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# Great Holland Village Voice



## Spring



February & March 2018





... to the February/March 2018 edition of **Village Voice**.

## Included in this edition...

- **A PLEATO HELP SAVE OUR ANNUAL FÊTE!**
- **Minutes of the last meeting of GHRA**
- **A letter from the Chairman of GHRA**
- **An invitation to find out more about your local U3A**

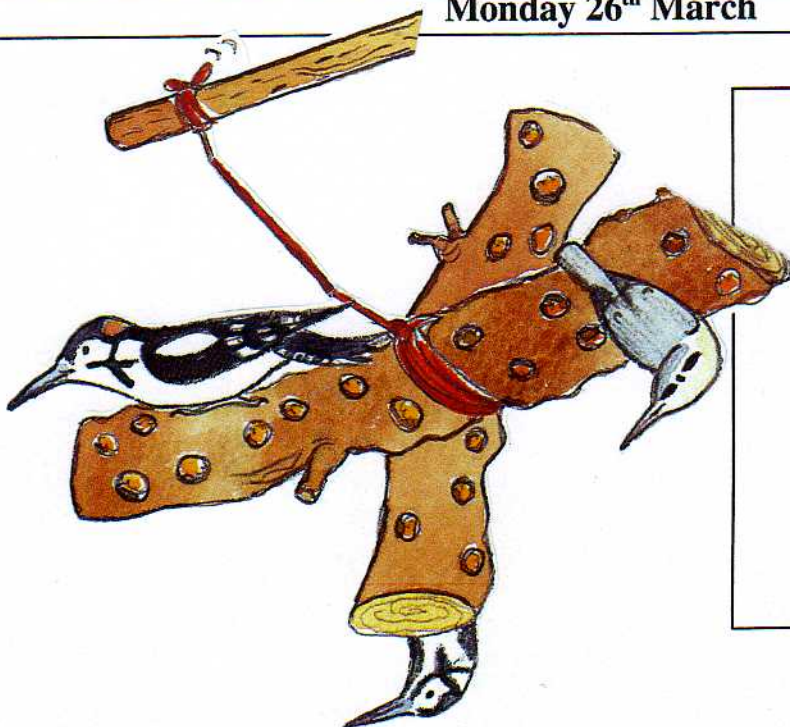


Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- Are there any events happening in April or May that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

Please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** with details, two weeks before the printing date if possible. Please note that Sandra deals with the advertising side of the magazine. The next edition of Village Voice will be printed on:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**



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## VILLAGE CONTACTS & LOCAL INFORMATION

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<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	David Gillies	<b>101</b>
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	National line	<b>0800 555111</b>
<b>Citizens Advice</b>	(Clacton)	<b>0844 4770808</b>
<b>Tendring Dial-a-Ride</b>	Hurlingham Chambers, 61-65 Station Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SD	<b>436962</b>
<b>Colchester General Hospital</b>	Turner Rd, Colchester CO4 5JL	<b>01206 747474</b>
<b>Civic Amenity Tip</b>	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.  <b>Winter opening times</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> October – end of February): 9.00am-4.00pm  <b>Summer opening times</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> March-15 <sup>th</sup> October): 9.00am-5.00pm.  <b><u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u></b>	



# Dates for your Diary ...



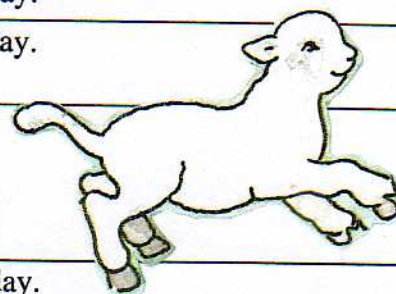
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## March



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<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Home Made Hour:</b> Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am 
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Town Council Mayoral Civic Service:</b> St. Michael's Church, Kirby le Soken, (probably 9.30am, but awaiting confirmation at time of going to print).
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## May

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	 <b>GHRA AGM</b> <b>Village Hall, 11.15am (note change of time!)</b> 
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News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. Details are printed in good faith in Great Holland Village Voice, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in Village Voice, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact number given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place, to avoid possible disappointment.

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



## All Saints' Church



### Rector's article

We all love to know what's number one don't we?

I remember sitting next to the radio on Sunday afternoons listening closely to hear what was going to be Number 1 in the Top 40 that week.

Soon we'll discover who'll be number one and win the Premier League and we'll watch who'll end up number one in the Winter Olympics.

We have our own number ones too - who we wrote down first on our Christmas card list, what goes first on our shopping list every week, our favourite holiday destination, or maybe when all is said and done, what really matters most to us.

At All Saints' Church we have a different Bible verse for each year and this year it reminds us who and what should really be our number one.

It says this:

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.*

Who is meant to be number one? Or in these words, who is to be the Lord, and take top spot? Jesus Christ.

