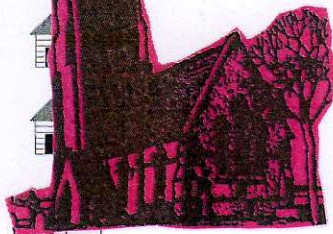




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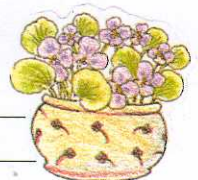


Please note...

- **There is no Home Made Hour in February**
- **We have a new advertiser in this edition – a window cleaner**
- **There will be no PCSO surgeries in February or March**

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:

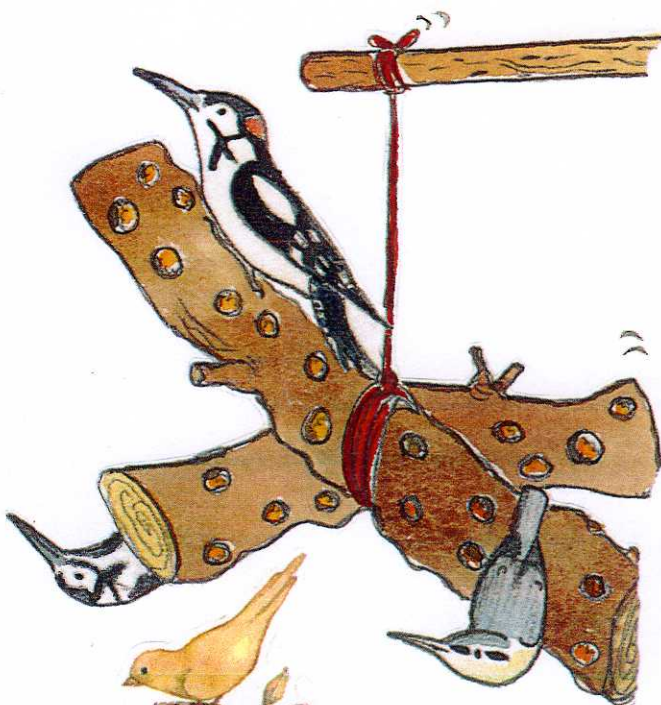
- Are there any events happening in April or May that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?



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

Tuesday 26th March

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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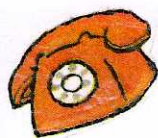
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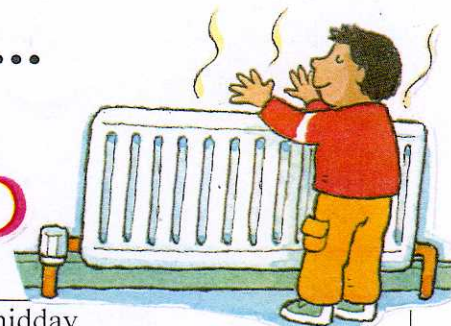
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Crimestoppers	0800 555111	
Mobile Library	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at Rosery Mews only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
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February



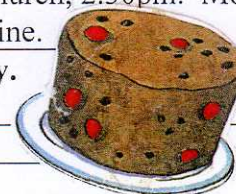
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To include events for **April or May** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by **15 March** if possible.



All Saints' Church

Rector's article ...

In a group recently we began a series of weeks looking in the Bible at the character of King David.

Of all the Bible characters, he's pretty well known. He wrote "The Lord's my shepherd...", he defeated Goliath and he was a friend to Jonathan.

He's one of the Bible's heroes, a skilled musician and psalm-writer, a brave warrior, the saviour of the nation after his defeat of Goliath, a military leader, possibly God's greatest king, a humble leader and lover of God.

Those stories leave us in awe of him. But then there are some other less well-known traits of David.

You could just as easily describe him as a despised worm, hot-tempered bully, weak father, lustful playboy and even calculating murderer.

