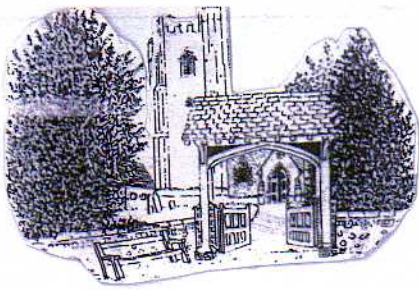


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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

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

Please contact Linda on **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 26th September



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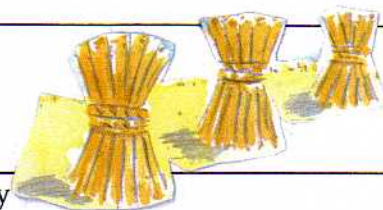
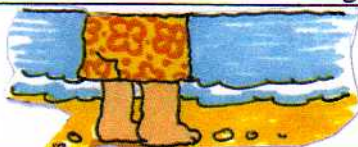
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Thursday 4 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), 2.00pm.
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Saturday 6 th	FUN GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE Grounds of The Old Rectory: 2-5.00pm
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September



Thursday 1 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
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Saturday 3 rd	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
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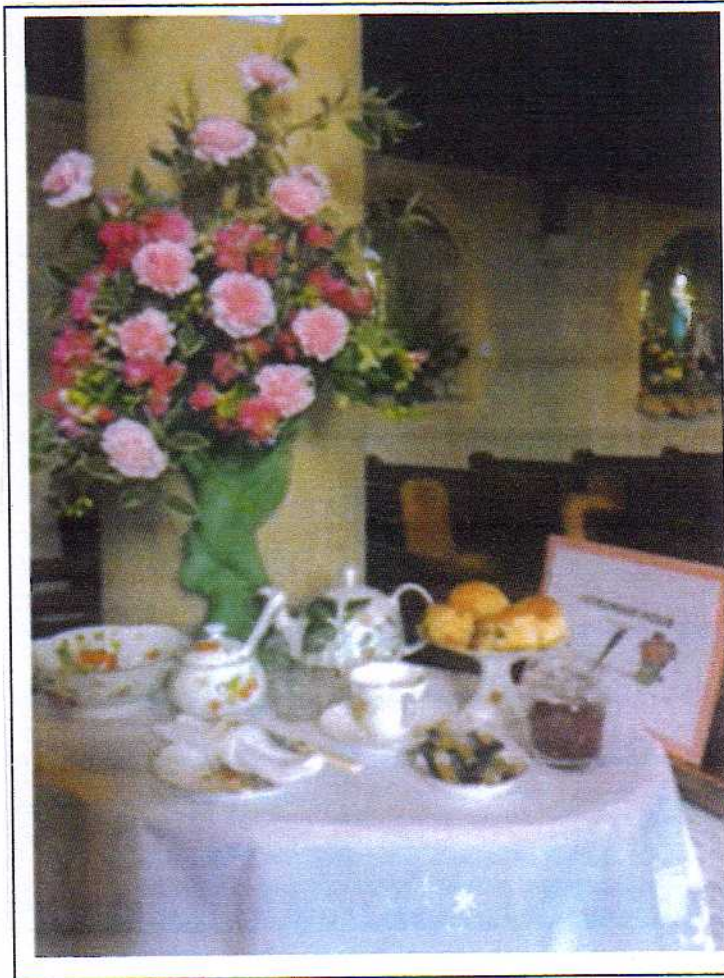
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To include events for **October** or **November** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 15th September if possible.

All Saints' Church

Flower Festival



The flower festival in All Saints in the middle weekend in July was a great success, and I hope you saw some pictures of it in the Gazette. My thanks, and that from the whole church, to those who did so much for the weekend.

At the closing service, we celebrated a good few days and also God's goodness to us. We thought about how flowers mean so much. It also gives me an excuse to put in two flower jokes...

- If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? **Pilgrims!**
- What do you call a country that drives only pink cars? **A pink carnation!**

But we also saw that God uses flowers as reminders for us.

Luke 12v27-28 says:

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you..."

God says the beauty of the flowers is a reminder to us of his care and concern. He gives the flowers, which do nothing, a beautiful set of clothes. And if he does that for them, how much more does he care for us, as those worth far more to him.

That's a wonderful encouragement (of course acknowledging that life is not always an easy path), but also a challenge.

How often, it is said, we spend our time bothered about things that God has in hand. Instead, we are told a much better thing to be bothered about would be God himself. Don't worry, but seek his kingdom we're told, and at the heart of his kingdom is his King - Jesus!

