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Great Holland Village Voice

Don't forget our
Village & Church Fête
on 5th August!



August & September 2017



... to the August/September 2017 edition of **Village Voice**. We are sorry that due to health and family issues, we were unable to publish a June/July edition.



Great Holland Village & Church Fête

Saturday 5th August

Grounds of The Old Rectory, Rectory Road CO13 0JP
2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open at 1.45pm)

Lots of traditional side stalls, live entertainment, cream teas,
plants, pony rides, silent auction and other attractions.

Entrance £1 (free for under 12s)



Included in this edition...

- A letter from the Chairman of GHRA.
- Minutes of the GHRA AGM held in May.
- Minutes of recent meetings of the Village Hall Management Committee

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 2017 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:

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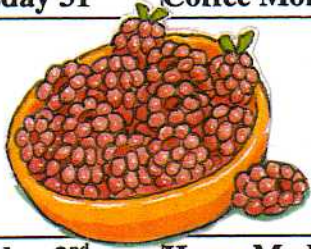
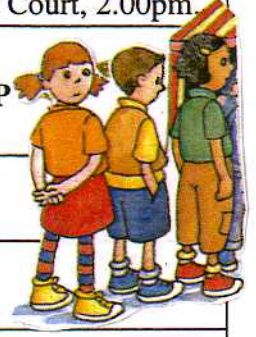
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RSPCA	National contact number: Charity Shop, Frinton:	0300 1234 999 674926
National Rail Enquiries	National line	03457 484950
Essex Police	Non-emergency	101
Crime Reduction Officer	David Gillies	101
Crimestoppers	National line	0800 555111
Citizens Advice	(Clacton)	0844 4770808
Tendring Dial-a-Ride	Hurlingham Chambers, 61-65 Station Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SD	436962
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Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Winter opening times (16 th October – end of February): 9.00am-4.00pm Summer opening times (1 st March-15 th October): 9.00am-5.00pm. Summer late night opening no longer takes place. <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	

Dates for your Diary ...

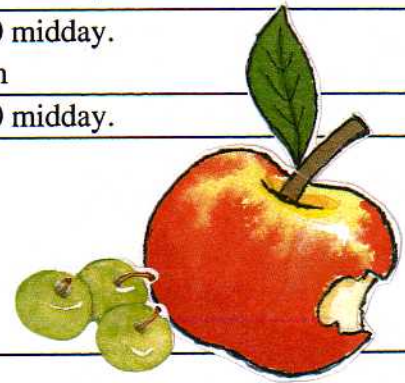


August

Thursday 3 rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 5 th	 Great Holland Village & Church Fête Grounds of The Old Rectory, Rectory Road CO13 0JP 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open at 1.45pm)
Thursday 10 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Saturday 12 th	The Tornado Is Coming To Walton More details inside magazine
Thursday 17 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 24 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Thursday 31 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



September



Saturday 2 nd	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 7 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Thursday 14 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Wednesday 27 th	Concert by 'Spectrum' Ladies Choir: Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.30pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 28 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday



October

Saturday 14 th	 Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am
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November

Saturday 18 th	Fund-raising Quiz Night Village Hall MORE DETAILS IN NEXT EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE
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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

Rector's article

The last couple of weeks have been very busy for us as a family, mainly because of the end of term at school. We've got 4 children; one has just finished at pre-school and has had a teddy bears' picnic and "graduation"; the others are at primary school and we've had sports days, school trips, music concerts, plays, and also a leavers' service as our oldest finishes at primary school.

I had the privilege of being at the leavers' service and also giving out Bibles to all of those leaving the school.

As we gave the Bibles out, I was able to remind the children that there are many things to remember (and their memories of school were great to hear). They could remember the things they have learned, the things they've done, the ways they've changed, their friends and also the people who have done so much to help them.

But I also mentioned to them one verse from the Bible that encourages them to remember something, or someone, else. The apostle Paul says to his friend, Timothy,

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David."

I encouraged the children, who have had the chance to think lots about Jesus during their time at school, to not forget Jesus.

There are so many things going on in life that it's easy to forget Jesus, we all know that. But what a shame if we put him to the side simply because we forget him or other things crowd him out. There are many reasons to remember him, many reasons not to forget him, but the verse above gives us one reason to start with, and it's a pretty good one at that. He's the one who was raised from the dead.

If Jesus really is the one who conquered death, then we wouldn't want to forget him would we?

