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Great Holland Village Voice



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Village & Church Fête
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August & September 2018

THE BEACH



... to the August/September 2018 edition of Village Voice.



Included in this edition...

- A letter from the Chairman of GHRA
- Minutes of the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee
- A new advertiser : a 'home from home' dog hotel/crèche in the village

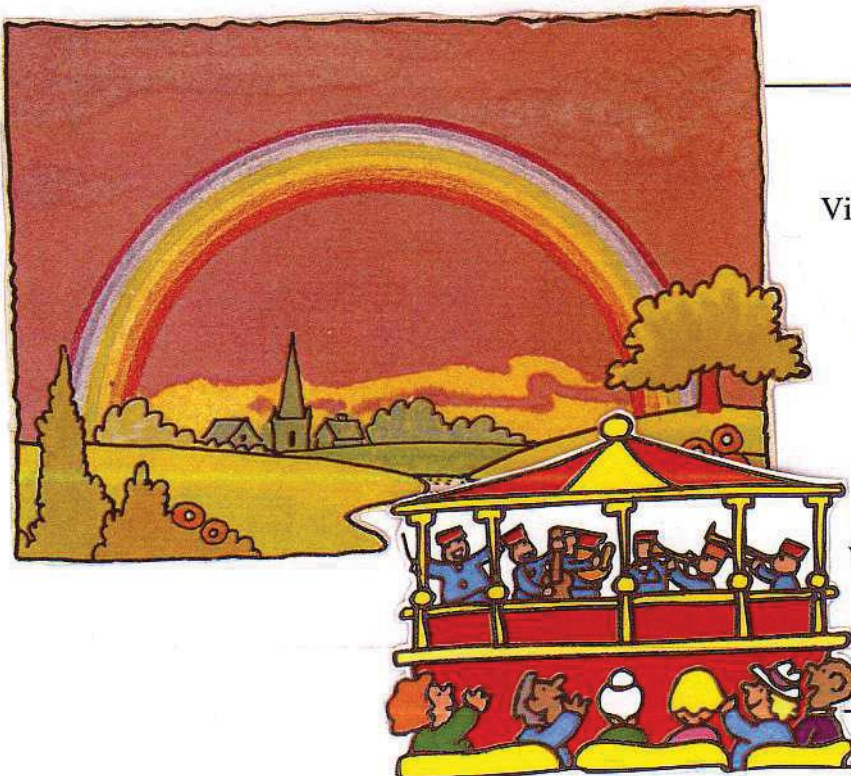
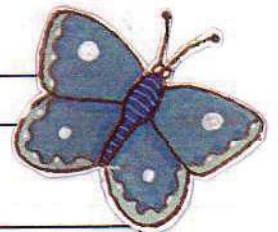
P.S. Don't forget our Village & Church Fête on Saturday 4th August!

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 24th September



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Dates for your Diary ...



August

Thursday 2 nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 4 th	FUN! Great Holland Village & Church Fête Grounds of The Old Rectory, Rectory Road CO13 0JP 2.00-5.00pm (gates open at 1.45pm)
Saturday 9 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 16 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 23 rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 30 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



September



Saturday 1 st	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 6 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Thursday 13 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Sunday 23 rd	90 th Anniversary Service - A Service of Thanksgiving: Methodist Church, 3.00pm. All welcome. Service will be followed by tea and cake.
Thursday 27 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



October

Saturday 6 th	★ Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association ★ Village Hall, 11.30am (NOT 10.00am as usual)
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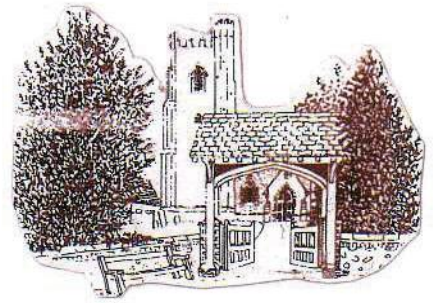
November

Saturday 24 th	Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper Village Hall More details in next edition of Village Voice
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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.

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

Around us there are a number of houses being built.

Jesus and those with him also would also have seen houses being built around them and so, he uses the idea of building a house to illustrate some life advice he gives.

He describes two builders, one who takes the easy route and builds a house on sand and the other who works hard, does what is right and builds on solid rock.

Building a house is a picture of building a life - we want it to be strong and sturdy. And to build a solid, sturdy life we need to work hard and do what is right, but Jesus says there's something even more important.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

The most important bit of building a life that is solid and sturdy is to hear the words of Jesus, and then to put them into practice.

These are words that we've passed on in the past weeks to a number of school children leaving their Primary schools and moving up to senior school. But these words are important for us all.

Jesus goes on to explain why they're so important - because the rains will come. To follow his advice won't stop the rain, but will make the house stand firm.

Mark



The Great Holland Village and Church Fête 2018

Saturday 4th August, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Can you help 'man' a stall at our fête on 4th August, between 2.00 - 5.00pm? If so, please give Sue Jenkins call on **01255 850317**.

From All Saints' Diary - August:

FRINTON MISSION ENDS: Sunday 5th August

There will be no Bible Study group or Teapot in August.



Wednesday	1 st	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in the Church Hall
Saturday	4 th	2.00-5.00pm	FÊTE!! In the grounds of The Old Rectory
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	12th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	15 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in the Church Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Saturday	25 th	3pm	Wedding of Matthew Dodwell & Eva Mott-Thornton
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Holy Communion

Bank Holiday Monday 27th 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 11.00am, please see the notice sheet or church notice board.

