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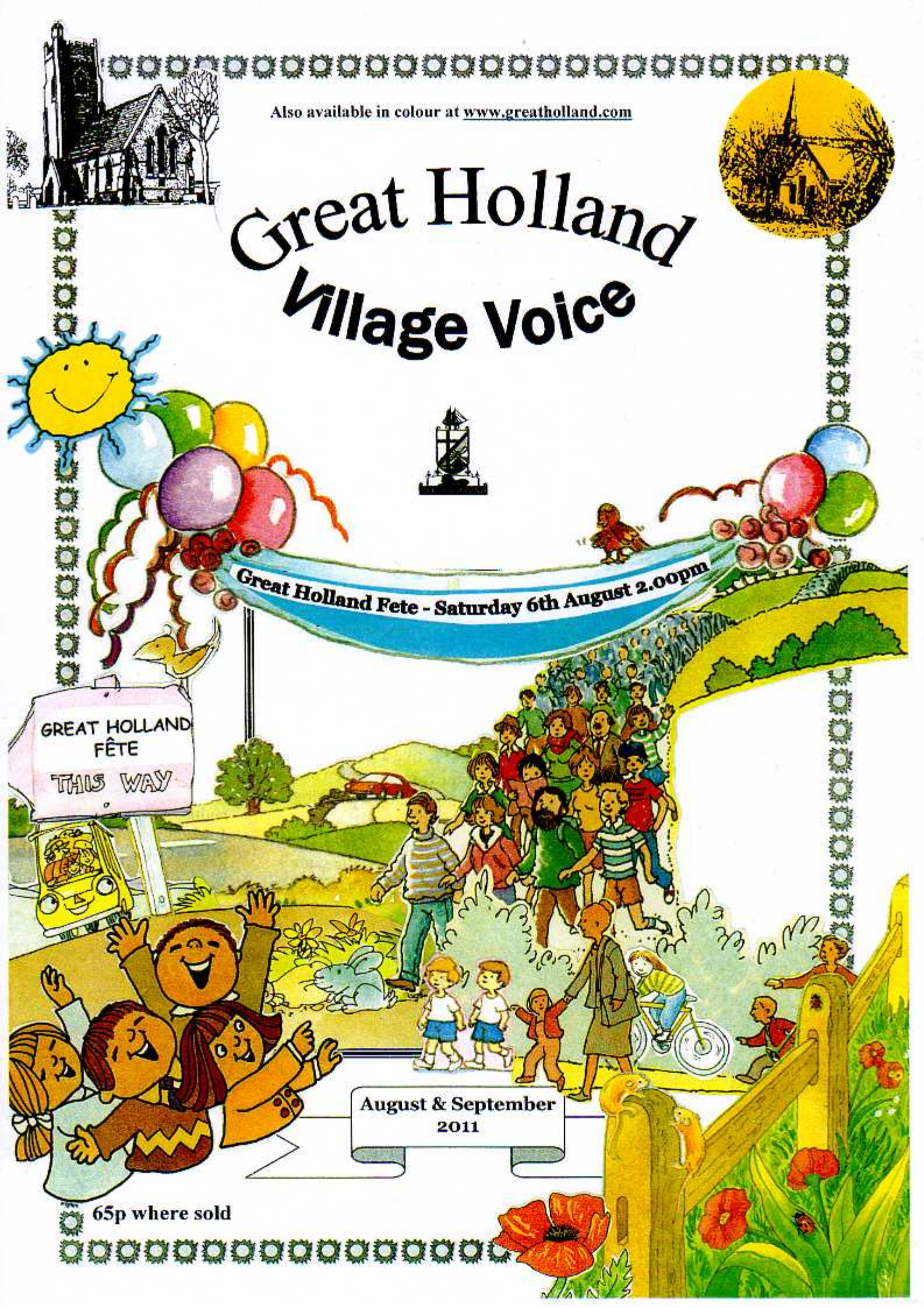
Great Holland Village Voice

Great Holland Fete - Saturday 6th August 2.00pm

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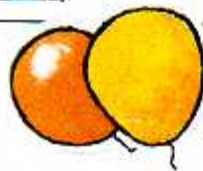
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... to the August/September edition of Village Voice.



Don't forget...!



Great Holland Village & Church Fête

Saturday 6th August from 2.00 - 5.00pm,
(gates open 1.45pm)
in the grounds of The Old Rectory



Traditional stalls and other attractions for the whole family including: Produce Tent (NEW for this year), Nostalgia Big Band, belly dancing group, cream teas, pony rides, plant, produce and cake stalls, hand made cards, craft stalls, Silent Auction, tombola, bouncy castle and more!

Entrance 50p per person (free for children aged 11 and under).

FUN!

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 October or November 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 _____ or Sandra on _____ 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 27th September 2011



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Village Contacts and Local Information

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Member of Parliament | Mr Douglas Carswell MP | 423112 |
| Residents' Association | Mr John Poulten (Chair) | 679233 |
| All Saints' Church Minister | Rev. Mark Holdaway | 675997 |
| Methodist Church Minister | Rev. Ray King | 675336 |
| Village Hall Committee | Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mr John Knight (Bookings) | 850317 851370 |
| 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 Hours when open to the public: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.45am - 12.30pm Saturday: 9.00am - 12.30pm | 0300 333 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. | |

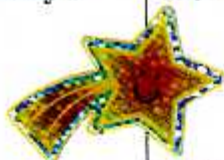
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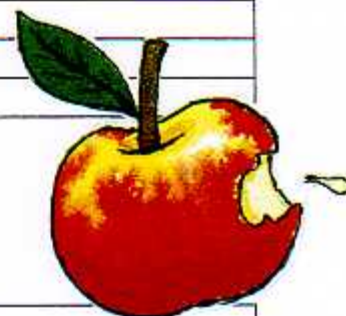
AUGUST



