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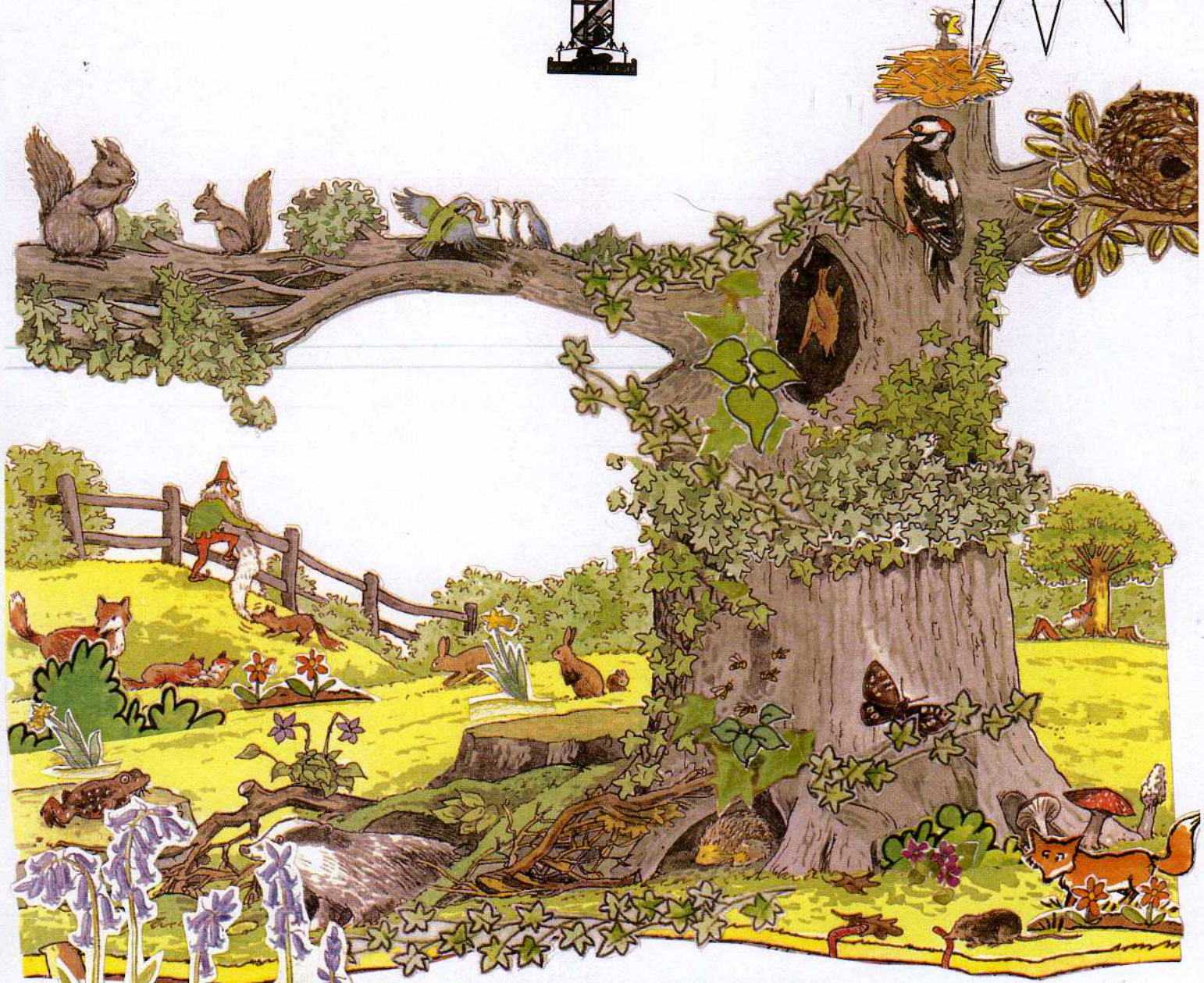
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Great Holland Village Voice



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on 12th May -
details inside!**



April & May 2018



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

Included in this edition...

- **Details of a Barn Dance arranged by All Saints' Church**
- **News of events planned to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Great Holland Methodist Church**
- **Details of the 2018 Frinton Festival**
- **Information about the 79th Season of Frinton Summer Theatre**
- **A letter from the Chairman of GHRA**



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:

Monday 21st May



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Dates for your Diary ...



April



Thursday 5th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 7th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 12th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper: Great Holland Methodist Church Hall, 6.45 for 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 19th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 26th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



May



Thursday 3rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 5th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 10th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 12th	GHRA AGM Village Hall, 11.15am (note later start time than usual!)
Thursday 17th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 24th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 25th - Monday 28th	Frinton Festival Includes Concert at All Saints' Church on Saturday 26 th May at 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 31st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



June

Saturday 16th	90th Anniversary Cream Tea: Great Holland Methodist Church, 2.00 - 4.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Saturday 23rd	Barn Dance with the Jasper Ceilidh Band: Great Holland Hall Farm, Church Lane. Starts at 6.30pm. Tickets £10 to include fish & chip supper or £5 entry only.

July

Wednesday 4th	Coach Outing to Bressingham Steam & Gardens: Organised by Great Holland Methodist Church. More details inside magazine.
Tuesday 10th	79th Season of Frinton Summer Theatre opens: more details inside magazine



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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 15th May, if possible.

All Saints' Church

Rector's article

Before I say anything, please can I advertise this summer's Barn Dance to you? Keep the date free!

Barn Dance



Saturday 23rd June - 6.30pm start
at Great Holland Hall Farm, Church Lane
With Jasper Ceilidh Band

Tickets/information can be obtained from:

Graham Hughes 676144, Judith Little 813645 or Vanessa Giles 670165.

Many of you might have heard of Billy Graham. He was the famous American Christian Leader and Evangelist, famous around the world and he died in February this year, aged 99.

