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Great Holland Village Voice



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Home Made Hour
on 5th November!



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... to the October/November 2011 edition of **Village Voice**.



Included in this edition ...

- ❖ Minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee AGM.
- ❖ Details of a locally produced 2012 calendar for sale that features paintings of local scenes, including two of Great Holland.
- ❖ A new advertiser: the proprietor of a B&B - handy for your visiting family and friends!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT WE NEED THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ADVERTISERS TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE VILLAGE VOICE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF GREAT HOLLAND. IF YOU CONTACT ONE OF OUR ADVERTISERS, PLEASE MENTION VILLAGE VOICE!



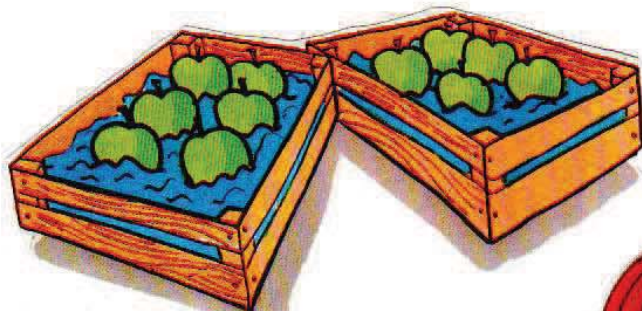
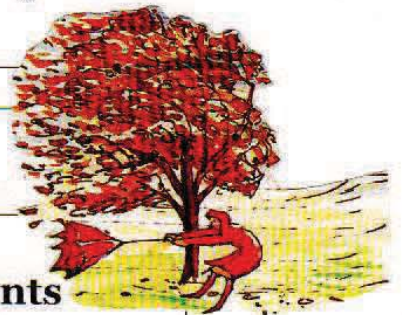
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- Are there any events happening in December 2011 or January 2012 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?

Please contact Linda on _____ or Sandra on _____ with details, two weeks before the printing date if possible. **Please note that Sandra deals with the advertising side of the magazine.** The next edition of Village Voice will be printed on:



Tuesday 22nd November 2011



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Village Contacts and Local Information

Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Mr John Poulten (Chair)	679233
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Ray King	675336
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mr John Knight (Bookings)	850317 851370
Great Holland Village Stores	Main Road	674359
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	686868 (Emergency Out of Hours: 2220220) 677495 861374
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Walton Police Station	Martello Road Walton on the Naze CO14 8BP Hours when open to the public: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 12.30pm Saturday: 9.00am - 12.30pm	0300 333 4444 (Extension 487554)
Mobile Police Station	Outside "The Ship" P.H.: 9.00 - 9.45am, 2 nd & 4 th Friday of each month.	
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator	Paul Teague - Clacton Police Station: 0300 333 4444 (Extension 16360).	
Crime Reduction Officer	Please call Calvin Heal at Clacton Police Station (0300 333 4444) for advice on home security.	
Crimestoppers	0800 555111	
Mobile Library	Calls fortnightly in Great Holland on: <u>Tuesdays</u> The Close: Arrives 9.15am, departs 9.30am Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove: Arrives 4.30pm, departs 4.45pm <u>Thursdays</u> Rosery Mews: Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am	
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Opening hours: Between 1 March and 30 September: 8.00am - 5.00pm. Between 1 May and 31 August: As above, but until 7.00pm on Tuesdays. Between 1 October and end February: 8.00am - 4.00pm.	

Dates for your Diary ...



OCTOBER



Saturday 1 st	NO HOME MADE HOUR
	 MEETING OF GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - Village Hall 10.30am (coffee served from 10.00am) 
	Tea Dance: Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00-4.00pm.
Tuesday 4 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 6 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.
Friday 7 th	Karaoke at The Ship.
Thursday 13 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 15 th / Sunday 16 th	HARVEST & FLOWER FESTIVAL - METHODIST CHURCH (Further details elsewhere in magazine)
Tuesday 18 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Saturday 22 nd / Sunday 23 rd	 APPLE WEEKEND AT PARK FRUIT FARM, PORK LANE (Further details elsewhere in magazine)
Thursday 27 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 28 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.
Saturday 29 th	AUTUMN DEEP CLEAN AT VILLAGE HALL - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Halloween Fancy Dress Party at The Ship with live music by Buzz Ed Ray - PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME!
Sunday 30 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.



NOVEMBER

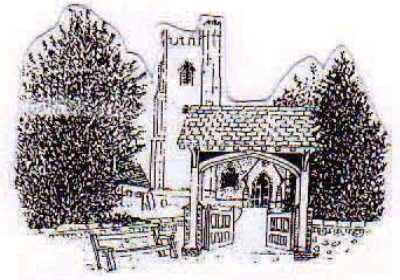


Tuesday 1 st	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove
Thursday 3 rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.
Friday 4 th	Karaoke at The Ship.
Saturday 5 th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am. Tea Dance: Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00 - 4.00pm.
Thursday 10 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Tuesday 15 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 17 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 24 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 25 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.
Sunday 27 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.
Tuesday 29 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.



To include events for **December 2011 or January 2012** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** by **15 November** if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

A friend of mine tells the story of asking someone to marry them. In a romantic restaurant his question received 3 short words in reply. What those words were made a huge difference.

They could have been "Are you joking?" or "Ha, ha. Funny!" or even "No I won't!" all of which would have ruined the evening. "Yes I will" improved things dramatically.

The world revolves around questions. Without them we'd be stuck.

Some are just fun to ask, and don't really expect an answer. Like these...

