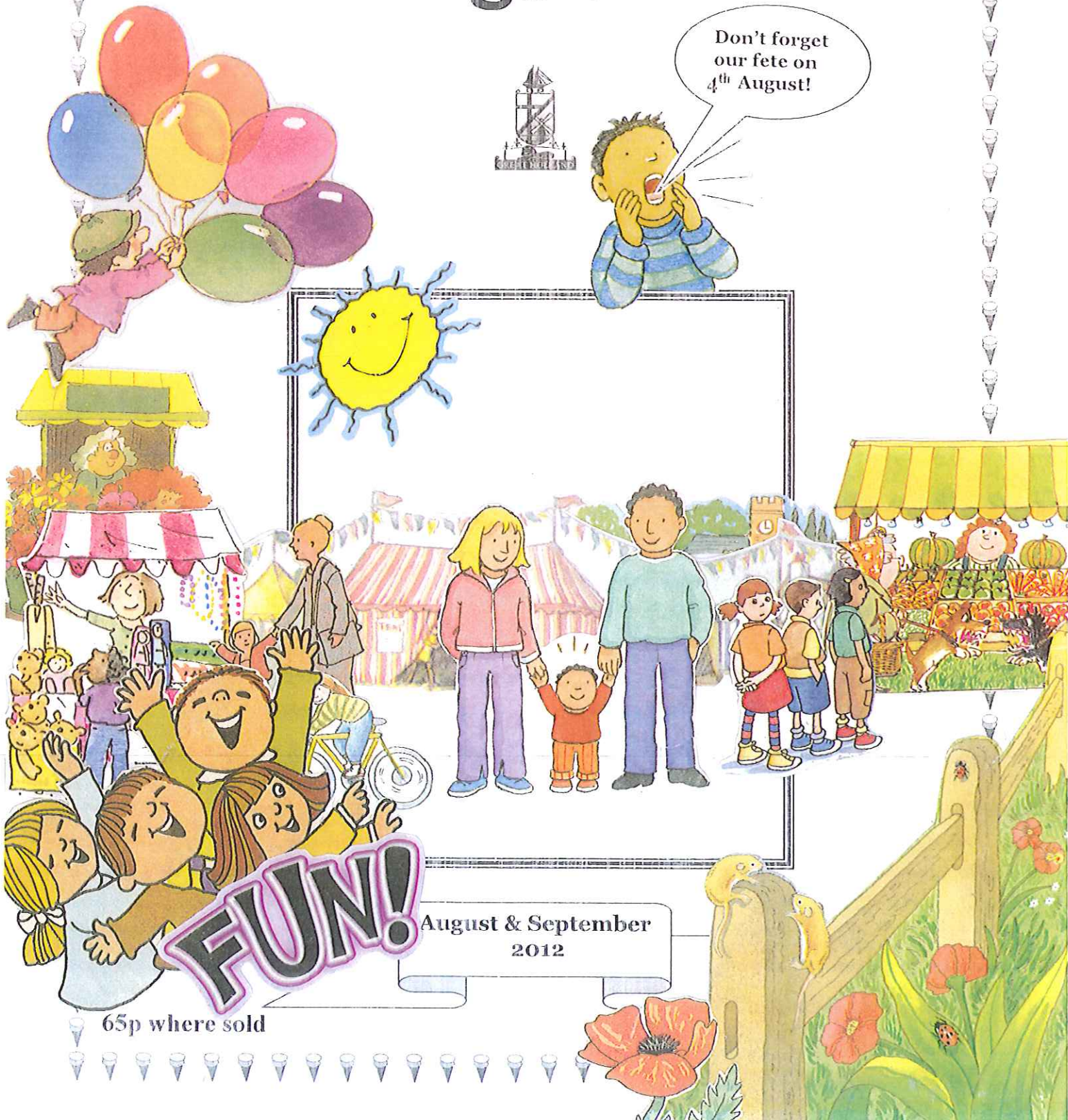


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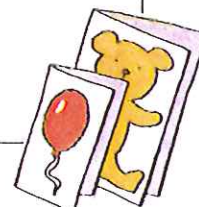
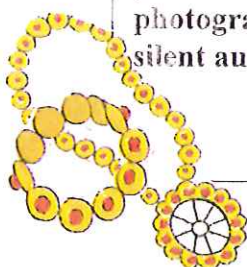
The Great Holland Fête

Saturday 4th August from 2.00 - 5.00pm,
(gates open 1.45pm)
in the grounds of The Old Rectory



There will be the usual mix of traditional side stalls and games - including two new games for this year! - and other attractions for the whole family including: the produce tent (now in its second year), a live jazz band, cream teas, pony rides, a photographic competition, a dog display team, plant and cake stalls, craft stalls, silent auction, tombola, bouncy castle and more!

Entrance 50p per person (free for children aged 11 and under).



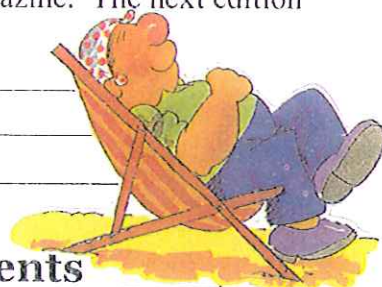
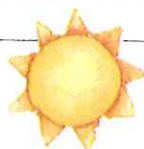
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

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



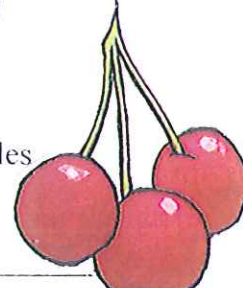
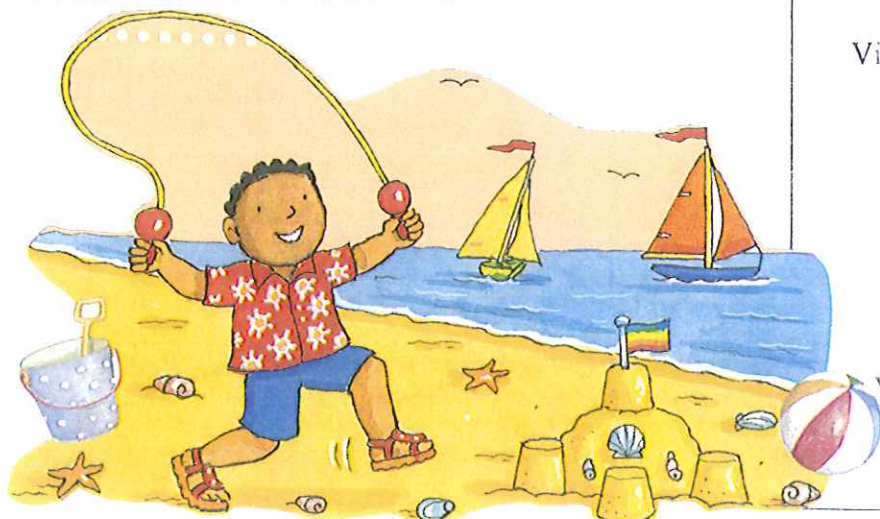
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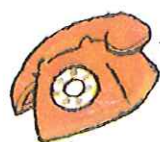
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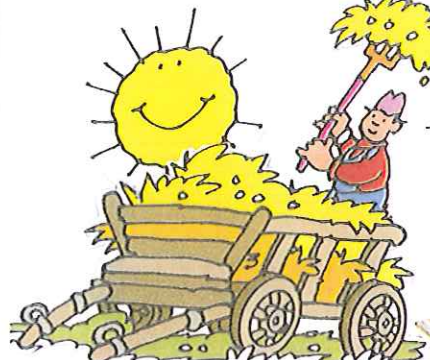




Village Contacts and Local Information



Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Post vacant	
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Ray King (retires in August) Rev. Eva Walker (from September)	675336
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
Great Holland Village Stores	Main Road	674359
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	686868 (Emergency/ Out of Hours: 2220220) 677495 861374
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator	Please call 101 and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
Crime Reduction Officer	Please call 101 and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
Crimestoppers	0800 555111	
Mobile Library	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at Rosery Mews only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
Civic Amenity Tip	<p>Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.</p> <p>The Civic Amenity Tip opens at 9.00am.</p> <p><u>The Tip is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday.</u></p> <p>Winter opening times (until 29th February 2012): 9.00am- 4.00pm Summer opening times (1st March-15th October): 9.00am-5.00pm</p> <p>Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.</p>	



Dates for your Diary ..



