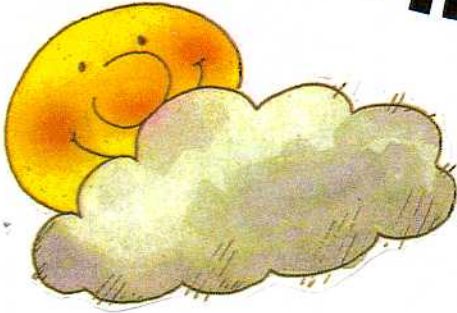




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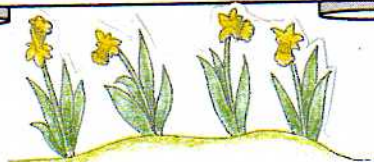
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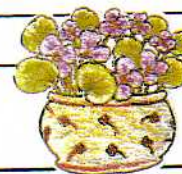
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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- Are there any events happening in April or May 2017 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?
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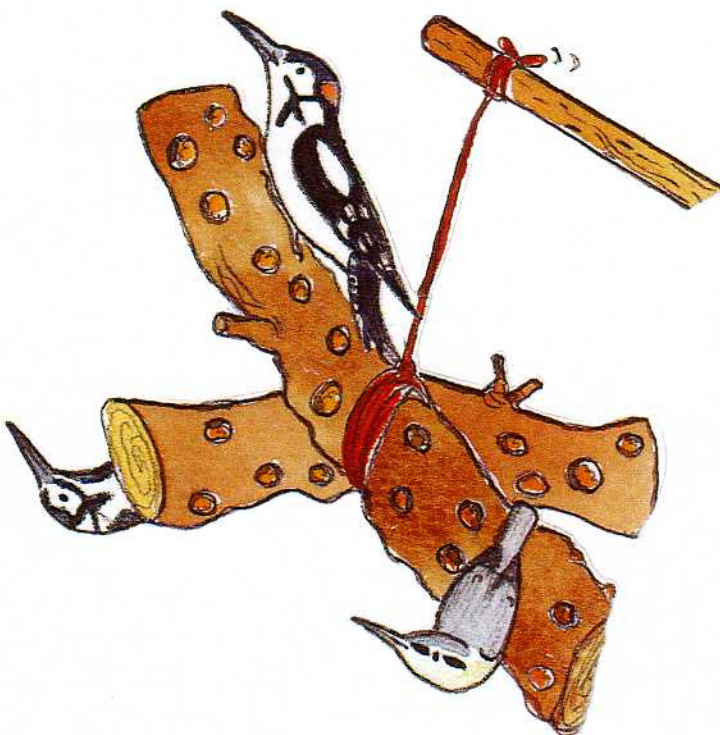
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Dates for your Diary ...



February

Thursday 2nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), 2.00pm.
Thursday 9th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Thursday 16th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
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March

HAPPY SPRING!

Thursday 2nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 4th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 9th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Saturday 11th	Afternoon Tea & Concert: St Michael's Church Hall, Kiby-Le-Soken, 2.30pm. Tickets £5. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 16th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am
Wednesday 29th	Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper: Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm start. Tickets £5.50 per person. For catering purposes, you will need to buy tickets in advance of the event. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 30th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.





May



Friday 26th - Monday 29th	Frinton Festival Includes Concert at All Saints' Church, Saturday 27th May at 7.00pm. More about the Festival inside magazine.
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June

Saturday 3rd	 GHRA AGM  Village Hall, 11.30am - <u>moved from Saturday 13th May</u>
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To include events for April or May 2017 in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 15th March if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's article

Thank you to all of you who came to our Christmas Carols by Candlelight. It was lovely to welcome so many and we hope you had a really good time.

At one point in the service I mentioned a man called Ernie Johnson, host of a popular American Basketball program. Asked about his thoughts on the election of Donald Trump, he said these words

I never know from one election to the next who's gonna be in the Oval Office, but I always know who's on the throne. And I'm on this earth because God created me, and that's who I answer to. I'm a Christian [and] I follow a guy named Jesus.

As I write this on the day Trump is inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States, and as he promises unity and change while others boycott the event, I thought I'd share some of the remainder of what Ernie Johnson said.

...we have to give him a chance. But here's the deal, I just hope he's all in ... in fixing the wounds in this country and the divides that separate this country. And I want to be part of that too. And for me to part of it, I have to look in the mirror and say, 'How am I going to be a better man? How am I going to be a better neighbor? How am I going to be a better citizen? How am I going to be a better American? How can I be a fountain and not a drain?'"

What an excellent thought. The future of America, or any other country rests just as much on its citizens as its leaders. God has given us all a little bit of his world to influence - what difference can we make?

But of course, these thoughts don't just make us think of ourselves and the difference we can make, but should also make us think of another, the one we remembered together on Christmas Eve - Jesus.

He was the ultimate fountain - blessing those he was with. He was never a drain. He was the ultimate individual who changed the world.

Of course, he's also so much more. He's an individual, but he's also divine, the Son of God. He changed the world, but Christians believe he also changes eternity.

