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Great Holland Village Voice



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takes place
Saturday 13th May**



April & May 2017



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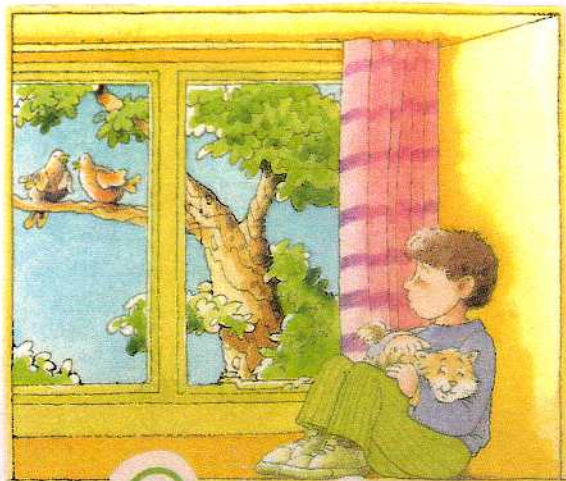
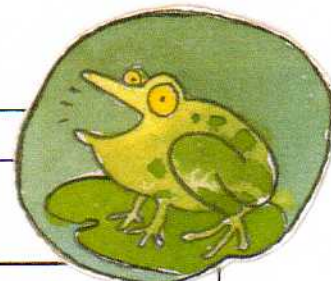
Included in this edition...

- **The agenda for the GHRA AGM at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th May. Please see insert.**
- **Details of a coach trip to Bury St Edmunds leaving from Great Holland Methodist Church on Wednesday 28th June. Bookings being taken now!**
- **Details of the 2017 Frinton Festival.**
- **A letter from the Chairman of GHRA.**

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 June or July 2017 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?
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Monday 22nd May



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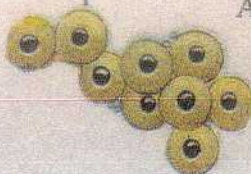
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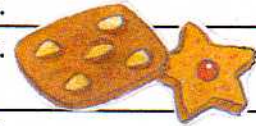


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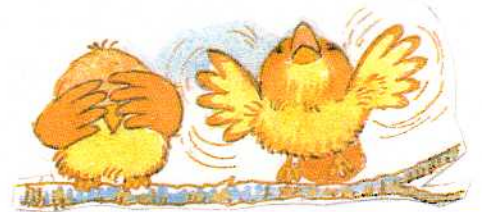
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Saturday 1st	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 6th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), 2.00pm.
Thursday 13th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 20th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Thursday 27th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 29th	Fundraising Curry Night: St Mary's Church Hall, Frinton. More details inside magazine.



May



Thursday 4th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 6th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 11th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Saturday 13th	 GHRA AGM Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am
Thursday 18th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Thursday 25th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Friday 26th - Monday 29th	Frinton Festival Includes Concert at All Saints' Church, Saturday 27 th May at 7.00pm. More about the Festival inside magazine.
Sunday 28th	Great Holland Pits Open day and Pond Dipping



June

Saturday 17th	Cream Teas will be served in the garden of Great Holland Methodist Church. More details next time.
Wednesday 28th	Coach trip to Bury St Edmunds leaving from Great Holland Methodist Church. More details inside magazine.

To include events for June or July in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 15th May if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's article

Do you know anything about a piano made by Broadwood and Sons that was in the Saffron Walden area between 1906 and 1983?

If you do, it might be worth mentioning it to Shrewsbury Coroner's Court as they seek it's history. The reason is that recently, as the piano was re-tuned and repaired, a hoard of hidden gold coins was discovered.

The collection consists of an undisclosed number of full and half sovereigns, dating from 1847 to 1915 and experts believe the coins could yield a "life-changing" sum of money, with a full sovereign worth at least £220.

It reminds you that if you've been planning to get your old piano up to speed again, maybe now's the time!

But it also reminds us of the delight of discovering hidden treasure.

Jesus describes the kingdom of God like hidden treasure.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

He describes discovering the riches, redemption and life at the heart of the Christian message as being like finding treasure hidden in a field, or maybe a piano.

Those riches are seen most clearly as we head towards Easter where the love of God, the forgiveness he offers and the life he holds out to us are seen.

Do join us to discover more.

