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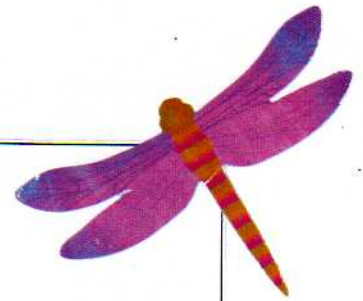


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... to the April/May edition of **Village Voice**.



Included in this edition...

- **Minutes of the last meeting of Great Holland Residents' Association and a letter from the new Chairman. AGM is on 10th May!**
- **Details of an Easter art competition for children**
- **We have a new advertiser - 'after the rain', Great Holland's beauty salon. (See review inside magazine).**

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 June or July 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 13th May



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Village Contacts and Local Information

Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Paul Fletcher-Tomenius (Chair)	675268
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Eva Walker	851179
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs Myrna Liles (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
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 every other Thursday at Rosery Mews only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. The Civic Amenity Tip opens at 9.00am. <u>The Tip is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday.</u> 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 summer no longer takes place.	



Dates for your Diary ...

March

Friday 28th	Beetle Drive: Methodist Church, 7.00pm. £2 per person - includes tea/coffee and cakes. Please telephone Anne Lott on 675065 for tickets.
Sunday 30th	Mothering Sunday at The Ship: 'Mums eat free' (based on booking of four people).



Thursday 3rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), at 2.00pm.
Saturday 5th	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Monday 7th	TFL meeting: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Easter Social Afternoon. More about this friendly social club inside magazine.
Thursday 10th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 11th	Film Night: 'Easter Parade': Methodist Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Saturday 12th	Village Hall clean. More details inside magazine
Thursday 17th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 19th	Local Councillors' Surgery: Village Hall, 10.00am-midday. More details inside magazine.
Sunday 20th/ Monday 21st	Beer Festival/BBQ/Hog Roast/Live entertainment at The Ship. From midday.
Thursday 24th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Sunday 27th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm



Thursday 1st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 3rd	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 8th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Saturday 10th	 AGM OF GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am
Monday 12th	TFL meeting: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Anne Oxley - Plant sale.
Wednesday 14th	Quiz Night with Fish & Chip supper: Methodist Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 15th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 22nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Sunday 25th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm
Thursday 29th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Saturday 31st	All Saints' Church: Frinton Festival Concert. More details inside magazine.

June

Sunday 1st	Open Day: Great Holland Pits, starts 11.00am
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To include events for **June** or **July** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** by **1st May** if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's article ...

First of all, a welcome and an invite

If you get this before Sunday 30th March, do join us for Mothering Sunday to say "thank you" for mothers and families. Our All-Age Service at 11.00am is for all the family and offers posies for all.

Also, our Easter Service is on 20th April at 11.00am. Come and celebrate the risen Jesus with us. After the service we'll have an easter egg hunt for all the children (and those young at heart).

As I write, the search for flight MH-370 continues. Not forgetting the pain and worry that it has caused, looking on from afar as we do, one thing it reminds us is how small and insignificant we are.

We like to think that we know things - what we're doing next, what's coming up in the next week, what we and others have done. This disaster is a story of us not knowing. It reminds us that there are many things that we don't know and it's very hard isn't it?

It also reminds us how small we are. The search area for the plane is massive, involving 1000s of miles. The search at the moment involves planes flying for 5 hours before they even reach the area they're meant to search in. Some boats are still days away. We might know our little area, and we may even be well known in our community, but in the world, in the big scheme of things, we're small; 1 of 6 billion people alive at the moment.

There's so much we don't know, and so much we don't see.

God's word, the Bible, tells us a couple of things about this. First, it's good to remember your place; that you're not the centre of the universe and the world doesn't revolve around you. In fact it's all about someone else.

Secondly, once you've realised your place, and that you can't see and know all, be comforted by the fact that God does. He knows you and knows what's going on in your life.

To those who know and trust Him he says;

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Mark



Home Made Hour

Thank you to everyone who supported our March Home Made Hour and for the donations of home made goods and produce. Our next Home Made Hours will be on **Saturday 5th April** and **Saturday 3rd May**, from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand made greetings cards. Refreshments are available and we also have a raffle.

From All Saints' Diary - APRIL:

Wednesday	2 nd	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11.00am please see the notice sheet or church notice board.
Saturday	5 th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR
Sunday	6 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	13 th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's PALM SUNDAY Morning Service
Wednesday	16 th	2.00pm 7.30pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall Annual Church Meeting in the Parish Room
Maundy Thursday	17 th	5pm & 8pm	St Mary's Frinton: "Touching Earth", a Passion Play performed by local churches.
GOOD FRIDAY		2.00pm	An Hour by the Cross
Sunday	20 th	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
Tuesday	22 nd	2.30pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	23 rd	7.30pm	APCM in the Parish Room
Sunday	27 th	11.00am	Morning Service

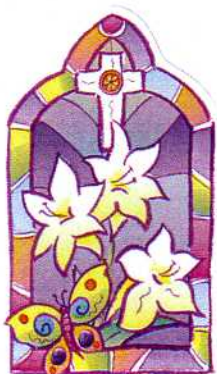


From All Saints' Diary - MAY:

Saturday	3 rd	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR
Sunday	4 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Monday	5 th		Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday	7 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	11 th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Service
Sunday	18 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	21 st	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	25 th	11.00am	Morning Service
Tuesday	27 th	2.30pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Thursday	29 th	ASCENSION DAY	
Saturday	31 st	7.30pm	Frinton Festival:



The brilliant young Celan Quartet will be performing music by Schubert and Taneyev. Tickets £15 including a glass of wine.



FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS:

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

Madge Muggridge (88)

Pork Lane, Great Holland

All Saints & burial in Sheffield

Rev. John Price (82)

Holland-on-Sea

All Saints & burial



A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND JOHN PRICE

It was with great sadness that All Saints Church received the news of the passing on 2nd March 2014 of John Price, former Rector there for four and a half years. Although John had been frail for some time, his death comes as a shock and our condolences go to Vera, his wife, and family at this time.

John was ordained in Leicester Cathedral in 1956 and, after serving as a curate in Leicester, went to St Marks, Forest Gate, London as Vicar for 10 years. Subsequently he ministered in Harold Hill and Loughton before coming to Great Holland and Kirby-le-Soken in the Spring of 1988. The joint Benefice had experienced a difficult period immediately before his arrival and it soon became clear that his calm, quiet approach was exactly what was needed. He showed himself prepared always to listen, to give time to all those who wanted his ear and above all, to live a life motivated by the principles his Lord required. Everyone who came into contact with John not only respected him, but grew to love him. He led his flock by example and sought to show them how much each individual person is valued by God.

During his ministry here he introduced a Prayer Diary and a Directory of Friends of All Saints and St Michael's; he was the brainwave behind Great Holland Friends and a supporter of the Home Made Hour, continuously attempting to extend the church into the community.

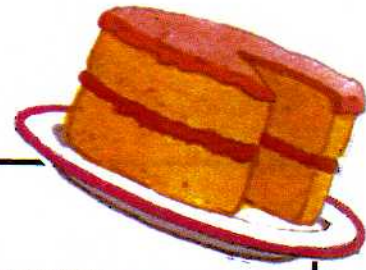
Outside his work and family, John's great interest was music. He was a choirboy at St Marks Forest Gate, the church to which he was to return as Vicar, was choirmaster at All Saints and conducted Handel's Messiah in May 1991 in Kirby-le-Soken. Throughout his life music was his pleasure, a pleasure shared with Vera and his daughter, Gillian.

Eventually, in the Autumn of 1992, John felt he could no longer do justice to all the demands of a busy joint Benefice and decided to retire from full-time ministry. Subsequently, he returned to take church services at All Saints from time to time and continued to do what he loved doing most- serving his Lord - even in his frailty. He expressed the wish that his final resting place should be in the churchyard of All Saints and I regard that as an honour.

I end with the words John invariably used in closing his letters to his readers in the then Great Holland Magazine, "God Bless You".

Ken Green





Home Made Hours

Our friendly Home Made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, particularly those who regularly donate home made/home grown produce for us to sell.