Mark

Can you help, please?



Not much time now before our wonderful village fête is here. We are little short of helpers this year and need a couple of people to man the Bowls Game and the Darts Game. Also, some of those who have been part of the faithful washing up team over the years have decided it is time to hang up their tea towels, so if you could spare an hour or two during the fête to help with washing up, as they say "many hands make light work".

If you have some bric-a-brac you want to get rid of then we would be very grateful to take it off your hands, or you may want to try your hand at baking and would like to make a cake for the cake stall,

If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Jenkins on **01255 850317**.

SATURDAY
AUGUST

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GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH & VILLAGE FETE

The Old Rectory,
Rectory Road, Gt Holland. CO13 0JP
2-5pm (Gates open at 1.45pm)

Adults : £1
Children (under 12) : Free
Free Car Park

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From the Diary – **AUGUST 2017**

FRINTON MISSION ENDS: Sunday 6th August:

The Bible Study group does not meet during August.

Wednesday	2 nd	2pm	Friendship & Interest Group in the Church Hall
Saturday	5 th	2-5 pm	FÊTE!! In the Old Rectory
Sunday	6 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	13 th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with Kirby Morning Worship
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in the Church Hall
Sunday	20 th	11.00am	Joint Morning Worship with Kirby
Tuesday	22 nd	2.30pm	TeaPot in the Baker Hall
Sunday	27 th	9.30am	NO SERVICE HERE, BUT JOINT ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MICHAEL'S

Bank Holiday Monday 12.00pm – KIRBY FETE in the Glebe Field

From the Diary – **SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

Saturday	2 nd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	6 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	10 th	8.00am 11.00am	Combined Holy Communion with Kirby Holy Communion
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday	20 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	26 th	2.30pm	TeaPot in the Baker Hall

From the Registers

WEDDINGS

We offer our congratulations to:

Damien Haygreen & Charlotte Potts, whose wedding is on 5th 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

-----OCTOBER-----

Saturday	15 th	10-4pm	Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference at Chelmsford Central Methodist Church. Peter Sanlon will be speaking on 'The Uniqueness of Christ'.
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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**.

Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our April, May, June and July Home Made Hours and for the generous donations of home made produce. **As usual there will be no Home Made Hour in August.**

Our next Home Made Hour takes place on **Saturday 2nd September** 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. If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on **677984**.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

CHURCHWARDENS: John Beale, 5 Malting Lane, Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472) and Judith Little, Lambourn House, Little Clacton Road, Great Holland CO13 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, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT (675997)

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Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

From strangers to family

In Genesis 18 we read of the time when Abraham entertained three strangers that were walking past his tent during the heat of the day.

As he ran towards them, he didn't know them. Still, he invited them to come and have some refreshing water and a snack. As they came and stopped with Abraham, and sat with him, they didn't just get a snack and some water - they got the best drink Abraham had, a feast and beds for the night.

These strangers became family, because of the welcome that they received by Abraham and Sarah.

Five years ago I came to this area a stranger. I had never heard of this place before. Five years ago you received me with open arms, even though you didn't really know me or what I would be like.

Through love, and hospitality and sharing we have become family. We have the bond of the love of God that keeps us together. That is why it is difficult to go through our goodbyes.

But, I would rather have the goodbyes, because if I didn't, it would mean that I would have never met you!

Those travellers stayed with Abraham and Sarah for a little while, for a season.

That season, that encounter, brought them closer, and changed both sides.

The season we have shared has seen us reach out to our community in different ways, has seen us laugh together, cry together, eat together, study the Bible together, play together, even dance together. And in all of that, we have glorified God and desired to do his will.

As we read the story of Genesis, we read that the Lord appeared to Abraham in the three travellers and they brought promises to Abraham, promises of a child in the following year, promises he had been waiting for many years.

The travellers moved on and Abraham's new season of becoming a father to a son, and through him to the nations, arrived.

And I pray that as I move on, the new season of the life of the church will be a season of blessings.

I will miss you all a lot, but as I leave with a heart full of love and in the words of the apostle Paul: I thank God every time I think of you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart.

