree, they’ll send you a new deadline.

If the deadline has passed, you can still get transitional protection if you claim Universal Credit up to a month after the deadline. The end of the month is called the ‘final deadline’.

If you claim after the final deadline, you can still claim Universal Credit - but you can’t get the transitional protection.

Timing of your claim - tactics

If there is time before the deadline, it is important to make sure you are getting all the legacy benefits to which you are entitled as this will maximise any transitional protection.

Claiming Universal Credit

If you claim Universal Credit, you usually get one payment each month and you usually have to manage your claim online.

It will usually take 5 weeks to get your first Universal Credit payment, but it could take longer.

Your old benefits might stop before your Universal Credit starts. When they stop depends on which benefits you get, and when you claim Universal Credit.

If you claim before the deadline from the DWP:

- tax credits stop the day before you claim Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit, income-based JSA, income-related ESA and Income Support stop 2 weeks after you claim Universal Credit

If you claim Universal Credit after the deadline from the DWP:

- tax credits stop the day before the deadline from the DWP
- Housing Benefit, income-based JSA, income-related ESA and Income Support stop 2 weeks after the deadline from the DWP

You will only get the extra 2 week payments if you're still eligible for the benefit. You won't need to pay back the extra payments and they won't affect how much Universal Credit you will get.

If you won't have enough money to live on while you wait for your first Universal Credit payment, you can ask for an advance payment. The advance payment is a loan which has to be paid back.

Many people are better off on Universal Credit than the old legacy benefits – it is worth checking what you might be entitled to as you can choose to change over earlier and not wait for managed migration.

If you would like advice about managed migration or how much Universal Credit you could get, please contact Maldon & District Citizens Advice and an adviser will get in touch with you.

Telephone: 01621 875774 or go to www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk and use the enquiry form.





Sea Sunday Service Sunday July 14th 10am at Goldhanger Sailing Club

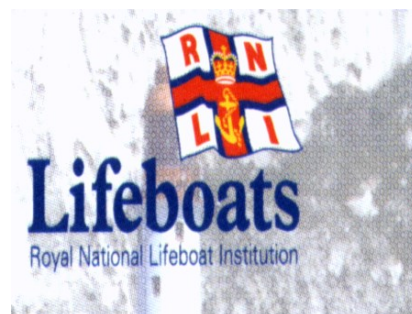
Speaker: Julia Jones BEM

Author and publisher

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

Julia has written the *Strong Winds* trilogy, a series of adventure books similar to *Swallows and Amazons*, and the biography of Tolleshunt Darcy author Margery Allingham. She has reissued the Second World War autobiography by Margery Allingham and is the author of *Uncommon Courage – The Yachtsmen Volunteers of World War II*. “Peter Duck”, the yacht built for Arthur Ransom, was her family’s boat when she was a child and is again back in her care. Julia writes for yachting magazines and has an article in the current issue of *Practical Boat Owner*. As co-founder of *John’s Campaign* she received the BEM for Services to Dementia Care in the King’s Birthday Honours 2023.

**Service organised by
St Peter’s Church, Goldhanger**
(walking/cycling access via the sea
wall, car access through Bounds
Farm, Fish Street, Goldhanger)



GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish meeting held on the 12th June 2024. 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 Decision

24/00378 9a Church Street – T1 & T2 Lime Trees – pollard by 3m **Allowed**

Finances and Audit

The Annual Internal Auditors Report had been received

The Annual Governance Statement Part 1 and 2 were signed

Date was set to commence the Notice of Public Rights and publication of Annual Governance and Accountability Return – 21st June to the 2nd of Aug 2024

Certificate of exemption was approved

Playing Field and play area

A resident had asked about the possibility of additional play equipment – zip wire, basket ball hoop. Costings would be sought to ascertain whether this was financially viable

Highway Matters and Public Right of Way area

Parking Issues – Speed Patrols had been investigated for the summer months and was now in the process of being arranged

Flooding and drainage –.

CCTV inspection survey was being requested through Highways of the surface drain on Maldon Road now they had been jetted

Various grass verges needed attending too, Highways would be approached to see if they could help since the demise of the MDC Rangers

Bus Shelter and Defibrillators

Both defibs received new batteries in May

A defibrillator was suggested outside the Village Hall. This would be investigated through the village hall committee

Next Meeting 10th July 2024

Volunteers needed!

