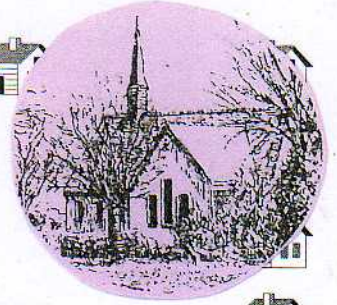




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# Great Holland Village Voice



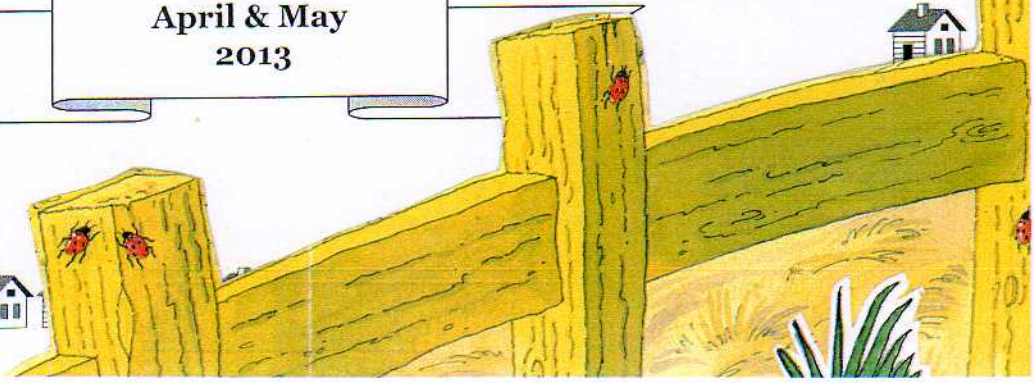
Do you care about our village...? →



April & May  
2013



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

... if so, please come to the



## reconvened 2012 AGM of Great Holland Residents' Association

★ Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May ★  
10.30 am (coffee served from 10.00am)  
at Great Holland Village Hall

**THE MEETING IS OPEN ONLY TO RESIDENTS WHO  
BELONGED TO THE ASSOCIATION ON 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

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?

We will begin printing the next edition of Village Voice on:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**



Please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 with details, two weeks before the printing date if possible. **Please note that Sandra looks after the advertising side of the magazine.**



♥ *It's spring, so sing ♪!*

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<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
<b>Residents' Association</b>	Post vacant	
<b>All Saints' Church Minister</b>	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
<b>Methodist Church Minister</b>	Rev. Eva Walker	851179
<b>Village Hall Committee</b>	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
<b>Great Holland Village Stores</b>	Main Road	674359
<b>Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)</b>	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
<b>Tendring District Council</b>	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
<b>Dog Warden</b>	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
<b>Essex County Council</b>	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
<b>Neighbourhood Watch Administrator</b>	Please call <b>101</b> and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	Please call <b>101</b> and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>0800 555111</b>	
<b>Mobile Library</b>	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at <b>Rosery Mews</b> only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
<b>Civic Amenity Tip</b>	<p>Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.</p> <p><b>The Civic Amenity Tip opens at 9.00am.</b></p> <p><b><u>The Tip is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday.</u></b></p> <p>Winter opening times (until 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012): 9.00am- 4.00pm Summer opening times (1<sup>st</sup> March-15<sup>th</sup> October): 9.00am-5.00pm</p> <p><b>Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.</b></p>	

# Dates for your Diary ...

Spring has Sprung

# April



Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter BBQ at The Ship with Live Music from Cassie (vocalist). Starts 3.00pm.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	★ ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN OF THE VILLAGE HALL: 10.30am-3.00pm.  Refreshments and cakes will be supplied on the day. The Village Hall Committee are asking for as many people as possible to turn up and help with the clean, please. More information elsewhere in magazine.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	TFL meeting: Anne Oxley is organising a plant swap: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. More information about this friendly social club elsewhere in magazine.



# May



Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	★ RECONVENED 2012 AGM OF GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ★ 10.00am(coffee served from 10.00am) Great Holland Village Hall  <b>PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS OPEN ONLY TO RESIDENTS WHO BELONGED TO THE ASSOCIATION ON 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



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 **15 May** if possible.