Mark



From All Saints' Diary - April:

Saturday	1 st	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11am please see the notice sheet or church notice board.
Sunday	2 nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	5 th	11.00am	Lent 2017: Priorities, Petition & Praise in Paul's Pastoral Prayers. In the Parish Room. Final session.
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9 th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship with Revd Tony Rees
Friday	14 th	10-12noon	GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP at St Michael's Church Hall
		2.00 -3.00pm	AN HOUR BY THE CROSS
Sunday	16 th	11.00am	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	23 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	25 th	2.30pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Thursday	27 th	7.30pm	APCM in the Parish Room



From All Saints' Diary - May:

Monday	1 st	Early May Bank Holiday	
Wednesday	3 rd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	6 th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
Sunday	7 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	14 th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	17 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	21 st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	28 th	NO 11.00am SERVICE: JOINT SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S AT 9.30am	
Monday	29 th	Spring Bank Holiday	



Walton & District Community FoodBank

Dear FoodBank Supporters,

We have a few shortages again this week. Please may we have:

- Breakfast Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard / Rice pudding

With many thanks as always for you continuing and generous support,

Kind regards,

Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator, Walton & District Community FoodBank
07926 015276

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FRINTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 26th - 29th May

Saturday 27th May at 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Great Holland

The unique sound of string quartets. Music by Mozart, Phibbs & Dvorak.
The church will be filled with flowers and illuminated by candles.

Walk across the fields and enjoy a celebratory peal of bells at 6.15pm.

Free tickets for 8-25 year olds. Tickets **01255 319141** or **frintonfestival@gmail.com**

The Parish Room - All Saints' Great Holland ...

... situated next to All Saints' Church in Church Lane, 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). Cost of hire is £5 per hour from May - September and £7 per hour October - April (to cover extra heating and lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little** on **813645**.

Home Made Hour

Thank you to everyone who supported our March Home Made Hour and for the generous donations of home made goods and produce.

Our next Home Made Hours will take place on:

Saturday 1st April & Saturday 6th May from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall.

Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. Refreshments are available and we also have a raffle.

Our friendly Home made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, Are you able to provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and any surplus, fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact **Nickie Stack** on **677984**.





Dear friends

Caterpillars and butterflies

How many of you have caterpillars growing in their living room? I do! My children received a kit that enables them to grow caterpillars into butterflies as a present. In fact the present consisted of a voucher entitling them to those caterpillars and a net for the butterflies.

They were so excited to receive that present and couldn't wait to send the voucher off so that they could receive the caterpillars.

But, they received that voucher in the wrong time of the year. And they had to wait for Spring to arrive, before they could send off for the caterpillars. And they waited- and that waiting paid off - the caterpillars are finally here and it is amazing to watch the journey that they take in becoming butterflies.

This story reminds me of the story of the people of Israel, who had been promised a Saviour, a Messiah. But they had to wait. They had received a voucher that promised that Messiah, but it was not time yet for the Messiah to arrive.

The promise was true, just like my children knew that the voucher definitely entitled them to their caterpillars.

And finally this Messiah, this promised Saviour came. And he came into our world, into our time and space, to live like one of us, a human being, to show us what love is and to point us to God.

Some of his contemporaries thought he was taking his time. 'Jesus, your journey seems too slow....can't you be a bit quicker? We need you to free us from our physical oppressors!'

Every morning we go and look at the caterpillars, wanting them to grow quickly. And every morning we see a small transformation, but transformation nevertheless.

And every day Jesus lived on this earth, transformation occurred. It might have seen small to some of them, but it was happening nevertheless in them and around them.

And the caterpillars will turn into chrysalis. It will be a time when nothing will seem to happen. We won't be able to see what the caterpillars are doing inside the chrysalis and we will wait.

And the time came when the promised Saviour, seemed to be silenced inside a tomb. Time stood still. For three days, nobody knew what was happening inside that tomb.

But the caterpillar will not stay inside the chrysalis for ever! The day will come when the cases will begin to turn and twist violently and when they will split open. The day will come when out of that casing a beautiful butterfly will emerge. A butterfly that is the caterpillar, but a butterfly that looks nothing like the caterpillar.

And the day came, on that first Easter Sunday, when out of that tomb the Saviour emerged. The same, yet different, having broken the bondage of death once and for all.

The butterfly will be released to roam free outside, Jesus is now seated in the right hand of God in glory.

The much awaited for Saviour, is the risen Lord, is our closest friend, is with us always.

The much awaited for Saviour, lives and gives us life to the fullest.

God's blessings,

Eva

Forthcoming social events arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church



Cream Teas Saturday 17th June

We will be serving cream teas in the garden of Great Holland Methodist Church.

More details in the next edition of Village Voice.

COACH TRIP TO BURY ST EDMUNDS

Wednesday 28th June (market day)



Pick up time from Great Holland Methodist Church will be approximately 9.45am. We will have plenty of time to explore this lovely market town. Cost will be £11 per person. To reserve a place on this trip, please telephone Anne on **675065**.

WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

We hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and friendly company. We also have donated goods and hand made cards for sale.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines
Treasurer: Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius:
Planning Officers: John Poulton & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

That spring I promised you in the last letter is arriving beautifully!