Billy Graham preached to more than 215 million people in more than 185 countries. He met with at least a dozen American Presidents and he appeared in the top ten of Gallup's most-admired men in the world 61 times.

But he didn't just spend time with the famous, or crowds of thousands, Billy Graham cared about those the Bible says should not be overlooked: prisoners.

As we heard about the preparations for his funeral we discovered he was buried in a plywood casket built by prisoners from Louisiana State Penitentiary, also known as Angola, a maximum-security prison once known as the bloodiest prison in America. It was a prison, he and his family cared lots about.

Richard Liggett, a convicted murderer, led a team of prisoners at the Louisiana State Penitentiary that built caskets for both Graham and his wife.

The point is this – before Billy Graham spoke to others about Jesus, he trusted the words of Jesus himself. When Jesus said care for the lowly, Billy Graham trusted him and did exactly what Jesus said.

And this Easter, it's worth listening to some other words of Billy. When Jesus said this about Easter,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."

Billy Graham heard the words of Jesus and Trusted him. He said,

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address.

Mark



FRINTON FESTIVAL
Saturday 26th May at 7pm

The unique sound of String Quartets across the fields
All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Great Holland.

Maria Kasprowicz & Tim Crawford (violins)
Adam Newman (viola) & Robert Max (cello)

Bach Suite for solo cello in C Minor, BWV 1011
Schumann String Quartet in F, op 41, No. 2
Schubert String Quartet in D Minor, "Death & the Maiden", D810

The church will be filled with flowers and illuminated with candles
and there will be a peal of bells at 6.15pm.

For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11.00am, please see the notice sheet or church notice board.

From All Saints' Diary - April:

Sunday	1st	11.00am	EASTER DAY ALL-AGE HOLY COMMUNION
Wed	4 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	7 th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
Sunday	8th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Sunday	15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	18 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	19 th	7.30pm	APCM in the Parish Room
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	24 th	2.30pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Morning Worship

From All Saints' Diary - May:

Wednesday	2 nd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	5 th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
		1.00pm	Wedding of Keith Hewitt & Rebecca English
Sunday	6 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7 th		Early May Bank Holiday
Sunday	13 th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	16 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	20 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	22 nd	2.30pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Sunday	27 th	11am	Morning Worship
Monday	28 th		Spring Bank Holiday

Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

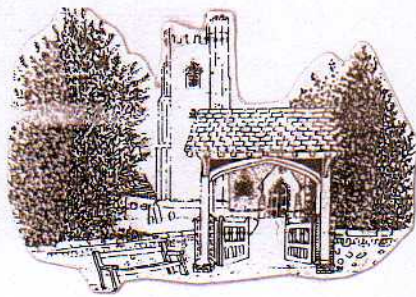


Unfortunately we had to cancel our March Home Made Hour due to the bad weather. Our next Home Made Hours take place on **Saturday 7th April** and **Saturday 5th May** from 10.00-11.00am. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.

Our friendly Home Made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, 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. To find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on **677984**.

The Parish Room - All Saints' Great Holland ...

... situated next to All Saints' Church in Church Lane, 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). 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**.



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 OEY (813645)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Churchwardens (ex officio), Sheila Watts (ex officio), Don Osler, Vanessa Giles, Ilze Robertson, Graham Hughes and Ann Peters

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Ann Peters

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC: Sheila Watts c/o The Rectory

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Walton & District Community FoodBank

Dear FoodBank Supporters,

A few more items on this week's list than there have been recently. Please may we have:

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Pasta Sauce
- Instant Mash
- Instant Coffee

Many thanks as always for your continued and generous support for your local FoodBank

Kind regards,

Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator, Walton & District Community FoodBank

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

As I write this it is snowing – again! We seem to have seen rather a lot of the frozen water falling out of the sky this year, don't we? Yet every time it melts we see the spring flowers completely undeterred by it with the daffodils coming out and other new growth just starting to show. We have also heard so many stories about how communities have come together to support one another through the bad weather which is great as well.

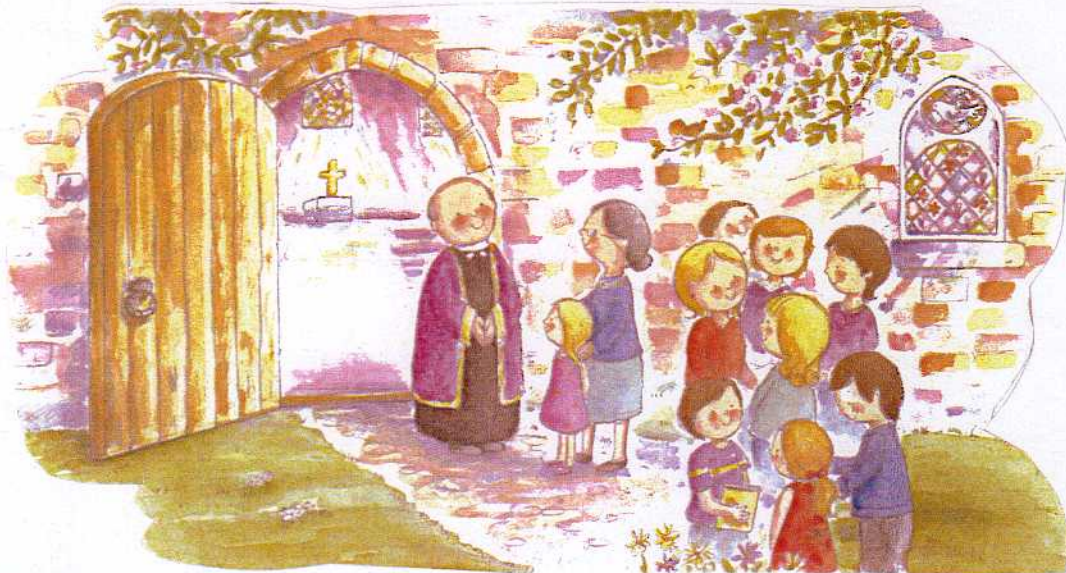
We celebrate Easter on 1st April this year. This is no 'April Fool.' It is a day where we celebrate a new start, new growth and we see how communities drew together in a way that is so remarkably special. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we do so knowing that it is the start of a story which continues until today and will last forever.

