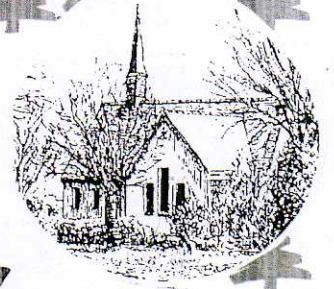
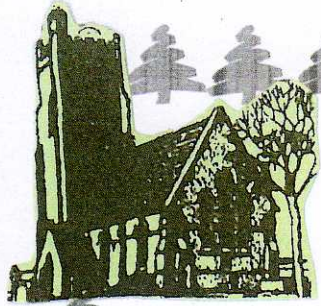
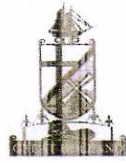


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December 2012
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Carol singing at
The Ship
18th December

Methodist
Church
Christmas event
8th December

Christmas Home
Made Hour 1st
December



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 2013 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:



Tuesday 22nd January 2013

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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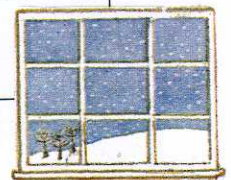
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Village Contacts and Local Information



Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Post vacant	
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Eva Walker	851179
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
Great Holland Village Stores	Main Road	674359
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	686868 (Emergency/ Out of Hours: 2220220) 677495 861374
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator	Please call 101 and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
Crime Reduction Officer	Please call 101 and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
Crimestoppers	0800 555111	
Mobile Library	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at Rosery Mews only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
Civic Amenity Tip	<p>Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.</p> <p>The Civic Amenity Tip opens at 9.00am.</p> <p><u>The Tip is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday.</u></p> <p>Winter opening times (until 29th February 2012): 9.00am- 4.00pm Summer opening times (1st March-15th October): 9.00am-5.00pm</p> <p>Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.</p>	

JOY

Dates for your Diary ...



December



Saturday 1st



CHRISTMAS HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.

FESTIVE EVENING AT GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL

7.00 for 7.30pm

(Please ring 672453 to check ticket availability)

Monday 3rd

TFL meeting (Christmas Social afternoon): Frinton Methodist Church, 2.30pm. Further information elsewhere in magazine.

Thursday 6th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday

PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.

Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.



Friday 7th

Public Exhibition of new Local Plan and supporting documentation: Columbine Centre Walton, 10.00am - 1.00pm. Article regarding Plan elsewhere in magazine.

Karaoke (Dazoke) at The Ship. 8.00pm - late

Saturday 8th

Christmas Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.00am-2.00pm. Stalls and light refreshments, including ploughman's lunches. Further details elsewhere in magazine.

Thursday 13th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday

Tuesday 18th

Carol singing at The Ship, 8.00pm.

Wednesday 19th

Public Exhibition of new Local Plan and supporting documentation: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Weeley, 10.00am - 10.00pm. Article regarding Plan elsewhere in magazine.

Thursday 20th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday

Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.

Friday 21st

Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.

Monday 24th

Live entertainment at The Ship. 8.00pm - late.

Sunday 30th

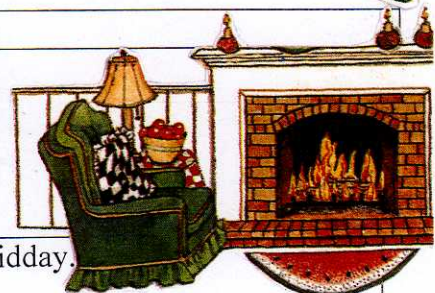
Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.

Monday 31st

Disco and free buffet at The Ship. 8.00pm - late.



January



Thursday 3rd

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.

Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.

Thursday 10th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.

Thursday 17th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.

Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.

Thursday 24th

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.

Friday 25th

Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.

Sunday 27th

Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.

Thursday 31st

Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.

Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.



