

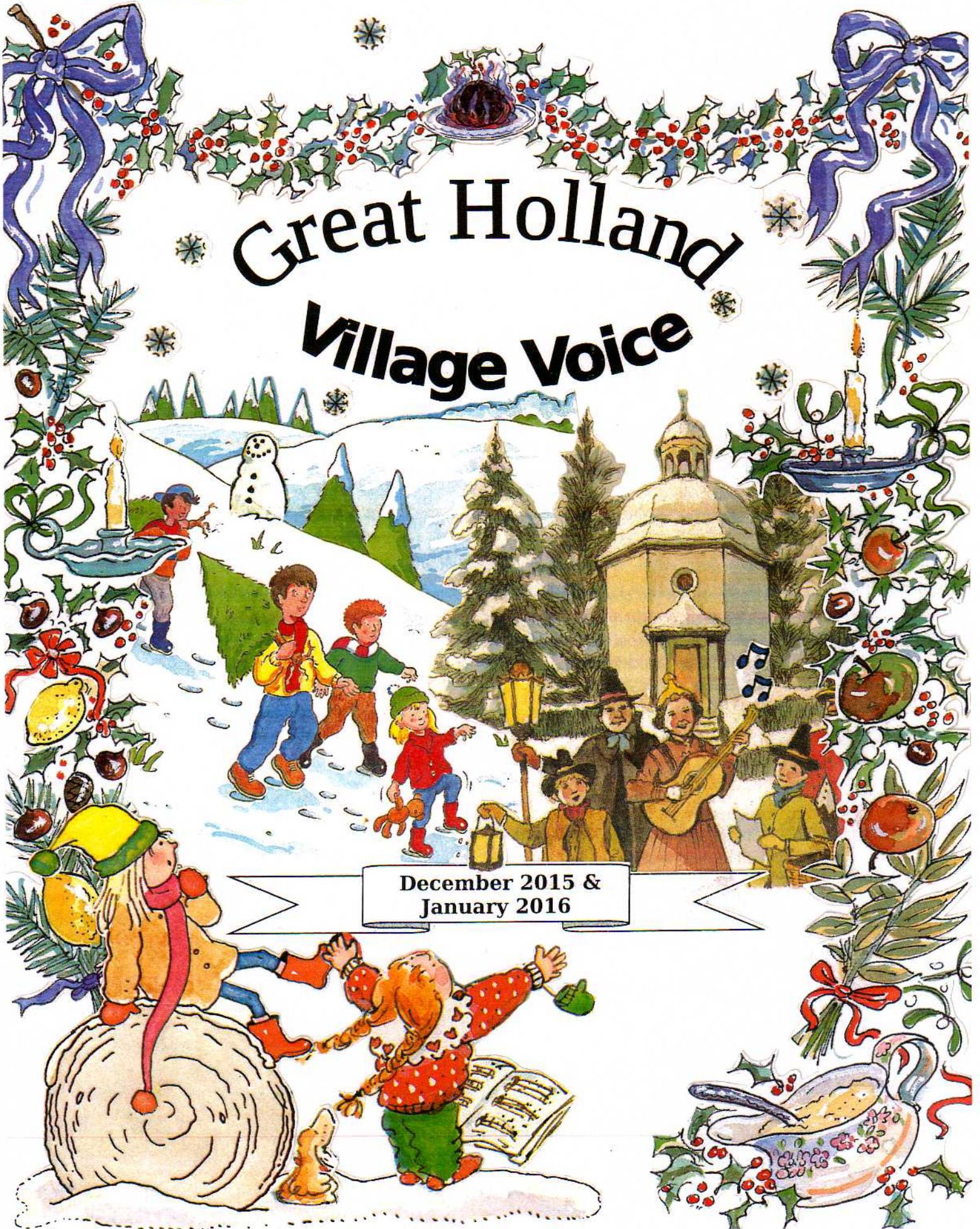


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# Great Holland Village Voice



December 2015 &  
January 2016





... to the December 2015/January 2016 edition of **Village Voice**.

## Included in this edition...

- A letter from the Chairman of GHRA
- Minutes of the last GHRA meeting (next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016)
- Details of our churches' Christmas events
- News of a 'happy ending' following an earlier plea for help



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 February or March 2016 that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



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

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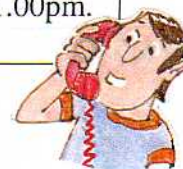






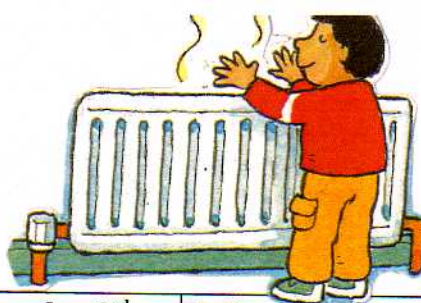
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<b>RSPCA</b>	0300 1234 999	
<b>Neighbourhood Watch Administrator</b>	Please call 101 and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	Please call 101 and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	0800 555111	
<b>Essex Police non emergency</b>	101	
<b>Essex Fire &amp; Rescue non emergency</b>	01376 576000	
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	0844 4770808	
<b>Coastguard Service</b>	01255 675518	
<b>Colchester General</b>	01206 747474	
<b>National Rail Enquiries</b>	08457 484950	
<b>Tendring Dial-a-Ride</b>	01255 436962	
<b>Mobile Library</b>	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at <b>Rosery Mews</b> only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
<b>Civic Amenity Tip</b> Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken	<p>Opening times:  <b>Winter</b> (16<sup>th</sup> October - end of February): 9.00am- 4.00pm  <b>Summer</b> (1<sup>st</sup> March-15<sup>th</sup> October): 9.00am-5.00pm            Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.</p> <p><b><u>The Civic Amenity Tip is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u></b></p> <p><b>All day closing:</b> Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.  <b>Half-day closing:</b> If Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a day the recycling centre is usually open, the centre closes at 1.00pm.</p>	





Dates for your Diary ...



