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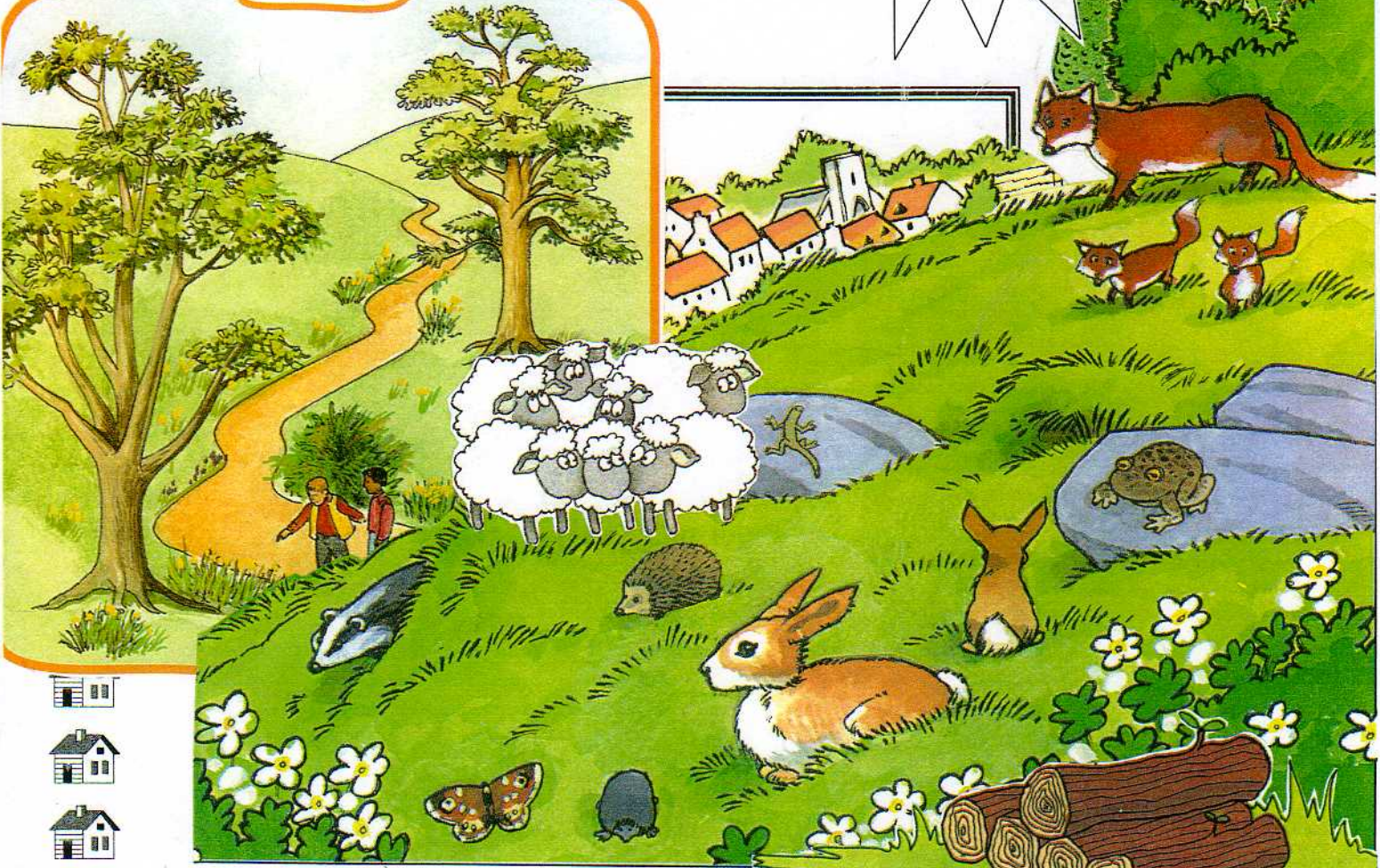
# Great Holland Village Voice



Royal Wedding  
Garden Party -  
see inside!



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April & May 2011



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... to the April/May edition of Village Voice.



## Included in this edition ...



- ❖ News about a Royal Wedding Garden Party in the village!
- ❖ Minutes of the last GHRA meeting
- ❖ Article on life around our Village Green

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 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 [redacted] or Sandra on [redacted] 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 24<sup>th</sup> May**



## Can you help, please? ...

Could you spare a few hours if we need help occasionally to either **print** or **distribute** Village Voice?

Having prepared the copy, artwork, layout etc, we then spend about fourteen hours (spread over two days) printing your magazine. If the printer misbehaves, it can take us even longer! Our other halves also kindly spend time ferrying us and the magazines around on printing days. We would like to compile a list of three or four volunteers who would be prepared to help with printing the magazines and/or delivering them to the distributors, if we are unavailable due to illness, holidays etc. Also, although we have a full team of distributors at the moment (thank you everyone!) it would help to have one or two 'reserves' for that side of things too. If you could help, please call one of us on the numbers shown above. Thank you. Linda and Sandra.