To include events for **February or March 2013** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by **15 January 2013** if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

3 lads got on a bus late one evening.

The bus was empty except for a man sitting at the back in a track suit and woolly hat. The lads were up for a bit of fun and so thought they'd see how far they could push the man.

At first, they just made a few light jokes about him. He didn't respond. They upped the ante a bit and began to insult him. Yet still he didn't respond. They continued for quite a while. They knew they'd be alright, they was only one of him and three of them.

Eventually, the bus pulled up at the man's stop and he stood up to get off. As he stood up, they realised he was taller than they'd realized. And as he walked off in silence, he gave one of the boys a card from his pocket.

They gathered around to see what it said and it was his business card. It read Joe Louis, professional boxer. The 3 lads had tried to pick a fight with the eleven time heavyweight champion of the world.

They thought they knew who they were dealing with, but they didn't realise they were in the presence of greatness. They must have gone home wishing they'd treated him very differently.

This Christmas asks you the question "Jesus. Do you know who you're dealing with?"

The Jesus of Christmas is not a nice example of goodness, or a helpful excuse for presents, or a good choice for the front of a greeting card, or a fun story to sing about in carols, or a centre-piece for the school nativity.

The Jesus of Christmas is the focus of a murder plot. The Jesus of Christmas is the same Jesus who turned the world upside down. The Jesus of Christmas is the same Jesus who claimed to be God. The Jesus of Christmas is the same Jesus who...

Actually, come and find out for yourself.

Come and find out about Jesus this Christmas. Come to any of our services over the Christmas period. In particular you may like

Tuesday 18th December at 8pm: Carols in The Ship

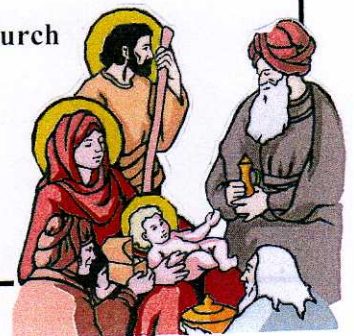
Come and join us and many others for a drink, Carol singing and a Christmas thought

Saturday 22nd December at 4pm: Christingle Service in All Saints' Church

Christmas fun for all the family

Christmas Eve at 6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight in All Saints' Church

Candles, Readings and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



Mark

From All Saints' Diary - DECEMBER 2012:

Saturday	1st	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR Christmas Special!!
Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Advent Morning Service
Wednesday	5 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting in the Church Room
Sunday	9th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	Morning Service
Thursday	13 th	1.00pm	Christmas Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Friday	14 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	18 th	7.00pm	Special Needs Service at St Michael's Church
			Carol singing at The Ship
Saturday	22 nd	4.00pm	Christmas Tree & Christingle Service
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Morning Service
Monday	24 th	6.30pm	Candlelit Carol service
Sunday	30th	9.30am	Joint service at Kirby

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



From All Saints' Diary - JANUARY 2013:

Sunday	6th	11.00am	Morning Service
Friday	11 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	13th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
		11.00am	Morning Service
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 Service

FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS:

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

Alex(ander) Bareham (74)	Keswick Avenue, Holland-on-Sea	All Saints & burial
Percy Arthur (Bill) Derrick (89)	Westbury Road, Great Holland	All Saints & burial

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), Liz Walters, Don Osler, Jamie Wright, John Beale, Vanessa Giles, Ilze Robertson and Carol Anthony