Are YOU able to provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and any surplus fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. **If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on 677984.**

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), Sheila Watts (ex officio), Don Osler, Jamie Wright, Vanessa Giles and Ilze Robertson

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC: Sheila Watts c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT, (675997)

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

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Church Hall - All Saints' Great Holland

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saint's 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 microware, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The cost of hire is £5 per hour from May - September and £7 per hour October - April (to cover extra heating and lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little** on **813645**.

Great Holland Methodist Church



Journeying to Easter Sunday...

As we are travelling through to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we are experiencing a lot in our journey. Some of us don't think much of this period of Lent, others make sure that they either give up something during this time, or take something else on.

Today I felt that God wanted to remind us of his grace and how receiving it changes us.

Together with my churches we are exploring the story line of Les Miserables and are overwhelmed at the power of grace and forgiveness experienced there.

The main character, a convict, hurt and oppressed, unwanted and pushed away, at one moment of unexpectedness is welcomed into a stranger's house, called brother, a guest of honour and when he tries to steal from the person that offers such words and hospitality, he is once again forgiven and given much.

In this unexpected act of kindness, his heart has been softened, his hatred challenged, his identity requisitioned. Who is he? The convict known by a number, or a person created in the image of God, loved and forgiven?

When the grace of God touches him deep in his heart, his life is turned upside down. He finds that there is hope after all, and that a new beginning awaits him.

So it is with us as Jesus wins over all the pain and hate in the world on Easter Sunday, as he extends his grace and forgiveness to each and every one of us. A new beginning awaits us, the question is: Are we going to accept it? Are we going to allow God to give us this love, to remind us of how beautifully we were created, of how important we are not only to him, but to the world around us?

Because you see, when we have experienced love and grace, we can only go and do likewise. We can be like that person that offered forgiveness to the convict, Jean Valjean, and in doing so, changed his life forever.

As we experience grace, whose life are we going to change through even one simple act of kindness?

Recently I received an act of kindness from someone whose name I still don't know. And I will go and do likewise.

What about you? As you receive so much, are you going to give out? What does grace, what does love, mean to you?

Let me wish you in advance Happy Easter and may God's ever present love, change you, challenge you and motivate you.

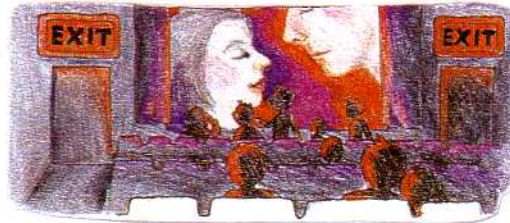
God's blessings,

Rev. Eva Walker



Great Holland Methodist Church

We are continuing with our social events that are offered to the village and would like to invite you to the following:



Friday 11th April at 7.00pm
Film Night: 'Easter Parade'

There is no charge to see the film. Light refreshments will be on sale.



Wednesday 14th May at 7.00pm
Quiz Night with Fish & Chip supper included

£5 per person. Numbers limited. Please telephone Ivan on 671811 or Anne on 675065 to book your place.

For more information about these events please contact Anne Lott on 675065

REMINDER!



Just a reminder that we hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall.

They take place every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and the chance to make new friends. We also have donated goods for sale.

LOCAL NEWS

COUNCILLORS 'SURGERIES'

Tendring First Councillors Robert Bucke and Mark Cossens will be holding 'surgeries' for local residents at each of the following locations during the coming months:

Saturday, 19th April from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon –Village Hall, Manor Road, Great Holland
Saturday, 17th May from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon – Baker Hall, Crossfield Way, Kirby Cross

Residents are invited to drop in for a chat on any matters causing concern and requiring action. New ideas welcome too.

VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign)

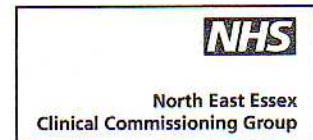
Cllr. Robert Bucke has reported the fact that this VAS (near the Methodist Church) is not working to Essex County Council.

VILLAGE STORE

Nothing new to report!

HOAX EMAIL

NE Essex CCG has issued a warning to patients about a hoax email.



At least two GP practices in NE Essex have had patients phone in worried about a hoax email. The email looks as if it has come from NICE, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, and people are advised not to open it, and not to click on any links. NICE says the contents are likely to be distressing and has reported the hoax to the police.

It is not clear exactly how many people are affected, but based on the high number of calls to the organisation it is thought to number thousands nationally. Sir Andrew Dillon, the chief executive of NICE, said: "A spam email purporting to come from NICE is being sent to members of the public regarding cancer test results. "This email is likely to cause distress to recipients since it advises that 'test results' indicate they may have cancer. "This malicious email is not from NICE and we are currently investigating its origin. We take this matter very seriously and have reported it to the police."

NICE is advising people who have received the email - the subject line of which is important blood analysis result - to delete it without opening it and not to click on any links.

The NHS national website has information, as does the NICE national website and Twitter feed.

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GHRA – MINUTES OF EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

Date: 8th February 2014
Venue: Village Hall

MINUTES

Denys Strich took the Chair and welcomed everyone including guests. This was the largest number of attendees at any GHRA meeting – approximately 72 were present.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Judith Little, Douglas Brown, Derek and Jeanne Bushey.

ITEM 2 GHRA – SITUATION UPDATE – THE FUTURE

Denys Strich said he had contacted everyone for whom he had a telephone number or email, and Village Voice had also included a letter with details of the meeting. He explained that the current Chairman, Lucy Margetts, had resigned in January and Malcolm Graham, Joint Secretary, had resigned towards the end of last year. David Masters, the other Joint Secretary, would be happy to resign.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

Denys Strich proposed:

- 1. As Chairman** – Paul Fletcher-Tomenius – Seconded by Malcolm Graham and Tom Sandy.
- 2. As Vice Chairman** – Robert Caines – Seconded by Graham Hughes.
- 3. Joint Secretaries** – Louise Goodwin and Hazel Martin offered their services for this position and were proposed by Alan Large and seconded by June Forrest.
- 4. Planning Officer** – Denys Strich proposed John Poulten – Seconded by Graham Hughes. Tom Sandy and Eddie Forrest were also elected for joint planning.

The meeting voted unanimously for the above and for the re-election of Denys and Lindy Strich as Joint Treasurers.

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING ON 5TH OCTOBER 2013

These were approved.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising from the last meeting.

ITEM 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Denys Strich advised that the financial position as at the present time was:

Held at Bank: £2,300.00 excluding any subs to be taken today.

This current year (2014) has only 6 members from the 407 houses in the village so far.

A resident suggested that street distributors be tasked with collecting membership fees. This was not considered viable as the Treasurer felt that the distributors would not be comfortable collecting fees.

ITEM 7 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Local Settlement Plan

John Poulten explained to the meeting the history of the process undertaken by TDC in the preparation of the current Draft Local Plan and the objections previously lodged. He explained that there was one final opportunity to object to the current proposals and the closing date was 17th February. He produced various maps of the Village illustrating what was proposed. He then explained that an ad hoc steering committee had been formed and taken the decision to instruct a Planning Consultant, John Newton, to advise. John Newton had come down to the Village and carried out an inspection, had reviewed the current and proposed plans, had met the steering committee and had written a report with recommendations which was shown to the meeting.

The meeting unanimously accepted the recommendations of John Newton, and the steering committee and John Poulten were asked to complete the forms accordingly.

Note: A copy of the final letter of Objection and the final plans will appear in this issue of Village Voice.

2. Dementia Home

Denys Strich made the point that the 53 bed dementia home was first refused then went to appeal and was approved despite the appeals against it. Apparently now it is advertising luxury retirement homes, which the Council say is the same classification and nothing can be done about it.

One of the residents said that there was no electrical power to the home at the moment. The builders thought they could drill under the bridge but apparently the railway has said no. Another resident thought there was a problem with foul drainage.

Denys Strich concluded by saying that this is a country village which is gradually being eroded.

ITEM 8 UPDATE FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Robert Bucke said he hoped the village shop would be opening shortly.

Robert Bucke stated that the doctors' surgery in Walton should have seven partners and there were only four, soon to be reduced to three. In Frinton there should be four and there was only one. Locums were costing three times more (£750 per day). Meetings were held in Frinton and of the 8,000 patients only 34 came and in Walton 6 patients of the 11,000 arrived. A new surgery was proposed in Elm Tree Avenue in the next few years. ACE and CareUK were covering at the moment.