All the best,
Mark

AFTERNOON TEA & CONCERT

Viola and piano recital
St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday 11th March 2.30pm



Tickets £5 from Myra Hutchings: 851125



From All Saints' Diary - February:

Wednesday	1 st	11.00am 2.00pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Morning Worship with Sunday school
Sunday	12th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Wednesday	15 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	16 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	22 nd	11am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Friday	24 th		A Quiz Night with St Michael's Church and the Kirby Evangelical Church will be held at Kirby Primary School. A fish 'n' chip supper will be provided. Time and cost tbc.
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	28 th	2.15pm	Tea-Pot at the Baker Hall

From All Saints' Diary - March:

Wednesday	1 st		ASH WEDNESDAY
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	4 th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	8 th	11.00am	Lent 2017: Priorities, Petition & Praise in Paul's Pastoral Prayers. In the Parish Room.
Saturday	11 th	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea Concert (details shown opposite) 
Sunday	12th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Wednesday	15 th	11.00am 2.00pm	Lent Course in the Parish Room Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	16 th	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	22 nd	11.00am	Lent Course in the Parish Room
MOTHERING SUNDAY			
	26th	11.00am	Mothers' Day Service with the Sunday school (Clocks go forward) 
Tuesday	28 th	2.30pm	Tea-Pot in St Michael's Church Hall

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**.

Home Made Hour



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Home Made Hour and for the generous donations of home made goods and produce. **As usual, there will no Home Made Hour in February**

Our next Home Made Hour will take place on:

Saturday 4th March from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall.

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. Refreshments are available and 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. If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on **677984**.

Walton & District Community FoodBank

Dear Foodbank Supporters,

Newsletter January 2017

I hope that you enjoyed a very merry Christmas and wish you good health and happiness for 2017. Now that we are returning to normality, (whatever that might be) on behalf of the FoodBank I would like to thank all our supporters for the extraordinary volume of donations given over the past few months. I should make particular mention of our local schools and churches - firstly, the very generous Harvest Festival gifts and an even more amazing amount of food we received during the weeks before Christmas. Our store is now very well stocked so we have plenty to give to our clients over the cold winter months that are still ahead of us.

I would also like to give special thanks for all the festive treats and toys that we received. We distributed about 45 special Christmas Gift Boxes. Some of these Gift Boxes were given to FoodBank Clients in addition to any normal food parcels that they may have been given. However the greater quantity went to people or families nominated by local schools, churches and other local caring organisations.

During the period 1st October - 31st December 2016, not including Christmas Box recipients, we helped:
39 Households (totalling 55 Adults and 51 Children)
With 59 food parcels roughly equivalent to a total of 1400 meals.

These figures are a little down on the previous quarter, where we saw an unusual spike in the numbers for September. But, Quarter 4 of 2016 is more or less on parity with Quarter 4 of 2015.

I shall also take this opportunity to correct a misapprehension that seems to be about at the moment. It is being said that clients of the Walton and District Community FoodBank will only be given up to three food parcels within an unspecified period. I believe that this paragraph from our general information leaflet makes our policy clear:

How many Food Parcels can you have?

We set no hard limits on the number of Food Parcels a client may receive. However, more than half our clients only need to come to the FoodBank once or twice. For them that is enough to see them through their crisis and back to normal life. Others, for all kinds of reasons need support over a longer period, each case is taken on its individual merits. We will never turn away a client who has a genuine need, but we also reserve the right to refuse or withdraw service totally at our own discretion.

Or to put it another way: we do not set a limit to the number of food parcels a client may receive from us. However, those who think that they can use the FoodBank as a free supermarket will soon be discovered and disabused of this misapprehension. Such misuse of the FoodBank may also spoil their chances of receiving help if they should really need it.

With best wishes for the months ahead, Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Ann Peters

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC: Sheila Watts c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT (675997)

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'But now I want to lay out a far better way for you.'

These are the words of the Apostle Paul at the end of 1 Corinthians 12. These words come after he talks of Christian unity and we have just celebrated that in our town, in our nation, in the world.

Paul reminds us in that letter that we are members of the body of Christ as he says: 'No part is important on its own....every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance....'

After he reminds us that we are all important, members of the one body, the body of Christ, after he invites us to look at the other as making us whole, he says those words.

'But now I want to lay out a far better way for you.' That way is the thing that holds the body together, the thing that enables us to be part of people's healing and people's joy, that thing that sees the ones no-one wants to see, that thing that involves those that nobody wants to be mentioned, that thing is love. The love of 1 Corinthians 13. The love that is true, the love that is selfless, the love that is giving, the love that is patient and kind, the love that never fails.

This month we celebrate romantic love, but the origins of St Valentine's day are of self giving love. There are many stories as to who Valentine was, but whatever the story- whether it was the helping of the prisoners, or the marrying of the people the government had forbidden to be married, in those actions, it was selfless love that was celebrated.

And what better expression of selfless love, than the love of Jesus, who gave up all, to live amongst us, and to die for us. Jesus' selfless love never failed, and in that giving, he gained eternal life for us all, in that giving, he changed our past and our present and our future.

So dear friends, as we celebrate the 14th of February, and celebrate the love we share with those nearest to us, we are called to give out selfless love, and not only to the seen, but to the unseen.

That selfless love starts within our homes, and our families and our friends, and it goes beyond that, reaches out to the world and changes someone's life, someone's outlook, someone's destiny.

'But now I want to lay out a far better way for you- THE WAY OF LOVE!

God's blessings,
Eva



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

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 and hand made cards for sale.