Maldon & District Citizens Advice is expanding its team of advisers to meet the growing need for advice in our community.

We have a variety of roles from reception to giving advice in person and on the telephone.

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A summer of drama and fun

By: Essex Library Service

This summer some of our libraries will be hosting exciting drama performances and workshops for families.

Mrs Armitage on Wheels, presented by Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings, is an interactive adaptation of Quentin Blake's classic tale. When Mrs Armitage goes out for a ride with her trusty dog Breakspear, she decides her bicycle needs improvement. With a new horn, a picnic hamper...and a sail, will Mrs Armitage manage to keep her bicycle in one piece, or will her crazy contraption prove too much to handle?

Peter, Sally and the Sea is an enchanting tale, delivered by a captivating storyteller, about the power of the ocean to soothe worried minds, and a reminder that a little drop of kindness can make a big difference! Presented by Heather Burton and Applause.

The Library at the Edge of the World brings a magical pop-up interactive show and writing experience with quality puppetry and theatrical magic, celebrating the power of stories to reconnect us to the world around us. Presented by TouchedTheatre and Applause.

The performances, which are all bookable via Eventbrite, are as follows:

[Mrs Armitage on Wheels](#): Basildon Library, Wednesday 24 July at 12.30pm

[Mrs Armitage on Wheels](#): Colchester Library, Wednesday 31 July at 2pm

[Mrs Armitage on Wheels](#): Chelmsford Library, Tuesday 6 August at 12.30pm

[Peter, Sally and the Sea](#): Clacton Library, Wednesday 21 August at 10.30am

[Peter, Sally and the Sea](#): Billericay Library, Friday 23 August at 10.30am

[The Library at the Edge of the World](#): Chelmsford Library, Thursday 22 August at 10.30am

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Precious memories

Isn't it strange that a little, simple thing can take us back years, to a person or place we hadn't thought about for ages! A same incident happened to me, a few days ago:

My teaspoons were very "tea stained" and my conscience told me to get a scourer and clean them, a job I had been putting off for ages! And so I started, and immediately a time and place flashed before my eyes. It was of Eric, an elderly man who lived, with his wife in Colchester where I used to volunteer in the "Salvation Army" charity shop on a Tuesday and Friday each week. I would sort the donations, steam them, price them, and hang them on the appropriate rails in the shop. I loved it, and only stopped when my husband was unable to drive, and I couldn't get a bus home to Goldhanger in time at 5pm of an evening.

On Friday afternoons, from 2-5pm Eric came to the shop. He belonged to the Salvation Army Church in Colchester, and his "job" was to do the "little jobs", that didn't always get done.

Firstly, he would make the volunteers a welcome cup of tea!! He did not get paid, as such, but a donation was made to the church for the hours he put in. Any "odds and todos" that needed doing, Eric would do. He was such a lovely man, and we got on like a "house on fire".

One afternoon, I went upstairs to use the toilet, and there was Eric standing at the kitchen sink, with a large bundle of teaspoons in his hand. "What are you up to now?" I laughingly asked. "I'm cleaning these teaspoons, they are disgusting" he replied. A little job, so much appreciated, and never forgotten. Whenever I clean the teaspoons (not often I'm ashamed to say) I think of him.

It must be 5 years or more since I last saw him. The thought of him brought a tear to my eye. Hope I hope he is "at rest" with his wife now, as I heard he had passed away.

One major thing I remember is going to the Irish singer "Dana" at the Church with him and Ann, his wife, a few years back. We wouldn't have obtained the tickets if not for them. It was wonderful, another lovely memory of Eric, only this one made me SMILE!