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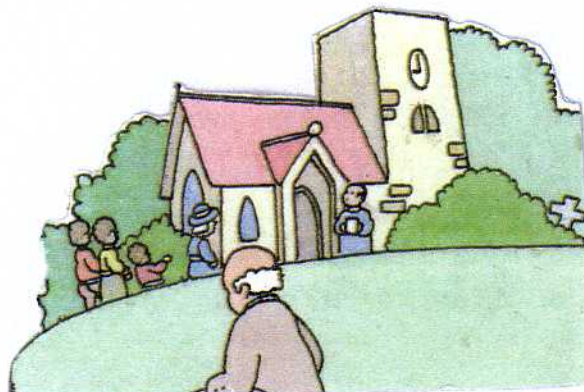
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From All Saints' Diary - AUGUST:

FRINTON MISSION: Saturday 30th July to Sunday 7th August:

The Bible Study group does not meet during August.

Wednesday	3 rd	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in the Church Hall
Saturday	6 th	2-5.00 pm	FETE!! In the Old Rectory
Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Joint Morning Worship at Kirby
Sunday	14th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	17 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in the Church Hall
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	23 rd	2.30pm	TeaPot in the Baker Hall
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Bank Holiday Monday		12.00pm	KIRBY FÊTE in the Glebe Field



From All Saints' Diary - SEPTEMBER:

For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11am, please see the notice sheet or church notice board.

Saturday	3 rd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	4th	11.00am	Morning Worship with our new Sunday school
Wednesday	7 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	11th	8.00am	Combined Holy Communion with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	18th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	21 st	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	25th	11.00am	Harvest Morning Worship
Tuesday	27 th	2.30pm	TeaPot in the Baker Hall

From All Saints' Diary - OCTOBER:

Saturday 15th 10-4pm

Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference at Chelmsford Central Methodist Church. Peter Sanlon will be speaking on 'The Uniqueness of Christ'.

From the Registers

WEDDINGS

We offer our congratulations to:

Damien Haygreen & Charlotte Potts, whose wedding is on 5th August, and
Jack Austin & Harriet Frost, getting married on 27th August

FUNERALS:

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

Charles Herbert Poll (91)

Little Clacton Road, Gt Holland

All Saints' & burial

Home Made Hour

Thank you to everyone who supported our June and July Home Made Hours and for the generous donations of home made goods and produce.

As usual, there will no Home Made Hour in August.

Our next Home Made Hour will take place on:

Saturday 3rd September 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 and occasional plants/garden produce. Refreshments are available and 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. If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on **677984**.



Obituary for Captain John Knight Master Mariner in the Merchant Navy



Pauline and her daughter at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in Great Holland Village Hall, which acknowledges John's service to the village

John Knight died on the 7th of May 2016 at the age of 81. He was born in Nuneaton, Warwickshire on 24th June 1934. He had two brothers and a sister and grew up in the Gloucestershire village of Blockley.

John joined the Merchant Navy in 1952 at the age of 18. He obtained his Home Trade Masters Certificate in 1968 and his foreign going Masters Certificate in 1972

John met Pauline on the stairs of an office building in Aldgate East, London in 1963. Pauline was working as a shorthand typist. John was visiting a shipping office in the same building. As he went up the stairs Pauline was coming down. He asked her if there was anywhere decent to have some lunch. She said come with me I'll show you - the rest is history.

They married on 17th October 1964 and set up home in Brightlingsea with their daughter Juliet.

The family moved to Belton and then Bradwell in Norfolk when John started working for Offshore Marine in Great Yarmouth. He worked in the UK coastal waters and then captained supply boats to oil rigs working in the North Sea and further afield in Europe.

During their time in Norfolk they adopted two sons, Tim and Adam.

When John's work started to take him all over the world including West Africa, Saudi Arabia, Canada and Argentina, the family moved to Clacton-on-sea to be closer to Pauline's' parents.

John then worked as a marine surveyor for Noble Denton where his job was to oversee the towing, positioning and setting down of oil rigs all over the world.

By the end of his time at Noble Denton he had been promoted to Marine Superintendent.

John left the merchant Navy in 1986 and he and Pauline bought the Great Holland post office and village stores. Due to their hard work and their genuine interest in the village and its people it became a great success. Even now, 18 years after they retired, villagers still talk with great affection about the time John and Pauline ran the village shop.

After retiring John became involved with the running of the village hall. He became a member of the committee and was also the treasurer. He did this for many years until ill health forced him to stop. He was a keen supporter of the village fête and, together with Pauline, enjoyed running various stalls or being on the gate.

John took up watercolour painting and together with Marl Allen was responsible for painting the mural in the village hall. For many years he also distributed and collected British legion poppy boxes in the local area, and was part of the team that distributes Village Voice.

John was also a member of the Tendring male voice choir. He also went along with Pauline to the village carpet bowls club.

His funeral took place at All Saints church Great Holland on the 27th May 2016.

He has been laid to rest in the churchyard, close to the sea.