# All Saints' Church



## Rector's article ...

There is an old Chinese proverb "If you're going to go for revenge, you'd better dig two graves."

There is no better illustration of this than the recent case of Vicky Pryce and Chris Huhne. Ms Pryce, furious at her cheating husband, Chris Huhne MP, planned revenge. She certainly got it, bringing down his career, but dragging herself down in the process.

Contrast that with Jesus on the cross. As part of the Easter story, we hear of Jesus on the cross as he suffers terribly at the hands of those around him "Father, forgive them" he prays.

That's the wonder of Easter. We know the story but how often do we stop and ponder what is actually going on?

When we stop and think, we can realise that the events and words in the story are shocking, terrible, remarkable and unexpected. There's murder and forgiveness, regret and joy, death defeated, friends become enemies and enemies become friends.

This Easter, why not think again?

Hopefully you'll have been able to join us at our Easter Events and Services, but whether or not you've made it, take time to look at the Easter story again.

In both our Churches, you'll find some free resources to take away - some DVDs, short booklets, and some gospels which are parts of the Bible and short accounts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**Mark**

## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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

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

**HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC:** Judith Little

**VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC:** John Beale

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

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

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

## From All Saints' Diary - APRIL

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11am, please see the notice sheet or church notice board.
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>HOME MADE HOUR</b>
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Morning Service</b>
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 11.00am	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Service</b>
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm 7.30pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall Annual Church Meeting in the Parish Room
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Morning Service</b>



## From All Saints' Diary - MAY:

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>HOME MADE HOUR</b>
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Morning Service</b>
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 11.00am	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Service</b>
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Morning Service</b>

## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### FUNERALS:

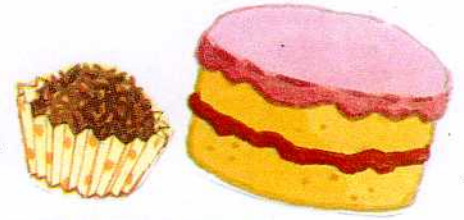
We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the following:

Gertrude Brewer (73)	Sadlers Close, Kirby Cross	All Saints & Kirby Cemetery
Jean Gertrude McLean (82)	Westbury Road, Great Holland	Weeley Crematorium

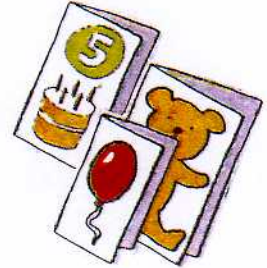




## Home Made Hour



**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our March Home Made Hour, which raised funds for All Saints' Church. Our next Home Made Hours are on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** and **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall. Please come and join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand crafted greetings cards. We also have a raffle.



### Ingredients

250g self-raising flour  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
400g caster sugar  
350ml vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
350g grated carrots  
120g chopped walnuts



### *Cream cheese icing:*

225g cream cheese  
110g margarine, softened  
450g icing sugar  
120g chopped walnuts  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

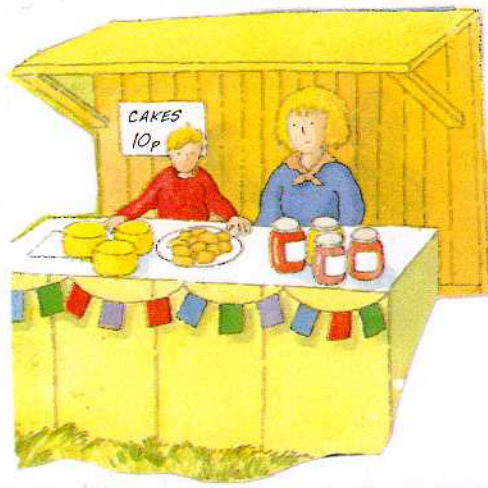
- Preheat the oven to 180 C / Gas 4. Grease two 23cm round cake tins.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, cinnamon and sugar.
- Add the oil and eggs, mix until blended, then stir in the carrots and nuts.
- Divide the cake mixture evenly between the two prepared tins.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven. A skewer inserted into the cake should come out clean.
- Cool cakes on wire racks before removing from tins.