We are assured of the love of God, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit today and for evermore. It is a time where we can see the growth of love and trust of people towards one another as communities formed and came together in a new way. As we celebrate Easter this year we do so knowing that in God's world things are springing into new life and show us God's abundance and hope. In knowing that Christ rose again we know that that hope is so very real and is there for each and every person.

That hope is shown in the promise we have that God will be with us forever, walking alongside us as a friend. Easter shows us that anything is possible with God and that God's love is so much greater than anything we can think or imagine. Jesus lives and gives us life in its fullness!

As we watch the snow melt again over the next few days – again - let's do so with the promise of hope and new life in our own lives as well as in, and for, the communities in which we live.

God bless
Chris



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

We hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place on **Thursday mornings from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and friendly company. We also have donated goods and hand made cards for sale.

Forthcoming social events arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Thursday 12th April
6.45 pm for 7.00pm start



Tickets (£6 each) available from Ivan on 671811 or Anne on 675065

Coach outing to Bressingham Steam & Gardens

Wednesday 4th July

Pick-up time from **Great Holland Methodist Church** (and a slightly later pick-up from **Frinton Methodist Church**) will be shown in the June/July edition of Village Voice. Cost will be £20 per person. To book or for more information, please contact Anne on 675065.

Events arranged at Great Holland Methodist Church as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary



90th Anniversary Cream Tea

Saturday 16th June
2.00 – 4.00pm

Please join us for this event in the Church garden.

Service in remembrance of the stone laying ceremony held on

26th May 1928

Preacher: Rev. Chris Preece

Sunday 27th May
11.00pm

All welcome. There will be an exhibition on display showing the history of the Church, produced by Local History Recorder Liz Bruce. The exhibition will then be on show until the end of the year and available for viewing at any time when the Church is open.

90th Anniversary Service

Sunday 23rd September
3.00pm

A service of thanksgiving. All Welcome.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines
Treasurer: Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius:
Planning Officers: John Poulton & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

There are some people whose brains simply do not seem to function correctly or, at least, not in any way that the majority of humanity can comprehend. Now, you could all be forgiven for thinking, "Here he goes again. What is it this time? Tendring District Council or Essex County Council?" While it is undoubtedly true that the conduct of both these august institutions almost always defies logic, at least as regards planning or highways matters, you would be wrong!

No! I am directing my thoughts to a small number of Great Holland residents whom I would call 'Heritage Warriors.' They are all dog owners and I am very close to identifying at least one of them. They are secretive individuals at the best of times, but then why would want to advertise a weird perversion that would send most of us scurrying to seek therapy, or the nearest police station to give ourselves up or, possibly, the nearest priest to confess and seek absolution? Now, let's be clear, here. I am absolutely NOT insulting these Great Holland residents by calling them perverts, because that is surely to be preferred to suggesting that they have IQs lower than their dogs. I am referring, of course, to the practice of preserving dog poo in heavy duty plastic bags and then hanging it in the nearest bush.

I call them Heritage Warriors because there can be no other possible objective for this bizarre behaviour than to preserve canine excrement for future generations. Why else would you choose to ensure its survival for at least two hundred years when, left for a passing child or passing boot to pick up, its survival would not exceed two weeks? Of course, I could point out that the use of poo bags is encouraged on the basis that the dog owner will place these in special bins provided by the Council for the purpose. I suppose I really ought to blame Tendring District Council (since Essex County Council, surprisingly, is off the hook for this one) for not issuing dog owners with specially printed poo bags, making it clear that their purpose is hygienic disposal and NOT conservation for future generations.

After all, there was a time when councils are reputed to have put notices in new houses with baths prohibiting their use as coal bunkers.

May I make a personal appeal to this small coven of perverts. Either start behaving in a civilised way by placing your dog poo bags in the bin on the road by the church or, if this is too physically or intellectually demanding, seek help from medical experts.

On innumerable occasions over the last year, the indefatigable Councillor Robert Bucke has pointed out to Essex County Council that the drain cover near the Kirby Cross Bridge has collapsed and represents a hazard. True to form and applying its standard policy of reducing local road standards to those appropriate for a developing country, nothing has been done. The cold weather has now opened up the road surface and the hole should shortly satisfy ECC' Woolly Mammoth Test. This test has recently come to public notice as a result of a Freedom of Information request. In the official documents, it is thus defined:

"No hole or depression in a highway within the statutory responsibility of Essex County Council shall be repaired until certified by two qualified engineers as sufficiently large to prevent the unaided escape by an animal of equivalent bulk to the extinct woolly mammoth."

The document goes on to state the precise minimum volume determined by research at the Natural History Museum. It is signed by the CEO and dated in 2012. Here, finally, we have the policy reason behind our collapsing infrastructure.

Last thing this month is the same as the first thing in my last letter (and the one before!). We need a volunteer to take over as Treasurer of Great Holland Residents Association. The existing joint treasurers, Lindy and Denys Strich, have given us generous notice that they cannot stand for re-election this year. If we can have a nomination now, they have kindly agreed to make the transition smooth, show the newcomer the ropes and sort out signatures with the bank. We cannot operate legally without a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, so this really is vital. Please, please help. The job is not onerous and a joint appointment is just fine.

I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH. WE WILL HAVE NO ASSOCIATION AND NO ORGANISED VOICE AGAINST THE PREDATIONS OF DEVELOPERS STILL INTENT ON CONVERTING GREAT HOLLAND INTO A TOWN.