That's a big claim. But as we read the Bible, and try to follow Jesus each day and each week, as we trust him, we discover that actually Jesus is the one who is rightfully number one. Nothing else, and no-one else fits. Join us to discover more.

Mark

### The Great Holland Village and Church Fête needs a Treasurer

I am writing this article with a fear that our annual Fête - which has been going for over a 100 years - may not happen this year. Our Treasurer (Anne) who has kindly carried out the role for the last eight years has decided to stand down. Therefore, I am asking if anyone is prepared to take on this role, please? Anne has agreed to show the new person what needs to be done.

So, if you feel this is something you might like to do, please get in contact with me. You can be safe in the knowledge that you will be saving the Fête.

Many thanks,  
Sue Jenkins (sjenkins5@sky.com)



## From All Saints' Diary - February:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am 2.00pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Joint Service at Kirby (no 11am Service at All Saints)</b>
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am 2.00pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Morning Worship</b>
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Tea-Pot at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room

## From All Saints' Diary - March:

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
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## Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

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

**As usual there will be no Home Made Hour in February.** Our next Home Made Hour takes place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** 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.

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**

**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 OEY (813645)

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

**HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC:** Ann Peters

**VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC:** John Beale

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

**SIDESPERSIONS:** Rose Batten, Don Osler and Sheila Watts

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

### **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

February 14<sup>th</sup>, as we know, is St. Valentine's Day and this year, it is on the same day is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This may not seem the likeliest of combinations at a first glance. St. Valentine has become associated with the finding of love and the shops are full of hearts and chocolates as this is celebrated in the wider world.

Lent is the season in church of 40 week days immediately before Easter Sunday and is a time of preparation, penitence and fasting. We often associate Lent with giving something up. Ironically, given the link with Valentine's Day this, for some people, often involves chocolate! However, I'd like to suggest that Lent is really about thinking differently and seeing things in new ways. This may come through fasting from things like chocolate or sweets or in taking on something else that is good in our lives. We are all different.

In thinking about this 'clash' of days I've tried to see the link rather than the dissimilarities. As we look ahead to Easter we celebrate the transforming love for each and every person at the Resurrection as we remember Christ's love for us expressed through the pain and anguish of the cross.

In Matthew's gospel Jesus, in the Great Commandment, asks his followers to 'love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind' and 'to love your neighbour as yourself.' In other words, put very simply, love God and love others. In this time of Lent why don't we aim to find ways that show our love to others in new ways?

God bless  
Chris

Forthcoming social event arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church

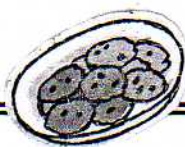
## Barn Dance with Bring & Share Supper

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.





# GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

Spring is coming, as it always does once my birthday is over, and I am already looking forward to long light evenings. A wag told me they thought they heard the first cuckoo in the woods at the back of Church Lane!

First thing this month is the same as my last letter. We need 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 CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH. WE WILL HAVE NO ASSOCIATION AND NO ORGANISED VOICE AGAINST THE PREDATIONS OF DEVELOPERS STILL INTENT ON CONVERTING GREAT HOLLAND INTO A TOWN.**

You may recall the First Avenue scandal of £1.15 million pounds spent on refurbishment and that I had persuaded our MP, Giles Watling, to contact Essex County Council to press for an explanation. Well, he did contact them and he did receive a reply. And, guess what! It was all a mistake! It didn't cost that much at all. The true cost "after exhaustive enquiries" was £200,000 over two financial years and not £1.15 million in a single year! Far be it for me to suggest this explanation is other than the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. After all, surely it is beyond possibility that someone is trying to cover their tracks after some idiot gave a truthful answer, as required by law, to a Freedom of Information request. Hmmm!

A couple of questions spring to mind:

1. How complicated is it to answer the question, "How much did you spend on the contract for the refurbishment of First Avenue road surfaces and pavements?" The contract was placed following a successful tender. The contractor vehicles operating during the substantial time taken by the works were sign written, Pro-Mac, a well-known and reputable local contractor.



2. If an error was made, the accounting procedures of ECC must be monumentally amateurish, something I don't believe and the District Auditor would not permit.
3. Follow up enquiries based on that original figure were all answered, albeit in an evasive way. Yet, only after the intervention of the MP, did so-called exhaustive enquiry reveal a far less controversial figure. The letter giving the revised figure stated that the person lodging the original enquiry, Councillor Robert Bucke, had been informed of the revision, but this has not happened as I write this.

I am contemplating what further action is required.

