

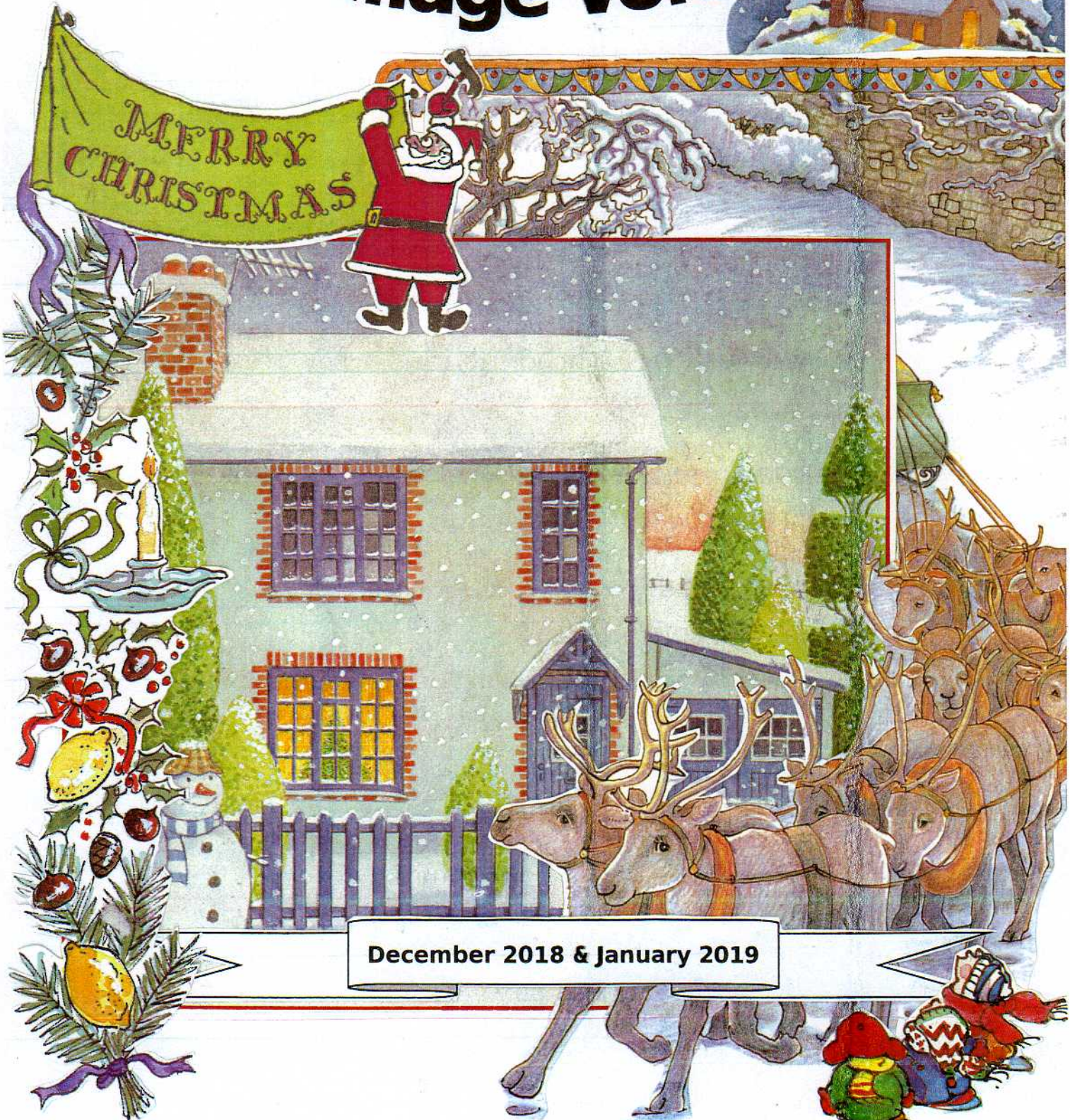


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Great Holland Village Voice





... to the December 2018/January 2019 edition of **Village Voice**.

Dear Readers

We have produced 'Great Holland Village Voice' since 2005, and feel that it is now time for someone else to take over. This edition is our last.

We have really enjoyed being part of the magazine team, which has included many willing volunteers who have delivered copies to every household in the village over the years - whatever the weather - and those who have contributed regular articles. An unexpected joy has been the lasting friendships we made along the way!