To celebrate, we have finally bought a nice new PA system (jointly with the Village Hall Committee) and it will be blasting your ears at the AGM on Saturday May 13th. Hopefully, our hopeless mumblings at the front will now be heard by all. I do apologise that it has taken so long to realise this problem and do something about it.

That four days of road closure down by the bridge that I mentioned in the same letter ended as planned but, within days, a contraflow appeared and it's still going strong with no end in sight as I write this. There are two possible explanations. Firstly, lots of you could have petitioned Essex County Council to obstruct the traffic flow again, as you found the extra time on the way to school, work or shops restful and a good time to catch up on your reading! Secondly, that the contractors are confident enough about Essex County Council monitoring to try again for the Guinness Book of Records, page 388, which records the longest time taken by a contractor to link a new development to services and utilities. Thus far, they have smashed the record by eight days and rising, so congratulations to them on this triumph of incompetence!

Well, it wouldn't be the same if Tendring District Council gave us nothing to complain about and they have not disappointed. It triumphantly announced that it now has over 4.8 years of building land and expected to hit the magic five year requirement shortly (if a council does not have such a supply, then, roughly speaking, it's open season for developers to do what they want). No mention, of course, of why it has taken them several years to get this far (very wise, of course, as no one is that anxious to advertise their own culpability). They did emphasise that this triumph had played a part in winning a recent appeal against a refusal of consent. Now, that was true. Even I admit it and it is better late than never.

Why therefore are Tendring planning officers still encouraging developers in secret meetings to put in inappropriate applications and then recommending approval to a lapdog Planning Committee that regards challenge and discussion of public objections as too revolutionary to contemplate? These secret meetings are perfectly lawful, because the legislation provides for a so-called 'pre-app', so that developers can get a sense of what might prove acceptable to a planning authority. Actually, that makes a lot of sense to me and the procedure has been around for decades. IF planners do their job and view the planning function as a way of achieving balance between land owners and the interests of the local community, this works fine. We

won't always agree with the outcome but, overall, it works and I have seen that in many different council areas in which I have worked or lived.

Then you come to Tendring and you find a gaggle of councillors effectively controlling the planning functions, who view the entire system as red tape restricting the legitimate desires of developers to make money. Over the years, they have recruited like minded planning officers and the consequence is what my neighbour told me on moving here. TDC means "The Developers' Council". Having engineered the lack of a local plan to create a free for all (and I do indeed believe that some councillors DID engineer it), it appears TDC has another tactic up its sleeve to keep the gate open indefinitely. Here is how it works.

As a planning officer committed to freedom to develop, you have to be careful. You want to be helpful, but you have to look as though you are viewing each application on its merits. Developers use the pre-app system widely, but they almost always do it when they understand the proposal is likely to be controversial. Conservation areas and ribbon development are two classic cases.

Particularly in a village context, every planner I have ever known adopts a highly restrictive approach to these two and it's blindingly obvious why that is. With the first, the clue is in the title! "Conservation" doesn't mean "ossification", but it does mean a deeply conservative approach to retain the character that led to the designation in the first place.

With the second, the object is to prevent urban sprawl which, in a village context, means preventing the merger of settlement areas and defending green gaps as though life depended on it. That is how you stop a village becoming a town.

I have written plenty in previous letters about those big detached new houses out on Kirby Road; ribbon development, plain and simple and waved through on the quiet by a TDC planning officer. Then we have two consents in Church Lane in the Conservation Area, one of them (amazingly) in someone's front garden. Then we have the even more recent ribbon development consent along Pork Lane. All these followed pre-apps and all of them led to an officer recommendation for approval and all of them were unchallenged by the Planning Committee. Now we come to the latest.

Just beyond The Lion's Den and the two new bungalows very sensibly built on this eyesore of a site is an older bungalow called "Veldt". Just beyond that is a big field fronting Little Clacton Road for several hundred metres to the next dwelling. An application is in to build three bungalows in a little cul de sac on the land next to Veldt. It was preceded by a pre-app and I understand the planning officer is recommending approval. Do you need special expertise to understand that shortly after that one is granted, the process will repeat itself until the greenfield frontage is filled in! Several million pounds must be at stake here in the longer run! Once that first, 'harmless' little consent goes through, TDC is stripped of any valid argument to resist subsequent applications.

Any planning officer is in a position to effectively prevent this happening by presenting a rational argument at the pre-app and, if the application still comes in, developing that argument further to recommend refusal. With almost enough land for a five year supply, TDC is also strongly placed to win any appeal.