Now for more on that Centenary Way appeal. Tendring District Council has lodged an application for judicial review and the government is not opposing that application. It is therefore likely to be successful and that the court will direct the appeal to be reheard by a different inspector. The same may well be the outcome on the Sladbury Lane development. Of course, neither of these developments DIRECTLY affect Great Holland, but they are crucial in determining the ability of TDC to resist proposals that do not accord with local policy. TDC has an appalling, recent record of waving through inappropriate development, but it has also opposed some important ones, like the continuing stream in Pork Lane. We applaud TDC where they deserve it and they deserve praise over Pork Lane and the judicial reviews. Of course, the stream of Pork Lane applications was started off by the blind stupidity of TDC allowing the present development of bungalows. We said at the time, and it required no sophistication to see it, that granting this consent would be seen as carte blanche to ribbon development from Orchard Close down to the farm.

We then return to the other example of blind incompetence by TDC. You remember the granting of consent to three bungalows next to The Veldt in Little Clacton Road, in flagrant breach of the Council's own resolution? Eddie Forrest, our indefatigable Planning Officer, obtained a full confession from Gary Guiver that it was his fault! We thought it very generous of Gary to confess, but we are not convinced. This recommendation by the planning officer in direct breach of council policy was signed off not just by Gary, but Catherine Bicknell, Head of Planning. Something must be amiss if every senior officer contributes to this idiocy. Is it just procedures that need revision or is it something more fundamental, like planning officers feeling confident to go off on frolics of their own choosing in blatant disregard of planning policy?

The trouble is that this has already had the predictable (AND PREDICTED) result. An application has gone in for more bungalows on the plot next to the one approved! Grant one and it's carte blanche to ribbon development all the way along that field. The next application could well be to build a substantial estate on the field, since it is certainly big enough. It is a re-run of Pork Lane, but with even greater implications. Do you have to be clever or an experienced planner to understand precedent? Certainly not, and so we ask how such idiocy occurs? Is it just idiocy? You tell me!

Best Regards to you all,  
Paul Fletcher-Tomenius  
Chairman GHRA





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## WANTED: NOMINATION FOR TREASURER OF GHRA

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JOINT APPOINTMENT ACCEPTABLE

HANDOVER BY THE EXISTING TREASURERS

VERY LOW DEMANDS ON TIME

SIMPLE BOOK KEEPING REQUIRING NO SPECIAL SKILLS

**REWARD: THE CONTINUATION OF GHRA AND ETERNAL GRATITUDE OF  
VILLAGERS**





## **GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES**

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

**SATURDAY 13th January, 2018 at 10.30am in the Village Hall**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Alan and Jeanne Large. David Masters, John Ratcliffe, Sheila Watts, Chris Keston

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting of 14th October, 2017.**

The minutes were approved.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **PCSO Report.**

Brian Petley gave the report on this occasion from October to the present time.

A homeless male was seen scouring bins, but not located.

The barrier failed in Pork Lane, but was repaired after a few hours.

Cows twice escaped onto Little Clacton Road, but the fence was repaired to prevent a recurrence.

Fly tipping of tyres occurred in the marshes lay by. The person responsible was identified and TDC is considering prosecution.

A vehicle was stolen from Manor Road but, in spite of early reporting, cctv did not pick up the number plate and it is assumed to have been changed shortly after the theft.

Various accidents were reported. One involved an overturned vehicle, where the driver was hospitalised and tested in the usual way. The result is not yet known. In another, an elderly driver was stopped after driving erratically and escorted home. The process of withdrawing his licence has begun.



(The Treasurer warned residents of the danger of leaving car keys too close to their front doors, from where they can be cloned by inexpensive, readily available devices.)

### **Planning Report**

Eddie Forrest ran through the various applications which have been refused by TDC. TDC had lodged applications for judicial review of both the developments on Centenary Way and on Sladbury Lane. The outcome is awaited, but the fact that neither the developer nor the government have filed objections suggests the court will probably order new appeals under different inspectors.

Beaumont Care Home's application for 41 further units will be the subject of objection by GHRA. It is noted that the NHS has lodged a holding objection to further residential development in the area in view of the crisis in primary care provision.

The Local Plan has now been submitted for approval by the Secretary of State. The process is likely to be protracted.

Following TDC's "mistaken" grant of consent to the development next to The Veldt, a further application has now been made for the area of green field next to it. This is a grave threat for Great Holland and will be opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report on the General Data Protection Regulation**

Denys Strich gave a precise summary of the new regulation, which comes into force in May and which will survive Brexit. Although primarily aimed at large organisations, it applies to charities and unincorporated associations like GHRA. It has real teeth and compliance is essential.

Denys has kindly agreed to draft a policy for GHRA to assist us in achieving compliance. This will be discussed in Committee and reported back.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported the current balance of £3661.80 plus £39.22 cash. There were currently 21 paid up members.

Following the Committee decision to write off the remaining Christmas cards, members were asked to take two packs each on their way out.

