

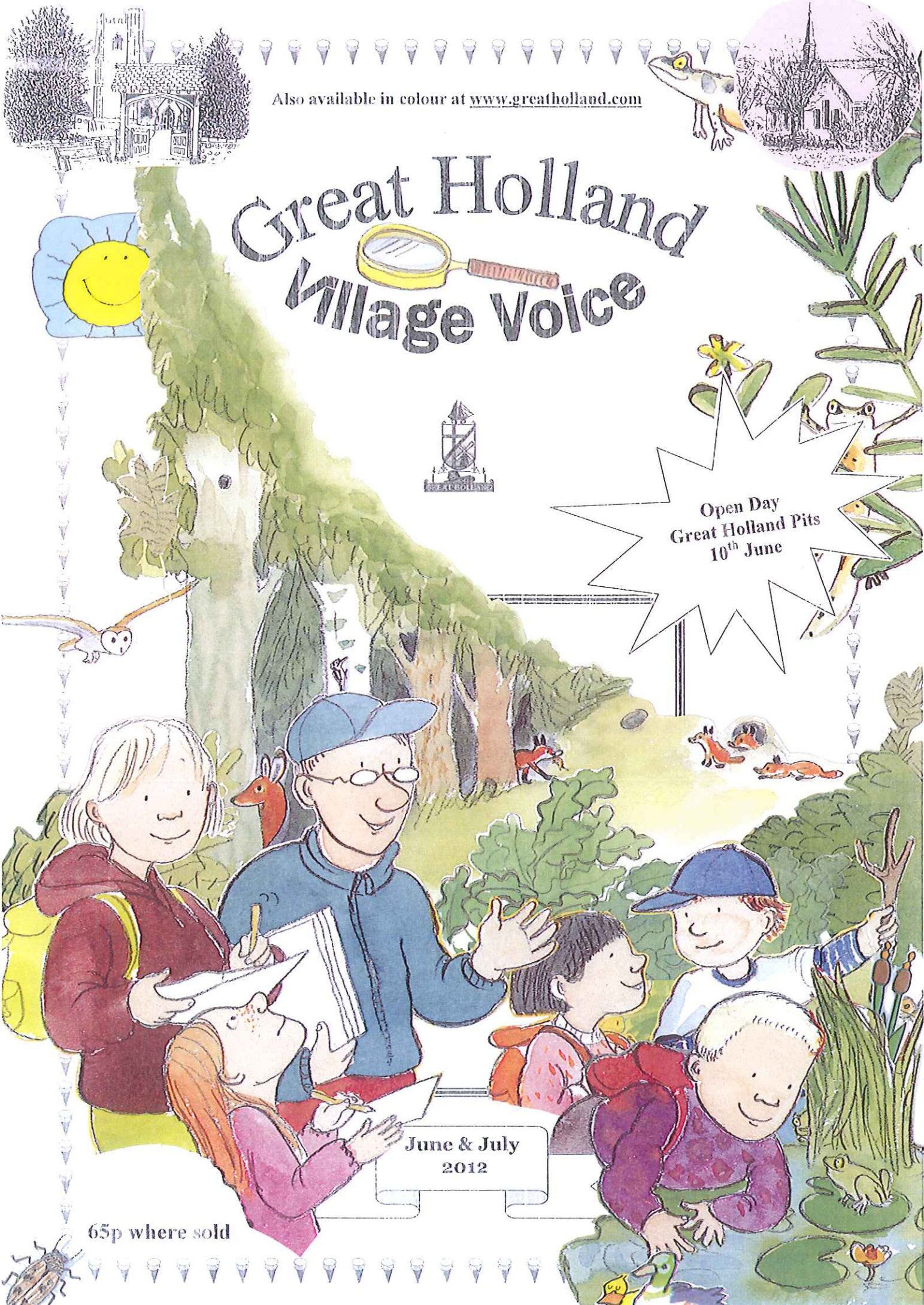
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Great Holland Village Voice

Open Day
Great Holland Pits
10th June

June & July
2012

65p where sold





... to the June/July edition of Village Voice.

Included in this edition ...

❖ News of a Festive Evening in the Village Hall being planned for 1st December 2012. (More details next time!)



❖ Minutes of recent meetings of the Village Hall Committee of Management.



❖ A new advertiser: Carpentry/general maintenance.

WE NEED THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ADVERTISERS TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE VILLAGE VOICE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS. IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, PLEASE MENTION VILLAGE VOICE!

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:

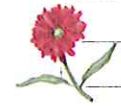
- Are there any events happening in August or September that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?



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 24th July 2012

HERE COMES SUMMER



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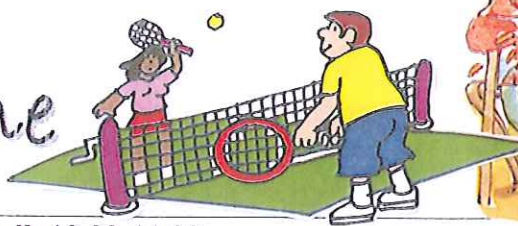


Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Mr John Poulten (Chair) until AGM on 26 th May	679233
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Ray King	675336
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
Great Holland Village Stores	Main Road	674359
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	686868 (Emergency Out of Hours: 2220220) 677495 861374
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Walton Police Station	Martello Road Walton on the Naze CO14 8BP WALTON POLICE STATION IS NO LONGER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	101 (Extension 487554)
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 NOTE: The Mobile Library service to The Close, Orchard Drive and Laxton Grove will end on 26 June 2012. <u>Thursdays</u> Rosery Mews: Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am	
Civic Amenity Tip	Mallings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. The Civic Amenity Tip now opens at 9.00am and is 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 no longer takes place.	