- Why is there an expiry date on sour cream?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- If the 'black box' flight recorder is never damaged during a plane crash, why isn't the whole airplane made of that stuff?

Other questions are more serious and demand an answer.

- How long have I got?
- Why are you leaving?
- What can I do to help?

There are also others that are serious, but we often don't expect an answer. We might think the answer is impossible or not know who to ask.

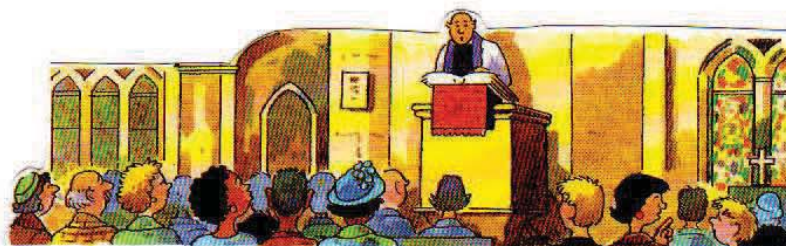
At All Saints' Church we're taking the time to ask God some questions. He's the one to ask and he can answer more than we might imagine.

We're inviting everyone to ask God a question and then at our services on 16 and 23 October we'll listen to His answers to 2 of the most popular questions.

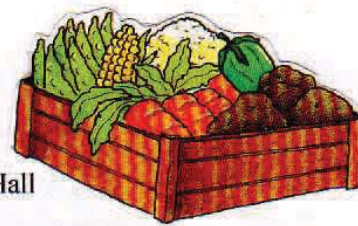
Surely it's worth at least finding out what he has to say!


You can give us a question by e-mail us on askgodquestion@gmail.com or drop a question into church or through my letterbox at 10 Thorpe Road!

Mark Holdaway



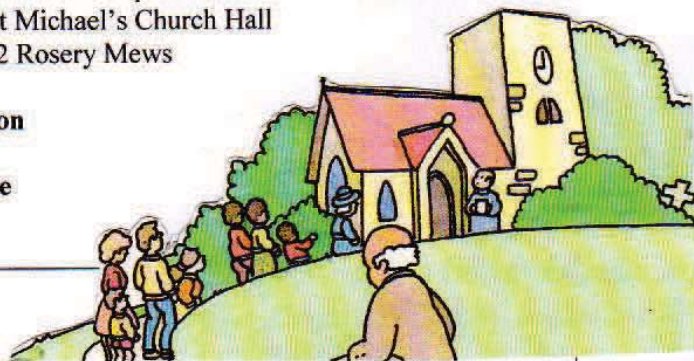
From All Saints' Diary - OCTOBER 2011:



Sunday	2nd	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Tuesday	4 th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper at St Michael's Church Hall
Wednesday	5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Kirby (every week)
		2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	8 th	2.30pm	Wedding of Steve Brown & Karen Gray
			
Sunday	9th	8.00am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)
11.00am			
Friday	14 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Holy Communion: 'If God could ask me one question'
		6.30pm	Deanery Celebration at Alresford Church:
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Morning Service: 'If I could ask God one question'
Wednesday	26 th	7.15pm	Deanery Synod at St Michael's Church Hall, Kirby
Saturday	29 th		CLOCKS GO BACK
Sunday	30th	11.00am	Joint service with Kirby: All age Holy Communion

From All Saints' Diary - NOVEMBER 2011:

Wednesday	2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at Kirby (every week)
		2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Saturday	5 th	10-12 noon	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	6th	11.00am	Morning Service
		4.15pm	Service for the Bereaved at St Michael's Church
Monday	7 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in the Church Room.
Sunday	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)
		10.30am	Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Wednesday	16 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Thursday	17 th	1.00pm	Parish lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Friday	18 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Service



FROM THE REGISTERS:

WEDDINGS: We offer our congratulations to the family and friends of:

Steve Brown and Karen Gray, who will be married on 8th October.

**GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH AND VILLAGE FÊTE 2011
HELD SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST AT THE OLD RECTORY**

The summary accounts for the fête are given below.

	2011	2010	Variance
	£	£	Better/ (Worse)
			£
SUMMARY			
Entrance Fees	504	526	(22)
Stalls	2,223	1,838	385
Sideshow	1,711	1,330	381
Refreshments	710	710	0
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	5,148	4,404	744
 Add: Donations	 85	 270	 (185)
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	5,233	4,674	559
 Deduct: Expenses	 816	 616	 (200)
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FÊTE NET SURPLUS	<u>4,417</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>359</u>

The breakdown of stall and sideshow takings is as follows:

	2011	2010	Variance
	£	£	Better/ (Worse)
			£
STALLS			
Bits and pieces	177	0	177
Books	129	153	(24)
Bric-a-brac	288	163	125
Cakes	225	184	41
Handicraft	165	73	92
Mum's Pantry	285	228	57
Plants	239	193	46
Produce tent	38	0	38
Silent auction	568	520	48
White Elephant	0	100	(100)
 Commission stalls (e.g. apple farm, jewellery, cards, etc)	 112	 224	 (112)
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TOTAL STALLS	<u>2,223</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>385</u>

SIDESHOWS

Blackbeard	36	41	(5)
Bowling	40	37	3
Coconut shy	168	104	64
Darts	39	49	(10)
Duck game	62	0	62
Face Painting	46	38	8
Golf/Putting	117	95	22
Guess the weight of the cake	27	43	(16)
Hobby Horse Racing	20	13	7
Hole in the Church Roof	38	51	(13)
Hoopla	32	47	(16)
Key Game	63	91	(28)
Pick-a-Straw	35	63	(28)
Red Alert	46	64	(19)
Ring the Bottle	34	35	(1)
Roll for a Pig	49	37	12
Skittles	42	44	(2)
Splat the Rat	24	19	5
Spotted Dog	59	51	8
Stilts	14	10	4
Tombola	554	241	313
Treasure Island	15	0	15
Commission sideshows (bouncy castle, pony rides)	153	157	(4)
TOTAL SIDESHOWS	<u>1,711</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>381</u>

The surplus for 2011 at £4,417 is £359 greater than 2010 (£4,058).