### To make the icing

- In a medium bowl, cream together the butter and cream cheese, add the sugar and cream well.
- Stir in the nuts and vanilla.
- Use to fill and ice the cooled cake layers.

ENJOY!

Karen Withams



## GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2013

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)

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

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



If you can help in *any* way, have items to be collected or can bring cakes on the day, please contact either **Sue Jenkins on 850317** or **Nicky Stack on 677984**. We look forward to seeing you on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

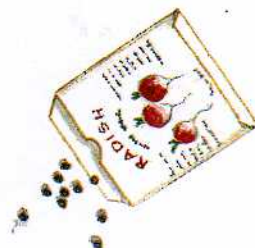


### Produce competition



Although this year's fête will feature a produce competition, the exact format has yet to be decided. However, you might like to start thinking about planting those runner bean and marrow seeds in readiness ... Look out for more details in the June/July edition of Village Voice.

Village and Church Fête Committee





## A BIT OF HISTORY

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GREAT HOLLAND.

To Organist and Choir Salaries &c.

Quarter ended 31st December 1936.

Organist			7	10	-
Organ Blower			1	-	-
S. Leech	5	6			
L. Leech	2	6			
R. Rouse	2	5			
J. Foskew	2	6			
K. Manning	2	4			
P. Wade	2	5			
J. Lawrence	2	4			
R. Marshall	2	9			
K. Hayden.	2	8	1	5	5
18 New Psalters @ 4/- each			3	12	-
Stationery &c.				8	7
			£ 13	16	-

*Received with thanks  
11/1/36  
Reginald W. Ansell*

The above details of All Saints' Church organist and choir salaries were kindly passed to us by Mr R Rouse, of Rouse Estate Agents, who lived in Gt. Holland during his youth. Apparently the slight difference in the amount shown against each member was due to the fact that they either missed a service/choir practice or perhaps were rewarded an extra 'penny' for attending a wedding.



## Reflections on the journey.....

The journey to Easter Sunday has finished! But our journey with God continues. So, how do we continue this journey now? I have just come back from a retreat from Northumbria Community and in that retreat I was reminded that in our journey, we are called to stop and rest with God and we are called to go out into the world and find God there. The ethos of this way of life is the ebb and flow of a 'mixed life', of both the contemplative and of the active, of withdrawal and of engagement, of solitude and of community. The best way that journey can be described is through the tides. Sometimes the tides are in and sometimes the tides are out. This was made even more relevant when we visited the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. I suppose it is the same thing with Mersea Island. The getting in and out of the islands depends on the tides. The nature itself has given the island communities a rhythm of life. And it is the same with our journey with God. We need to find a rhythm of life, in which we are alone, and we are together, in which we rest and in which we participate in God's mission in the world. But our journeys sometimes take different forms and shapes. And it is ok, I think, as long as we find some time to regain some of that rhythm of life in our everyday life.

The Northumbria Community is directed by trying to answer the following questions: 'Who is it that you seek?' 'How then shall we live?' and 'How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?'

It seems to me, that these are the questions that we ought to live by as we continue our journey with the risen Christ. We journey with our eyes focused on Jesus, we journey in deep and intimate relationship with Christ, we journey living out our lives as his disciples and we journey trying to make sense of the world and bring into it God's hope and love.

And amongst it all, our journey is a journey of companionship, of peace and of power in the name of Christ. Amen!

God's blessings,  
Rev. Eva Walker



## REMINDER!

Can we remind you that we hold regular coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall?

They take place **every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and the chance to make new friends. We also have donated goods and hand made greetings cards for sale. Everyone is welcome!