As to the future, it looks as though a Church/Village magazine will continue to be produced. A new team of volunteers is deciding how to take the matter forward, and they hope to publish their first edition towards the end of January. If you want to contribute to that edition in some way, please contact Vanessa Giles on 01255 670165 or at: vanessaagiles@icloud.com.

Linda O'Reilly and Sandra Mooney



Included in this edition...

- A letter from the Chairman of GHRA
- A plea for volunteers to join the Village Hall Committee
- Details of a local club that organises coach trips to shows/plays/ballets at theatres in London and elsewhere, day trips, occasional weekends away, holidays etc.



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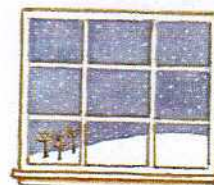
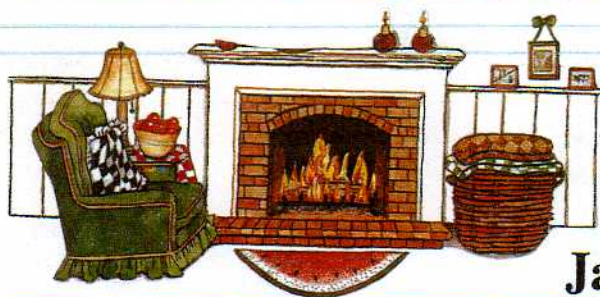
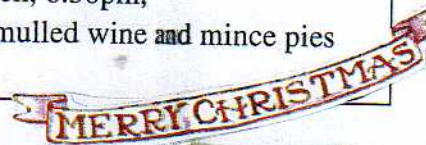
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Cats Protection	Tendring District Branch	744014
RSPCA	National contact number: Charity Shop, Frinton:	0300 1234 999 674926
National Rail Enquiries	National line	03457 484950
Essex Police	Non-emergency	101
Crime Reduction Officer	David Gillies	101
Crimestoppers	National line	0800 555111
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Dates for your Diary ...





December 2018

Saturday 1 st	 Christmas Special Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am 
Thursday 6 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Wednesday 12 th	 Village Carol Singing outside The Manor Pub: 6.00pm
Thursday 13 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Tuesday 18 th	'All Things Christmas': Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm. An evening of music, Christmas Carols, poems and fun. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Monday 24 th	 Carols by Candlelight: All Saints' Church, 6.30pm, with Tendring Male Voice Choir, Readings and Carols, mulled wine and mince pies



January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Thursday 10 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 17 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 19 th	 Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association  Village Hall, 10.30am
Thursday 24 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 31 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



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

All Saints' Church

Rector's article

Knowing what to write in this edition of the Village Voice is very easy.

Most importantly, I want to say a very big thank you to Linda and Sandra for all they have done in editing, producing and generally making happen the Great Holland Village Voice. So many times I've heard that the Village Voice was the place to go to find out what was going on and perhaps best, it was such a help and welcome when someone new moved into the village.

I know Linda and Sandra have done it for many years and have put in many hours each month and I, All Saints' and I'm sure many others are very grateful.

Thank you!

And all the best to those hoping and willing to take it on.

But also, I and all at All Saints' want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and as part of that, we'd love to invite you all to our Christmas events. We hope to see you!

Wednesday 12th December at 6.00pm
Village Carol Singing, Outside The Manor Pub

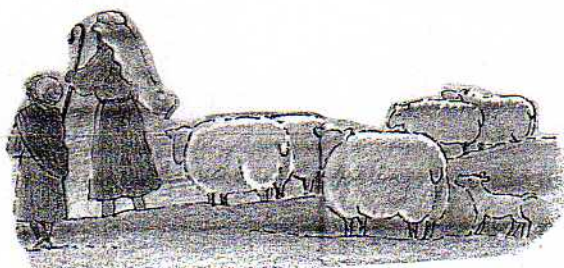
Saturday 22nd December at 6.00pm
Christingle Service, Christmas fun for all the family

Christmas Eve at 6.30pm
Carols by Candlelight, with Tendring Male Voice Choir
Readings and Carols, mulled wine and mince pies



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/ lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little on 813645**.