These funds will be distributed as follows: £3,569 All Saints Church; £424 fête reserve (to be used for new and replacement items for future fêtes) and £424 local charity (in 2011 this will go towards a disabled parking space at the Village Hall).

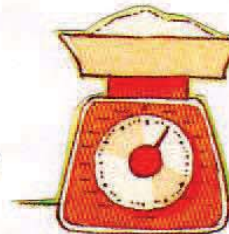
The Fête Committee would like to thank the many people who helped to make the 2011 fête another enjoyable and successful event.

Anne Fairbrother
Treasurer





Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our September Home Made Hour, to help raise funds for All Saints' Church. As usual, there will be NO Home Made Hour in October.

Our next Home Made Hour will take place in the Village Hall on:

Saturday 5th November from 10.00 - 11.00am

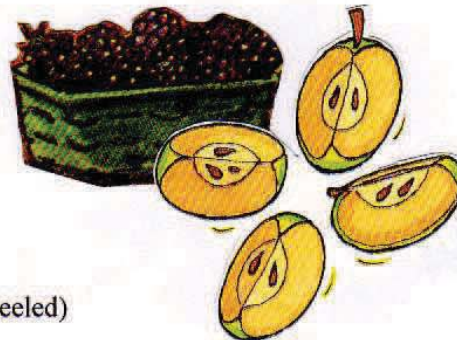
Please come along for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones etc and hand crafted greetings cards. We also have a raffle.



Blackberry and apple loaf

Ingredients

- 250g self-raising flour
- 175g butter
- 175g light muscovado sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 2 rounded tbsp. demerara sugar
- 1 small eating apple, such as Cox's, quartered (not cored or peeled)
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 orange, finely grated zest
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 225g blackberries



Method

- Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 4/fan 160C. Butter and line the bottom of a 1.7 litre loaf tin.
- Rub the flour, butter and muscovado sugar together.
- Measure out 5 level tbsp. of this mixture into a small bowl for the topping, and mix in to it the cinnamon and demerara sugar. Set aside.
- Coarsely grate the apple down to the core and mix in with the eggs and the zest.
- Stir the baking powder into the rubbed-in mixture in the large bowl
- Quickly and lightly stir in the egg mixture until it drops lightly from the spoon. Don't over mix.
- Gently fold in three quarters of the berries with a metal spoon, trying not to break them up. Spoon into the tin and level.
- Scatter the rest of the berries on top. Sprinkle over the topping
- Bake for 1¼ - 1 hour 20 minutes. Check after 50 minutes and cover loosely with foil if it is browning too much. When done the cake will feel firm, but test with a skewer.
- Leave in the tin for 30 minutes before turning out, Cool on a wire rack. Peel off the paper before cutting.

ENJOY!

Karen Withams

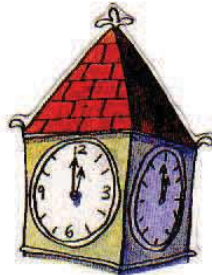


Stay-at-home Christmas?

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university? HOST invites you to give Christmas, perhaps for the first time in their life, to someone who is a guest in this country, who would love to experience your way of life and make your stay-at-home Christmas special. HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 1-3 days at Christmas, and weekends all year round.

Please see www.hostuk.org or call your local voluntary organiser for a chat:

Sandra Purrett: 01296 681625



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

RECTOR: Rev. Mark Holdaway, The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT, (675997)

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Mary Rusbridge, 43 Branscombe Close, Frinton-on-Sea, CO13 9LE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Churchwardens (ex officio), Judith Little, Liz Walters, Don Osler, Jamie Wright, John Beale, Vanessa Giles and Mrs Ilze Robertson

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

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale, 5 Malting Lane Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472).

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Did you know that All Saints' Church has a web site?

Here are a few words from 'Webmaster' Mike Chappell...

Hi everyone,

My name is Michael Chappell and I currently run the web site for All Saints' Church, Great Holland (<http://www.allsaints-greatholland.co.uk>). My wife, Marina and I used to attend All Saints' and were both in the Choir and on the Church Committee.

Unfortunately, my employers relocated me to West Yorkshire, but I have kept the web site going in order to keep up with what was happening at All Saints'.

The site is kept up to date with the diary and the Rector's comments but I am hoping to update it with more content in the next few months and would love residents of Great Holland to shape the way that All Saints' is represented on the net. I would really appreciate any feedback as to what you would like to see on the new updated site.

I can be contacted either by:

email: enquiries@allsaints-greatholland.co.uk or telephone: 0775 3533461.

Mike Chappell

Webmaster

All Saints' Church, Great Holland

enquiries@allsaints-greatholland.co.uk

<http://www.allsaints-greatholland.co.uk>

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 dozen people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). Further details and enquiries from Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645.**

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends in Great Holland ...



