

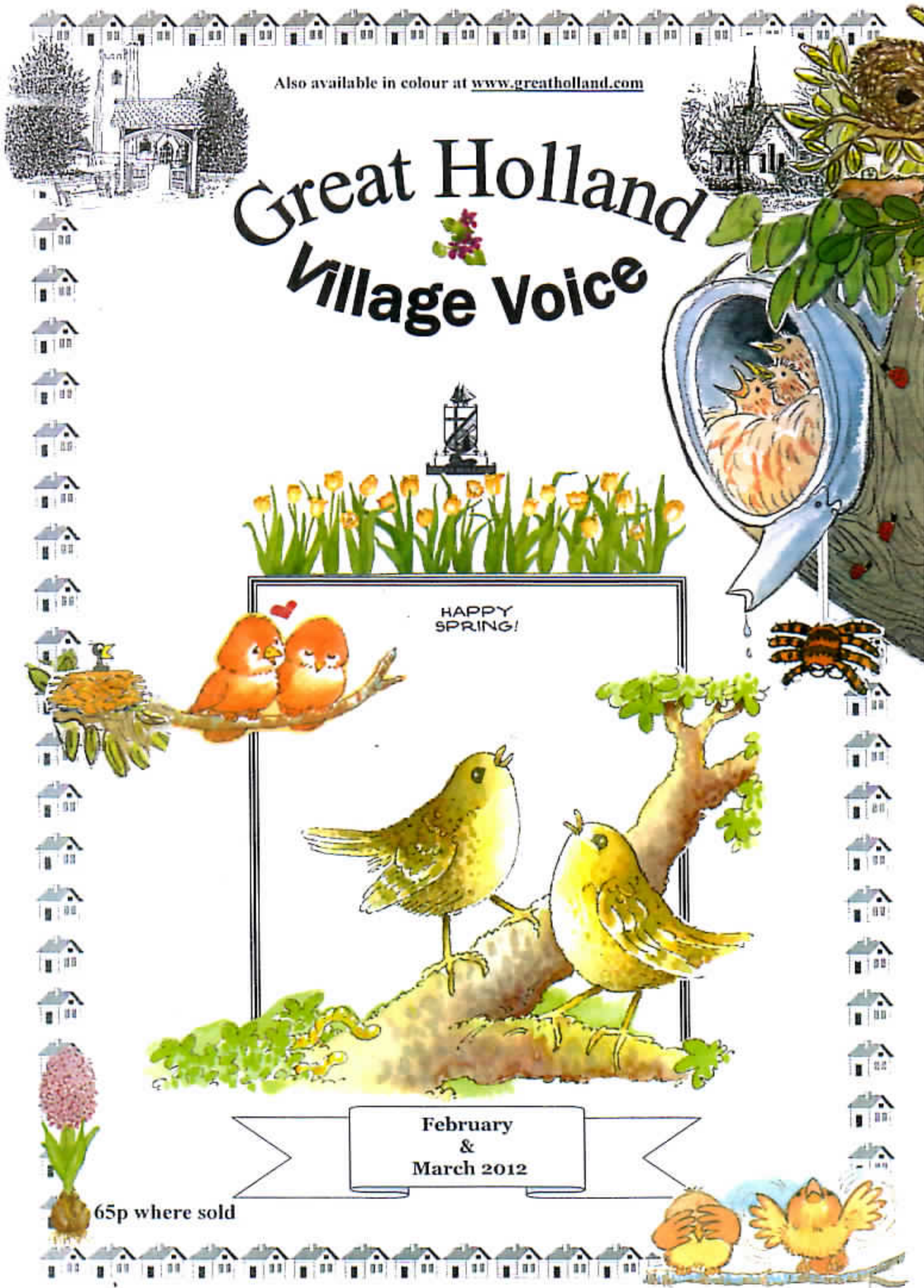
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Great Holland Village Voice

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February
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March 2012

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... to the February/March 2012 edition of Village Voice.



Included in this edition ...