“Love came down at Christmas”



Thank you to all who supported this event and came to see our beautifully decorated church and enjoy the refreshments. As a result, we were able to send £420.00 to The Sick Children's Trust.

The church was full for our “All Things Christmas” concert, during which we enjoyed the singing of children from St Philomena's School. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Forthcoming event at Great Holland Methodist Church

Wednesday 29th March
Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper
7.00pm start
Tickets £5.50 per person.

For catering purposes, you will need to buy tickets in advance of the event. They will be available from 1st February from Ivan on **671811** or Anne on **675065**.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the MEETING on

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

Preliminary

Before proceeding to the Agenda, the Chairman began with a discussion on the proposed closure of Clacton Minor Injuries Unit. This had been suggested by the Treasurer, Denys Strich. A leaflet was distributed setting out the dates of the Public Consultation Meetings organised by North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and residents were directed to the on line survey by the same Group and to the National Petition organised by 38 Degrees, a non-party group. The residents voted unanimously against closure.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Eddie and June Forrest, Sue and Keith Hockley, Judith Little, Hazel and David Martin and John Poulton.

Minutes of the Meeting of meeting 15th October 2016

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Roger Freer, the manager of Frinton Farm Partners regarding the speed of farm vehicles in Church Lane, Manor Road and Rectory Road. Roger confirmed that his drivers were instructed to drive with care as were other persons using the livery facilities, but he undertook to speak to people concerned.

Planning Report

In the absence of Eddie Forrest, he asked the Chairman to read his written report to the meeting.

The former village shop was being converted to residential use.

The report summarised a number of other local applications.

The pending applications in Church Lane, "Mon Reve" and the land adjacent to "Farndon" were all causes for concern which were outlined to the meeting.

The date of the next Local Plan Meeting on 19th January was announced, together with objections from local developers trying to include land to the east of Westbury Road and also north of Little Clacton Road in The Preferred Options Local Plan. The meeting voted unanimously for GHRA to object to the inclusion of these two pieces of land.

The target date is June 2017 with the consultation completion date of July 2017. Following this the submission to the Secretary of State is expected in October 2017 with full adoption of the Plan by September, 2018.

PSCO Report

Paul Brassey and Robert Diss attended. Paul Brassey delivered the report that the area had been thankfully free of any serious incident. An elderly driver had been reported as driving at 10 mph and had been spoken to. A 999 call had been made by a child playing with a phone. Two ponies had been reported wandering into the road. There were reports of late night speeding which could not be followed up as no registration numbers were available.

The Community Speed Watch team has been very active and reported dozens of incidents, some of whom were local village drivers. Questions were raised about the ineffectiveness of policing speeding vehicles and the history of Essex County Council's refusal to spend money on any effective measures was again reviewed. With the present guidelines, only a series of fatalities would change the situation. Paul encouraged the audience to report any speeding incidents to the Local Council. Paul encouraged the residents to contact them with their concerns on pcsopaulbrassey@twitter.

In response to a question about hare coursing, Councillor Bucke explained that there was a dedicated officer for wildlife crime who was particularly keen on clamping down on this illegal activity.

A resident asked that bollard signs in Thorpe be cleaned.

The supply of window alarms had been sold out and new supplies were not anticipated although they can be purchased for approx. £10 in B & Q.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current balance of £3410.83 plus £40.80 cash totalling £3451.63. Although there had been no time to count properly, a further sum of around £100 in membership subscriptions had been taken today.

Bob Seago on Great Holland Pit Nature Reserve in Winter

Bob gave a short, illustrated talk which was much appreciated by members. Bob summarised the history and layout of the site before detailing some of the flora and fauna through the seasons. Of particular interest were the large numbers of Goldcrests to be seen in winter, sometimes flying with the more rare Firecrest. More surprisingly, the Woodcock can be seen by the observant. Adders can be found and two species of bumblebee, even on warmer winter days when they visit gorse flowers for nectar.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be held on Saturday, 3rd June at 11.30 am after Homemade Hour, **subject to approval by Sue Jenkins and the Committee.** This meeting will be the AGM when all officers need to be elected.

Any Other Business

Councillor Bucke agreed to investigate a further no parking sign for the Greensward in The Close.

A resident asked for assistance in dealing with excessive growth on neighbouring land. A plan and photo will be provided to the Chairman to consider what further action is appropriate.

There has been no further progress on the children's play area as difficulties had been encountered with grants. £10,000 is available but a further £80,000 is required. Investigations are continuing.

The chaos near the bridge was discussed.

It is possible that access from the proposed new estate to the east of Halstead Road will be to Frinton Road via the new cul-de-sac opposite the fish and chips shop.

The lay-by near Prospect Park has been resurfaced. The need for this was caused by local contractors and Councillor Bucke agreed to investigate who was bearing the cost.

A street lamp in Rectory Road required repair.

A question was raised about the lack of security to the lay-by across the marshes which have resulted in a series of break-ins to a hut.

Lots were drawn for the winner of the raffle.

The Meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

**DO YOU WISH TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN
GT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION?**

Any Resident wishing to renew their membership, or join Gt Holland Residents Association, can do so by calling into The Manor Public House, where John and Olivia have very kindly agreed to collect subscriptions on the Association's behalf. You can also still join at any of our meetings throughout the year.

Envelopes will be provided. Please insure your name, address and contact phone number are written on the front of the envelope where indicated, and subscriptions sealed inside.