August



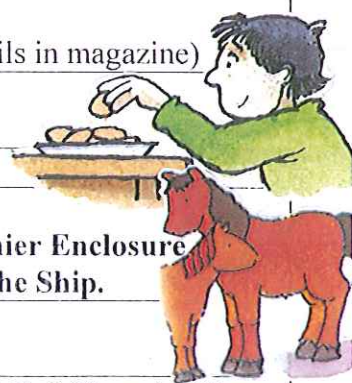
Thursday 2 nd	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. NO MEETING OF GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS TODAY!</p>
Saturday 4 th	<p>NO HOME MADE HOUR TODAY!</p> <p>Hog Roast at The Ship: 1.00 p.m. Live music - Hoe Cake Bakers & GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE Grounds of The Old Rectory Gates open 1.45pm</p>
Thursday 9 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday</p>
Saturday 11 th	<p>CUPOLA TOP OFF CEREMONY AT VILLAGE HALL Further details elsewhere in magazine.</p>
Thursday 16 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.</p>
Thursday 23 rd	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday</p>
Friday 24 th	<p>Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 9.00am-12.00pm.</p>
Sunday 26 th	<p>Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.</p>
Monday 27 th	<p>BBQ at The Ship with live music - Angie: 1.00pm</p>
Thursday 30 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.</p>
Friday 31 st - Sunday 2 nd September	<p>Exhibition of Fine Art - The Three Easels: Frinton Golf Club. Further details elsewhere in magazine.</p>



September



Saturday 1 st	<p>HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.</p>
Thursday 6 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details in magazine)</p>
Thursday 13 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.</p>
Thursday 20 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.</p>
Saturday 22 nd	<p>NEWMARKET RACES - £30 Includes coach, light refreshments and entry into Premier Enclosure Further information from Mick and Elaine at The Ship.</p>
Thursday 27 th	<p>Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.</p>
Friday 28 th	<p>Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 9.00am-12.00pm.</p>
Sunday 30 th	<p>Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.</p>



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



All Saints' Church

Rector's letter ...

"God made me fast, and when I run, I feel his pleasure."

So said Eric Liddell in the film 'Chariots of Fire'. He may not have actually said it, but it certainly captures his spirit.

As we come to the Olympics, Eric Liddell is a great person to remember. He played 7 times for the Scottish rugby team, but he really excelled at athletics. He was chosen to run the 100m in the 1924 Paris Olympics, yet on the day of the race, he wasn't in the race, but preaching in a church in Paris.

He gave up his place in his favoured race, the 100m, because heats fell on a Sunday and as a Christian he considered his relationship with God THE most important thing.

Instead, he ran in the 200m winning a bronze medal and also the 400m. In that race he won gold and broke the world record.

An amazing and famous story, but the second half of his life is just as incredible. He spent the next few years speaking at events, not about his victory but about his Christian faith. After that he went to China as a missionary in order to tell them about Jesus Christ.

When the Second World War approached, Eric sent his pregnant wife and 2 daughters to Canada for safety, but he stayed in China, never to see his family again. After the Japanese invaded he spent his time helping others, rescuing many lives.

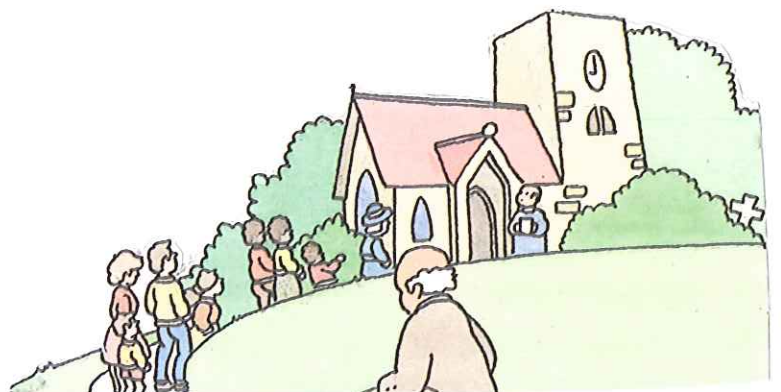
Eventually, westerners became prisoners of war. In the camp he spent his time keeping spirits up by arranging games in the camp and urging his fellow prisoners to not hate but instead pray for their captors. At one point a POW exchange was arranged for him, but he gave his place to another.

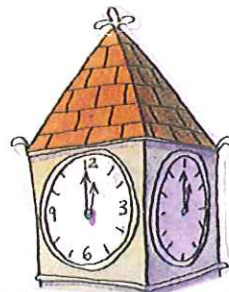
He died on February 21st 1945, only months before the war finished.

On his grave is the Bible verse "They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary." It sums up his faith in God, and explains his priorities.

So, when you see Usain Bolt win the 100m in these London Olympics on the evening of Sunday 5 August and all the glory that comes with it, remember there is something far, far, more important.

Mark

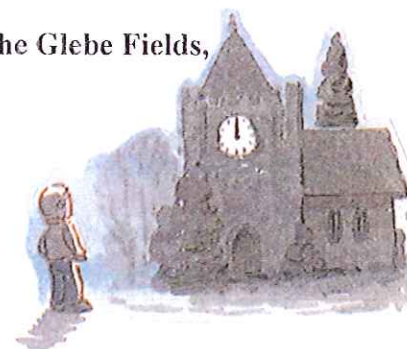




From All Saints' Diary - AUGUST 2012:

Wednesday	1 st	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	4 th	2-5.00pm	GREAT HOLLAND FETE in the grounds of the Old Rectory
Sunday	5 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Friday	10 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Saturday	11 th	3.00pm	Wedding of Danielle Barnes and Andrew Currivan
Sunday	12 th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from Kirby
		11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	15 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	Morning Service

KIRBY FETE: Bank Holiday Monday 27th from 11.00am-5.00pm on the Glebe Fields, Kirby-le-Soken, opposite the Red Lion pub.



From All Saints' Diary - SEPTEMBER 2012:

Saturday	1 st	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	2 nd	11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	5 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9 th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from Kirby
		11.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	14 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Saturday	15 th	1.30pm	Wedding of Darren Mew & Fiona Merry
Sunday	16 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	23 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	30 th	11.00am	Special service for "Back to Church Sunday"

Sunday 7th OCTOBER: 11.00am: Special Service for Harvest Festival

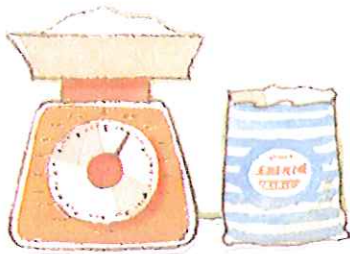
FROM THE REGISTERS:

WEDDINGS

We offer our congratulations to:

Andrew Palmer and Victoria Bryan who were married at All Saints' in June.





Home Made Hour



The Home Made Hour team would like say a big **THANK YOU** to all who supported the June and July Home Made Hours, which helped to raise funds for All Saints' Church.

