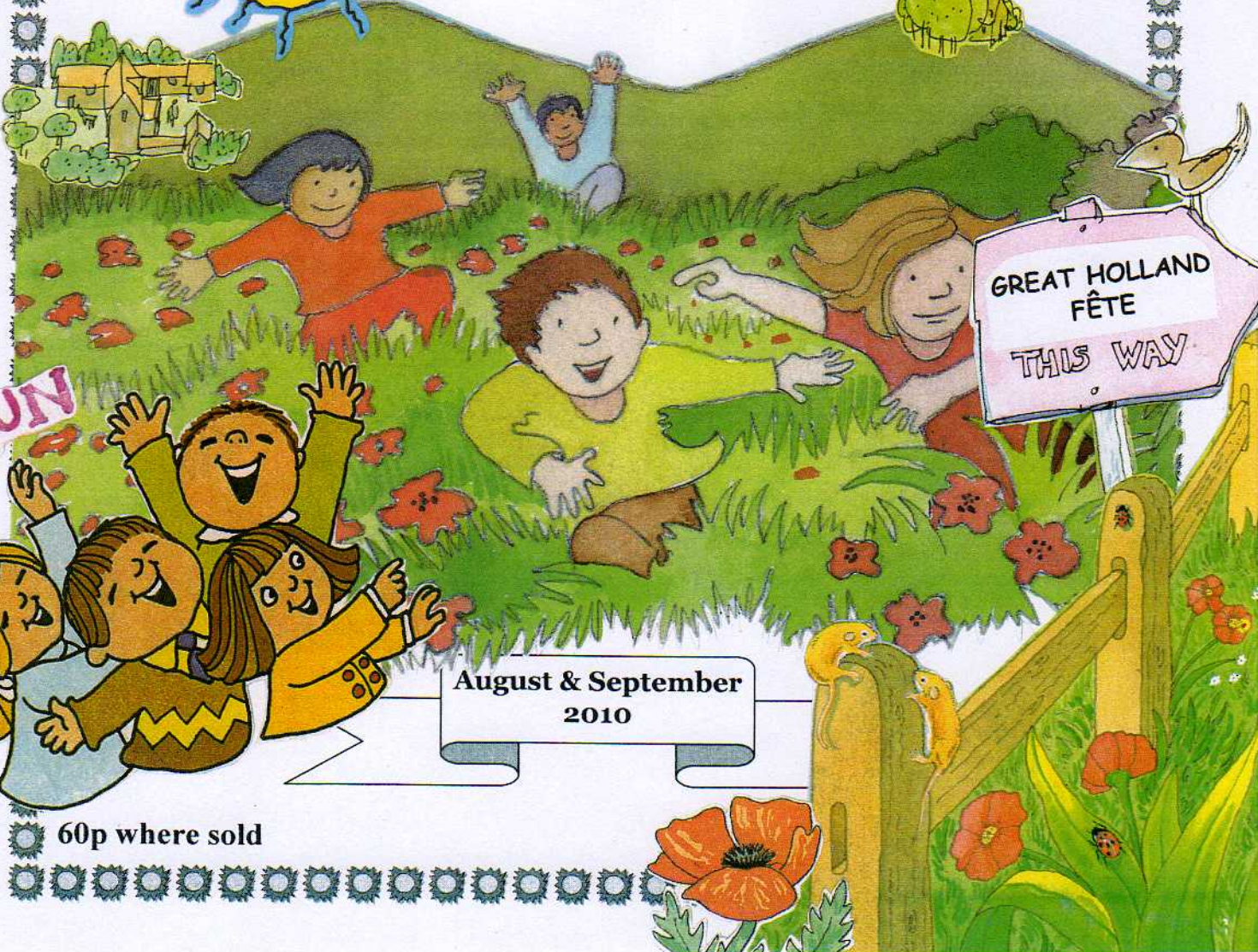
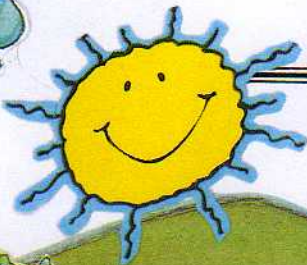


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our fete on
7th August!



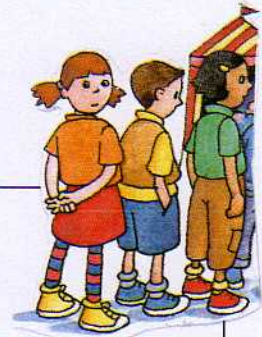
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... to the August/September edition of **Village Voice**.



★ **Don't forget...!** ★

Great Holland Village & Church Fête

Saturday 7th August from 2.00 - 5.00pm,
(gates open 1.45pm)
in The Old Rectory's grounds

Traditional stalls and other attractions for the whole family: art tent (NEW for this year!) cream teas, pony rides, Kingfisher Twirling Team, Tai Chi display, plant and produce stalls, hand made cards, craft stalls, silent auction, tombola, bouncy castle and more! Entrance 50p per person (free for children aged 11 and under).

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- Are there any events happening in October or November that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?



