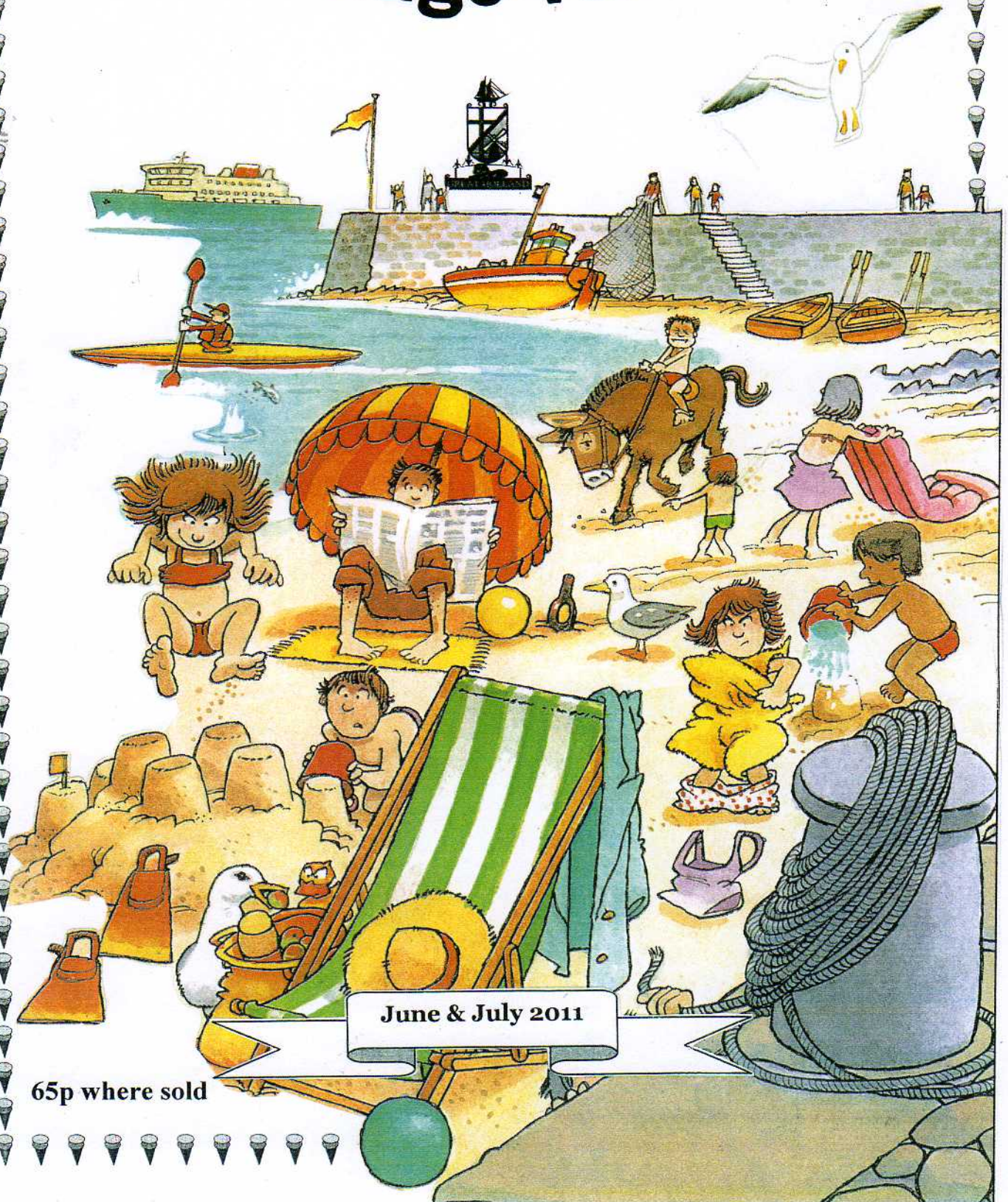
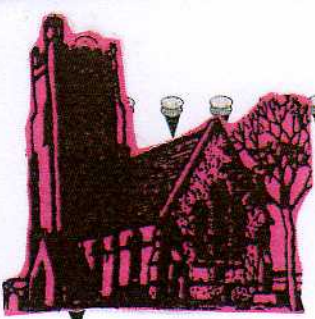


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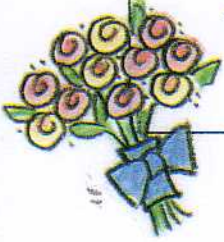


CONGRATULATIONS...!

... to **Kaye and Jeff Clark of Great Holland Village Stores**, who will renew their marriage vows at:

All Saints' Church on Saturday 11th June at 3.00pm.

Villagers who wish to witness the ceremony will be very welcome.