Potholes were to be repaired when and where they can be.

A resident said that the railway bridge area in Little Clacton Road was to be closed for some time due to repairs. Robert Bucke said he did not know of this.

ITEM 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. PCSO Report

Denys Strich apologised to the meeting that he had not called the PC.

b. Distribution of Minutes

There was a debate as to whether the FULL minutes of meetings should be sent to members of the GHRA only or whether they should be included in the Village Voice. The meeting voted for the inclusion of the FULL minutes in the Village Voice.

c. Beetle Drive – 22nd February 2014

Residents were advised by Sandra Mooney that a Beetle Drive including afternoon tea between 2pm – 5pm has been arranged for 22nd February in aid of the village hall. Details had been published in Village Voice and tickets (£6) could be purchased from The Ship Inn, Park Fruit Farm Tea Room or Sandra.

d. Solar Panels

Eddie Forrest stated that there had been 70 letters of objection and 10 letters of support (mainly for green energy). The 48,000 panels originally asked for have now been reduced to 46,000. These would be an eyesore for miles around and the thought was supposed to be for preserving the landscape. The meeting unanimously agreed that it should support the objection and John Poulten was asked to write accordingly.

e. Monthly Home-made Hour

Sheila Watts asked if residents could contribute anything to the monthly sales, particularly homemade cakes, etc., please, to help the funds for the Village Hall.

The meeting expressed its heartfelt thanks to the Treasurer, Denys Strich, for his initiative and hard work in resolving GHRA's crisis.

Next Meeting at a date to be fixed in May.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

A Date for your Diary

The Gt. Holland Residents' Association Committee have now set the date for the AGM :

Date: Saturday, 10 May 2014
Venue: Village Hall, Manor Road
Time: 10.30 a.m.

(Doors open at 10.00 a.m. – Tea & coffee available)



Objection Letter

Objections to TDC Draft Local Plan 2012 by reference to Policy SD4

These objections have been approved by the Great Holland Residents Association at a Special Meeting dated 8th February 2014 attended by in excess of 70 residents.

Previous letters of objection dated 17th November 2011 and 21st December 2012 have been lodged with TDC and to the extent necessary are repeated with this submission.

1. Para 2.3 of the current draft Plan sets out the Council's view of the objective of a fair distribution of growth across the district that *'..respect local distinctiveness, infrastructure provision and environmental limitations.*
2. To this end TDC has produced the new proposed Settlement Boundary for the south area (unchanged from 2012) and a revised north area (Inset Map 28) both of which exceed the agreed Settlement Boundary in the 2007/2010 Parish Plan and Village Design Statement, currently used as informal planning guidance by TDC. A copy of this document can be seen on the website. www.greatholland.com. It is the view of GHRA that this is essentially a current document constituting the planning Policy that is applicable today

Two plans are attached showing the current proposals maps referred to above and are marked GHRA 1 and GHRA 2 and are dated 13.2.14

3. It is GHRA's opinion that to include what it regards to be buildings within large open areas or gardens (i.e. on both sides of Kirby Road) in the North East corner of Settlement area 2 and shown hatched blue and lettered A on Plan GHRA 1 cannot be considered as part of the established 'built up area' compared to the previously agreed development boundaries where a more 'urban character' is apparent.
4. Such an extension of the built up area would constitute undesirable ribbon development destroying the open character of this road and views across to Great Holland Church.
5. Such an extension to the built up area along this road could also eventually lead to a linking up Great Holland to Kirby Cross without a 'green 'break.
6. The inclusion of the village green within the settlement boundary in the South East corner of Settlement 2 lettered B on the plan GHRA 1 also gives cause for concern and is objected to on similar grounds
7. In addition the extension of the boundary in the southern area of Settlement 1 shown hatched blue and lettered C on Plan GHRA 2 to include a farm and outbuildings extends the built up area out in to otherwise open countryside.
8. Even if one accepts the suggestion that new dwellings should be positively planned in Great Holland the additional areas now proposed in GHRA's view greatly exceed what is needed.
9. 'Windfall' sites often come along from time to time in villages such as this that increase housing provision without it having been pre-planned.

