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December 2017 &
January 2018



... to the December 2017/January 2018 edition of **Village Voice**.

Included in this edition...



- **The Manor's Christmas Menu**
- **Minutes of the last meeting of GHRA**
- **A letter from the Chairman of GHRA**
- **A new advertiser: iFix-yourPC
(computer repair engineer/training)**



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 2018 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?

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Dates for your Diary ...



MERRY CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER




Saturday 2 nd	 Christmas Special Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 7 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Tuesday 12 th	Carol singing at the Manor Public House: 6.00pm
Thursday 14 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am.
Thursday 21 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 28 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am.



JANUARY



Thursday 4 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 11 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am.
Saturday 13 th	 Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 25 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am



February

Friday 2 nd	Barn Dance with Bring & Share Supper at Great Holland Methodist Church: more details inside magazine.
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To include events for February or March 2018 in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 15th January, if possible.

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Rector's article

Are you a “get to-er” or a “get through-er”?

I'm talking about Christmas.

Maybe you simply cannot wait. Maybe you echo these words of a one-time Harrods advert for Christmas.

Rejoice, Christmas is coming to Harrods, joyful and triumphant in a blaze of celestial splendour... brimming full of comfort and joy, overflowing with grandeur and gifts.

Or maybe with perhaps stress or sadness, you can't wait to get through it all. You say “*If I can just get through it all, things will just return to normal.*”

The problem is that neither of these approaches brings lasting joy. Christmas comes, with all its expectation and then you get the “4 o'clock feeling” – the realisation that you're now looking back on the day rather than forward. And the “get through” longing just gets us into January!

What we need is joy that lasts. And that is what the meaning of Christmas offer – not the tinsel or glitter, presents, advert or perfect family.

In the words of the Angels to the Shepherds that first Christmas, the meaning of Christmas is this:

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people"

Let me invite you to our Christmas events, where we'll hear more of the joy that lasts.

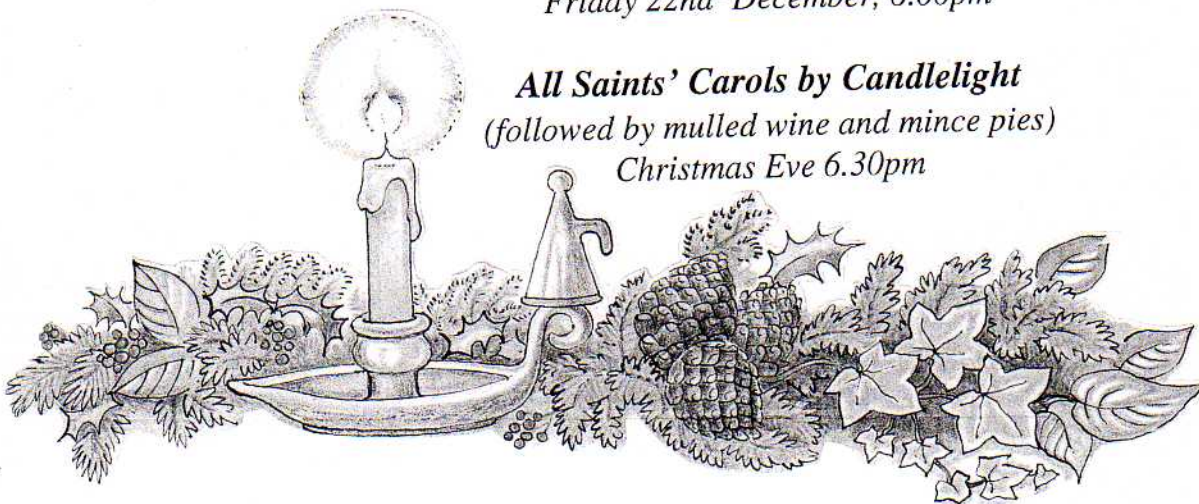
Mark

Our Christmas Events:

Carol Singing outside The Manor
Tuesday 12th December, 6.00pm

Family Christingle Service in All Saints'
Friday 22nd December, 6.00pm

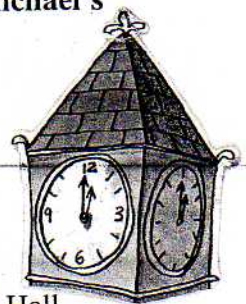
All Saints' Carols by Candlelight
(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)
Christmas Eve 6.30pm



From All Saints' Diary - December:

Saturday	2 nd	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR Christmas Special!!
Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	6 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday 10th		8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	12 th	6.00pm	Carol singing at the Manor Public House
Wednesday	13 th	7.00pm	Special Needs Service at St Michael's
Thursday	14 th	1.00pm	Christmas Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	17th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	20 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
			Christmas Party
Friday	22 nd	6.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	24th	<u>No</u> 8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30pm	Short Joint All-Age Holy Communion service at St Michael's
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
		11.30pm	Late night Holy Communion at St Michael's
Monday	25 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Joint Holy Communion Service at St Michael's
Sunday	31st	11.00am	Joint Morning Worship with our friends from St Michael's

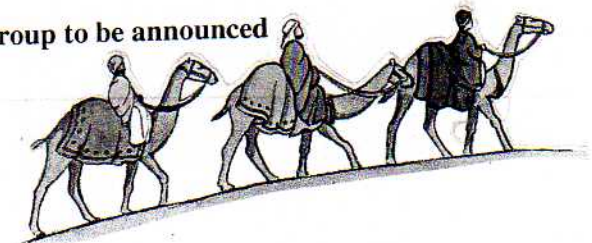
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL



From All Saints' Diary - January 2018:

Wednesday	3 rd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	7th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	14th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	17 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	18 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	23 rd	2.15pm	"Teapot" at the Baker Hall. A time to meet friends and enjoy tea and homemade cakes.
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Morning Worship

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





Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

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

Our Christmas Special Home Made Hour takes place on **Saturday 2nd December** from 10.00-11.00am. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.
As usual there will be no Home Made Hour in January.

Our friendly Home Made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, Are you able to provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and any surplus, fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. To find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on **677984**.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Churchwardens (ex officio), Sheila Watts (ex officio), Don Osler, Vanessa Giles, Ilze Robertson, Graham Hughes and Ann Peters

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Ann Peters

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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

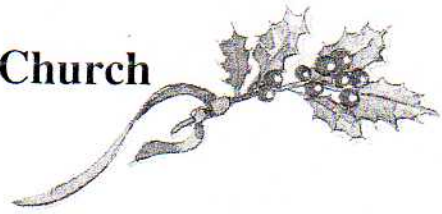
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The Parish Room - All Saints' Great Holland ...

... situated next to All Saints' Church in Church Lane, is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs, plus seating for about a dozen people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). Cost of hire is £5 per hour from May - September and £7 per hour October - April (to cover extra heating and lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little** on **813645**.

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

The Christmas adverts are rolling, the shops are full of festive fare and the world seems to step up a gear. Sound familiar? At this time of year it would be perfectly natural for a 'to do' list to potentially look something like...

Plan menu for Christmas Day
Order turkey and everything else
Buy, write and send Christmas cards
Shopping for... and... and...
Mince pieces needed for...
Ring...
Plan...
Visit...
Buy...

Is this really what it should be like? But what about those who are lonely or vulnerable in so many different ways? Or those who need to make journeys to far off places? Or those who are so busy they forget the purpose of Christmas in the first place?

It is easy for us to forget the first Christmas when a young girl, Mary, was willing to fully trust God in what he was asking her to do, a man, Joseph, who was courageous enough to follow God, the angels, shepherds and a night to remember, forever, by everyone. There was no hustle and bustle. There was a young family stepping out to do something new and making a journey to Bethlehem. On that first Christmas night something amazing happened and we celebrate the coming of Jesus as a human into the world.