THERE WILL BE NO HOME MADE HOUR IN AUGUST

Our next Home Made Hour will take place in the Village Hall from **10.00 - 11.00am** on:

Saturday 1st September

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



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

CHURCHWARDENS: John Beale, 5 Malting Lane, Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472) and Judith Little, Lambourn House, Little Clacton Road, Great Holland, CO13 0EY (813645)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Churchwardens (ex officio), Liz Walters, Don Osler, Jamie Wright, John Beale, Vanessa Giles, Ilse Robertson and Carol Anthony

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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

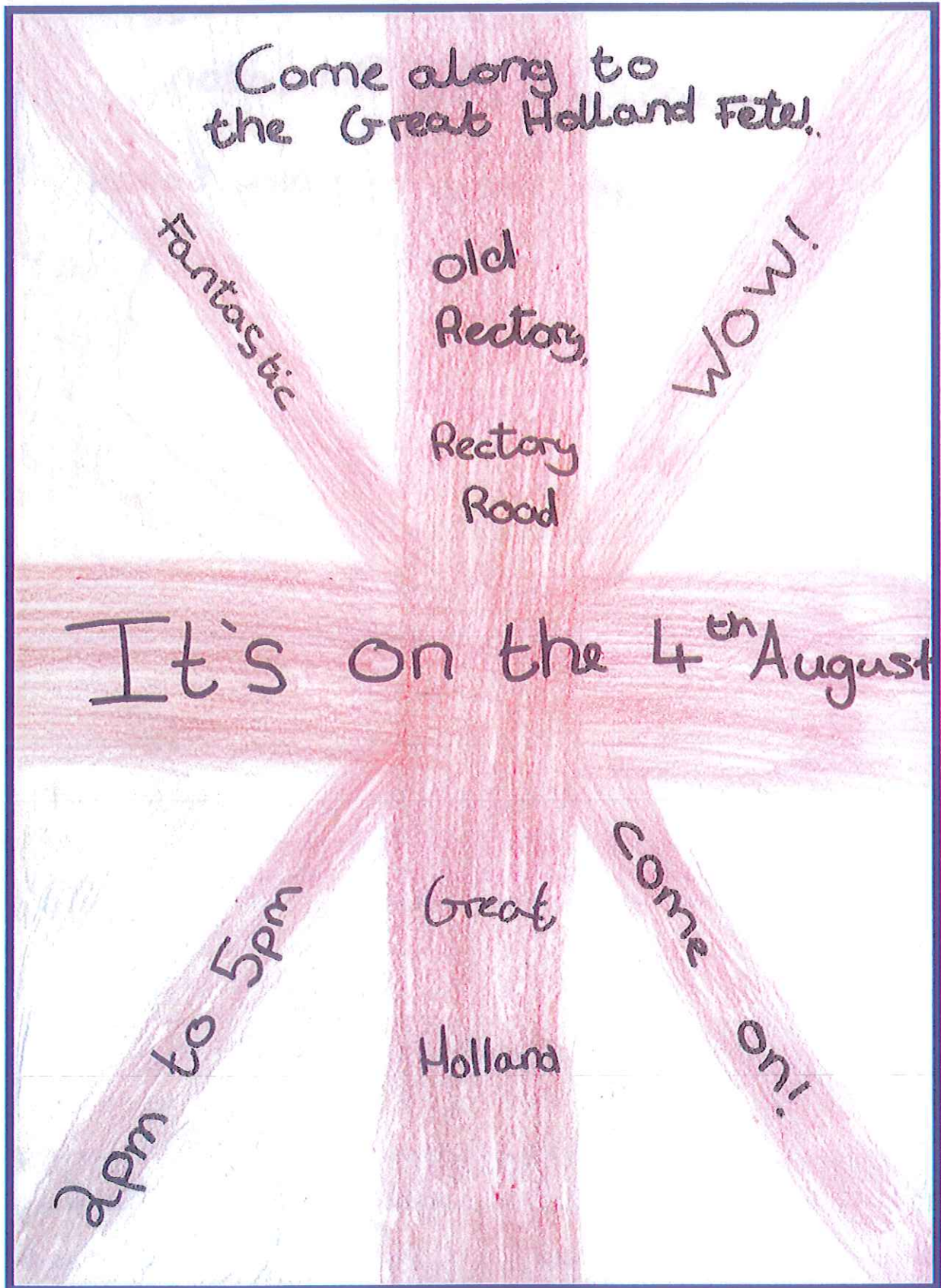
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MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM: Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors), Mim Wilson, Irene Lightowler, Michele Frere, Ingrid Harding, Judith Little, Eric Elsworth, Audrey Warren, June Forrest, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Eileen Derrick, Pauline Knight and Christine Oxford (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 dozen people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). For further details please contact the Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645.**

The Great Holland Fete



50p entrance

Under 11s free

Poster designed by Beth Robinson

Kirby Primary School

GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FETE **Produce Competition 2012**

Start Planning NOW !

Now in its Second Year – the 2012 Village Fete will once again include a
PRODUCE TENT.

Flower Arrangement
incorporating a piece of

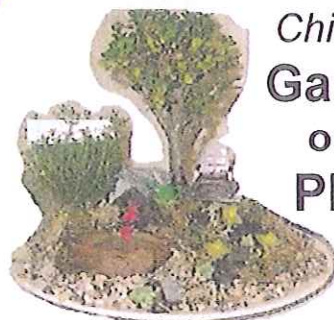


Sports Equipment

Heaviest



Marrow



**Children:
Garden
on a
Plate**



**Best
Preserve**

Great Holland Village Fete



Gold Medal



Produce Competition 2011

Your Name Here !

Awarded to:
Submit of: Best Jam

Longest



**Runner
Bean**



**Best Cup Cakes
(3 Required)**

Best Photograph

based on the Theme of :

“Great Holland Village Life”

Adults £1 (Children 50p) : per Entry.

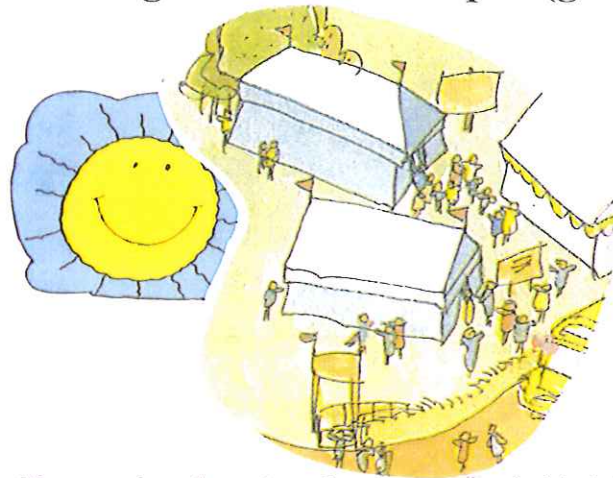
Entries to be delivered to The Old Rectory by 2.30pm

Judging by three Celebrity Judges : 4th August 2012



THE GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE 2012

Saturday 4th August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)



We are sure everyone will appreciate that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make our Fête the success it has become. Please can we ask you once again to help again in the following ways?

- Put the date in your diary and plan to be there!
- Can you provide items for the bric-a-brac, White Elephant stall, book stalls or Silent Auction, or items that would make good prizes?
- Can you provide items for the produce stall, such as jam, marmalade or home grown fruit and vegetables? The cake stall is always popular so we would be very grateful for any homemade cakes.
- Can you help with preparation on the days leading up to the Fête?
- On the day of the Fête, can you help with the parking, refreshments or on a stall?
- After the event, we always need help with clearing up on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

If you can help in any way, have items to be collected or can bring cakes on the day, please contact either Sue Jenkins on 850317 or Nicky Stack on 677984. We look forward to seeing you on 4th August!

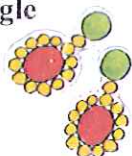
The Great Holland Fête Committee



Bygone Stall

Just a reminder that we still need your help to stock our new stall of clothing from the bygone era. These could include dresses; coats; suits or jackets; hats; belts; jewellery; shoes; scarves or fashion accessories. All unsold items will be donated to local charities.

Bea Eagle



Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends in Great Holland ...