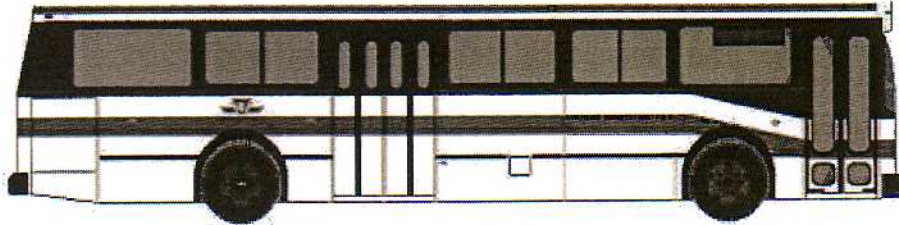
God's blessings,

Eva

Cream Tea at Great Holland Methodist Church on Saturday 17th June

Thank to everyone who supported this successful event. It was good to see so many people there.

Coach trip to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 28th June (market day)



The weather for our day trip was a bit disappointing - the day was overcast with drizzle and it was too cold for us to sit the Abbey Gardens. However, everybody seemed to enjoy the day. Thank you for your support.

★ Forthcoming social event arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church ★

Wednesday 27th September
Concert by 'Spectrum'
Great Holland Methodist Church
7.30pm
Free entry



Please come and join us at the Church for a Concert by the ladies choir 'Spectrum'.

Entry is free but because of limited space, it would be helpful if you could telephone Anne on **675065** if you would like to attend to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you.

There will be an optional retiring collection to raise funds to help two local sick children.



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

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



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,

The first thing to do is give a plug for the Village Fete. Please support this important event, even for an hour or so. It is the product of huge amounts of work and deserves everyone's support.

It was pointed out to me that some of my comments on planning problems could be misinterpreted. In particular, I strongly criticised the process by which the large new houses out on the main road were approved. This was done under powers delegated to planning officers, allegedly on the basis of "the emerging local plan", which was dumped soon afterwards. I consider those decisions to have been wrong and not discussed openly and properly, since they had wider planning implications. They are ribbon development which impinges on existing green gaps and set precedents for future applications. However, it seems my wording could have been interpreted to mean there some skulduggery involving the planning officers or even the owners themselves. That was not my meaning and I must apologise profusely if my words were capable of such an interpretation.

It is very important to accept that criticism of a planning decision is not a criticism of individuals and certainly not the owners of the property concerned. We have to view all planning applications in the light of planning principles that protect the long term character of the village. We must support those principles, even if that means opposing applications by officers of the Residents Association. If I make an application which conflicts with these policies, then GHRA must oppose it and I have no basis to get upset because MY plans are obstructed.

It might get boring, but let me repeat those cardinal principles. **NO RIBBON DEVELOPMENT, NO BACKLAND DEVELOPMENT, NO DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE THE AGREED SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY AND EXTREME CONSERVATISM FOR ANY PROPOSAL AT ALL WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREA.**

The reasons for these principles in a village environment are just too obvious to elaborate. What we demand is that Tendring District Council, which nominally has a policy that accords with this, actually applies it, not when it suits them, but consistently, over decades. It doesn't do that and has behaved with blatant inconsistency and blatant disregard for local opinion. Allowing ribbon development out on the main road and now again in Pork Lane has created precedents that every other application in the future will refer to. Now, that is not rocket science and planning officers have understood that since they completed their first months of training. So, it was deliberate, wasn't it? Am I criticising the owners of these properties? Of course I am not. Am I accusing anyone of skulduggery? Of course I am not. This is public, open, bad planning, without regard to local opinion or the long term implications for the village. The planning system balances public and private interests in land ownership and it does not work if it is operated locally by people who simply view it as an obstacle to enterprise. That's the culture of planning in Tendring and they need to address it.

Our beloved local councillor, Robert Bucke, has become the mayor of Frinton and Walton Town Council for the second time. Congratulations, Robert, on a fitting reward for genuine involvement in the community and dogged pursuit of councils and councillors who do not deliver. Hats off to FWTC for electing someone who is NOT afraid to annoy people if that's what it takes! Robert is as far as you can get from a time-serving, sycophantic, party hack and we need more like him.

One little matter that Robert has been helping out on is road closures. It is pretty clear that these are very badly managed. I have in mind the Kirby Road debacle near the bridge, currently Kirby Cross and Manor Road plus umpteen developers digging up local roads. All these closures or obstructions have to be approved by Essex County Council and we are trying to find out on what basis. You would assume there is a piece of paper somewhere that states clearly how long the closure can remain and imposes obligations on contractors to expedite works in an efficient manner, if necessary in the case of heavily used roads, with night time or weekend working. What is obvious is that this does not happen and days go by with no work taking place. I thought the advanced notice for Manor Road, for example, stated it would be closed for a week. So far, it has been two weeks.