John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends

Walton & District Community FoodBank

Dear All,

Once more we are running low on a few items. Could we please have:

- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Fruit
- Loo Paper

Many thanks as ever for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator,

07926 015276



GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2016

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

Preparations are continuing for this year's Fête in the Old Rectory's lovely grounds! 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 **Sue Jenkins on 850317** or **Nicky Stack on 677984**. We look forward to seeing you on **6th August**.

Suggestions please ...

Each year the Great Holland Fête sets aside 10% of the proceeds to donate to local charitable causes. This year the Fête committee would like to receive suggestions from residents of Great Holland as to local causes which would benefit from a donation and where this would make a real difference.

Please send suggestions to the committee chair, Sue Jenkins, at sjenkins5@sky.com or telephone The Old Rectory on **01255 676175**.

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**.

Great Holland Methodist Church



Thankfulness

As I write this article, the sun is shining, and we are experiencing hot weather. We are so used to talking about the weather, yet we are used to talk of wet, dull and rainy days.

We travel to other parts of the world in search of the sun, we miss the sun, we want more of it, and yet when it is finally here, it is too HOT!

As I browse facebook, many have posted funny pictures of our talk of the heat. How are we going to sleep in this weather? I love hot weather, and still I find myself saying: 'This is too hot!'

As I think of our ability to find fault in all weathers, I am reminded of the Israelites and how they found fault in all things they faced as they journeyed with God.

They started their journey from Egypt, thanking God they were no longer slaves, and with their first difficulty they wished they were slaves. God provides, they praise Him, soon they forget and wish they were slaves and the cycle continues. I am sure not all people were like that, and there were those that found joy, and something to be thankful for, in the midst of all life.

There is a story of two men who were seriously ill and occupied the same hospital room. One man's bed was next to the window and the other man's by the wall. The one sleeping by the wall was resentful. He wished he had the other bed. They were too ill to leave their beds. The one by the window spent his day describing what he saw to the other. He saw a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played in the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

With every tale that was told, the man by the wall grew more and more resentful and could not enjoy and appreciate what he was hearing. The man by the window died one day, and the other man asked the nurses to put him on the bed by the window. He was finally going to be by the window and see for himself all the wonderful things he had heard about. Once the nurses settled him, he looked out and all he saw was a brick wall. He finally realised his foolishness and the gift that was given to him by the other man. The other man had taught him to be thankful and to show that thankfulness in his dealing with others.

Today the question for us is: 'What are we thankful about? How can we make sure to see the beauty that surrounds us and the love of God that never leaves us? And how can we make a difference in the lives of those we meet, in our thankfulness?

Dear friends, as we enjoy the unpredictable weather may we keep our hope firmly anchored in the never changing God. Amen!

God's blessings,
Revd. Eva Walker

 **Fun Bingo** 
Wednesday 28th September

Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm. Refreshments available.

Please telephone Anne Lott on **675065** for more information

Tendring First Ladies

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that usually meets on the first Monday of each month - although this can vary due to Bank Holidays. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. A speaker talks for about 30 minutes and then tea and homemade cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

Our meetings take place at at the Methodist Church Hall, Frinton at 2.30pm.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Monday 5th September:
Liz Huxley
Illustrated Wildlife Talk



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

Engains W.I.

We hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in The Village Hall, Little Clacton at 7.30 p.m. We are a lively and jovial bunch and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our group, please do come along as our guest. No meeting in August.

Wednesday October 12th: Edinburgh Woolen Mill Fashion Show - £2 on door.

Linda Pidgeon
01255 483665

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 4th August** and **Thursday 1st September** 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

News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. Details are printed in good faith in Great Holland Village Voice, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in Village Voice, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact number given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place, to avoid possible disappointment.

The Editors



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,

After an absence of one issue, I am back. We were away at the crucial time for the last issue and in places with patchy internet coverage.

So, the appeal by the developer to build a huge estate off Halstead Road is now over. The Inspector has told us to expect his decision in about ten weeks, around the beginning of September. Keep your fingers crossed, because this decision is HUGE for this area. There are several other huge proposals just waiting the outcome. This one would make a massive impact. Add in the others and it doesn't bear thinking about. I doubt anyone reading this needs to be convinced about the insanity of the proposal, as everyone must have their tale to tell about driving down Halstead Road, except at first light on Sunday morning, which is when the developer took his photos of that road to demonstrate its wide, traffic free qualities! TDC planning officers recommended ACCEPTANCE of this proposal. It was only refused on a SINGLE VOTE at Committee after Ray Enever, Chair of Kirby Residents Association, managed to get members to look again at the impact on the general area. Ray thinks that the Chair of the Committee probably was influenced by the extent of public outrage on this occasion. This says a lot for Ray, but puts TDC to shame for its arrogant stupidity.

What we need is a wider understanding of how such a manifestly lunatic proposal can even get off the ground, let alone have a fighting chance of actual approval on appeal. Well, it all started just a few years ago when planning law was changed. If a local authority does not have a current local plan, it created a free for all in which there is a so-called "presumption of sustainable development". This beautiful phrase means something pretty simple. Development goes ahead unless there are really exceptional circumstances.