Jesus who is our Lord and Saviour was born in a stable on that first Christmas night. It was Jesus who brought hope for the hopeless, peace for the restless and joy for the distressed as the Saviour of the world.

In the midst of the busyness of the season I urge us all to spend some time reflecting on Jesus' love for everyone and for the whole world. It is an opportunity to find out more about the difference that Christ makes in our lives.

Just as Mary and Joseph took a risk and stepped out for God in the way that they lived their lives are we willing to take a risk and find out more about Christ's message of love this Christmastime?

I wish you a peaceful Christmas season and a time of God's rich blessings in your life and in the lives of those you love.

God bless
Chris



Autumn Sale at Great Holland Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone who supported this very successful event, which enabled us to raise £462 for Church funds.

Forthcoming social event arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church

Barn Dance with Bring & Share Supper

Friday 2nd February 2018

6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m.



Tickets (£5 each) available from Anne on 675065

WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

We hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place 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.

Please note that there will be no coffee morning on Thursday 28th December 2017



★ **THANK YOU** ★

A member of the Village Hall Committee has asked us to include the message below ...

'On behalf of the Villagers, a thank you to Sue Jenkins for looking after our Village Hall for us. A lot of work goes into recognising what needs doing, sending off for quotes and meeting with the workmen to arrange the start of the work. ALSO, a very big thank you to Nickie Stack and Sue for all their hard work that goes into arranging the Home Made Hours, the quiz nights etc: to get funds for the work. The cakes are always wonderful! And lastly thank you to all those who support these events.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'..

Please note ...

One of our advertisers, 'Skip Bags Direct', now has a new mobile 'phone number, which has been added to the advert at the rear of Village Voice.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the MEETING on

SATURDAY 14th October, 2017 at 10.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Robert Bucke, Linda O'Reilly, Ingrid Harding, Alan and Jeanne Large.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13th May, 2017.

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Councillor Mark Platt.

Councillor Mark Platt introduced himself to GHRA and explained his three roles on the town, district and county councils.

He dealt firstly with the boundary changes for the local elections, which were in fact considerably overdue, the average being about fifteen years to reflect demographic changes in the area.

The total number of councillors has been reduced from sixty to forty-eight. The argument to keep Great Holland within Frinton had been lost and we were now part of a rather sprawling, rural area to include Thorpe-Le-Soken. It is difficult to predict the effects, apart from the obvious that the Councillor was unlikely to be as local as previously. However, Great Holland would continue to be represented on FWTC.

Secondly, Councillor Platt went on to explain his particular interest at County level in highways. He explained the cumbersome system for dealing with local complaints and suggestions as well as the more obvious financial constraints. He had had some success with repairs to local road furniture. He expressed strong views that the online reporting system for ECC was not fit for purpose.

The issue of speed cameras in Little Clacton Road had now reached the Local Highways Committee. This was only the start of a process taking two to three years with an uncertain outcome.

Concern was expressed about the narrow junction between Sladbury Lane and Great Holland Common Road. There was no consensus regarding widening this (a straw poll showed nine members against) and the conclusion was that slow signs might assist, together with more frequent pruning of the hedges.

A properly organised traffic survey was in progress on Pork Lane and the outcome of the request for a weight restriction would be known before too long. A request for tractor warning sign near the farms would also be taken forward.

Members much appreciated Councillor Platt's attendance and informative talk.

PCSO Report.

Robert Diss gave the report on this occasion from early June to the present time.

There was a burglary in Little Clacton Road resulting in a theft of a considerable number of items and the culprit has not yet been apprehended.

A minibus was stolen from the village.

There was a disturbance at the village hall following a party, but there were no fights and no arrests.

A fifteen year old runner became lost and his parents raised the alarm. He was found safe and well at Clacton Sailing Club.

There were two accidents in Little Clacton Road, one involving a drunk driver and the other a vehicle in a hedge.

There were two separate incidents of a cow being loose on Little Clacton Road.