Perhaps many of us, at some time in life, feel like what I call in-betweeners. I have just returned to church work after having three months on a sabbatical. This is a wonderful privilege that comes around once every seven years. In August I retire from work. Hence at the moment I feel very much between things. The time off work was restful and also a time for reflection. I thought about the use of art in worship as this connected with my chosen project. I also thought a lot about my calling in God as I saw it. What had been successful in my church ministry and what had not, what I felt were my skills and gifts, the things I brought to ministry, and the things I just had to do anyway. In retirement I could choose my own path and my future commitment to church work would be mostly in an area of my own choosing.

So, as the packing of boxes has already begun, I have some ideas about how God might use me, hopefully, in retirement. But also things must go on. I help to keep up some areas of ministry so that my successor can fit into things as smoothly as possible. And then I have to let go, knowing that I might have contributed something but that all the things we do are in God's hands, and we do not know what corners will have to be turned, what new directions to be tried out.

Have you known a time as an in-betweener? Have there been times of waiting that left you ill-at-ease. Have you worried, waiting for the results of medical tests or for the date of a much needed operation? Have you tensely waited as a child or grandchild sits important examinations? Have you worried about the pressures in the life of a friend, knowing you can do very little except to encourage and pray? There are so many things in our walk with God where we have to simply leave things to him and know he will be there for us. Isn't it wonderful that Jesus Christ always brings to us an unusual and wonderful peace?

So these have been my thoughts in returning briefly to the work. Now my retirement looms very near. We will be moving to East Sussex in early August. We have friends and relatives not far away. I think we will settle very quickly. I wish you well, church and village for the future. May God not be far away.

Ray King (Minister)

**There will be a farewell service for Ray at:
Frinton Methodist Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd July.**

Rev. Eva Walker

Rev. Eva Walker will take responsibility for the Methodist Churches in Great Holland, Frinton, Holland-on-Sea, Walton and Wix from September. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Walker, her husband and their three year-old twin boys to the area.

**There will be a welcome service for Rev. Walker at:
Holland-on-Sea Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th September**

Great Holland Friends Programme 2012

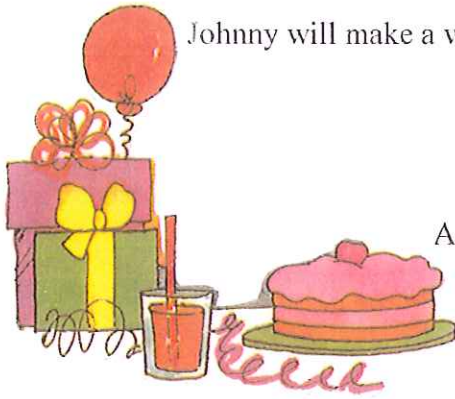
GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 2012:

NO MEETING IN AUGUST



Thursday 6th September
Johnny Styles

Johnny will make a welcome return, playing and singing your requests



Thursday 4th October
Haven Lights

An afternoon of music and song



Thursday 1st November
David Austin

An interesting talk about Colchester's 2,000 years of history

Thursday 6th December

Great Holland Friends Christmas Party & buffet

The New Entertainers return by popular request to join us for our Christmas celebrations

PLEASE NOTE: Due to rising costs, non-members will unfortunately be charged £5 for their Christmas Party tickets this year. We also regret to announce that for the Christmas Party only, members will be asked to pay an entrance fee of £3.



**OUR MEETINGS TAKE PLACE AT:
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL, MANOR ROAD
from 2.00-4.00pm**

Entrance (includes tea & biscuits): Members: £2.00/Visitors: £2.50



Please telephone Bill or Eileen Derrick on 677610 for more details of any of these events



GHRA – Annual General Meeting

Date : 26th May 2012 10.30am Start (Finish 12.30pm)
Venue : Village Hall



Minutes

John Poulten – Chairman
Paul Withams – Secretary
Denys and Lindi Strich - Treasurer

John Poulten welcomed everyone including guests :

- Cllr Robert Bucke (F&WTC)
- PCSO Paul Brassey
- PC Ian Rutherford
- William Smith(TDC Environmental Services)
- Colin P. Brooks (Development Manager, BT Open Reach)

Item 1 - Apologies for absence

- David & Hazel Martin
- Tom Sandy
- Melanie Lester
- Angela Graham
- Bill Derrick
- Eric Elsworth
- Linda O'Reilly
- Mr Ratcliffe
- Mrs Large
- Roger Frere
- Anne Fairbrother
- Sylvia Nicoll
- Sue Masters
- Mrs Harding

Item 2 - Mins from the last meeting (28th January 2012), were approved.

Item 3 - Matters arising from the last meeting :

- An update had already been provided by John Poulten in the latest edition of Village Voice (published this week).
- No one had any related questions to ask.

Item 4 - PCSO Report :

PC Ian Rutherford provided an update on reports from January to May 2012, covering :

- Road Traffic Incidents (Seven incidents)
- Reported Crime (two incidents)
- Other Matters (4 incidents)
 - An attempted burglary left 'jemmy' marks on a window.
 - Number plates were stolen from a vehicle in Pork Lane - this is commonly associated with Petrol Thieves who use stolen plates to mask their own whilst they fill with fuel at a garage and drive off without paying.
 - A female rider was thrown from her horse, thought to be caused by a car overtaking without allowing adequate space, spooking the horse.
 - White vans / flat bed Lorries have been seen prowling the area looking for metal to take (scrap or otherwise).

- Waste collections MUST be licensed : PC Rutherford requested that any such vehicle be noted and reported to the police for investigation.
- Fly tipping in Pork Lane continues to be a problem – any information should be passed on to the Police.
- A glass jar was thrown from a moving vehicle at Dairy House Farm.
- A vehicle was stopped for speeding in Main road (40 mph in a 30mph zone) : however whilst the driver was being cautioned, a resident came out of their house and told the Police that they should not be wasting their time stopping cars.

Action :

Residents agreed that speeding was a continued problem in Great Holland (especially in Little Clacton Rd) – however only 1 person had put their name forward to operate the Community Speed Watch speed camera.

- Cllr Robert Bucke referred to the number of Pot Holes in the roads around the area. Robert felt that any fatal accident caused by the associated loss of vehicle control should lead to a charge of Corporate Manslaughter being brought against Essex CC Highways dept.
- PCSO Paul Brassey reminded residents to lock their shed as the summer typically sees an increase in thefts – with goods being disposed of swiftly at Summer Car Boot sales. Information on garden security is available at Parkers Garden Centre.
- Residents were warned to be alert to a recent increase in forged bank notes. Leaflets were provided which explain what security features are present in bank notes.

PCSO Brassey finished by offering to bring the mobile Police Office to the Village on regular occasions if there is sufficient interest. Contact Paul to register your interest.

PCSO Number 07850 631017

Item 5 - Treasurers Report:

Denys Strich advised that the financial position as at year ending Dec 2011 was:

Held at Bank :	£2,638.78
Cash held	£ 14.78
Less Uncleared eqs	<u>(£ 10.59)</u>
Total reserves :	£2,642.97

Value of Christmas card stock held £ 522.21

Copies of the audited accounts are available from Denys Strich, at The Warren, Church Lane. Thanks were recorded to Tim Reynolds for auditing the accounts.

The current year has only 80 members from the 407 houses in the village. A table was shown highlighting the number of members in each road, vs the number of houses. As an illustration, Little Clacton Rd (the subject of frequent discussions on speeding etc) has 51 Houses, yet only 3 members.

A stock of unsold Christmas cards is held and can be bought from the Treasurer at a significantly discounted rate.

A resident suggested that subscription envelopes be supplied to residents and that street distributors be tasked with knocking on doors and collecting membership fees. However this

was not considered viable as the Treasurer felt that, like himself, many would not be comfortable speculatively knocking on doors.

Item 6 – Planning :

Dementia home :

Cllr Robert Bucke advised that the developer of the Dementia home had generously offered to fund :

- Repair of the Great Holland Hall Roof
- Replacement of the Hall Cupola
- Contribute to the cost of maintaining the hall on an annual basis.