What was Tendring District Council's reaction? Well, in its role of The Developers' Council, it made sure by a faultless display of designer incompetence that it did not have a local plan in force. It still doesn't. Well, to everyone's enormous

surprise, every local developer and his dog has jumped on the bandwagon and piled in applications for planning permission that simply would not have had a prayer if TDC had done its job properly and if the Government hadn't decided to dismantle part of the planning system.

Oh yes, I almost forgot! While they were about to deal with 'red tape', they gave developers a right to ask for costs if they win an appeal against a planning refusal. Cash strapped councils are therefore under pressure to say yes, because saying no can be expensive. Surely, the councils can ask for costs too, if a developer loses? Oh no they can't! You don't get it, do you! Keep the planning system, because we all know we need protection from mindless development and we would get pretty annoyed if we lost it altogether. So do it by the back door and skew the whole system in favour of the developer and provide every incentive for councils to be pliant.

So, we need a few reforms to even this game out.

1. Developers can and do spend months or years fine tuning proposals. We get 21 days to lodge comments! Make it three months.
2. Developers can appeal against a refusal. No one can appeal against a GRANT of planning permission. Give local residents the right of appeal.
3. Abolish the developers' right to ask for costs on appeal.
4. Make it compulsory for councils to list and specifically deal with objections to applications.

Unfortunately, even these reforms would not protect local residents from incompetent councils or simply arrogant ones that choose to ignore local opinion. Getting rid of party hacks and replacing them with independent councillors is the only way to do that. Politicians under threat of losing elections listen; the others don't.

Keep your fingers crossed and, in the meantime, enjoy the Village Fete.

Best regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA



TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL TRANSPORT LIASON GROUP

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL, "ONTRACK" RUA & MANNINGTREE RUA

TENDRING HUNDRED RAILWAYS 150 YEARS

Railways have transformed the economic fortunes of Great Britain's trade and industry as we are no longer reliant on ships ferrying heavy loads around this island coast of ours. Our railway history started with the opening of the Steam hauled Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1825 and was then quickly followed by lines such as the Liverpool & Manchester Railway in 1830, the Grand Junction Railway, the London & Birmingham Railway, the Gt. Western Railway and the Eastern Counties, Eastern Union and subsequently the Gt. Eastern Railway. The High Speed 2 Line Project (HS2) underlines the importance of rail in the 21st Century. The railways made a big impact on Tendring enabling its agricultural produce to reach the cities and they still continue to play a vital economic role today.

To mark the TENDRING HUNDRED RAILWAYS (THR) 150 Years at Kirby Cross Station a short ceremony took place at Kirby Cross Station on Saturday 30th. July 2016 2.30-4 p.m. A plaque was unveiled and refreshments provided. It is anticipated that there will be another civic commemoration during May 2017 to mark the completion of the THR lines construction through to the end of the line at Walton on The Naze.

The "Railway Revolution" came to Tendring when on Saturday July 28th. 1866 the first train steamed down from Colchester to Kirby Cross Station. The Tendring Hundred Railway (THR) Company had been formed in 1859 to extend the line from Colchester (Hythe), initially to Wivenhoe, opening on 8th. May 1863. The construction of the Tendring Hundred Railway (THR) line progressed as far as Weeley by January 8th. 1866, finally reaching Walton on the Naze on May 17th, 1867. However, even then financial problems and other issues made life difficult for these Victorian pioneers.

From the outset the line was operated by the neighbouring Gt. Eastern (*Mainline*) Railway Company, which had taken over the THR completely by 1888, along with the various connecting branch lines. Branch lines were built by various companies to link Colchester Town (St Botolphs) by March 1866, and to Brightlingsea by April 1866 (the latter station closed under Beeching in 1964). However, the construction of a line linking Thorpe Le Soken with Mistley, as part of an ambitious strategic trunk route linking up with "The Midlands", was started but never finished due to financial and legal disputes. The uncompleted works for this aborted line were abandoned in 1869, with the long siding at Thorpe Le Soken Station remaining as a legacy. Only later was a single track line to Clacton opened in 1882. As Frinton developed, the current "new" station for Frinton was opened in 1888 replacing earlier primitive facilities.

The Gt Eastern Railway was absorbed into the London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) upon the "Grouping" of the nation's railways into four large companies on 1st January 1923 under the terms of the 1921 "Grouping Act". The LNER realigned a section of the line in 1929 between Frinton Station and Walton-on-Naze due to a landslip at the end of Woodberry Way endangering the original route earlier in the 1920's. The LNER was then nationalised as part of British Railways Eastern Region January 1st. 1948. A franchising system, created by the Railways Act 1993, once again has involved the private sector, in the guise of First Great Eastern, then National Express ("One Railway") and currently Abellio Greater Anglia Railways, a subsidiary of Dutch National Railways operating passenger trains on behalf of the Department of Transport's Rail Executive.

