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# Great Holland Village Voice

Don't forget the  
Christmas  
Home Made Hour  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> December!



December 2011  
&  
January 2012

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We wish you a mer-ry Christ-mas, And a hap-py New Year



... to the December 2011/January 2012 edition of **Village Voice**.

## **An urgent message from Mr Christopher Keston, our Frinton & Walton Town Councillor:**

Having attended the Housing Development Exhibition at Holland Public Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October, I advise residents that any letters of objection or approval regarding the housing plans for Great Holland should be sent individually to Tendring District Council, and copied to Frinton and Walton Town Council, as a matter of urgency before **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

I have put a copy of the plans in Great Holland Post Office. Plans can also be seen on the TDC website: [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)



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 February or March 2012 that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

Please contact Linda on [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> January 2012**

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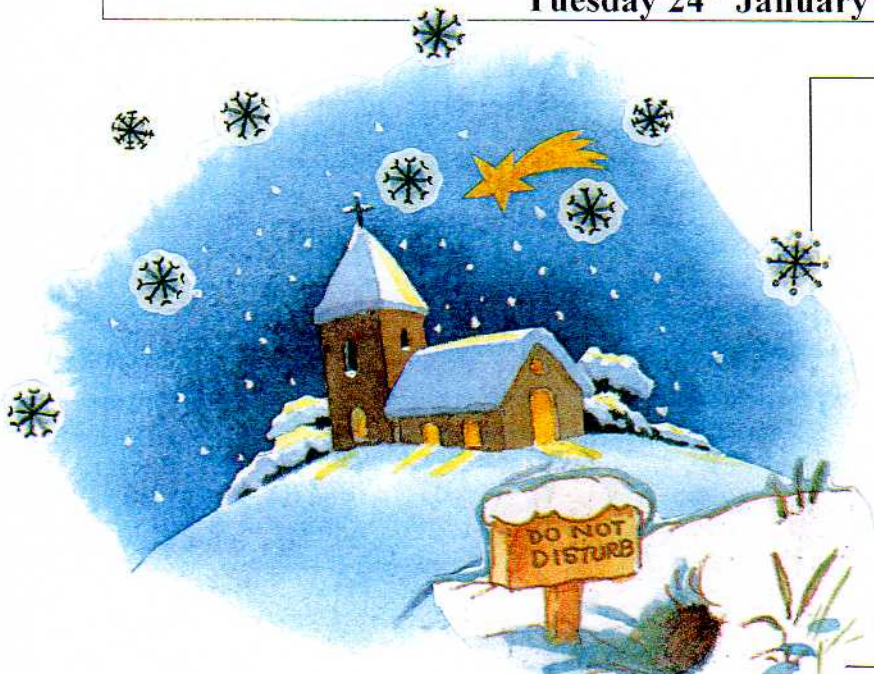
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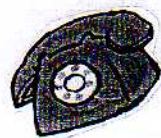
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# Village Contacts and Local Information





<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
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<b>All Saints' Church Minister</b>	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
<b>Methodist Church Minister</b>	Rev. Ray King	675336
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<b>Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council</b> (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk)  Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666  850067
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<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	101 (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>	Please call 101 and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	Please call 101 and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
<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. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE TIMES MAY BE CHANGING SHORTLY, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE DETAILS YET.	



# Dates for your Diary ...

## DECEMBER



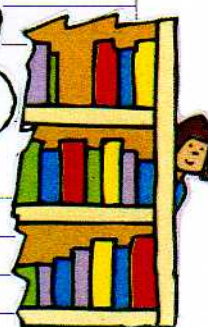
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	 <p><b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday  <b>PCSO Surgery:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.  <b>GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>          Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.          (Further details elsewhere in magazine)</p>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>★ <b>CHRISTMAS HOME MADE HOUR</b> ★          Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.</p> 
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews.  <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday</p>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Late night Christmas Shopping</b> in Connaught Avenue, Frinton.</p>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - METHODIST CHURCH</b>          10.00am-2.00pm.          (Further details elsewhere in magazine)</p>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.</p>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Carols</b> at The Ship - 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.</p>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.</p>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Charity Quiz Night</b> at The Ship.</p>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews.  <b>NO Methodist Church Coffee Morning today.</b></p>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><b>Frinton Farmers &amp; Craft Market:</b> McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.</p>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Karaoke</b> at The Ship.</p>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>NO Methodist Church Coffee Morning today.</b></p>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Party with Disco and Karaoke</b> at The Ship - children welcome.</p>



## January



Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews.  <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.  <b>NO Great Holland Friends meeting today</b></p>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>NO Home Made Hour today</b></p>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.</p>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.  <b>PCSO Surgery:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.</p>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews.  <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.</p>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mobile Library</b> visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.</p>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.</p>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Frinton Farmers &amp; Craft Market:</b> McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.</p>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<p>★ <b>MEETING OF GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION</b> ★          Village Hall, 10.30 (tea/coffee at 10.00am).</p>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Charity Quiz Night</b> at The Ship.</p>



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

# All Saints' Church



## Rector's letter ...

This year's John Lewis TV advert for Christmas is wonderful.

If you've not seen it, it follows a young boy in the run up to Christmas. He is desperate for the days to pass by and he does all he can to make time pass faster. He is desperate for Christmas day to come. His parents lovingly encourage him to wait.

Finally, Christmas morning comes and the boy sits upright in bed. He jumps down, and runs straight past the pile of presents at the bottom of his bed to his wardrobe where he finds one other present.

He grabs it with great excitement, walks out of his bedroom and into that of his parents. He stands proudly with the present and then gives it to them. The advert finishes with the line:

For gifts you can't wait to give.

The advert has become an "internet sensation" and the reason that it's so popular is that it's the Christmas that we really all want isn't it? We want a Christmas that is generous and not greedy, selfless rather than selfish, fun and not fraught.

And that is what the first ever Christmas was. We remember God the Father giving his Son, Jesus, for the world. Jesus was a gift God couldn't wait to give. It wasn't just Mary counting the days until Jesus was born as a baby that first Christmas; God was doing it too – he was desperate to give the greatest gift of all.

Can we encourage you to join us and celebrate at All Saints' this Christmas? We can promise you an oasis from the jobs to do, lists to finish, presents to buy. Come for a little bit more of the "real" Christmas and come and hear more about the gift God couldn't wait to give.