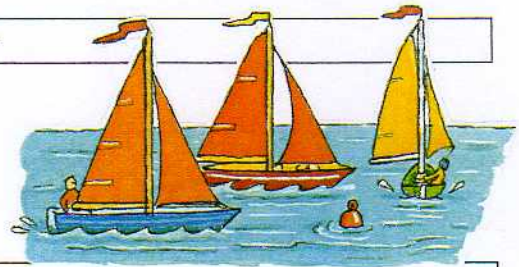
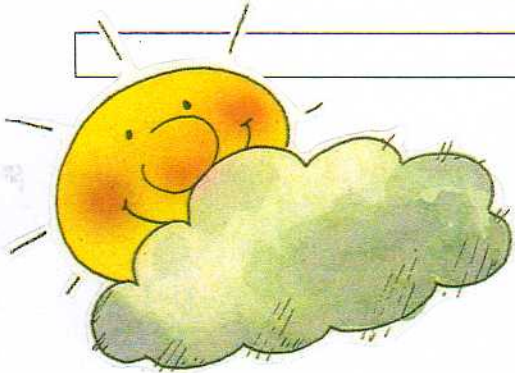


Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

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

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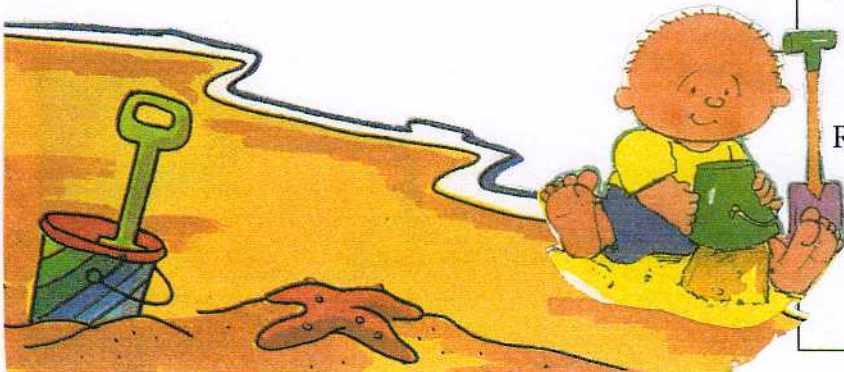
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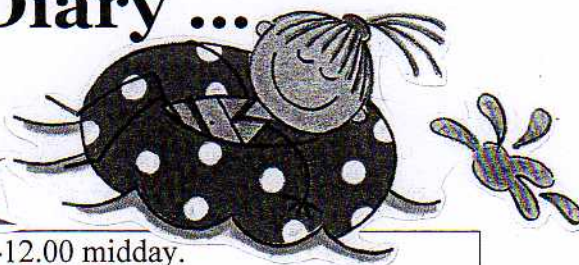




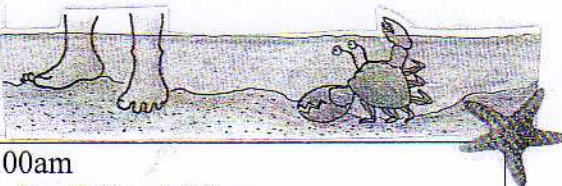
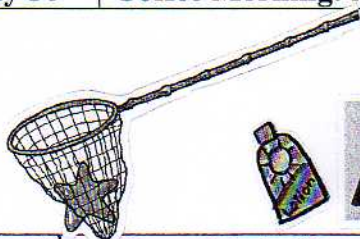
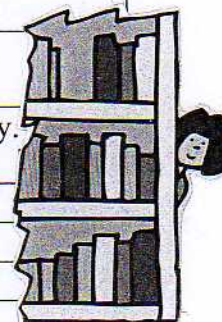
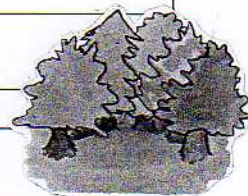
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Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Walton Police Station	Martello Road Walton on the Naze CO14 8BP Hours when open to the public: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 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.	

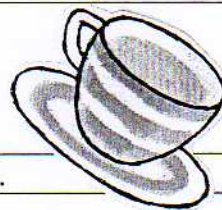
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Friday 3rd	Karaoke at The Ship - 8.00pm 'til late.
Saturday 4th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am Tea Dance: Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00-4.00pm
 Sunday 5th	OPEN DAY AT GREAT HOLLAND PITS: 11.00AM-4.00PM
Thursday 9th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Tuesday 14th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 16th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Thursday 23rd	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 24th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!
Sunday 26th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.
Tuesday 28th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 30th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



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PLEASE RING ELAINE ON 674809 FOR DETAILS OF FURTHER ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS AT THE SHIP.



All Saints' Church

In June, we will welcome Mark Holdaway as our new Rector...

I'm very much looking forward to starting as the Rector of Kirby-le-Soken and Great Holland in early June. I bring with me Claire and three children; Caleb is five and loves superheroes, Jemima is three and loves princesses and Kezia is one and she loves walking (it's a new skill for her.)

At the moment we live in Bury St Edmunds where I'm finishing as assistant Curate with St. Mary's with St. Peter's churches, but we're all excited by the move to a beautiful and interesting area. We're glad to be coming to a place we both have links to (Claire grew up in Essex and has family in the area while I have family links to both Thorpe-le-Soken and Kirby and will be living in the road where my Great Aunt used to live!).

But above all, we're looking forward to serving churches keen to grow in faith, serve the Lord Jesus and reach out to the local communities.

Mark Holdaway



Mark and his family

Rector's letter ...



In this month's letter as Revd Mark Holdaway begins his ministry at St Michael's and All Saints it is my happy task, on behalf of us all, to extend a very warm welcome to Mark, his wife Claire and their three children Caleb, Jemima, and Kezia. We are greatly looking forward to working with them and hope they will soon settle into the rectory - a new chapter in their lives begins.