Subscription costs are listed below:
£4.00 per year per household of 2 plus residents.
£2.00 per year per household of 1 resident only.

We are very grateful to The Manor for their very kind offer and help.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

Another lovely Carols by Candlelight is over at All Saints and everyone has taken down their lights. It's the run in to Spring, so be of good cheer!

This month, we have a more immediate threat to consider than the determination of Tending planners to urbanise the village but, don't worry, I will get round to them later.

Hopefully, you have all picked up on the plan to close the Minor Injuries Unit in Clacton. It's billed as a "consultation", of course, but make no mistake of the imminent nature of the threat. It is happening all over the country, west, south and north, as well as here in the east. In other words, this is a coordinated, national campaign of closures of MIUs and Walk-in Centres by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (the new title for Area Health Authorities). Some have already closed and one has been forced to reopen after closure by the force of local protest. It's the usual story, folks. Only the loudest noises are listened to.

I am going to make an assumption that absolutely no one reading this is in favour of closure (if you are, stop reading now). The first thing you can do is go to one of the many public meetings organised by North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group itself. By the time you read this, the remaining ones within easier reach are:

Walton: Columbine Centre

Saturday 11th February 2pm-3pm

Clacton: Community Voluntary Services, The Garden Room, 22, Rosemary Road, Clacton CO15 1NZ

Saturday 11th February 11am-12noon

Tuesday 21st February 7pm-8pm

Harwich: Electric Palace Cinema, King's Quay Street CO12 3ER

Saturday 4th February 11am-12noon

Friday 17th February 2pm-3pm

The ones I have been to or have been attended by friends have been pretty crowded and there is no lack of anger about this proposal to force everyone to travel to Colchester to a hospital already overwhelmed this winter, with enormous queues for treatment. Our surgery in Thorpe is offering three weeks currently for a doctor's appointment! This is insane, whatever the reasons given. Sorry, but 'can't afford it' won't wash. 'Can't NOT afford it' is the correct slogan.

Join the near universal campaign by going to at least one of these meetings and by two other actions. Firstly, NEECCG are running an online questionnaire at www.neessexccg.nhs.uk It's easy to complete.

Secondly, there is a national petition, non-party, being run by 38 Degrees. Paper ones are around, but this is again online at <http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions>, although it's easier to just Google "38degrees nhs petition".

In the justification for this "consultation", the NEECCG states that it had received "feedback" (no source is given) that local people find the present provision "confusing"!!!! They do give the need to make cuts also, but can you believe this is the FIRST reason! Presumably, we will all be a lot less confused after they close it with the only option being to queue up outside Colchester General A&E! Sorry, I forgot. Of course you can also wait three weeks to see a doctor around here! It is important to give the consumer a choice! Your choice is shut up or make a noise. Please choose the latter.

Now it is time to return in praise of Tendring Council's planners for attaining new heights of accomplishment. If you had planning consent to build two houses in your back garden and decided you could make more money by building three, what would you do? It's pretty obvious that you would apply to vary the consent from two to three houses, you might say. Well, I agree that SOUNDS logical, but you have to add in the 'Tendring Factor'! This means you get to apply for one house and hope that diverts your neighbours from realising you in fact want to increase density by fifty percent. You are very lucky to have such an accommodating council that realises how tedious all this red tape about planning really is! Then, when one of your neighbours proves not to be both blind and stupid and raises a protest, the planner behind this ruse just pretends that behaving illogically is perfectly alright (to be fair, it is certainly common enough in Tendring), but reluctantly agrees to ask for a variation of the original permission AS WELL. You, as the happy landowner, now have the privilege of applying twice for the same thing! The important point is that the planner does not have to admit to behaving with mindless stupidity in accepting the application to build one house which was, in reality, an application to build three! This, believe it or not, is exactly what has happened in the case of Great Holland Nursery.

More seriously, I have lodged a formal complaint with Tendring District Council concerning this abuse of the planning system, which appears designed to confuse the public. I find it difficult to see any other motive behind such stupidity.

Finally, I hope you have all enjoyed the closure of Kirby Road (the stretch that goes under the bridge) for four days! Going to Frinton did you choose to join the hundreds of other cars battling their way along Pork Lane or take the scenic route via Little Clacton! A neighbour rang Essex CC Highways just before I wrote this and was told that, if there are sufficient protests, they will look at it again! Now, let's have a think about that for a

moment! Do we say, "Thank you Essex County Council for listening to us", or do we say, "If there was an alternative to four days of utter chaos and inconvenience, why didn't you choose it to start with?" I leave you to decide which reaction is appropriate!

Don't forget about the Great Holland website, which is very well run by Webmaster Paul Withams. It's worth a look and now includes a link to the place where Essex CC lists upcoming highways disruptions.

Best regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA



**BIRCH HOE FARM
SOUTHDOWNS AND WHITEFACE DARTMOOR SHEEP**

We had our first set of Southdown lambs on 3rd January, a few days later than last year. We are now well into lambing with about 15 Southdown ewes lambed and 28 to go – 15 Southdowns and 13 Whiteface Dartmoors.



All being well, and the weather is good to us, you should be able to see them in the field early March with their mums.