Saturday	1 st	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	5 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9th	8.00am	Combined Holy Communion with Kirby
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	25 th	2.30pm	TeaPot in the Baker Hall
Sunday	30th	11.00am	Morning Worship

October:

Saturday 13th 10.00am-4.00pm Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference at Chelmsford Central Methodist Church.

From the Registers:

WEDDING

We offer our congratulations to:

Sat 25th August

Matthew Dodwell & Eva Mott-Thornton

FUNERALS:

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

Charles Herbert Poll (91)

Little Clacton Road, Great Holland

All Saints' & burial

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**.

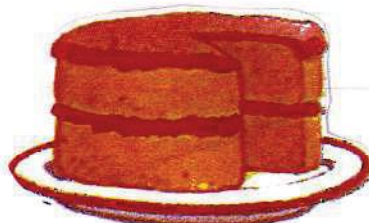
Home Made Hours in the Village Hall



Thank you to everyone who supported our 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 1st September**, from 10.00-11.00am. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.

The money raised at our friendly Home Made Hours is shared between All Saints' Church and Great Holland Village Hall. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events. Can you 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 surplus, fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. 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)

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: Vanessa Giles

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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

SIDESPERSIONS: Rose Batten, Don Osler and Sheila Watts.

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM: Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors), Mim Wilson, Irene Lightowler, Judith Little, Audrey Warren, June Forrest, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Eileen Derrick, Chris Crispin, Robert Caines, David Bavister, Sheila Watts, Phyllis Margetts, Anne Lott and Pauline Batten (Distributors).



We have a new advertiser ...

A 'home from home' dog hotel/crèche in Great Holland

Please see advert at rear of magazine.

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

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

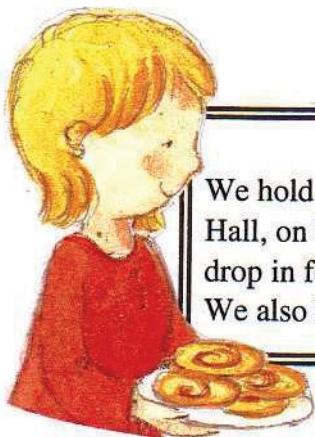
It is the time of year where we seem to encounter many bicycles on the roads. The better weather makes a difference and of course there is the added bonus of increased fitness that can come as well. Whilst we see cyclists all year round we do seem to see more during the summer months.

As I have been driving around, especially in the countryside, I have become aware of many more cyclists. This led me to think about 'cycles' not so much in the sense of bicycles but in the cycles of the year. The wheels on a bicycle go round and round and so do the months in the year. Yet there comes a point where we need to stop and rest to break the cycle of activity that we see during the remainder of the year. August is often a time where this happens. The height of the holiday season brings opportunities for rest, recuperation and renewal.

We often read in the gospels of Jesus who took time out to be away from the normal routines and rhythm of life and to rest and recuperate. Jesus spent time praying and being with his Father and no doubt doing various other things as well that enabled him to be rested and to return recharged. We need to do the same. We need to take the opportunity of some 'time out' to do other things that are life-giving to us. It is then that we can serve God in our normal daily actions once again.

For many August will be a time where the routine and rhythm of life is not as normal as it usually is. Let's take that as an opportunity to rest, be renewed and refreshed. Through it God will work if we are open to him. God's wonderful love continues to be shown to many and God's love is there for each and every person. Let us all enjoy the change in routine that happens, and where it comes the space that is created in normal daily life remaining open to God through Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God bless
Chris



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

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

90th Anniversary Cream Tea on Saturday 16th June

Thank you to all who supported this event. We raised £345.00 for Church funds, which will go towards essential maintenance work. Special thanks go to Tom, who provided live music for us on the day.





Coach trip to Bressingham Steam & Gardens on Wednesday 4th July

We had lovely weather for our day trip - very hot and sunny. We enjoyed the 'Gallopers' and the train rides, as well as the beautiful gardens. Thank you to Dennis and Jenny for arranging the trip.

Sunday 23rd September

90th Anniversary Service - A Service of Thanksgiving:

Great Holland Methodist Church, 3.00pm.

All welcome. Service will be followed by tea and cake.



Tending Activity Day



Tuesday 25th September

Bradfield Community Centre
The Street, Bradfield CO11 2UU
Plenty of car parking. Doors open 9.45am

A GREAT day out!

Three speakers:

Australia

John Rayner

Great Ormond Street

Linda Rowley

Circumnavigation of the world on container ships

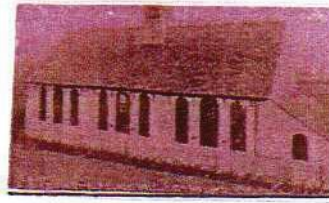
Peter Hesketh

Stalls selling home baked produce - handicrafts - jewellery etc. A raffle.

Lunches and refreshments available

£7.50 per person - ALL WELCOME

For tickets, please ring Joan on 01255 851069



Great Holland Village Hall

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Saturday 7th July 2018

Apologies: Chris Keston, Debbie Frost and Coralie Harris

Present: Nicky Stack, Sheila Watts, Sylvia Rackman and Sue Jenkins

SW had prepared a Treasurer's report.

All committee members decided they would stand for another year.

Following the AGM a village meeting continued.
As above for apologies and persons present.

Village Hall building work: SJ gave an update that the main hall has been completed, but Rose builders are still to do the small cupboard. SJ chased them three weeks ago but nothing has been heard back. She will contact the Head Office regarding a date for this work to be completed.

Decoration: SJ gave details of the three quotes which had been received to complete the internal decoration. These were: £7,380.00, £3,925.00 and £4,285.00. Committee voted to go for £4,285.00 (exterior improvements), as they have three men who are prepared to work weekends and nights to get the work completed with the least impact on the clubs. SJ will contact them once she has spoken to Rose builders to see when the work will be completed.