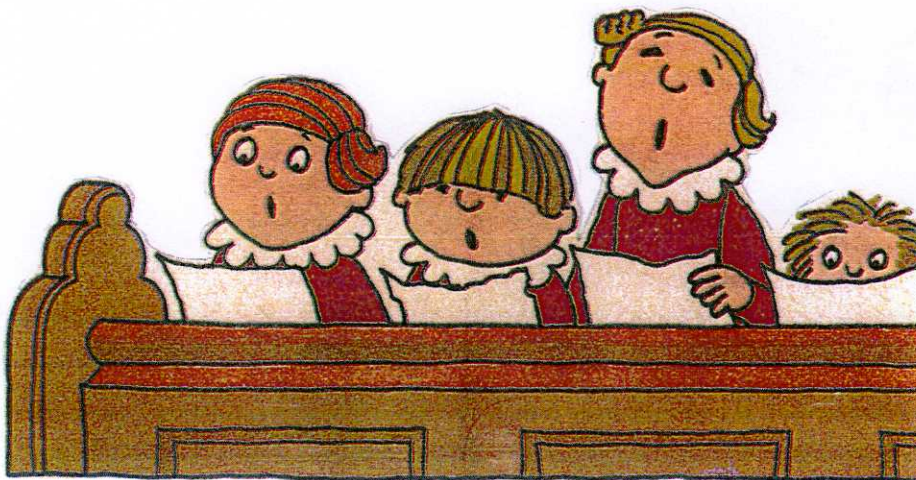
No one is perfect. The greatest leaders have their faults. The greatest sportsmen have their secrets. Your greatest idol is not as good as you think they are.

The point with King David is this: will there ever be one who doesn't disappoint, will there ever be one without any secrets to hide?

Right through, the answer is Jesus is the only one.

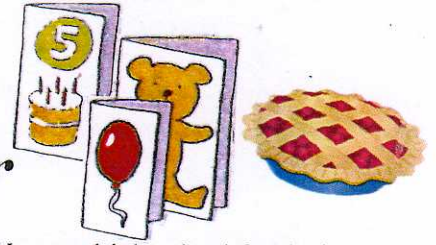
The Bible says if you're looking for the perfect friend, the perfect leader, the perfect example or the perfect king, everyone else will ultimately disappoint. Jesus is the only one.

Mark





Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Home Made Hour, which raised funds for All Saints' Church.

As usual, there will be NO Home Made Hour in February.

Our next Home Made Hour is on **Saturday 2nd March**, from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall. Please come and join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand crafted greetings cards. We also have a raffle.

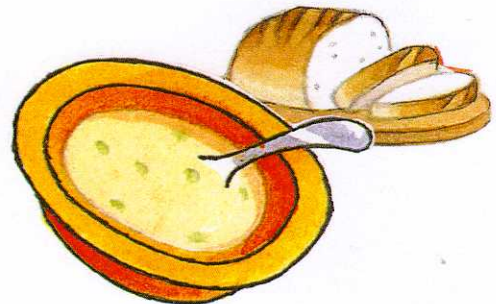


Rich and Creamy Sweet Potato Soup

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- 4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut in thick slices
- 125 ml dry white wine
- Water, as needed
- 1 small pinch of salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 tbsp crème fraiche
- 2 tbsp butter, salted
- 200g (7 oz) grated Gouda cheese
- 4 teaspoons single cream for garnish



1. Melt butter in a saucepan. Add the shallots and sauté until slightly brown in colour.
2. Add the sweet potatoes and deglaze with the white wine. Reduce until half the liquid is absorbed.
3. Add enough water to cover the potatoes.
4. Add the bay leaf, season with salt and cook until the potatoes are tender (about 20 minutes). Additional water may need to be added before potatoes are completely cooked.
5. Remove the bay leaf and purée in a food processor until smooth. Add the butter and crème fraiche.
6. Gently stir in Gouda cheese until velvety smooth. Adjust seasoning and serve topped a swirl of cream.

Serve with crusty bread!

ENJOY!

Karen Withams



MARY CLARK

Mary was born on 21st July 1923 to Leonard and Edith Clark, at East Bergholt, her father was a Cobbler and she had 2 sisters. The three of them went to school in East Bergholt. On leaving school she got a job as a Shop Assistant at Green's General Stores.

Then at 17 she moved to Bury St Edmunds to commence her Nurse Training. In a period of over 38 years of Nursing she progressed to eventually becoming a Matron at Highwood, Brentwood.

When Mary was 55 years old, she retired from the National Health Service and went to be a School Nurse at Wickford, she also became an Avon Lady to meet and make more friends. In 1977 Mary was awarded a Silver Jubilee Medal and also went to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

In the early 1980's she moved to Holland and shortly afterwards she joined the congregation at All Saints, Great Holland. It was soon apparent that she intended to become an active member of the Church there, and in April 1985 she was elected to the PCC. In the following year she joined the Parish Magazine production team, remaining there for the next 18 years.

In 1989 she moved to Rosery Mews. Where she helped many neighbours, and saw many come and go over the years.