From All Saints' Diary - December 2018:

Saturday	1 st	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR Christmas Special!!
Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	5 th	11.00am 2.00pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Tuesday	11 th	7.00pm	Special Needs Service at St Michael's
Wednesday	12 th	6.00pm	Carol singing outside the Manor Public House
Thursday	13 th	1.00pm	Christmas Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall Christmas Party
Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	24 th	6.30pm 11.30pm	Carols by Candlelight Late night Holy Communion at St Michael's
Tuesday	25 th	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Joint Service of Holy Communion at St Michael's
Sunday	30th	9.30am	NO All Saints' Service, Joint Morning Worship at St. Michael's

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

From All Saints' Diary - January 2019:

Wednesday	2 nd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	6th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	13th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	16 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	17 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Worship

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

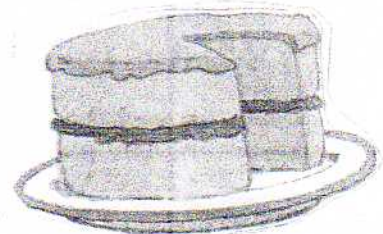


Home Made Hour in the Village Hall

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** is on **Saturday 1st December** from 10.00-11.00am. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle. **As usual, there will be NO Home Made Hour in January.**

The money raised at our friendly Home Made Hours is shared between All Saints' Church and Great Holland Village Hall. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events. Can you provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and surplus, fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. To find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on 677984.



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

RECTOR, St. Michael's, Kirby and All Saints', Great Holland: Rev. Mark Holdaway,
10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, Essex, CO13 0LT (672044), email: rector@stmichaelskirby.org.uk

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CHURCHWARDENS: John Beale, 5 Malting Lane, Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472)

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

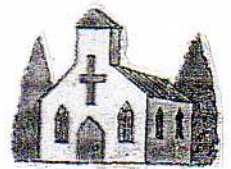
HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Vanessa Giles

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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

SIDESPERSIONS: Rose Batten, Don Osler and Sheila Watts.

Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

We live in an age of technology where we are permanently connected to the outside world in some way or another. Social media has ways of making sure that we keep looking to see who has been in touch and our phones have various flashing lights to tell us that someone somewhere has been in contact.

This need to be connected in some way has led, for some, to FOMO - a Fear Of Missing Out - which is so great it can become a real problem. In our fear of missing out on some connection in a virtual world we can truly miss out on all that is in front of us. We know that the adverts will tell us that all will not be well unless we connect to the latest thing.

As we come to Christmas we come to that most special time where we celebrate Jesus' birth. Jesus who came to earth living amongst us and showing us that we can so easily and firmly be connected to God that we don't need to fear missing out on anything.

Jesus was born two thousand years ago and is alive today, with the power of connection that no electronic device can possibly have. The invitation this Christmas is not to miss out on the greatest present that there is - Jesus Christ. Jesus, our Lord and Saviour brought hope, peace and joy for everyone as the Saviour of the world.

In the busyness of the season let's spend some time reflecting on Jesus' love for each and every person. It's something we truly wouldn't want to miss out on! Mary and Joseph didn't want to miss out on the greatest thing in the world so they lived their lives in a way that shared Christ's message of love with everyone. Are we willing to find out more and then share the same message with others so that they don't miss out?

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



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Just a reminder that we hold weekly coffee mornings at 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.

There will be no coffee morning on Thursday 27th December 2018.

The Village Hall needs you

The Great Holland Village Hall belongs to us all as a village, and the current Committee are determined to look after it and preserve it for the future generations.

We are always looking for new members to join our already enthusiastic team. If you are someone who likes attending meetings and sitting about for hours, debating, then we are not the Committee for you. We have on average five meetings a year, including the AGM, and we try to keep them to no more than an hour.

So if this sounds like it might be for you, then please contact me, Sue Jenkins - email: sjenkins5@sky.com or call **01255 850317**.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Thanks to everyone who made our recent Fish and Chip Quiz Night at the Village Hall such a success. Thanks too to the two local business, After the Rain and The Manor, who both kindly made a donation to our raffle

We managed to raise **£237.00** towards the upkeep of our hall, which has recently been decorated.

Many thanks from all the Village Hall Committee.