The line was the first in the country to be electrified using the ground breaking, for the UK, 25 KV AC system, pioneering the use of overhead wires taking power on 13th April 1959 virtually direct from the National Grid. Through electrified services to London, Liverpool Street, were introduced on 7th. January 1963 and, until 1992, the London services on the line were largely operated by a fleet of British Rail (BR) Class 309 "Inter City standard" 100mph express electric multiple units (EMU). These were then replaced in the 1990s by BR Network South East commuter air-door EMU stock (Class 321) and also by some BR "slam door" open saloon outer suburban EMU stock (Class 312) which had several years earlier been "cascaded" down from elsewhere on British Railways network. The small fleet the of slam door stock had to be eventually replaced by the Siemens built DESIRO EMU Class 360 EMU Trains from August 2003. These were the only completely brand new trains the local lines have seen for many years. The DESIRO trains again introduced innovative technology in the type of "traction motor" used. The last major local capital project was the replacement of a

50 year old life expired signalling system with a new one using colour LED lights, with computerised systems controlled in Colchester's Signal Control Centre completed in 2009.

In the 21st Century the THR still plays a vital role enabling our residents to travel to jobs and educational opportunities in London and other Essex Towns and bringing in visitors, tourists and new businesses. Once again new technologies are making railways a key part of our nation's economic landscape with national passenger traffic at its highest level since the Second World War and with hoped for improvements in infrastructure and services coming as part of the new franchising arrangement. Will Tending, Clacton, Walton and Harwich also start to reap the benefits? Watch this space!

Below are the Coats of Arms and Logos associated with those who have run our railways over the years and pictures of motive power. We should also not forget the local role in the Kinder Transport (1938-39)



National Rail
Britain's train companies working together



LNER LOCO & CARRIAGE



CLASS 321 EMU



DESIRO CLASS 360 EMU



LNER COMPARTMENT STOCK



KINDER TRANSPORT MEMORIAL



REFURBISHED CLASS 321 EMU

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

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.

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

Tuesday 9th August
Humorous Postcards from Lance Thackeray
John Barter



Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Our meetings take place at Frinton Methodist Church Hall in Fourth Avenue
7.15 for 7.30pm

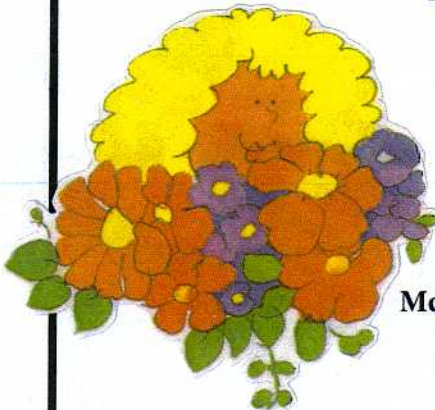
NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 1st September
'The Flowers and Gardens of Madeira'
An illustrated talk by Brian Wickenden

Competition: A Specimen Dahlia

Saturday 17th September
AUTUMN SHOW
McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

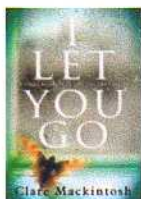
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Prize giving: 3.00pm



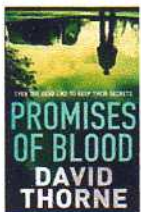
If you are interested in joining the Society, please come to one of our meetings or contact the Membership Secretary (Linda O'Reilly) on 852195 for further details. Our annual membership subscription is £7.

Frinton Literary Festival Programme Thursday 13th – Monday 17th October 2016

Crime & Wine – Thursday 13th October at Frinton Tennis Club 7.30pm. Tickets £15

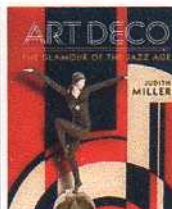


Clare Mackintosh spent twelve years in the police force, including time on CID. However, she left the police in 2011 and now writes full time. Clare's debut novel, *I Let You Go*, was the fastest selling title by a new crime writer in 2015. Clare's next book, *I See You*, will be published in July 2016.



David started his working life in advertising and then moved to writing comedy sketches, gags and scripts for the BBC and Channel Four. In 2010 he moved to Essex, and was immediately inspired to write *East of Innocence*, the first in a trilogy of crime novels starring Daniel Connell – disgraced ex-City lawyer now scraping a living in Essex.

An Evening with Judith Miller – Friday 14th October - Frinton Tennis Club 8pm. Tickets £10



Judith Miller is an expert on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and has co-hosted the popular BBC series *The House Detectives*, ITV's *Antiques Trail*, and Discovery's *It's Your Bid*. After her presentation, Judith will be happy to value your antiques and collectables and sign copies of her latest book *Art Deco: The Glamour of the Jazz Age*.