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

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Newsletter February 2017

Greetings again from the surgery. Winter has brought with it all the usual problems including minor coughs, colds and sore throats. As usual we get a large number of requests for urgent appointments to treat these ailments which for most folk are minor and should be treated with over the counter remedies at home without the need for medical intervention. Unfortunately waiting a few days for symptoms to improve is not part of the schedule! I have heard recently of a gentleman that called out the Paramedics for his wife who had sickness and diarrhoea because he did not want to wait for hours for the GP to visit. Not surprisingly the paramedics did not have much sympathy and referred the case back to the GP who again was not able to prescribe a miracle cure and advised waiting for 24 hours for the symptoms to improve. At the surgery we have an on-going issue with patients not turning up for appointments. **Interestingly there were 145 missed appointments at the surgery in December.** We do write to patients that repeatedly miss appointments and will remove anyone who does not use the service respectfully.

It is our duty as patients to use the services available to us wisely, to use home remedies where appropriate and only seek medical help when necessary, sometimes resting for a few days with over the counter medication is the only appropriate treatment. We do get regular requests from the Walk-in-Centre and local A&E to advise patients that they should only visit when urgent medical attention is needed, one would have thought that this advice was not necessary but sadly there are too many people that expect to be treated at these centres rather than buy medication from a chemist.

On a more positive note we have held a very successful flu jab campaign which will have helped with keeping many of our vulnerable patients well this winter. We have seen a couple of staff changes in our reception at Thorpe, Judith and Jaswinder are our new recruits and they come to us from an NHS background, there are very welcome additions to our team.

The PPG continue to support us and challenge any local decisions about how healthcare is provided. The NHS is under constant financial pressure and is required to spend tax payer's money as wisely as possible; this includes looking at out-of-hours provisions, walk-in-centres and the minor injuries units. To find out more about the consultations taking place locally contact the PPG by email at ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net

Best wishes to all our patients

Karen Austen

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Tendring Cats Protection

We need a loving home for Splodge ...



Splodge is a two year old black and white male cat who was found as a stray. He is a very laid back cat who is happy to let the world drift by, but does like a fuss. If you can offer him a home please contact the branch on **01255 851440** or tendringcats@btinternet.com.

All our cats are neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, vet checked, have current flea and worm treatments and come with four weeks Petplan Insurance.

We are always looking for items for our tombola/raffles throughout the year so if you have anything that you think would help, please use the contact details above and we can arrange collection of any items, cat related ornaments, goods, or food.

THANK YOU!

I would like to say a belated thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held at my home last October. A good time was had by all, and the event raised the sum of **£272.10** for the charity. I hope to hold a similar event later this year.

Jane Carter

Looking for the key?

During November and December we looked after our Exmoor ponies, and this involved daily visits to the Pits. I usually spent a half day there pottering around on small jobs, after tending the horses, such as removing overhanging branches or clearing along the sides of the paths. At the end of such a session just before Christmas, I discovered I had lost my keys. Not only could I not drive home but I would have to sort out means of getting in the house and other matters. I retraced my steps looking around intensively in the areas in which I had worked. After completing the route I tried again.

With no success I asked the neighbour who kindly conveyed me to my mother's house where my spare keys are kept. On returning with these I tried another circuit. The light was fading, so I went home having consumed so much time fruitlessly in the busy period before the holidays. The next morning I tried again and was then joined by a friend but neither of us found the elusive objects.

Almost resigned to spending the large part of another day in the complicated pursuit of getting a new set cut, my friend had spoken to one of our regular dog walkers, and informed them that I was looking for keys. The dog owner was pointed to the likely spot where the keys were dropped and to cut the story short a little black Labrador found them immediately under a shroud of fallen leaves.

Dogs are remarkable creatures, domesticated from Grey Wolves, or according to some a common ancestor species, about 15 thousand years ago in the Mesolithic Stone Age or 30 thousand years ago according to other clues; either way they were there to aid hunter gatherers, rather than later livestock or arable farmers. It is thought that dogs were the first animals to be domesticated and they would clearly have been of great value to hunters, because of the many instinctive skills they possess.







I used to look after another dog who more than once found lost objects for his owner. He appeared to know the word 'Find', though probably he understood by interpreting human body language; he could see when we were searching amongst the vegetation, and he was just copying. However his sense of smell was a great deal more sensitive than that of any human by a factor of between a thousand and ten million according to some sources. In doing tasks, dogs may also be highly motivated, not getting bored for long periods of time. When I tried to express praise and approval to the little Labrador for doing me such a useful favour he looked a little confused, preferring as it happened to keep hiding a ball in awkward places and then finding it again.

Nevertheless dogs can show boredom. A dog once accompanied me to a moth night. Now moth enthusiasts who observe and record the moths attracted to a powerful light are highly motivated but this dog could not understand the attraction. Being attached to a nearby fence post by his lead he showed unmistakable signs of wanting to do something more interesting and he started to catch moths as they flew in and eat them. Did he calculate that I would give him a ball game, to stop him being a nuisance? He was probably right and I probably did!

Most dog owners believe their pets can interpret the various sounds and activities of their pet in a common though limited language and I would not doubt that. Assuming dogs were domesticated 15 thousand years ago, that may represent more than 5000 generations, and those dogs over that time who did not understand humans, or were of no use to them would not have been allowed to breed, so we have ended up with dogs specialising in all sorts of useful tasks.