Here's what we're doing this Christmas:



<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8pm	Carols in The Ship Come and join us for a drink, Carol singing and a Christmas thought
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	4pm	Christingle Service in All Saints' Church Christmas fun for all the family
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in All Saints' Church Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies
<b>Christmas Morning</b>	11am	Short Family Service in All Saints' Church

We'd really love to see you.

Happy Christmas,

Mark





**From All Saints' Diary - DECEMBER 2011:**

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	<b>HOME MADE HOUR Christmas Special!!</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Christmas Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Special Needs Service at St Michael's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00pm	Christmas Tree & Christingle Service
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Candlelit Carol service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>All age Holy Communion service</b>



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**From All Saints' Diary - JANUARY 2012:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	PCC meeting in the Church Room
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's</b>

**FROM THE REGISTERS:**

**FUNERALS:** We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of:

**Christina Maria McMunn (62)** Laxton Grove, Great Holland      St Michael's & Kirby Cemetery

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December



**CHRISTMAS  
PARISH LUNCH**

At 1.00 pm

In St. Michael's Church Hall



Wednesday, 14th December

**CAROLS AT  
"THE SHIP"**

At 7.30 pm

Come and join us for a drink,  
carol singing and a Christmas  
thought



Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**CHRISTINGLE  
AND  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE SERVICE**

4.00 pm

All Saints' Church

Christmas fun for all the family



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**CANDLELIT  
CAROLS**

At 6.30 pm

All Saints' Church

Readings and carols  
followed by mulled wine  
and mince pies



**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Family Service with  
Shortened  
Holy Communion  
At 11.00 am  
All Saints' Church





# Home Made Hour



THANK YOU for the support for our November Home Made Hour, which helped to raise funds for All Saints' Church. AS USUAL, THERE WILL BE NO HOME MADE HOUR IN JANUARY.



## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL HOME MADE HOUR

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011  
10.00-11.00am



Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, a raffle, festive music and the usual sale of home made cakes, savouries, marmalade etc. Other items on sale will include:



Village Christmas cards  
Hand made greetings cards  
A 2012 calendar that features local scenes

Hand made handbags, knitted items and Christmas bunting



### Plain Chocolate Truffles

#### Ingredients

225g Plain Chocolate, broken into chocolate button-sized pieces  
175ml double or whipping cream  
Icing sugar, cocoa powder  
Icing sugar for dusting



- Put chocolate in a large mixing bowl. In a small saucepan, bring the cream to a rolling boil and immediately pour over the broken chocolate. Blend thoroughly until all the chocolate is melted.
- Allow the mixture, to cool, uncovered, completely for 1-1½ hours at room temperature until it is set. Cover a large, heavy chopping board or a baking tray tightly and completely with Clingfilm or waxed paper to place the truffles on to set.
- When mixture has set, use a teaspoon to spoon out bite-sized pieces. Dust hands lightly with icing sugar to prevent them sticking and roll the pieces into balls in the palms of your hands.
- Immediately roll the truffles in sifted cocoa powder or icing sugar and place on the prepared tray to set.

The truffles can be kept, covered in an airtight container in the fridge, for at least a week. Sprinkle them with a little extra cocoa powder from a sieve/tea strainer at the last minute if they need freshening up.

You can vary the truffles by adding numerous other flavourings of your choice. For alcoholic truffles, add 75ml rum, brandy, (or any other alcohol you fancy) or how about a little orange juice? Add to the chocolate before allowing to cool and set. **ENJOY!!!!!!**

Karen Withams



## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Stay-at-home Christmas?



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

Please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call your local voluntary organiser for a chat: **Sandra Purrett: 01296 681625**

# Great Holland Village & Church Fete 2011



Did you attend this year's Great Holland Village Fete - with its long, hot, sunny afternoon of family fun and enjoyment? Or perhaps you missed it and have been ruing the loss ever since?

Well now, thanks to the wonders of modern technology, you can relive the whole event by following these simple steps:

- 1) Visit [www.Greatholland.com](http://www.Greatholland.com)
- 2) Click on the link to the Fete Photographs.
- 3) Turn up the Central Heating to around 86 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 4) Pop along to the Village Store and buy a Cornetto
- 5) Sit back and enjoy seeing your friends and neighbours having a great time whilst re-living the 'buzz' of the occasion.

The photos are available to download/print off For Free - and make an ideal (and economic) Christmas gift for loved ones and relatives alike.

Merry Christmas from [www.Greatholland.com](http://www.Greatholland.com)

Paul Withams



## Great Holland Village & Church Fete 2012

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

In readiness for our 2012 fete, to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August, we are launching a photography competition entitled "Village life through the seasons". Entries will be displayed in the Produce Tent.

We are hoping to get Nigel Pepper to judge the competition, but this is still to be confirmed. So starting dusting off the camera and getting those walking boots out; we have certainly had some fantastic sunsets in the last few weeks. Good luck.

**Sue Jenkins (850317)**

# Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends in Great Holland ...



It would not be true to say that everyone loves Christmas but nearly everyone has an idea of what would be a perfect time. For those familiar with the Bible stories it has an extra depth but it probably appeals to most of us for other reasons. A month after we started a few years of living in America, we went one afternoon to the cinema. The movie *Home Alone* had just been released and it was a joy for both teenagers and their parents. It is one of many modern iconic Christmas stories, focusing on the need for family, with a background of Christmas decoration and a church choir singing well-known Christmas carols. It was the first time I became familiar with the song *O Holy Night*.

When we came out of the cinema it had snowed for the first time that year and it was already three inches deep on the paths. It seemed like a perfect build up to Christmas. It is maybe things like this, around us or in film, that make the season what it is. We decorate to remind ourselves that for us Christmas is special.

For more and more people the background to Christmas is not as familiar as it used to be. But for those of us that remember the story of the birth of Jesus we see God's love reflected in everything of that special season. For us it is not just the visitors to Bethlehem bringing gifts but those visitors coming to stand in awe at the presence of God in a new and wonderful way.

So perhaps we have here, despite the usual busy-ness of the season, a chance to think that as we take some brief opportunities, in some quiet moments of reflection God can touch our lives too.