Fund Raiser: Committee have decided that they will put on a quiz night on 24th November 2018. This will be with a fish and chip supper for a charge of £7.50. SJ will approach Sandra Mooney to see if she will produce posters and tickets.

GPDR: Committee members were reminded that they needed to complete the forms sent out by SJ, as this is now mandatory and this information is needed so the process controller (SJ) can be sure what information is held by each committee member and how this is securely stored. Policy document has been forwarded to all committee members for them to read and digest.

Treasurer's update on accounts: Current Account £9,780.52 - Building Society £11,008.52.

Fence: The rear fence as discussed at other meeting has now been repaired at no cost to the committee. Our thanks to Chris Keston who was integral in getting this work done.

AOB: None.

Date of Next Meeting: 13th October 2018 at 10.30am in the Village Hall

LOCAL NEWS

Afternoon Tea in aid of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

A sum of £200 was raised at the above afternoon tea held in the Communal Lounge at Rosery Mews. The organisers would like to thank everyone who attended and hope they thoroughly enjoyed the event.

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Great Holland Play Area Refurbishment

Following discussions within Frinton and Walton Town Council funding has been approved for the refurbishment of the play area at the top of Pork Lane.

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Temporary Road Closures

It would appear that we are to have road closures in the village yet again. Tendring District Council has advised the following:

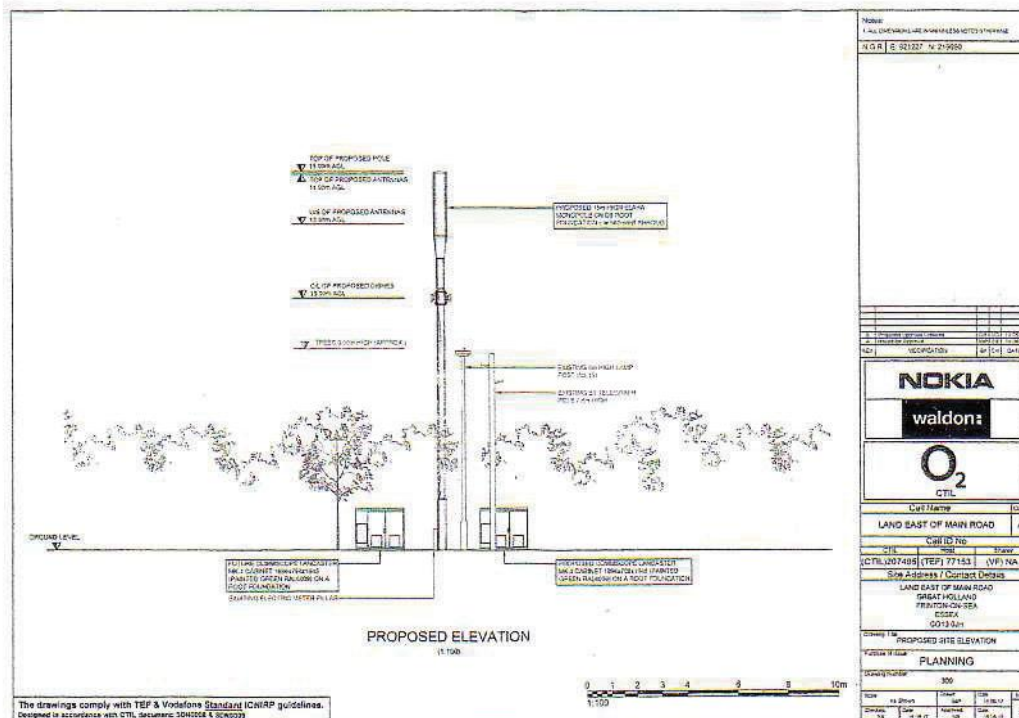
Green End Lane – 28 August for 3 days

Rectory Road, Manor Road, The Close & Church Lane – 13 August for 5 days

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Planning Applications

The following application has been submitted (for information only) for the installation of an antenna (15 metres high) and equipment cabinets on land east of Main Road, Gt. Holland (opposite the entrance to Pork Lane). For further information see the Tendring District Council Planning website, ref: 18/00856/TELCOM.





GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

After an absence of one issue, I wonder whether you all recall my rant about the “Heritage Warriors” of Great Holland, whose bizarre mission in life is to preserve dog poo for later generations by wrapping it in plastic! Well, the good news is that some of my measured, scientific analysis touched a chord with at least one reader, who decided to amend his or her perverted behaviour by leave a carefully wrapped sample in one of our recycling bins! I think this is a distinct improvement to hanging the bags in the nearest bush, but I wonder whether I could request a slight upgrade in brain function. I realise that the choice of our RED recycling bin was probably understandable confusion with the RED dog poo bin but, for the avoidance of doubt, the correct bin is attached to a post in the lane by the church at the farm entrance. It is not the one appearing fortnightly at the bottom of our drive!

Well, what a wonderful summer it has been! Whingeing about the garden and the impending hosepipe ban is absolutely forbidden within the boundaries of the village until after the Village Fete, which needs great weather to be at its best. The organisers really deserve some luck on this front. Please lend your support.

One of the stalls will be Great Holland Residents Association and we are very grateful to Jane Kurzwell for organising it. Please join while you are there or renew your membership if you haven't done so. Only twenty odd members renew by bankers order and so there is a big fluctuation in membership every year. Our new Treasurer, Liz Oakley, has made arrangements for people to renew at The Manor. Just ask at the bar. This is a really useful idea and will hopefully make renewal more convenient. £4 a year (£2 for a single household) can't be the reason for not joining! Why bother? What's GHRA ever done that's any use?