Bob Seago Warden, Great Holland Pits

What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	Cardio Vascular exercise 6.45-7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday 	Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)2.30-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	Aerobics 7.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday 	Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of the month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

£10 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

VILLAGE HALL GREAT HOLLAND COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT:- Sue Jenkins (Chairperson), Sheila Watts (Treasurer), Jim Stuart (Secretary), Veronica Stack, Robert Bucke and Chris Keston

APOLOGIES:- Jim Stuart, Coralie Harris and David Martin

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

REDECORATION OF THE HALL

We are to receive a grant from The Essex County Council Communities Initiative Fund in the sum of £5000 towards the cost of repairing the roof on the back of the hall over the kitchen. This will be paid once the work has been completed and the invoices shown. This work has been held up mainly due to the weather. One of the drain covers was broken when the scaffolding was erected but was repaired by Chris Keston when it was reported to him.

Chris also had a surveyor take a look at potential treatment for dampness and a price of £686.00 was quoted, but this was for one section only. It was decided to obtain further quotes and Sue is to contact a company in Hadleigh to take a further look with a view to put cladding on the inside.

Chris also advised us that some of the vents on the outside wall are not functional and should be filled in, as he feels that the rain is getting in and sits there contributing in a small way to the dampness being experienced. He has also agreed to contact other companies for a quote.

We have bought new tables for the hall and it has been agreed to donate the old ones to the fête.

HOUSEKEEPING

We are to investigate the maximum number allowed in the hall at any one time and Robert Bucke has agreed to contact the Council and the Fire Brigade in this connection.

Our contract for the provision of power from E-On to the hall is up for renewal in April next, and Sue is looking into what other companies can offer.

Sue recently represented the Hall at a meeting of the RCCE. One of the points raised was whether we were on the list to help out on an emergency, (i.e. putting people up etc.) and Robert is going to look into this aspect.

It was suggested that we look for a handyman to do the small jobs around the hall and we are to advertise in the Village Voice in the January/February edition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was submitted for the year ending 30th September last and will be passed on to Tim Reynolds

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As there were no further issues the meeting was closed. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 21st January 2017 at 10.00 am

Do you want to be more involved in Village Life?

The Great Holland Village Hall belongs to us all as a village, and the current committee are determined to look after it and preserve it for the future generations. We are always looking for new members to join our already enthusiastic team.

If you are someone who likes attending meetings and sitting about for hours, debating, then we are not the committee for you. We have on average five meetings a year including the AGM and we try to keep them to no more than an hour, so if this sounds like it might be for you then please contact us.

We are also looking for any keen DIY person(s) who would be willing to help out with small jobs around the hall, nothing too big.

The committee would like to thank Tim Reynolds who has kindly done our yearly accounts for free, for more years than I can remember. Tim has decided to move to pastures new and we wish him and his family the best of luck in this new phase of their lives. Therefore the committee are looking for anyone else who has qualifications in accounting who would like to offer their services to us. We are a registered charity and would be happy to make a small donation for their services.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Sue Jenkins, Committee Chairperson, on **01255 850317**

Boundary changes proposed by Tendring District Council (TDC)

Boundary changes are proposed by TDC for and from 2019 local elections. This is targeted to achieve a reduction in the number of TDC councillors from 60 to 48, to be agreed with the Boundary Commission, who support the proposal.

TDC are re-drawing ward boundaries, and propose putting Great Holland with Thorpe-le-Soken and Beaumont, Kirby Cross standing alone, and Kirby-le-Soken with Hamford (ward). TDC said in their report that there was no community link between Great Holland and Kirby le Soken, and I shall protest this at the next TDC meeting on 24th January.

If Great Holland residents have views on the proposal, will they please let me know by e-mail, phone call or letter? Thank you.

Councillor Robert J. Bucke
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Frinton Festival 2017

The 2017 Frinton Festival will take place from 26th-29th May.

The annual concert in All Saints' Church in Great Holland, featuring music for strings by Mozart and Dvorak, will be on **Saturday 27th May** at 7pm. That gives us enough time to enjoy a post-concert meal with performers and audience (those who want to come!) at The Manor, now that it has been splendidly re-furbished and re-opened.

Robert Max

Engains W.I.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in **Little Clacton Village Hall**, at 7.30pm. We are a lively and jovial bunch and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our group, please do come along as our guest. Details of our next two meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 8th February
How women took on vital roles during world war II
Liz & Mary

Wednesday 8th March
Personal Shopper
Chris Taylor

Please telephone Linda Pidgeon on **01255 428562** for more information about Engains WI.

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 14th February
Cards and Stamps
Ralph Bridgeman

Tuesday 14th March
Fifty Years of the Red Arrows
Peter Drake



Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on **674134** for further details

Frinton, Walton and District Satellite U3A

It doesn't seem possible that a year has already passed since I wrote a brief article for the Great Holland Village Voice in January 2016 welcoming the introduction of a "satellite" branch of the Tendring District U3A. It was felt that this would be of great benefit to those of our members living in Great Holland, Kirby Cross, Frinton and Walton.

Well, since that first meeting at the McGrigor hall in January 2016, I am pleased that we can look back on a successful first year.

We have continued to host a variety of speakers on the first Friday of each month at the McGrigor Hall in Frinton, with talks ranging from "Latin Connections", by our own member Janet Wheatley, to "Magicians and The Magic Circle" a talk with tricks by Paul Clancy. Not only have we been pleased by the success of our monthly meetings but it has been noticeable that this has also led to an increase in membership and the formation of some new interest groups in the area.