Ray King (Minister)

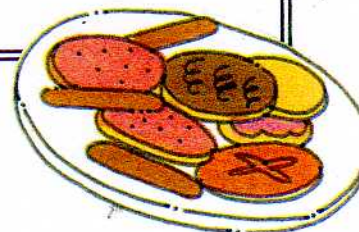


## REMINDER!

Can we remind you 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 the chance to make new friends. Everyone is welcome!

**There will be no coffee mornings on either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**



# Great Holland Methodist Church Harvest Festival Weekend

Thank you to all who supported this event. The church looked beautiful, with a riot of autumn colour. Approximately 100 people visited the church during the weekend, and a total of **£328.00** was raised for the charity Water Aid.



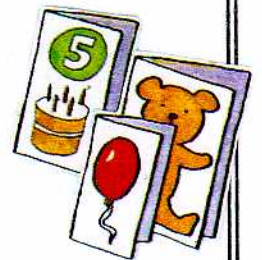
JOY  
TIS THE SEASON



Great Holland Methodist Church is holding a

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
10.00am-2.00pm



Light refreshments will be served and there will be various stalls, including:

HAND MADE CARDS

BRIC-A-BRAC

HOME MADE CAKES

BOOKS & JIGSAW PUZZLES





Great Holland Residents Association

## Great Holland Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. 11.30am Start (Finish 12.15pm)  
Venue : Village Hall

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### Minutes

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

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John Poulten welcomed everyone and apologised for any confusion in start time, as the latest edition of the Village Voice had published a start time an hour earlier than the scheduled ( & previously advertised) time of 11.30am.

#### Item 1 - Apologies for absence

Karen Withams, Judith & Brian Little, Sandra Mooney, Don Marven, Malcolm Graham, Sylvia Nicoll, Robert Bucke, Chris Keston, Charmian Goundry.

**Item 2 - Minutes from the AGM (May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011), 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 :

Sgt Pete Gerrard provided a summary of activity since 1<sup>st</sup> June (to date) : -

- Only 4 items in total, which he commented went to prove what a safe and pleasant place Great Holland was to live.
- 2 of the 4 items were of a domestic nature.
- Another related to a motor theft, where a wheel arch of a vehicle was stolen.

#### Cold Calling :

- Sgt Gerrard reminded residents to be firm with unwanted Cold Calls, adding that residents always have the option of simply closing the door should a caller / sales person persist.
- The best mantra is that "If it's too good to be true, it probably is! "
- **Anything suspicious should be reported to the PCSO on 07850 631017 or if urgent, dial 999**
- John Poulten advised the Group that through the efforts of Angela Graham and her daughter, Church Lane has applied to ECC to become a No Cold Calling 'zone'. This requires unanimous agreement of residents before an application can be made.

### **Speeding :**

- Sgt Gerrard is in the process of reviewing proposed locations for Community Speed Watch – to ensure they are safe. He advised that whilst Little Clacton Road was not safe enough to allow officers to mount a speed trap (due to the need to stop vehicles), it was likely that the watch and observe nature of Community Speed Watch would be permissible.

### **Police Resources :**

- Sgt Gerrard advised that a number of resources had been stretched / re-deployed to support Policing of the London riots and more recently to Crays Hill in Basildon. He also advised that due to the need to reduce cost, Walton Police Station would no longer be open to the public. It would, however, remain a base for Police and PCSO patrols.

### **Item 5 - Treasurers report**

- Denys advised that the Village Design Statement / Parish Plan group had voted to donate the unspent budget of £516.38 to the GHRA.
- Thanks were given to the VDS / PP Group for producing not only a first class document, but for delivering it under budget.
- Funds held by the Association total £2,681.06

### **Item 6 – Planning**

#### **58 Bed Dementia home :**

- The work undertaken to date is classified as Exploratory works (including the laying of a hard standing).
- In line with planning permission, certain road works must be completed before construction starts on site.

#### **Local Listing / Local Development Framework :**

TDC has put this on the back-burner, pending clarification of policy from central government.

### **Item 10 – AOB**

#### **Kirby Residents Association :**

- John advised that the Chairman of the Kirby Residents Association had contacted him asking whether GHRA would support them in their campaign to retain the footpath if /when the sea wall is breached. The meeting voted in favour of support – with a point made that Footpaths should be preserved wherever possible.

#### **Village Hall : Cleaning. October 29<sup>th</sup> (from 10am)**

- The meeting was reminded that the annual Village Hall clean-up would be taking place on October 29<sup>th</sup>
- It is a community supported Wash & Brush up for the hall. Even an hour would be appreciated – and excellent refreshments will be made available (free of charge).

### **Hedge Trimming :**

- John advised that through Robert Bucke's hard work the hedges bordering footpaths in Main Road had been trimmed. Whilst this is felt to be the responsibility of ECC, the work was undertaken by TDC.
- Robert is in the process of confirming who is responsible for the work – making request / escalation simpler next year.
- A resident made the point that whilst appreciated, TDC rarely clear away cuttings from work completed (whether it is hedge or grass cuttings.)
- Robert has also arranged for the lay-by in Holland Marshes to be cleared of rubbish / fly-tipping.
- If any resident spots a fly-tipper at weekends they are encouraged to contact the Police should they witness fly-tipping. The police can then contact TDC / ECC as appropriate

### **New GHRA Chairman & Secretary required :**

- John advised the meeting that neither he nor Paul Withams would be standing for re-election in May 2012.
- Residents were requested to offer their services in readiness for the transition – lest the GHRA be left in a period of interregnum.

### **Christmas Social :**

After last year's successful Christmas function at the Fruit Farm, a volunteer has yet to step forward to organise this year's event. Volunteers should contact John Poulten.

### **Diamond Jubilee :**

Despite requests for volunteers, no one has stepped forward to organise events or (in the case of 'interest groups' using the Village Hall) respond to John Poulten's letters of invitation.

- The only exception to this was Sue Jenkins, who volunteered to align an intended Village Hall fund raising quiz to coincide with the Jubilee.
- John Poulten observed that the 1953 Queen's Coronation Booklet he had been lent by Mr J Wright, (price 6d) featured events lasting an entire week and in Great Holland included bonfires, fireworks and Coronation Day Sports events on the Rectory green.
- John added that unless volunteers came forward soon (and with the lead times required to organise such events), the occasion would pass un-marked by the Village.