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

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be the AGM on Saturday, 12th May, 2018 at 11.15 am. (There is a prior user of the Village Hall and so this is later than the usual time of 10.30 am).



### **Any Other Business**

The Chair made a further appeal for a nomination for Treasurer, emphasising that GHRA cannot operate legally without one.

The playground upgrade has still not been able to find the necessary funding.

Pork Lane will be closed for five days from Monday 22nd January.

Reduction of the hedge height and width along the playground is still being pursued.

The potholes in Manor and Rectory Roads and Church Lane were becoming worse and more numerous. None appear to have been marked for repair and the Chair thought service of a Repair Notice justified.

The Meeting closed at 11.30.

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### **HELPFUL INFORMATION IN THE CASE OF POWER CUTS**

Cllr. Robert Bucke has been in correspondence with UK Power Networks regarding what to do in response to any potential loss of electricity during the recent storms. Anyone experiencing a power cut should:

Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile if you have no power).

Visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk) for the latest updates.

Visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut) and type in postcode to view live power cut map.

Tweet@ukpowernetworks to report a power cut or to receive updates.







If individuals see electricity lines down or causing significant risk to the public they should call 999.

UK Power Networks provide extra help to customers on their Priority Service Register during a power cut. Households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well as other reasons can join the register. More information about this service is available on their website:

[ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority).



# 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	<b>Tendring Male Voice Choir</b> 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	<b>Cardio Vascular exercise</b> 6.45-7.30 p.m.  <b>Pilates</b> 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday  	<b>Fantari Dance and Fitness</b> 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740  <b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b> 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855  	<b>Links Karate</b> 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136  <b>Badminton</b> 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300  
Wednesday	<b>Yoga</b> 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	<b>The Coastal Singers</b> (mixed voices)2.30-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909  	<b>Aerobics</b> 7.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	<b>Tai Chi</b> 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	<b>Links Karate</b> 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	<b>Links Karate</b> 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday  	<b>Home Made Hour</b> 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
<b>Rate for hire of Village Hall</b> £10 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: <a href="mailto:coralieh@live.co.uk">coralieh@live.co.uk</a> )			



## Invitation to a public meeting

The University of the Third Age, or U3A as it is more commonly known, is a UK-wide movement which brings together people in their 'third age' to develop their interests and continue learning in a friendly and informal environment.

If you're wondering what we mean by the "third age" - it is a time after you have finished working full-time or raising your family and have time to pursue your own interests or even just to try something new.

U3A has a 'university' of members who draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no qualifications to pass - it is just for pleasure. The enjoyment of learning is its own reward.

It's all voluntary, with monthly meetings featuring a wide variety of speakers. A typical U3A will be home to many activity groups covering many different subjects.

Formed over 30 years ago, there are now over 1,000 U3As across the UK, with thousands of interest groups between them and more than 400,000 members nationally - and we're growing every day.

Our own local U3A, based here in Tendring District, celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 and is looking for ways to encourage new members. We also need volunteers willing to lead groups or take an active part in helping to run our local organisation.

We currently have around 500 members and some 60 study groups. Some of our groups cover not only academic subjects but are involved in social activities such as walking, board games and table-tennis, all of which can be good for both mind and body.

For many years we have held monthly meetings at Holland Public Hall, but in 2015 it was agreed that it would be beneficial if we could establish a "satellite" branch covering Frinton, Walton and District (known as FWD), with their own monthly meetings being held at the McGrigor Hall in Frinton. The FWD "satellite" has now been in operation since January 2016. Monthly meetings for Tendring District U3A are now held at both Frinton and Holland-on-Sea.

Belonging to a U3A is a great way to meet new friends, and membership is a good bargain.

**If you are interested in learning more about our wonderful organisation and our plans for the development of the Frinton, Walton and District "satellite", you will be most welcome to join us at a meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the McGrigor Hall, Frinton.**

If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to know more, please see our website "[u3asites.org.uk/tendring/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/tendring/home)" or telephone Val on **01255 674150**.

Brian Stephens,  
Chairman.



# Outdoors

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When I was at school, careers advice was not very advanced, but I do remember looking at leaflets, and I filled in a questionnaire, which told me what I already knew; my preference was to work outdoors.

Following my physics degree, I applied for scientific civil service jobs in places such as the Met Office and Marine research Laboratory, which would have included outdoor work, but I was not appointed. I settled for various indoor jobs.

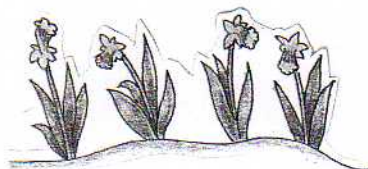
Last year I reached the age of 65 and was one of the youngest men to continue to be eligible for a state pension at the age I had always expected. Being born in a year when the post war baby boom was petering out, I expect governments were afraid to risk upsetting a significant sector of the electorate by shortening their retirement. In any case I had already retired from my previous work at the university three years earlier. I continue to work for the Essex Wildlife Trust two days per week, and obviously this is mostly conducted outdoors, but during my free time also, weather permitting I spend it outside. The weather has to be a particular combination of cold, damp and wind to keep me in.