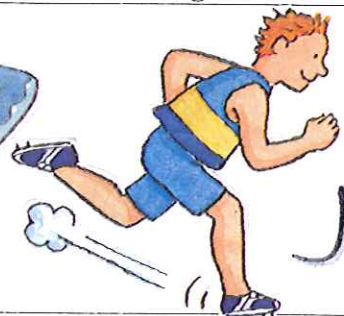
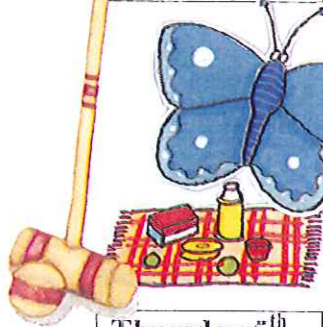
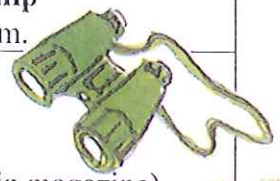
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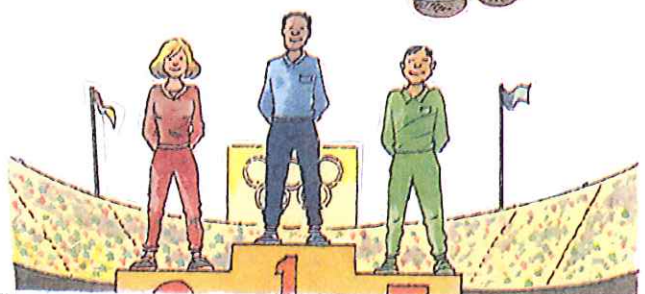
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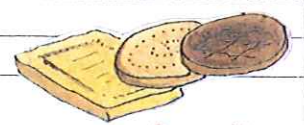
Saturday 2 nd	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Sunday 3 rd	Diamond Jubilee BBQ & barn dance at Great Holland Hall Farm TICKET ONLY EVENT - SOLD OUT!
Monday 4 th	Diamond Jubilee Garden Party, hog roast at The Ship with live music from The Buzz Ed Ray Band 1.00pm.
Thursday 7 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details in magazine)
Sunday 10 th	Open Day at Great Holland Pits: 11.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 12 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. Great Holland Walk Part II - led by Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust, 7.00pm. Please telephone 674134 for more details.
Thursday 14 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 22 nd	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.
Sunday 24 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.
Tuesday 26 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.
Thursday 28 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday



July



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Thursday 12 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 19 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 26 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 27 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.30pm.
Sunday 29 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship.



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



Summer



All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

Not many parents expect their daughter to become queen. The same was true of the parents of Elizabeth, born on April 21, 1926. She was third in line to the throne, but it wasn't expected that either her father would become King or that she would become Queen.

She became Queen 60 years ago and, whatever your view of the monarchy, you will acknowledge that she has been a faithful servant, has shown amazing commitment and demonstrated great loyalty.

She has over 600 patronages of organisations and charities. She is Head of State, the Fount of Justice, Head of the Armed Forces, and Defender of the Faith.

She has all the honour and all the titles, but again and again she points away from herself. In her Christmas Message last year she said,

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.

In the last verse of this beautiful carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, there's a prayer:

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin
And enter in
Be born in us today*

It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord."

In all our celebrations it is absolutely right to thank and honour the Queen for a life of wonderful service. But I'm sure she would be sad if we didn't remember the one who has lead a far more perfect life, who can deal with sin, is the real Fount of Justice and is the one in whom we are to put our faith.

Enjoy the celebrations in Great Holland. Why not start the day at our Jubilee Service at All Saints' Church. I am on Sunday 3 June.

Mark



From All Saints' Diary - JUNE 2012:

Saturday	2 nd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	Morning Service Jubilee Celebrations (<i>see details elsewhere</i>)
Wednesday	6 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	10 th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion Morning Service
Wednesday	13 th	11.00am	"Identity", at All Saints' Church Parish Room
Friday	15 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	20 th	11.00am 2.00pm	"Identity", at All Saints' Church Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Saturday	30 th	noon	Wedding of Andrew Palmer & Victoria Bryan

From All Saints' Diary - JULY 2012:

Sunday	1 st	11.00am 11.15am	Morning Service Kim Lepley's ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral
Wednesday	4 th	11.00am 2.00pm	"Identity", at All Saints' Church Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	7 th	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	8 th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Wednesday	11 th	11.00am	"Identity" at All Saints' Church Parish Room
Friday	13 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	15 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	18 th	11.00am 2.00pm	"Identity" at All Saints' Church Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	22 nd	11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	29 th	11.00am	All age family Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's

FROM THE REGISTERS:

WEDDINGS

We offer our congratulations to:

Doug Breadmore and Amy Barnes who were married at All Saints' on Saturday 19th May.



Jubilee Celebration Service

You are warmly invited to commemorate the

Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

at

St Mary's Parish Church, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea
Sunday 3rd June - 6.30pm

An opportunity for the community to come together
to mark the Queen's 60 year reign

Organised by Frinton Area Churches Together

Light refreshments will be available following the service

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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

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

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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

SIDESPERSIONS: Wilf Barnes, Rose Batten, Don Osler and Jamie Wright

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM: Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors),
Mim Wilson, Irene Lightowler, Michele Frere, Ingrid Harding, Judith Little, Eric Elsworth,
Audrey Warren, June Forrest, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Eileen Derrick, Pauline Knight and
Christine Oxford (Distributors).

CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

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



Home Made Hour

The Home Made Hour team would like to apologise for the late cancellation of the April Home Made Hour. **THANK YOU** to all who supported the May Home Made Hour, which helped to raise funds for All Saints' Church.



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

Saturday 2nd June & Saturday 7th July

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



Coronation Chicken

The original Coronation chicken was invented for foreign guests who were being entertained after the Coronation ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Constance Spry, (a florist who also helped with floral arrangements on the day of the Coronation) proposed a recipe that used cold chicken pieces in a curry cream sauce with a salad of rice, green peas and mixed herbs.

Shredded Chicken from a medium sized pre roasted chicken
3 tbsp Mayonnaise
Mild curry powder to taste
1/2 tsp Cinnamon
Ground Black Pepper
1 tbsp Mango chutney
Sultanas - as many as you fancy

- Mix the mayonnaise, curry powder, cinnamon, black pepper, chutney and sultanas together, altering quantities to your preferred taste
- Mix the combined ingredients with the shredded chicken.
- Serve with baked potatoes, wraps, sandwiches etc

ENJOY!