I believe this is not happening and planning officers with personal agendas are deliberately encouraging this process. I am not claiming corruption. Not at all, as a planning officer is legally entitled to form a view and express it. I am claiming that planning officers are effectively

making policy on the hoof, according to personal prejudice and that this must meet with the approval of the councillors, who do not challenge it. The pre-apps may take place in secret, but the officer recommendations are public and there are only three explanations. The councillors approve, the councillors simply don't care or the councillors are too spineless to raise objection. Whichever one you choose, local opinion becomes irrelevant. I shall, of course, address the lapdog committee in due course, as will Councillor Bucke. Provided the earth stops turning in the meantime, I am confident they will listen intently and respectfully to both of us and realise the error of their ways!

Enjoy the sounds, smells and colours of spring. The Church Lane peacock, Percy, is looking magnificent and preparing to 'sing' vainly for a mate, starting around 5am. The green woodpeckers have already started their raucous mating calls and the more melodious of our feathered friends are slowly gearing up for the magnificent dawn chorus in six weeks or so.

Best regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA



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NEW BEGINNERS CLASS

Starts

Thursday 6th April 10 a.m.-12 noon

At

Gt. Holland Village Hall

Manor Road

Gt. Holland CO13 0JY

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Our club was formed in 2002 and is run by the members for the members. Our instructors have 20 years experience, and are not paid. We run as a not for profit club, and any excess is donated to local charities of the members choosing..

CONTACT DES 01255 679610



CURRY NIGHT

in aid of the Yashua Sanctuary in India

Saturday 29th April

St Mary's Church Hall, Old Road, Frinton at 7.30pm

£5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child

Come along and enjoy an evening of good food and company, and help raise some money for the charity which houses and educates abandoned girls in Goa, India.

Tickets to be paid for in advance - numbers are limited so buy them early! Available from:
Sue Jenkins on **01255 850317** or St Mary's Church Office on **01255 679164**

Update from Councillor Robert J. Bucke

I am still trying to get a response from Essex County Council regarding repairs to Pork Lane following the disastrous road closure of Kirby Road; not to mention lights not working, potholes unrepaired, footpaths not maintained, planning matters, insufficient primary school places etc. I hope to provide a further update on some of these issues in the next edition of Village Voice.

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**Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery
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April 2017 Newsletter

Greetings from the surgery, I am sorry there was no newsletter last month. I had a skiing holiday and missed the deadline when I returned because the surgery was so busy at that time. I had never been skiing before and as I am always keen to try new things thought I would give it a go. It's fair to say I'm not a natural but after seeing so many people in wheel chairs and on crutches at the airport I think I did pretty well for an 'old girl'.

When undertaking a new type of exercise or embarking on a fitness regime it is a good idea to make sure you are not overextending your capabilities and that you have the basic equipment necessary. Walking for example needs only sensible shoes in this area and not survivalist equipment, and for this reason walking is an excellent place to start to improve health and wellbeing. We should all probably do more exercise and with the approach of spring why not get outside and make the most of what this beautiful area has to offer.

There have been a number of consultation events locally to look at the provision of health care, primarily the walk-in-centres, minor injuries units and the out-of-hours provisions are being looked at. The consultation period is now finished and we await the clinical commissioners' review of urgent care in our area. Members of the PPG have attended some of the meetings and had their voices heard. I think undoubtedly there will be some kind of change that will affect everyone in this area. I will let you know via the PPG and the newsletter of what the outcome is but undoubtedly it will be in the local press.

The building of new homes in the Tendring area is a big topic at present and this will obviously have an effect on what health provisions are made, population growth has a direct effect on health, schools and infrastructure. The community must take advantage of any consultation events that are held in order to get the best deal on the table. To hear of meetings and events that affect health I would suggest that everyone is a member of a PPG. This is the most reliable way to keep informed of surgery news and local hospital issues. If you would like to know more of the work that the PPG does to support the surgery and to have your voice heard contact ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net

Kind Regards

Karen Austen

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Dog collars

A concerned Great Holland resident has contacted Village Voice to report that two dog collars have been found recently in Pork Lane and others in Frinton. The resident is urging vigilance by dog owners, in case the collars could be connected with 'dog-napping'.

Other residents with similar concerns, or information, might wish to contact Dog Watch Essex via Facebook. Dog Watch is an Essex Police led scheme to encourage dog owners and walkers to be the additional eyes, ears and paws within the community and be part of the extended Policing family. Alternatively, you could notify our PCSOs using the contact details given elsewhere in the magazine.



Additional Yoga class at Great Holland Village Hall

An additional Yoga Class now takes place at Great Holland Village Hall on Wednesdays from 11.00am - 12.30pm, (following the earlier class at 9.30am - 11.00am.) Teacher Srina provides step-by-step guidance on breathing techniques, yoga postures and proper relaxation. If you are interested in joining the class or just want to find out more, please contact Srina on **07835 730593**.