Malcolm Graham noted that the Developers had also attempted to clear flood water from the road close to the site -- something they had no need to do, but he felt it to be a generous public spirited act.

New Houses Planned for the Village:

Robert Bucke advised that under the Local Plan, 18 new houses would need to be built within Gt Holland in the next 10 years. To support this he said the Gt Holland boundary would need to be extended.

Action :

Malcolm Graham advised residents to keep an eye out for planning applications. Residents were reminded that without a Chairman & Secretary, the GHRA would not be 'on watch' to report, address or react to any such proposals.

Item 7 - Re-Cycling:

Bill Smith (TDC Environmental Services), spoke on behalf of the council, having addressed 20 similar groups across the district.

He summarised the information previously provided by the council, namely :

- Red Box (Paper and Card)
- Green Box (Tins, Cans and Plastic Bottles only.)
- Red and green boxes to be collected on alternate weeks.
- Green food waste box : to be collected weekly.

Key points were:

- Recycling is paid for by weight : hence the decision to collect bottles, rather than lighter (and therefore less lucrative) plastic bags and yogurt pots.
- The council decision not to provide a lid on the red paper / card box is being reviewed : however Mr Smith noted that wet paper was heavier than dry (and therefore more lucrative.)
- **If an item is over-looked - telephone Veolia on 01255 258 123**
- Black sacks will not be removed from wheels bins due to the risk of back injury to the refuse collectors.
- Food should not be put into land fill as it becomes toxic.
- Waste food is taken to Cambridge and turned into Fertilizer.
- A glass bottle bank is to be installed in the Ship Inn Car Park - in line with a recommendation in the Great Holland Village Design Statement.

NB : Anyone wishing to opt out of recycling or selectively choosing what to recycle - is welcome to do so.

Recycling is NOT compulsory.

Item 8 – Broadband :

Colin P Brooks, (Development Manager, BT Open Reach), provided a detailed presentation on the Gt Holland telecom infrastructure and its effect on broadband speed.

Speed of service can be influenced by the following :

- distance from the exchange
- presence of an electric fence or large LCD TV
- the exchange on which a line is sourced (residents can check this via web site www.samknows.com)

Deployment of Superfast Broad band is made on a commercial basis, (with a target of 66% of the UK having Superfast Broadband access.)

The majority of Frinton based customers will benefit from the current Broadband upgrade – however Kirby & Great Holland were excluded.

A recent appeal for the decision to be reconsidered had been arranged by Robert Bucke and the GHRA and the results of this will not be known until June.

Colin confirmed that nothing else needed to be done to influence the decision – the un-official outlook of which looked promising.

Residents would see a marked improvement in Broadband speed (subject to external constraints mentioned above) : with speeds increasing from a typical 1meg up to 50meg.

Colin advised that a fibre optic cabinet takes approximately 7 – 8 months to install (allowing for planning permission approvals etc).

Action :

Those residents of Great Holland who are not on the Frinton exchange (such as areas of Little Clacton Rd) were encouraged to make a separate appeal directly to TDC & Essex County Council, as they have a limited amount of funds available to support Broadband upgrade in rural communities. These funds however will be deployed on where there is most interest and benefit.

This could be arranged via the GHRA – subject to a replacement Chairman / Secretary being appointed.

The resident's thanked both Bill Smith and Colin Brooks for giving up their time on a Saturday to talk to the Residents.

Broad Band - Post Script : 16th July 2012 :

It has now been confirmed that Great Holland WILL have Super fast Broadband installed.

The change in position came as a direct consequence of a public campaign run by Cllr Robert Bucke and lobbying by residents of Great Holland to BT Open Reach, MP Douglas Carswell and TDC (as encouraged at the GHRA AGM and detailed on www.greatholland.com), combined with direct negotiations between TDC and BT Open Reach.

Installation will take place around March 2013 and will see Broadband speeds within the village increasing from around 1.5meg to up to 50meg.

Colin Brooks of BT Open Reach has offered to return to the GHRA later in the year and explain what residents will need to do to access the faster service.

NB. : Such a briefing will be dependant on the GHRA first finding a new Chairman and Secretary.

AOB:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

June Forrest advised that all tickets for the Great Holland Jubilee Barbecue had been sold– and recorded thanks to the committee for their support in arranging the event and particularly Margaret & Roger Frere for generously agreeing to the use of their barn for the occasion.

Residents were asked whether they had received a souvenir Jubilee brochure through their letter box.

It seems that whilst all households should have received a brochure, few in the meeting had.

Christmas Social – 1st December 2012.

Residents were advised that a Christmas social gathering has been arranged for 1st December – details will be published in the Village Voice magazine.

Vote For New GHRA Officers :

The meeting voted for the re-election of Denys and Lindy Strich as joint Treasurer.

John Poulten (Chairman) and Paul Withams (Secretary) reminded the meeting of their much publicised intention not to stand for re-election, following the completion of 3 years service.

- John explained that under the constitution – if replacements were not forth coming, the association would need to be wound up.
- However an alternative would be to adjourn the current meeting, pending a new Chairman / Secretary coming forward.
- If after 12 months no such volunteer were to be found, the GHRA would then be wound up.

Following this statement, no volunteers came forward and the members voted for the latter option – to adjourn the meeting for up to 12 months.

Please Note;

Given the above resolution passed by the members – residents are requested to note:

- a) That a Chairman & Secretary must be forth coming within 12 months, else the GHRA will cease to exist.
- b) That in this period of dormancy – any matter which would, historically have been addressed by the GHRA, its Chairman or Secretary will no longer be addressed.
- c) Any resident wishing to escalate a matter via the GHRA must first find a Chairman and Secretary willing to stand, before reconvening the meeting and addressing the topics in hand.
- d) Until the role of Chairman & Secretary is filled, usual quarterly GHRA meetings will not be held (except for a shortened meeting in 12 months to wind up the association.)

Thanks were recorded for John Poulten and Paul Withams for their services.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm

Paul Withams
Hon Secretary, GHRA

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 2 August
Thursday, 6 September
Thursday, 4 October

(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature....

- 2 x Road Traffic Accidents on Clacton Road and Little Clacton Road
- 1 x Tree down
- 1 x Driving complaint
- 2 x Suspicious circumstances
- 1 x Concern for welfare
- 1 x Alarm activated (all in order)
- 1 x Disturbance
- 1 x Burglary

As you can see from the incidents, there has been a burglary in Gt. Holland. Please can I remind you all to be extra vigilant and protect your property when leaving it unoccupied? While I patrol around the area I often see garage doors wide open with goods on display, i.e. lawn mowers, tools, etc. I know Gt. Holland is a quiet area but, trust me, it doesn't take long for someone to walk down the drive, take your items and put them in a van. If you have to pop round the back of your house or inside for a moment close your garage door.

Police and PCSOs have been very active in the area with the speed gun.

News on Walton Police Station is that it is to be sold off, but only when a suitable base is found for the PCSOs in the local area.

Take care.....

From Paul and Michele

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss

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

Community Phone No. 07850 631017

GREAT HOLLAND DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT

Great Holland celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with family fun, a BBQ and Barn Dance on Sunday 3rd June and despite the rain and cold there was an excellent attendance. Folk turned out suitably clad, determined that the conditions would not detract from their enjoyment, and the evening was a great success.

A team of workers had decorated a barn at Great Holland Hall farm with bunting, balloons and flags. A vehicle trailer provided an excellent stage for the band and the BBQ area was cosily protected from the elements by awnings and a spacious tent of scaffolding and tarpaulins.

The children's Treasure Hunt in the woods was a great success with most prizes claimed. Young children, (and some adults), had their faces painted and many children entered the colouring competition. A splendid array of Jubilee Hats caused the judges much difficulty in selecting the winners in both the junior and adult classes. And, after the competition to guess how many red, white and blue, cup cakes it had taken to make the brilliant Union Jack, the flag was eaten!