# December



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Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews <b>Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland:</b> 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police - Come and meet your PCSOs to discuss issues/concerns you may wish to raise:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Home Made Hour with Live Music:</b> Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am. <b>Christmas Fayre:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am. <b>Late night shopping in Frinton:</b> 5.00-9.00pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.. <b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am. <b>Great Holland Village Carol Singing:</b> Outside Great Holland Methodist Church, 6.00pm
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All Saints' Family Christingle Service:</b> All Saints' Church, 4.00pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>'All things Christmas':</b> Great Holland Methodist Church. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>All Saints' Carols by Candlelight:</b> All Saints' Church, 6.30pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Holland Folk Club:</b> Church Parish Room (next to All Saints' Church), 7.00-9.30pm.
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



# January



Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland:</b> 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. <b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	★ <b>MEETING OF GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:</b> ★ Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
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Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Meets by Essex Police:</b> Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.



To include events for **February or March 2016** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** by **15<sup>th</sup> January**.





## Rector's article ...

Christmas is such a mix isn't it?

On TV, one day it's the start of the Christmas Advert and a celebration of plenty, and on another day it's Children in Need.

In the news, we see terror attacks dominating, not because they're unusual, but simply because these ones are closer to home. Unseen, huge efforts are being made to help by individuals and organisations. At All Saints' and St. Michael's in Kirby we were pleased to be involved in one collection that has just sent a 40ft container to a refugee camp in Syria with 959 boxes and 202 sacks of supplies. See more at [www.samarasaidappeal.org](http://www.samarasaidappeal.org)

In the shops, Black Friday approaches but it's also the time our thoughts go to giving to charity with many focusing their appeals and giving around this time.

Christmas is a mix.

You might think that this is new. But it's not.

Christmas has always been like this. In fact, even the first one was a real mix.

That first Christmas we meet the Prince of Peace, but also read of infanticide by the local authority.

We hear of foreign celebrities in all their riches gathering around a young Jewish child.

And there's a plan from eternity, that goes pretty much unnoticed.

All a bit of a mix.

Why not join us over Christmas to find out more.

- **Great Holland Village Carol Singing**  
*Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December*                      *6.00pm*                      *Outside Great Holland Methodist Church*
- **All Saints' Family Christingle Service**  
*Sat 19<sup>th</sup> December*                      *4.00pm*                      *All Saints', Great Holland*
- **All Saints' Carols by Candlelight**  
*Christmas Eve*                      *6.30pm*                      *All Saints' Great Holland*

(And also keep an eye out for more details of our year of events in 2016 to celebrate 150 years since the rebuilding of All Saints'.)

Mark





## From All Saints' Diary - DECEMBER:



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am HOME MADE HOUR Christmas Special!!

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship**  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm Christmas Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's**  
**11.00am Morning Worship**  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Special Needs Service at St Michael's  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm tbc Carol singing at the Methodist Church  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Christingle Service

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion**  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 8am Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's**  
**9.30pm Joint Christmas Day Holy Communion service at St Michael's**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Joint All-Age Morning Service**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL



## From All Saints' Diary: JANUARY 2016:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Joint All-Age Holy Communion Service at St Michael's**  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's**  
**11.00am Morning Worship**  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion**  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship**  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm "Teapot" at the Baker Hall. A time to meet friends and enjoy Tea and home made cakes.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship**





New Year dates for All Saints Bible Group to be announced.

## From the Registers

**FUNERALS:** We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of:  
Jack Cracknell (76)                      Little Holland Hall                      All Saints and Cremation

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To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the rebuilding of the Church the congregation are hoping to organize several events during the coming year. After much discussion we have decided to have a special 'Songs of Praise' Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016** at 4.30pm.

We would like anyone who would be interested to choose a favourite hymn which we could sing at this Service. We would love to have the Church full of local residents all singing their hearts out and enjoying the beauty of OUR Church here in Great Holland. Hymns often evoke memories of past events, happy, sad, schooldays, holidays etc and so it will be really special and we hope by that time we will have our own band of Bell ringers to welcome us all to our lovely Church.

If you have a special hymn that you would like sung (and even better, a reason for choosing it) please get in touch with either of the Church Wardens:

**Judith Little 01255 813645 – lambournhouse@btinternet.com)**

**John Beale 01255 676472 - jrbeale77@btinternet.com)**

or if preferred leave a message in the Church where there are forms near the Visitors Book and we will put together a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise for our Anniversary. It may not be possible to include all the choices in one Service but we will consider every one.

## WALTON & DISTRICT FOODBANK



Dear All,

There is no FoodBank shopping list this week!

However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made donations of food and gift items for our Christmas Box appeal. Your response has been overwhelming. We shall now be able to make Christmas a little bit better for a good number of families who would not have been able to afford it.

Many thanks, as ever for your continued and generous support of your local independent FoodBank

Kind regards

Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator, Walton & District Community FoodBank: **07926 015276** (office)





## Home Made Hours



Thank you to everyone who supported our November Home Made Hour and for the generous donations of home made goodies and produce.

Our **Christmas Home Made Hour** takes place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.

As usual, there will be no Home Made Hours in January or February.

Our friendly Home Made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, particularly those who donate home made and home grown produce for us to sell.

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 0EY (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:** Judith Little.

**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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(Distributors)



**All Saints Church**

**Great Holland**



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

**At the Church on**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**At 4.30pm**

**WITH**

**Andrew Merchant of BBC Essex**

(If you have a special hymn that you would like sung please get in touch with John Beale, Church Warden – 01255 676472 – [jrbeale77@btinternet.com](mailto:jrbeale77@btinternet.com))

If preferred a message can be left in the Church where there are forms near the Visitors Book.





## Christmas for you and me

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Martin Luther King Junior*

Christmas is around the corner dear friends, and some of us are looking forward to it, and others find it difficult. For many reasons, many struggle with Christmas. It might be a loss, or divorce, or illness, or negotiating a lot of personalities under one roof.

As I write this article, the world is shocked with the brutal attacks in Paris and Beirut. There is a lot of heartbreak and devastation. Christmas might be difficult for the people affected.

How can they celebrate Christmas? How can we celebrate Christmas if we find it difficult?

But, let me ask another question. Who is Christmas for? What is Christmas for?

Is Christmas only for the happy people? Is Christmas only for the successful and the beautiful, for rich and the important?

If that is what we think of Christmas, we have got it backwards. Because Christmas- the great story of God taking on flesh and coming to live in our neighbourhood- is for everyone, and especially for those that do need rescuing. Jesus was made like us so that in his resurrection we can be made like him.

The first people that welcomed and worshipped Jesus were not rich and beautiful, but poor shepherds, beaten down by life and hard work.