It's true that, at this particular moment, there has been a slackening in the number of crazy planning applications and, after a grim period of blatant disregard of planning principle and local opinion, Tendring District Council seems to be behaving sensibly. I hope this will be maintained, but fear it is just the shift in the housing market that has made developers, including the predatory ones, think twice. What I would ask you to do in thinking about the usefulness of GHRA is to remember why it came into being. That was a plan to create a Travellers Site on the edge of the village and it was defeated because of the organised opposition. We have nothing so controversial in the pipeline just now, but half a dozen times a year there are applications to start developments which threaten the long term character of the village. Had it not been for the consistent opposition of GHRA over the many years since well before I appeared here, we would be twice the size and linked directly with Kirby Cross by ribbon development along the main road.

When organised opposition is needed, it is much easier if the basic organisation and experience is already in place. So we need you to join, please.

Finally, many thanks to Liz Oakley for stepping up and taking on the role of Treasurer. You may recall, we were threatened with termination if we could not fill the post. Now, although it is a long way ahead, our Planning Officer, Eddie Forrest, wants to step down next year and we need a volunteer. You won't be left to get on with it and will have lots of direct help with researching planning problems and drafting responses by residents who prefer not to take on a formal, public role, but are happy to work in this way, indirectly. Please let me know if you would like to help. Eddie has given many years' service and, like our former Treasurers, thinks it is time to move on.

The last meeting of GHRA took up an initiative by Sandra Mooney to have a defibrillator installed in Great Holland. We have the money to pay for it, but we are seeking some financial assistance from the Town Council. We also need permission for the installation site. This will probably be the Village Hall, but the details are yet to be worked out. It will also be necessary to find volunteers to do some training for the maintenance of the unit. We hope you approve of the idea. It's a bit like a life raft on a boat. You hope it will never be needed but, if it is, nothing else will do.

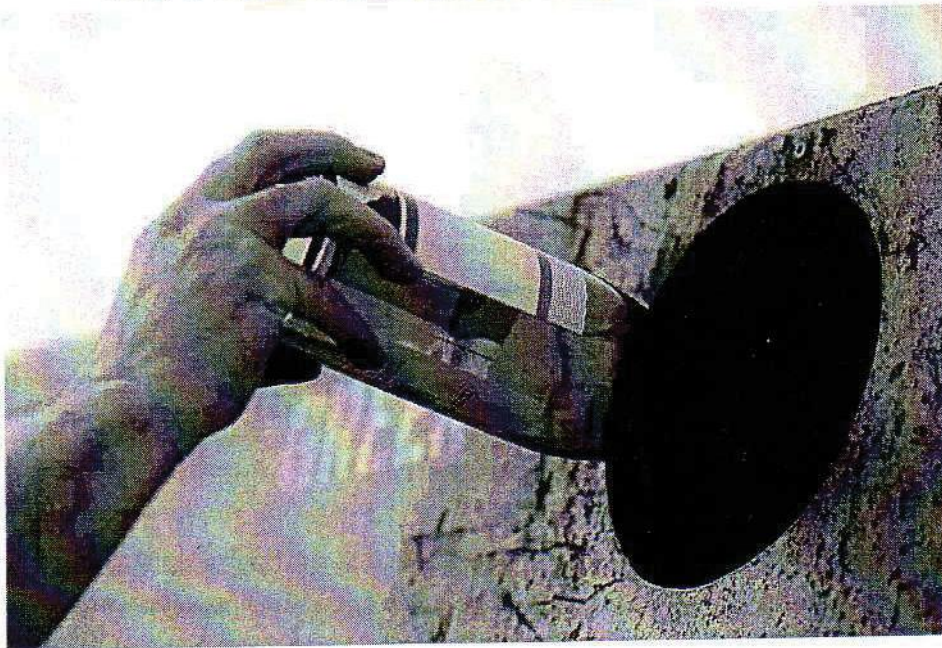
DON'T FORGET THE FETE!!

Best Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA

BOTTLE BANK AT THE MANOR



The bottle bank in the car park at The Manor Public House can be used by Great Holland residents. If using the bottle bank, please be considerate of those living nearby.

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When a person dies without leaving a Will they are described as having died Intestate, which means that their estate will be distributed according to the law, and not according to their wishes.

Set-down in statute, the Rules of Intestacy in England and Wales govern who can deal with the administration process, and who inherits your estate. In many cases this may not be who you would have chosen to act or inherit, had you written a Will.

In October 2014 the Rules changed to include Civil Partners as beneficiaries, but the Intestacy Rules still do not include cohabittees. In today's modern society there are a significant number of cohabittees who find themselves in a difficult position following the death of their partner. They may no longer be able to live in the house they lived in before the death occurred, or they may not have access to any money to pay the bills.

Even if you are married, or in a civil partnership, you may not automatically receive all the estate, under the Intestacy Rules. You do receive the chattels in the house, but you may not receive the house itself. You do receive a financial sum, but it may not be sufficient to maintain you or your children. You could find yourself in a situation whereby you have to apply to the Court for provision under The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, but you may not have sufficient funds to make the application.

In order to ensure that your position is safe and secure, take advice from an experienced Wills and Estates solicitor who will deal with any issues you may have and help you put a Will in place. You can then get on with living your life, rather than worrying about what might happen when you or your partner dies.

Home Visits: If you are registered disabled or physically unable to get to our office to see us then we can visit you at home and will not charge extra for travelling to see you. We can also visit you in the hospital or your care home free of travel charge. If it just suits you better for us to travel to see you at home then we are happy to do this but will need to charge an additional fee for this, which we will discuss with you when you contact us.

