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Great Holland Village Voice



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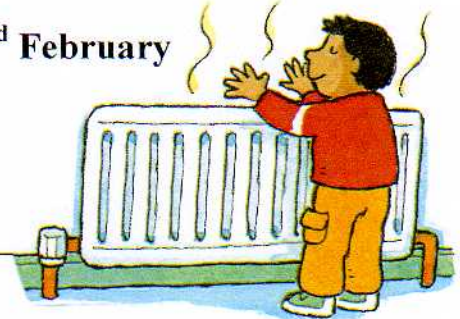
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... to the February/March edition of **Village Voice**.

Included in this edition ...

- ❖ **Reminder about the Great Holland Friends Party on 3rd February**
- ❖ **Report on the GHRA 2010 Christmas Social**
- ❖ **Details of the next showing of 'Frinton Cinema'**



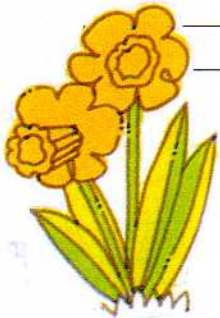
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- 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 [phone number] or Sandra [phone number] 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:

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Residents' Association	Mr John Poulten (Chair)	679233
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Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Ray King	675336
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Walton Police Station	Martello Road Walton on the Naze CO14 8BP Hours when open to the public: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 12.30pm Saturday: 9.00am - 12.30pm	0300 333 4444 4444 (Extension 487554)
Mobile Police Station	Outside "The Ship" P.H: 9.00 - 9.45am, 2 nd & 4 th Friday of each month.	
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator	Paul Teague - Clacton Police Station: 0300 333 4444 (Extension 16360) .	
Crime Reduction Officer	Please call Calvin Heal at Clacton Police Station (0300 333 4444) for advice on home security.	
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. Opening hours: Between 1 March and 30 September: 8.00am - 5.00pm. Between 1 May and 31 August: As above, but until 7.00pm on Tuesdays. Between 1 October and end February: 8.00am - 4.00pm.	

Dates for your Diary ...



FEBRUARY

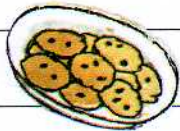





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Thursday 24th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.	
Friday 25th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!	
Sunday 27th	Kozy Katz Dog Show: Great Bentley Village Hall, 2.00pm Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.	



MARCH



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Saturday 5th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am Tea Dance: Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00 - 4.00pm	
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For details of any further events at The Ship, please contact Elaine on 674809.

To include events occurring in April or May in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda or Sandra by 15 March if possible.

All Saints' Church



To our readers ...

February, in many ways, seems a dull month. Christmas festivities were a long time ago. New Year resolutions have been made and broken. Winter still stretches ahead, on and on. Evenings are dark, days are cold. But there are some bright moments. On 2nd February we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 40 days after his birth - Candlemas, when Simeon proclaimed Christ as "A light to lighten the Gentiles", a statement which brings us much joy.

On 14th February we celebrate Valentine's Day. Oh for those days when we were young. Should we send a card? Will we receive a card? Usually not, so it will always mean gladness to some and perhaps a touch of sadness to others. This year, however, when we think of young lovers, we look forward to a Royal Wedding when the Queen's grandson William marries his long-term girlfriend Kate. So, more brightness to come!

In the garden, snowdrops and other shoots are appearing, which always seem to induce new hope of better things to come. Spring is just around the corner, and in our own lives, we can dedicate ourselves afresh to God, whatever age we are. We can anticipate and nurture the new shoots that will appear in us. For those of us who are older, remember that there is no retirement in the Lord's work. We should be anxious like the Psalmist says "*To still bear fruit in old age*". (Psalm 92 v 14.) We, as a Church, must nurture and care for the new shoots in our new Christians and God will give the increase so that we and they will bear much fruit.

For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. Sometimes we cannot see the beginning, but like the winter is followed by spring, a new season will come for us, as a Church and as individuals. In the bleaker winter of life, we remember that the seeds are already lying dormant waiting to sprout.

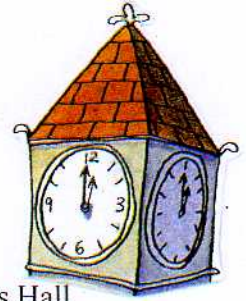
May we be sensitive at this time to earth's new shoots and be perceptive to recognise the new things that God wants to do.

As Martin Luther King said, "*We may not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future*".

May God who has made everything beautiful in its time and who sets eternity in our hearts, give us courage and expectancy as we watch out for the new shoots in our Parish, in our Church and in our lives.

Christopher Harvey





From All Saints' Diary - FEBRUARY 2011:

Wednesday	2nd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Sunday	6th	11.00am	Family Service
Friday	11th	2.30pm	Housegroup meets at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion: joint with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	16th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group (FIG) meet in St Michael's Hall
Thursday	17th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at Kirby Church Hall
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	23rd	7.30pm	Deanery Synod tba
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Service



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Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Service



FROM THE REGISTERS:

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

George Donald Welham (95) Church Road, Clacton-on-Sea All Saints Church

All Saints' news



Our services were well-attended over Christmas, with the Christingle Service being particularly appreciated by many families in the village. The lying snow certainly added to the atmosphere and it was good to see so many children coming up for their Christingles.