In the summer of 1986 plans for the creation of a Parish Room were approved and who agreed to become a member of the Fund-Raising Committee? Mary, of course! Not only was she a member of that committee, but she set forth unaided in becoming a Webb-Ivory Agent donating all profits from her sales to the Parish Room Funds. After that project had been completed 18 months later, she continued to bring her boxes of gifts, cards, wrapping paper, catalogues etc to Home-Made mornings, and the Annual Fete for another 20 years, still giving all profits to the Church. In 1993 and for some years after, Mary took a large part in organising the Annual Fete. In addition to her Webb Ivory Stall, she took responsibility for the distribution of Fete Programmes throughout the village before the event.

But Mary's activities and support for All Saints was not confined to the financial. She had volunteered as a Sides-person at Church in 1999, and continued to carry out those duties until her final illness prevented her from doing so. In 2002 Mary offered to become a Member of the All Saints Pastoral Care Team, a position for which she was more than well qualified, since not only had she had long experience in the caring profession during her career, but also because of her knowledge about the well-being (or otherwise) of local residents. Mary became a regular Reader at Church Services and also led the congregation in prayer. A House group at her home to consider and discuss the Bible and its implications was certainly operating in 2003, and it was there that Anne and I came to know her personally, after the retirement of Peter Coley in 2010. Mary had such a welcoming disposition, opening her home to the group, providing refreshments, which always included a freshly baked fruit cake, as well as biscuits for Anne who didn't eat cake.

Ken Green a member of All Saints congregation, who has known her for the past 25 years, has described Mary as "a dedicated Christian, devoting much of her time, energy and commitment to her Creator. She was a compassionate carer, a responsive listener and a totally reliable "doer". If Mary said she would do something, there was no fear it would not be done." Mary was a member of that happy group of souls known as "the salt of the Earth".

Mary's health declined and she became housebound, but still continued to host our house-group when she was able. Following her operation, her health deteriorated, and the house-group was postponed until she was discharged, and when we popped into see her, in the Critical Care Unit, she expressed her disappointment at missing the little carol service which we had planned, however we assured her that carols can be sung at any time, and we would hold it in January, which pleased her. Unfortunately, as you know a sudden deterioration meant that Mary passed away soon afterwards.

So we say goodbye to Mary, a lovely Christian lady, a loved one, and a friend; and Jesus says, "Welcome Home".

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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.**



The month of love

The Festivities of Christmas and New Year are now over. The decorations have come down, New Year resolutions made; normalities returned. And now our focus has turned to Valentine's Day. As we drive past pubs and restaurants bookings for Valentine's are now advertised.

But is it only romantic love celebrated or worth celebrating? Or can we use this month to celebrate real love that we have experienced in our lives, be that romantic or not? The psychiatrist A.A. Brill once said that 'love is necessary to survival.' Mother Teresa also has stated that the worst disease that any human being can experience is being unwanted and unloved. We as human beings need love; need to feel that others around us care for us. We all need to experience that love of which we hear in 1 Corinthians 13 which says:

'Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.'

We all want to know that someone loves us despite our mistakes; that there is someone that will be walking with us in the good and the bad, that will hold us when we need it, that will forgive us if we need forgiving. Someone that looks at us and does not see the imperfections, but sees our essence; someone who knows a lot about us and still loves us. A brother, a sister, best friend, spouse, partner, child, parent. It can be anybody. But we all know that when we experience that type of love, love that never ends, we are blessed. Life is lived differently knowing we have such love. There is a place where we can be ourselves; a place where we are accepted, even when we are pointed out that we are in the wrong sometimes.

I have been blessed to have such love in my life from other human beings. I pray you are too. And this love is worth rejoicing over. Yet, there is an even bigger love out there. The love of God for each one of us. And that love is unfailing. That love is real. That love accepts us as we are; chooses to call us God's children and God's best friends; that love can carry us through the good and the bad if we let it. So, as we look to Valentine's Day, let us celebrate love, the love of God, because love comes from God alone. The love that we experience from the others comes from God. And as we receive love, let us learn to also give it. Because as love is shared, the world is changed. So my prayer is that we: 'trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, and love extravagantly!' And let us remember, that the best of the three is love!

God's blessings,
Eva Walker



Christmas Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who supported this event on 8th December. We were blessed with a lovely day and lots of people turned up to the event, which raised **£503.00** for Church funds.

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS...