Best Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA

Tending First Ladies

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that meets on the first Monday of each month, although this can vary due to Bank Holidays, at **Frinton Methodist Church Hall** at 2.30pm. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of room hire. A speaker talks for about half an hour before tea and homemade cakes are served. We also have a raffle.

**Monday 30th April:
PCSOs - The work they do**

NO MEETING IN MAY

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



Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

We meet next on **Thursday 5th April** and **Thursday 3rd 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: 851118

Local events

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SOUND + VISION ELECTRONICS

On 1 December 2017, Sound & Vision Electronics at The Triangle, Frinton-on-sea, celebrated a number of milestones. Firstly, Giles Watling MP was invited to cut the ribbon to open the new first floor showroom and customer lift, the latest in a series of expansions which have taken place over the years since the family business was established in 1970 by Chris, Sheila and Roy Keeble. Having moved to larger premises in 1978, and again in 1988, as well as the building of a new workshop in 2000, the business continues to look to the future. While welcoming the MP, Cllr and Mr Mark Platt, Frinton & Walton Mayor and Mrs Robert Bucke, Cllr. Jack Robertson and other guests on behalf of the Keeble Family and Staff, Chris Keeble, Senior Partner, took the opportunity to recognize the achievements of employees at the store. He made a presentation to Nigel Smith, Sales Manager, for twenty-five years' service, and congratulated the youngest staff member, David Ablett, on completing his Electrical Apprenticeship.



Back row: *Sharlene, Nigel, Maria, Chris, Lorna, Amanda, Ian, Daniel, James, Graham (sales and admin team)*

Front row: *Paul, Ross, John, Matthew, David (service team)*

(Sound & Vision are one of the longest running advertisers in the Gt. Holland Village Voice.)

Town and Country

I normally restrict the contents of these articles to matters in the Great Holland parish, but this time I am making an exception. Since the last Village Voice, I have moved from my home in central Clacton very close to the Lidl supermarket, to Tan Lane in Little Clacton. The Clacton house was a mid-terrace, built to accommodate workers in the holiday business. I used to receive letters for a previous occupant who had been the Clacton Punch and Judy man. My original neighbour was the chief fixer in one of the cinemas. When the house was built in c 1901, it was then on the edge of the rapidly growing resort of Clacton On Sea, quite separated then from the established villages of Little and Great Clacton.

The new house was finished in 2010, a bungalow on the edge of one of the outer tentacles of ribbon development surrounding Little Clacton. Since the modern Little Clacton and Weeley Heath bypass was built in 1994, houses have started to fill most of the gaps along the old A road, and even the tiny Lanes on what used to be the heath common are currently being transformed by building. Like so many of those developments, mine is a bungalow, which seems a very sensible option for me.

I am delighted that my house has some residential gardens to the back and then horse paddocks, so I have a considerable buffer from the effects of pesticide sprays to the back. The kitchen window, facing west, at the front affords pleasing views of the sunset though there are fewer buffers there from the prevailing wind of possible farming activities.

Some friends express surprise that I lived in the town for so long, but it had advantages. I could always walk to the town centre and shops and the allotment was about 2 minutes walk away. Now I have to be more organised about my shopping and my crop picking. The garden which is fairly sparsely filled leaves a lot of scope for improvement for wildlife. I have already planted a few shrubs, which I expect to attract birds and insects, and I will probably include a pond at some point. The birds are a joy, with many more species present, though strangely I have only seen one House Sparrow to the back, though there is a flock regularly just across the road. The house in Clacton always had some.

One aspect of the new scene that I have noted is that it is quieter. Indeed within a few days of moving in, snow drifts blocked off the ends of the road to traffic for two days. Though cars rush through, it is very peaceful, and I am now awoken to a proper dawn chorus, at present dominated by a Song Thrush. I now have a shorter more pleasant cycle ride to Great Holland Pits and a longer one, though pleasant enough, to my other reserve at Colne Point, St Osyth.

For your diary

8th April: Barnes Spinney Open day and plant sale. Walton on the way to the Naze. CO14 8HN

29th April: Weeleyhall Wood Bluebell day

27th May: Great Holland Pits, Open Day and Pond dipping for the young at heart.

Bob Seago

Warden, Great Holland Pits

(rjseago@gmail.com)

Tending Cats Protection



Summer Bazaar & Plant Sale

Saturday 5th May, 10.00am-1.00pm
McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Stalls include plants, Cats Protection goods, home made cakes/produce, bric-a-brac, puzzles, jewellery and fancy goods. Also tombola and a raffle.

Refreshments available.

FREE admission but donations of cat food very welcome!

Tending Activity Day

Tuesday 22nd May
Bradfield Community Centre, The Street, Bradfield CO11 2UU

A GREAT DAY OUT - ALL WELCOME!