Karen Withams



GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FETE **Produce Competition 2012**

Start Planning NOW !

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

Flower Arrangement
incorporating a piece of



Sports Equipment



**Heaviest
Marrow**



**Children:
Garden
on a
Plate**



**Best
Preserve**

Great Holland Village Fete



Gold Medal



Produce Competition 2011

Your Name Here !

Awarded to:
Submit of: Best Jam



**Longest
Runner
Bean**



**Best Cup Cakes
(3 Required)**

Best Photograph
based on the Theme of :

“Great Holland Village Life”

Adults £1 (Children 50p) : per Entry.

Entries to be delivered to The Old Rectory by 2.30pm
Judging by three Celebrity Judges : 4th August 2012



GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2012

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

Preparations are underway for this year's Fête in the Old Rectory's lovely grounds. We are sure everyone will appreciate that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this event the success it has become. Please can we ask you to help again in the following ways?

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


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

Village and Church Fête Committee

Bygone Stall



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

 **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 Saturdays of June and July.**

Bea Eagle



Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends in Great Holland ...

Later this summer, if summer ever comes, I shall be off to the Isles of Scilly, for what will be predominantly a working holiday. The Reverend Charlie Gibbs, who was my minister in Norfolk way back in 1993, is now minister to the Isles. (He appeared briefly in the BBC series "An Island Parish" prior to his move there from Thetford.) Rosemary and I were able to spend a week with him two years ago when we visited Scilly for the first time. And then in July of that year Charlie reciprocated by visiting us at Brightlingsea, just before the formation of the Tendring circuit, to give an illustrated talk about life and ministry on Scilly, and to preach the sermon at our farewell service.

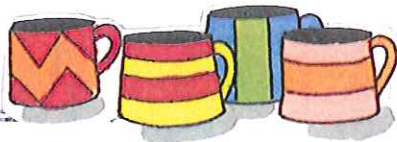
Previously I've travelled to Scilly by boat from Penzance. The crossing can be choppy however, and can take in the region of three hours, so this time I'm going by helicopter. Having arrived I shall have just a few hours to recover before addressing the church Fellowship meeting who've asked me to speak about our situation on the Tendring, and how circuit amalgamation has impacted on us. The irony is that the Isles of Scilly will never experience amalgamation, simply because there is no-one for them to amalgamate with! Indeed it is likely that within a few years they will be the only single-minister circuit left within Methodism.

I'm sure you would all want me to wish Charlie well on your behalf. If you were avid viewers of "The Island Parish" you'd realize that it wasn't the easiest of appointments to be sent to. It's certainly a very different ministry to that which I'm used to, not least because everything is governed by the tides, and the availability of boats.

If you happen to be holidaying on Scilly this summer, do be sure to look him up.

Yours with every blessing

Andrew Bell (Superintendent Minister of the Tendring Methodist Circuit)

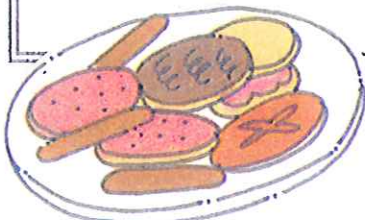


COFFEE MORNINGS

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 a table displaying donated goods and hand made greetings cards for sale. Everyone is welcome!



Great Holland Friends Programme 2012

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



Thursday 7th June
Norman Jacobs

An interesting talk about the history of Butlin's in Clacton



Thursday 5th July
The Spinning Lady

Demonstrations of hand spinning and the various dyes used

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 6th September
Johnny Styles



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

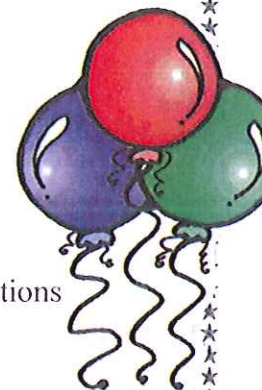


Thursday 4th October
Haven Lights

An afternoon of music and song

Thursday 1st November
David Austin

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



Thursday 6th December

Great Holland Friends Christmas Party & buffet

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

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

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

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

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



FROM THE GT. HOLLAND LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

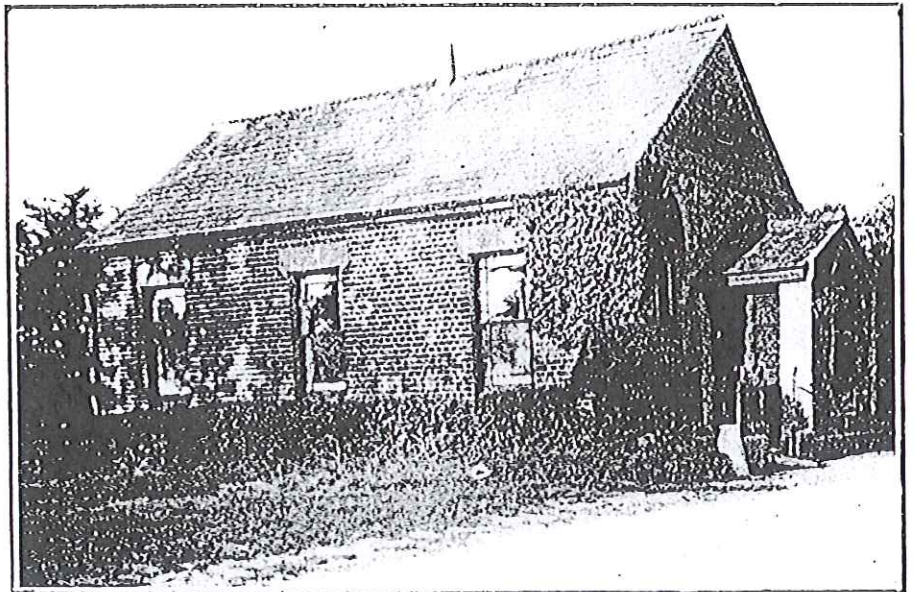
History of Gt. Holland Methodist Church

I have been very fortunate to receive the history of The Great Holland Methodist Church into the archives, and hope that you find it as interesting as I have.