I will report when we eventually find out the facts and learn ECC excuses for not monitoring properly (no excuses for pre-judging ECC, the reputation of which is very well established!).

Best regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on

SATURDAY 13th May, 2017 at 10.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Hazel Martin, John Poulton, Sylvia Nicoll, Ruth Hoskins, Clint and Sally Strutt, Sue Jenkins, Linda O'Reilly, Sandra Mooney, Robert Caines, Judith and Brian Little, Anne Jones.

Election of Officers

The existing officers were willing to stand again and no further nominations were received for any posts. Accordingly, -the following were elected unopposed:

Chair: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Vice-Chair: Robert Caines

Treasurer: Denys and Lindy Strich

Secretary: Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius

Planning Officer: Eddie Forrest

It was announced that Denys & Lindy Strich would be standing down as joint Treasurers at the next AGM and that the Association could not function without a Treasurer. Nominations were requested.

The Meeting agreed with the Chair's suggestion that we record a vote of sincere thanks to John Poulton for his great service as a Planning Officer over the years.

Minutes of the Meeting of meeting 14th January 2017

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

PCSO Report

Sergeant Peter Gerard delivered the report on this occasion, it being GHRA's turn for a visit.

Crime rates remain low. There was a report of birds being shot which was not verified, a fallen tree, a fallen electricity cable, two suspicious males (not verified), suspicious females looking around properties (not verified). An increase in vehicle thefts in Frinton was reported, possibly by cyclists arriving along the sea wall. They were targeting unlocked vehicles and residents were warned to secure them at all times. There

was a commercial burglary in Little Clacton Road involving a theft of machinery and a motor cycle had been dumped on the marshes.

Although PCSOs no longer have personal mobiles, 101 is the appropriate number to use and individual e-mail addresses are well publicised.

Sergeant Gerard explained that the reason for non-prosecution of speeding offenders caught by the community camera was that this is insufficient evidence for court purposes. Community Speedwatch volunteers get registration numbers of speeders in Little Clacton Road and warning letters are issued but this is not suitable evidence for prosecution. It is difficult to justify speed enforcement, which is a resource issue.

Sergeant Gerrard confirmed that Trading Standards are responsible for cold calling policy, not the police.

The Sergeant was thanked for his informative report and for dealing with questions from the floor.

Planning Report

Eddie Forrest summarised recent developments. TDC now has a five year supply of land and can be expected to defend settlement boundaries robustly.

Pleasure was expressed at the refusal of the additional property at Great Holland Nursery, the development of land next to The Veldt in Little Clacton Road, the umpteenth attempt to develop next to Mon Reve and the two bungalows in Pork Lane, adjacent to Farndon. In the latter case, an application for a single bungalow was approved. Approval is being sought for an additional bungalow on an extension to the site at 21 Manor Road, adjoining Great Holland Court, and there was inconclusive discussion as to whether GHRA would object. Usually we oppose backland development, but such development has already happened with the two bungalows and Great Holland Court. Further consideration will be given to GHRA's reaction to this proposal.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current balance of £3,380. Income for the year was £609 and expenditure was £117. The latter figure had been greatly reduced by the kind waiver of hall fees by the Village Hall Committee.

The Treasurer provided a breakdown of membership by road and commented that a number of roads had no members at all.

The Treasurer was asked what he considered was a satisfactory reserve. His opinion was that, on past records, we have more than sufficient to cover contingencies.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be held on Saturday, 14th October at 10.30 am.

Any Other Business

Councillor Jack Robinson asked the meeting whether they supported his initiative to seek the installation of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras in Tendring. He considered that this number would give total coverage and all are linked to the Police National Computer. Sergeant Gerard confirmed that these cameras cannot be adapted to monitor speed and enhanced speeding fines remain the main

deterrent. The Treasurer was the only dissenting voice as he considers the system an intrusion on the privacy of citizens, but the majority present at the meeting otherwise agreed.

Liz Oakley, resident in Pork Lane, asked GHRA to support the initiative in asking Essex County Council for a vehicle weight limit to be imposed. Agreement was unanimous.

Volunteers to man the stall at the village fête were requested to contact Sue Jenkins.