The BBQ was excellent and the volunteer cooks did a marvellous job.

After a practical demonstration of Thai Chi by Des Exworth, with some audience participation, the dancing got underway to music by 'Something Else' with Village Archivist Liz Bruce doing the calling whilst also overseeing her Heritage Display. Interval music was provided by local musicians Matthew Gough, Malcolm Graham, Nick Nash and Phil Dulieu.

The Jubilee Committee would like to thank all those who worked so hard to ensure that the Village celebrated this special Jubilee, you know who you are and your contributions, whether large or small, were much appreciated and essential to the success of the event. We would like particularly to mention the following for their kind contributions:-

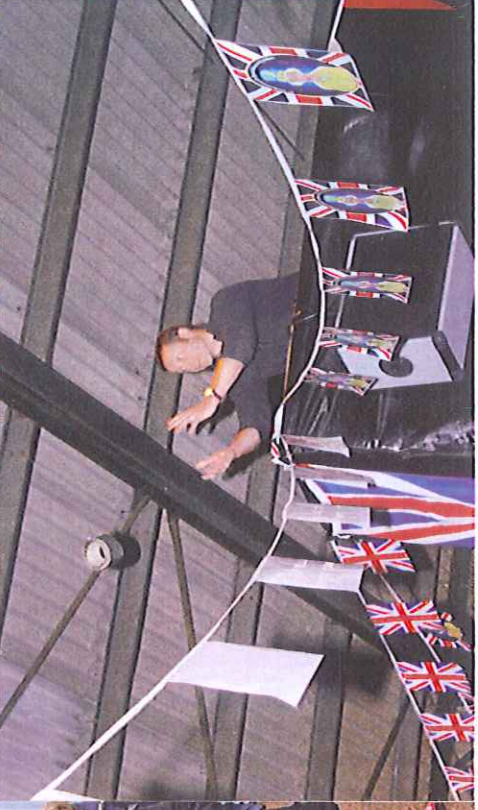
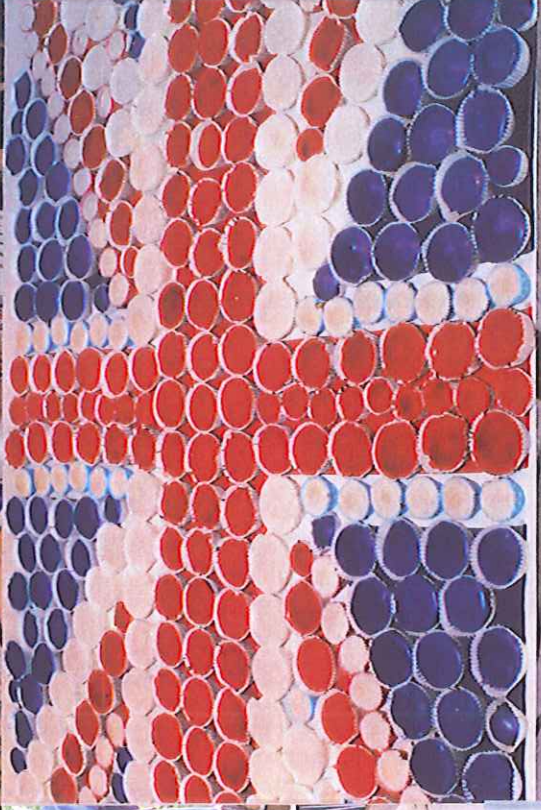
- A Hutley & Son
- Carpet Bowls Club
- Caxton Books & Gallery
- Frinton & Walton Town Council
- Frinton Farm Partners
- Gt Holland Boarding Cattery
- Great Holland Residents Association
- Green End Garage
- Leston Stationery
- Lifehouse Spa & Hotel
- Morrisons
- Mumfords
- Parker's Garden Company
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- Village Hall Committee
- Village Stores

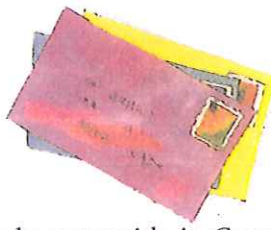
Though not the intention, the event realised a profit and we are considering how best to utilise and distribute the funds; more on this in the next issue of the Village Voice.



Photos of the "action", taken by Paul Withams, can be viewed on the Village Website:
www.greatholland.com.

A CD of the music played by Matthew Gough and his band can be found on his Website:
www.matthewgough.net.





LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Being an outsider so to speak, as I do not reside in Great Holland, I have been so grateful for being introduced to the Village Voice. Not only do I find it to be most brilliantly presented and edited, but full of interesting and helpful information – not least the wonderful advertisers Leston Stationery.

I cannot speak too highly of this Company. You see, I am a Veteran ex-Wren, am not computerised, and consequently my era is way back in the days of Pitman's Shorthand and manual typewriters. I hasten to add, however, that I now own a Word Processor which is excellent for what I want, i.e. to type letters. I then wondered if it would be possible to purchase the necessary tapes, but I had no need to be concerned about this because I telephoned Leston Stationery to ask if they could very kindly help me, spoke to a charming gentleman who immediately said that his company most certainly could. WOW, within a day or so, a very nice member of staff called at my door and produced the tapes I requested.

It is refreshing these days to find a Company, the staff of which are most courteous and helpful – who not only produce the goods but deliver them right to one's own door. I hope it goes without saying that I am most appreciative to them and also to Great Holland Village Voice for introducing me to such a Company.

*Betty Garner
Clacton-on-sea*



USEFUL INFORMATION

Compost Bins

Tendring District Council has a limited supply of compost bins to give away free to residents of Tendring. The bins can be collected directly from the Council's Weeley Offices or delivery can be arranged at a charge of £6. **Enquiries to 01255 686732.**

Electrical Safety Testing

Essex County Council Trading Standards, together with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, are providing a free electrical safety portable appliance testing service for adults over the age of 65 in the Tendring area. This facility is also available for those who require additional support due to a learning disability or mental, physical or sensory impairment. This scheme will run as long as funding is available. **Enquiries to 0845 603 7626.**

Home Fire Safety Check

In addition, the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service are also offering a free home fire safety check and free smoke alarm subject to eligibility. **Call 0845 601 2495** to see if you qualify.

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



Seasons

In the past I thought that things in the natural world did not change much. General observation of droughts, heat-waves and minor floods has gradually changed my view. I think that last winter was the second or third driest I have encountered, judging by the levels of the ponds at Holland Pits. The committee had to consider what we would do if pond dipping was not going to be practical. Since late April we have had abundant rainfall and in July the ponds have continued with unprecedented high seasonal levels.

Some of our animals thrive in these conditions. The Ringlet is a butterfly quite happy to fly in overcast conditions and even in rain, and it is doing very well. More surprisingly its cousin the Meadow Brown also seems to be emerging more strongly than in the last two years. Other species have not fared so well, with Orange Tips and a Green Hairstreak flying very late.

Many flowers seem to be benefiting, particularly in the two fields where we have seasonal grazing. The lemon coloured flowers of Hop Trefoil pock the grass on the heath, and clovers compete with the seed heads of the grasses for their share of sunlight.