News from Great Holland Methodist Church



On Sunday 23rd September at 3.00pm, we celebrated our 90th Birthday with a Thanksgiving Service. The Service was led by Rev. Chris Preece, and three past Ministers also took part in the Service. Rev. Clifford Newman, Rev. John Robinson and Rev. Robin Searles all reminisced about their memories of serving as our Ministers. They also paid tributes to past members who are sadly no longer with us, who worked tirelessly to continue the work that was started 90 years ago,

An exhibition of the history of the Church was displayed at the back of the Church, and we are indebted to Liz Bruce who produced a very interesting display.

It was lovely to see the church full to capacity, and the Anniversary Tea that followed the Service was enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to the Church Member who created a superb celebration cake.

Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm



You are invited to 'All Things Christmas' - an evening of music, Christmas Carols, poems and fun at Great Holland Methodist Church, featuring St Philomena's School Choir and St Phil's Connexions, and followed by mince pies and coffee. ALL WELCOME.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

I have attacked Tendring District Council Planning Committee on a number of occasions for slavishly accepting planning officer recommendations they must know are highly controversial among local residents. Thank goodness the Committee has shown some independence and backbone over the application to build up to five more bungalows behind those new ones in Pork Lane and accessed along the track which has been left for the purpose between the new bungalows and the older development. It has been rejected. This one (and the attempt to build even more alongside the new ones next to The Veldt in Little Clacton Road) are absolutely crucial decisions for the village of Great Holland. Both are applications outside the boundary for new developments in the draft local plan and amount to ribbon development or the linear extension of the village limits. THAT is what we must always fight tooth and nail. If we or any other village fails to resist such developments, you end up with a town by stealth and joining with neighbouring villages, also by stealth.

However, the recommendation by planning officers in the Pork Lane application was to APPROVE! The self-evident breach of planning policy only recently reaffirmed leaves us bemused. TDC has, to its credit, got itself in quite a strong position by a series of successful appeals. Appeals against the refusal of planning permission on Larkwood, Birch Hoe Farm and Hamilton Road all failed and the Inspectors involved in those appeals showed support for TDC planning policies. Its emerging local plan offers strong defence for villages like ours and the attitudes on those appeals has shown the policies to be defensible.

Why, therefore, did officers make a recommendation for approval of the Pork Lane development? As I have said, it is a clear breach of TDC's own, adopted planning policy. Who do these officers think they are and who are they working for? What on earth is the senior management of planning doing to permit it? I can't help relating

this to the approval of the present development being built next to The Veldt. That one is supposed to have been granted "in error" just days after the present policy to oppose all applications outside the revised settlement boundary was adopted. That was the most unconvincing explanation at the time and now we have another planning officer making a similar decision and not even pretending it's a mistake! Surely, there are two possible explanations. The first is that the planning officer concerned does not respect TDC policy decisions and simply decides the outcome of applications on the hoof, on the basis of personal preference. The second is that there is a non-intervention policy by planning management, rendering policy positions taken collectively and included in the local plan irrelevant and ineffective. Either way, TDC Planning Department is operating in an unprofessional and wholly incompetent way that ignores their political accountability to the local community.

I have advanced the view before that there is a culture within the Planning Department that sees the planning system as a block on the legitimate business of land development, rather than as a mechanism for balancing private and public rights. Clearly, that is NOT a universal culture, since there is much to praise in the present local plan passing through the approval process. However, two inexplicable decisions by officers in quick succession in direct contradiction of adopted policy shouts dysfunctionality.

As an organisation, Great Holland Residents Association deplores this failure to implement policy and demands that senior management of Tendring District Council end this maverick approach to planning applications.

I have deliberately kept this month's letter focussed on this single issue, because it deserves emphasis. It needs us all to feel anger. We have a right to demand better. We must do that and as loudly as possible. Eddie Forrest, our indefatigable Planning Officer, has written to the Head of Planning, asking for an explanation.

Best Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius
Chairman GHRA



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the meeting on

SATURDAY 6th October, 2018 at 11.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Harding, Keith and Sue Hockley, Olivia Hearn, Sue Jenkins, Liz Oakley and Robert Caines.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12th May, 2018 were accepted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

PCSO Report

The first part was delivered by Paul Brassey, who listed the incidents during the last period. Great Holland remains a very low crime area and a full list will appear, as usual, in the next edition of Village Voice. Paul emphasised the need for additional caution in the lead up to Christmas.