Three speakers

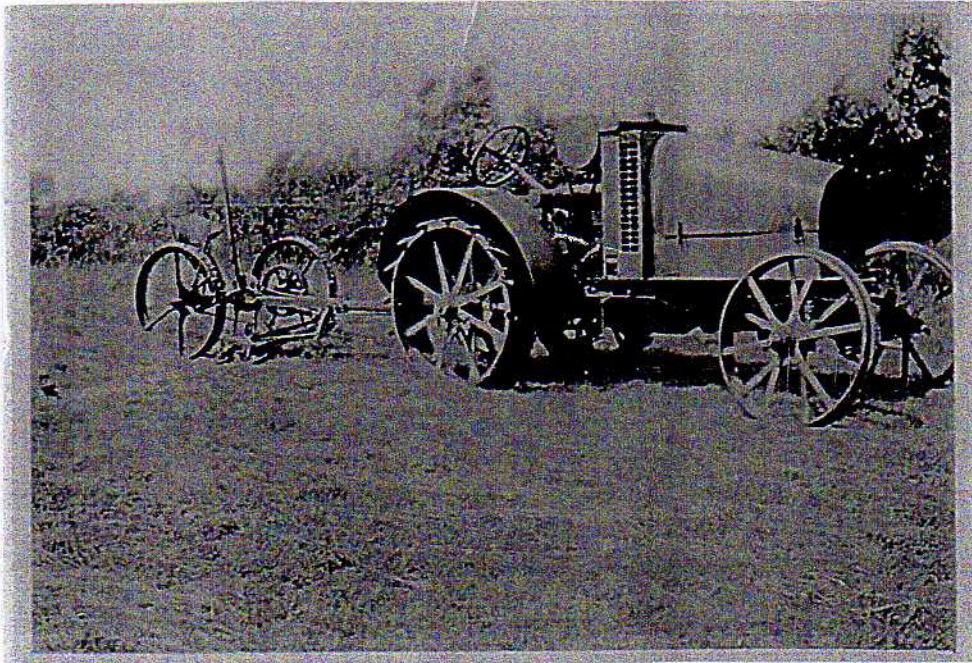
Stalls selling home baked produce - handicrafts - jewellery etc. Lifeboat stall. Raffle.
Lunches and refreshments available

Plenty of car parking. Doors open 9,45am. £7.50 per person
For tickets, please ring Joan on 01255 851069

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This year I have been researching the history of local farming, which has always been of special interest to me because of family connections.

This photograph is of the first tractor to be seen in Great Holland; it was on Jones' Farm:



I have one or two facts that I cannot resolve and therefore wonder if any readers could enlighten me?

I remember, as a child, standing at the gate of our house in Kirby Road and watching the sheep or cows being driven past to new pastures to graze. I have been given this photo of a herd of goats being driven through the village. Now, I know Mr Calver used to keep goats, but can anyone recall who may have had such a large herd as to drive them through the village?



"HERD OF GOATS." CT. HOLLAND.

And, I have read in an advert attached to a farming article in 1901, reference to 'Red Wheat'. It seems to be of inferior quality as it is cheaper to buy. Can anyone shed some light on the variety 'Red' and what it may have been used for? I also know that it was grown in Gt. Holland during the 1700s and 1800s.

Quotations for British Grain and Flour.
May 24.—Wheat: White, per 504lb, 29s to 31s; red, 27s to 30s; chicken or feed, per 480lb, 26s. to 27s. Barley: Making, per 448lb, 26s to 36s; brewing, 24s to 26s; feeding, per 400lb, 21s to 23s. Malt: English, per 336lb, 34s to 40s; Scotch, 36s to 38s; black, 30s to 32s; brown, 29s to 32s; crystallised, 33s to 35s. Oats: English, new winter, per 336lb, 19s to 21s; ditto, new Tartary, 19s to

If you can help in any way please contact me on 01255 676960.

If you are interested in rural history there is an exhibition on "Rural Trades and Tools" at the Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust's Crossing Cottage, Frinton-on-sea, until Autumn 2018.

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder

March 2018



Great Holland Village Hall

We are currently addressing the damp issues at the Village Hall, and have had the walls professionally treated. The internal walls that have been affected by the damp are being battened with specific material to stop any further deterioration.

Work is due to be finished by the end of March.

Guest Gardener



In an earlier edition of Village Voice, we asked if any enthusiastic gardeners could provide articles for the magazine on an occasional or regular basis. A similar plea was made to Frinton & District Horticultural Society. Some volunteers have come forward, but we would welcome more! Our Guest Gardener for this edition is Horticultural Society member **Lesley Calame**.

'Full of the joys of Spring'

As a North London school girl in the early fifties, one of my most enduring memories was walking to school past rows of lovely cherry trees. In the Spring the trees produced the most amazing pink blossom, and that is when my interest in gardening began. We had a new house built and my father gave me a small patch of garden to grow my own flowers. I was thrilled and we spent time and pocket money on this project. My mother's birthday happened to fall in April, and I still remember the pleasure of presenting her with a home grown pot of Spring flowers. This went on for a couple of years, until one day I walked to the bottom of the garden to inspect my patch only to find it full of vegetables. When I mentioned this to my father he said that as I hadn't taken much interest in the plot he gave it over to growing veg. When I thought about it I realised it was fair because a garden demands much attention all through the year. Anyway we had lovely fresh vegetables for many years to come.

In the mid sixties I married an RAF Officer, and we spent an interesting and happy thirty four years travelling the world. When retirement hit us we bought a smallholding in Suffolk, which fortunately had a beautiful formal garden and my interest in gardening blossomed once more. We had acres of wild daffodils and a old orchard, so in the springtime it was an absolute picture. As we got older the smallholding got too much like hard work for us so we decided to retire to this area. We joined a horticultural club and there met up with some knowledgeable gardeners and started to learn about gardening properly. One of the members of the Horticultural Society told us that her son was starting a gardening business. We hired her son for one day a week and he proved to be the most amazing gardener, he certainly knew his stuff. Chris (the gardener) planted thousands of spring bulbs and we are waiting with bated breath to see if they will appear, because as I write this the Beast of the East and storm Emma are doing their best to destroy anything in the garden.

Springtime is my favourite time of the year because it brings with it freshness, beauty and a promise of a new start.

I hope when you read this the snow and cold will have disappeared, sunshine will be cheering us up and the bulbs and blossom will be doing their thing.

Happy Easter to you all.

Lesley Calame

(Please email future gardening articles to linda.oreilly@catlover.com)



Are you interested in joining the Frinton & District Horticultural Society? Lesley's husband has submitted the article opposite, about the Society from its origins to the present day.