As they welcomed Jesus, Jesus welcomed them. In that welcome and throughout the life of Jesus on earth we know that Christmas is for the shepherds, and for those today who look in the mirror and see nothing good; and for those whose lives have been wrecked by illness, or war, or loneliness, or depression.

Christmas is for the single mother, trying to bring up children the best way she can, Christmas is for the man with Alzheimer's who cannot recognise his family, Christmas is for the couples whose marriages have reached breaking points, Christmas is for the children that long to have a small present under the tree, Christmas is for the students that can't wait to leave the family behind and to go out with their friends for a drink.

Christmas is for prostitutes, and the adulterers, and others who keep looking for love in the wrong places. Christmas is for those who have ruined the family name and fortune and would like to be back home, but cannot imagine a loving invitation.

Christmas my friends, is really about the gospel of grace to all of us. Christmas is about the Prince of Peace coming to live amongst us, in this world darkened by war and greed and hate. And because of all that Christ has done on the cross, the manger becomes the most hopeful, and loving, and peaceful place in the universe.

Christmas is for all those that find it the hardest to enjoy it, Christmas is for all those that need to find that joy and peace and healing and love in that manger again.

So, Merry Christmas dear friends, and thank God for Christmas, because without it where would we be?

Love and God's blessings,  
Eva



## Forthcoming events at Great Holland Methodist Church :

We are sorry that due to unforeseen circumstances, our Church will not now hold an open weekend on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December. However, we would like to invite everyone to:



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Christmas Fayre**

There will be a variety of stalls. Light refreshments will be available.  
**FREE ENTRY**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
7.00pm

### 'All things Christmas'

An evening of songs and carols, featuring  
'St Phil's School Choir and 'St Phil's Connexion '  
**ALL WELCOME - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**



### Small Church - Big Worship!

Join us at our inclusive, sensory aware, family services at:

**Great Holland Methodist Church**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month, 11am-12.00pm

Come along for music and singing, videos, art & craft activities, refreshments and of course friendship.



There will be a special **Christingle Christmas Inclusive Family service** at Great Holland Methodist Church on 13<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00am-12midday. All welcome for this sensory aware service with refreshments afterwards. There is also an arts and crafts area available, a quiet room if required, and the Christmas scene and decorations are always worth a visit.

It has been lovely to see families joining in these services and we have had some good feedback on the format. For example, a mum and her son got in touch after the Remembrance Day service to say "Definitely enjoyed it, the relaxed service and the friendliness of the Minister and the congregation. Would like to do it again for sure." Our family services will continue next year on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

For more details, please contact:  
**Rev. Eva Walker 01255 851179**



## THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Are you new to the village? Do you want to meet people and make new friends? ...

... then why not come along to our friendly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall, every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and conversation. We also have donated goods for sale. You will be made very welcome!



## The War on Waste

By Ben Eagle

Imagine this situation: You are just leaving a supermarket after your weekly shop, your trolley piled high with food, all paid for and ready to return home to your fridge. As soon as you get home you reach into your shopping bags, pull out a loaf of fresh sliced bread and throw several slices into the bin. You do the same with a few potatoes, half a bag of salad and a couple of eggs. A good amount of milk goes into the bin too, some breakfast cereal, a couple of bananas and half a pack of biscuits. As strange as this may sound, it is exactly what most of us are doing with the food we buy. According to WRAP (the Waste Resources Action **Programme**), UK families throw away £700 of perfectly good food every year – something like a day's worth of food each week.

Here are the hard facts. In the UK we produce 31 million tonnes of household waste each year. Food waste makes up about 20 per cent of this, around 6.7 million tonnes. About half the food we throw away is edible and the rest is tea bags, peelings, meat bones etc. Some of you may have seen Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's recent 'mini series' on the BBC - 'Hugh's War on Waste' – which has made this critical issue topical and high profile once again. From 'wonky' vegetables to piles of rejected clothes, the **programme** had a clear intention of making us all think about the amount that we throw away.

As well as domestic food waste Hugh highlighted the waste at the other end of the food chain, specifically how much food doesn't even make it to the supermarket shelf due to 'cosmetic standards'. During the **programme**, Hugh visited Tattersett's Farm in Norfolk, where he watched twenty tonnes of perfectly edible parsnips being consigned to the rubbish tip, after being rejected by a supermarket client purely for cosmetic reasons. It made absolutely no sense especially when there are so many people living in food poverty. Clearly, there is a lot more that the supermarkets could and should do to rectify the situation but unless the customers make their voices heard in sufficient numbers, nothing will change.

We all have a responsibility to reduce our own household food waste and if we succeed there will be great benefits. As well as helping to lessen the waste issue on a wider scale we can reduce the amount we spend on food bills. There are many ways we can reduce the amount of food waste we create domestically: more careful planning, **internet** shopping, relying not just on the use by date but our senses, thinking outside the box with leftover meals or simply using the freezer more effectively. Hopefully you have been inspired by Hugh to take action. If you missed it, *Hugh's War on Waste* is available on the BBC iplayer until early December.

To read more of Ben's articles visit his blog [www.thinkingcountry.wordpress.com](http://www.thinkingcountry.wordpress.com)





# GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**Chairman:** Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines  
**Treasurer:** Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Louise Goodwin & Hazel Martin:  
**Planning Officers:** John Poulton, Tom Sandy & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

Great news! The ridiculous proposal to build 240 houses just off Halstead Road has been refused by the Planning Committee! Hats off to members of the committee and to Ray Enever, Chair of Kirby Residents Association, who led an energetic campaign throughout. Is there any resident within five miles who knows this area, who doesn't understand the overwhelming impact this truly madcap idea would have? Well, I can tell you two things. The planning officers strongly supported the scheme! A minority of members of the committee did vote for it! How is this possible, I ask? There is simply no rational case for this development other than a blind support for increasing housing supply. If you support this scheme, you are also willing to forget localism and ignore the absolutely overwhelming opposition from local residents.

So The Ship has been purchased, and by village residents with a will, not only to make it work as a business, but to revive it as a centre for the village. That is great news and we all wish the venture every success. It is a big project and an expensive one. It will need good management and determination. Success will be richly deserved.