The second part of the report was delivered by Sgt. Peter Gerrard. He explained that a major effort was underway to revive the community policing team and he expressed regret that community engagement had been a victim of budget cuts in recent years. Constable Watson, based at Clacton police station, had been allocated Great Holland, Walton, Frinton and Beaumont as his area of responsibility. It was confirmed that FWTC funding for PCSOs was being continued. This placed our area in an unusually privileged position in that regard. Sgt. Gerrard also explained how fortunate we were to have retained police stations at both Clacton and Walton at a time when many very large towns such as Bath had none at all. The meeting thanked the PCSOs for their continuing efforts.

Planning Report

Eddie Forrest reviewed the recent planning applications.

Detailed plans have now been submitted for the three bungalows approved on the land adjoining The Veldt.

Studio Cottage in Church Lane has been demolished and a new two-storey dwelling approved. The appeal in respect of the land adjoining Larkswood Grove has been dismissed, as has the appeal in respect of the Hamilton Road proposal.

The application for one dwelling to the rear of Larges Farm Cottage in Kirby Road has been refused.

The application for forty dwellings at the Beaumont Home is still awaiting determination.

Another application (the third or fourth) is being made to build on the corner of Pork Lane and Orchard Avenue.

There is an application for five new bungalows on the land between Laxton Road and the new bungalows in Pork Lane.

Eddie expressed optimism that TDC will refuse applications outside the new settlement boundary in the local plan that was submitted for approval in October, 2017. The success of their appeal in respect of the Centenary Way development seems to have increased their confidence that they can indeed demonstrate a five year housing supply.

The next meeting of the Local Plan Committee will be on 30th October at 6.00 pm. in Princes Theatre, Clacton On Sea.

When Councillor Bucke suggested it might be helpful to revise the Village Design Statement, Eddie explained that we had already rejected undertaking work on their successor, Neighbourhood Plans, as the amount of work required was quite unrealistic.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair read Liz Oakley's report. The current balance is £3,696.88. Cash held is £211.90.

Great Holland Face Book Page

As this is Sue Jenkins' proposal and she was unable to attend, discussion was deferred until the next meeting. However, a vote was taken on the principle of creating such a page. On a show of hands this was overwhelmingly approved, with four votes against.

The main concern was whether this should be a closed group or a public page.

Village Defibrillator

The chairman apologised to the meeting for having failed to send a letter to FWTC requesting financial assistance in addition to GHRA's contribution of £1,000 approved at the previous meeting.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be held on Saturday, 19th January, 2019 at **10.30 am**.

Any Other Business

The meeting approved a vote of thanks to Jane and Victor Kurzweil for their efforts on behalf of GHRA at the Village Fête.

A further vote of thanks was approved for the agreement of The Manor to provide facilities for payment of GHRA subs.

Linda O'Reilly and Sandra Mooney explained their decision to stand down as producers of Village Voice after 13 years. The December/January issue will be their last. Although it was uncertain whether the existing format could continue, three people have already expressed an interest in continuing the publication, at least in some form. Denys Strich said that he was able to suggest a printer for future copies. Linda agreed to put the various volunteers in touch with each other so that discussions on the future could proceed. It was accepted that, at least, the new publication would have to be on line, probably via the new Face Book page. Although anxieties were expressed about the disappearance of a paper copy delivered to every household, it would only be possible to do what the new volunteers felt able to achieve.

The meeting closed 12.50 pm.

A WARNING TO ALL DOG WALKERS IN GREAT HOLLAND

A local resident's dog was recently the subject of an attack when walking through the farm at the bottom of Church Lane. She was walking a 3-year old cockerpoo. The dog was on the lead passing through the farm but, once having passed the pond was let off the lead.

Another dog walker with a big black greyhound waited for them to pass. It appeared that this dog had a lead around its neck. However, having passed by the greyhound seems to have slipped its lead and gone after the cockerpoo. The result was that the cockerpoo sustained grazing to its leg and back, a bite mark which punctured the skin and extensive bruising. The dog was taken to the vet for treatment. As you can appreciate the resident in question was severely shaken by this incident.

When seen on previous occasions it would appear that the greyhound has been muzzled. As a result it was felt that other dog walkers should be given a warning to take care when they see this animal.

In this issue – life in Gt Holland 100 years ago – the year 1918

January: From 14th to 19th saw British Farmers' Red Cross Week where collectors did door-to-door collections in each parish.