The Church diary lists all the services for February and March, but can we just mention that the first Sunday in April (3rd April) is **Mothering Sunday**, when posies will be handed out to children to give to their mothers - please come if you can and make this a special family day.

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 further 20 people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The hourly charge for winter (October – April) is £7 per hour.

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

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Home Made Hour

Regrettably, we had to cancel our planned Christmas Home Made Hour due to bad weather. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT THERE IS NO HOME MADE HOUR IN FEBRUARY.** The next Home Made Hour will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 5th March** from 10.00 - 11.00am.



When we were on holiday last year I had the most delicious cheese soup- and although the rest of the family weren't too keen to try it they all agreed how good it was! I do not claim this soup is quite so amazing but it is now a family favourite.

Cauliflower Cheese Soup

Ingredients

2 carrots	2 sticks of celery
2 medium onions	1 large cauliflower
2 cloves of garlic	splash olive oil
8oz/200g strong cheddar	2 vegetable stock cubes
tsp English mustard	nutmeg
salt & pepper	



Crispy fried bacon as a garnish

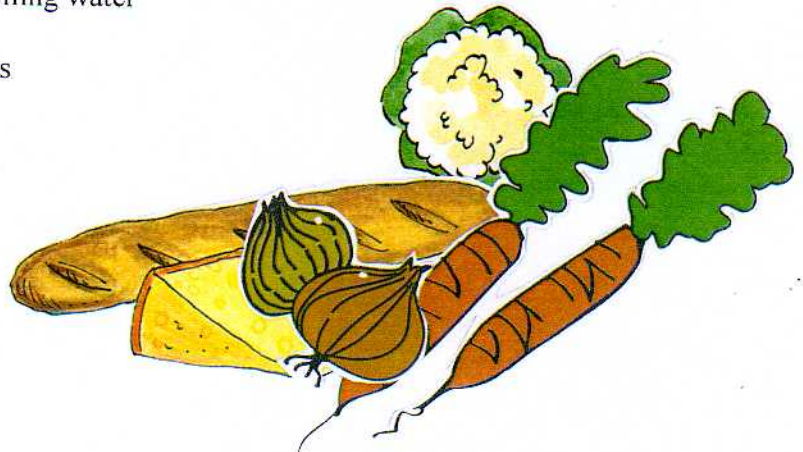
Method

- Peel and roughly chop vegetables
- Put into a large pan on a medium heat
- Add a good splash of olive oil
- Add all the vegetables and mix well
- Cook for 10 minutes until carrots are softened
- Grate cheddar into a bowl
- Add stock cubes to 2 pints/1.8 litres of boiling water
- Add to the vegetables
- Stir well & simmer for another 10 minutes
- Add cheese and mustard
- Liquidise soup until silky smooth
- Add a little grated nutmeg
- Put back on heat to reboil

We like it with crispy bacon served on top!

ENJOY!

Karen Withams



Great Holland Methodist Church

From your Methodist Minister - Rev. Ray King ...

We have had some really cold times this winter and my thoughts right now turn to skiing. It is not that I expect the Tendring area to become a winter sports resort, though some do say we might be heading for another mini ice age. However, I read a paragraph someone wrote about the new popular sport of snowboarding. A snowboard is like a skateboard without wheels, which apparently skims smoothly over snow and ice.

This short passage, being spread around the internet, begins:

The kingdom of heaven is like the brave snowboarder who enters through the narrow opening in the trees. He finds many fresh turns there, and blessings of all kinds.

It has been shown that many, many sayings come from the Authorised Version of the Bible, and *the Kingdom of Heaven is like...* is familiar to most of us.

The writer, of course, is saying that for him the sport of snowboarding is, with all its thrills, like heaven on earth. But perhaps Christians can take from this picture the thought that living in this world as true Christians, living as if we are in the kingdom of God on this earth, is like the thrill of the winter sportsman, with great satisfaction gained from serving Christ in the world in which we live. And like all things in Christ there is a narrow opening between the trees, reminding us of the narrow opening Jesus talked of like the eye of a needle, so hard to enter if our concerns are for the riches of this world.

It is good to see that the snowboarder can compare his thrill of his sport to something God wants for us all. Are those who know God's work in their lives still remembering that thrill of first entering into the Kingdom of God. Are those who don't consider themselves to be God's Kingdom people interested in a life that gives challenges and the reassurance that you are with the one who cares for those who put themselves into his hands?

Ray King



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar raised **£386.00** for Church funds. Thank you to all who supported the event.



REMINDER!

We hold regular coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place **every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and friendly company.

CONGRATULATIONS!...



Little mermaid Anita

... once again to villager **Anita Tien**, aged five, who has been crowned Britain's young swimmer of the year. Anita collected a gold medal at an awards ceremony staged by the sport's national body - the ASA- in November.