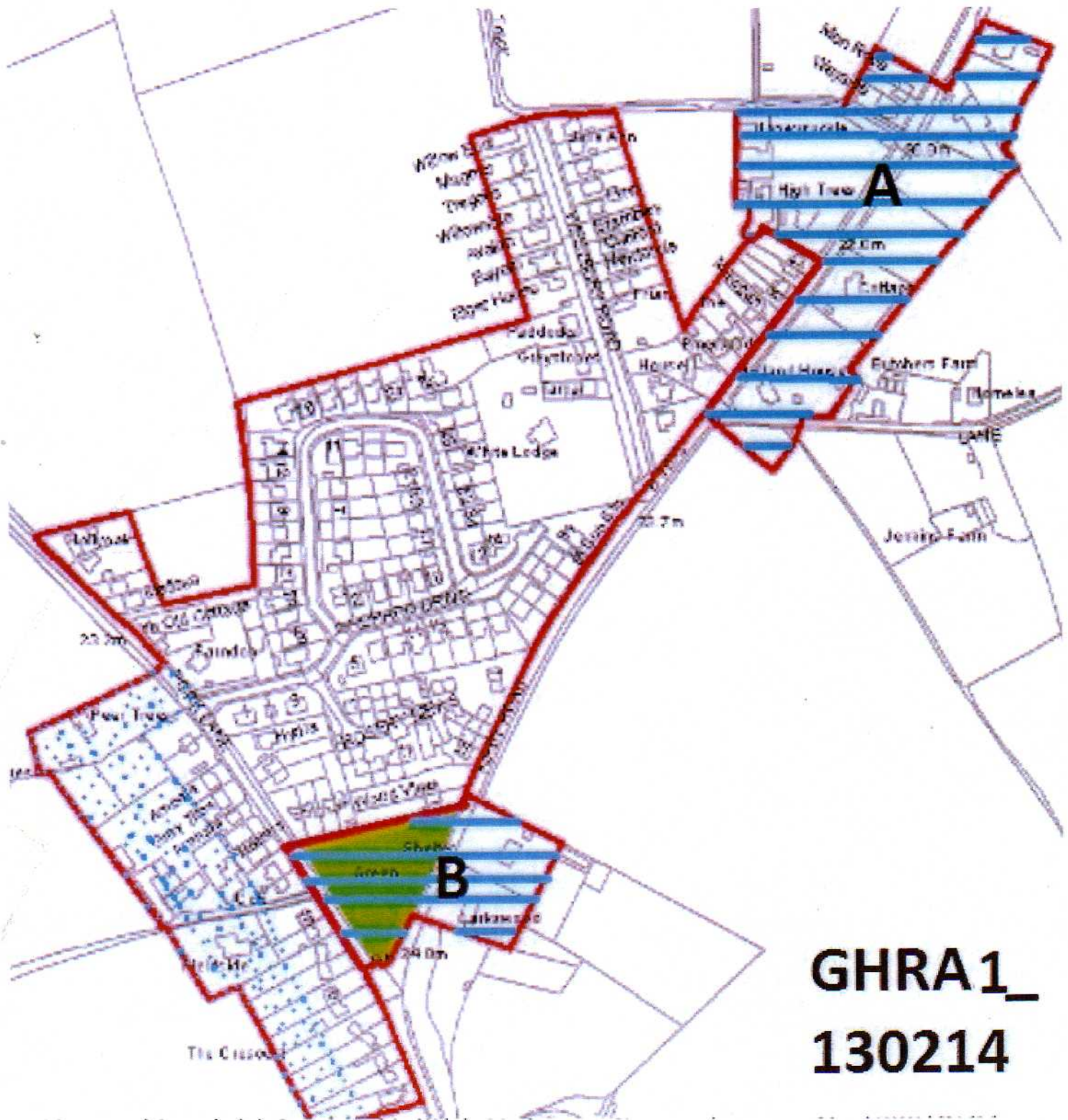
Summary

1. These are based on the Settlement Area Boundaries now proposed and can be summarised as follows.

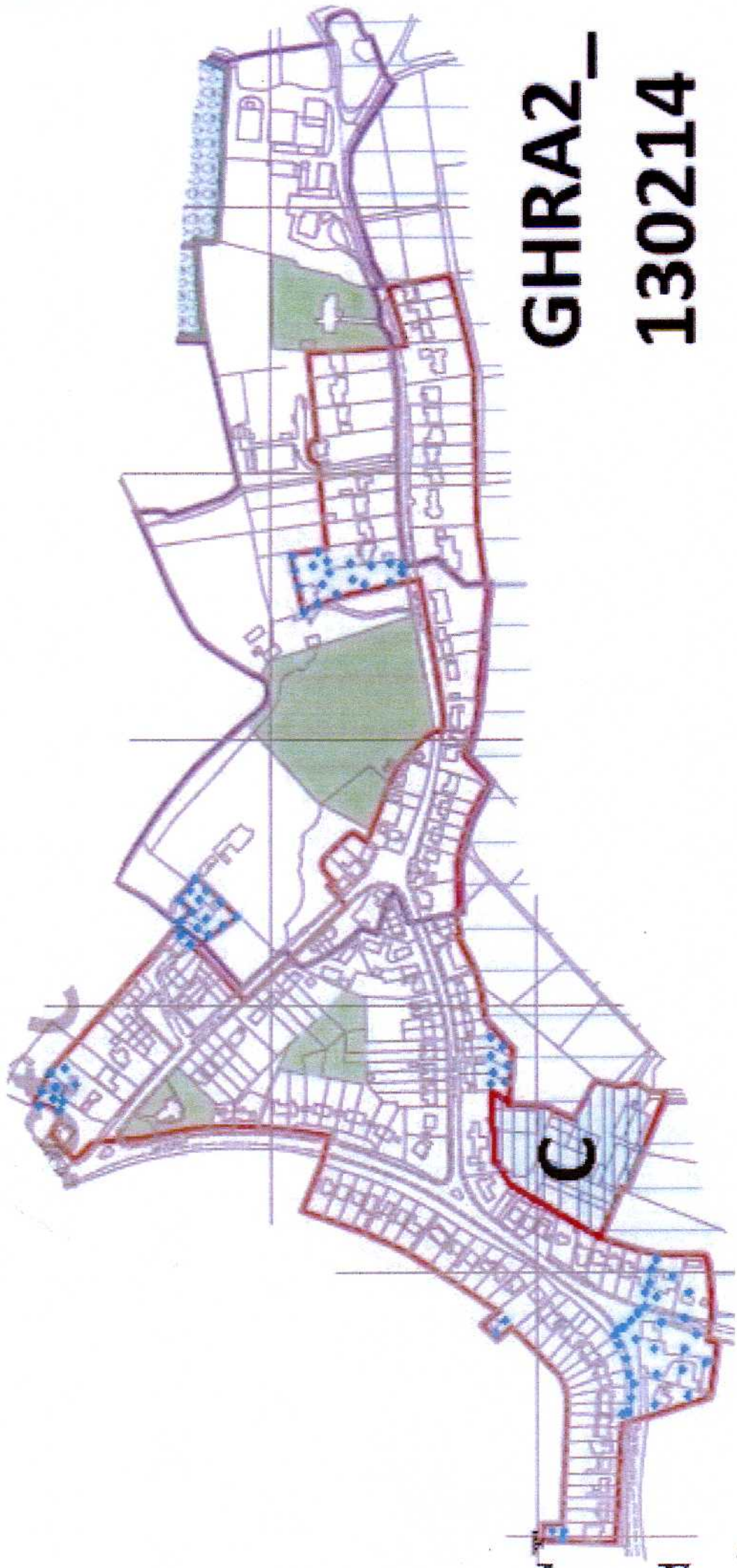
2. Expansion of the village would not constitute sustainable development since there are serious infrastructure failings. The Village enjoys virtually none of the key features that satisfy the criteria for sustainable development. The Village Shop was repossessed 12 months ago and shows no sign of reopening in the foreseeable future. In addition there are serious physical infrastructure deficiencies and well publicised shortfalls in the provision of other services, notably GP surgeries.
3. Additional traffic generation will arise to enable residents to access local services that are not available within walking distance or accessible by public transport. The limited bus service is to be reduced still further because one of the bus companies find the service uneconomic and the other company wants to reduce its own service.
4. The expansion of the built up area will cause adverse environmental effects to the character and appearance of this part of the District.
5. Even if the Councils proposal of a planned increase in dwellings is accepted the amount of new land allocated as falling within the proposed Settlement Areas is in excess of what is needed.
6. GHRA has accepted the modification to the current 2007 Settlement Boundary to include the areas stippled blue on the plans GHRA 1 and 2 dated 13.2.14 and rejects the inclusion of the three parcels lettered A, B and C on the said plans and requests that TDC accepts these revisions failing which GHRA requests that the Planning Inspector supports these representations and rejects the changes proposed by the Council. The effects of these revisions are also outlined on plans GHRA 3 and 4 dated 13.2.14.

Great Holland Residents Association February 2014

Annexures Plans GHRA 1, 2, 3 and 4 dated 13.2.14

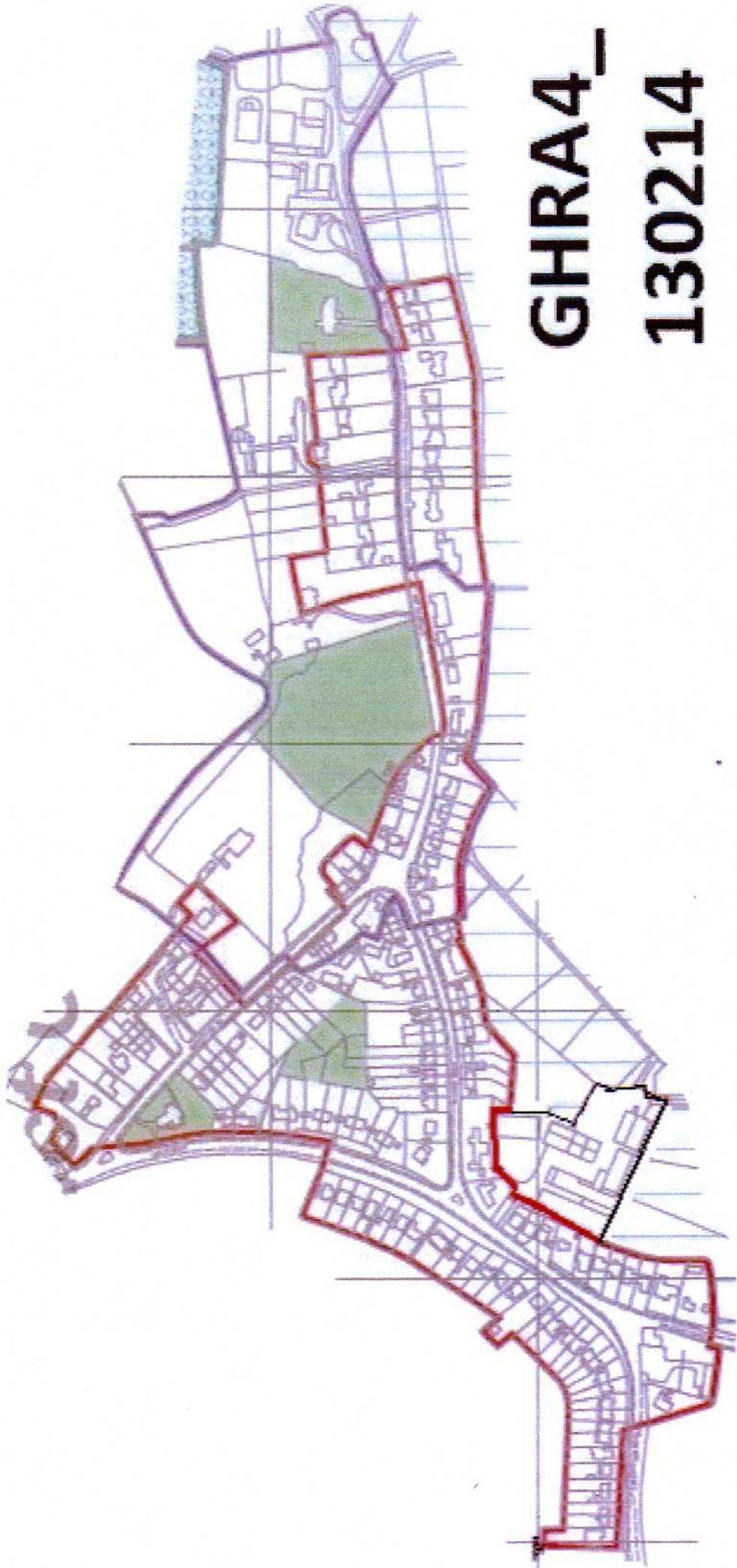


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GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines
Treasurer: Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Louise Goodwin & Hazel Martin:
Planning Officers: John Poulton, Tom Sandy & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

What does the GHRA actually do? Well, I did not know myself when we moved to the village only in March last year and so it occurred to me that my first letter as chairman should not assume that all the other residents do either.