A number of elderly residents were concerned at the approach of registered hawkers from Nottingham Knockers. They found it disturbing to be told that the person was newly released from prison and the offences committed. Investigation showed the hawkers to be genuine.

(Paul Witham reported a series of scam phone calls claiming to be from Microsoft and others to deal with a virus on personal computers).

Planning Report

Eddie Forrest ran through the various applications which have been refused by TDC e.g. Kirby Road, Hamilton Road and Pork Lane. It was possible to say that the Council had been feeling more confident to refuse, as they now claim to have a five year supply of housing land. However, this was not accepted in the successful appeal for the development on Centenary Way. TDC has appealed the Inspector's decision and the outcome is awaited.

The refusal of a third house on the nursery site has been appealed.

There is a consultation process by the owners of Beaumont Care Home, with a view to an application for 41 further units.

The next Local Plan Committee Meeting will be on 2nd November at the Princes Theatre in Clacton at 6 pm.

Councillor Platt intervened to explain a policy operated by some Councils whereby developers donate dwellings to the Council to be available to let to local people.

Sandra Mooney asked that we check whether the original permission for the development of the care home included a requirement for a bus lay-by.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current balance of £3578.88 plus £10.07 cash totalling £3588.95 plus the fees from six new members who paid their subs today.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be held on Saturday, 13th January, 2018 at 10.30 am.

Any Other Business

Sandra Mooney announced a fund raising quiz at 7 pm. on 18th November in aid of redecorating the village hall.

John Radcliffe expressed his concerns about the Sladbury Lane junction and proposed that it should be widened. After a short discussion, it was concluded that there was no consensus, some residents being concerned that this would merely increase the speed of vehicles.

There was a proposal to deal with parking congestion in Manor and Rectory Roads by asking for a one way system. A number of members objected and it was clear that there was no consensus.

Further concerns were expressed about the parking by the Manor Pub. It was concluded that no action could be taken.

It was agreed that Councillor Platt would ask the Town Council to reduce the height of the hedge around the playground at the end of Pork Lane, as the present height obstructs vision for cars waiting to turn out on the main road.

Denys Strich expressed his concerns about the need to back up on occasions when vehicles with right of way were passing a continuous line of parked cars. Again, no acceptable solution was forthcoming.

Denys Strich summarised the contents of a letter he had received from a local resident who is not a member of the GHRA. The letter took up again the question of reinstating an all weather surface to the footpath from the farm to Frinton tennis courts. There was no consensus that this surface had ever been in place (one long term resident said that they remembered it and another that they did not). It was decided to ask the meeting whether they wished the GHRA to press the matter with ECC. Only one vote was cast for the proposal and it was declared that no further action would be taken.

The Meeting closed at 12.15.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

Christmas is coming and I am already looking forward to the Christmas Eve Carol Service at All Saints. Snow would be nice!

First thing this month is to plead for a volunteer to take over as Treasurer of Great Holland Residents Association. The existing joint treasurers, Lindy and Denys Strich, have given us generous notice that they cannot stand for re-election next year. If we can have a nomination now, they have kindly agreed to make the transition smooth, show the newcomer the ropes and sort out signatures with the bank. We cannot operate legally without a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, so this really is vital. Please, please help. The job is not onerous and a joint appointment is just fine.

I am continuing to pursue the matter of the misallocation of funds in the refurbishment of First Avenue. I have received another fob off from Essex County Council, who maintains the decision was not made at a meeting for which minutes are available and was a matter for the engineers! While my regard for ECC's management capabilities is not high, it simply cannot be the true that engineers can sign off over one million pounds without appropriate discussion by elected politicians. Before launching a formal complaint about the refusal of ECC to answer Freedom of Information enquiries properly, Giles Watling has agreed to write to them, requesting that they reconsider their approach. I hope that his intervention will finally persuade the council to take me seriously and I will make no further comment for the moment, other than to repeat the obvious that the proper allocation of scarce funds has implications for us all.