Mole activity, welcomed on the reserve, rarely occurs in the summer but it is evident this year. Likewise there are a great many ant hills being constructed. I have assumed that ant colonies were declining as we have many old and unoccupied mounds, but few active ones. Ant hills and mole hills are both welcomed as they provide naturally tilled patches of soil on which some of our scarce annual plants can germinate. Some of the original founders of Holland Mill Wood came back recently to look at the plantation some seventeen growing seasons after it was planted. The Tendring Woodland Investigation Group or TWIG has now been re-formed and have undertaken some more planting projects including one at Great Holland. They have a web site. <http://www.thetwigproject.com>



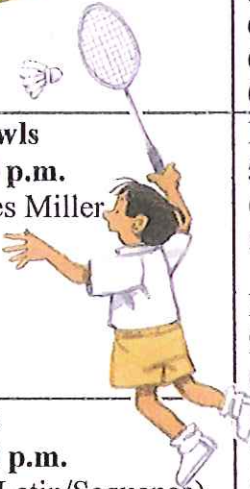
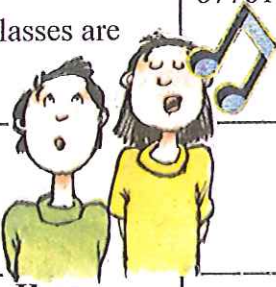


Now that the trees are considerably taller than people, the site starts to look established, the original straight rows of tiny whips, now indistinguishable because of a combination of natural sapling losses and recruitment of new seedlings. The weather has always taken its toll one way or another. The soil when the trees were planted could not have been wetter, the clay soils being saturated, and the summer was so dry that cracks penetrated up to two feet in places. Many trees expired, while willows seemed to appreciate the conditions, their roots following the bottom of the cracks where run off from occasional showers collected.

This summers' weather seems to be a reverse of that in 1995.

Bob Seago - Warden



WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			Cardio Vascular 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Zumba Class 8.30 – 9.15 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
Tuesday	Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702 	Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Contact: Les Miller 671214 	Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00 – 10.30 p.m. 671300
Wednesday		Tea Dance 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. (Ballroom/Latin/Sequence) Contact: Joyce 670700	Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)	Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. (1st Thursday of the month) 677610	Circuit Training Fitness Class 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 07932 371476
Friday			Links Karate 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		
Rates for hire of Village Hall All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)			

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The Village Hall



Cupola topping out

We have been promised that the Installation of the cupola is to take place on Saturday 11th August. It is hoped that a topping out ceremony will take place at approximately 11am. Local dignitaries and press will attend.

If you have time please come along and support us!!!!!!

Central heating - Hooray!!!

The central heating system has now been upgraded with a new boiler and additional radiators. When the heating is turned on in the autumn the heating will be programmed in advance on a daily basis for each group. It is hoped the new system will give a more consistent heat when needed but also reduce heating costs. Hot water is now available in the kitchen sink on demand. Hot water for the toilet hand basins is now on a separate timer.

General Maintenance

A **BIG** thank you to villager David Knight who, over the last six months, has painted external doors and internal woodwork. David not only provided the labour and expertise but also supplied most of the materials!

Experienced decorators please apply >>>>>>

Six of the original Crittall style windows, mostly at the rear of the building, are in urgent need of redecoration. It is important that we save these original features before it is too late! It wouldn't take too long to address this problem if we can get two or three volunteers together. If you are a professional or experienced decorator living in the village please give us a few hours of your time, after all the hall belongs to the residents of the village!!!

Little Weeeeed >>>>>>

Can you spare an hour or so to occasionally weed around the edge of the car park? Due to the adjoining paddock being occupied by horses and abundant local wildlife, no weed killers allowed I'm afraid.

Room for new groups

Thinking of starting a club or similar????? The hall is currently not being hired during the day time hours on a Monday or Friday. Phone Sue Jenkins **850317** for more details.



Festive evening at the hall 1st December

Plans are well under way for the Christmas quiz fund raising event scheduled for Saturday 1st December. *Tickets to go on sale later in the year, but can be reserved now by telephoning Tom on 852195. (Book early to avoid disappointment!)*



Committee meeting

There was no committee meeting this month.

Finally, I would like to thank Ray Smith for his help with the recent tidy up and the use of his trailer.

Tom Sandy

FROM THE GT. HOLLAND LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

Sporting Activities in Great Holland

As the Olympics are upon us, let's look back over the last 100 years of sporting activities in Great Holland.

Firstly, **ICE SKATING**. The favourite pastime during the early part of February 1900 was skating on Holland Marshes, where the ice was found fairly satisfactory. Large numbers of visitors from Clacton and the neighbouring villages also attended.

From the 1900's another sport in the form of **QUOITS** was enthusiastically played. According to the local paper it was a great success despite there having been a severe accident in 1900 to a boy named Hynard, son of a labourer who lived on the Green. Several older boys were having a game of quoits when Hynard inadvertently stepped in the way of one of the heavy iron tools as it was being flung across the field. A nasty cut to the head was inflicted and at once attended to by Dr Ivens of Thorpe. The Gt. Holland team played against ones from Wix, Lt. Clacton, Frinton and Walton. Extracts from a local paper report: (2/4/1904) "The Annual Meeting of the Quoit Club was held on Saturday evening, March 26th, at the Ship Inn. It was agreed to have the beds put in order, and play to commence at once, meetings to be held on the last Saturday in the month for business and contributions etc." (14/11/1911) "On Saturday last the members of the Gt. Holland Quoit Club assembled at the Red Lion Inn, the occasion being the annual supper and presentation of prizes won in the tournament. The company which numbered about 30, sat down to an excellent meal which was served in first-class style by the Host and Hostess Burgess. The first prize, awarded to both sections, were a splendid pair of quoits, each set inscribed with the winner's name."

POINT-TO-POINT RACES. These were organised by Tendring Hundred Farmers Club annually and held at Gt. Holland on a field placed at the Club's disposal by Mr Green of Larges Farm. There were four races:

- (1) A light-weight sweepstake of 3 miles for maiden horses regularly hunted with the Essex & Suffolk or East Essex Foxhounds.
- (2) A farmer's race of 3 miles for maiden horses regularly hunted with the Essex & Suffolk Foxhounds, the property of farmers occupying land within the limits of the Essex & Suffolk Hunt.
- (3) A heavy-weight sweepstake of 3 miles for maiden horses that have been regularly hunted with the Essex & Suffolk or East Essex Foxhounds.
- (4) An open sweepstake of 3 miles for maiden horses that have been regularly hunted with any established pack of hounds.

SNOOKER was very popular throughout the local area, most clubs and hotels having tables. In Walton there were facilities at the Albion Hotel, Portobello Hotel, Pier Hotel, Y.M.C.A. and Snares. Each of these managed to produce a team for the Snooker League played between Frinton, Walton and Gt. Holland. Matches were played at the Y.M.C.A. in Walton

(then a wooden hut left over from W.W.I. in the street adjoining the existing site), the Men's Club in Frinton and the School in Gt. Holland.

FOOTBALL was also a favourite sport. There are records of the team in 1920-21 through 1949-50, and into the 1960s. In 1968 the team were the Coastal League leaders. Their home ground was the Rectory Meadow.



The 1920-21 Team: F. North, P. Fairbrother, S. Byford, W. Welham
Centre: Jimmy Allison, G. Gibbs, H. Overton
Front Row: B. Lubbock, A. Oakley, J. Rouse, J. Mann, Jock Allison

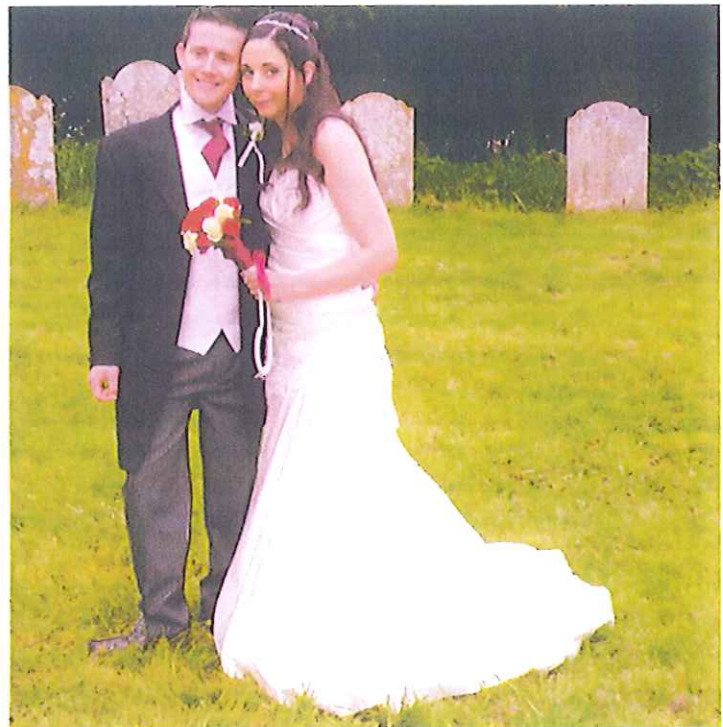


The 1968 Team: B. Gordon, D. Lea, J. Warner, N. Bareham, R. Bareham, H. Ward
Front Row: R. Byles, P. Bareham, P. Byles, R. Warren, R. Jewell, M. Rouse

Congratulations to.....