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| Thursday 4 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday NO GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS MEETING |
| Saturday 6 th | NO HOME MADE HOUR GREAT HOLLAND FETE - Grounds of Old Rectory 2.00-5.00pm The Ship: Hog roast and live music by Buzz Ed Ray - starts 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 9 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 11 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Friday 12 th | Karaoke at The Ship: starts 8.00pm |
| Thursday 18 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. |
| Tuesday 23 rd | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove. |
| Thursday 25 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. |
| Friday 26 th | Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday - PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS! |
| Sunday 28 th | Charity Quiz Night at The Ship |
| Monday 29 th | The Ship: BBQ and live music by Cath & Dave - starts 2.00pm |
| Thursday 30 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday |



September



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|---------------------------|---|
| Thursday 1 st | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm |
| Saturday 3 rd | Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.00am Tea Dance: Holland Public Hall, Holland-on-Sea, 2.00 - 4.00pm |
| Tuesday 6 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove |
| Thursday 8 th | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am |
| Friday 9 th | Karaoke at The Ship: starts 8.00pm |
| Thursday 15 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday |
| Saturday 17 th | A Day at Newmarket Races - details from Elaine at The Ship (674809) |
| Tuesday 20 th | Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove |
| Thursday 22 st | Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday |
| Friday 23 rd | Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday - PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS! |
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| Thursday 29 th | Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday |



To include events occurring in **October or November** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on _____ or Sandra on _____ by **15 September** if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

In the past month a paper that has been in publication for 168 years has closed, a close advisor to the Prime Minister has been arrested and Britain's most senior police officer has resigned.

We've spent much time in the past enjoying news of royals and gossip about celebrities but the recent phone-hacking scandal has made us stop and think. It hasn't only involved royals and celebrities, it has involved victims and heroes, and it makes us wonder "Why *them?*" and "What do they want to know *that* for?" It also makes us ask "What would we think if it had been done to *us?*"

The thought of others, those we don't know, and probably even more so those we do know, knowing all about us and hearing all our 'phone conversations is not an appealing thought.

But there is a promise in the Bible that flies in the face of all that. It says there is someone that knows all about us. He knows all our 'phone conversations and in fact he knows all our words, thoughts and actions. He even knows them before they happen. It says God is

"familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."

If you were to find out that someone had been listening to your phone calls I'm sure that, besides other things, you'd ask "What do you know? Why do you know it? And what can I do about it?"

You can say the same things to God.

"What do you know?" He'd answer "Everything."

"Why do you know it?" He'd answer "Because I made you."

"What can I do about it?" He'd answer "What do you think?"

On another note entirely, can I encourage you to enjoy your summer? In particular I highlight the dates of both the Great Holland Fete on Saturday 6th August and the Kirby Fete on Monday 29th August. I hope to see you there.

Mark Holdaway

CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

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

From All Saints' Diary - AUGUST 2011:

FRINTON MISSION FROM 1ST TO 7TH

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Wednesday | 3 rd | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Saturday | 6 th | 2-5 pm | FÊTE!! In the grounds of Old Rectory |
| Sunday | 7th | 11.00am | Family Service |
| Friday | 12 th | 2.30pm | House Group at 2 Rosery Mews |
| Sunday | 14th | 8.00am | Joint Holy Communion with Kirby |
| | | 11.00am | Morning Service |
| Wednesday | 17 th | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in the Church Hall |
| Sunday | 21st | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 28th | 11.00am | Morning Service |

Bank Holiday Monday 12.00pm - **KIRBY FÊTE** in the Glebe Field



From All Saints' Diary - SEPTEMBER 2011:

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Saturday | 3rd | 10.00am | Home Made Hour in the Village Hall |
| Sunday | 4th | 11.00am | Family Service |
| Monday | 5 th | 7.30pm | PCC Meeting in the Parish Room |
| Wednesday | 7 th | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Friday | 9 th | 2.30pm | House Group at 2 Rosery Mews |
| Sunday | 11th | 8.00am | Combined Holy Communion with Kirby |
| | | 11.00am | Morning Service |
| Sunday | 18th | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday | 21 st | 2.00pm | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall |
| Sunday | 25th | 9.30am | BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY |

OCTOBER 2011:

Sunday 2nd 11.00am HARVEST FESTIVAL

FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS: We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of:
Anthony Michael Prickett (42) Station Road, Kirby Cross All Saints & Kirby Cemetery.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIDESPERSIONS: Mary Clark, Ken Green, Hilary Green, Pauline Knight, Rose Batten and Wilf Barnes

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



Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our June and July Home Made Hours, to help raise funds for All Saints' Church. There will be **NO** Home Made Hour in August.

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

Saturday 3rd September 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.



GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2011

Saturday 6th August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)

Preparations are continuing for this year's Fête in the Old Rectory's lovely grounds. As we are sure everyone will appreciate, 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 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 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.
- Perhaps you could loan a parasol to protect stallholders from the sun!



If you would like to help in any way at all, 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 6th August.

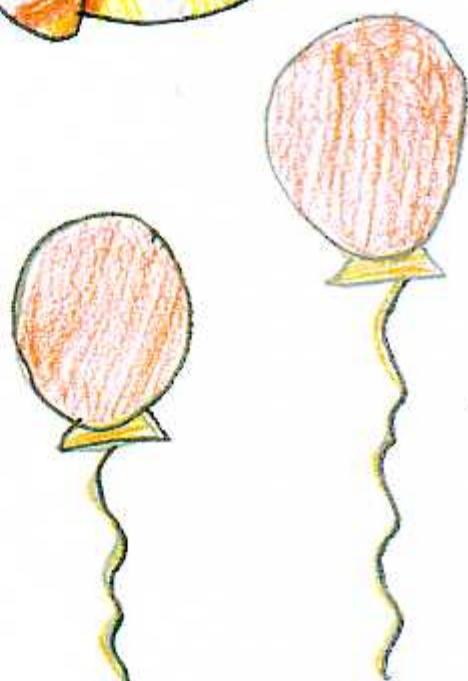
Village and Church Fête Committee



THE BIRTHDAY

WALK

FOR



at the Old Rectory
Saturday 6th of August
2-5 PM
Please come!

GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY - 6TH AUGUST 2011

THIS YEAR WE ARE LAUNCHING A **PRODUCE TENT**.
THERE WILL BE A CERTIFICATE AND ROSETTE IN THE FOLLOWING
HOME GROWN / HOME MADE CATEGORIES :



**Heaviest
Marrow**



Best Jam

Flower Arrangement
incorporating a
Kitchen Utensil

Children :
Best Beach Scene
(Size of a Shoe Box Lid)



**Best Cup
Cakes**
(3 Required)



**Longest
Runner-
Bean**

Adults £1 (Children 50p) : per Entry.

*Entries to be delivered to The Old Rectory between 9.30am to 11am
Judging by three Celebrity Judges : on the day*

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends in Great Holland ...



Some of you reading this may be of the Parish church or the Methodist church. Some of you may not attend church at all. I always feel that when I read of the words of Jesus in the gospels it seems to have little to do with our churches in real life. I have been touched by the words of Jesus in St Matthew's gospel. The churches have been reading this a great deal in the last few months.

As Jesus walked down country paths teaching his followers and all who were interested, he would see crops in fields and relate the farmers' problems and decisions to the philosophy of life. When the disciples of Jesus wanted to believe and could not find the strength he remarked that the mustard was the smallest of all seeds. They knew each seed could produce a very sizeable plant; Jesus remarked that faith of that size could do wonderful things, even to remove mountains. How many of us have had immovable mountains and not known who to turn to?

We like to think that in church we have the resources to help any who turn to Christ's people in need. Just before that passage in the gospel, we have Jesus talking about a field in which the farmer's enemy planted the seeds of thistles under the cover of night. Jesus said to leave it till harvest time. This would go against all agricultural common sense. But he was talking about the Kingdom of God, which is the community of believers here on earth at any one time.

He reminded them that God was the farmer. We should welcome in everyone. The harvest would be at the end of time. God would reap the harvest and then he would judge right and wrong. Yet we tend not to accept those who disagree with us. We want to make the judgement. We want to dig out the bad seed. We want to say, this is the way we do things here, if you disagree there may be another place where you will fit in better. Yet no-one is perfect. We are all travellers on a journey, just like Bunyan's interpretation in "Pilgrim's Progress". A seed grows so slowly but eventually it is capable of producing both colour and fruit. May your lives be colourful and fruitful. Happy journeying.

Ray King (Minister)



ANOTHER REMINDER!

We hold regular, friendly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place **every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday** and all are welcome. Please drop in for tea, coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and the chance to make some new friends! We also have a stall of donated goods for sale.



Please use it or lose it ... again!

Hedingham Omnibuses have recently been awarded the contract to continue operating the No.9 bus route - which runs between Great Holland and Walton - for another year. This bus service was reinstated some time ago, after it had been withdrawn for a while due to lack of use. It offers a vital service to our village, and it would be a shame to see it disappear again. You might like to know that:

- **The No.9 runs from The Ship at Great Holland to Walton's Columbine Centre, via: Kirby Cross, Frietuna Road, Elm Tree Avenue, Frinton's 'gates', Old Road, The Esplanade, Woodberry Way and Walton Station.**
- **It operates only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**
- **Fares on this service are considerably cheaper than those charged on routes 7, 7X and 8, which also serve Great Holland. Bus passes are accepted**
- **The No.9 is now the ONLY bus that goes from Great Holland through Frinton's gates.**
- **The route has a dedicated driver (Peter).**

If you have not used the No.9 before, why not give it a try and perhaps make some new friends at the same time? The current timetable is shown below.



Hedingham Omnibuses GREAT HOLLAND - KIRBY CROSS - FRINTON - WALTON

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Notes :

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| Great Holland, The Ship | | 0907 | 0958 | 1058 | 1158 | 1358 | 1458 | 1558 |
| Kirby Cross | | 0910 | 1001 | 1101 | 1201 | 1401 | 1501 | 1601 |
| Frinton, Frietuna Road | | 0914 | 1005 | 1105 | 1205 | 1405 | 1505 | 1605 |
| Frinton, Elm Tree Avenue, Rail Gates | £ | 0917 | 1008 | 1108 | 1208 | 1408 | 1508 | 1608 |
| Frinton, Old Road, Church | | 0920 | 1011 | 1111 | 1211 | 1411 | 1511 | - |
| Walton, High Street, Post Office | | 0929 | 1020 | 1120 | 1220 | 1420 | 1520 | 1613 |
| Walton, Columbine Centre | | 0931 | 1022 | 1122 | 1222 | 1422 | 1522 | 1615 |

Hedingham Omnibuses WALTON - FRINTON - KIRBY CROSS - GREAT HOLLAND

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Notes :

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| Walton, Columbine Centre | | 0932 | 1032 | 1132 | 1329 | 1429 | 1529 | 1620 |
| Frinton, Old Road, Church | | 0943 | 1043 | 1143 | 1340 | 1440 | 1540 | 1631 |
| Frinton, Elm Tree Avenue, Rail Gates | £ | 0946 | 1046 | 1146 | 1343 | 1443 | 1543 | 1634 |
| Frinton, Frietuna Road | | 0949 | 1049 | 1149 | 1346 | 1446 | 1546 | 1637 |
| Kirby Cross | | 0953 | 1053 | 1153 | 1350 | 1450 | 1550 | 1641 |
| Great Holland, The Ship | | 0956 | 1056 | 1156 | 1353 | 1453 | 1553 | 1644 |

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NOTES

£ Bus stop near Rail Station



Great Holland Residents' Association Annual General Meeting



Great Holland Residents Association

Date : 28th May 2011 10.35am (Concluded at 11.45am)
Venue: Village Hall, Manor Road.

Minutes

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

John Poulten welcomed everyone, including our visitors Deputy Mayor Mark Cossens, Cllr Robert Bucke and PCSO Michelle Pittey & Danny Patterson.

On behalf of GHRA, John presented an engraved pewter tankard to Robert Bucke for his two years of service to the Village as F&WTC Mayor.

John welcomed Chris Keston the newly elected Great Holland Councillor and in Alan's absence, asked Jeanne Large to pass on the Village's thanks to Alan for his years of support and service in that role.

Apologies for Absence: were received from:
Alan Large, Sylvia Nicoll, Malcolm Graham, John Halls (Mayor).