Just a reminder that we hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall, **from 10.30am - 12.00 midday every Thursday**. All are welcome. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and the chance to make new friends. We also have donated goods for sale.



LOCAL NEWS

FLOODING DEMENTIA HOME

It would appear that the flooding across the road near the cemetery has been caused by runoff from the dementia home which is being built in that vicinity. On 4th October, Cllr. Robert Bucke called at the site to establish the cause of flooding across the highway, and was given an explanation that this was the result of temporary drainage installation which would dry up during the next 24 hours.

It was found that on 5 November the developer was pumping water from the site into an already full ditch which overflowed onto the public highway AGAIN. Robert is concerned about the flow of water from the site now that they have installed their new roadways from which surface water could rush down to the public highway at Kirby Road.

He has been in touch with both Tendring District Council and Essex County Council to ensure that the problem is resolved.

POT-HOLE

This pot-hole (identified by ECC with orange paint) has been a severe danger to traffic for several weeks, in one of the most dangerous local highway locations, on a blind corner opposite council housing. Little Clacton Road is already the subject of negotiation with ECC for footpath issues, and this pot-hole, measuring some 10ft x 4ft has already claimed damage to between 5-10 vehicles, including destroyed tyres.

Cllrs. Chris Keston and Robert Bucke have been in regular contact with ECC to get this repaired. There have obviously been concerns as to why the pot-hole has remained in this unacceptable state for so long, being coned off and requiring vehicles to drive along the centre of the road at this dangerous point?

At the time of printing this magazine we understand that the pot-hole has now been repaired?



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.

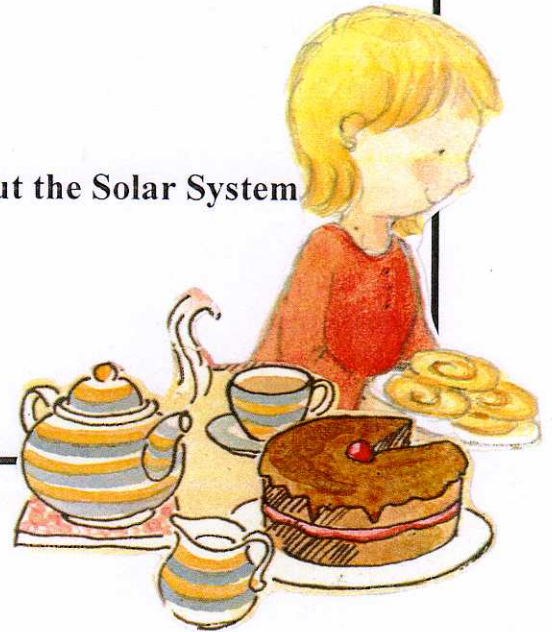


Our March meetings are on:

Monday 4th March: Brian Cottie will give a talk about the Solar System

Monday 25th March: an Easter Social Afternoon

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



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club



Tuesday 12th February

Grumpy

John Rayer

St Cedd's Hall

7.30pm

Tuesday 12th March

Photography

Bob Kettle

St Cedd's Hall

7.00pm

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

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

The next meeting will take place on
Thursday, 18 April

NEWS

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

- 4 x Concern for welfare (all in order)
- 3 x Road traffic accidents
- 1 x Suspicious circumstances (no trace)
- 1 x Report of dangerous driving
- 1 x Burglary dwelling on 23/12/12 (no entry gained)
- 1 x Burglary (horse saddle and bridle stolen from shed at local farm)
- 1 x Theft of donation box *

***YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

On 5th January 2013 the donation box inside All Saints Church in Church Lane was unscrewed from the wall and taken. Did anyone see anybody on that day, or around then, looking suspicious? Were any vehicles parked up outside the church at that time?

If anyone has any information which they think might be of help please contact Michele or myself either by telephone or email (see details below).

Take care.....

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Village Hall update...



Festive Evening on 1st December 2012

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising Festive Evening, and helped to make the evening a success. The event raised approximately **£400.00** for Village Hall funds.

As reported previously, the villagers who organised last June's Great Holland Diamond Jubilee event gave a generous donation to the Village Hall, which enabled the Committee to arrange for new notice board/advertisement cabinet to be made. A cheque was presented to Sue Jenkins, Chair of the Committee, at the Festive Evening event.

New notice board/advertisement cabinet

Adept of Kirby Cross have since custom made the notice board/advertisement cabinet, which has been sited outside the entrance to the hall. It includes an inscription of thanks for the donation.