Looking back to the end of April we had "the wedding" and what a wonderful day it was! I am sure, like me, many of you spent the day enjoying the happiness that radiated from it. Apparently it was broadcast in 180 countries. 400 million people watched online. 1 million lined the streets of central London, and the crew of the International Space Station followed it as they orbited 220 miles above the capital!

As the Bishop of London, the Right Revd Richard Chartres said in his address - marriage is an expression of hope and the marriage of Prince William and Katherine Middleton is an expression of all Britain's hopes, for happier times, for unity, prosperity, fairness and family. It is the testament to the transformative power of love.

It was a very public affair but also a very personal one for William and Katherine, as they made their solemn vows to each other. The prayer they wrote could not have been more different from the church of England liturgy that preceded it and I think says a great deal about them both; they prayed - 'God our Father, we thank you for our families, for the love that we share and for the joy of our marriage. In the busyness of each day keep our eyes fixed on what is real and important in life and help us to be generous with our time and love and energy. Strengthened by our union, help us to serve and comfort those who suffer. We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.'

Well worth all of us to use that prayer I think. The Bishop ended his address by saying "let us remember in God's kingdom everyone is united to join in the celebration and happiness".

On 8th May we had a Service of Thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower at All Saints'. It was a wonderful afternoon, the sun shone, the church flowers were beautiful and the music and singing uplifting. However, the best part was seeing so many people in the church - everyone coming together to thank and praise God. It was lovely to welcome Peter and Annie and to catch up with their news.

Later this month Reg Coley will be moving to a house near Peter and Annie -- our love and prayers go with him. So, we start a new chapter in the life of St Michael's and All Saints. It is with love and all good wishes that we welcome the Holdaway family -- May God bless them in their ministry here.

*Myra Dansie
(Church Warden)*

CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saints' and is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs plus seating for about a people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). Further details and enquiries from Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645**.

From All Saints' Diary - JUNE 2011:

Wednesday	1 st	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	4 th	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	5 th	11.00am	Family Service
Monday	6 th	7.30pm	INSTITUTION OF REVD MARK HOLDAWAY AT ST MICHAEL'S The Service will be taken by the Bishop of Colchester, Christopher Morgan, and the Archdeacon Annette Cooper.
Friday	10 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	12 th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion Morning Service
Wednesday	15 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	Morning Service



From All Saints' Diary - JULY 2011:

Saturday	2 nd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	Family Service
Wednesday	6 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Friday	8 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	10 th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	20 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	Morning Service

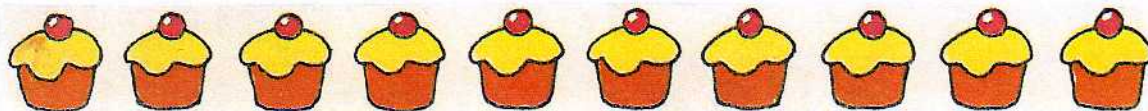
AUGUST 2011:

Saturday 6th 2.00 - 5.00pm GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE Morning Service

FROM THE REGISTERS:

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

Roger Nokes (66) Upper Third Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea. Weeley Crematorium & All Saints'.



Home Made Hour

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our April and May Home Made Hours, to help raise funds for All Saints' Church. Our next Home Made Hours will take place in the Village Hall on:

Saturday 4th June and Saturday 2nd July 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.



A couple of years ago I planted some rhubarb in the garden and it has taken well now, so that we now have grown enough to enjoy.....

Rhubarb and ginger crumble (Serves: 4-6)

Ingredients

10 stalks rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 5cm chunks
1 tbsp water
2-3 tbsp caster sugar
1 tbsp chopped preserved stem ginger, in syrup

Crumble:

100 g butter, softened
100 g Demerara sugar
180-200g plain flour

Method

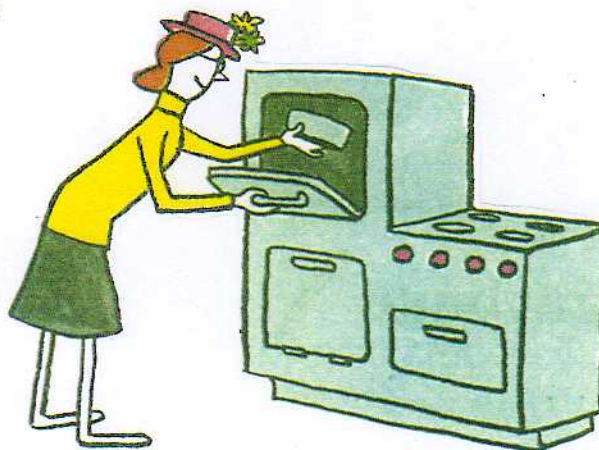
- Preheat the oven to 200C/gas 6.
- Place the rhubarb chunks on a shallow roasting pan, sprinkle with the water and caster sugar and bake for 10 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and sprinkle with the stem ginger.
- Reduce the oven temperature to 190C/gas 5.
- Tip the rhubarb mixture into a baking dish about 4cm deep.

For the crumble:

- Combine the butter, Demerara sugar and flour in a bowl.
- Rub with your fingers until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
- Sprinkle the crumble evenly over the rhubarb and bake for 10 minutes, until golden.
- Allow to cool slightly before serving with ice cream or double cream.

ENJOY!