## POLICE SURGERY DATES

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



The next meeting will take place on  
Thursday, 18 April

### NEWS .....

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

- 4 x Tree Down (due to weather)
- 3 x Road traffic accidents (one vehicle took power lines down)
- 1 x Concern for Welfare
- 1 x Flytipping
- 1 x Nuisance Youth (snowball incident)
- 1 x Suspicious Circumstances (male trying to buy gold – he was contacted and told not to cold call, etc)

### ADVICE .....

Kirby Cross has had several burglaries recently that have occurred during daylight hours. Please be vigilant – lock all doors and windows – if possible give the impression that someone is home when you are out. Don't fall into the habit of thinking it won't happen to me. If you see something that you think doesn't look right PLEASE RING US – BE SAFE NOT SORRY. Let's keep Gt. Holland reasonably crime free and a lovely place to live.

If anyone has any information which they think might be of help please contact Michele or myself either by telephone or email (see details below).

Take care.....

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey  
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss  
Community Phone No. 07795 111937

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[michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk)

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## British Red Cross (For information only)

Information has been given by the Essex Watch Liaison Officer that the above Charity will be fundraising in the Tendring Area on 1 April and between 13 – 28 April. During this time they will be using a fundraising agency known as Cobra Group PLC, trading as the Appco Group, to fundraise on their behalf.

Appco Group will visit households within Tendring to promote the work of the British Red Cross and will be recruiting new, long-term and regular supporters by means of signing a direct debit pledge form. All fundraisers will have a photo ID and Appco Group will be operating a Free phone customer service helpline 0800 031 9811 (open Monday-Friday 9.00 am until 9.00 pm and Saturday 9.00 am until 5.30 pm).

A reminder – if you have any concerns regarding a cold caller please contact the Police on 101.

# **Frinton Farm Partners**

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Great Holland Hall, Church Lane, Frinton-on-Sea Essex CO13 0JS  
Tel. 01255 678210 Fax. 01255 672037 Email [Rogerf@sentry.co.uk](mailto:Rogerf@sentry.co.uk)  
VAT No. 382 2066 62

To, The residents of Great Holland.

The owners of Great Holland Hall & Manor Farm have purchased the freehold of Great Holland village store.

I have been asked to give assurance that they fully intend for it to remain a Post Office and Village Store, on the proviso that the Post Office contract is retained.

Any ideas or assistance in achieving this would be appreciated. Please contact on the above e-mail address.

Kind regards

**Roger Frere**  
Manager, Frinton Farm Partners

## **Partners**

Aviadale Ltd. Nabarro Nathanson, 1 South Quay, Victoria Quays Wharf Street Sheffield, S2 5SY

Registered No. 1691182

Sentry Ltd. The Hall, Willisham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 4SL



# HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

We recommend that each floor of your home has a working smoke alarm fitted. These should be tested on a weekly basis and, if necessary, the batteries replaced at regular intervals.

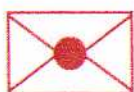
For home fire safety advice or to see if you qualify for a visit by one of our technicians then contact us now.

By Phone, ask for the Home Fire Safety team on:



**0845 601 2495**

By Email, follow the Home Fire Safety link on our website



**[www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)**

Home Fire Safety Team, Service Headquarters,  
Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, Kelvedon Park,  
Rivenhall, Witham, Essex CM8 3HB

Essex County  
Fire & Rescue Service

Our Values: Respect, Accountability, Openness and Involvement



Off we Go!



## Fancy a day out....?

Did you know that Talisman Coaches now pick up additionally in Great Holland (from the bus shelter next to our former Village Stores)?

There are a variety of trips on offer throughout the year. For example, there are regular Saturday Shopping Specials to Felixstowe, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Southend, Basildon, Romford and Lakeside, and tickets to each of those destinations are only **£10** return!

Details of the company's forthcoming excursions and holidays can be obtained:

- from the Travel Shop at 35 Station Road, Clacton CO15 1TD
- by calling **01255 688586**
- or from Talisman's website: [www.talismancoachlines.co.uk](http://www.talismancoachlines.co.uk)