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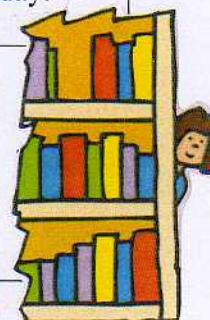
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| Thursday 5 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. (NO GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS MEETING) |
| Saturday 7 th | (NO HOME MADE HOUR) |
|  ★ GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FÊTE ★ 2.00-5.00pm in grounds of The Old Rectory (Gates open 1.45pm) & BBQ at The Ship | |
| Tuesday 10 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 12 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Thursday 19 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Tuesday 24 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 26 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. |
| Friday 27 th | Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: Frinton Methodist Church, 9.00am-midday. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS! |



September



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| Thursday 2 nd | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm. |
| Saturday 4 th | HOME MADE HOUR Village Hall 10-11.00am |
| Tuesday 7 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 9 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Thursday 16 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. |
| Tuesday 21 st | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 23 rd | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Friday 24 th | Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS! |
| Thursday 30 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |



★ For details of entertainment at The Ship in **August** and **September**, please contact Elaine on **674809** ★

All Saints' Church



Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,



Sadly this will be my last 'Rector's Reflection', since I shall be retiring at the end of September after nearly ten years in the Kirby and Great Holland parishes. Shall I be sad or glad? - well of course both!!

Firstly very sad because Annie and I have been extremely happy in our time with you, in fact this is the longest we have stayed anywhere in the whole of our married life together! It has been a privilege and a joy to serve such wonderful people and in such a beautiful area (how we will miss the beach and backwaters), and we have been so encouraged in many aspects of our work together. As you may know Annie has served full-time in the Diocese as the Parish Development Adviser for the Colchester area and has really enjoyed her work - which has been much appreciated much across the region.

For myself, as someone who came relatively late into the full-time ministry, it has been a real 'labour of love' to serve in God's church. It has been a joy to see people come to faith and begin to live the amazing life that we can know in Christ, and something that has always and will continue to 'fire' me. Equally it is a mystery why so many choose not to - at least within the life of the church. I shall certainly miss the worship we have shared together and the work we have been involved in - but for 'the bats' I would have seen the completion of the building programme on the church tower and what an amazing project that has proved to be. I shall miss the great privilege of coming alongside people at those important moments in life - and baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals have continued to bring me much joy. I shall miss so many good friendships, and the fun we've had together.

However, we are all people on a pilgrimage and whilst there is sadness at leaving there will be joy at arrival - wherever that may be (we'll be living in our caravan until we know where). It will be a delight to be able to spend more time with our grandson and the new one shortly to arrive, it will also be a chance to explore with our dog 'Bob' a bit more of our beautiful country which is still a green and pleasant land. It will also be nice just to be a member of a local church!!

I have felt very 'at home' in the parishes of Kirby and Great Holland and would finally like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement over the last ten years. May God continue to bless you and keep you as you build his wonderful and eternal kingdom.

Best wishes,

Peter Coley



The Great Holland Fete
at The Old Rectory
Saturday 7th August 2010
Open from 2p.m 'til 5p.m



From All Saints' Diary - AUGUST 2010:

| | | | |
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| Sunday | 1st | 11.00am | Family Service (Peter and Alison Roots coming) FRINTON MISSION BEGINS |
| Tuesday | 3 rd | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Wednesday | 4 th | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Thursday | 5 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| ★ Saturday | 7 th | 2.00-5.00 pm | FETE!! In the Old Rectory |

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| Sunday | 8th | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 11.00am | Morning Service |
| Frinton Mission ends | | | |
| Tuesday | 10 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Wednesday | 11 th | 2.30pm | CMS Mission Prayer Meeting at the Rectory |
| Thursday | 12 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Friday | 13 th | 2.30pm | House Group at 2 Rosery Mews |

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| Sunday | 15th | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 17 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| | | 12.00 noon | Friendship and Interest Group trip to Tiptree |
| Thursday | 19 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |

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| Sunday | 22nd | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10.30am | JOINT CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S |
| Tuesday | 24 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Thursday | 26 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Friday | 27 th | 2.30pm | Wedding of Adam Dowson & Samantha Graham |

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| Sunday | 29th | 11.00am | Holy Communion (normal service) |
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Bank Holiday Monday 12.00pm - KIRBY FETE in the Glebe Field

From All Saints' Diary - SEPTEMBER 2010:

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| Wednesday | 1 st | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Thursday | 2 nd | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| | | 7.30pm | Deanery Synod meeting at St Osyth |
| Saturday | 4 th | 10.00am | Home Made Hour in the Village Hall |

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| Sunday | 5th | 11.00am | Family Service with baptisms |
| Tuesday | 7 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| | | 7.30pm | PCC Meeting in the Parish Room |
| Wednesday | 8 th | 2.30pm | CMS Mission Prayer Meeting at 6 Vista Avenue |
| Thursday | 9 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Friday | 10 th | 2.30pm | House Group at 2 Rosery Mews |





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| Sunday | 12th | 8.00am 11.00am | Holy Communion CIVIC SERVICE (combined with Methodist and Kirby Churches) |
| Tuesday | 14 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Wednesday | 15 th | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Thursday | 16 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |

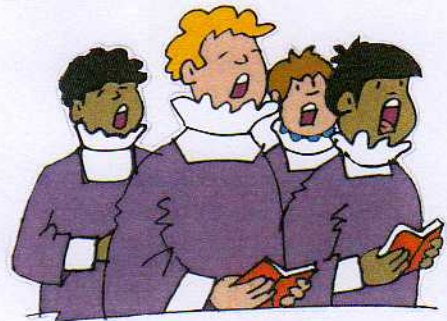
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| Sunday | 19th | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 21 st | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| Thursday | 23 rd | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |

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| Sunday | 26th | 8.00am 9.30am | Holy Communion COMBINED SERVICE AT KIRBY TO SAY FAREWELL TO PETER AND ANNIE |
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| Tuesday | 28 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |
| | | 7.30pm | FACT AGM |
| Thursday | 30 th | 9.30am | Prayer time in church |

OCTBER 2010

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| Sunday | 3rd | 11.00am | HARVEST FESTIVAL |
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From the Registers:

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of the church: **Isabel Alice Hinde** daughter of Mark and Tessa Hinde

WEDDING

We offer our congratulations to: **Ian Norris & Mandy Batten**

FUNERALS:

Rose Mary Chapman (75) Bemerton Gardens, Kirby Cross All Saints & Kirby Cemetery

★ CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saints' and is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs plus seating for about a further 20 people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The hourly charge from May to September is £5 per hour.

Further details and enquiries from Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645.**



Update on All Saints' Tower Restoration Project

A Garden Party in aid of the Tower Fund was held in June, fortunately in glorious weather for the many who attended! As well as a raffle, there were cakes, cards and tea towels for sale and we were all absolutely delighted that over £2,000 was made on the day! Many thanks to everyone who came and also to all those who helped, donated raffle prizes or made donations - the Fundraising Committee deserves a big pat on the back for all their hard work this year in organizing so many successful events.

Our fundraising campaign is now gradually winding down - we are in the process of organizing a golf competition at Frinton Golf Club in August and we shall, of course, have a stall at the Fete on 7th August selling our tea towels and the new Cook Book being produced by Karen & Paul Withams. We now have well over £60,000 in the bank and are still hopeful of a sizeable donation from one or two Trusts. At any event, we now have sufficient funds to commence work and this will begin very soon with the erection of the scaffolding on Monday 26 July and the actual work on the Tower starting in the week of 16th August.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fete - and if you have any filled (or partially filled) Smartie Tubes please bring them along on the day!

Judith Little
July 2010

CIVIC SERVICE 12th September at 11.00am

NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!!!!

We shall welcome the mayor, local community groups, youth organisations, the Methodist Church and St Michael's Kirby to a special civic service at ALL SAINTS. It will be lively with a village music group playing, some drama, well known hymns, choir and the Rector's last message to the wider community before retirement. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and a chance to see the progress of the building work. Do come to what will be a memorable and enjoyable service.

Rector

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

RECTOR: Revd. Peter Coley M.Sc. The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997).

CHURCHWARDENS: Mrs Pauline Knight, 'Apletre Piece', Kirby Road, Great Holland, CO13 0HZ (851370) and Mr Don Elam, "Hillrise", 139 Kirby Road, Walton-on-the-Naze, CO14 8RL.

LAY READER: Mrs Annie Coley B.A. The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Rector, Churchwardens (ex officio), Mrs Annie Coley, Mrs Judith Little, Mrs Liz Walters, Mrs Rose Batten, Mr Don Osler, Mr Jamie Wright, Mr John Beale and Miss Vanessa Giles..

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Mrs Judith Little, Lambourn House, Little Clacton Road, Great Holland, CO13 0EY (813645)

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: Mr John Beale, 5 Malting Lane Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH Tel 676472

HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC & FREEWILL OFFERING SECRETARY: Mrs Liz Walters, c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997).

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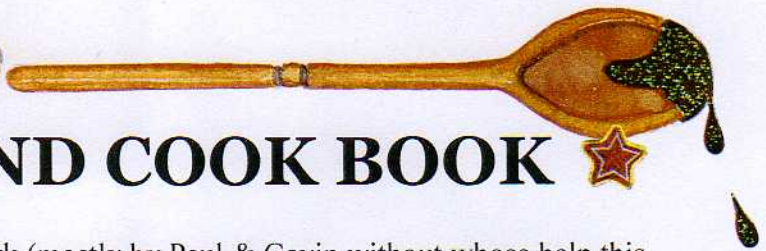


Home Made Hour



Thank you to everyone who supported our June and July Home Made Hours, which helped to raise funds for All Saints' Church.

WE DO NOT HAVE A HOME MADE HOUR IN AUGUST, AS OUR FÊTE TAKES PLACE ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST. Our next Home Made Hour takes place on **Saturday 4th September** at the **Village Hall** from **10.00-11.00am**.



GREAT HOLLAND COOK BOOK



After months of preparation and incredible hard work (mostly by Paul & Gavin without whose help this project would never had succeeded), I am pleased to announce that the Great Holland Cook Book will be on sale at the Village fête!!

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed a recipe. It is very much appreciated. I do understand that some people felt unable to part with their special dish so to those people a plea to buy at least one copy of the book, as all the money will go to the Church Tower Fund thanks to some very generous local sponsorship.