- ❖ **Details of a village event that is being planned to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June.**
- ❖ **Important information regarding changes in local household waste recycling and collection procedures.**
- ❖ **A new advertiser: a guitar teacher**

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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 April or May 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 852195 or Sandra on 672453 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 20th March 2012



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Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Walton Police Station	Martello Road Walton on the Naze CO14 8BP PLEASE NOTE THAT WALTON POLICE STATION IS NO LONGER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	101 (Extension 487554)
Mobile Police Station	Outside The Ship: 9.00 - 9.45am, 2 nd & 4 th Friday of each month.	
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 in Great Holland on: <u>Tuesdays</u> The Close: Arrives 9.15am, departs 9.30am Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove: Arrives 4.30pm, departs 4.45pm <u>Thursdays</u> Rosery Mews: Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am	
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. PLEASE NOTE: With immediate effect the Civic Amenity Tip now opens at 9.00am instead of 8.00am, and will be closed every Tuesday and Wednesday. Winter opening times (until 29 th February 2012): 9.00am- 4.00pm Summer opening times (1 st March-15 th October): 9.00am-5.00pm Late night opening during the summer will no longer take place.	

Dates for your Diary ...



Valentine's Day February



Thursday 2 nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details elsewhere in magazine)
Saturday 4 th	NO HOME MADE HOUR
Tuesday 7 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 9 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 16 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Tuesday 21 st	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 23 rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Friday 24 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.
Sunday 26 th	Dog Show: Great Bentley Village Hall 2.00pm. (Further details elsewhere in magazine) Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.



March



Thursday 1 st	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details elsewhere in magazine)
Saturday 3 rd	 HOME MADE HOUR Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Tuesday 6 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 8 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 15 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Tuesday 20 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 22 nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 23 rd	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm
Sunday 25 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.
Thursday 29 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



To include events for April or May in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 13 March if possible.

First Bloom



All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

One Life. What's it all about?

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centrepiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."

What do you know about Jesus? What do you think about Jesus?

We're going to start something at All Saints' to help you think more about Jesus and how he matters to you. You've One Life and so has he. One Life. What's it all about?



Wednesdays 11am-12noon with Coffee and Cake



The Parish Room at All Saints' Church

Come to hear more about Jesus, his life and yours.

Nothing expected, all questions and ages welcome

Starting Wednesday 22 February

(We're aware that this is during the day. In the future we hope to do something in the evenings.)

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia (pp 123-124 titled "Arise Sir Knight!")

Mark

From All Saints' Diary - FEBRUARY 2012:

Wednesday	1st	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Sunday	5 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Friday	10th	2.30pm	Housegroup meets at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	12 th	8.00am	Holy Communion: joint with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	15 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Thursday	16 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at Kirby Church Hall
Sunday	19 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	23 rd	7.30pm	Deanery Synod at Alresford
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	Morning Service



From All Saints' Diary - MARCH 2012:

Saturday	3rd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	4 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	7 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Friday	9 th	2.30pm	Housegroup meets at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	11 th	8.00am	Holy Communion – joint with Kirby
		11.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	15 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at Kirby Church Hall
Sunday	18 th	11.00am	MOTHERING SUNDAY: Family Morning Service
Wednesday	21 st	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Saturday	24 th		CLOCKS GO FORWARD
Sunday	25 th	11.00am	Morning Service

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BURIAL OF ASHES:

The ashes of PEGGY VIOLET GREGORY were interred in the ashes plot of Leonard William Gregory on 25th November 2011

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:
by bit 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

Great Holland Village & Church Fete 2012

Saturday 4th August



Two new attractions!

Photographic competition

We plan to create a calendar of photographs of Great Holland, with subjects of your choice from scenes in and around Great Holland. The competition will be judged by a well known local photographer. There will be a fee of £1 per entry of a maximum of three photographs. 12 will then be chosen from all the entries, with the best photograph receiving the champion voucher prize.



Bygone Stall

We need your help to stock our new stall of ladies and gentlemen's 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.

★ There will be a collection bin for all vintage bygone items of clothing at the Home Made Hours held in Great Holland Village Hall on the first Saturday of March, April, May, June and July. ★

Bea Eagle



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)

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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.**





Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to all who supported our Christmas Special Home Made Hour, which helped to raise funds for All Saints' Church.