The Tendring District University of the Third Age has been in existence now for 24 years, It provides a programme of monthly speaker meetings, regular interest, and activity groups as well as the occasional social event. Its aim is to provide informal learning and social contact for those people who are either retired or no longer in full time employment.

Our attendance at the monthly meetings at Frinton has been averaging around 50 U3A members. If you are interested in joining the U3A why not come along and "give us a try". We meet at 10.00am on the first Friday of each month (apart from August) at the McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, in Frinton.

Further details about Tendring District U3A may be found on our website, www.u3asites.org.uk/tendring

Brian Stephens
Chairman, Tendring District U3A

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 2nd February** and **Thursday 2nd 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**

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd March

'Primulas and Auriculas'

An illustrated talk by Barry Gayton

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

FROM THE ARCHIVES

While going through my notes from old newspapers I came across 'The Birth of Prospect Park'. It was an article in "The Clacton-on-Sea Graphic & East Coast Illustrated News", 13/06/1913. It makes interesting reading

"On Monday Messrs E. M. Thomas & Co., of 2 Pancras Lane, Queen St., London E.C. submitted to public auction about a hundred plots of freehold building land, including several main road shop plots, being the third portion of the Prospect Park Estate. This is a building estate about three minutes from Kirby station and about three miles from Walton-on-Naze, four miles from Clacton-on-Sea and close to Frinton-on-Sea, and is being developed by the vendor, Mr E. W. Wilson, a well-known and respected resident of the Parish. There was a large attendance, about 200 coming from London, Stratford, Romford and Colchester by special train. The weather was very fine, albeit extremely windy, so the visitors had an opportunity of appreciating both the eligible character of the estate and the strong, healthy and vigorous air of the district, especially in a strong 'Nor' Easter'. The sale was preceded by a luncheon served in a marquee on the estate by a contractor from Leyton, and at which Mr William o'Malley M.P. presided, supported by the vendor, the auctioneer and the solicitor (Mr. Rawlinson). The company consisted mostly of Londoners, but there were also present some local people, including Mr Walter Green, M.A.Diss, Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. G.F.Beaumont, Mr. JG.Blythe, etc.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the Chairman proposed the loyal toasts, which were loyally honoured, and he then gave the health of the vendor (Mr. Wilson) and of the auctioneer. Mr Wilson acknowledged the remarks of the Chairman.

The company then adjourned to inspect the estate and, having returned to the marquee, the sale was preceded with the auctioneer, in his introductory observations, remarking that the previous two sales had been most successful and some of the buyers had sold at a profit. Since the last sale building had commenced on the estate, the water had been laid on and the roads well made up. It occupied a choice position fronting Holland Road, the main road from Walton-on-Naze and Frinton-on-Sea, the char-a-banc route between these favourite resorts, and a service of electric tramways must in the near future be laid along the road. Mr. Thomas alluded to the nearness of the estate to Frinton, Walton and Clacton and emphasized the advantages thereby offered to investors at that sale. He mentioned, as an inducement to his clients, that the rates at Clacton were 9s.3d. in the £, at Frinton 7s.3d., at Kirby 3s.2d., and where they were selling that day only 2s.2d. Moreover, they were just outside the limit of a sea defence rate. He had no doubt that as soon as houses were erected on the estate they would let. The vendor, who had a farm there, wanted to see the place grow.

The bidding for the lots was spirited, and Mr. Thomas disposed of about sixty of his hundred lots, several of the buyers of one plot availing themselves of the opportunity to take one, two or more lots at the same price. The first plot offered was one with a frontage of 20 feet to Addison Road and a depth of about 130 feet, and this made £11; three similar lots made £9 each and

three £8.10s. each; one buyer bought six similar plots at £8.15s. apiece and another purchaser six plots at £8.10s. apiece; another purchased six plots at £8.10s. apiece; another purchaser six plots at £8.10s. apiece; another purchaser eight plots at £8.7s.6d. apiece; another purchaser three plots at £8.10s. apiece. A plot with frontage of 22 feet to Westbury Road made £8. A corner shop plot with frontage of 24 feet 6 inches to Holland Road, and a return frontage of 109 feet to Addison Road made £18; and seven adjoining plots made £17.10s.(two), £17.2s.6d.(two) and £17.15s.(three) respectively. An enclosure of freehold building land comprising 24 acres 0 rods 27 poles, having frontage of about 740 feet to the main Little Holland Road, and upon which lots are two cottages let at a rental producing £10.18s. a year did not sell. £800 was bid for it but the auctioneer said his reserve was £840 and withdrew it. Other plots with frontage to Addison Road were then offered and made from £8.10s. to £8.5s. A corner plot with frontage to Westbury Road made £7.13s.6d. and another £7.7s.6d.