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# Village Contacts and Local Information

<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
<b>Residents' Association</b>	Mr John Poulten (Chair)	679233
<b>All Saints' Church Minister</b>	Post Vacant (Messages can be left on 675997)	675997
<b>Methodist Church Minister</b>	Rev. Ray King	675336
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<b>Great Holland Village Stores</b>	Main Road	674359
<b>Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council</b> (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mr R G Richmond (Town Clerk)  Cllr. Mr Alan Large	676666  671490
<b>Tendring District Council</b>	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
<b>Essex County Council</b>	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
<b>Walton Police Station</b>	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)
<b>Mobile Police Station</b>	Outside "The Ship" P.H: 9.00 - 9.45am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.	
<b>Neighbourhood Watch Administrator</b>	Paul Teague - Clacton Police Station: 0300 333 4444 (Extension 16360).	
<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	Please call Calvin Heal at Clacton Police Station (0300 333 4444) for advice on home security.	
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	0800 555111	
<b>Mobile Library</b>	Calls fortnightly in Great Holland on: <u>Tuesdays</u> <b>The Close:</b> Arrives 9.15am, departs 9.30am <b>Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove:</b> Arrives 4.30pm, departs 4.45pm <u>Thursdays</u> <b>Rosery Mews:</b> Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am	
<b>Civic Amenity Tip</b>	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Opening hours: <b>Between 1 March and 30 September:</b> 8.00am - 5.00pm. <b>Between 1 May and 31 August:</b> As above, but until 7.00pm on Tuesdays. <b>Between 1 October and end February:</b> 8.00am - 4.00pm.	



# Dates for your Diary ...

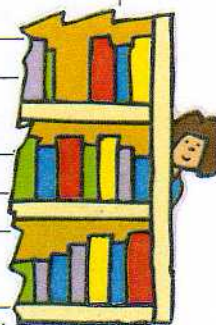
## APRIL



<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Home Made Hour:</b> Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am <b>Tea Dance:</b> Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00 - 4.00pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Barnes Spinney, Walton:</b> Garden Plant Sale and walk.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews. <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>PCSO Surgery:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Frinton Farmers &amp; Craft Market:</b> McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday. <b>AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!</b> <b>The Ship:</b> Karaoke, 8.00pm - late
<i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Ship:</b> BBQ + Live Music with Havana - 2.00pm.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews. <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
<b>FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>★ ROYAL WEDDING GARDEN PARTY at The Ship ★</b> Hog Roast + Live Music with The Blue Shadows - 2.00pm

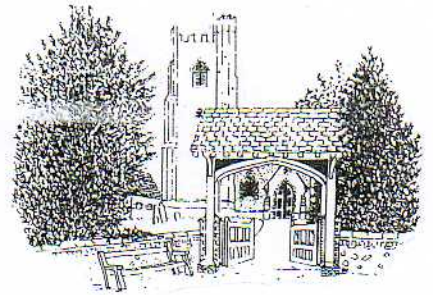


<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Ship:</b> BBQ + Live Music - 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>PCSO Surgery:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. <b>Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Ship:</b> Karaoke, 8.00pm - late
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Home Made Hour:</b> Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am <b>Tea Dance:</b> Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00 - 4.00pm
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weeleyhall Wood:</b> Bluebell Day, with guided walks.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews. <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews. <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Frinton Farmers &amp; Craft Market:</b> McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday. <b>AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>★ GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING ★</b> <b>Village Hall 10.00am (for 10.30 start).</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Ship:</b> BBQ + Live Music with Class Act - 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.



To include events occurring in **June or July** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on [phone] or Sandra on [phone] by **15 May** if possible.

## All Saints' Church



### Easter - a time for reflection ...

I recently watched a short series of programmes entitled 'Stargazing', presented by Professor Brian Cox, which included contributions by two sometimes controversial characters, Dara O Briain and Jonathan Ross.

Being rather low on the scale of intelligence I usually find 'Space' type programmes way beyond me, but these three men presented in an interesting and light hearted manner which kept me happily focused. So when I learned that Prof. Brian Cox was presenting a further series, 'Wonders of the Universe', I was eager to view. The first programme, 'Destiny', was quite deep and it could have left some viewers a little depressed, as it was about how the universe was changing. He highlighted what was happening to our planet, how in billions of years time Earth would no longer exist, and how much further down the line the whole universe would have decayed into nothingness. Even being assured that it wouldn't happen in our or our children's children's lifetime I went to bed somberly thoughtful!

Well, as I write this I am aware that Japan has experienced one of the strongest earthquakes on record and though the movement of the tectonic plates was unseen, the consequences at the surface were just unbelievably horrific. A wall of water up to thirty feet high surging inland taking with it everything in its path; fleets of vehicles swept along as if matchboxes and houses torn from their foundations and totally destroyed. In a moment destruction and chaos only thought up for the worst-case disaster movies; and then two days later we hear of further and even more alarming consequences of this tsunami; the potential meltdown in four nuclear power plants! Our thoughts and prayers must surely be with this nation as they face such a nightmare scenario.

With natural disasters seemingly becoming more common and severe, and with the many conflicts and tensions in the world the question is again asked, are these signs of 'the end days'. Well it is true that the Bible says that in the last days there will be wars and rumours of wars, famines and earthquakes; and as we know some sects have predicted the last day and it has come and gone with no ill effect. What Jesus said was 'no one knows the day or the hour' but He also told his followers to be ready, be prepared, and to live a life in accordance with God's will. From these words of Christ it seems that we need to examine ourselves (look in the mirror of our inner being) and where we see our shortcomings come to Him in prayer, penitence, and a readiness to be forgiven, allowing Him to become part of our lives. Surely Easter is an appropriate time as we remember the purpose of His death and resurrection.

*Rod Cutting  
(Church Warden)*



# All Saints' news



The first Sunday in April (3<sup>rd</sup> April) is **Mothering Sunday**, when posies will be handed out to children to give to their mothers - please come if you can and make this a special family day.