The St Philomena's schoolgirl has been swimming for two years and swims up to five times a week. Anita's coach at a Clacton Swimming Club describes her as a 'mermaid in the water'. Readers may recall that last year, Anita took part in a swimathon for Marie Curie Cancer Care. She was one of the youngest swimmers in the country to complete the 1.5km challenge, after which she then swam an extra four lengths of Clacton Pool to complete a mile. It took her only 75 minutes to complete her marathon swim.

Anita's proud parents, Paul and Kun, hope that she will be a future Olympic star!

(Extracted from an article that appeared in Frinton & Walton Gazette in November 2010)



**LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS
FEBRUARY 2011**



Dear Neighbour,

Great Holland Residents Association

CHRISTMAS

Christmas now seems a long time ago. Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow and that Spring will soon be here.

SOCIAL

Sandra Mooney organised the Christmas Social at the Orchard Tea Rooms, Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane on Saturday 11th December. The event was a great success, attended by over 30 people. It raised funds for the Association through the raffle and was able to make a donation to "Crisis" formally known as Crisis at Christmas from the game of Heads and Tails. Grateful thanks are due to Sandra who organised it and to Rose at the Tea Rooms who laid on a fantastic spread. Thanks also go to Tom Sandy who provided the pre-supper musical entertainment. Also several people gave most generously to the raffle:-

- Pollendines - Car Valet voucher/First Aid Kits/Etch-a-sketch
- Parkers Garden Centre - plant
- Rose (Park Fruit Farm) - Homemade Christmas cake
- Michael Mooney - 10yr old bottle port

The intention is to repeat the event in December of this year – possibly at a larger venue.



Jeanne Large stepping forward to collect a raffle prize at the Christmas Social on 11 December

CARDS

The Christmas Cards did not sell as well as we had hoped. The early success of the cards in 2008 was not repeated in either 2009 or 2010, despite the membership approving the print runs that were ordered. As a consequence no new cards will be printed this year. We have surplus stock which will be available for sale in the Autumn. In the absence of a suitable take up this year, it would seem not worthwhile pursuing in the future.

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

I have nothing further to report in this edition, but may have information in time for our meeting on 29th January.

30 Bed Dementia Unit

The Appeal is still in at the Inspectorate.

Gypsy and Travellers Sites

The consultant's report referred to in my last letter has been seen by Councillors. Various sites have been identified. The bulk of the sites identified are located to the west and north of us. There are two sites in Kirby that are mentioned as possibilities but remote ones. The first is in Halstead Road and the second at the western end of the Main Road in Kirby-le-Soken. The report suggests that these sites are unlikely to be taken up.

Land adjoining 2 Tudor Cottages

I believe that the owners have still not been located. We continue to monitor the situation.

NEXT MEETING GHRA

The next meeting of the Association and the AGM will be in May at the Village Hall. Dates and details will be announced. All are welcome, especially new members.

MEMBERSHIP

Talking of membership (yet again), the subs for 2011 are now due. The subs will remain fixed for 2011 at £2.00 per head or £4.00 per household whichever is the cheaper. Please pay Denys and Lindy Strich at The Warren, Church Lane, CO13 0JS.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN



FROM YOUR LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

Great Holland Mill Dated back to 1820

According to a local farmer of the time – Charles Hicks (1778-1865) – on Tuesday, 27 December 1836 there had been a hurricane. A Russian ship had run ashore at Little Holland. A barge from Harwich had gone to her rescue ...”with the intention of taking in part of her cargo [and] was, as the weather was boisterous, knocked to pieces on the beach. The barge was broken up and Mr. Beckworth bought it and with it made a fence round his garden at Great Holland Mill.”

According to Kelly’s Directory in 1908 the miller was Mrs Harriet Pyke, of both steam and windmills.

By 1937 it was owned by Mr. Smith & Son, who produced animal and poultry food such as middlen meal, and kos-lach

for goats. There were four employees; the deliveryman delivered the products in a long wheel base Morris Leader which was painted yellow with red letters. The miller and his mate worked the Mill. Although the Mill stood in all its glory, the sails were unsafe and therefore locked into position. Instead it was worked by a donkey engine based on the ground floor, with working belts on the parts that had been previously driven by the sails. Work started at 7 a.m. – the miller at his grinding stones; the deliveryman checking and loading his orders, to deliver within a 25 mile radius.

Disaster struck on Christmas Eve 1985 at about 1 a.m. Mr Brian Smith was awoken to the sight of flames roaring through the storage buildings. Things were well alight and eventually the stump of the windmill was destroyed.

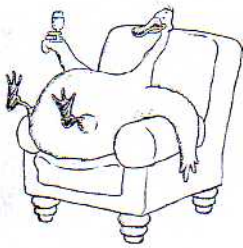
FROM YOUR LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER (CONTD)

I would like to thank the very kind people who helped with identifying some of the children in the photos printed in the last edition. It has helped me enormously with my records. Also, thanks to Mrs. J Mower for her donation of many lovely photos and information to the Gt. Holland Archives.

If anyone has any historical information, however small, and would like to give it to me, I can be contacted on 01255 676960 or at 55 Station Road, Walton-on-Naze, CO14 8DW.