Minutes of the last meeting (29th January 2011) were approved - as published in Village Voice.

Matters Arising

John advised that due to problems in printing Village Voice, his usual open letter to the Village had not been received by the majority – but would be coming soon.

- **Local Listing :** Tendring District Council has still to organise a meeting to provide more information on proposals for the local listing of notable properties in the area.
- **The Kissing Gate** stolen from the footpath in Church Lane has now been reinstated.
- **Queens Diamond Jubilee :** John has received no replies to his letters to interest groups meeting within the village regarding collectively organising a celebration for next year's Queens Diamond Jubilee.
- **58 Bed Dementia Unit :** The planning agreement was expected to be signed in June when planning permission for the access and revised road works would be given. Development would be capable of starting thereafter.

Police Update

PCSO Michelle Pittey provided a summary on the 15 Great Holland related incidents logged by the Police since the last meeting:

- **6 Road Traffic incidents** : Including -
2 Road Traffic Collisions, Drink Driver, Broken down vehicle, Diesel spill in Pork Lane.
- **9 Crime related incidents** : Including -
Theft of a vehicle from Rectory Road – found burnt out in Colchester
ABH with an Axe (person arrested and charged)
Attempted burglary in Laxton Grove,
Theft in Pork Lane of apples & horse feed.
Concern for welfare call
Suspicious vehicle (registered to Hereford, but owner not traced)
Trespass
Petrol syphoned from a vehicle – positive evidence has been collected.

General Police advice given:

- Be sure to secure Garden sheds / outbuildings after gardening – to avoid theft of tools, mowers etc.
- When leaving your vehicle, NEVER leave SatNavs + Cradles, handbags or valuables on display in cars.
- Be on watch for Prowlers – an increasing number of Oil / Fuel thefts have occurred in Tendring area, following the sharp increase in fuel prices.

If in ANY doubt contact :

- **PCSO Mobile number 07850 631017**
- **Essex Police Non-Emergency number 0300 333 4444**
- **In an emergency, 999**

Speed Camera Training.

PCSO Danny Patterson invited residents to play their part in catching speeding cars:

- Use of a speed gun has been shown to have a definite impact on speed reduction.
- Training is Free
- Residents will be accompanied by a PC or PCSO (therefore no personal risk)
- Going out with Police once a week will enable them to cover far more roads within the Village.

A number of residents expressed an interest in having their road monitored.

Summary :

The more people that volunteer to accompany the Police – the more roads that can be covered.

Anyone interested should contact :

PC Robert Willmott on : 07624 800101 or 0300 333 444 (EXT 487552) or Email : robertwillmott2@essex.pnn.police.uk

Treasurer's update- provided by Denys & Lindy Strich

- Audited accounts were presented.
- Figures represented a loss, generated by reduced sales of Christmas Cards – however considerable stock remains and can be sold for this year.

- Aside from subscriptions, funds were increased by Social events (Christmas social & beetle drive – for which thanks was given to Sandra Mooney for organising.)
- Denys presented a graph demonstrating the number of households, road by road, who supported the Residents Association.
Of the circa 500 houses in Great Holland, only 85 had paid the fee of £2 per person (£4 per family).

A reminder that a Year's membership costs only £2 per person (or £4 per family)

If you haven't already done so – please send your subs to :

Denys & Lindy Strich, The Warren, Church Lane.

Alternatively, Standing order forms are available for convenience.

Planning Matters

- **Local Development Framework (Five Year Plan) :**
Document is soon to be published by TDC.
John explained that the Plan and associated designated Village Envelope is key.
Any change in the current Village Envelope will be reviewed and if required, challenged on behalf of GHRA members.
- **Application to build a house in The Paddock (Off Main Rd) :**
F&WTC approved the application to build a substantial single dwelling.
However TDC have refused permission, given the property would be built on land designated in the Coastal Protection Zone.

- **Traveller Site – Halstead Rd, Kirby.**
Land next to Willow Farm House, nr Kirby School, has been sold. The land does not have planning permission, however trees have been removed and an access way created.

F&WTC have reasons to believe the land has been sold to an individual who has in the past permitted Travellers to set up a permanent base – therefore F&WTC are watching closely.

Cllr Mark Cossens noted that unlike trespass, it is far harder to control the arrival of travellers who have purchased land (albeit without planning permission). Based on Kirby's experience, his advice was :

- a) For Land Owners to be certain who they were really selling the land to.
- b) To ensure residents value and support a strong Residents association – rather than reacting after an event.

- **Delegated Powers.**
The members voted that in instances where a planning application was contrary to Planning Policy and/or contrary to the GHRA Parish Plan and Design Statement, the committee should object to the proposal on behalf of the GHRA.
- **Footpath to Sea Wall at Kirby :**
Robert Bucke explained that whilst the breach of the sea wall in Kirby has been agreed, the movement of the Footpath had not. The breach would render the current Quay Lane to Island Lane circular walk impossible, instead creating 2 disjointed J shaped routes.

He encouraged residents to join Kirby on a planned walk of that country walk around 10th or 17th July (Details to be published in the F&W Gazette.)

Submissions supporting the retention of the circular walk should be made to local councillors (contact details available in Village Voice).

AOB

Thanks were given to Karen Withams for donating the tea / coffee and home-made cakes for the meeting.

Dog nuisance.

Sandra Mooney received a phone call requesting the topic of anti-social dog behaviour be raised at the AGM. The person commented of dog mess and noise in their road, however refused to leave a name, or a road in which the problem had occurred.

John reminded the members that a Dog Warden was available to address such concerns – contact details can be found in Village Voice.

Rubbish / Littering

Comments were made regarding litter seen in ditches when walking along Little Clacton road and Pork Lane.

Wendy Drake mentioned that like her, residents could collect litter when / if seen.

A suggestion was made that the problem is contributed by open top lorries collecting waste (where the rubbish can then blow away.) It was suggested that if seen, TDC will ensure that the matter is addressed (Sandra Mooney gave an example to illustrate).