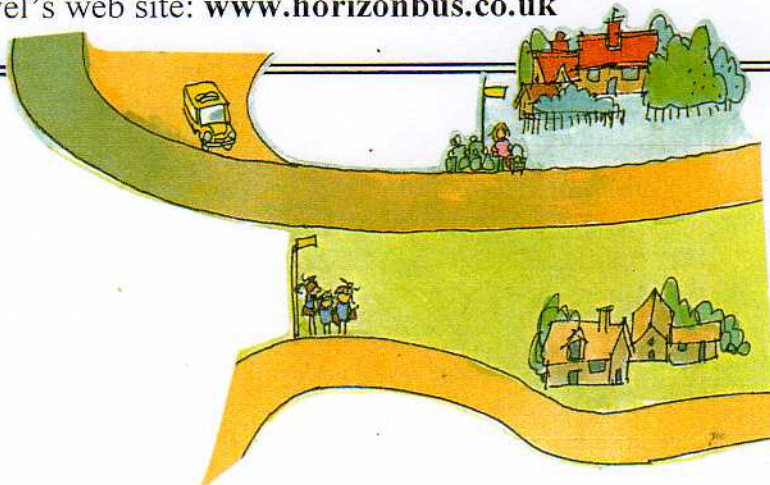
## Two new buses for Great Holland!

New Horizon Travel of Colchester (**01206 255255**) now operates two new bus routes that travel Monday-Saturday via Great Holland to Old Road in Clacton (outside Morrisons supermarket):

**Route 14** starts in Frinton and stops at The Triangle, Kirby-le-Soken, Kirby Cross, Great Holland and Holland-on-Sea on the way to Clacton.

**Route 15** starts at The Naze and calls at Gouldings Avenue, The Triangle, Frinton, Kirby Cross, Great Holland and Holland-on-Sea on the way to Clacton.

Copies of the timetables can be obtained from Clacton Town Hall. They are also shown on New Horizon Travel's web site: [www.horizonbus.co.uk](http://www.horizonbus.co.uk)



## SLADBURYS SOLAR FARM

This proposal for blighting a 17 hectare field of good agricultural land adjoining the Holland Haven SSSI at the bottom of Little Clacton Road, with solar panels, was the subject of an article in the December/January edition of the Village Voice. A public display of the scheme, by the developers, Push Energy, took place in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November when it was mooted that a planning application would be submitted in the New Year.

To date there has been no planning application but it is still anticipated and we should remain vigilant and ready to object strongly to this proposal which, if approved, would be contrary to the wishes we expressed in our Parish Plan & Village Design Statement, to preserve our scenic surroundings. It would despoil the SSSI valley and set a disturbing precedent.

The attractions of easy money via government subsidies offered for “green” energy schemes has promoted an avalanche of schemes which are already exacting a heavy toll on the country’s environment and blighting peoples’ lives. It is disturbing that landowners and developers are able to cash in because schemes are only viable due to the premiums we are paying on our energy bills and the employment of cheap imported equipment manufactured outside the UK. Ironically solar panels invariably come from China where it is doubtful that manufacturing is very green!

The National Planning Policy Framework includes a presumption in favour of renewable energy development making it harder for planning authorities to resist. The organisation of a concerted rebuttal will not be so easy without the vehicle of the Great Holland Residents Association, which will be disbanded in May unless volunteers take on the roles of Chairman and Secretary. A similarly controversial planning application some years ago was the spur to the foundation of the GHRA.

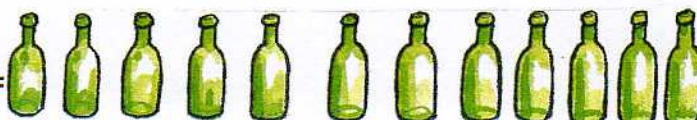
Look out for the application on the TDC website, this link should take you to the lists of planning applications submitted and is updated weekly, <http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/view-planning-applications-and-comment/planning-application-and>

*Concerned resident*

# Bottle Bank

Last year, Tendring District Council sited a bottle bank near to the entrance of the car park at the rear of The Ship public house.

Great Holland residents may use the bottle bank between the hours of 9.00am - 6.00pm. When doing so, PLEASE show consideration for those living nearby.



# Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



## Is the grass greener?

Surprisingly perhaps many of us think it is, and surprisingly too we attempt to make it less so.