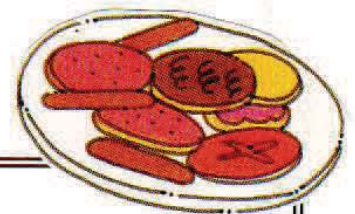
When Anne, our District Chair came to our circuit meeting she handed to all the clergy a booklet about a new retreat and holiday centre in Devon, which offers reduced rates for clergy. Everyone looks forward to a holiday. When on my sabbatical we might decide to go and spend a week there.

When I think of clergy messages and words for church newsletters I wonder if we too often encourage people to do more and more. Here is, of course, more and more to be done. As we get older, and there are often fewer young people in church to take our place, I wonder whether church life has often to be simplified, with less jobs to be done. I appreciate this may be read by people not of our church, or of any church, but the same applies to all our lives. All our lives seem to be busier these days.

Often the Holy Spirit of God is called, not only the comforter but the encourager. This should not always be an encouragement to work harder but perhaps an encourager for times of trouble, a pointer to look to God, who's Spirit guides us in our decisions. Retreats are not everyone's thing and holidays cannot always be afforded when they are needed the most. However I think Sunday, as a day of rest, is often a perfect chance for slowing down. The words sabbatical and Sabbath have the same origin. When we are busy with church work are we remembering to be refreshed and relaxed by the Holy Spirit's work in our lives, when we meet together for worship. Are we remembering that one day in seven can truly become something different?

What things in worship refresh you most? Can you listen in a new way to the words of hymns sung and scriptures read? I knew a man when I was young, who would often stop in the middle of a hymn while everyone was singing, to meditate on the words and then join in at the next verse. When worship is finished do you rush to make sure you have passed on messages to those you will not see again till the following Sunday? Is your mind already on the Sunday roast? In all of this has something of the peace of God come in to encourage and strengthen?

Ray King (Minister)



ANOTHER REMINDER!

We hold regular, friendly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place **every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday** and all are welcome. Please drop in for tea, coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes, friendly and the chance to make some new friends! If you haven't been along before don't be shy - you will receive a very warm welcome! We also have a stall of donated goods for sale.



Great Holland Methodist Church is holding:

A HARVEST & FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

**Saturday 15th October
10.00am-4.00pm**

The church will be open to view the Harvest decorations

Light refreshments will be served all day

Home made cakes and produce stall



**Sunday 16th October
11.00am**

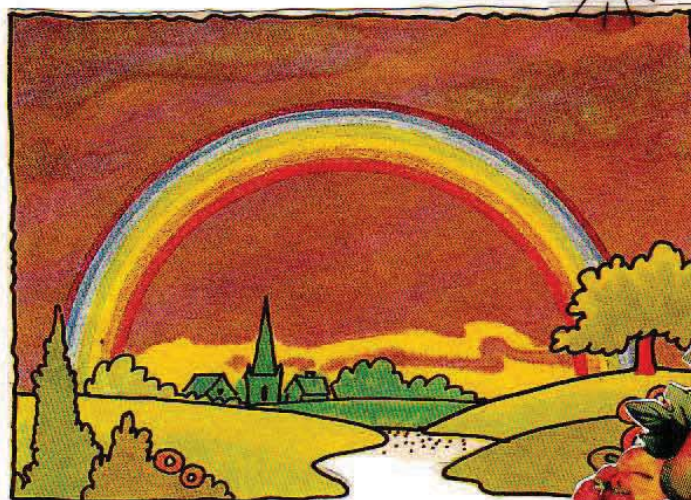


**'Harvest Songs of Praise' -
... with the theme of Harvest around the world.
Everyone is welcome.**

also...

**The church will be open from 1.00-4.00pm
Light refreshments will be served**

**Please come and see our beautifully decorated church, and support
the charity Water Aid.**



LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

October 2011

Dear Neighbour,



AUTUMN

As I write there is a lot of hedge trimming going on, particularly by TDC along Main Road. Cllr. Robert Bucke has been badgering TDC and Essex CC to get this sorted out and it looks as though his efforts are bearing fruit. It is also a reminder to those residents whose hedges and trees overhang our narrow pavements that October is a good month to trim those trees and hedges back, for the benefit and safety of pedestrians and other passersby.

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

TDC continue to monitor the site. Preparatory work continues. One can expect development proper to start soon.

30 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information at present.

Local Listings

The whole thing is now back in the melting pot. TDC planning office is being reorganised. Philp Hornby the officer responsible for this project tells me that in view of the latest plans coming out the Government to simplify the planning process the whole question of Local Listing now awaits fresh guidance from Government. This will not happen this year. We await what may turn up in 2012.

CHRISTMAS

I was in a card shop the other day and already Christmas Cards are on sale. We have a stock of last year's Christmas Cards which will be available at heavily discounted prices from the usual outlets.

This also leads me onto the Christmas Do. As yet no-one has volunteered to take this on. Do we abandon the idea?

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Does anyone have any suggestions as to the holding of a village wide event? As I said in the last edition, time is marching on and something like this needs organising. A long-term resident has lent me his souvenir programme of the celebrations in Frinton, Walton, Kirby le Soken and Great Holland for the Queen's Coronation in 1953. It makes interesting reading as the celebrations lasted nearly a week!