Frinton Population - ONLY 75

No, it's not a prediction caused by a North Sea tsunami or the aftermath of a nuclear strike. It's the actual population of Frinton-on-Sea from the 1891 census. So, who would have had the foresight to form a 'Frinton Society' with such a small population? Answer - The established 'Frinton Reading Room Society', and the club they formed was the 'Frinton Horticultural Society', which went from strength to strength and still flourishes today with a membership well in excess of the 1891 Frinton population. Their first show was staged in 1893 and shows followed annually. Venues varied from 'The Esplanade', 'Wick Meadows' (today, Frinton's Library) and 'The Greensward' (must have had friendly councillors in those days). Now I always thought that the term 'Inside the Gates', was very non PC, but get this, one of the early show classifications was for 'Servants of Frinton Residents'!!

Enough of the past, what can the Frinton Horticultural Society offer today? Monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Methodist Hall, with a guest speaker, flower competitions, quizzes and refreshments. Three Shows annually at the McGrigor Hall, with up to 63 classes at each show, monetary prizes for the first three in each class and numerous cups. A summer Fair at the Railway Crossing Cottage Garden, outings and for the last three years a garden party at one of the member's gardens.

All this for an unbelievable annual fee of only £7 - yes that's the current fee. You'd be excused for thinking that this was misprint and was the charge in 1891 but it's not, so pick up the 'phone and call Linda on **01255 852195** or e-mail: linda.oreilly@catlover.com, to join this enjoyable, active and informative society.

Mike Calame



Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Meetings take place at Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue at 7.15 for 7.30pm

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

If you are interested in joining the Society, please come to one of our meetings or contact the Membership Secretary (Linda O'Reilly) on **852195** for further details. Annual membership is £7.

Thursday 5th April

An illustrated talk - Gardens created by Alan Bloom at Bressingham

William Butcher

Competition: Specimen Daffodils growing in a pot

Saturday 14th April

SPRING SHOW

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Open to the public: 1.30pm

Prize giving: 3.00pm

Thursday 3rd May

Growing and showing Dahlias

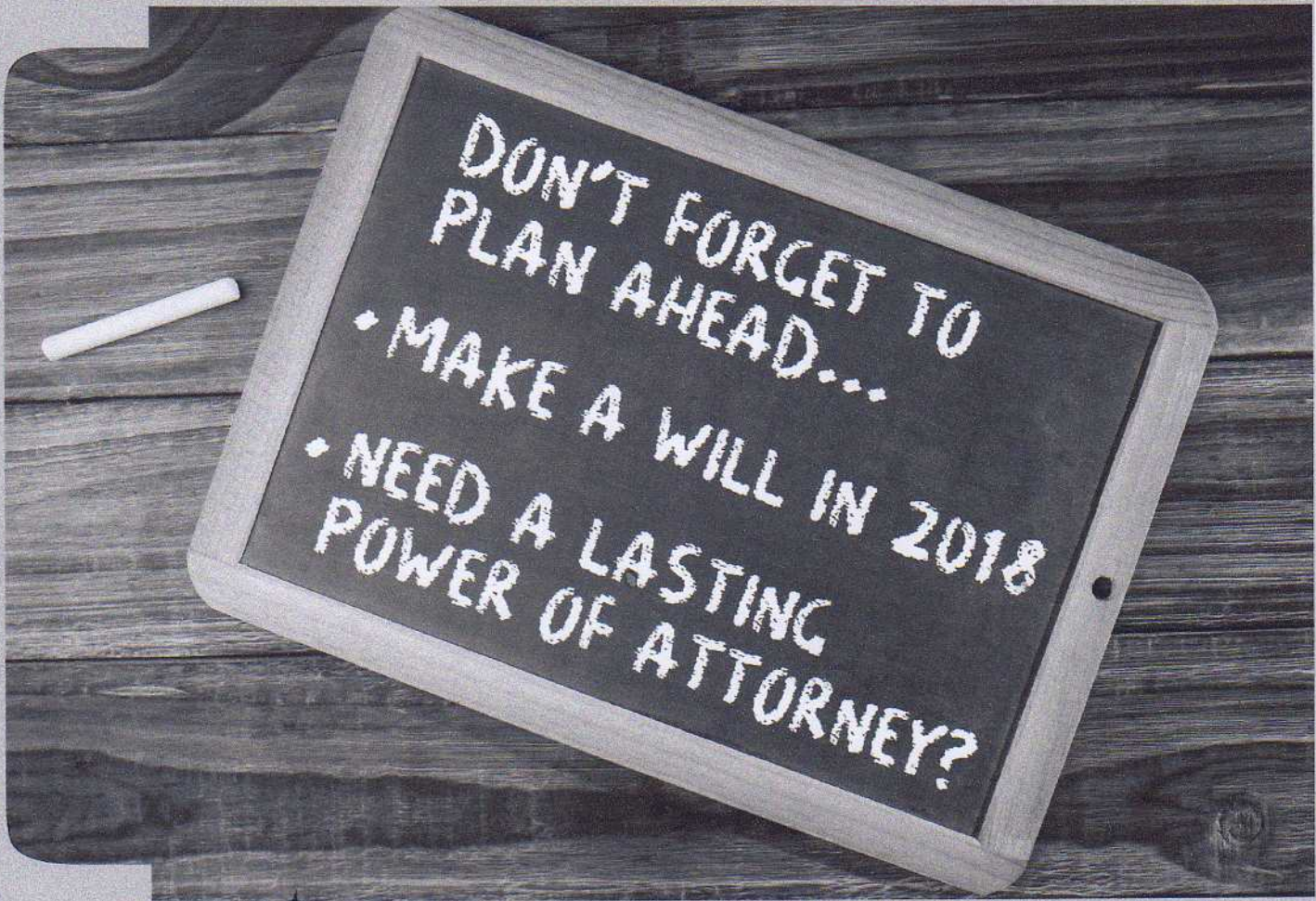
Dave Spencer

Competition: Specimen Tulip



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The 79th Season of Frinton Summer Theatre opens at the McGrigor Hall, Frinton on Tuesday 10th July and runs until Saturday 25th August, when it will draw to a close after another Season of seven fantastic weeks of glorious entertainment.