Most of you might already know that an Inspector allowed the appeal by developers regarding the large project at Centenary Way, Clacton. The problem is the main reason for the decision, namely that Tendring District Council cannot demonstrate that it now has a five year supply of land. This, you may recall, is critical. If a council cannot demonstrate such a supply, it's open season and just about every application is rubber stamped. TDC is seeking a review of the decision, to its credit. In the meantime, a string of appeals is on stream and a raft of new applications, all citing the Centenary Way decision. TDC remains confident it does have a five year supply and will win the day.

With that in mind, the Local Plan Committee passed a resolution at its meeting of 2nd November that it would continue to judge applications on that basis. We thought that was a great position to take and therefore assumed that the new application to build on land next to The Veldt in Little Clacton Road, a repeat of one recently refused, would be rejected. It was approved on the basis that TDC CANNOT PROVE A FIVE YEAR HOUSING SUPPLY and signed off by the Head of Planning just a week later on 9th November! We cannot understand why a decision was taken by senior officers appears to have been ignored. It is so bemusing that we have simply asked for an explanation. I will let you know the outcome. In the meantime, we await the decision on yet another extension of the village along Pork Lane beside the bungalows going up at the moment. These are threatening times for Great Holland.

Early Seasons Greetings and Best Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius
Chairman GHRA

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents'
Association
will be held on Saturday, 13 January 2018
at 10.30 a.m.**

Venue: Village Hall, Manor Road



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Workers' Educational
Association

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on Wednesday afternoons

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21 March 2018

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Orchard Tea Room, Park Fruit Farm

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Turkey & Cranberry Sandwiches
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Home-made Sausage Rolls
Home-made Cheese Straws

Home-made Mince Pie with Brandy Cream
Home-made Mini Christmas Cake
Home-made Mini Chocolate Log
Tea or Coffee

£12.50 per person
BOOKINGS ONLY

Available until 23 December
(apart from Friday, 8 December)

The Manor

Christmas menu is included with this edition.

(It is advised that you book early as only a few tables are left)

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
Ticket only events due to limited space

Christmas Carols - 12 December
There will be carols outside the pub at 6 p.m.
(organised by All Saints Church)

Tendring Blue Ribbon Awards

The Manor recently won the Start-Up Business award at a presentation held at the Princes Theatre. This award recognises a new business under two years old which has translated an idea into a successful business venture. It is something we are all very proud of and it's a joint award for everyone who has participated and helped; from the building work, menus and day-to-day running of the business.

Quiz

Village Hall - Saturday 18 November

Approximately 50 people attended the above event and £327 was raised towards redecoration of the Village Hall

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

Tel: 01255 861850
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Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery
High Street
Thorpe-le-Soken
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Surgery Newsletter December 2017

Hello again from us all at Thorpe Surgery. As the year comes to a close we are completing this season's flu vaccination programme having administered 1600 with a few more to go! This is an important part of our work as every person that has a job is a person that is not adding to the spread of this disease. Any person that is not eligible for a flu jab could have one administered by a local pharmacy or indeed in some supermarkets for a fee, usually around £10 as this is private work. Young children are vaccinated as part of the NHS programme and this again helps to keep flu out of our schools. Most fit and healthy people will shrug off flu inside a week but for those with chronic conditions and the elderly it can be very much more serious.

At this time of year the NHS comes under even greater strain than usual, this is across all the services and means that resources are prioritised according to those most in need. This can of course mean longer waits to be seen at surgeries and in A&E departments but if you were the person in most need you would hope to be seen first, in the same way we need to prioritise our time in GP surgeries. Surgeries across the district are triaging their patients which will mean that patients are asked a few questions in order to identify those patients in the greatest need, we have not asked many questions of our patients in the past when a same day appointment is requested but as the demand is increasing this will become more and more necessary if we are to be able to ensure patients get what they need. I do hope that our patients will not mind sharing information with the receptionists if asked. They are trained to handle these types of calls and of course you may refuse if it is not appropriate to share the information.