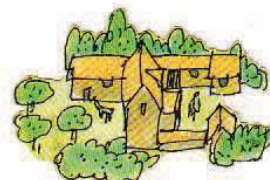
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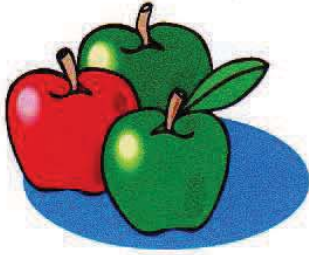
The subs for 2012 will be due soon. We need more members. The subs. will remain fixed for 2012 at £2.00 per head or £4.00 per household whichever is the cheaper. At the time of writing there are still only 80 households that are members of the Association. In a village of this size and with all that is going on we should have more members. Please pay Denys and Lindy Strich at The Warren, Church Lane, CO13 0JS.

SITS VAC

This is a note to tell you that Paul Withams our Secretary and I will be standing down from our posts in May 2012. We both feel that we have spent a reasonable amount of time on GHRA affairs and therefore will not be available for re-election next year. Again volunteers are needed.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN





NATIONAL APPLE DAY EVENT AT PARK FRUIT FARM SATURDAY 22nd & SUNDAY 23rd, OCTOBER -- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to take a tour round the orchard at the following times accompanied by Stephen Elsworth, who will give a talk and answer any questions.

Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. – Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Other attractions will include

- Over 35 varieties of apples to try
- Apple juice being pressed

Various craft stalls

- Primrose Pork and their award winning sausages
- Cheese tasting, honey, Jam etc

Also visiting us will be

- Clacton Queen Steam Roller
- Pete Norfolk's Animal Roadshow
- Birds of Prey

Refreshments available from our tea room



Ship Inn

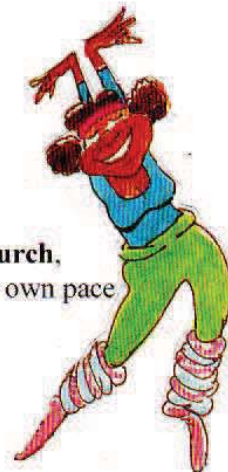
Saturday, 29 October

Halloween Fancy Dress Party

Prize for the best costume

Live Music by Buzz Ed Ray

Salsacise!



Come and join our Salsacise class every Friday from 3.00-4.00pm at Homelands Free Church, Garden Road, Walton, opposite Triangle car park. We use a DVD, which you follow at your own pace. Entry by donation, which goes to Tearfund. We look forward to seeing you.



TEA DANCE

Saturday 1st October & Saturday 5th November
2.00-4.00pm

HOLLAND PUBLIC HALL,
Frinton Road, Holland-on-Sea

TICKET PRICE: £2.50 (includes tea and biscuits)

For further details please telephone: 813092



Frinton & District Floral Club

1952 - 2011

At

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

At 2.30 p.m.

(New Members & Visitors very welcome)



On Friday, 28 October
'Helen Bird'
A Season of Colour
Members' Exhibits
Autumn Basket

On Friday, 25 November
'David Wright'
Let It Snow
President's Luncheon

Great Holland Friends

Everyone is welcome to attend our friendly social afternoons at Great Holland Village Hall, from 2.00-4.00pm. We always have a speaker or entertainer(s), as well as refreshments and a raffle. Entry: £2 members, £2.50 visitors. Yearly membership: £4. New members are always welcome.

Details of our next two meetings are as follows:

Thursday 6th October



There will be music from the shows by 'The New Entertainers', accompanied by piano, drums and vocals.

Thursday 3rd November

A talk by **Helping Hands** - an organisation that helps those who require transport to shops, doctors etc and can also provide handyman services. You will need to attend to appreciate the extent of the services that the organisation provides for a very reasonable cost.

Eileen & Bill Derrick (677610)

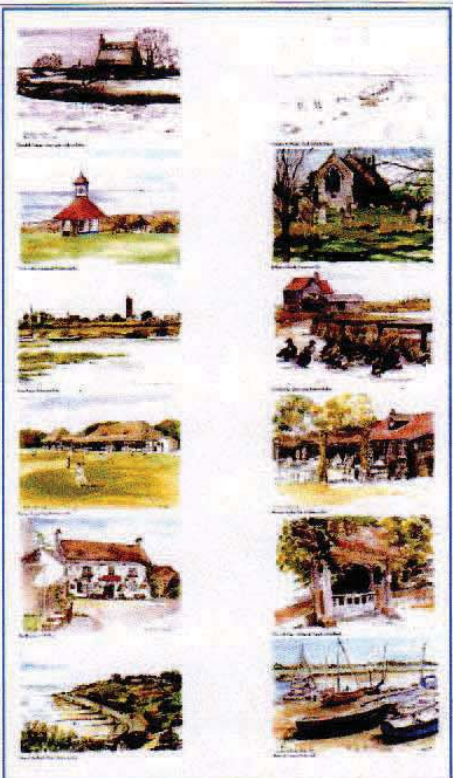


2012 Calendar

Views of local areas and places of interest

From original art work
by Maggie Murphy

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VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL
23RD July 2011

PRESENT:-

Sue Jenkins	Chris Keston
John Knight	Nickie Stacks
Jim Stuart	Robert Bucke
Tony Watts	Tom Sandy
Sheila Watts	Trevor Mower

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th May 2011 were read and approved.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Martin Mel Leicester Links Karate

MATTERS ARISING

It was decided that a hiring agreement would be implemented and a deposit taken for new and casual meetings.