**Paul Withams**  
Secretary



**DIAMOND JUBILEE – JUNE 2012**

**STOP PRESS**

The Ladies of Great Holland will be organising an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Further details will be given at the next Great Holland Residents' Association meeting and will appear in the February/March edition of the magazine.

## LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

December 2011

Dear Neighbour,



Great Holland Residents Association

### WINTER

At the time of writing it is and has been unseasonably mild. However everyone expects a hard winter. The red berries are in profusion on the trees and Doctor's surgeries were full of flu vaccines early this season. Make of that what you will. Whatever weather we have, on behalf of the residents Association, I wish everyone in the Village a very Happy Christmas and a thoroughly good New Year.

### PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

#### 58 Bed Dementia Unit.

Development has officially commenced on site under the terms of the new planning permission. That means the old "traffic light" condition under the Appeal Decision can never be revived.

Lanpro, the owners' planning agents have been canvassing local opinion as the owners want to increase the density of the site to 74 beds from 58. But reducing the number of close care units from 15 to 10. It is a net increase of 11. F&WTC are opposed to it. It remains to be seen what TDC say.

#### 30 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information at present.

#### Possible New Houses in Tendring

Further to my circular letter of 17<sup>th</sup> October a lot of residents wrote to TDC objecting to the proposals in general and to the 4 sites suggested for Gt. Holland. The Committee wrote to TDC objecting the principle of a 15 year development plan in the manner suggested by the Council. We also objected to all 4 sites on policy grounds and to individual sites on specific grounds. This saga will rumble on for at least another two years before a final position emerges, if at all.

### POLICE

When the GHRA last met Sgt. Pete Gerrard said, in all good faith, that the Station at Walton would remain open, if not to the public, then for the PCSO Team. By the time he spoke to residents of Frinton, the word had come down that the station would be closed and the PCSO Team would be based at Thorpe.

Shortly after that it was said that the PCSO Team would be located in Harwich. Bearing in mind that F&WTC pay one half of the cost of the PCSO Team (that's you and me, by the way) you will not be surprised that objections have been voiced by F&WTC. A suggestion has been made that premises be shared with another suitable body in the area. The Fire Station at Frinton has been mentioned. This is a fluid situation.

### CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Cards are on sale at the usual outlets. No-one has volunteered to organise a village event this year.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Again, no suggestions have been made for this. It may be that F&WTC try to organise something.



**MEMBERSHIP**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **28<sup>th</sup> January 2012** at the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be available from 10am. The meeting start at 10.30 am. It will not take more than an hour.

**SITS VAC**

I would just remind you that Paul Withams our Secretary and I will be standing down from our posts in May 2012. Volunteers are needed.

Yours sincerely,  
**JOHN POULTEN**  
 CHAIRMAN

**Arrangements for Christmas and New Year Waste and Recycling Collections issued by Tendring District Council**

	Normal collection day			Revised collection day
Mon	26/12/2011 Bank Holiday			No Collection
Tue	27/12/2011 Bank Holiday	→	Wed	28/12/2011
Wed	28/12/2011	→	Thu	29/12/2011
Thu	29/12/2011	→	Fri	30/12/2011
Fri	30/12/2011	→	Sat	31/12/2011
Sat	31/12/2011			
Sun	01/01/2012			
Mon	02/01/2012 Bank Holiday	→	Tue	03/01/2012 (Two weeks worth of waste)
Tue	03/01/2012	→	Wed	04/01/2012
Wed	04/01/2012	→	Thu	05/01/2012
Thu	05/01/2012	→	Fri	06/01/2012
Fri	06/01/2012	→	Sat	07/01/2012
Sat	07/01/2012			
Sun	08/01/2012			

**All the Council's 80 recycling bank sites will be open over the festive season which will allow residents to recycle their glass bottles, cans, textiles and paper.**



# Great Holland Friends

# Party

## Christmas Party

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

at the Village Hall: 2.00 -4.00pm

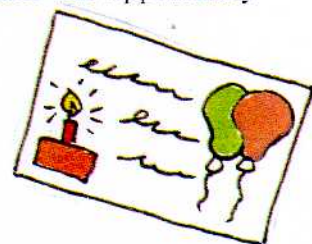


We again welcome members and visitors to our Christmas buffet, with music supplied by Just Melody - drums and keyboard played by Richard and Peter. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A 'SANTA'S SACK' THIS YEAR.** As usual, the Club will meet the cost of the party for members but tickets for non-members/guests will be £4 for the buffet and entertainment. Please telephone Bill or Eileen on **677610** if you wish to buy any tickets

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY.** Our next meeting will be in February 2012, when most of our memberships are due for renewal.

Our thanks go out to our helpers who are always there to support the Club. We take this opportunity to wish members, guests and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Bill & Eileen Derrick (677610)**



### **MRS AUDREY HILL**

Audrey, who for several years has contributed to the magazine by way of her 'Garden Notes' has sadly passed away. Her lovely sense of humour often shone through her words, and there was always a mention of her much-loved cat, Kerrygold, and what she felt about everything. She has always been a keen gardener. Her own garden was lovely, and she was happy to share her interest and knowledge with everyone.

I am sure readers of the magazine will miss her light-hearted articles on the seasons as they came and went.

## POLICE SURGERY DATES

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



Thursday, 1 December 2011

Thursday, 12 January 2012

(10.30 – 11.30)

### NEWS .....

Incidents reported from 1 September to 15 November were as follows:

- Two road traffic collisions
- Two driving complaints – one of which was 3 mopeds riding side by side. Stern words of advice given.
- Two suspicious males in the area
- Two obstructions – one no trace. Advice given to the other party and vehicle moved.
- Fallen tree
- Nuisance neighbour
- Theft of 3 chickens
- One farm vehicle stolen

With the run up to Christmas please be mindful on leaving valuables in your vehicle and inside your property on display.

PCSO Sally Boyden is still available for post coding your items. Perfect if there is a new cycle on Santa's wish list.

**All at Walton Police Station would like to wish the residents of Great Holland a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.**

Take Care,

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PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey  
Walton Police Station  
Martello Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BP  
Tel: 101 (Ask for Ext: 487553)

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

Community Phone No. 07850 631017



## CHRISTMAS IN GT. HOLLAND ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

An article from Clacton Graphic (30/12/1911) reporting on the village Christmas party.