February saw the Annual Meeting of the Walton, Frinton, Kirby and Gt Holland Nursing Society. Satisfactory reports of the past year's work were presented, with a small balance in hand.

March: Tendring Hundred Tribunal withdrew a "war exemption certificate" from a farm bailiff in Gt Holland who had not kept strictly to the conditions.

In **May** the Council Works Committee had received a letter from the Free Church requesting that the new cemetery at Kirby Cross should be divided into four portions, to be named respectively Church of England, Free Church, Roman Catholic and undenominational. The object of the letter was to prevent the use of the word "unconsecrated" as applied to the ground other than that "consecrated" according to the rites of the Church of England. The letter was deferred to a later meeting.


In **June** a Gt Holland farmer was sentenced to nine months hard labour for fraud.

This month saw the Rev. F Beadel (rector of Gt Holland) and Mrs Beadel celebrate their golden wedding and, at the school in the presence of a large gathering of residents of the parish and district, they were presented with a heavy gilt silver fruit dish bearing a suitable inscription. A present of a solid silver salver, suitably inscribed, was also made on behalf of the members and officials of the Tendring Board of Guardians, of which the Rev. Beadel was chairman.

In **August** a United Service was held on the Green on the first Sunday. A collection was made on behalf of the Clacton & District Cottage Hospital.

In **October** there was a report of a case of swine fever in Gt Holland – the usual order was made.

December brought a meeting of the Rural District Council where the building of a number of working class dwellings and sites available was discussed. The Council considered letters from Frinton Urban District asking whether, in view of the price of land and the 'smallness' of Frinton, houses could be provided in the neighbouring parishes of Kirby and Gt Holland to meet the requirements of those who worked in Frinton. The suggestion did not find favour and the Clerk was instructed to reply.



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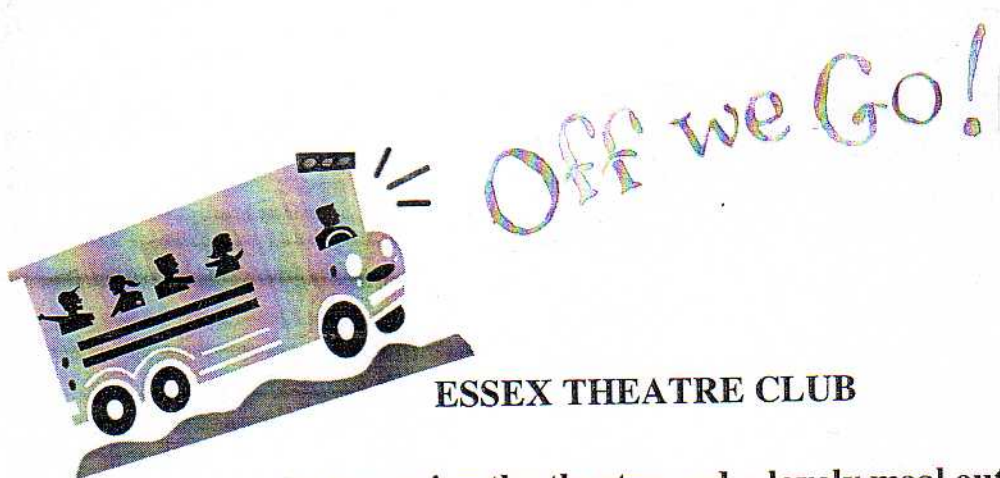


Christmas Starts Here!

For so many local residents each year, it is Clacton Choral's Christmas Concert that launches their festive season. This year's theme is 'Joyful English Music with Harp & Organ'; the centrepiece being Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols' (with Harpist Lynne Creasey), which is flanked by Elgar's 'Te Deum' and 'Benedictus' and followed by two of Gustav Holst's compositions - 'Four Old English Carols' and his lovely medley 'Christmas Day'. There are some lively and popular unaccompanied Spirituals from the Choir, then favourite Christmas Carols for everyone to sing. Lynne will also be performing some beautiful solo pieces on the harp.

The acoustics of St James' Church are wonderful; the new upholstered seating is very comfortable, and the tickets are only £10 each, which includes a full programme.

To reserve tickets, please telephone **01255 221511**, email debbietccs@gmail.com or buy on the door at the Church from 5.45pm.



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Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
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
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 pm Contact: Ilze 813909 	AVAILABLE TO HIRE Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300
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)			

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Tending Ponds, can we restore them?