It is intended that copies will be available for purchase at the usual outlets in and around the village - more details to follow. The Recommended Retail Price is £9.99 and reflects the fabulous quality of the book, combined with its main reason for existing: to raise money for charity. It would make a wonderful gift and includes pictures of our beautiful village. At less than 20p per recipe, it really is fantastic value. In the mean time I would be delighted to take advance orders - do call me on **07958 127647**.



As for this months Village Voice recipe? Well there are over 50 glorious colour recipes in the book so please rush and collect your copy today!

Karen Withams



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



JULY 2010

LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

Dear Neighbour,

A lot has been happening on the Planning front.

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

This is the application that was passed on Appeal. The site is the one on the south side of Kirby Bridge and you will be aware that one of the conditions imposed by the Inspector was that the footpath under the bridge be widened to 2 metres for pedestrian safety reasons and that there be single alternate line traffic under the bridge, controlled by traffic lights. Over the last 3 months the protests against that condition have mounted.

Many of you have complained. Our colleagues and neighbours in Kirby and Frinton RA's have added their weight too. Cllrs. Robert Bucke, Mark Cossens and Alan Large from FAWTC and TDC have worked very hard on TDC. Essex Cllr. Mick Page secured a visit to Kirby back in June, where representatives of Essex CC were left in no doubt as to the strength of local feeling. Our MP Douglas Carswell, has supported the cause as well.

On 8th July, I attended a meeting convened by TDC so that Councillors, Officers and local groups could meet the Developer and talk about a resolution to the problem. It is clear that the Developer and its new traffic consultant have worked hard with officers of Essex CC. It would now seem that it is agreed by Essex CC and TDC that there is no need to widen the footpath under the bridge or alter the bridge itself. The amount of pedestrian traffic to and from the site under the bridge is recognised as being minimal. The intention therefore, is to create new bus stops serving both directions, south of the bridge and to create a Green Travel Plan to control staff and patient movements to and from the site. These arrangements would be secured by a legal agreement binding the Developer and subsequent owners of the site.

There is a lot of detail to be worked out, but the principle of what was proposed was accepted by all those present. When the details have been worked out there will be a planning application lodged with TDC and all local interest groups will be contacted for their comments. FAWTC and GHRA are both on that list.

Hopefully, by the early autumn, this problem will have gone away.

Before I close on this subject, can I also thank the local farming community for their intervention and demonstrating to Essex CC the problems of getting a combine harvester under the bridge!

35 Bed Dementia Unit

This application is on the site to the north of the bridge. This application was refused on Appeal. The Inspector was broadly in favour of the development but, in the end she said that the identified harm to the living conditions of local residents was of such significance that permission should be withheld.

You should please remember that there is smaller scale application for 30 units that may still be in the pipeline. This has been refused by TDC, but could be appealed. There is also in existence a valid planning permission for 5 bungalows and 1 detached house to be built on the site.

Caravan in Pork Lane

The Owner of the caravan has been prosecuted and fined £300 with £300 costs. He has told the court that the caravan will be removed by the end of this month.

Shoreline Management Plan.

You will recall that the Environment Agency produced a document some months ago which suggested that 40/50 years from now (amongst other things) the sea-wall at Frinton would be abandoned. Great Holland is sufficiently high above sea level such that we would not be significantly affected. However there is an issue of amenity that affects the village. David Masters of Church Lane, a retired marine engineer with extensive knowledge and experience of our local waters, wrote an interesting paper, which I have lodged on behalf of GHRA with the Environment Agency, suggesting that the abandonment of the sea wall should not be a foregone conclusion and calling for a feasibility study to be carried out to consider alternatives. That paper has been endorsed by FAWTC but has not been adopted by TDC in its submissions to the Environment Agency. Needless to say, this will be a long running saga.

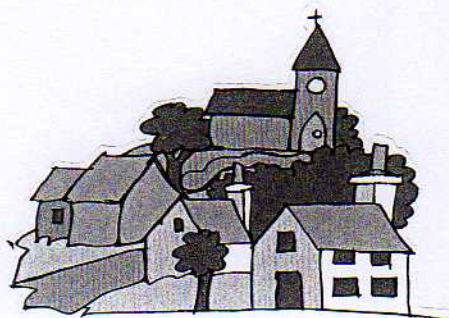
Christmas Cards

It is that time of year again. The Village Fete is on 7th. August and with it the Christmas Cards 2010 will be unveiled and on sale. We have two cards this year. One is for adults and one for children. They are great value and as usual the monies raised will go the Village Hall and our local churches. Please go to the stall where they will be on sale.

Membership

You can join the Association either at the stall selling the Christmas Cards, or by contacting Denys and Lindi Strich at The Warren, Church Lane at any time,. The cost is ridiculously cheap and we do work very hard on your behalf. The more members we have, the stronger we become.

Yours sincerely,



*JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN*

Great Holland Friends

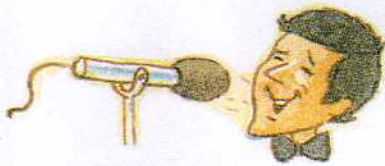
Craft and Gift Fayre Saturday 29th May 2010

To start spreading the word for this event, Linda O'Reilly arranged for Dream 100 and BBC Essex to broadcast details of the event. In addition, posters were printed by Michelle Frere and some were enlarged and mounted by Nicky Stack - thank you ladies. The posters were placed in prominent shopping areas of Frinton, Walton, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Great Clacton and Thorpe. An entry was also placed on the Gazette's web site and in the What's On section of their weekly newspaper. Unfortunately, the attendance was not as strong as we expected. In spite of this however, our Club did well, with table rentals and the raffle organised by Iris Williams and Rose Batten, whilst Ingrid Harding organised teas etc. Thank to Iris, Rose and Ingrid for your help.