I have just read a book, called *The Moth Snowstorm* by Michael McCarthy (ISBN: 9781444792775). It reinforced ideas I have long considered that, we as a human species evolved on the African savannahs, and much of our thinking derives from that. We have had 'civilised' societies for just 500 generations, our species was hunting and gathering and later farming for 7,500 generations, and our immediate ancestors were living off the land for 125,000. Our complex modern society has been operating for perhaps just 3 generations.

Modern societal expectations bring us great benefits but they also cause stress for many of us because we really evolved to face the different problems of the savannah. The great advances in knowledge, nutrition, comfort and medicine, have also entailed a society of competition, consumption, hierarchy and striving. Prosperity seems to bring with it a sense of unease to people. Stress is frequent in the modern work place, family and society.

Several studies have found evidence that exposure to the natural world can benefit people in all sorts of ways. People heal faster from operations if they can watch trees from their window, there is evidence that Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, ADHD can be improved by interaction with nature and many people report a sense of wellbeing and improved mental health from relatively short excursions outdoors. Never entirely comfortable with the complexity of modern life I always found a place of peace and rest in nature, throughout some stressful jobs. Now I tend to spend most of my time outdoors, I really don't have these problems. My biggest weakness now is that without the pressing deadlines I used to work with, I tend to not be so productive. I used to do what I call paperwork, though it was mostly done on a keyboard, in the evening particularly after dark, but now, despite my best efforts it usually waits for a rainy day- about the only event that keeps me in.

**Bob Seago - Warden**  
(rjseago@gmail.com)





## Guest Gardener

In an earlier edition of Village Voice, we asked if any enthusiastic gardeners could provide articles for the magazine on an occasional or regular basis. A similar plea was made to Frinton & District Horticultural Society. We now have some volunteers lined up, but would welcome more! Our Guest Gardener for this edition is Horticultural Society member **Mike Calame**.

### 2017 ---- How Was It For You? 'A View from a Frinton Beekeeper'



The 'British Beekeeper's Association', has just published its annual report for 2017 and they announced that the average honey yield for a beehive sited in the UK was 23.8 lbs of honey. From my 5 hives located at the bottom of my garden in Frinton I obtained 340 lbs, an average of 68 lbs/hive, almost three times the national average. So, how did my bees achieve this, was it my superior skills as a beekeeper or my good looks, wit and repartee?

Unfortunately, none of the above. What good looks I did inherit from my parents some 76 years ago started to deteriorate by the time I was out of nappies and as for wit and repartee, no hope.

So let's look at how and why bees make honey. Honey is their staple food and is collected by reducing the nectar they collect from flowering plants. When this nectar is initially stored in the hive it contains 78% moisture and rather like you or me storing tomatoes or cucumbers for several months, it would quickly become mouldy. Now we know that the honey found in the tombs of the Egyptian Pharaohs was perfectly edible when discovered some 4000 years after being stored, so why didn't it rot? Bees discovered that if the moisture content of the nectar was reduced to 17% and then sealed, it would last forever, well OK a slight exaggeration, but at least 4000 years. The juvenile worker bees (females of course) achieve this by stirring the moist nectar with their tongues continuously, day and night, about another 1000 worker bees (you guessed it, all females) create a draught to assist the drying process until it's moisture content is reduced to 17% and it is then capped with wax. This is the hives winter store. This process of capping the 'ripe' honey is also an indication to the beekeeper to extract the honey from the stored comb, as we have seen it can now be safely stored without deteriorating. Our co-operating 60,000 or so foraging bees (all females of course) will now continue to forage for more nectar after the beekeeper has robbed the bees of this winter store. This procedure will continue for as long as there are enough pollen producing plants available, and the weather is conducive for the worker bees (yes, all females) to continue this process.

2017 was the third warmest year on record, giving one of the longest flowering seasons ever. East Anglia being one of the driest regions in the UK facilitated the bees in reducing the moisture content to storable levels. Now, have you ever walked down the Avenues in Frinton? As soon as one set of flowers declines, the overworked gardeners are immediately despatched to Parker's Nursery with instructions to purchase flowers far superior to anything their neighbours may display.

Conclusion; the ambitious 'Inside the Gates Garden Owners of Frinton', along with ideal weather conditions, have created the perfect conditions for my (female) bees to produce pounds of 'Inside The Gates Honey'.

Oh, I nearly forgot. What do the male bees in my hive do? They have the important job of fertilizing the Queen.