Local events

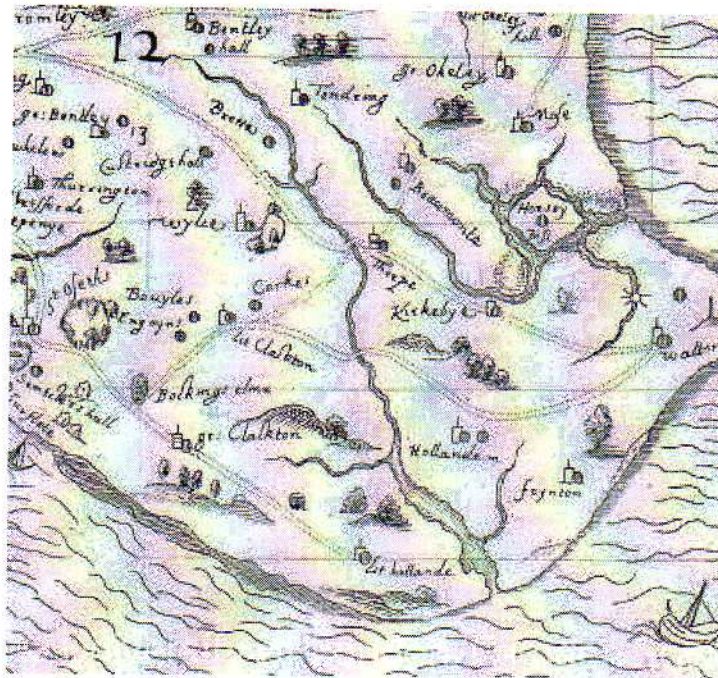
News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. We print the details in Village Voice in good faith, but circumstances can change. To avoid possible disappointment may we suggest that if you plan to attend an event mentioned in Village Voice, you might like to use any contact number given to check whether the event is still taking place.

The Editors

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Great Holland sea shore

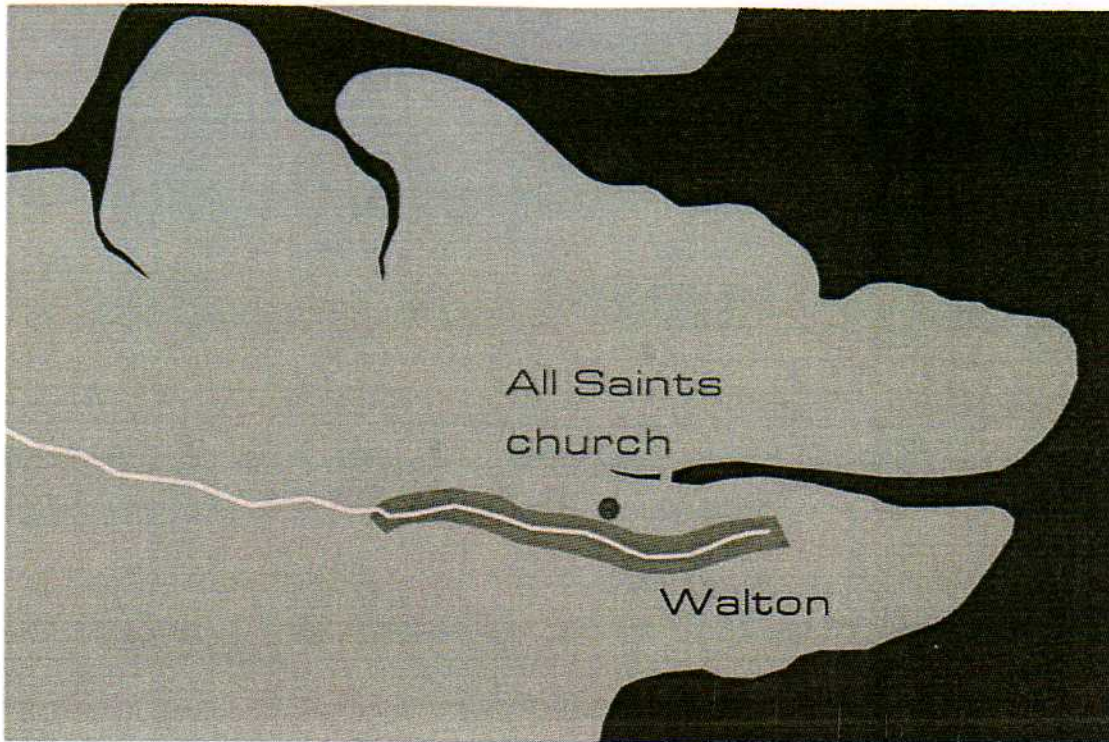


Some of you know that besides being warden at Great Holland Pits, I also look after Colne Point nature reserve, a large area of sand, gravel and mud just to the west of St Osyth. Much of the beach material there migrated westwards by the parish of Great Holland to get deposited at Colne Point. A quick look at the aerial photographs on Google illustrate a very smooth mostly south facing aspect to the coastline, and further investigation on the ground show man-made defences all the way from the crag walk at the Naze to the higher ground at Point Clear.