Around the year 1881 the Methodist Mission Band (eager for more conquests for Christ) decided to hold open-air services at a very picturesque, but out-of-the-way spot, at Gt. Holland Common. They were very well received by the people and so great were the success of these meetings that come the winter somewhere indoors was sought. By 1885, during the ministry of the Rev. A E Gregory, the Mission Band had formed a committee with the consent of the Quarterly Meeting. A cottage was secured for services and used for five years. Forty years later it was still standing, although in 1885 it had been described as "the worst cottage on the whole of the Common". A photograph taken at the time suggested that this description was not unwarranted, "for it looks a poor little place, with thatched roof and wooden walls". However some were proud of it for it had written along the front under the eaves "Wesleyan Mission Cottage".

An appeal was made to the Circuit in 1886 for "a real chapel". A resolution was passed to erect a brick chapel at Holland Common to accommodate about 100 people, providing the cost did not exceed £150 and that before commencement of building 75% of that sum had been guaranteed. The scheme matured five years later and the memorial stone was laid on 11th June 1891 by a distinguished visitor, Mrs W F Moulton. The chapel was ready and opened entirely free of debt on Monday, 14th September 1891 by Mrs A R Chamberlayne.

The cost of building was £184, of which £10 was spent on the purchase of the land, and not including the value of the free labour given. The original names on the Trust Deed were Arthur Fitch, John H Harman, Robert J Kittle, Stephen H Newing, Edward Sully and Thomas Benjamin Lubbock. Thomas Lubbock was affectionately known as "The Bishop of Holland Common" since he was an acceptable local preacher with powers of arresting incisive speech and a generous nature.

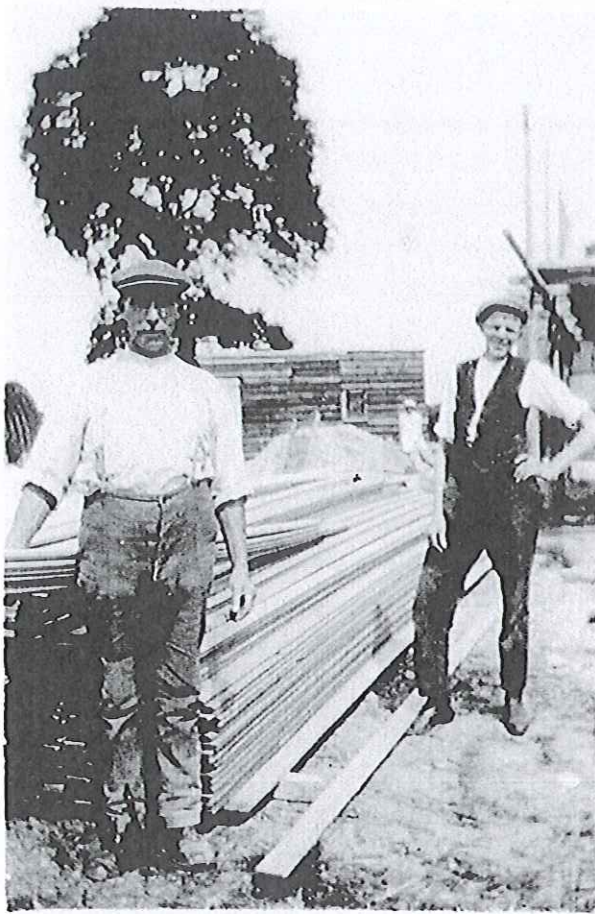


HOLLAND COMMON — OPENED SEPT., 1891.

Wesleyan Chapel 1891

The present Wesleyan Church was built in 1928 at a cost of £3000. It was needed to replace the original one at the Common which could no longer accommodate the growing congregation. A

foundation stone was laid by Miss Peggy Wolton. For many years it had a thriving Sunday School until diminishing numbers of village children did not make it viable to continue.



The two workers in the photo are Billy Cann and Billy Darnal

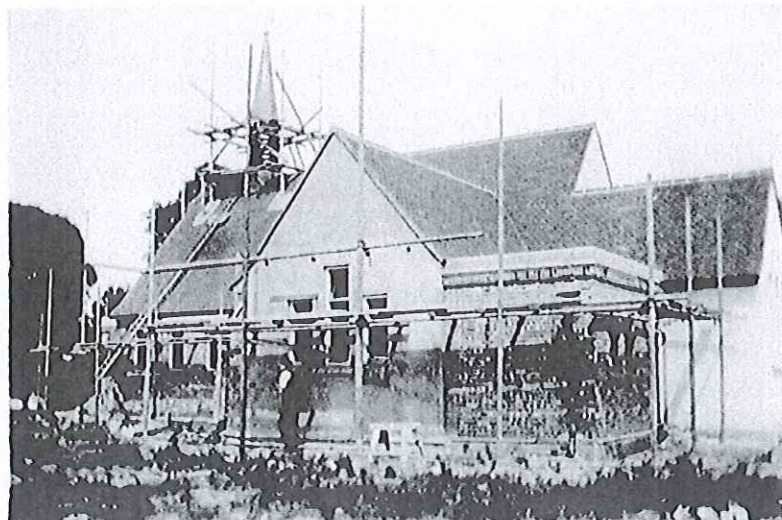
Chapel under construction 1928

For the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 the Methodist Chapel kindly gave permission for the Jubilee Committee to site a Commemorative Garden on their ground. They planted 35 rose bushes; a Village sign was painted and erected and two teak garden seats installed. The unveiling of the sign and the opening of the Jubilee Garden took place at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th June 1977 by Miss Lily Clissett, who was presented with an orchid and a silver and Wedgwood brooch from the Jubilee Committee.

In 1998 the chapel was altered to encompass a day retreat centre and a rededication took place on 6th September. A bouquet was presented to Mrs Peggy Glading (nee Wolton).