Well, there's the usual long list in our constitution, but the core of it is the first, "To promote and preserve the village community and its environment." We all agree with that, of course, but what is the reality? Great Holland is very lucky to have a wonderful facility in the Village Hall and this bi-monthly magazine, "Village Voice." These two assets really underline that this is a proper village and that the residents FEEL it is a proper village. People are very reluctant to move away because, if they were not born here, then they chose to move here. We had a sense of that within weeks of our arrival.

The Village Hall is ably managed by a separate committee that raises funds and is working through a fantastic restoration and improvement programme, while this magazine is run with great commitment and commendable efficiency by Sandra and Linda. So, is there actually anything else for GHRA to do? Oh, yes!

Firstly, there are people out there who do not care what happens to this village in the longer term, or any other village, for that matter. What other conclusion can you make when someone proposes to build a housing estate in a village of this size? That's exactly what is proposed for Manor Farm. What other conclusion can you make when someone proposes to build along Main Road, gradually filling up the space between Great Holland and Kirby Cross? What other conclusion can you make when Push Energy proposes to cover many acres with forty odd thousand solar panels in an unspoilt valley visible for several miles around?

These are not slightly barmy proposals from ill-informed or badly advised people. They are insensitive, ridiculous projects designed only to profit individual or corporate developers, who simply have no regard for the village environment or its residents. Why do we have some (only some, please note) councillors and officers of Tendring District Council, all voted into office or paid by us, who even entertain such blatant destruction and degradation of a village environment? I do not know their motives and leave you to guess. What I do know is that, if we are not organised, we lose. And we do have allies on the Council. Councillor Robert Bucke, for example, has been immensely supportive of GHRA's position on aspects of the local plan.

However, my whingeing about nasty people threatening our village doesn't achieve very much and so, during the last month, GHRA has paid for a respected planning consultant, John Newton,

who has worked with GHRA's own Planning Officer, John Poulton, to formulate our response to the latest TDC local plan proposals, in which we have opposed these inappropriate development plans and suggested other ways in which new housing could be provided within the village. We are prepared to pay for representation at the enquiry into the local plan, either later this year or early 2015. If Push Energy appeals against the local refusal of permission for the solar farm, GHRA will consider whether we should be represented at that hearing also. We also wish to liaise with other residents associations in pressing Tendring District Council to revise its approach to development within small villages like Great Holland and stop treating them as if they are just any other small town. At the moment, their starting position is that we have to 'do our bit' in providing new housing, just like Walton, Harwich or Colchester. We think that is misguided. Villages are sensitive environments that require a different approach to development proposals, an approach that treats the character of the community as paramount.

However, we need funds to do all this and we get the majority from the modest annual subscription of £4 per household. Fortunately, prudent stewardship of GHRA over past years has left us with reasonable reserves, but we must increase the membership from the present 70 odd households out of the 420 odd total. So please respond positively to the membership appeal leaflet delivered with this edition of Village Voice. Meetings are public and all interventions are welcome.

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius
Chairman GHRA

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VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING
GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL
HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT :-

SUE JENKINS CHAIRPERSON

JIM STUART SECRETARY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Martin, Veronica Stack, Coralie Harris, Paul Harris and Robert Bucke

APOLOGIES

Sheila Watts, Don Osler, Eva Walker and Chris Keston

ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

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

MENS TOILET

The toilet has been refurbished and the members are happy with the finished product.

TREASURERS REPORT

Our current balances are:

Current 4253.00

Savings 5,061.00

Bond 5,129.00

Total 14443.00

Our balance as at 30th September last was £13,062.00

These figures include a donation from Fete funds of £455.00 and £100.00 from the Jubilee committee. We would like to voice our appreciation to both these groups. Additionally, the fire extinguishers have been checked and one has been replaced, this was at a cost of £75.00. Enquiries to be made to establish if there is any other company that may be cheaper. Our insurance renewal has also been paid up to date. Over the past year there has been an increase in the hall being used by new customers.

SPRING CLEAN

This has been arranged for Saturday 12th April between 10.00am o'clock and 3.00 pm and any assistance offered will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be supplied for people attending.

BEETLE DRIVE

Sales of tickets so far have been disappointing but the event will go ahead as advertised.

CONSTITUTION

A copy of our new constitution was given to each member attending to read. If considered suitable it will be adopted at our next meeting. As part of the constitution we had a responsibility to contact the regular users of the hall, and invited them to nominate a member to join the committee and we have received four new nominations.

HALL FEES

Fees have not increased for some years and our running costs have continued to rise. It has therefore been decided that our new tariff will be £10.00 per hour for new users but will remain at £9.00 for our regular users.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The new landlord of the Ship Inn has agreed to continue to assist us as previously. Additionally he has offered to assist us if we need to apply for an occasional drinks licence for any future events.

It was noted that two tiles were missing from the roof. Robert Bucke will look into getting them replaced.

Additionally there was some water leakage in the hall itself but this may have been due to the driving rain being pushed in by the wind. We will arrange for this to be checked.

We will need to invest some of our funds to refurbish the roof over the toilets and kitchen and we will investigate the costs of refurbishing/replacing the windows. Cost will be a major factor.

The boiler and the new heating system seems far more efficient than the old system, yearly service is due in September 2014.

A discussion was held around the increased usage of the hall, it was confirmed that this had not resulted in any complaints from our neighbours.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING & AGM

The next meeting has been scheduled for 14th June 2014 in the hall commencing at 10 am – AGM will be held at 11.00 am

Notice from the Chair person.

It was noticed on Sunday 16th February 2014 that there were six of the village hall chairs were left outside the rear door; no one on the committee had any knowledge of these being loaned out to anyone. Can the person who borrowed them please contact the chairperson on 01255 850317 to discuss.



Beetle Drive , a fun afternoon was had by all with a lovely afternoon tea.



The committee would like to thank After the Rain, Park Farm and The Ship for their kind donation to the raffle prizes. We raised over 100.00 towards the Ladies Toilets.

VILLAGE HALL SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2014

BETWEEN 10.00 – 3.00



The village hall as we all know belongs to all of the villagers, at the above time and date we are doing our annual spring clean.

If you could spare some time, please come along and share in some good old fashioned village community spirit with some very nice homemade cake!!!

Please bring along your own buckets, clothes and some cleaning products.

Look forward to seeing you there.



WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday		Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909	Cardio Vascular 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
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		The Coastal Singers (mixed voices) 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909	Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 12.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		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)		



Rate for hire of Village Hall

£10 per hour for new users/£9 per hour for regular users. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

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POLICE NEWS

There are no Police Beat Surgeries until further notice

NEWS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature.

- 3 x Road Traffic Accidents
 - 2 x Concern for Welfares
 - 1 x Tree Down
 - 1 x Abandoned Vehicle
 - 1 x Nuisance Neighbour
 - 1 x Suspicious Circumstance
 - 1 x Attempted Theft (No entry gained)
 - 1 x Criminal Damage (Rock thrown thru car windscreen in Little Clacton Rd) on 22/02/2014
 - 1x Vehicle Stolen on 03/03/2014
- (Did you see anything regarding the Theft of vehicle or damage to vehicle windscreen?)



ADVICE

HOW TO CONDUCT A SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF YOUR HOME?

GENERAL HOME SECURITY

PART ONE – Know the Risk

WHO? The main criminal threat to your home comes from the opportunist burglar. Don't make the mistake of believing that Opportunist = Amateur. These burglars can be very experienced and very adept at avoiding detection or capture. As the name suggests, they look for opportunities to burgle and if there are none, they will usually move on to a less aware target. Therefore if you have good home security then they are very easily put off.