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

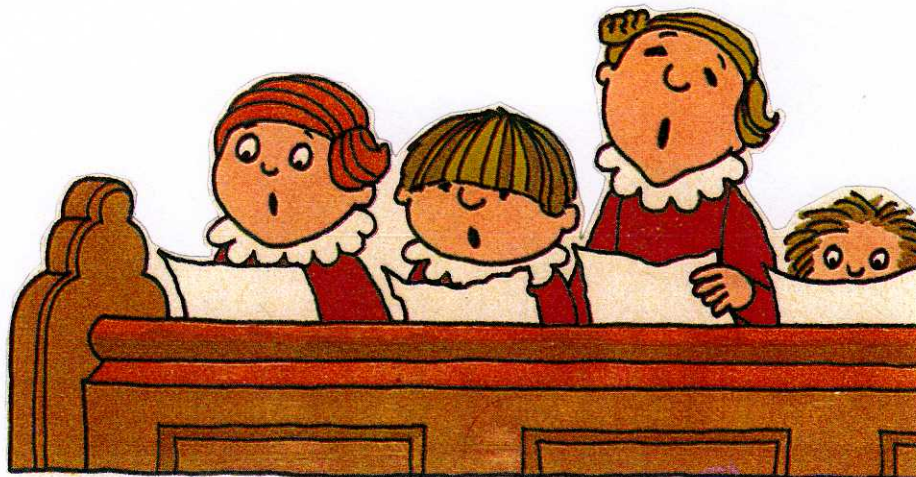
HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC & FREEWILL OFFERING SECRETARY: Liz Walters, c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997).

SIDESPERSIONS: Wilf Barnes, Rose Batten, Don Osler and Jamie Wright

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CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saints' and 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). For further details please contact the Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645.**



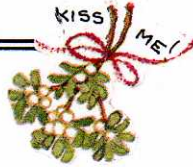


Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our October and November Home Made Hours, which raised more funds for All Saints' Church.

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



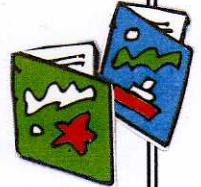
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL HOME MADE HOUR

Saturday 1st December 2012
10.00-11.00am



Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, a raffle, and the usual sale of home made cakes, savouries, marmalade, trifles etc. Other items on sale will include:

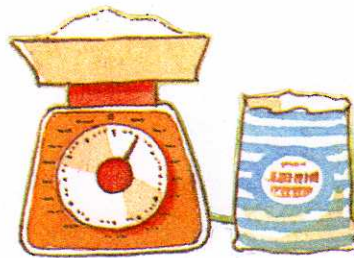
Village Christmas cards
Hand made greetings cards
Festive floral table decorations & wreaths
Hand made handbags, children's dresses, knitted items and more!



Mincemeat Crumble Cake

Ingredients

265gm plain flour
125gm soft light brown sugar
100gm ground almonds
225gm fridge cold butter
700gm mincemeat
75gm pecan halves
Icing sugar to dust



- Preheat oven to gas 4. Line tin.
- Rub butter into the flour, sugar and almonds (to resemble coarse breadcrumbs).
- Tip two-thirds of crumb mixture into tin. Flatten gently but don't compact.
- Tip mincemeat onto crumb base.
- Scatter over remaining crumb mixture and pecans, covering all mincemeat. Don't pat down.
- Bake 50 mins. Leave to settle before lifting out of tin (easier when cold!).
- Serve warm or cold, dusted with icing sugar. (Can be frozen.)

ENJOY!

Karen Withams





Great Holland Methodist Church

Peace and joy to all.....

The shops are decorated, people have started to buy and wrap presents, some have started to write their cards. And our boys keep asking us: 'When can we have Christmas in our house?' Anticipation, excitement and joy as people look forward to the arrival of Christmas.

The streets are cold, nights longer, for those sleeping on the streets cardboard is not warm enough. Heating bills to pay, food prices keep going up, and many have no jobs. Anticipation, worrying, fear as people wait for the arrival of Christmas.

The comfortable and the struggling, the remembered and the overlooked, all preparing for Christmas. And yet, it is the same Jesus whose birthday we celebrate; the Lord of the remembered as well as the Lord of the overlooked.

And as this King is born to all humanity on Christmas day, the shepherds are the first to receive the news.