**Next Meeting
Saturday, 1st October**



Postscript

Robert Bucke further emailed to thank the Residents for his gift, saying :

I cannot say how overwhelmed and grateful I am to have received from GHRA such a generous gift in acknowledgement of my efforts in support of Great Holland village and residents, particularly during my 2-year term as Town Mayor.

I need hardly say how much I admire all the work which so many village residents contribute in making it such a great community to live in, and the village has become very special to me during my 12-year period of service through election as your district councillor.

In doing so, I gladly commit myself to continuing to respond to the needs and wishes of Great Holland, and working with Great Holland Residents' Association, which so effectively represents the village.

I pay tribute also to the works of Alan Large during his term as town councillor, and feel sure that Chris Keston will commit himself equally to the future of the village, with a younger perspective on all matters. Please convey my very grateful thanks to the committee and members of GHRA, and I shall look forward to seeing you all at regular meetings, as usual.

My very best wishes to the association for many future successes. Robert

LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS

August 2011



Great Holland Residents Association

Dear Neighbour,

SUMMER

The Summer Fete is nearly here. This is another massive effort by a few volunteers. Please support the Fete on Saturday 6th August. Remember also that there will be a Hog Roast at the Ship Inn. You could combine the two.

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

You will all have seen that there is a lot of activity on site. TDC Planners are aware of this and (at the time of writing) say that Development has not yet commenced inasmuch as various surveys are being undertaken together with site preparation works. The final documentation relating the current application (which as you recall is to get rid of the so-called "traffic light" condition in the original appeal permission) is still being finalised. Obviously we hope the paperwork will be finished soon as the Developers are clearly preparing to get underway.

In the meantime Cllr. Robert Bucke has expressed concern about the highway problems that are even now appearing with heavy lorries manoeuvring to get into the site. He is concerned that this is a problem and a potential hazard to vehicles and pedestrians alike and is raising it not only with TDC, but also Essex CC and the Police.

30 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information at present.

Local Listings

We were waiting for news of the reconvened meeting promised when we last met at TDC Weeley. What has happened now is that TDC is dealing with the matter by electronic consultation. I set out below an email sent to me by TDC on 14th July.

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST FOR TENDRING

As you will be aware the Council organised a workshop in March on preparing a Local Heritage List. Such a List will include buildings and historic features which do not meet the national criteria for formal "listing".

Since the workshop further discussions have been held with local partners and with County Council officers and the English Heritage consultation on Local Lists has now finished. In order to move this project forward the Council is publishing a new section on its website devoted to the creation of a Local Heritage List. This can be found in the "Planning" section webpage under "Heritage and Conservation"

All interested groups are now invited to comment on the Local List process and especially the nomination forms, selection criteria, and guidance notes. All comments should be submitted by 30 August preferably online. If this is not possible please contact me. Following the consultation period the documents may be amended and will be published with an invitation for local groups to

submit their Local List nominations. All nominations will be submitted direct to the County Council for inclusion on the Historic Environment Record. I do hope that you will be able to comment on our proposals and I look forward to working with you in preparing the Tendring Local Heritage List.

Regards

Mrs Monica Kelleher

Customer Services Assistant

Sent on behalf of

Philip Hornby

Heritage and Conservation Manager

01255 686170

phornby@tendringdc.gov.uk

I do strongly urge you to go onto TDC 's website and follow the links indicated. You will see that nothing has changed since the meeting we (Alan Large, Denys Strich and I) attended. What TDC are saying is that they are following the procedures and forms recommended by Essex CC. You will recall it was Essex CC who told TDC it was OK to put traffic lights under Kirby Bridge!

What is proposed is that local people and organisations can fill in forms to recommend to TDC that properties, views, monuments etc to be known as "assets" should be included in a Local Heritage List. A selection panel (chosen by whom?) will then recommend the proposed assets to the Planning Portfolio Holder for TDC who will then sign off the list and pass it to Essex CC, and that's it! Nowhere is there provision for the owner of the asset to be notified or consulted, let alone object to the inclusion of the asset on the list.

Inclusion on the List is meant to be a factor to be taken into account if a planning application is subsequently made to carry out development on the asset, in addition to any other criteria that may already exist, such as location within a Conservation Area.

That would be bad enough, but enshrined in the legislation PPS 5 and the Guidance Notes that go with it, is reference to a planning authority's ability to use what is called an Article 4 Direction to help preserve the asset. That Direction takes away Permitted Development rights, i.e. those things one can normally do without having to *apply* for planning permission. These rights range from construction of small extensions, erecting fences to certain heights, to painting ones walls and doors any colour one chooses.

You may have gathered that I am strongly opposed to what I regard as a thoroughly unnecessary and undemocratic process, imposing another planning burden which is simply not necessary. We have our excellent and up-to-date Parish Plan and Village Design Statement which TDC has previously accepted as the appropriate planning guidance for Great Holland. I would ask you all to read what the Council say and if you agree with me, please write to TDC or send an email before 30th August saying that we do not want any asset nominated in Great Holland, and certainly not without the relevant owner being able to object.

Local Development Framework

You will probably have read in the local press that the Council have put the review into the LDF on hold while it reviews its Housing Strategy. The reason for that is that the previously imposed national targets have been abolished and TDC is no longer obliged to look to find 6300 new homes in the next 15 years. Having said that the key is to continue to insist that no change is made to housing policy in so far as it affects villages like ours, and in particular to insist that no change is made to the Settlement Boundary Map which would encourage infill development. We will continue to monitor the situation.

PEOPLE

Rector of All Saints

It was my pleasure and privilege to represent the GHRA at Institution and Installation Service for our new rector The Reverend Mark Holdaway at St Michaels on 6th June. The Church was packed, not least because a coach load of parishioners followed the Rector from his old church in Bury St Edmunds to witness the ceremony. It was a joyous occasion. You need to be aware that the celebrant the Bishop of Colchester paid particular tribute to the Church Wardens and PCC's of both All Saints and St Michaels for not merely keeping things ticking over during the interregnum but actually maintaining the activity of both Churches. Congratulations are due to them all.