AS USUAL, THERE WILL BE NO HOME MADE HOUR IN FEBRUARY.

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

Saturday 3rd March from 10.00 - 11.00am

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



Easy Peasy Thai Green Chicken Curry

Ingredients

1 tsp oil	2 tsp Thai green paste
4 chicken breasts sliced	1 small onion
1 lime (juice)	Green & red pepper sliced
120g Philadelphia	4 tbsp. skimmed milk

- Gently fry onion
- Add chicken and curry paste. Fry for 4-6 minutes
- Add peppers. Cook until soft
- Add lime juice
- Stir in Philadelphia and milk until melted.

I serve it with coconut rice!

ENJOY!!

Karen Withams



Great Holland Methodist Church



Christmas 2011 Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported this event, which helped to raise funds for our Church.

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. We also have donated goods and hand made greetings cards for sale. Everyone is welcome!



Mobile Library Dates for 2012

Location : The Close
Arrival/Departure times : 9.15 am / 9.30 am

Location : Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove
Arrival/Departure times : 4.30 pm / 4.45 pm



Dates (Tuesdays) :

10 January
24 January

7 February
21 February

6 March
20 March

3 April
17 April

1 May
15 May
29 May

12 June
26 June

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

Dates (Thursdays) :

5 January
19 January

2 February
16 February

1 March
15 March
29 March

12 April
26 April

10 May
24 May

7 June
21 June

Great Holland Friends

2011 Christmas Party

Our 2011 Christmas Party was well supported and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Once again, we were entertained by Just Melody. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the party a success.

February meeting
Thursday 2nd February
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
2.00-4.00pm



Alan Viles will be speaking about the work of **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**, a UK national charity that trains dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals. Jimmy the dog will also be attending!



March meeting
Thursday 1st March
Johnny Styles
2.00-4.00pm

Johnny Styles will make a welcome return to the Club. Once again, pick your own songs from Johnny's extensive songbook.

April meeting
Thursday 5th April
Trinity House
2.00-4.00pm



Paul Howe will be speaking about the working of Trinity House.

★ About the club...

Great Holland Friends is a friendly social club that meets in Great Holland Village Hall, Manor Road, on the first Thursday of every month (except January and August), from 2.00-4.00pm. Refreshments are provided and we also have a raffle. New members and guests are always very welcome!

The club fees are as follows:








Annual Membership fee:	£4.00
Members' entrance fee per meeting:	£2.00
Non-members' entrance fee per meeting:	£2.50

Bill & Eileen Derrick (677610)



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 om 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 pm 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	Zumba Class 10.00 – 10.45 a.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727		Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Dog Training 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. (as above)	
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (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 John Knight on 851370 to book.				

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VILLAGE HALL CUPOLA – DECISION TIME

Background - Great Holland Village Hall was originally built with a roof Cupola in 1909. This was most likely for the purpose of ventilation and architectural decoration. The Cupola fell into disrepair and was removed some years ago. However, the ridge box remained and was weatherproofed with roof felt and boarding. In 2011 there was water ingress through the ridge box damaging the hall ceiling. A tarpaulin was put in place as a temporary measure at a cost of £150.00. After a particularly bad storm on the 3rd January 2012 further water ingress was reported. An additional tarpaulin was fitted at a cost of £50.00.

What has the committee been doing about it? - The trustees proposed on the 5th November 2011 to either restore the cupola or, to remove the ridge box below roof level, and retile using existing salvaged tiles.

Restoring the Cupola – After research the best solution was thought to be a glass reinforced polyester roof turret utilizing the existing ridge box. This would be clad in fibre cement weatherboard. A manufacturer has been found and a builder to install the preformed cupola.

Advantages – The cupola would be an attractive landmark for the village. Hopefully, the overall effect would be to closely replicate the original feature. The materials used would be long lasting and virtually maintenance free.