Many thanks

Apologies from The Fat Goose for New Year's Eve 2010



Well what can we say except sorry, for the disruption caused on New Year's Eve to the village of Tendring and to everyone who had their plans to celebrate New Year with us ruined.

The problem came to light at about 5.30p.m., when it became obvious that we had no gas supply to the kitchens. Investigations revealed that our LPG tank was venting gas into the air through a valve.

The fire brigade were called who then notified the police. An exclusion zone of 1000 metres was put in place and the restaurant and surrounding area was evacuated and the roads closed. We did our best to notify and inform our guests of the situation as it unfolded but it became increasingly obvious that a decision had to be made to enable everyone to make some kind of alternative plans, as we had no idea how long the emergency restrictions would remain in place. So at 8.45p.m we cancelled our gourmet dinner and dance.

Chemical and LPG specialists revealed later that the tank had been wrenched open by vandals which resulted in the gas escape which caused the problems. The tank was made safe and secured just after 9.00p.m., but we were left with very little gas remaining in the tank. This was a very disappointing event following on from a December which had been disrupted due to a prolonged period of extremely bad weather.

However we now look forward to the New Year and trust that you will all have a happy and peaceful 2011.

The police are treating this incident as a criminal case and investigations continue.



IT'S PARTY TIME



An afternoon of popular music with
Johnny Styles,
giving your choice of songs

Full Buffett
Raffle

Party Poppers
Refreshments

Plus

A little tippie to welcome in the rest of the New
Year with the members and visitors of
Great Holland Friends

At

THE VILLAGE HALL, MANOR ROAD

ON

THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2011

2pm – 4pm

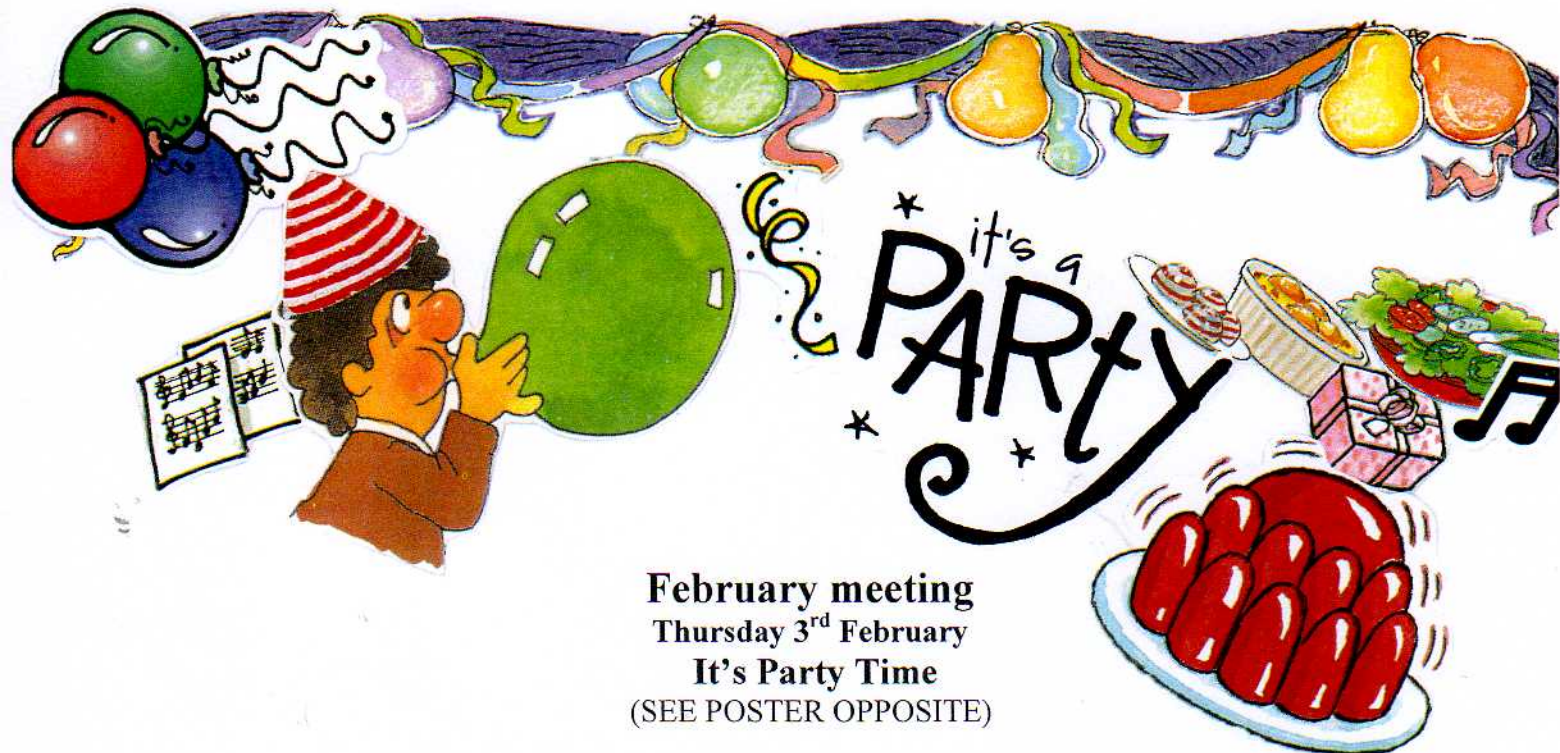
Please bring a small present for the
New Year sack