My thanks go to those who helped with the information.

Liz Bruce
Archivist and Local History Recorder
01255 676960



Under construction 1928

VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL

HELD ON 28th APRIL 2012

PRESENT:-

SUE JENKINS CHAIRPERSON
SHEILA WATTS TREASURER
JIM STUART SECRETARY
JOHN KNIGHT BOOKING CLERK

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nickie Stacks, David Martin, Robert Bucke, John Knight and Tom Sandy

Non- voting member Tim Reynolds

APOLOGIES

Mel Lester, Chris Keston

ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

There being no matters arising the minutes were agreed and signed.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All current members agreed to stand and were duly elected.

UPDATE ON ROOFING MATTERS BY TOM

A planning application for the cupola went in on 5th April and was approved by F&W T C on 20th April and we expect approval by 31st May. On obtaining planning approval the builders, BTI, will install the cupola at no cost to us. This should see this area of the roof watertight for up to 30 years. The remainder of the roof is to be refurbished at no cost to us by the builders of the Care Home. This refurbishment should stop the leaks but the roof will need to be replaced within the next 10 to 20 years. It was noted during an inspection that the roof over the gable will not be fully repaired and we will need to look into doing this work. Tom also advised us that, during a recent hiring, he discovered water on the floor and had to mop it up as best he could. He approached the Care Home builders who advised him that they could not put a man on the roof until the scaffolding was in place. The builders also indicated that the owners of the care home may make an annual donation to the hall and we are to arrange a meeting with them to discuss this offer and see if we can bring it to fruition. The committee thanked Tom for his sterling work in the matter.

UPDATE ON HEATING BY TOM

Because of the number of times that the heating and the hot water have been left on by the users Tom has suggested that we install a new boiler with a seven day programme so that we could better monitor its use, as the present system is reaching the end of its life and is not very efficient. To improve the heating in the hall he also suggested that we replace four of the current radiators with double radiators with thermostatic controls with screw caps to discourage people from changing the settings. The new Combi boiler is also to be placed high on the wall for the same reason; it continues to be a problem where the heating is being left on after meetings and the heating costs represent almost 30% of our running costs. He has obtained a number of quotes and the cost is likely to be approximately £3,000. It was decided that Tom would get a further two quotes and he would go with whoever he feels is appropriate. It was also agreed that there would be a 10% contingency and that we would upgrade the system this year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our treasurer, Sheila Watts, gave us an update on our financial position. Income this year is down on previous years. This is largely due to an extra hiring last year; excluding this, income is about average. We have invested £10,000 to obtain a higher rate of interest - £5,000 in a One Year Bond and £5,000 in a savings account. The latter sum is immediately available in an emergency. We are to look into the cost of our utility bills and see if we can get a better deal by merging our gas and electricity with one supplier. Our water supply is metered and as a charity we pay 10% of the council tax. There was also a sum of £400 received from the village fete which will reflect in next years figures. Finally, we are to ascertain our tax position in respect of interest earned to ensure we are not paying tax on it.

HIRING AGREEMENT/LICENSING AGREEMENT

We have decided to postpone this until the autumn when it is hoped the proposed work will be completed and we will be in a better position to discuss the above.

RECYCLING BINS

We received an offer from the council to place recycling bins in the car park but, as we know that one is to be placed at the Ship Inn, we decided this not to be a good idea because of the inconvenience and the additional noise.

CONSTITUTION

A draft of a new constitution was produced by Tim and we are to discuss it at the next meeting. This will give everybody a chance to read it and, again, our thanks go to Tim for all his hard work.

EXPENSES

It was decided that, where committee members incurred expenses in connection with their work on the hall, they would be reimbursed on production of receipts up to a figure of, say, £50. Any figure above this would have to be approved by the committee.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING EVENT

We are to arrange a Christmas fund raising event in cooperation with the Residents Association and divide the proceeds equally. The date has been provisionally set for 8th December next. It is to comprise of a quiz and Sue Jenkins has agreed to do the catering.

BOOKING CLERK

John Knight is stepping down from this position and from the committee. We would like to extend our grateful thanks for his sterling work both as Chairman and Booking Clerk. We will look for a volunteer to take over this task at our A.G.M.

VILLAGE VOICE MAGAZINE

We decided to continue to publish our minutes in The Village Voice as every house gets a copy and people can see how the hall is been run. It may even encourage more people to get involved.

ANY CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Masters, who had painted a picture of the village hall for the village Christmas cards, has offered us the use of this as a letter header if we felt it was appropriate. The committee liked the painting but it was felt that it would incur a cost for the person printing it off. Mr Masters to be thanked for the offer

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further matters to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on 23rd June 2012 in the hall at 10.00 am.

VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL

HELD ON 28th APRIL 2012

PRESENT:-

SUE JENKINS CHAIRPERSON
SHEILA WATTS TREASURER
JIM STUART SECRETARY
JOHN KNIGHT BOOKING CLERK

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Sandy, Nickie Stacks, David Martin, Robert Bucke and John Knight

APOLOGIES

MeI Lester, Chris Keston

ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

There being no matters arising the minutes were agreed.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was confirmed that all current members agreed to stand and were duly elected.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING WORKS- 3 YEAR PLAN

The Chairperson gave an outline of the proposed building works which was a restatement of our discussions in the previous meeting which are reproduced below.

A planning application went in on 5th April and was approved by F&W T C on 20th April and we expect approval by 31st May in respect of the cupola. This should see the cupola watertight for up to 30 years. The roof is to be refurbished at no cost to us by the builders of the Dementia Home. This refurbishment should stop the leaks but the roof will need to be replaced within the next 10 to 20 years. It was noted during an inspection that the roof over the gable will not be fully repaired and we will need to look into doing this work. Tom also advised us that, during a recent hiring, he discovered water on the floor and had to mop it up as best he could. He approached the Dementia Home builders who advised him that they could not put a man on the roof until the scaffolding was in place. The builders also indicated that they may make an annual donation to the hall and we are to arrange a meeting with them to discuss this offer and see if we can bring it to fruition. The committee thanked Tom for his sterling work in the matter.