There will be 6 plays & a Musical – It's hoped the season will consist of the following:

Driving Miss Daisy, Blithe Spirit, Love Virtually, Our Man in Havana, Death Trap, Boeing Boeing and the wonderful musical 'Fiddler on the Roof'.

There will also be a Comedy Night and two Music Nights.

The Friends of Frinton Theatre have proudly continually supported Frinton Summer Theatre for nearly 45 years, assisted by our Members volunteering to help with Front of House and by providing financial support to help meet the ever growing annual running costs.

Our upcoming events:

Saturday 28th April Spring Fair & Coffee Morning in St Cedd's Hall, Old Road Frinton. Tombola, Plant Stall and a Bring & Buy. 9.30am-12pm.

Saturday 7th July Members only, Pre-Season Afternoon Tea Party, venue and further details to be announced.

Date in August to be announced Members only - Meet the Cast Party.

Along with Quiz Nights, Theatre Outings and an Annual Dinner Dance.

If you would like to help by becoming a Friend, Membership starts from as little as £12 per year.

Our Membership year runs from 1st January - 31st December each year, the benefits of becoming a 'Friend' of Frinton Summer Theatre includes the advantages of our exclusive access to notifications of advance season information and the opportunity to purchase tickets and select preferred seating (subject to availability) prior to the tickets being released for sale to the general public and with the additional benefit of being able to purchase a Frinton Summer Theatre Season Ticket at a generous 15% discount.

If you are interested in joining please contact our Membership Secretary Sarah Philbrick

Tel: 679092 Email: friendsfrintontheatre@gmail.com for more details.

I look forward to seeing you soon hopefully at the Summer Theatre or at one of our events.

Best wishes

Pat Philbrick

Chairman, Friends of Frinton Theatre

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

Thankfully, not a lot to report over the last few weeks. A lot of incidents covered those related to snow drifts and problems with driving conditions. Hopefully this has now gone away until next year.

One other incident related to a vehicle parked on a verge in Kirby Road causing a resident with problems when they reversed off their drive. Unfortunately, as there are no road restrictions or yellow lines, the police are unable to enforce any penalty notices. The matter has been passed to Highways to assess.

OTHER

In a couple of weeks the police are being trained on a new device called a "tru cam" which will enable speeding tickets and no seatbelt tickets to be issued automatically instead of just a warning given. The device will be shared amongst our area and Clacton. Hopefully this will slow the traffic down and be a more positive tool to use.

Another PCSO has joined at Walton called Amy Robinson. This now takes the PCSOs back to their full quota of 6 covering 08.00 – 22.00hours.

As spring approaches now is the time for rogue traders to start calling offering to clean your gutters, do your tree hedging and so forth. Be on your guard and keep an eye on your neighbours.

If you see anything, report it.

If you don't tell us, then we don't know!

Keep safe,

Michele and Paul

You can contact either Paul or Michele by calling 101, Extension 487552, or by email (see below).

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Saturday 28 April 2018 at 7.30pm

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The Remarkable Tale of Prince Unexpected

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Barbican Piano Trio concert and a Piano recital in Voysey's "Homestead"

String Quartets across the fields in All Saints' Church, Great Holland

Frinton Festival Evensong in St. Mary's Parish Church

The Massive Violins at Frinton Tennis Club

Tickets on sale now. Details overleaf and at

www.frintonfestival.com

FRINTON FESTIVAL 2018

Friday 25th May at 4.15pm

The Remarkable Tale of Prince Unexpected
St. Mary's Parish Church

The world premiere of a magical musical story performed by the Barbican Piano Trio and narrated by storyteller Kevin Graal with music composed by Joseph Phibbs. This free family concert is followed by tea and cakes for the whole audience.

Tickets may be booked by those also booking tickets for the concerts on Saturday evening, Sunday or Monday.

Saturday 26th May at 11am

Piano Recital
in Voysey's "Homestead"

James Kirby plays music by Melanie Daiken and Schubert.

Free tickets may be reserved by those also booking tickets for the concerts on Saturday evening, Sunday or Monday.

Retiring collection to support Frinton Festival.

Saturday 26th May at 7pm

String Quartets across the fields



All Saints' Church, Great Holland
Music by Bach, Schumann and Schubert played by Maria Wloszczowska, Tim Crawford, Adam Newman and Robert Max.

Tickets cost £19 including programme and wine sponsored by Mr. Wheeler. Free tickets for those aged 8-25 sponsored by CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust.

Sunday 27th May at 2.15pm

Barbican Piano Trio
in Voysey's "Homestead"

Music by Schumann, Schubert and Joseph Phibbs (world premiere).

Tickets cost £19 including programme and wine sponsored by Mr. Wheeler.

Sunday 27th May at 6.30pm
Frinton Festival Evensong



St. Mary's Parish Church

Music by Schubert, Rutter, Stanford and Schumann.

Please Email Duncan Archard at duncan@amusictd.co.uk if you would like to come and sing in the service.

Monday 28th May at 6.30pm

The return of

The Massive Violins

Frinton-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club

Tickets cost £19 including programme and wine sponsored by Mr. Wheeler. Preceded by free wine tasting for ticketholders from 5.30pm.

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www.frintonfestival.com

Clacton Choral Society Concert
Saturday 28th April 2018 at 7.30 pm
St James' Church, Tower Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1DA
(please see poster opposite)



FOUR GREAT COMPOSERS

Accompanied by the Kingfisher Sinfonietta and in the atmospheric ambience of St James' Church (with its new, wonderfully plush and comfortable seating), Clacton Choral will perform music from four of the greatest composers who have ever lived.