June meeting Thursday 3rd June The Wandering Minstrels



The Wandering Minstrels were described last month as giving an affectionate look at England in song, which is what they did with the patriotic waving of flags and musical memories of the war years.

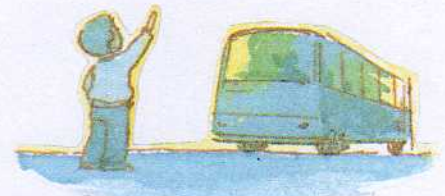


July meeting Thursday 1st July Richard and Peter

Peter gave us a very varied and enjoyable section of music on the electronic piano, ably supported by Richard on drums. Starting with old favourites 'On my mind', 'I'll be loving you always' and one by Fats Waller, 'Sit right down and write myself a letter', and followed by so many more popular songs. Also, by special request Rosina gave us a delightful rendering of 'Somewhere over the rainbow' and 'Melancholy Baby' - thanks Rosina. And to end the afternoon, a sing-along, with 'Down at The Old Bull and Bush' and 'Walking my baby back home' and finishing with 'We'll meet again'. With the hope that you all enjoyed them, we have booked Richard and Peter for our 2011 Christmas Party.

A
Perfect
Day

Bressingham Trip Thursday 8th July



We joined members of the Methodist Church and started on our coach trip at around 9.20am. After a comfortable journey, we arrived at Bressingham at about 11.30am. Some of us shot off for coffee and refreshments; whilst others strode off to view the beautiful gardens. The more adventurous made straight for the carousel's galloping horses and to view the Dads Army Museums, together with the display of steam engines and royal coaches. We also kept the two narrow gauge steam railways busy, enjoying trips around the site and gardens.

All in all, we think everyone had a great day, with a little help from Mother Nature who gave us really beautiful weather. Our thanks go to Anne Lott for arranging the event, with help from Eileen in finding and supplying bodies to fill the coach. The coach driver also deserves a Thank You for helping many of us by stopping at points near our homes on the return journey - thanks Mike.



Bill and Eileen in the gardens at Bressingham

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO MEETING OF GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS IN AUGUST. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBERR.

**September meeting
Thursday 2nd September
Jean Smith MBE - The cycling Granny**



Jean will be telling us about her experiences of cycling around Britain for the Macmillan Nurses charity, for which she has raised over £34,000. Come and listen to her exploits and see her photos, as she has cycled over 17,000 miles. All donations go to her charity.

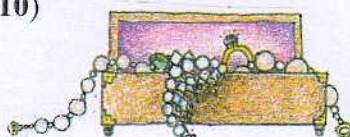


Seasonal Craft and Gift Fayre

**Village Hall, Manor Road, Great Holland
Saturday 20th November 2010**

We are again planning a seasonal Craft and Gift Fayre and need displays of crafts and gifts for the Christmas Present season. If anyone knows of any local craft talent that could produce items that they would sell and would also be willing to hire a table, we would be pleased to hear from them. Ideas for increasing through the door attendances would also be welcome.

Bill and Eileen Derrick (677610)



Garden reflections ...



This time of year seems so 'Action Packed', fitting in many local events and with visitors coming for a short or lengthy stay! Kerrygold manages to give me some extra time although I didn't ask for it ... Since 'Summer Time' she has greeted the morning by way of asking for her breakfast around 5.00am - a Moggie Dawn Chorus! I'm not complaining as it has been a lovely working in my garden early this lovely summer, which has changed dramatically from the gentle colourful Spring/early Summer scene to a more casual cottage and wildlife garden.



A good month for studying the displays with a view to making a few changes next year? One thing I won't be altering is allowing self-seeding of early Annuals - the Love in the Mist display, for example, was quite spectacular earlier. The sunflowers will be making their mark soon, bringing splashes of colour to round off the summer and provide welcome snacks for the bird population...

I feel it would be an improvement to transfer my two Peony plants to the back of the garden as they seem to overshadow other smaller plants. This fact applies to several species - hedging or shrubs which seem an ideal size when placed but one forgets how they will look in a few years!

The two annual Parish Fêtes fall either side of the Garden Club's Summer Show on August 14th; that is, Great Holland on 7th and Kirby's on Bank Holiday Monday. A good chance to unclutter a few items no longer needed?

A difficult year for ponds, blanket weed dominating after an extra cold winter. However, with the arrival of the water lilies and a gentle trickle of water into the pond, the picture is quite different - especially as damsel and dragon flies enhance the scene.

A few moments spent dead-heading will ensure a succession of late summer colour, also regular feeding...