UPDATE ON BUILDING WORKS

The building works on the hall and car park are almost finished. There are a few minor details to be completed and this will be done in the next few days. Under current regulations we are obliged to have disabled parking facilities and they are to be sited near the entrance ramp. This area also has to be paved and will take some sixty slabs at an estimated cost of approximately £400. We are to write to the council, with the appropriate costing, and apply for a grant to cover this work. We are going to endeavour to have this matter raised at the next council meeting. In the short term our disabled users are to use the other entrance. It was also suggested that we write to the Residents Association to see if they would like to make a donation towards our costs. The current debt owed to the builders is approximately £4,330 out of our £5,000 grant. There are also invoices owed to 'Silvertons' and Mumfords' and we currently owe some £3,500. Our current balance with the Building Society stands at approximately £15,000 but a lot more needs to be done to the hall to modernise it.

THE CUPOLA

It was decided that the best way forward was to remove the cupola but we are to put an article in The Village Voice requesting feedback from the villagers.* The original cupola was much bigger with about half of it remaining. It has already cost us £400 to put a tarpaulin over it to stop the leaks.

CHARITIES COMMISSION

We are to confirm that the Charities Commission has been advised of our figures for last year,

OUR NEIGHBOURS FENCE

We did offer to pay 50% of the cost of putting up a four foot fence between us but she wanted a six foot fence. We confirmed that we would only pay half the cost of a four foot fence and she decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We are to discuss suggestions to put a gate at the entrance to the car park to discourage non users of the hall from using it. A lockable chain barrier was also suggested as a less costly way. We are also to put a 'No Liability' sign in the car park. We were also advised that the clock on the front of the hall was not working.

ANNUAL CLEAN

When the building work is completed we are to organise an annual clean of the hall. A date of **Saturday 29th October between 10.00am and 6.00 pm** has been chosen. We will put an article in The Village Voice seeking volunteers.

RE-ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The following members now form the committee having been elected/re elected:
Sheila Watts, John Knight, Jim Stuart, David Martin, Nickie Stack, Tom Sandy, Tim Reynolds and Robert Bucke

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held in the hall on 5th November at 11.30 A.M (after the Home Made Hour).

* To date, no comments have been received.



Volunteers needed...!

Just a reminder that we need volunteers for the annual deep clean day at your Village Hall. This will take place on **Saturday 29th October**, commencing at 10.00am. Refreshments and cakes will be supplied on the day (some of us still remember them from last year!). The Village Hall Committee are asking for as many people as possible to turn up and help with the clean - as Kim and Aggie say, many hands make light work!!!!. Even if you can only spare an hour please pop along with cloth and bucket and help us with our yearly clean, it would be very much appreciated.

★ We also need gardeners to help as well, to help clear the weeds in the car park. ★



WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			Keep Fit 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Zumba Class 8.30 – 9.30 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
Tuesday		Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	Links Karate 5.15 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 p.m. 671300
Wednesday			Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Dog Training 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. (as above)
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610	Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. (1st Thursday of the month) 677610	Circuit Training Fitness Class 6.45 – 7.45 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 677804
Friday			Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday		Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	



Rates for hire of Village Hall

All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact John Knight on 851370 to book.

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Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



An otter surprise

An announcement has recently been made that every county in Great Britain has otters again. They finally appear to have crossed the Thames to reach Kent from East London having also colonised the River Lea, which runs by the new Olympic Village at Stratford. These animals have steadily been returning to the Essex Rivers, with teams of people connected with the Essex Wildlife Trust checking water courses for the signs of their presence; foot-prints, fish remains and droppings, left in strategic places, often near bridges and culverts.

It is thought that water pollution was a key factor in the decline of the Otter, along with the presence in the environment of a class of pesticide, and certain industrial chemicals. The gradual control of the use of these chemicals has resulted in the return of other animals including birds of prey like the Buzzard, which has also returned to Great Holland in the last few years.

Great Holland parish being almost encircled by the Holland Marshes was always a favoured place for Otters, and a reliable record in the late 1960's was the last in Essex before the species came close to extinction in the entire country. The last otter hunt on Holland Brook also pushed the quarry into the pits. A small number persisted in Norfolk and western Britain.

Over the last three years there have been signs of otter activity in Holland Brook. Footprints were spotted in mud near Sladbury's Lane, and an individual has been observed in the scrape at Holland Haven. It is uncertain if these were occasional visits by individual animals or whether there is a small family group on the marshes.

During August the respected wildlife watcher Tony Critcher observed first a Heron and then the Otter in one of the small ponds at Holland Pits. Otters in the past used to have holts, their hidey holes, in the dense vegetation, places to hide during the day free from disturbance, so it is no surprise that they have returned. Having only seen one wild otter in my life I will be thrilled when I see one in my home area. Do not mistake the otter for mink, a smaller animal of the same shape which tends to like water margins, and has a much darker chocolate brown coat. One of these was recently seen at the pits.

There will be people who don't welcome these large carnivores back. Freshwater angling, particularly for carp is very popular, and carp, which are slow moving fish make ideal food for otters. Time permitting I like to go fishing, but I am pleased that these predators are around to shape the populations of fish in our rivers.