The Thompson Smith and Puxon Wills and Estates team is based in both Colchester and Clacton. In addition to advising on Intestacy the team can help with Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Estate Planning and Administration (Probate). They can be contacted using the details below.

Colchester

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Colchester, Essex, CO2 7GL
T 01206 574431 E info@tsplegal.com

Clacton on Sea

39 Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 1RN
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From left to right; Adina Milleare, Sarah White and Nicola Ashby, members of the TSP Wills and Estates team

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Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

We meet 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 14th August

Essex History

Rev. John Robinson

Tuesday 11th September

Winston Churchill - A great Briton

Peter Drake

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

Frinton & District Horticultural Society



We meet at Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue, 7.15 for 7.30pm

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 6th September

'My Life as a Gardener'

Barry Gayton

Completion: A Specimen Dahlia



Saturday 15th September

AUTUMN SHOW

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Open to the Public: 1.30pm

Prize giving: 3.30pm



NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

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

Guest Gardener

Our Guest Gardener for this edition of Village Voice is Frinton & District Horticultural Society Chairman, **John Dearing**.

(Please email gardening articles for future editions of the magazine to: linda.oreilly@catlover.com)

“The Trees In My Garden Autumn 2017”

Every season is different, in spring the new growth starts to emerge, either later or earlier than expected, and so the seasons follow and we hope that our plants will produce the results of all our hard work earlier in the year.

We all have our favourite seasons. I love the autumn, watching the plants preparing themselves for their winter sleep. My garden is about 4000 square feet and I have a number of specimen trees. In some autumns they come into their own and 2017 was one of those years owing to the relative calmness of the season, except for a period of wind and rain in October.

My garden can be split into 2 parts. The top part is my “wild” garden in which there is a CEDRUS DEODARA (incense cedar) in the central part. This was bought in Woolworths in 1994 as a 6” pot plant, but is now a magnificent tree some 30 feet high. It is in this area where the bulk of my spring bulbs grow.

The rest of my garden is given over to borders and shrubs, and in the grassed areas are my trees. These are all deciduous, although I do have a number of evergreens in the borders. In the autumn of 2017, the colours of the leaves were at their best.

My AMELANCHIER (June Berry) is always the first to show. Although not spectacular, the pinky-brown shows up well against the still bright greens of the shrubs. My LIRIODENDRON (Tulip tree) with its large unusual shaped leaves turn a lovely rich butter yellow colour, and in 2017 lasted all of three weeks. It is always a delight to see, and in its skeletal form the bark shows a lovely rich pattern.

On the other side of the garden is a LIQUIDAMBER (Sweet Gum), and because of its maple shaped leaves it is often mistaken for an acer. The leaves of this turn a rich red colour over a long period. In fact, initially, I sometimes wonder whether the “reds” will come through and I have to say that it can be disappointing. Incidentally in the autumn I found a seedling from this tree growing in the border, not realising that it produced seeds!

On this side of the garden there is also a GINGKO BILOBA (Maidenhair tree). I have had it for a few years but it does seem reluctant to get going! The leaves are unusually shaped, as the species name suggests, and these turn a lovely butter yellow in the autumn. The tree is one of the oldest known to man. If you do not know the tree, you may be forgiven for not realising that it belongs to the conifer family.

On the other side of the garden I planted a SORBUS -“Joseph Rock” a couple of years ago. It is already established and in the spring it has small white flowers. The berries produced in autumn are yellow and the leaves turn a rich pink, red or copper. This is a large group of cultivars and even if you do not have a lot of space, one of these may well suit.

In the north facing border I have an ARBUTUS UNEDO (Strawberry tree), which is often grown for its attractively patterned bark. Yes, it does produce flowers and strawberry fruits and in October - yes, October - it was a mass of flowers and some fruits!

Trees create focal points in a garden and if you are considering planting a tree, they can give pleasure in every season. There are so many from which to choose and which can give a lasting memory for many a year.

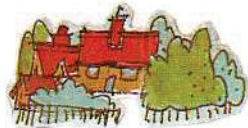
The questions are - will I be planting any more trees and have I enough space? The answer to both questions is yes, and plans are already afoot.

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Thanks go to John for submitting this descriptive article about his trees. Sometimes John opens his garden in aid of "The Woodland Trust" which provides an opportunity to view his treasured trees.

Please email gardening articles for future editions of the magazine to: linda.oreilly@catlover.com)

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Great Holland Residents Association (G.H.R.A.)

Having recently taken over the role of treasurer for the G.H.R.A. I was surprised and a bit disappointed to discover how few households in the village are members. It would be a pity if through a general lack of interest the Association were to eventually discontinue.

One thing that comes to mind is perhaps that people are not sure how to join, and in order make it easier The Manor pub have kindly agreed to take in subscription money. The cost is £4.00 per household or £2.00 for single occupancy. There are envelopes at the Manor into which you can put your subs. If you are paying at the Manor, please try to have the correct money as we can't ask the Manor to act as a bank as well as a collection point.

If you prefer to pay by standing order the details are available from the Treasurer at oakleyliz@aol.com

The Association does many things for the village including monitoring planning applications and noting and acting on villagers' concerns. If you would like to see it survive and thrive please join and if you can attend one of the meetings, the dates of which are advertised in the minutes of the meetings published in the Village Voice, so much the better.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Next meeting is on **Saturday 6th October** at 11.30am in the Village Hall.