## From All Saints' Diary - APRIL 2011:

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Home Made Hour in Village Hall
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY: Special Service led by Sue Wiggins</b>
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) in church hall Kirby
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>Holy Communion (with friends from St Michael's)</b> <b>Morning Service</b> <b>Deanery Celebration at Frinton Parish Church</b>
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Room
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Housegroup meets at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>PALM SUNDAY: Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) in church hall Kirby
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY: AN HOUR BY THE CROSS</b>
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION</b>

## From All Saints' Diary - MAY 2011:

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	<b>Family Service</b>
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) in church hall Kirby
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Home Made Hour in Village Hall
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	<b>Holy Communion (with our friends from St Michael's)</b> <b>Morning Service</b> <b>Tower Restoration Thanksgiving Service led by Revd Peter Coley</b>
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Housegroup meets at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) in church hall Kirby
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	<b>Morning Service</b>
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Joint service with St Michael's</b>



## Easter at All Saints'

<b>Maundy Thursday:</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	AGAPE Supper in Church Hall, Kirby (sign up please)
<b>Good Friday:</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	'An Hour at the Cross' - Meditation
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion at Kirby
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast in Church Hall</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter All Age Communion at Kirby</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Communion joined by Kirby</b>



## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

**RECTOR:** Post vacant (messages can be left on 675997).

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

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:** Churchwardens (ex officio), Judith Little, Liz Walters, Rose Batten, Don Osler, Jamie Wright, John Beale and Vanessa Giles.

**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).

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

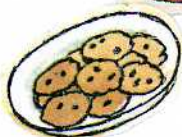
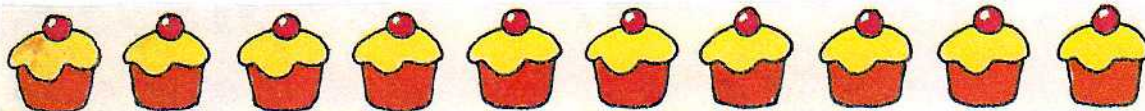
**SIDESPERSIONS:** Mary Clark, Ken Green, Hilary Green, Pauline Knight, Rose Batten and Wilf Barnes

**MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM:** Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors), Mim Wilson, Irene Lightowler, Michele Frere, Ingrid Harding, Judith Little, Eric Elsworth, Audrey Warren, June Forrest, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Eileen Derrick and Pauline Knight (Distributors).

## 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 people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The hourly charge for winter (October - April) is £7 per hour.

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



# Home Made Hour



**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our March Home Made Hour, which raised **£122.60** for All Saints' Church. Our next Home Made Hours will take place in the Village Hall from 10.00 - 11.00am on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** and **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Please come along for tea, coffee, friendly company, the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, scones etc and hand crafted greetings cards. We also have a raffle. Our April Home Made Hour will have an Easter theme.



This is more my mother's recipe than mine as it was given to her many years ago from her friend who was from Lancashire. The original recipe calls for Lancashire cheese but we often use Cheddar instead.

## Leek and Cheese Pie

### Ingredients

1lb (500g) short crust pastry  
1lb (500g) leeks  
4-6oz (100-200g) cheese (more if you like it cheesy)

### Method

- Clean & chop leeks into small pieces
- Cook in boiling water until tender
- Line 9 inch (22cm) dish with pastry (quite thinly rolled)
- Spread cooked leeks in dish and cover with grated cheese (or sliced thinly if using Lancashire cheese)
- Season with pepper
- Cover with pastry.
- Brush top with milk.
- Cook Gas 6/200c for 25-30 mins
- Can be eaten hot or cold.



ENJOY!

**Karen Withams**







## Great Holland Methodist Church



### REMINDER!

Just another reminder that we hold regular 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANK AND PEGGY GLADING ON THEIR 'BLUE SAPPHIRE' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY .....



Photo courtesy of  
the Frinton &  
Walton Gazette

Frank and Peggy, who live in the Crescent, celebrated their blue sapphire wedding anniversary on 23 February and were joined by family and friends for a meal at The Skipper that evening.

Peggy Glading has lived in the village all her life and was in fact born in the house where she now resides. After their marriage at All Saints Church they moved in with her parents and, following the death of her father, they stayed on to care for her mother.



## CLACTON FOOTLIGHTS

PRESENTS

### "MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR"

IN AID OF ST. HELENA HOSPICE



SATURDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2011

GOLF GREEN HALL, GOLF GREEN ROAD, JAYWICK

2.30 P.M. & 7.30 P.M.

TICKETS: £5 EACH (INCLUDES 'BANGERS & CHIP'S MEAL)

AVAILABLE FROM: SYLVIE: 01255 430689/SUE: 01255 222510

ENQUIRIES/BOOKINGS: CLACTONFOOTLIGHTS@BTINTERNET.COM

## ROYAL WEDDING GARDEN PARTY

THE SHIP

MANOR ROAD, GREAT HOLLAND

FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

2 P.M.

HOG ROAST & LIVE MUSIC WITH

"THE BLUE SHADOWS"





## **GHRA – Meeting**

Date : 29th January 2011 10.30am (Concluded at 11.25am)

Venue: Orchard Tea Room, Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane.

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### **Minutes**

Chairman - John Poulten  
Hon. Secretary - Paul Withams  
Treasurer – Denys & Lindy Strich

John Poulten welcomed everyone, including our visitors Mayor Robert Bucke and PCSO Paul Brassey & PC Ian Rutherford.