Much of my love for the outdoors was born and nurtured when I was young and spent much of my time out fishing. I lived in Braintree and with a few friends would regularly cycle quite long distances with rods and fishing gear to rivers, canals, lakes and ponds. We became familiar not only with the fish we caught, roach, perch, chub and pike but also the dragonflies, herons and water voles. During our travelling we came across one or two ponds, often overgrown, but sometimes a place we would sneak into, never sure about whether they were private and if we would get in trouble. In some of these were some very pretty fish called Crucian carp, and they had a particular appeal to me.

Ponds are not a natural feature in Essex. As the nearby ice sheets receded a bit more than 10,000 years ago, and the climate warmed, the roughness of the ground may have resulted in hollows filling with water, but the forces of weather and the march of vegetation would have filled them in steadily. However people started to occupy the land and by 5000 years before present, Neolithic farmers had largely cleared the forests, and had possibly started to create their own ponds. As they worked to dry out water logged ground they would have dug channels and created hollows in the process, which retained water in the summer, useful for their livestock.

Ponds were essential for farms into the twentieth century as farming usually combined arable production with animal husbandry. As fields were enclosed in the nineteenth century, old maps record ponds, frequently located along field boundaries. These ponds were important and farm workers regularly spent time in the winter maintaining them. Overhanging trees were removed and reeds and other vegetation were controlled. As the twentieth century progressed many farms stopped keeping animals and piped water was more convenient in most circumstances. The result of the changes is that most of the ponds surviving into my childhood have now gone. They have in some cases been filled in deliberately while in others they form little clumps of trees in the middle or at the sides of large arable fields.

I have recently been inspired by the Norfolk Ponds Project. Derelict ponds are being brought back to life by careful work with chain saws and diggers. The work has not been expensive and has normally been on private farmland where the landowner has been enthusiastic. In some cases a mere puddle in a stubble field has been restored to a vibrant and beautiful pond by carefully digging down to where a darkened layer testifies to the silt layer in the original pond. Aquatic plants emerge from a buried seed bank and dragonflies and amphibians are very quick to return.

The project largely inspired by Professor Carl Sayer of UCL, and coming from Norwich himself has been carefully researched, and seems a very effective way to promote nature in the wider farmed environment.

I am aware of several ponds visible in fields around Little Clacton and Great Holland and remember other examples having been filled in. I would love to see an 'Essex Ponds Project' develop which would restore these features, not only because of their historic context but because they provide such good habitat for so many animals and plants, stepping stones for butterflies and newts, swallows as well as dragonflies.

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Lasting Power of Attorney – Preventing Abuse of Power

A Lasting Power of Attorney for Property and Financial Affairs is a legally binding document which you (the Donor) can use to give authority to someone (your Attorney) to make decisions on your behalf about your property and financial affairs at some point in the future. There have, however, been a number of reports in the media recently where Attorneys have abused the power given to them by the Donor, and, at Thompson Smith and Puxon (TSP) Solicitors, we have also seen a rise in the number of cases where an abuse of power has occurred.



Sharon Auton

Sharon Auton, Director and Dispute Resolution team leader at TSP, details some examples of the types of abuse she has come across and what to look out for.

Excessive gifts - Attorneys are able to make gifts to people on behalf of the Donor, but these should only be on customary occasions and should not be excessively large. If the Donor has lost capacity, the gifts should not be disproportionate to the pattern of giving the Donor had when they had capacity. In a recent case on which the team acted, a Donor's son, acting as her Attorney, sold her property and retained the proceeds, initially refusing to return the money, claiming it was his inheritance. Following our instruction the son returned the money to his mother.

Loan applications or credit cards - A loan or credit card taken out in the Donor's name should raise concerns about potential misuse of the Attorney's powers, particularly if the Donor does not benefit from the loans or credit cards.

In Colchester, last year, a woman was jailed after spending her parents' savings, at least £130,000, and running up debts in their names, after they left her in charge of their finances whilst they were touring abroad. The parents were left stranded and had to borrow money to return home. Their life savings were gone and their relationship with their daughter left in tatters.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 - Section 44 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 created an offence of ill treatment or neglect of a person who lacks mental capacity which applies specifically to Carers, Attorneys and Deputies. TSP acted on one such case recently where a Carer persuaded an elderly gentleman to gift her goods and money, including Mulberry handbags, designer clothes and a car, totaling over £200,000. An LPA PFA had been written but was not registered. TSP assisted the son, as his father's Attorney, in recovering all of the goods and most of the money.