The Chair reported the receipt of an e-mail from Linda O'Reilly, explaining that it would not be possible to produce a full copy of Village Voice this time, as a consequence of Sandra Mooney's recovery from an operation and her own indisposition caring for her sick father.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY CHANGES

The following press release was issued by Tendring District Council in May of this year.....

COUNCILLORS CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM BOUNDARY COMMISSION

A public consultation on draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Tendring District Council (TDC) has now closed and a response agreed by the Council at a meeting last night.

Plans to reduce the number of councillors from 60 down to 48, with new electoral ward boundaries across the District, were proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and the consultation was launched in March this year.

The Council voted to agree to the reduced number of members, however they did not agree with a number of the proposed changes to ward boundaries and have set out their concerns.

It was felt that suitable warding of the District is vital to allow for an appropriate level of electoral representation across the District to ensure effective governance, decision-making and scrutiny.

Once the LGBCE has considered all the responses to the consultation it will then publish the final recommendations in July 2017.

Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the District elections in 2019.

The LGBCE has now responded back to TDC and it would appear that Gt. Holland will have a district councillor representing Great Holland, Thorpe-le-Soken and Beaumont. Hopefully there should/still be a town councillor to represent Great Holland on Frinton & Walton Town Council.

(Information provided by Cllr. Robert Bucke, F&WTC)

As usual it would appear that the 'powers that be' have little understanding of the local area. One would assume that Great Holland would be linked to the closest areas such as either Frinton or Kirby. Unfortunately we did not have time to raise this matter with TDC before going to print. However, I understand further information is available on the TDC website should residents wish to look further into this matter.

The Tornado Is Coming To Walton



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the railway coming to Walton-on-the-Naze, The Tornado, the first steam locomotive to be made in over 60 years, is arriving at Walton Station on Saturday 12th August. Tornado 60163, a world class locomotive launched in 2009, has often been used by the Royal Family and has featured on BBC Top Gear as well as smashing records by achieving 100 mph on the main line.

Once the train has arrived in Walton-on-the-Naze, it will then make five return trips during the day non-stop to Colchester Town. There will be plenty of activities in the town to keep people occupied. Already organised: The Pier is offering free rides on the production on a wrist band that can be collected from one of the five information booths around the town; Walton Maritime Museum will have extended opening hours – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; a Treasure Hunt with a £50 prize for the lucky winner; some open gardens with home-made refreshments; a steam traction engine located in the Station Car Park. There will also be entertainment and stalls in Millennium Square and tables and bunting will line the High Street which will be closed to traffic. It is also hoped that there will be classic cars on display at the Naze and fireworks to round off the day as the last train leaves Walton around 9 p.m.

The Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust has been supporting Mark Platt in this venture which is in aid of St. Helena Hospice. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer please contact Ann Gladwell on **01255 852914**.



We have a new advertiser ...

'R & V Electrical Ltd'

(a local firm)

Please see their advert at rear of magazine.

**IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS,
PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW THEIR ADVERT IN VILLAGE
VOICE!**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

JANE AUSTEN, THE STEVENTON SET AND GREAT HOLLAND

While researching the church history of Great Holland Dr. Herbert Eiden came across an intriguing connection between the family of an incumbent of the rectory and one of the greats of the early 19th century which he, and the V.C.H., have given me permission to share with you.

Jane Austen, the seventh child of the Reverend George Austen and his wife Cassandra (nee Leigh), was born at Steventon rectory (Hants) in December 1775. Jane spent the first 26 years of her life in the Hampshire parish, with only brief absences at boarding school and on family vacations. Even after she moved to Bath with her father, mother and sister in 1801 she returned frequently to Steventon as a visitor to her brother James, who had succeeded his father as rector there. A network of neighbourly social contacts, frequent visits from relatives and friends, and access to well-stocked libraries were highly conducive to her formative years as a budding writer.

In 1783 the Reverend George Lefroy moved with his young family to the nearby rectory of Ashe. Soon the Austen and Lefroy families befriended each other and Anne Lefroy (b. 1749), Georges wife, invited young Jane to play with her daughter Jemima Lucy, who was four years Jane's junior. Jane later described Lucy as her 'old acquaintance' with a witty and engaging personality, but it was Lucy's mother Anne who, despite the age difference, became Jane's confidant and mentor.