**Apologies for Absence:** were received from:

Hazel & David Martin, Robin & Jackie Moulton, Eddie Forest, Malcolm Graham,  
Clint & Sally Strutt, David Masters, Sylvia Nicoll, Liz & Nigel Oakley.

Thanks were recorded to Rose for the hospitality of the Orchard Tea Room.

**Minutes of the last meeting (30<sup>th</sup> October 2010) were approved** - as published in Village Voice.

#### **Matters Arising**

John advised that his usual open letter to the Village would be available in the next edition of Village Voice (which is in the process of being printed.)

- **Land for potential Travellers site.**  
Tendring District Counsel has completed the exercise of identifying and inviting requests to sell land. Although two sites in Kirby had been mentioned in the report to TDC, these were considered to be marginal and, that the nearest site likely to be offered is Weeley and towards Ardleigh.

#### **Police Update**

PCSO Paul Brassey provided a summary on the few Great Holland related items logged by the Police since the last meeting:

- 1 suspicious caller
- 1 Nuisance Noise at Village Hall (related to a Christmas Party).
- 1 Concern for the welfare of an elderly neighbour.
- 2 Road Traffic Collisions on the Marshes
- Criminal Damage in Pork Lane
- Suspicious vehicle with Police style lights on roof (transpired to be an off duty Soldier, visiting family).

General Police advice given:

- When leaving your vehicle, NEVER leave SatNavs + Cradles, handbags or valuables on display in cars.
- Be on watch for Prowlers – an increasing number of Oil / Fuel thefts have occurred in Tendring area, following the sharp increase in fuel prices.

**If in ANY doubt contact :**

- **PCSO Mobile number 07850 631017**
- **Essex Police Non-Emergency number 0300 333 4444**
- **In an emergency, 999**

Speed Camera Training.

PC Rob Willmott can provide the requisite 2 hour training to anyone interested in operating the speed gun. Users are provided with all equipment, together with guidance on dealing with any interaction with drivers. The index numbers recorded of offending drivers are passed to the Police central bureau and a warning letter issued. Police will take further action against repeat offenders. This is an ideal opportunity to address local speeding concerns.

Anyone interested should contact :

**PC Robert Willmott on : 07624 800101 or 0300 333 444 (EXT 487552) or Email : [robertwillmott2@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:robertwillmott2@essex.pnn.police.uk)**

The Mayor confirmed that F&WTC are seeking to arrange a combined training session and in doing so, avoid the need to pay the £200 training fee charged to Residents Associations.

A resident remarked that a high proportion of drivers in Main road can regularly be found driving whilst talking on hand held mobile phones.

**Treasurer's update-** provided by Denys & Lindy Strich

- Only 30 Households have renewed their 2011 subscription to the Association (vs. a 2010 year end membership of 96).
- Current bank balance is £1,803.38

The Gt Holland Christmas card sales were disappointing and created a loss, however with funds raised at the Beetle Drive and Christmas Social, the Association finished the year breaking even.

John Poulten has plenty of Cards remaining and said that a new card would not be produced for Christmas 2011, but rather, the existing stock would be re-offered for sale. Because of the poor responses in 2009 and 2010 it would be unlikely that the Association would produce new cards for 2012 and beyond.

The Christmas Social event was reported as a great success, which hopefully will be repeated in 2011. Thanks were given to Sandra Mooney for orchestrating this and the previous Beetle



drive event. The Christmas social raised £46 for the charity Crisis. Anyone with ideas for future events should contact Sandra Mooney on 672453. Anyone who could help should also contact Sandra.

Alan Large suggested that the association should hold a greater balance (near to a figure of £10,000) in the event that expert advice was required to represent the village. John Poulten felt the existing balance to be adequate and added that additional funds could be sought at the time they were needed.

- **A reminder that membership costs only £2 per person (or £4 per family)**  
If you haven't already done so – please send your subs to :  
Denys & Lindy Strich, The Warren, Church Lane.  
Alternatively, Standing Order forms are available for convenience.

### **Planning Matters -**

- **Kirby Secure Dementia Unit :**  
A Planning Agreement has still yet to be completed regarding the timing of the Highway alterations vs the completion of development work. As advised in October, F&WTC require the pavement and street work around the bridge and the creation of 2 new bus stops to be completed before the work on site commences (rather than the developer's preference for completing the work before the first resident is admitted). It was suggested that TDC appear content to allow the Highway work to follow after the first resident has taken occupation – with the risk that the developer might not then carry out the works, for whatever reason.

### **AOB**

#### **Junction of Little Clacton Rd and Sladbury's Lane / Holland Rd.**

A number of residents felt that the junction towards Clacton was too narrow and created a risk of accident. John Poulten agreed to make enquiries with Essex CC Highways as to options surrounding changing the layout (widening/mini-round about etc).

#### **Pork Lane dropped kerb**

John Poulten advised that the junction of Pork lane with Main Road would soon have the benefit of a dropped kerb – making crossing the junction with a wheel chair/push chair considerably easier. Installation estimated for March 2011.

**Pot Holes** – Essex CC Highways have advised that potholes will be repaired as part of on-going maintenance, however it was suggested that those who submit requests for repairs via the Essex County Council website are getting greater success than those writing/phoning. ([www.essex.gov.uk/Travel-Highways/Report-a-highway-problem](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Travel-Highways/Report-a-highway-problem))

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

John asked whether the residents would like to hold a Village event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's coronation (similar to that arranged for the Silver Jubilee in 1977.) The general feeling being that this would be a good idea, John said it would need appropriate planning/organising and that the various interest Groups around the Village should come together.