I am firmly of the opinion that local government is, for the most part, NOT party political. Local councillors should be utterly committed to the interests of the locality and party should be out of sight most of the time. I hold that view even more strongly when it comes to the police. These Police Commissioners are elected too, and on a party ticket, but that should have absolutely nothing to do with police operations and policing priorities. So, if funding becomes critical to policing and basic community protection from criminals is threatened, we have a right to expect that these elected representatives protest and do it very loudly indeed. What do we get from the Essex Commissioner? Deafening silence, while the Chief Constable slashes frontline officers and PCSOs. Now, Chief Constables SHOULD stay out of politics, like Generals and Admirals and do as they are told, but that doesn't excuse the Commissioner. He knows that law and order will be heavily compromised and says nothing, or nothing very loud.

Since a huge budget cut in 2010, the Metropolitan Police now solves only 6% of burglaries. There is a widely held view that, unofficially, domestic burglaries are not seen as a police priority. I believe exactly the same will happen here in Essex over the next few years and I simply do not believe the assurances from the Chief Constable. Since his job is to shut up and get on with it, let's hear from the tongue tied Commissioner, please!

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius  
Chairman GHRA





## **GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **of the MEETING on**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 at 10.30am in the Village Hall**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy and Jim Drake, John Poulten, Lindi and Denys Strich, Graham Hughes, David Martin, Chris Keston, Jill and David Bavister and Mick Boreham.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

These had been published in the Village Voice magazine and were accepted as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. PCSO Report**

The Chairman pointed out that all the PCSOs in Essex have had their mobile phones taken away by order of the Chief Constable. Direct contact with PCSOs has been very useful to local communities in the past, but the policy now is that everything must go through the Police non-emergency number of 101, so that all calls can be recorded. There appears to be a strong feeling against 'Bobbies on the Beat' in Essex, and therefore against the PCSOs. The Chairman will write to the Chief Constable regarding this, and encouraged members who wish to make their views known to write to the Police Commissioner regarding this issue.

Paul Brassey reported that this is a relatively crime-free area, but since the PCSOs' last report of 9<sup>th</sup> May there has been one theft of money, two obstructions in the Main Road, one of which was a lorry blocking the main road which traffic police dealt with, and 3 incidents of suspicious circumstances. A car driven erratically in Little Clacton Road nearly hit a horse, and the driver was traced and issued with a Section 59 warning. A cash till which had been stolen from Youngs was found on farm land and this matter is being pursued by Scene Of Crime Officers. Other incidents include criminal damage to a road sign, nuisance noise, and a report of a missing child, who was quickly found.



There was a burglary in Little Clacton Road in early June – the CID are investigating this – and since August there have been 13 burglaries in the Kirby and Frinton area, and a vehicle was stolen, which has since been found; SOCO are still investigating these incidents. The burglaries took place mainly during daylight hours, with houses without burglar alarms being the usual targets, and patio doors were the usual means of entry. PCSO Brassey stressed that if residents see anyone acting suspiciously they should call 101 and report it. There is a so called Red Zone of Lower Kirby, Kirby Cross, Frinton and Frinton Homelands which are being patrolled, and undercover teams may be deployed in these areas. There was a burglary in Wellfield Way last week where 3 people were captured on CCTV and the Police are hopeful that this may lead to the burglars being identified.

PCSO Brassey stressed the need to close garages when you are not actually in them – it is too easy for a thief quickly to steal a bike or other items from an open garage when the householder is in the garden or house.

There was a major issue regarding a drone which had been flown over properties in Church Lane: the offender has been contacted and given appropriate advice, but generally the issue of drones is causing problems and there have been calls for them to be registered. Civil Aviation Authority rules state that a drone should not be flown within 50 metres of people, vehicles, buildings or structures or over congested areas or large gatherings such as sports events. The drone must also be within the line of sight of the person flying it at all times; there was a recent prosecution of someone who broke these rules, who received a substantial fine. The CAA rules regarding drones were broken in the Church Lane incident. The PCSO suggested that if a drone flies above your property you should take photographs of the drone so that you have physical evidence and then contact the Police on 101.

Community Speedwatch: speeding is still a common concern in this area and the PCSOs offer training sessions for residents who wish to take part in the Community Speedwatch programme (leaflets regarding the scheme were available at the Meeting). Once trained, the Speedwatch Group members are issued with fluorescent jackets and they conduct the Speedwatch in an area which has been pre-assessed for risk. A speedgun is used to clock vehicles' speeds, and excessively fast drivers can be followed up by the PCSOs and issued with speeding tickets if they have been found speeding once or twice before. Visible police presence is diminishing due to the cutbacks and Speedwatch is a useful deterrent to speeding. Those interested in joining the Scheme can phone 101 and ask to be put through to Walton Police Station, ask for Daniel Ford and leave a message if no one is available, Robert Bucke is the local co-ordinator for Speedwatch but is in the process of handing over to Mick Carter, a retired Detective Sergeant.

PCSO Brassey was asked about the numbers of Police and PCSOs in this area and he replied that 10 years ago there were 16 Officers and 8 PCSOs in this area; the figures now are 1 Officer and 6 PCSOs.



The PCSOs were thanked for their attendance.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was absent on holiday and his Interim Report was read out:

The Great Holland Residents Association now has 101 members, plus any who joined at the Meeting. The current balance at the Bank is £2,772 and the cash balance is £45 – a total of £2,817 funds in hand.

This year, income exceeded expenditure. Income this year was £860.25, which includes subscriptions, proceeds from raffles, donations for coffee and biscuits at meetings and £350 from Church Lane residents towards the cost of employing John Newton to fight the Great Holland Nursery application.

Expenditure this year totalled £820, which includes the payment to John Newton, raffle expenses, costs of hiring the Village Hall for meetings, printing costs, donations to Church funds and the cost of the GHRA wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

## **6. Planning Report**

The Chairman presented the Planning Report in John Poulten's absence.

The two outstanding applications at present are for two houses at Great Holland Nursery and for one house in the front garden of The Cottage – both are sites in Church Lane. These have not gone before the Planning Committee as yet, but they will do so and not just be passed by Officers by reason of delegated powers. There was good news about another planning application, for the land next to Mon Rêve: this application was refused at local level and an appeal was made, which was refused by Government Planning Inspectors. There was some concern that, as a presumption in favour of sustainable development applies in the absence of a Local Plan, these applications might go through, but the Inspectors supported the view that the open green space along the main road should be kept so that Great Holland does not join up with Kirby Cross.