Disadvantages – 1) **Planning permission** will be required adding extra cost and delay. The painting of the interior and exterior of the hall cannot be started until the roof work is complete. 2) **The extra cost** of installing the cupola instead of patch tiling, if planning permission is granted, will be approx £3,000 - £3,500. We were disappointed to receive a written ruling by the Revenue turning down our request for exemption from VAT which would have reduced this cost. The integrity of the ridge box may need to be verified at extra cost. 3) **No practical use.** The cupola affords no practical use and is purely aesthetic. 4) **Maintenance.** Some light cleaning/maintenance may be required in the future. Access to the roof is difficult and expensive.

Conclusion – *While reinstatement of the cupola would be aesthetically pleasing, it serves no practical use. It would be significantly more expensive to install the cupola than taking down the ridge box, and retiling.* It should be noted that several areas of pending maintenance to the hall have been identified over recent weeks, including: the roofs over the toilets, windows, heating system, painting the internal ceiling and walls and external walls. Should we address these issues all at once our funds would be exhausted and significant additional revenue would be needed. Repairs and maintenance is a constant drain on our funds.

This overview was written by Tom Sandy, committee member, responsible for maintenance. Views expressed by him are not necessarily shared by the remaining committee members.

A Final decision will be taken at the next committee meeting on 4th February. This meeting has been held over from 29th January. Should you like to express an opinion before the meeting takes please contact Tom Sandy at tom.sandy@accountant.com or Sue Jenkins at sjenkins5@sky.com

LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

January 2012

Dear Neighbour,



NEW YEAR

A belated Happy New Year to you all. After the gales of early January the weather seems to have settled down and hopefully the rest of the Winter will be mild.

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

Development has commenced on site under the terms of the new planning permission. So far, disruption has been minimal.

However the revised application to increase the density as I reported previously is now in. The reference is: 11/01473/FUL, Erection of 74 bed high dependency dementia unit and 20 close care dwelling units with associated car parking, amenity space, landscaping and supporting infrastructure. Land off Kirby Road Great Holland Essex CO13 0HZ.

It has only just been received and has yet to go F&WTC. Those wishing to comment can write to F&WTC and TDC is the usual way. It will be discussed at the next GHRA Meeting on 28th January.

30 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information at present.

New Driveways.

It was reported in the press early in January that there was a possible problem with new driveways. Now that Spring is approaching and thoughts may be turning to home improvements I thought it worth mentioning in a little more detail.

The Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 2008 Class F states :-

Permitted development:

F. Development consisting of—

- (a) the provision within the curtilage of a dwelling house of a hard surface for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such; or*
- (b) the replacement in whole or in part of such a surface.*

Conditions:

F.1. Development is permitted by Class F subject to the condition that where—

- (a) the hard surface would be situated on land between a wall forming the principal elevation of the dwelling house and a highway, and*
- (b) the area of ground covered by the hard surface, or the area of hard surface replaced, would exceed 5 square metres,*
either the hard surface shall be made of porous materials, or provision shall be made to direct run-off water from the hard surface to a permeable or porous area or surface within the curtilage of the dwelling house.

What in practice this means is that if you plan to surface or resurface a driveway between the front wall of your house and the highway, in principle you can do it without planning permission. However if the area is more than 5 square metres (and that is not very big) you need to ensure that either the slope is away from the highway into permeable or porous land of your own, or that the new surface is itself porous. The advice from TDC is that, as always, it is up to the householder to check with the Council whether or not planning permission is required. There is a simple form that can be filled in to get formal confirmation of the position and the Council's advice is free. Better to be safe than sorry.

POLICE

There will be report from the Police at our next meeting on 28th January when more should be known about where the PCSO's are to be based after Walton Station closes.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

A small committee has been formed. Again, more will be known at our meeting and thereafter. In particular please keep 3rd June free.

WASTE COLLECTION

New arrangements for Waste Collection are being introduced throughout Tendring from the beginning of February. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find more details. Please read them carefully. I have and still do not understand them.

MEMBERSHIP

The subs for 2012 are now overdue. 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 18 households that are members of the Association this year. The figure at the end of 2011 was 99 households. 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. They will be collecting subs on the 28th of January.