Karen Withams



GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2011

**THIS YEAR WE ARE LAUNCHING A PRODUCE TENT,
PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR SUPPORT.
THERE WILL BE A CERTIFICATE AND ROSETTE IN THE
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES**

The vegetable section will consist of:
The Longest home grown Runner-Bean



The Heaviest home grown Marrow

The produce section will consist of:
The best home made Jam



The best home made cup cakes (3 required)

There are two display sections:
The best flower decoration using a kitchen utensil.

For children
The best display of a beach scene.
(No bigger please than a shoe box lid)

Entrance – Adults £1 and Children 50p per section
Entries to be delivered to The Old Rectory by 11am

There will be official judging done on the day by 3 persons.

GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2011

Saturday 6th August

2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)



Preparations are underway for this year's Village & Church Fête in the lovely grounds of The Old Rectory. As we are sure everyone will appreciate, an awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this event the success it has become. Please can we ask if you can help once again in the following ways to keep it all a bit special?

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



If you wish to be involved in any way, have items to be collected or can bring cakes on the day, please contact either **Sue Jenkins on 850317** or **Nicky Stack on 677984** who will be pleased to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th August.

Village and Church Fête Committee

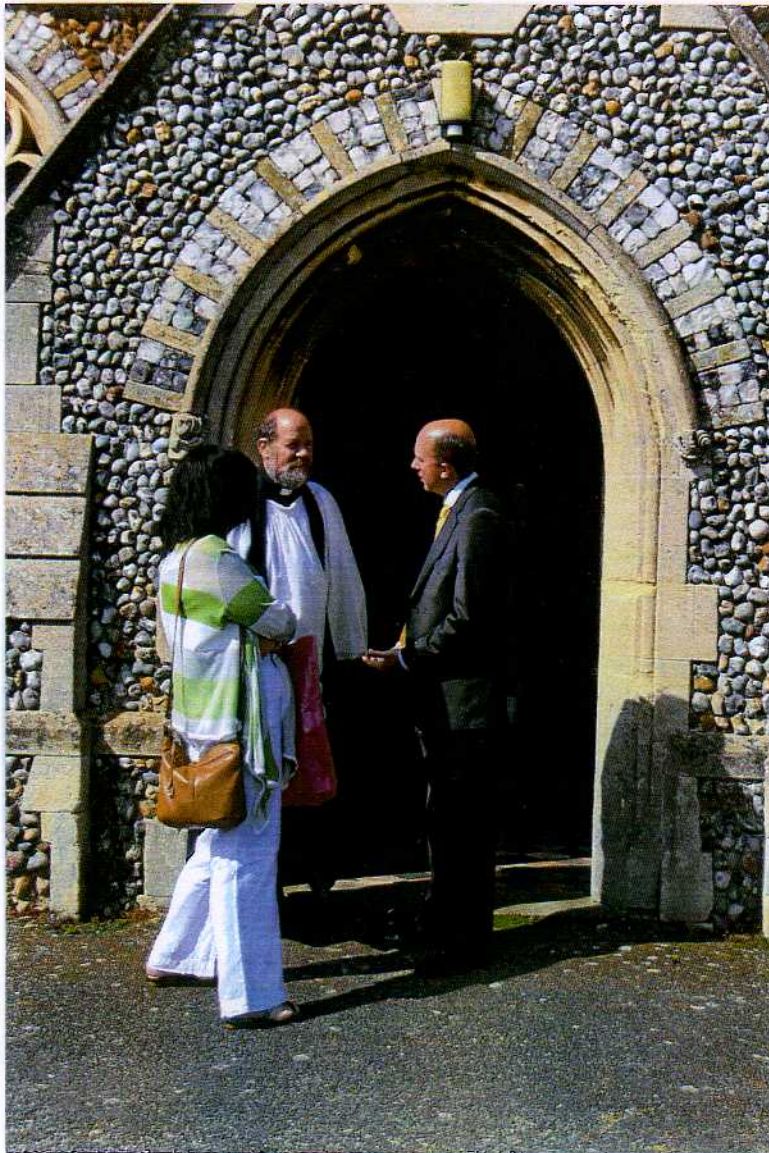


ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Church Tower was held on Sunday, 8 May. The Revd. Peter Coley returned to take the service and it was wonderful to see such a large congregation. Light refreshments were available immediately after the service and thanks must go to Judith Little and her family for providing such a choice array of sandwiches and cakes. The pictures show Judith's son Dominic doing a sterling job serving June Forest, Paul and Karen Withams talking to Peter and one of the tables laid up with food.

In all a very memorable day when the rain kept away and we were blessed with beautiful blue skies.





Great Holland Methodist Church

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

A well-known TV character was remembered for his phrase "Don't panic!" I have just been reading a chapter by a well-known Christian author, the writer of "The Power of Positive Thinking". He told of a baseball player in a well-known team, who was a friend of his. After quite a run of missed hits, what the Americans call being struck out, he was not at all concerned. He reasoned that over the season he would average out to his usual score and knew that no player would get an impressive score every week. I wonder how many of our famous English football strikers would have the same attitude. Peele, the writer, went on to compose his chapter, telling how staying calm, refusing to panic, stopping to think are good ways of bringing peace and calm into our lives.