Sandra Mooney

Sandra tells me she will not be able to organise the Christmas Do in December this year. You will recall she organised an evening at the Orchard Tea Rooms at the Fruit Farm, which was enjoyed by all who attended and raised a reasonable sum for charity. We need a volunteer or two to run something this year. It does not have to be a repeat of last year, although it can be, as Rose at the Cafe has told me she is happy to host such a gathering again. Essentially the organiser would have a blank canvas. Can anyone willing to undertake this task please contact either Sandra or me, sooner rather than later.

Bill Harding

Bill has been a member of the GHRA Committee for a good number of years, offering wise counsel to the officers and their predecessors. He had taken on other commitments lately and is standing down from the Committee, although I am delighted to say that he will continue to distribute our leaflets. The Committee would like to place on record its thanks and appreciation to Bill for all his hard work over the years.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Does anyone have any suggestions as to the holding of a village wide event? Time is marching on and something like this needs organising.

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 80 households that are members of the Association. In a village of this size and with all that is going on we should have more members. Please pay Denys and Lindy Strich at The Warren Church Lane CO13 0JS

NEXT GHRA MEETING

Just a reminder that the next meeting will be on 1st October in the Village Hall at 11.30am.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN POULTEN
CHAIRMAN



" Since writing my letter, I have just been sent an email by Robert Bucke from Philip Hornby of TDC. I set out below an extract from that email:-

It is not proposed at this stage to invite nominations for the Local List. That will take place after the current exercise is completed and comments have been considered.

Further information about the nomination of buildings and other structures and how these suggestions will be assessed will be published at a later date.

As the Planning Service is currently undergoing a Fundamental Service Review it is being suggested as an interim measure that when nominations for Local List entries are formally invited then such nominations will be sent directly to the County Council to add to the Historic Environment Record. Such nominations will be recorded as "potential local list candidates" However, these suggestions will be subject to local assessment before the Local List entries are finalised and submitted for formal approval by the Planning Portfolio Holder..

In addition, I have seen one email from one Councillor objecting to the shortness of the Consultation Period

JP"

A DAY AT THE RACES

THE SHIP INN, GREAT HOLLAND

are organising a

TRIP TO NEWMARKET RACES

on

SATURDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER

TICKETS £30 PER PERSON



Please contact Mick or Elaine
at The Ship Inn for further information
(Tel: 01255 674809)

A GREAT DAY OUT

(Tickets to be paid for in full by Monday, 15th August)

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 18 August
Thursday, 29 September
(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

Incidents reported from 5 May to 11 July were as follows:

- Theft of petrol from vehicle
- 5 x road traffic accidents
- Nuisance neighbour
- Fire in Pork Lane where 400 tons of manure was set alight
- Suspicious circumstances where possible travellers were trying to tout for work
- Vehicle interfered with by someone forcing a door with a jemmy of some kind (cigarette lighter stolen)

Dog Fouling

Whilst on patrol I am increasingly aware of the amount of dog excrement left on pavements and grass verges in the village. This is not only a health risk, but is totally irresponsible behaviour. I urge all dog owners to take bags with them whilst out walking their dogs and to clean up after and deposit the waste in the appropriate bins. **Anyone seen not cleaning up after their dog will receive a fixed penalty notice of £50.**

If a member of the public is a witness to the fouling and they can identify the owner please contact Tendring District Council, when a statement may be taken and a fixed penalty notice issued.

Let's keep your village clean

On a happier note I would like to welcome the Reverend Mark Holdaway to All Saints' Church – I'm sure he will fit into your lovely village and community. Lastly, I hope to see you all at the Village Fete on 6 August.

Take Care,

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
Walton Police Station
Martello Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BP
Tel: 0300 333 4444 (Ask for Ext: 487553)

Paul.brassev@essex.pnn.police.uk

Community Phone No. 07850 631017

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) :

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 12 July 26 July | 6 September 20 September | 1 November 15 November 29 November |
| 9 August 23 August | 4 October 18 October | 13 December |

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

Dates (Thursdays) :

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| 7 July 21 July | 1 September 15 September 29 September | 10 November 24 November |
| 4 August 18 August | 13 October 27 October | 8 December 22 December |

If would be helpful if residents could make more use of this facility in order to ensure that it continues into the future. Even if you use the main libraries in either Frinton or Clacton it gives the opportunity of getting to know one's neighbours.

You may not be aware, but books can be ordered free of charge when using the mobile facility either directly via the driver/librarian or over the internet. It may be the case of

USE IT OR LOSE IT !!!



Joan Hammond has lived in Frinton for many years, but spent her childhood in Great Holland. Readers may remember the interesting articles about village life that she provided for some of the early editions of Village Voice. Mrs Hammond has recently written this article about her grandfather's early life...

The story of Henry Ratcliffe...

Henry, born in 1846, was a Yorkshire man who came down from Yorkshire to plough our land.

He had two steam tractor engines which he may have brought with him - a very slow journey - a long length of steel cable and a 'back to back' plough that would cut at least four furrows at a time. In a farmer's field he would position each steam engine either side, with the cable taut between the two, and the plough attached at one end. By winding the cable from one engine to the other, he was able to draw the plough along, cutting four or more furrows as it went. When reaching the other end the plough would be turned over, the engines moved along, the plough lowered and pulled back by the other engine, cutting another set of furrows. This was a much quicker process than the exhausting job previously done by a man and horse who could only cut one furrow at a time.

From time to time the plough needed repairs and the ploughshares which cut into the ground frequently got blunted and worn away and needed replacing. Where to go for this but to the nearest Blacksmith? It is possible that at such a place Henry met his future wife Matilda Thorington at the Blacksmith's shop in Little Clacton.

Henry and Matilda lived at first at Great Yeldham, where their first son, called Telford, was born. There followed three more sons and daughter, by which time Henry must have decided to give up ploughing and he installed his family in a little cottage in Great Holland, almost opposite the entrance to the Old Rectory. It must have been a squeeze, and the youngest son 'Archie' (my father) was born there.

In 1889, having disposed of the steam engines and plough, Henry started to build a foundry on the land from the back of the row of cottages to Manor Road, where he made the main entrance. It was a very comprehensive building for those days, with foundry and blast furnace, workshops, Blacksmith's shop with two forges and 'travis' where two horses at a time could be shod.