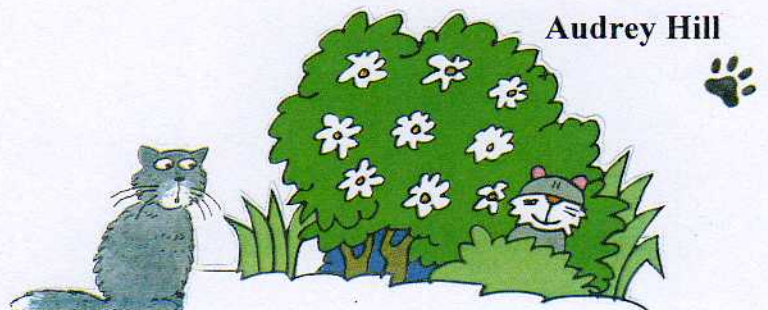


As the camellias start to form buds, one mustn't forget to water. During a dry spell washing up water saved helps perk up a few plants and they don't object to Fairy Liquid: in fact. It seems to act as a deterrent for Black Fly.

The beautiful settled weather for Kirby's Open Gardens Day in June gave many visitors a chance to see the results of hard work by committed gardeners. The timing of flowers coming into bloom has kept us all guessing this year - most gardeners have a tale to tell on this observation.

Kerrygold took up residence under the Australian Bottle Brush Tree whilst so much activity was around. 'I can watch what's going on from here, in between short snoozes to catch up on my early morning start'. She continued, 'From conversations I've heard there are a number of visitors with sore feet who are looking forward to putting them in a bowl of water! That's something I wouldn't fancy - I still remember falling in the pond that time!

Audrey Hill



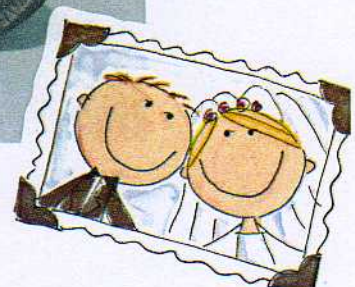


CONGRATULATIONS TO

Danny and Mandy who were married at Little Clacton Church on 5th June. The couple, who flew to Mauritius for their honeymoon, met through their mutual love of music and have been together for nearly 9 years. Danny is the village postmaster and Mandy is PA to the Regional Manager of the Dept of Environment.



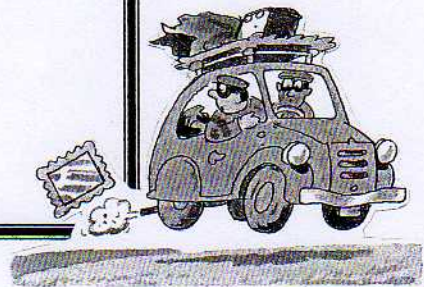
The photo below shows the 1925 Daimler Landaulette which Jeff (Village Stores) has restored over the past 6 years.



POLICE SURGERY DATES

Come and meet Paul and Michele your local
Police Community Support Officers for Great Holland
at The Methodist Church, Rectory Road, Great Holland

Thursday, 26 August
Thursday, 16 September
(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

As you will appreciate, not all incidents can be reported in the magazine due to confidentiality. However, I can advise that the following incidents have been reported between 7 May and 10 July.

Travellers were reported to be setting up on the marshes, but have now moved on; abandoned vehicle (details passed onto Tendring District Council); theft of 4 vehicle tyres; concern for welfare (all was in order) and one burglary. We also had a report of nuisance youths gathering at the Nature Reserve car park in Little Clacton Road. I patrolled this location a few times on one shift and around 10 pm located 3 vehicles with youths hanging around. Names and index numbers of vehicles were taken and stern words of advice given before sending them on their way. To date, no further calls have been taken for this location.

Police have become aware of bogus callers in the area recently (Frinton, Kirby Cross and Brightlingsea). This involves males carrying out door to door enquiries and asking the occupant if they would like some work carried out on their property, such as gutter clearing and trimming trees. They provide an extortionate quote for work, then attempt to enter the premises for payment. On one occasion they took several hundred pounds from a vulnerable elderly male, and then failed to carry out the work on the agreed date. These people prey on the elderly and vulnerable and we would ask residents in the area to take care when answering the door to these types of traders. If you need repair work carried out to your property please do so by contacting a reputable firm.

Police have been resolving low-level crime and anti-social behaviour as part of a new *neighbourhood resolution process*. Sometimes called a return to "old fashioned policing", this project is an alternative way of dealing with adult and youth offenders to ensure that they are made to face up to the consequences of their actions. A *resolution* can include a written or verbal apology, payment for damage or return of goods, donation to charity, cleaning, voluntary work or a face-to-face meeting between the victim and offender. As long as the victim is fully supportive and the offence is appropriate, a *neighbourhood resolution* may be applied as a proportionate response for first-time offenders. Essex Police are only one of three police forces in the country to use restorative approaches for both adults and children.

One most recent example was of a youth who took an item from a Frinton store. It was his first offence and he had been egged on by his friends. Officers witnessed the offence and the youth displayed remorse for the theft. He apologised to the store and returned the goods. The store was happy with this action although the youth was banned from the store. He was brought home to his parents and given strong words of advice. The parents were very supportive of the Police and issued their own punishment to the youth. This saved many hours of police time dealing with a low level offence and, given the events of the day, it was unlikely he would offend again.

Neighbourhood resolutions will only be used for low level crime and anti-social behaviour offences, and steps will be taken to ensure that the person responsible completes the agreed resolution. Full victim support will still be available, and safeguards will be in process in cases when a *neighbourhood resolution* is passed. This means officers will still offer complete support to victims that may be reluctant to engage with police, and protect them if they are at risk.