AGM 2012

The Annual General Meeting will be in May 2012 at the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be available from 10am. The meeting will start at 10.30 am. It will not take more than an hour. The precise date has yet to be fixed.

SITS VAC

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

Yours sincerely,
JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN





RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE

NEW ARRANGEMENTS COMING OVER THE SPRING 2012

Some Great Holland residents may know already that Tendring District Council (TDC) is in the process of introducing significant changes to local recycling and waste collection services.

The delivery dates for black sacks, the new receptacles and leaflets explaining the new service will take place between 9 January and the end of March. If you have not received them within this period **contact Veolia on 01255 431620.**

The new service will be introduced after April and in the meantime residents are asked to continue with the present routine.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

RED RECYCLING BOX

Paper and card will be collected from a new **RED BOX** in the **FIRST WEEK.**

(Alternative weekly collection)

GREEN RECYCLING BOX

Cans and plastic bottles will be collected from the existing **GREEN BOX** the **SECOND WEEK.**

(Alternative weekly collection)

FOOD

There will be **TWO NEW CONTAINERS** for food waste. A **SMALL CADDY FOR THE KITCHEN** and a **FOOD BIN TO KEEP OUTSIDE.** This to be used to recycle all your cooked and raw food waste.

(Weekly collection)

REFUSE

BLACK SACK SERVICE for the very little remaining rubbish that can't be recycled or composted.

(Weekly collection)

CIVIC AMENITY TIP (Kirby-le-Soken)

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE SITE NOW OPENS AT 9.00 A.M. INSTEAD OF 8.00 A.M.

THE TIP WILL BE CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Winter opening times (until 29th February 2012): 9.00am – 4.00 pm

Summer opening times (1st March–15th October): 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT OPENING DURING THE SUMMER WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED:

Paper (including junk mail, paper bags, envelopes, old catalogues and telephone directories)

Card(including cardboard and greetings cards)

Cans (including lager cans and soft drinks cans)

Tins (of all varieties including pet food tins and sardine tins)

Plastic Bottles (plastic drink and milk bottles, cleaning product bottles and shampoo bottles).

There is no need to separate materials but please ensure tins, cans and plastic bottles are rinsed out. Remove lids from plastic bottles and squash the bottles - you will then get more in your box.

THE FOLLOWING CANNOT BE RECYCLED:

Shredded paper/books

Glass- please deposit glass bottles at a bring bank in the district

Textiles - please deposit these at a bring bank in the district

Aluminium Foil - please wash, squash and place in a can bring bank

Polystyrene - please put this in your domestic refuse or reuse it to aid drainage in the bottom of pot plants.

Other Plastics (plastic bags, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, film, flower pots).

Any further information can be obtained on the Council web site: www.tendring.gov.uk or by telephone: 01255 686788.



Great Holland Residents Association - 2012 Subscriptions Now Due



Please assist the GHRA in paying your annual subscription by completing the payment slip below and either paying your subs at one of the meetings or by putting in an envelope with the cash or a cheque and deliver it to the treasurers: Mr & Mrs D Strich, The Warren, Church Lane. You may also wish to consider paying your future annual subscriptions by completing the standing order/banker's instructions on the bottom of this slip.

GHRA Subscription Payment Slip for 2012

Name.....Address.....

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Amount £.....(£4 per household or £2 for single occupancy)

Banker's Order

To: (name of your bank)

(Address of your bank)

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Please pay NatWest Bank plc, 10, Station Rd, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1TA (60-05-33) for the credit of the Great Holland Residents Association A/c No. 47230215 the sum of * £..... commencing 1st January 20.... and thereafter on 1st January each year until further notice.

*Please write amount to be paid (£4 per household or £2 for single occupancy)

Name of a/c to be debited.....Sort Code A/c no:.....

SignatureDate

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

NEWS

I hope you all had a very good Christmas and New Year.

As you can see there are no dates for the Police Surgery held at the Methodist Church. This is due to some shift changes within Essex Police and I have not had my new shift pattern confirmed. This is due to the New Blueprint reform programme that is being introduced on 1st March 2012. Sadly I will no longer have Sally Boyden as my shift partner due to the proposed changes. However, she will still be around the area and popping in for a cuppa at future surgeries.