Best regards,
Liz Oakley
(Treasurer)

LIGHT INTO EUROPE

GUIDE DOG PROJECT IN ROMANIA

Having known Mark Platt (UK Director of Light into Europe) for over 30 years or more I thought the following may be of interest



Cllr. Mark Platt currently resides in Frinton-on-Sea with his wife Raluca, from Craiova, Romania, and his two teenaged children. Mark lived in Romania for a couple of years. "Light into Europe began for me when I was in my early teens," says Mark, "the stories at our dinner table of my Dad [Cap. Stan Platt] flying off in his aeroplane to anywhere from Albania to Zanzibar, well almost!" Capt. Stan's flights would carry medical professionals and urgent supplies trying to bring relief to those in need. "The idea of using our flying abilities to help others caught my imagination," says Mark. "I wanted very much to be a part of it right then, so I guess I've been involved for more than 30 years."

Mark's work with Light into Europe started when he had just turned 18, in 1991. His journey was a huge adventure, with no mobile telephone or TomTom to guide him. He had just a map that went as far as the German/Austrian border and a handful of various currencies. "My destination was a city called Craiova in southern Romania.

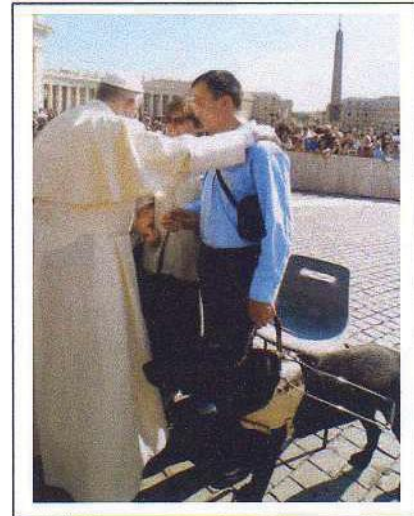
My time there was incredible!" This journey from a rich Western Europe to an Eastern Europe of despair fundamentally changed Mark. "The concept of queuing for bread and milk and pushing the car along in the long line for petrol was such an alien experience to me," says Mark, "that my life was literally turned upside down." Aid was delivered to Mark in Romania every three months or so as he developed his network of contacts, including doctors, dentists, prison Commandants, gynaecologists, all in desperate need. Marks' role later developed into delivering various types of aid across Europe. "From Kiev to Tirana, Madrid to Oslo," says Mark, "no place was too far." Learning on his feet, Mark became skilled at getting the job done. So much so that other charities across the UK started asking for his help. "Aid convoys were having serious problems with corruption or getting through the borders," says Mark, "and were subject to severe delays, sometimes up to three days!"

The foundation then entered the era of Air Ambulance work across Romania, while Mark returned to the UK to coordinate activities from home. "My Dad and his team risked life and limb flying over snow covered mountain ranges," says Mark, "to provide an emergency service in Romania that had not been seen for many years."

Mark and his family have always loved dogs and were delighted to have the opportunity to take in and train guide dog puppies for Light into Europe. So far they have puppy-walked Lewis, Max, Misty and Bonnie and they currently have Tommie. "Guide dog puppies are the best," says Mark. "You just have to begin training right from the start, at just six weeks old. Then week by week you follow the rules from the book and watch in absolute amazement as this little bundle of fluff develops into the most wonderful friend anyone could ever have, especially for a blind person!" Obedience is essential, but always taught in a positive way. Always!" The most important part of training is reinforcement. "Once the puppy is around 18 months old and has come out of its 'teenage' years," says Mark, "it is ready for what we call 'advanced training'." "In my opinion, matching is the most

important thing in the guide dog world," says Mark. For example, matching Max was hard, but the match we made, with one guide dog and two beneficiaries [Adrian and Veronica Benchea] was just perfect!"

Our guide dogs are trained to the highest British standards!" A guide dog school needs a stock of useable guide dogs to ensure supply. "If we run out of puppies then our blind beneficiaries could wait for up to 18 months to get a suitable guide dog," says Mark, "as is the case in the UK at present!" In Romania there are some 12,000 blind people, of which maybe 10% might be suited to having a guide dog. "The staff who train the guide dogs in Romania are very good at their job," says Mark. "I think they are the best and are really committed to Light into Europe!" "I feel it would be good to train up an apprentice to assist our current team," says Mark.



(Adrian and Veronica on holiday in Rome with GD Max meeting the Pope)

"Public awareness is the key to freedom of movement for the blind in the future." "I would appeal to everyone who reads this article to simply talk about guide dogs," says Mark. "Word of mouth is the very best way to spread the good news that Romania has a guide dog service!" Light into Europe currently trains to International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF) standards or above. Once it has new premises for training it will apply for membership, but there is no rush. "We aim to get accreditation in due course," says Mark, "but finding new premises, training guide dogs and continuing the work of Light into Europe come first!" "Romania is not an easy country to work in," says Mark. "The public has generally been disappointed in each successive government since the revolution. You just have to remember the recent demonstrations to understand this!" Disabled people are considered at the bottom of the ladder when it comes to receiving help. "We offer services to the disabled without charge," says Mark, "regardless of who these people are. And we do it in good faith!"

Staying on the subject of guide dogs, the foundation now have to name the latest litter (our fourth) so each name should begin with a "D" and they are busy looking for suitable 2-syllable examples. Do any readers have any ideas? If you would like to choose a name, and perhaps make a donation towards the dog's upkeep, please get in touch as follows:

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Newsletter August 2018

Greetings again from the surgery.