Amy Barnes of Great Holland and Douglas Breadmore of Clacton who were married at All Saints Church on Saturday, 19th May.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Teri-Anne Barnes, Miss Carina Hales and Miss Sophie Hales. Miss Charlie Rydon was the flower girl. John Pickersgill was best man, with Robert Barnes and Dale Selvey acting as ushers. A wonderful day was had by all and the happy couple will be honeymooning in Egypt later this year.



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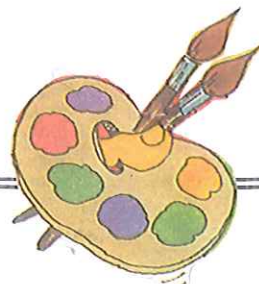
Location : Rosery Mews
Arrival/Departure times : 10 am / 10.30 am



Dates (Thursdays) :

5 July 19 July	2 August 16 August 30 August	13 September 27 September
11 October 25 October	8 November 22 November	6 December 20 December

(NOTE: The Mobile Library no longer calls at The Close or Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove)



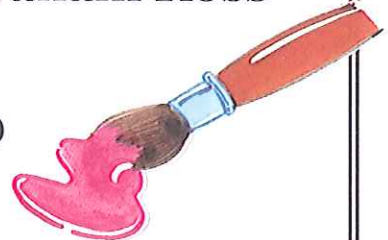
Exhibition of Fine Art

'The Three Easels'

Maggie Murphy, Dawn Hall & Graham Ross

Frinton Golf Club

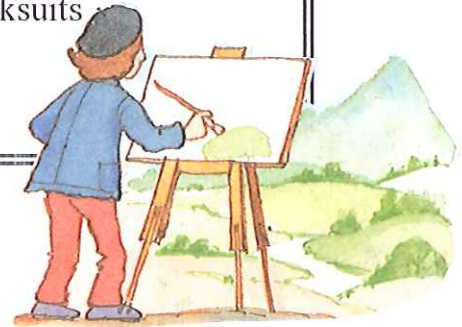
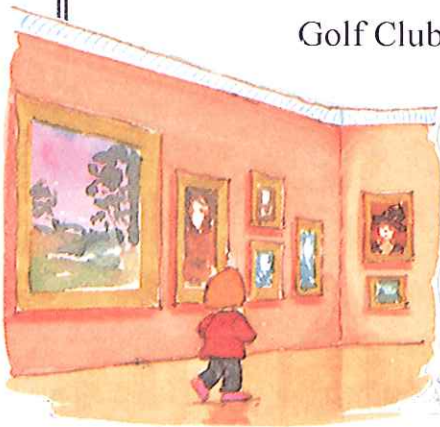
The President's Suite



Friday 31st August 7.00pm - late
Saturday 1st September 10.00am - late
Sunday 2nd September 11.00am - 4.00pm

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RETURN TO THE FALKLANDS

At midnight on 1st April this year Titan Airways Boeing 767, flight RR8210, left RAF Brize Norton taking us on our third visit to the Falkland Islands, 8,000 miles away.

At 09.00 BST, (08.00 local time), we landed on Ascension Island for refuelling and a change of crew. It was a balmy 25°C as we were ushered from the aircraft to "the cage", a fenced compound containing the terminal building, and where transiting passengers are confined.



At 10.30 we were off again arriving at the British Forces South Atlantic Islands base, Mount Pleasant Airfield, (MPA), on East Falkland at 18.15 BST, (14.15 local time), on the 2nd April, exactly thirty years to the day in 1982 when Argentine forces landed on the islands and sparked off the war. On our last visit our aircraft had been met some miles out, by two RAF Tornados and it was somewhat disappointing that the experience was not repeated this time. The resident aircraft are now Typhoons and we speculated that the escorting sorties had fallen victim to austerity measures!

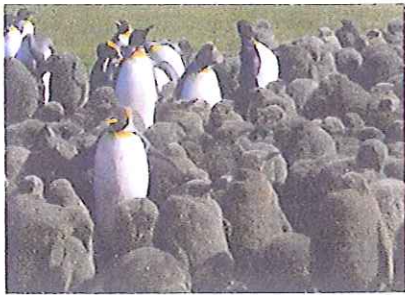
Our 18½ hours travelling had taken us from 52° North to 52° South and from Spring to Autumn. The weather on arrival was pleasant enough but with the usual strong wind.

Driving the short distance to our accommodation in the sprawling domestic complex of living, entertainment and recreational facilities, (Messes, bars, Gym, cinema, swimming pool, bowling alley, library, coffee shop, Naafi, etc), little seemed to have changed since we last visited in April 2007, although there were more houses being built. The domestic complex is a series of prefabricated hutted sections linked by corridors and we were to become very familiar with the half mile corridor trek from our room to the Mess at meal times.

One evening, on returning to our room after dinner, a rather dishevelled figure appeared from a side corridor and ambled toward us. Immediately I said to June, "it's Ben Gunn, he'll want some cheese?" This was a wiry man with long grey straggly hair and beard and to me he looked the manifestation of that Treasure Island castaway. Some days later I encountered him again, going my way, and we had a brief conversation in which he indicated a penchant, not for cheese, but for DVDs of tv series! Subsequently we heard that he was a well known MPA character, a cleaner with the MOD, and a St. Helenian soon to retire to his native island.

Just prior to our visit the Argentine president had been posturing about the "Malvinas", accusing the British of militarising the South Atlantic. Also cruise ships visiting the Falklands were being denied entry to Argentina's ports and it seemed that there was an anti Britain campaign prompted by this 30th anniversary year. On a visit to Stanley early in our holiday it

was very evident that the islanders were defiant and determined to display their Britishness, and the union jack was flying everywhere including on most of the private vehicles. Stanley had not changed but we noticed that several more houses had been built since our last visit.



As with our two previous visits we again saw a host of wildlife including the four resident species of penguins, (King, Gentoo, Rockhopper and Magellanic), and many other birds. A very enjoyable off road outing took us many miles over extremely rough terrain to Whale point where we walked among the Elephant Seals, and on many occasions we were able to stroll along the extensive silver

sand beaches and watch dolphins in the surf.

Helicopter trips were memorable particularly to Saunders Island where we were able to sit among the colony of Black-browed Albatross chicks as they flexed their huge wings ready for their first flight. These youngsters were fully fledged and apart from the occasional adult visiting with food they were all but abandoned and soon hunger would force them to launch themselves into the air. The birds took little notice of us even when we were within just a few feet of them.



It was from the beach on Saunders Island that we had our best views of the Commerson's dolphins riding the breaking waves, shoulder to shoulder, up to a dozen at a time, their black and white markings showing up in the clear bright green water.

The enjoyment of our third visit was enhanced by the experiences of our previous trips and one could never tire of the unique experience of these islands. Some years ago I gave a talk about our former visits to the Great Holland Friends and was approached afterwards by a very distinguished looking elderly gentleman from the audience. He said that he enjoyed the talk very much but had two criticisms. First he said that I had not conveyed adequately the strength and constancy of the wind and secondly I had certainly not conveyed at all the overpowering and nauseating stench of a penguin colony!! He was correct on both counts. He then introduced himself as a former Secretary and acting Governor of the islands!

We would be very pleased to make a fourth visit.

Eddie & June Forrest