The shepherds are the fellowship of the forgotten in that society. People with no status, uneducated, considered unclean when it came to spiritual matters, known for their thievery; expected to do hard work, but never thanked for it.

The shepherds are spending yet another ordinary night together. A dark, ordinary night into which God dances. An ordinary night into which God brings extraordinary news. And God does not go first to the religious leaders or to the rich; he goes to the shepherds, the overlooked, and the misfits. They are the first to meet God made flesh.

God remembered them, and thought they were very important to his plan and design.

So, as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's arrival into this world in human form, as we learn to focus on Jesus and Jesus alone during this over commercialised time, we are also challenged to remember the overlooked, to look out for the lonely, the homeless, and the outcasts. We are challenged to bring peace and joy into the lives of others and to remember that the kingdom of God belongs to all people.

Because of who God is, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God's blessings,

Rev. Eva Walker



REMINDER!

Just a reminder that we hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall.

They take place **every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and friendly company. We also have donated goods for sale. Please note that **there will be no coffee morning on 27th December.**

Great Holland Methodist Church



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 8th December

10.00am-2.00pm



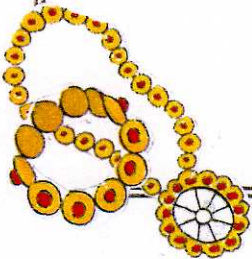
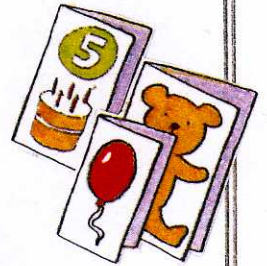
HOME MADE CAKES

GIFTS

HAND MADE CARDS

HAND MADE JEWELLERY

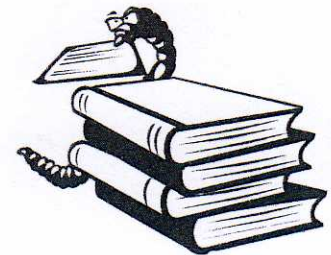
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Light refreshments will be available, including ploughman's lunches

Mobile Library Dates for 2013

Location : Rosery Mews
Arrival/Departure times : 10 am / 10.30 am



Dates (Thursdays) :

3 January 17 January 31 January	14 February 28 February	14 March 28 March
11 April 25 April	9 May 23 May	6 June 20 June



Great Holland Friends

CHRISTMAS PARTY & BUFFET **CANCELLATION**

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY & BUFFET PLANNED FOR THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

It is with much regret that as of this month, the club 'Great Holland Friends' will be closed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and friends for their support over the past.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Derrick
November 2012



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday 11th December

**Man in Red
Barbara Faulkner
&
Christmas Party**

St Cedd's Hall

7.30pm



Tuesday 8th January 2013

AGM & Quiz

St Cedd's Hall

7.00pm

Please telephone Margaret Willsher on 674134 for more details of these events

THE SHIP INN
PUBLIC HOUSE & RESTAURANT
GREAT HOLLAND
01255 674809

CHRISTMAS MENU

STARTERS

- Parsnip & Honey Soup with a warm roll and butter*
Pork, Plum & Brandy Pate with onion relish & toast
Classic Prawn cocktail with brown bread
Duck Spring Rolls with plum sauce
(V) Vegetable Spring Rolls with sweet chilli dip

MAINS COURSE

- Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings*
*Minted Lamb Shank with Dauphinoise Potatoes
& seasonal vegetables*
*Loin of Cod with lemon, chilli & coriander dressing
with sauté potatoes, carrots & green beans*
*8oz Rump Steak served with homemade chips,
mushrooms, tomato & onion rings*
(V) Stuffed Mushroom lattice with all the trimmings

DESSERTS

- Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce*
Rum & Raisin sponge pudding in a toffee sauce with custard
Black Forest cheesecake with fresh cream
Cranberry & Amaretti torte served with ice-cream

Coffee & Mince Pie extra £2.00 per person

Two Course £15.95 per person
Three Course £18.95 per person
*A non refundable deposit of £10.00 per head
is required*
When making your booking.