As many of you will already be aware Colchester General Hospital has finally been taken out of special measure with most areas being rated as 'GOOD.' This is great news for the whole community and will be down to the hard work and commitment of the team at Colchester, we are delighted for them. The local healthcare landscape is under enormous pressure locally with some surgeries not having enough GP's for the number of patients that they have and struggling to recruit permanent GP's into the vacancies. Here at Thorpe we are very fortunate to have committed partners supported by Dr Hannah and Dr Emily, along with the Nurse prescribers and the rest of the surgery team; however we are feeling the strain. Dr Mathew and Dr Carla are committed to providing the best care possible to our 7000+ patients and for this reason have decided to close the list. This was not an easy decision to make but in the interests of serving our existing patients and providing safe and effective care it seemed the option.

In the meantime may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and healthy 2018.

Best wishes
Karen Austen

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Website: www.thorpe-le-sokensurgery.nhs.uk

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Gardening articles

In the last edition of Village Voice, we asked if any enthusiastic gardeners would like to provide articles for the magazine on an occasional or regular basis. A similar plea was made to members of the Frinton & District Horticultural Society. We now have some volunteers lined up, but would welcome more! Our Guest Gardener for this edition is Pat Anson, the Horticultural Society's President (and former resident of Great Holland), who has provided the article below.

My garden in 2017



This year, in spite of the dry weather my garden has been a delight. The tomatoes and runner beans have filled my freezer and kept my friends happy.

I am very fond of Salvias and have found two beautiful ones - 'Salvia uliginosa' (Bog sage), which is sky blue, and another that is dark purple with almost black stems. I'm not sure if these varieties are hardy so have taken cuttings. I also have 'Hot Lips', which is red and white and a fine red one (name unknown) - both hardy.

Another favourite of mine has been Verbena bonariensis, which is very tall but grows through other plants. The flowers are mauve and the bees love them. They are short-lived but spread seed all over the garden, so I dig them up and either replant or give them to friends. By the way, they have square stems.

Penstemons are very popular now, and I grow several colours (red, maroon, pink, mauve). Don't cut them down until spring, when the new shoots start showing, as the old foliage protects their roots. They are not 100% hardy, but I've had mine for three or four years and the cuttings root easily.

Hopefully you have already lifted dahlias and gladioli, as well as other tender plants such as begonias and fuchsias, and tucked them away somewhere out of the cold. All these did well this year, except there was quite a bit of powdery mildew on the dahlias - due to lack of water?

My best annual this year was Cosmos sulphureus. It's not floppy like the usual pink/white ones, but about 12"-18" tall and compact. Mine were bright orange and spread seed last year. I hope they come again next year

Jobs

Empty your compost bin onto the garden to improve the soil. Leaves make good compost. Try running the mower over them to aid decomposition.

Buy tomato/cucumber seeds for early sowing next year.

As heating is so expensive, I always line my greenhouse with bubble plastic to keep the plants cosy. Don't let them dry out and always water in the morning.

I hope 2018 is another good year for all of us enthusiastic gardeners. Dare I say with perhaps a little more rain to save watering so often!

Pat Anson

Gardening articles for future editions of the magazine can be emailed to: linda.oreilly@catlover.com



Tendring resident receives £100 cheque after winning competition to name a new retirement development

A Tendring resident has won a competition to name a new retirement development in Frinton-on-Sea after researching the area's history.

Monica Ding, who lives in Great Holland, was presented with a cheque for £100 at a naming ceremony for the Cooper Lodge development in Pole Barn Lane.

She said: "I looked briefly into the history of the area and, as I did so, found out that in 1893 Sir Richard Powell Cooper purchased a huge part of Frinton land for development.

"The Cooper estate architects echoed his vision for Frinton which was preservation of social tone and buildings of good class. To name the new development after him felt a fitting tribute as Churchill aim to build similar good quality homes to which the Cooper estate aspired all those years ago.