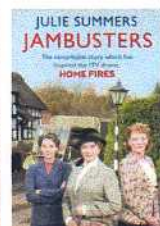
The Philomena Dwyer Literary Lunch with Rosie Thomas

Saturday 15th October - Frinton Tennis Club 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets £28



Rosie Thomas has written twenty two novels and a travel book, drawing widely on her travel experiences. A keen adventurer for pleasure as well as research, she has climbed in the Alps and Himalayas, driven halfway around the world in a competitive car rally, lived and worked on a tiny research station in Antarctica and explored in Ladakh, Kashmir and Central Asia.

Afternoon Tea with Julie Summers – Sunday 16th October – McGrigor Hall 2.30 for 3pm. Tickets £15



Julie Summers is the author of eleven works of non-fiction, including the best-selling book *Jambusters* which inspired the ITV drama series *Home Fires*. Last year she published *Fashion on the Ration* which was selected as one of *The Times* history books of 2015. The book accompanied an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum which opened this Spring.

Tickets available from:

Caxton Books and Gallery 37, Connaught Avenue FRINTON-ON-SEA

Or call: 01255 851505

Or email: info@caxton-books.co.uk

River Watch

I have long been interested in rivers, and since I have lived in this area I have always celebrated the Holland Brook that forms much of the parish boundary of Great Holland. There is now a countywide scheme called Essex River Hub, which brings together many groups such as the Essex Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency, Fishermen, Canoeists and interested stakeholders to deal with issues related to the European Union 'Water Framework Directive', which aims to push for improved management of rivers.

Now we are set to leave the EU it will mean I believe that concerned people will have to fight harder to see that our own government does not degrade efforts such as this.

In the 1970's Holland Brook was full of fish, mostly roach and eels. The sluice gate which controlled the drainage into the sea was operated by an Essex River Board employee who lived nearby. Regularly freshwater fish were washed out to sea to perish, but those remaining possibly consisted of the fittest, and certainly grew to good size and were numerous. The sluice gate was adapted and automated in the 1980's, which largely prevented the direct fish losses, but water quality was compromised by an inadequate sewage works at Thorpe Le Soken, and fish declined drastically. Eventually a pipeline was installed to carry the raw sewage directly to the modern sewage treatment facility at Holland Haven, and water quality once again improved. However the water flow was reduced and agricultural run-off caused excessive growth of algae. I recently obtained some water testing kits from the Freshwater Habitats Trust, and recorded a pH of 7.05, nitrates of 1->2 ppm and phosphate at 0.02 -> 0.05 ppm. This means that we should aim for lower nitrate and phosphate levels.

More recently I have been trying to change the Environment Agency policy of the last three years, which maintains a greatly reduced depth during the winter, in an unsuccessful effort to prevent flooding of the marsh. This means that fish are exposed to much more predation in the shallow water, and the fleets which should be teeming with life are exposed to frost action. I have made multiple approaches to the Environment Agency to discuss this problem, and though my concerns were noted and responses were planned, nothing has yet been resolved.

There is now a small group of volunteers who are monitoring sections of the river whose source is some miles away in Great Bromley, and between them they are checking out accessible sections of the river. I have promised to do some monitoring along the river with permission from one of the local landowners, though as with many things I have little time to get anything done. Several other volunteers have been monitoring insects, bird life and signs of mammals such as Otters and Water voles. Courses are available known as 'River Fly' and these can be checked out on the Essex Rivers Hub web site. (<http://essexrivershub.org.uk/>). An experienced freshwater biologist provides training to recognise the various species present in the water and their significance to water quality.

If you wish to monitor part of the brook or indeed any other local rivers there are details on the web site mentioned in the previous paragraph. In addition note that there is now a Facebook page for the Tendring area of Essex Wildlife Trust ([facebook.com/EWTTendringLG/](https://www.facebook.com/EWTTendringLG/)), and if you have local stories or photos of wildlife you are invited to send them to me to include with acknowledgement (rjseago@gmail.com).