LOCAL NEWS

THE VILLAGE STORES – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Christmas Eve	7.00 am – 1.00 pm	Sunday, 30 December	8.00 am – 11.00 am
Christmas Day	Closed	New Year's Eve	8.00 am – 12.30 pm
Boxing Day	9.00 am – 11.00 am	New Year's Day	9.00 am – 11.30 am
Thursday, 27 December	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	Wednesday, 2 January	6.00 am – 6.00 pm
Friday, 28 December	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	Thursday, 3 January	As normal
Saturday, 29 December	8.00 am – 12.30 pm		

DIAMOND JUBILEE UPDATE

Approval has been obtained from the PCC for the siting of the two commemorative benches outside the Lych Gate to All Saints. The benches have been ordered and delivery is expected sometime in December. It has been established that the area is the responsibility of the Council and they have been requested to make good the surface prior to the benches being installed.

A cheque for the balance of the surplus funds will be handed to the Village Hall Committee of Management at the fund raising event on 1st December. Some of the money will be used to provide an external notice board.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – LITTLE CLACTON ROAD

Two options are being put forward for consideration: (a) additional signage and (b) walkable verge. Cllr. Robert Bucke has indicated that he would be prepared to arrange a public meeting to discuss the way forward. He can be contacted on 677495 or cllr.rbucke@tendringdc.gov.uk

DEMENTIA HOME

It would appear that the hedge surrounding the above development site has been severely cut back to promote vigorous new growth and it is now sprouting very strongly.

THE FAT GOOSE

The above restaurant (who advertise in the magazine) were successful in the recent Essex Life Fine Food and Drink Awards in the following categories: Winner in Essex of the Customer Service Award and Highly Commended for Chef of the Year; Restaurant of the Year; and Best Sunday Roast.



THE TENDRING DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED SUBMISSION DRAFT



ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS DEADLINE?

Under the government's new National Planning Policy Framework, councils have a duty to plan for new development in their areas. Therefore Tendring District Council (TDC) have published a new Local Plan for consultation, which will be available for public viewing at various locations throughout the district:

Friday 7th December: The Columbine Centre, Walton-on-Naze, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 19th December: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Weeley, 10.00am - 10.00pm

This draft is in the public domain for comment with a deadline for responses of **7th JANUARY 2013**. It can be examined on line via the TDC website, (www.tendringdc.gov.uk), or at the Council Offices.

The document contains the Council's proposed planning policies and development proposals for the Tendring District in the period up to 31st March 2021 and, when approved, it will replace the existing Plan, which can also be seen on line or at the Council Offices.

The proposals and policies will affect us all and there are specific aspects which will impact on our village. For example it states the policy on, and extent of, housing development to be permitted in Great Holland and it appears to eliminate the "green gap" that adjoins the village in the existing Plan.

Take time to look at the Plan and submit any views you have before the deadline. Your comments can be made on line or you can obtain a standard comment form from the Council or you can write to The Planning Policy Manager at the Department of Planning at the Council Offices, Weeley. **If you have any questions please contact the Planning Services team on 686177 or e-mail planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk**

Don't be surprised by the implementation of policies that you dislike but did not attempt to influence!!

ALL-CLEAR FOR ASH TREES ON COUNCIL LAND IN TENDRING

All ash trees on TDC land have been given a clean bill of health.

More than 530 trees were inspected following the spread of a deadly disease which is threatening to decimate the species. The disease, which is caused by the chalara fraxinea fungus, results in leaf loss and crown dieback.

It is likely that the trees will be inspected again next year to ensure the situation has not changed.