Bob Seago - Warden



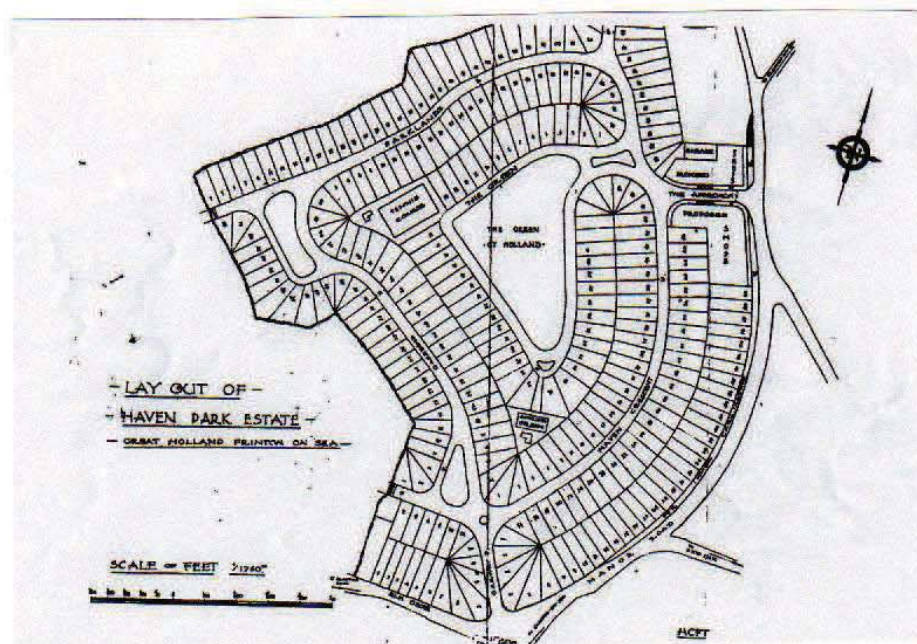
FROM THE GT. HOLLAND HISTORY RECORDER

The Gt. Holland Estates That Never Were

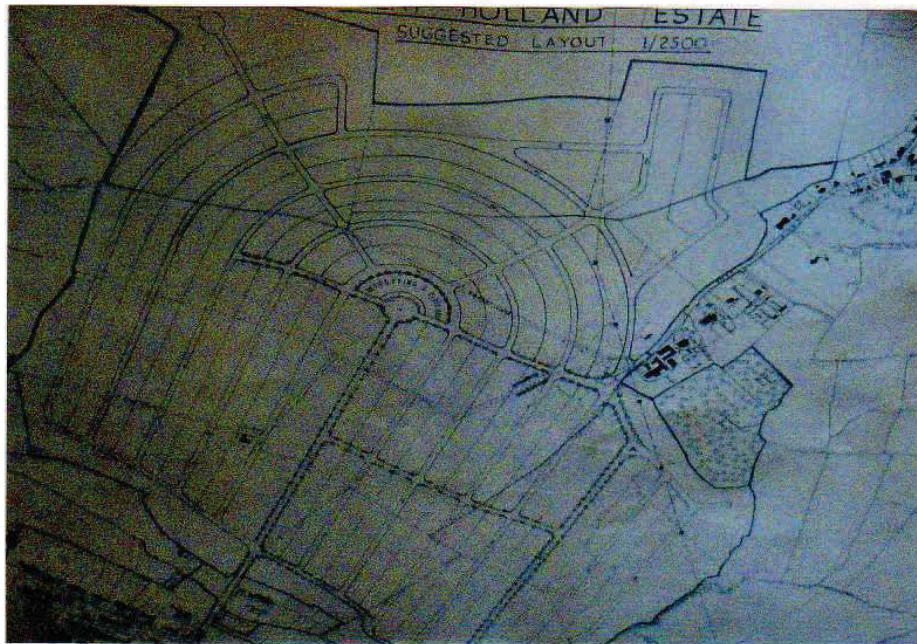
At the turn of the 1900s Gt. Holland was about to undergo a transformation in the building line. Frinton-on-Sea had started to be developed with the main thoroughfares of Second, Third and Fourth Avenues, where all the houses would have good sea views. Although there had been rapid growth, and a splendid service of trains to London, it had retained its rusticity, with no crowds and no attractions for trippers. The noted Golf Links, Club House, and excellent grounds of Frinton Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club were situated in the centre of the Estate which was a few minutes' walk from the beautiful sandy beach. It was now intended to lay out the splendid sites of Gt. Holland, with houses having a little land around them, to suit purchasers who wished to have pleasure grounds or paddocks. It was desirable to keep the Frinton area select in character and, as such, houses to be built on this Estate were necessarily to be of good class. Every necessary provision for its sanitary well-being would be made on the Estate. A thorough system of drainage for Frinton in 1898 had been greatly extended, and there was an excellent water supply from the Tendring Hundred Waterworks at Mistley. Electric light and gas mains were laid along the roads, so that houses could easily be installed with light.

(from an article in *Belle Steamers Official Guide & Charts* 1906)

There were two early plans for this Estate : Holland Beach Estate and Haven Park Estate (*see plan below*). Fortunately neither came to fruition, so keeping the beauty of our lovely village.



Later, in 1960, once again in the great scheme of things, Tomkins, Homer & Ley had great ideas for the village, when they designed an Estate for Gt. Holland to be built between Church Lane and the Frinton Avenues, thus joining Gt. Holland to Frinton to make one big town! (*see below*) Again, this never happened.



However, in 1911 a new Estate did get the go-ahead, as reported in the East Coast Illustrated News & Clacton Graphic, November 11th, 1911 as follows:

“LOW RATES: The residents of Gt. Holland are to be congratulated upon the low figure at which their rates for the half-year are placed – the poor and district rate amounting to only 2s.2d. in the £. and the agricultural rate 1s. 1d. in the £. This is a very satisfactory state of affairs and speaks much for the future prosperity of this go-ahead little village. It is expected that building operations will shortly be commenced on the Prospect Park Estate.”