The Committee is charging £10 per year to rent advertising space in the cabinet. Anyone interested in renting a space should contact **Tom Sandy** on **01255 852195**.



Our new notice board/advertisement cabinet



Festive fun ...








Sue receiving the cheque

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Please see timetable overleaf

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
Wednesday			Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
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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A brief history of Charles Hicks



Charles Hicks was born 1794-1870. He was the son of Mr John Timperley Hicks (1766-1835), who came to Great Holland from Langham on the Suffolk borders at Michaelmas in 1800. His father, Mr John Hicks (grandfather of Charles), lived for many years at the Hall, Stratford St Mary, and when only 20 years of age, in 1765, had married Sarah Timperley at Hintlesham, Suffolk. She was a member of an ancient family, which had been at Hintlesham since 1454. Mr Charles Hicks (who married Miss Anna Thompson), lived at Great Holland and succeeded his father at Great Holland Hall on September 29th 1829.

In 1835 he was elected as 'Poor Law Guardian' for the Parish of Great Holland and served for 28 years, followed by 2 years for Frinton. He, in turn, was succeeded at the Hall at Michaelmas 1863 by his son Charles Thomson Hicks (1837-1892), who married Miss Lilian Smith of Colchester, (sister of the late Mr E Thompson Smith, Solicitor, who was Mayor of Colchester 1890-1900). Their only son, Charles Hubert Hicks, was killed in the Great War; two daughters survived.

Mr Charles Hicks and his son, Charles Thomson Hicks, were well-known yeoman farmers and landowners, prominent in Essex agricultural affairs and in local government.

In 1828 Mr John Woodgate Hicks went to Walton Hall.

The memoirs of Charles Hicks of Great Holland Hall are a straightforward account of incidents or developments in or around the village that took his interest. They contain much of local interest - their value lying in the representative nature of the views he expresses and the changes in the rural life he describes.

I hope to relay some of these 'gems' in future issues.

Liz Bruce

History Recorder, January 2013

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

Renewable Landscapes

Residents of the village are aware of the wind turbines out to sea. Now the forty eight originals are joined by two new ones, which are trialling new engineering, turbines with no gearbox. Five more in St Osyth are also visible from parts of the parish. As published in the last Village Voice there are plans to build a solar array in the fields just opposite the reserve.

These modern installations intrude on the landscape and peoples' views about them are at best mixed. Whilst panels sit low over the contours of the landscape, their shiny top surfaces will present an unnatural shade and I would prefer not to see them across the Holland Marshes if better options were available. Nevertheless every one of us requires energy, and in my view there are no very satisfactory ways of meeting that demand.

So what are the other options we have for producing electricity? Coal is dirty, and is only produced in the UK in unsightly open-cast mines. Would we want one in sight of the parish? Otherwise coal is imported, the greatest amount from Russia, then Colombia and the United States. Are we happy sending people to work deep mines, or indeed would we be happy with a cooling tower if it was in our area.

Nuclear does not worry me as much as coal. The worries about radiation are largely unfounded but the mining of Uranium has to involve devastation in some part of the world. The application for a Bradwell B power station was recently withdrawn, but it was predicted to raise the temperature of the River Blackwater by five degrees, and chlorination of the cooling water to prevent shellfish growth in the pipes, was expected to produce a dead plume in the river bed, miles long. I am not comfortable with the details of nuclear power.

Our chancellor has recently set out a plan to use more natural gas. Our own supplies are running down and becoming more expensive. Norwegian supplies are falling and now Qatar is rising to take up the demand. Algeria and Nigeria are also supplying increase amounts mostly liquefied and conveyed by ship.

The practice of producing natural gas by fracking is greeted enthusiastically by some. Fracking consists of setting off underground explosions in shale rock, which allows tiny bubbles of methane gas to migrate into pipes to be collected. In the United States it seems to be maintaining the American enthusiasm for energy consumption.

Fracking was temporarily stopped in northern England after it set off a small earthquake, but now the research is starting again. Some fear pollution of water supplies as chemicals are injected into the ground to mobilise the gas

Coincidentally in an earlier project in 1897, a borehole was dug at Weeley prospecting for coal. At a bit deeper than four hundred metres the chalk was laying on shales of some 400 million years, Silurian rocks with early fish fossils. Would these shale rocks be suitable for fracking, and would we welcome the activity?

Is there any way to soften our impact? For now the best option we have must be to use less energy where possible by developing more efficient ways of doing things.

Bob Seago - Warden