(From a News Release issued by TDC on 20th November 2012)

OUR ENVIRONMENT UNDER THREAT - THE "SOLAR FARM GOLDRUSH"

The "Solar Goldrush" is how it is being described and checking the internet illustrates the gathering impetus to construct more and larger solar farms. Companies are springing up and landowners are attracted by the easy income offered in rental for land for such development, a 25 year period being typical. Agricultural land offers the most favourable sites and farmers are attracted by the regular and guaranteed income.

The fever has now reached Great Holland and you should be aware of a proposal for such a farm on a 17 hectare agricultural field on the West boundary of our Parish adjoining the Holland Brook and the Holland Haven Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest and at the bottom of Little Clacton Road, (OS Map Ref TM195193). The proposal was mentioned in the 8th and 15th November editions of the Frinton & Walton Gazette.

17 hectares is approximately 42 acres or 29 football pitches.

A preliminary approach has been made to the Planning Authority and a formal submission is expected soon.

Some of you may have visited the Push Energy display in the Village Hall on 14th November and seen the Company's claim that the development will have "Minimal Visual Impact, this seems misleading. The scheme, if approved, will have a significant and detrimental visual impact on our environment and set a disturbing precedent, putting other areas of our open countryside and the views that we wish to preserve, at risk. This site is sloping and rises from Holland Brook by some 17 metres, (56 feet), it is and will be overlooked from Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve, Holland Mill Wood, Great Holland Common, Little Clacton road, Great Holland Common road and Sladburys Lane.

The following photographs were taken looking North from Sladburys Lane. The site is the whole of the light coloured field as indicated, (the full width of the photos), and the road sign is for the turning right to Great Holland, (Great Holland Common Road leading to Little Clacton Road).

You may believe that this development need not concern you as you will only be aware of it in passing, but please consider this; if approval is given for the beautiful valley of the Holland Haven Marshes SSSI to be blighted in this way, any open agricultural land bounding the village must be regarded as threatened. If you don't want to run that risk then please take an active interest now and resist this proposal. Do not underestimate the risk, the drive for such solar farms is real, current and escalating and the financial incentives are great to developers and landowners







Go and have a look at the site then let your views be known to the Planning Authority, your Councillors and your MP. Look at the Parish Plan & Village Design Statement, (distributed to every household in March 2010), where the results of the survey of residents clearly showed an overwhelming desire to protect our scenic views and agricultural land from

development. Let others know; opinion on this scheme need not be confined to Great Holland residents, the consequences of an approval will reach and affect people beyond our Parish.

A concerned resident



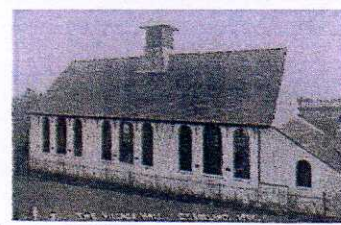
WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			Cardio Vascular 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Zumba Class 8.30 – 9.15 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
Tuesday	Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702 	Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Contact: Les Miller 671214 	Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00 – 10.30 p.m. 671300 Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Wednesday			
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		Circuit Training Fitness Class 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 07932 371476 
Friday			Links Karate 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		
Rates for hire of Village Hall			
All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)			

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Village Hall update...



As you can see the Village Hall has had a brand new coat of paint both on the outside and the inside, and along with the new Cupola is looking like a new pin.

We have also recently installed a new more efficient boiler - to try and keep some of the monthly bills down.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the villagers who organised the Great Holland Diamond Jubilee event in June for their generous gift to the Village Hall. Their donation has allowed us to have a notice/advertisement cabinet made to fit outside the entrance to the hall, with an appropriate inscription of thanks.

Please remember that the hall belongs to all the residents of the village so if you would like to join the committee or would like to offer your services, i.e. doing some gardening, help with the annual clean, some small general maintenance jobs etc, then please let us know.