~ Jean Parker-Larkin



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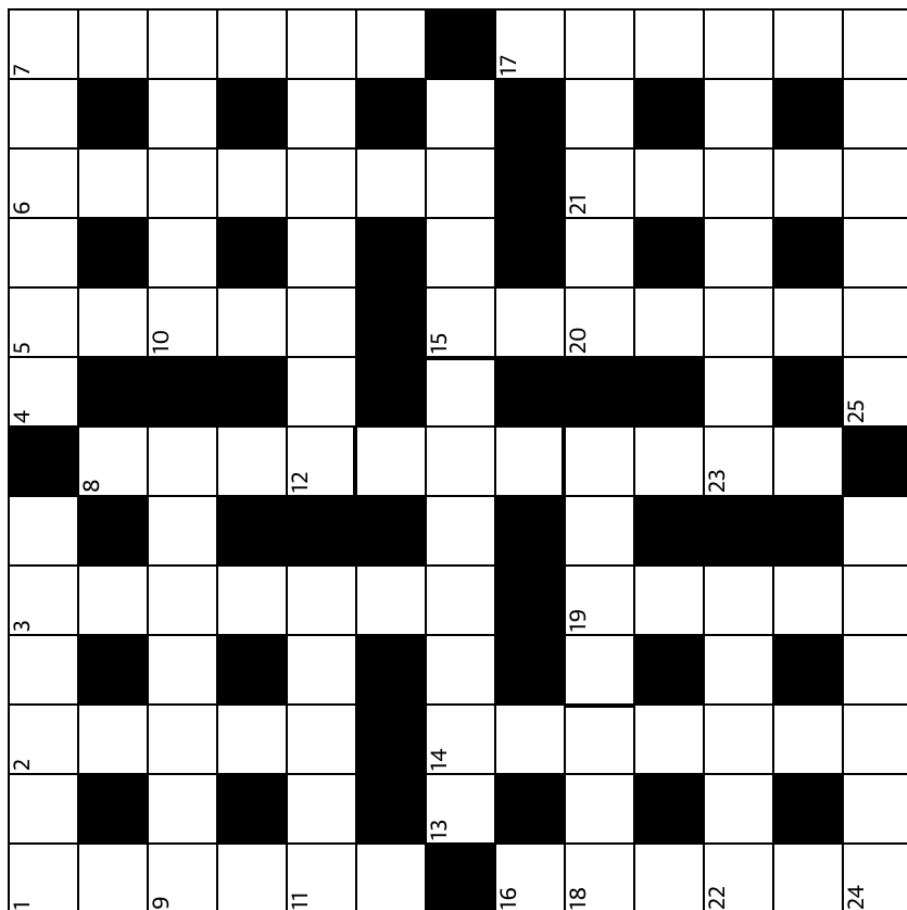
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Across

- 1** Popedom (6)
4 Sequence (6)
9 Ruler (7)
10 Nosy? (5)
11 Pulse (5)
12 Absurd proposition (7)
13 Cigar-smoking old wit (7,4)
18 Dog and Duck meal? (3,4)
20 Of a solid with six square faces (5)
22 Competitor (5)
23 Hater of new technology (7)
24 Prickle or mild stinging sensation (6)
25 E-commerce giant – giant woman (6)

Down

- 1** Quite (6)
2 Pan, say? (5)
3 Large deer (7)
5 Bocelli, for example (5)
6 I rinsed (anag.) (7)
7 Star system (6)
8 Blunder (when complacent) (4,3,4)
14 Italian river crossed by Caesar in 49 BC (7)
15 Tarred road surface (7)
16 Air – soul – presence (6)
17 Put on (show) (6)
19 Pastoral (5)
21 Air attack (5)

Answers next month

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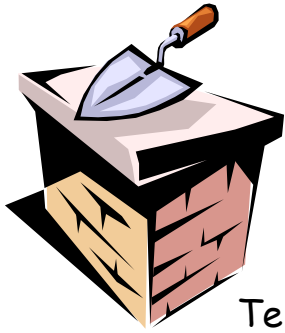
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Kids Quiz

1. Can a tortoise crawl out of its shell?
2. In **fiction books**, who did Dr. Watson help to solve crimes?
3. Who is the patron saint of Ireland?
4. What do you get in the air when water boils?
5. On what part of your body would you find your bicep?
6. In which city is the football ground Old Trafford?
7. What is the name of the famous orangey coloured bridge in the American city called San Francisco?
8. What **colour** do you put before whale to make the name of the largest **animal** in the world?
9. Complete the name of the story by Hans Christian Andersen: 'The Ugly...' what?
10. What is **Popeye's** favourite food?

Answers on page 40

Today a girl said she recognized me from vegetarian club, but I'm sure I've never met herbivore.