In 1801, at 22 years of age, Lucy married the Reverend Henry Rice, who had just graduated from Christ College, Cambridge and been offered the curacy in Deane, a short distance from Steventon and Ashe. The Austens and Lefroys were acquainted with the Rice family of Bramling in Kent. The formidable Sarah Rice (nee Samson, and, like the Lefroys, of Hougenot origin) had taken over her husband's diverse commercial interests after his premature death in 1797 and became a banker and businesswoman in her own right. Jane Austen described Henry as 'that pleasant boy', but she apparently disliked his mother Sarah, whom she described as a 'narrow-minded woman'.

The first years of Lucy's married life at Deane seemed to have been happy. Her first two children, Henry and Sarah, were born in 1802 and 1804 respectively, but things were about to change. Anne, Lucy's mother, died from a riding accident in December 1804 on the very day of Jane Austen's 29th birthday. Four years later the novelist commemorated her 'beloved friend' in a moving poem. At some point between 1805 and 1807 the Rice family must have moved away from Deane, after Henry's mother could not be persuaded to buy the rectory there for her son, a failing which added to the negative view Jane Austen had of Mrs Rice. Mrs Rice instead acquired the rectory and the advowson of Great Holland for £600 by c.1807

to provide for Henry. However, the Rices did not move to Holland for some time. For more than two decades they led a relatively unsettled life, living (amongst other places) in Cholderton(Wilts.), Maxton(Kent) and Dunkirk(France), in the latter location apparently in order to economize. Henry proved himself increasingly extravagant and spendthrift, often pursuing high-flying but badly thought-out plans beyond his means. According to family tradition he was also a habitual gambler and the family had to be bailed out more than once by Lucy's brothers.

In the meantime, the ties of the Lefroy-Rice families with the Austens had become closer. In 1814 Lucy's youngest brother Benjamin married one of Jane's nieces, Anna Austen (the daughter of her eldest brother James) and in 1819, two years after Jane Austen's death, Henry Rice's younger brother, Edward Royd Rice, became the husband of Elizabeth Knight, the daughter of Jane's third brother, Edward Austen Knight.

In 1821 a personal tragedy struck Henry and Lucy Rice. A year earlier their oldest son Henry George had travelled to Heidelberg in Germany(probably as a teaching assistant at the university there), but fell ill and died before he could celebrate his 20th birthday. A mural tablet at All Saints in Great Holland commemorates him and his younger sister Anne, who died, aged 26, in 1832. The monument features a kneeling, mourning female figure and was made by John Ely Hinchcliffe.

After the rectory at Great Holland was refurbished the Reverend and his family finally came to reside in Great Holland in 1830. However, a few years later they moved to Devon and again left the parish in the care of a stipendiary curate. After Henry Rice's mother Sarah had died in December 1841 there were no further reports of financial hardship; presumably she had left Henry enough money to live on comfortably. In 1860 Henry Rice died, aged 83, in Bath; Lucy died, aged 82, two years later, likewise in Bath. They are both buried at the Lansdown cemetery in that city and commemorated in Great Holland church in a Gothic-style monument by William Thomas Hale. Until their deaths they maintained close familial relationships, for example, exchanging visits with Henry's younger brother and his wife Elizabeth, Jane Austen's niece.

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Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder. July 2017

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (reports from 13/03/2017 – 17/07/17).

Tree down in Little Clacton Road: traffic control conducted until Highways cleared debris

Suspicious circumstances in Kirby Road: 2 males reported to be walking around looking at property before getting in a vehicle in Hamilton Road and driving off. No index given and no offences reported.

Concern for young male with skateboard: Boy seemed confused. Police attended and took boy home to Clacton.

Disturbance outside Village Hall: from youths that attended a party. All calm on police arrival.

Burglary in Little Clacton Road: enquiries ongoing.

OTHER

Please be mindful with the hot weather now upon us to close all windows when you go out. Secure all doors.

Crime is low in Great Holland – so thank you for being vigilant.

Enjoy the summer.

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

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PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Walton Police Station
Martello Road, Walton-on-naze

paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk
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Bees update ...

Last Autumn, we reported that villager Keith Fryer - an active member of Colchester Beekeepers Association who had completed a nine-month beekeeping course - was looking for local land on which to put a couple of hives. Here is an update from Keith:

'My bees are doing really well this season. Sadly, during the winter I lost a Colony, but I managed to get a couple of swarms of bees, so I now have four hives at home in my garden. Two of the hives are in the process of producing some delicious honey, which hopefully I will be able to sell in September.'