ENTERTAINMENT - On Thursday evening, the old people of the parish were entertained to a very substantial tea and entertainment at the Village Hall, which had been provided from the proceeds of recent successful entertainments, organised by Mrs. Overton, Mr. & Mrs. Barton, and Mrs. Lott, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The Hall was very prettily decorated with holly, evergreens, flags and bunting, and the tables were heavily laden with good things which had been bountifully supplied. Mrs Hodgkins, of Woodcot, kindly gave a donation to the fund. Mr. Crampin also gave the fruit, and Miss Barron supplied milk, besides giving a donation. The old people, who were unable to walk, were conveyed to and from the Hall. After the tables had been cleared, and the room re-arranged, a musical programme was provided, consisting of songs, recitations etc. A special item of the programme was a children's play, entitled "Tommy Stout and Curly locks", which was very cleverly enacted in two scenes by Lily and Elsie Overton and Coy Overton, Lily, Bertha, and Harry Crampin, Mabel Walton, Connie Fairbrother, Amy Marshall, and F. Barton. Several tableaux were also presented. A sketch entitled "Old Maids' Matches" created much amusement, the characters being well brought up as follows:- Mr. Lott as "Jeremiah Pefkins", Mrs. Overton (the servant), Mrs. Barton, Miss Crampin and Miss Eade (old maids), Miss Long (Dudley), Miss Ransome (Dora), Mr. Barton (police constable), and Mr. Morris (detective). Songs were contributed by Mrs. Barton, Miss Lily Crampin, Miss Stowe, Miss Ransome, and others. Recitations were given by Mr. Lott, Miss Long, Miss Lott, and a dialogue by Misses Lily and Elsie Overton. Miss Stowe ably presided at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the programme were recorded and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

*Liz Bruce  
Local History Recorder  
Christmas 2011*



## **DISTRIBUTION OF VILLAGE VOICE**



We have received some complaints about disparity in the timing of delivery of Village Voice to the various roads in the village.

It might be helpful if we explain that Village Voice is delivered - to every household in the village - by a team of willing volunteers who very kindly give up their time to do so. We distribute the magazines to the team members promptly, but the actual timing of delivery throughout the village can vary depending on the availability, commitments and health of the individual volunteers.

Perhaps **YOU** could help to deliver the magazine occasionally if a regular team member is unavailable - due to illness or holiday commitments, for example. If so, please let us know and we will add your name to our list of volunteers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new volunteer, Mrs Chris Oxford, who will be delivering Village Voice to The Close. Thank you Chris!

Linda (852195) and Sandra (672453)

**VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL  
5<sup>TH</sup> November 2011**

**PRESENT:-**

John Knight	Bookings
Sheila Watts	Treasurer
Jim Stuart	Secretary
Sue Jenkins	Chair Person
Tim Reynolds	
Nickie Stack	
Tom Sandy	

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**THE CUPOLA**

A letter had been received from the Insurance company who stated that we were not covered for any damage to the outside of the hall, i.e. Cupola. They have confirmed that they will pay for any damage caused to the inside of the hall, i.e. ceiling damage.

Much discussion was had around the Cupola and the possible options open to the committee at this time.

Below are two quotes which had been forwarded to the committee, following on from the invitation in Village Voice:-

1) 'It is to be regretted that the village hall, donated and subscribed for nearly a hundred years ago, is in danger of being altered from its original design.

In institutions like this I always consider that the generations that come after should make it a paramount aim to retain this class of building as they were intended to be.' (Jamie WRIGHT)

2) My comments related to the incremental costs or re-instating the original design (it being a land mark and all that} - though I do realise it would be a significant project in its own right.

I guess the options are:

A} Remove the cupola 'stub' and patch (tile) over the remaining hole

B} Make good the existing stub

C} Make good the stub and re-instate the cupola

Clearly each option has merit (financially and economically) but it would be useful to see the costs and associated pros and cons of each

I know there have been previous comments about money being better spent on other areas of the hall, however I do wonder whether it would be worth putting together a full 'Programme' of works (together with associated budget). That way you could launch a fund raising campaign (similar to the church tower campaign) and have cash to cover a variety of hall projects. (Paul WITHAMS)

Therefore it was agreed that the committee would move the matter forward as follows:

Obtain two quotes at least for each of the below options:-

A] Repair the cupola

B] Remove the cupola and repair the roof

C] Restore the cupola to its original state

We are also to see two quotes for the Insurance company about getting the repair done to the ceiling as it has been water marked by the damage that the leaking Cupola caused earlier this year.

As it is the wish of the committee to have the whole ceiling repainted (possibly covered by the insurance), as the committee felt the Hall could do with a lick of paint, people asked to supply a quote for this work to place a separate one for painting the hall, this would have to be paid for by the VH funds.

Tom SANDY whilst at the VH clean went up into the loft area of the hall and was pleasantly surprised at how sound it was inside (layman's view) the loft area; Tom has kindly agreed to take over the role of liaising with the builders/roofers from John Knight.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Shelia WATTS (taken over as treasurer) gave us her report which shows a credit balance of £13,539.74 as at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Tim Reynolds who is an independent adviser to the committee requested that to retain his impartiality, Tim requested he was voted off the committee, with thanks for his support this was done. Tim wished still to attend the meetings but as stated above purely as an advisor.

## **CHARITIES COMMISSION**

This report has been submitted by Tim Reynolds who advised us that the password for its submission is Y8F1BU9F.

## **HIRE AGREEMENT**

A new hire agreement was proposed and copies were given to each member attending. Tim Reynolds was to research the various authorities we hold to cover the hall's uses. We are to discuss its implementation at the next meeting.

## REQUEST FOR SIGN AT REAR OF THE HALL

It has been alleged that items were thrown at the horses in the field behind the hall. We have been asked to erect a sign to try to stop this practice. However we did not think that this was our responsibility but we have spoken to one of our users in this connection.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A punch bag has fallen down/ been knocked down in the hall but we do not propose replacing it.

A discussion took place on the hiring fee and methods of payment. It was decided that, in future, all hirers will pay at least on a monthly basis. A discussion was had about raising the fees to £10.00 in 2012 (for non village users). This is to be discussed further in the next meeting.