The proposed development at Large's Farm was also refused by the Planning Inspectors on appeal: this proposal was for a cul-de-sac of 5 houses, and it was feared that if this appeal succeeded, it might open the door to the whole of the field being developed, with a large number of houses built. There was praise for Tendring District Council for their stance on these applications.

## **7. Ship Inn**

The Chairman introduced Toni Salmon and her daughter Olivia. Toni and David Salmon live in the Village and are the prospective new owners of The Ship. The Ship will be run by their daughter Olivia and her husband Jonathan, who is presently the chef at Café 19 in Connaught Avenue. Contracts for the sale have not yet been exchanged because there is a delay with confirming ownership of the forecourt, which appears to be classed as



Highway; once this problem is resolved and the forecourt is classed as belonging to The Ship, contracts can be exchanged. It is proposed that the forecourt will be used partly for parking but also with an area for customers to sit. The name of the pub will be changed to The Manor, as there are several others pubs with the name 'The Ship' in the area.

Complete redecoration of the pub will take several months, but the new owners recognise the importance of the building to the Village and propose to retain the existing look of the exterior. The owners confirmed that they would like to provide a shop, and Tendring District Council agree that this would be of benefit to the Village; they are also considering having a Post Office counter within the shop if people want one, and it was felt that many people would support this proposition. The Manor will be a Free House, and the new owners are seeking views as to what beer, etc, the Villagers would like to see stocked. It is hoped that a contact email address for comments and preferences will be published in the Village Voice. The Chairman pointed out the Councillor Robert Bucke may be a point of contact for the new owners with regard to the forecourt Highway issue.

#### **8. Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- A. John Ratcliffe asked if rumours that the Kirby Dump is closing are true; Councillor Bucke said that he was not aware of a proposed closure. It was generally felt that the overwhelming majority of people in the Village would be opposed to closure.
- B. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of thanks from Mark Holdaway, the Rector, for the help of Residents Association members at the August Village Fête.
- C. The Chairman mentioned the posters regarding 'No mass housing' which have been put up locally; these refer to the proposed Halstead Road development and have been put up by the Kirby Residents Association, the Chairman of which is Ray Enever. GHRA has offered to support their campaign and to attend the relevant meetings to protest about the proposal to build 270 houses on this site. This proposal could lead to traffic chaos with possibly another 1,000 cars using Halstead Road. Residents wishing to object to this proposal have until October 13<sup>th</sup> to submit their objections, and can do so via the Council's Planning website.

Councillor Robert Bucke pointed out that the proposed Local Plan is for 1,000 homes in the Frinton and Walton area over the next 17 years; however, there are already applications for 220 homes plus 28 homes plus a possible further 200 homes at Kirby Cross, 75 homes at Kirby-le-Soken, 242 homes at Walton Martello and a further 300 homes at Elm Tree Avenue, Frinton – a total of 1,065 homes this year.

The raffle was then drawn and the Christmas Hamper prize was won by GHRA member Mr Margettes.

The Meeting closed at 11.30 am.



**LOCAL NEWS .....**

**VILLAGE CAROLS**

 <p><b>ALL WELCOME</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE CAROLS</b></p> <p><b>6.00 P.M.</b> <b>FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>GREAT HOLLAND</b> <b>METHODIST CHURCH</b></p>
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**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who supported my coffee morning. The amount raised was £311.45 against a target of £100. Perhaps we can do it again next year.

*Jane Carter*

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**SHIP INN**

As you are probably aware we have now completed our purchase of the village pub. Our hands are full with renovations at the moment, so please bear with us. We will be opening in 2016 and are looking to use local produce and suppliers. If you would like to contact us with regards to this or anything else please email [info@themanoressex.com](mailto:info@themanoressex.com).

*Jonathan, Olivia and Edward*

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**PLANNING ISSUES**

**240 homes off Halstead Road, Kirby Cross**

You will note from the Chairman’s Letter (Great Holland Residents’ Assoc.) that the above scheme has been rejected. For your information this was for the following reasons – members were not happy with traffic safety; traffic management; loss of part of the green gap; drainage arrangements and the fact the site was not allocated for residential development. There was also concern that habitat issues had not been sufficiently dealt with. 169 letters of objection were received. Objectors claimed that a number of towns and villages in the locality would be affected by the extra traffic congestion they felt would result.

**Farndon, Pork Lane**

Proposed pair of detached bungalows and garages – application has been refused. The reasons why this application was refused can be found on the Tendring District Council website, under Planning, reference 15/01396/FUL.



**Dr Carla Mahmoud**  
**Dr Mathew Kattukaran**

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Fax: 01255 860330



**Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery**  
**High Street**  
**Thorpe-le-Soken**  
**Essex CO16 0EA**

### Surgery Newsletter November/December

We have run several successful flu clinics as we were extremely lucky to receive our supply at the end of August, hopefully that means all our at risk patients will have received protection well before any outbreak of flu. If you are eligible but have not yet had a jab contact the surgery to enquire about availability.

Some of you will have already met our new Practice Nurse Debbie and new Doctor Emily. They are both already proving to be a valuable asset to the surgery. We would encourage all patients to see the next available clinician; we are lucky here to have a full complement of permanent staff that has full access to your medical records. Our doctors here have regular clinical meetings and all are aware of our surgery policies. We are currently recruiting a new receptionist so I will advise you of the successful applicant in due course.

Some of our patients have chronic diseases and should have regular checks, it is important that patients attend for these as part of their clinical care plan in order to make sure the very best care is delivered. In addition to this it is the patient's responsibility to make sure that they have enough medication but to not be overstocked-particularly during holiday times. We ask all our patients not to order double medication over the Christmas period but to order in advance of normal if necessary in order not to run out over the holiday period. Easy re ordering can be done on-line so if you are not set up for access see a receptionist about getting a PIN.

The feed-back we have received from the Friends and Family project and other sources has been overwhelmingly positive with 98% of our patients being extremely satisfied. It is our aim to continue to provide high quality healthcare into the future. This will only be possible with the wise use of valuable NHS resources, for our patients that will mean only booking appointments when necessary and not 'just in case', not holding un-necessary stocks of medication and not expecting the doctor to always issue prescriptions for medication that may be purchased cheaply over the counter.

We are required to ask patients to complete a Friends and Family questionnaire whenever they visit the surgery so we hope that you are able to support us by completing one of these forms at your next visit.