"Equally as important, though, my late mother's maiden name was also Cooper, so how fitting that I can be reminded of her by a name plaque for new homes which will be right on my doorstep."

(Courtesy of Frinton and Walton Gazette)

'Dog Lovers looking for Dog Lovers'

In the last issue a resident made a plea for someone to assist with looking after their dog when they went on holiday on a reciprocal basis. I am pleased to report that the lady in question has received several replies.

Public open space

It is clear from the contents of Village Voice, that people in Great Holland desire a pleasant environment. The local nature reserve (Great Holland Pits) is also appreciated and is a resource, which is open to the public. Being paid for mostly from Membership subscriptions of Essex Wildlife Trust, it receives a very small annual grant from an agricultural scheme, which requires us to look after the environment for wildlife. However, most of the costs for managing the reserve concern pressures from the public.

A wealth of research has been done which connects an experience of nature, with a range of positive benefits in terms of links with other people and better physical and mental health.

We provide a dog bin used by some, emptied by Veolia for a regular fee. The car park and its approach needs regular, expensive if occasional attention as the regular traffic creates ruts. The car park is regularly used by people who come to consume takeaway meals and don't tolerate the packaging in their vehicles, and along with a volunteer the debris are cleared each week. Throwaway barbecues are taken further into the reserve and are usually left where they are used. We provide a hide which has required patching twice this year as some of its users have kicked out the walls. The pond in front of it has a load of drink cans thrown in, along with the dustbin, and these are awaiting conditions, such that we can launch a small boat to retrieve them. Last year someone took an angle grinder to our tool container and stole a mower, which later turned up on EBay, was recovered but broken and required a repair.

More recently I caught two youths about to discard a van full of tyres in the car-park. One of them tipped out 17 along the track as I followed them. I noted the registration. I phoned the police immediately, who made a note. I heard for a police officer the same evening, who thought that this was a matter for the council. I duly filled in a form on the Web to report the incident, but received an email from the council who said that this was our responsibility, as it was on private land. I contacted a local councillor who asked the community police officer to move things on and he spoke to his colleagues in the police who sent me an incident number and asked if I would make a statement. The tyres were dumped on October 20th. I am writing the article on November 14th. I have heard no more.







Disposing of the tyres is another matter. Non-trade residents of Tendring apparently are allowed a quota of 4 tyres per year to be taken at the Rush Green Tip. By that means my work party and I have taken away 8, leaving another 9. The official means of disposing of them involves as I understand it trips to Brightlingsea where a sum of £2 plus VAT is charged. Apparently EWT being an organisation pay a lot more if done through headquarters.

My view, not necessarily that of Essex Wildlife Trust, is that the costs of running a reserve which is used for public access should receive necessary funds from the general tax system. The owners of the van which was used for this crime I believe are known. As yet I have not been approached about making a statement. Where have the rest of the van load of tyres been deposited?

I have contacted the office of our MP in order to try to get some changes made. The response was that there is little they can do. The present situation means that we can only expect to see more and more trashing of the countryside. Community recycling centres need to be required to take awkward items of rubbish such as tyres; the private agents we commission to run these places should be chosen for providing a sensible adequate service, not just negotiating a lowest fee. I think that the only way a government will ever address these matters is if an electorate forces them.

Bob Seago - Warden
(rjseago@gmail.com)

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)

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 7th December

Illustrated talk about the herbaceous borders at RHS Hyde Hall

Ian Bull - Garden Manager at Hyde Hall

Competition: A Christmas Card

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

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



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

SOCIAL EVENT – ALL WELCOME!

Monday 4th December at 2.30pm

Christmas Social Afternoon



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

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 7th December** and **Thursday 4th January** at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, a chat and to plan activities for future meetings. You can bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts: 851118



Local events

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

EMMA BARRON (THE LADY WHO KEPT GOATS)

The plaque at the base of the tower of All Saints Great Holland reads :

The peal of eight bells was placed in the Tower of Great Holland Church by the Barron Bell Trust in memory of the Founder of the Trust, Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, who died 1st March 1930, aged 93 years.