## ANNUAL CLEAN

The committee wanted to thank the following people who turned up to help at the autumn clean:

Tom Sandy

Irene Lightowler

Nickie Stack

Mr and Mrs Stritch

Karen and Paul Withams

David Knight (kindly did some weeding)

Ray Smith (kindly donated the use of his scaffolding tower)

Sue Jenkins and her God daughter Oban (Aged 5)



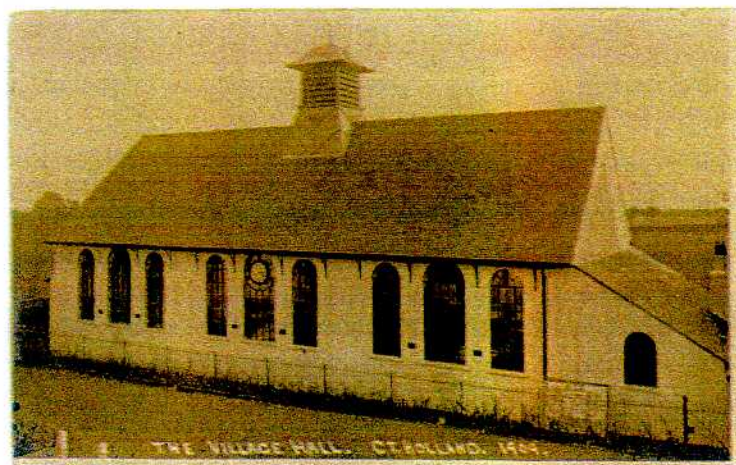
Many thanks to everyone made cleaning an enjoyable task.

On leaving the hall there was a discussion around the damage to one of the fire doors. It was agreed that this should be repaired as soon as possible.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held in the hall on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 12.00 noon.

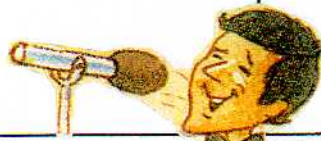
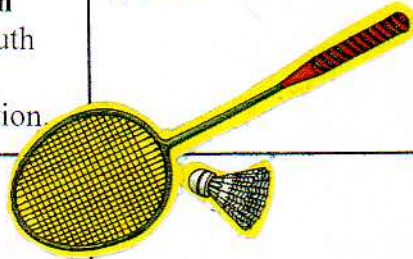
If there are any areas that anyone wishes to raise please contact Sue JENKINS on 01255 850317, as the village hall belongs to each member of the village.



# WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			<b>Keep Fit</b> 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505  <b>Zumba Class</b> 8.30 – 9.30 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
Tuesday	<b>POSSIBLE NEW CLASS</b> <b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b> 11.00am – 12.30pm Please telephone Ruth on 07724 133702 for further information	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> 2.00 – 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	<b>Links Karate</b> 5.15 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136  <b>Badminton</b> 8.00 – 9.30 p.m. 671300
Wednesday			<b>Aerobics</b> 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505  <b>Dog Training</b> 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. (as above)
Thursday	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610	<b>Great Holland Friends</b> 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. (1st Thursday of the month) 677610	<b>Circuit Training Fitness Class</b> 6.45 – 7.45 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 677804
Friday			<b>Links Karate</b> 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	<b>Home Made Hour</b> 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		



### Rates for hire of Village Hall

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

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## Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

### A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness



The autumn leaves this year have been colourful. The trees along the upper end of the Holland Mill plantation have been particularly striking with the shining yellows of the maples and vivid reds of the wild cherry, which contrast the still deep green canopies of the larger oaks. The dogwoods, while bearing deep red leaves a few weeks ago have largely shed their leaves, the thin stems remaining their characteristic red.

Cold autumn nights make trees stop producing the green chlorophyll which normally dominates the other pigments in the leaves, causing the vivid colours to appear before the leaves are shed altogether.

The year has so far brought us a very dry spring, which advanced the season for many animals and plants, followed by a cool damp mid summer and then a very warm and dry autumn. As I write my heating has only spluttered into life for the odd hour or so, and it looks as though my bonfire for once will be dry, not its usual soggy mass.

The forage harvester has cut the rougher grass and scrub at Holland Pits, while the Shetland sheep have munched their way through the autumn pasture on our heath and meadow, and have now returned to the marshes of Tollesbury Wick.

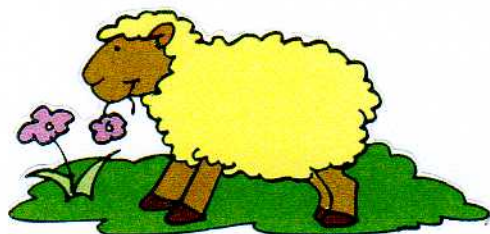
Several tree species have set very large quantities of fruit. Fruiting of acorns has been prolific, despite the large number of spangle and oak-apple galls. These are small growths each caused by the larvae of different parasitic wasps. These insects neither threaten us with stings nor indeed cause much of a problem to the oak trees. Other trees with prolific fruit this year include the hawthorn and maple. Hopefully these will attract some of our thrushes. Numbers of blackbirds, redwings and starlings, have already joined us from Scandinavia and they will be interested in the berries.

The Elder is an unusual tree, which in some years carries leaves through most of the winter, but can frequently lose nearly all of them in the summer if there is a drought. It can therefore almost be regarded as a reverse deciduous tree.

One of the last flowering plants of the year, the Ivy is currently attracting a few Red Admiral butterflies, while a few Speckled Woods are still flying. There are still a number of little Ginger coloured moths called Vapourers whizzing around the tops of the trees seldom stopping long enough for anyone to steal a close look.

We have suffered severe problems with fly tipping and noise in the car park, but work is underway to close the night time access. More details will follow.

**Bob Seago - Warden**



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL, GREAT HOLLAND

A large number of residents attended the Service held at the War Memorial in Rectory Road on Remembrance Sunday, to remember the lives lost in the First and Second World Wars.