WHEN? Most dwelling burglaries occur during the day, when the house is unoccupied. At night burglars tend to target sheds, garages and commercial premises. The exception is during the winter months when it gets dark early and people haven't got home from work. An unlit house is a really good signal to a burglar. It is great crime prevention to leave lights on (or on a timer) if you are not going to be home until after dark. Just ensure that you light up the LIVING areas, not just the hall and landing!!

HOW? Burglars look for a house that appears to be unoccupied. Often they will target houses situated at the end of a village, the end of a street or by a junction. Having selected the target they will usually knock at the front door - just to make sure. If you answer, they will have a plausible reason for being there. If there's no reply, the burglar will move around the outside of the house, looking at your home security - looking for signs of window locks, burglar alarms and dogs. Once confident that your security is poor, he will find an implement nearby and use it to force a rear door, window or sliding patio door.

Once inside, the main target will usually be the master bedroom. It will be subjected to an untidy search of all the drawers and the bottom of the wardrobe. The burglar will be looking for cash and jewellery, but he (or she) may also steal small ornaments, cameras, CD players, or your TV and receivers/recorders. Some

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PART TWO – The Outside of Your House

1. *Check Natural Surveillance:* For Crime Prevention, the view of your house from the road and your neighbours is vitally important. Is the view to the front and rear obscured by vegetation in your garden? Cut down or trim trees, shrubs and undergrowth to open up the view. Avoid letting plants grow taller than 4ft. This will deprive burglars of cover.
2. *Check Fences and Gates:* Repair holes in fences. Fix flimsy trellis to the tops of the fence panels. They will break away under pressure, causing noise and inconvenience to the burglar. Ensure that gates are locked and fit them flush to the front building line of the house. Burglars don't like having to climb over gates in full view of the road.
3. *Protect weak spots in your boundary with prickly plants:* Defensive planting is very effective. Prickly plants are a natural and very effective measure. Intruders are unable to climb over or through them without shredding their legs! Use the same idea to protect your windows by planting underneath. Allow them to grow to window sill height before trimming.
4. *Be Aware of Upstairs Windows:* Those adjacent to drainpipes or flat roofs are especially vulnerable. Use anti-climb paint. Follow the maker's instructions carefully and remember to comply with the Owners and Occupiers Liabilities Act. The act states that if you know of something that could be a danger to other people who are on your property (whether they are there lawfully or not!) you must take steps to prevent injury. In other words, put up a notice!
5. *Ensure That All Outbuildings are Secure:* Sheds and garages usually contain tools that enable burglars to force an entry to your home. Screwdrivers, hammers, chisels, forks and spades are often used. Use good quality padlocks to secure shed doors. The fittings should be bolted to the shed, not screwed. Fit a shed alarm. Check with your local Neighbourhood Watch, as many sell them at a reduced cost.
6. *Consider installing exterior lighting:* Dusk to dawn, low energy lighting is the preferred choice, but you can also use 500w movement activated floodlights, available from your local DIY store. Fit the units so that they illuminate the front of your house when you arrive home and ensure that the side and back of your house has optional lighting too.

PART THREE – The Shell of Your House

This section is very important for your home security and crime prevention and probably represents an area of expense. Please don't think of home security as a financial liability... It is an investment that could pay high dividends.

1. *Wooden Doors:* Examine the condition of your front door and the door frame. If they are rotten, don't repair them....replace them! Fit a deadlocking rim latch (Yale-type lock) or a 5 lever mortise lock. Only buy products that display the British Standards kite mark. This will ensure that it has been security tested and fully complies with BS3621 for security.
2. *Wooden Back doors:* Back doors are a very common point of entry. Try this test.... Shut the door and from the outside, push hard at the top and bottom..... see what happens? The door flexes. That flexibility is used by burglars to get the leverage required to force open the door. You can prevent this by supplementing the main lock with key operated mortise bolts; one at the top of the door and one at the bottom. Don't rely on ordinary door bolts. They are only as strong as the screws that hold them on.
3. *PVC-U Doors:* Modern doors are often made of PVC and are usually fitted with robust multi-point locking systems. However, unless they have been made to the PAS24 or SBD2012 standards, there is no way of knowing how secure they might be. The only way to tell is to look for the following marks on

the frame or the locking edge of the door: "Police Preferred Specification" – "SBD" – "SBD2012". Unfortunately many PAS24 doors have no markings on them and the only way to find out is to ask the supplier.

4. *Wooden Windows*: Fit at least one additional lock to your windows. Use the same flex-test on your windows and if necessary, fit an additional lock opposite each hinge. Don't rely on a simple locking handle. They are not designed for security and are unlikely to withstand an external attack. If you have PVC/U double glazing, check with your supplier before fitting extra locks, to ensure that you are not invalidating any guarantees or warranties.
5. *Patio doors* are especially vulnerable. The locks supplied are often woefully inadequate. Fit an additional patio door lock. Here's another test for you to try..... Open the door and stand astride the runner. Hold the door handles and lift.... If the door can be raised off its runner then you must fit an anti-lift device. This could be a purpose-made device or as simple as a block of wood fitted into the upper channel.
6. *French doors* will benefit from a 5 lever mortise lock and key operated bolts. These should be fitted to both doors.

PART FOUR – Internal Security

1. *Target Removal*: Hide or remove your valuables. It makes sense. As one burglar said, "If it ain't there, I can't nick it." If possible, remove silverware and jewellery to the bank. Alternatively, invest in a good quality safe. Do you have a laptop? Take it with you!
2. *Property Marking*: If it is impossible or impractical to remove your valuables, then it is essential that you reduce the payoff to the burglar by marking all steal-able items. The mark should consist of your house number (or the first three letters of your house name) and your postcode. There are four main methods of marking property:
 - Ultra-violet marker pen
 - Permanent visible marker or paint pen
 - Engraving/embossing/stamping
 - Forensic Marking Systems that utilise micro dots, UV tracers and Chemical DNA

Ultra-Violet marker pen: Use this if you are concerned that visible marking might look unsightly or devalue your item. When dry the ink is virtually invisible. DO NOT USE A UV PEN ON TV OR COMPUTER SCREENS!!! When turned on...all you will see is your postcode.

Permanent Visible marker or paint pen: From a prevention aspect it is better to visibly mark your possessions so that the burglar can see that it's been done. It makes life much harder for him if he tries to sell it on. Check out CREmark from www.creproducts.co.uk. Special markers are available for fine china and porcelain. They leave an indelible metallised deposit on top of the glaze and therefore should not adversely affect the value. However, check first with your insurer...just to be sure.

Engraving/embossing/stamping: Use a hobby engraver or diamond tipped stylus to visibly mark items. Die Stamps are useful for leatherwork, such as saddles. Avoid stamping cycles as they are often made from light alloy metals and you might crack the frame.

Forensic Marking: There are now some innovative products about, such as Smart Water, SelectaDNA and Redweb. SelectaDNA for example, has 1000s of micro dots suspended in a clear adhesive which has a ultra-violet tracer and a unique chemical DNA. Each dot bears a serial number which, like the DNA, is unique to that pot. You can apply it virtually any product and to any surface. Use it on fine china, antiques, electrical goods, jewellery, vehicles and more. Smart water is similar, but without the microdots.

Your security mark is a unique national reference. It provides the only guarantee that your property will be returned to you, should it be stolen and subsequently recovered. Once everything is marked, you should take photographs of the most valuable items and keep a record of serial numbers. In all cases, we suggest that you contact your insurance company to ensure that they are happy with the method(s) of marking you intend to employ.

PART FIVE – Intruder Alarms

There is no doubt that a good quality, properly installed intruder alarm will provide excellent protection and invaluable peace of mind. Technology is now so advanced that false alarms are seldom caused by faulty equipment. A burglar alarm however, should be your LAST line of defence. If your general home security is poor, an alarm is unlikely to put off a determined burglar. On the other hand, good all round security measures and an intruder alarm, will prove to be an excellent deterrent.