Many of the best flowery fields surviving in the countryside, owe their beauty to the past action of folding livestock on arable land at night, to deposit their dung, before being put back on to the pasture in the day. Thus the pastures became more barren, while fertility was restored to arable fields. But barren resulted in beautiful! The flowers benefitted from reduced competition with grasses and other nutrient hungry plants.

Growers have long been aware of the value of wood ash for their plants to induce flowering. Potassium is concentrated in it, brought up from deeper sub soils. Likewise phosphates are imported from all over the world, and can even render very poor heathlands, such as the Sandling soils of Suffolk fertile. Clovers and related plants in crops cycles could take the essential element nitrogen from the atmosphere and make it into a compound usable by plants. Just over a hundred years ago the energy hungry Haber process produced nitrate fertilisers and revolutionised the growing of plants, making vast areas fertile and productive, which were previously sparse but full of their own life.

The people of the world depend on these soil fertilisation processes which are very successful, but they can also have bad side effects. When excess nutrients enter water they tend to change the types of algae that survive there, tipping the balance of life. In some rivers and seas this has caused considerable problems with toxic effects.

Soils seem to have become enriched even without application of fertiliser. This is my observation over forty years at the Pits. Airborne compounds from transport or industry could be a cause.

The celebrated wild flower meadows I talk about are now very rare, so we do what we can on our reserves to create better conditions to for them to thrive.

At Great Holland Pits we have dabbled with grazing by animals in an attempt to deplete the nutrients, and restore the flowers that so many of our invertebrates, animals and birds depend on. After three years of spring and autumn grazing by the Trust's flying flock, I think our sward has improved, though the wet summer of 2012 was not helpful in this respect.

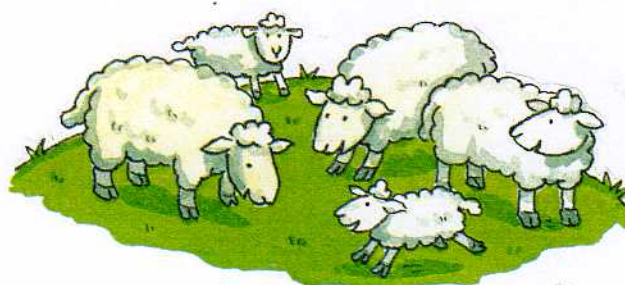
## Dates for your diary...

You are invited to come to our open day on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, where hopefully you will see at least a shadow of the flower rich meadows that were once the norm in the British countryside. There will also be pond dipping for the young at heart.

Other open day events include:

Barnes Spinney, Plant Sale, Walton, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Weeleyhall Wood, Bluebell Day, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Cockaynes Wood, Alresford, May 18<sup>th</sup>

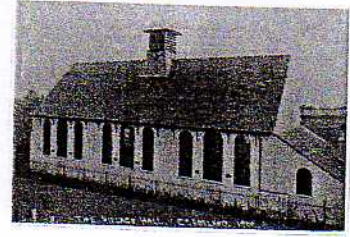
**Bob Seago - Warden**





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

HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013



**PRESENT:-**

**SUE JENKINS           CHAIRPERSON**

**SHEILA WATTS       TREASURER**

**JIM STUART           SECRETARY**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Tom Sandy, Veronica Stack, David Martin, Robert Bucke

**APOLOGIES**

Mel Lester, Tim Reynolds Paul Harris and Coralie Harris

**ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**

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

**KEY LOCK**

A discussion took place of the insurance implications of the current procedures in respect of the keys to the hall. It was decided that a key safe protected by a key pad should be installed and the combination should be given to each of our users. A computer access record was discussed also but the cost was deemed to be too great.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Our quiz night was very successful and a total of £400 was raised for the hall. We also want to thank the Great Holland Jubilee committee for their donation of £400. £219 of this sum was spent on the new notice board erected outside the main entrance and dedicated to the Great Holland Jubilee committee. This sum included the fixtures and fitting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer reported that the balance standing to the credit of the hall's various accounts stood at £12,595.64p as at 28<sup>th</sup> February last. £5,000 is held on a bond and the remaining funds are on instant access accounts.