This month we have been concentrating on inconsiderate parking. Recently local PCSOs visited Halstead Road in Kirby Cross to monitor traffic at school closing time. While we understand this is a narrow road that gets very busy during this period, parents and other drivers passing through must exercise patience and be aware of the dangers of driving on the pavement. We would also advise the parents of small children to ensure they have a responsible adult with them going to and leaving the school. This will continue to be monitored by Police and tickets will be issued if necessary.

This month I have included a drawing of a Police Vehicle for all the young artists to colour (see below).

Finally, please contact myself or Michele if you need advice on Crime Prevention or to report anything that you may see or hear.

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Community Phone No. 07850 631017

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Chairman: Mike Vaughan-Chatfield
CONTACT CENTRE: 01255 814801

Administrator: Paul Teague
WEBSITE: www.tendringneighbourhoodwatch.org

The District Watch has been delighted with both the increasing membership and the resulting reduction in crime. The members on line now receive a regular crime bulletin for their area, access to the twenty page website containing advice and up to date information and a quarterly newsletter in colour which again is on line although hard copy can be provided for those without a computer. All members receive invitations to the monthly area meetings held in their locality with transport provided if required and a variety of events or functions. Help and support is provided 7 days a week from the Contact Centre [01255 814801] where members can receive information or advice from a Watch member. We are recognised for prompt responses on matters that clearly matter to you and us 7 days a week.

Many local coordinators now hold house meetings or coffee mornings so they can share any information or concerns they want dealt with. In this and other ways Neighbourhood Watch is a great community builder helping people to meet and support each other. Your Editor is a coordinator and she will also be pleased to assist in any way she or her husband can.

A member recently said that they thought they were missing something important to themselves and their family – until they joined Neighbourhood Watch. They were made very welcome and enjoy playing their part in their local community more than ever before. YOU can join by giving your details to the CONTACT CENTRE [01255 814801]. You will receive a welcome pack in return.

We have fun raising funds for our work each year. Could you help us with acting a steward at the CLACTON CARNIVAL or at the AIR SHOW or THE TENDRING SHOW [you may get a free entry ticket].

If you can help or would like more information about the benefits from joining us phone the CONTACT CENTRE for full details. You will be glad that you did !!!

Mike Vaughan-Chatfield
Chairman




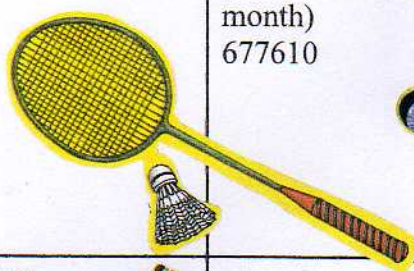


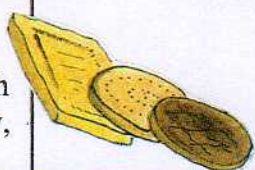

TWENTY ONE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU?

1. Of course I look familiar, I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your garden last week. While I was in there I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love the flowers. That tells me you have taste and taste means there are nice things inside. Those toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. I really do look for newspapers piled up in the porch and I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, ask a neighbour to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink and the windows on the first floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewellery. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door. Understandable, but understand this, I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. Don't take me up on it.
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table and the medicine cabinet.
11. Helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Find it at www.faketv.com/uk/.
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosey neighbours.
16. I'll break a window to enter even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbour hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
17. I'm not complaining but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems. I'll drive or walk through your neighbourhood at night, before you close the curtains, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your holiday on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk in.

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



| Day | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| Sunday | | | Private Booking 7.00 – 9.00 pm |
| Monday |  | Private Booking 2.30 – 3.30 pm | Paul Rees Karate 6.30 – 8.00 pm 07793 597646 |
| Tuesday |  | Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214 | Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848 Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 pm 671300 |
| Wednesday |  |  | Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 pm Contact: Claudine 862505 Dog Training 8.00 – 9.00 pm (as above) |
| Thursday | Tai Chi 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Contact: Des Exworth 679610  | Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 pm (1st Thursday of the month) 677610  | Circuit Training Fitness Class 6.45 – 7.45 pm Contact: Paul Hammond 677804 Phoenix Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 pm 224980  |
| Friday | Fitness Class 10.30 – 11.30 am  | | Links Karate 5.30 – 8.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848 |
| Saturday | Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 am 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)  |  |  |

Rates for hire of Village Hall

Regular club users: £9 per hour / Casual users: £10 per hour (with effect from 1st January 2010). Contact Michele Frere on (676304) to book.

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THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall belongs to the residents of Gt. Holland. It is well used throughout the week and is available to all residents and local community groups for hire. It is managed by a small committee which is responsible for maintaining the building, taking bookings and keeping accounts, insurances and so on in order. Over the years the committee has dwindled in size due to retirement and ill health. The current chairman, John Knight, stepped in last year to fill the post when it became vacant, but this was only to caretake until a new Chairman could be found.

Village Halls across the country serve their communities in many different ways. The vibrancy of their use depends upon the wishes of their users. Management committees develop halls to deliver new uses than can provide temporary functions of cinema, doctor's surgery, training rooms, hobby and interest meeting centres. The crucial issue is that the members come from and represent the wishes of the local community.