Most ringers have heard of the Barron Bell Trust but not much about Emma Barron other than the story about her taking goats to church at Walton-le-Soken (Walton on the Naze) and having promised to pay for bells to be installed in the new tower there, then falling out with the Vicar only for bells to be installed in Gt Holland instead. She was also thought to be a 'bit' eccentric.

Having done some research (thanks internet) this is what I have discovered;-

She was born on February 27 1838 and Baptised July 19 1838 at St Sepulchre without Newgate Holborn London. The Baptism record gives parents as Frederic & Caroline Maria Barron living at 5 Giltspur Street and fathers occupation as Wholesale Druggist. In the 1841 census she is living at 5 Giltspur Street in the parish of St Sepulchre with her mother Caroline (age given as 25) also her sister Caroline (aged 5). The next census I find her in is the census return of 1871 when she is living at Stamford Hill, Hackney along with her father Frederick (age 61 occupation - drug merchant), her step mother Mary Ann (age 50) and her sisters Georgianna (age 29) & Catherine (age 27). Also on this return is her Aunt Caroline (age 58 - occupation - Assistant) along with 6 domestic servants.

In the 1891 census her age is given as 38 (? suspect she was economical with the truth) and she is a visitor in to the parish of All Saints Walton le Soken, address Barnard Lee (still standing), place of birth given as St Sepulchre Holborn. In the 1901 census she is now living at Veseys Farm in the parish of All Saints, Great Holland, her age is given as 45 (if she had lived much longer she would have started to get younger !), place of birth Smithfields, London. In the 1911 census she is still living at Vesey's farm, her age is now given as 73 (she aged 28 years from 1901) she is now given as being blind.

She died in March of 1930 aged 93. National Probate Calender (Index of Wills and Administrations) reads :- Barron Emma of Veseys Great Holland Essex spinster died 1 March 1930 Probate London 15 May to Fred Hopkins manager and Conrad Montague Walrond bank manager. Effects £59375 11s. Resworn £60036 1s 6d.

Now back to the Goats !! In 1895 she was taken to court for the offence of allowing her goats to stray onto the public highway after grazing on the Church hedge and she received a fine for this. Some stories suggest that she took her goats to church; this however is not the case as she kept her goats in a shed near to the church. It would seem that one day they strayed into the churchyard and the churchwarden was seen by Miss Barron removing them by the application of his boot. This incident involving the churchwarden probably leads to the story that she withdrew the offer of money to Walton church for the purchase of a peal of bells to go in the new tower.

To say that she gave the money to Gt. Holland instead might not be wholly correct as before she died and the Barron bell trust gave the money for the new bells at Gt. Holland she had made donations to other bell projects such as the augmentation from 8 to 10 at Bocking near Braintree in 1926 (?). She had lived in Gt Holland for probably 30 years before her death.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM LIZ BRUCE, LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

As already mentioned Miss Barron lived at Barnard Lea in 1985 (*see photo below*). It shows her standing in front of her house and three goats lying on the window sill.



She is remembered also for her generosity. Whilst at Vesey Farm she had two small fields of corn and a meadow with goats, donkeys and chickens. During the First World War on more than one occasion she was fined for feeding good corn to her chickens in front of inspectors. At Christmas she gave sacks of coal to the villagers, sometimes a blanket instead. The villagers had to go her personally to collect these gifts.

In order to set the matter straight regarding the bells a former Rector of Great Holland, Kenneth R Walter, confirmed in a letter printed in a local newspaper that: *By her will she set up the Barron Bell Trust for the purpose of installing and repairing bells in churches and the first peal of bells the Trust ordered were installed in Great Holland. The records of the bell founders at Loughborough show the bells were never ordered until after Miss Barron had died and the order is in the name of the Barron Bell Trust and specifically for Great Holland.*

Liz Bruce

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year