No charge is made for
Buffet to existing
members

Non-members and
Visitors charge £4



Great Holland Friends



February meeting
Thursday 3rd February
It's Party Time
(SEE POSTER OPPOSITE)

Unfortunately, as most of you know, we had to cancel our Christmas Social on two occasions last year, but we are hoping for a good turn out for our afternoon party on Thursday 3rd February. We will have on offer everything that you would normally expect from our Christmas parties, except that party poppers will take the place of Christmas crackers! Johnny Styles will provide your choice of music and songs. Non-members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Please bring a small present for the New Year sack

We look forward to everyone having a good time, with a belated good wish to all for the New Year. Just a reminder that with another year there comes a need for renewing membership for most of us.

Eileen & Bill Derrick (677610)

March meeting
Thursday 3rd March
Alan Osbourne - RNLI

Alan will give a talk on the history and activities of the RNLI.

Village Hall committee update...






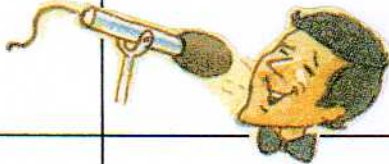
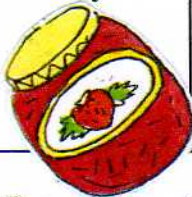


Sue Jenkins (850317) has taken over from John Knight as the Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

John Knight (851370) is now the contact for booking the hall and has taken over the role of Treasurer from Linda Dowsett.

The committee would like to thank Linda for her service on the committee over the years.

What's on in your Village Hall?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			Private Booking 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Monday		Private Booking 2.30 - 3.30 pm	Paul Rees Karate 6.30 - 8.00 pm 07793 597646
Tuesday		Carpet Bowls 2.00 - 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	Links Karate 5.30 - 7.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848 Badminton 8.00 - 9.30 pm 671300
Wednesday			Aerobics 7.00 - 8.00 pm Contact: Claudine 862505 Dog Training 8.00 - 9.00 pm (as above) 
Thursday		Tai Chi 9.30 - 11.30am Contact: Des Exworth 679610	Great Holland Friends 2.00 - 4.00 pm (1st Thursday of the month) 677610 Circuit Training Fitness Class 6.45 - 7.45 pm Contact: Paul Hammond 677804 Phoenix Badminton 8.00 - 9.30 pm 224980 
Friday		Fitness Class 10.30 - 11.30 am	Links Karate 5.30 - 8.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848
Saturday		Home Made Hour 10.00- 11.00 am 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	 

Rate for hire of Village Hall

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

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2000 KILOMETRE MOTORBIKE RIDE ACROSS INDIA

Simon Whitehouse, a keen motorcyclist who lives in Little Clacton Road, will be heading off on 23 January to take part in a 2000 kilometre motorbike ride across India to raise money for charity.



The Enduro India motorbike tour from Goa to Kumarakom will take ten days and those taking part will ride Indian-made Royal Enfield Bullet machines.

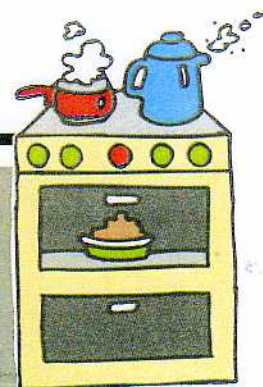
He heard about the event from his friend Mark Douglas who is also doing the rally and thought it sounded like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Simon, who is 30, is very much looking forward to taking part in the event although he admits to feeling slightly nervous as Indian roads are supposed to be amongst the worst in the world – but this doesn't appear to stop people taking part each year. He says that family and friends have been very supportive

Tearoom's big charity total ...

Villagers may have seen recently in the local press that the Orchard Tearoom at Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane, has raised £780 for MacMillan Cancer Support. The money was raised through selling books, hand made cards and bric-a-brac, which visitors to the tea room and farm shop had donated. The tearoom is run by Rose Elsworth who will continue the fundraising venture this year, in aid of the Essex air ambulance.

P.S. Did you know that Rose now serves delicious lunchtime specials several times a week!



Rose Elsworth and assistant Sacha

THE MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS

Remember the snow we had the Saturday before Christmas? For the unfortunate few, it was a miserable time to be travelling.

The family had driven down to Stondon Massey (nr Brentwood) for a Christmas family gathering and relying on the BBC weather forecast, chose to drive in the more comfortable family car (rather than the hard and noisy Land Rover). However, the forecasted snow had the audacity to arrive 5 hours ahead of schedule – resulting in what should have been a 50 min journey home turning into over 4 hours of pushing, spinning and skidding in the car.

At the point of reaching Weeley, there was a queue of cars miserably attempting to navigate the hill into Thorpe and on the advice of those who had failed and turned around; we decided to drive via Clacton and home to Gt. Holland via the salt marsh road. Clacton roads were little better; however after yet further pushing and shoving, we got the car to the start of the salt marshes (Clacton Rd.).