If anyone in the local area would like to take up bee keeping, or learn more about honey bees, then I would be happy to show them around my hives. Please feel free to contact me on 07807 422156 or at keithfryer@talktalk.net'

Fund-raising Curry Night on 29th April

I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who came along and enjoyed the Curry Night back in April. We raised £500.00 for the Yashua Sanctuary.

Thanks again,
Sue Jenkins

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 3rd August** and **Thursday 7th 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
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Could you be a Friend ...?

FRIENDS OF FRINTON THEATRE

The 78th season of Frinton Summer Theatre opened on Tuesday 11th July and runs until Sunday 27th August, when it will draw to a close with a fantastic Gala Night.

There are six plays and a Musical this season: Strangers on a Train, The Odd Couple, The Deep Blue Sea, The 39 Steps, Glorious, Absurd Person Singular and Sondheim's A Little Night Music. There will also be a Comedy Night and a Music Night.

The Friends of Frinton Theatre have proudly supported the Theatre for over 40 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.

If you would like to help by becoming a Friend, Membership starts from as little as £12 per year. For more information, please contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Philbrick: Tel: **679092** or Email: **friendsfrintontheatre@gmail.com**

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on 24th June

Thank you to everyone who supported this successful fund-raising event at The Orchard Tearoom, Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane. We raised **£457.33** for the Essex Air Ambulance.

Rose Elsworth

Date for your Diary:

On Saturday 18th November, we will be holding a quiz in our Village Hall, to help raise money to decorate the Hall. We are also hoping to obtain a grant to help us finally sort out the damp.

Look out for more details about the quiz in the next edition of Village Voice.

Sue Jenkins



Out and about by bus

The summer brought about a gap in the schedule of Village Voice and coincidentally I as warden of Holland Pits had to operate in a different mode. In early May I was in a particular rush to get to my other reserve at St Osyth, Colne Point. I did not know that the brakes on my cycle were so sharp. I applied them sharply and was thrown over the handlebars. I picked myself up, the bike unharmed and made to carry on to Colne Point but felt a disturbing click in my arm. With no pain I cycled home and went to our threatened Minor Injuries Unit. An X-ray demonstrated a clean break in my lower arm, the ulna. An operation was performed two days later. This went well and I expect to be discharged by the consultant on July 31st.

Now being in a plaster and later a brace, reminiscent to some observer, of Robocop; the flossing teeth and eating with a knife and fork were hindered. I couldn't drive and couldn't cycle. However, I discovered that the bus service is regular and according to my new experience reliable. Colne Point involved a bus ride to Jaywick, followed by a pleasant sea wall walk, For my regular butterfly transect at Martins Farm, I used a Colchester bus and for Great Holland, a 7 or 8 bus to Walton. The pits then required a walk from the Lions Den over the footpaths dividing fields; all very manageable.

General path maintenance was another matter. The mega strimmer I use, known as the brush cutter, was not an option for me, but friends cut the crucial paths just before our open day. The pond dipping event, which I have led over the years, was ably covered by other regular supporters, and this enabled me to flit around to other events, such as the walk where one of our young supporters pointed out some Adders to a group of visitors.

I have for many years carried a compact camera with me, so though the plaster cast and sling were a handicap for photography, I managed to observe and take pictures of things while I was unable to hack at burgeoning undergrowth. One new observation was of the charismatic wasp species called the Beewolf. These could be seen buzzing around the entrances of the nest holes of the numerous solitary mining bees on one of our sandy areas. They catch a bee as it emerges, inject it with a narcotic to paralyse it and then grasp it underneath them and carry it off to their own burrow. They will supply a number of these bees to their nest and lay an egg there, to hatch the following year.

I filmed one or two of these and you may look at a short movie I placed on our local Facebook site. (@EWTTendringLG).

I am a co maintainer of the Facebook page which you may not know about. It covers all of the Tendring district, We are always pleased to post any stories or photographs that people send us of nature in the district. **My email address is rjseago@gmail.com**

Bob Seago



**VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd JUNE 2017**

PRESENT:- Sue Jenkins (Chairman), Sheila Watts (Treasurer), Jim Stuart (Secretary), Debbie Frost, Nickie Stacks, Robert Bucke

APOLOGIES:- Chris Keston, Coralie Harris

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the last meeting and the minutes were signed.