## **BUILDING PROJECTS**

Last years projects were, a new boiler and heating system, the cupola to be reinstated, the main roof to be made watertight and the hall to be painted both inside and out. These have all been completed. However the building is now in excess of one hundred years old and will need a lot of maintenance in the near future. Of immediate concern are the windows and the roof over the kitchen and toilets. Sue is to contact the builders at the Dementia project to see if any further assistance is forthcoming. Bearing in mind the funds currently held it was decided that £5,000 would have to be kept in reserve for emergencies and the remainder, together with any outside assistance, could be used in the current round of maintenance.

## **GAS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

We now have a more efficient boiler and more users yet the cost of gas has remained static and the electricity bills have fallen since we switched both supplies to the same supplier.

## **CHAIRS AND TABLES**

The current supply is sufficient for the moment but will need to be added to in the near future.

## **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

A lengthy discussion took place in the above respect and Tom Sandy was offered expenses for his visits to the hall in respect of maintenance but he declined the offer. It was also felt that where the hall was hires as a 'one off' a member of the committee should be on hand to welcome and explain the workings of the various facilities. They would then come back to lock up when the function was finished. Sheila Watts has kindly offered to do this when she is available. We are to purchase an outdoor rubbish bin to assist in rubbish collection. We are also to obtain a quote from a window cleaner to do the hall every six weeks

## **SPRING CLEAN**

The date of the spring clean has been set for **April 13<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am and 3.00pm** and all assistance will be gratefully received.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Tom Sandy has finally managed to persuade someone to take away the gas cylinder left behind by one of our users. We have also received a thank you from John Knight for the voucher given to him as a thank you for his long service to the hall. We discussed whether we might try and get the post office to use the hall but it was decided that it would cause more disruption than it was worth. It was also decided that there was no call for a Wi-Fi hot spot at the hall at present but this could be addressed at a late date if required.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the hall on **11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.**

## AUTUMN CLEAN



It has been arranged that the annual spring clean of the Village Hall will take place on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am and 3.00pm.** As usual, refreshments and cakes will be supplied on the day.

The Village Hall Committee are asking for as many people as possible to turn up and help with the clean, please. Even if you can only spare an hour, please pop along with cloth and bucket and help us with our yearly clean - it would be very much appreciated.

## ★ Can you help...?

The Great Holland Village Hall Committee would like to thank Tom Sandy for his continued support of the village hall over the past 18 months on the committee. Tom feels in July it will be time to step down and let someone else have a go.

Tom has over the past 18 months been a valued committee member; he is the one that sorts out the majority of what has gone wrong in the hall, along with many other hats he wears.

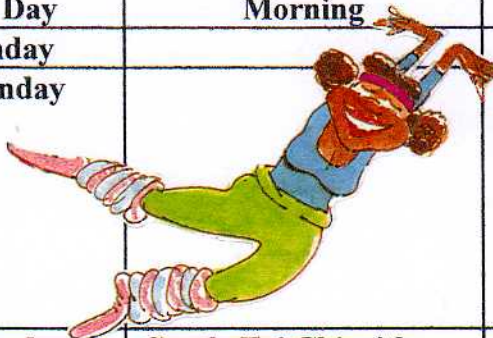


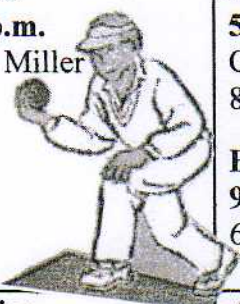


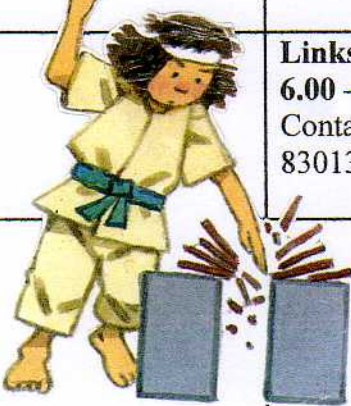

Therefore the committee are looking for a handy man who would be prepared to take on Tom's minor repair jobs. If you are interested please contact me and let me know your skill area. Please remember the village hall belongs to all of us and it is our duty to preserve it for the future generations.