### First World War 1914 – 1918

Samuel Beckwith (Age 29)  
Frederick George Borley (19)  
Alfred John Bridges (22)  
Arthur George Bridges (18)  
Harry Byford (21)  
Reginald Davis (26)  
Herbert Digby (43)  
Robert Easey (37)  
Reginald Claude Gray (29)

### First World War 1914 – 1918

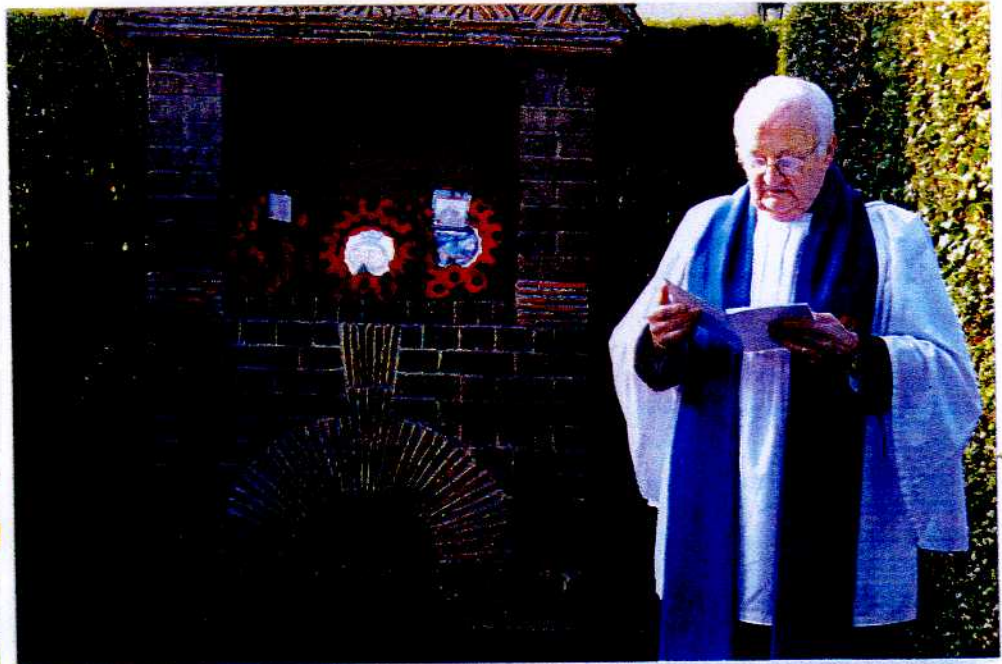
Osborne Hales (39)  
Charles Robert Hicks (-)  
William Howard (26)  
Horace Lott (29)  
Frank Pamment (21)  
Charles William Partridge (27)  
Frederick Rainbird (22)  
George Sidney Rix (22)  
Henry James Rix (21)

### First World War 1914 – 1918

Robert Rouse (33)  
William Henry Sadler (28)  
Thomas Alfred Sharp (19)

### Second World War 1939 – 1945

Arthur John Bugg  
Charles Lequesney Crampin  
Stanley Gordon Mullinger  
Charles Harold Wildney



Wreaths were laid by John Poulten, Chris Keston and John Knight on behalf of the Great Holland Residents Association, Frinton & Walton Town Council and the Merchant Navy respectively. The service was taken by Lay Reader George Hare and the Last Post was played by Ray Smith.

## A GRAND VOYAGE

You need to like the sea to enjoy a cruise. This is an obvious truism, but since retiring Jean and I have been infected with the cruise bug and our cruises have become more frequent. This voyage on the P&O ship Aurora was to take us around the world, and visiting some places (notably South America), we had not visited before. We have long since abandoned flying since airports are so crowded, the times unsocial and staff just rude. Contrast this to Southampton cruise terminal where you arrive anytime you like on departure day, your car is taken in one direction, your luggage in another, leaving you free to board and start to enjoy yourself. Bliss.

Leaving a blustery Southampton, we had four sea days before **Madeira** and warmer climes, and the banks of oleander and hibiscus blossoms, together with the charming Portugese, that greet you on this lovely island set the holiday mood.



Sailing West across the choppy Atlantic our first port of call in South America was **Recife** in Brazil. This proved deeply unattractive in appearance, but fascinating in the buzz of activity along the river with traders selling everything, including hundreds of stalls selling goldfish in tiny bags. Apparently much of the worlds' aquarium fish originate here.

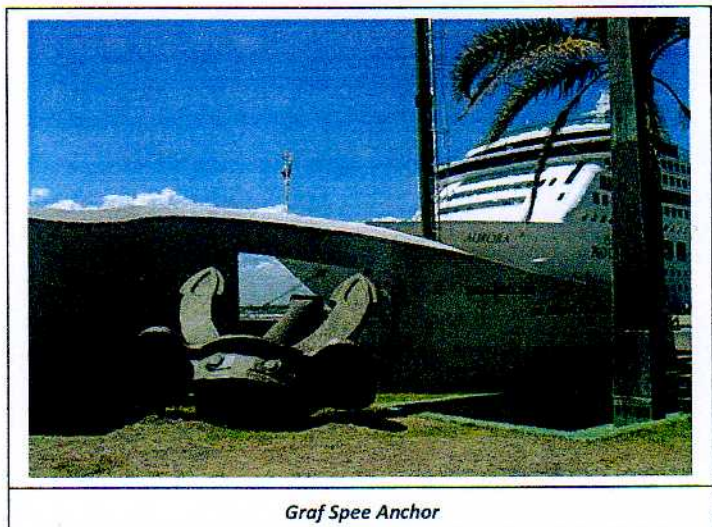
Several days later, and many miles further south, was the much anticipated port of **Rio de Janeiro**, and sailing into this lovely port flanked by twin mountains, as the sun rose was truly memorable. We headed first to the beaches of Ipenema and CopaCabana,

where all human life was laid bare. Quite literally, as beaches were solid with local folk getting darker and darker in the fierce sun, in the briefest of costumes and enjoying their weekend picnics. Exotic hotels and apartments lined the beaches, but several blocks behind were the *favelas* housing the less fortunate in depressing tenements. Very much no-go areas for tourists

Back in the air conditioned comfort of the ship we planned our evening which was normally drinks and dinner, in one of the splendid dining rooms, followed by a visit to the theatre, and then some dancing in one of the many lounges. And some late night disco for the more energetic!

The next few days at sea were pleasant, but getting hotter, as we arrived at the River Plate and **Montevideo** in Uruguay. The city exhibited all the faded elegance of colonial occupation, but charming nevertheless, with more recent history in evidence from the last war when the German battleship Graf Spee was trapped and sunk there, leaving sad relicts of guns and anchors on the shore.