Liz Bruce
01255 676960



POLICE SURGERY DATES

Come and meet your Local
Police Community Support Officer
at The Methodist Church, Rectory Road, Great Holland

Thursday, 20 October

Thursday, 10 November

(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

Incidents reported from July to September were as follows:

- Two vehicle road traffic collision, Clacton Road. Vehicle went into a ditch – elderly couple sustained slight injuries
- Broken down vehicle in Little Clacton Road
- Two vehicle road collision due to oil spillage
- Neighbour dispute – person arrested for common assault
- Road traffic collision in Main road – car slid on wet road into ditch
- Suspicious persons knocking on doors asking residents if they want to donate to charity and asking for bank details
- Report of shotgun being fired – no trace – believed to be people lamping

On patrolling the village over the summer months everything seemed to be pleasant and quiet I did receive an e-mail from a local resident near to the Great Holland Pits reporting vehicles gathering of an evening in the car park. I was informed of the vehicle index numbers so I was able to send letters out to the registered owners, which appears to have put a stop to these vehicles returning.

Christmas is fast approaching so please be mindful when out shopping – don't carry large amounts of cash and keep tight hold of your handbags and wallets. It is also advisable not to display large expensive items in the front windows or around the Christmas tree as this may attract people in stripy clothes carrying swag bags!!

Take Care,

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
Walton Police Station
Martello Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BP
Tel: 0300 333 4444 (Ask for Ext: 487553)

Paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk

Community Phone No. 07850 631017

New beginnings ...

In this edition Audrey Hill, our regular gardening expert, reminisces about a unique period of her life...

Anyone who has been through the trauma of a husband's redundancy will be able to identify and visualise the emotions relating to such an event - even though our experience occurred in the 1970's...

As each application ended in failure it was time to take a more positive step away from this negative state, starting by listing our capabilities -

At 54, Fred was an Engineer, a competent driver and skilled at woodwork. I could offer, at 42, housekeeping, cooking, gardening and secretarial work.

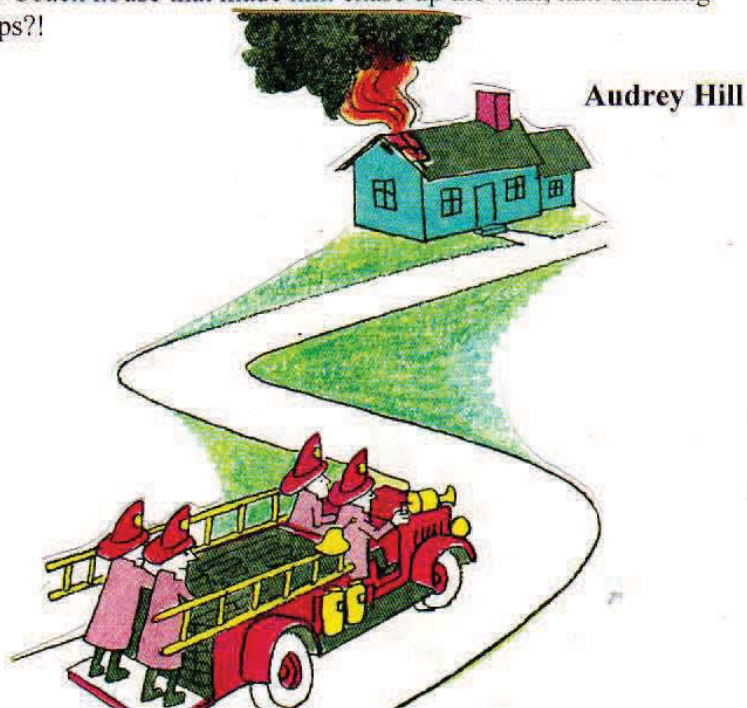
We decided to advertise ourselves, on short term commitments, in a well-known weekly magazine! Our spirits immediately rose as, instead of negative replies, several offers of employment popped through the letter box.

With mixed feelings we duly set out for our first job, looking after an academic couple with a small boy on a farm attached to a large estate.

We were made very welcome and shown excellent accommodation. On the first day, as the sun rose on a crisp autumn morning, Fred remarked: 'Can you hear cows outside the window?' Sure enough 20-30 cows passed by heading for the garden. Without more ado Fred quickly dressed and herded them into a nearby field. 'I didn't know you were good with cows', I remarked. 'Neither did I!' he replied.

During this unique period of our life, one realised just how many people needed sensible basic help and were willing to pay for the service, at home or abroad. One position we did decline, however, when caring relatives of an elderly lady remarked that she was fond of a smoke and sometimes set light to the bed!

We accepted other assignments, at the same time investigating the possibility of moving to another part of the country. On one month's commitment we took our cat with us, but that's another story ... What did he see in that old 16th Century Coach house that made him chase up the wall, hair standing on end - a long dead shadowy rat perhaps?!



Mobile Library Dates for 2011



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) :

12 July 26 July	6 September 20 September	1 November 15 November 29 November
9 August 23 August	4 October 18 October	13 December

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

Dates (Thursdays) :

7 July 21 July	1 September 15 September 29 September	10 November 24 November
4 August 18 August	13 October 27 October	8 December 22 December

If would be helpful if residents could make more use of this facility in order to ensure that it continues into the future. Even if you use the main libraries in either Frinton or Clacton it gives the opportunity of getting to know one's neighbours.

You may not be aware, but books can be ordered free of charge when using the mobile facility either directly via the driver/librarian or over the internet. It may be the case of

USE IT OR LOSE IT !!!