Before the influence of people the coast was irregular. Erosion at the Naze is said to have taken the coast back nine miles since medieval times, Walton with its church then being well inland. Imagine the volume of aggregate crumbling into the sea as the cliffs of Walton, Frinton, Holland On Sea and Clacton were steadily planed back. Flood tides and wave action have the tendency to roll pebbles up the beach and usually along to the west, and as the wave subsides they roll down again, still edging towards Colne Point. There was plenty of material to build up a sand ridge west of Clacton all the way to Colne Point, and the sheltered conditions behind this enormous ridge gathered silt to form the marshes behind. There was enough gravel at Colne Point for a quarrying operation to operate for many years and some of the remains of the equipment can still be seen there. Barges transported much of it to Bow Creeks in East London for building.

The situation in the parish of Great Holland was more complicated. The site of Holland Brook which almost surrounds the village was then a tidal creek, known as the Gunfleet. The large volume of water pushed in and out by tidal action would not allow a continuous ridge to form, and the vast volumes of gravel being transported are likely to have built up in a series of spits in the area of Frinton Golf course.

The Gunfleet included the 'Haven', in medieval times a massive tidal channel used as a harbour. Historic documents record that eventually it started to silt up and it shipping became problematic. A seawall was built towards the end of the 17th century thus reclaiming the area as pasture, and the smooth line of the present coast evolved.



Erosion is still an issue, despite the provision of groynes and breakwaters to hinder the movement of sand and gravel westwards. The current most cost effective way of slowing the erosion has involved building stone structures known as fishtail groynes using huge rocks from Norway. Thirty eight of these have recently been installed between Holland Sluice and Clacton Pier at about £1 million each, with sand being pumped to the beaches from off shore.


However sea defence is very expensive and attempts are being made to rationalise what is done. Money spent should not exceed the value of the land protected. A series of Shoreline Management Plans were published, which propose to maintain the line until 2025 or 2050, but afterwards the cost of sea defence would not be met by taxes. Landowners would be responsible. I expect politicians to modify these plans as things happen.

These web sites have lots of information about these matters:

http://www.losttown.net/the_project/background.html

<https://www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/explore/items/gunfleet-estuary-and-holland-haven>

For your diary:

Barnes Spinney Open day and Plant sale		9 th April
Weeleyhall Wood Bluebell Day		30 th April
Great Holland Pits Open day and Pond Dipping		28 th May

Bob Seago Warden, Great Holland Pits

Engains W.I.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in **Little Clacton Village Hall**, at 7.30pm. We are a lively and jovial bunch and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our group, please do come along as our guest. Details of our April meeting are as follows:

Wednesday 12th April

River Keeping

Quinton Page

(A members only event will take place on the second Wednesday of May)

Please telephone Linda Pidgeon on **01255 428562** for more information about Engains WI.

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Our meetings take place at St Cedd's Hall, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea at 7.30pm

Although this Club was started for those who collect, or are interested in, postcards, you do not have to have this as a hobby to join our friendly social evenings and enjoy the talks/presentations given by guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Visitors and potential new members will be made very welcome. The entrance fee to our meetings is £2, which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 11th April

Lord Haig, Victor Victorian

Peter Drake

Tuesday 9th May

Balsham, Cambridgeshire

Margaret Wilsher

Plus Display



Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

Tendring First Ladies

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that meets on the first Monday of each month (although this can vary due to Bank Holidays), at **Frinton Methodist Church Hall** at 2.30pm. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of room hire. A speaker talks for about 30 minutes before tea and homemade cakes are served. We also have a raffle.

Monday 3rd April:

Easter Social Afternoon

Monday 8th May:



Plant Sale organised by Ann Oxley

For more details please contact Fiona Robertson: 01255 679006 or fiona348@btinternet.com

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 6th April

'Daffodils/Narcissi - and what the judges are looking for on the show bench'

A talk by Peter Morris with examples of the classes.

Competition: Specimen Daffodils/Narcissi

Saturday 15th April

SPRING SHOW

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Open to the public: 1.30pm

Prize giving: 3.00pm

Thursday 4th May

'An introduction to Bonsai'

A talk by John Felgate

Competition: Specimen Tulips



If you are interested in joining the Society, please come to one of our meetings or contact the Membership Secretary (Linda O'Reilly) on 852195 for further details. Our annual membership subscription is £7.