It was at this point that the laws of physics decided to play an active part (particularly those of friction, or lack of it) and without assistance from the engine, the car glided down the road, twisting away and despite furious attempts to counter steer and ‘words of encouragement’, eventually performed a complete spin, only to end up straddling the road.

Emotionally drained (and for those that had been pushing, physically too) we were not in a good place; however we soon found ourselves surrounded by people from surrounding houses and from motorists (who couldn't get past) all offering assistance. They man-handled the car to point down the marsh road once more and a VERY generous motorist offered to drive behind me for the length of my 5 Mph crawl to Great Holland in his 4X4, shepherding the family until we reached the Lion's Den round about.

At the mini-roundabout he turned left to Little Clacton Road, so we didn't have a chance to say ‘Thank You’: whoever you were, thank you so much - it was very welcome reassurance after a long period of anxiety. The village sign has never looked so welcoming and after abortive attempts to get the car back onto the drive (even after digging out the 1ft snow pile, built up against the kerb by the tractor / snow plough), Elaine generously offered to store the car in the Ship Inn car park.

Our fantastic neighbours Steve and Linda then appeared armed with shovels and with their ‘can-do’ approach, set about digging tracks so the wheels could grip enough to move the car to it's wintry final destination - where it stayed until the thaw.

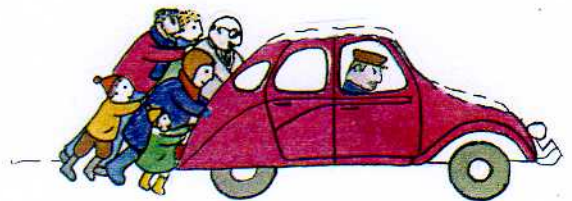
Even then, the Garage at Thorpe (Avenue Motors) kindly offered to check over the car (as the number of warning lights which were illuminated on the dash board meant it resembled something of an in-car Christmas tree) and after re-setting the car's monitoring systems, refused to charge.

The moral of the story is never attempt to drive a BMW rear wheel drive sports car anywhere near snow.

The lesson of the story is that in times of need, acts of generosity are so very welcome and greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to :

- The residents of Clacton Road, Holland on Sea
- The Mystery 4X4 driver, from Little Clacton Rd.
- Steve and Linda for digging for England
- Elaine and Mick for the offer of their car park
- Liam from Avenue Motors, for ceremoniously switching off the ‘tree’ lights.



A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

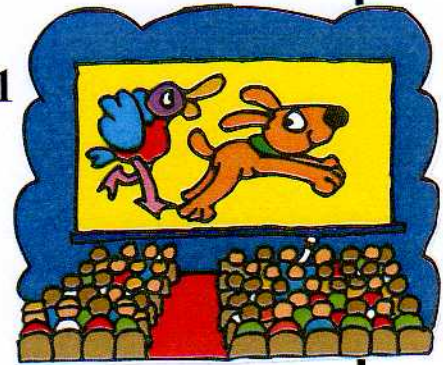
The Withams Family

★ FRINTON CINEMA ★

SATURDAY 12th MARCH 2011

FILM FESTIVAL

McGRIGOR HALL
FOURTH AVENUE



FOR MAYOR'S CHARITIES:
READ HOUSE, LOCAL GROUPS, YOUTH and ELDERLY

3.00pm Youth Matinee £4

7.30pm Family Film £8

(times may be subject to variation)

FILMS TO BE CHOSEN BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

*Please nominate through Caxton Books, Frinton
by mid-February or phone 851505**

TICKETS from CAXTON BOOKS

Mayor Tel: 677495

* There is a shortlist of films already at Caxton Books, but you may nominate as many films as you wish to add to that list. A winner will be chosen by mid/end of February, according to availability.

TEA DANCE

Saturday 5th March

2.00-4.00pm

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

TICKET PRICE: £2.50 (includes tea and biscuits)

For further details please telephone: 813092



FAMILY SUPPORT
CLACTON
Registered Charity No 801336

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 10 February

Thursday, 3 March

(10.30 – 11.30)

NEWS

Due to unforeseen circumstances advice regarding local incidents is not available for publication in this edition, but the following information regarding the digital rollout in our area may prove of interest.

The following information has been provided by Paul Teague in his role as Neighbourhood Watch Administrator.

Television is changing very soon!!

So what is changing with TV? Well from July this year in our region the old analogue television transmitters will be turned off and so unless you have a digital TV or a Freeview digital box connected to your television you will not get a television picture if you live in the Anglia region (London region in 2012). The switchover will be carried out for the government by a company called Digital UK.