Action : JP to approach local interest groups to gauge interest and form a steering group.

### **Frinton Film Festival**

The Mayor reminded residents of the forthcoming Film Festival, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Residents are encouraged to vote for their favourite film at Caxton books (Connaught Ave.). The list from which to choose is quite extensive, however anyone hoping to see the 2011 Oscar nominated "The Kings Speech" are more likely to end up seeing the original 1930's version ! The winning Films will be shown at Afternoon and Evening performances. Tickets priced at £4 (afternoon) and £8 (evening) with profits going to charity.

### **Local Library**

In an effort to reduce costs, Essex CC is reviewing the benefits associated with the County's library services. Residents are encouraged to give their views during the consultation period (14<sup>th</sup> Feb – 27<sup>th</sup> March).

**If you value the Gt Holland Mobile Library, Frinton Library or Clacton Library services – now is the time to tell them** : else they may be considered dispensable.

- Forms available from Frinton Library.
- Sandra Mooney will attempt to include a form within the Village Voice.

### **Thanks to Robin Moulton**

A letter was received from Sally Strutt, thanking Robin Moulton for the hard work he had put into both removing a fallen tree from the footpath in Church Lane and in replacing the Kissing Gate at the footpath next to the Old Gt Holland Nurseries.

Alan Large informed the meeting that Robin had worked persistently to install a replacement, given the Essex CC contact advised that she felt the path was better without it. The semi-circular frame has already been re-instated and Robin is currently working with the forge in Lower Kirby to produce a gate which will close in the manner required.

### **Ditch by Pork Lane Bridleway.**

Judith Little mentioned that the ditch by the bridle way (at the top of Pork Lane) was full of rubbish. John Poulten was asked to contact the local magistrates office and enquire whether it would be possible for offenders undertaking community services could clear the ditches. However it was acknowledged that this ditch belonged to the land owner and suggested that emptying it was his responsibility.

*Footnote. Judith rang John on Monday morning to say that the ditch was now clear. It appears that Judith had not walked along that bridleway for a week or two. GHRA cannot claim credit for the clearance of the ditch*

**Next Meeting – Annual General Meeting  
Village Hall, Manor Rd.  
28<sup>th</sup> May, 10am for a 10.30am start.**

## LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

April 2011



Dear Neighbour,

Great Holland Residents  
Association

### **EASTER AND THE ROYAL WEDDING**

Easter will be here eventually, with Easter Saturday falling on St George's Day. Not only will that be a long weekend but also the Royal Wedding will be on the following Friday which will be another public holiday. GHRA are not organising anything but Elaine and Mick at The Ship Inn have plans.

In addition to Mick's normal Easter Monday Barbeque there will be more festivities on the Friday. The Wedding itself will at 11am followed by a procession down The Mall to Buckingham Palace where at about 1.30pm William and Kate and other members of the Royal family will appear on the Balcony before the crowds.

Television coverage will be extensive throughout the day but what is planned is that Elaine and Mick will be hosting a Garden Party. Full details appear elsewhere in this edition of Village Voice.

### **PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS**

#### **58 Bed Dementia Unit.**

Planning permission for the revised road works should be granted soon. The Highway Conditions proposed by Essex CC will be included. Most if not all of the highway works will be carried out before the first occupancy. Only certain preliminary works need to be carried out before any other development starts. Once the preliminary works are started then the old appeal condition 9 (permitting traffic lights and widening the footpath under the bridge) will be extinguished. The permission will be issued at the same time as a formal agreement is entered into with the developers which will bind them and their successors. That plan will require the provision of mini bus transport for staff and others living within a two mile radius of the property and also for a Green Travel Plan to be introduced to positively encourage travel to and from the property other than by car. The last piece of the jigsaw will be when the developer enters into various highway agreements with Essex CC regulating the carrying out of the highway and pavement works South of Kirby Bridge. These will be dealt with as development proceeds.

#### **30 Bed Dementia Unit**

The Appeal has been allowed. At the moment I do not know when or if the development will proceed. This is the site to the immediate North of Kirby Bridge 1-4 Holland Road.

#### **Local Listings**

Alan Large, Denys Strich and I attended a meeting at TDC on 7<sup>th</sup> March to hear about the Council's plans to introduce Local Listings of Building and areas which, although not of national significance, might be considered to be worthy of "protection" locally. This arises out of national Policy set out in Planning Policy Statement PPS 5. The meeting raised as many questions as it answered and the plan is to reconvene in about four months time to consider it further. We will monitor the situation carefully and I will pass on more information as and when we get it.

## **PEOPLE**

### **Mr & Mrs Glading**

Some of you may have read of Frank and Peggy Glading who live in The Crescent. Peggy is a lifelong resident there. They celebrated their Sapphire Wedding on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and the Committee on behalf of GHRA sent them a card and some flowers. I am told that 36 cards in all were received including one from The Queen!

### **Mrs J Sculley**

Mrs Sculley has been a Street Representative and a distributor of our leaflets for many years. She has decided to give up this role. Our thanks and best wishes to her.

Obviously we need a new Street Representative to cover Rosery Mews. Can anyone who is interested please contact me.

### **Councillor Robert Bucke**

Last and by no means least I have to mention Robert Bucke whose two year tenure as Mayor of Frinton & Walton Town Council expires on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Robert has worked tirelessly for Frinton & Walton during his term of office and has been particularly helpful in all sorts of ways to the Committee of GHRA and the whole of our village. I would like to thank him publicly on your behalf for all that he has done and I hope he will continue to be a regular attendee at our meetings and our social events with his wife Margaret.