Because of the number of times that the heating and the hot water have been left on by the users [also the age of the current boiler (over 30 years)] Tom has suggested that we install a new boiler with a seven day programme so that we could better monitor its use, as the present system is reaching the end of its life and is not very efficient. To improve the heating in the hall he also suggested that we replace four of the current radiators with double radiators with thermostatic controls with screw caps to discourage people from changing the settings. The new Combi boiler is also to be placed high on the wall for the same reason. It continues to be a problem where the heating is being left on after meetings and the heating costs represent almost 30% of our running costs. He has obtained a number of quotes and the cost is likely to be approximately £3,000. It was decided that Tom would get a further two quotes and he would go with whoever he feels is appropriate. It was also agreed that there would be a 10% contingency and that we would upgrade the system this year.

NEW HALL USERS

We have lost one of the day classes but gained an exercise class in Tai Chi and a Zumba class. We are aware that the hall is not yet appropriate for weddings etc but this is taken into account in our renovation plans.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Tim Reynolds gave an overview on the years income and expenditure which, taking out an exceptional booking last year, is roughly in line with previous years. We are aware that the roof will need to be replaced sometime in the next 10-20 years and we will have to build up sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

The accounts were duly approved.

ANNUAL CLEAN

It was decided to postpone the clean until after the proposed building works have been completed. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.

CHARITIES COMMISSION RETURNS

These have been done.

ANY CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The committee was introduced to the audience. We also had a volunteer to replace John as our booking clerk being Mrs F Harris and her husband Paul Harris has agreed to join the committee

We requested input from those present. The main problem was the heating but this is under active consideration and the proposed new system should alleviate the situation.

It was also pointed out that the acoustics in the hall were not great but there is little we can do about that. The possibility of installing a Loop system was mooted but the cost would be a consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the hall on 23rd June 2012 at 10.00am

A date for your diary:



A FESTIVE EVENING
Great Holland Village Hall
Saturday 1st December 2012



QUIZ WITH PRIZES

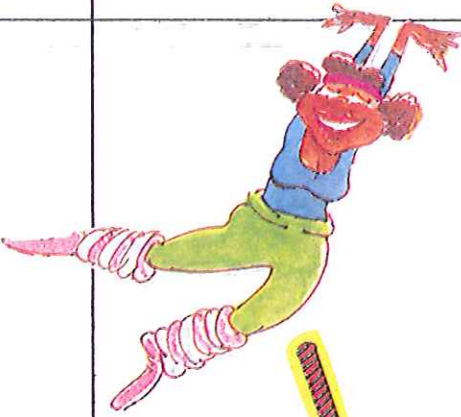



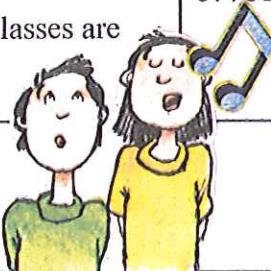
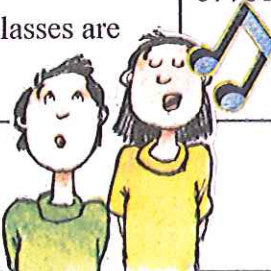





BUFFET

MUSICAL INTERLUDES - PUZZLES - RAFFLE

Proceeds to be shared between the Village Hall and the Residents Association

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

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

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Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



Hushed Wings

Last week I was about to get in my car in Great Holland Village, at a little before midnight, and happened to observe the strangely relaxed flight of a bird passing over some gardens at roof-top level. Street lights provided sufficient illumination to identify the light-toned bird as a Barn Owl.

Despite the fact that the bird can be seen in most of the world apart from polar regions and deserts, around twenty years ago it was very rare to see it here. When farms had more livestock and regulations were not so strict concerning storage of grains, there was often a problem with mice and rats, and older farm buildings provided good nest sites for barn owls. These birds were welcomed and effective. Modern farms are quite different and for some time these popular birds declined.

A farmer in the parish of Little Clacton was convinced that all was not lost for the barn owl. Pastures and rough grassland provides a good habitat for Field voles and these have always been an important food source. He believed that the main problem for Barn Owls was the lack of nesting sites.

In other parts of the world Barn Owls use all sorts of sites other than barns and in particular boxes placed on the top of poles were used in parts of Asia, as control of rats was important there. Despite scepticism from many others, the farmer, David Wilkin, started to get some of these built and erected, and they were immediately very successful. Boxes were placed in various positions, often in twos, and quite quickly Barn Owls were regularly observed using them.

When the box placed on the boundary of the reserve was being put up in 1999, we could see a bird watching us from the other box across the river, while it was bringing in food for its chicks. Within a very short time the pair had started a second brood in the new box. When food is abundant barn owls can be very prolific and this explains their resurgence. Recent reports in the newspaper suggest that the recent flooding may have made life difficult for them by drowning the voles, but it may be, at least in the short term, that they were able to catch displaced voles more easily. Voles too are very prolific.

Barn Owls are noted for their eerily quiet flight. They are able to fly extremely slowly with limited beating of their wings, resulting from the fine feathery edges of their wings which reduce turbulence, and the high curvature of their wings, which increases the effectiveness of each beat. Friction between feathers is reduced by their leathery surface also reducing sound.

The reason for this advanced aeronautical efficiency is two-fold, voles do not hear the approach, and the owl can locate the voles by their tiny sounds as they move through the vegetation or eat seeds. Barn Owls can hunt purely by sound, in total darkness, and their distinctive face mask is actually shaped to channel sound to their ears, in the same way that ear lobes do in mammals. A further feature is that each ear is not identical. They are set slightly differently in shape and position to enable greater precision in locating sounds.

One of my childhood reading books was called Hushwing, but when a Barn Owl is arguing about territory he can be quite shrill, which also earns him the name screech owl in some parts.