Sue Jenkins (Chairperson Village Hall Committee)
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TFL LADIES MEETINGS

We welcome everyone to this group that meets on the first Monday of each month at the Methodist Church Hall, Frinton (corner of Ashlyn's Road/Fourth Avenue). Meetings commence at 2.30pm. A payment of £2.00 is required at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. We have a speaker who talks for about 30 minutes and then tea and homemade cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

★ The next meeting on 3rd December is a Christmas Social Afternoon.

For more details please contact Fiona Robertson:
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A TRULY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

At this time of year, I thought 'Something historical but seasonal'. So looking through my archives, I came across the event of the Edmunton Evacuees and how they spent their Christmas while staying in Gt. Holland. The following account has been taken from local newspapers and evacuee memories.

In January 1939 there was government talk of evacuation and defences for the forthcoming 'War'.

It was announced on the 2nd September that year that the first 6,000 evacuated schoolchildren would be arriving on the following Friday(8th). They would be arriving over the next four days in Clacton as a vanguard of a large number of evacuees from Edmunton, London. The children were taken, on the Saturday and Sunday, in buses to their billeting centres in Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Gt. Holland. The Gt Holland Centre was at the Gt. Holland Council School, under the supervision of Mr. H. A. Day, the school evacuation officer. There was an excellent response of volunteers and many vehicles had helped during the weekend.

The women and children evacuated to the district were expected to attend the local churches. The arrangements made in Gt. Holland to accomodate this were: afternoon children's services at the Parish Church and morning or afternoon at the Methodist Church.

The first few weeks school consisted of going to the schoolroom at the Methodist Chapel in the mornings only, sitting there making samplers and singing songs such as 'South of the Border' - a great favourite - 'Deep in the Heart of Texas', 'Run Rabbit Run', 'Good Morning, Good Morning' and 'Jerusalem'. Art lessons were held in a house called 'Woodhall'. The teachers would also play games with the children and take them to the beach. Some of the children had never seen the sea and were delighted by it. Eventually they started 'proper' school, where the local children were taught half the day and the evacuated children the other half. Mr. Lansdowne, headmaster of Walton Senior School was endeavouring to take seniors from Gt. Holland as soon as transport had been arranged.

On Christmas Morning they went to church. On arriving home, they found that the Headmistress of the Village School had visited the homes with a gift for every evacuee child.

The Frinton Womens Voluntary Services were determined to give the evacuee children a lovely Christmas by holding a party on Christmas Afternoon at the Imperial Hall(Pole Barn Lane, Frinton)

for the children billeted. There would be fun and games and after tea they all would receive a present from the Christmas Tree. Clown Sunshine entertained with songs, jokes and tricks and the Frinton Young Britons also entertained. Then they all were given a present; about 100 of the toys were donated from the Queen Mary's Gift Fund for London Hospitals. After a tea of sandwiches, cakes and a huge Christmas cake, there was a speech of thanks. As each child left, they were given an orange or apple and a bag of sweets.

The feelings of the children were summed up in the sentence of one child who whispered to a helper "I wish it could go on for ever and ever!"

Happy Christmas.

Liz Bruce, History Recorder

POLICE SURGERY DATES

Come and meet your Local
Police Community Support Officer
at The Methodist Church, Rectory Road, Great Holland

Thursday, 6 December

(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature....

- 1 x Fraud – using someone else's address
- 2 x Highway Disruption – Large puddle on road over the marshes
- 1 x Suspicious Circumstances – 3 males seen in Main Road – no trace on police attendance
- 1 x Criminal Damage – to garden fence

As you can see the past two months have been good – it is the best I have known since I have been serving in the area as a PCSO which is now 7 years. Please carry on the good work of being vigilant.

As you are all aware Christmas is fast approaching. Please ensure you don't keep gifts on the back seat of your vehicle, lock in the boot and when you arrive home take them inside and keep out of sight.

Lastly Michele and I would like to wish all residents of Gt. Holland a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care.....