As usual there will be emergency cover provided by the out-of-hours service over the Christmas break and you may access these by calling 111. Alternatively there will be some local pharmacies open and details of these will be published in the local press. I do hope that all of you will have no need contact 111 over the Christmas break and will have a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

#### **Thorpe Opening Times**

24<sup>th</sup> December 8am-6.30pm  
25-28<sup>th</sup> December **CLOSED**  
29,30,31 December 8am-6.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> January **CLOSED**

#### **Kirby Cross Opening Times**

24<sup>th</sup> December 8am-4pm  
25-28<sup>th</sup> December **CLOSED**  
29,30,31 December 8am-4pm  
1st January **CLOSED**

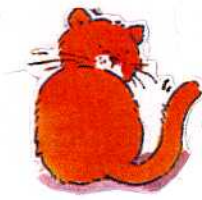
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## Can you help, please?

Tendring Cats Protection are looking for kind, loving homes for the two cats pictured below. Both need to be rehomed, due to landlords not allowing pets.



**Ralph is an 18 month old white and tabby male.  
He is a friendly and playful cat once he gets to know you, so a little timid at first.**



**Poppy is a 4 year old grey and white female cat.  
She is a happy and very friendly inquisitive cat and will fit into any home**

If you, or anyone you know, can offer a home to either Ralph or Poppy, please contact Tendring Cats Protection on **01255 744014** or email **tendringcats@btinternet.com**



# Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve

## Re-wilding

Recently Ben Eagle wrote an article in this magazine on local development and land use, talking of the potential impacts of large scale housing or possible *rewilding* of the mostly agricultural environment surrounding the village. Like him, I would support neither unless the local residents were broadly behind them.

Many nature reserves are rather too small to support viable populations of some plants and animals so become small islands of refuge, where a single event such as bad weather may wipe out whole species. Moreover, natural processes change the habitat and in our climate, open areas become shaded out by scrub. That is why the winter work parties at the Pits often cut down scrub, or drag muck out of ponds. But all such management work is labour intensive or expensive, and in the long term is probably unsustainable.

In 1982 I visited Africa and noticed the similarity between our efforts at coppicing and the work of elephants that push down trees to access nutritious leaves and of the hippos that wallow in pools thus keeping them open. I joked on my return that we would find such creatures helpful to do the work on our reserves.

When I recently read George Monbiot's book 'Feral' I understood for the first time that such animals indeed were the prime animals in this type of landscape, which was very similar in other inter glacial times. During ice ages they migrated south but in the many warmer periods the large animals, including straight tusked elephant and hippo were living in our forests of Oak, Lime and Hawthorn. That is why it is thought that Holly a small tree growing under the forest canopy is very resistant to toppling, why Ribwort Plantain, grows wherever the ground is regularly flattened, as if by large animals, and why so many trees such as Hazel and Ash, respond to cutting down in the same way as if they had been knocked over by an elephant. They send out shoots and regrow; just as Mopane trees do in Africa, and the Alders will, which our work party have just coppiced.

Parts of the country have expensive problems controlling deer, and there are consultations going on about establishing Lynx in several forests in the UK. Lynx have successfully re-colonised most of the countries of Europe as people have stopped farming marginal land in the high ground. They live in wooded ground catching their prey by ambush, so in most countries rarely attack livestock. The UK also has a handful of sites where Beavers have been introduced and are being monitored. They are now present and rarely causing problems in most European countries and they have a beneficial effect in terms of controlling downstream flooding and purifying river water in wooded hillsides. The Pine Marten, which survives in Scotland in healthy numbers, is being introduced to bolster a small population in Wales. Pine Martens are expected to control Grey Squirrels as in Scotland, while the smaller Red Squirrel generally avoids capture by going to branches too flimsy for the marten to follow. Wolves are now colonising Europe in small numbers and there are arguments made for establishing them in the UK; and against!

It is unlikely Europe will see really large megafauna; elephant, hippo or lion, not in the foreseeable future. Some of the other animals are likely to come back, particularly to the hills. Is there any scope in Great Holland? I think it is fair to say that we will be seeing none of the above developments in this area, but there may be scope to leave some areas of river valleys and coasts to more natural processes. There is an option to create sanctuary areas of non-intervention in the sea. This would meet a lot of opposition, but where this has happened in small areas such as Lundy, and much bigger areas in other countries the results have been extremely positive for nature and for people who exploit the sea, such as fishermen.

**Bob Seago**



## A happy ending!

In the last edition of Village Voice, we appealed for any information about a black cat named Ollie, who had disappeared from his basket about six weeks earlier, near the cattery in Pork Lane, Great Holland. His home was in Walton, so he was unfamiliar with the area. Anette, his distraught owner, had tried everything to trace him but without success.

We are delighted that with the help of a quick thinking villager (well done Ingrid Harding!), Ollie has now been reunited with his loving family. Below is a thank you message from Anette:

***'Ollie was missing for 7 long weeks. It was a time full of worry not knowing if he was OK and what else I could do to find him. I am very grateful to Charmian and Guy at Hodgknolls Farm for all their help and support. It was their idea to put a note into this magazine and it's done the trick!!***

***There really seem to be a lot of cat lovers in Great Holland, and I would like to thank everyone who phoned me to offer advice and encouragement and to tell me about possible sightings. I would like to thank especially the quick thinking lady who phoned me in the morning on Saturday, 3rd October, from Orchard Drive when she had spotted a lonely black cat sitting on some grassland. I was looking for Ollie in nearby fields following a tip off I received earlier, so I was able to get there within a few minutes. Unbelievably this cat turned out to be my Ollie! Incredibly relieved that he was OK apart from a few scratches, I took him home. He did nothing but eat and sleep for the next 8 days, that's how exhausted and hungry he was. It's so nice to have him back!! Thanks again for all your help.***

***Note to all cat owners - when taking your cat to the vet or a cattery, please keep checking your carrier/basket to make sure it is securely locked so your little treasure can't run away - it saves a lot of heartache.***

***Thank you from Anette, a very grateful cat owner.'***



### Tendring First Ladies

We welcome everyone to this friendly group that usually meets on the first Monday of each month, at Frinton Methodist Church Hall (corner of Ashlyn's Road/Fourth Avenue). Meetings start at 2.30pm. £2.00 is charged at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. A speaker talks for about half an hour and then tea and home made cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Social Afternoon  
Please come and join us!