TREASURERS REPORT

We are currently in a good financial position but there is still a lot of work to be done to restore the hall to a good condition, and in this respect we have submitted a CIF application for some financial assistance. We currently have £17,185 in our accounts, but will need some assistance with the ongoing restoration. Robert pointed out that Veolia also did a community fund and we will bear this in mind in the future.

HOUSEKEEPING

We have been looking for a handyman to do the odd jobs which come up from time to time, but to no effect. However, we are happy continue to use Chris Keston who always does these jobs to a good standard. Once all this work has been completed we will review the charges for using the hall, which does continue to be well used. The damp proofing work, which has already been commissioned, is not expected to be completed until September

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As there were no further issues the meeting was closed. The next meeting, our A.G.M., is scheduled immediately after this meeting on 3rd June 2017.

**VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JUNE 2017**

APOLOGIES:- Chris Keston, Coralie Harris

The only item on the agenda was the election of a chairman, as all the other committee members had agreed to continue for a further year. Sue Jenkins has agreed to stay on as chairman for another year. This was put to the committee and passed unanimously.







DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 2nd September 2017 at 11.15am.

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**TO FIND OUT WHAT'S ON AT YOUR VILLAGE HALL, PLEASE SEE TIMETABLE
OPPOSITE.**

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	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
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 the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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

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Once again, Great Holland and the surrounding area enjoyed a wide range of live music from Robert Max and his fellow musicians at the annual Frinton Festival. Photo above shows an ensemble playing in All Saints' Church. We look forward to next year's Festival!

Local events

We often receive news of forthcoming events some time in advance. We print details in Village Voice in good faith, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in the magazine, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact details given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place to avoid possible disappointment.

The Editors

Engains W.I.

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in **Little Clacton Village Hall**, at 7.30pm. 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. Details of our next meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 13th September

Giggly Pig

Tracy Mackness

Wednesday 11th October

Colour Me In

Trudy Horsman

Please telephone Linda Pidgeon on **01255 428562** for more information about Engains WI.

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 8th August

The Antique Trade

Ron Andrews

Tuesday 12th September

Postcards from My Collection

John Barter



Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on **674134** for further details

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 30 minutes before tea and homemade cakes are served. We also have a raffle.

Monday 7th August:

NO MEETING

Monday 4th September:

Liz Huxley

Walton Backwaters

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

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 7th September

Three topics – three speakers

Competition: A Specimen Dahlia



Saturday 16th September

AUTUMN SHOW

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea



Open to the public: 1.30pm

Prize giving: 3.00pm

Thursday 5th October

The Trees of the River Stour

A talk by Neil Catchpole

Competition: Three stems of Nerines

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. Our annual membership subscription is £7.

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

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Surgery Newsletter August 2017

News hot of the press this week is that the minor injury units at Clacton and Harwich will remain open but that patients will be diverted from A&E and the Walk in Centre at Colchester back to surgeries and pharmacies for minor ailments that could and should have been treated at home. This will affect those patients that attend the walk in centre and A&E for their own convenience rather than self-treat or wait for an appropriate surgery appointment. Of course appointment demand is always going to out-strip supply and this will be where our 150 wasted surgery appointments plays a big part.

The reality is that there are not enough resources to meet patient demand and so patients not turning up for booked appointments has a huge effect, not only that but patients really need to consider if they need an appointment in the first place. The North East Clinical Commissioning group (CCG) has plans in place to try to manage patient demand; this will mean surgeries linking up (federating) to reduce the cost and spread the load of caring for patients.

There are a regular PPG Forum meetings organised by the CCG held locally where these matters are brought to the attention of patients and opinions sought on how to deliver care closer to home. The CCG favour a 'hub and spoke model'. This is where a central hub will handle calls from patients and direct them to various surgeries (spokes) for their appointments, the minimum suggested patient list size for this kind of operation is 55,000-100,000 and the surgeries can be quite widespread where the appointments may be offered. The partners at Thorpe-le-Soken surgery have opted not to become either a hub or spoke and to continue to provide the best care we can for our own patients within the two sites that we already have. We don't envisage any change for our 7000 patients and having spoken to our PPG about the local plans they are quite clear that they want to keep their care within their own surgery where they live.

More than ever it is important to use the services wisely in order to protect our NHS. As you may already know there is a national shortage of doctors and nurses so creative ways need to be found to manage the need for services, until there is massive investment in the service there will always be demoralised staff leaving due to pressure from patients and directives from government. If you would like to know more about meetings locally contact ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net

Regards
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