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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex on Thursday 15 November 2012

I, Steve Packham, being the Police Area Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of **first preference** votes recorded for each Candidate at the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of First Preference Votes
ALSTON, Nicholas Kenneth	The Conservative Party Candidate	51,325
BELGROVE, Linda	Independent	22,163
MORRIS-COOK, Valerie	The Labour Party Candidate	27,926
SMITH, Andrew George	UK Independence Party	15,138
THWAITES, Michael Robert	Independent	40,132
TILBROOK, Robin Charles William	English Democrats - "More Police - Catching Criminals!"	11,550

The number of first preference ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	3
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1,604
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	27
D being unmarked	1,045
E void for uncertainty	773
Total	3,452

No candidate received more than half of all the first preference votes cast in the election. The contest therefore proceeded to the counting of the second preference votes, with

Nicholas Kenneth Alston

and

Michael Robert Thwaites

remaining in the contest.

The number of **second preference** votes given for those two candidates was as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Second Preference Votes
Nicholas Kenneth Alston	The Conservative Party Candidate	11,025
Michael Robert Thwaites	Independent	18,532

The number of second preference ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A	want of an official mark	0
B	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	66
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	77
D	being unmarked	8,654
E	void for uncertainty	676
Total		9,473

The total number of first and second preference votes given for those two candidates was as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Total Number of First and Second Preference Votes
Nicholas Kenneth Alston	The Conservative Party Candidate	62,350
Michael Robert Thwaites	Independent	58,664

I therefore declare Nicholas Kenneth Alston elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

Dated Friday, 16 November 2012

Steve Packham
Police Area Returning Officer

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Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

Kingfishers



I have made regular visits to the reserve recently to help out the hapless sheep which seem to regularly wander in to brambles and not know how to get themselves out. Striding swiftly past our biggest pond, I heard a shrill and sharp shi-keee, the sort of clear call that immediately makes you take note. I looked up and caught a glimpse of a compact bird with a head that looks too big for its body and a long straight pointed bill like a dagger, flying purposefully a metre or so above the water.

Such glimpses of Kingfishers are generally too swift to clearly describe but there is always that flash of blue, which when seen clearly contrasts with vibrant orange red underneath with black on the tail and a white collar.

The ponds at Holland Pits teem with Sticklebacks very suitable food items, so it is no surprise to see Kingfishers there. However they require a suitable cliff to build their nest in and although there are a few cliffs at the reserve they are fashioned in claggy gravel which at the pits has never attracted breeding pairs of Kingfisher.

In suitable conditions they can be prolific breeders having up to three broods with up to seven eggs in each. When the brood fledges the young birds are speedily sent packing by the parents who soon get into gear for the next brood. Typically this means that in July one or two turn up at the pits and also in estuaries and suitable pools and streams.

This year however they arrived much later. It was noted that the very unusual floods of June, on all of the local rivers flooded out most of the nests, but clearly the birds have made up for some of their lost ground. Some years ago we tried to build an artificial des-re for kingfishers. We have a cliff that exposes a section through the Thames Terrace Gravels, which underlie the area and using a steel spike we created a tunnel rising slightly from the horizontal penetrating the cliff by about thirty inches. It looked suitable for the purpose but we have never seen evidence of it being used, although one observer saw a Blue Tit go in. Most of the time there is evidence of spiders engineering webs in the entrance though.

British Kingfishers are mostly resident in the UK all of the year but there is also some migration. One which was ringed at Orfordness Suffolk was tracked to Poland some 620 miles away. I was surprised by another migrating individual who landed on the Pride of Bilbao car ferry for a short time while sailing across the Bay of Biscay.

Usually at the first sign of serious freezing of ponds Kingfishers move to the sea, and in winter large numbers of them die. I do have a note of one though in my diary during a cold spell on January 1st 2002 which shadowed me as I was disturbing ice on one of the ponds as I pulled branches out.

Bob Seago - Warden