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on Thursday 6th April and Thursday 4th May at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, a chat and to plan activities for future meetings. You can bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts: 851118



Tending Cats Protection

Spring Bazaar & Plant Sale

Saturday 20th May, 10.00am - 1.00pm

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Stalls selling plants, home made cakes/produce, handicrafts, etc. Also tombola and a raffle.

Refreshments available.

FREE admission but donations of cat food very welcome!



POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (reports from 20/1/2017 – 13/03/2017).

Animal welfare : Unknown persons shooting birds. Wildlife Officer is dealing with.

Highway disruption : Traffic lights not working

Nuisance neighbour : Ongoing issue

Road traffic accident : Vehicle in ditch, Little Clacton Road

Road traffic accident : 3 vehicle accident near cemetery

As you can see no major crime in or around the village.

OTHER

Frinton and Walton Speed Watch group have been putting in a lot of hours in Little Clacton Road and Main Road. Results have been sent to Casualty Reduction department for processing. Thank you for all your hard work in the area. If anyone is interested in joining this group please email me of your interest.

Now the warmer weather is here please remember to secure all windows and doors when leaving your premises.

Also, be mindful of Rogue Traders operating in the summer looking for gardening work, roof work, etc. Please do your homework before agreeing any work. Always check identification when someone calls at your door.

Enjoy the warm weather.

You can contact either me or Michele by calling 101, Extension 487553, or by email (see below).

Please be vigilant and stay safe.

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Walton Police Station
Martello Road, Walton-on-naze

paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk
michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Alan Nash has lived in Great Holland for almost 70 years having occupied homes in Little Clacton Road, Church Lane, Pork Lane and Manor Road. He is particularly concerned regarding the footpath that runs from the end of Church Lane to Frinton.

“Newer residents in the village might not be aware that this footpath was, until recently, a concrete paved area approximately four feet wide; going from the farm located on the left hand side of what is now a farm track with a concrete area. It then turns left and became a paved and tarmac surface before it turns right heading downhill to cross Kirby Brook at the tennis courts at the bottom.

My mother and grandmother, as well as other villagers, used to push prams and pushchairs along this path to get to Frinton where they collected their NHS milks, etc.

Many other people from the village used this path on a daily basis to get to and from their work places in Frinton and Walton or just to go shopping as Frinton then had shops like Woolworth, The Co-op, together with many privately owned shops that sold things like records, radios and electrical appliances.

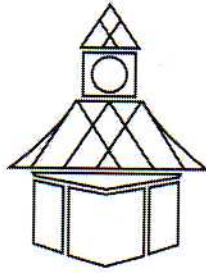
As young lads we would ‘head across the fields to Frinton’ as it was often referred to, so we could spend our hard earned pocket money (Yes, earned!) in one of the shops, using the well-known footpath on our bikes be it legal or not to ride on a footpath at that time.

This footpath was originally maintained on a regular basis by Tendring Council and I have watched council workmen (some villagers) carry out concrete and tarmac repairs on the entire length from Great Holland to Frinton.”

Alan has been in touch with Essex County Council regarding who should be responsible for reinstating this footpath and he would be grateful to hear from anyone offering support for this. He would also like to hear from any long-term residents in the form of memories or photographs of the footpath as it originally was (anonymously if preferred).

Alan Nash, 9 Manor Road, Great Holland CO13 0JT





FRINTONS SUMMER THEATRE

Presents

“The FST Spring Miscellany”

An Evening of Music, Poetry, Laughter and Song

Sunday 30th April 2017

At

The McGrigor Hall

Fourth Avenue, Frinton

Reception 7pm for 7:30pm

Licensed Bar

Raffle / Auction

Tickets £15 inclusive of Light Refreshment

Available from Caxton Books, Connaught Ave

Or by contacting: Pat Telephone: 679092

FRIENDS OF FRINTON THEATRE



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Liz Bruce, the Local History Recorder, has asked us to include details of this event in the magazine. Liz will be there on the day and hopes that as many of the residents as possible will drop in

CLACTON VCH GROUP
Investigating Local History

A Pop - Up History Day

Featuring

The Local Home Guard in WWII

Riggs' Retreat at Clacton,
A new book launch of a Victorian enterprise

Also: Local History groups, talks, refreshments

Saturday 8th April 2017
10am - 4.30pm

St. James's Church Hall, Tower Road, Clacton on Sea

Next to the West Cliff Theatre

Free Admission

Donations welcome for hall hire, etc



March 2017

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder

Frinton Festival 2017

26th – 29th May inclusive



The annual concert in All Saints' Church in Great Holland, featuring music for strings by Mozart and Dvorak, will be on **Saturday 27th May** at 7.00pm, followed by a post-concert meal with performers and audience (those who want to come!) at The Manor. As always, the church will be filled to the brim with candles and flowers and there will be a celebratory peal of bells from 6.15-6.45pm to welcome everyone.