Gardening articles for future editions of the magazine can be emailed to: [linda.oreilly@catlover.com](mailto:linda.oreilly@catlover.com)



## Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Our meetings take place at St Cedd's Hall, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea at 7.30pm

Although this Club was started for those who collect, or are interested in, postcards, you do not have to have this as a hobby to join our friendly social evenings and enjoy the talks/presentations given by guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Visitors and potential new members will be made very welcome. The entrance fee to our meetings is £2, which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Dogs, Cats and Rats**

Ralph Bridgeman

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Postcards From My Collection**

John Barter



Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

## Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

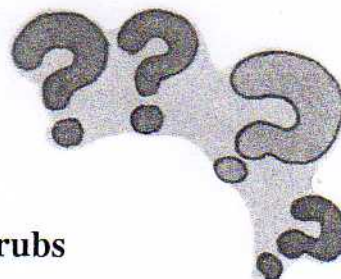
**Gardeners' Question Time**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**An illustrated talk on Flowering Shrubs**

Brian Wickenden

**Competition:** Hellebores - three blooms in a dish



**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. Annual membership is £7.

## Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** and **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** 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



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The first half will end with the ever-popular 'Zadok the Priest' to send you to the interval with a big smile on your face!

The second half will be full of wonderful melodies by the Classical composers who lived and worked at the same time in Vienna; the reserved and organised Haydn and the younger, mercurial and outgoing Mozart.

We will be treated to Mozart's 'Te Deum', and the 'Adagio and Rondo' from his 'Flute Concerto in G' (with soloist Francesca Dulieu on flute) before hearing Claire and the choir once more with the beautiful 'Laudate Dominum' from the Solemn Vespers. The concert ends with Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass', which will again feature Claire with the choir and orchestra.

**Tickets £10 (including programme) from 01255 221511**

**Tending Activity Day**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

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# POLICE NEWS

## INCIDENTS .....

It is not possible to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature.

Apart from the incidents listed in the minutes of the last Great Holland Residents' Association meeting (included in this edition) there has only been one suspicious circumstance reported; that of a vehicle parked outside an empty property. No crime reported.

## OTHER .....

There have been a couple of burglaries reported since Christmas, one in Raeburn Close, Kirby and the other in First Avenue, Walton. Usual method of smashing rear garden door to gain entry, so please make sure you are always on your guard. If you see anything unusual or suspicious then REPORT IT.

When de-icing your vehicle remember, if you are going back into your property, to take your car keys with you and don't leave your vehicle engine running. You may find your insurance policy will not cover you if your car is stolen if the keys are left in the ignition.

If planning a holiday or weekend away ask a neighbour to place your recycling bins in your garden or away from the front of your property, thus not alerting criminals that the property is empty.

Invest in a timer switch and set it at a sensible time around the start of darkness until bedtime. You can always set it again for during the night or early morning. Best practice not to leave a house in darkness even if you are just popping out for the evening.

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

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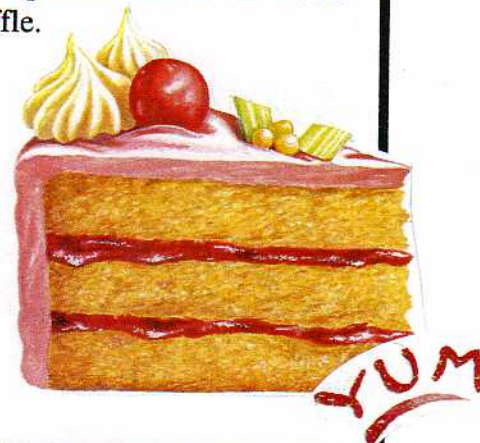


## Tending First Ladies

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.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February:  
AGM  
Followed by Guest Speaker (tba)**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March:  
Guest Speaker (tba)**



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

## Local events

We often receive news of forthcoming events some time in advance. We print details in Village Voice in good faith, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in the magazine, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact details given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place to avoid possible disappointment.

The Editors

## Date for your Diary:

The Town Council Mayoral Civic Service is scheduled for **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at St. Michael's Church, Kirby-Le-Soken, probably at 9.30am, although the time had not been confirmed at the time of going to print.