For some of us it is our faith which brings this sense of peace. For some it is taking time to stop and reflect on the good things which have touched our lives. Certainly a rushed approach, dashing from one thing to another or worrying what tomorrow will bring, is something that always increases tension and sometimes increasing also our blood pressure. We often say life is too fast. Where do you find peace and calm? Don't panic. God has things in control.

Ray King

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 16 June

Thursday, 7 July

(10.30 – 11.30)

NEWS

As usual very little to report in the village, but from 1 March until 4 May incidents were as follows:

- Travellers on the marshes
- Broken down vehicle in Little Clacton Road
- 3 x road traffic accidents
- 2 x concern for welfare
- 1 x insecure premises (all in order)
- Diesel in Pork Lane
- 1 x suspicious circumstances – individual offered to tarmac a driveway – offer declined.

I am currently looking to gather support for a scheme called Community Speed Watch. In brief, the idea is to have a team of volunteers which will deploy on roads which have been risk assessed, use a speed device and record details of vehicles which break the speed limit. If you are interested and need further information please call Walton Police Station and ask to speak to Pc Rob Willmott.

How to beat the burglars ...

- Have front and back doors fitted with good quality locks
- Have a spy hole fitted so you can see the caller without opening the front door.
- You could also consider fitting a security chain.
- Always lock external doors and windows when you go out.
- Use timers for lights and radios when it gets dark or you are away.
- Have well positioned motion sensitive security lighting.

When leaving the car you should

- Always close the windows and sunroof and lock all doors.
- Hide everything.
- Keep all valuables with you (MP3s, phones, sunglasses, laptops, netbooks, even satnav suction pads and support cradles and removable music systems).
- Keep car documents at home, not in the car.

When your car is parked at home you should ...

- Keep your keys out of sight in the house, well away from doors and windows.
- Use a letter box restrictor to prevent burglars from reaching inside to take keys or to open doors.

Please take time to read the above advice, it could save you a lot of stress and upset in the future..

Take Care,

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

Paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk

Community Phone No. 07850 631017

ROYAL WEDDING GARDEN PARTY



Elaine and Mick organised a hog roast at The Ship on Friday, 29 April



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Great Holland
Residents Association

Dear Neighbour,

SUMMER

Summer is nearly here and was heralded by the Church Bells and the Thanksgiving Service at All Saints on 8th May to celebrate the completion of the Tower Restoration Project - a scheme that took three years to accomplish; run by a small dedicated team. Congratulations are due to them all.

Before we know, it the Summer Fete will be here. This is another massive effort by a few volunteers.

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

The latest information I have from TDC is that the Planning Agreement will be signed shortly, probably sometime this month. The developers are working on an agreement relating to the Bus Service. It should not be too long now before the planning permission is granted. I still have no idea when work will commence.

30 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information at present.

Local Listings

We are waiting for news of the reconvened meeting.

PEOPLE

Alan Large

Alan Large stood down at the last election from 16 years of service to Great Holland on Frinton and Walton Town Council. He tells the story of how his first election was a mistake because no other candidate was nominated. His subsequent re-elections could not have been mistakes! Thanks are due to Alan for all he did for the Village over the years.

Christopher Keston

Christopher Keston of Main Road Great Holland has been elected to Frinton and Walton Town Council. We wish him well.

Councillors Robert Bucke and Mark Cossens

Robert Bucke and Mark Cossens have been re-elected to TDC to represent Kirby and Holland. At the risk of an awful pun, they "bucked the trend" towards Conservative gains in this part of Tendring. We know they will continue to serve this area well.

SUGGESTIONS

If anyone in the village has any suggestions to make that they feel GHRA could undertake for the benefit of the Village as a whole please do let us know. In particular if there is a major project that anyone thinks would not only be of benefit but also could focus the attention of the Village, much in the way that the Church Tower restoration Appeal has done, then your committee would be particularly pleased to receive ideas, especially if accompanied by offers of assistance. As I think is clear, too often projects fall on the shoulders of the "usual suspects" and a wider participation from the Village is needed.

MEMBERSHIP

The subs for 2011 are now overdue. We need more members. The subs. remain fixed for 2011 at £2.00 per head or £4.00 per household whichever is the cheaper. At the time of writing there are still only 60 households that are members of the Association. In a village of this size and with all that is going on we should have more members. Please pay Denys and Lindy Strich at The Warren, Church Lane, CO13 0JS.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN



TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG WARDENS

It has been brought to our attention that some residents are being affected by the noise of barking dogs at unsocial hours. In response to this we will be including the telephone number and email address of Tendring District Council's dog wardens in the Village Voice on the Contact Page. According to the Council's website these wardens can help with most dog related problems, including noise from barking dogs, dog fouling and stray dogs. They will also provide advice on responsible dog ownership.

Contact Details:

Tel: 0845 2417253

Email: info@animalwardens.co.uk

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People



My name is **Alan Viles**, and I am a Volunteer Speaker on behalf of "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". I live in Great Holland.

If there are any groups (including schools) that would like a talk about "Hearing Dogs", please contact me on my mobile number: **07946 204517** to discuss a visit.

Hearing Dogs is a charity, which is not funded by the Government. The charity collects used stamps, old printer cartridges and broken mobiles, which are then recycled and turned into cash for the charity. If you have any of these, please contact me. Thank you.