What Type for Me? There are three points to consider when choosing a system:

1. *Hard wired or wire free?* Radio systems are commonplace these days, especially in the DIY market. They are easy to install, can be relocated, require no structural work and therefore make less mess during installation. However, they are generally more expensive than wired burglar alarms and, unless you buy high-end, they can be prone to jamming or other external influences. Wire free alarms come in six classes. The higher the class, the more safeguards are built in. Buy the highest class you can afford. Avoid those systems sold in DIY stores as they are usually only class 3. Wired intruder alarms are usually more reliable and cost less. However, they will take longer to install and may not be so easy for DIY installation.
2. *Do I want to "Do it myself" or use a professional installer?* We recommend that you always use a professional installer. The police have a very strict intruder alarm policy and maintain a list of intruder alarm companies that comply. This helps to weed out the "cowboys". Compliant companies will:
 - Install to the British Standard
 - Belong to one of the recognised bodies that oversee the industry
 - Provide an emergency call out service
 - Provide an annual maintenance contract
 - Provide a monitoring service if required

Local independent 'Police Compliant' companies will install to the same standard as the well-known nationals, but should cost you about a third less.

3. *Should I choose a monitored or a "Bells Only" Intruder alarm system?* Only compliant companies will be able to offer monitoring. Alarms are not connected directly to the police anymore. Your alarm installer will have a contract with an Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC). Signals from monitored burglar alarms are sent via telephone lines to the ARC, where they will weed-out the false alarms and contact the police if necessary. They will also call your nominated key holder. Bells-only systems simply sound at the premises. The police will be unaware until someone tells them about it. In general, the more isolated your house...the more you will benefit from a monitored system.

PLEASE NOTE: The police will not routinely attend "Bells-Only" alarms, unless the informant can give them evidence of some sort that there may be an offence in progress.

The Cost:

DIY systems cost from as little as £69 to over £400. Installations from recognised, compliant companies start at around £650 plus VAT.

NEVER ENTERTAIN COLD-CALLING ALARM COMPANIES

Systems supplied from cold-calling doorstep/telephone salesmen are usually very inferior and will often set you back over £3000! DO NOT entertain any cold-calling companies.

Keep Safe,

**PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
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or 101, ext. 487553**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

'KIRBY CEMETERY'

Kirby Cemetery is built on land that borders Great Holland and Kirby Cross. In 1911 it was the idea of the Frinton Council to build a new cemetery for Frinton and Thomas Marshall (of Frinton Council) instigated its development. The residents of Great Holland and Kirby were not in favour of the proposals of the Frinton Council to purchase land on their boundaries for the purpose of making a cemetery for Frinton and the matter was considered by the Parish Councils of both villages.

In October 1913 it was reported by the Works Committee of Frinton Council that an order of the Local Government Board had sanctioned the loan of the amount which the works were estimated to cost - £1,417. The Committee asked the surveyor to proceed with the preparation of specifications so that the works could be put out to tender, and be commenced that winter.

In July 1915 the Committee recommended that the old cottage, which the Council had had to buy, at the new cemetery (being within the prohibited distance) be offered for sale. The report was adopted.

By the end of the same year there was some discussion as to the naming of the new cemetery. In May 1918 at a Frinton Council meeting, the Works Committee reported consideration of a letter from the Rev. T.J.Longhurst, Minister of the Free Church, suggesting that if it were not too late, the new cemetery should be divided into four portions to be named respectively Church of England, Free Church, Roman Catholic and undenominational. The writer's object in sending the letter was to prevent the use of the word 'unconsecrated' as applied to ground other than that 'consecrated' according to the rites of the Church of England. The Committee recommended that the suggestion should be borne in mind when the Council proceeded to make regulations for the use of the cemetery and proposed to take the matter of the regulations in hand at their next meeting. According to the Council's byelaws of 11th November 1924 the cemetery was open for interment of all residents in the Urban District regardless of religion.

Thomas Marshall, who died on Christmas Day, 1919, was the first man to be buried in the cemetery.



Thomas Marshall's grave

Easter art competition for children

- Do you live in Great Holland?
- Are you aged 11 and under?
- Do you enjoy painting and drawing?
- Would you like to win a HUGE jar of Jelly Bellies?



Then why not enter the Village Voice Easter art competition? Here's what you need to do:

Please paint or draw a picture with an Easter theme. Entries should be on A4 size paper (which is the same size as this magazine). Please use colour to create your picture. You may use paint, pencils, pen and ink or crayons. Other than that, there are no rules - just let your imagination run wild!

Entries should be posted or hand delivered to either 8 Laxton Grove or 'Paddocks', Westbury Road, by **Wednesday 30th April**.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE SHOWN CLEARLY ON THE BACK OF YOUR PICTURE!

Entries will be judged by a local artist. The winner will receive a large jar of 'Jelly Bellies' (see comment below).

A copy of the winning entry will be printed in the June/July edition of Village Voice, sadly only in black and white. However, it will also be added to the Great Holland website (www.greatholland.com) in glorious colour!



Jelly Belly is a global favourite snack. It is said to be the world's Number One gourmet jelly bean and the first choice - some say the only choice - for those with discerning taste. These wonderful jelly beans continue to surprise and delight the bean eating public by leading the way in incredible flavour development. There are currently 50 "official flavours" of Jelly Belly and taking account of the full range, there are actually a staggering 90 different flavours to choose from at any one time.

Through the company's history, the goal has been to make the best quality piece of candy on the market, regardless of cost. Jelly Belly Candy Co uses the best, and most times, expensive ingredients. The cost is secondary to the flavour. It was this commitment to excellence and authenticity that led inexorably to the gourmet jelly bean.



Great Holland
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Coming up at The Ship

Quiz Night the last Sunday of Every Month

Mothering Sunday, 30th March

Mums Eat Free, based on a family of four booking (few tables left – book now)

Easter Bank Holiday Weekend

BEER FESTIVAL – PIMMS, CHAMPAGNE & COCKTAIL BAR

BBQ & HOG ROAST

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – OVER 30 ACTS BOOKED

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL – MONDAY 21ST APRIL

(FROM MIDDAY)

We are now open 7 days a week and serve food 7 days a week

New Spring and Summer Menu starting soon

Reservations welcome

We also cater for private parties, birthdays, christening, wakes, etc. Please contact us for more info.

FRINTON MUSIC *(Robert Max, artistic director)*
and the Barbican Piano Trio present the first

FRINTON FESTIVAL

Thursday 29th May - Sunday 1st June 2014

Enjoy listening to beautiful music in intimate surroundings. Four concerts of music by Schubert and Tanev (Tchaikovsky's closest musical confidant) alongside works by Beethoven, Haydn and Schumann performed by exuberant musicians in charming local venues. Join us for one or more concerts at the end of the summer half-term holiday.

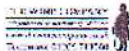


The Barbican Piano Trio (photo by Sara Powell)

On Friday and Saturday night enjoy meeting the musicians and other audience members over a drink or meal following the concerts – we have arranged some special offers for you!

Full details overleaf and at
www.frintonfestival.com

Tickets include a glass of wine, generously sponsored by



FRINTON FESTIVAL 2014

Four Concerts...Four Venues...

Five Composers...Nine Wonderful Musicians

Thursday 29th May at 7.30pm

The inaugural concert of the first Frinton Festival in St. Mary's Church, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea...don't miss history in the making!

The Barbican Piano Trio - Sophie Lockett (violin), Robert Max (cello), James Kirby (piano)
- with Beatrice Philips (violin) and James Boyd (viola)
Schubert Adagio and Rondo, Tanev Piano Quintet, Schumann Piano Quintet

Friday 30th May at 7.30pm

String Trio by candlelight in the tiny 11th century Old Church, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea

Sophie Lockett (violin), James Boyd (viola) and Robert Max (cello)
Schubert movement for string trio, Tanev String Trio in E-flat,
Beethoven String Trio in G

Join us after the concert at the STAR OF INDIA where there's £10.95
BANQUET NIGHT MEAL will be available for ticketholders (advance booking essential)

Saturday 31st May at 7.30pm

The unique richness of a String Quintet across the fields in All Saints Church, Church Lane, Great Holland
The brilliant young Celan Quartet - Mathilde Milwidsky and Tim Crawford (violins),
Tim Ridout (viola), Tim Posner (cello) - with Robert Max (cello)

Schubert Quartettsatz, Tanev String Quintet in G, Schubert String Quintet

Walk across the fields accompanied by a celebratory Peal of Bells from 6.40pm

Join us after the concert at the SHIP INN - audience members can enjoy a
20% discount on their meal - pre-booking essential.