**We have a new advertiser ...**



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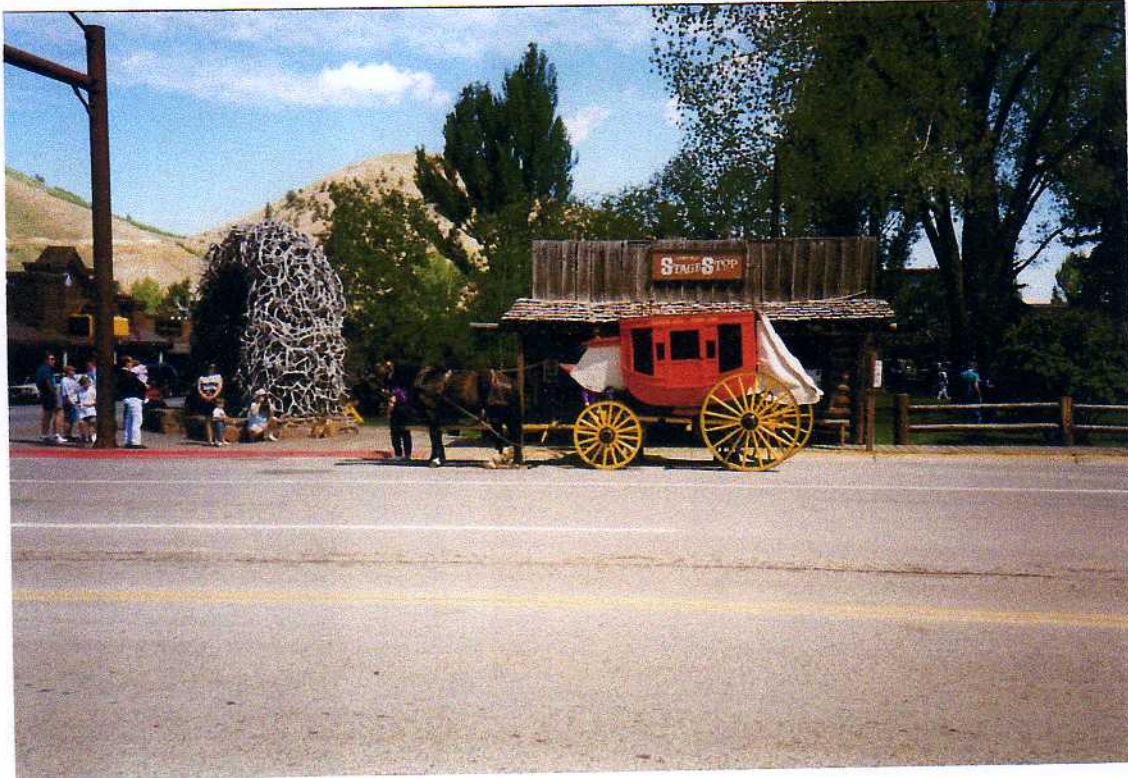
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**A LITTLE HUMOUR TO LIGHTEN THE WINTER WEATHER!**

Several years ago my husband and I were fortunate enough to have use of a friend's condominium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The town is the gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Unfortunately we didn't have a chance to test the 'comforts' of the stage coach.



However, when walking round the town we came upon the sign below which we found very amusing. It probably was more effective than a parking fine or clamping?





## **FROM THE ARCHIVES .....**

At the turn of the last century there was a move towards improving leisure time in Great Holland. Prior to the Village Hall being built in 1909 many other establishments were used to hold events. Below are a few examples of various venues.

### **1900 ..**

The Lion Inn hosted a Smoking Concert in its Club Room and was hosted by the members of the Court "Pride of Great Holland" Lodge of Foresters. It was held in aid of the fund for soldiers' wives and children and resulted in a large collection.

During the winter the favourite amusement took the form of skating on Holland Marshes where the ice was found fairly satisfactory. Large numbers of visitors from Clacton and the neighbouring villages also attended.

The Wesleyan Chapel at Holland Common held entertainment for the village with song, poetry and music from violin and organ. The proceeds went towards the organ fund.

### **1903 ..**

The Ship Inn was used as a public auction room for the sale of Barnards (Becwiths) Farm which was situated on the Common Road.

### **1904 ..**

An application was made and granted for an Occasional Stage Play licence performance at Great Holland School. This entertainment consisted of tableaux, songs, skirt dancing, dialogues, glees, etc. The proceedings were in aid of the school fund. There was an afternoon tea and an evening performance.

In the August a fine Garden Fete was held in the grounds of the Rectory and a large number of Frinton friends came over to lend a helping hand. "Under the genial rays of the sun the pleasantly-situated grounds were looking their best. From the beautifully kept lawn in front of the Rectory a magnificent view was obtainable. On either side was a row of fine old trees and, in the distance, the North Sea glistened in the sunshine, the effect of which, combined with the sylvan beauty of the surroundings, made a charming picture. The visitors were not slow to appreciate it." Tea was served in al fresco style and was thoroughly enjoyed.

In November a public meeting was held at Mr Lubbock's Boot Stores to establish a reading room for the benefit of the young people of Great Holland. A committee was formed and it was agreed to call it the Great Holland Public Reading Room. The fee was to be 2d. a week and the room would be open from 7 till 10; and no one to be admitted as a member under the age of 15. About 20 names were enrolled for membership.