To be effective all LPAs must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG), a Government agency which protects people in England and Wales who may not have the mental capacity to make certain decisions for themselves. By visiting their website you can find out if someone has an Attorney acting for them or you can report a concern if you have one.

If the Donor has sufficient capacity they can cancel the Lasting Power of Attorney by signing a Deed of Revocation and notifying the Attorney. It may also be possible to recover money in civil proceedings. The Dispute Resolution team at TSP can assist with this. If you have concerns that a Lasting Power of Attorney is being abused please contact Sharon for more information and advice on 01206 574431 or by email at sharon.auton@tspllegal.com.

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A LITTLE LIGHT HUMOUR

A local resident received the following from a friend in **Canada**.

“For all of you who wonder why people from other countries have a bit of difficulty with the English language. This is a clever piece put together by an English teacher, who else?”

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

1. The bandage was wound round the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The tip was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he could get the lead out.
6. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
7. When shot at the dove dove into the bushes.
8. I did not object to the object.
9. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
10. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
11. They were too close to the door to close it.
12. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
13. A seamstress and a sewer fell down a sewer.
14. To help with planting the farmer taught his sow to sow.
15. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
16. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
17. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
18. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend.



English is a crazy language! There's no egg in eggplant; no apple or pine in pineapple; boxing rings are square, etc.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race which, of course, is not a race at all.

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 6th December 2018** and **Thursday 3rd January 2019** at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, a chat and to plan activities for future meetings. Please bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts: 851118

PCSO contact details

Just a reminder that you can contact PCSO 6477 Michele Diss by calling **101, extension 487552** or by email: michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk

Local events

News of forthcoming events is often received some time in advance. Details are included in Village Voice in good faith, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in the magazine, you might like to use any contact details given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place to avoid possible disappointment.

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Merry Christmas to everyone! It doesn't feel remotely Christmassy whilst writing this on 2nd November however but forward planning is an essential part of running a doctor's surgery and for those publishing a village magazine. Whilst on the subject of forward planning, those of you who are on regular medication should ensure that you have enough to keep you going over the festive period. No one wants to spend unnecessary time on bank holidays getting essential medication so we like our patients to order early if necessary in December, there is no need for double supply as we are only closed on the bank holidays but an early order if your due date is Christmas is very helpful to all concerned.

We have run a successful flu jab campaign here at Thorpe and Kirby despite the complications of supply, if you are eligible and still have not been vaccinated enquire at the surgery to see if there is any stock remaining. You can still be protected against Christmas and New Year flu. The NHS can really suffer from an outbreak of flu, staff sickness and more admissions due to complications of flu can severely affect the services provided by any hospital.

The triage system in place at the surgery for same day appointments is helping to ensure that there is a good supply of appointments for those people who need them, no system is perfect and when demand outstrips supply it's obvious that decisions need to be made. There are plenty of places to get good clinical advice for minor ailments and the first place for excellent face-to-face advice is your local pharmacist. The pharmacist is well trained to spot what can be treated with over the counter remedies and what needs to be seen in surgery, their advice is free and often the over the counter remedies are just as effective as prescription medication and are sometimes cheaper. Our local clinical commissioning group are removing a good number of medications from the list that can be prescribed and instead these medications will need to be purchased from the pharmacy, when NHS budgets are so stretched saving need to be made somewhere.

During the early part of 2019 Dr Michelle will be taking maternity leave, we wish her well and look forward to seeing her again later in the year. Leighanne our Practice Nurse has started the Nurse Prescribing Course and we have another member of staff about to start Registered Nursing Training. We are very fortunate to have staff that are keen to develop their skills in order to provide professional care for our patients, it's a huge commitment for a person to undertake a university course, possibly lasting for a number of years.

I do hope that you find the surgery news of interest; you can see more regular updates on the Surgery Participation Group Facebook Page. The next PPG meeting is 9th January 2019 at Thorpe Sports and Social Club, 7pm. If you would like any items added to the PPG agenda email the secretary at ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net alternatively you may contact me at the surgery.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas for now,

Karen Austen

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