THE END OF AN ERA! (NO ACTUALLY 16 GOOD YEARS)

Alan Large has represented Great Holland on the Frinton and Walton Town Council for 16 years before standing down at the recent local elections. Alan was persuaded to stand as a Labour Councillor in 1995 and only agreed because he thought he wouldn't be elected. However, much to his surprise he found the Conservatives had not put up a candidate and therefore he was elected by default. Over time he found he rather enjoyed the role and hopes he made a contribution to the area and Great Holland in particular. He hopes the fact that he was returned in subsequent elections meant he was doing something right!

There have certainly been some changes during his term in office. A vehicle activated 30 mph sign, a mini-roundabout, new bus shelter, road crossing island with dropped kerbs for wheelchairs and prams and a colourful display of crocuses and daffodils each Spring.

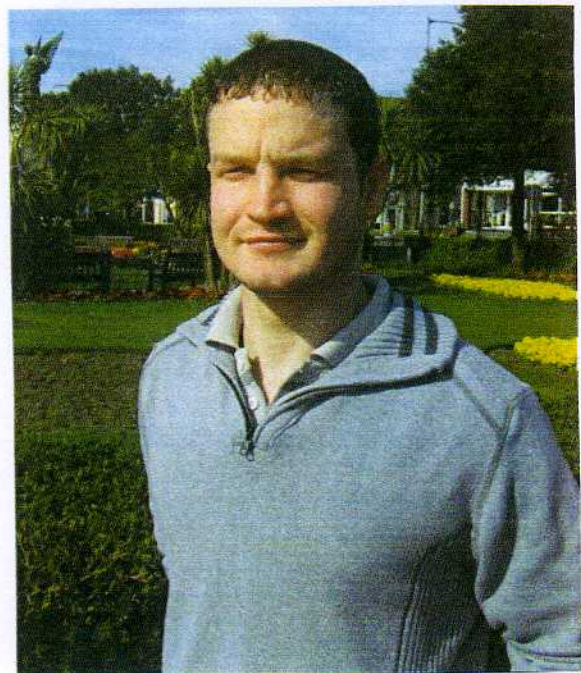
What next? A truly well earned retirement – with time for the golf course and the garden. He will however retain his interest in following local politics.

THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK !

Christopher Keston was elected to represent Great Holland in the recent local election and would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone who voted for him. He would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Alan for his past endeavours and hopes to continue with the good work that he (Alan) has started.

Christopher has lived in Great Holland since he was a baby and attended local schools before going to college in Colchester. Originally trained as a paratrooper he was invalided out following a training accident and now works for a local heavy engineering company. He has a young family.

If you want to contact Christopher on any matter his telephone number can be found on the Contact Page of the magazine.



FROM YOUR LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

In this edition I am writing about two of Gt. Holland's outstanding characters: The Rev. Beadel and Mr Hodgkins.

From 1335 for nearly a hundred years, no act of representation was registered at All Saints Parish Church; seven Rectors were apparently "Pluralists". They held the livings of Stanmore Magna, Bradwell, Wanstead, Clacton Parva, Holland Magna (Gt. Holland) and Woodham Walters.

The Reverend F Beadel was Rector of Frinton from 1876 – 1887, when his brother bought the living at Gt. Holland for him after the Reverent Joynes. He lived at Gt. Holland Lodge until taking up residence at The Rectory.

It was during the Rev. Beadel's time that the bell hooks at All Saints were taken away to Kirby to pay for a debt (unknown). A Mrs Baron paid this debt and so the bell hooks were returned to Gt. Holland.

Mr Hodgkins of "Woodhall" in Church Lane, Gt. Holland.

The above gentleman sang in the choir at the Coronation of King George the Fifth (1910). He was a great benefactor in our village and is known to have paid for Mr. Morris (of "The Stile", Green End Lane) to be apprenticed as a carpenter, and also helped Mr. Tim Lott to set up in farming.

When C.H.Jones Ltd. (who lived at Larges Farm) were building the above address they had to get water for mixing the mortar from the ditches as, at this time, there was no piped water supply. While they were in the process of damming up one ditch in Church Lane, the parson who, at that time was the Rev. Beadel, came up to them and said, "Do you attend my church on Sunday." As most of the men came from the Frinton area, they replied "No sir". Whereupon he told them to leave the ditch alone as it was on his land, and if they did not attend his church they could not have his water.

These were very hard and difficult times and in many little villages the Parson, who was also the Squire, was very often quite a tyrant to deal with.

Liz Bruce



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, 24 June
Lionel Clarke
"As Time Goes By"
Monthly Stall*

*On Friday, 15 July
Club Event*

Great Holland Friends

April meeting
Thursday 7th April
Carol Rainbird

Carol gave us an interesting talk on the **Tileagd Gypsy Craft Project**, which began in 2005 to help the poor of Romania. She also provided an opportunity to see, and buy, examples of the craft items made by the Project.

May meeting
Thursday 12th May
The Nickelodeons

Once again, **The Nickelodeons** entertained us with songs accompanied by keyboard.

June meeting
Thursday 2nd June
The Cycling Granny

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

July meeting
Thursday 7th July
Johnny Styles

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



TEA DANCE



Saturday 4th June & Saturday 2nd July
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**

CONGRATULATIONS!...



Anita after her swim with Duncan Goodhew MBE

... once again to 'Little Mermaid' **Anita Tien**, of The Crescent, Great Holland, who recently won another swimming medal.