★ Date for your diary

The reserve Open Day takes place on **Sunday 10th June** from 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Bob Seago - Warden



POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 7 June
Thursday, 5 July
Thursday, 2 August

(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

There are a few incidents to report.....

4 x Road Traffic Accidents on Clacton Road and Little Clacton Road

2 x Concern for welfare

1 x Abandoned vehicle

1 x Suspicious circumstances

1 x Car fire

2 x Theft of crates of milk at the Village Stores – 11 and 13 April between the hours of

03.30 and 05.30. If you saw anything that may help with our investigation please ring us on the community phone number.

I have also had reports from a local resident that at weekends a vehicle is doing ‘doughnuts’ and screeching the vehicle’s wheels by the roundabout at the Old Lion’s Den Junction with Main Road, Little Clacton Road and Clacton Road. Once again, if anyone has information regarding this please contact me. This is mainly happening late at night/early hours of the morning.

Local PCSOs and PCs have also been out with the Speed Gun in the area.

Essex Police have teamed up with Parkers Garden Centre and other local companies to launch a “Secured by Design Garden”.

The garden was officially opened on Monday, 26 March by Superintendent Adrian Coombs who cut the traditional ribbon with a pair of garden shears.

The garden is the first of its kind in Essex and is on show at the Garden Centre in Kirby Cross to help visitors learn how, using security products and thinking carefully about the layout of their garden, they can help reduce the risk of them being victim of crime.



Unfortunately a few homes have been targeted in the Frinton area by burglars so please be aware about leaving your property insecure.

Thanks again to all residents for their help in keeping crime down and for their continued vigilance.

As I sit here at typing this article and looking out at the endless rain we are having I hope that by the time June arrives the weather is nice and hot for all the Jubilee celebrations, particularly the one taking place on 3rd June in Great Holland.

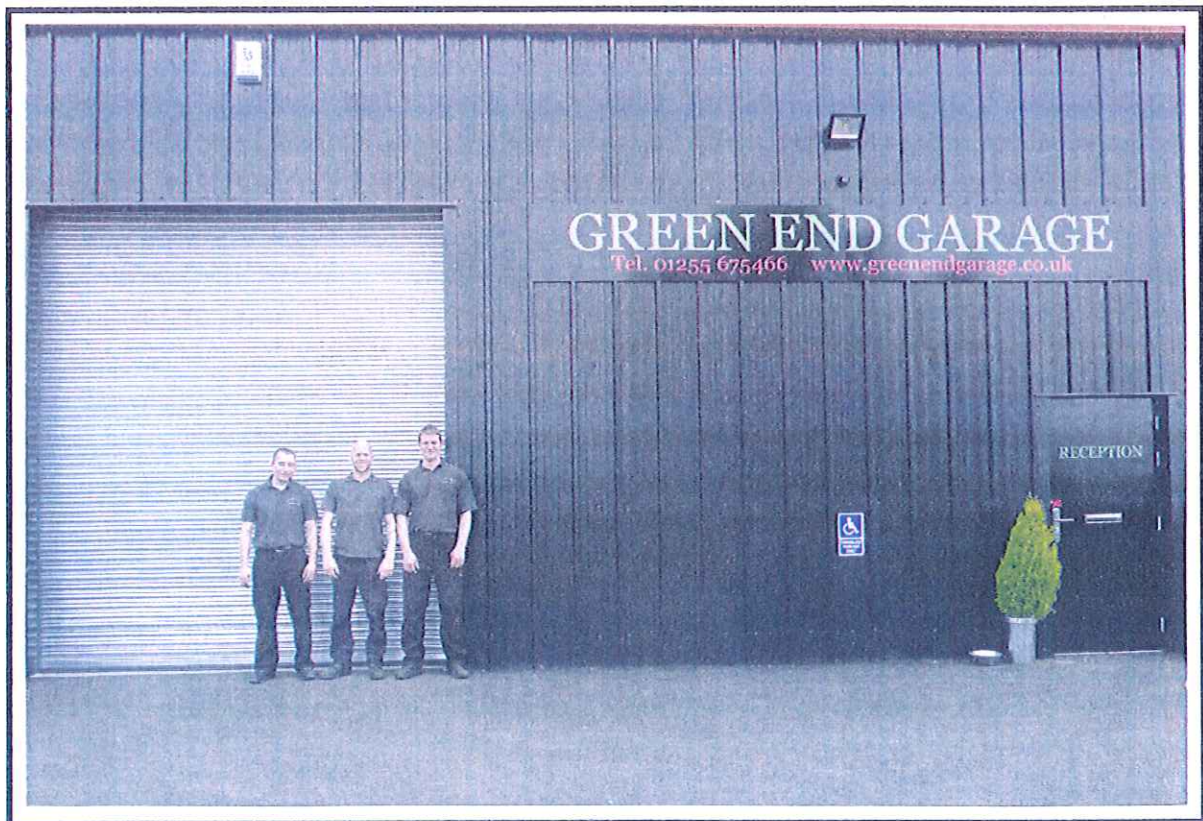
Take care.....

From Paul and Michele

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Walton Police Station
8 Martello Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BP
Tel: 101 (Ask for Ext: 487553)

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

Community Phone No. 07850 631017



Green End Garage New Premises
(L to R : Richard Brannan, Jon Lott (Director) and Keiron Squires)

A BIT OF FUN

Can you solve these cryptic clues to reveal the names of films past and present? These were taken from a quiz set for an 'active retirement association'. Unfortunately there are no prizes, just the pleasure of getting them right. (Answers in the August/September edition.)

1. Trio of old soldiers
2. Portend
3. Expensive horse
4. Incarcerated ornithologist
5. A Fleming refusal
6. Reptilian cake
7. Celebrity battles
8. Jungle man
9. Unusual colour for a cat
10. Real courage
11. Quick circumnavigation
12. The White House in North Africa



TEA DANCE

(BALLROOM/LATIN/SEQUENCE)

ON
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

2.30 – 4.30 P.M.