- When ?– Parts of Suffolk and **Essex from 6th July – 20th July 2011** , Cambridge, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire 30th March – 13th April 2011. At this time you will need to retune digital TV's and digital boxes to ensure you receive the full range of channels available.
- Do I need a new TV? – No, almost any TV with a Scart or aerial socket can be converted, just needs a digital box with right connections for that set, or if it's a fairly modern set it may already be digital.
- Do I need a new aerial? – No, if you get a good reception now then there is no reason why you should not remain getting a good signal after the switch over, indeed as the transmission strength will be stronger after switchover it should improve.
- Will my video or DVD still work? – It will only record what you are watching via the TV's digital connection, so you cannot watch one channel and record another. A digital TV recorder will allow you to watch one channel while recording another and could convert your TV to digital as well.
- What about my radio? – It does not affect radios.
- Some average prices – Rooftop aerial between £60 and £180, Additional aerial sockets around the house around £45, Indoor aerial from £10. *Prices supplied by Digital UK.
- Need more info or help – Call 08456 50 50 50 or visit <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/>

So why is a Crime Reduction Advisor telling you all the details about this? Well at times of confusion you may get some unsavoury individuals who may try to take advantage of people either; a) rouge traders trying to sell perhaps something that is not needed at an exorbitant price or; b) bogus caller telling a tale so they can get in the house and steal. Giving you the correct information prepares you to recognise something that may not be right. You may well have understood what is going on but perhaps an elderly or less able relative, client or friend may not so be aware and available to guide the less able in the right direction.

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up to support the most vulnerable during the process.

The Help Scheme will convert one television to digital, check and replace the aerial if necessary, and offers a year's after care for a one-off cost of £40 (or free if you are in receipt of certain benefits). Eligibility criteria are:-

- aged 75; or
- get or could get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or mobility supplement: or
- have lived in a care home for six months or more: or
- are registered blind or partially sighted.

Eligible individuals will be written to direct well in advance of their region switching over to digital.

No-one from Digital UK or the Switchover Help Scheme will come to your house unless you have contacted them and asked for help. If you contact the Help Scheme and arrange an appointment you can use a password facility to recognise the installer when they call, and you of course you can arrange for a friend or family member to be there at the appointment time. All Help Scheme workers have ID badges and a recognisable uniform – if in doubt keep them out and call Help Scheme on 0800 40 85 900

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

Paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk

Community Phone No. 07850 631017



SHOEBOXES UPDATE

Barbara and Iain (Rosery Mews) have now sent over 1900 shoeboxes to the troops in Afghanistan. The boxes are addressed to specific individuals and as a result they receive many letters and emails in return. The following is a text received from one such serviceman

"Hello again,

I apologise for the delay in writing to you, this month has been an especially busy one for the Battalion. I allowed my one assistant to return home for Christmas and the New Year. She is Fijian (her sister is visiting her this year) and a very good Christian – so I thought it would be nice to send her back home to her family in Wattisham.

You may or may not be aware that the vehicles this Battalion keep running are called 'Protective Mobility'. These vehicles are heavily armoured to provide a great deal of protection against one of the main threats – Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). They have already saved the lives of many of our servicemen and women and will continue to do so.

There are various types of vehicles within the fleet, varying from what look basically like heavily armoured trucks to specialist troop carrying vehicles. The Battalion are working hard both night and day to keep them on the road throughout the whole of Helmand that is under the command of British Forces. The unit also repairs rifles and weapon systems.

We had an extremely busy Christmas but had a few hours off during the lunch time to celebrate. The Armed Forces have tried to make a great deal about Christmas, with decorations, turkey and brussel sprouts, but it is never the same as being back home.

I understand that currently the weather in the UK is very unpleasant with lots of snow and ice and very low temperatures. We have had no rain since we arrived in late-September, but the temperature is about 10 Celsius during the day, going down to about -3 at night.

Thank you for all of your efforts – all your hard work is greatly appreciated and it makes us all feel proud to be serving. Your parcels are sent from Bastion to the Forward Operating Bases and Patrol Bases, where the conditions are a great deal less comfortable than they are here.

Please can you extend our thanks to all of those who are donating gifts to our servicemen and women."

*WO2 Phil Eves
Battalion HQ
7 Air Assault Bn REME*

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



Bonfires

Winter coppicing and scrub clearance is well underway. Each year we cut down a considerable amount of wood, some of which is used and some is tucked away to provide habitat piles, which shelter a range of creepy-crawlies. There are in places however, no suitable spots to stack the brash so we need to burn it. When a fire is established any number of volunteers can feed it, and it is not critical about whether the fuel is damp or not, or whether branches are reduced to a shorter length or not. The problematic part of constructing a bonfire is in its early stages. I have never attempted to light fires by rubbing sticks together, nor by using such natural tinder as the outer skin of birch bark, there is no need to when matches and newspaper are available.