Incidents reported to 16 January are as follows:

- 1 Theft from a vehicle (SatNav stolen)
- 1 Nuisance vehicle
- 2 Suspicious circumstances
- 3 Road problems – fallen tree and electric cable
- 2 Horses escaped from their field
- 3 Road traffic collisions
- 1 Catalytic converter stolen
- 1 Vehicle driving erratically
- 1 Burglary – access gained through a window – cash and camera stolen



As you can see we have had three incidents where something has been stolen. Even though Great Holland is a very small village villains do make an appearance, so please be mindful when leaving your property and valuables when going out. Try and keep doors locked and only have windows open in the room you are using. You may not hear someone in the back of your property if you are in the front watching the television. I don't want to alarm people, but by following these simple steps it will help to fight crime in the village.

Also, keep any outbuildings you have locked when not in use. Quite often when I'm out and about I see garage doors wide open and lawn mowers, cycles, etc. all on display saying HEY YOU – I'M NOT LOCKED – COME AND TAKE ME! Just take a moment and think to yourselves "how easy it is to take something from my property without me knowing".

Hopefully, by the time the next issue comes out I will have some surgery dates for you. In the meantime if you do need to speak to me contact me at Walton Police Station.

Take care.

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FROM THE GT. HOLLAND LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

Delving into the records, I have come across this article which was printed in the "East Essex Advertiser and Clacton News" on 27th March 1909. It conjures up a picture of the Community camaraderie of our village at the time.

"A NEW VILLAGE HALL AT GREAT HOLLAND"

A commencement was made with the new village hall for Great Holland last Monday. It will be remembered that there was insufficient accommodation in the village last October for the members of the reading room and institute to have their meetings nightly and, in view of the growth of the membership, a new building became a necessity.

Arrangements have been progressing throughout the winter, and the building plans for the new hall were passed by Tendring Council on Wednesday last week. No time was lost in proceeding with the work, the 'footings' being marked out on the Saturday and digging operations starting on Monday. With a view to lessen the cost of erection it was arranged that voluntary labour should be made use of for laying the foundations, etc. The villagers nobly responded to the call, many more offering their services on the first night than could be made use of.

The scene was a unique one. Naphtha flares were hoisted over the site and, by the flickering light thus afforded, a score of willing hands were busily engaged with pick and shovel. The spectacle became still more animated soon after the start when the brass band of the reading room took up a position in Ratcliffe's Yard just opposite the excavations and played a number of airs in excellent style considering the few months that the band has been formed. The novelty of the occasion, coupled with the music, brought folks for miles around, Holland Street being fairly crowded with spectators before the work for the night closed. Voluntary excavating will be continued throughout the whole week.

The new hall, which has been designed by Mr. W Hayne of Frinton, will be a brick building, the large room being 60 feet in length and 25 feet in width. It will be completed in ample time for the opening of the educational classes next October. Sir Richard Cooper, whose name stands out so prominently in connection with Frinton, has become a vice-president of the Great Holland reading room and has sent a handsome donation to the building fund of the new village hall.

Liz Bruce
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Closing statement of thanks

After 60 years it is with great sadness we are having to close the flower club, as many other organisations are doing - times are changing.

The committee would like to thank members, past members and all those who have supported us through all our happy times

Sue Masters

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Over the years, my interest in the natural world has gone hand in hand with an interest in modern technology. I developed some electronics whilst at school, and was involved with accessible computers as soon as they became available. I taught myself to program software and later on studied software development formally.

Digital cameras have revolutionised the whole business of recording wildlife. In many cases a positive identification of a species may be confirmed by a digital image rather than a dead specimen. As a warden I usually carry a small camera to record events, species, actions and visits to sites. Since the sheep have been used at Great Holland Pits to manage grassland, I have used the camera to capture images of identical views periodically, to monitor changes to the vegetation; a fixed point photography project.

I have a motion sensor camera; a quite cheap device which placed in suitable places has enabled me to record the passage of badgers, muntjacs, foxes and now for the first time an otter. The bat detector has long been a useful aid, not only for detecting bats, but also to pinpoint crickets; sadly my ears can no longer manage that activity.