**NO MEETING IN JANUARY**

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



## **STREET MEETS BY ESSEX POLICE**

**(Come and meet your PCSO and discuss any issues you may have)**

Every Friday Morning at Gt. Holland Village Hall  
Manor Road, Gt. Holland  
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

### **INCIDENTS .....**

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (Reports from 18/09 – 16/11/2015).

Highway disruption – lorry stuck in the mud  
Highway disruption – road works  
Suspicious circumstance – 2 elderly males sitting in a vehicle – all in order  
Abandoned 999 call – all in order  
Vehicle seized – no insurance

As you can see a very low crime rate.

I did receive a report from a member of the public who lives in Little Clacton Road reporting that 2 boards had been removed from a 6ft fence and laid on the verge – and a bar was found at the scene. No signs that entry had been gained to the property. Patrols were increased in the area but no further issues were reported.

### **OTHER**

Please note that we have had a number of burglaries in the Frinton and Walton areas. Two males have been arrested in connection with this.

With Christmas getting near please make sure that you don't leave gifts on show in your vehicles. Secure your property when you leave and leave lights on in the evening. Carry on being vigilant and report any suspicious circumstances.

Lastly, on behalf of all at Walton Police Station, we would like to wish all residents of Great Holland a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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

Keep safe.

**PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey**  
**PCSO 6477 Michele Diss**  
**Walton Police Station**  
**Martello Road**  
**Walton-on-naze**

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



## **DOG FOULING IN THE CHURCHYARD**

We are blessed in the village with a lovely churchyard, its purpose needing no further explanation. Several instances of owners allowing their dogs to foul in the churchyard have taken place. I have even had to pick a pile up from directly in front of the church doors! We are blessed with a devoted couple from the village who work tirelessly to keep the churchyard in pristine condition and have had instances where they have mown over dog faeces with the result that ....well I don't think I need to explain further – you can use your own imagination! Please have respect for this area; this is not a dog's toilet and **IF YOU CAN'T PICK IT UP PLEASE DON'T TAKE YOUR DOG IN.**

Whilst we are on this charming subject you cannot fail to have noticed that now the nights are pulling in and with the clocks going back there is a proliferation in the disgusting practice of dog fouling on footpaths. I simply don't understand the mind-set of owners who have no respect for their village or the people that live here and feel it is acceptable not to pick up their dogs mess. Always clean up after your dog and dispose of the bags responsibly and please, not by throwing the dog waste bag into the nearest hedge where it can hang for months like some grotesque decoration.

Tendring has approximately 1000 dog waste bins and litter bins across the district for the disposal of dog waste. You can be issued with a fixed penalty notice, currently £50, if you are witnessed not cleaning up after your dog or you can be taken to court and face a fine of up to £1,000. Dog waste bags are available from Weeley Council offices (subject to availability).

If you see anyone committing this offence please phone the Dog Warden on 01255 686766.

***On behalf of the PCC***

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## **DOG BINS**

Following a recent discussion with a local resident the question was raised as to why dog bins in Frinton seemed to be emptied more frequently than those in Great Holland. I approached Cllr. Robert Bucke on this subject and he received the following response from Tendring District Council.

"..... it is because the areas with the highest foot fall are on a different schedule and their bins are emptied more regularly. Dog bins in Frinton are on a schedule to be emptied 3 x weekly in the winter months and daily in the summer months. Dog bins in Great Holland are on a schedule to be emptied on a weekly basis in the winter and summer months.

Litter bins are also on a different schedule than dog bins as Great Holland litter bins are emptied 2 x weekly whereas Frinton are emptied 3 x weekly in the winter and daily in the summer.

The information was supplied by:

Recycling Officer  
Street Scene  
Department of Public Experience  
Tendring District Council