## **NEXT MEETING GHRA**

The next meeting of the Association and the AGM will be in May at the Village Hall. The date is 28<sup>th</sup> May and the time is 10.30am preceded by coffee at 10am. All are welcome, especially new members.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Talking of membership (yet again), the subs for 2011 are now overdue. The subs. remain fixed for 2011 at £2.00 per head or £4.00 per household whichever is the cheaper. At the time of writing there are only 58 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.

Yours sincerely,

*JOHN POULTEN*

*CHAIRMAN*





# Great Holland Friends

**February meeting**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Party Time**

Our late 'Christmas Party' turned into a belated welcome to the New Year, very ably assisted by Johnny Styles making the afternoon so enjoyable with the audience choosing their own favourite songs. Those who enjoyed Johnny's songs and music can enjoy them once again in July.



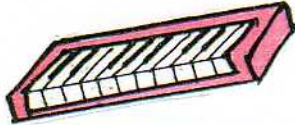
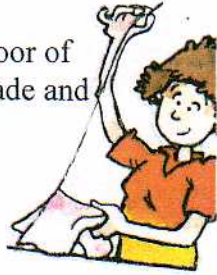
*Johnny Styles entertaining us*

**March meeting**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**Alan Osbourne - RNLI**

Alan gave us an interesting talk on the history of this very worthy organisation. How tough were the lives of the early pioneers who fought to save lives at sea in boats manned only with oars, and progressing through to the development of the unsinkable power boats of today. An organisation worthy of every support. The talk was supported by a donation give by the club, which was very gratefully received.

**April meeting**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Carol Rainbird**

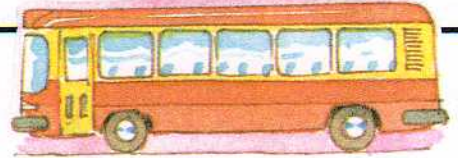
Carol will give a talk on the Tileagd Gypsy Craft Project, which began in 2005 to help the poor of Romania. She will also provide us with an opportunity to see, and buy, examples of well made and interesting craft items made by the Project.



**May meeting**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
**The Nickelodeons**

The Nickelodeons will entertain on keyboard, with popular songs that we are sure all will enjoy.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Coach outing**



We have joined The Methodist Church for a coach trip to Dunwich, where those who wish to do so can have a fish and chip lunch before we go on to Southwold. We have already filled a 53-seater coach. Anyone who wishes their name to be added to a waiting list, in case of cancellations, should please telephone either **675065** or **677610**. For those who have booked, there will also be a menu available for food other than fish and chips. Further information on cost and departure times will be given as soon as possible.

Our entertainers/speakers for the remainder of our 2011 meetings will be as follows:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**The Cycling Granny** will be making her second visit to the Club, telling us about her experiences of cycling across the UK to raise money for charity.



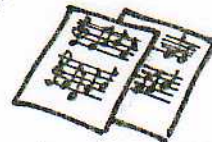
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Johnny Styles**, who was so popular last time, **returns** to perform your choice of music.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

A talk on the **history of the Suffolk Punch horse**.



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**The New Entertainers** will entertain us with their own style of music and you can join in.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

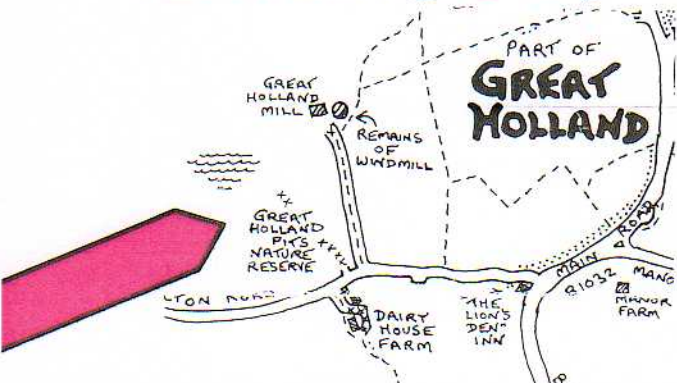
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Great Holland Friends Christmas Party**. We will be entertained by **Just Melody**: Richard on drums and Peter on keyboard.

**Eileen & Bill Derrick (677610)**

# Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

## The Trust Open Day – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June



Once every year we have an Open Day. The reserve is open throughout the year, but on this occasion the local group of the Essex Wildlife Trust provide some extra facilities.

As warden I arrive early on these occasions, as there is much to prepare, but I am joined soon after by Barbara who coordinates refreshments, her cakes being legendary. Tents are erected, a primitive toilet is installed and equipment is prepared for other events during the day.

Officially the event starts at 11:00am, though teas will be available for early comers. Typically at 11:00 am, I use my tall stature and teacher's voice to rally the assembled children, and others who are young at heart, to start the pond dipping. Other members from the village and I lead the dippers to the first pool. Depending on the state of the ponds we visit three or four of them with nets and white enamel trays. Typically the children are excited to see a range of small creepy crawlies from the start, but their enthusiasm is enhanced with their first stickleback or newt. The Great Crested Newt is for some the highlight, but the sinister looking, though completely harmless Water Scorpion and the dragonfly larvae also stir considerable excitement. We filter back to the refreshment area by 1:00pm, to get cleaned up, ready to repeat the exercise at 2:00pm.