When this was completed and running making mainly, of course, ploughshares, Henry started on his house - quite a large red brick house on the rising ground beside the foundry and which included a white balcony running along the whole of the front, from which they could get a view over the fields down to the sea. Matilda had at last got her family home, with this beautiful view to enjoy.

Remembering his roots, Henry called his house 'Hunslet'. BUT, soon after, the Village Hall was built right opposite!

Joan Hammond





Henry and Matilda on the balcony of 'Hunslet' with one of their sons



A view of 'Hunslet' from Manor Road towards The Ship (balcony was not white at that time).

FROM THE GT. HOLLAND HISTORY RECORDER

In this issue I would like to tell you about two groups with Gt. Holland close to their hearts.

Firstly, the **Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust**. This group was formed in 1984 and covers the areas of Walton, Frinton, Gt. Holland, Kirby Cross and Kirby-le-Soken. They are interested in the heritage of these villages and towns, collecting many artefacts and historical information which is housed in The Maritime Museum in Walton and The Crossing Cottage, situated just inside Frinton Railway Gates (barriers). They are always willing to help with any enquiries or research into local history regarding houses, events, people, etc. They also have a social side for members such as winter evening lectures, summer outings to historical venues, etc.

Secondly, the **Victoria County History** group. This group was formed nationally in Victorian times. The Clacton group of the V.C.H. have just finished drawing up the history of Clacton, Frinton and Walton. They are now contemplating researching into the history of Gt. Holland and Holland-on-Sea. They have approached both the Heritage Trust and myself, as Gt. Holland's Local History Recorder, asking for our assistance. If anyone in the Village thinks they may also be able to help I would be very pleased to hear from you.

If you are interested in finding out more you can contact me, Liz Bruce, on tel: 01255 676960 or come and see me at my display stand at Gt. Holland Fete on Saturday, 6 August.



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)



August
No meeting

On Friday, 23 September
'Gill McGregor'
Autumn Delight
Members' Exhibits
Holiday Memories

Great Holland Friends

June meeting
Thursday 2nd June
Rev. John Robinson

Rev. Robinson kindly stepped in at the last minute, as our booked speaker was unable to attend the meeting. As usual, Rev. Robinson provided a very entertaining programme of music with an accompanying quiz.

July meeting
Thursday 7th July
Johnny Styles

- **Johnny Styles**, who was so popular at our Christmas Party, returned to perform our choice of music. Once again, he provided a very enjoyable afternoon of entertainment.

WE DO NOT MEET IN AUGUST

September meeting
Thursday 1st September
The history of the Suffolk Punch -
A talk about this Suffolk breed of working horse



TEA DANCE



Saturday 6th August & Saturday 3rd September
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

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



| Day | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| 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...

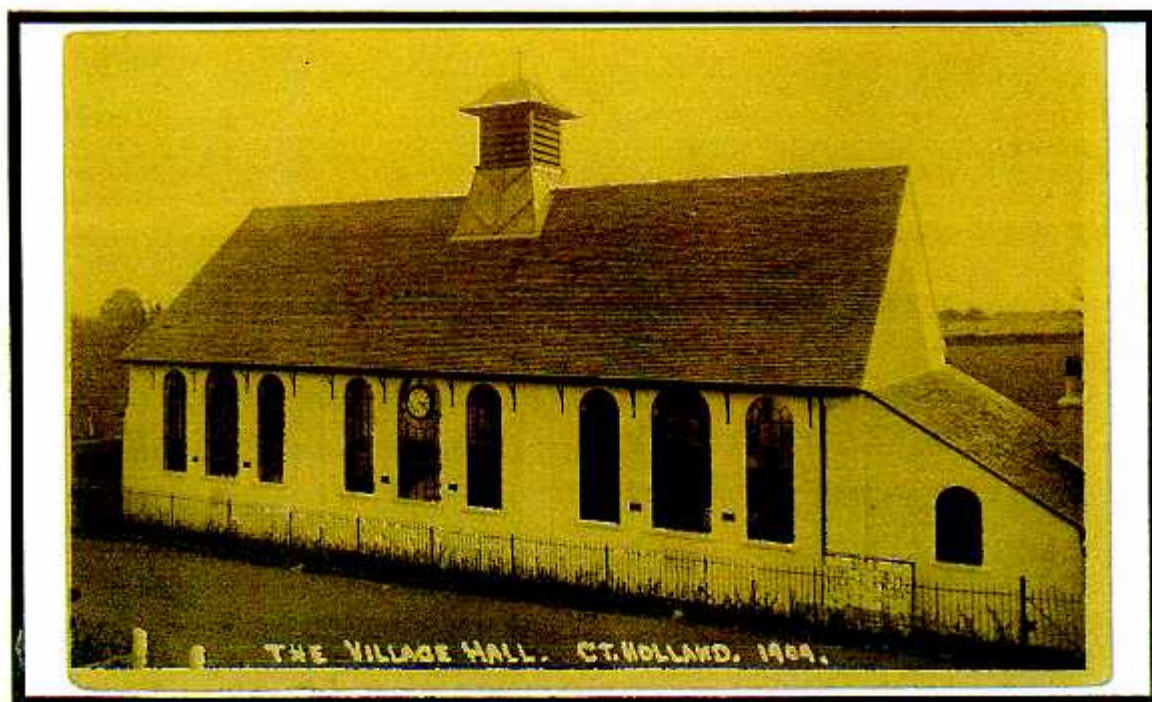
CUPOLA

I am sure you will be aware if you have seen the Village Hall roof recently that, with the deluge of rain we have been having, we suffered a leak through the Cupola. This has caused damage to the ceiling inside the hall. Stan who has been carrying out our extension kindly made the Cupola waterproof, which is only a temporary fix.

The Cupola has been an issue for some time. We have been led to believe that to restore it to its former glory (as shown in photograph below) we are looking in the region of £15,000.00. The Village Hall Committee feels that due to the serious amount it would cost to restore, money which we do not have, the cheaper option is to remove what is left of the Cupola and restore the roof to a normal roof. We intend to use the tiles which were saved off the part of the Village Hall that has been removed to gain access to the car park.