Meanwhile electronics has become ever more compact so my phone has apps to do all sorts of useful operations such as logging positions on maps, calculating areas and distances by simply walking around with the phone. It can be used to record video sequences, inform me of local tide times and even bring all the occasionally useful information from the World Wide Web to my phone whilst out in the field.

I am currently writing my own phone application which I hope will make recording species such as birds and plants easier. For years people who have been doing such valuable work have had to do this after returning from the field. The specification for my app is that I should be able to compile a list of records taken at any time, whilst in the field, with the minimum of typing using the GPS, the internal calendar and data bases to simplify the task. As is always the case getting the basics working has been the easy part, but sorting out the points where things can go wrong is far the harder aspect.

We have passed the shortest day and we can start to look forward to the spring, so work on my phone app will need to be completed very soon. I prefer to be outdoors when the weather is good. We are expecting the sheep to return in April. We now operate an outer gate to the reserve, which is closed between dusk and 6:00 am. This barrier has already cut down litter disposal and fly-tipping in the car park. Electricity Board contractors are also about to do some tree management work where their power lines are affected.

Bob Seago - Warden



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A GRAND VOYAGE (Cont.)



Our passage across the south pacific was idyllic, with warm sun and calm seas, passing close to **Easter Island**, where you could see the giant statues depicting the heads of the ancient gods, along the sea shore. Our size prevented us docking there, but the sight of this remote settlement, with the well preserved idols of a long-forgotten age, was so impressive.

The next day's sail brought us to **Pitcairn Island**, the historic site of mutiny on the Bounty, and we moored in the bay directly over the site where the Bounty was burnt and sunk by the mutineers. Apparently on a clear day you can still see the outline of the hulk under the sand. The islanders filled their longboat with tourist souvenirs which they had made, and came alongside, to set up stalls on the deck, where they enjoyed excellent trade for several hours. Our captain and the mayor (who claimed to be a descendant from Fletcher Christian) of this 200 strong community exchanged gifts, and our visitors departed leaving interesting souvenirs behind and taking much of our spending money with them!



Calm seas and warm breezes bore us several days later to **Tahiti**, and the port of Papeete, nestling between lush emerald coloured mountains. This part of French Polynesia is absolutely beautiful, with glorious beaches, a Parisian atmosphere in town and charming people. Our stay was too brief, and we departed for nearby **Bora Bora**, where we navigated the reef, entered the lagoon and anchored. In this area of the south pacific the water is crystal clear, and you can see the myriad of coral reefs and multicoloured fish beneath you. The tenders were lowered and we proceeded ashore to a warm welcome, both from the locals, and the climate, as it was in the 90's and very humid as well.

Back on board and into the welcome air conditioning, we made course for our next port **Pago Pago**, in American Samoa, which we reached after 2 days and to a welcome which involved the local pilot dressing our captain in the brightly coloured lava-lava skirts, which most of the men wear on the island. After disembarking we toured the island, in high temperatures punctuated by rapid and violent showers which came and went very quickly leaving the roads dry within minutes. These low lying pacific islands are subject to frequent tsunamis, and we could see the evidence of the last one with high tide lines and beached vessels.

One board the ship's clock was constantly being changed to local time which can be confusing, and more so when you cross the international date line, and have to lose a whole day as we did at this part of the voyage. We also experienced tropical storms, which tended to make the sea turbulent on our passage to **Noumea** in New Caledonia. We sailed in through a series of lagoons, flanked by palms and temperature in high 80's. The town itself was very elegant, with a large marina full of impressive multi-million pound boats,, waterside cafes, and not unlike the French Riviera in its apparent sophistication.

Several days later we sighted the coast of **Australia** and entered the Brisbane river, which winds up through lovely countryside until we reached the elegant city of **Brisbane**. Tall skyscrapers and wide avenues, separated by pleasant parks under an azure blue sky typify this loveliest of Australian cities. The locals too are laid back in typical Aussie style and anxious to help. We could still see the effects of the recent tidal surge through the city, but the inhabitants did not wait for the authorities to clean it up. Instead they organised their own work parties with bucket and mop and cleaned the whole city themselves. This typifies their strong national pride, and you cannot help but wish we had more of that spirit in the UK.