Bob Seago

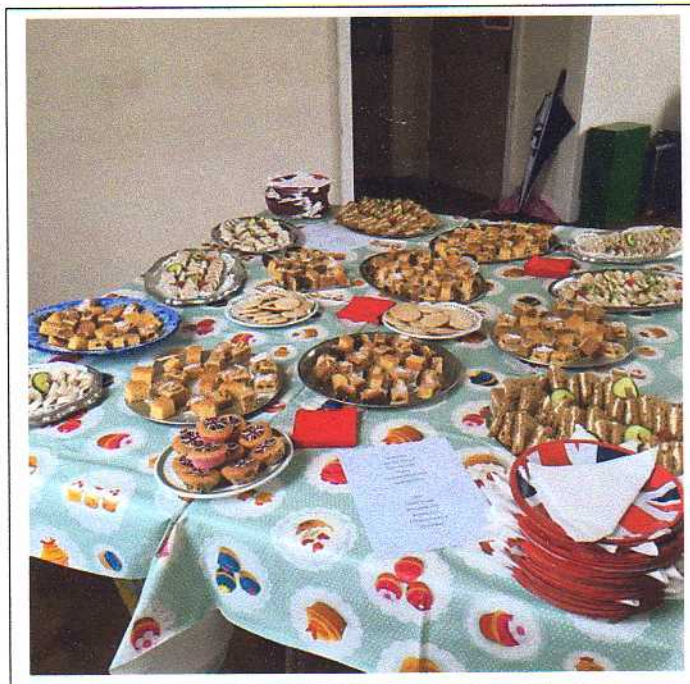
Warden, Great Holland Pits

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TEA

A lovely afternoon was had by all at the Village Hall on Sunday, 12 June where friends gathered together to share in our Queen's 90th Birthday. We had some lovely prizes for the raffle kindly donated by The Manor, After the Rain, David Taylor Hairdressers, Denys Strich (prize fuchsia plant) and Park Fruit Farm. Other prizes were donated by the helpers of the event.



A special thanks goes to all the helpers who put on the event – Nickie, Sheila, Sue, Sandra, Jeff and to Ray and Amanda who entertained for the afternoon with great music.



£172 was raised towards the kitchen and toilet roofs, which is the next big challenge in the life of your Village Hall.

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (reports from 15/05/16 – 16/07/2016).

2 x driving complaints : no trace of the vehicles

Vehicle parked up all day in Pork Lane : no trace on arrival of attending officers

RTC : On Kirby Road

Concern for a cyclist with no lights at night : No trace

Theft of vehicle : vehicle found, suspects made off

Dog running around loose : no trace

Obstruction : enquiries made, vehicle moved

Travellers in Pork Lane : now moved on

2 x nuisance neighbours : enquiries ongoing

OTHER

Burglaries

As you may have read in the press there have been a high level of burglaries in the Frinton, Walton and Kirby areas. There has been an increase in patrols and extra officers have been deployed. Please be vigilant at all times and secure your properties. Do not leave garden tools outside to assist burglars to gain access to your property. If you see anything suspicious please report it.

At the time of writing one male has been detained in relation to the above and enquiries are ongoing.

The Great Holland Fete is fast approaching and I hope that the weather is kind.

You can contact either me or Michele by calling 101, Extension 487553, or by email (see below).

Keep safe.

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PCSO 6477 Michele Diss

Walton Police Station

Martello Road

Walton-on-naze

paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk

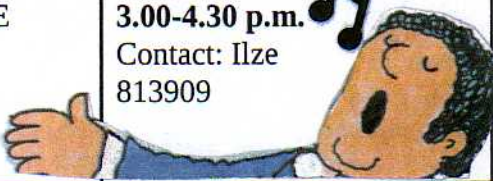



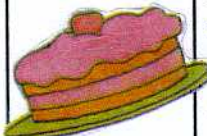
michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk

News from your Local Councillor

A local resident was nearly knocked down when they had to step in the road to avoid overgrown hedgerows along the road between Pork Lane and Prospect Park. Cllr. Robert Bucke has been in touch with the relevant department at Essex County Council via Cllr. Mick Page in the hope that this can be rectified as a matter of urgency. In response, ECC have indicated that they have passed a request for the vegetation to be cut back by their Highway Rangers. They are however, unable to say when this will be completed. Perhaps it may have already been done by the time this edition is distributed!!!!

What's on in your Village Hall?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Monday	AVAILABLE	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	 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: Les Miller 671214 	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. 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 are available)	AVAILABLE	Belly Dancing 7.00-8.00p.m. Contact: Almeira Carmichael 07900 241630/ 01255 678297
Friday	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

£10 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

Updated May 2016

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Firstly, I would like to thank the kind lady who answered my query in the last magazine regarding the reference to "Tom" in the poem. Apparently he was Mr Tom Rouse and resided in Pork Lane.

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This time we are looking at street lighting in Great Holland.....

The East Essex Gazette issues of 1952 relate to the Frinton & Walton Council's struggle for the installation of street lighting in Kirby and Great Holland, and the long year's struggle to get it installed:

It was reported in January 1952, 'that parts of Great Holland and Kirby seem to be fated to be left in the dark for some time to come in spite of the efforts of Frinton & Walton Council to hurry up the installation of street lighting by the Eastern Electricity Board'. At the Council's meeting it was reported that the Clerk had written to the Board expressing concern regarding the installation of lighting and requesting that completion of the contract might be speeded up. The reply from the district manager stated that though the matter had again been considered by a higher authority, there seemed no prospect of including the schemes in their immediate programme of work. Councillor R L Mann had been sorry to hear that the electricity authority was not able to carry out their contract as the schemes were very necessary. He felt that, had the Board been in competition with private enterprise, they would have completed the contract.