So far as the surgery is concerned we have implemented a triage system which is working well although it does not guarantee a same day appointment. The feedback so far has been excellent with patients taking advice to monitor symptoms, see a pharmacist or see a healthcare professional; the system is clinically led so the receptionists need to ask a few questions to help the doctors and nurses prioritise the workflow. If a patient does not wish to tell the receptionist what the problem is they will be offered the next routine appointment with a GP which may mean a wait of a couple of weeks. This system is for urgent matters that cannot wait. Same day appointments should not be used for convenience but for medical need.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on the 25th May. Please make sure you have either opted in or out of our text message service, if you have not received a text message we don't have an up-to-date number. The text messages are for appointment reminders and are very useful for checking correct booking of time and place. Please can you make sure that we have your correct mobile number. At the surgery, we are committed to maintaining the trust and confidence of our patients. In particular, we want you to know that we are not in the business of selling, renting or trading email lists or telephone numbers for marketing purposes. We just don't do that sort of thing.

Email addresses and telephones numbers including mobiles are used only for the purposes of informing you of your medical information such as appointment reminders, flu jab campaigns and health appointment recall. Your information will only be shared with your consent for the purposes of referrals to hospital or for arranging medical tests. You may also consent to sharing with 3rd parties acting on your behalf, for example solicitors and insurance companies.

You are entitled to view your medical record; this can be done by requesting on-line access or by making a **Subject Access Request (SAR)**. Ask a receptionist about setting up online access for appointments, medication and other medical information.

Children and young adults-parents of children under 16 will be able to act on their behalf, children over 13 may refuse this if competent. Proxy on-line access will not be given for children under 16. Mobile numbers will only be accepted for young people over 13 years of age if the young person has consented.

The PPG has not been active over the last 6 months due to lack of interest from patients, although patients have taken to commenting on the Thorpe-Le-Soken Community Facebook Page about any negative feelings they have toward the surgery. Unfortunately as this is a public forum the only useful reply I can give is to invite patients in to discuss matters with me. With this in mind I have set up the Thorpe-Le-Soken Surgery Patient Participation Group Facebook Page. I have shared it among the on-line community and it has been very popular. Anyone leaving inappropriate comments will have them deleted and will be blocked, so I ask that individuals use it respectfully. I will be posting any surgery news, health information and details of PPG meetings.

We still have Doctor Hannah on maternity leave and Dr Mathew is about to take paternity leave any time now. We have recruited 2 new GP's, Dr Ash and Dr Michelle, to cover and in addition Practice Nurse Leighanne is about to start Advanced Nurse Prescribing Training. We will continue to encourage patients to use resources wisely and start the flu jab campaign in September to keep as many folk healthy over the winter as possible.

Regards, Karen Austen

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Clacton Choral Society Autumn Sing-In

It's not often that you can say, "What lovely summer weather we've had this year"- and it's not every day of the week that you get a chance to try out singing with the largest classical choir in our area! To round off a summer to remember, Clacton Choral invites you to come along to St James' Church Hall, Tower Road, Clacton, for their 'Saturday Sing' from 1.30 - 4.30pm on Saturday 1st September. They are very friendly, and you don't need to be able to read music. So as long as you can sing in tune and want to give it a go, you'll be made very welcome.

You and the choir will be introduced to all the pieces for their Christmas Concert which takes place at 6.30pm on Sunday 9th December. Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols' is flanked by Elgar's 'Te Deum' and 'Benedictus' and followed by Holst's 'Four Old English Carols and his medley 'Christmas Day', with some lively and popular Spirituals to round it all off.

If you enjoy singing enough to want to join Clacton Choral, regular rehearsals begin on Monday 3rd September, again at St James' Hall, from 7.15 - 9.30pm. Visit www.clactonchoral.org.uk to find out more.

P.S. Our Summer Charity Concert was well supported with an audience of over 250, and enabled us to donate £1,500 to St. Helena Hospice,

Clacton & District Local History Society

This Society was formed in 1985 to research, record and promote the history of Clacton & District. We meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Pier Avenue Baptist Church in Clacton. A talk by a guest speaker is followed by refreshments and a raffle. Membership is £12.50 per year, which gives free entry to all meetings. The Society also has a small museum in Clacton Library. Our next meetings are:

Thursday 16th August:

A green coat and a funny hat - the ladies of the WVS

Vic Miller

Thursday 20th September:

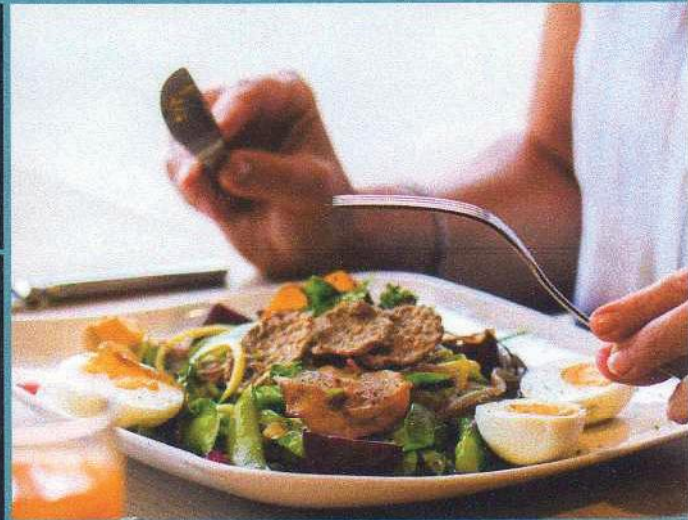
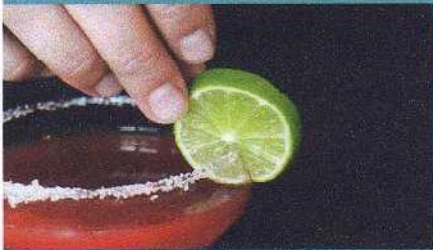
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Simon Gallup