Morning and afternoon there are also guided walks provided by several local members, knowledgeable about all sorts of wildlife. The event is held in the season when we can usually expect to hear some Nightingales singing, along with sightings of summer birds and butterflies. Last year the breathtaking Brimstone Butterfly and the delicate Green Hairstreak were noted.





*A scene from our 2010 Open Day*

## Dates for your diary



The Open Day at Great Holland is not the only event we provide. The full programme this summer is as follows:



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Barnes Spinney, Walton: Garden Plant Sale and walk.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Weeleyhall Wood: Bluebell Day, with guided walks.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Great Holland Pits: Pond Dipping and walks.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Howlands Marsh, St Osyth: Walks and all.

And also:



**Sunday 22 May:** Dawn Chorus as reported previously at Holland Pits. 3:00 am

**Bob Seago - Warden**



## Price rise ...

Due to the increasing cost of photocopying paper, printing charges etc, the price of Village Voice - where sold - will rise from 60p to 65p from May 2011. It will still be free of charge to all residents of Great Holland.

## FROM YOUR LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

### Life around the Village Green

In this issue I am writing about living 'On the Green'. Around the Green were clusters of little cottages. On the Pork Lane side there was a certain house named 'Fairlight Glen, which was owned by a Mr Alfred Drinkwater. He advertised in the local directory:

"Why not go to 'FAIRLIGHT GLEN' Tea and Pleasure Gardens, Great Holland Green  
(easy walk from Frinton Golf Links)

FOR

It soothes the weary brain, the aching eyes,  
To stroll about the Garden full of flowers  
And merry laughter takes the place of sighs,  
As we partake of Tea in pretty bowers.

Fruit and Flowers for Sale. Mineral Waters. Light Refreshments.

Alfred Drinkwater, Proprietor

Bring the Children, we can make them happy.



On the corner of Kirby Road opposite the Green were a row of houses named "Plantation Cottages". The end one, on the right, was the Post Office and Village Stores (where you could buy practically anything). There were three other houses in the row. The Post Office and stores was later rebuilt on the other side of the road. It was opened by the actor Gerald Harper. Plantation Cottages have since been demolished. Pork Lane was originally called Park Lane and the Green was much larger, extending beyond Plantation Cottages along the Kirby Road as far as 'Green End Lane', as is shown on the Ordinance map of 1820.

Leading up to every November the fifth, the villagers would get together and build a huge bonfire on the Green. Then on the night all would bring their families, guys and fireworks and have a lovely Guy Fawkes night.

Other events happened on the Green: There was a brass band who performed there, a fair was held there; donkeys were grazed there. It was certainly the hub of village life.



If you can add any information to these archives please contact me at 55 Station Road, Walton-on-Naze, CO14 8DW.

Many thanks ,  
Liz Bruce



## *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)*



*On Friday, 15 April  
Anne Colby  
"New Beginnings"  
Monthly Stall*

*On Friday, 27 May  
Julia Knights  
"Let's Go To The Movies"  
Members' Exhibits - Happy  
Birthday*

# POLICE SURGERY DATES

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



## NEWS .....

As usual not too much has happened in the Village – only a few reports as follows:

- 2 road traffic accidents
- 1 criminal damage whereby someone threw an object out of a vehicle in Pork Lane which struck the windscreen of another vehicle.
- 1 case of fraud
- 4 horses escaped onto Main Road but these were safely rounded up.
- 1 attempted burglary where a side bathroom window had been smashed, but no entry gained.

At the moment the Tendring area has been hit by a high number of vehicle break-ins. Side windows are being smashed and 'untidy' searches being made. Please take all valuables out of your vehicles and leave nothing on show. Don't give potential thieves the opportunity.

Also make sure your vehicle is secure – some people do leave their vehicles unlocked.

Make sure all sheds and garages are locked and windows on your property are closed and locked if possible when you leave the premises.

If you would like your bicycle or any other item post coded please get in touch and we will arrange a time to code them. It doesn't take long and it could help in returning your property to you if lost or stolen.

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Please remember if you see anything that doesn't seem right, let us know.

Take Care,

**PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey**  
**Walton Police Station**  
**Martello Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BP**  
**Tel: 0300 333 4444 (Ask for Ext: 487554)**

**[Paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk)**

**Community Phone No. 07850 631017**

## From Great Holland to Chelsea ...

In January, we were enjoying lunch in the Park Fruit Farm tearoom when we were distracted by some young men in the orchards. They were busy carrying trees that had been cut into pieces and marked with tape, and laying them in front of a large transporter. After a while, the men came into the tea room. When we overheard them talking about window displays, we had to find out more!

They told us that they were part of the Conran design team and had travelled all the way to the Farm to buy plum trees to use in window displays at their stores in Chelsea and Marylebone.



They had chosen the trees specifically for their shape and because of their size, had to cut them into pieces before taking them to London, where they were to be reassembled once they were in the stores.

In February a piece about the design project, entitled 'Think Pink', was posted on the Conran blog. It included photos of the trees which, by then, had become the focal point of spectacular Spring window displays at the two stores. The trees had been decorated with pink 'blossom' that was man-made using fabric petals. Evidently, each piece of blossom was added to the trees by hand, which was rather more labour-intensive than had been anticipated, and more blossom would be added as the weeks went by, to mirror what was happening outside. Including the 'blossom' decorating the floor, it was anticipated that there would eventually be almost two million pieces of blossom by the time the team had finished!