AT
VILLAGE HALL, GREAT HOLLAND
(FROM WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY)

ADMISSION £3.00
(INCLUDING TEA AND CAKE)

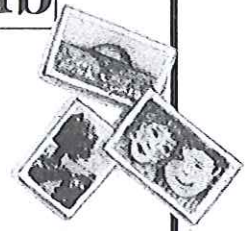
ALL WELCOME

(CONTACT: JOYCE 670700)



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday 5th June
Summer Outing
To be arranged



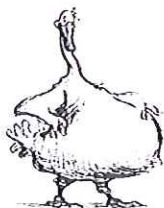
★ Tuesday 12th June ★
Great Holland Walk Part II
led by
Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust
7.00pm

Tuesday 3rd July
Summer Outing
To be arranged

Tuesday 10th July
Birds of the World in Stamps
Ralph Bridgeman
7.30pm

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Tales of a Reiki Master

By

Claire Hodder

The countryside has always held a special kind of inspiration to me, and after living and breathing the Cornish way of life for over eight years, it was a hard decision to move back to Essex. After the arrival of two beautiful girls and no family living close by, it was inevitable that I came home. We found a stop gap home in the middle of Clacton where we stayed for almost three years. This was longer than I'd hoped, but believing that all things come to those who wait, I stuck it out; and so it did. We are now residents of this beautiful village Great Holland and although we have only lived here for four months, it already feels like home.

One of the things that drew me to this village was the spiritual feeling of the place. I have been a Reiki Practitioner/Teacher since 2003 and an Animal Communicator nearly all of my life, so sensing energy comes second nature to me. I have worked with animals predominately in my practice, specialising in treating horses and have spent the last two years dedicating myself to teaching. Reiki is a non religious spiritual practice which; whilst holding the belief that we are all one, assists the body and mind in balancing itself energetically using hands on techniques and meditation.

We are all made up of energy. Every cell that makes up the human body is energy. When we go through the stresses and strains of everyday life our energy can become depleted. Our energy stores, (chakras) can become like muddy water. When a person or animal experiences a reiki treatment, that muddy water is cleaned, enabling the river to flow freely once more. The experience of having reiki can be deeply relaxing, leaving you with a sense of completeness and wellbeing. During a treatment the Practitioner allows their body to become like an open vessel. Energy is then drawn through the practitioner by the recipient and dispersed throughout the system to the areas in need of energy. Feelings of warmth and cold may be felt. Pain from old injuries may lessen and a dreamlike state may ensue. Overall reiki can help us achieve a feeling of contentment and give us a sense that we can cope with whatever life might throw at us.

Animals are especially sensitive to energy. They are instinctual beings. Their whole make up is based upon sensing and feeling. Humans on the other hand, tend to suppress our innate instinctive behaviours. We all go through troubled times in our lives from time to time and unlike our animal companions, are able to off load our troubles onto the world. We do this by leaking out negative energy by way of talking, thinking and reliving our bad experiences and fears, crying and showing anger. Our animals absorb this energy. This can then manifest into physical, mental or emotional imbalances. Behavioural or psychological problems may occur where the symptoms offer no resolution. Horses in particular hold onto the negative energy which we shed from our own energy by way of thought. Yes, even a thought is energy! Ever

heard of the saying, action follows thought? What we think about can often be projected into reality, and our animals pick this up on a daily basis. Can you imagine what it must feel like to hold onto someone's inner most thoughts and not be able to release them? More importantly; feel them? Well our animals do, especially the horse. Animals can not physically cry. Their only release of built up negative energy is to for us to help them. If you have ever spent time with a person that is going through an ordeal like depression or grief, you will understand how draining this can feel, and how relieved you might feel when you leave. Our animals cannot get away from us. They cannot simply get up and walk out of our lives.

Reiki helps to re-balance the energetic system, leaving a sense of wellbeing behind. It helps us to feel the world differently. Reiki can aid the healing process and rekindle a sense of calm and comfort.

In what situations can reiki help animals?

- Behaviour problems
- Illness/ trauma
- Post operative healing
- Arthritis
- Water retention
- Pain reduction
- Grief (Loss of companion or change of home)
- Pregnancy
- Performance (Maintenance)
- Shock
- General wellbeing

Reiki is not a quick fix, and it is not a cure all method. But it does give us the tools to take responsibility for our actions and our way of being. It is a way of life for me at least. I have seen changes occur rapidly and sometimes it can take a while for deep routed issues to be released. It is always the animal's (or person's) choice to accept the healing. The subconscious mind knows when it is ready to let go. I like to use a saying by a very well known American Natural Horsemanship expert, Pat Parelli: "Take the time it takes, and it will take less time."

The one thing that I can be sure of however, is that once a person has experienced reiki, it is an experience they are unlikely to forget; for all the right reasons. Although I am a teacher of Reiki, I will forever remain a student to the energy and the animals. They are our greatest teachers and friends. Reiki gives them a little back for all that they give to us.

If you would like to know more about the practice of reiki and communication then feel free to contact me via my website for more information on courses and consultations.

www.healinghands-reiki.co.uk Or alternatively you can contact me via telephone 07961269343.



Caring for the Elderly in our Community

For more than 29 years, as a charity, we have been providing voluntary befriending to the elderly in the home in the Tendring area. One of our Befrienders is now in her 22nd year. If you are tired of seeing nothing but your own four walls, seven days a week, why not ask about our wellbeing Centres

Our Services provide health and lifestyle support to our clients and their carers. We support the elderly to maintain their independence and live fuller lives. By providing social & physical stimulation we enhance our clients' quality of life.

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- Alzheimer's & Dementia days
- Short-term Memory Loss
- Showering (male or female)
- Gentle Exercise Programme
- Structured Social Entertainment
- Healthy Eating Programme
- Carers Support and Respite
- Form Filling Assistance
- Door to Door Transport Service
- Reminiscence Sessions

Outreach Services include :

- Home Befriending / Assessments
- Carer Sitting / Rural Luncheon Club
- Snooker Club / Outings / Day Trips
- Afternoon Teas / Morning Coffee

Rosemary Road Wellbeing Centre

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