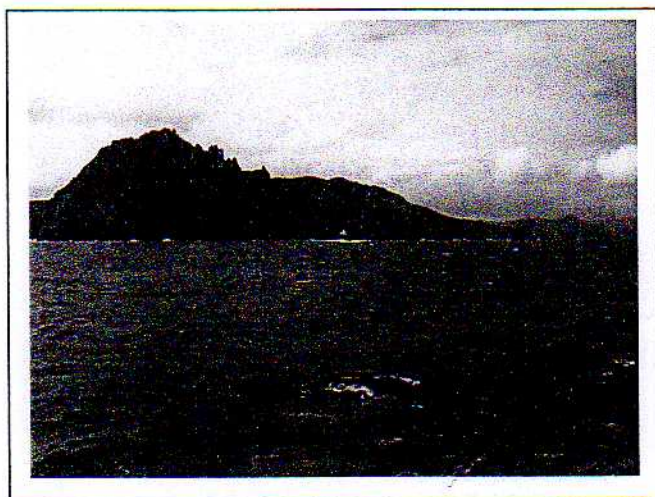
Another 100 miles up the River Plate we docked at the fabulous city of **Buenos Aires**. We swiftly docked and travelled into the centre intent on finding our first glimpse of the exotic Argentinian tango. Much as we searched it eluded us, so we contented ourselves with a walk through the wide, elegant boulevards to the city's cemetery and the tomb of Evita, who is still idolised some 40 years after her death. Our persistence was rewarded later when the local tango school gave a special performance on board in the theatre.



*Graf Spee Anchor*

We had 2 days in this vibrant city before we set sail again heading south to colder climes, and the islands the Argentines call the Malvinas, and we call **Falklands**.

Two days later, and 10 degrees cooler, we arrived in **Port Stanley** to an enthusiastic greeting from the locals. They are more British than the British, and are still so grateful for our intervention in their invasion, as witnessed by the many memorials to the British dead. They had planted a lovely wood, overlooking the harbour, with a tree for everyone of the fallen, with his name inscribed upon it. The 2000 passengers on our ship totally overwhelmed the little island, and the town's only pub ran out of beer in the first 2 hours!



We reluctantly left the port (in tenders as the port could not dock such a large vessel) and reboarded for the long and chilly trip south, and around **Cape Horn**, at the southernmost tip of South America. We were expecting high winds and raging seas, but in the event it was a lovely day and we rounded the Horn in some comfort, as we gazed at the bleak promontory which had witnessed such drama and wrecks in the past.

The next day saw us in **Ushuaia**, a real frontier town of fishing folk and corrugated iron roofed houses. Here you get the first glimpse of the fabulous high Andes, whose snow topped peaks dominate the landscape.

Fleets of ships from here service the outposts in Antarctica, not far to the south, which underlines the remoteness of the area. Many of the young Argentineans on the *Belgrano*, and others who perished in forcing their claim to the Malvinas, came from this area, and their sad and neglected monument in the town centre was a marked contrast to those we witnessed in Port Stanley.

The next day, after an overnight sail, saw us in **Punta Arenas**, our first port in **Chile** and gateway to the remote and lovely areas of **Patagonia**. This charming, and remote town has a long history of British migration and the Victorian cemetery bears many familiar names. From here we were to explore the fjords and glaciers of southern Chile, and our vessel navigating the Magellan straits came to the **Amalia Glacier**. This immense ice structure, surrounded by floating pack ice was breathtaking, glistening in the morning sun. The captain steered the vessel close up to the ice mountain whilst cameras clicked, then steered us away for the next glacier **Brujo**, which was equally impressive. We sailed through the scenic fjords for several days, in the shadow of the snow capped Andes, accompanied by condors and eagles, and came to the last glacier **PioXI**, before leaving this lovely and remote area for **Puerto Montt** further up the coast of Chile. This tiny settlement, with wood buildings and corrugated iron roofs, is a main stopping off point for overland journeys into the wonderful mountain area of Chile, and boasts a fascinating wooden cathedral.

Back on board we pass the time in the well equipped gym, or reading in the library, and Jean has time to take part in the daily line dancing classes, whilst we head north to **Valparaiso**. This large, sprawling city on the coast is the stepping off point for the capital **Santiago**. Very Spanish in character, as are many of the South American cities, with wide avenues and impressive architecture, but having seen better times.

From here we left South America behind and turned west over the broad Pacific, sailing for 5 days before sight of land. Our floating hotel had all the facilities needed to keep passengers occupied, from deck quoits, net golf, gymnasium, 5 swimming pools, during the day, and theatre, dancing and casino for the night owls. And of course an endless supply of food, which was available 24 hours a day should you want it!

*Harry and Jean Cracknell*

(Another episode in the February/March edition)



## Frinton & District Floral Club

1952 - 2011

At

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

At 2.30 p.m.

(New Members & Visitors very welcome)



December  
(No meeting)

On Friday, January 27  
Alan Smith  
"Diamonds Are Forever"  
(Special 60<sup>th</sup> Demonstration)  
Members' Exhibits - Let's Celebrate  
Celebration Tea

### Tendring Creative Sugarcraft

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

December 2011  
(no meeting)

11 January 2012  
Demonstration  
Spring Flowers  
with Audrey Harris



Everyone Welcome

Visitors £3, including refreshments

For further information please call Jane on 01255 814877



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### CHRISTMAS 2011

#### PRE CHRISTMAS MENU

2 COURSES LUNCHTIME ONLY £20.00

3 COURSES LUNCH OR DINNER £25.00

CHRISTMAS DAY SIX COURSE LUNCH £85.00

NEW YEAR'S EVE FOUR COURSE DINNER  
WITH DANCING TO LIVE MUSIC £50.00



Frinton Local Support Line

**0845 234 0012**

Charged at local rate

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We are a new voluntary organisation aiming to provide adults, including those who are disabled, vulnerable and isolated, with information, advice and guidance on any non emergency problem.

We will provide a free helpline service which will offer:

- A single point of contact
- Confident independent advice
- Local knowledge
- Helpful and supportive operators
- Up to date information
- Disability expertise

The Frinton Local Support Line can assist in identifying what services are required and provide a link to the various local agencies and organisations that can help.