Anita swam a mile at the launch of the National Swimathon 2011, a fundraising event for Marie Curie Cancer Care. It took her only 43 minutes to swim the distance, at the London Fields Lido, in early April. Luckily, the good weather meant that the water was not cold on the day! Anita was cheered on by the Swimathon's president, Olympic gold medal winner Duncan Goodhew MBE, who later presented her with a medal. Anita's proud mum, Kun Tien, later said that Anita had been thrilled to meet Mr Goodhew.



If you wish to sponsor Anita for her swim and watch a YouTube clip of her with Mr Goodhew, visit the Swimathon 2021 website at swimathon.org.

(Extracted from a recent article that appeared in the Frinton & Walton Gazette)



WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			Keep Fit 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Zumba Class 8.30 – 9.30 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
Tuesday		Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	Links Karate 5.15 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 p.m. 671300
Wednesday			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	Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. (1st Thursday of the month) 677610 	Circuit Training Fitness Class 6.45 – 7.45 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 677804
Friday			Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 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 update...

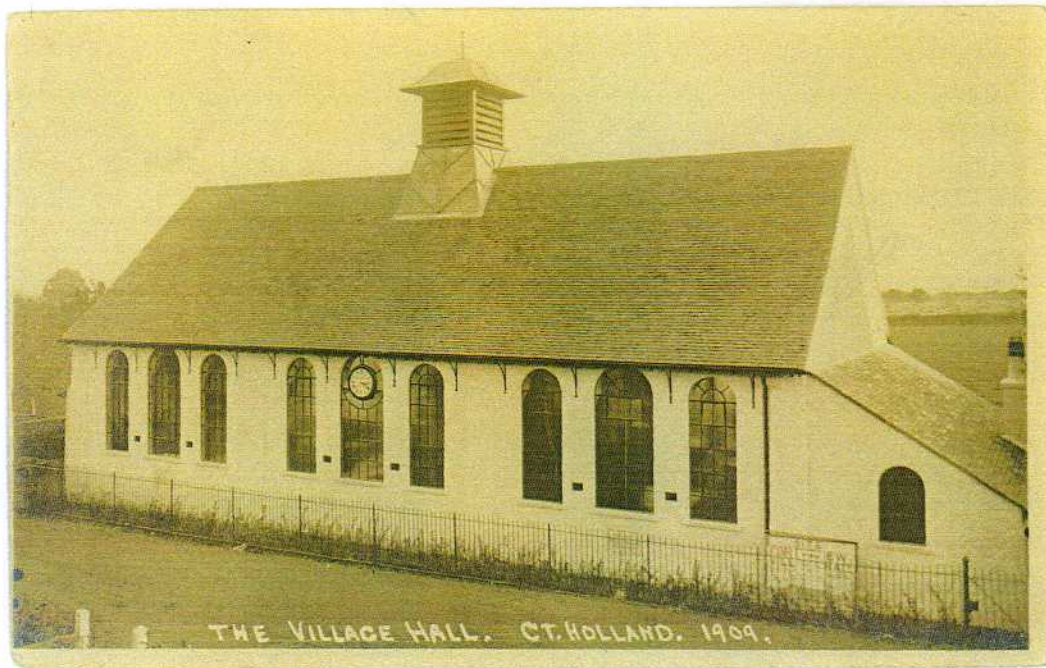
Dear All,

- By the time you read this article, the Village Hall building work should be complete. We as a Village Hall committee hope that the hall will be used on a more regular basis now we have off-road parking, a great relief I should imagine for people living near the hall.

New class!

- We now have Zumba classes in the Village Hall on Monday evenings at 8.30pm. Why not go along and try something new?
- Sadly the cupola at the top of the Village Hall is having to be removed, due to a poor state of repair and the danger it may cause if it were to collapse.
- I would just like to appeal to anyone who feels they could give up an hour or two every 2-3 months to sit on the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall is owned by the residents and it is our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. If you would like to find out more, please call me on **01255 850317**.

Sue Jenkins (Committee Chair)



A bit of fun...

Here are the answers to the cryptic clues we gave you in the last edition of Village Voice:

1. Porridge
2. Panorama
3. Horizon
4. Blue Peter
5. Taggart
6. Minder
7. The Bill
8. Keeping up Appearances
9. Captain Pugwash

10. The Sky at Night
11. Eastenders
12. Tenko
13. Watchdog
14. Arena
15. Mastermind
16. Come Dancing
17. Spitting Image
18. Cheers



Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



Four Candles

The tools we use for managing the nature reserve are a mixture of ancient and modern. The tractor drawn forage harvester enables us to spend our time on more fiddly estate work, while though we still use cheap and cheerful bow-saws, the chain-saw speeds our heavier tree work. The brush cutter, a heavy duty strimmer with steel blades, is used for cutting scrubby borders, while in earlier years we would have used grass hooks. In recent decades there has been little general demand for pitch forks, but on nature reserves they are still used.

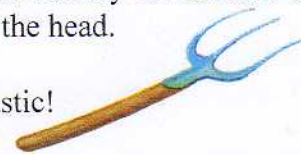
Each autumn we treat the wooden handles with linseed oil to prevent the wooden handle drying out and becoming brittle, but everything eventually reaches the end of its life. Our handle snapped last year, when it was used to throw a particularly heavy load of brash on to a heap. Economies of scale do not hold down the price of such rarely used instruments, and I was not inclined to buy what was on offer.