DID YOU KNOW?

Starfish push their stomachs out of their mouths when they eat?



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Cooking time

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Serves

Serves 4



Ingredients

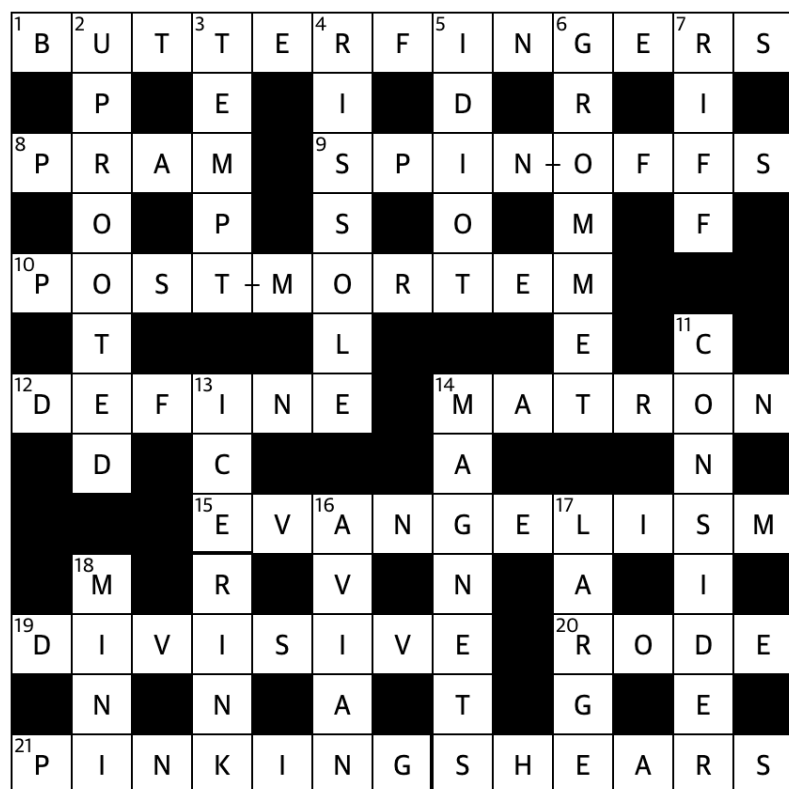
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil
- 8 pork sausages, separated
- 1–2 medium onions, cut into thick wedges
- 1 large red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 650g/1lb 7oz potatoes, halved lengthways and cut into roughly 15mm/5/8in slices
- 3 tbsp runny honey
- 4–5 tsp wholegrain mustard
- ¼–½ tsp dried chilli flakes (optional to taste)
- 100g/3½oz frozen peas, fully thawed (see tip below)
- salt and ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Put the oil, sausages, onions, peppers and potatoes in a large baking tray or shallow roasting tin. Season with a little salt and lots of freshly ground black pepper and toss together.
2. Roast for 20 minutes. Take out of the oven and turn the vegetables and sausages using tongs or a couple of forks. Return to the oven and cook for 15–20 minutes more or until the potatoes are tender and crisp in places and the sausages are nicely browned.
3. Take the tray out of the oven once more, drizzle the honey over the sausages and dot the mustard over the vegetables. Gently toss together. Sprinkle with the chilli flakes if using, then scatter the thawed peas over the top and return to the oven for further 5 minutes or until the honey melts and the sausages are sticky.



Answers to June crossword



Answers to Kids Quiz on page 34

1. No
2. Sherlock Holmes
3. St. Patrick
4. Steam
5. It's a muscle in your upper arm
6. Manchester
7. Golden Gate Bridge
8. Blue whale
9. Duckling
10. Spinach

Website of the Month

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yc593938>

Handy maps of various areas of the UK National Rail network.



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150°C	300°F	2
160°C	325°F	3
180°C	350°F	4
190°C	375°F	5
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220°C	425°F	7
230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9

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28th August	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
18th September	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
9th October	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
30th October	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
20th November	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
11th December	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

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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

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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
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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
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Essex & Suffolk Water	0345 782 0999

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National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	01206 769778 or 564581
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Chelmsford	01245 263859
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803

SPORTS CENTRES

Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535