An overnight sail in tropical breezes brought us down to the spectacular harbour of **Sydney**. We have visited this city several times but it is always a thrill to enter Sydney heads and under the bridge, and view the magnificent Opera House sparkling in the morning sun. Our ship came alongside the bustling waterfront, dodging the many passenger ferries, and we prepared for two full days in one of our favourite places. There are so many things to do here from upmarket shopping, roaming Chinatown, sailing, or seeing the city from the top of the bridge, which Jean did on a previous visit. We spent the next day and a half exploring the city sights and taking ferries over the harbour to the many islands, one of which housed a splendid zoo. And the obligatory visit to Bondi, of course. Sitting on the stern of the ship as the city lights came on, in the tropical evening, enjoying a glass of wine, created an enduring memory as we left this lovely port.



We had two days at sea enjoying the many shipboard activities, Jean enjoining her line dancing, whilst I attended the on board lectures, before we arrived off the rugged green shores and dramatic mountains of **New Zealand** and into the glacier lined shores of Milford Sound, which we sailed around whilst admiring the many waterfalls and high cliff faces. We also navigated the equally dramatic Doubtful and Dusky sounds looking out for whales, and around the many remote and impressive fjords which make up the coast of South Island.

The weather in this region tends to be wet and windy, living up to its reputation as a Scottish outpost, as we docked in the city of **Dunedin**. The city boasts many splendid Victorian buildings, including a unique railway station from which you can travel through the rugged South Island. New Zealanders love their botanic gardens and the one in Dunedin is always worth a visit, and we were happy to spend half a day there.

Back on our ship we travelled overnight up to **Wellington** which houses parliament house, and a wonderful museum which acknowledges the part played by the Maori culture. Also a splendid rugby stadium which has witnessed the defeat of many British teams! Their extensive botanic gardens are accessed by a funicular railway which takes you to the top of the mountain above the city and affords splendid views across the harbour. The cemetery in the gardens contains a fascinating collection of graves of early settlers, many British, who experienced extreme hardship in pioneering the development of this lovely country.

Our itinerary for New Zealand had included the elegant, and very English city of **Christchurch**, but days before we were due there the news came of an earthquake which devastated the centre of the city. The harbour was also damaged which prevented our docking, and sadly we were not able to land. All of us who had visited this unique city before, and appreciated its charms, were very saddened by this awful event, and spontaneously the passengers collected over £7000 for the rescue appeal, which was gratefully appreciated.

Our next port along the coast was the city of **Napier**, renowned for its art deco buildings and sophisticated life style.

Walking the main street is like being transported back to the 1920s, and residents make great play of the fact that they have more art deco buildings than any other in the southern hemisphere; and lots of vintage cars too. These buildings were created when an earthquake destroyed the city in the 1920s and all was rebuilt in the style of the times. The area enjoys a climate not unlike England in the summer, and the nostalgic atmosphere, gentle life style, and lovely town makes it a great place to visit. We were even seen off from the quayside by an authentic jazz band, costumed locals and a fleet of classic cars.



Our vessel (which of course had become home to us by this time) transported us further up the coast to the port of **Tauranga** which lies at the foot of Mount Maunganui, and in the lovely Bay of Plenty.

The weather was perfect as the ship moored inside the reef and by the long beach with crystal clear water. We watched local Maori teams launch their long canoes off the beach and race across the sunny harbour, then climbed the mountain for the spectacular view, before cooling our feet as we paddled in the warm, clear water.

As the sun set we boarded our ship and set sail north for **Auckland**. This ever welcoming city always has a harbour full of sailing boats which is a lovely sight in the warm sun, and it's a perfect place to walk with interesting maritime museums, shady parks and elegant Victorian buildings. The weather was quite brisk as we departed the harbour and started north for our next port Samoa.

Harry and Jean Cracknell

(Final episode in the April/May edition)