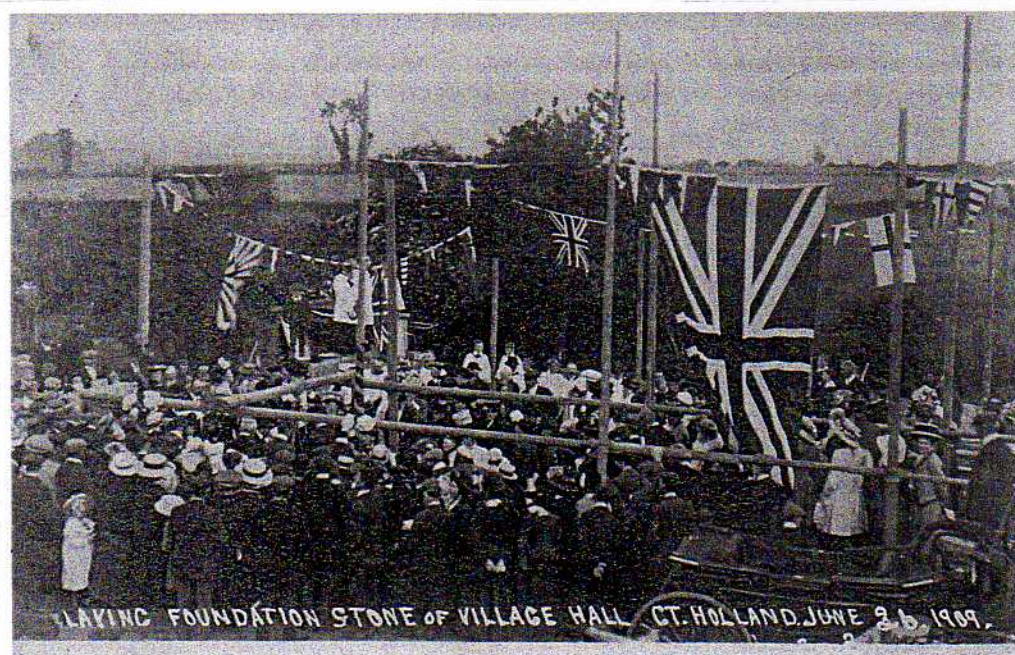
**1908 ..**

Towards the end of the year the first of a number of invitation concerts were held at Ratcliffe Forge. Although the piano was not conspicuous by its absence, the assembly was well entertained by several male vocalists, and Mr Digby's gramophone also 'obliged'.

**1909 ..**

Early 1909 the villagers and their friends had a grand concert in the Club Room of the Institute (also Reading Room). It was a wonderful sight to behold over 100 people gathered to enjoy entertainment of such a high order, cheering and laughing to their hearts content.

The following month it was revealed that as there was now insufficient room for the members of the Reading Room and Institute a new building had become a necessity. Arrangements had been progressing throughout the winter and building plans for a new village hall had now been passed by Tendring Council.



Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder

January 2018



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## February 2018 Newsletter

At the time of writing-3<sup>rd</sup> January we have just moved into the New Year and already the NHS is hitting the headlines. Today's news is that all non-urgent operations have been cancelled until February as part of planned measure to cope with the winter pressures, not good news for anyone expecting to have a needed operation. The whole range of services in the NHS must make adjustments to cope with the extra demand and Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery is no different. From time-to-time extra measures will be used to book appointments and this may mean that the receptionists ask more questions and may want to call you back before an appointment is made. All the staff at the surgery are trained to deal with medical enquiries which are handled in confidence, this is in order to protect clinician time for those that need it and is a method used widely across the NHS.

During the winter season it is usual for the number of coughs and colds to increase, in a normally healthy person any illness will be over in a few days by resting and using home remedies, it is only if home remedies don't work or a condition becomes unusually severe that medical attention should be sought. The NHS Choices website gives a lot of very useful information about how to manage a condition at home and when to seek extra help. People with long standing conditions, young children and elderly are particularly at risk from what would otherwise be a minor ailment, it is important that those people have taken extra precautions like the flu jab and seek help when needed.

You may have noticed that we have actively been recruiting staff; we are looking for a GP to cover maternity leave and administration staff. Hopefully we will be able to fill these positions despite the national shortage of GP's; I will update you as soon as information is available regarding these vacancies.

The surgery car park continues to be inappropriately by patients; this has caused blockages to the disabled parking space, ambulance bays and has caused staff delays by being blocked in. If doctors and nurses cannot move their cars it means that surgeries run late and that home visits are delayed. Please only use the car park if you are a blue badge holder, the surgery is not obliged to provide parking and most surgeries do not. If a patient has mobility issues, for instance recovering from an operation but does not have a blue badge please feel free to use the car park but let the receptionist know which car is yours.

Best wishes  
Karen Austen

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