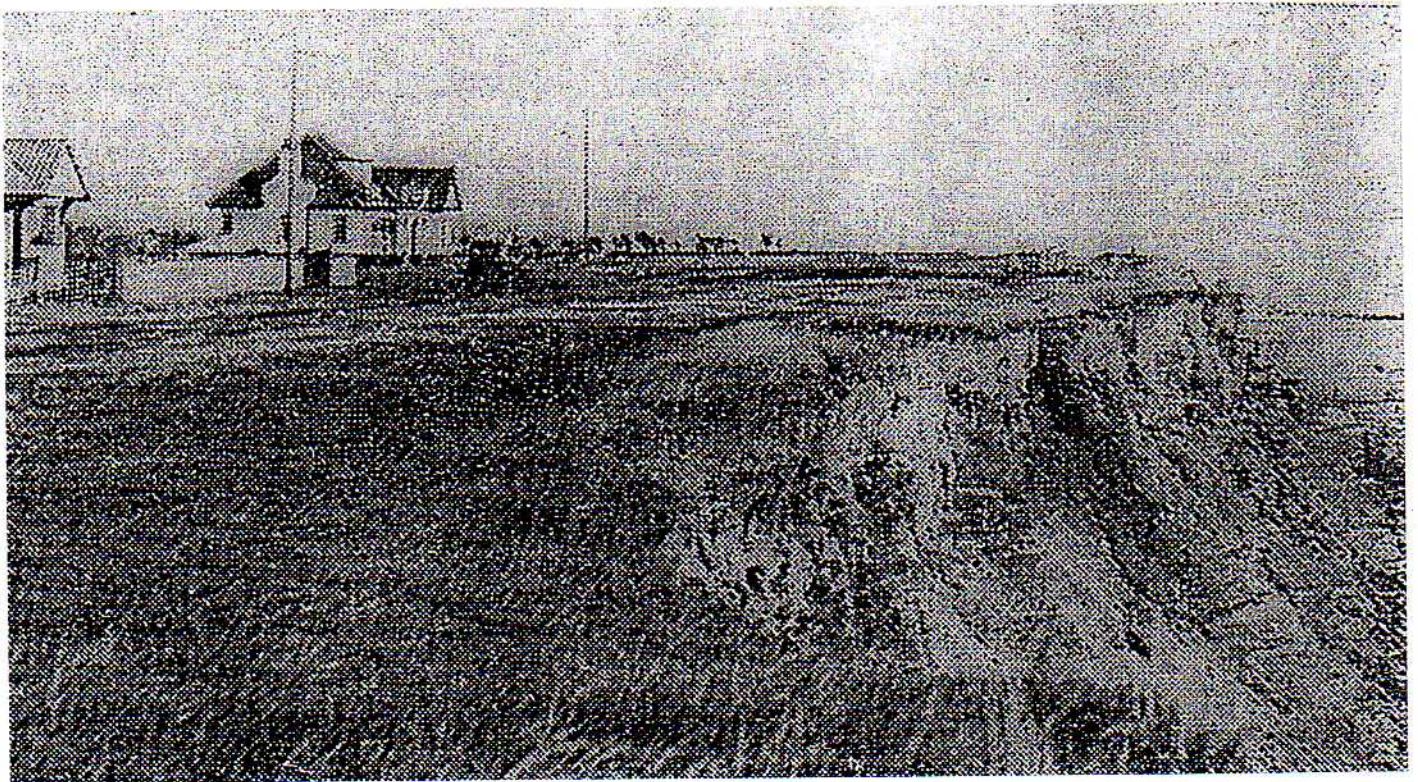


## FROM THE ARCHIVES .....

### MANOR FARM

Continuing the story of interesting old buildings in Great Holland, this time we examine the journey of a very interesting house.

A chalet bungalow had been built on Queens Cliff, Holland-on-sea, post W.W.11 and named "Bipet". It was owned from 1932-38 by H Grimson. The bungalow, with a green glazed pan-tiled roof, was built just beyond the "White House", Haven Avenue. It had a detached garage and a tennis court. The house stood 100 feet from the cliff edge with a roadway passing in front of it. During W.W.11 the property was occupied by the military. By 1944 cliff erosion was gradually approaching the bungalow and it was now just 2 feet from the edge – the tennis court had already gone. The building was demolished and tenders were put out for the purchase of the building materials of the 'well built double fronted house, excluding the garage'.



Before WW 11



The building materials were purchased by a Mr George Martinali. They were transported to Great Holland, where he built a bungalow in Manor Road for his wife. The Street Directory of 1948 lists the building as "George Dene" owned by Mr Martinali.



(Many thanks to Roger Kennell for his help with this article.)

**November 2015**

**Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder**

## **Charity fund-raising talk on Saturday 12th December**

On Saturday 12th December at 7.30-11.0pm in Little Clacton Village Hall, Author Jason Day will be talking about 'Spooky Essex, Hauntings and Ghosts for Christmas', and will be book signing too. Admission is £5, £3 concessions, to includes mince pies, biscuits and refreshments. There will be a lovely Christmas Raffle too. Proceeds to Riding for the Disabled, Ipswich, Suffolk Charity No 1127627.

Please telephone Susan on **813511** to book tickets.





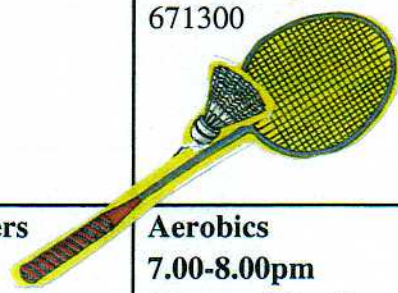


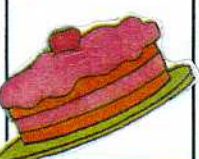
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# WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday		<b>Tendring Male Voice Choir</b> 3.00-4.30pm Contact: Ilze 813909 	<b>Cardio Vascular</b> 6.45-7.30pm  <b>Pilates</b> 7.30-8.30pm Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday	<b>Fantari Dance and Fitness</b> 9.30-10.30am Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740  <b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b> 11.00am-12.30pm Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> 2.00-4.00pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	<b>Links Karate</b> 5.30-7.30pm Contact: Paul Harris 830136  <b>Badminton</b> 9.00-10.30pm 671300 
Wednesday		<b>The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)</b> 2.30-4.30pm Contact: Ilze 813909	<b>Aerobics</b> 7.00-8.00pm Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9.30am-12.30pm Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		<b>Belly Dancing</b> 7.00-8.00pm Contact: Almeira Carmichael 07900 241630 / 01255 678297
Friday	<b>Beginners Tap</b> 11.15am-12.15pm Contact: Ester Altin 07785 728920		<b>Links Karate</b> 6.00-8.00pm Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 <b>Home Made Hour</b> 10.00-11.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		

### Rate for hire of Village Hall

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

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# Thinking of buying or renewing a Senior Railcard...?

To buy a Senior Railcard you must be aged 60 or over. The Senior Railcard entitles you to one third off all anytime, off-peak and advance fares across the national rail network, including first class travel. Did you know that eligible Tendring residents can buy a Senior Railcard at a concessionary price of £24, instead of the full price of £30?

Below is a summary of Tendring District Council's information about this discount scheme, which can be found on their website: [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)



In line with other local authorities, Tendring District Council no longer issues Senior Railcards. Instead, we are now part of a national scheme managed by the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC), through which eligible Tendring residents can buy a Railcard at a concessionary price of **£24**.

## How do I buy a Senior Railcard?

There are three ways that you can purchase a Senior Railcard:

- On line at [www.senior-railcard.co.uk](http://www.senior-railcard.co.uk)
- By phoning 08448 714036 (calls are charged at 5p per minute)
- At a staffed station ticket office

**However, to obtain your Senior Railcard at a concessionary rate, you first need to obtain a unique code from us but, please note this code can only be used for online and telesales. If you buy a Senior Railcard at a staffed station ticket office, it will cost you the full price of £30.**

To obtain the unique code, please either call in to the Visitor Information Centre in the Town Hall in Clacton, telephone us on **01255 686633** or email [clactontic@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:clactontic@tendringdc.gov.uk). Please include your name and address in your email request.

## What happens next?

Once you have a unique code from us, you can then apply to ATOC either via their website: [www.senior-railcard.co.uk](http://www.senior-railcard.co.uk) or by telephoning **08448 714036**. To check that you are eligible, you will need either a valid passport number or your driving licence with you when you contact them, as well as your unique code. If you do not have either of these forms of identification, they will check your eligibility against the electoral register. ATOC will send you your Railcard by first class post but state that you should allow five working days for your Railcard to reach you.

You will need your Senior Railcard with you to be able to get a discount on rail tickets, so please allow enough time before your journey for this to arrive. If you need to travel straight away you will need to buy your Senior Railcard over the counter at your local staffed train station.