### Linda & Sandra





# Garden reflections ...



Moving into the season of hope and optimism ... what a delight over the last few weeks to see all the signs of Spring steadily appearing - the buds on shrubs and trees bursting out. The Hellebores giving a good show of different blends of white and pink - the multitude of spring bulbs and alpines - daffs, narcissus and so on...

Naturally one has to expect the rough with the smooth as grass needs regular cutting and, of course, the weeds! It is good time to spot that particularly troublesome one - Mare's Tail! I remember a tip given by Bert East. 'It doesn't like to be pulled firmly out!' So that is what I try to do whilst the soil is moist-



I'll just pause for a moment to remind you not to try to do everything at once - too much enthusiasm straight away may lead perhaps to an aching back or other body strains - leave some jobs for another day. Time for a coffee break?

I'm becoming more and more enthusiastic for the 'natural look' in the garden. A scattering of annual seeds planted here and there where the harsh Winter, in my case, destroyed several large heather bushes... Perhaps it's a chance to give the garden a different look?

The Garden Club and other local organisations are arranging some interesting outings, not too far away, in the near future. These occasions will be good opportunities to compare our own efforts with those of others, even if designed on a grander scale - for example, Hatfield House?



I look forward to choosing plug plants from the Nursery for future summer colour...

For those more energetic and able to travel further afield there are so many places to visit at this special time of year, as reminded by photos taken over the years. Such as, for example, climbing up the garden area of St Michael's Mount in Cornwall and extending the holiday by continuing on to the Scilly Isles, staying perhaps on St Mary's and exploring the other islands. One's memory recalls the incredible brilliance of the blue sea and masses of thrift covering the shoreline. Viewing the more exotic flowers and shrubs growing in Tresco's Abbey gardens. The natural beauty of wild flower meadows around Evian in France with Lake Geneva nearby.

Open Gardens in Kirby proves a pleasant social occasion and the opportunity of comparing notes and gaining a few horticultural tips over a cup of tea?!

I recall an active Ginger Cat of the household: 'Why have you jumped up on the draining board Sam?' I queried. 'I'm partial to a bit of lettuce and I'm waiting for it to be washed,' he replied matter of factly...



**Audrey Hill**



# FAMILY SUPPORT CLACTON

We are a local charity which was formed in 1982. For the past 29 years we have served the people of the Tendring area (**including Great Holland**) by supporting them in their elder years and providing the assistance that is not readily available from statutory authorities. Because of our knowledge and collaboration with multiple agencies over the years, we are well placed to assist you with your future care needs and support.

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

### Care with choice in our community

We encourage our staff and volunteers to build community cohesion and support older people to exercise their choice, maintain their independence and live fuller lives, with the services that are offered by Family Support Clacton.

## OUR IN HOUSE SERVICES

Alzheimer's & Dementia Days  
Short Term Memory Loss  
Showering (male or female)  
Gentle Exercise Programme  
Structured Social Activities  
Healthy Eating Programme  
Carers Support and Respite  
Form Filling Assistance  
Door to Door Transport Service

## OUR OUTREACH SERVICES

Home Befriending  
Assessments  
Carer Sitting  
Rural Luncheon Club  
Snooker Club  
Outings  
Day Trips  
Afternoon Teas  
Morning Coffee



## HOW TO CONTACT US:

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Website: [www.familysupportclacton.org.uk](http://www.familysupportclacton.org.uk)

## TEA DANCE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
2.00-4.00pm

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



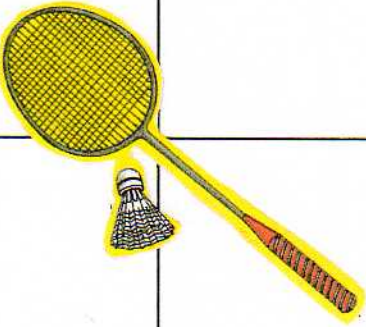





TICKET PRICE: £2.50 (includes tea and biscuits)

For further details please telephone: 813092



# What's on in your Village Hall?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			Private Booking 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Monday		Private Booking 2.30 - 3.30 pm	Keep Fit 7.00 - 8.00pm Contact: Claudine 862505
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 9.30 - 11.30am 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			Links Karate 5.30 - 8.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848
Saturday		Home Made Hour 10.00- 11.00 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	  

### Rate 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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# New class at our Village Hall...

Claudine is running a new aerobics/keep fit exercise class on **Monday evenings** from **7.00 - 8.00pm**. The class is described as being 'suitable for all' and costs £4 per session.

For further information, please contact Claudine on **862505**.

## A bit of fun...



Can you solve these cryptic clues to reveal the names of TV programmes past and present? The clues were taken from a quiz set for an 'active retirement association'. Sorry, there are no prizes - it's just a bit of fun! Answers will be printed in the next edition of Village Voice...

1. **Scottish Breakfast** .....
2. **A magnificent view**.....
3. **As far as the eye can see**.....
4. **Princess Royal's son is sad**.....
5. **Put a label on the paintings**.....
6. **Brain of a monarch**.....
7. **It has to be paid at the end**.....
8. **Maintaining standards**.....
9. **Naval officer baths the dog**.....
10. **Watch this space to see the stars**.....
11. **TEN RED SEAS (anagram)**.....
12. **One over the nine is a knockout**.....
13. **Pet that tells the time**.....
14. **Scene of Gladiatorial combat**.....
15. **Look after a muddled stream**.....
16. **Invitation to the ball**.....
17. **The likeness is incredible**.....
18. **Raise your glasses**.....