John has served the committee for 14 years and wishes to stand down as soon as a new Chairperson is prepared to come forward. The committee always needs fresh members and, as John finally retires, this would be a brilliant time to invigorate the management of the Village Hall for the future.

John Knight (Tel: 01255 851370)
David Eagle

Mobile Library Dates for 2010

Location : The Close
Arrival/Departure times : 9.15 am / 9.30 am

Location : Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove
Arrival/Departure times : 4.30 pm / 4.45 pm



Dates (Tuesdays) :

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|---------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 June | 13 July | 7 September | 2 November |
| 15 June | 27 July | 21 September | 16 November |
| 29 June | 10 August | 5 October | 30 November |
| | 24 August | 19 October | 14 December |

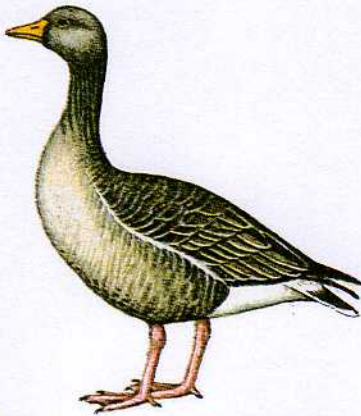
Location : Rosery Mews
Arrival/Departure times : 10 am / 10.30 am

Dates (Thursdays) :

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| 10 June | 8 July | 2 September | 11 November |
| 24 June | 22 July | 16 September | 25 November |
| | 5 August | 30 September | 9 December |
| | 19 August | 14 October | 23 December |
| | | 28 October | |

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

Source for the goose, source for the gander



Many of us strain our eyes and ears to look out for little beasties, there are not so many big ones after all. Most animals in the UK are fairly drab and many are also quiet. Bigger ones usually hide or keep their distance. Greylag Geese may be mostly grey, but they are neither small, shy nor quiet.

For at least ten years villagers at Great Holland may have noticed the cackling call, similar to that of domestic geese, as they fly over in groups of around ten. Indeed domestic geese were originally derived from Greylags.

Shouldn't I be writing about these birds in winter? Well they used to be geese which would visit Essex in winter, very wild, highly respected by wildfowlers, breeding in North West Scotland and further north in Europe but not here. The 'lag' part of their name is said to be because they were usually later to fly north each spring than other wild geese.

In the 1970's there are records of feral or escaped domestic geese, along with some pure wild birds, being released in Hamford Water. They were introduced in similar ways in other parts of Essex and southern England and now the resulting progeny are far from scarce!

For several years now, the geese have moved on to our pond at Holland Pits. I observed one pair this year, sitting on the island opposite the hide, and one day I took a photograph of the families with their young. I was surprised to note that there were five adults along with eight goslings. I had assumed there were just four adults. It seems surprising that these geese should choose to nest on our pond, surrounded by trees, because their more usual choice in the wild is on open lakes and rivers. It is likely that the adults marched their progeny to the river by foot. They probably had no room to take off in the enclosed pond.

Our regular water fowl, the Mallard, Coots, Moorhens and Little Grebes were probably not sorry to see the departure of the geese because of their tendency to strut around as though they are in charge.

Bob Seago - Warden

Bill Stickers (won't be prosecuted!)

No doubt a relief for Bill, after years of public persecution, but did you know that anyone can post an item on the village web site www.greatholland.com at anytime?

A simple to use notice board facility exists that enables members to post news items, as easily as you might on the village hall notice board (and these won't blow away or wilt in the rain!) You can even post now for a future event - and the built in diary will conveniently remind visitors to the site when the time arrives. Why not publicise an event you've arranged or use it to send a public thank you to someone who organised a village event.

It's very easy to use - and means the site can become a true community facility. All you need to do is register as a member on the site and then you can post away to your heart's content! Anyone requiring help/tutorial can contact me via the contact link on the website. And remember - this is not a commercially operated site, it's secure and it belongs to the village! Why not post an item today?

Paul Withams



Frinton & District Floral Club

1952 - 2010



At

The Parish Church Hall, Old Road, Frinton - on - Sea

At 2.30 p.m.

(New Members & Visitors very welcome)

August

(No meeting)

On Friday, September 24

Wendy Munion

"Gem in the Jewel Box"

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday, 10 August 7.30 p.m.

Sharky's Treasures

Shane Goulett



Tuesday, 14 September at 7.30 p.m.

Festival of Britain Exhibition 1951

John Barter

Events take place at St. Cedds Hall, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea (unless otherwise stated). New members are always welcome. Contact Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for details of how to join.

(Charge for non-members to attend events is £2.)

Tendring Creative Sugarcraft

We are a friendly group of ladies and gentlemen who meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except August at 7.30 p.m. in Holland-on-Sea Methodist Church, Kings Avenue. We enjoy demonstrations and workshops on a wide variety of sugarcraft themes which would suit both beginners and those with previous sugarcraft experience.

August 2010

(no meeting)

8 September 2010

Demonstration

15 Minute Orchids, Freesia, Variegated Ivy in Howgarth Curve

Glenda Price

Everyone Welcome

Visitors £3, including refreshments

For further information please call Jane on 01255 814877