Sunday 1st June at 3pm

*The final concert inside world-renowned Arts and Crafts architect C.F.A. Voysey's 'Homestead',
43 Second Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea*

The Barbican Piano Trio - Sophie Lockett (violin), Robert Max (cello) and James Kirby (piano)
Haydn Piano Trio in E-flat, Tanev Piano Trio, Schubert Piano Trio in E-flat

Tickets cost £15 and include a glass of wine generously sponsored by
THE WINE COMPANY. Seating is unreserved and tickets should be booked in advance
by calling Joan Ellis on 01255 674192 or emailing her at marcismarch@btinternet.com

www.frintonfestival.com

NB: Tickets are still available for the concerts on Thursday, 29 May at St. Mary's Church, Old Road Frinton and Saturday, 31 May at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Great Holland.



Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

The night sky

Animals live in a constant state of interaction with each other and with their environment. The weak and vulnerable often hide in the day time, and only do their essential activities under the cover of darkness. Motion sensor cameras potentially bring us many more insights into the activities of mammals, and we can learn more of nocturnal insects and bugs using light traps and other technology. It is not surprising that the study of birds which are usually active in the day have been studied more extensively than mammals. Butterflies again are more easily observed than moths.

Recently I woke in the morning to the news that the Aurora Borealis, the 'Northern Lights' had been seen in southern England. What a pity I missed them. If I had been alerted early enough I would have wrapped up and gone to Holland Pits where the effect of street lighting is not as strong. The sun had experienced an extra bout of disturbance to its ever swirling hot atmosphere, resulting in great ejections of charged atoms thrown out at great speed. Some of these were channelled by the Earth's magnetic field into our atmosphere where they bombarded it creating the great light show, one that I have still never observed.

On Thursday 3rd Apr 1996, I paid a nocturnal visit to the reserve at about 11:30pm, as an eclipse of the moon was starting. The shadow of the Earth gradually covered the surface of the full moon, from left to right. I had also come to see the comet Hyakutake. The moonlight faded from the sky as the eclipse started, but the glare in the sky caused by the street lighting still obscured the view. However, the comet tail was clearly visible, and quite long.

Comets are lumps of dust and water ice. Typically they are irregular in shape and something like 5 miles across, and about 100 billion tons mass. Normally they lurk way out beyond the planets in the cold, but occasionally they are attracted towards the sun where they heat up and a proportion of the ice melts and the dust is ejected creating the tail. During the few hours I spent there I watched a Barn Owl hunting over the fairly recently created Holland Mill Wood, just a few years after its planting.

On the last night of the year 1999 I went with a friend to Holland Pits to see in the new millennium. I wrote this in the reserve diary:

The peace of the damp reserve was suddenly shattered at 0:00 am.; the turn of the year, the supposed start of the new millennium. There were an enormous number of fireworks going off fired from towns in all directions. I had totally underestimated the extent of the commotion. The birds around were agitated. Both Little Owls, and a Tawny were calling, and a Heron, and two other big birds flew off, possibly owls. The night time peace was shattered for these birds that operate in the day.

Recently our county has been switching off some of the street lighting after midnight, a move I welcome. The night sky however is still dominated by the glow coming from the towns around us. To be inspired by the sheer wonder of the things we have already discovered in the night sky we sadly probably have to travel some way from our crowded suburban part of southern England.



Open Days: Barnes Spinney 13th April, Weeleyhall bluebells 4th May, Holland Pits 1st June

Bob Seago - Warden



Feeling stressed and in need of pampering..?



... then why not enjoy an hour or two of pure pleasure at 'after the rain', Great Holland's very own beauty salon? The salon's owner, Clare Virgo, is one of our new advertisers. One of our lucky readers was given Gift Vouchers for treatments at the salon and recently used them to have a facial. Here is her review of the experience:

'As soon as I entered the salon's reception area, I felt soothed and calmed by a combination of the delicate scent of aromatherapy oils, the restful decor and Clare's warm welcome.

The treatment room was warm and fragrant, with subdued lighting and tranquil background music. During my hour-long treatment Clare not only carried out extensive deep cleansing, exfoliating and moisturising, but also massaged my head, neck, shoulders and hands. It was all so wonderfully relaxing that it was hard not to fall asleep on the treatment bed! My skin seemed to glow for several days afterwards and was definitely smoother. I will have another facial there later in the year. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to returning to the salon shortly for an intriguing sounding Lava Shells Warming Back Massage!'

To book your own treatment at **after the rain**, or to buy Gift Vouchers to treat someone else, please see Clare's advert at the rear of this magazine. **FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, ENJOY YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT HALF PRICE!**

Patrons: Andrew Motion, Barbara Erskine & Professor Germaine Greer

To raise funds for the Frinton Literary Festival, the committee propose:

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A QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23rd May

McGrigor Hall at 7.30pm

Sponsored by The Book Service (TBS)

Tables of six are invited at a cost of £6 per person to include a light supper.
Wine and refreshments will be on sale.

Tickets from Caxton Books & Gallery

37 Connaught Avenue

Telephone: 01255 851505

www.caxton-books.co.uk

Dr Carla Mahmoud

Dr Mathew Kattukaran

Thorpe-Le-Soken News Letter

20. March 2014

There have been a lot of changes at Thorpe Surgery in recent months, in-fact you could say since Dr Mackenzie retired. Our aims are the same, to provide good quality healthcare to all our patients. Our opening hours are now 8am until 8pm Monday to Friday, we have been trialling Saturday morning clinics as part of a pilot scheme and we await the results of this pilot to determine the future of these clinics.

I hope you all received the newsletter outlining the changes, there were many hundreds of these and most of them were delivered by hand by the **PPG**. All of us at the surgery would like to say a massive thank you to all those who helped with the delivery of these leaflets. Whilst on the subject of the PPG I would like to invite all patients registered at Thorpe Surgery to join the **Patients Participation Group**. This is a group formed by patients, the purpose is to monitor the performance of the surgery, help us look at better ways of making our services available and help us with the commissioning of new services. It is important that this group is made up of as many people as possible in order to make sure our services meet the needs of everyone in the community. If you would like to know more about the PPG contact them on ppg.thorpe@nhs.net

The PPG is holding a health awareness and information evening on 14th May 2014 at Thorpe-le-Soken Baptist Church at 7pm. Diana our Practice Nurse will be giving a talk about Diabetes, symptoms, causes and management. This is a prevalent disease affecting more and more people in the UK. Also on hand will be Carol Bannister of the PPG who is also a Weeley Parish Councillor. She has some information regarding mercury emissions at Weeley Crematorium. Dr Guy Goundry who is a retired GP from Walton will also be available to talk about a number of health topics. If you are interested in the future of healthcare provision in the local area and want to maintain and improve services this is a way to be part of the future planning, please feel free to talk to members of the PPG about the part they play. Meetings are held every 3 months or so and are friendly and informative.

If you have any query about any of the services available at the Surgery or ways in which it might be easier for you to order prescriptions, please call the surgery and speak to one of the receptionists. You can also e-mail the surgery on thorpelesoken.surgery@nhs.net although this is for general enquires only. For prescriptions and appointments you need a PIN number to be able to access Emis on-line. We are always happy to deal with your enquiries at reception and pass information to the Doctors that is important to you. I hope to see many of you at the meeting in May.

Karen Austen, Assistant Practice Manager

Email: thorpelesoken.surgery@nhs.net
Website: www.thorpe-le-sokensurgery.co.uk

TFL LADIES MEETINGS

We welcome **everyone** to this group that usually meets on the **first** Monday of each month - although this can vary due to Bank Holidays - at the Methodist Church Hall, Frinton (corner of Ashlyn's Road/Fourth Avenue). **Meetings start at 2.30pm.**

A payment of £2.00 is required at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. We have a speaker who talks for about 30 minutes and then tea and homemade cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

OUR NEXT MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH HALL WILL BE:

Monday 7th April: Easter Social Afternoon

Monday 12th May: Plant Sale organised by Anne Oxley



For more details please contact Fiona Robertson:
01255 679006 or e-mail fiona348@btinternet.com

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 3rd April** and **Thursday 1st May** at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm

Everyone is welcome for tea, a chat and to plan activities for future meetings. You can bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts
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Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for details of forthcoming events.