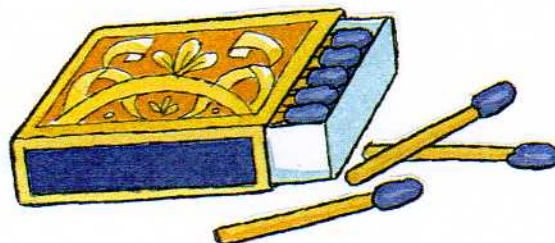
As Holland Pits volunteers will agree there is usually a time of frustration for the first hour or so of a fire. Here are some suggestions which I sometimes overlook and go on to regret:

- Choose a flat and if possible dry place to start. While I have built a fire on a platform of logs over a frozen pond margin, and though I often choose to build a fire over a stump which I want to kill, these practices often cause problems.
- Gather a lot of dead twigs, preferably those still standing and which will snap off easily.
- Make a wigwam shaped frame of thin twigs over a few sheets of screwed up dry paper. A frequent error is to use twigs which are too chunky. Keep these nearby to strategically place in the flames in their turn, but use the thin ones first, and don't put so many on that the heat is not really burning through them.
- Build slowly. The original wigwam should collapse, so put on a few more pieces of deadwood, but still not too many. Put each on in the same direction. It can help to have them lined up with the wind direction. It is best to keep to the same principle as the fire is developed. Crossed branches tend to tangle and therefore don't burn through and fall in to the hot base of the fire.
- Even when the fire is well established there will still be issues to sort out if branches are put on, very much bigger than the hot base of the fire.

The lifestyle of our ancestors was greatly enhanced when they discovered how to harness fire. It opened out new areas which were habitable and gave rise to their ability to cook, and ultimately to produce bronze and iron.

The ash produced by burning top-wood and bramble is rich in potassium, so when possible I like to collect it and bring it to the allotment. Removal of this nutriment also reduces the rankness of the vegetation of the reserve, allowing more delicate plants to compete.

Bob Seago - Warden



Mobile Library Dates for 2011

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) :

11 January	8 March	3 May
25 January	22 March	17 May
		31 May
8 February	5 April	
22 February	19 April	14 June
		28 June

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

Dates (Thursdays) :

6 January	3 March	12 May
20 January	17 March	26 May
	31 March	
3 February	14 April	9 June
17 February	28 April	23 June



Tending 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.

9 February 2011

Demonstration

Decorating a royal iced cake

Workshop

Floral delights

9 March 2011

Demonstration

Fancy dressed babies – Frances McNaughton

Everyone Welcome

Visitors £3, including refreshments

For further information please call Jane on 01255 814877



Garden reflections ...



With the passing of yet another Christmas, New Year and everything involved with the Festive season, one can look back with astonishment at the very early wintry cold snap, starting even before we were in December! However, a reasonable frosty spell does benefit the soil and gardeners do need to be looking forward as well as 'back a little' if one wishes to repeat a success for another year.

The Autumn of 2010 will be remembered for the brilliant rustic tints and the brightness of the berries on the Skimmia and the Pyracanthas, coupled with the spring like yellow colour of the Winter Jasmine...

Already the buds on the Camellia are filling out and perhaps a feed of Sequestered Iron in due course would be beneficial?

It's been a difficult time keeping plants happy and under cover over the past weeks - one can only imagine the expense and care nurseries are involved in with their new growth, whilst customers wait hopefully and expectantly for warmer weather to beginning planting their gardens in earnest...

As another Garden Club year finishes, no doubt the Committee are busy and thoughtful about possible events and outings of interest for the year ahead?

Structure in a garden can prove an important asset to plants: some benefitting from a trellis support or a background of a few rocks or scree: maybe an attractive length of wood from a pruning session casually setting off a group of Spring or Summer plants?



With holidays in mind and thinking about Spain, an ever popular destination, it takes some imagining after our freezing conditions this winter to remember absorbing the fact, whilst over there one year, that in the extreme heat shutters on buildings are closed and the electric light left on to counteract the intense glare of the sun - a question of all or nothing!?

Those of you who have visited The Alhambra and the Generalife 'Gardens of Paradise' will recall the exquisite marble constructions especially, amongst other creative and very skilled craftsmanship of the Romans and Moors before Christianity swept over the country from the 13th Century. The seemingly incredible achievement in such an arid country, even by modern standards, to pipe water many metres up mountainous terrain to fall as fountains down into lovely cool looking gardens.

Another interesting experience - gazing down from these heights to view the ancient cave dwellings of gipsy encampments. It would seem a very different life style compared to European static travellers' arrangements in this country today!

Wintry, rainy weather didn't suit Kerrygold, I recall, but she would happily settle for a game of football first thing - and that before I'd had a cup of tea!

Audrey Hill



BREAKFASTS FOR WOMEN
in Association with Christian Viewpoint
invite you to breakfast to hear

BEING A MISSIONARY TO THE 9-5 WINDOW

Talk by
Dr Tamie Downes

Saturday, 12 March 2011
8.45 – 11.00 am
The Columbine Centre
Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze

Tickets £7.50

Ring: 01255 429501

(Please order tickets by February 25th)

Dr Tamie Downes (nee Russell) grew up in Frinton and achieved her childhood dream of becoming a doctor. She is now a GP partner in Rickmansworth and has specialised in the education of the next generation of doctors. She is married to Greg, an Anglican vicar, currently on the faculty of the London School of Theology. She will be sharing with us some biblical principles she has discovered which help make her job worthwhile and fulfilling.

Tickets for this event can be obtained by post (with a stamped addressed envelope) from Alison Gooding, 11 Kingsman Drive, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8UL. Please make cheques payable to "Breakfast for Women".



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)



On Friday, 25 February
AGM
Members' Exhibits
"Take Three Flowers"
Ploughman's

On Friday, 25 March
Sandra Price
"Colour Matters"