January 2017

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder



CLACTON VCH GROUP
Investigating Local History

A Pop - Up History Day

Featuring

The Local Home Guard in WWII

Riggs' Retreat at Clacton,
A new book launch of a Victorian enterprise

Also: Local History groups, talks, refreshments

Saturday 8th April 2017

10am - 4.30pm

St. James's Church Hall, Tower Road, Clacton on Sea

Next to the West Cliff Theatre

Free Admission

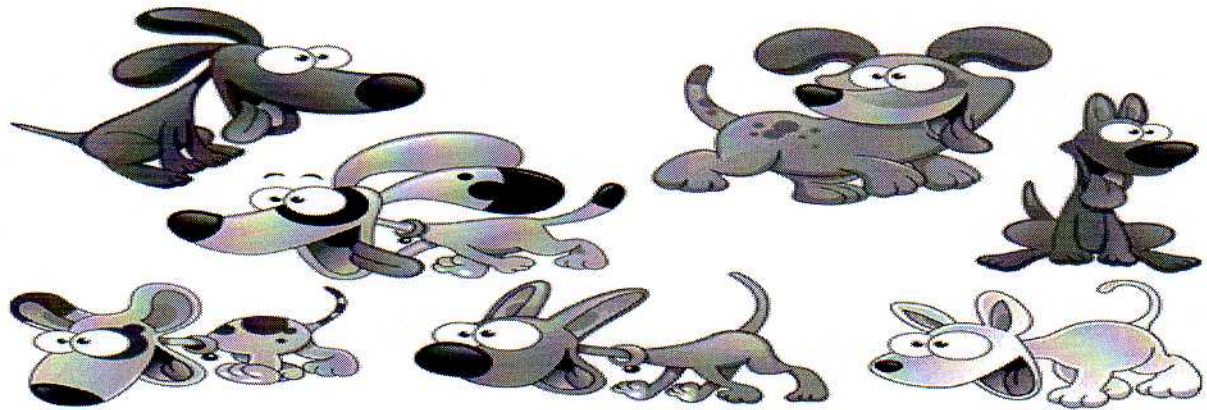
Donations welcome for hall hire, etc

DOG SHOW

Great Bentley Village Hall, Plough Road, Great Bentley CO7 8LD

Sunday 26th February 2.00pm

25p entry - young children FREE



BRING YOUR DOGS AND PUPPIES ALONG AND SHOW THEM IN THE CLASSES BELOW.
£1 PER CLASS

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ACTIVITY DAY

Tuesday 21st February

Bradfield Community Centre, The Street, Bradfield CO11 2UU

Doors open 9.45am

Speakers:

John Midwinter: 'Wolves, Dogs and Us'

Alexander Bass: 'A year in the Wildlife of RSPB Minsmere'

Geoff Gill: 'The Quiet Man'

Refreshments available - lunches - homemade cakes, savoury pies, fresh eggs, honey and marmalade - RNLI stall - bric-a-brac - handicraft - Aloe Vera- jewellery and more.

All Welcome.

Plenty of Parking. A GREAT DAY OUT!

Tickets £7.50 available now. Please telephone 01255 851069



Clacton and District Local History Society

The Clacton & District Local History Society was formed in 1985 to research, record and promote the history of Clacton & District. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, 7-30pm in the Welcome Room, Pier Avenue, Baptist Church, Clacton with a guest speaker. Membership is £12-50 per year. This gives free entry to all meetings.

Non-members are welcome to meetings for £2-00.

We also have a small museum on the second floor of Clacton Library in Station Road, open from 9-30am to 12-30pm every Tuesday & Saturday.

The Society has a new website clactonhistory.co.uk

Here you will find 100's of photographs of Clacton & District

Then & Now, Butlin's, Hotels, Listed Buildings & much more.

The Society also has a Facebook page currently with over 1100 members.

2017 PROGRAMME

January 18th *Norman Jacobs*
The origins of Clacton

February 15th *Vic Miller*
Odds and ends

March 15th *Simon Gallop*
Lavenham, Dedham and
the cloth trade

April 19th *George Hardwick*
An evening from the
archives

May 17th *David Wood*
The history of Landguard Fort

June 21st *Brian D'arcy*
The Tower of London
and its prisoners

July 19th *Julian Whybra*
The retreat from Kabul; the Essex
Regiment in Afghanistan in 1842

August 16th *Mark Lewis*
The Grace Darling story

September 20th *Roger Kennell and
Christine Lewis*
The place names of Clacton

October 18th **SOCIETY AGM**
Followed by *Helen Rees*
A short history of Canvey Island &
Neil Stedman Grandfather's notes

November 15th *Frances Boardman*
A medieval Christmas

December 20th *Vic Miller*
A social evening with festive
nibbles and a quiz

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (reports from 13/11/2016 – 11/01/2017).

Abandoned 999 call : Police attended. A child had been playing with the phone and advice was given to the parents.

2 ponies wandering around Westbury Road : Police attended and shepherded them back onto the field. Owner contacted.

As you can see, Great Holland still remains a safe and crime free area in which to live.

OTHER

Please make sure your vehicles are secure when left unoccupied. There have been a number of thefts from vehicles in Frinton due to vehicles being left unlocked.

There have also been a high number of sheds and out buildings in the Tendring area that have been targeted. If you have these type of buildings please secure them as best as you can. There is a 'secured-by-design' garden display at Parkers Garden Centre in Frinton Road, Kirby Cross, that you can visit for ideas on securing your sheds, etc.

You can contact either me or Michele by calling 101, Extension 487553, or by email (see below).

Please be vigilant and stay safe.

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Walton Police Station
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Local events

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. To avoid possible disappointment may we suggest that if you plan to attend an event mentioned in Village Voice, you might like to use any contact details given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place.

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