However, the Village Hall Committee felt that we should ask the villagers for their opinion about the Cupola being removed, as there may be some people who would be strongly opposed to this, and perhaps consider having it repaired and raising the money for that project.

If you have any strong opinion about the Village Hall roof please contact **Sue Jenkins** on 01255 850317.



AUTUMN CLEAN:

It has been arranged that the annual spring clean of the Village hall will take place this Autumn. Refreshments and cakes will be supplied on the day (some of us still remember then from last year!). The Village Hall Committee are asking for as many people as possible to turn up and help with the clean - as Kim and Aggie say, many hands make light work!!!!. The cleaning will take place on **Saturday 29th October 2011** between 10 am and 3pm. Even if you can only spare an hour please pop along with cloth and bucket and help us with our yearly clean, it would be very much appreciated.

We also need gardeners to help as well, to help clear the weeds in the car park.

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



Bats



These surprisingly small mammals with a disproportionate wing span caused a problem last year when the tower of All Saints Church was about to be restored. A colony of quite rare Natterer Bats was discovered there, using the area behind the altar as a maternity roost. It is likely that other species use the church as there are plenty of small cracks through which they can enter the building and numerous gaps between bricks in the tower in which they securely hide. During a recent trip to the church I was able to tune in to their social chat with a bat detector, but had no success in actually spotting any of them.

At the Holland Pits reserve this April, I was more fortunate to have a Brown Long Eared Bat pointed out to me, at first hanging on to the outside of one of the bird hides, eating occasional caddis flies. It was a very hot morning and possibly the temperature had obliged the animal to leave a tree cavity where it had spent the winter. Certainly not injured it flew on to the ground where it looked most ungainly, though its wings had been slightly damaged. It took off with no trouble to straighten itself out on a tree trunk where I could observe the surprisingly long ears and the wing span of about 250 mm.

The commonest bats, seen in many gardens in Great Holland are the Pipistrelles. These are regular visitors to our moth monitoring sessions at the reserve, sometimes swooping down low over the lamps, taking moths from the air. This year we observed the wings of moths floating quietly down into the light of the lamp, the nutritious bodies being consumed some way above.

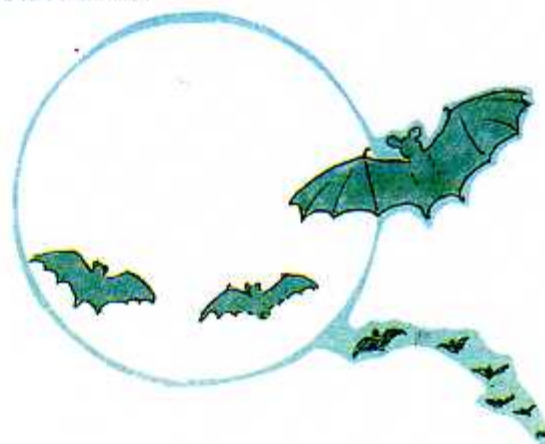


Efforts have been made over the years to improve the conditions for bats in an ex-world war two air raid shelter, but with little evidence of success though it is used by hibernating butterflies and a lot of spiders. Noctule bats though quite scarce are sometimes seen, noted by their slower wing beats and a wing span of more than a foot. Daubentons are most usually encountered flying over water courses picking off insects from just above the surface.

Bats are quiet creatures, which don't leave a discernible mess, and live on flying insects. They choose to roost in roofs of buildings accessible to them, particularly those which are clean. They definitely don't get tangled in peoples hair or cause other damage, though because they are protected by law they sometimes hold up renovation work. They tend to feed over unimproved grassland which is the source of plentiful insect food.

This brings me back to my visit to the church tower. From the top, the marshes can be followed in a broad crescent from the borders of Frinton and Kirby to the foot of Great Holland Pits, and then under the railway line to Thorpe Le Soken. This low lying grassland combined with some woods and suitable loft space in local homes makes Great Holland a good place to observe them.

Bob Seago - Warden



Garden reflections ...



The Summer scene now set in all its maturity. The Chelsea and other Flowers Shows depicted on T.V. having been absorbed for future reference perhaps?

The idea of planting climbing Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums on the 'carcase' of my old Bottle Brush Tree, which perished last Winter, is being very successful and adding welcome natural colour by the side of the Herb Garden. An added attraction is watching Blue and Long Tailed Tits, popping by feeding off nut and seed containers, although the favourite seems to be fat balls! These delightful, dainty birds are very well behaved and give way to one another - even the Blackbirds seem quite happy to wait their turn.

Hellebores gave a lovely long display, but will now benefit from pruning away the old foliage ready for fresh growth...



Alpines and Rock Roses have also flourished this year and it is worth taking cuttings or adding to from the displays offered from Garden Centres.

Always looking ahead - perhaps those of you, like me, who planted pansies in the Spring have been delighted with their long lasting displays, encouraged by regular dead heading and some feeding.

The very welcome rain after an exceptionally dry Spring has perked up our plantings of flowers and vegetables. A relief to those entering exhibits for the Garden Club Show on 7th August and providing welcome contributions to the popular fêtes at Great Holland and Kirby.

Numerous gardens have been open to the public in our area. My past recollection of, for example, Kentwell Hall, is remembered with affection, taking one back to the attractive Elizabethan era - gardens set off by an attractively designed large Manor House. Also, those who have visited the Sussex area will recall Christopher Lloyd's old home at Great Dixter, also depicting this era.



The Summer Season gradually slides on to Autumn with the Rowan Trees proudly displaying their berries, the cereal harvests gathered and ploughing for a new season on the horizon, a time fast approaching for flower arrangers to be busy decorating our churches for the Harvest celebrations, with special music adding to the beauty of this gentle, mellow time of the year.

Although my Cat Friends are no longer with me, I remember with much affection their contributions to my pleasure over the years and the welcome they gave, in their different ways, to visitors, especially during the 23 years of my involvement with Kirby Open Gardens...



Audrey Hill