Back in 2011 local resident Joan Ellis suggested that my Barbican Piano Trio give a concert in Voysey's remarkable "Homestead" and tickets for the concert sold out very quickly. The following year there was a waiting list for tickets and a year later this waiting list had as many names as there had been tickets available. "Well, you will just have to start a Festival" she said, so I did.

Frinton has many interesting and unusual places which could host beautiful music-making, but I noticed that there is very little going on during the year. A highlight is the series of Thursday lunchtime concerts at St. Mary's Church. With the purchase of a reconditioned grand piano and Duncan Archard's efforts as the Church's Musical Director, the future there is bright.

What the Frinton Festival does is bring a quality of music-making that would otherwise only be available by travelling to London right to the doorstep of local residents. The choice of music is carefully matched to the character of the space in which it is to be performed and has included bold explorations of music by the little known Russian composer Sergei Taneyev, the surprisingly under-appreciated Camille Saint-Saens and the rather better known Ludwig van Beethoven. The acoustic perfection of the Old Church and All Saints' Church across the fields in Great Holland has been readily enjoyed, and this year concert-goers will benefit from the extensive reconditioning of the elegant Steinway piano in the "Homestead". The new flexible seating in St. Mary's Parish Church proved to be a huge plus in 2016 as it allows for an "in-the-round" setting that means that all the audience are seated excitingly close to the performers.

We have found that the Festival Audience is fearlessly curious! So each concert in the 2017 Festival, which runs from 26th-29th May, features not only beautiful music by Mozart and Dvorak, but also a piece by a living composer. The audience will have the opportunity to meet and chat to them about their music and why they wrote what they wrote.

The Festival attracts visitors from beyond the gates to Frinton and we already have 2017 bookings from France, Denmark, Yorkshire and Sussex. We are keen that the local area should benefit as widely as possible and have established links with local restaurants, B&Bs and especially with the unique Naze Gallery.

There are several innovations this year. The Red Lion in Kirby is hosting an acoustic showcase where pub-goers can enjoy live bite-sized classical string quartet music while sipping a pint and meeting friends. The same group will perform this beautiful music for residents and visitors to Read House and Mid-Meadows care homes, who would otherwise probably not be able to enjoy what the Festival has to offer, supported by Frinton Rotary Club. And this year anyone can take part by singing in a special Festival Evensong at St. Mary's on Sunday 28th May - there are rehearsals before the service and on the preceding Thursday evening.

Those purchasing tickets for a Festival event somewhat uniquely buy into the whole experience then and there. Programmes are included in the ticket price, as are interval refreshments, a selection of wines generously provided by the Festival's sponsors - locally based wine-merchant Mr. Wheeler. There are free tickets for the Friday and Saturday concerts for those aged 8-25 thanks to the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust. Full details are at www.frintonfestival.com

FRINTON FESTIVAL

Friday 26th May 2017 at 7.30pm
OPENING CONCERT

The Barbican Piano Trio & Adam Newman (viola).

Music by Mozart, Dvorak and the world premiere of Noah Max's 'Sojourn' in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Free Tickets for 8-25s supported by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust.

Ticketholders can enjoy a Free WINE TASTING courtesy of Mr. Wheeler from 6.30pm.

Saturday 27th May 2017 at 7pm
STRING QUINTETS

by candlelight in All Saints, Great Holland. Music by Mozart, Dvorak and Joseph Phibbs.

Free Tickets for 8-25s supported by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust.

Monday 29th May 2017 at 6.45pm
GUT FEELING

Subversive strings at Frinton Tennis Club. Sophie Lockett, Sofia Kolupov, Kirsty Mangan & Robert Max strum their strings in music by Amy Winehouse, Haydn, Dave Brubeck, Beethoven, Madness, Dvorak, Queens of the Stone Age...

...plus come-and-sing **FESTIVAL EVENSONG** at St. Mary's Parish Church and
SPECIAL FREE PERFORMANCES
at The Red Lion in Kirby-le-Soken, Read House & Mid-Meadows Care Home.







Tickets (which are on sale now) cost £18.50 and include a free programme and a glass of wine in the interval.

Email frintonfestival@gmail.com or call 01255 319141 to reserve tickets.

www.frintonfestival.com



What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	Cardio Vascular exercise 6.45-7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday 	Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)2.30-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	Aerobics 7.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday 	Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

£10 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)