Starting with Baroque composers who were born in the same year, the titanic greats Bach and Handel's wonderful music will fill the first half, with Bach's 'Jesu Joy' and the opening 'Allegro' from the 'Double Concerto for Violin and Oboe' in C minor BWV 1060. This will lead to some choral pieces you may not have heard before - Bach's 'Sinfonia, Lento and Chorale' from his Cantata BWV12 and Handel's emotive 'Laudate Pueri Dominum', featuring solo soprano Claire Coleman, whose beautifully pure soprano voice will complement the wonderful tunes in this work.

The first half will end with the ever-popular 'Zadok the Priest' to send you to the interval with a big smile on your face!

The second half will be full of wonderful melodies by the Classical composers who lived and worked at the same time in Vienna; the reserved and organised Haydn and the younger, mercurial and outgoing Mozart.

We will be treated to Mozart's 'Te Deum', and the 'Adagio and Rondo' from his 'Flute Concerto in G' (with soloist Francesca Dulieu on flute) before hearing Claire and the choir once more with the beautiful 'Laudate Dominum' from the Solemn Vespers. The concert ends with Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass', which will again feature Claire with the choir and orchestra.

Tickets £10 (including programme) from 01255 221511

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club



Our meetings take place at St Cedd's Hall, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea at 7.30pm

Although this Club was started for those who collect, or are interested in, postcards, you do not have to have this as a hobby to join our friendly social evenings and enjoy the talks/presentations given by guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Visitors and potential new members will be made very welcome. The entrance fee to our meetings is £2, which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 10th April

The brutal killing in 1918 of the Russian Czar and his family

Brian Blackler

Tuesday 8th May

Mystery Objects

Martin Young & Andrew Weston

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

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April 2018

Hello everyone from Thorpe le Soken Surgery. We all hope you have been enjoying the weather as much as we have!

On a brighter note we've tried to keep everything functional- despite staff and patients not being able to get through the snow drifts. To compensate for this we've offered telephone consultations for those of you who have felt this would be appropriate for your needs. It would be nice to get some feedback from any of you who used this service as it might be a useful regular feature if it is helpful/appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who have supported us and 'pulled together' during the 'Beast from the East' crisis.

On a good note, we have two new GPs joining us. Dr Michelle O'Carroll has already started working with us, providing clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays. She is originally from Canada but qualified and trained locally, and moved to us from The Hollies in Bentley. Dr Ash joins us in April, working full time. He is an experienced local GP who previously worked at Ranworth Surgery- so he knows the area and the system well. He is an expert general and family physician who can be consulted regarding any general medical problem.

Also, to support our services, we have initiated a plan to work with clinical pharmacist Kevin Western, who will be helping to provide medication reviews and chronic disease reviews (diabetes, COPD, asthma, hypertension, anticoagulation etc.) from his pharmacy, Day Lewis on Halstead Road. With patient consent, this information will be shared and we hope this will provide a quicker and more accessible service. He is also able to give reliable competent clinical advice on minor illness and acute conditions, and will liaise with us at the surgery if indicated.

We also welcome a new receptionist, Caroline Wyss, who has come to us from a school nurse background. We also have a new reception/assistant practice manager, Jayne Roe, joining on Monday 5 March. She joins us from ACE and has a wealth of experience in general practice and reception management.

All our girls (and boys) enjoy seeing you at Thorpe and Kirby and love to feel helpful. They do recognise the constraints that there are on our service at the moment, and understand fully any frustrations you may have, as they too are patients of other surgeries in the area and experience similar difficulties.

Karen, our Practice Manager, AKA Sporty Spice, is doing the pier to pier walk in aid of St Helena Hospice on 22nd April. Anyone wanting to donate can do so via 'justgiving.com' Chrissies Girls. If anyone would like to suggest a special fancy dress or costume that Karen should wear to complete this endeavour- please let us know- we will ensure she complies!

The next meeting of our own PPG at Thorpe Surgery is on Wednesday, 11 April, in Thorpe Sports & Social Club. All registered patients are eligible to attend.

Love to you all,







Carla

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What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	Cardio Vascular exercise 6.45-7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday	 Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	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 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 3rd MARCH 2018

PRESENT :-

Sue Jenkins Chairman
Sheila Watts Treasurer
Jim Stuart Secretary
Coralee Harris and Sylvia Rackham

APOLOGIES

Robert Bucke, Debbie Frost and Nicky Stack

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

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

QUIZ NIGHT

We raised £327 on the night which will go to the redecoration of the hall.

ELECTRIC CONTRACT

We have signed up with OPUS for a year with an annual estimate of £460 + VAT.

GAS BOILER

The boiler has been serviced and a Carbon monoxide detector has been fitted.

INSURANCE

We have signed up with ANSVAR for a three year period. The annual cost is £702.53p + VAT.
We will obtain other quotes when this contract finishes.

FENCE

The fence has been damaged and needs remedial action. It belongs to the Farmer but it appears to have been knocked from our side. The farmer has agreed to supply the posts and it will cost £250 to fix. We are looking in to this. A further quote was obtained to insert concrete spurs on the damaged posts but this came at £402.

COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE FUND

Our application was successful and we received £6000.

TREASURERS REPORT

Our accounts are healthy and our new accountant is proving to be a great asset. Last year's accounts have been signed off and we have been provided with a template for future use.

FUEL EXPENSES

It was decided that, where a member had to use their car on the Hall's business, petrol expenses of 50p per mile would be allowed.

CHAIRS

We only managed to sell six of the old chairs so they are to be disposed of to make more room.

HALL REDECORATION

We have received a quote of £7380 to completely redecorate the hall. We are to obtain further quotes. The existing single radiators are to be replaced with doubles. We are now members of the RCCE at an annual cost of £60. It is considered good value because of the information they supply. The hall has had internal damp issues for many years. It has now been treated with a damp proof course and the internal work commences on 19th March.

AOB

There was no further business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Hall on July 7th at 11.15.AM and this will be followed by our A.G.M., to which all are invited.