For more details please contact: 07814 456118 or visit: www.clactonhistory.co.uk

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Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland



Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 2nd August** and **Thursday 6th 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. Please bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts: 851118

Tendring First Ladies

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



**August:
NO MEETING**

**Monday 3rd September:
David Oxley
Beekeeping**

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

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

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POLICE NEWS



INCIDENTS

Sadly there have been a few incidents in the village as follows:

- Report of possible damage to one of the hides at Great Holland pits, together with an amount of rubbish left behind and vehicles congregating late at night.
- A dog walker was attacked and bitten by a large brown/white mastiff-type dog whilst he was out walking along the field between Green End Lane and Rectory Road. Medical attention was sought by the victim.
- We have had 3 reports of vehicles being broken into:

Little Clacton Road – tools stolen

Main Road – nothing stolen

Manor Road – window smashed and handbag stolen

Can residents make sure all things of value are removed from their vehicles even during daylight hours.

- Lastly, a residential property in Manor Road had garden ornaments stolen from the front garden.

OTHER

A reminder to be vigilant with who's knocking on your door offering work. Also to make sure when in your garden the front windows are closed or locked. It doesn't take long for a burglar to enter your property.

Have a safe summer and enjoy the warm sunshine.

Michele

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

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

michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk

Frinton Festival 2018



Maria, Tim, Adam and Robert play Schumann and Schubert at All Saints' Great Holland

I'm delighted to let you know that the fifth Frinton Festival was a resounding success. The concerts attracted attentive audiences and we received many glowing responses.

"Please thank all of your colleagues for a magnificent evening. Yours is pretty well the only regular chamber music I hear live each year and I really relish the sophistication, the technical accomplishment and the emotional power of your work."

Duncan Archard and I are thrilled with the way that the Frinton Festival Evensong has taken off - a large and enthusiastic choir treated an equally large congregation to a very special service. Before the festival started, the Barbican Piano Trio performed to three hundred local primary school children thanks to the generous support of the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust. These concerts were followed by visits from our storyteller Kevin Graal. I am grateful to Jo and Brian Beattie and their team for enticing many of the children and their families to join us for spectacular tea and cakes at St. Mary's, after the world première of the Remarkable Tale of Prince Unexpected.

"Thank you all for a truly magical weekend of superb music: from the delightful surprise on Friday afternoon through to the gleeful performance on Monday evening. Roll on 2019."

Please visit www.frintonfestival.com to enjoy some Festival photos. Thanks to Claude Darmon for his amazing shots.

Our next festival will take place from **24-27th May 2019**. Please pencil those dates in your diaries.

Thank you and best wishes.

Robert Max

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Red Wheat

Two issues ago I asked whether anyone could tell me about 'Red Wheat'. Many thanks to the gentleman who replied: here are the findings.....

Red wheat is wheat that has reddish grains and is a major classification in the United States. Historically, Turkey Red Wheat was a variety from the Volga region in Russia, introduced to the U.S. in the 1870s. Other varieties of red wheat were introduced from both Imperial and Soviet Russia. It is known as Red Fife wheat in Canada.

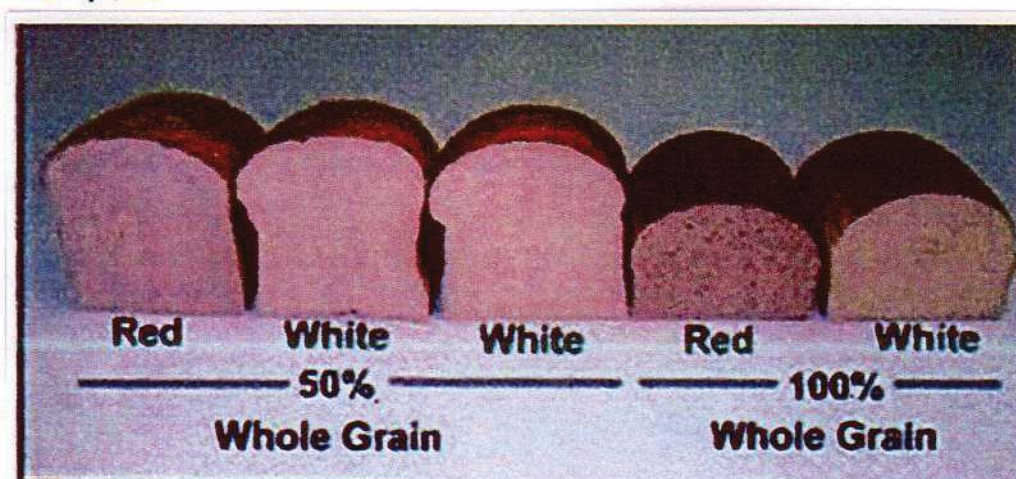
In a farming magazine of 101 red wheat is quoted at a cheaper price than white wheat.





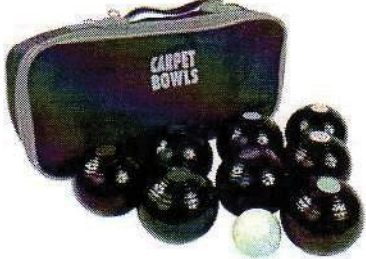



Ears of red wheat.

(See web site for colour image)

The picture below demonstrates the difference in texture between the two flours in making bread. Loaves made of whole grains from white wheat show a distinct colour difference from that of red wheat and taste more like the traditional white bread that consumers prefer.



What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	Cardio Vascular exercise 6.45-7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday 	Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)2.30-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	Aerobics 7.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday 	Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

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