Woodwork was never a strong point for me when I was at school. I spent some significant period of my education making a kitchen stool, which disintegrated soon after, when my dad sat down on it in *the wrong way*. A couple of years ago however, a colleague in the trust, showed me how to make a handle for another instrument, a long handled slasher. I was pleased with the results, but sadly, the steel of the blade started to fracture after a little use. Even my welding friends could not do much with it.

Ash or hickory is considered the timber of choice for such tools and as it happens there is a plentiful supply of sapling ash at Great Holland. I cut a length of it and used a billhook to split it into four pieces, each of which could have been used. Our Neolithic forbears would not have had the metal blade, but I guess large flints would have been used.

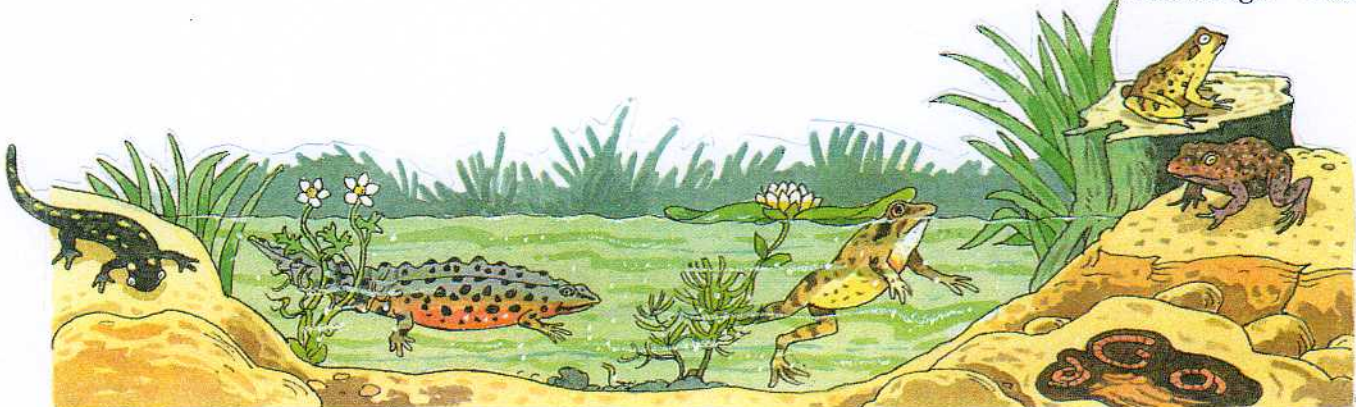
The very centre of the tree is a soft cylinder known as the pith layer which needs to be avoided. An spoke-shave may have been the instrument of choice, but I used the best tool I had available, a grass hook, to shape the handle into the right profile, and I used a twentieth century invention a surform to do the shaping of the end which had to snugly fit the steel fitting of the head.

The result of the effort might be described kindly as practical but rustic!



At our open day on **Sunday June 5th** you will be able to marvel at the pitch-fork, but there will also be a limited number of quality pens available, fashioned from some of our most attractive timber, blackthorn, elm and gorse on a lathe, by one of our regular visitors.

Bob Seago - Warden



Garden reflections ...



Now passing out of an exceptionally pretty Spring, accompanied and enjoyed by lovely settled weather so very welcome after the long hard Winter ... so much to look forward to as well as enjoying the present. Setting the scene for the Summer and Autumn.

I am so pleased that I deferred discarding or heavily pruning one or two shrubs that looked quite dead earlier on, as they have recovered from the cold and been sprouting new growth, especially the pretty blue Ceanothus, which was originally a present! Also a Choisya (Orange Blossom) which, with gentle pruning, has now 'righted' itself from its recent slanting position when a Cistus collapsed against it due to harsh frost conditions.

For some weeks now, self-seeding Forget-me-nots have spread over patches of ground, adding to the seasonal display of cultivated and wild bluebells, following on from the earlier bulbs, and disguising their dying foliage while waiting to be scythed before joining the rest of the lawn for regular cutting. This delightful picture closely followed by another haze of blue - dainty 'Love-in-a mist'.

No time to dawdle with annual seeds to be scattered in patches: the mature plug plants now ready for placing for Summer colour!

Preparing the ground, enriching with some fertiliser and compost will give added help during dry weather. If you have any Comfrey in the garden that needs trimming, this is a valuable source of Nitrogen if added to compost and left to mature...

I usually have a supply of bird seed and crumbs to welcome birds dropping by on regular visits - from a handsome Pheasant and his two, no three ladies! Ducks drinking from the pond; also bowls of water for the smaller birds - quite a harmonious gathering at times!

The coach trip to Bury St Edmunds, organised by the Apex Club in May, was memorable - lovely gardens with the Abbey Ruins providing a dramatic background; interesting shopping areas and a market. Not forgetting the Cathedral, well worth a visit...

Nearer to home - when planning a visit to Colchester, worth spending time visiting the grounds around the Roman Castle, especially at this time of year when the roses are in bloom. There are several places to pause for refreshments.

On the subject of food - although not especially a fish eater, I remember trying Kerrygold with a little cooked salmon one day. After sniffing it she looked at me in astonishment. 'Where's the hollandaise sauce? That makes it much more tasty!'

Audrey Hill