The Council made a very strong representation about the matter, and had felt that if satisfaction was not received locally the matter should be taken higher, perhaps to the Member of Parliament. Chairman of the Estates and Works Committee, Councillor W J Oxley, stated the Council were in a very difficult position with the Electricity Board who had said the reason for the delay was a shortage of materials and money.

In April that year, concern and strong criticism had been expressed at the Frinton & Walton Council meeting because of the non-completion by the Electricity Board of street lighting schemes at Halstead Road, Kirby Cross, and at Great Holland. The Eastern Electricity Consultative Council had written that, having considered the Board's observation as to scarcity of cable, they were unable to recommend that the schemes should have priority over lighting to new homes. With the cost being borne by the Council and the offer made regarding the cable, which he felt sure could have been obtained with a little effort, this had seemed procrastination in its worst form. It was a matter of public safety. The Council is to continue to press for completion of the scheme.

July brought a promise of lights within the year, 'street lighting schemes for Kirby Cross and Great Holland will be carried out within the present financial year'; it was announced at the

Council's monthly meeting. This followed representations to the Eastern Electricity Board by Sir Stanley Holmes, J. P. In the report of the Estates and Works Committee it had stated that the clerk had been in touch with Sir Stanley asking him to make representations to the Eastern Electricity Board for the start of street lighting schemes at Great Holland and Halstead Road, Kirby Cross. Sir Stanley had forwarded a copy of a letter he had received from the chairman of the Eastern Electricity Board indicating that the work would be carried out during the present financial year.

By December 1952 street lamps illuminated the road at Kirby Cross and at that moment lamps were being installed at Great Holland; but the road between had no street lighting and 57 residents had signed a petition asking that they too might have lighting. The petition had been handed in to the Frinton & Walton Council offices by Mr W Spencer Wilson, one of the residents in the unlighted area. The Council had informed the 'East Essex Gazette' that the petition would be considered by the appropriate committee. Mr Spencer Wilson told a reporter that he thought the question of lighting was vital.

Accompanying the petition was a letter which stated:

"No doubt the Council will recall my letter, published a few weeks ago, protesting that the portion of the roadway from Kirby Cross to The Green at Great Holland was not included in the scheme for lighting. I recommended this to be reconsidered and adjustments be made: we would suggest that all members of this Council who live in areas where there are no lights should investigate themselves. We would recommend that they come to Kirby Cross and walk from there to The Green, Great Holland on a dark, stormy night and see how they proceed. There is no shadow of doubt that after the inspection as suggested this would convince them this is necessary and vital."

Eventually lighting was installed, but not until after much hard work by the Council.

July 2016

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder

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NEWSLETTER



Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery
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Hello again from all at Thorpe and Kirby surgery. We are now mid-summer season which means that our university students are home, the local traffic has increased but sadly the weather hasn't improved very much. With the wettest June on record behind us let's hope we have a glorious August!

Summer is traditionally a quieter time in general practice however in recent years the demand for services dips less than it used to, in this area we do get a number of visitors that need our services whilst on holiday, usually because they have forgotten their medication-I hope I have reminded our own patients enough to be better prepared for their holidays!

We have had loss of telephone services a couple of times in the last few weeks; this has not been caused by a problem in the surgery but with outside cabling and power networks. This is obviously a great worry to us and as a result we will be having some upgrading of our telephone system at our Kirby Branch which will mean that our receptionists can switch sites if this happens again, there will be no change to our telephone number or procedure but will mean that we can re-locate staff if necessary.

The recording service for ordering prescriptions is continuing to cause some patients worry although the system is working as it should. Patients using this service should have all the information to hand as there is a set time for leaving the message and must state their name clearly. We would prefer patients to use one of the other ways of ordering medication for example on-line or using the repeat slip but as some of our patients live in out-lying areas we have decided not to withdraw telephone ordering as other surgeries have but to have the recording service installed.

With the recent brexit vote we don't know what the future funding situation is likely to be for the NHS and indeed if the electorate had voted to remain in the EU things would still not be certain so as always it is important to use NHS resources wisely, not stockpile medication and only have tests when necessary. It may be of interest to you that there were **155 appointments not attended in the month of June**, these appointments were spread across all our clinician's and would certainly have meant some patients attended the walk in centre when they might otherwise have been seen in the surgery. We are continuing to re-educate our patients and are removing some from our list if they repeatedly waste appointments.

The next PPG meeting is 10th August, 7pm, Thorpe Sports and Social Club. If you would like to know more about what goes on in the surgery or would like to have your say on any NHS topic this is the meeting for you. The PPG can be contacted at ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net They are still seeking a secretary-amazing secretarial are definitely not required but someone to take the minutes and send e-mails would be very welcome.

I hope to see many of you at the next PPG meeting.
Karen Austen-Practice Manager

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