Many thanks  
**Sue Jenkins**

## What's new in your Village Hall?

Please see the updated timetable on the opposite page.

## WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday		<b>Church Choir Practice (Male)</b> 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	<b>Cardio Vascular</b> 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. <b>Pilates</b> 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday	<b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b> 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702 	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Contact: Les Miller 671214 	<b>Links Karate</b> 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136  <b>Badminton</b> 9.00 – 10.30 p.m. 671300
Wednesday		<b>Choir Practice</b> 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	<b>Aerobics</b> 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		<b>Circuit Training Fitness Class</b> 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 07932 371476
Friday			<b>Links Karate</b> 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 <b>Home Made Hour</b> 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		
<b>Rates for hire of Village Hall</b>			
All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: <a href="mailto:coralieh@live.co.uk">coralieh@live.co.uk</a> )			

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE BENCHES update

The benches were delivered in January but our plan for positioning them outside the lych gate at All Saints was set back when the Highways Authority, Essex County Council, declared responsibility for the site and spoke of licences and liability; the bureaucracy seemed likely to thwart us.

However, Councillor Robert Bucke took up the case for us and this resulted in an offer from Frinton & Walton Town Council to take ownership of the seats, to install them and also to insure and maintain them. This was acceptable to the PCC and we decided to take up the Council's offer and have written to them accordingly. Presently we do not have a date for the installation.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to the PCC, the Frinton & Walton Town Council and everyone who supported the Jubilee event; soon we will have a testimonial that should grace the village for many years to come.

*Great Holland Jubilee Event Committee*



## **We have two new advertisers ...**

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# ★ Superfast Broadband in Great Holland ★

## Yes - It's Here!

As explained on Great Holland's web site: [www.greatholland.com](http://www.greatholland.com), you can now order Superfast Broadband from your Internet Service Provider (ISP). It will cost a little more. However, in return you could receive download speeds of up to 40 Meg!

## What should you do?

- 1) Start by calling your current ISP and ask for a price to deliver you Superfast Broadband.
- 2) Make sure they offer you an FTTC service (Fibre To The Cabinet)
- 3) Go on line and check the price of other suppliers to make sure you're getting the best deal/package.
- 4) Place the order
- 5) They'll need to come and change the BT box inside your home for one with a new face panel (typically two weeks from ordering)
- 6) Hold on to your seat and prepare for Super Fast Internet speeds!

Thanks go out for the keen efforts of GHRA, residents, TDC/F&WTC, Douglas Carswell M.P. and BT Open Reach in the lobbying for Great Holland's inclusion in the service.

**Paul Withams**

## Are you missing Great Holland Friends...?

Are you interested in meeting old and new friends for tea and a chat?

If so, please get in touch with me, Phyllis Margetts, 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), or telephone **851118**.

Get togethers will be at home or in the Village Hall and you can bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.



## Lids

Do you need a lid for your red recycling box?

We have been informed that new supplies of the lids are now available. They can be collected from the Council Offices at either Weeley or The Triangle and from The Town Hall in Clacton.

## 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 meeting is on:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Ann Oxley is organising a 'Plant Swap'.**



For more details please contact Fiona Robertson:  
01255 679006 or e-mail [fiona348@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona348@btinternet.com)



## Frinton & Walton Postcard Club



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Local Edwardian Souvenir China**

**Margaret Wilsher**

St Cedd's Hall

7.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Canvey Island**

**Steve Kentfield**

St Cedd's Hall

7.30pm

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for more details of these events

# Birthday Boy!

Imagine Peter Goodwin's delight when he discovered that not only had his family arranged for him to celebrate his 70th Birthday at The Ship - but he got to eat the pub too! Louise Goodwin has provided these photos of this amazing cake. It seems that the event was a great success, and the photos of the cake will remind them of the day for many years to come.

The cake was made by Joanne Hollock of Beaumont-Cum-Moze. To order your own cake, call Joanne on 07990 587443 or 01255 862156 or e-mail: [joanne.hollock@sky.com](mailto:joanne.hollock@sky.com)

